

Mission Statement Of St Paul Lutheran Church

Led by the Holy Spirit we will

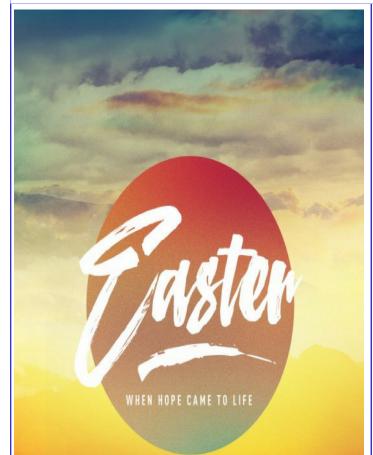
REACH out to those in need

PREACH the Good News of Jesus Christ

TEACH the grace of a loving God

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ALL WELCOME! SUNDAY APRIL 1

St. Paul Lutheran

671 Clinton St. Defiance

Worship at 8 & 10:30. Breakfast at 9 am

www.stpaulelcadefiance.com



THE ANNUAL EASTER BREAKFAST

IN BETWEEN 8 & 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICES -ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Youth will serve a full breakfast Free Will Donation to the Youth Gathering. Come celebrate our Risen Savior!

Pastor: The Rev. David Brobston WORSHIP: Sunday School at 9:00 am Confirmation at 9:00 am Worship/Communion at 10:15 am 671Clinton St., Defiance, Ohio 43512 Phone: 419-782-5771 splcdefipastor@gmail.com lynnsplcoffice@gmail.com stpaulyouthandfamily@gmail.com Web Page: www.stpaulelcadefiance.com Simulcast on 102.7 FM



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

During Holy Week I dusted off an old book on my shelf. *"Seeing through Our Tears"* by Daniel Bagby. It's a book about God's grace, God's mercy and God's promise – powerful things during Holy Week and Easter.

In one of the chapters Pastor Bagby talks about struggling to feel forgiveness, something that many of us wrestle with. In the chapter the author states, "Sometimes, we have trouble believing that God can forgive us." He spends the rest of the section breaking that down for his readers. He states, "The scriptural truth is that we have asked the wrong question. It is not "What can't God forgive?" but "Where have I placed limits on God's grace in my life? The boundaries of forgiveness are not drawn by God, but by us – and we can remove them." Pastor Bagby goes on to say that we may need to ask ourselves if it's really God's forgiveness we are anxious over, or forgiveness of others.

Bagby reminds his readers that there are times when people will deliberately withhold grace for many reasons and goes on to remind about Jesus telling those who are without sin to cast the first stone in John 7. He adds, "We may need to accept God's grace, even when others chose not to forgive... If we feel unforgiven, we need to be reminded that God DOES forgive us and releases us to new life daily as he has done since Creation. We read about this grace in Psalm 103: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. ⁹He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; ¹⁰he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."

Pastor Bagby reminds us of God's promises of grace – he continues, "Often we say that God cannot forgive us when the problem is we cannot forgive ourselves." Part of that struggle is we think we know ourselves better than God, we think we know better than God. Bagby encourages us to remember that God has responded with grace to "unstable and regularly inconsistent" set of disciples forever. Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David, the apostles were all imperfect people shown the amazing grace of God. "When we resist forgiveness we may be unintentionally challenging God by suggesting that we understand the nature of our sin better than God."

I'd like to share one last paragraph from Pastor Bagby's book – indeed much of this month's letter is directly from this reading that has had such an impact on me these past few days. "Christ reminds us that he knows his sheep and that he loves even those that who betray him. The power of Christ's forgiveness is felt both at table, where his best friends confess they had considered betraying him (Mark 14) and on the cross when he asks the Father to forgive his crucifiers because they didn't understand what they were doing (Luke 23)... We need to remember Christ sought to forgive Peter and release him after his denial. The fact that Judas AND Peter were both guilty of the same offense can not be lost. Judas couldn't accept forgiveness or forgive himself. Peter struggle through remorse to grace and became the rock on which Christ's Church was built."

