



### St. Paul's worships during pandemic

The Lord has continued to bless St. Paul's through these difficult times and has allowed us to, in turn, bless others. Despite not being in the sanctuary, we have still been able to share God's Word with others.

Since Easter, we have been able to have "Drive-In" Worship services in our parking lot each Sunday. It has



been a blessing to those from our congregation as well as those in our community. It has provided a place to worship for those who may not have had an opportunity to worship elsewhere at this time.



As well as having "Drive-In" worship, we have also been live streaming our services through Facebook. This has given us another avenue to share the Light of Jesus and God's Word with others. Our Facebook Live services have been a great place for those, near or far, who can't join us in the parking lot to worship with us.

Through both of these venues, we've been able to reach close to 200 people on Sunday mornings and hundreds more throughout the week. Our reach has extended beyond the confines of our building, our city, and even our state. We rejoice that we have been able to share our blessings and God's Word with so many others.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In response to my request for a recent "God-Is-So Good Moment", Teri Henry shared that hers is "seeing all of the cars in the parking lot for Sunday service! We may not be able to be together physically right now but coming together as a group to worship (even in our cars) makes me realize more and more how much God shines his love upon us and to THAT I say AMEN (beep-beep)!! Thank you, Pastor Tim & Pastor Paul, for keeping us in God's Word."

### NEW Worship schedule info!

Beginning Sunday, May 31st, and continuing through Sunday, June 28th, St. Paul's Lutheran is blessed to offer the following Sunday worship services:

#### 8:30 am:

#### Drive-In or In-Sanctuary

Sanctuary capacity is 100 persons. Masks are welcomed and physical distancing will be maintained. Nursery care is not provided. Please, no congregating in the Gathering Space. Holy Communion is offered at the close of the service to all who attend indoors or outdoors.

#### 10:30 am:

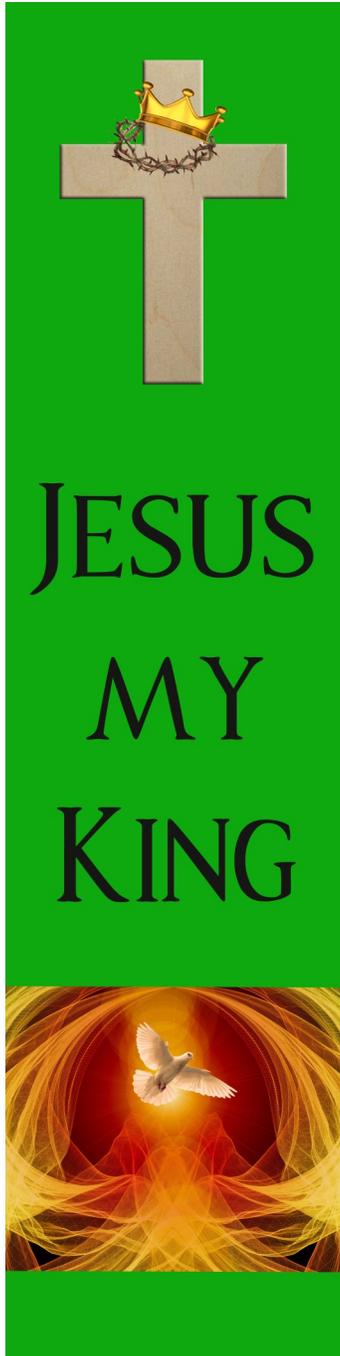
#### Drive-In only

Space reserved for B.Y.O.C. (Bring your own chairs). Masks are welcomed and physical distancing will be maintained. Holy Communion is offered at the parking lot exits at the close of the service.

If you are feeling ill or feverish, please stay home and consult with your doctor.



## June message from Pastor Tim



### The Green Season

Each season of the church year (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, etc.) has its own color. Green is the color of the season of Pentecost. Pentecost goes from about the end of Spring to the end of Fall, making it the longest season of the church year.

Pentecost and green is a perfect coordination between church and nature. In Spring and Summer the grass greens, tree leaves turn brown sticks into jungle bouquets, the vibrant colors of flowers are framed with emerald, and farmlands morph from deserts of tawny dirt into oceans of waving verdant fronds.

