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My Family in Christ,

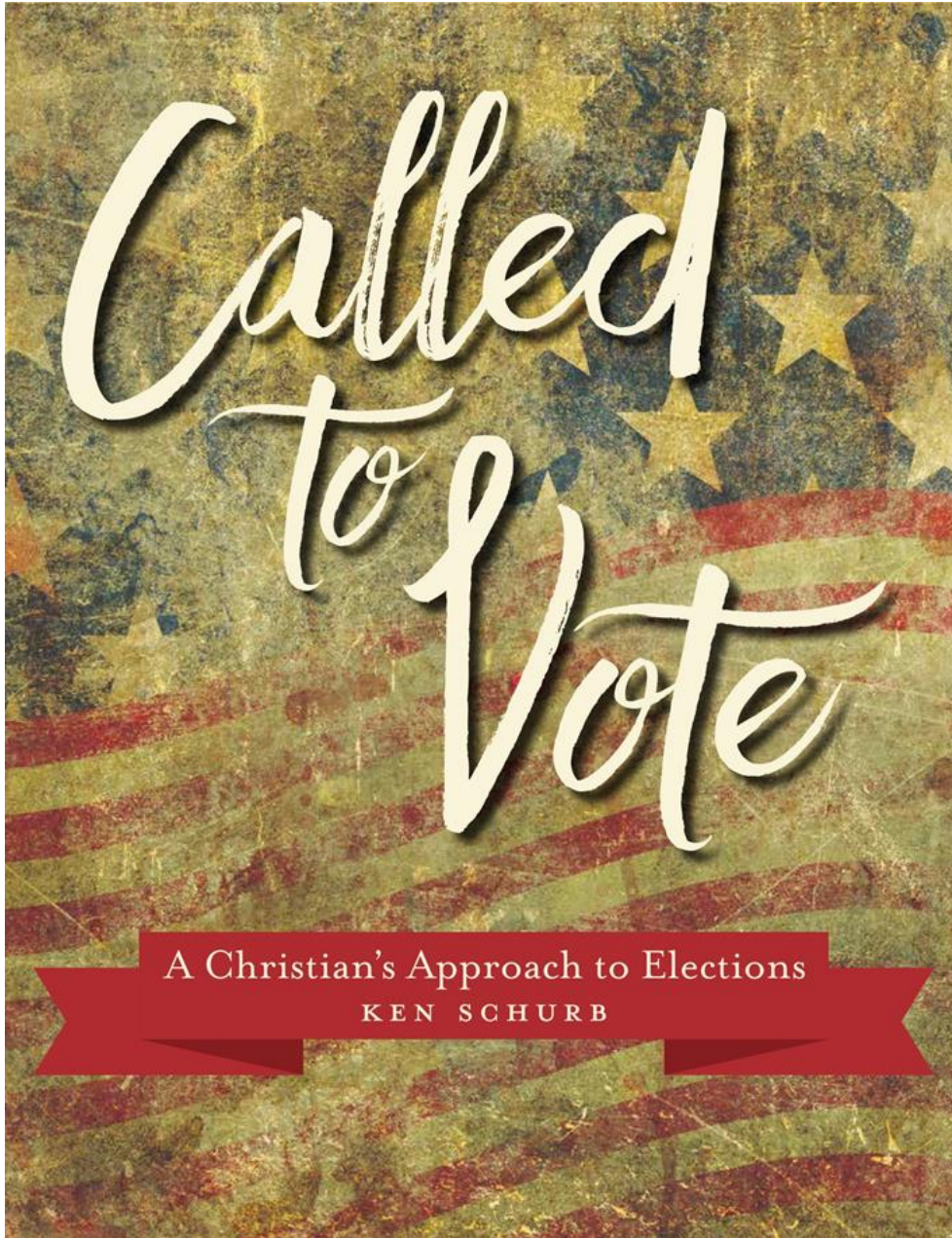
Indulge me for a moment to share something of a parable about priorities:

A philosophy professor stood before his class and had some items in front of him. When class began, wordlessly he picked up a large empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks right to the top, rocks about 2" diameter. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them in to the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. The students laughed. He asked his students again if the jar was full. They agreed that yes, it was. The professor then picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. "Now," said the professor, "I want you to recognize that this is your life. The rocks are the important things - your family, your spouse, your health, your children - anything that is so important to you that if it were lost, you would be nearly destroyed. The pebbles are the other things in life that matter, but on smaller scale. The pebbles represent things like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else. The small stuff. If you put the sand or the pebbles into the jar first, there is no room for the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your energy and time on the small stuff, material things, you will never have room for the things that are truly most important. Pay attention to the things that are critical in your life. Play with your children. Take your spouse out dancing. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix the disposal. "Take care of the rocks first - the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just pebbles and sand."

