



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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September 2018

Who is the Holy Spirit?

9/9 @ 9am

Come and see...

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SPREAD THE WORD

ST. PAUL ON YOUTUBE!

Our Channel is:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAPbvsWkvN3UjdveT0uEh0A/video>
Most weeks worship will be posted
the same day!

MORE BEING ADDED!
KEEP CHECKING BACK!
ZACH HUNER

Pastor: The Rev. David Brobston
WORSHIP: 9:30 am on September 2nd
Beginning September 9th: Sunday School at 9 am;
Confirmation at 9 am; Worship at 10:15 am

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Simulcast on 102.7 FM

**The Church offices
will be closed on
Monday, Sept. 3rd,
in observance of Labor
Day.**

September 2018,



Our neighborhood is growing up. When we moved in 11 years ago there weren't a lot of kids in the neighborhood the age of our kids. Some older, many were babies. The neighborhood got to grow up with us – the joys and sorrows of driving and the bumps and bruises that go along with it.

Then the joy and sorrow of graduations, off to college and back, and then jobs and careers. As I have turned around it seems as if we have become the more senior folks on the block. As difficult as that is to admit, there is a bit of good news in it too. Now, I get to talk to the high schoolers in the neighborhood and in the congregation; the volleyball players, the cross country runners and the football players. I get to live vicariously through their eyes without being the parent worrying about practice schedules and injuries, about the heartache of a tough loss or the teenage over reaction to a great win. I kind of get to watch from a distance without all of the emotional investment. I need to admit it's kind of nice.

In those 11 years many things have changed – I just recorded my halftime show for the first football broadcast of the year. On the show I talked about a major change in the last 11 years, the number of kids dressing for high school football has declined 28%. 28% since my family moved to Defiance. Everything seems to be shrinking around us. Rotary attendance, the number employed at GM, worship numbers, and now the number of kids playing football.

Like I said, I'm blessed through being a Pastor, a broadcaster, a lover of sports - - and having Guinness to be able to talk to a number of young folks in and around the area. With all of the changes we experience, there is one thing that hasn't changed for these young athletes this time of year. Their HOPE. Everybody today is 0-0 – Everybody is in first place – the realities good or bad haven't yet come to the surface. I ask each young person how they think they are going to do this season. In all of my 11 years here I have yet to have a player say, “Sheesh, Pastor, we are going to be awful.” or “Really, Sir – I'm just out here for something to do, we are going to have a terrible season.” However, you and I know if we pull up the records for some of the teams in the area over the past 11 years, there have been some bad records. Yes, we have a State Champion or a few to be proud of, but we also have some really, really bad seasons. But, in all of those years not one athlete has lost hope before the season .

I know what you are thinking, “Okay PD – your point is?” The point is, each of these athletes are putting their hope on one another, their coaches, their talent. During the same 11 years as I have talked athletes I have also talked to Christians, Church Folks, Church Experts, Bishops, Pastors, YOU – and honestly when I look in the mirror I haven't heard or felt that same hope. There is a spirit of scarcity, a demon of doubt, a devil of despair. Why is that brothers and sisters? Where are we putting our hope and our faith? Is it on another program, or project? Is it on a Bishop or Pastor? Is it on Council or Choir? Or is our faith and hope focused on the one that promises that “I am with you always, til the end of the age? Is our hope on the one who loves us to the place that nothing in all of creation can separate us from His love? Do we truly trust Jesus?

For the truth is, teammates will let us down, programs and projects will run out of steam, Bishops and Pastors will come and go, Councils and Choirs will fall short – but the love of God, the hope of Christ will never fail, will never disappoint, will never let us down. May our Fall be a Fall of hope – of faith – of love – of following... following the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Blessings
PD (+)

SCHEDULES FOR SEPTEMBER 2018**LECTOR: Steve Ruyle**

USHERS: 02 Team 2, Buggs Sierra, Capt.
 09 Team 2, Buggs Sierra, Capt.
 16 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Capt.
 23 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Capt.
 30 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Capt.

