

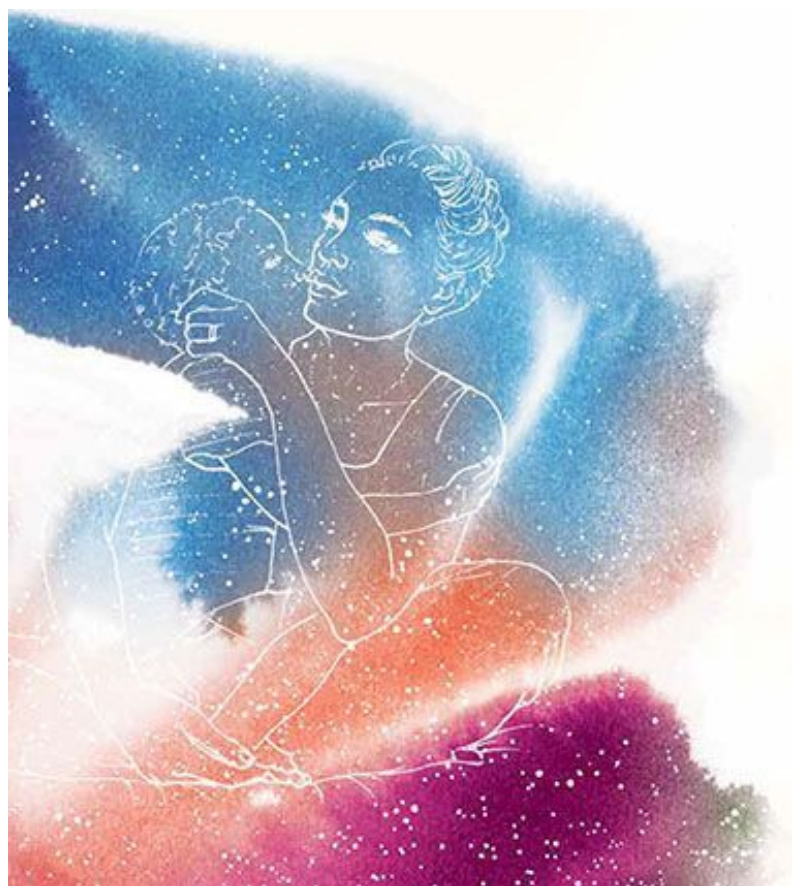


ST. PAUL HIGHLIGHTS

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY-MAY 12TH



*"A Mother's
love for her
child is like
nothing else
in the world.
It knows no
law, no pity.
it dares all
things and
crushes down
remorselessly
all that
stands in its path."*

—AGATHA CHRISTIE

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS MONTH

MAY 12TH-MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 19H-CONFIRMATION SUNDAY AT 11:00

MAY 26TH-ONE SERVICE AT 10AM

“OF FAITH AND FREEDOM” CANTATA 1:00PM

MAY 27TH-MEMORIAL DAY-OFFICE CLOSED

DATE	TIME	LECTORS	SERVERS	LITURGISTS	BREAD BAKERS	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	GREETERS	MONEY COUNTERS
5/5	8:30 Traditional	Diane Ferreri	Charles Russo Gail Hansen	Lynnette Ozanich	Loni Flagner	Marilyn Niksa	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 & Chris Hall	Dean Firing		Nancy Thompson Barb Daniels	Team 2 J Montag T Riggle G Rohde J Lappin R Genther T Norris	Jan Sultan Sharon Genther	
5/12	8:30 New Song	Liz Wittman	Ginny Anderson Tracy Krug	Sherrill Crawford	Joan Green		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	Jane Krisher	Sharon Lappin Alice Chadbourne	Cindy Cain			Team 4 B Wester A Krueger P Sultan P Sultan D Cain W Hansen	Diane Barrett Jane Krisher	
5/19	8:30 Traditional	Sherrill Crawford	Mel & Sue Grunau	Meg Montag	Joan Green		Team 5 W Hansen J Flick J Schlott J Cutnaw L Carmean	June Carmean	
	11:00 Celebration	Danelle Eikens	Lynne Morella Linda Jungeberg	Jon Montag			Team 6 H Daniels G Hrivnak R Genther M & H Hollingsworth	Nancy Goette Pat Gugliotta	
5/26	10:00 Tradional	Paul Heyse	Donna Tindera Judy Stintsman		Sue Grunau		Team 7 R Winwood B Trausch J Holden R French B French J Sears		Adam & Jennifer Hinton

