

# 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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\*DON'T MISS CHURCH\*
SUNDAY AUGUST 5th!\*

Rev. Robin Brown visits St. Paul & we bring in a huge NOISY OFFERING!

BRING THIS to church on Sunday!



The COWS are **COMING!**to the St. Paul Petting
Zoo! (along with other
animals!)

Then plan to eat some of THIS!

Hotdogs, burgers, brats, chips, and ice cream!





ORSHIP: Sundays at 9:30 am ednesdays:

Holden Evening Service (Market 19:40 am Service)

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#### St. Paul Lutheran Newsletter



August 2018

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

What a summer this has been. Sending our young folks and leaders off to The Gathering! Having folks from all over gather here for Revival 2018! Celebration of 25 years! It's been a whirlwind, it's moved fast, before you know it folks will be closing up lake houses, school will be back in session and Buckeye/ Wolverine/Crimson Tide/Wildcat football will be filling our Saturday afternoons!

Fall will bring about some visible work around St. Paul's as well as Sunday School and Choir will be starting back up, worship times will move, Catechism will be underway, youth programs will ramp back up to full speed, and overall activities will start to hum. You will also see a couple of big items around the building this fall as our parking lot is redone and a new sign and landscaping will be installed. It's an exciting time for our congregation.

As I sit to write this I am honestly a bit overwhelmed. It seems like the summer has flown by and in just a couple of days I will hug Nicole, try not to cry, and wave as she heads to the University of Arizona to begin her new career. I will be proud, but also sad because in truth – change is not easy. Even when it's change that is good, when it's change that causes growth, when it is change that God has called us to, change is not easy.

Over the years I have read many books on change. Studied from some great teachers on how to lead change because as we all know, it's not the good old days and most of my ministry has been surrounded by huge change in and around congregations. From mergers to sexuality, from new Bishops and new interns to difficult deaths and funerals, from building programs to changing demographics – many changes good, some changes not so good, but all changes difficult.

As I get overwhelmed and frustrated, as I want to throw up my hands and surrender, as I want to scream like a child at a carnival, "SOMEONE STOP THIS RIDE AND LET ME OFF!" I am reminded that I am not in control and that freaks me out even more. Then somewhere, in the midst of the chaos that surrounds and fills me I hear the still small voice of God reminding me that God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I remember that God is unchanging and in control. In those moments of chaos it is Christ who stills the storm.

Remember, at Creation God spoke his Living Word (Jesus) into the chaos and brought about order. Remember it is Christ who walked across the storm tossed waves and spoke peace to his disciples. If God can speak Christ into primordial chaos, if Christ can calm even the wind and the waves, how much more can Christ bring peace to our lives. In the midst of the change, of the chaos, of hectic schedules, stay anchored to Christ's cross, for His love is never changing. Thanks be to God.

Blessings PD(+)



# August 12th, 2018 Following Worship

Please join us in Luther Hall for a lite brunch and slide show. Thank you St. Paul Lutheran for all of your prayers, support and love!



SEPTEMBER 9 RALLY

STARTING DAY

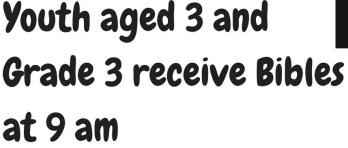
AT
9 AM

Blessing of Backpacks
10:15 Worship
Potluck Immediately after
Drinks & Paper products
provided



# Rally Day Theme: Who is the Holy Spirit?







Only God's Spirit gives new life. The Spirit is like the wind that blows wherever it wants to. You can hear the wind, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. John 3:8

# #SPLCGODROCKS

Wednesday, September 12th, 2018 6:00 pm!!!

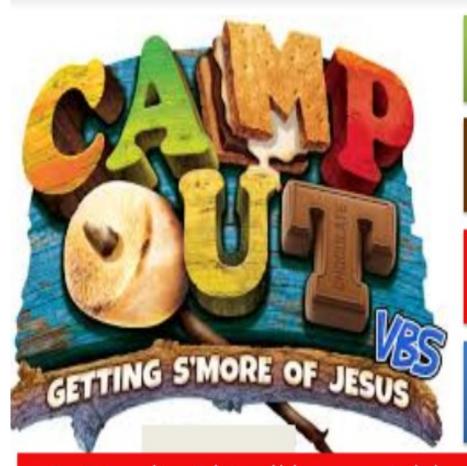


All are welcome to join us as we come together to launch our

Wednesday Evening Youth Group Sessions!

