



ST. PAUL HIGHLIGHTS

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*Have a blessed
Easter!*

**"I am the resurrection and the life. He who
believes in Me, though he may die, he shall
live. And whoever lives and believes in Me
shall never die."
--John 11:25-26**

EASTER SERVICES

8:30 & 11:00

BREAKFAST SERVED BETWEEN SERVICES

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS MONTH
APRIL 1ST-APRIL FOOL'S DAY
APRIL 14TH-PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 18TH-MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 19TH-GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 21ST-EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 24TH-ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

DATE	TIME	LECTORS	SERVERS	LITURGISTS	BREAD BAKERS	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	GREETERS	MONEY COUNTERS
4/3	7:00 Lent						Team 5 W Hansen J Flick J Schlott J Cutnaw L Carmean		
4/7	8:30 Traditional	Marilyn Niksa	Dick Hennning Donna Tindera	Lynnette Ozanich	Beth Boerke	Maria Phillips Karen Kolozvary	Team 1 R Hamilton T Herr G Hofman T English F Putman T Brunett	Tracy Hamilton Laurie English	Denny & Rae Batig
	11:00 New Song	Dave Hall	Dave Hall Chris Hall	Meg Montag		Lois Wolfe	Team 2 J Montag T Riggle G Rohde J Lappin R Genther T Norris	Jan Sultan Sharon Genther	
4/10	7:00 Lent						Team 7 R Winwood B Trausch J Holden R French B French J Sears		
4/14	8:30 Traditional Palm Sunday	Mike King	Mike King Linda King	Mike King	Kelly & Melissa Brandt		Team 3 T Salay D Henning D Moore M Eckert P Milloy W Crawford	Sandy Henning Amy Russo Joyce Moore	I. Sumner J. Bairoti
	11:00 Traditional	Linda Jungeberg	Sharon Lappin Bev Hubler	Cindy Cain			Team 4 B Wester A Krueger P Sultan P Sultan D Cain W Hansen	Diane Barrett Jane Krisher	

4/18	7:00 Maundy Thursday				Sherrill Crawford		Team 8 L Walker J Sears G Grizzell S Harkema	Barb & Harold Daniels	
4/19	7:00 Good Friday						Team 1 R Hamilton T Herr G Hofman T English F Putman T Brunett	Tracy Hamilton Laurie English	
4/21 Easter	8:30 Traditional	Kara Krywyj	Mel Grunau Sue Grunau	Meg Montag	Nancy Dinardis		Team 5 W Hansen J Flick J Schlott J Cutnaw L Carmean		
	11:00 Traditional	Bonnie Sears	Lynne Morella Linda Jungeberg	Jon Montag			Team 6 H Daniels G Hrivnak R Genther M & H Hollingsworth	Nancy Goette Pat Gugliotta	
4/28	8:30 Celebration	Lynnette Ozanich	Lynnette Ozanich Anna Mae Migra	Liz Wittmann	Loni Flagner		Team 7 R Winwood B Trausch J Holden R French B French J Sears		Adam & Jennifer Hinton
	11:00 Traditional	Bette Idemoto	Cathie Varnes Lois Wolfe	Dave Hall			Team 8 L Walker J Sears G Grizzell S Harkema	Barb & Harold Daniels	

PIERSTORF MEMORIAL FUND

Applications will be accepted beginning April 1st through June 30th for scholarship funds.
Please go to <http://www.messiahschoolfairview.org/>
Click on the Pierstorf Memorial Fund button to apply.
This is a scholarship for Lutheran Students.

MAY LECTORS-SERVERS

		8:30	11:00
05-May	LECTOR	Diane Ferreri	Dave Hall
	SERVERS	Charles Russo	Dave Hall
		Gail Hansen	Chris Hall
12-May	LECTOR	Liz Wittman	Jane Krisher
	SERVERS	Ginny Anderson	Sharon Lappin
		Tracy Krug	Alice Chadbourn
19-May	LECTOR	Sherrill Crawford	Danelle Eikens
	SERVERS	Mel Grunau	Lynne Morella
		Sue Grunau	Linda Jungeberg
10:00			
26-May	LECTOR	Paul Heyse	
	SERVERS	Donna Tindera	
		Judy Stintsman	



Resurrection

Death is a betrayal.
It is a betrayal of life.
It takes from us everything we hold most dear.
Death takes from us simply **everything**.
Death took my grandmother this Lent.

