



# ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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November 2017

It's hard to believe that we are fast approaching fall, and with that comes some of the great parts of the Church Year with All Saints, Advent, and Christmas. This year also marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, which we have thankfully been seeing a lot about this entire year. What is also in store during the fall is college students coming home to visit for Thanksgiving, and Christmas break. During this time, we may get a chance to see those who have grown up in the church pay us with a little visit on a Sunday or two. Sometimes it might be hard to know how to engage with college students because of their time spent away from home. Being not all that far removed from college myself, I can remember my visits home during those breaks at holiday time. Those visits were always ripe with nostalgia, yet there was a strange sense of feeling a bit out of place. This isn't something that happens with all college age members visiting for the holidays, but it is fairly common. The distance and time of being in college can have this effect.

So, what can we do for those college students visiting? The answer is nothing out of the ordinary. Even though there may be the sense of feeling out of place on the part of the young adults, it's always good to be welcoming and genuinely glad to see them. As a millennial, I can attest to the importance that my generation places on genuine interactions. What better place to have that than in the church where God meets us in the Divine Service through His Word and Sacraments? We as Lutherans have a rich tradition that connects us to the universal church throughout the ages in the liturgy. When we gather together to receive God's gifts in the Divine Service, we join the "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) that have gone before us in the faith. This especially takes place in the Sanctus when we join the angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven evermore praising God in saying, "Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of thy glory" (LSB 195). These are just some of our great advantages that have nothing to do with us and everything to do with God and His gracious service to us. With this we are well equipped to share God's love with all, whether young adult members or other visitors, who walk through the doors of St. Paul.

Knowing this about the nature of worship, it is also helpful to ask if they have found a church to attend while away at college. It's hard enough being a Christian in college with all the temptations that come with the environment. It never hurts to encourage others to seek out a confessional Lutheran church to receive God's gifts to strengthen them for the inevitable hardships this world casts upon us. While searching for a church, thanks to modern technology, our college age members can watch our services online and at least hear God's Word preached for the enrichment and strengthening of their faith.

Along with all of these tremendous assets, we have opportunities to connect and have fellowship outside of the church during these breaks from school. I am setting up a meet up for all young adult/college age members at Cool Beans Café in Medina on Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm to meet and get to know those who are away for college and hopefully those who are attending school nearby in the Cleveland area. Hopefully, this will be the first of many opportunities for fellowship with young adult members of the congregation. Knowing that there are a great amount of college age members attending school or working in the Greater Cleveland Area there is great potential to have regular opportunities for fellowship.

So, there's no need to worry about what we can do for the young adults who grew up going to St. Paul that are now only visiting intermittently. We don't need a new program to entice them to come more regularly. All we need is to realize the reality of what God is doing through us as the church when we gather in the name of Christ. God strengthens us and provides a way for us to engage young adult members as our neighbors through our rich liturgy and hymnody. God strengthens us to genuinely reach out in love to those who were raised in the church that now only visit infrequently for various reasons. With all of these blessings, all we can do is trust in Christ's work of salvation, extend the invitation, pray, and give to God the glory that is due for whatever fruit that may come.

In Christ, Vicar Buvinghausen





## The Family Christmas Tea Sunday, December 3 at 3:00 pm

Many of you helped us gather pill bottles for several months this summer, come see how they have been transformed into "special teas"

Again this year we are blessed to have Ray Miller and Hal Lissow share their musical talents. Betty Barlow and Kristen Nagy from The Oaks in Brunswick, will share a few stories of people who have been helped at The Oaks. They will also tell us about new programs to help those with addictions.

The program will be followed with the "Christmas Tea".

Look for sign-up sheets in the narthex soon. Help will be needed for baking cookies, men to be servers and clean up help.

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**LWML members:** The Nominating Committee: Judy Renz, Chris Strekley, and Jean Wadle will be asking for candidates for officers next year. Please prayerfully consider office of: president, treasurer, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, chaplain. If you would like to volunteer, please contact one of them if they have not contacted you already.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 7. At 10:00 AM. Join us!

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### LWML Lorain-Medina Zone Meeting

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017

10:00AM

Shepherd of the Ridge  
34555 Center Ridge Road  
North Ridgeville, Ohio

Please join us for our election and 2018 planning meeting. The office of President and Treasurer are open for nominations. We will plan out our meetings and ingathering items for 2018.