May you walk in grace PD+

SCHEDULES FOR APRIL 2018

ACOLYTES:

01 8:00 am Ryne Maag, Lauren Melia 10:15 am Lexi Barker, Calib Brashear

CRUCIFERS:

01 8:00 am Symara Hagerman 10:15 am Symara Hagerman

LECTOR: Tim & Denise Moog

USHERS:

- 01 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Captain
- 08 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Captain
- 15 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Captain
- 22 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Captain
- 29 Team 1, Jason Frederick, Captain

ALTAR FLOWERS:

- 01 Dan & Jane Tuttle
- 80
- 15 Jim & Dianne Kline
- 22
- 29

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

BULLETINS:

- 01 Mike & Lynne Rittenour 08
- 15 Jim & Dianne Kline
- 22 Mike & Lynne Rittenour

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COMMUNION SET-UP & SERVERS:

01 Easter: set-up, Jason Frederick Presenters at 8am: John & Mary Dale Servers at 8am:

> Jason Frederick, Denise Moog, Mike Pierson

Servers at 10:30 am: Stacy Barker, Lori Brandt, Julie Sasseen

- 08 Julie Sasseen
- 15 Stacy Barker
- 22 Jason Frederick
- 29 Lori Brandt

FINANCIAL REPORT 2018

January	Income Expenses Total	\$19,813.19 <u>\$23,151.11</u> (\$3,337.92)
February	Income <u>Expenses</u> Total	\$ 18,281.17 <u>\$ 21,068.10</u> (\$ 2,786.93)
March	Income <u>Expenses</u> Total	\$ \$

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2018 January - 100 February - 108 March - 158 (inc. Bible Study/Holden)

LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS:

Tim Moog Lowell & Sharon Ricker Chris Turner

ALTAR GUILD TEAM FOR APRIL:

Ann Essex Dee King

Thank you's...

I would like to thank everyone for their visits, cards, and prayers during my recent surgery. God's many Blessings to you all. Jim Eis and family

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Frí	Sat
1 Easter 8 am Early Service 9 am Easter Breakfast 10:30 am Service	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9 am Sunday School 9 am Confirmation 10:15 am worship 6 pm Nehemiah Bible Study @ Cosmos	9	10 6pm Church Council	<i>11</i> 6-7:30 pm DIRT/ JLL/K-1 YOUTH MEET 7:00 pm Choir	12	13 Recharge Overnight Potluck @ 6:30 pm Mtg. 7:30 pm	14 Recharge Eat @ 8:30 am Discernment @ 9:30 am
15 9 am Sunday School 9 am Confirmation 10:15 am worship	16 ADK Mtg. 4-7 pm	17	18 6-7:30 pm DIRT/ JLL/K-1 YOUTH MEET 7:00 pm Choir	19	20 NEWS- LETTER DEADLINE	21
22 9 am Sunday School 9 am Confirmation 10:15 am worship	23	24	25 6-7:30 pm DIRT/ JLL/K-1 YOUTH MEET 7:00 pm Choir 1pm BETA Mtg. @ Diana Horzelski	26 Lori Schultz Recital prac.	27	28
29 9 am Sunday School 9 am Confirmation 10:15 am worship	30					
Lori Schultz Recital 1-5 pm						

In the Kitchen with Service Guild...

Team 4 is our next team to be profiled. The members of this team are: Martha Cooper (semi-retired after too many years of service to count), Mary and Jim Ehlinger (we'll talk about Jim later), Jane Parker, Larry and Kris Heilman, Jean Gaskill and Stacy Barker. Stacy and Jim are the "greenies" this year. The team members are training them.

This is the only team in Service Guild to have two menus. September to April their menu includes barbeque pork steak, baked herb potatoes, and steamed California vegetables. Their summer menu came after a request from Rotary for a lighter menu. This includes spinach and sun-baked tomato wraps, three-bean salad and potato salad.

