



St Paul Lutheran

VALLEY CITY, OHIO

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WINTER 2023

PEACE CAME TO EARTH

Peace is our common pursuit. From songs to decorations, “Peace” is something of an ironic theme in the days leading up to Christmas. We need a quiet place to rest during this restless time. We seek a peace from the turmoil of worry, guilt, strife, violence, suffering, conflict, and war. We crave the reassurance that God knows all our needs and will provide for them, not just for these short weeks but for every season. Our restless hearts seek a peace which surpasses all human understanding that will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7).

We grow impatient as we seek peace. Despite knowing the promises of God to provide for us, we might try to find peace on our own. We then define peace according to the ways we seek it. We might imagine that peace comes when we finally have enough of all the things we plan to buy. Or we might look for the perfect place where peace is an undisturbed solitude, the cabin beside a still lake. We might seek peace by escaping memories of the past. Or peace might be an elusive future where everyone does exactly what they should. These are our many ways of defining peace, but sadly, each of these directions could go on and on without ever being fulfilled.

To illustrate both our pursuit of peace and God’s plan for us, our Advent series this year uses a five-point star. Each message will emphasize a different point of the star. Overall, the star reminds us of the Christmas star of Matthew 2 and that wonderful light that guided the Wise Men to find Jesus. Their long journey ended with the blessing of a lasting peace. Just as the Wise Men followed the star, so we will go to each point in this Advent star. This won’t be a useless journey that never ends. We will find that God meets us at each point of the star, knowing our needs and bringing us the peace we are seeking.

Since the five-point star will guide our journey, picture yourself drawing such a star. Start in the bottom left corner and draw up to the top center point. Stop and draw downward to the bottom right corner, then upward to the middle of the left side. Draw across to the right, and back to the bottom left corner, eventually reaching each point. Every point goes a certain distance but then is stopped. In the same way, each of our paths to peace could go on and on, never being fulfilled. There won't be enough possessions or perfectly calm places to give us lasting peace. But as we seek peace in these many ways, God intersects us with a peace that both passes our understanding and yet meets our needs. God knows the many ways and directions by which we seek peace. As we journey, God meets us, halts our endless pursuits, and gives us a new understanding of His gift of peace. That peace comes always through the birth of Jesus, the Word become flesh who steps into the world and fulfills our desire for peace.

In the end, we find our lasting peace and treasure. God's peace doesn't send us on an impossible search. God's peace is not an invisible needle buried in a haystack. God's peace is a treasure laid in the straw of the manger. God's peace is the priceless Son of God, born in the stable and laid in plain view for us all. He is the diamond found in the manger's straw. As the Prince of Peace, He is the peace that we seek.

Seek true peace this Advent season by making the time to worship and receive God's Word of Peace. There are daily Advent devotionals available for you to use. Each Wednesday you can come at 11:30am or at 7:00pm and take a breather from the hurriedness of the world (also Bible Study at 10:00am and a dinner at 6:00pm). In the Word of the Lord we will indeed find the true peace that surpasses all human understanding.

Midweek of Advent 1: The Star of Peace Draws Near

Midweek of Advent 2: Peace to All, Near and Far

Midweek of Advent 3: Our Peace Rests in Him Alone

Christmas Eve: Peace Came to Earth

Christmas Day: Peace that Surpasses Understanding

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rev. R. Zielinski".

