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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 our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

I don't know about you all, but I sure am experiencing post-holiday fatigue. All the hustle and bustle, planning, preparing, rushing about trying to squeeze it all in before the festivities is exhausting work. It can take a toll on us all.

As the new year begins, know that it is okay to step back and recharge. Even Jesus took time apart from the busyness of life to rest and have some quiet time with God. For some of us, rest seems like a foreign concept. We live in a society where productivity seems to be how we are judged as being valuable, but we can only be productive as long as we also take time to care for ourselves.

Maybe this January, as we contemplate all we hope to accomplish this year, we put self-care and Sabbath time at the top of the list. Allow time for God to speak to us and renew our weary spirits, recharging us for the work ahead.

Serving God in this place,
Pastor Christy Krnac



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Special points of interest

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



January

Greeters / Ushers

- 7 — Sharon Piper
- 14 — Chuck Sharpe
- 21 — David & Liz Lyon
- 28 — Ronni Charles

Lay Readers

- 7 — Tammy Cook
- 14 — Peggy Ruth
- 21 — Jeff Priestap
- 28 — Sharon Piper

Acolyte

- 7 — Eve Krnac
- 14 — Ryan Harvey
- 21 — Trent Harvey
- 28 — Jolene Sharpe

Communion Bread Baker

- 7 — Betsy Heath
- 21 — Tammy Cook

Communion Setup/ Cleanup

- 7 — Betsy Heath
- 21 — Tammy Cook

Communion Assistant

- 7 — Bob Cook
- 21 — Rich Cook

(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.)



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Steve Calaway
- 6 - Olivia Padale
- 7 - Ruth Judson
- 10 - Dennis Martin
- 13 - Chuck Sharpe
- 16 - Ronni Charles
- 23 - Dave Weir
- 25 - Morgan Sharpe
- 29 - Mason Hysell
- 29 - Helga Seliger
- 30 - Jolene Sharp

Prayer List



Please remember in your prayers Peggy Hewlett, James Ruth (brother of Don Ruth), Elida Vanslyke (friend of Kathy Fassett), Dick Heidecker (brother of Nancy Cornell), and the family and friends of Julie Hibjam (sister-in-law of Kathy Fassett).

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:

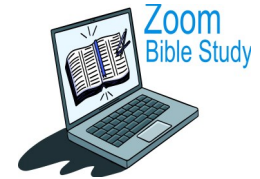
Jan. 1st: No Class

Jan. 8th: Galatians

Jan. 15th: Ephesians

Jan. 22nd: Philippians

Jan 29th: Colossians



Our Men's Group is meeting every week on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. at 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 week on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Please bring your own coffee or tea. The next WELCA meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9th at 9:00 a.m. All women of the church are welcome!



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, January 22, 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, January 21, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.



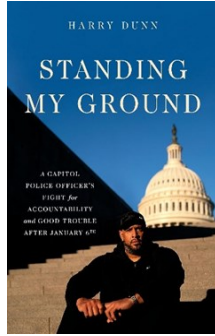
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held after the worship service on February 11, 2024 for the purpose of accepting annual reports.

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

JANUARY 24, 2024

Standing My Ground by Harry Dunn

The stirring memoir of Harry Dunn, a Capitol Police Officer on duty January 6th, who has become one of the most prominent and essential voices regarding the truth of that day, and “a must-read for those care about our nation’s future” (Congressman Eric Swalwell).