Turning the oven off way too soon and forgetting to add a fairly important ingredient are among their most serious mistakes. One Monday they were sent the ham loaf meat but Martha saved the day!

The same question has been asked to all the teams and have gotten the same answers. "Why do you work for Service Guild?" Friendship, service and companionship. Well, my team was much more ??? Well, hold on! This is what team 4 said: "My mom said I had to," or "It is just expected." and "for the good of the cause" and last but not least - "No was not the right answer!"

As you see Team 4 is fearless.

Service Guild President Jean Gaskill

THRIVENT - APRIL 2018



Is it really almost Easter? Some of our days are warmer now, but winter's cold winds have stayed longer this year, it seems. The weather forecasts have been up and down for several weeks now. And I'll admit my moods have also been up and down. Sometimes I don't mind the cold winds because I am happy to snuggle under a warm blanket and read my favorite mystery book. But on other days I have places to go and things I need to get done, and on those frosty mornings, scraping frost and snow from car windows isn't my favorite thing to do.

Thank you to everyone who attended "A Taste of Italy" and helped our youth group earn more money for their trip to Houston this summer. A big round of applause for all the adults and youth who worked to prepare the delicious food, turned the dining hall into an Italian cafe and did all the work to put this together and make it a wonderful success.



As we are moving into Spring and watching as we see more new growth coming to the trees and the flower bulbs that are sprouting, please remember to let your prayer time grow as well. Say a prayer each day for someone you love, your family, and maybe a new friend. You don't have to know their name, you may pray "the smiling teller at the bank today"—God knows who that is.

What a wonderful way to enjoy spreading more good feelings this time of the year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Cathy Martin Head Thrivent Congregational Coordinator

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...

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Sharon Fitzenrider	Phil Fog	t Ma	ry Frisi	nger
Kenny Frost				Grogg
Leland Guisinger	Hal Havi	land	Liz He	rmiller
Shelly Hermiller			Ruth Johnson	
Charlene Larson	Brenda L	eonard	Tamm	y McCoy
Jodie Mellos	Dani Mer	illat	Al Mol	1
J.T. Nusbaum	Cheryl Pa	rsons	Dean P	urdy
Marilyn Purdy	Esther Re	imund	Bud Sa	ailer
Kristen Sanders	Ella Sude	rman	Al	Alexis
Alice Anne	Baby Grad	ce	Becky	Z Bob
Carol Chris	Corbin		Devin	Dick
Don Doug			Eric	Grace
Jane Jerry	Jim		Jodi	John
Jon Josie	Larry		Les	Lori
Lucas Made	lie	Marlen	e	Marvin
Mary Matt			loy	Pat
Pauline Phyll:	is			Richard
Roland Sally		Sandy		Scott
Sheena Stace	у			Steven
Sue Tamm	ıy	Thelma	l	Tom

Those who are in nursing homes, assisted living and extended illnesses: LeAnn Bohn, June Burke, Pauline Cordray, Ned & Dorothy Dunbar, Rosemary Mehring, Agnes Rudolph, Brenda Schultz, Wilma Seip, 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 1st Sgt. Kerry Schnitz,

Son of Larry Burroughs

We also remember in prayer those relatives of members.

St. Sgt. Mark Beck, Son-in-law of Wayne Davis Buck Sqt. Joshua T Bell, USAF, Nephew of Al and Laurie Moll SFC E7 James Fluechtling, Grandson of Mary Frost **USAF** Jason Griffith, Grandson of 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 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.

If you wish to send a card or note to any of our members in the service contact the church office for addresses. If you have address corrections for members in the military, please contact us. Thank you.

