



ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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September 2016

To Gladly Hear and Learn

Your church is a fantastic place to grow in the faith!

As autumn comes upon us the new season of learning also arrives. Even in our fast-paced, 24/7/365 world, our yearly rhythms feel closely tied with the school year.

During this coming “academic term” at St. Paul, you will have many opportunities for your faith to grow by hearing and learning God’s Word. Just as our children aren’t given everything there is to know about math at one time, we also have a life-long term of learning all the wonderful things about the Christian faith. Topic by topic, book by book in the Bible, little by little, you grow and mature in your faith and gain a deeper appreciation for the wonders of God and the depth of His love for you.

The 3rd Commandment is “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.”

What does this mean? “We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.”

Preaching and God’s Word are at the heart of what makes St. Paul a fantastic place to grow in your faith. Like they say, “You miss a week, you miss a lot!” Make time for worship and study, and you’ll be amazed at what there is to discover.

In addition to weekly worship, you have weekly opportunities to study God’s Word. Sunday School isn’t just child’s play! When you spend an hour with your brothers and sisters in Christ gathered around God’s Word and how it applies to our lives today, you’ll grow in your faith because God has promised that His Word will not return to Him empty.

These next few months, here are some of the topics you can anticipate on Sunday mornings:

Called to Vote: A Christian's Approach to Elections

The Mission of the Church: Why St. Paul, Valley City? Why Me? Why Now?

The Time between the Testaments: The Apocrypha

Why Lutherans Sing

The Lutheran Confessions (pt. 1) – The Augsburg Confession

The Gospel of John

Other opportunities abound: Wednesday mornings, Brothers in Christ (Men’s Group) each month, the Women’s Retreat, LWML ... what other opportunities are just waiting for the right time and the right people?

You’re always surrounded by temptation, your own sinful nature, and the assaults of Satan who wants you to doubt God’s Word and not keep God’s name holy. Your faith can be shielded by the Word of God that extinguishes the flaming darts of your adversary. In studying the things of God from the Word of God we are shaped as the people of God.

Join in as we really take the Bible seriously and see how it applies to our lives every day. You’ll find that St. Paul is a fantastic place to grow in the faith.

