

Hey kids! Get ready for Vacation Bible School (V.B.S.) 2019

Come join us for a FREE, fun, and exciting week-long (Monday, August 5th - Friday, August 9th, from 6:00 - 8:30 pm) adventure. (On Friday of that week, the kids will perform for their families in a Talent Show, at 6:00 pm.)

ROAR! V.B.S. is for kids who are entering Kindergarten - 5th grade in the Fall. This year, we will also offer a pre-school option ("Little Paws") for children who are 3-5 years old and are potty-trained.

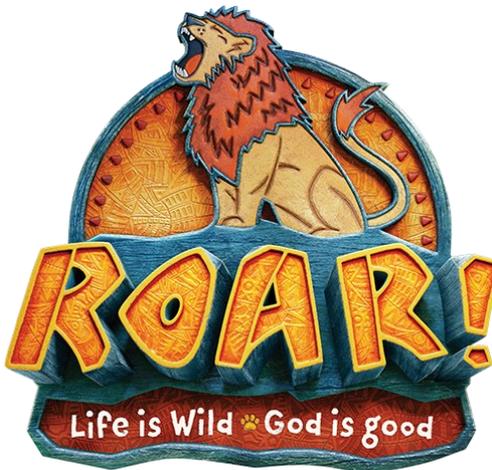
What to expect at VBS this year?

While being on an African Safari, kids will discover that God is good! They will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and test our Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and share with their families. Each day concludes with the *Sing and Roar Sendoff* that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 8:15 pm in the Sanctuary.

Come join in the fun! Make sure to check out the Gathering Space for our VBS display. There, you can find volunteer sign-ups, kid registrations and a donation request sign-up. Volunteer and Kid Registrations are also available online at the St. Paul's website, stpaulslive.com. Need more information? Contact Sarah Howard at sarah.j.howard5@gmail.com/#440-503-8755.



To ensure appropriate staffing and supplies, please turn in your registrations ASAP. (We will still be accepting registrations the first day.) Any registrations that are turned in by July 1st will be entered into a special prize drawing!



A good place

This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in.

—Theodore Roosevelt



Church office closed for the holiday

The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th. The office will reopen at 8:00 am on Friday, the 5th.

This is a time to remember our freedoms and thank God for them. Our Staff wish you and your family a safe and happy Fourth of July.



Happy 4th of July!

Health Matters

Paul Doerfler, Pastor

***"Do not judge, or you too will be judged.
For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the
measure you use, it will be measured to you."*** MT 7:1-2

The verses above are from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. This sermon is considered by most Christ Followers to be the epitome of Jesus' teaching and preaching. These thoughts and words of Jesus represent the wisdom of God coming to humankind in a concise way, despite its taking up three chapters in Mathew.

God, through Jesus' Words, is inviting each of us to seriously consider realigning our life-vision, our behaviors, our life-values, and our everyday practices in such a way as to first and foremost lean on Him for our direction. MT 5-7 simply points out that we cannot earn our way into heaven through our own efforts.

Our hearts, our minds, the way we treat our bodies, the spiritual influences we take in — they all must be oriented up front toward our Lord God because it's truly God who has done and does the "heavy lifting" for us in fulfilling our hope of salvation — our desire for eternal life with Him.

I guess in short, we could say that Jesus' words are inviting us into a new life in God's Kingdom in both the here and now, and a future age to come. In our absolute freedom of choice, which God never takes from us, we always choose whether to accept His words of wisdom and His grace and then to live our lives accordingly. Or not.

When folks talk to me about the Sermon on the Mount, the MT 7:1-2 passage is often one of two major subjects they want to focus on — themes they want more insights into, particularly in terms of Jesus' original intention. I think this largely occurs because our culture tends to accuse Christ Followers, with ever-greater frequency, of being *snooty, arrogant, intolerant, and judgmental* — or, pick your favorite similar *disapproving* word "they" tend to passionately throw out at you.



Now, on the surface, the above verse seems straightforward. When Jesus was explaining how His followers should live the Kingdom life, He explicitly informs them that we are apparently *not to judge anyone, ever*.

At least, that's how *many* have come to understand this passage. It's especially seen this way if a Christ follower questions an unbeliever's lifestyle choices, their particular actions, the morality behind the choices they make. Most often it's *then* that folks outside of the church, (though some are within it), remind us

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that Jesus said "*not to judge*." I find it particularly controversial when families have a loved one behaving in ways clearly contrary to **God's Word** — available *still* in versions close to its original text.