Join us for the 23rd Annual Neighborhood "Clean Up Your Park Day"



Saturday, April 7th, 2018

JUST SHOW UP AT A PARK NEAREST YOU: BRONSON, KINGSBURY, LATTY'S GROVE, RIVERSIDE, DIEHL, PONTIAC PARK, FORT GROUNDS AND THE RESERVOIR



<u>~BRING ALONG RAKES, SHOVELS, BROOMS,</u> <u>GLOVES AND BOOTS FOR HELPING</u> <u>IN THE CLEANUP. DON'T FORGET</u> <u>TO BRING A FRIEND!</u>

Lunch at Diehl Park @ 11:30am PLUS get a FREE T-shirt!

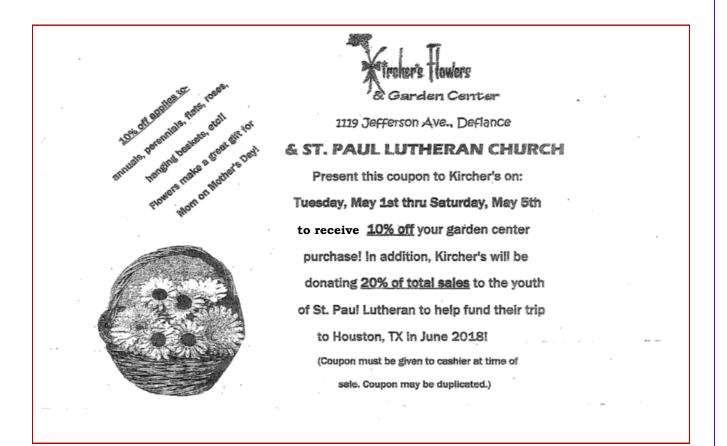


CONTACT PERSON: PARKS DIVISION – JACKIE (419) 782-2240 *PLEASE CALL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS EVENT!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The youth of SPLC will be having a fundraiser May 1st through May 5th

Use the coupon below for a discount of 10% off your purchase while Youth will receive 20% of total sales to go towards the GATHERING in June!!



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HOLY WEEK



Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday~March 29 12 pm Communion and Footwashing 7 pm First Communion and Footwashing, Good Friday~March 30 12-3 Community Worship at St. Paul's United Methodist 3 pm Stations of the Cross Leaves from St Mary's Roman Catholic 7 pm St. Paul Lutheran~ Solemn Reproaches of the Cross Easter Sunday~April 1 8 am Worship 9 am Breakfast 10:30 am Worship

MAUNDY Thursday

MARCH 29 12 AND 7 PM

12 PM COMMUNION &

FOOTWASHING

7 PM FIRST COMMUNION FOOT WASHING & STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR



MARCH 30, 7 PM ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

Worship will include the ancient Good Friday bidding prayers



March 31

9-12

8-clean up **Come have fun** and raise Youth **Gathering Funds! Parents also needed!**

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER-ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL

	Birthdays
4/1	Christian Martinez
1/ -	Matt Pfund
4/4	Louis Helton, Jr.
4/5	Larry Saxton
4/6	Dee King
1/ -	Sherry Yeager
4/7	Jerell Call
1/ /	Mary Ehlinger
	John Engel
	Rachel Sontchi
4/8	Delbert Diemer
.,	Kerry Tuttle
4/9	Aubrey Florence
., .	Minda Hohl
4/11	Jacob Rosebrock
4/13	Steve Ruyle
4/14	Anthony Bowen
	Roger Grogg
	Danny Hill
4/17	Linda Hiner
	Gene Schram
4/19	John Boesling
	Steve Wendell
4/20	Rachael Bowling
	Dorothy Dunbar
,	Janaya Vielma
4/21	Ryan Dale
4/23	Josh Seip
	Jan Sisco Rachael Wardinski
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4/27	Steven Kammeyer, Sr.
4/29	Nancy Seling-Nagel
4/30	Brent Korhn
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Weddings