When we experience a death in the circle of our family or friends,
death threatens to take **our** lives.
Death would consume us
with grief,
and sadness,
and guilt,
and with questions of what we could have done,
and what we should have done.
Death would take away our lives while we are still living.
That would be the greatest betrayal of all.

Don't let it happen.

In the name of Jesus, and by his authority,
I tell you, you are forgiven.
Ego te absolvo a peccatis tuis in nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

There is no one who condemns you.
Now, go and sin no more.
If you have made mistakes
try not to make the same mistakes again.
If you often had harsh words with your deceased loved one,
make it a point to have kind words with the family you still have.
If you didn't visit with your deceased loved one very often,
make time for the people you still have in your life.

Death is no friend.
Death is an enemy.
Death is a betrayer.

But you may discover that death can give you a new appreciation for life.
When death takes someone from you,
you may remember just how important the people you still have truly are.
You may rededicate yourself to making the most of the moments you still have
with the people you still have.

Death can awaken you to the fact that
every moment matters.
Every interaction matters.
There's no time to waste.
You have but one opportunity to live, and to love.
So, seize it.
Seize life.
Life fully.
Live mindfully.
Live deeply.
Live lovingly.

We all experience death.
But after death, there may be a new life.
When we believe in the power of love,
and the preciousness of life,
we can live again.
We can live with greater passion,
greater appreciation,
greater diligence,
greater consciousness,
and greater love.
The first Christians called this...resurrection.

In the wake of my grandmother's death,
I am looking forward to experiencing the resurrection with you this season.

Pastor Dan
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FINANCIALS

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Year-to-Date Financial Summary as of:

February 28, 2019

Income and Expenses Summary	Current Year Actual YTD	Current Year Budget YTD	Over/(Under) Budget	Previous Year Actual YTD
Income				
Congregational Contributions	\$ 53,718.00	\$ 81,722.00	\$ (28,004.00)	\$ 63,741.50
Building Use	820.00	1,200.00	(380.00)	660.00
Interest	30.07	30.00	0.07	14.45
Other Income	16.45	1,200.00	(1,183.55)	258.63
Total Income	\$ 54,584.52	\$ 84,152.00	\$ (29,567.48)	\$ 64,674.58
	Current Year Actual YTD	Current Year Budget YTD	(Over)/Under Budget	Previous Year Actual YTD
Expenses				
Benevolence	5,371.80	8,420.00	3,048.20	6,374.17
Worship	1,411.95	2,469.00	1,057.05	817.80
Programs & Services	1,349.04	2,429.00	1,079.96	955.91
Property	10,023.80	18,684.00	8,660.20	16,705.75
Staff Salaries and Benefits	34,355.56	41,104.00	6,748.44	32,887.55
Contracted Services	4,984.00	5,500.00	516.00	4,838.34
Administration & Support	2,051.24	4,892.00	2,840.76	4,211.59
Total Expenses	59,547.39	83,498.00	23,950.61	66,791.11
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (4,962.87)	\$ 654.00	\$ (5,616.87)	\$ (2,116.53)

Income and Expenses Summary Notes:

Income

The YTD period ending February 28, 2019 has an operating deficit of \$4,963, an increase of \$2,846 from February 28, 2018. Congregational Contributions through February 2019 are \$10K less than contributions received through February 2018, a decrease of more than 15%. Building Use/Other Income is \$160 more than the amount at this time last year. Total Income at February 28, 2019, is \$10K less than at February 28, 2018. Congregational Contributions are under budget by \$28K and Total Income is under budget by \$28K as of February 28, 2019.

Note: Other Income includes periodic gifts made by the Thrivent Choice Donation program, clothing recycling program, and other miscellaneous unrestricted income.

Expenses

Total expenses were under budget by nearly \$24K as of February 28, 2019. Total expenses YTD are \$7K less than total expenses as of February 2018.

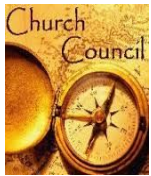
Note: Benevolence payments are percentages of contributions. Therefore, when contributions are higher, benevolence payments are higher.

