



SEPTEMBER 2019

The Disciple's Connection

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCMS)—Painesville, OH 44077

Our Mission Statement: To witness to our faith in Jesus Christ through worship, education, building relationships and caring for others.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:15am & 10:45am

EDUCATION HOUR (9:30-

10:30, Sundays): Sunday
School & Sunday Adult Bible
Studies

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From Pastor: It's back to school time [ABOUT TIME says all Riverside parents! Sorry, I'm one of them]. A joyful time for many parents, an un/welcomed time for many children. A new school year has begun filled with many new opportunities for learning. At St. Paul's, we are looking forward to the opening of Preschool once again on the 10th & 11th. Sunday School for children will be resuming on the 8th of this month. New opportunities to teach children the truths of the Bible. There are many opportunities for adults as well! Jack will be leading his Sunday morning Bible Study through the 3 remaining lessons on "Lutheran Worship" I'll be going through the books of Zephaniah, Haggai, & Malachi in my Sunday study group. Our Midweek Bible Study has just begun a study of 1 Corinthians. The Men's ministry will resume meeting on the 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m. Our Women will continue their look at Bible Studies out of the Lutheran Women's Quarterly on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

The sad fact is not all our children or adults take advantage of Sunday School or Bible Study. Some parents bring their children to Sunday School and find another place to be than in a Bible Class. Maybe I'm a bit naïve, but can anyone tell me something more important than teaching our children the ways and will of God? Is there another class more valuable than a good Bible Study so adults, too, are taught the Word of God? Solomon had these wise words on Proverbs, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Paul writes in 2 Timothy, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." Parents, I hope you realize the importance of teaching your children God's Word. Adults of all ages, I hope you see the importance of regular study of God's Word. I can't think of anything or any place more important than being in Church in God's Word.

As this new school year begins, let me extend a personal invitation to all. Your children are more than welcomed in our Sunday School classes. Know that they will learn about Jesus and his love for all people. They will read about and learn from all the heroes of faith from the Old Testament. Adults, you too will learn about Jesus, the value of a strong relationship with him. You will see how your faith is used in all situations of life. You will be strengthened by talking about these biblical truths with other adults of all walks of life. It's never too late to start. Let the beginning of this new school year be a new beginning for you as well. Stay for a while after our early service. Come a little early for our late service. Create a little time during the week. You might just find Sunday School and Bible study become an important part of life.

In Christ, Pastor Sundbom

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

Education Opportunities Offered This Fall.... Be in The Word....Grow in Faith.

Join us Sept. 8th For



Sunday Adult Bible Studies

Offered during Education Hour, between the two services at **9:30am**.

Pastor Sundbom's group meets in the kitchen each Sunday morning. On Rally Day, they will begin a study of Haggai, Zephaniah & Malachi.

Jack Lelle's group, in the sanctuary, will begin on Sunday, September 8, and will continue their study of "Lutheran Worship" which has three remaining lessons. Once these lessons are completed we will begin a series entitled "One Christ, Many Creeds" which will concentrate on the beliefs of other Christian denominations. Come join this group for an opportunity to enrich your faith and grow in spiritual maturity.

Confirmation Class

Begins Sunday, September 15th (Rally Sunday) and will follow the late (10:45) service on Sunday unless otherwise noted in the bulletin announcements

Men's Ministry Group

This group lead by Dennis Concoy will meet every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month; and will meet for the first time this year on Sept. 9th at the church.



Midweek Bible Study

This Bible Study is open to everyone and meets on Thursdays from 10:30am to Noon in the church kitchen. They will be beginning a study of I Corinthians.

