

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.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays 10:00 AM
First Presbyterian Church
265 Jackson Street
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS

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



The Sword

NOVEMBER 2021

St. Paul Lutheran Church
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Northwestern
Ohio Synod



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

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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> Worship & Music Christian Education Youth & Family	<u>Resource Team</u> Finance Stewardship Building and Grounds	<u>Ministry Team</u> Life and Growth Fellowship Groups Visitation	<u>Mission Team</u> Evangelism, FLAMe, Welcome Table, Care and Share, Synod, ELCA, etc.
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Short Term Teams may be set up by Council in response to specific requests or needs.

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
DECEMBER SWORD, November 15th)

Church Activities

Prayer Chain Linda Ewers (419) 679-6255

Dartball Tom Willer (419) 308-0197

Women of the ELCA Linda Ewers (419) 679-6255

Our 2019-2020 Church Council Leaders and Committee chairpersons are:

Larry Riedy—President
Cindy Ball—Treasurer
Craig Hecht—Secretary
Jennifer Weichel—Vice President
Linda Ewers

CHURCH COUNCIL will be meeting Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

It is recommended that all Teams try to meet virtually or by phone.

OUR STAFF

Jesus' Disciple in Mission & Ministry

Supply Pastor
Supply Pastor
Pianist
Church Secretary
Financial Secretary
Groundskeeper

YOU!

Rev. Lance Franke
Rev. Phil Gardner
Jenny Weichel
Elaine Conley
Pat Gresh
Bill Ewers

Shaun & Valerie Boothe 11/8
Steven & Elaine Brown 11/27
Lawrence & Cherie Riedy 11/30



November Lectionary

November 7 All Saints Sunday

Parament Color: White
First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9 or Wisdom 3:1-9
Psalm 24
Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a
Gospel: John 11:32-44

November 25 Thanksgiving Day

Parament Color: Green
First Reading: Joel 2:21-27
Psalm 126
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 6:25-33

November 14 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Parament Color: Green
First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14[15-18]19-25
Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

November 28 First Sunday of Advent

Parament Color: Blue
First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

November 21 Christ the King Sunday

Parament Color: White
First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
Psalm 93
Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8
Gospel: John 18:33-37

If you have a pastoral emergency you can call or email Pastor Gardner or Pastor Franke.

Rev. Phil Gardner

Email: pjgardner@bex.net

Home: (419)625-6771

Cell: (419)-357-4686

Rev. Lance Franke

Email: lfrankehome@gmail.com

Cell: (419)-204-6997

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

Income for September in All Funds \$4,259.33

Expenses for September in All Funds \$16,528.02

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

Please call the church office for contact information.

Howard Barnum	Peg Marquart	Ruthann Jones
Donna Russell	Janis Skaggs	Mary Bauman
Betty Moltz	Ronald Beese	Don Roth
Marion Heiberger	Barry Karns	Glenna McCoy



IN CONCERT
HYMN SING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NOVEMBER 14, 2021
11:00 AM

The theme for the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Northwestern Ohio Synodical Convention that was held at the Heritage Inn at Sauder Village in Archbold on September 10-11, 2021 was "God is Working Behind the Scenes". I felt honored and joyful to be a voting member from St. Paul. It was a great time of study and uniting with other Christian women of our organization. Good food, fun and joy for all. Central to our theme was the story of Esther. If you haven't read her story in the Bible you should. It says and inspires so much for women and is a good lesson for all Christian people. I came home from the Convention as the new Eastern Conference Representative. I am humbled and inspired to have been elected and am looking forward to my first board meeting on October 30th.

In the meantime the Women of St. Paul held their annual meeting. With 3 members and 1 guest in attendance we decided to continue our ministry as we move forward. We will continue with the Thankoffering service, Christmas baskets, Care kits, Troupon Coupons, visitation, prayer chain and alter guild.

The fall meeting of the Eastern Conference had a theme of "Rebirth and Renewal". Our speaker talked about her missionary experience in Tanzania and the need for water. We had a beautiful Bible study on Paul's letter to Titus. The women brought in-kind gifts of clothing, personal items, and non-perishable food items to add to St. John's giving box which is primarily for the homeless. We need to plan our Spring Conference so if you would like to host or have any ideas for a program please let me know.