Balance Sheet Summary	As of February 28, 2019	As of February 28, 2018	Variance
Assets			
Current Assets (Cash)	\$ 117,676.61	\$ 108,869.78	\$ 8,806.83
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00	0.00
Invested Assets (Endowment)	593,886.73	589,162.80	4,723.93
Total Assets	\$ 3,753,112.34	\$ 3,739,581.58	\$ 13,530.76
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$ 11,192.90	\$ 12,192.61	\$ (999.71)
Loan from Endowment Fund	7,528.00	19,417.00	(11,889.00)
Payroll Withholding	2,793.24	1,725.44	1,067.80
Accrued Expenses and Other	150.00	100.00	50.00
Dedicated Fund Balances	152,212.42	109,935.01	42,277.41
Total Liabilities	\$ 173,876.56	\$ 143,370.06	\$ 30,506.50
Equity			
General Fund	\$ (48,671.95)	\$ (15,083.28)	\$ (33,588.67)
Investments (Endowment)	586,358.73	569,745.80	16,612.93
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00	0.00
Total Equity	\$ 3,579,235.78	\$ 3,596,211.52	\$ (16,975.74)
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 3,753,112.34	\$ 3,739,581.58	\$ 13,530.76

Balance Sheet Summary Notes:

Dedicated Funds include contributions designated for specific Council-approved categories (i.e. Memorials/Honorariums, Habitat for Humanity, Sheep and Goats contributions, Youth Trips/Projects, Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, and others). These funds are tracked separately and the contributions and/or expenses are not reflected in the Operating Income and Expenses Summary. A complete listing of the current Dedicated Funds can be found on the full balance sheet.

COUNCIL CORNER



Life here is a mirage. Winter has come and gone and yet it's snowing as I type. Oh to live in Cleveland! If you are new or a regular member to St. Paul, or just reading this online, please know that you are welcome here. It's our desire to reach out to all, in love.

Council has revised the form and focus of our new committees and is now ready to let the congregation take them for out for a spin. These committees (Finance, Property, Worship, Education, and Outreach) are not final, and adjustments will be made until we are all working towards a common goal and vision. Please be on the lookout for a chance to serve!

The Church finances continue to be a cause for concern. We are still operating with a deficit. It appears that our congregational giving has been lower than expected. It's always financially hard in the first part of the year, with Christmas bills followed by Taxes, but I ask that you keep St. Paul in your prayers.

Our April Council meeting will be with the Northeast Ohio Synod to discuss the congregation's transition to Pastor Dan Skillman. This is our first formal evaluation of Pastor Dan and his first evaluation of us! If you have comments or concerns that you would like to raise, please let one of your Council members know.

Yours in Christ,

Dean L. Firing
President

Please contact any member of the church council with questions or concerns: Peter Brumenschenkel, Dean Firing, Jack Flick, Randy Genther, Jennifer Hinton, Kara Krywyj, Jon Montag, Lynne Morella, Aaron Ozanich, Pastor Skillman



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee continues to concentrate on researching the details of proposed repairs and improvements, and then determining the scope, cost, and timing of the work required.

The details of the project to re-roof the Sanctuary have also been reviewed. However, the Council has instructed Property not to award a contract unless income increases and the financial shortfall for 2018 is recovered.

The committee is also investigating options on how to approach the repair of the rotted areas of wood framing around some of the stained glass windows. The goal is to find a band-aid to apply now to stop further damage, and then a longer term plan to repair the damaged wood in stages that we can financially support.

The rearrangement of the office has not begun yet as we try to gather the labor skills required at reasonable cost and availability. We need an electrician to enable the movement of light switches and removal of some existing circuitry. Hopefully we will locate this assistance soon.

Thanks to the Congregation for your continued faith in the Property Committee and the 15 Year Plan by approving of the 2019 Budget. Please prayerfully consider your giving status so that the Church Council and Property Committee can confidently proceed with the continued replacement of items before they fail and require emergency measures.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



SAVE THE DATE-

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School! Join us on July 8-12 from 9:30-Noon. Our theme this year is "ROAR - Life is Wild-God is Good". Sign-up sheets are up on the bulletin board by the east doors for adults & youth 11 years on up. We really need your help & appreciate all of the hands that we can get. So many folks help us from past years & we so appreciate your continued support. If you have never joined us, we hope that you will join the fun. Thanks so much!

SPECIAL VBS MEETING-

On Sunday, April 7, we are going to have a brainstorming session for any adult VBS volunteers from 9:45-10:45 in the Fellowship Hall. I have a few questions for folks that have helped us in the past as we gather our thoughts & ideas on how we can improve our VBS for the future. Please join us if you can, as we toss out ideas to help make our 2019 VBS our best ever.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS-

Our 2019 Berea Grindstone Parade will be held on July 3 at 6:00. Please save the date. Doug Cormack is already working on the plans for our St. Paul float. We would love to have you join us as we hand out ice pops & VBS flyers. Walk beside our float or drive in our vehicle pulling the float. Hope you will join us.

