

## March 2019 Newsletter

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
4707 Ridgeton Rd  
Bucyrus, Ohio 44820

### March Birthdays

3/02 Mark Teynor  
3/02 Cory LaRue  
3/07 Shawn Auck  
3/08 Steve Seif  
3/08 Nancy Maxfield  
3/11 Rhonda Evak  
3/12 Elijah Reffey  
3/12 Andrew Johnson  
3/13 Ross Newcome  
3/15 Veronica Vandayburg  
3/16 Walter Schimpf  
3/16 Tom Widman  
3/19 Russell Breyley  
3/19 Doug Ebbeskotte  
3/19 Hanah Wilson  
3/21 Jacquie Stuckey  
3/21 Sarah Gilbert  
3/21 Branson Scott  
3/21 Brock Scott  
3/23 Jim Shade  
3/23 Charlie Britt  
3/24 Nancy Allamon  
3/24 Eric Kocher  
3/24 Victoria Shipman  
3/26 Angela Rayborn  
3/27 Dorothy Brause  
3/29 Randi Webber  
3/30 Carla Seif  
3/30 Bob Geiger  
3/30 Todd Billings  
3/30 Owen Kocher  
3/31 Lois Leonhardt  
3/31 Janel Brause

### March Anniversaries

3/07 Larry & Jenny Leonhardt  
3/16 Brad & Nancy Stuckman  
3/20 Rich & Chris Krahling  
3/21 Hans & Karen Scherner

Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 6. Services will be held at St. Paul at 7 PM. There will be communion. Offering will be given to the Women of the Church.

Weekly Lenten services will be held on Wednesday evening at 7 PM. Offering will be given to Salvation Army and BORN.

Prayer meetings will continue on Tuesday evenings at 6:30. They will be held in the Pastor's office.

On March 17 please join us for God Squad/Youth for the third annual Quiz Bowl. It will begin at 3PM in the sanctuary. After the game pizza will be served.

Dartball team will be playing in the tournament on March 4 at 7:30. They will play at Col. Crawford High School. On March 11 they will have their banquet at Calvary UCC beginning at 6:30 PM.

Cemetery Clean up will be April 6th. Mowing bids need to be submitted by March 31st.

### Bible Facts

The shortest chapter in the Bible is Psalms 11  
The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalms 119  
The center chapter in the Bible is Psalms 118  
The center verse in the Bible is Psalms 118:8  
The shortest verse in the Bible is John 11:35

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes

February 10, 2019

George Sheets called the meeting to order. Devotions were presented by Eric. Members present were Mark Ebbeskotte, Jim Shade, Brian Evak, Carl Rinehart, Doug Ebbeskotte, Eric Kocher, Bob Geiger, Dan Feichtner, Michele Breyley, and Pastor Scherner.

Secretary's Report: Mark moved to accept the minutes as presented, Doug seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: No report at present time.

Deacon's Report: Doug reported average attendance of 89 for the month. Only 3 Sunday's due to weather. The Communion count was 87. Total giving for the month was \$3,579.00 with \$2,773.00 current giving. Total giving for the year was \$14,139.98. Brian submitted dates that he would not be able to do the Deacon duties. Others will fill in.

Trustee's Report: Bob reported that softener at the Parsonage was repaired. A storm window fell out of Choir window and broke. Looking into getting quotes on window repair/ replacement in the Sunday School unit. Dan Feichtner reported that exterior doors will need re-sealed this year. He will be checking into someone doing that.

Elder's Report: Nothing to report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor presented a log of his hours. Pastor said that Lindsay Kristini and Holly were given money for their up coming Mission trip. It has been brought to their attention that it has become very dangerous over there. Lindsay has decided not to go but Holly will still be going. It was motioned by Bob to give Lindsay's money to Holly. Dan seconded the motion. Motion passed. Pastor will be having "Preach & Teach" training sessions on Saturdays in May from 10:00 to 2:00. More information to follow.