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4/6	Harold and Kathy Yeager
4/7	Jim and Cathy Martin
4/21	Dave and Kim Alvarado
	Doug and Deb Hancock
4/22	Chad and Jennifer Yeager
4/22 4/24	Dave and Fran Coonrod
4/26	Greg and Yvonne Dale
4/28	Dennis & Amy Kimpel
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Baptisms

4/1	Evey Boesling	
4/1 4/2	Joel Austin	
	Kari Austin	
	Gerald Mansfield	
4/3	Mert Grogg	CLURIN
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4/6	Dorothy Dunbar	
.,	Sharon Fitzenrider	
	Danny Hill	
4/7	Richard Haviland	
	Allie Saylor	
	Cooper Snyder	
	Jaxon Weaver	

	Baptisms – Cont.
4/8	Ryan Barringer Kari Rohrbaugh
4/9	Lois Eis
1, 2	Lance Newman
4/10	Nora Newman Carl Fairchild
4/10	Bill Krouse
4/11	Baine Dingus
4/12	Dan Bowen
	Janice Doeden Jacob Fenter
	Jeannette Melia
4/13	Mary Dale
	Steve Korhn Al Schnitz
4/14	Martha Cooper
1/ - 1	Jeff Fogt
	Jordan Sasseen
4/1=	Karissa Schnitz Pupa Maag
4/15 4/16	Ryne Maag Lori Brandt
4/17	Stacy Barker
	Anthony Martinez
4/19	Christian Martinez Chesney George
4/19	Ryan Yeager
4/20	Renae Noffsinger
4/21	Ann Essex
	Tori Leonard Amy O'Mara
	Mollie Roberts
4/22	Mark Barrett
	John Boesling Caroline Turner
4/23	Ryan Voll
4/26	Matt Thomas
4/27	Brian Gutman
4/28	Tateum Bailey Ned Dunbar
4/20 4/29	Jean Gaskill
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Fir	st Communion
4/1	Kaylee Brashear
	Aubrey Florence
1/2	Jordan Sasseen Alexis Barker
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First Communion—Cont.

	That Communion Gol	π.
4/10	Anthony Bowen Carrie Fedderke Mogan Turnor	
4/17	Megan Turner Jerell Call Trevin Flickinger Zoe Gomez Cody Harris Maci McDowell Caleb Sierra	
4/20	Brenden Wicks Brette Griffith	
4/21	Renae Noffsinger Felicity Barker	
4/21	Emma Fedderke Janaya Vielma Sheldon Harris Suzi McBride Joe Melia Destiny Woodward	
	Ryan Ýeager	
	Confirmation	
4/1 4/3	Jeff Fogt Lisa Burrell Gerald Mansfield Fern Reimund	
4/4	Terry Seimet Cheryl Rosebrock	
4/6	Fred Fitzenrider	
4/7	Charlotte Warncke Doug Cooper Kay Frost	
4/8	Janis Thomas Buggs Sierra	
4/11	Andrea Wardinski Baine Dingus Jim Ehlinger	
	Bill Krouse Julie Steele	
	John Stykemain	
	Laura Weaver James Yeager	
4/12	Nicki Frederick William Smith	
4/14	Harold Hahr	
4/15	Chub Wahl Evey Boesling	
4/17	Mary Geiger Rhonda Haviland Nancy Seling-Nagel Patty Proxmire Carol Burk Mert Grogg	
4/18 4/25	Julie Voll	
4/29	Alyssia McDowell	
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Alexandra Sasseen **Travis Beardsley**

Noah Gomez

Olivia Flores

Sirenah Gomez Lauren Melia Kendra Perez

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Hailee Keirsey Ryne Maag Gabriele Flores

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Agencies Supported By St. Paul

Lutheran Home Society Lutheran Social Services LSS- Western Region Office Filling Home LOMO Aya Secondary School- Dodoma Diocese, ELC Tanzania RAVENS Project Share Northwestern Ohio Synod WELCA Habitat for Humanity



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Music Director	Steven Wendell
Nursery Attendant	Kim Alvarado

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