Walking the halls of democracy as a Capitol Police officer, Harry Dunn was a man slowly experiencing an awakening. It sparked after the election of our first Black president. It grew as his belief in the bravery and honor of law enforcement was shaken by Ferguson and countless other cases of police brutality towards the Black community. It continued to burn brighter as he watched members of Congress, many of whom he had befriended, lose their way to partisanship, as political extremism intensified. And it exploded into a blaze when he fought side by side with his fellow officers on January 6th, when democracy and their lives were threatened. *Standing My Ground* is “a powerful, patriotic tale – told with striking moral clarity” (Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi) that provides a crucial, definitive firsthand account of what happened on that day our country was shocked to its core. But it will also share the story of a man who refused to stay quiet when he learned that some of the men and women he had risked his life protecting, who knew him by name, would deny the horrors they faced. That’s when he chose to speak up and to seek out what his hero John Lewis once termed “good trouble.” Dunn’s ongoing story as a witness willing to meaningfully engage with the media, lawmakers, and the public provides a backdrop for examining the political and racial divide in this country – one that we must overcome in order to demand accountability and preserve our precious democracy.



FEBRUARY 28, 2024

The Truth According to Us by Annie Barrows

NEW YORK

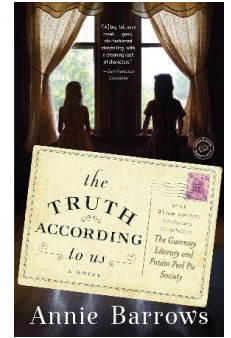
TIMES BESTSELLER • From the co-author of *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* comes a wise, witty, and

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.



PRAY MORE
worry less



This is Nate Krnac with Pastor Grant Eckhart of Jacob's Porch at Ohio State. Pastor Grant serves the ELCA in the roll of Campus Pastor to all Columbus area colleges through Jacob's Porch, which is located just off Ohio State's campus. Pastor Grant and his team have created a safe and vibrant ministry that is welcoming and empowering to all who attend. Campus Ministries are funded solely on donations from congregations and individuals, if you would like to help support this ministry, please visit:

<https://www.jacobsporch.com/partner>. For more information about Jacob's Porch and their mission please check out their website:

<https://www.jacobsporch.com>. You can find Nate at Jacob's Porch playing and participating in worship most Sunday evenings, as well as, attending various Wednesday night discussion groups. This ministry has been a wonderful way for Nate to continue his faith journey while attending Ohio State.

Fellow Pastors,

I want to share with you an amazing opportunity that we have to minister to families in our area. As well, I want to share a plea for help.

We were approached by the Ashtabula County Disabilities Board to partner with them to hold the TIM TEBOW NIGHT TO SHINE.

This is a prom like event for individuals with disabilities. As we've been planning God has been blessing. We received 2 grants for nearly \$10,000 to cover all costs. We have carriage rides, limo companies, photo booth companies, catering businesses, etc., all wanting to be involved.

So can I ask you all a favor:

- 1) Please SHARE the attached flyer within your congregations and ask people to PRAY! Pray that we can be God's hands and feet to share bright the Love of Jesus to the families of our county.
- 2) Invite them to volunteer.

We expect 150-200 Special Guests and have to have a 1 to 1 ratio of buddies for them. This means we will need a lot of help!

Thank you for putting this out to the congregations and praying for this amazing event!

We'd love to have all of you a part of the team, if possible.

All volunteers, churches, etc. can contact me for more information!

Thanks.

Curtis A. Cecil
Lead Pastor
Jefferson Nazarene



Special Dates



Why is January 6th Epiphany? It is a special date for many Christians as it's when people celebrate how a star led the Magi - also known as the Three Kings or the Wise Men - to visit the baby Jesus after he had been born. 'Epiphany' comes from the Greek word meaning 'to reveal', as it is when the baby Jesus was 'revealed' to the world.



ANNUAL Committee REPORTS
ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE
JANUARY 28TH!!