At this mid-point of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus has been teaching His followers what a God-first life looks like. He downplays the need for one to be anxious about this life. He teaches His followers how they could effectively pray. He touches on proper behaviors related to fasting. Jesus' emphasis, in large part, arguably focuses on how followers in the Christian faith ought to treat each other within God's Church.

In short, this really isn't a discussion about confronting someone in *their* sin, as much as it is being discerning in where one finds *himself/herself* in their own Christian walk, and then to be able to discern God's behavioral expectations of anyone who claims Jesus as their Lord and Savior because *that standard does not ever* change.

It's different than the cultural norms we abide by in everyday life for civility, good order and relatively peaceful lives. They *can* and *do* change. Abortion and marriage laws are examples. God's standards, *however*, are higher than man's and *never* change, regardless of efforts to rewrite **God's Word** to recreate a "Jesus of Culture."

Jesus reveals the problem isn't as much about our being *judging* as it is our attempts to hold

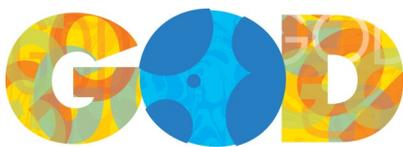
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God is everywhere

We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent, and God is shining through it all the time.

This is not just a fable or a nice story. It is true. If we abandon ourselves to God and forget ourselves, we see it sometimes, and we see it maybe frequently. God shows himself everywhere, in everything — in people and in things and in nature and in events. It becomes very obvious that God is everywhere and in everything and we cannot be without him. It's impossible. The only thing is that we don't see it.

—Thomas Merton



When on vacation

When on vacation,
be with us in spirit.
The rest of the summer,
be with us in person.



We're proud of our Grad!

On Sunday, June 9, during the 10:00 am worship service, we were happy to have one of our College graduates, **Sarah Schaller**, with us in worship so that we could congratulate her. Sarah graduated from BGSU with a major in International Studies and a minor in Spanish and Communications.



With God's help, you will accomplish even greater things. Best wishes for a great future and may God bless you always.

Youth Groups News

Grades 6-12 Youth Group Schedule:
Grades 6-8 (IGNITE)
Grades 9-12 (ORGANIC)

SUMMER MONDAY NIGHTS JESUS CHALLENGE! continues in July.

(A four-week introduction to Jesus in a way that will be radical, fun and, for sure, stretch each of us in our faith!)

July:

1st 6:00 PM—8:00 PM
8th 6:00 PM—8:00 PM



Sometimes when you're in a dark place you think you've been buried, but you've actually been planted. Bloom!"

—Christine Caine

A chance to help

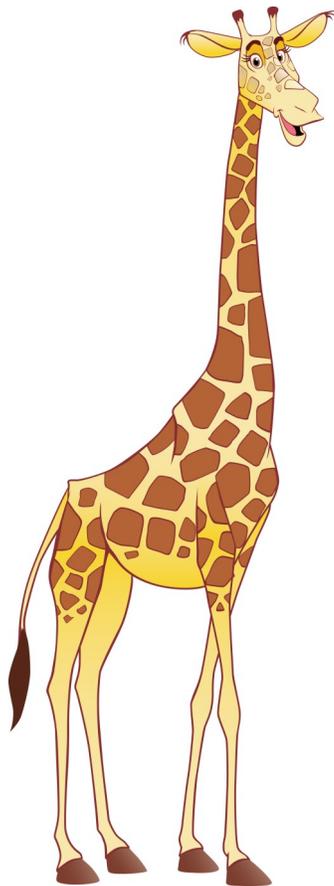
Mosaic Ministries of South Toledo has moved to the former St. James School on the corner of Orchard and Broadway. Help is needed for the July meal on Tuesday, July 9. Cooks are needed about 12:30 pm to prepare the meal at St. Paul's. Workers are also needed to transport and serve the meal. The meal is served at Mosaic Ministries at 5:30 pm. Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board between the nurseries in the Gathering Space. It only takes about an hour to serve approximately 100 folks. Please join us for an hour.

Questions? Contact Jeanne Crossen at Jrcrossen1024@yahoo.com or 419-944-4173.

