



# ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**March 2016**

Spoilers!

Back in December when the new Star Wars movie, “The Force Awakens” was released, there was something of a pact among fans not to spoil the surprises of the movie. In March, this pact exists among basketball fans who might have recorded a game during the day in hopes of watching it without knowing the ending.

Movies, TV shows, sports, plays, books, and the like are all better when you don’t know the outcome in advance. The sense of suspense and that anything could happen is exhilarating but can also prove to be heartbreaking. When you know how the story ends, it changes your experience. Things are not as sad when you know they work out in the end. The joys are more sweet when you can see them developing throughout the adventure.

We are nearing in on our yearly celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. We can see the Easter light at the end of the dark, Lenten tunnel. The Church knows how the Jesus story ends, and we know how our life’s story ends too.

In John, chapter 2, after Jesus has evicted the moneychangers from the courts of the temple, He declares “Destroy this temple, and in three days, I will raise it up.” The Jews didn’t understand what He meant and neither did His disciples. St. John goes on to write, “But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.”

St. John gives away the ending! Now, reading his Gospel, you’ll always know that Jesus ends up raised from the dead. (Ok, I know, not a big surprise.) But see how the resurrection of Jesus changed the disciples’ understanding of Jesus’ words and the Scriptures. After the resurrection, they understood that everything pointed toward Jesus.

The cross and resurrection of Jesus give us the key to understanding the Scriptures and to having hope in this life of trials and temptations. Knowing the ending, that Jesus has died for our sins and been raised for our justification, we can meet every trouble in this life knowing that Jesus has overcome the World. Every sin that troubles you has been died for and paid for in the work of Jesus. Sin, death, and the devil are conquered enemies that no longer can bring accusations against God’s people. You are free and forgiven.

Spoiler alert! You also have a place prepared for you in heaven to rest for eternity in the light of Christ and the bliss of eternal life. Knowing this, believing this, we live in hope and rejoice that our end is with Christ Jesus.

In Christ,

Pastor Zielinski

## **LWML**

We wish to invite all the Ladies of St. Paul to our monthly meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be on March 1<sup>st</sup> at **10:00am** here at St. Paul. Please plan on attending to see what we have planned for this year.

Beginning in April we will be collecting clothing for Trinity Lutheran Church in Cleveland. Now is a good time to start cleaning out your closets for our April clothing drive.

Many years ago the Ladies Aid "adopted" **Bill Graske** at Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown, WI. The LWML took over corresponding with Bill, sending gifts and remembrances periodically. We recently found out that Bill passed away in early December. He had medical concerns and his passing was not unexpected at that time. Thank you to all who brought a little happiness into Bill's life with your cards and letters.

## **FOOD PANTRY**

Our Food Pantry is available to all of our members at any time the church is open. If you are ever in a pinch or in need of extra help with groceries, please feel free to take a bag of items home with you. Along with the support of the LWML group, several generous congregation members have helped to stock the food pantry.

## **QUILTS**

On the third Wednesday of the month, a few of the women gather in the church basement to enjoy fellowship and assemble quilts of various sizes. We have been blessed with many beautiful quilt tops from a friend of Jeannette Rafter. These tops need to be squared off, batting and backing applied, tied and finished off.

Join us, no sewing or quilting skills necessary. Bring your scissors and help us assemble bed quilts, lap quilts, etc. that will be donated to The Lutheran Home at Concord at the LWML fall retreat. Questions, contact Judy Renz, Norma Rankin, Jeannette Rafter or Diane Johnson.

## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The prayer shawl ministry is growing in participation and outreach. Anyone can do it, and it's easy. The Shawls may be knitted, crochet or quilted for people in need of prayer. The purpose of this ministry is to touch the lives of those in our congregation, our families and in our neighborhoods in need of prayer for: life celebrations, care and support.

Thrivent has provided a monetary grant for this. Materials and supplies can be purchased using money from this grant or you may use your own supplies. Please join us in this out-reach ministry. If you are interested or have questions please contact: Charlie Djordevic 440-655-3729.

Instructions for making a JESUS LOVES ME fleece Prayer shawl are near the LWML Bulletin Board and in the church office.

**GOD BLESS YOUR WORK AS YOU REMEMBER OTHERS IN YOUR PRAYERS**

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Our Sunday School children of all ages, are busy practicing their songs and music for Palm Sunday. Please try to have your child present at Sunday School so they will be prepared to honor the Lord and bless the Congregation with music and song. In Christ, Anita Praisler, Sunday School Superintendent.

## **TRUSTEES**

As usual, please remove all wreaths and decorations from the cemetery by April 1, 2016 to allow for upcoming work in the cemetery and to allow for lawn mowing.

Again this year, due to freezing and thawing, we did find one leak in the Fellowship Hall again and have continued investigation as to the source. Seems the attic is becoming warmer than what should be. Additional insulation has been added without success. We may elect to contact an HVAC expert to determine causes for leaks over the past two years.