In Christ, Pastor Zielinski

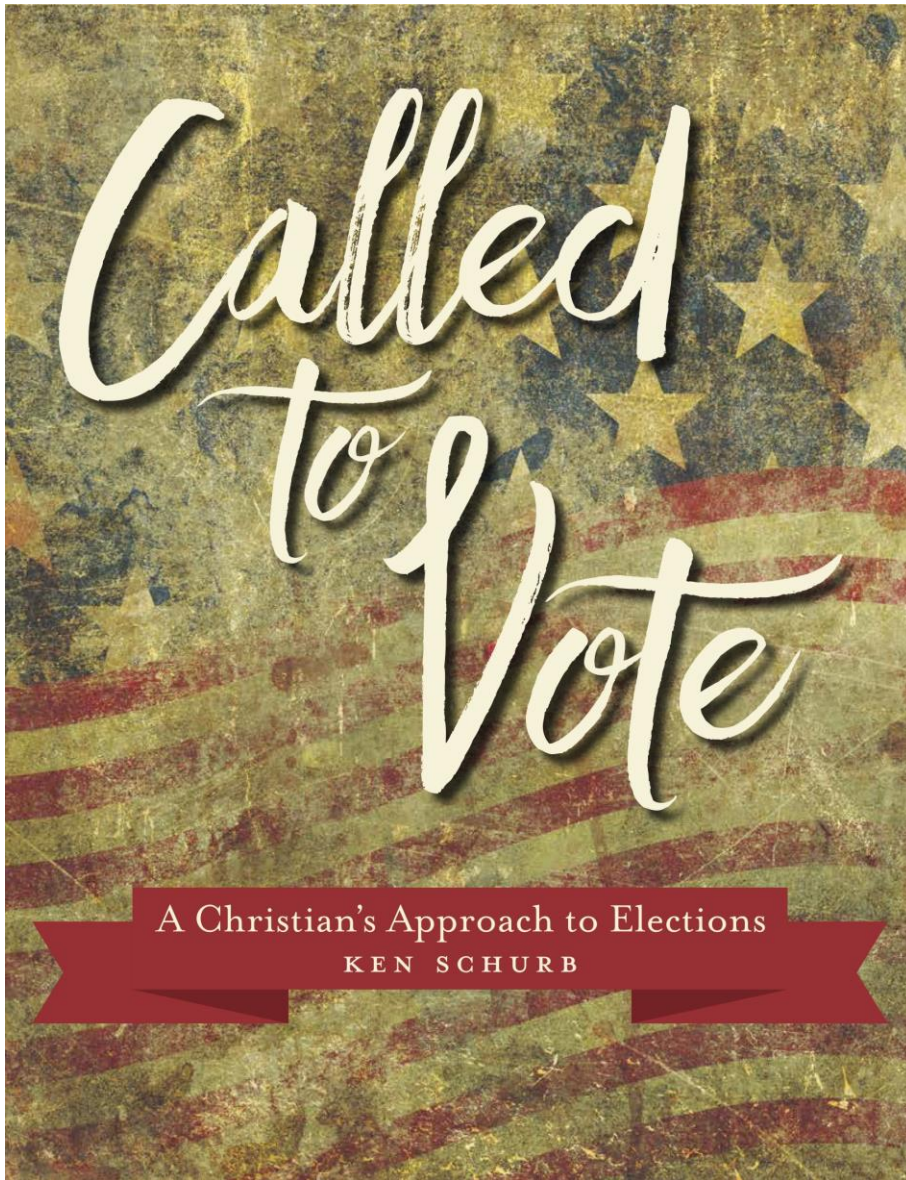


Confirmation 2016-2017

Monday, September 12, 6:00pm: Orientation with Students and Parents

Classes begin Monday, September 26, 6:00pm - 7:30pm
All students in grades 7 & 8 are invited to join.

Contact Pastor Zielinski with any questions:
pastor@spvc.org or Call/text: 440-458-0189



“Called to Vote”

A Christian’s Approach to Elections

By: Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb

From the Forward:

“What you have before you does not constitute a voting guide—this study is not intended to lead you to a particular candidate or the sweep of any party platform. The subject at hand is far from that simple. Rather, this study provides congregations and pastors with a tool that is designed to spark a thoughtful biblical conversation about voting in a democracy.”

Sundays

9:15am

4 Sessions:

9/11 - Distinguish “Thus says the Lord” from Human Judgments

9/25 - Distinguish between God’s Two Modes of Ruling

10/2 - Distinguish Yourself as *Ruled* from yourself as “*Ruler*”

10/9 - Repent When You Don’t Get Involved...and When You Do

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins on **September 11th at 9:15am**. Be sure to register your child/children for Sunday School. You can register on line at www.spvc.org. If you don't have access to a computer, pick up a paper registration form at the Welcome Center, complete it and put it in the Secretary's drawer.

TEACHERS are still needed for **Sunday School**. Please consider **Teaching or Team Teaching** a class (a few weeks on, a few weeks off). This is a great way to spread the word of God and to get to know our younger members who will be the future of St. Paul. For more information, please see Colleen Kato.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning Bible Study Class will meet beginning September 28th. This year our class will begin at 10:00am and run until 11:30am. Bring a friend, anyone is welcome!

LWML

On September 11th we welcome all the Ladies of St. Paul to join us in our **Women meeting Women Luncheon**. Every woman here at St. Paul is invited to a luncheon to meet the women who manage St. Paul's LWML group on a monthly basis. This will be a salad and dessert lunch from 12:00pm to 1:30pm. Babysitting will be available. We are looking forward to meeting and getting to know so many of the ladies here at St. Paul.

Sunday, September 25th at 6 pm is our annual **Bonfire**. Everyone is welcome. Look for more information in the bulletin later in the month, but mark your calendar.

Mark your calendar, the Christmas tea will be held on December 4, Sunday afternoon, at 2 pm. More information will follow in the next few months.

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.

QUILTING

Hope everyone had a great summer! Now it is time to get back stitching! A group of ladies meet the third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 in the church basement for quilting. We quilt a little, talk a lot and have some wonderful fellowship. Not only will we be quilting this year, but working on a few sewing projects for church. If you would like to talk to a quilter for more information, contact Judy Renz, Jeannette Rafter, Hildy Bennis, Norma Rankin or Diane Johnson. Our next gathering will be **September 21**.

LWML Lorain – Medina Zone
Women’s Fall Retreat
Save the date
October 8, 2016 9:30AM

The Lorain-Medina Zone will be hosting a retreat on Saturday, October 8, 2016, at the Lutheran Home at Concord Reserve, 2116 Dover Center Road, Westlake, Ohio.

We are pleased to have Deaconess Carolyn Brinkley as our guest speaker, author of the book ***Bearing the Cross: Devotions on Albrecht Durer’s “Small Passion”***.

There will be a session on Concordia Theological Seminary's "Military Project" through which she directs devotional and worship materials, cards, and care packages to Chaplains and their units.