Green is a color created by God that has special meaning. In the beginning, the green plants were food for humans to eat. Therefore, green was a color for life and for continuing life. In Psalm 23, the sheep of the Great Shepherd are given green pastures to lie down on. Metaphorically, we understand that our God gives us so much food/life that we can actually sleep on it. And in the Gospel of Mark we learn that when Jesus feeds thousands of men, women, and children with just two fish and five loaves of bread, he had all the people sit down to eat on - you guessed it - green grass.

In this time of the year 2020, many of us are eager to emerge from a winter of forced isolation and engage in activities surrounded by the many shades green displayed by trees and plants. How can we as God's people give glory to God for all the green he gives? When you go to the nursery and someone helps out, you can say, "God has given us an amazing variety of flowers and trees." When someone posts online about getting outside to plant or mow you can say, "I'm so thankful for the beauty and the oxygen that God gives us every day" When purchasing produce at the store you can say, "I feel like I'm back in the Garden of Eden eating all these greens."

Sometimes it is innocent, gentle witnessing that brings our God back into focus for the world. Like the green that appears all around us in Spring, the hope and joy that appears when people encounter a Christ-follower, invites a sense of peace and abundant life. So embrace your blood-bought Christian freedom and "Go Green!"

Proverbs 11.28 Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.



## Church offices are closed

The church building and offices remain closed at the time of this writing and the staff is working remotely from home. However, know that while the offices are closed, we are checking for phone messages. In the event of an emergency, you may reach Pastor Paul at 419-382-5747.



Again this month, the newsletter is taking on a different focus. There is not the usual amount of news about upcoming events. Instead, we hope to show how **“God’s love continues to shine through these difficult times”**.

(Note: The monthly calendar page is not included in this issue. June’s schedule is not known at this time and all June events are TBA.)

## Social Media helps us stay connected, grow, and learn

Since the stay at home orders began back in March, churches and businesses across the country have been forced to continue their communication and connections with people primarily online. Over the last few months, we have worked to create entertaining and spiritually beneficial content for you in these difficult times on social media.

Fast forward to recent weeks, where St. Paul’s is making sure this progress we have made to our online presence will continue for the future by creating a Social Media Team! This team consists of Tessa Lackey, Sue Harden, and Becky Guth. Their mission is to communicate and spread the love of God on social media in an effective way. They are helping connect you to St. Paul’s Ministries, events, online bible studies, and more. So if you have anything that you would like to talk about related to the church on social media, please email [socialmedia@stpaulslive.com](mailto:socialmedia@stpaulslive.com).

Just recently, Pastor Tim began a Bible Study on H.O.P.E. which stands for Humor: a joke or a story; something fun, lighthearted, and makes us smile. Odd Verse: an odd, strange, or unusual Bible verse. Peaceful Word: a peaceful word to relax our anxieties, fill our hearts with his love, and bless us. Excerpt from Martin Luther: an insight from the faithful doctor Martin Luther.

Our online church services continue on Facebook live on Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM. You can follow @Stpaulslive on Facebook, @St\_pauls\_live on Instagram, and St.Paul’s Maumee on Youtube for updates, bible studies, church services, and more!



## Click “Share”

Have you been enjoying our Sunday morning Live Worship services? Or Pastor Tim’s Bible studies on Facebook? Or the Monday Morning Prayer Moment? Please share them with others. By clicking on “Share”, you are helping spread the Light of Jesus and God’s Word with others.

## We’re honoring graduates

During worship on Sunday, June 1st, we would like to honor our graduates of High School or College in a special way. If you are graduating, please inform the church office (419-893-0205) by the end of May.



## A Mosaic Meals Update

We continue to cook, prepare and serve monthly meals for Mosaic Ministries. Unfortunately, with the Covid-19 quarantine regulations, the number of needed volunteers has decreased. All the meals are served via carry-out containers to guests who wait outside of the building. At this time, I have enough volunteers so I ask that anyone who has served this ministry before or would like to serve when life is back to normal, please keep our country and it’s people in your prayers and I will let you know when we are back serving in person. Thank you so much for your support and understanding.

