



Mission Statement Of St Paul Lutheran Church

Led by the Holy Spirit we will

REACH out to those in need

PREACH the Good News of Jesus Christ

TEACH the grace of a loving God

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ROLLER SKATING

ALL WELCOME!



Sunday, Feb. 26

Departing at 12 noon from SPLC

Skating from 1-3:30 pm.

PLEASE JOIN US!

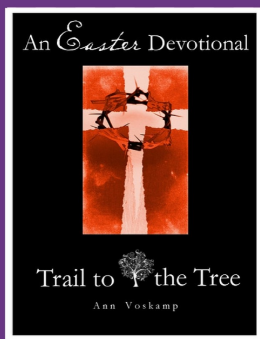
Wauseon Rollercade
340 W. Leggett St.

Prepare for *Lent*

**Wed. February 22,
6-8 pm**



ALL welcome! Not just for families!
Deepen the meaning of your Journey toward Easter



6 -6:30 pm Soup Supper
**6:30-8 Make your
own Easter Tree**

**Receive ornaments and
the Lenten Devotional
"Trail to the Tree"**

**You will go home with
all you need to begin a new
tradition this Lent**

PASTOR:
WORSHIP:

The Rev. David Brobston
Sunday School at 9:00 am
Confirmation at 9:00 am
Worship/Communion at 10:15 am
671 Clinton St., Defiance, Ohio 43512
Phone: 419-782-5771

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Simulcast on 102.7 FM

February 2017



Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As I am sitting to write this month's newsletter article I am at The Sawmill Leaders Event sponsored by the three synods in Ohio. It is nice to get together to study with clergy colleagues from all over the state, something we only get to do about once every three years. Some exciting news out of this year's event.

The first is, the Synod is working towards moving Synod Assembly to occur every other year, it will take us some time to coordinate elections, Churchwide Assembly, etc – it is something that we are hoping to move to in the next few years.

The second thing, and to me the most exciting development is that our Bishop has created a Bible Study for use in our congregations. It is a study of Ephesians, and from what I have seen thus far it is really very good. I would like us to undertake this study starting in Lent. I know we have our Wednesday gatherings, I was thinking perhaps a Sunday evening gathering, to look at the study. So, beginning March 5th and continuing through April 9th we will meet Sunday evenings at 7 for one hour. Just bring your Bible and prepare to grow.

The Bishop encouraged the clergy to be outside of the walls more often, things like “Prayer and Conversation”, “Dessert and Discussion”, and “Theology on Tap” are some thoughts, but he also mentioned Bible Studies outside of the normal spaces we gather. If you can think of a public space please let me know and we will see if we can make that happen

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February 18th. Not a day that means much to most people, but as I was looking at year end paperwork I realized that February 18th, 2007 was the day that my Letter of Call was issued from St. Paul's. I remember getting the phone call from Jim Ehlinger after the congregational vote and being on speaker. I remember the excitement, the hope, the joy.

During the past ten years we have shared a lot together. During the past ten years God's Holy Spirit has blessed our ministry in amazing ways. Ways that I doubt any of us would have imagined the first night Kayly and I met with the Call Committee. It has been an exciting ten years. I believe the time has come for us to renew that excitement, those promises we have made to one another. To my end, as I said at the Annual Meeting, I am going to be setting up a tenth anniversary opportunity for an Every Member Visit. I invite you to call the office or send me an email at splcdefipastor@gmail.com and set up a time for us to sit a bit, visit some, and pray together. I hope to hear from all of you soon.

Here's to the next steps in our journey together.

In Christ

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SCHEDULES FOR FEBRUARY 2017

ACOLYTES: 05 Felicity Barker, Suzi McBride
12 Ryan Yeager
19 Calib Brashear
26 Felicity Barker, Lauren Melia

CRUCIFER: 05 Emma Fedderke
26 Joe Melia

LECTOR: Diane Zeigler

GREETERS: 05 Nancy Nagel
12
19
26

USHERS: 05 Team #1, Jason Frederick, Capt.
12 Team #1, Jason Frederick, Capt.
19 Team #2, Buggs Sierra, Capt.
26 Team #2, Buggs Sierra, Capt.

FLOWERS: 05 Jim Barnes
12 Jim & Mary Ehlinger
19 Dyle & Eleanor Roth
26 Lowell & Sharon Ricker

When you have flowers, please ask that days usher captain to remove them from the altar for you. Thank you.