Pastor Zielinski

FROM THE PASTORAL ASSISTANT'S DESK

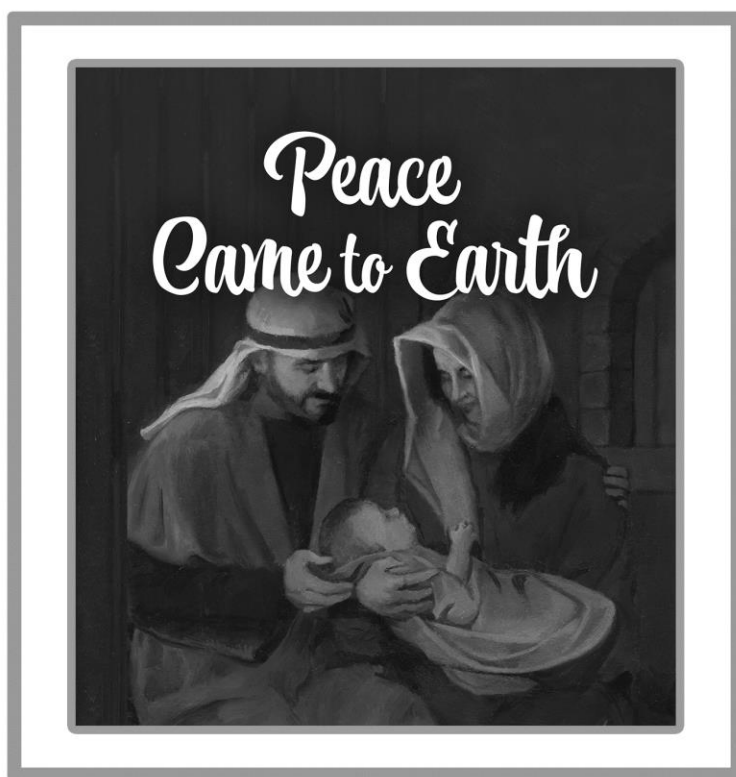
Christmas greetings to you all!

Six months ago, the congregation voted to extend me a contract to become the Pastoral Assistant here at St. Paul. At the November voters meeting, we discussed some of the things that have been achieved since that time. If you were unable to attend the meeting, here is a short synopsis: we've reestablished the Youth Group, we've begun a weekly breakfast Bible study in Spencer, and were in the process of establishing a Trail Life USA troop at St. Paul for our young boys. I've been doing some international missions work with the Lutheran Church in Uganda and have been working closely with the Evangelism Committee over the past few months as well, which led to our increased involvement with the annual Christmas in the Valley festival.

It's been a blessing to see the spiritual growth of those individuals who have been involved in these activities. It has also been a great blessing to serve the church, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity. I consider it the highest honor to be given the pulpit to preach God's Word and assist Pastor Zielinski with the administration of the sacraments while I continue working to be added to the clergy roster. As an ordained pastor coming from a different faith tradition with different educational standards for its clergy, it has not always been a smooth or straightforward transition. I appreciate you all supporting me during this time. I look forward to sharing with you all some updates on the process in the near future. In January I will be giving a presentation on evangelism. During the presentation we will examine the Great Commission and other scripture which addresses the topic. Then we will turn our attention to our current ministry efforts here at St. Paul, and finally, we'll look to the future of how we carry forth the Gospel in our community, in Ohio, the nation, and internationally. Other goals I have as we head into 2024 are bringing back the German Dinner, getting our youth to the Higher Things summer conference, conducting a Men's & a Women's retreat, and redecorating our basement areas used by the youth and Quilters. These are all things that members of the congregation have spoken to me about and things I look forward to bearing fruit in the years to come. If you'd like to know more about any of these things, please make sure to attend my presentation or even better, get involved with the Evangelism Committee.

Turning our attention to Christmas, I'd like to remind everyone that Advent devotionals are available in the welcome area. They are a wonder resources to prepare your heart and mind for Christmas Day, when we celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ into the world. Indeed, the birth of Christ was the greatest gift mankind would ever receive because it was through His birth, life, suffering, death, and resurrection that we receive forgiveness for our sins! Too often we can get wrapped up in the worldly aspects of the holiday season but let us not take our eyes off Jesus during this time. It's very easy to get caught up in the decorations, or the lights, or the gifts, and the food ... which is why I'd like to encourage you to pick up one of the Advent devotionals and set aside a dedicated portion of your day to reflect on the coming of our Lord and the true reason for the Christmas season. Yule be glad you did.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,
Rev. Streeper