Many V.B.S. volunteers needed

This Summer, our adventures will take us on an African Safari as we hear and learn that "God is Good!" Our participants will learn our daily theme while traveling to fun and engaging stations. We are looking for amazing volunteers to be Station Leaders/Assistants in these areas:

- Hungry Herd Cafe (snack)
- Imagination Station (science-based learning)
- Stampede Sports (games outdoors)
- Wild Bible Adventures (interactive Bible stories)
- KidVid Cinema (short videos in Children's Church)
- Talent Show Practice (helping kids find/practice their talent)



We also need amazing volunteers (quick orientation, no at-home prep) in these areas:

- Crew Leaders (someone who will take their crew from station to station)
- Decorators (building/designing stage and classroom decorations - done in June/July)
- Greeters/Floater

As you can see, it takes a lot of volunteers! Help us be Jesus's hands and feet, while spreading God's Word to our community! There are registration forms at church and online (at stpaulslive.com) for you to sign up!

Thanks for supporting our Children's Ministry, we couldn't host this amazing event without volunteers/donations/prayers from everyone! We are truly blessed!

There are two VBS Orientation Dates for Volunteers (please plan on attending one): July 21st @ 9:00 am or July 28th @ 9:00 am.

Your old glasses can give new life

Millions in developing nations lack access to basic eye care services.



The Lions Club has recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses

and continues to lend their support. For years, our own Al McEwen kept this need and the Lions Club's support of it before us. We will continue to remember both, the need and Al McEwen, when we recycle old eyeglasses. Thank you to Don Albright for overseeing this ministry for us in memory of Al McEwen.

If you have old eye glasses that you are no longer using, please bring them to the church, drop them off in the basket on the counter by the Outreach Board.



Did you know ...

...that, for your enjoyment and information, all of our weekly sermons, weekly Messengers, and monthly Communicators are available online at <http://stpaulslive.com> under "Resources"?

Heartfelt condolences sent...

... to the family & friends of Mary Jane Eding who passed away on May 17th.



Bible Quiz

At the burning bush, Moses asks God’s name. What is God’s answer?

- A. The Lord
- B. I AM
- C. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- D. All of the above



Answer: D (See Exodus 3:14-15.)

Weighed down

Many people dream of having the “right stuff” to fly to space. Recently, 18,300 people applied for just 12 astronaut spots at NASA! Fanfare over the moon landing’s 50th anniversary is sure to spark even more interest.

Leaving behind earthly troubles and floating in zero gravity must be amazing, right? Not, it turns out, for one’s body. Weightlessness takes a heavy physical toll in space. Without resistance, muscles waste away and bones weaken. Bodily systems we take for granted are disrupted, causing disorientation. To counteract these effects, astronauts wear resistance suits while exercising. Ironically, after escaping Earth’s gravity, they must replace it.

Similarly, we long for trouble-free days and pray for an end to earthly burdens, not recognizing that exertion, whether physical or spiritual, builds strength. “He who knows no hardships will know no hardihood,” said Harry Emerson Fosdick. “He who faces no calamity will need no courage. ... The characteristics in human nature which we love best grow in a soil with a strong mixture of troubles.”

Every weighty challenge is a reason to “rejoice ... knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope” (Romans 5:3-4, ESV).

—Stephanie Martin

July Prayer Focus: Rest

“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.” Matthew 11:28–30

Dear Jesus:

We need rest. We need relaxation. We need renewal.

Ask ...
Seek ...
Knock ...



Thank You for the gift of Summer and its slower pace and thank you for time for rest and vacations.

Help us to accept your invitation to come empty and receive the rest we need. Help us to willingly release our fears, our worries, our agendas, and our to-do lists. Ease the tension and replenish our bodies. Fill us with Your peace, joy, and love. Fill us until the overwhelm is consumed by Your grace, and our lives reflect the beauty of resting in You.

Amen.

Thank you

Thank you to the St. Paul's Girl Scout troop that "adopted" a flower-bed, and planted the flowers around the sign on Wayne Street.



Summer altar flower dates are open

Sunday, July 28th, and all four Sundays in August are open on our Altar Flower calendar. If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar on any of those Sundays, please call Becky, in the church office (419-893-0205).

As a reminder, the cost is \$20.00.



Special gifts received

A special memorial contribution to St. Paul's has been given in memory of DENZEL DUCAT by: Nathaniel Smith.

A special honor contribution to St. Paul's has been given in honor of ST. PAUL'S WONDERFUL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS by: Becky Guth



"Truly it seems that we are never so alive as when we concern ourselves with other people."

—Harry Chapin



News from the Outreach M.A.T.

