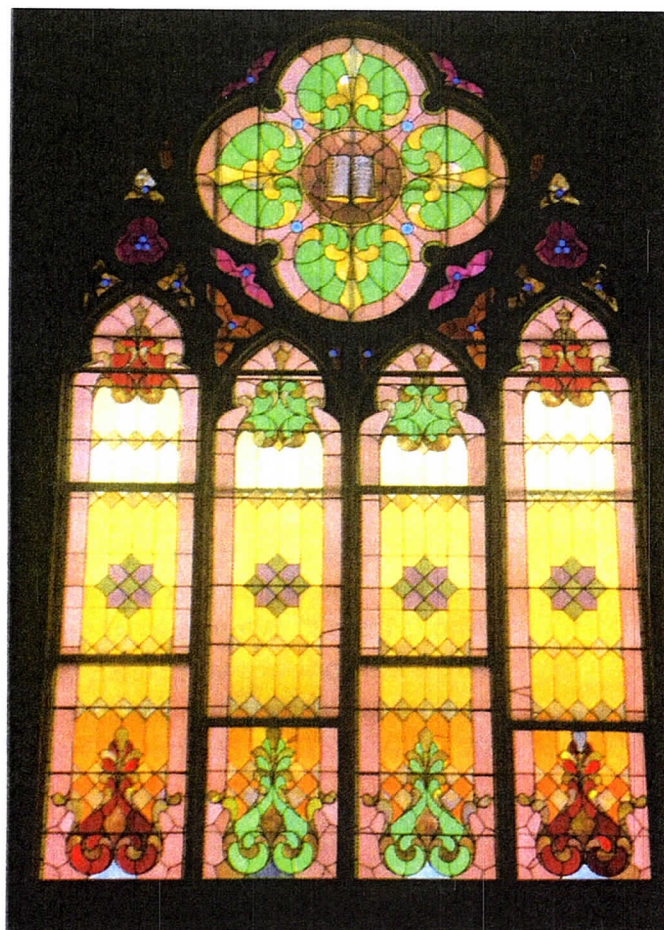


St. Paul's Lutheran Church Newsletter March 2021

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SERMON THEMES: ENCOUNTERING CHRIST

Transfiguration

February 14, 2021
(Pastor)

Mark 9:2-13: The disciples receive an unforgettable glimpse of the glory of Christ to sustain them on Christ's way to the Cross and in preparation of meeting the resurrected Christ.

Temptation of Christ

February 17th, 2021
Ash Wednesday
(Pastor)

Matthew 4:1-11: An encounter (temptation) with Satan is an opportunity to choose God by standing on His Word and standing in obedience to Him.

Peter's Test & Denial

February 24, 2021
(David Halsey)

Luke 22:31-34: God allows us to be tested so that we will discover what is in our hearts and to prepare us for serving Him.

Nicodemus meets Christ

March 3, 2021
(Eric Kocher)

John 3:1-18: We are no match for Satan who wants us, but God wants us even more. Because he loved us--the world--so much that he gave his Only Son to die for us.

Woman at the Well

March 10, 2021
(Amber Robertson)

John 4:7-42: In a personal encounter with Christ we bring our felt needs but discover our real need for Him, witnessing to others.

Pilate before Jesus

March 17, 2021
(George Sheets)

John 18:33-40 & Matthew 27:22-24: Pilate had it all wrong. The question is not "What is truth?" but "Who is Truth?" When the right question is asked there is only one answer, Christ. John 14:6. So what are you going to do with the truth (Jesus)? Betray? Deny? Reject? Ignore? Crucify? Or Trust and Surrender?

A blind man sees Jesus

March 24, 2021
(Matthew Eichhorn)

John 9:1-41

April 1, 2021, Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2021, Good Friday

April 4, 2021, Easter

March Birthdays

3/02 Mark Teynor
3/02 Cory LaRue
3/07 Shawn Auck
3/08 Nancy Maxfield
3/08 Steve Seif
3/11 Rhonda Evak
3/12 Andrew Johnson
3/12 Elijah Reffey
3/13 Ross Newcome
3/15 Veronica Vandayburg
3/16 Tom Widman
3/16 Walter Schimpf
3/19 Russell Breyley
3/19 Doug Ebbeskotte
3/19 Hanah Wilson
3/21 Jacquie Stuckey
3/21 Brock Scott
3/21 Branson Scott
3/21 Sarah Gilbert
3/22 Morgan Young
3/22 Alan Young
3/23 Jim Shade
3/23 Charlie Britt
3/24 Eric Kocher
3/24 Nancy Allamon
3/24 Victoria Shipman
3/26 Angela Rayborn
3/29 Randi Webber
3/30 Owen Kocher
3/30 Bob Geiger
3/30 Carla Seif
3/30 Todd Billings
3/31 Janel Brause

Lenten Services will be held at 7 PM on March 3, 10, 17, 21. Offering will be divided between the Salvation Army and BORN.

