



### New worship leader welcomed!



On Sunday, September 19th, at our outdoor Unified Service, St. Paul's welcomed our new 10:30 am Service Worship Leader, Clint Fox. We hope that you've had a chance to meet him.

Clint teaches at BGSU in the College of Music, owns the Perrysburg Music Center, and teaches piano lessons there. He has served on various worship teams in several musical capacities. He is a Christian who has a heart to teach and worship the Lord with music.

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### Another chance!

Were you here on Sunday, September 19th, to have your church directory photo taken? If so, thank you so much! Did you miss that chance? The photographer will return on Sunday, October 3rd, after worship. Please plan to stay and have your picture taken. Because photo church directories are such helpful tools when you need to put a name with a face, we wanted to make it easy for you. Remember to look for the photographer on the 3rd!



In addition to up-to-date photos, we want our directory to have up-to-date address, phone number, and email address information, too. If you have moved, gotten rid of your land line, added or changed a cell phone number, or changed your email address, we want to know. So, if you haven't checked your information already, on the 3rd, please find the table near the photographer with a rough draft of the directory and check your information and make any needed changes. Thank you.



Fall is right around the corner and so is CROCKTOBER!! Dust off your crock pot and find your best chili recipe...details to follow...!



### Fall Clean-Up Day is scheduled

Now that we are in the middle of Autumn, and Winter is quickly approaching, it is time to get the church grounds ready for their long Winter's nap.

Join us for the annual "Fall Clean-Up" Day which will be held on Saturday, October 23, at 9:00 am. The church has limited gardening equipment, so please bring what you would use when cleaning up around your own yard.

If you have any questions, contact Cindy Naumann at the church (419) 893-0205 x205 or [canaumann@saintpaulonline.org](mailto:canaumann@saintpaulonline.org).



*"I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer."*

-Martin Luther

## October message from Pastor Tim

It's October and this is the month we celebrate the Lutheran Reformation.

Grace Alone!  
Faith Alone!  
Scripture Alone!

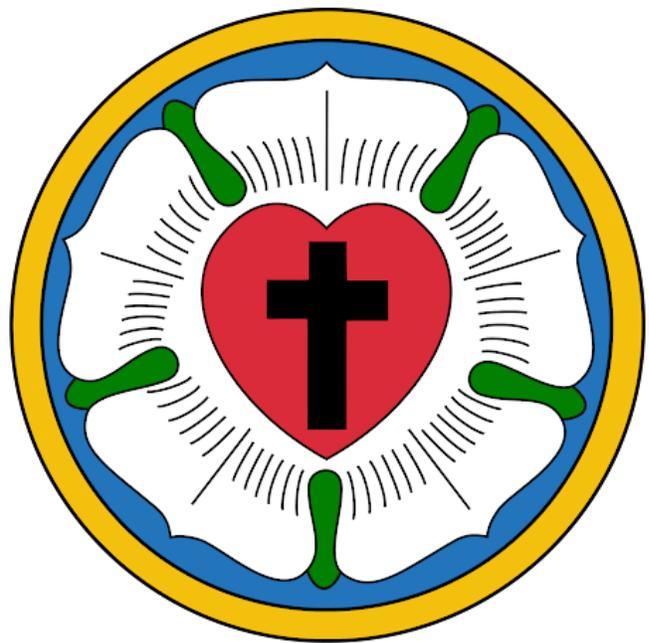
The most enduring symbol of the Lutheran Reformation is the seal that Luther himself designed to represent his theology. By the early 1520s, this seal begins to appear on the title page of Luther's works.

Here is how Luther himself explained its meaning:

First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.

*(From: Letter from Martin Luther to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530)*

Do you have a place you can display the seal and start a conversation about Grace, Faith, and Scripture?!



## St. Paul's Scouting Ministry is back and growing

To join the Troop, call Chris Jones, Scoutmaster, at 419-360-0993.

Boys and girls, from Kindergarten to 5th grade, can join the Cub Pack by calling Mike Joseph (Mr. J) at 419-262-7583.



## Get ready to welcome Aaron!

As previously announced, Aaron Williams has accepted the position of Youth Director here at St. Paul's.

In early September, he received the disappointing news that his apartment won't be ready for occupancy until October 1st.

We request your continued prayers as we try to arrange for Aaron's arrival. Thank you!