At this meeting we will be collecting toys and wrapping paper for Helping Appalachian Rural People.

I am extending this invitation to all ladies of St Paul and there will be carpooling available as well.

Ethel Schiemann

## **QUILTERS**

The quilters have more than a dozen quilts completed that have been donated to Orphan Grain Train. Orphan Grain Train is working in conjunction with H.A.R.P. to send these quilts and other supplies to the people of Puerto Rico.

## **TRUSTEES**

Special thanks to Andy Patrick for scraping, and painting all the outside window sills over the last month. Also to Dave Scaife who put another coat of preservative on the fence at the bottom of the hill. Scott Wiesemann was also busy trimming the hedges and shrubs on the sides of the church. Thanks to Scott Leu who painted our trash dumpster, everything is looking better as we head towards winter.

For those of you with pass codes and keys..... if you are no longer accessing the church, please turn in your keys and we can remove your name from the security system. Next year we may be changing the locks and updating the security system access.

As winter approaches and the snow begins, please be careful in the parking lots. Our snow removal and salt schedule will be in place. Please think about our senior members when parking during bad weather and allow those spaces near the door for our senior members.

Thanks to all the members who have helped keep our church clean and safe. To many of you who have taken out the trash, picked up litter, done some extra cleaning, or helped on some maintenance projects, we thank you.

The Trustees continue to work on maintaining all aspects of the church and property. If you notice anything that needs attention, please contact one of the Trustees or drop a note in the Trustee mailbox. Thank you.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is off to a wonderful start! Attendance has been steady, and we have many new friends joining us. We are averaging 45 students every week. Thank you parents for bringing your children!! Our teachers work very hard preparing lessons and are always excited when our classes are full.



The past two months we have studied Solomon, Elijah, Elisha and Jonah. We are still in the Old Testament this month and are studying, among a few others, Daniel in the Lions' Den and the Three Men in the Fiery Furnace. Do you remember hearing those lessons for the first time? Share this with your children!

I am thanking God for all your children. Happy Thanksgiving, Marci Sherepita

## EVANGELISM

Youth and adult news on the bulletin board - where is it? We've been scanning the newspapers and hoping to see pictures and articles of our members, to share with others. Any award certificates, received by our youth in school, can also be posted on the bulletin board. These will also be mentioned in the Sunday bulletin. Let's continue to learn how our members keep busy with many fun and worthwhile activities. These news articles can be given to Marilyn Rauhaus or Cindy Hawke in the church office.

"Free" Christmas cards will be arriving in November. In packets of twelve, the cards are a combination of religious and secular. They will be at the Welcome Center. Feel free to take them for your use or for someone you know who would appreciate them. Thank you to those who have donated cards for this Christmas activity.

The shut-in list is continually updated. This list is available to you on the bulletin board and attached to this month's newsletter. These special members welcome mail, phone calls, or visits from you. Please keep these members in mind, as Thanksgiving and Christmas will soon be here!

**REMEMBER OUR VERY SPECIAL MEMBERS**

**Perry Ellenberger** – 15835 Cowley Road, Grafton, Ohio 44044  
330-483-4855

**Jenny Gallen** – 1046 N. Jefferson St. Rm. 221, Medina, Ohio 44256, Elmcroft  
330-722-4349

**Sandy Helman** – 204 Westchester, Brunswick, Ohio 44212  
330-273-3218

**Wilma Hoermann** - 1047 Northford Ct., Medina OH 44256  
330-722-4284

**Bessie Keller** – Plum Creek, 891 Marks Rd., Room A11, Brunswick, OH 44212.  
330-483-3260

**Marion Nikel** - 4683 Ruby Lane, Brunswick, Ohio 44212, 330-220-6514

**Linda Petchler**–The Avenue, 699 E. Smith Road, Room 107, Medina, Ohio 44256. (no number listed)

**Elaine Reisner** - 1740 Marks Road, Valley City, Ohio 44280  
330-225-2473

**Lillian Wilson** – Plum Creek, 891 Marks Rd., A28, Brunswick, Ohio 44212,  
440-552-0857

***Rev. Jeff and Bailey Burgess, 609 S Maple St., Mancelona, MI 49659***  
***St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 211 Hinman St, Mancelona, MI 4965***

## **ADULT CHOIR**

The choir season has begun, but it's still not too late to join us. We would welcome one and all, who like to sing, and this invitation goes out to our high school students as well. Join us Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm. For more information see Kathy Fargo or Ray Miller.