"Showing God's Love Through You"

OUR MISSION:
Providing local outreach opportunities for individuals by caring for the needs of others.

Outreach MAT Director:
Sue Schad (419-893-2330)

Outreach members:
Teri Henry, Jeanne Crossen & St. Paul's congregation

Check out the slides, weekly bulletin, weekly email, and the monthly *Communicator* for news on ministries that are happening at St. Paul's and how you can help! You CAN make a difference!

Outreach MAT Ministry Assistance Extension Number

The voicemail extension for all Outreach Board ministry assistance is extension 220. Call the church number (419-893-0205) then dial 220. The Outreach MAT schedules food pantry appointments as well as providing monetary assistance with rent, utilities, and other needs.

Prayer Corner

Many of you have noticed the special area in the back corner of the sanctuary where there are pull-out folding doors, chairs, and a small fountain. Our Prayer Corner is reserved for folks in need of prayer or who wish to have a quiet, private area for individual prayer before or after each worship service.

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Saturday Stitchin' (Saturday, July 6)

Join us for a Saturday morning of knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, or fleece blanket making!

Bring an H crochet hook or size 8 or 9 knitting needles and 4-ply worsted yarn with you. Come at 9:30 to the Gathering Space and stay until noon to learn or to sit and work on a continuing project. Not working on a project? Come and just chat with friends and enjoy the conversation and a snack or two. Bring a snack to share, if you wish. Enjoy some time doing something you love with good friends...

Backpack Ministry

The Outreach MAT is collecting gently-used or new book bags. We will use the back packs collected to donate to struggling Maumee students next year when we donate our collected school supplies. If you can help us, please look for the Backpack Box in the Gathering Space and leave the back pack in the box. We collect back packs until the end of July.

Secret Summer Prayer Partners

(June 2 – August 2)

At St. Paul's, we have seen the results of intercessory prayer. Because of your prayers, we have folks at St. Paul who are walking miracles.

We would like to continue this caring, personal prayer ministry throughout the summer. As we begin traveling for vacations and family get-togethers or even a "stay"cation, we think it is important to continue

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praying for our church family members. Commit to praying for the person you have chosen throughout the summer.



During the week of July 29th through August

2nd, make or get a card to send to that person to REVEAL your identity and any other message you would like to send.

On Sunday, August 4th, our Prayer Partners as well as any other St. Paul's members will be able to join together at a special Family Cookout/Potluck in Paul Park after the 10:00 am service. Share the incredible gift of prayer that God has given to us. Be a Secret Summer Prayer Partner!

Ladies Lunch and Dinner Bunch (Thursday, July 18)

Ladies of all ages are invited to meet at Yang's Chinese Restaurant, on Heatherdowns Blvd, across from the Stranahan Theater, on Thursday, July 18th at 11:30 OR at 6pm to enjoy good food and good company together. Bring a friend!

Maumee Summer Fair (Saturday, August 10th)

The Summer Fair is coming! St. Paul's has had a booth in past years in front of the Youth Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich sale. We were able to chat with people as they came by. We did children's crafts with the young children and gave out devotionals to folks. We are planning for the booth this year in the

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same location. We'll be doing children's crafts again, giving out kid goodie bags with activity



books, crayons, and other kid stuff as well as giving out devotionals to adults. We need volunteers to help man the booth in 2-hour time slots from 9 am until 5 pm. It's a fun way to spend time with other church family members and to give to the folks in our community. If you would like to help, contact Sue Schad, Jeanne Crossen, or Teri Henry or sign up in the Gathering Space in July near the Sunday School check in.

Maumee Clothing Outreach (mid July)

Each year, the Outreach MAT and volunteers team together to help needy children in the surrounding area purchase clothing to begin the school year. Struggling families with school age children are referred by pastors, members of St. Paul's, and the counselors at the Maumee elementary schools. Lists are made, and volunteers go shopping with the selected families to help purchase clothing for the new school year.

We are in need of about 12 volunteers who would be willing to give about 1-2 hours of their time in late July to go shopping with a family and their school age children. Funds will be given to the volunteer to help the family purchase some items for the children. If you are a shop-

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ping whiz and love the challenge of finding the most clothes for the best prices, then this might be the ministry for you. Contact Sue Schad at 893-2330 BEFORE July 14th to volunteer your time and talents.