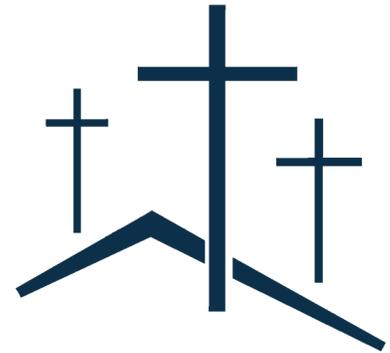


## We have a few new, exciting things coming to St. Paul's this month!

We are getting our very own app!

In the app you will be able to:

- Watch our worship services live on your device
- Listen to our new podcasts
- Read our devotional blog
- Free online Bible
- Free Audio Bible (the Bible read aloud to you!)
- Stay connected to St. Paul's
- Submit Online Offerings
- And more!



You can download the app for FREE, to your google or apple app stores by searching "St Paul's Live," this month! Need help? Give our office a call, or come talk to us on Sunday morning!

We are also revamping the look of our website! You might be asking, why do we need this? Well, the purpose of this is to give our website a facelift, but also to help make sure you can find all of the resources St. Paul's offers as easily as possible on there. This will be launching this month, so be on the lookout for that change!

With all of these new things also comes a new online Giving service. Which might also spark the question of why are we changing how we are Giving online?

1. The church is saving money with this new service. We will be using a company called Subsplash, and they are giving us a discount every month for using their service. So, that money goes right back into our pocket so that we can put it back into the church!
2. Now that our website, app and giving platform will all be within Subsplash, this makes cost and user interaction more streamlined.
3. Not only is Subsplash certified for the highest encryption and security, but the process of giving online can also take less than one minute.

Our current website has the option for you to switch over to the new Giving service, along with what you need to do to do so. If you'd like to give online or learn about it, please call our office or come talk to one of us on Sunday morning! We are here for you!

**We need everyone to transfer by October 3rd. After this day you will not be able to give online any other way. If you have any questions about how to do this, please call our office or come talk to one of us on Sunday morning! We are here for you! :)**

We hope after reading this you are just as excited about these changes as we are! If you have any questions, we want to hear them! So please don't hesitate to reach out to our office and ask so that we can help clear anything up for you!

## Health Matters

### Pastor Paul Doerfler

***“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” PRO 27:17, NASB***

#### **C.S. Lewis wrote these *astonishing* words, 73 years ago:**

*“In one way we think a great deal too much of the atomic bomb. ‘How are we to live in an atomic age?’ I am tempted to reply: ‘Why, as you would have lived in the sixteenth century when the plague visited London almost every year, or as you would have lived in a Viking age when raiders from Scandinavia might land and cut your throat any night; or indeed, as you are already living in an age of cancer, an age of syphilis, an age of paralysis, an age of air raids, an age of railway accidents, an age of motor accidents.’*

*In other words, do not let us begin by exaggerating the novelty of our situation. Believe me, dear sir or madam, you and all whom you love were already sentenced to death before the atomic bomb was invented: and quite a high percentage of us were going to die in unpleasant ways. We had, indeed, one very great advantage over our ancestors—*anesthetics*; but we have that still. It is perfectly ridiculous to go about whimpering and drawing long faces because the scientists have added one more chance of painful and premature death to a world which already bristled with such chances and in which death itself was not a chance at all, but a certainty.*

*This is the first point to be made: and the first action to be taken is to pull ourselves together. If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes find us doing sensible and human things—praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts—not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds.”*

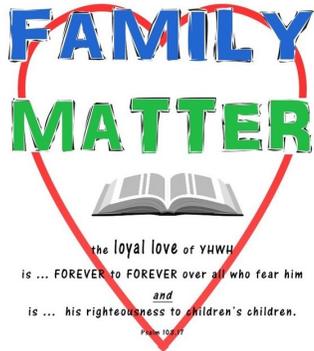
This was an *astonishing* read to me as I’ve noted this past year and a half to many people, COVID-19 is the equivalent of an “atomic bomb” in the way they’ve dealt with it. Even some in God’s Church. We pastors speak a lot about the importance of God’s Word, prayer, and the indwelling power and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Reflect with me a moment on the Proverb quoted above.