CALLING ALL KIDS-

Grab your friends, neighbors, cousins & grandkids! Sign-ups for kids from 4 years to 10 will begin in May. Watch for upcoming details. We want YOU to come to our Safari VBS! Should be tons of fun!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CALENDAR

April 7 9:45-10:45 Sunday School
9:45-10:45 Vacation Bible School Meeting with Adult Volunteers
(Fellowship Hall)

April 14 8:30 Children's Church
9:45-10:45 Sunday School
10:40 Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 Kids Sing in Worship
11:00 Children's Church

April 18 6:00 Family Reception in Fellowship Hall
7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship/First Communion

April 21 Happy Easter!
No Sunday School
See you in Worship at 8:30 & 11:00

April 28 8:30 Children's Church
9:45-10:45 Sunday School
11:00 Children's Church





YOUTH JAM

April 7 & 28

6:30-8:30

APRIL 6

CLEAN UP AT WALLACE LAKE!

Open to all ages!

Parents, siblings and anyone interested in joining is encouraged to sign up!

Click these links to follow them to the volunteer forms:

ADULT:

<https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?ap=935680470>

YOUTH:

<https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?ap=1541495600>

They no longer accept paper forms, everything must be submitted through these links. If you need help, please find Amanda on Sunday. **Forms must be submitted by Thursday, April 4 in order to participate.**

APRIL 14

Flower orders are due to Amanda with payment.

Flowers will be delivered to the church on May 10, just in time for pick up for Mother's day!

Order forms are available on the youth room bulletin board

TETELESTAI

The youth will be attending Tetelestai together on **April 19 at 7pm at Royal Redeemer in North Royalton**. Everyone is encouraged to attend one of their performances. If you haven't been, this group of volunteers lives out their faith in the retelling of the passion story.

APRIL 29
YOUTH FUNDRAISER AT FIVE GUYS!



ST. PAUL
BEREA EST. 1866

Community Night

FIVE GUYS®

Monday, April 29, 2019

5:00pm - 8:00pm

17695 Bagley Rd., Middleburg Heights

(440) 239-7880

8249 W. Ridgewood Rd., Parma

(440) 842-0095

15171 Pearl Rd., Strongsville

(440) 268-9968

Present this flier or simply mention that you
are there to support the
St. Paul Lutheran Youth Group Summer Work Camp.

Five Guys will donate up to
25% of your purchase to the
St. Paul Youth Group.

GEORGIE ROHDE NAMED GRINDSTONE WINNER



Concerns about the environment and her children's safety spurred Georgianna "Georgie" Rohde to join protests against the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant in 1970.

As a young mother with two small children, Rohde said she was motivated by the late community activist Mary Ashbrook, who later became Berea City Council president, to get involved with SAGE (Southwest Action Group on Environment). The group presented a legal petition to protest the power plant. It also worked for the Clean Water Act to remove phosphate from lakes, rivers and streams.

Ashbrook, who died in 2013, "was an amazing woman," Rohde said. "She was very honest and said what she felt needed to be heard."

"That was my first experience in Berea," Rohde said. That led to volunteerism with Berea PTA, Meals on Wheels, St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Berea Arts Fest. And to the Berea Chamber of Commerce's Grindstone Award as an outstanding citizen.

Rohde received 17 nominations for the prestigious award.

"The pride we have in Berea today is a direct result of the past efforts of Georgie – and others like her – who share a common drive – What can I do to help?" one nominator wrote. Rohde is proud of her busy volunteer life but said she was "in total disbelief" when told she would receive the Grindstone. "I never planned all this," she said. "Things would just happen."

As a youngster, Georgie and her family lived in what was called “the projects,” – post World War II temporary housing near the airport. She graduated from Berea High School in 1955 and moved briefly to Cleveland. After her marriage to Ralph Rohde in 1959, the couple moved to Berea and bought their first house.

As their children, Monica and Ron, entered the Berea Schools, Georgie joined PTA. She was PTA Council ecology chair, organizing a paper drive for the district before recycling was commonplace. She later served as Parknoll Elementary School PTA president and PTA Council president. She also worked on school levy campaigns and other school issues.

