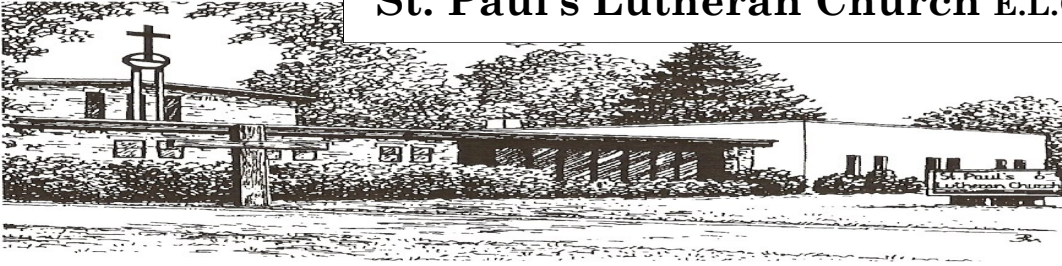


St. Paul's Lutheran Church E.L.C.A.



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MESSENGER

From the Pastor's Desk

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God, our Father, and the Lord, Jesus Christ.

I am always surprised at the number of times people just expect me to know when they are ill, or desire a visit or a phone call. The surprise comes when they finally reach out to me and ask, "why didn't you visit me?" or "I would have loved for you to stop by." The fact of the matter is that unless I am told you are ill, or having surgery, or would like a visit or phone call, I have no way of knowing this.

The truth of the matter is that some prefer I don't visit when they are ill or in the hospital. Some want to come into the office for pastoral care, rather than have me come to them. Each person is different in this regard. Each person has different levels of comfort in sharing their worries and fears.

As your pastor, I am blessed to get to journey alongside you during life's joys and ordeals. I am thankful for those who invite me into their lives, and I respect the need for privacy of those who would rather handle a matter in their own way. There is no right or wrong way to address these matters.

As we are continuing to navigate through the winter months of COVID, RSV, influenza and other viruses, know that your pastor and church family truly care about you. Let us journey alongside you.

Serving God in this place,

Pastor Christy Krnac



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IT'S LEAP YEAR!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



February

Greeters / Ushers

- 4 — Jeff Priestap
- 11 — June Cartner
- 14 — Tina Mizer
- 18 — Donna Welker
- 25 — Diane Lindquist and Butch Tish

Lay Reader

- 4 — Kathy Fassett
- 11 — Betsy Heath
- 14 —
- 18 — Terry Heath
- 25 — Nancy Cornell

Acolyte

- 4 — Eve Krnac
- 11 — Ryan Harvey
- 14 —
- 18 — Trent Harvey
- 25 — Jolene Sharpe

Communion Bread Baker

- 4 — Martha Cook
- 11 — Betsy Heath
- 14 — Tammy Cook
- 18 — Kathryn Fassett

Communion Setup/Cleanup

- 4 — Martha Cook
- 11 — Betsy Heath
- 14 — Tammy Cook
- 18 —

Communion Assistant

- 4 — Cindi Robinson
- 11 — Paula Peterson
- 14 — Tammy Cook
- 18 — Donna Welker

(If you are unable to be at the church on the day you're scheduled, please find a replacement or call the church office so that a replacement may be scheduled.)



- 3 - Mary Bobby
- 4 - Beverly Carey
- 5 - Andrew Huber
- 6 - Jeff Priestap
- 8 - Robert Reynolds
- 9 - David Sharpe
- 18 - Betsy Heath
- 19 - Marissa Harvey
- 20 - Tom Peterson
- 20 - Ken Morton
- 24 - Michael Shadle
- 25 - Lisa Schaefer
- 26 - Scot Sinkler
- Norma Waters
- Thomas Ranck
- 28 - Cindy Nagy
- Chip Ranck

Please remember in your prayers the Bradek family, at the loss of Chris' father, John Bradek, Dick Heidecker (brother of Nancy Cornell), Al & Kay Kephart (friends of Don & Peggy Ruth), Betty & Vince Barchanowicz, at the loss of their goddaughter, Ashley Marvin, Bob & Peggy Hewlett, and all those suffering from colds, flu, RSV and COVID.