We will head out into the community
to place our #splcgodrocks around the
city, reminding people of God's Love!

We want to spread the #splcgodrocks far and wide
in the Defiance area so the more
cars available to help with placing the rocks,
the better!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

> AUGUST 8,9,10

9:30 AM 12:00 NOON

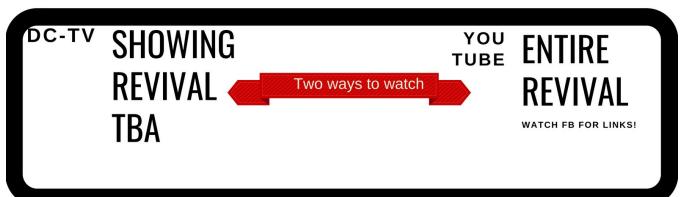
PRE-SCHOOL (3 YR. OLD & UP) TO 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Register online @ https://vbspro.events/p/events/stpaulsumc

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 400 Wayne Ave., Defiance, OH

# 32<sup>nd</sup> CPC Steps for Life Walkathon, Color Run & Family Fun Day

Walkathon and 5K and 1 Mile Color Run: 8:00am – 11:00am
Saturday, Sept 15, 2018
MacDonald-Ruff Ice Arena – Bryan, OH
Sign up at events.cpcnwo.org.
To receive a walkathon packet, call 419-636-5692.
Please join us as we take Steps for Life!



For all who Prayed!!! Ron Huner Wall of Prayer Dee Lawson



Our accompanists! Lori Schultz & Matt Watchman Our Sacristan Caitlyn Schmidt

# YOU ARE APPR

THANK YOU for sharing the love of Christ in this community: Our Hosts each evening: Our WONDERFUL food team: **Anonymous** Alex Schmidt & Doug Engel food donor Jason Frederick & Chuck Campbell FOR PREACHING THE GOSPEL & with Nicki Frederick, **CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF** Those in the Prayer Becky Campbell, MINISTRY: THE REV. DR. ERIC Tent: Lori Brandt, Kayly Ron & Lori Yaw BODENSTAB AND PASTOR Brobston, Becky Gutman WHAT A FEAST!!!! and Lori Karnes JIMMY KINSLER, ALONG WITH The kitchen/serving crew: For his video skill on his birthday Mary Ehlinger, Cheryl **HOMETOWN FAVORITE** Rosebrock, Char Flickinger, weekend! Caitlin Flickinger, Nina Fockler, **PASTOR DAVE!!!** Conor Brobston! & Virginia Prucha for being sure Mercy Medical Staff! For trailer of help! For trailer loan, the crowd got fed! **ALL WHO** Rosebrocks, Flickingers, Brashears, Shirley, Jeanette, Our **SET UP and** loads of help! photographer and all who saw a need YOU ARE LOVED, you were prayed and filled ... Stacy Barker Our musicians!!! Tuned In, SPLC choir, Callilee Baptist choir, Steve Scott and the Scott Bros.! May God Bless You,

Carol Burk, & Julie

#### St. Paul Lutheran Newsletter

St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes June 12, 2018

Attendance: Jim Ehlinger, Stacy Barker, Jason Frederick, Lori Brandt, Shirley Keller, Bill Parker, Dick Burk

1. Pastor's Report

a. No Report, Pastor Dave is on vacation.

2. Secretary's Report

a. Minutes Approved

(Jason/Bill)

3. Treasurer's Report

a. May Income: \$36,282.09 May Expenses: \$23,968.75

January – May Net Income: -6,016.01

4. Youth and Family

- a. Sunday school has concluded for the summer. Plans underway for two summer day camps on July 11<sup>th</sup> and August 1.
- b. Youth will be leaving for the Youth Gathering soon. Final meetings are taking place. Please pray for them and their sponsors.
- c. Tent Revival is July 19, 20, and 21. We are super excited to be welcoming Pastor Dave's first intern, The Rev. Eric Bodenstab from Zion Lutheran in Sandusky, and The Rev. James Kinsler currently at Lutheran Church by the Lake in McCormick, SC who was Pastor Dave's Pastor in Parkersburg when he discerned his call to ministry.
- d. Recharge is celebrating as one of the women who attended the retreat this year and joined our team has decided to be baptized! Her baptism has been planned to take place at the home of another member of the Recharge team and will take place on 6-24-28. Please pray for her as she prepares for baptism.
- e. We have recently run low on Glen Vogel's wine. We have plans to purchase a kosher wine from Meijer. It is possible we will be purchasing wine locally.