	1:00 p.m. cantata	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Team 8 L Walker J Sears G Grizzell S Harkema	Barb & Harold Daniels	
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JUNE LECTORS AND SERVERS

8:30

11:00

02-Jun	LECTOR	Culley Coughlin	Bonnie Sears
	SERVERS	Linda King	Alice Chadbourne
		Mike King	Sharon Lappin
09-Jun	LECTOR	Bette Idemoto	Cheryl Harkema
	SERVERS	Tiffany Salay	Liz Campbell
		Lynnette Ozanich	Jeff Campbell
16-Jun	LECTOR	Marilyn Niksa	Diane Ferreri
	SERVERS	Marilyn Niksa	Judy Stintsman
		Liz Wittman	Bev Hubler
23-Jun	LECTOR	Bob Trausch	Danelle Eikens
	SERVERS	Charles Russo	Cathie Varnes
		Gail Hansen	Lois Wolfe
30-Jun	LECTOR	Lynnette Ozanich	Amy Kurek
	SERVERS	Ginny Anderson	Danelle Eikens
		Anna Mae Migra	Alice Chadbourne



Reading Through the New Testament In Chronological Order In 20 Days

What follows below is a 20 day plan for reading through the 260 chapters of the New Testament in the order in which most scholars believe they were written.

Why a chronological order? The typical Bible lays out the books of the New Testament in groups of similar **types** of books. A chronological ordering helps the reader trace **the development of the themes** contained in the New Testament, regardless of the type of book.

Why 20 days? A great many people live their lives on a 5 day on, 2 day off, schedule. In Western societies, Monday through Friday is the typical school/work week, bookended by two days of rest, Sunday at the beginning of the week, and Saturday at the end. I have developed this reading plan with that rhythm in mind. The reader is encouraged to approach this schedule with a 5 on, 2 off rhythm in mind. If you follow this plan, you will read the entire New Testament in a month. I believe that following this will grant you a valuable perspective on the development of early Christian thought. If you followed this plan every month for an entire year, you will become intimately familiar not only with the New Testament as such, but with the progression of thought contained within its pages.

While I have attempted to make each day's reading similar in length, I have given priority to minimizing the number of times I divided the reading of a single book over the course of two days. While the length of some books suggested that a division was necessary for the sake of this particular schedule, I would personally recommend that readers consider reading through the entire book in one sitting and then take an additional day off. There is nothing quite like absorbing a New Testament book in its entirety in one sitting to give one a fuller picture of the author's primary concerns.

So, without any further introduction, I give you the reading schedule:

Reading Through the New Testament In Chronological Order In 20 Days

Week 1

Day 1

1 Thessalonians (5)
Galatians (6)

Day 2

1 Corinthians (16)

Day 3

Philemon (1)
Philippians (4)
2 Corinthians (13)

Day 4

Romans (16)

Day 5

Mark (16)

Week 2

Day 6

James (5)
Colossians (4)

Day 7

Matthew (1-18)

Day 8

Matthew (19-28)

Day 9

Hebrews (13)

Day 10

John (21)

Week 3

Day 11

Ephesians (6)

Day 12

Revelation (1-12)

Day 13

Revelation (13-22)

Day 14

Jude (1)
1 John (5)
2 John (1)
3 John (1)

Day 15

Luke (1-9:50)

Week 4

Day 16

Luke (9:51-24)

Day 17

Acts (1-12)

Day 18

Acts (13-28)

Day 19

2 Thessalonians (3)
1 Peter (5)
1 Timothy (6)

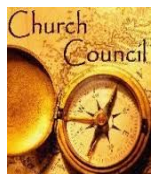
Day 20

2 Timothy (4)
Titus (3)
2 Peter (3)

FINANCIALS

NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING

COUNCIL CORNER



Our April Council meeting was very different than most, in that Pastor Karl Biermann, Assistant to the Bishop of the Northeast Ohio Synod, was with us. Pastor Biermann was here to conduct a “check-up”. The meeting was devoted to a discussion on our transition to Pastor Dan and Pastor Dan’s transition to us. In short, Pastor Biermann thought we are well on the way to a meaningful relationship.

It’s very hard to evaluate this relationship in only six months. Without an interim Pastor, we are still grieving Pastor Tom’s departure while at the same time trying to get to know Pastor Dan. This is a very difficult situation, but we are a resilient congregation full of love and understanding, we will be fine, it just takes time. Pastor Dan has also felt that love and is glad to be here. I was very encouraged to hear far more “joys” than “sorrows” within our discussions.

Prior to the meeting I had asked for your comments, and to those that passed on comments, I thank you. They helped shape some of the discussions.

We are now in the season of Easter: a time of growth, restoration, and rebirth! I am encouraged and excited to see where our risen Lord will lead us.

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 Genter, 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 will begin the week after Easter. We have successfully gathered the labor skills required, including St. Paul members who are electricians to enable the movement of light switches and removal of some existing circuitry .

Thank you 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.

Jim Jungeberg

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

Theological basis for stewardship is found in the gospels of our heavenly Father proclaimed by Jesus. We are merely caretakers or stewards of that which is God's. Matthew Chapter 21:33-34 is the Parable of the Tenants. Verse 43 says "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit." **Luke Chapter 19: 11-26 is the Parable of the Ten Minas. Verse 13 reads "So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work' he said 'until I come back'."**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JULY 8-12 FROM 9:30- NOON. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THE FUN! We want you ... St. Paul kids & youth, friends from your neighborhoods, cousins, grandkids, kids from school and kids from other communities & churches. We hope that you will join us! It is a great way to have lots of fun, learn a lot, and meet lots of new friends.

Registration has already begun for youth 11 on up and adults. The sign-up bulletin board is outside of the nursery by the east doors. We can use lots of hands!

Registration for kids that are ages 3 to 10 will begin on May 5. The registration table will also be by the east doors. We want you! You won't want to miss it!

Save the date-

Join us at the Grindstone parade this summer. The parade is on July 5 at 6:00. Come to the fairgrounds by 5:30 that day. Help to pass out VBS fliers & cold ice pops to the folks in our community. It is a great way to spread the word. Please mark your calendars. We need you!

Susan Moore 440-243-1144 ext. 207; email: children@stpaulbera.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CALENDAR

- May 5** 9:45-10:45 Sunday School
- May 12** 8:30 Last day of Children's Church Until the Fall
9:45-10:45 Sunday School
11:00 Children Sing in Worship
11:00 Children's Church
- May 19** 9:45-10:45 Last Day of Sunday School Until the Fall
Krispy Kreme Day
- May 26** Memorial Day Cantata



MAMA DUCK IS BACK!

No ducklings yet, but soon!





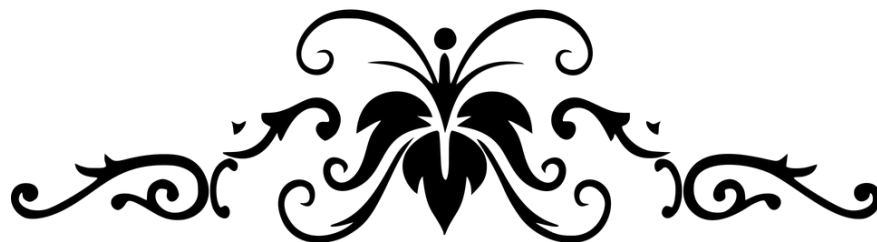
**MAY
YOUTH JAM
5 & 19**

6:30-8:30pm

Pizza and soda provided, bring a snack to share!

We'll be continuing our Bible study on "God Friend Me" and discussing the things we would like to do over the summer!

Amanda PerryMiller 216-856-2718; e-mail aperrymiller@stpaulbera.org



YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT WITH THE CLEVELAND METROPARKS

On April 6, some of our youth took part in a clean up operation at the Metroparks extension near the Giant Eagle in Berea. The Hollingsworth family provided very necessary support to clean the area of trash! During our time there we gathered many recyclables and a ton of garbage, plus we saw just how valuable the park system is as families with small children, joggers, dog walkers, bicyclists and more accessed the multipurpose trail there and enjoyed a beautiful day.