We will be updating the prayer list each month. If you have a prayer request, please call the church office (440-576-4671), or email secretary4stpauls@gmail.com.

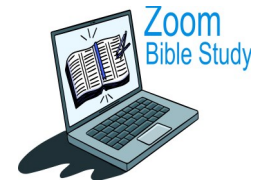


WEEKLY AND MONTHLY MEETINGS

Bible Study is held via Zoom every Monday at 7:00 p.m. Please let Pastor Christy know if you would like to join this study group.
Upcoming schedule:

Feb. 5th: 1 Thessalonians
Feb. 12th: 2 Thessalonians
Wednesdays @ 11:30 a.m.- Lectionary Study

Feb. 19th: 1 Timothy
Feb. 26th: 2 Timothy



Our Men's Group is meeting every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. at the Wall St. Coffee Co. in Jefferson. All men of the church are welcome to attend.

The women of St. Paul's are meeting in the Fellowship Hall every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Please bring your own coffee or tea. WELCA meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, and the next meeting is will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. All women of the church are welcome to attend.



The Piecemakers quilting group meets every Thursday from 1-3:00 p.m.

Brown Bag Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Please bring your bible and lunch and join us as we study God's word together.



Our next Journey Together meeting will be held on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. Please let Pastor Christy know if you would like to join this group.

Our next Church Council meeting will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held after the worship service on February 11, 2024 for the purpose of accepting annual reports. Potluck and Saints & Sinners to follow (*details on page 10*).

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 28, 2024

The Truth According to Us
by Annie Barrows

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

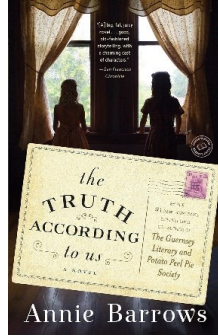
From the co-author of *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* comes a wise, witty,

and exuberant novel, perfect for fans of Lee Smith, that illuminates the power of loyalty and forgiveness, memory and truth, and the courage it takes to do what's right.

Annie Barrows once again evokes the charm and eccentricity of a small town filled with extraordinary characters. Her new novel, *The Truth According to Us*, brings to life an inquisitive young girl, her beloved aunt, and the alluring visitor who changes the course of their destiny forever.

In the summer of 1938, Layla Beck's father, a United States senator, cuts off her allowance and demands that she find employment on the Federal Writers' Project, a New Deal jobs program. Within days, Layla finds herself far from her accustomed social whirl, assigned to cover the history of the remote mill town of Macedonia, West Virginia, and destined, in her opinion, to go completely mad with boredom. But once she secures a room in the home of the unconventional Romeyn family, she is drawn into their complex world and soon discovers that the truth of the town is entangled in the thorny past of the Romeyn dynasty.

At the Romeyn house, twelve-year-old Willa is desperate to learn everything in her quest to acquire her favorite virtues of ferocity and devotion—a search that leads her into a thicket of mysteries, including the questionable business that occupies her charismatic father and the reason her adored aunt Jottie remains unmarried. Layla's arrival strikes a match to the family veneer, bringing to light buried secrets that will tell a new tale about the Romeyns. As Willa peels back the layers of her family's past, and Layla delves deeper into town legend, everyone involved is transformed—and their personal histories completely rewritten.



MARCH 27, 2024

March: *Georgie, All Along* by Kate Clayborn

The acclaimed author of *Love Lettering* weaves a wise and witty new novel that echoes with timely questions about love, career, reconciling with the past, and finding your path while knowing your true worth.



Longtime personal assistant Georgie Mulcahy has made a career out of putting others before herself. When an unexpected upheaval sends her away from her hectic job in L.A. and back to her hometown, Georgie must confront an uncomfortable truth: her own wants and needs have always been a disconcertingly blank page.

But then Georgie comes across a forgotten artifact—a “friendfic” diary she wrote as a teenager, filled with possibilities she once imagined. To an overwhelmed Georgie, the diary's simple, small-scale ideas are a lifeline—a guidebook for getting started on a new path.

Georgie's plans hit a snag when she comes face to face with an unexpected roommate—Levi Fanning, onetime town troublemaker and current town hermit. But this quiet, grouchy man is more than just his reputation, and he offers to help Georgie with her quest. As the two make their way through her wishlist, Georgie begins to realize that what she truly wants might not be in the pages of her diary after all, but right by her side—if only they can both find a way to let go of the pasts that hold them back.