In 2016, we will again offer engraved pavers to be inserted in the cross in the Memorial Garden. A number of individuals have already placed orders. These are the 8"x 8" bricks to honor or remember family and friends. Cost is \$100 each depending upon inscription and design. Deadline for ordering the brick is May 31. The bricks will be done and installed by August. Please see Dianne Holland for more details. All proceeds go for upkeep of the cemetery.

Please mark your calendars for Spring Clean up Day for 9am on Saturday, May 7. We could use any help to keep your church clean and spotless. Depending on the weather, both inside and outside clean-up activities will be needed.

The Trustees will continue to replace the fluorescent fixtures in the narthex with LED lights. This saves on electric costs and efforts to replace bulbs and ballast.

The Trustees are also getting some bids to reseal the parking lots this year.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you would like to have the flowers on the altar dedicated in memory of a loved one, in honor of a birthday or anniversary or simply for blessings received, you may sign up on the flower calendar in the narthex. Since the altar flowers are silk you cannot take them home, we only ask that you make a contribution to the \*flower fund\*. Envelopes are available near the flower chart. Or you may choose to put live flowers on the organ. You must sign up on the flower chart also. You are responsible for bringing the flowers (please not too large of a bouquet) for your special Sunday and putting them on the organ. There are some very pretty vases available if you purchase a bouquet that isn't in a vase.

Either way --- please contact the church office at: [stpaulvalleycitysecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulvalleycitysecretary@gmail.com) or 330-483-3883 by Thursday so that information can be put in the bulletin.

## HELP WANTED

St. Paul is currently seeking members to fill two positions, one for a **Fellowship Hall Coordinator** and the second for a **Dinner Coordinator**. We are looking for reliable individuals who are willing to devote a few hours a month to continue the efficiency of the Fellowship Hall. If you would like more information about the positions, please see Dean Bremke. Applications are available at the Welcome Center. You may give the completed application to Cindy Hawke or Dean Bremke.

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### St. Paul Fellowship Hall Coordinator

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Coordinator qualification/responsibilities:

Set-up and tear-down removable walls for event

Set-up and tear-down tables and chairs for event

Open and close church and arm security system

Review rules and guidelines of the Fellowship Hall with whoever is using the facilities

Will be paid a stipend from the church for each and every rental

Must be self-motivated and allow ample time for set-up and tear-down

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### St. Paul Dinner Coordinator

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Coordinator qualifications/responsibilities:

Excellent organizational skills

Excellent communication skills

Make use of current modes of communication with church staff and community (email, text, web site, social media, etc.)

Anticipate and evaluate guest experience at events in order to adapt and improve (who do they see first, foot traffic, vehicle traffic, point of sale, signage, advertising, etc.)

Being an active member of the congregation is necessary for an individual to know the talents of our congregation. The ability to identify qualified helpers and delegate responsibilities as appropriate.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gabriella Read and Claire Knirsch through the washing of Holy Baptism  
Richard and Judy Pflaum, Miranda, Jared and Stephanie  
Anna Gottl  
Louise Gittinger  
Allysa Metzger, Izsac and Evie

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## SWISS STEAK DINNER

April 9, 2016 from 4:30-6:30pm

Mark your calendars, invite your family and friends!

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wellness Committee meeting March 13 after 2<sup>nd</sup> Service  
Easter decorating March 26 at 9:00 am  
Easter Breakfast March 27 between services  
Swiss Steak Dinner April 9 from 4:30-6:30pm  
Confirmation May 1 at the 10:30 service  
Spring Clean Up May 7 from 9:00am to 1:00pm  
Golf Outing June 4 at Bunker Hill Golf at 8:00am  
Vacation Bible School – Week of June 13th

# Places of the Passion

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

FEBRUARY 10, 11:30AM (LUNCH AND STUDY FOLLOW)

7:00PM (SUPPER, 6:00PM - 7:00PM)

LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATED AT BOTH SERVICES

## **WEDNESDAYS IN LENT**

11:30AM (LUNCH AND STUDY FOLLOW)

7:00PM (SUPPER, 6:00PM - 7:00PM)

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

(DIVINE SERVICE WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER)

MARCH 24, 11:30AM & 7:00PM

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

MARCH 25, 11:30AM & 7:00PM



# **EASTER SUNDAY: MARCH 27**

**8 & 10:30AM FESTIVAL DIVINE SERVICE**

**9:15AM EASTER BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT**



# Annual Golf Outing

St. Paul Lutheran Church Valley City, OH

**Saturday June 4, 2016**

Bunker Hill Golf Course, 3060 Pearl Road, Medina, OH  
18 Holes of Golf: Four Person Scramble (best ball format)

**Helping to support current and future seminary  
students of the  
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.**

- 8:00 AM Registration, Coffee, Donuts & Putting Contest
- 9:00 AM Golf 18 Holes
- Skins Game Available
- Contests & Cash Prizes
- Drinks & Hotdogs at the Turn
- 2:30 - 4:00 Steak Dinner
- Beer, Pop & Water
- Raffles, Baskets & Silent Auction to follow
- Dinner
- And Good Fellowship!