BULLETINS: 05 Steve & Diane Zeigler
12 Jim & Mary Ehlinger
19 Mike & Lynne Rittenour
26 Jeannette Melia

COMMUNION PRESENTER:

05 Recharge Ladies

COMMUNION SET-UP:

05 Lori Brandt, Julie Sasseen

COMMUNION SET-UP/SERVERS:

05 Stacy Barker, Lori Brandt, Julie Sasseen
12 Julie Sasseen
19 Stacy Barker
26 Jason Frederick, Julie Sasseen

LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS

John & Mary Dale
Jim & Cathy Martin
Lowell & Sharon Ricker
Dyle & Eleanor Roth
Chris Turner

FINANCIAL REPORT 2016

January	Income	\$ 18,253.98
	Expense	<u>(\$ 32,622.14)</u>
	Total	(\$ 14,368.16)
February	Income	\$ 20,399.21
	Expense	<u>(\$ 21,130.33)</u>
	Total	(\$ 731.12)
March	Income	\$ 19,746.00
	Expense	<u>\$ 18,876.65</u>
	Total	\$ 870.18
April	Income	\$ 18,572.45
	Expenses	<u>(\$ 20,640.85)</u>
	Total	(\$ 2,068.40)
May	Income	\$ 21,368.11
	Expenses	<u>(\$ 23,145.72)</u>
	Total	(\$ 1,777.61)
June	Income	\$ 14,189.62
	Expenses	<u>(\$ 19,526.22)</u>
	Total	(\$ 5,336.60)
July	Income	\$ 22,707.71
	Expenses	<u>\$ 19,452.00</u>
	Total	\$ 3,255.71
August	Income	\$ 14,308.31
	Expenses	<u>(\$ 40,244.23)</u>
	Total	(\$ 25,935.92)
September	Income	\$ 18,773.22
	Expenses	<u>(\$ 19,248.05)</u>
	Total	(\$ 474.83)
October	Income	\$ 26,978.98
	Expenses	<u>\$ 19,420.82</u>
	Total	\$ 7,558.16
November	Income	\$ 18,422.09
	Expenses	<u>\$ 20,850.54</u>
		(\$ 2,428.45)
December	Income	\$ 34,616.41
	Expenses	<u>\$ 21,099.10</u>
		\$ 13,517.31

AVG WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2016

Jan	122	July	92
Feb	183	Aug	101
Mar	241	Sept	113
Apr	108	Oct	111
May	124	Nov	130
June	79	Dec	193

Our love and prayers go out to...

Prayer list information

Next time you're about to submit a request for inclusion on the prayer list please ask the following questions. Did that person give permission to the office? Does that person wish the information to be shared publicly? If the answer to either question is "NO" your prayer request violates the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA).

If we do not have personal permission for inclusion we will only publish first names. *These are the guidelines from the ELCA provided at last Fall's Synod Conference meetings.*

Our love and prayers go out to...

Keith Ashbacher	Sherryl Bell	Coit Black
June Burke	Cheryl Burroughs	Carol Creps
Delbert Diemer	Debbie Doan	Phil Fogt
Mary Frost	Roger Grogg	Leland Guisinger
Hal Haviland	Shirley Homan	Janice Johansen
Ruth Johnson	Tammy McCoy	Jodie Mellos
Dani Merillat	Ted Nicely	J.T. Nusbaum
Dean Purdy	Marilyn Purdy	Esther Reimund
Kristen Sanders	Richard Sherman	Betty Steed
Mona Snyder	Ella Suderman	Dee Weisenfelder
Alexis	Alice	Anne
Carol	Chris	Cindy
Devin	Don	Doug
George	Grace	Hal
Joan	Jodi	John
Les	Lucas	Maddie
Matt	Myka Joy	Pauline
Sally	Sandy	Scott
Steve	Steven	Sue
Tom	Wendy	

Those who are in nursing homes, assisted living and extended illnesses:

LeAnn Bohn, Pauline Cordray, Rosemary Mehring,
Agnes Rudolph, Rachel Sontchi, Charlotte Warncke

Also, please be aware that the pastor and church office are not automatically notified of your admission to a hospital, due to the HIPPA laws. If your stay is a planned one please contact the church office or have a relative contact us.

In some cases, even if you tell the hospital it is all right to contact us, it may not occur. You personally contacting the church office should be the primary way the message of your hospitalization reaches the pastor. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Please continue to raise our nation, its leaders, and our personnel "in harm's way" in your prayers. Let us not forget to pray for them and to thank God for His blessings. We, as Christians, should also witness God's love by praying for our enemies in all this. Keep in mind Christ died and was raised from the dead for them also and we were called in our Baptism to witness to the entire world. We particularly commend the following who are members of our congregation:

Major Tamara Funari,

Daughter of Ron and Connie Allgire

Sgt. Kerry Schnitz,

Son of Larry and Cheryl Burroughs

We also remember in prayer those relatives of members.

