

MAY 2019

The Disciple's Connection

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

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



Confirmed In Christ!

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 8:15am & 10:45am

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From the Pastor's Desk

As the calendar turns to May, fields, gardens, orchards, and grasses are green and growing here in Lake County [Finally!]. Green is a welcome color of spring, reminding us of the new growth of the season. The green of spring also reminds us of God's promise to bless the earth, cause it to be fruitful, and supply the needs of all His creatures. Seeds are planted in fertile soil, and sun and rain cause the seed to sprout and grow. We now see evidence of the old saying of spring, "April showers bring May flowers".

Now that we are beyond Easter, there are 2 special days coming up on the Church calendar: Ascension and Pentecost. On Ascension, we mark the return of Jesus to the right hand of the Father, not to get away from the world, but to serve as our advocate to the Father. How encouraging to know the Savior of the world is pleading for you at the Father's throne. Good Friday showed us the price Jesus was willing to pay for the salvation of the world. Easter is the proof that the sacrifice is perfect and complete. Ascension is proof that, just as He came from heaven to be our Savior, so He returned to heaven to rule all things for the sake of His Church—that is for the sake of us—His stewards.

Pentecost reminds us of the promised pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the first apostles. The Spirit empowered them to be renewed servants of Jesus who became bold, effective witnesses of the Gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Pentecost also reminds us of the new birth of faith in us through the marvelous, mysterious working of the Holy Spirit. For most of us, his work began with our Baptism. That new life of Baptism continues as the Holy Spirit works through the Word and Sacraments to strengthen and equip the people of God to be effective stewards of all God has given us. As God's stewards we have the promise that the Holy Spirit gives us the power to do what we cannot do ourselves.

One important stewardship principle is God's stewards are served and serving. That means that we recognize that our stewardship involves a life style powered by the Gospel that shows itself in servanthood in all areas of life. It is only by God's grace that we can serve Him and honor him with our time, talents, and treasures. So often we focus on our financial stewardship, but money is only one part. Stewardship involves our wise management and use of all of life and its' resources for God's purposes.

What a blessing and encouragement it is to know and believe Christ died for you, rose for you, ascended and the conqueror of our enemies, and now sends the Holy Spirit to strengthen and encourage us each day. May the Spirit enable us to use our time, talent, treasures, and all the other special gifts and blessings in a way that honors our God and blesses our neighbors.

In Christ,
Pastor Sundbom

Jesus Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!



*May God Bless You As You
Are Confirmed In Christ.*

Congratulations To St. Paul's 2019 Confirmands:

Rachel Michelle Sears

Confirmation Verse: 1 Peter 4:8

“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly,
since love covers a multitude of sins”

Elijah (Eli) Paul Snoply

Confirmation Verse: Joshua 1:9

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be
frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the
LORD your God is with you wherever you go”

Annual Congregation Voters Meeting May 19, 2019 after the 10:45am worship service and potluck luncheon. Meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please try to attend this important meeting. An election of officers will take place, including: President, Vice President, Outreach, Building & Grounds, Contribution Secretary & and 3 Preschool Board positions. A Sign-up sheet is posted at the back of the church. Come have your voice heard!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE WILL BEGIN SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019

ONE SERVICE: 9:30A

No Sunday School

Adult Bible Study before the service at 8:30A

Saturday service continues at 6P



Many Thanks to The Bennington Family, the Chaffe family, the Youth Group, and **all who helped in any way**, for the delicious Easter breakfast that was enjoyed by all!

Please take note: Sunday, May 29th is the last Sunday that Sunday School classes will meet until Rally day next September. May you all have a safe and blessed summer.

Starshine Graziadei
Sunday School Superintendent



EXCITING PRESCHOOL NEWS!

St. Paul's Preschool is excited to announce that we are being recommended for National Lutheran School Accreditation! You may be asking, what is that? Our preschool program was evaluated in 9 different areas for a total of 245 standards. The Preschool Board, Preschool Staff and Pastor were involved in a 6 month process of a self-study which included input from families. We were then observed by a 6 person visiting team which represented NLSA(National Lutheran School Accreditation). A final report was given as well as recommendations for growth. We will then be reporting our growth each year for the next 5 years.

How did we do? We received an 89.16% which is a wonderful reflection of our program. If you would like to see our programs evaluation, please contact the Preschool Director, Amy Marizek.

St. Paul's Preschool is excited to be **ONE OF FOUR IN THE STATE** to have this accreditation out of all of the free standing preschool in the state of Ohio!

Information from this process will be shared by Amy Marizek at the Annual Voters Meeting on May 19th.

We look forward to continuing to make this ministry an amazing outreach to our community!



NLSA

National Lutheran School Accreditation



May Life Quotes from Lutherans For Life

May 5 "Whoa. What a cool thought! Before your parents ever laid eyes on you, before they fought over whether to name you John Jr. or Steven, God knew your name and He wanted you as His. In fact, it goes back further than you think. Before God even created the very first parents, He knew you were coming someday, and He chose you, specifically you, for His team." *Diane Kerr, Time of Grace*

May 12 "[I]t does not say that the honoring, serving, and obeying one's parents is conditional or in response to their earning or deserving it. No, one is to love and cherish them as well as honor, serve, and obey them as if they were God Himself ... The good news is that where we have obviously failed, Jesus did not. He not only honored His stepfather, Joseph, and his mother, Mary, but also His heavenly Father. He offers you His payment for your sin and a place in God's family, now and forever." *Pastor Ricky Jacob, Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Church and Preschool, Winnebago*

May 19 "Both before and after their births, our children are precious lives belonging to God and redeemed by Him. (Their mothers are, too.) Each of our days is ordained by Him, including the challenging days of motherhood." *Marie K. MacPherson, author of "Meditations on the Vocation of Motherhood"*

May 26 "Ascension Day, a holy day falling inconspicuously on a Thursday in May, is the conspicuous declaration that we are not left as orphans. In the same post-resurrection body that He invited Thomas to touch, Jesus invites us to full humanity even today. He ascended with a body, He shares in our humanity, extending His own body even now, promising to return for our own bodies. Christ is preparing a room for us, and we can know it is real because He himself is real." *Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries*



Women's Bible Study Spring Dinner,
Wed., May 22 at Zappitelli's Red Creek Grill, (located at 1820 N. Ridge Rd., Painesville), from 6-8pm. ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!! Please sign up on the sheet posted at the back of the church.