There is indeed truth in this story – a truth about priorities. Yet, not surprising, this professor leaves out THE Priority of Life, The "Rock" of our Life to fill our jar: our faith and relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord. You take care of that, focus on feeding and nurturing your faith in Christ and your relationship with your Creator, and then focus on the smaller rocks of your life (your family, your health), spend your time and energy first on them, then the rest will take care of itself. Focus on and spend your time, energy on the "small stuff" of this world, the pebbles and sand, and you won't have time for the things that truly matter – especially those things that last eternally. In the gospel of Matthew our Lord put it this way: "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not the life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns: yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?...But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.(Matt. 6:25-26; 33)"

Seek first, put first, the Kingdom of God in your life. Treat it as the most valuable treasure in your life that it is by the grace and strength God gives you. You "fill your jar", your life with Christ first, then the other important things of your life such as your family, the rest of your "jar"/life will fill out nicely. God grant each of you the wisdom, grace and strength to see the true priorities in life and fill your jar accordingly.

Peace in Christ, Pastor Zielinski



“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

Two Session Left

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

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

LWML

Our next monthly meeting will be held on October 4th at 10:00am. All ladies of St. Paul are invited to join us.

Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the St. Paul food pantry. We had about 15 families we helped out last month. This month the pantry is in need of protein items: cans of tuna, small hams, and spam. Also needed: soup, pasta, and pasta sauce. Your help is appreciated. The food pantry is open whenever the church is open and also open to the community on the third Saturday of the month from 10:30 to 12:00. Thank you for your donations to make this community service possible.

Quilting

The quilters meet the third Wednesday of the month at 1:30. If you would like to join us in making tie quilts, bring your scissors and come on down to the church basement. A special thank you this month to Judy Renz for making baptismal napkins for St. Paul. The embroidery she added is beautiful and a very special gift to our church. Thank you Judy!

LWML Lorain – Medina Zone Women's Fall Retreat October 8, 2016 9:00AM

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

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
Thrivent Financial
and Ohio District Church Extension Fund



ADULT INFORMATION CLASS

Adult Information Class will begin on Sunday, October 2nd from 6-7:30pm. We will explore the essentials of the Christian faith and what it means to be a Christian and member of St. Paul. We'll talk about scripture, baptism, the Lord's Supper, worship, prayer, and confirmation. The invitation is open to you. Simply RSVP to: pastor.zielinski@spvc.org or call Pastor at 440-458-0189.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you to Judy Scaife for serving as Sunday School Treasurer for over 20 years. Her dedication and support to our Sunday School was truly a blessing. The SS offerings, given by our students, are used to purchase the lessons, books, supplies for crafts, and anything needed to assist our Teachers as they share the word of God to our Children.



Note: The Secretary office hours and email address have been changed.

Office hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 3:30-5:30pm.
To be sure the Church is open during noted hours, please give Cindy a call before traveling to church during the week, 330-483-3883.

To contact the office by email, please begin using: cindy.hawke@spvc.org.

VOTERS MEETING

Our next Voter's Meeting will be on November 13, 2016 between services. Mark your calendars!

MEN'S RETREAT: AFRAID:

Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare in America. Saturday, **October 15, 9am-4pm** join men from all around Cleveland as we delve into the realm of spiritual warfare in America. Satan is the father of lies and tries to deceive humanity into doubting God's word, love, and care for you. Come hear about how in Christ Jesus you need not be AFRAID. Dr. Robert Bennett from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, and author of "Afraid" will be the presenter. Bring a friend, neighbor, or coworker along! \$10 suggested donation at the door includes lunch and post-retreat "gemütlichkeit" (fellowship). For more information, call 330-483-3883 or visit www.spvc.org

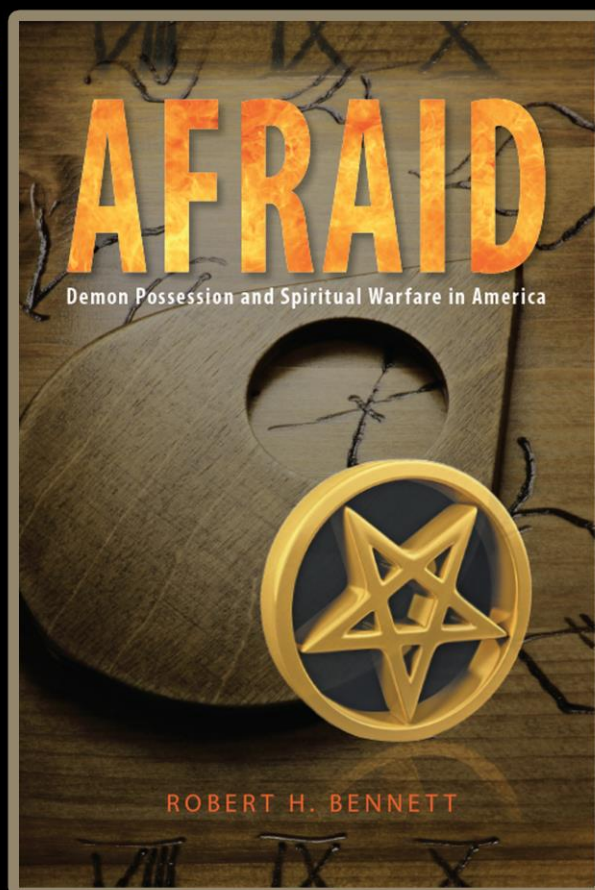
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Dr. Robert Bennett
Executive Director
Luther Academy
and International
Missions Specialist

