

WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday 5:00 PM



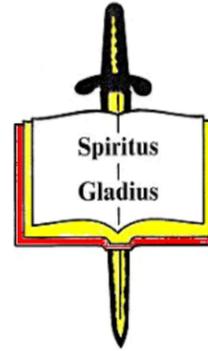
"The Good News"
from St. Paul is broadcast
every Sunday at 10:00 AM
on WLEC 1450AM

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SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday
8:30 AM—1:00 PM
419-625-6800 phone

Our Mission: Proclaim God's love through word and sacrament, committed to a life of witness, fellowship, and service, uniting people to His will.
Our Vision: As a church, we will make a positive difference in our community.

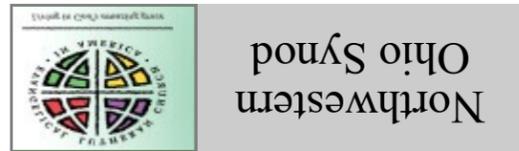


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JUNE 2020

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"CHRIST-CENTERED, GOSPEL-BASED CHURCH EQUIPPING YOU FOR SERVICE."

St. Paul has four teams that tend to the ministry that Christ has called us to.

The teams and their respective responsibilities include:

<u>Nurture Team</u>	<u>Resource Team</u>	<u>Ministry Team</u>	<u>Mission Team</u>
Worship & Music Christian Education Youth & Family	Finance Stewardship Building and Grounds	Life and Growth Fellowship Groups Visitation	Evangelism, FLAMe, Welcome Table, Care and Share, Synod, ELCA, etc.

Short Term Teams may be set up by Council in response to specific requests or needs.

Church Activities

Prayer Chain Linda Skillman (419) 625-6292
St. Paul Choir
Stitch n Rip Joyce Marquart (419) 627-0861
Dartball Tom Willer (419) 308-0197
Women of the ELCA Linda Skillman (419) 625-6292

Our 2017-2018 Church Council Leaders and Committee chairpersons are:

Larry Riedy—President
Brent Gardner—Vice President, Synod Council at Large
Cindy Ball—Treasurer
Craig Hecht—Secretary
Tina Walton
Nancy Glass
Judy Pflieger
Linda Ewers
Natalie Meadows
Karen Russell

MISSION TEAMS are scheduled to meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 23, 2020.
CHURCH COUNCIL will be meeting Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:30 pm.
WORSHIP AND MUSIC will meet Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

DEADLINES TO REMEMBER:

Please have information to the church office at the appropriate times for timely publication.

Weekly Bulletin:

Thursday, 10:00 AM

Newsletter:

Monday after the
Church Council meeting by 12:00 PM
(JULY SWORD, June 14th)

OUR STAFF

Jesus' Disciple in Mission & Ministry

Pastor
Music Director & Organist
Choir Director
Pianist
Church Secretary
Custodian
Financial Secretary
Groundskeeper
Synod Council at Large

YOU!

Rev. William Schroeder
Charles Scroggy
Marianne Webb
Jenny Weichel
Elaine Conley
Debbie Moltz
Pat Gast
Bill Ewers
Brent Gardner

June Lectionary

June 7 Holy Trinity Sunday

Parament Color: White
First Reading: Genesis 1-2:4a
Psalm 8
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

June 14 Second Sunday after Pentecost

Parament Color: Green
First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8
Gospel: Matthews 9:35-10:8[9-23]

June 21 Third Sunday after Pentecost

Parament Color: Green
First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10[11-15]16-18
Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11
Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

June 28 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Parament Color: Green
First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4,15-18
Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23
Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42



Please be mindful of our homebound members with prayers, visits or cards!

Please call the church office for contact information.