For three years, she worked for the Berea School District planning adult education programs. She also co-owned Tabor’s Thyme – a small café on Park Street that specialized in healthy menus. She was a member of Berea Business & Professional Women.

For more than 40 years, she was a board member of Southwest Meals on Wheels, which operated out of St. Paul Lutheran Church. She became involved with Berea Arts Fest in 1992 as treasurer and served as president 2009-2012 and again in 2018 to the present. She also was treasurer of the Southwest Arts Council, a consortium of interested arts-oriented groups from Berea, Brook Park, Middleburg Heights, Strongsville and Columbia Station, from its inception in 2001 until it ended in 2005.

Georgie helped develop the payroll system for the North End Foundation and Berea Youth Works and has been treasurer of St. Paul Early Education Center since 2002.

She was a member of the Charter Review Commission under Mayor John Whipple and again for Mayor Cyril Kleem. She also has worked on many political campaigns – local, state and national – for the past 58 years.

Husband Ralph has adjusted well to her busy schedule, she said. “He learned that I’m happiest when I’m doing a lot,” she said. Ralph, who retired from the GM plant in Parma 12 years ago, volunteers with her at the Berea Arts Fest.

Daughter Monica and son Ron are both graduates of Berea High. Monica has followed in her mother’s footsteps. A graduate of Kent State, she has been active with environmental causes. She lives in Virginia and has two children, Emma and Colin. Ron graduated from Berklee School of Music in Boston and lives in Berea.

The hardest part of so much up-front public involvement was learning to speak up, she said. “PTA helped with that. With PTA Council, you’re involved with everything that’s going on,” she said.

The most joy comes from meeting people, she added. “Most people don’t realize that the greatest part of being a volunteer is you meet so many wonderful people. It enhances your life.”

Note: This article will appear in the April issue of The Berean

SHEEP AND GOATS FOCUS



ST. PAUL FAMILY ASSISTANCE

The donations collected this month will be placed in the St. Paul Family Assistance Fund. This fund is a discretionary account set up to provide emergency aid for a St. Paul family who may be experiencing unexpected events such as illness, and/or an overwhelming obligation that may require short term assistance.

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

Stewardship is ever learning and practicing responsibility. We do not automatically practice stewardship. We need to realize that stewardship has solid biblical and theological foundations; that the use of our time, abilities, and resources is a response to the blessing from our Savior. **True stewardship is the deliberate, responsible management of all that God has given us - time, abilities, and resources.**

DID YOU KNOW?



St. Pauly Textile, Inc. sponsors and maintains our clothing shed. (Located in the Northeast corner of the parking lot)

They recently sent us a letter to let us know what an impact our shed had over the last year.

In 2018 roughly 5090 garments of clothing were donated to our shed. This was enough to clothe an estimated 617 people. This clothing is being used right now by people in one or more of 44 different countries (including the US) to which our clothing is likely to have been distributed this past year.

Our church raised \$309.43 in 2018 through hosting this shed.

We ask that you continue to spread the word about the clothing shed to other community members.

MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR CHURCH STREET MINISTRIES

Diapers, Depends & Feminine Care

**In addition all canned, boxed, shelf
stable food is welcome every month**



COMMISSION ON AGING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS



**Tuesday, April 9th, at noon
the Senior Luncheon will
be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church
Cost \$5.00**

**Contact the
"Active Senior Network"
for reservations
at 440 891-3316**



OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptism

3/17 Claire Kathryn Novak

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APRIL FOOL'S DAY TRIVIA

History:

Some historians believe the April Fools' customs began in France, although no one knows for sure.

It may stem from a calendar change in 16th century France -- the moving of New Year's Day from April 1 to January 1 when the Gregorian calendar was adopted.

People who continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April 1st rather than the new date of January 1st were referred to as "April fools" and others played tricks on them.

Memorable Pranks:

Early 1950s - The BBC runs a "news" item about the spaghetti harvest in Switzerland.

1986-present - Press releases for the [non-existent] New York City "April Fool's Day Parade" have been issued every year since 1986.

1996 - Taco Bell Corp. runs a full-page ad in several major newspapers claiming it has purchased the Liberty Bell and is renaming it the "Taco Liberty Bell."

2008 - The BBC runs a video clip of flying penguins as part of a story for its series "Miracles of Evolution." The presenter explains that the penguins escaped the cold, harsh Antarctic weather by flying to the tropical rainforests of South America.