Dear God, thank you for giving us all different gifts. Help us to develop the gifts of others so that together we can share your love with the world. Amen

Linda Ewers

*Worship
With Us*

The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church at the corner of Jackson and Washington invites the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church to worship with them starting October 31 at 10:00 am. Masks are optional and there is plenty of room to social distance.

**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT !**

Even though our building has been sold St. Paul still goes on. We will be having worship services at First Presbyterian at 10:00 am every Sunday beginning October 31. The church office at St. Paul will still be open for the time being. Elaine will be at work during her normal hours (Monday-Friday 8:30-1:00). When the office does move to First Presbyterian you will still be able to reach Elaine at our regular phone number (419-625-6800). In case of a pastoral emergency you can reach Pastor Phil Gardner or Pastor Lance Franke at the numbers listed in the box above.

Our new address is: St. Paul Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 1226
Sandusky, OH 44871
Mail sent to Mills St. will be forwarded.

Anyone with keys need to turn them in as soon as possible. If you can't turn them in during regular office hours please contact Elaine at 419-625-6800 to make other arrangements.

Volunteers are needed to help with packing. Please call the office if you are interested in helping.

If you purchased a memorial bench you can pick it up by December 1. If you know anyone who purchased a bench please make sure the office knows their current address so we can contact them. Thank you.

FROM THE BISHOP

October 24, 2021

Dear People of God at St. Paul Lutheran Church,

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his people, and God himself will be with them" (Revelation 21:1-3).

During these past few months, I have been studying the Book of Revelation to prepare a Bible study for 2022, the Year of Vision. Many folks view the Book of Revelation with worry and fear, but I have come to see the Book of Revelation as a book of inspiration and hope. The last book of the Bible ends with the promise of God's presence.

Today the people of St. Paul Lutheran Church gather in this sacred space to pray, to worship, and to give thanks for the promise of God's presence. We give thanks for the ministry that has occurred in this space, and for the generations who have been encouraged and nurtured in the Christian faith. We have been inspired by the Gospel and nourished by the Sacraments. We will continue to live and to love as the people of God.

And even as we mark the end of an era in one place, we trust that God's mission will continue to lead us beyond this day and beyond these walls. Jesus promised that where two or three are gathered in His name, that He is truly present. So, we go forth from this sacred space always and ever in the promise of God's presence.

Let us pray, *we give you thanks dear Lord for the work accomplished and for the love shared in this sacred space. May the witness of these dear people who worshiped and served here in the name of Jesus Christ continue to live on as they leave these walls and live your mission in a new place, always mindful of your abiding presence. This we pray in the name of Jesus, crucified and risen for the world. Amen.*

May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you,



Bishop Daniel G. Beaudoin

Novemberfest!—Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner—Sunday, November 7—
11:30am —1:00pm—Trinity Lutheran Church—Carry out only—
Donations only—Will support the Community Mission Fund

ALL SAINTS:

NOVEMBER 1, 2020—NOVEMBER 1, 2021

1. RICHARD DECKER
JANUARY 4, 2021
2. STELLA PELKEY
JANUARY 23, 2021
3. ELEANOR MILLER
APRIL 12, 2021
4. DONALD PFLIEGER
APRIL 17, 2021
5. SHARON DRESSER
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021



“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1)

All Saints Day is Sunday, November 7. On this weekend we particularly remember, reflect on, and thank God for our loved ones who have died.



Robert Weichel	11/2	Kay Brown	11/16
Emma Marquart	11/4	Mackenzie Griffiths	11/18
Lilah Garlock	11/5	Catelynn Collins	11/19
Ronald Beese	11/6	Shayri Lawson	11/21
Olivia Colvin	11/9	David Ridenour	11/22
Colton Gast	11/9	Benjamin Carolus	11/23
Shirley Mapus	11/9	Carol Koelsch	11/23
Heather Sprouse	11/9	Rachael Lewis	11/23
Anita Bruni	11/11	Dennis Marquart	11/25
Sydney Griffiths	11/13	Shaun Boothe	11/26
Joan Shank	11/14	Ashlyn Kingsborough	11/26
		David Schoen	11/29

Roast Beef Dinner—Saturday, November 6—4:00pm until sold out—
\$10—Carry out only—Congregational UCC of Castalia—Use Water
Street Entrance across from Post Office