~ Teri Henry

## Health Matters

Paul Doerfler, Pastor of Congregational Care

*“Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion.*

*Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.”* EPH 6:18, NLT

This entire chapter in Ephesians is great in helping us hone our prayer lives; sharpening them a bit to help us and others meet the unique challenges of our times. It speaks so strongly of our need to put on the full “armor of God.”

Maybe you have yours’ regularly on already and are “well-dressed” each day. Sometimes, I find my humanity goes on ahead of my spiritual-preparedness. There may be an occasional day when I’ve neglected to leave the house fully prepared for the unknowns ahead, finding myself in a pinch being somewhat spiritually “underdressed,” so to speak.

As I pondered the “best theme” for this month ahead for us to focus on, I decided—let’s keep it as simple as this — be as regular as you possibly can in your prayer lives as there is so much we can be lifting up to our Lord with even *more* regularity these days then, perhaps, ever before in our lives.

If you are like me, you always find it a true blessing whenever you hear that someone is praying for you. My prayer and accountability partners--John and, most recently, Marlene Toepfer have now, sadly, both passed away. But happily, in the same breath, I tell you that they both are now in the Lord’s nearer presence together again.

I knew for the last 10 years or more, one of them had me in prayer nearly every day — if not every day. Some others in our church family regularly pray for me, too. God is so good and I’m so honored when I find out other folks have been doing that, *praying* for me and my loved ones.

And, know that inasmuch as many of you share your prayer-needs with me, I honor you before our Lord personally, and lift you and your loved ones up faithfully. Prayer matters. Prayer makes a significant difference in one’s life. Don’t ever let anyone tell you otherwise without challenging them with TRUTH.

Granted, true prayer-warriors know God has an ultimate best plan for each of our lives and that may include certain circumstances befalling us we don’t appreciate or understand — or, may even despise. In other words, He *could* stop or change a certain unfortunate thing from occurring the way it does. Thankfully, God’s plan for us includes both His perfect presence and timing, too.

The Holy Spirit takes care of that part of God’s relationship with us. Nonetheless, having reminded you of all this, trust and obey Him anyway. Recall St. Paul had his thorn-in-the-flesh. In the end, he grew and prospered spiritually because of it. Seems God knew what God was doing the entire time. No differently for you, or me.

So, in a word PRAY! Pray more; pray with *both* quality and quantity in mind. This is what Jesus Followers, the True Church does. It’s what we do best as part of our trusting and obeying Him who is our Creator, Provider, Sustainer, Lord of our lives, and Our Eternal Savior. Praise God from Whom All Blessings flow.

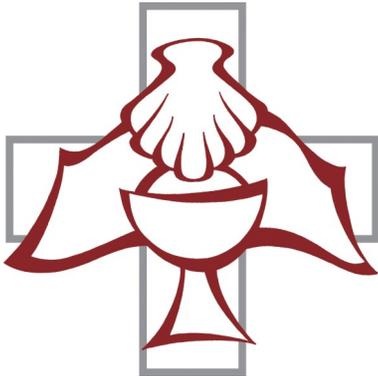
Prayer is a key to them. Never forget or downplay that!



## Welcome into God's family

Amelia Anne Stewart, infant daughter of Steven and Nicole Stewart, was baptized here at St. Paul's on Sunday, May 3.

We rejoice and welcome Amelia into the Lord's family!



## Find our Bible studies online

Pastor Tim just began his second Facebook Live Bible Study.

The first one was a 6-part study called "The Will of God".

The current one is called "H.O.P.E." For information about this study, read the Social Media article on Page 3 of this *Communicator*.