FLOWERS: 02 Jim & Mary Ehlinger
 09 Lori Brandt
 16 Dan & Jane Tuttle
 23 Available
 30 Danny & Lauren Hill

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

BULLETINS: 02 Jim & Mary Ehlinger
 09 Mary Geiger
 16 Mike & Lynne Rittenour
 23 Bill & Jane Parker
 30 Available

COMMUNION SET-UP/PRESENTERS

02 John & Mary Dale

COMMUNION SET-UP/SERVERS

02 Tim & Denise Moog, Mike Pierson
 09 Jason Frederick
 16 Lori Brandt
 23 Jason Frederick
 30 Julie Sasseen

LAY COMMUNION:

Mert Grogg
 Bill & Jane Parker
 Dyle & Eleanor Roth
 Chris Turner

ALTAR GUILD TEAM FOR SEPTEMBER:

John & Mary Dale, Laurie Moll

FINANCIAL REPORT 2018

January	Income	\$ 19,813.19
	Expense	(\$ 19,986.11)
	Total	(\$ 172.92)

February	Income	\$ 16,052.35
	Expense	(\$ 21,858.91)
	Total	(\$ 5,804.56)

March	Income	\$ 19,212.68
	Expense	(\$ 20,354.90)
	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	(\$ 16,845.76)
	Total	(\$ 4,302.16)

July	Income	\$
	Expense	(\$)
	Total	(\$)

AVG WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2018

January - 100

February - 108

March - 158 (inc. Bible Study/Holden)

April - 141

May - 120

June - 89

July - 86

August - 101

Needed soon for the Flower/Bulletin Board

Flowers: September - 23rd
 October - all Sundays
 November - 4th, 11th, 18th
 December - all Sundays

Bulletins: September - 30th
 October - 7th, 21st
 November 4th, 11th
 December - 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 24th, 30th

Sign up early to secure your Sunday!

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

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Ed Beckett

Endowment Fund

Mr. & Mrs. John Boesling

In Memory of Phil Fogt

Flower Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Dyle Roth

General Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Ricker

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Thomas

Dave Slocum

Shirley Keller

Dee King

Julie Sasseen

Mr. & Mrs. Dick Burk

Mr. & Mrs. John Dale

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ehlinger

Mr. & Mrs. George Essex

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Kline

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Parker

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Tuttle

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Zeigler

Endowment Fund

Mr. & Mrs. John Boesling

In Memory of Dick Grunden

General Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ehlinger

Endowment Fund

Mr. & Mrs. John Boesling

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

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 Sgt. 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 Alexandra 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.

9/9 **RALLY**
AT **DAY**
9 AM

Worship 10:15 am
Potluck Immediately after
Drinks & Paper products
provided

MEET OUTSIDE BY THE SIGN!



Rally Day Theme: Who is the Holy Spirit?



9 am We Gather Outside at the church sign

9:10 Luther Hall-

Youth receive Bibles and meet teachers

9:15 Who is the Holy Spirit?

Discussion and Activity

9:30 We Fly Kites- Old Jr. High FB Field

FREE KITE TO ALL ATTENDING YOUTH

Blessing the Backpacks

Youth receive a blessing PLUS a backpack tag!

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

THRIVENT – SEPTEMBER 2018

This is the time for heading back to school. First days at school are full of excitement, some worries, and making new memories. Each time my boys started a new year, I would pose them by the door and take that first day picture for my album. Now as the grandchildren are having this same tradition, I love to see the expressions on their faces. Now I see so many of the youth in our St. Paul family as they are heading to their first day—the same ones I remember that were being baptized not that long ago. We don't usually get our pictures taken anymore as adults as we start on new adventures, but we do have some of the same emotions—a little worry, a bit of excitement, and expectations for great memories. Come join us at St. Paul on Sept 9th for Rally Day and a big day of fun, excitement and memories.