\$10

**Suggested
donation
includes lunch
& Gemütlichkeit**

TRUSTEE

We would like to acknowledge and thank Owen Hawke for many hours of landscape work that he has done on the grounds this summer. He really has helped keep our property looking well maintained. Also Dave and Judy Scaife continue to beautify the A-frame area at the bottom of the hill with new flowers and upkeep. And a special thanks to Scott Wiesemann for trimming branches on the trees and shrubs.

As we move closer winter, we will be replacing the furnace filters and giving them a complete inspection, checking all windows and doors for proper sealing, and making sure all lights and security systems are in working order.

trus-tee – n, **1.** one to whom something is entrusted. **2.** a person or agent responsible to administer the property of or for a beneficiary. **3.** a member of a board, elected or appointed charged with the custody and care of an institution or charitable organization. (Courtesy of Webster's Dictionary)

Sound like something worthy of your talents??? Part-time positions available, flexible hours, great benefits, meet interesting people, challenging assignments, no experience necessary, rewarding opportunities, indoor and outdoor working conditions, no dress code, positive work environment, and a chance to make a difference. Please consider helping out as a Trustee for St. Paul, all applicants welcome and hired on the spot. Thank you and contact any of us for details...

Secondly, the Head Trustee is a position elected by the voting members of the congregation. This position will be open this coming November. This position is responsible to maintain and improve all church properties. This individual will have plenty of help from a cadre of current Trustees and church members.

This is worth repeating...

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.

Chaplain Partnership 8th Annual Brew Fest October 13 @ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

*Market Garden Brewery,
1947 West 25th Street
Cleveland, OH 44113 United States*

Buy Tickets Now, Market Garden Brewery (Ohio City Room) 1947 West 25th Street Cleveland.
\$35/person (\$10 tax-deductible) includes five (5) 5-oz. beer tastings & heavy appetizers, Silent
Auction Tour of NEW production brewery and Free parking (West Side Market lot).

Sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center

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Church Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8 & 10:30am Worship Service 9:15a SS & Bible Class New Member Class 6-7:30pm	Confirmation 6:00-7:30 Handbell Practice 7:30pm	LWML meeting 10am	Bible Study 10am Worship Comm. Meeting 6:30p	Choir Practice 7pm		Lorain/Medina LWML Retreat 9am-4pm
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Birthday/Anniversary

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Dave Scaife		Adam & Ashley Read #2 Aaron Bores Cheryl Dearth	Tim Keller Harrison Knopf Paula Pietch Marlene Shook	Richard & Ann Olee #58 Yurledis Zielinski	Jim & Anita Praisler #21 Evelyn Balliet Betsy Wilson	Trinity Barajas Tom Keller Billy Schnurr
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Matthan & Molly Hibler # 12 Jim & Jeanette Rafter #23 Dennis Balliet Colleen Kato Chris Ruhrkraut	Lauren Zacharias	John & Dorothy Silk #64 Marge Demboski	David & Tracy Gigliotti # 28 Gabriella Read Sandy Turner	Joyce Haury Ryan Keller		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Wilma Hoermann Kyle Keller Carter Luthy	Brian & Cheryl Dearth #29 Eric & Ashley Heffinger #7 Julia Baker David Fischer	Owen Hawke Delaney Herbert	Rick & Michele Gatt #25	Hailey Murawski	Lauren Blaseg Jim Praisler	Terri Giese Curt Hawke
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Scott & Joann Wiesemann #34 Brooke Barajas			Dennis Goodhart III	Walter & Magdalena Dill #54 Izsac Metzger Scott Schuster	Jerry Weigel	Gabrielle LaChance Kim Schultz
30	31 David Carlson					

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Jesus knew that people would starve without physical bread to eat and water to drink. But he also knew they would die spiritually if they weren't fed by him.

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV) and write the Bible verse on the dashes.

JOHN 6:35

WORD LIST

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who will thirsty who

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Answer: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV