



# ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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[www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org)

May 2015

## An Easter Candle for an Easter People!

Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Already several weeks into the Easter season, it's difficult to remember the joy and exuberance with which we met our celebration of Jesus' resurrection. The Church does not give a mere nod to our Lord's victory over death and the grave. Instead, we have the longest festival season of the year! We celebrate Easter for 50 days, between His resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on Pentecost day.

These 50 days dawned on Good Friday as we heard the account of our Lord's suffering and death, punctuated by extinguishing one candle after another as His death neared. And then, it was finished. He gave up His spirit in death. The bright eyes of the very Light of the World were extinguished. The final candle was carried out and the tomb was sealed. A powerful visual and sensory experience. You could see, hear, and even feel the weight of sin and death.

In the darkest hour of apparent defeat, the Light returns because the victory remains with Christ. In strode an even larger candle, whose light was then spread to the candles we held in our hands, filling our darkened sorrow with warmth and light, to sing of God's abiding victory in Jesus Christ.

And ever since, the large candle has stood at the left of the altar during this Easter season, proclaiming that the Light of the World is risen indeed!

This large candle is called the "Paschal Candle." Paschal (pass-kal) once meant "Passover" and now means "Easter" since Jesus has fulfilled the feasts and sacrifices of the Old Testament. The Paschal Candle is a bold and prominent symbol of Easter and the light of Jesus' living presence with us.

There are several elements to the Paschal Candle, some you will see on ours, and others you can look for on other Paschal Candles as you visit other places.

**Cross:** A cross is at the center of the candle since it is focused on the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

**Alpha and Omega ( A Ω )** These are the first

and last letters of the Greek alphabet. Jesus claims these in Revelation 1:8. He always was and always will be, the beginning and the end.

**Other Symbols:**

**5 nails:** These are grains of incense, symbolizing the wounds of Jesus and His preparation for burial. They would be placed at the corners of the cross and the center.

**Date:** Paschal candles are typically used for one year, and the date is inscribed on it. Our days are in God's hands and with the year on the candle, we remember that this is the Year of our Lord.

The Paschal Candle (Easter Candle) will stand by the altar until the Ascension of our Lord, 40 days after Easter. During the reading of His ascension we will extinguish the candle symbolizing His ascension, but that is not to say that He is absent. The candle returns again and again at several important events in the lives of God's people.

**Baptisms:** We light the Paschal Candle at baptisms because of what Paul writes in Romans 6. In baptism we are buried with Christ into His death and into His resurrection. With the Paschal Candle burning, we have a visual connection to the days of Easter and the Light of Christ.

**Funerals:** It returns again at funerals where it is placed near the head of the casket. The body before us has been sanctified by the Holy Spirit to be His temple, washed in Baptism. We do not discard the body but lay it to rest with prayer and God's comforting Word reminding us that because of our unity with Christ's death and resurrection in baptism, we too will rise to new life.

The Paschal Candle is all about Jesus death and resurrection. Whenever it is burning you can remember His victory for you, and how you are united in new life with Him.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Zielinski





Thank you to all the members who participated and helped with the Easter Celebration: The Lenten Service Volunteers, the Youth Group, the Acolytes, the Crucifers, the Adult Choir, the Handbells, the Sunday School Children, the Worship Committee, the Decorating Committee, the Organists, the Pastor, the Cooks for the Easter Breakfast, the Clean-up Crew, and all those who simply “do” because it needs to be done. Thank you!

To St. Paul Congregation,

It took about a week. We packed it, drove it, and unpacked it, and we were fairly well settled in our new home in The Villages, Florida. What was more difficult was leaving our friends and neighbors in Ohio.

I said it at the reception and now again, we were so humbled and touched as you all poured out your good wishes to us as Denice and I embark on our new adventures. Our involvement with the people at St. Paul has created the closest relationships and best experiences of our lives in the past 20 plus years. It was an honor to serve and be associated with such a fine congregation.  
Thank you for your kind words and generosity,

Gary and Denice Horton

Thank you to the members of both **The Adult Choir** and **The Handbell Choir** for sharing your time and musical talents with us throughout the church year. Both Choirs will be off the months of June, July and August.

Thank you to all those members who opened their homes to **The Fort Wayne Seminary Students** and to The Worship Committee and Crew who provided a home cooked meal for our guests. The Seminary Student's performance was astounding. If you missed the performance, you may purchase their CD, just let Cindy know.