Women's Bible Study Group

The Women's Evening Bible Study Group will meet Sept. 11th for a salad supper at 6pm to kick off the new year of fellowship and friendship in God's Word. All confirmed women of the church are invited (and guests are always welcome). We meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 6:30 to 8:30pm at the church (We do not meet during Advent or Lent). We use the LWML Quarterly Bible Studies which are available on the Friendship Bible Studies table. To be included on the "Bible Study Group" email list or if you have questions please contact Billie Lelle at blelle@roadrunner.com

Sunday School

Teachers Erin Cardina & Eric West

Music: Marlyss Sekki

Substitutes: Star Graziadei & Rich Szoradi

Sunday School Superintendent: Starshine Graziadei

Adult Classes: Pastor Sundbom and Jack Lelle



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The Sew Prayerfully Group and the Outreach Committee are teaming up to offer Prayer Quilts for non-Congregational members as an outreach opportunity to witness to those outside our church. Please let JoEllen Graziadei or Kristi McConnell know if you would like to order a quilt for a family member, friend or neighbor in need. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you to let us know if a church member needs a quilt as well.



**Do You Like To Sing?
The Choir Needs You!**
Tuesdays @ 7 p.m. In the church balcony! *No experience necessary!*
All are welcome!



MEN'S BASKETBALL begins Monday, Sept. 9th @ 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the school gym, and will continue weekly throughout the school year. Call Aaron Zinkowich with questions @ (440) 796-5296. Come shoot some hoops with us!

Portals of Prayer

New Portals of Prayer for Oct.-Dec. 2019 will be put out around mid-September. This daily devotional booklet comes in three sizes, purse/pocket size, medium paperback size and large print. They are free, and can be found on the piano in the Narthex and also in the rack outside of the church office. Spend a few minutes of your day with Portals of Prayer and connect daily with the Lord.



Save the Date! Our Shepherd Lutheran School's Gala will be held on Friday, November 8th from 6 to 11pm. The Gala will again be held at LaMalfa on Heisley Rd.. Mentor. It's time to think of ideas for baskets to put together to donate to the Gala. If you have questions, please contact the school at (440) 357-7776.

FALL FESTIVAL

A lot of progress is being made on the combined Trunk-Or-Treat and Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, October 5th. The specific hours for the festival will be 11a.m. to 2 p.m. (note it could go a little longer if the Corn Hole tournament is large). As a reminder, all proceeds collected at the festival will go to cover travel expenses for a youth group trip to Houston, Texas. While there, the youth group and adult leaders will assist their churches in cataloging all the books that need to go to Pastor May's Lutherans In Africa Seminary library, before they are shipped to Kenya.

We have a number of volunteers so far, but still need the following...

1. Additional crafters and artisans to rent tables
2. Baked goods for the bake sale and the "Cake Walk" game
3. Volunteers to be "pie-in-the-face" targets
4. Additional volunteers to man the St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Preschool information booths
6. A few more game leaders
7. Additional Trunk-or-Treat car owner participants
8. Additional gift cards and game prizes



Sign-up sheets will be posted on the closet doors in the back of the Sanctuary shortly for individuals to sign up for the missing slots. Feel free to reach out to Kristi McConnell or Starshine Grazaidei if you have any questions about this event.



From Outreach...Greeting Card Sale

Need a greeting card for that friend or family member that has a Birthday or Anniversary coming up? Perhaps someone you know has lost a loved one or needs general encouragement and prayers. Stop by the Outreach greeting card rack near the Welcome Center Table next to the nursery door and purchase a card or two. They are only 50 cents apiece. Place your payment in an offering envelope (you can find them on the greeting card rack) and place it in the Offering plate during church service. Proceeds will go toward building an Outreach budget to cover Outreach event supplies and expenses.



Preschool Notes

It's that time of year again! As always, the preschool appreciates your continued support. If you would like to help support our ministry please select a BIRTHDAY CANDLE off of the BIRTHDAY CAKE and purchase the item listed. There will be a container for donations left by the board for you to drop the items off. We look forward to another fun year of sharing God's love with the children and families we serve.

HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY, ST. PAUL'S PRESCHOOL!!