Honest and deeply emotional, *Georgie, All Along* is a smart, tender must-read for everyone who's ever wondered about the life that got away . . .



2024 Church Council Officers and Committee Assignments

President: Jeff Priestap
Vice President: Terry Heath
Secretary: Donna Welker
Treasurer: Ronni Charles

Christian Education: Jeff Priestap

Evangelism & Outreach: Betty Barchanowicz

Fellowship: Martha

Finance: Cindi Robinson

Men's Group: Niles Carey

Property: Niles Carey and Jeff Priestap

Stewardship: Donna Welker

WELCA: Cheryl Mochan

Worship & Music: Cindi Robinson and Terry Heath

Youth: Cheryl Mochan and Martha Cook



Lenten Soup Suppers

Our soup and sandwich suppers will be shared each Wednesday during Lent, beginning Feb. 21st at 6:00 p.m. The signup sheet for making soup and/or sandwiches is hanging on the bulletin board.

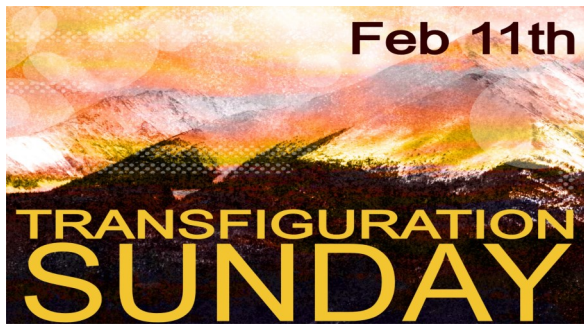


Betty Barchanowicz, dropping off hats and scarves crocheted by the women of St. Paul's, at the Veterans Service Commission of Ashtabula. Pictured here, left to right, Director Benjamin Schwartfigure, Betty, and Carol Hoyt.





Special Dates

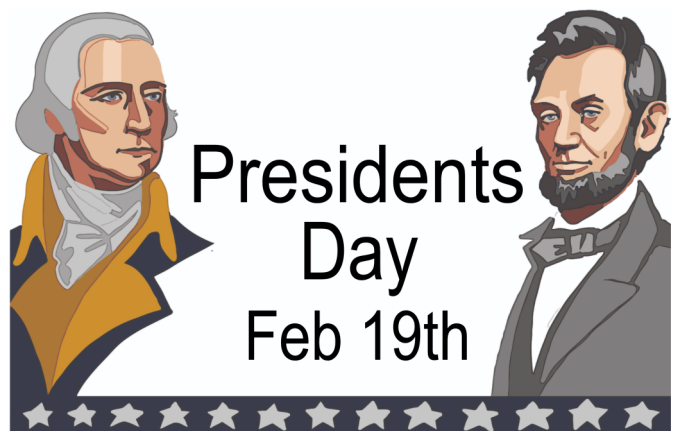


The transfiguration is **a preview of the future, when the Son of Man will come in glory to consummate his kingdom.** But this future kingdom can only come through his death and resurrection, which is why Jesus warns the three disciples to “tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead” (Matt. 17:9).



Fun with Love
Feb 10th
1 - 3:00 p.m.

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FUN WITH LOVE, A GOD'S KIDS EVENT is scheduled for **Saturday, February 10, 2024 from 1-3:00 p.m.** Families and children are invited to participate in an event that is all about love. There will be crafts, snacks and lots of fun! **Please RSVP no later than February 4th so we can ensure having enough supplies for everyone!**

Parents, we would love to meet briefly with you at 2:45 p.m. to get ideas of what types of activities you would enjoy for God's Kids.

happy Valentine's day



COMING SOON!!

GREEN DAY— we will be exploring St. Patrick's Day

March 9, 2024 from 1-3 p.m.

PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 3RD!!



Friday and Saturday June 21 and 22, 2024

St. Paul's Annual Rummage Sale, and this year we're adding a Bake Sale!