Maumee Schools - School Supplies Project
(July 14 – Aug. 4th)

The Outreach MAT and St. Paul's members are partnering with Maumee Schools this year to provide basic school supplies for some of their students. The bagged supplies are collected by St. Paul's then distributed by the school counselors to the students to help them begin the school year.

Because of your generosity last year, we were able to help about 70 children (about 3 classrooms of children!!) begin the school year like their classmates. This year the collection will begin on Sunday, July 14th and the deadline for school supplies will be on Sunday, August 4th. How can you help?

1. On Sunday, July 14th, choose a Ziplock bag from one of three age groups from the table in the Gathering Space/narthex. (grades Kdg-3, or grades 4-5, or grades 6-8)
2. Shop for the school supplies from a grade level list that is included with the Ziplock bag.
3. Return the Ziplock bag with the supplies and supply list enclosed (so we know what grade level the supplies are for) by Sunday, August 4th.

We thank you for your support if you can help us!

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“Soles for Souls”
(July/August ministry)

The Outreach MAT is collecting gently used or new adult or children's shoes. During July and August, we would like you to hunt through and clean out your closets of gently-used or never-worn shoes, sandals, tennis shoes, and even boots and donate them to St. Paul's (collection will end on Sunday, August 4th). Donations will be given to Salem Lutheran



AGAPE program and Mosaic Ministry where the shoes will be passed out to struggling families and children. How can you help?

Donations of all kinds of gently-used or never-worn shoes can be donated to the SHOE BOX during late July and early August. Be looking in the Gathering Space for the SHOE BOX. If you have questions, contact any of the Outreach MAT members.

Salem Lutheran AGAPE Meals

The Outreach Mat has joined with the LCR MAT to provide and serve meals to the struggling families from the neighborhood surrounding Salem Lutheran. (Huron, Summit, Lagrange area).

Our next date at Salem is Tuesday, July 23, from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Sign-up is near the nursery. The van leaves the church parking lot at 4:30 pm. We usually return about 6:30 pm.

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Halos of Hope (chemo caps)

Many thanks to the ladies who are knitting and crocheting chemo caps for this ministry. We have made over 2,500 caps since this ministry started! We are making a DIFFERENCE! This is a ministry that uses volunteers to knit or crochet caps for individuals who are undergoing treatment for cancer. If you knit or crochet and would like to use your gift to help others, please contact Sue Schad for more information about this exciting opportunity to make a difference.

God's Storehouse (St. Paul's Food Pantry)



God's Storehouse, our food pantry, is St. Paul Lutheran's "hand up" for families in the area who are struggling to make ends meet in these difficult times.

July Shopping List:

Dill pickles, canned tuna, Bisquick, tomato paste, strawberry jelly, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, kidney beans, pinto beans, cream of wheat, instant oatmeal, crackers, sugar-free Jell-o or instant pudding (any flavor), beets, pineapple chunks, boxed mashed potatoes, Pop Tarts, Tuna Helper, Hamburger Helper, elbow macaroni, bar soap

If you are shopping and think about it, buy two and donate one to God's Storehouse. We thank you, in advance, for your generosity! Please place your donations in the wooden bins

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back by the coat racks in the Gathering Space/narthex.

The Outreach MAT would like to thank the anonymous St. Paul's members who are continually contributing items, monetary gifts, or time for our ministries. We are so honored to be the "visible" face of St. Paul's for the local families we help, but we would like to express our gratitude to all of you who are always helping out without any kind of recognition.

The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of those brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me." (MT 25:40)



At the center of it all

Psalm 118:8, the verse that falls in the middle of the Protestant Bible, reads, "It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in humans" (NIV).

The center of God's Word reminds us to make God the center of our lives! No other person or possession can fulfill or save us.

Only God is a safe, certain refuge, and we grow closer to him by grounding ourselves in his Word and his will.



A reminder to all to give us a call

Please call the church office (419-893-0205) if you or a family member are (or are scheduled to be) hospitalized,



Contact Us!

have recently moved to an assisted living facility or nursing home, become a shut-in,

desire home communion or would appreciate a home visit due to health problems.

Hospitals and care facilities no longer provide us with this information and it's important so that our pastors, prayer groups, and congregation are able to provide the necessary spiritual support when and where it is needed.



Traveling advice

We need deliberately to call to mind the joys of our journey. Perhaps we should try to write down the blessings of one day. We might begin; we could never end; there are not pens or paper enough in all the world.

—George Buttrick

PATRIOTIC PINWHEEL

Create this colorful July 4th craft.