Another strength we all have is faithful fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Look around you. Look at those within our St. Paul’s congregation. Are there not many that could *help* and be “*iron*” for you? Reach out to them and let God work **His Truth** through them, in addition to the other aforementioned things. Thereby allowing *you* to give over your fear(s) to Him.

***“Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.”*** PS 55:22. Are you fearful right now? It is a free choice for the vast majority of us. Even so, share your burden with your Creator and Sustainer. Our Lord God. Do so, if needed, with the help of another. God will lead you according to your needs. Trust and obey Him.



## Bible study re-started



We are happy to announce the re-start of the Family Matters Bible Study with Pastor Tim.

Plan to join the study which takes place on Sunday mornings in between services. All are welcome!



## Welcome to our new members

We're thrilled to welcome to St. Paul's, by Letter of Transfer from Trinity Lutheran Church, in Toledo, Renee Boyer and her daughter Rori.

Renee and her husband, William, along with their daughter, Rori, and their son, Henry, have been worshipping with us for a while. Henry will be baptized in the near future.

The Boyer family lives at 25177 Saddle Horn Drive, in Perrysburg. Hopefully, you'll have a chance to meet them soon, if you haven't already.



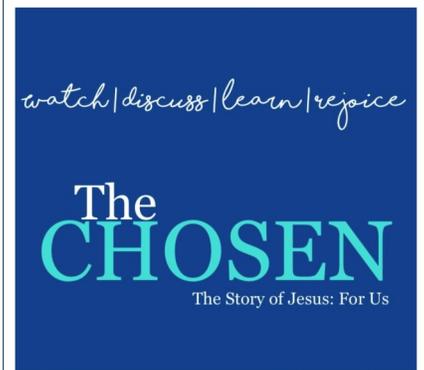
## Connections Corner

Join us as we kick-off "The Chosen," a 6-week series on the story of Jesus from 7-8 pm on Fridays. Popcorn and water will be provided or bring your own snacks. Doors open at 6:30.

Dates are as follows:

Oct. 1, Oct. 15, Nov. 5, Nov. 19, Dec. 3 and 10

Feel free to bring children. They are welcome to watch the movie or hang out in the nursery. Supervision will be provided.



## October Prayer Focus: Clergy Appreciation

*"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding." (ESV)*

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



Dear Lord,

During this Clergy Appreciation Month, thank You for sending our pastors to shepherd the church. Thank You for the love you put in our pastors' hearts for You and Your people. Thank You for the unique set of gifts and talents that enrich our pastors' ministries and bless our church. Lord, bless our pastors today. Help them to sense Your presence in such a sweet way. Fill them up, Lord, and use them for Your glory today and show me how I can support and encourage. Thanking You for our good leaders, I pray this in Jesus' name.

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 (419-893-2330), Teri Henry, Carol Doerfler, Beth Heisey with the St. Paul's church family.

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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### **LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER —**

- Meijer "Simply Give" fundraiser for God's Storehouse Food Pantry (ends Oct 2nd)

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- Thanksgiving Holiday Baskets
- Black Friday Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner
- Angel Tree and Christmas Holiday Baskets

### **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.

### **"Simply Give"**

(Maumee Meijer program)  
The Maumee Meijer, on Conant Street, is once again sponsoring this program, that helps stock our "God's Storehouse" food pantry. How does the program work? You can pick up a Simply Give donation card in the Gathering Space or get one at the kiosks near the checkout. Give the card to the cashier as you check out and the card will be scanned as a \$10 donation which will show on your receipt. That's all you have to do!



The program is finishing on Saturday, October 2, 2021.

At the end of the program, St. Paul's will be given all the monetary donations in the form of gift cards which we can use to restock the God's Storehouse as well as our outdoor free food pantry, God's Blessing Box.

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Outreach MAT would like to thank you, in advance, for helping others by your generosity!

### **Aldi's Plastic, Handled Bags**

Because of restricted supply from Aldi's, Outreach MAT's collection of plastic, handled bags used to pack the Holiday Baskets is dwindling. We are no longer allowed to buy the bulk boxes of bags. We could use your help!

If you shop at Aldi's, please consider purchasing a dozen bags for our use when we do the Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets. We need about 250 - 300 bags. The bags are white, plastic, and have white handles and are \$0.10 each. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity, if you can help us! Give the bags to any Outreach MAT member or put in their church mailbox.