Eric made a motion to approve the above reports and Mark seconded the motion.

Old Business: Will be checking into when defib. training will be. Sam is working on Sound System upgrade. Exterior work will be completed when weather breaks. Looking into mems restroom repairs. Possible new restroom.

New Business: All Lenten services will start at 7:00 p.m.; Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Wednesday Lenten services will also start at 7:00. Lenten service monies will be divided 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 divided between Salvation Army & Born. It was also brought to council's attention that the past several years early attendance of Ash Wednesday service has been decreasing. It was decided to not have an early service this year. Mark made a motion and Jim seconded. Motion passed. Bob mentioned that carpet in sanctuary is needing a good cleaning. Tom Bush also mentioned that the women's restroom also needs cleaned. Eric is going to look into getting quotes on cleaning carpet before Easter if possible.

The next council meeting will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Devotions will be given by George Sheets. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Breyley, Secretary

St. Paul Lutheran  
2019 Annual Meeting  
Jan. 27, 2019

The 2019 Annual Meeting was called to order by Dave Halsey. Pastor Scherner led the congregation in devotion and prayer. Ben Ackerman made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting as printed. Tim Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The 2019 ballot was presented by Dan Feichtner, who reminded the congregation to not be afraid to say yes next year if asked to serve. Jim Luidhart moved to accept the ballot and Sam Hopkins seconded the motion. Motion passed. The results of the election are as follows: President-George Sheets, Elder-Mark Ebbeskotte, Trustee-Michele Breyley and Jim Shade, Deacon-Brian Evak, Memorial Committee-Angie Hall.

Elder's Report: Dan Feichtner noted an overall feeling of satisfaction within the congregation. He reminded the congregation to not be afraid to bring any concerns or issues to the Elders, as that is part of their responsibilities.

Auditing Committee: Jennifer Rinehart reported that all the submitted books were reviewed and found to be in good order. She was assisted by Linda Heydinger and Nicole Britton.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Miller referred to the report as printed, thanking bookkeeper Susie Sutherland for her work. The checking account balance as of 12-31-18 was \$56,941. He also noted an increase in giving from last year, commending the congregation for their support.

Deacon's Report: Sam Hopkins referred to the report as printed, pointing out that the total giving for the year was \$190,861. He also commended the congregation for their increased support.

Memorial Committee: Dave Halsey reported that money was given toward refurbishing of the hand bells and the purchase of the automatic defibrillator. He asked congregation to bring any ideas for projects to the committee.

Women of the Church: Betty Ebbeskotte referred to the report as printed. She invited all women to the Circle meeting. She reminded people to sign up for Altar Flowers, as the Flower Fund cannot keep up. If anyone would like to donate to the Women of the Church they can use the envelopes in the pews or note it on the regular offering envelope.

Sunday School: Charlie Britt reported a balance of \$2,950 in the checking account and \$4,083 in the savings account.

Cemetery Report: Mike Geiger referred to the report as printed.

Youth Group: Carrie Robertson referred to the report as printed and thanked the congregation for their support.

God Squad: Mark Schanzenbach referred to the report as printed and thanked the congregation for their support. The God Squad is looking forward to the new year. A request was made for a financial report to be submitted at the end of the year.

Helping Hands: Bev Robertson referred to the report as printed. She reminded the congregation that Helping Hands has grant money available if anyone recognizes a need.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Scherner reported that he enjoys his work and is thankful for the opportunity to serve.

Mark Ebbeskotte made a motion to approve the previous reports and Jim Gearhart seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business: Dave reported that the exterior maintenance of the church will be completed this year.

New Business: The windows in the Sunday School unit will need to be addressed. Replacement is a possibility, as it is becoming expensive and difficult to maintain them. A discussion about purchasing a new copier was held. It was requested that we get a second bid for comparison.