LWML Northeast Zone Fall Retreat

WOMEN OF HIS STORY (theme verse Esther 4:14b) is the theme of a one-day Northeast Zone RETREAT to be held on **Saturday, September 21st**. Registration forms and information sheets are on the Friendship Circle board. If you have never been to one of our retreats I encourage you to consider going this year. Women are encouraged to register early, so that the retreat committee can adequately plan. All ladies are invited to join us at the YMCA Outdoor Family Center in Perry. Check the Friendship Circle board for the retreat poster and packets for this fun-filled, Christ-centered event. Cost is \$25.00/person. **Registration deadline is September 4.** Questions? Please contact Billie Lelle.

Mite giving



Please remember to feed your mite boxes regularly. Remember, if it is easier, you can always make a check payable to the Friendship Circle (memo line: mites), put in in an envelope and deposit in the big mite box. Thank you for your continued prayerful and financial support of the LWML. *Billie Lelle*

From the
Church
Office

Current Membership Changes:

Transfer Out: Drew & Jill Snoply & children Elijah, Olivia, Samuel (Sam) and Lukas, to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon, OH.

Do you have a New Address? New phone number? New email address? A new baby in the family? Please let the church office know of any changes in your information. This will help to keep the Directory and the church database as current as possible.

New Outreach Campaign: "Restaurant Ministry"

The Outreach Committee is launching a new Outreach Campaign entitled "Restaurant Ministry." It's very simple and everyone in the Congregation can participate. Do you ever go out to eat at a restaurant? Most of us do. Please pick up a supply of St. Paul's business cards from the basket on the Welcome Center Table near the nursery door. When you go out to eat, write a note of thanks to your waiter or waitress on the back of the card and leave it with their tip. Help us plant the seed ... and let the Holy Spirit do the rest!



September Life Quotes from Lutherans For Life

September 1 "A God who marks His covenanted people is telling them something important about the power of sex and its control and its proper place within the divine-human economy: It comes to us as a gift, to be used for its purposes and no other, and its abuse will sully the soul of man. Its proper use in marriage is a great mystery, a great gift which was given for the protection of all. It doesn't always work out that way, sadly, but its imperfect practice is no excuse for throwing it all away for what we see today." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

September 8 "We speak truth and show love in reflection of His own toward us. We respect and protect even the least among us because we have received the same favor freely from Him. We treat both our life and our neighbor's as privilege to us and treasure to God." *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

September 15 "If you are facing a major decision right now, don't be afraid! Ask the Lord to guide you and put your trust in Him. If God the Father was willing to guide His own Son's caregivers this way, He will also guide you when you ask." *Daily Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

September 22 "Let us stand firm for the rights of all people, especially for the most vulnerable, defenseless of them all, the unborn children ... The Church has confessed from the beginning that each life is created by God, that human life is the supreme gift of the Creator. Human life is not given unconditionally but is given under the condition that we will be responsible for preserving it." *Abbot Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

September 29 "Caring for the caregiver is just one more way that we as life-affirming Christians can be the hands and feet of Jesus and serve others as Christ has sacrificially served us." *Lynette Auch, president of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

our ELDERS

John Doeing, Chairman, Roy Greig, Dale Kerver, Aaron Lindrose, Craig McConnell, Jeff Troutman, Rich Szoradi

Did you know that every member of St. Paul's Has a personal Elder? Do you know who yours is?

If you don't know or aren't sure have a look at the bulletin board in the church narthex located above the welcome center. Each Elder is pictured, and there is also a list posted containing the name of all members and who their Elder is. If you are not listed on one of the lists, please see John Doeing or Pastor.

Pastor is always available to go to with concerns of any kind or to answer any questions that you may have; but your Elder is an extension of Pastor, a resource to go to with personal or church concerns or to answer questions that you may have.

Ask the Elders!