BIBLE

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

When in sorrow.....	John 14
When man fails you.....	Psalm 27
When you have sinned.....	Psalm 51
When you have worry.....	Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger.....	Psalm 91
When God seems far away.....	Hebrews 139
When your faith needs stirring.....	Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful.....	Psalm 23
When you grow bitter and critical.....	1 Cor.13
When you feel down and out.....	Romans 8:31-37
When you want peace and rest.....	Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God.....	Psalm 90
When you want Christian assurance.....	Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home for labor or travel.....	Psalm 121
When your prayers grow narrow and selfish.....	Psalm 67
When you want courage for a task.....	Joshua 1
To get along with your fellow man.....	Romans 12
For a great intervention or opportunity.....	Isaiah 55
For Paul's secret to happiness.....	Col. 3:12-17
If you want to be fruitful.....	John 15
If your pocketbook is empty.....	Psalm 37
If you're losing confidence in people.....	1 Cor.13
If people seem unkind.....	John 15
If discouraged about your work.....	Psalm 126
Find the world growing small and yourself great.....	Psalm 19

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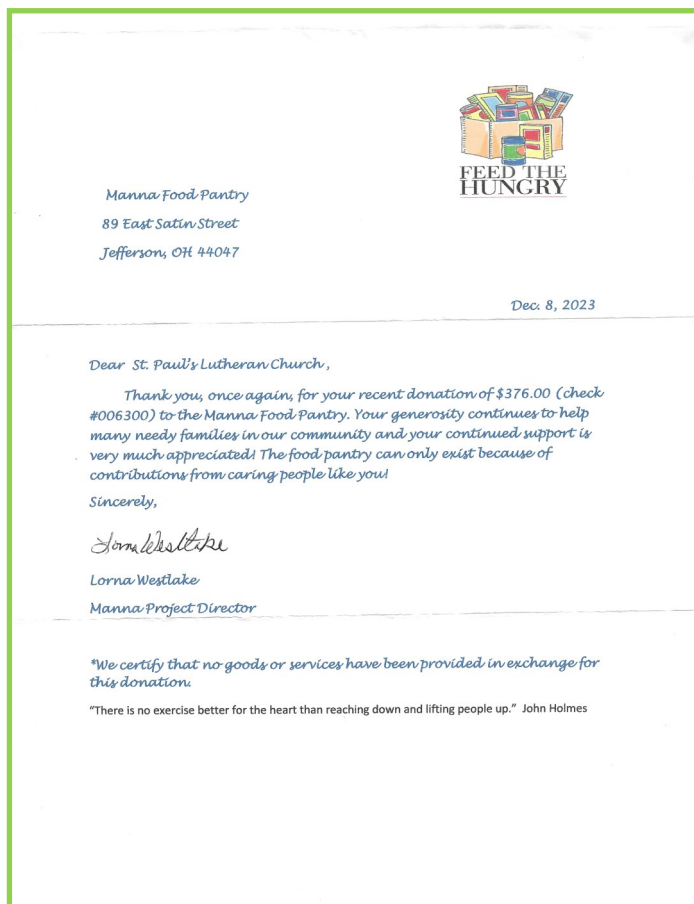
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS

Thanks to all who participated in the congregational meeting held on December 10, 2023. The budget for 2024 passed.

We also welcome the following new members to our church council: Betty Barchanowicz, Martha Cook, Cindi Robinson and Ronni Charles.

—Jeff Priestap
Church Council President

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.



For the month of January, the Manna Food Pantry is requesting the following: oatmeal, juice, macaroni-and-cheese, and hot chocolate.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

REJOICE
ALWAYS,
PRAY
CONTINUALLY,
GIVE THANKS
IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV



Stewardship Committee Thoughts for January:

For 2023 Commitment Sunday, we received thirty-three commitment cards (up from 15 in 2023). Daily prayer was first, weekly worship was second and acts of service were third; sharing the faith was fourth, and daily scripture reading was fifth. Then this year we had eleven who also wanted to work on growth in giving (sixth place). Since daily prayer was first, I wanted to speak to that for January, which is often a time of 'New Year's Resolutions.' Prayer is our conversation with God/Jesus. We can share thoughts, worries, and ask for help. Consistency is most helpful, for example, if you can tie your daily prayer to another routine or habit. We can also show gratitude for our blessings. It can be helpful to review blessings of the day if we pray at bedtime. A daily habit of giving thanks can lead us to become more aware of our many blessings, especially if we try to find something new each day to be thankful for; this is also very helpful if we are having a 'down' day full of frustrations. Pauses to 'listen' are also important.