If you are unable to be a part of the studies when they are live on Facebook, know that they will also be available online for you to watch when it is convenient for you. You can find them on our website. "Bible Studies" can be found under the "Resources" drop-down menu. Or just go to <https://www.stpaulslive.com/bible-studies>



## 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, 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.



## June Prayer Focus: God's Love

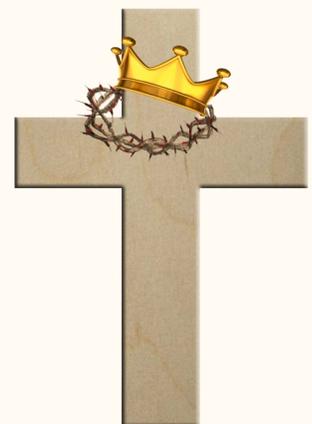
*Nothing can ever separate us from God's love. (Romans 8:38)*

Loving God,

In this season of "social distancing", we cling to your promise in Romans 8. We thank you that Your love is not distant even when we feel alone.

We've experienced social distancing for the past two months and it could possibly last much longer. Being and feeling alone takes a toll. We are weary. We are aching. And though we may need to continue social distancing from one another, thank You, God, that You and Your love are not distant at all. You are near to us, living within us, and nothing can separate us from You. Remind us of this and all of your promises whenever we feel weary and alone.

In King Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**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 M.A.T. Co-Directors: Sue Schad, Teri Henry, Beth Heisey and 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.

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**Put this on your calendar!**

**Women's Retreat**

- Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Friday, August 21—Sunday, August 23
- Please note that this retreat is a two-night stay-over. There will be an interest sign-up in the Gathering Space as soon as the "stay at home" restriction is lifted.

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**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.

**July 4th Holiday Baskets (Saturday, June 27)**

July 4th is approaching and the Outreach MAT is thinking about Holiday food baskets which will be distributed on Saturday, June 27th. We need food pickers from Meijer on Con-



nant Street in Maumee at 7:30 am, food unloaders and sorters at church at 8:15, basket deliverers at 9:15 for families without transportation, and helpers to get the baskets to cars as the families come. We should be done at 11:00 am. If you can help with any of these, come and join us that Saturday and jump into the "organized chaos" of doing baskets. It is a fun way to spend a Saturday morning! Contact Sue Schad (sooz@bex.net) especially if you can pick up food at Meijer.

**Mosaic Meal (second Tuesday of each month)**

A dedicated group of volunteers gets together to cook, transport, and serve a meal every second Tuesday. Volunteers are needed to help cook the meal at 12:30 pm, assist with transporting the meal to Mosaic and serving the meal to the folks who come for a delicious hot dinner. Please consider helping

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out with this ministry and enjoy the company of a caring group of St. Paul's members. Contact Teri Henry or Karen Hostetler for more information.

**TABS (Teacher Appreciation Bags)**

The Outreach MAT is proud to provide goodie bags to the hardworking teachers at Maumee High School and Gateway Middle School. With the financial assistance of two Thrivent grants and the Outreach MAT, we are making 125 goodie bags filled with pens, hand sanitizer, markers, bottled water, snacks, and other items that the teachers would appreciate. We are hoping to deliver these goodie bags to the teachers at the start of the school year.

**7th Annual Spring Church Grounds Clean-Up & Flower Planting**

The grounds have been cleaned up, bushes pruned, weeds gone, and the front lawn of St. Paul's is filled with a profusion of colorful flowers! God has also given us the rain to soak our new plants to get them started!! Many thanks to the volunteers who stepped forward to make our clean-up so successful. Big thanks especially to St. Paul's Boy Scout Troop #103 and their leaders, Ed LaFontaine, Chris Jones, Brad Reynolds, Tami Blue, and Amber Branham for the hauling, digging, and tearing out all the heavy stuff, donating the mulch, and helping to spread it all. Also, we'd like to thank Cindy Naumann, Lynn Gardner, Becky Zemanski, Kara and Ella Valare, Don and Doug Marion, Melissa Green, Pastor Tim, Gary and Jill Langenderfer for all their work to beautify the church grounds.

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**News from the Outreach M.A.T. Continued from Page 6**

**God's Storehouse**

God's Storehouse is St. Paul's food pantry and has been in existence for at least 30 years. The downstairs pantry serves families and individuals from the 43537, 43551, 43609 and 43614 zip codes. Struggling families and individuals can schedule an appointment to shop at the pantry every 30 days by calling the Outreach Assistance Line (419-893-0205, ext. 220) & leaving a message.