A final session will be on “Luther’s Germany” looking ahead to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation next year.

Lunch will be provided along with crafts, singing and interaction with the residents. There is a registration fee of \$10.00 to cover the lunch cost.

For more information and registration, please contact Ethel Schiemann at emschiemann@windstrem.net or 440-236-5448. There will be information on these two websites as well: LWML.org under Lorain/Medina Zone or spvc.org.

Ethel Schiemann, Lorain-Medina, Zone President



Figure 1
Margit Gery made this banner for the June 2016 LWML Convention in Cincinnati for the Lorain-Medina LWML zone.

Women's Retreat



Sights
of Germany:
500 Years
of Reformation



"Bearing the Cross"
Devotions on
Reformation artist
Albrecht Dürer's
"Small Passion"



Chaplains:
Spiritual Care
for the
Armed Forces

Featuring: Carolyn Brinkley

Deaconess and Author

Saturday,
October 8,
9am - 4pm

Lutheran Home
at Concord Reserve
2116 Dover Center Road
Westlake, OH 44145

\$10

register @ www.spvc.org

hosted by St. Paul Lutheran, Valley City, Ohio
Lorain-Medina Zone LWML
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TRUSTEE

It has been a busy couple of months for the Trustees and we appreciate all the help provided by members.

As you can see, the west parking lot was resealed and the east parking lot has had a number of spots cut out, repaved and entire lot was resealed. Asphalt does not hold up as well as concrete, but we hope we are good for a few more years before we need to put a 2 inch asphalt layer on top of existing surface.

The garage roof has been in need of repair and a number of bids are being evaluated to re-shingle the roof.

Also on the schedule will be a complete carpet cleaning of the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. After many dinners, breakfasts and events, it is time to get it professionally cleaned.

A tremendous effort, led by Dave and Judy Scaife replaced the old worn fence on the north hill. This was an Eagle Scout project by their son many years ago and has served its purpose well. It was a big endeavor and the crew of Kyle Bremke, Alan Smith, Dave & Judy Scaife, Dean Bremke, Scott Wiesemann, Don Gotsch and Tim Scaife who helped install a nice looking split-rail fence to enhance the front of the church.

Our sincere thanks to Carl and Chris Strekely for the work on re-setting pavers and re-finishing the bench again at the front of the cemetery. A beautiful job on both and the flowers look great.

As things always seem to happen at the wrong time, on a Sunday in July, it was found there was no hot water in the bathrooms due to a failing hot water tank. Not sure who to thank for shutting off the water and mopping up the basement floor, but Rob Zacharias was the advocate who installed a new tank, hopefully good for another 20 years.

As usual, Dave Knopf has kept the lawns, landscaping, and property looking in tip top shape. Bob Heffinger, as our Sexton has helped a great deal in leveling grave sites, preparing foundations for headstones and managing the cemetery. We thank them both.

We hope you have noticed the new brass railing that will help our members approach the altar with more ease and safety. This rail can be easily removed for choir concerts or other rites at the altar and can then be re-inserted as needed.

Finally, we must have more help from everyone in one specific and important area. We have pests that really like our Kitchen and Food Pantry because that's where the food is. Our 'church mice' are a nuisance. There are many groups and folks using the kitchen, almost on a daily basis. So please sweep up the crumbs, leave no food out on the counters, and especially take out the trash to the bin and help keep all our areas clean and healthy. The Trustees and Custodian ask all the members who use the kitchen to keep it clean and remove all trash after using the kitchen.

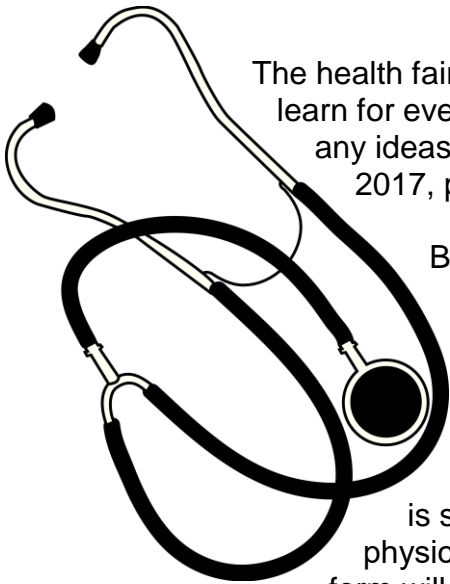
EVANGELISM

Name Tag Ladies - Thanks so much to the nine ladies who helped with name tags at the beginning of each Sunday worship service during the summer months. It is now easier to match names with faces. "New" members, including "old" members, can now greet each other more easily.