***Worship for Shut-Ins*** is 30-minute Lutheran broadcast worship service produced new every week by Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. Each service includes music, scripture readings, prayers, and a Lutheran pastor delivering a message that is designed to feel one-on-one to the viewer. Each program is closed captioned for the hearing impaired. The program is viewed in the area at 11:30 AM on:

- Cleveland (includes Akron, Canton, and Kent) Sunday 11:30 am - WRLM-TV 47 [Total Christian Television Network-TCT].
- On-line viewing: <http://www.worshipforshutins.org>

## TEXT UPDATES

Text ***SaintPaul*** to 84483 to receive text updates about general news and events here at St. Paul. Watch out for autocorrect! Other keywords will be released in the future for other groups and events (see Brothers in Christ below). Your number will not be used for any other purpose than news and updates about St. Paul.

**BROTHERS IN CHRIST** men's group will meet on the Friday, May 29 (bumped to avoid Memorial Day weekend). Chapter 4 of "On Being a Christian." Feel free to bring guests!

Text ***SaintPaulMen*** to 84483 to receive updates specifically for Brothers in Christ.

## FROM THE TRUSTEES

Spring Cleaning Day – or at least a few hours in the morning – **May 16 at 0900**. We welcome all members for a couple of hours of light labor to help the Custodian and Trustees do a complete dusting, cleaning and spruce up of the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Please set aside a few hours starting at 0900 on Saturday, May 16 to help keep your church the way you would like to see it.

The sale of the new parsonage appears to be complete. At this writing, we are waiting for the deed transfer to process at the Medina County Records Office and a distribution of funds. More information will be presented at the May 17 voters meeting. This was a long and arduous process and I thank all the Trustees and volunteer help we had during the clean-up, fix up, inspections, and paperwork involved.

If you have not done so, please remove all cemetery decorations now since we will be getting ready for lawn mowing and landscaping.

The Trustees are also seeking some horticultural help in maintaining the Memorial Garden regarding weeding, pruning and general upkeep. We are thinking of a family volunteering to take on the garden upkeep for a month during the period of May through October. We would like to keep the garden as nice as possible. If we can get six families to volunteer, it would certainly be a great help. If you like to play outside and maybe get your hands dirty a bit, this could be an opportunity for you. Thank you.

In the coming months, the Trustees will revisit either expanding our security system or installing video and intercom ability at the front door. Either course of action will provide a history of church access and improve safety and security.



QUILTING GROUP

If you would like to spend a couple hours a month involved in a mission project, join the quilters on the third Wednesday of the month! We meet in the basement at 1:15 until somewhere about 3. It's not necessary to know how to sew or quilt....there is usually a quilt to "tie" or one to be cut out. Bring your scissors, a smile and hands willing to serve.



Our Sunday School children had a marvelous time learning about Lent and The Easter season of our Lord while putting together their resurrection eggs. It truly was wonderful to see the emotions on their face as they realized what happened to Jesus Our Lord. Hopefully, they have shared this information with their families and friends. A heartfelt thank you goes to Mrs. Margit Gery and Grace Praisler for all the work of assembling the cartons.

We are now on the countdown to the end of the year. Our last day for Sunday school will be May 24. It has been a fun and exciting year for all of us. Many, many thanks to the teachers, substitutes, children and parents for serving and participating throughout the year.

Anita Praisler, S.S. Superintendent

## **LWML**

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies for flood buckets! We were able to assemble 10 and put them in the trailer to be sent to Lutheran Disaster Services. There is a real need as there has been severe flooding in Southern Ohio and West Virginia already this year.

Thank you to everyone who has brought in gently used clothing and shoes. LWML will continue to collect clothing through May.

Thank you for supporting the past LWML bake sales. We will be holding another during the Swiss Steak dinner on May 2. Funds from this sale will buy two new chafing dishes for the church kitchen and also help support our zone.

Thank you for everyone's continued support for the St. Paul food pantry. The food pantry helps make things a little easier for multiple families each month.

### **Lorain-Medina Zone**

Great News! Our mighty mites! LWML was able to reach \$1830.00 which surpassed our mission goal so all the national mission grants were paid! Praise the Lord!