#### 5. Discipleship

- a. Jane and Kerry Tuttle are scheduled to lecture for July.
- b. We are having a hard time getting greeters scheduled.

#### 6. Stewardship

a. Some envelopes have been picked up but several remain. List needs culled this fall.

#### 7. Trustee Report

- a. Reviewed the proof of the sign. Checking on removable/replaceable wording on sign.
- b. Roof Drain Discussed options for replacing the down spout.
- c. Parking Lot Trying to get Moore's out of Blakesley to come out here to do a bid on repaving the parking lot.
- d. Use Permit Request 10-18-18 7:00 pm Tinora Choir Concert. They are willing to do their own clean up afterward. Request Approved (Bill/Dick)
- e. Saturday clean up was completed. We need to remove the fire bush due to being too large and too much maintenance. Replacing with two small birch trees.

#### 8. Old Business

- a. Thankful to the congregation for being so generous during Pastor Dave's Anniversary Celebration.
- b. Still need people to help run the sound system. It is easy to be trained. No knowledge needed.

#### 9. New Business

- a. August 5<sup>th</sup> Coordinate plans for Noisy Offering. Julie has plans underway for the Barn Yard Event with a petting zoo and grilling for simple lunch.
- b. No meeting in July.

Motion to adjourn approved.

(Stacy/Jason)

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer at 6:45 pm

Next Council Meeting will be held on Aug 14, 2018 @ 6:00 pm

#### **SCHEDULES FOR AUGUST 2018**

LECTOR: Shirley Keller (8/5 & 8/26)

Diane Zeigler (8/12 & 8/19)

#### **USHERS:**

05 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Capt.

12 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Capt.

19 Team 1, Jason Frederick, Capt.

26 Team 1, Jason Frederick, Capt.

#### FLOWERS:

05 George & Ann Essex

12 AVAILABLE

19 Todd & Carrie Kent

26 **AVAILABLE** 

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

#### **BULLETINS:**

05 George & Ann Essex

12 **AVAILABLE** 

19 Mary Geiger

26 Bill & Jane Parker

#### COMMUNION SET UP/PRESENTER

05 John & Mary Dale

#### COMMUNION SET-UP/SERVERS

05 Lori Brandt, Mike Pierson, Julie Sasseen

12 Lori Brandt

19 Mike Pierson

26 Julie Sasseen

#### St. Paul Church friends.

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and cards during my recent surgery. A BIG thank you to Pastor Dave and Guinness for coming and having prayer with Dan and me prior to surgery. A BIG thank you to all who came in and kept the place clean while I was recovering...especially Jim & Mary, Julie, Kerry and Dan! I am feeling great! Love my church family!

Your sister in Christ,

Jane

FINANCIA	AL REPORT	2018	
January	Income	\$ 19,813.19	
	Expense	( <u>\$ 19,986.11)</u>	
	Total	(\$ 172.92)	
February	Income	\$ 16,052.35	
	Expense	<u>(\$ 21,858.91)</u>	
	Total	(\$ 5,804.56)	
March	Income	\$ 19,212.68	
	Expense	<u>(\$ 20,354.90)</u>	
	Total	(\$ 1,142.22)	
April	Income	\$ 26,161.54	
-	Expense	(\$ 38,148.26)	
	Total	(\$ 11,986.72)	
May	Income	\$ 36,282.09	
,	Expense	\$ 23,968.75	
	Total	\$ 12,313.34	
June	Income	\$ 12,543.60	
-	Expense	<u>(\$ 16,845.76)</u>	
	Total	(\$ 4,302.16)	

#### **AVG WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2018**

January - 100 February - 108

March - 158 (inc. Bible Study/Holden)

April - 141 May - 120 June - 89 July - 86

#### LAY COMMUNION

Lowell & Sharon Ricker Dyle & Eleanor Roth Dan & Jane Tuttle

GREETERS: All Sundays available

#### **ALTAR GUILD TEAM FOR AUGUST:**

Ann Essex Dee King 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 all the world. We particularly commend the following who are members of our congregation.

#### Major Tamara Funari,

Daughter of Ron and Connie Allgire

#### 1st Sqt. Major 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 Sgt. 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

#### 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

#### **USM Micajah Hagerman**,

Son of Jolene Hagerman

#### **Army Pvt. 2nd Class Cole Evans**

Grandson of Gaylord & Pat Proxmire

#### **USAF Alexsandra Bell**

Niece of Al & Laurie Moll

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.