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

**Registration:** See back side for registration forms.  
Or, on online at: [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org)



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

**Sponsorships Available:** See Registration Form for: Each Hole, Contests, and Dinner. For more information contact church office at: 330-483-3883

**Please mail forms to:** St. Paul 1377 Lester Rd. Valley City, OH 44280  
Or, return form and payment to St. Paul welcome center collection box.

**Please have your Forms and Payments in by May 22, 2016**

## Tee Up For Students—Registration — Golf & Dinner



Name of Golfer 1. \_\_\_\_\_ \$90.00

Name of Golfer 2. \_\_\_\_\_ \$90.00

Name of Golfer 3. \_\_\_\_\_ \$90.00

Name of Golfer 4. \_\_\_\_\_ \$90.00

Sub Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorships: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person for confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Bunker Hill Golf Course June 4, 2016

Please mail completed forms with payment made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church  
1377 Lester Rd. Valley City, OH 44280

☐ \$ \_\_\_\_ **Dinner Sponsor**

Yes, I'll help sponsor  
the meal!

☐ **\$100 Hole Sponsor**

Yes, I'll sponsor a hole!  
A sign with your name  
At the tee box!

☐ **\$25 Family Sponsor**

Yes, Name mentioned  
At golf outing!

## Tee Up For Students—Registration — Dinner Only



Dinner Only 1. \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00

Dinner Only 2. \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00

Dinner Only 3. \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00

Dinner Only 4. \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00

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## Church Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
	CONFIRMATION 6:00pm HANDBELL PRACTICE 7:30PM	LWML MEETING 10:00am Worship Committee 6:30pm	Lenten Service 11:30am Bible Study 12p 6pm Soup Dinner 7pm Lent Service Choir 8pm			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>8 &amp; 10:30 am Worship 9:15 SS &amp; Bible Class</b>	CONFIRMATION 6:00pm HANDBELL PRACTICE 7:30PM	ELDER MEETING 7:00 PM	Lenten Service 11:30am Bible Study 12p 6pm Soup Dinner 7pm Lent Service Choir 8pm			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>8 &amp; 10:30 am Worship 9:15 SS &amp; Bible Class</b> Wellness Committee 11:30	CONFIRMATION 6:00pm HANDBELL PRACTICE 7:30PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	Lenten Service 11:30am Bible Study 12p Quilter 1:30pm 6pm Soup Dinner 7pm Lent Service Choir 8pm			Food Pantry 10:30am
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>8 &amp; 10:30 am Worship Serv. 9:15 SS &amp; Bible Class</b> Youth prepare for Egg Hunt 11:30a	No CONFIRMATION HANDBELL PRACTICE 7:30PM			Maundy Thursday Service Communion 7:00pm	Good Friday Service 7:00pm	Easter Decorating 11:30am
27 <b>EASTER</b> <b>8 &amp; 10:30 am Worship Serv.</b> No Sunday School <b>9:15am Easter Breakfast &amp; Egg Hunt</b>	28  <b>No Confirmation  No Handbell practice</b>	29	30	31		

# March 2016

## Birthday/Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Addison Barajas Don Gotsch		Rob Andrukat Martha Konzelman	Ann Olee Helen Schoolcraft	Trey Cook Kristen Nemes
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Adeline Burchfield	Haleigh Gilles Aimee Whitmer	Sandy Andrukat Caleb Bores Kara Dearth Teri Petzold Joseph Provenzano	<b>Ivan &amp; Ruth Parker # 20</b> Emil Balliet		David Willkom	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Danielle LaChance	<b>Bill &amp; Hildy Benns # 18</b> <b>Todd &amp; Margit Gery # 46</b> Audrey Paliokas		Jacob Strba Gaige Witt	<b>Steve &amp; Sara Miller # 13</b> Dianne Schultz	Breanna Haury Alexandria Knopf	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Shannon Agurkis Debbie Frickey Corrinne Palmer		<b>John &amp; Dianne Holland # 54</b>	Allison McCamon	
27 Irene Robinson	28 <b>Jerry &amp; Cathe Buddie # 13</b> Jonathan Knopf	29 <b>Brian &amp; Azania Schnurr #2</b>	30 Tereasa Rankin	31 Jerry Buddie Joseph Holland Todd Knake Stacie Knirsch		

**Eighth Annual**  
**Passion Walk**  
**Sat. March 19 & Sun. March 20**  
**Runs continuously**  
**6:30 - 8:00 pm**



*Visit a Jerusalem marketplace*

*Be present at the table at  
the Last Supper*

*Hear Jesus praying in the  
Garden of Gethsemane*

*Witness Peter's denial*

*Watch Jesus' trial before  
the court of Pilate*

*Listen to Jesus' last words  
from the cross*

*Stand at the sealed tomb*

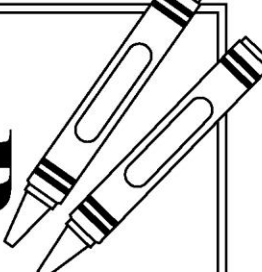
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**Just for KIDS**

# Pray Today!

The first Friday in March is World Day of Prayer. God wants us to pray to Him everyday. So start today and never stop!

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