Wednesdays 11:30 am & 7:00pm (supper @ 6pm)
in Advent December 6, 13, & 20

Christmas in the Valley at St. Paul

Sunday, December 10

Sunday School Program 10:30am

Christmas Tea 2:00pm

Christmas Town Train, Hot Cocoa, Until 4:00pm
Ornaments & Cookies to Decorate

Christmas Eve 4:00pm & 7:00pm

Candlelight Lessons and Carols 3:30pm & 6:30pm Carols by Request

Christmas Day 10:00am

www.spvc.org



Oaks Family Care Center

Sarah Cripps Executive Director
4196 Center Rd. Phone: 330-220-7777
Brunswick, OH 44212 Email: sarahc.ofcc@gmail.com

www.oaks-family-care.org

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I wanted to personally thank you for your very generous donation of \$3,000 in September! Your gift allowed us to meet the ever growing need of the families we served in October with diapers, wipes, formula, and food. We've seen the community need for such items increase over the last few months and are attempting to help anyway we can! While the need is growing, I'm grateful for community partners like you who choose to financially support us. Please let me know if you ever have questions about the work Oaks does or would like a tour of our facility.

Blessings,
Sarah Cripps

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING

Come one, come all! Let's join in together and adorn the walls and halls of St. Paul Lutheran Church for our upcoming Advent Season and the birth of our Dear Savior Jesus Christ.

**Saturday, December 2nd
at 9:00 AM**



Christmas
CONCERT

FEATURING MUSIC BY
MICHAEL W SMITH

DECEMBER 2 & 3, 2023
6:30 PM

St. Mark Lutheran Church
1330 North Carpenter Rd
Brunswick, OH

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Free-will offerings
to support
Oaks Family Center and
Project Angel Tree

DECEMBER 2023

	SERVICE	December 3 SUNDAY Communion	December 6 Wednesday Advent Service 11:30am & 7pm	December 10 SUNDAY Communion	December 13 Wednesday Advent Service 11:30am & 7pm	December 17 SUNDAY Communion	December 20 Wednesday Advent Service 11:30am & 7pm	December 24 SUNDAY Christmas Eve Communion at the morning services only	December 25 Monday Christmas Communion 10am Service Only	December 31 SUNDAY Communion
ELDER	8am	Steve Kato	Jim Jackson	Tim Wadle	Chris Duran	Chris Duran	Steve Kato	Steve Kato	S Kato / J Jackson	Tim Wadle
	10:30am	Jim Jackson		Sam Jakabcic		Jim Jackson		Jim Jackson		Sam Jakabcic
USHERS	8am	Jim Sherry		Dave Hesketh		Mark Gordon				Jim Sherry
	10:30am	Brian Dearth	N/A	Jay Moser	N/A	Rich Proeschel	N/A	Elders to Assign	N/A	Erich Gottl
GREETERS	8am	H & I Cordes		D & M Duran		D & B Bremke				H & I Cordes
	10:30am	Barb Pjior		R & J Proeschel		Joe Bennet				Barb Pjior
ELDER INFO										
Stephen Kato 330-242-7183										
Tim Wadle 216-214-7109								4:00 S Kato / T Wadle		
Jim Jackson 330-391-6393								7:00 S Kato / C Duran		
Chris Duran 216-577-5164										
Sam Jakabcic 216-789-1076										



SPVC youth



Prizes for best
Adult Sweater
Youth Sweater (6-12)
Child Sweater (pK-5)

**1st Annual
Ugly Sweater
Contest &
Youth Supper**

**Dec 13th
6:00pm**





GRACE PRAISLER

6640 North Towne Road, Apt #221
Windsor, WI 53598



CHURCH ONLINE

at spvc.org

Online services are available to view LIVE at 8am on Sundays, or on-demand. Visit www.spvc.org - for the most recent service (when active), on the homepage is a viewer for the livestream. Bulletins are available via the link. Select the bulletin for the date of service you are watching. Livestreams will typically be at normal service times.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Join us **Sunday Mornings: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

As the time for Worship Service approaches those around you may be preparing for Worship through silent prayer. Please be courteous to them by being mindful of the volume of your conversations. Thank you and may the Lord bless your worship of Him.

GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Please take a moment to collect your Worship folders, filled out or blank attendance slips, used tissues, and any other items left in the pews after leaving the Worship Services. Thank you kindly!

PRAYER CHAIN on FLOCKNOTE

If you have a Prayer Request, Praise or Update please visit:
www.spvc.org > Prayer ... or... send an email to: prayer@spvc.org

IN-PERSON SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

Join in on Sunday mornings between services at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. If you are viewing from home, watch live or on-demand just like our worship services (YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org).