Your Privilege and Responsibility



Thank You!! To all who donated books to get the Seminary Library in Kenya off the ground. We have finished collecting, and are now in the process of getting the last books to Texas so they can be recorded and shipped to Kenya.

A HUGE Thank You! to the wonderful people who packed our books and also to those who helped "palette" the books.

CHURCH STAFF, ELDERS & CHURCH COUNCIL

July 2019 To July 2020

ELDERS

John Doeing, Chairman

Roy Greig

Dale Kerver

Aaron Lindrose

Craig McConnell

Jeff Troutman

Rich Szoradi

PRESCHOOL

Amy Marizek, Director

CHURCH STAFF

Paul D. Sundbom-Pastor

**Marlyss Sekki-Church
Organist/Choir Director**

**Kathy Doeing- Church
Admin. Assistant**

CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Eric Drake

Vice President: Roy Greig

Secretary: Jenn Drake

Treasurer: Russ Walton

Building & Grounds: Joe
Graziadei

Board of Elders,

Chairman: John Doeing

Education: Starshine (Star)
Graziadei

Stewardship: Starshine
(Star) Graziadei

Outreach: Kristi McConnell

Contributions Secretary:
Dennis Concoby

Preschool Board.,

Chairperson: Cheryl DeWit

Financial Secretary: Terry
Wakelee, Peggy McDonnell,
Ken Chaffee



Those Who Serve:

September 2019



ELDERS:

6:00 P	Saturday	John Doeing
8:15 A	Sunday	Craig McConnell
10:45A	Sunday	Rich Szoradi

LECTORS:

08-31-19	6:00 Saturday	Pastor Sundbom
09-01-19	9:30 Sunday	Eric West
09-07-19	6:00 Saturday	Pavel Lindrose
09-08-19	8:15 Sunday	Jack Lelle
09-08-19	10:45 Sunday	Terry Wakelee
09-14-19	6:00 Saturday	Roy Greig
09-15-19	8:15 Sunday	Craig McConnell
09-15-19	10:45 Sunday	Sandy Heckler
09-21-19	6:00 Saturday	Frank McVan
09-22-19	8:15 Sunday	Dale Kerver
09-22-19	10:45 Sunday	Eric West
09-28-19	6:00 Saturday	Pastor Sundbom
09-29-19	8:15 Sunday	Jack Lelle
09-29-19	10:45 Sunday	Ken Chaffe

COUNTERS: Peggy McDonnell

GREETERS:

6:00 P	Saturday
8:15 A	Sunday
10:45 A	Sunday



SEPTEMBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Worship 8:15A Education Hr. 9:30A Worship 10:45A	Please Note: Confirmation Class will meet Sunday after the 10:45 service unless otherwise noted.		Announcements for bulletin due every Tuesday for the coming weekend's bulletin.			Worship 6P
1 COMMUNION <i>Last Sunday of Summer service Schedule</i>	2 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed	3	4 Church Council 6:30P	5 Midweek Bible Study 10:30-Noon	6	7 COMMUNION
8 COMMUNION RALLY DAY <i>Regular Sunday Service schedule resumes</i> Youth Group 6pm	9 Men's Ministry Group 7P Preschool Student Orientation (9 to?)	10 Choir 7P	11 Preschool classes begin Elders 6:30P Women's Bible Study 6-8P & Salad Supper	12 Midweek Bible Study 10:30-Noon	13	14
15 Confirmation Class	16 Preschool Morley Library visits	17 Choir 7P	18	19 Midweek Bible Study 10:30-Noon	20 Deadline for <u>Oct.</u> Newsletter Articles	21 COMMUNION LWLM Fall Retreat
22 COMMUNION Youth Group 6pm	23 Men's Ministry Group 7P	24 Choir 7P	25 Women's Bible Study 6-8P	26 Midweek Bible Study 10:30-Noon	27	28
29 Confirmation Class	30 Preschool Cookie Dough Fundraiser begins today & will run until Oct. 11 th					