Another thank you to our youth from St. Paul that went to Houston to the ELCA National Youth Gathering. They hosted a thank you fellowship time after worship for the members of St. Paul where they displayed their individual thank you cards and showed video of their activities during the Gathering. Great job Chris Turner, Stacy Barker, and Char Flickinger chaperoning and leading this great group to a successful faith building event.

The 2019 free Thrivent calendars for our members can be ordered now. You can place your request online at Thrivent.com or look in the September issue of Thriven magazine to order yours. This year's theme for the calendar is "Gifts from God". It will certainly be a beautiful one.

May God bless you with many memories, fewer worries, and exciting tomorrows.

Thank you for your continued support.

Cathy Martin, Head Thrivent Congregational Advocate

#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!



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

EACH WED. 6-7:30 PM
LED BY JULIE SASSEEN
STARTING 9/12

EACH SUNDAY EVENING
AT CAITLYN AND ALEX'S

FALL YOUTH NEWS

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EACH WED. 6-7:30 PM
STARTING 9/12
LED BY STACY BARKER

JR. HIGH YOUTH

MEETING EACH WED. 6-7:30 PM
STARTING 9/12

WITH NINA FOCKLER
OUR FLOATING HELPER.

Official Acts

Baptisms:

Liam William Szabo
July 29, 2018

Mila Ray Sierra
August 12, 2018

Weddings:

Todd Kent & Carrie Riley
August 18, 2018

Deaths:

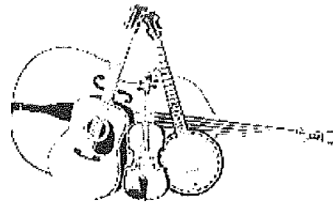
Philip L. Fogt
August 16, 2018



Our love and thankfulness to Pastor Dave for comfort, support and encouragement and to Lori for her musical tributes to ease our day. In humble gratitude we give our thanks to our Church family for your thoughts, prayers and well wishes during Phil's long illness. We hold your warm condolences in our hearts.

**Love and His grace to all,
Pat, Jeff, Clay and Sydney**





GOSPEL CONCERT

VAN WERT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 13th

PERFORMANCES BY

LIVING WATER

NEW OUTLOOK

BLUEGRASS GOSPEL AIRES

CROSSING JORDAN

SHOW BEGINS AT 6:00 P.M.

\$10.00 ADMISSION AT THE EAST GATE

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO CALL 419-956-2311



God's Work
Our Hands

Maumee Valley Conference Retreat October 6, 2018

St. Martin's, Archbold
203 S. Defiance Street

Registration & Set-up Displays 8:30

Our Retreat Begins 9:30

Opening Worship with Communion

Bible Study "The Parable of the Good Samaritan"

from Luke 10:25-37—Bring your Bibles

Pastor Paul Reichert, Bible Study Leader

God's Work! Our Hands!

A Time of Sharing

Luncheon

Registration \$8.00

Come! Hear how Our Hand's
are sharing God's Work
in the Maumee Valley Conference!

Send your registration to Vice President:
Brenda Shibler
202 DeGroff Ave.
Archbold, OH 43502
Phone: 419-446-2122

Deadline is
September 25th





5K COLOR RUN & WALKATHON

3RD ANNUAL

SATURDAY, 9/15/2018

call: (419) 636-5692
e-mail: gina@cpcnwo.org
online: events.cpcnwo.org

8AM Color Run Registration
9AM Walk Registration
MacDonald-Ruff Ice Arena
Bryan, OH



WOMEN'S
HEALTH
RESOURCE

The CPC Women's Health Resource is a Christian social service agency that exists to provide free assistance for unplanned pregnancies, test for sexually transmitted diseases, help to heal and restore those experiencing post abortion trauma, and advocate sexual risk avoidance through education.

REGISTER ONLINE



Festival of Tables

Ladies Luncheon

Sponsored by Women's Guild of Filling Homes

This unique luncheon features a variety of tables decorated by
hostesses in the theme of their choosing.