### **Thanksgiving Holiday Baskets (Saturday, Nov. 20th)**

The Outreach MAT will be getting the food, sorting it, and arranging the food baskets for Thanksgiving on Saturday, November 20th from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. The families will come for their food baskets on that Saturday, and we will send them home with Thanksgiving dinner and lots of hugs.

Could we use your help? Yes!! We need people to pick up food from the Maumee Meijer at 7:30 am, people to unload the food and sort the food and personal items into baskets at 8:15, people to deliver the baskets to families without transportation at 9:15, and also individuals to help carry out the food baskets

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to the families' cars from 9:30 to 11:00.

If you have a willingness to make a difference for some families during this holiday season, contact an Outreach MAT member to volunteer for that Saturday.

**Angel Tree**

Calling all angels! The date for this year's Angel Tree is from Sunday, November 14 through Sunday, December 12. Each year we select families who have children under the age of 14. Their names are given to us by Maumee Schools, St. Paul's members and pastors, Mosaic Ministries, the Salvation Army, and Salem Lutheran. Each chosen child makes a gift wish list. That list from each child is placed on individual gift tags and are positioned on the Outreach MAT Angel Trees. (Each child receives two gifts as there is a tag for each child on each tree.)

St. Paul's members take the gift tags and select items from the wish list to wrap and return to church. The gifts are given to the children when the parents pick up their Christmas Holiday Food Baskets. For many of these families, this is the only Christmas that they have. Be looking for the Angel Trees in the Gathering Space on Sunday, November 14th!

**Christmas Jars**

Heading into fall and the beginning of the holiday seasons, the question is:

HOW IS YOUR CHRISTMAS JAR DOING?

Have you been filling it weekly with your change? Is the jar

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getting heavier and heavier as the change nears the top? Have you been watching for a family who could use a boost or gift to help them over some challenges in their lives? If you need help choosing a family, contact Teri Henry, Sue Schad, or Beth Heisey and we can connect you with a family that the change jar can go to.

**Ronald McDonald House pull tab ministry**

The Outreach MAT is asking you to save pull tabs from aluminum cans including soup and vegetable cans to support the mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities. RMHC recycles the tabs to supplement the food budget that provides meals to families during their stay, at no cost to them. There is a container in the Gathering Space as well as in the Fellowship Hall.



If you would like to learn more about RMHC and/or other volunteer opportunities, please contact Carol Doerfler at doerflers@toast2.net.

**Baby University (a Mosaic ministry)**

Baby University ministers to families in Toledo's Old South End. They are collecting children's books — especially board books (hard cover). Research proves that reading to children from birth (or even before birth) every day for the first five years prepares them for success when they start formal schooling. Parents are their children's first and most important teachers.

We, as a congregation, can help them achieve their mission by providing them with books. There will be a collection container in the Gathering Space for the books. Thank you for helping this important, but vulnerable, part of our population!

**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 October Shopping List:**

Dill pickles, canned chicken, canned pasta (like Beefaroni), Bisquick, maple syrup, strawberry and grape jelly, mandarin oranges, Pop Tarts, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, chocolate or vanilla frosting.



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.

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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)*

**We no longer have a fax machine**

After having trouble with our fax machine, we had to make a decision about replacing it or not. After polling staff and MAT leaders, it was decided that we would not replace it as there is very little need for it any more. Also, it will save us some money because we will not need that extra phone line.

If you ever need to send a fax, faxing is free to U.S. numbers at the library.

**October Altar Flower dates are available**

Four Sundays in October (the 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st) are available on the Altar Flower calendar. If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar on any of those dates, please call Becky in the church office (419-893-0205). As a reminder, the cost is \$20.00.

**Ladies' Lunch & Dinner Bunch news**

Ladies of all ages are invited to meet at Don Juan's restaurant, on Dussel Drive, on Thursday, October 21st, at 11:30 am OR 6:00 pm to enjoy good food and good company together. Bring a friend.

Contact Sue Schad with any questions.

*Let's DO LUNCH*



**Bible Quiz**

Hebrews 11 is called the Hall of Faith because it's a partial list of ancestors who lived out their belief in God. Who is named in this chapter?