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St. Sgt. Mark Beck,

Son-in-law of Wayne Davis

Buck Sgt. Joshua T Bell, USAF,

Nephew of Laurie Moll

SFC E7 James Fluechtling,

Grandson of Mary Frost

USAF Jason Griffith,

Grandson of Howard and June Burke

USM 2nd Lt. Dustin Hughes,

Grandson of Barb Bibler

PFC E-3 Cole Jennings,

Grandson of Roger and Mert Grogg

Sgt. Chad McDaniel,

Grandson of Barb Bibler

Carl Melton,

Nephew of Al and Dee King

Staff Sgt. Kendra Oehlerich,

Granddaughter of Charlotte Warncke

OS2 Tim Rau,

Nephew of Joe and Theresa Hiler

SFC Frank Steed,

Step-brother of Pastor Dave

Sgt. Gaylord Proxmire III,

Son of Gaylord & Pat Proxmire

USM Micajah Hagerman,

Son of Jolene Hagerman

Members of the military in active service and their families. We are honored and pleased to pray for those in need. We do ask that persons asking for non members to be listed will keep us updated monthly.

THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY OUR KIDS' NOISY
OFFERINGS WILL BE PROVIDING ALL THESE ITEMS:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Item Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
3	Family Farms	\$ 715	\$ 2,145
1	Cow	500	500
10	Pigs	30	300
5	Goats	50	250
2	Sheep	125	250
7	Chickens	10	70
5	Honey Bee Colonies	20	100
1	Fish Farm	250	250
1	Community Well	2,500	2,500
14,000	Water Purification Tablets	0.01	140
1	Irrigation Canal	100	100
9	Health Clinic Visits	10	90
4	Child Vaccinations	30	120
90	Meals for HIV/AIDS Orphans	0.70	63
3	Supplies for Health Clinics	75	225
2	Train Health Clinic Staff	100	200
6	Single Mosquito Nets	10	60
1	Mosquito Nets for a Village	250	250
50	Malaria Treatments	3	150
5	School Uniforms & Fees	40	200
4	School Supplies	10	40
1	Start a Village Bank	25	25
1	Biogas Stove	500	500
1	Supply a Classroom	400	400
1	Cook Stove	50	50
2	Fruit Tree Seedlings	10	20
4	Farm Tools	25	100
5	Emergency Survival Kits	75	375
1	Feed a Family for a Week	10	10
19	Blankets	10	190
50	Soup Kitchen Meals	2	100
11	Stock a Backpack with Food	10	110
3	Bibles	12	36
1	Support a Young Adult in Global Mission	30	30
1	Support a New Congregation Overseas	100	100

GRAND TOTAL IS

\$ 10,049



A group for those who have lost a spouse

Meeting the 3rd Monday of each
month at St. Paul Lutheran Church
671 Clinton St. Defiance

Come share
conversation,
Scripture & Prayer
& fun

Next
meeting
Feb. 20

at 6:30pm

ALL WELCOME

psalm 121
my strength
comes from
the Lord

Enter doors across from
Defiance Jr. High Football Field
Questions? 419.956.1267

THRIVENT – February 2017



It is the middle of winter already and it seems to be flying by as fast as some of the winds of January were blowing. Following my music theme, this is not about the winds but the sounds we will be hearing again soon at St. Paul. During the first weekend, there will be the Women's Recharge Weekend Retreat. Music is a big part of the retreat and there will be various songs this year. Some songs are selected for their calming and relaxing effect on the attendees, others will be for the message conveyed in the lyrics, some have personal meaning to fit the witness message shared, and others will be a lively spirit lifting type of music. Music is not all that happens at the Retreat. The team puts in a lot of time and effort to create the best one for all the women involved. It is all about God, your faith, prayer time, and having fun with other Christian women. And, of course, there will be plenty of food and beverages for meals and snacks. One of our Thrivent action teams is helping fund some of the food items for this event. Let's keep all the women, the presenting teams and the attendees in our prayers during this early February weekend. If you have any other questions, you may contact Stacy Barker or any members of the team.

Once again, I want to remind our members to keep giving your Choice Dollars. This program helps with so many things going on at St. Paul. Since the program started in 2010 to November 2016, St. Paul has been given over \$17,000. We truly appreciate your help with these donations. Last year 28 of our members gave their Choice dollars. So far less than 10 members have done this for the Choice Dollars earned in 2016. Please check to see that you have given the complete amount you earned in 2016 before the March 31st deadline.