Martha Roesch	Lois Hummel	Ruthann Jones
Howard Barnum	Peg Marquart	Don and Helen Smith
Donna Russell	Janis Skaggs	Eleanor Miller
Sharon Dresser	Frances Hartley	Mary Bauman
Lois Camp	Ronald Beese	Harold Smith
Betty Moltz	Larry Camp, Jr.	Don Roth
Mr. Barry Karns		



Brenda Westerhold	6/1	Nelson Collins	6/15
Joan Lopo	6/3	Betty Moltz	6/15
Cameron Meadows	6/3	Micayla Meadows	6/16
Jacob Meadows	6/3	Samantha Gillingham	6/18
Ruth Glass	6/4	Helen Smith	6/22
Bonnie Wightman	6/8	Linda Myers	6/27
Patricia Pepitone	6/11	John Bossart Jr.	6/28
Sonya Unckrich	6/11	Durond Clark	6/28
RuthAnn Jones	6/14	Madeline Clark	6/29



Kortney & Joseph Bush	6/8
Roland & Sonya Unckrich, Jr.	6/17
Craig & Lisa Hecht	6/20



*but they who wait for the
 Lord shall renew their strength:
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
 they shall run and not be weary:
 they shall walk and not faint.*

Isaiah 40:31

*In Our Thoughts
 & Prayers*  Our Christian sympathy goes to the family of Melvin Heiberger who went to be with the Lord on Friday, May 22. Please keep the family in your prayers.



"CAN A DYING CHURCH FIND LIFE?"

SIX RADICAL STEPS TO "YES"

By Thom S. Rainer – April 27, 2013 Podcast

In a blogpost earlier this week, I presented the findings of my "autopsy" on a church that just closed its doors and died. I knew the church well because I had been their consultant ten years

earlier. The only surprise I found was that the church kept its door open five years longer than I had anticipated.

The post generated much interest. Indeed, it is still buzzing today. Many church leaders and laypersons saw early warning signs in the post that related to their own churches. Many are concerned. Many want to know if there is any hope.

The title of this post has a bit of irony. If a church is dying, it cannot then by definition find life. I must say from a pure statistical perspective, most churches with the symptoms I noted will die within a matter of a few years. Though I don't have hard data, I would be comfortable suggesting that the percentage exceeds 99 percent.

But among the American churches on a death march, there is that rare exception, that one in 1,000, that extraordinary situation where a church defies all the man-made odds and moves from near death to health. Those churches are rare, but they do exist.

In the midst of the gloomy news of terminal churches, I took a look at a few churches that had all the signs of impending death and then turned around to life. All of them of which I have knowledge were located in dramatically shifting demographics.

They weren't merely churches that were unhealthy; they were dying. Even the most casual observer would have predicted the imminent demise of these congregations. They were truly sick unto death. So how did these churches do it?

Though each of the stories I examined has its own nuances, I did find some common themes. Please take careful note. My brief blogpost is not a quick-fix solution to dying churches. To the contrary, it's the story of six radical steps taken by key members in each of the churches.

1. A leader must rise and be willing to lead the church toward radical transformation regardless of the personal costs to him. That leader is typically a new pastor in the church, but it does not have to be.
2. A significant group in the church must admit that they are desperate for help. The significance of the group could be their sheer size; for example, they could be a majority of active members. Or the significance could be the influence of those in the group rather than the number. This group must lead the church from denial to a painful awakening to reality.

3. That same group must confess guilt. They failed to reach the community. They held on to the idolatry of yesterday. They were only comfortable with "our kind of people." They saw the church to be a place where their needs were met and personal preferences catered.
4. The group must have an utter, desperate, and prayerful dependence on God. They can no longer look at the way they've always done it as the path for the future. They must fall on their faces before God and seek His way and only His way.
5. The church must be willing to storm the community with love. The church can't assuage their guilt by having a food and clothes pantry where community residents come to them once a week. Members must go into the community, love the unlovable, reach out to the untouchable, and give sacrificially of time, money, and heart. The community must be amazed by these church members.
6. The church must relinquish control. If the church reaches the community, the community will come to the church. They may be poorer. They may have different colors of skin. They may speak differently. They may have a radically different culture than members of the church. If the church is truly to reach the community, it must be joyfully willing to let the community have control of the church. This attitude is radically different than welcoming the outsiders to "our church." It is an attitude that says it is now "your church."

Most readers likely understand the low likelihood of such a transformation taking place. It is so rare that, when it happens, it is often given the name "miracle."

But we serve the God of miracles. Maybe we should expect more. Maybe we should do more.

Our Financial Stewardship – Please note this reflects our giving (support for St. Paul in offerings) on a monthly basis.

Income for April for All Funds	\$11,068.79 plus
SBA Loan money received of	\$28,400.00 = \$39,469.79
Expenses for April for All Funds	\$15,799.68