RECYCLE WORSHIP BULLETINS

You're encouraged to take home your worship bulletins; use the scriptures, hymns & prayers for your own devotions. Please use the blue recycle tub that's located in the hallway as you leave the sanctuary to **ONLY** place **bulletins (including Large Print as we do recycle the black combs)** and the unused attendance slips. Thank you.

ADULT CHOIR

ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS

New dates and times will be selected to rehearse.

CHRISTMAS IN THE VALLEY SING-A-LONG

Saturday, December 9th at 6pm at St. Martin's Church, Valley City.

ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Sunday, December 10th at the 8am Worship Service.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 24th at the 7pm Worship Service.

Please continue to watch the weekly bulletins for any changes and updates. If you have questions, you may contact Audrey Harris.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The kiddos are looking forward to Advent and the St. Paul Christmas Program. Participation Slips were handed out with times and dates. Please complete and return to your child's Sunday School teachers. Please watch bulletins for further announcements. Thank you. Also, we would still love more teachers. Anyone willing to jump in the pool, please contact Pastor Zielinski, or Barb Pijor at: 440-213-5963 (texting is fine), Email: bpijor@gmail.com

QUILTERS

Merry Christmas to all from the Quilter's group! We will regularly meet again in January. Watch the bulletin for dates and times. Until then, we hope everyone enjoys this blessed season.

ST. PAUL YOUTH GROUP

For grades 6-12 please join us every other Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Pastor Chris Streeper at: 330-441-0502

TRAIL LIFE USA

This outreach is geared for families with boys in K-5th grade. This is a Christian ecumenical alternative to the Boy Scouts. To learn more about this, please contact Pastor Streeper.

YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Join us on Thursdays starting January 4th, 2024 as we will meet in the church basement from 11am-1pm for light lunch and playtime for kids! (Please bring your own lunch.) Kids of all ages are welcome. There is a potential for this group to blossom into a homeschooling group, as we have several homeschooling families at St. Paul! If you are interested in this or have any other questions, please contact Sarah Moser.

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

8am & 10:30am

In-Person Worship, or on Livestream /
On-Demand at: spvc.org
(Christmas Program 12/10)

9:15am

In-Person Bible Class; or on
Livestream / On-Demand at: spvc.org

9:15am

In-Person Sunday School

12-2pm

Private Communion Available

MONDAY

6-7:30pm

Confirmation Class
(NO class: 12/25, 1/1/2024)

TUESDAY

5-7pm

Private Communion Available

WEDNESDAY

10-11:15am (December)

In-Person Bible Study; or on
Livestream / On-Demand at: spvc.org
(NO Study: 12/27)

10-11:30am (January 2024)

In-Person Bible Study; or on
Livestream / On-Demand at: spvc.org
(NO Study: 1/3)

WEDNESDAY

11:30am Morning Advent Worship

6pm Soup Supper

7pm Evening Advent Worship

MEETINGS

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Saturday, December 2nd
9:00 AM

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE & PIZZA LUNCH

Sunday, December 3rd
11:45am - 2:00 PM

LWML

Tuesday, December 5th
10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

Saturday, December 9th
6:00 PM

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL

Sunday, December 10th
9:15 AM

LWML CHRISTMAS FAMILY TEA

Sunday, December 10th
2:00 PM

ELDERS

Tuesday, December 12th
7:00 PM

YOUTH GROUP SOUP SUPPER & UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

Wednesday, December 13th
6:00 PM

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Tuesday, December 19th
7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Sunday, December 24th
4:00 & 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

(one service only)
Monday, December 25th
10:00 AM

TRUSTEE WORKBENCH

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact:
Adam Criswell at: adamcriswell007@gmail.com

BABY BOTTLE MINISTRY

We will continue the Baby Bottle Project is for the Oaks Family Care Center in Brunswick, OH. We thank you for what you have already turned in. At present, there is no "return by" date, so, you may return your filled bottles whenever you are able to bring them to church. Your participation in this project is greatly appreciated.