# **Memorial Gifts**

#### In Memory of Ed Beckett

#### General Fund

John Berthold Shirley Keller

If there is an error in this Memorial listing, please notify the office so we can correct our mistake.

Thank you. Lynn

# Official Acts

## **Baptisms**

Riley Lynne Rittenour June 3, 2018

Liam William Szabo July 29, 2018

#### Deaths

Edison L Beckett June 28, 2018

## Weddings

Jason Yeager & Julie Burk June 2, 2018

# Thank you...

St. Paul's funeral dinner staff:

We can't thank you enough for the delicious dinner. Your time and service is truly a blessing to so many families.

God Bless you always.

Family of Ed Beckett

#### **Prayer list information**

Next time you're about to submit a request for inclusion on the prayer list please ask the following questions.

- 1 Did that person give permission to the office?
- 2 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...

Coit Black Sharon Fitzenrider Mary Frost Liz Hermiller Charlene Larson Dani Merillat Emily Plassman Bud Sailer Al Becky Z Devin Elaine Isaac John Larry Lucas Mary Pauline Roland	Peg Cline Phil Fogt Roger Grogg Shelly Hermiller Brenda Leonard Kim Meyer Dean Purdy Kristen Sanders Alexis Carol Dillon Eric Jerry Jon Laura Maddie Matt Phil Sally	Debbie Doan Mary Frisinger Leland Guisinger Janice Johansen Tammy McCoy J.T. Nusbaum Marilyn Purdy Julie Eis Steele Alice Chris Don Fred Jim Josie Les Marlene Myka Joy Phyllis Sandy	Fred Fitzenrider Kenny Frost Hal Haviland Ruth Johnson Jodie Mellos Cheryl Parsons Esther Reimund Ella Suderman Anne Corbin Doug Heather Jodi Judy Lori Marvin Pat Richard Scott
Roland Sheena	Sally Stacey	Sandy Steve	Scott Steven
Sue	Tammy	Thelma	Tom

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

LeAnn Bohn, June Burke, Pauline Cordray, Jeannine Diemer, Ned & Dorothy Dunbar, Rosemary Mehring, Agnes Rudolph, Brenda Schultz, Wilma Seip, Rachel Sontchi, Charlotte Warncke

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.

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. Thank you for your help in this manner.

## **THRIVENT - AUGUST 2018**

The days are filled with many activities as the summer sun draws us outdoors. I was the "tomboy" who loved to climb up as far as I could in the trees—to see what I could see. I have many wonderful memories of sitting in the treetops, when my arms and legs were so much stronger. I felt closer to heaven and let my mind wander through many dreams of what God's world would look like in other places.





project.

A big proud thank you to all the youth that went to Houston to the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Chris Turner, Stacy Barker, and Char Flickinger did a great job as chaperones and sharing photos on Facebook and keeping us "in touch" while they were attending all the events. Huge city, so many youth everywhere, working on service projects, hearing exciting speakers, enjoying great music. Their memories will last a lifetime.

If you were in Defiance last week, you saw the familiar "big tent" set up on Arabella Street. I hope you were able to come by and join us. Congratulations to St. Paul members for another great year. The speakers were inspiring and fantastic. The music always is also wonderful—to enjoy the old tunes we know and love as well as hear new ones from the choirs and musicians. And the food on Saturday was delicious! Great job Jason and company! Thank you all the Thrivent members for all the time and energy that you put into this annual

School days will be here before we know it. Enjoy your summer activities before our fall schedule gets so busy. Keep your faith strong and let God lead you to some new adventures. Share the news.

If you haven't seen a tree from the top, you haven't really seen it! Keep the imagination of a child to brighten your days.

Thank you for your continued support of our Thrivent events.

Cathy Martin, Head Congregational Coordinator Thrivent for Lutheran



# St. Paul Lutheran Church August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			7:00 pm Holden	2	3	4
5 9:30 am Worship/ Communion God's Global Barnyard! Food pantry items collected	6	7	8 7:00 pm Holden	9	10	11
9:30 am Worship/ Communion/ Baptism-Mila Sierra Youth Gathering Brunch & Slide Show Recharge-Prayer	13	14 6 pm Church Council Mtg.	15 7:00 pm Holden	16	Vedding rehearsal @ 5:30 pm	18 Todd Kent & Carrie Riley wedding @ 4pm
9:30 am Worship/ Communion	20	21	7:00 pm Holden	23	24	25
26 9:30 am Worship/ Communion Gentle Worship	27	28	29 7:00 pm Holden	30	YO BI	EAVEN: DT WHAT UU KNOW UT WHO DU KNOW