Saturday, September 29, 2018

12:00 Noon

Filling Home Therapy Center

N160 State Route 108 Napoleon OH

(Doors Open at 11:00 for Table Preview)

Tickets available by pre-sale only

Tickets are \$15.00 each

**Proceeds to benefit the residents and those who
participate in the services offered by Filling Homes**

If you would like to serve as a hostess or reserve a seat at a table,
please contact Micky at 567-454-9741 or Bonnie at 419-533-5661

St. Paul Lutheran Church

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 am Worship/ Communion	3 Church Offices are closed to observe Labor Day...	4	5 7:00 pm Choir	6	7	8
9 Rally Day 9 am Sunday School 9 am High School SS 10:15 am Worship/ Communion Potluck after worship Blessing of Backpacks	10	11 6:00 pm Church Council	12 7:00 pm Choir Youth: 6 -7:30 pm #SPLCGODROCKS	13	14 <div>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</div>	15
16 9 am Sunday School 9 am High School Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/ Communion	17	18	19 7:00 pm Choir Youth: 6-7:30 pm: - High School - Middle School - JLL	20	21	22
23 9 am Sunday School 9 am High School Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/ Communion 1:30 pm Gentle Worship	24	25	26 7:00 pm Choir Youth: 6-7:30 pm: 1:00 pm BETA Circle @ Jan Sisco's	27	28	29
30 9 am Sunday School 9 am High School Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/ Communion						



Birthdays

9/1 Layla Hagerman
 9/2 Darren Flickinger
 Mandy Wicks
 9/3 Connie Brown
 Todd Melia
 9/4 Cody Harris
 9/5 Buggs Sierra
 9/7 Gayle Fenter
 9/9 Stacy Benien
 Adelia Engel
 9/10 Carol Burk
 Gerald Mansfield
 Harold Yeager
 9/11 Allie Saylor
 Reynah Velasquez
 9/12 Chris Davis
 9/13 Bill Krouse
 9/15 Hadley Spieth
 9/16 Debra Mohr
 9/17 Nancy Krouse
 Cheryl Rosebrock
 9/18 Fran Coonrod
 Shannon Hartzell
 Layne Paxton
 9/22 Andrew Plassman
 Barry Roth
 Larry Thomas
 9/23 Mark Davis
 Matt Davis
 Jeannette Melia
 Don Samuelson
 9/24 Jane Parker
 9/25 Jason Miller
 Erin Spieth
 9/27 Ruth King
 9/28 Stacy Brashear
 Sarah Gutman
 9/30 Lori Schultz

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 @
 lynnsplcoffice@gmail.com
Thank you, Lynn

Baptism Anniversaries

9/03 Patricia Smith
 9/05 Lane Bailey
 9/08 Sharon Ricker
 9/10 Laureen Hill
 9/11 Larry Heilman
 Jessica Seimet
 9/13 Frank Eitniet
 9/18 Brent Korhn
 9/19 Ron Huner
 Theresa Swary
 9/20 Sarah Benien
 9/21 Luke Szabo
 9/22 Lori Ashbacher
 Brenda Schultz
 Julie Voll
 9/24 George Essex
 9/25 Maci McDowell
 9/27 Aubrey Black
 Amy Kimpel
 9/28 Keisha Markins
 Taytum Markins
 Mike Sierra
 9/30 Kirk Boesling

Wedding Anniversaries

9/13 Sean & Terry Woods
 9/19 Paul & Carmen Bodenburg
 Justin & Stacy Brashear
 Craig & Theresa Swary
 9/20 Jeffery & Jolene Hagerman
 9/22 Mike & Lynne Rittenour
 9/26 James & Jennifer Call
 9/27 Kevin & Alyssa Johnson
 9/29 Todd & Melissa Melia
 Don & Carol Samuelson
 9/30 Dick & Carol Burk
 John & Rev. Tamara Wood

Confirmation Anniversary

9/13 Frank Eitniet

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

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Fall –Spring Worship Schedule

Sunday School at 9am

Confirmation Class @ 9am

Worship/Communion @ 10:15 am

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Church Staff

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

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

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