Our Ohio District LWML will need \$8,695 dollars per month to reach our 2014 - 2016 Mission goal of \$202,500 to fund all our mission grants. With your help, we can do it! Ethel Schiemann

# **SWISS STEAK DINNER**

**SATURDAY**

**May 2nd**

**Serving 4:30 – 6:30pm**



**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**1377 Lester Road at Center  
Valley City**

**Tickets at the door  
Carry outs available  
Adults           \$11.00  
Children       \$5.00  
                    (5 & under free)  
Info. 330-483-4119  
[www.stpaulvalleycity.org](http://www.stpaulvalleycity.org)**

**JOIN US FOR OUR DELICIOUS SWISS STEAK DINNER**

**WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS**

**PREPARED ESPECIALLY FOR YOU**

**SERVED FAMILY STYLE**

**INCLUDES DELCIOUS DESSERTS**

**FIRST FLOOR DINING**

**Stop by on your way home from work**

**CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE**

**LWML is hosting a bake sale. Take home yummy treats!**



# Learn by Heart

## Catechism Portion of the Week - May 2015

	Pre-School 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade – Adults
5/3	<p><i>What is Confession?</i></p> <p>Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.</p>	<p><i>What do you believe according to these words?</i></p> <p>I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.</p>
5/10	<p><i>Morning Prayer</i></p> <p><i>In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say:</i> In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.</p> <p><i>Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:</i></p> <p>I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.</p>	
5/17	<p><i>Evening Prayer</i></p> <p><i>In the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the holy cross and say:</i> In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.</p> <p><i>Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:</i></p> <p>I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.</p>	

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## Catechism Portion of the Week - May 2015

	Pre-School 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade – Adults (All Columns)
5/24	<i>Books of the Old Testament:</i> Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Joshua Judges Ruth 1 & 2 Samuel 1 & 2 Kings 1 & 2 Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah Esther Job Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi
5/31	<i>Books of the New Testament:</i> Matthew Mark Luke John	Acts Romans 1 & 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 & 2 Thessalonians 1 & 2 Timothy Titus Philemon Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2, & 3 John Jude Revelation



# May 2015

## Church Events

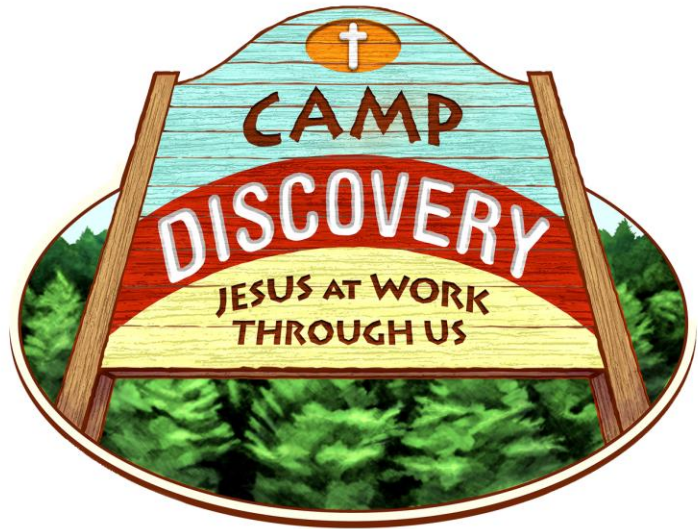
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						<b>Swiss Steak Dinner 4:30 – 6:30</b>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Confirmation Sunday 8 & 10:30 am Worship Serv. 9:15 SS & Bible Class 2:00 Adult Christian Instruction	7:30 Hand bell practice	7pm LWML Meeting	11:30am Bible Study	7pm Choir Practice 7:30 Men's Choir practice		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mother's Day 8 & 10:30 am Worship Serv. 9:15 SS & Bible Class 2:00 Adult Christian Instruction	7:30 Hand bell practice	7pm Elder Meeting	11:30am Bible Study 6:30 Worship Committee	7pm Choir Practice 7:30 Men's Choir practice		<b>9:00am Spring Clean- up day 10:30 Food Pantry</b>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8 & 10:30 am Worship Serv. Voters Meeting & SS 9:15am 2:00 Adult Christian Instruction	7:30 Hand bell practice	7pm Executive Bd. Meeting	11:30am Bible Study 1:15pm Quilting	7pm Choir Practice 7:30 Men's Choir practice		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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31 8 & 10:30 am Worship Serv. 9:15 Bible Class 2:00 Adult Christian Instruction						June 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing

# May 2015

## Birthday/Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					<b>Rob &amp; Liz Zacharias # 33</b> <b>Matt &amp; Molly Buddie #5</b>	Liz Zacharias
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	<b>David &amp; Noreen Fisher # 52</b> Tom Hornberger	<b>Branko &amp; "Charlie" Djordjevic # 14</b> <b>Dave &amp; Judy Renz #49</b> Bill Zacharias			Katie Harrell	Doris Dean
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Nate Hibler	Marvin Hibler McKenzie Miller James Murawski	Mary Carlson Matt Nash Pam Rasschaert		Justin Adams Jeff Bailey	Jenny Knopf Chris Odom	Christine Eaton Pat Krueger Sara Zielinski
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<b>Jonathan &amp; Melanie Knopf # 13</b> <b>Tom &amp; Bridget Hornberger # 2</b>		Larry Klooz	<b>Greg &amp; Jan Shook # 27</b> Pam Catlin Tina Nash	<b>Joel &amp; Laura Provenzano # 5</b> Shanna Burchfield Carl Hinderer	<b>Gary &amp; Denice Horton # 34</b> <b>John &amp; Diane Johnson # 23</b> Austin Gilles Gary Horon
24 <b>Ken &amp; Chris Odom # 46</b> Regina Gallen Jeremy Horton Scott Wiesemann Jessica Nash	25 <b>Paul &amp; Jeri Bosela # 30</b> Cindy Hawke Jeanette Rafter	26 Xander Cloudy Mark Gordon	27 Christopher Becker Michael Holland Michelle Murawski	28 Raymond Miller Veronica Winterstein	29	30 <b>Rev. Philip &amp; Sara Zielinski # 16</b>
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# VBS 2015



Discover His plan! Discover His purpose! In Camp Discovery VBS, your children learn that Jesus works in and through us! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five tree-mendous Bible accounts where God works in His people to save them and through His people to serve! Jesus saves us, gives us faith, courage, and wisdom to serve Him and share His Good News with our neighbor! God does have a plan and a purpose for each of His beloved children!

Registration is open for Pre-School through 6th Grade. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and more. Plus, you'll learn all about Jesus our Savior and how He is at work through us! Can't wait to see you there! To register, register online at [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org), or return the form to the church office.

## June 8 - 12

## 9am - 11:30am



# Vacation Bible School Registration

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ One form per child, please.  
Grade completed \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents' names \_\_\_\_\_  
Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Food allergies ☐ Y ☐ N (List:) \_\_\_\_\_  
Medical concerns ☐ Y ☐ N (Explain:) \_\_\_\_\_  
Family doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Doctor's phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Siblings attending VBS (names and ages) \_\_\_\_\_

Church affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Church membership at \_\_\_\_\_  
People who may pick up the child \_\_\_\_\_  
Transportation needed? ☐ Y ☐ N Attendance ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

VBS leaders have permission to photograph/film the minor(s) designated above in any manner or form for any lawful purpose associated with this VBS program.

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_



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Grade completed \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Annual Golf Outing

**St. Paul Lutheran Church Valley City, OH**

Fundraiser for Jeff Burgess, seminary student

**Saturday June 6, 2015**

**Bunker Hill Golf Course, 3060 Pearl Road, Medina, OH**

**18 Holes of Golf: Four Person Scramble (best ball format)**

Golf outing sponsored in part by the

**Ohio District Lutheran Church Extension Fund**

**Come Enjoy:** A great day of Golf on one of Medina's premium courses. Put together your own foursome, or as a single we'll do our best to put you with a possible winning team. Skins game available for those interested.

**Starting at:**

- **8:00 AM Registration** Donut & Coffee
- **9:00 AM Golf 18 Holes**
- **Drinks & Snacks at the Turn**
- **2:30 to 4:00 Steak Dinner**
- **Beer, Pop & Water**
- **Contests & Cash Prizes**
- **Raffles & Baskets**
- **And More!**

**Silent Auction to follow dinner**

**Pricing Per Person: Golf, Lunch, Dinner & Contests: \$90**  
**Dinner Only: \$25**



**Dinner:** Grilled Steak, Potatoes, Garden Salad, Rolls & Dessert.  
Ice Cold Beer, Pop & Water. Bunker Hill also has a full bar.

**Sponsorships Available For:** Dinner, Contests, Baskets and Each Hole.  
For sponsoring or donating please contact: Tim Tighe 330-635-1827

**Registration:** See back side for registration forms. Or on online at:

**[www.stpaulvalleycity.org](http://www.stpaulvalleycity.org)**

Please mail forms to: Tim Tighe 4946 Windfall Road, Medina OH 44256.  
Or return form and payment to St. Paul welcome center collection box.

**Please have your Form's and Payments in by May 24, 2014**


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May 2015



**Just for KIDS**

*Mothers of the Bible*

*God wants us to love and honor our mothers – not just on Mother's Day, but every day. The Bible tells us about many mothers who loved God.*

Use the code to discover each mother's name.

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Answers: NAOMI, RUTH, EVE, SARAH, HAGAR, HANNAH, MARY, ELIZABETH, LEAH, RACHEL, REBEKAH.