Maundy Thursday worship will be a 7 on April 1. Offering will be given to Contact of Crawford County.

Good Friday worship will be held on April 2 at 7 PM. Offering will be given to American Cancer Society Road to Recovery.

Confirmation will be held on Palm Sunday, March 28, during worship. Confirmed this year will be Dawson Lykens son of Ron & Chi Lykens.

Women of the church have decided to revamp the prayer chain. The list was quite old and several people on it have passed and we have many new members that may wish to be added. If you have not been able to attend church and sign the sheet please call Deb Feichtner at 419-492-2215 by the end of March if you would like to be on the prayer chain. You can also email her at dmfeichtnere@gmail.com. You can be called, text or emailed, just let her know which you prefer.

St. Paul Shut in List

Carlisle House: Lois Walker Birthday Sept. 15

At Home: Herman Seibert Birthday Jan. 9

Crestwood Care Shelby: Mary Ann McCallister
225 W. Main Street
Shelby, Oh 44874

Birthday November 4

March Anniversaries

3/7 Larry & Jenny Leonhardt
3/16 Brad & Nancy Stuckman
3/20 Rich & Chris Krahling
3/21 Hans & Karen Scherner

We extend our sympathy to Myron and Rhonda Campbell on the death of Myron's brother, Eldon Campbell on February 18. Pastor Scherner Conducted services on February 22 at Wise Funeral Home. Interment was in Brokensword Cemetery.

Election Results;

President: George Sheets

Elder: John Britton

Deacon: Sam Hopkins

Trustee: Ken Geiger

Tyler Shade

Memorial Fund: Linda Heydinger

Congregation approved the 2021 budget found in the annual report.

Congregation approved the bid of Window Creations of Ottoville, Ohio, to do restoration work on Good Shepherd Stained glass window (roughly \$27,000). Syllabus found in annual report and February church newsletter.

For people who inquired about work done at the church this past year:

Glazing of windows in Sunday School unit: Midstate Contractors of Marion, Ohio

Plastering of walls in sanctuary and west entrance: Jacob Campbell Plastering of Columbus, Ohio

Painting of sanctuary walls and west entrance: Joe Niedermier of New Washington, Ohio

Organ repair and restoration: DB Pipe Organ of Westerville, Ohio

Tree and Stump removal in cemetery: Oberlanders of Bucyrus, Ohio

Thank you to outgoing Church Council members: Mark Ebbeskotte, Elder; Brian Evak, Deacon; Bob Geiger and Carl Rinehart, Trustees. Also, thank you to outgoing Memorial Fund member, Teresa Bush. Your service to St. Paul is/was appreciated.

Congregational members wishing to help financially in the restoration of the Good Shepherd stained glass Window can contribute by giving to Special Projects as identified on your church envelope.

Church Council has voted to donate the loose offering from the Palm Sunday worship service (March 28) to Bucyrus Backpack L.L.C. to aid in the work they do for the Crawford County community.

March Committees are: Altar: Susie Sutherland, D-Ann Geiger

Visiting: Jim & Helen Luidhardt

Food: Laura Ackerman

PLEASE when you cut stamps off envelopes leave a wide margin around the stamp. Any stamps that are cut too close have to be thrown away as they cannot use them. Thank you.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes

January 10, 2021

George Sheets called the meeting to order. Devotions were presented by George Sheets. Members present were Mark Ebbeskotte, Mike Geiger, Dan Feichtner, Bob Geiger, Jim Shade, Carl Reinhart, Michele Breyley, Brian Evak, Shawn Auck, Susie Sutherland and George Sheets.

Secretary's Report: Secretaries report was read by members. Jim moved to accept the minutes; Mike seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: George gave the report: Pastors Discretionary fund \$8,683.56, checking account has \$18,179.31. All the bills are current. Mark made a motion to accept the report, Dan seconded. Motion passed.