Calls are returned to make appointments on Saturdays between 5pm and 7pm. Each half-hour appointment is scheduled on either Sunday afternoon, Monday morning, or Thursday morning.

**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, June 23rd.

If anyone wants to come with us, please be in our parking lot by 3:15 pm that day.

**Halos of Hope (chemo caps)**

Many thanks to the ladies who are knitting and crocheting chemo caps for this ministry. We have made over 3,000 CAPS since this ministry started! We are making a DIFFERENCE! Want to use those knitting or crocheting skills? Have a few minutes at night while watching TV or listening to music? Are you eager to connect to a ministry that helps others? If you would like to use your gift

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for individuals who are undergoing treatment for cancer, 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.

**God's Storehouse June's list:**

toilet paper, dish soap, paper towels, laundry detergent, Kleenex, razers, body wash, conditioner, deodorant, shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, any kind of kid-approved snack (pop tarts, Rice Krispie treats, snack crackers, etc.) cereal, brownie mix, chocolate or vanilla cake mix, chocolate or vanilla frosting, kidney beans, chicken noodle soup, boxed potatoes, beef or chicken ramen noodles, Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper.



If you are shopping and think of 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 back by the coat racks in the Gathering Space/narthex.

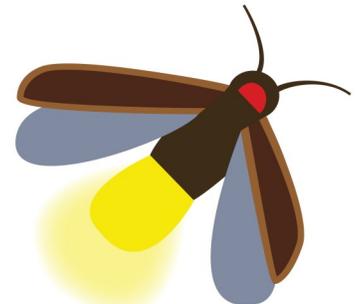
**The Outreach MAT would like to thank the anonymous St. Paul's members who are continually contributing items, monetary gifts, or time for our ministries. We are so**

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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)*



**Shine your light!**

## Notes of thanks received

“To St. Paul’s Members—Thank you so very much for the lovely Easter Lily brought to me in memory of my husband, Don. It meant a great deal to me. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated. God bless everyone at St. Paul’s.”

~ Beverly Lange

“Dear St. Paul’s Pastors, Staff, and Volunteers—Just a quick note of thanks for all your hard work and creativity in keeping us able to worship together in such interesting and difficult times. We do so appreciate you and your great efforts to keep our souls fed with the Word! It has been a wonderful time to continue glorifying God despite obstacles. God bless you all and do stay safe and healthy. Thanks again! In His Love,”

~ Judy & Darrell Converse



“We would like to say ‘thank you’ to the wonderful people who furnished us with meals during the last days of Lois’s life on this earth. The meals were delicious and the leftovers were better yet.

“Lois then went to St. Luke’s and I wasn’t able to see her but once dur-

ing the last month of her life on this earth. I saw her when she was transferred from St. Luke’s to Genacross Nursing Home. I saw her briefly and they took her immediately to her room and we did not speak to each other. This was the last I saw her until the last day of her life when they let the immediate family in, along with Pastor Paul, where she died from kidney failure and sepsis.

“I also want to say ‘Thank You’ to the people who offered up prayers for the family. I know it was a difficult time but it is now over.

“The family would like to ‘thank’ everyone who attended the viewing, the funeral, sent cards and memorials — many with a note — and the ladies who prepared and served the luncheon. To all involved with the service, Pastor Paul, and the funeral director, we say ‘Thank You’ from the Billow Family. God Bless.”

~ Harlan Billow and family



“Always laugh when you can. It is cheap medicine.”

—Lord Byron

## God’s Touch

*Dedicated to God in Thanksgiving for the inspiration.  
To my Husband, John, and our children Denise, Daniel, and Debbie.*

Listen and be still my children  
Listen and learn from me  
In the quiet I speak to you  
The still silence holds the key.

Amid your thoughts I dwell  
Shaping your troubled doubts  
Carrying you into my realm  
Trust me completely, absolutely,  
I bid you come.

Open your hearts to me and my word  
Let my Holy Spirit fill your every need  
Pray constantly, continuously,  
fellowship with me.

I give you love and everlasting life.