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



HALO UPDATE 2024

St. Paul's adopted eight (8) local families in need this year, making their Christmases just a little bit merrier! Our parishioners' participation in this annual program is overwhelming!

Thank you to all those who pulled angel tags from our Giving Tree and purchased, wrapped and returned so many gifts, and to those who made monetary donations making it possible for our Halo Team to additionally provide gift cards to our adopted families.

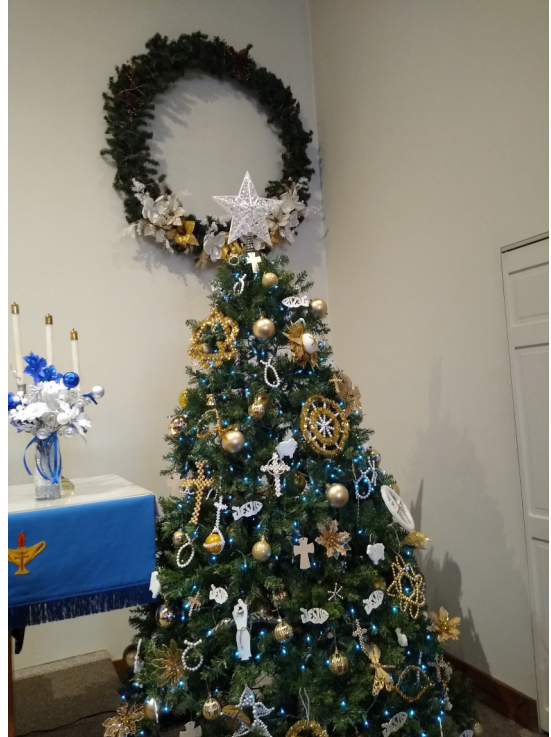
Thank you to Cheryl Mochan, our Halo Chair, and Lorrie Turner, who somehow found the time to assist once again in this annual endeavor.

And finally, Thank you to all those little elves who volunteered their time wrapping, sorting and packing up the gifts for pickup.



RECENT EVENTS

BLUE CHRISTMAS AND HANGING OF ANGELS



Dear Pastor Christy and Congregation,
I want to send my sincere thanks to St. Paul's Lutheran Church for your enthusiastic participation in the Church Walk on December 2nd. I know that people really enjoyed their time making the ornaments. Your commitment and efforts were instrumental in the success of the event. The Jefferson Rotary Club is grateful for your continued support and dedication to the community and the Mammal Seal Project and with this new event.
With gratitude,
Jim Fuller and
Jefferson Rotary Club

JEFFERSON ROTARY CHRISTMAS WALK



Additional photos
may be viewed on
our FB page

RECENT EVENTS CON'T

ALL ABOUT THE STAR WITH GOD'S KIDS



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



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RECENT EVENTS CON'T

WOMEN'S GROUP POST-CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST AT THE PIE SHOP



*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/>*





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.



WI-FI
 Network: Welcome to St. Pauls
 Password: LivingGodsLove89



- December 31 First Sunday of Christmas – Holy Communion
Pastor Jerry Burse leads worship
- January 1 New Year’s Day – Church Office Closed
- January 2 Pastor Christy on Vacation
- January 7 Pastor Christy Returns from Vacation
Baptism of Our Lord – Holy Communion
- January 9 WELCA Monthly Meeting
- January 14 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
- January 15 MLK, Jr. Day – Church Office Closed
- January 18 Shut-in Visits
- January 21 3rd Sunday after Epiphany – Holy Communion
Church Council Meeting
Newsletter Deadline
- January 28 4th Sunday after Epiphany, includes laying on of hands
And anointing for healing during worship