DVD PLAYERS AVAILABLE

Self-contained DVD players/screens are still available if you or someone you know is unable to stream the service, is temporarily hospitalized or isolated, or has a TV setup that makes watching DVD's challenging (cable boxes and input switching can be a real pain!). Contact the church office if this would be a benefit. Special thanks to a generous donor who has made these possible.

PULL TAB MINISTRY

YES! we are collecting tabs all year round. Thanks to you these will benefit families at Ronald McDonald House. You may drop off your tabs in the bin that is located on the shelf next to Pastor's Office. For questions, contact Len Maver at: 440-781-9009

USED EYEGLASS MINISTRY

We have restarted the gently used Eyeglass Ministry. Cassie Bremke will be taking donations of the gently used eyeglasses to the local Lions Club. If you have any donations, please place it on the bookshelf located next to Pastor's Office. Thank you.

WIGGLE BAGS

Please help yourself to these goody bags that hold activities that kids may engage and participate in worship service. Hopefully this will help alleviate stress for parents who are worried about their child making it through the whole service, but more importantly, they help teach kids that "big church" is for them too. Please take a moment to collect all the contents of the Wiggle Bags and return it to the "Used Wiggle Bag" plastic bin after the Worship Service. We are grateful to Sandy Turner and Jean Wadle who are keeping up providing clean Wiggle Bags each week. Your donated supplies may be given directly to Sandy Turner or the church office. Thank you.

LWML

MISSION STATEMENT

"As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions and equip women to honor God by serving others."

LUTHERAN MEN'S MINISTRY A warm thank you to all who donated hats, scarves, and gloves for the Lutheran's Men Ministries Veterans this past season.

LWML CHRISTMAS FAMILY TEA is part of the Christmas in the Valley Community Christmas. This event will be held here at St. Paul Church on Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 PM. The guest speaker will be Ruth Pangrace who will be portraying the character of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

PROJECT ADOPT-A-FAMILY What a generous congregation we have here at St. Paul! Thank you for your quick response to the Christmas family's requests and clearing the board after the late worship service! The Oaks Family Care Center representative said it would be fine if we added to their original requests. Things like age-appropriate toys, books or clothing are welcomed.

Family #9 has a male: Age 24 months.

Family #17 has a female: Age size/2, 2T), socks, pajamas, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens or gift cards for the family. (Walmart or grocery stores.)

Please note on the sign-up paper the family # what they are getting (or have gotten), so we can make sure we are helping both families and not getting a lot of the same gifts. Also remember to include the wrapping paper and tape. Thank you!!

NEXT MEETING There will be a short meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, December 5th at 10:00 AM to finalize the details for the Christmas Tea.

OFFICERS FOR 2024

Treasurer.....Len Maver
Corresponding Secretary.....Margit Gery
Recording Secretary.....Diane Johnson
Chaplin.....Kathy Fargo

The "Leader" for the meetings will be rotated throughout the year.

HOME VISITS

Book your visit with Pastor Zielinski, or, visit: www.spvc.org and click "Book with Pastor Zielinski" to see available times, or by contacting the Parish Administrator, Christine Cox at 330-483-3883.

VALLEY CITY FOOD PANTRY

If you or someone you know needs food assistance, please contact LifeSpring Food Pantry at 330.328.3091. The monthly drive through food pantry is the third Saturday of the month from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at 1638 Lester Road, Valley City, OH. www.valleycity.org

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

If you're an eligible member, please consider directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Valley City, OH. **2023 Choice Dollars expire March 2024**, so it's use it or lose it. You may learn more by visiting: www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or by calling Thrivent at: 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice." Thank you for helping to support the mission of St. Paul Church.

FELLOWSHIP HALL USAGE & RENTAL

To schedule your event please contact Christine Cox, our Parish Administrator at 330.483.3883 or, email at: christine.cox@spvc.org

Once your event is approved, a Fellowship Hall Rental Form will be placed in your church mailbox or emailed to you. Please complete it and return the form along with your fee remittance to the church office. Thank you.

ST. PAUL PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Christine Cox
christine.cox@spvc.org
330-483-3883

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9:30am - 1:30pm

Tuesday: Off

Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
(10am-11:30am for Bible Study)

Thursday: 9:30am - 1:30pm

COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor is providing individual communion opportunities.