Deacon's Report: Brian gave the deacons report. Since the Church has been closed because of COVID-19, there is no count for attendance or communion. There was a total giving for the month of \$24,997.00. Thanksgiving Eve donation were \$690.00, Christmas Eve donations were \$950.00.

Trustee's Report: There is no new business or current problems to discuss.

Elder's Report: Mark reported no issues at this time. It was brought to his attention about the newsletter while we were not at church. We will discuss this further if issue returns. Dan said the ballot for the Annual Meeting is done. He is concerned that many people who have been asked are declining to run. At this rate, it will continue to get harder to fill positions when most of the people who are willing to run are already in an office, or have to wait to run again because they just left a position.

Pastor's Report: George said Pastor would not be present because he was not feeling well today.

Michele made a motion to accept above reports. Brian seconded the motion. Reports were approved.

Old Business: There was no old business to be discussed at this time.

New Business: As stated above, the ballot for the Annual Meeting is completed. We finalized the 2021 budget. The treasurer books are due in the office by January 17th. We will return to Church on January 24th with the Annual Meeting be moved back one Sunday to January 31st. The meeting will be right after Church. There will be no lunch due to COVID-19. All Lenten Services will be at 7:00 pm. The Lenten service monies will be distributed as follows: Ash Wednesday – Woman of the Church, Maundy Thursday-Contact Crawford County, Good Friday-American Cancer Society road to Recovery. Wednesday services will be given to Salvation Army and Born divided equally. Confirmation has one student to be Confirmed this year. Confirmation will be on Palm Sunday, March 28th.

The next council meeting will be on February 14, 2021. The meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Breyley, Secretary

Dear Friends of His Hands Extended Soup Kitchen,

We count it an honor to serve hot meals to the ones in need in this region and we are blessed that you have joined us in this ministry. Many people are ministered to through your generous donation of food, finances, paper products, and Service. A scripture in Proverbs 19:17 states: Mercy to the needy is a loan to God and God pays back those loans in full. We thank you so much for your support.

Many Blessing,
Pastor Dan Rebon

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your support of \$466.46 for St. John Lutheran Church Food Pantry.

Dear St. Paul,

We want to thank you for your generous donations, we appreciate all you do for us.

God Bless,
Jericho House

Thank you so much for your generous gift to the Food Pantry. We are open the second Saturday of each month from 1-2:30 if anyone has a need.

The Chatfield Community Food Pantry.

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your prayers and gift of \$920.00.

World Mission Prayer League,
Diedone and Serafina Panzo Support fund

Dear Church Members,

Thank you so very much for your generous gift of \$475.00. We are truly grateful and blessed with your continued Support. Happy New Year.

Warmest Regards
Carol Slight, Vice President

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donation to The Salvation Army Bucyrus. It is because of donor like you that we were able to meet our 2020 Red Kettle Campaign goal. You helped us serve 17,583 individuals from our community that were in need this past year, as well as feeding 166,977 meals.

When we first learned of COVID-19 outbreak, our offices stayed open. We provided extra food bags to families with children who were no longer able to attend school in person. We extra toilet paper, water bottles, and personal care items to our senior and immune compromised household. Every person who visited our food pantry left with a breakfast and lunch bag for each person in their household. We started a delivery program to those at risk.

Through the generous support of our community, we provided Christmas meals to 401 individuals and toys for 1,258 children.

2020 was a year like none other, and although we paused some programs, we are excited to be in the swing of things and look forward to serving our community in 2021. We thank you for your continued support of the Salvation Army in Bucyrus. We could not continue to provide food, clothing and programming for so many people throughout Crawford County without partners like you!

Blessings to you,
Captains Ray & Heidi Valdez

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Monthly Planner

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Joyce Schanzenbach.....Secretary	John Britton
Kathy Sheets..... Organist	Shawn Auck
Karen Schimpf.....Assistant Organist	Mike Geiger
Susie Sutherland.....Bookkeeper	Michele Breyley
Roxanne Shipman. Choir	Dan Feichtner
Cindy Hopkins.....Bell Choir	Tyler Shade
Charlie Britt.....Sunday School Superintendent	Ken Geiger
Deb Feichtner. President, Women of Church	George Sheets
Carrie & Amber Robertson.....Youth Advisors	Sam Hopkins
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