- A. Adam, Eve and Seth
- B. Abel, Enoch, Noah and Sarah
- C. Moses' parents, Moses and Rahab
- D. Deborah, Bathsheba and Huldah
- E. A and B
- F. B and C
- G. C and D



Answer: F

**Saturday Stitchin'**

Join us for a Saturday morning of knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, or fleece blanket making on Saturday, October 2nd. Want to learn how to knit or crochet? Bring an H crochet hook or size 8 or 9 knitting needles and 4-ply worsted yarn with you. Come at 9:30 am to the Gathering Space and stay until 12 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.



## Time to hit delete?

If we really have too much to do, there are some items on the agenda that God did not put there. Let us submit the list to him and ask him to indicate which items we must delete. There is always time to do the will of God. If we are too busy to do that, we are too busy.

—*Elisabeth Eliot*



## Lessons from lilies

Recently I was challenged to think about what consumes me — and what distracts me from giving God more. In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus tells us not to worry about what we eat, drink and wear. I've read those verses numerous times and usually respond, "Yeah, but the birds and lilies don't have mortgages and bills! How can I not worry?" I'm finally realizing that if I put Christ first, then my trust in him affects my day-to-day decisions. Plus, negative thoughts start to fade.

When do you respond, "Yeah, but ..." to God? Maybe it's when you want to sleep in on Sunday, or when the offering plate is passed, or when you're asked to teach Sunday school. Try reciting Matthew 6:33 often: "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (ESV). When we prioritize Jesus, he guides us toward him and away from worries.

—*Julie Lee*

## 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.

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 and we will recycle them through the Lion's Club. Questions? Contact Gary Langenderfer.



*"Beautiful music ... is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."*

—*Martin Luther*

## Remember our "Little Free Library"

Thank you for your continued support of our "Little Free Library".

Appropriate books are always welcome and may be placed in the box in the Gathering Space.

Currently, we are in need of Pre-K thru 2nd Grade books. Thank you!



*"Autumn ... the year's last, loveliest smile."*

—*William Cullen Bryant*

## Have Thanksgiving dinner with your St. Paul's family!

Join your St. Paul's family on Black Friday, November 26th, at 5:00 pm for our church family Thanksgiving dinner in the Fellowship Hall. The turkey will be provided.

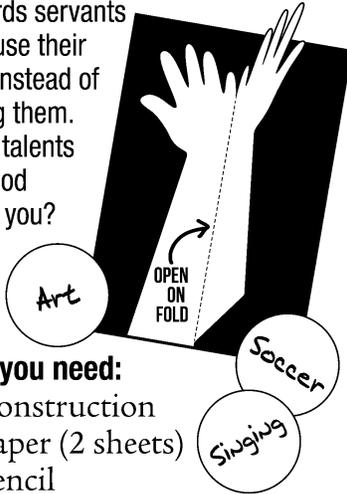
Come alone or bring your family and friends to enjoy being together with good food and church family.

Sign up will be in the Gathering Space in mid-October to bring a side dish or dessert to share.



# FULL OF TALENT

In Matthew 25:14-30, the master rewards servants who use their gifts instead of hiding them. What talents has God given you?



### What you need:

- Construction paper (2 sheets)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Gold crayon or pen
- Black pen

### What you do:

1. Fold one sheet of paper in half lengthwise. Trace your hand and lower arm so your arm touches the folded edge. Cut out the arm and hand, keeping the folded edge uncut.
2. Glue the folded hand to the other sheet of paper.
3. In gold, draw five coins in the hand. In black, write the skills and gifts God has given you.
4. Open the fold and draw 10 gold coins in the two open hands. In black, write how you can use your skills and gifts to help others and honor God.



## MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

*Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.*

1 (5) x 3 =	6 (6) x 6 =
2 (7) x 4 =	7 (9) x 3 =
3 (4) x 6 =	8 (3) x 8 =
4 (2) x 10 =	9 (10) x 4 =
5 (9) x 5 =	10 (11) x 8 =

KEY		
A = 28	J = 50	S = 88
B = 35	K = 21	T = 45
C = 14	L = 63	U = 64
D = 25	M = 15	V = 32
E = 33	N = 24	W = 80
F = 72	O = 77	X = 56
G = 40	P = 54	Y = 20
H = 36	Q = 9	Z = 48
I = 27	R = 16	

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of \_\_\_\_\_.

Come and share your master's happiness!’”

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV

Answer: 15, 28, 24, 20, 45, 36, 27, 24, 40, 88; many things



## 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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