1. Check the posted times for “walk-in” communion below.
2. Scheduling an appointment with Pastor at church or in your home.

“Walk-In” times at Church:

- Sundays, 12 – 2:00 PM
- Tuesdays, 5 – 7:00 PM

**Scheduling an appointment for communion
at church or in your home:**

To schedule a time other than the walk-in times:

- Call Pastor 440-458-0189
- Visit www.spvc.org and click “Book with Pastor” to see available times for appointments.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

As our Lord provides for us and we return to Him a portion of His generosity. You have several ways to continue contributing:

1. In-person Worship on Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
2. Mail your contributions to the church.
3. Talk to your bank about “bill-pay” options. They can likely send a check directly to the church on a scheduled basis.
4. Visit www.spvc.org and click on “Give Online” - you’ll be taken to our secure online giving site where you can make a one-time or on-going contribution.

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7 (ESV)*

OUR VERY SPECIAL MEMBERS

JESSE, Erika

Avenue at Strongsville Care

18936 Pearl Road, Room #152
Strongsville, OH 44136
440-870-2600

NIKEL, Marion

Brunswick Pointe Transitional Care

4355 Laurel Road, Room #211
Brunswick, OH 44212
330-741-8000

PETCHLER, Joyce

5236 Creekside, Unit E-18
Brunswick, OH 44212
216-387-8056

RAUHAUS, Marilynn

Plum Creek

891 Marks Road, Room #C-2
Brunswick, OH 44212
330-416-8441

SCHULTZ, Bill

6988 Spieth Road
Medina, OH 44256
330-421-2050

SILK, Dorothy

Kemper House

10890 Prospect Road, Room #226-B
Strongsville, OH 44149
440-846-1100

STUMPF, Kathe

Pearl Crossing

19205 Pearl Road, Room #212
Strongsville, OH 44136
440-268-9555

TIBBITTS, Don

7160 Abilene Drive
Payton, CO 80831
330-225-4767

BURGESS, Rev. Jeff & Bailey

St. Paul Lutheran Church
7701 East M-36
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

6905 Cheddar Valley Drive
Brighton, MI 48116

BUVINGHAUSEN, Rev. Garrett & Emilia

Parsonage

126 Grand Avenue
Wellington, OH 44090

Bethany Lutheran Church
231 E. Hamilton Street
Wellington, OH 44090

MONDAY, Dakota (Doug)

6600 N. Clinton St.
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

FORBES, Connor E.

(Adopted Seminary Student from Concordia
Seminary, Saint Louis, MO)
Campus
P.O. 801 Seminary Pl.
Saint Louis, MO 63105-3196

CLARK, David & Megan

(Adopted Seminary Student from Concordia
Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN)
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2024 ST. PAUL OFFICERS & KEY PEOPLE

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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR.....Christine Cox
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Art Heyse.....440.816.9944
Diane Peters (copying).....440.452.5105
Judy Scaife.....330.723.7756

LWML

President.....Rotating
Recording Secretary.....Diane Johnson
Treasurer.....Len Maver
Chaplin.....Kathy Fargo
Corresponding Secretary.....Margit Gery

MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir.....Audrey Harris & Sarah Moser
Handbells: Nicole Spry.....330.391.1753
Organists:
Hannah Criswell.....419.388.3135
Audrey Harris.....815.762.2442
Marlene Shook.....330.483.4830

BOARD OF ELDERS

Steve Kato (Head).....330.242.7183
Chris Duran.....216.577.5164
Dave Hesketh.....330-410-6150
Jim Jackson.....330.391.6393
Sam Jakabcic.....216.789.1076
Tim Wadle.....216.214.7109

ALTAR GUILD

Dianne Holland (scheduler).....330.410.8428
James & Jeanette Rafter.....440.926.1007
Susan Willkom.....330.723.7137
Carole Zwingelburg.....330.725.1054
Kathleen Burns.....440-281-2784