OF FAITH AND FREEDOM SUNDAY MAY 26TH-1PM

This year's performance will be presented in our sanctuary. If you are interested in joining the choir for this event we will have additional rehearsals on the following Wednesdays at 7:30 PM in the choir room.

Wed - May 8th, Wed - May 15th, Wed-May 22ndrd

Dress Rehearsal will be on **Saturday May 25th**
beginning at 9am for instrumentalists and 10am for vocalists



REFUGEES: WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?



Most countries that have accepted refugees from the Middle East have viewed the refugee status as temporary, and that the refugees would eventually return to their home country. As described in past articles, that is putting a real drain on humanitarian aid groups trying to support the multitudes of refugees. It also is creating greater poverty among the refugees as whatever resources they fled with are used up.

This winter, when I was in Finland, part of the tour included a very interesting 2 hour lecture on culture, politics, education, etc in Finland. A portion of the lecture also covered the Middle East refugees in Finland. Yes, there are a fair share of Middle East refugees in the Scandinavian countries. Most of these refugees did not go there directly, but initially spent some time in another Middle Eastern country and then petitioned for refugee status in Finland.

The Finnish government gives each refugee the equivalent of about \$600/month. Not much to live on, and the refugees are not given a work permit. So in Finland too, like Jordan, Lebanon and other countries they cannot have a job. The Finnish government is considering changing this. The Middle Eastern refugees have been there for so long, and it does not appear a return to their home country is anywhere in the near future. The Finnish government is considering providing refugees with a work permit. It was refreshing to hear that somewhere a government exists that considers the potential resource in the refugees, and that refugees will prosper, increase their self esteem and contribute to their adopted country when employed. So much better than the “hand-out”. I hope the Finnish government passes this!

Another interesting tidbit...children born to refugees in Finland are not considered Finnish citizens! No problem with Dreamers there, they are considered citizens of the country the parents were from.

**“BORDERS? I HAVE NEVER SEEN ONE. BUT I HAVE HEARD
THEY EXIST IN THE MINDS OF SOME PEOPLE.”**

**- THOR HEYERDAHL,
(The explorer that headed the Kon-tiki
Raft historical experiment in 1947)**

SHEEP AND GOATS FOCUS



PROVIDENCE HOUSE

Providence House is Ohio's first and one of the nation's longest operating crisis nurseries among the 70+ in operation in the US and Canada today. We offer free, voluntary (non-custodial) emergency shelter to children newborn through twelve years old, actively living in crisis situations which place them at risk of abuse or neglect.

Providence House has cared and advocated for over 8,000 children and families in crisis throughout our 37-year history. To provide the support so desperately needed by our families, we deliver a holistic, integrated program focused on child abuse prevention and family preservation. Our unique Crisis Nursery Program is a comprehensive service based the latest research in our industry, and evidence-based programs and practices that can help prevent child abuse and neglect and reduce foster care placements. Following their stay with us and intensive services, the children we care for are going home to stronger, more stable families. Over the last five years, an average of 96% of children served were reunited with their parent or guardian.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Mary Turos on her 10 year anniversary as a Deaconess! Mary served as youth director at St. Paul beginning in 2005. While here, she studied to become a deaconess. If anyone wishes to send her a card, her address is below:

Mary Turos
9585 Lodi Road
West Salem, OH 44287

MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR CHURCH STREET MINISTRIES

Sunscreen

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



COMMISSION ON AGING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS



**Tuesday, May 14th, 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**

PIERSTORF MEMORIAL FUND- provides interest -free loans to Lutheran students who are or will be enrolled full-time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university. This year, the maximum interest-free loan is \$3000 for the school year. For information, go to www.Pierstorf.org. Complete the 2019-2020 application by visiting the website starting April 15, 2019. The deadline for all applications is Saturday, June 30, 2019.

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PENTECOST GERANIUMS!

If you would like to help make the sanctuary
a sea of red for Pentecost you can order
Geraniums through the Altar Guild.

Name _____

Number of plants @ \$5 each _____

Last day to order is May 26.
You may pick up your plants after
the second service on June 9th.