Keep the news articles and achievement certificates coming in about our youth and adult members! When posted on the bulletin board and in the Sunday church bulletin, this news can be appreciated by everyone. Please give this information to Marilyn Rauhaus or Cindy Hawke. These articles will be returned to you.

Member visitation is important in our congregation - not only the home-bound members on the shut-in list, but also those members and friends who have had medical procedures. Please check out the shut-in list at the Welcome Center, and listen carefully to those mentioned by Pastor Zielinski in our worship services. These members and friends will certainly enjoy a short visit, a phone call, or a greeting card from you! Thank you for your interest in this ministry.

WELLNESS TEAM



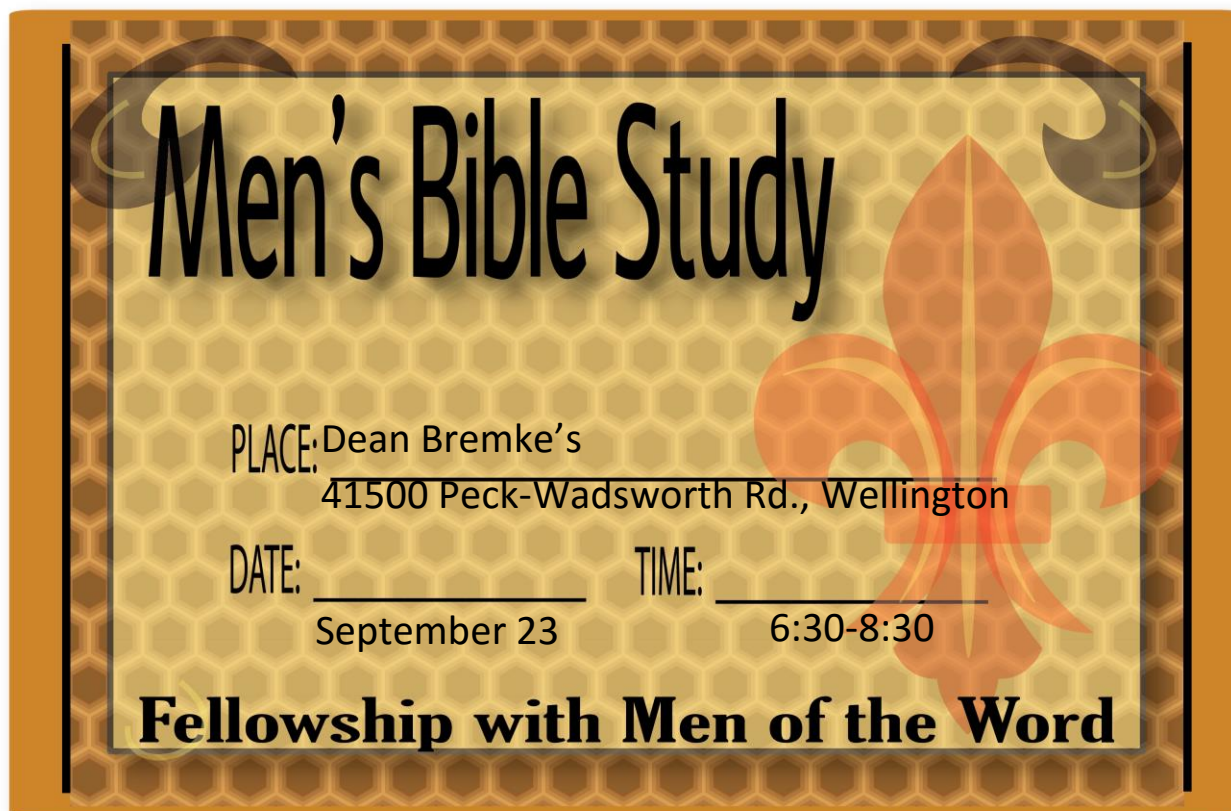
The health fair was a great success! With 6 various stations, there was something to learn for everyone. Thank you to all who helped with our wellness day! If you have any ideas or suggestions on what you would like to see at our next health fair in 2017, please contact Beth Bremke.

Blood pressure monitoring continues to be offered the second Sunday of every month after each service. We are asking that anyone who has their blood pressure checked by a nurse at church, fill out a form (given to you when you have your BP taken) to help us monitor your progress and legally protect the nurse and St. Paul. Mercy Parish Nursing is helping us with this process and will inform your physician of any changes which is vital to your health. This information is confidential and is seen by only the nurses who will be monitoring your results and your physician. Even if you are seeing the nurse for a "quick check", filling out this form will help us monitor any changes. We know that high Blood Pressure continues to plague those we love and this is why the case management piece is so vital to your care. Thank you for your cooperation with this process. Please see Beth Bremke if you have any questions.