What you need:

- Decorated card stock square (5" x 5")
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- 2 one-inch circles of card stock
- Glue
- Pipe cleaner (3 inches)
- Drinking straw



What you do:

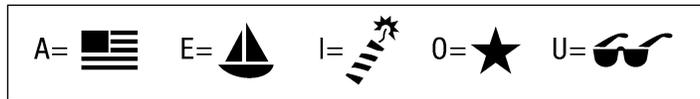
1. Fold the square corner to corner to form an X. Unfold.
2. To make spokes, cut the four creases until an inch from the center.
3. Punch a hole in the middle of the square, near the tips of each spoke, and in the middle of each circle.
4. Fold each spoke toward the center, lining up the holes. Glue in place.
5. Wrap one end of the pipe cleaner around the top of the straw. Thread a circle, the pinwheel, and the remaining circle onto the pipe cleaner.
6. Roll the pipe cleaner end into a ball. Then spin!



"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.



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 W _ th h _ m _ t my
 r _ ght h _ nd,
 w _ ll n _ t b _ sh _ k _ n.
 Ps _ lm 16:8, N _ V

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV

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8:00 am Traditional Service
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Modern Service

Everyone is welcome!

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COMMUNICATOR DEADLINE

As a reminder, the deadline for the Communicator is the 15th of the month at 8:00 am. IF the 15th is on a weekend, the deadline is the following Monday at 8:00 am.

Submissions for repeated printing must be earmarked with the specific publication dates.

Editor reserves the right to edit for content and space. Thank you so much for meeting the deadline!

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others up to a standard that you or I may not be willing to live up to ourselves. The issue is that we must discern a matter in the same way that we, too, would want to be evaluated. I would say the *discretion* on our parts is *not* to be with judgment in mind, but with an eye toward whether or not a specific behavior is in line with **God's unadulterated Word**, or *not*, and then to take God's lead in sharing His Word, or not.

My personal issue is *not* in seeing us all as sinners—we *surely* all are; but, true Christ followers are clearly *redeemed* sinners, bathed in Christ's blood to set us eternally free from our sinful natures and to help us live this life in God's given faith, through grace — a grace He *freely* grants those who choose to embrace it, along with the expectation that we continue to grow in it lifelong, in the face of our free will God still allows.

Those who *shove* their sins in the “face” of true Christ followers, those who rewrite or reinterpret scripture, or selectively choose which scripture to follow and which to ignore, clearly have entirely different agendas — mostly, desires of following a new Jesus of their own making — a Jesus of culture — the same as Jesus' disciple, Judas, desired.

God has already declared what is sinful in His Word. We are aware of His desires in terms of morals, lifestyle choices, and acceptable behaviors in His sight. It is not “judging” anyone if we point out what God says about a certain sin. The judging part is actually His and has already come in the choice that is made. Showing **People of Peace** something is *against* God's perfect standard (in **His Words**) is a most loving thing to do.

So, we must be mindful of spiritually examining ourselves first. Then, treating others with the love of Jesus. We must also be able to discern what is right in God's eyes, related to our knowledge of **His Word** and the influence and guidance of His Holy Spirit. Then we can leave the *real judgements* to God, which is where they all really begin in the first place. **God's Word** has already declared a verdict for us all, based on our choosing the **Jesus of Scripture**, or the one of culture.



A prayer for the 4th

Lord Jesus, thou who art the way, the truth and the life; hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make all free. Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Help us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right.

—Peter Marshall, before the U.S. Senate

Who We Are

We believe that God is willing and able to do more than we can ask, think or imagine. We believe that He has positioned us to fulfill our calling to reach out into Maumee, Toledo, and the nations with His love.

We are a Bible-based, caring church family that desires to grow in Christian faith. As a congregation, our most earnest desire, programming and efforts are focused toward reaching out to the world with the great news of salvation found in Jesus Christ. And we would like to reach out to you too.

If you do not have a church home, and if you are searching for a warm, welcoming place to learn, grow, and invest your time and talents, please consider worshipping with us.

Mission & Vision

ST. PAUL'S MISSION:

In response to Christ's great commission to share the Gospel with the whole world, St. Paul's Lutheran Church is called to make disciples by connecting the unconnected to Jesus Christ and together growing in full devotion to Him.

ST. PAUL'S VISION:

Do L.I.F.E: Love. Inspire. For-give. Encourage. L.I.F.E: The building blocks of authentic, Christ-centered community.



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