# <u> August Birthdays</u>

8/1	Becky Gutman
8/3	Tina Egbert
8/5	Tom Weaver
8/6	Richard Grunden
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0.1	Amy Kimpel
8/7	Lori Ashbacher
	Larry Heilman
8/8	Bill Smith
8/9	Sharon Ricker
8/10	Nick Engel
8/12	June Burke
8/13	Kendall Capps
8/14	Coit Black
8/15	Jim Martin
8/16	Alexis Barker
	Helen Thomas
8/17	Abby Yeager
8/18	Bob Fett
0/10	Fern Reimund
	Mike Sierra
0/10	
8/19	Tyler Bauer
	Tom Stykemain
8/20	Paul Gearing
	Pat Smith
8/21	Lynne Rittenour
<b>'</b>	Nickolas Zachrich
8/22	Joel Austin
o, ==	Taytum Markins
8/23	Frank Eitniear
8/24	Kim Alvarado
	Liam Szabo
	Jason Woods
8/25	Greg Dale
	Julie Voll
	Jay Woodward
8/26	Laura Ramon
8/27	Erin Barringer
0/2/	Jeff Pfund
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8/29	Ron Huner
8/30	Kelsey Capps
	Noah Gomez
	Eleanor Roth
8/31	Susan Geier
, 5	Michael Hohl
	Jim Kline
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## <u>Baptism</u> <u>Anniversaries</u>

8/1	Kathryn Brashear
,	Robert Zeigler
8/3	John Engel
8/5	Trevor Keirsey
, 0	Russell Seip
8/7	Kristen Fett
8/8	Sheldon Harris
8/9	Jaxson Newman
8/10	Jacob Voll
,	Justin Voll
8/11	Ella Suderman
8/12	Laura Weaver
8/14	Brittni George
, .	Alyssa Fett Johnson
	Michelle Noffsinger
	Janaya Vielma
8/15	Theresa Bowen
8/16	Tina Egbert
8/18	Dillon Bidlack
•	Aubree Hartzell
	Rachel Sontchi
8/19	Conor Brobston
	Julie Steele
8/20	Jacob Huner
8/21	Abram Seip
8/23	Vivienne Replogle
8/27	Kylie Crawford
8/28	Jennifer Call
	Janis Thomas
	Kristin Wendell
8/29	Claire Davis
	Tom Stykemain
8/30	Kristen Keirsey
	Tom Weaver
8/31	Denver Roth
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# **Wedding Anniversaries**

8/1	Russ and Cindy Seip
8/3	Scott and Ann Flores
8/4	Steve and Char Flickinger
/ ·	Steve and Melanie Rittenour
8/6	Bob and Diana Fett
8/11	Steve and Chris Korhn
8/12	Gaylord and Pat Proxmire
8/13	Bryn and Lauren Lehman
8/14	Steven and Stacy Barker
8/15	Rob and Susan Geier
8/16	Jim and Mary Ehlinger
ŕ	Bruce and Carol Stephenson
	Tom and Laura Weaver
8/17	Bill and Nancy Krouse
8/18	Lowell and Sharon Ricker
8/21	Tom & Judy Stykemain
8/24	Harry and Fran Brown
8/27	Leo & Pam Florence
	Mike & Marcela Sierra
8/28	Shane & Ashley Snyder
8/31	Sherman & Berta Bowen

# Confirmation Anniversary

8/28 Susan McDowell



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 email @ stpauloffice@stpaulelcadefiance.com or lynnsplcoffice@gmail.com **Thank you, Lynn** 

#### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA 671 CLINTON STREET DEFIANCE, OH 43512-2654

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

#### Summer Worship Schedule

Worship at 9:30 a.m. Mid-Week Worship Holden Service @ 7:00 p.m.

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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
RAYENS
Project Share
Northwestern Ohio Synod
WELCA
Habitat for Humanity

#### Church Council - 2018

President Jim Ehlinger
V. President Jason Frederick
Treasurer Lori Brandt
Secretary Stacy Barker
Discipleship Shirley Keller
Trustee Dick Burk
Stewardship Bill Parker





**Presiding Bishop** Rev. Elizabeth Eaton **NWO** Bishop Rev. Daniel Beaudoin **Pastor** Rev. David Brobston Dir. of Youth & Family Julie Sasseen Secretary Lynn Roth Sexton Jane Tuttle Organist Lori Schultz **Music Director** Steven Wendell **Nursery Attendant** Kim Alvarado