I send my lost and lonely by your door.

I send both rich and poor, sinner and saint.

Be my tools and vessels, I bid you come.

Be my friend and follow me.

Written by:  
Marlene Toepfer on 3/14/1981  
12/11/1937—5/15/2020



## Saturday Stitchin' is cancelled

Saturday Stitchin' will be cancelled for the month of June. We are uncertain about the status of the corona virus and the local situation concerning closings. We will meet again when the local or state "stay at home" restriction is lifted.

Please stay safe and well and know that we are all keeping each other in prayer.



## Ladies Lunch and Dinner Bunch gathering is tentative this month

Due to the current situation with the corona virus, we are uncertain what the local situation will be so the dining out may be cancelled. Other plans can be made depending on the situation and the ladies involved. Contact Sue Schad with any questions.



## Bible Quiz

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Which of the following are mentioned in the list that follows?

- A. a time to teach, and a time to learn
- B. a time to mourn, and a time to dance
- C. a time to fast, and a time to eat
- D. a time to work, and a time to rest



Answer: B  
(See Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.)

## Special gifts received

A special memorial contribution to St. Paul's has been given in memory of GRETCHEN STOUT SCHILLER by: Helen Gilbert, Janet Stout

A special memorial contribution to St. Paul's has been given in memory of LOIS BILLOW by: Glenn & Emily Irwin, Ronald & Linda Frastaci, Richard & Joyce Wheeler, Kent Buehrer, Jack & Marilyn Haskins, Anita Butler, Susan & Glen DeGelnor, Louis & Ruth Ann Boehk, Walt & Bettie Barrett, Elizabeth Condon, Karen Scribner, Helen Gilbert, Gary & Jill Langenderfer, Leonard & Linda Windom

A special memorial contribution to the General Fund has been given in memory of LOIS BILLOW by: Earl & Barbara Rudolph

## Heartfelt condolences sent

...to Harlan Billow and family (in memory of his beloved wife, Lois).

...to Denise Toepfer, Deborah Simenski, and Gerry Toepfer and their families (in memory of their beloved mother/mother-in-law, Marlene Toepfer).

## Priorities

My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, "You're tearing up the grass."

"We're not raising grass," Dad would reply. "We're raising boys."

—Harmon Killebrew

# ROAD TRIP TREAT

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



**What you need:**

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn

**What you do:**

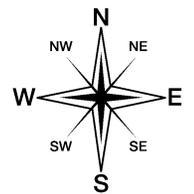
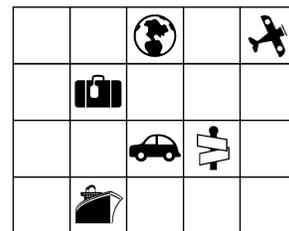
1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.

# PUZZLE

## Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

*Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.*



**Start at the SHIP.**

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N  \_ \_ \_ \_

**Start at the WORLD.**

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE  \_ \_

**Start at the SUITCASE.**

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E  \_ \_ \_

**Start at the PLANE.**

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W  \_ \_

**Start at the CAR.**

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW  \_ \_ \_ \_

**Start at the SIGN.**

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

The \_ ORD will watch ove\_ your comi\_g and go\_ng both no\_ and for\_ vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

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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!

**Welcoming the holy**

Abraham and Sarah welcomed three strangers who turned out to be the Lord. Jesus said, "If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple," the giver will be rewarded (Matthew 10:42, NIV). An ancient Jewish proverb asserts: "Hospitality is one form of worship." A Russian Orthodox monk is said to have told a younger one, "Sometimes I see a stranger coming up the road and I say, 'Oh, Jesus Christ, is it you again?'" And an old Gaelic poem declares, "Often, often, often, goes the Christ in the stranger's guise."

Sometimes we think we must do something big to serve God. Today, when you smile at someone on the street, take time to entertain a child's question, bring cookies to a new neighbor, thank a server or clerk ... know that you are serving Jesus, that you are worshipping God.

—Heidi Mann



## 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. Forgive. Encourage. L.I.F.E: The building blocks of authentic, Christ-centered community.

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