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent.....(Beth Bremke)
Nursery Roll, Preschool & Kindergarten.....
.....Gail Jackson
1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade.....Len Maver
4th, 5th, & 6th Grade.....Beth Bremke
7th & 8th Grade.....Pastor Streeper & Chris Spry
Adult Study.....Pastor Zielinski
Music.....Audrey Harris

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Adam Criswell (Head).....330.418.7470
Kyle Bremke.....440.309.0227
Jason Ehrman.....330.421.6759

BABY BOTTLE MINISTRY (Oaks Family Care Center)
Christine Cox.....330.483.3883

BAPTISMAL BANNERS Tammy Rhodes....440.476.0684

CARD MINISTRY...Joyce Ellenberger & Carol Hesketh

CHRISTIAN NURTURE (Sunday School, VBS)
Beth Bremke.....440-669-3180

CUSTODIAN Liz (Rob) Zacharias.....330.461.0840

EVANGELISM Walter Dill Jr.....330-304-6153
Rev. Streeper.....330-441-0502

FELLOWSHIP HALL RENTAL Christine Cox.....330.483.3883

FUNERAL MEALS Sandy Turner.....330.592.9405

PRAYER CHAIN Flocknote/Emails....Christine Cox

TRAIL LIFE USA Rev.Streeper.....330-441-0502

SECURITY SYSTEM: (Safe Harbor Security & Fire)
Dean Bremke.....216.316.0810

SEXTON Jason Ehrman.....330.421.6759

WELLNESS BOARD Beth Bremke....440.669.3180

WIGGLE BAGS.....Sandy Turner & Jean Wadle

YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Sarah Moser.....440-453-0180

YOUTH GROUP Rev.Streeper.....330-441-0502
Assistants: Chris & Sarah Duran.....216.577.5164

ST. PAUL HELPING HANDS

“SMALL TASK MINISTRY”

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A HELPING HAND?

Use this list to see who is available on the day of the week you need and reach out to them to set things up.

BEREA

Tammy Rhodes

Cell: 440-476-0684

Email: tarhodes1982@hotmail.com

Available: Saturday & Sunday all day, Monday through Friday after 6pm

BRUNSWICK

Dave & Carol Hesketh

Cell: 330-410-6150

Available: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Paula Pietch

Cell: 440-897-4847

Email: grasshopper48@gmail.com

Available: Tuesday, Friday, Saturday

Tim Wadle

Cell: 216-214-7109

Email: twads47@yahoo.com

Available: Any

LAGRANGE

Branko Djordjevic

Cell: 440-655-3749

Available: Any

Charlie Djordjevic

Cell: 440-655-3729

Available: Any

LITCHFIELD

Sandy Turner

Cell: 330-592-9405

Email: slturn71@gmail.com

Available: Any

2023 DECEMBER CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					7pm VCRC	9am Christmas Decorating
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
LWML Collecting Mites 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Bible Class 9:15am Sunday School 11:45 -2pm Christmas Program Rehearsal & Pizza 12-2pm Communion	6-7:30pm Confirmation Class	10am LWML 5-7pm Walk-In Communion	10am Bible Study 11:30am Advent-1 Morning Worship 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Advent-1 Evening Worship			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8am Sunday Worship 9:15am Bible Class 9:15am Rehearsal 10:30am Christmas Program 12-2pm Walk-In Communion	6-7:30pm Confirmation Class	5-7pm Walk-In Communion 7pm Elder Meeting	10am Bible Study 11:30am Advent-2 Morning Worship 6pm Youth Group Soup Supper & Ugly Sweater Contest 7pm Advent-2 Evening Worship			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Voters' Meeting (NO Bible Class) 9:15am Sunday School 12-2pm Walk-In Communion	6-7:30pm Confirmation Class	5-7pm Walk-In Communion 7pm Executive Meeting	10am Bible Study 11:30am Advent-3 Morning Worship 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Advent-3 Evening Worship			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Bible Class 9:15am Sunday School 12-2pm Walk-In Communion	NO Confirmation Class	5-7pm Walk-In Communion	NO Bible Study			
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8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Bible Class 9:15am Sunday School 12-2pm Walk-In Communion						Worship & Bible Studies found on Livestream and/or OnDemand at: spvc.org

