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from St. Paul is broadcast
every Sunday at 10:00 AM
on WLEC 1450AM
and WLKR 95.3FM

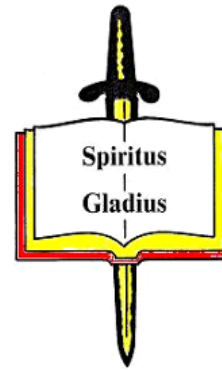
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SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS

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.



The Sword

OCTOBER 2021

St. Paul Lutheran Church
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Northwestern
Ohio Synod

St. Paul Lutheran Church
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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> 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 NOVEMBER SWORD, October 18th)

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, October 12, 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



October Lectionary

October 3 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Parament Color: Green
First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 8
Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

October 10 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Parament Color: Green
First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm 90:12-17
Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16
Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

October 17 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Parament Color: Green
First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm 91:9-16
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10
Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

October 24 22th Sunday after Pentecost

Parament Color: Green
First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 126
Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

October 31 Reformation Sunday

Parament Color: Scarlet
First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28
Gospel: John 8:31-36

Timothy Schwanger 10/2
Bryan Kurilic 10/4
Donald Binting 10/5
Richard Griffiths 10/7
Cheryl Glass-Schell 10/9
Thomas Willer 10/12
Allison Nagel 10/14
Jacob Jones 10/16
Karol Griffiths 10/19



Makenzie Bush 10/20
Keith Christian 10/20
Elaine Brown 10/21
Margaret Cheetham 10/23

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

Beginning October 1st 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

On the back ledge of the sanctuary is a sign-up and instruction sheet for ushers, greeters, and altar duties. Please sign-up with your name and phone number. You sign-up for one month at a time. Three people are needed each month. If you have any questions please contact Craig Hecht (419-973-2937) or Linda Ewers (419-679-6255).



Robert and Debbie Weichel	10/9
Barry and Nancy Glass	10/18
Richard and Marcia Ninke	10/19

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St. Paul has seen a great difference in worshipping and everyday activities in the past 2 years. You have also seen a decline in membership over the past 10-15 years or longer. We then came to you many times asking what you wanted to do. Each time there were options to choose from. Recently we looked at merging with Zion in Huron (did not work out). We had 5 weeks of meetings asking for suggestions from the congregation with a small amount of members participating.

Approximately 2 years ago you also gave council your permission to go forward as necessary to survive. Council has worked hard trying to do just that. The building went up for sale and now we are in contract to purchase. We have cut costs to keep the deficit down. Finding another location to worship after sale of property. During these times meetings have been long and stressful.

In the next few months we will be keeping you updated on the next steps for survival. IT WILL TAKE CHANGE (make something different or alter). This takes discipleship, hard work, positive attitudes, planning, and collaboration, maybe merging, and making a difference in our community. In the near future we will be having a congregational meeting to review the future.

Pastor William Schroeder has resigned his call with St. Paul effective November 1st. He will be finished leading worship on September 26th. His last work day and the end of his official duties is September 30th. He will then be on vacation through October.

St. Paul Council is working on his severance package according to Synod Constitution guidelines. We wish Pastor Schroeder the best of luck for the future whether it be another call or just retirement. If any congregation member would like to send a card his address is 2113 Mills St., Sandusky.

There will be no Facebook live during the transition. We will let you know when they will be starting up again. We will be continuing our radio broadcast at 10:00 am every Sunday at 10:00 am on WLEC 1450AM and WLKR 95.3FM. Our services will be the regular Lutheran service like before.

During this transition starting October 1st. Pastor Lance Franke and Pastor Phil Gardner will be doing worship services along with other duties when needed. Your leaders will also fulfill other duties as needed. Any questions please call the office to have a council member call you and answer questions.

In God's Love,
St. Paul Council

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

Income for August in All Funds	\$6,495.96
Expenses for August in All Funds	\$15,432.00

Eastern Conference Women's Fall Retreat

Saturday October 16, 2021

9:00am – 1:00pm

St. John's Lutheran Church

212 N. Clover St., Fremont, OH

Theme: "Rebirth & Renewal"

Titus 3:5: he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

Program: Becky Siebert on Tanzania

Take a few hours out of your busy schedule for a time of prayer, devotion, fellowship, and growing in God's word.

Registration & coffee hour starts at 8:30am

Cost: \$5.00 (paid at door – includes coffee hour & lunch)

In-Kind Gifts: St. John's Blessing Box

which is used primarily by the Homeless.

Individual packets are best and canned items that have the pull-tabs to open. Below are suggested items, however, other similar items are welcomed.

Boxes of Cereal (lg or individual)	Packets of Peanuts	Applesauce cups
Slim Jim's	Peanut butter/Cheese Cracker packages	
Spaghetti Os	Bottles of Water	Snack Bags-chips, Doritos, etc.
Tuna Packets 0	Fruit Snacks	Pop tarts
Juice boxes	Macaroni/cheese individual servings	
Microwave Popcorn	Hot chocolate packets	Toothpaste
Toothbrushes	Small boxes of raisins	Cereal/granola bars
Fruit cups	Canned Soups	Ramen Noodles
Trail Mix	Little Debbie's	Rice Krispy Treats
Instant Oatmeal	Individual packets of Tissues	Hats
Gloves	Scarves	Hand cream
Individual packs of silverware	Individual Peanut Butter servings	

Please RSVP by Oct. 10th to Karen Schwochow at 419-332-7341 or

karen.stjohns@gmail.com

Handicap entrance with elevator – is located in back from Wood Street parking lot.



The Women of the Northwestern Ohio Synod held their convention at The Heritage Inn at Sauder Village in Archbold. The women studied the Book of Esther and participated in a Purim Party. Linda Ewers was the voting member from St. Paul. She was elected Eastern Conference Representative.

The annual meeting of the Women of St. Paul will be on Saturday, October 9 at 9:00 am. Refreshments will be served.



Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church,

I am writing to thank you for your continued support of the Support our Troops Troopons Program. The immense amount of time and effort you continue to put toward this enduring program is greatly appreciated!

We are delighted to include your coupons in the many boxes we send to commissaries overseas that benefit from your generosity. These coupons reach countless hands of grateful military members, families and children who express how exponentially helpful it is receiving coupons from citizens like you.

We look forward to your continued support!

Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Support our Troops
Heather, Support Our Troops Team