Another type of music that we will be hearing again soon is the sound of the Taize service at our Lenten Wednesday evening services. We have become very familiar with this style in the last several years as we use it at almost all our midweek services during Lent, summer services, and our Advent services. I believe this style of worship began in the early 1940s by a man who returned to his mother's native region in Europe, in the Burgundy area of France. It was a style of worship meant to comfort with a time for meditation and give spiritual sharing with others, many who were fleeing Nazi persecution.



And I must also mention the Action Teams. I really do hope we can get nearly all our members to help with at least one Action Team this year. Thank you to those who have already helped with the youth fundraising programs. Let's put our heads together to find ways to share and help others at the same time. It is simple to do and it can make a big difference. Try looking around for an idea or a way you can see that this benefit can help others. Let me know and I can walk you through the steps to get started. Rejoice in the Lord and celebrate your faith and keep it strong! Thank you for your continued support.

Cathy Martin, Head Thrivent Congregational Advocate

St. Paul Lutheran February 2017

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6-7:30 JLL/DIRT/K-1 7:00 pm Choir	2 Retreat Set-up	3 Retreat Set-up	4 Recharge - commences
5 9:00 am Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 am Worship Recharge - continues	6 7-8 pm Conflict to Communion	7	8 6-7:30 JLL/DIRT/K-1 7:00 pm Choir	9 7-8 pm Women's Bible Study	10	11
12 9:00 am Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 am Worship	13 7-8 pm Conflict to Communion	14	15 6-7:30 JLL/DIRT/K-1 7:00 pm Choir	16	17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	18
19 9:00 am Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 am Worship Recharge: Afternoon of Discipleship	20 6:30 pm Carrying On 7-8 pm Conflict to Communion	21 6:00 pm Church Council meets	22 1pm BETA Circle @ Nancy Deitrick 6-8 pm JLL/DIRT/K-1 Prepare for Lent All Congregation 7:00 pm Choir	23 7-8 pm Women's Bible Study	24	25
26 9:00 am Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 am Worship 12:00 pm Youth Roller Skating 1:30 pm Gentle Worship	27 7-8 pm Conflict to Communion	28				



Women's Retreat 2017 Information

Q: What is it?

A: A Recharge weekend is a chance for you to get away to focus on yourself and God. A chance to pause. Breathe. Pray. Time to open yourself up to your relationship with God and connect with a group of women who love Him too. It is a place where surprising things will happen as we gather to see what God is up to in our lives.

Quotes from those who have attended:

"I wasn't sure I even wanted to go my first time. I felt happy in my relationship with God. But I never imagined how much better it could be. Not how much it would mean to meet Christian friends."

"I went after hearing about it from a friend. I wasn't sure I would even stay. Honestly I can't begin to tell you how welcome I felt

from the moment I got there. I don't know when I have smiled so much. And I re-connected with God. It has changed my faith life to feel Him near."

Q: Do I have to talk?

A: No. Really. No. We do not pressure you to participate. We welcome sharing. We never require it.

Q: So what do we do there?

A: It is unlike any other retreat you've attended. Team members have prepared to tell you stories from our lives about how God works throughout the Christian life. Come see how God is powerfully active in each of us. We also spend time in personal prayer, community prayer, and in fellowship and fun. We come together to Recharge our faith life.

Q: We spend the night?

A: The Recharge team recommends you come prepared to spend the night. It is not required but often we have found people who did not plan to stay really wish they had. We have comfortable air mattresses for you. Just bring some bedding/sleeping bag and your

pillow. If you want to return to your own bed however, that is not a problem. Please try to stay to the end on Saturday night, and return first thing Sunday morning. Otherwise you will miss a great deal. Also, may we suggest? Pack a bag and leave it in the car in case you change your mind. You wouldn't be the first.

Q: What about food?

A: Delicious food is provided for you. If you have any special needs or allergies please let us know and we will attempt to accommodate them.

Q: How much is this going to cost?

A: There is an anonymous free will donation at the end of the weekend. Do not let cost be a barrier.

Q: How do I sign up?

A: We're glad you asked! You can call Stacy Baker 419-769-3412 OR St. Paul Lutheran Church and register by phone or fill out the form on the other side of this Q & A Sheet.

The Recharge Team knows it can be hard to commit to your first retreat. We were uncomfortable too. But we'd encourage you to come give it a try. It is 1 1/2 winter days that may lead you to a closer walk with the Jesus who loves you dearly. Come find out what is in store for you.