WELCOME BACK CHOIR AND HANDBELL MEMBERS “WE MISSED YOU”

Adult Choir practice will begin on Wednesday September 7th at 7:00pm. After the initial practice we will continue to meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. Welcome to all our returning members and a warm welcome to anyone interested in joining the Choir. Stop by on Thursday evenings and see what a joy it is to sing praises to God our Father. For more information, see Kathy Fargo.

Handbell practice will begin on Monday September 12th at 7:00pm. We welcome anyone who is interested in joining us for the full year or even part of the year. For more information, see Nicole Spry.



DID YOU KNOW...

Tim Scaife, son of Dave and Judy Scaife, replaced the roof and built a retaining wall behind the A-frame building at the bottom of the church hill? He also installed the split rail fence, with the help of Robert and James Murawski and crew. This was an Eagle Scout project for Tim about 20 years ago. Over the years, Dave and Judy Scaife have maintained and planted flowers in front of this building each season. Dave and Judy have generously donated a new split rail fence which was installed by Dave and St. Paul Members. Thank you for this generous contribution.

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Church Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8 & 10:30am Worship Service		LWML meeting 10am	Choir Practice 7:00pm	Lorain/Medina LWML Retreat Committee meeting 10am		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8 & 10:30am Worship Service 9:15a SS & Bible Class Blood Pressure Clinic LWML Luncheon 11:30a	Confirmation Orientation 6:00pm Handbell Practice 7:00pm	Elder Meeting 7pm		Choir Practice 7pm		Food Pantry 10:30am
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8 & 10:30am Worship Service 9:15a SS & Bible Class	Handbell Practice 7:00pm	Executive Board Meeting 7pm	Quilters Meet 1:30pm Worship Comm. Meeting 6:30p	Choir Practice 7pm	Men's Bible Study 6:30-8:30 at Dean Bremke's	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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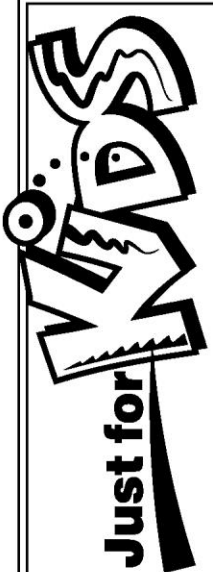
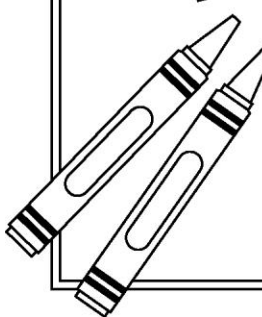
Birthday/Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				Claire Bores Cindy Ruhrkraut	Gil & Joyce Haury # 55 Turner Allison Lindsey Jaeger Brian Schnurr Layla Zimmerman	Denice Horton
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Perry & Joyce Ellenberger #40 Jim & Laurie Baker Jr. #17 Mark & Lynn Gordon # 5 Lauren Heinz		Carl & Holly Hinderer #13 Meghan Bremke Kathy Fargo	Anna Gottl Emily Stoskopf Joyce Willson	Paul Bosela Luke Zacharias	Nicole Gatt Rachael Gatt	Tom & Cathy Keller # 33 Annette Strba
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Dave Hesketh Miranda Pflaum	Mackenzie Buddie Maria Tighe		Morgan Bores	Tim & Bonnie Keller #37 Faye Denman Mark Konzelman John Willkom		Cooper Blaseg Beth Mitchel Lorena Zielinski
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Greg & Alice Tyrpak # 34	Richard Pflaum	Vincent & Lynne Perlik #8 Nevin Sherepita Rachel Stoskopf	Tom Carlson Ruth Parker Charlotte Provenzano	Art Heyse	Larry Mitchell	Barb Pijor Dorothy Silk
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Dave & Jenny Knopf # 40 Jesse Horton	Cathy Keller Norma Rankin	Rev. Dennis & Susan Murawski #41 Jeff Burgess Noreen Fischer	Claire Knirsch	Diane Johnson		

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Apple of Your Eye

When something is said to be the "apple of your eye," it means it's precious to you and you would protect it as you would your own eye. With school starting up again, we should remember God's instructions in Proverbs 7:2: "Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye" (NIV).

Find and circle the word "apple" 13 times in the puzzle below. It can be horizontal, vertical, diagonal and even backward.

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