The 2019 budget was presented for approval. Mike Geiger moved to approve the budget and Dan Feichtner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Cindy Hopkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Doug Ebbeskotte seconded the motion. Motion passed. Next year's meeting date is Jan. 19, 2020, with Jan. 26 being the snow date.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Eric Kocher, Sec.

## St. Paul Shut in Members

### Maplecrest

Helen Noblit            Birthday May 23  
Loyd Kocher            Birthday July 19

### Altercare

Elden Campbell        Birthday April 7  
Kathryn Hoover        Birthday Sept. 13

### Carlisle House

Lois Walker            Birthday Sept. 15  
Paul Leonhardt        Birthday July 30

### Orchard Park

Kermit Kibler            February 7  
Orchard Park  
Room #172  
Bucyrus, Oh 44820

### At Home

Lois Leonhardt        Birthday March 31  
1123 Victoria Drive  
Bucyrus, Ohio

### March Committees

Altar:     Rich & Chris Krahlung  
Visiting: Bev Robertson & Roxanne Shipman  
Greeter: Betty Vance,  
Food:     Helen Luidhardt,

### Coffee Hour hosts for the year are:

March 3:     Choir  
April 21     Easter Breakfast  
May 19      Women of the Church will Honor Graduates  
June 30     Youth Group will have Red, White & Blue Sunday  
July, August No Coffee Hour  
September 8 Rally Day  
October     St. Paul Helping Hands adopt a Family  
November 3 Bell Choir  
November 24 Pumpkin Pie Sunday by Youth Group  
December 15 Christmas Breakfast

**Pop Tabs Collected.** The first annual Pop Tab Challenge found 55 churches and Schools participating. More than 2,296,944 pop tabs were collected weighing 1813 pounds. The winner was St. James Lutheran Church, Columbus, Oh. Giving Tuesday initiative, Thrivent Network, donated more than \$12,750.00 to The Ronald McDonald house in Columbus. We thank you for your Living Generously!

### At Home

LeEtta Green            Birthday January 24  
6139 Swabb Rd.  
New Washington, Oh 44854

Dorothy Brause        Birthday March 27  
D-14 Gables of Kent Ridge  
5241 Sunnybrook Rd.  
Kent, Oh 44240

Evie Kibler              Birthday February 23  
2716 Marlet Ave. N.  
Canton, Oh 44714

A tired farmer, oppressed by the heat, sat under a walnut tree to rest. As he sat there he looked at his pumpkin vines and said to himself. "God puts big heavy pumpkins on a frail vine that has so little strength it has to lie on the ground. Then he puts small walnuts on a big tree with branches that can hold a man. Any man could do a better job than that. Just then a breeze dislodged a walnut from the tree under which the man sat, and the walnut fell on the critic's head. The old man rubbed his head and said "It's a good thing there wasn't a pumpkin up there, instead of walnut.

Dear Friends of The Father's Hands Extended Soup Kitchen

What an honor it is to serve hot meals to the poor of this region with you. Many broken hearted people are ministered to through your generous donations of food, finances, paper products and service. There is a scripture in Proverbs 19:17 that simply states: He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done. We here at The Father's Heart Healing Center thank you for your support and you will be rewarded by the Lord. That will be the greatest thank you of all!

Many Blessings,  
Pastor Dan Rebon

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Dear Church Members,

Thank you for generous donation for Filling Home and our residents. We are grateful for your continued support. Thank you for your gift of \$660.00.

Warmest regards in Christ,

Carol L. Slight,  
Vice President

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Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your prayers and gift of \$1,325.00. Your financial contribution helps advance the King's work as your missionaries bring the Gospel to those least likely to have heard, believed, or benefitted from its saving and transforming power.

World Mission Prayer League  
Diedone and Serafine Panzo Support Fund

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent 2018 gift of \$505 to Luther Home of Mercy. Your generosity makes new beginning possible.

Sincerely,

Megan O'Brien

Mission Advancement Director



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**Communion First Sunday Of The Month**