2023 DECEMBER BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Randy Silk	2 Irmgard Cords
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Vauna Streeper	Robert Muntz Sarah Myers Chris Strekely Jim & Joyce Willson (47)	Jacob Adams Charlie Djordjevic Savanah Miscuda	Bryan Klooz		Kathleen Burns Greg Tyrpak Yuliza Zielinski	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Karleen Meilander	Hannah Criswell Ralph & Debbie Scheiman (30)	Gavin Beck		Todd Myers Jerry & Marilyn Skidmore (29)		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Zendaya Beck Bob Schiemann		Cassie Bremke Benjamin Moser	Michele Gatt John Kristoff	Todd Gery	Jared Pflaum	Angela Bailey
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Donnie Cox Zach Torres	David Knopf Dottie miller			Elijah Inman Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes (45)	Tammy Rhodes Jim Willson Chris & Vauna Streeper (12)	Bill Siiman Jim & Susan Little (16) Joe & Rachel Walker (6)
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2023 DECEMBER BAPTISMS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Art Jesse Kathe Sumpf	2 Julia Baker
3 Curtis Hawke	4 Izsac Metzger	5	6 Laurie Baker Emily Balliet	7 Christipher Miscuda	8 Miles Heyse Kim Schultz	9 Natalie Myers Margaret Weintz
10	11 Irmgard Cordes Sandy Turner	12 Lilian Cox Sarah Duran	13 Judy Renz William Schnurr	14 Raegan Sherry	15	16
17	18 Brian Dearth Ethel Schiemann	19	20	21 Miranda Pflaum	22 Jiebing Bennett Evie Metzger	23
24	25	26	27	28 Nina Spry	29 Hannah Criswell Julia Scheiman	30
31 Benjamin Moser						

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
Worship & Bible Studies found on Livestream and/or OnDemand at: spvc.org	NO Confirmation Class	10am LWML	NO Bible Study		7pm VCRC	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
LWML Collecting Mites 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Bible Class 9:15am Sunday School 12-2pm Communion	6-7:30pm Confirmation Class	5-7pm Walk-In Communion 7pm Elder Meeting	10am Bible Study 6:30-8pm Youth Group			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Bible Class 9:15am Sunday School 12-2pm Walk-In Communion	6-7:30pm Confirmation Class	5-7pm Walk-In Communion 7pm Executive Meeting	10am Bible Study			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Sunday School 12-2pm Walk-In Communion	6-7:30pm Confirmation Class	5-7pm Walk-In Communion	10am Bible Study 6:30-8pm Youth Group			
28	29	30	31			
8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Bible Class 9:15am Sunday School 12-2pm Walk-In Communion	6-7:30pm Confirmation Class	5-7pm Walk-In Communion	10am Bible Study			

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Irma Hill	2 Steve & Colleen Kato (31)	3 David Gigliotti Katie Piroli Michelle Scabel	4 Debbie Gotsch	5 Rob Zacharias	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Mark Andrukat Cindy Balliet Maggie Gordon	John Johnson	Isabel Spry Alice Tyrpak	Kari Moror	Carl Strekely Larry & Arlene Klooz (55)	Tim & Jean Wadle (51)	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Richard Gatt	Noah Dearth Rev. Dale Huelsman		Jacob Gatt Jim Little	Jeff Hill	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Penny Evans	Yesenia Zielinski	Barb Knight	Gary Eckert	Kristen Nagy Morgan Theiss	
28	29	30	31			
Jackson Baker Gretalyn Beck Rachel LaChance		Rev. Dennis Murawski Jim & Michelle Murawski (21)				

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	1 Charlie Djordjevic Tom Hadaway Sammy Jakabcic David Knopf Larry Mitchell	2	3	4	5	6 Randy Silk
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Garrett Beck	Evelyn Balleitt Luke Bremke	Allysa Metzger	Bryan Klooz Molly Ross		Michele Gatt Zach Torres	Karleen Meilander
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
				Joyce Haury	Gabrielle LaChance	Todd Myers
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Jacob Adams	Sarah Myers			Isabel Spry		
28	29	30	31			
	Ezmarelda Winterstein	Barb Knight Rob Zacharias				