WELCA will be making Valentine boxes in February for college students, shut-ins and members of the military. Donations of pre-packaged cookies, candy, crackers, soup, etc. are needed **through February 11, 2023**. There is a basket on the card table marked Valentine boxes. Please submit names and addresses of college students, shut-ins and members of the military to Betty Barchanowicz or Peggy Ruth.



WELCA needs fleece blanket cutters. Please call Betty B. if you can help.



**LET'S HELP MANNA
FILL THE BASKETS!**



Manna is requesting small Easter basket fillers, such as dollar store toys, games, & stuffed animals and prewrapped Easter candy.

Please drop off your goodies **no later than March 17, 2024.**

Thank you.

Now that cold/flu/RSV/COVID season is upon us, please take care of yourself, and stay home if you don't feel well. Join us for worship on Facebook instead, and help keep your fellow parishioners from getting sick.



Manna Food Pantry

For the month of February, the Manna Food Pantry is requesting the following items: Strawberry Jelly, Brownie Mix, Packages of Peanut Butter and/or Cheese Crackers, and Deodorant.

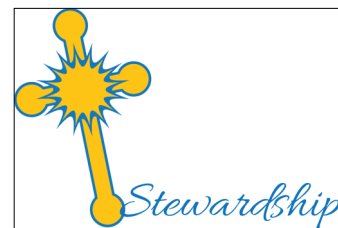
Please put your donations on the manna tables in the hallway.

Thank you for your generosity.




Stewardship Committee Thoughts for February:

Following the 2024 Commitment cards, weekly worship was in second place. I took a poll of members to ask, ‘what gets you up to come to church weekly?’ The following are responses from various church members which ranged from starting in childhood or helping an elderly parent to church; this helped form the habit and it became part of life, “what you do on Sundays.” Many mentioned that it provides a ‘centering’ for the week and the week goes better when coming to church on Sunday. The people, the ‘church family,’ the children, and not wanting to disappoint friends who would miss them were an incentive to come. Spouses also supported each other if one felt less inclined to attend that Sunday. Others mentioned just ‘loving church’ – all aspects, the service, the music and being part of something larger than themselves. What might help you start the habit of weekly worship?



We invite you to share your ideas for this journey and what it means for you. Please see Donna Welker or Chuck Sharpe with any questions or thoughts and if you would like to join us. We look forward to how God will surprise and work with us at St Paul’s through 2024. Thank you.

-- Donna Welker

 <p>ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE</p>	<p>ASHES TO GO ARE AVAILABLE ON THE COUNTER IN THE NARTHEX FOR THOSE WHO WOULD PREFER TO DO THEIR OWN IMPOSITION AT HOME. EACH PACKET IS ENOUGH FOR 4-6 PEOPLE.</p>
<p>Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes February 14th @ 7 p.m.</p>	





All-Church Potluck

POTLUCK AND SAINTS & SINNERS

A potluck will be held on **February 11, 2024** in the fellowship hall following the annual meeting. Please bring a dish to share. After the potluck, all adults are welcome to stay for our annual Saints & Sinners celebration. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift for the gift exchange, something new, or something you no longer want, with NO name tags. This is a fun event, and you don't want to miss it!



Ways you can SERVE

PIECEMAKERS need some folks who can sew together pre-cut quilt blocks into a quilt top, and people good with safety pins. Please contact Clara Moisio or Pastor Christy to pick up a kit.

Promise yourself...

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

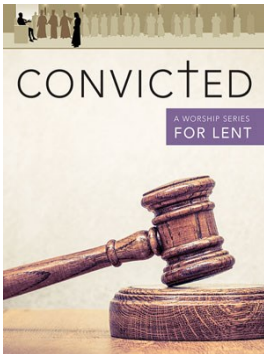
To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

— Christian D. Larson



CONVICTED - A WORSHIP SERIES FOR LENT

February 14 (Ash Wednesday) - Defamation of Character

Step into the courtroom each week in Lent with our Convicted worship series. Each service puts a different biblical person from the story of Christ's passion and death on trial, accused of an actual crime. On Ash Wednesday, we will look at the case against Jesus' disciples on the charge of defamation of character against the woman who anointed Jesus.

February 21 - Dereliction of Duty

Step into the courtroom once again in the next service in our Convicted worship series, in which a different biblical person from the story of Christ's passion and death is on trial in each service, accused of an actual crime. In this week's service, we will look at the case against Jesus' disciples on the charge of dereliction of duty.