## **HAND BELL CHOIR**

Interested in joining the Hand bell Choir but not sure if you want to commit for the full year. Give it a try, we are looking for more ringers for a bell piece to be played on December 17th in the Children's Christmas program. See Nicole Spry for more details.



## **VETERANS DAY**

Veterans Day is recognized on November 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Remember to thank a Veteran!

## CELEBRATING OUR GRANDPARENTS AND GRAND FRIENDS



Join the Youth and Confirmation members  
of

St. Paul Lutheran Church

As we celebrate our Grandparents and  
Seniors with a special meal prepared  
and served by our Youth.

**Sunday, November 12, 2017 - 5pm**

We will begin at 4:30pm with a short worship service with communion  
for those seniors who are members of St. Paul.

Then we will join with others at 5pm for a delicious dinner.

RSVP's are necessary

Grandparents – let your youth member know that you will be joining us.

Seniors – call the church office with  
your RSVP 330-483-3883.

**Youth and Confirmation Members, plan to arrive at 2:00pm.  
See Vicar Buvinghausen or Colleen Kato if you have any questions.**

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## VOTER'S MEETING

The Voter's Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** between the services at 9:15am.

This includes important elections for the Executive board for 2018-2019 and approving the budget for 2018. Please make time to attend.





## **HOMEMADE PUMPKIN ROLL**

Save yourself the time and hassle of making a homemade dessert this holiday season. The pumpkin rolls will arrive frozen and will thaw in 2-3 hours. Great gift for teachers, hosts, neighbors, and friends. The order forms are at the Welcome Center. Pumpkin Rolls will be available for pick-up on Sunday November 19, 2017.

## **HOMEMADE PUMPKIN ROLLS**

**\$10 PER ROLL**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Traditional \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free

Please leave your order form and money in the box at the Welcome Center. You may pay by cash or check (make the check payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church). You may also order on-line at [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org).

## THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us on **Wednesday evening, November 22 at 7:00pm** as we celebrate all of our many blessings that we have received from our Savior.

## HOLIDAY DECORATING

We are looking for volunteers to help decorate again this holiday season. We will decorate the Sanctuary on Saturday Nov. 25 at 9:00am. The sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center!



In the event that we may have to cancel a Worship Service or an event due to inclement weather, we will post the cancellation on WKYC (Ch. 3) and WEWS (Ch. 5). You may also call 330-483-3883 and listen to the voicemail for the cancellation. We will also add the cancellation notice to our website: [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org).

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all the members and friends of St. Paul who helped The Zielinski Family move. Your time and energy was very much appreciated.

A special thank you to Giovanna Bremke / Bremke Law for their expertise in handling some paperwork related to Pastor and Sara's move to Brunswick. They generously donated their time and resources to St Paul. Thank you very much!



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**St. Paul Lutheran Church, Valley City**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**October 17, 2017**

Attending: Pastor Zielinski, Dean Bremke, Michele Gatt, Dianne Holland, Mark Andrukat, Colleen Kato, Steve Kato, Vicar Garrett Buvinghausen, David Hesketh and Art Heyse

Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

Treasurers Report was presented by Michele Gatt

A motion was made by Mark Andrukat to approve the Treasurers report, this was seconded by Steve Kato and approved.

Christian Nurture - Colleen Kato reported that Sunday School is going well with attendance averaging about 45 students. The Youth Group visited the zoo on October 15th and is planning the grand friends dinner on November 12th.

Board of Evangelism - David Hesketh - The neighborhood visit went well with about 32 volunteers walking Liverpool Fields and placing door hangers.

Board of Elders - Steve Kato reported that we are creating an emergency plan. We now have dress guidelines for ushers, youth ushers and acolytes.

Finance - Dianne Holland reported that we have given envelope numbers to non-members.

Board of Trustees - Mark Andrukat reviewed some proposals for getting the roof replaced. Some of the outside windows have been painted. Zinn will be in to test the furnaces.

Pastors Report - Philip Zielinski

November 11th we will be hosting Lutheran High NW Band

Bible Study - Martin Luther and the Reformation

Confirmation Class - total of 23 students from both classes with 11 expected to be confirmed this year.

Adult information classes to begin on October 30th.

Vicar Report - Garrett Buvinghausen

Working on speech therapy.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study discussing Paul's Letter to the Romans with about 10-12 in attendance.

Leading 7 PM Thanksgiving service

Committee Reports presented by Dean Bremke:

IT Committee looking at options for accounting, Quick Books, Team Viewer and Church 360 Ledger.

Dinner Committee will be making Pumpkin Rolls again this Fall.

Old Business: The lean on the pastor's house has been moved to his new house.

New Business: The Fall Voters meeting will be November 19th. The new roof will be presented separately as a capital expenditure. A motion was made by Steve Kato to increase the housing allowance for the pastor to \$38,250. This was seconded by Colleen Kato and approved.

The meeting was closed with the Doxology.

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## Church Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bible Study 10am Pumpkin Roll baking 5-9:00pm	2 Choir Practice 7pm	3	4 <b>Daylight Savings time ends. Set your clocks back!</b>
5 8 & 10:30am Worship Service 9:15a SS & Bible Class	6 No Confirmation Adult Info. Class 6:00p 6p Handbell Rehearsal	7 LWML Meeting 10am	8 Bible Study 10am Pumpkin Roll baking 5-9:00pm	9 Choir Practice 7pm	10	11 Lutheran High Northwest Band Concert 7:30pm
12 8 & 10:30am Worship Service 9:15a SS Blood Pressure Clinic Grand friends Dinner 5p	13 Confirmation 6:00-7:30 Adult Information Class 6:00p 6p Handbell Rehearsal	14 Elder Meeting 7pm Pumpkin Roll baking 5-9:00pm	15 Bible Study 10am Quilters meet 12:00pm Pumpkin Roll baking 5-9:00pm	16 Choir Practice 7pm	17	18 LWML Lorain- Medina Zone meeting, 10:00 at Shepherd of the Ridge
19 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:15a SS Voters meeting 9:15am (no Bible Class) Pumpkin Roll pick up	20 Confirmation 6:00-7:30 Adult Information Class 6:00p 6p Handbell Rehearsal	21 Executive Board Meeting 7pm	22 Bible Study 10am <b>Thanksgiving Worship Service 7:00pm</b>	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25 Decorate for Christmas 9am
26 8 & 10:30am Worship Service 9:15a SS & Bible Class	27 Confirmation 6:00-7:30 Adult Information Class 6:00p 6p Handbell Rehearsal	28	29 Bible Study 10am	30 Choir Practice 7pm	31	

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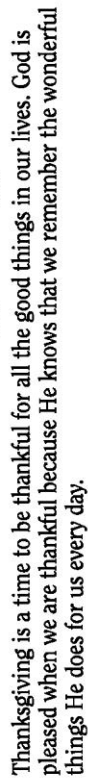
## Birthday/Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Natalie Myers			<b>Billy &amp; Tolley Schnurr # 11</b> Brian Dearth
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Larry Krueger	<b>Jeff &amp; Grace Bailey #18</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Ethel Schiemann # 47</b>		Miles Heyse	Laurie Baker Bill Schnurr IV	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Richard &amp; Dorothy Miller # 51</b> Diane Peters Jessica Shook		Allysa Metzger Ricky Rasschaert	Ethel Schiemann	David Spry Ezmarelda Winterstein Valeria Zielinski	Adam Read Kathe Stumpf	<b>Ron &amp; Holly Pierce # 22</b>
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Morgan Blaseg Richard Olee Reagan Sherry	<b>Don &amp; Debbie Gotsch # 45</b>		Aaron Blaine Anita Praisler	Madison Jakabcic Ron Pierce Joshua Whitmer	Holly Hinderer Molly Ross	Nina Spry
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Irene Sopata Margaret Weintz						



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***Psalm 107:1***

Answer: "Give thanks to the LORD for he is good."