Please mail/email/call in your completed registration to:

St. Paul Lutheran Church

671 Clinton St.

Defiance, Ohio 43512

Phone: 419-782-5771 or Stacy @ 419-769-3412 or Email
stpaulyouthandfamily@gmail.com

Women's Retreat

Recharge Women's Retreat Form

____ Yes, I wish to attend the Recharge Women's Retreat at St. Paul Lutheran Church on February 4th and 5th, 2017

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE: Home: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____

Please provide 3 contact people from among your family and friends.

1. Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

3. Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please specify any special dietary needs or allergies you may have;

This weekend is all about God, faith, and fun. Plan to arrive at 8 am on Saturday, February 4th for breakfast. We encourage comfortable clothing and staying overnight here at St. Paul. All meals and snacks are provided. Just bring a change of clothes, any toiletries you might need and a sleeping bag. We will send you a welcome letter to provide you some additional information. Now prepare yourself for a great get away!

Are you not able to attend both days? Please let us know when you are able to attend. _____ Please understand that there are limited spots available and priority will be given to registrants who will be attending both days. If you can't attend both days please don't let this stop you from registering. We will place your name on the list and let you know if we are unable to fulfill your registration.

Questions? Phone Stacy Barker @ 419-769-3412.

Birthdays

2/1 Mary Davis
Landon Replogle
2/2 Jennefer Garcia
Gloria Myers
2/3 Vivienne Replogle
2/4 Amy O'Mara
Charlotte Warncke
2/6 Julia Bauer
Doug Davis
Joe Hiler
Tim Leonard
Al Maag
2/7 Karissa Schnitz
2/8 Howard Burke
Ryan Voll
2/9 Dan Bowen
Evan Ehlinger
Jim Ehlinger
Bruce Griffith
2/10 Chesney George
Jaxon Weaver
2/11 Nicole Huddleston
2/13 Mollie Roberts
2/14 Pat Bohn
Wayne Davis
2/15 Alyssia McDowell
2/16 Renae Noffsinger
2/17 Ronald Dingus
Janice Doeden
Zoe Gomez
2/18 Bowen Schultz
2/19 Mia Kammeyer
2/20 Michelle Noffsinger
Luke Szabo
2/21 Stella Faykosh
2/22 Kari Austin
Eric Rittenour
Mike Rittenour
2/23 Brette Griffith
2/24 Ryne Maag
2/25 Brenden Wicks
2/27 Caroline Turner
Ryan Yeager
2/28 Harry Brown

February 2017

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Wedding Anniversaries

2/1 Bill & Jane Parker
2/2 Heath & Brandi Ehlinger
2/10 Michael & Lindsey Bailey
2/14 Bill & Pat Smith
2/16 Dyle & Eleanor Roth
2/20 Matt & Kacey Hampton
2/21 Stan & Kelly Hartzell
2/24 Bernie & Diana Horzelski
2/25 Tim & Brenda Leonard

**Baptism
Anniversaries**

2/1 Curtis McBride
Layne Paxton
2/2 Laurie Lucas
2/5 Trenton Florence
2/9 Grant Miller
Cheryl Rosebrock
2/10 Phillip Block
Brian Fedderke
2/12 Ashley Snyder
2/13 Matthew Haviland
2/14 Becky Gutman
Julie Sasseen
2/15 Mike Roth
2/17 Jim Ehlinger
2/18 Chris Bauer
Howard Burke
June Burke
2/22 Steve Rittenour
2/23 Taylor Brandt
Cody Griffith
2/24 Doug Cooper
2/25 Noah Gomez
Piper Hampton
Brenden Wicks
2/26 John Berthold
Zada Kochel
2/27 Dick Burk
Brian McDowell
2/28 Heath Ehlinger

Help me keep our records accurate!!!!

If your birthday or anniversary is not here or is not correct **PLEASE** let me know 419-782-5771 or stpauloffice@stpaulcadedfiance.com

Thanks,
Lynn

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DEFIANCE, OH 43512-2654

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STAFF

Presiding Bishop	Rev. Elizabeth Eaton
NWO Bishop	Rev. Marcus Lohrmann
Pastor	Rev. David Brobston
Dir. of Youth & Family	Julie Sasseen
Secretary	Lynn Roth
Sexton	Jane Tuttle
Organist	Lori Schultz
Music Director	Jeremy Davis
Nursery Attendant	Kim Alvarado

Church Council

President	Nancy Krouse
V. President	Jim Ehlinger
Treasurer	Denise Moog
Secretary	Collette Knight
Discipleship	Shirley Keller
Trustee	Gaylord Proxmire
Stewardship	Jenny Maag

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