February 28 - Treason

Step into the courtroom once again in the next service in our Convicted worship series, in which a different biblical person from the story of Christ's passion and death is on trial in each service, accused of an actual crime. In this week's service, we will look at the case against Judas on the charge of treason, a betrayal of trust against authority.

March 6 - Perjury

Step into the courtroom once again in the next service in our Convicted worship series, in which a different biblical person from the story of Christ's passion and death is on trial in each service, accused of an actual crime. In this week's service, we will look at the case against Peter on the charge of perjury, denying under an oath that he knew Jesus.

March 13 - Obstruction of Justice

Step into the courtroom once again in the next service in our Convicted worship series, in which a different biblical person from the story of Christ's passion and death is on trial in each service, accused of an actual crime. In this week's service, we will look at the case against Pontius Pilate on the charge of obstruction of justice, for not letting Jesus go free.

March 20 - Rebellion

Step into the courtroom once again in the next service in our Convicted worship series, in which a different biblical person from the story of Christ's passion and death is on trial in each service, accused of an actual crime. In this week's service, we will look at the case against Barabbas on the charge of rebellion.



The Diakonia Program

Growing in Faith is a ministry within the ELCA committed to fostering learning environments for followers of Jesus to grow in faith. We believe that lay members of our parishes are integral to healthy discipleship in our churches and communities. Thus, we gather followers across congregations to grow in faith together. Growing in Faith is a series of classes that you can take all in one year or over the course of many years. The courses are offered collaboratively through Zoom with Northwest Ohio Synod. Each course runs for 5 weeks and costs \$65/course + credit card fees (this is the suggested course fee plus a small amount for celebrations at the end of the year). Future dates and times for courses will be announced as they become available.

Register for Spring 2024 Classes: <https://www.neos-elca.org/growing-in-faith.html>

The following courses will be taught on Thursdays from 6-9pm through Zoom this Spring:

INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

February 8, 15, 22, 29, March 7

The goals of this course are to understand the gospel message as revealed in the New Testament (NT), to explore the life and faith of the Christian church in the first century, to understand how the Bible came down to us in its present form, and to understand and use a variety of tools for interpreting the Bible. Throughout the course students will reflect on how the New Testament Gospel has shaped our Christian lives.

LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN IN THE WORLD

March 21, April 4, 11, 18, 25

no class on Thursday, March 28th - Maundy Thursday

Students will discuss and explore their role as a member of a Christian community and the community at large. This course allows students to explore their place in a community that is not necessarily predominately Christian.

LUTHERAN CREEDS AND CONFESSIONS

May 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6

This course provides an analysis of the historical context and theological content of the Book of Concord (the Lutheran Confessions) with an eye to establishing the importance of its witness for Christian mission and ministry.

We Love
Our
VOLUNTEERS



PhoneVite

In the event that church is canceled due to bad weather, you will receive a phone call through PhoneVite letting you know of the cancellation. We will also send out an email.



Just a reminder:

*Offerings may be mailed to
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
89 E. Satin Street, Jefferson, Ohio 44047.*

*You may also give online at
<https://secure.myvanco.com/YJoW>*

*or on our website:
<http://www.stpaulsjefferson.org/>*

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- February 4 Worship Service w/Holy Communion
God's Kids – Deadline to sign up for Fun With Love
- February 10 God's Kids – Fun With Love 1-3:00 p.m.
- February 11 Transfiguration Sunday – Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.
Annual Congregational Meeting following Worship
Potluck / Saints & Sinners following Meeting
- February 13 WELCA Monthly Meeting 9:00 p.m.
- February 14 Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion
and Imposition of Ashes 7:00 p.m.
- February 15 Shut-in Visits
- February 18 1st Sunday in Lent – Worship with Holy Communion
Church Council Meeting 11:30 a.m.
Newsletter Deadline
- February 19 **Presidents Day – Church Office Closed**
- February 21 Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. / Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
- February 25 2nd Sunday in Lent – Worship Service
Journey Together 11:30 a.m.
- February 28 Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. / Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

- March 3 **God's Kids – Deadline to sign up for Green Day**