"God has given this walk of life, fatherhood and motherhood, a special position of honor, higher than that of any walk of life under it ... He distinguishes father and mother above all other persons on earth, and places them next to Himself."

Martin Luther in the Large Catechism



The LWML is holding its national convention on June 20-23, 2019 in Mobile Alabama. The theme is: "In Praise to the Lord" based on 1 Chronicles 16:23–24a: *Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.*

Declare his glory among the nations. I will be attending this event and am participating in the "Mission in Motion" walk on Saturday morning (June 22). I am seeking pledges to raise funds, given to God's glory, for mites which will support the grants chosen at the convention. If you would like to support my efforts, please contact me at blelle@roadrunner.com Checks may be made out to LWML (MOTION on the memo line) or if you choose, you can give me cash and I will convert to a check. Thank you for considering this opportunity to "Serve the Lord with Gladness". Billie Lelle



JOIN US FOR **MIRACULOUS MISSION VBS - JESUS SAVES THE WORLD!**
JUNE 10-14, 2019 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day

At Miraculous Mission VBS, children will learn that Jesus saves the world! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where God points us to our Savior, His Son, Jesus. Lessons include:

- God Made the Universe - From the very beginning, God's love has been at work as He created everything - the world and us. Even after the fall into sin, God loved each and every one of us so much that
- God Promises a Savior - God not only promised us a Savior, but He kept His promise and
- Jesus the Savior is Born - God sent His one and only son into the world as a baby to grow up and live a life obedient to God's Law so that Jesus could be the perfect sacrifice for our sins through death on a cross. When
- Jesus the Savior is Risen - Death, sin and Satan were defeated! God accomplished His miraculous mission to save the world!
- Jesus the Savior Reigns - Jesus reigns over all creation and, even though we cannot see Jesus, He is with us!

Registration is now open! Pick up a registration form in the back of the sanctuary or register your child online at

<https://vbsmate.com/events/stpaulspainesvilleohio/17519>

Can you help lead a group in help in another way? Volunteers are needed for:

- Starry Night Storytelling – we need a site leader and helpers!
- Blastoff Games – we need a site leader and helpers!
- Wonderful Creation Crafts – we need a craft leader and helpers!
- Team Leaders - We need lots of help leading the children to different sites

Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the back of the sanctuary.

Questions? Contact **Kathleen**

**Our Shepherd Lutheran School
is hosting its
20th Annual Golf Classic
& Silent Auction**

**Saturday, June 1st, 2019
At Painesville Country Club**

JOIN us for our *ANNUAL Event!* With:
Golf (18 holes), *Food* (lunch & Dinner),
Prizes, and Silent Auction!

Enter as an Individual or a Foursome.

Cost is \$100/player.

Not a Golfer? Join us for Dinner (\$30) &
Silent Auction (4pm)

Entry forms available in the office or
On the school website!

<http://www.oslpainesville.org/news/golf-outing.cfm>

12:00 Noon Shotgun Start!!



Spring Cleanup at the church
has been planned for May 18
at 9am, with a rain-date TBD
(only thunder/lightning will
stop us)

Lunch will be provided.

Questions? Please contact
Joe Graziadei

What's happening at Immanuel Fairport?

Many have been asking. Here's the latest news.

Please continue to keep our brothers and sisters at Immanuel in your prayers.

1. Immanuel will stay open. Evaluation will be ongoing.
2. \$8000 of the district mission grant will be used to remove old asbestos tile downstairs. We have quotes for removal at \$6265 and for replacement materials at \$2070.
3. Pastor Jim Zinkowich will assume the lead role in leading worship services with circuit pastors filling in once a month or when he is on vacation. Pastor Zinkowich is also willing to handle all official acts.
4. In May, church services will move to Monday nights. This will begin a new chapter in their history. Church services will be at 7:00 p.m. and will feature a blended service with many hymn favorites played on a piano. The entire circuit is invited to come and experience this intimate setting and beautiful music.
5. Immanuel hopes to buy the narrow strip of land next to the church for \$3000. This will benefit Immanuel for future improvements or in the event that the property is ever sold. They have the money thanks to a generous donation.
6. The remaining \$8000 of the grant will be used for Gospel outreach.

Immanuel is going to need the prayers and support of the entire district. You are invited to become part of this new chapter in Immanuel's life.

Good News! The Boar's Head Festival will be making its return to Zion this December with two scaled-down performances on Dec. 13 & 14! While many positions are already filled, we still have selected openings: Lords & Ladies, children's choir, waits, servant girls, greeters, shepherds & kings' attendants, lighting & props. Participants must commit to being at rehearsals and performances. All positions must be filled by Sept. 30. Please contact Jan Brown @ jan_m_brown@msn.com



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Consider picking up an item or two when you do your family grocery shopping. This month we will be collecting mac. & Cheese, peanut butter, Jelly or Jam and basic soups, such as

Chicken noodle, tomato, vegetable.... Place your item(s) in the bins located at both entrance doors of the church. They will be taken by St. Paul's volunteers to Zion and distributed to those in need in our area. Thank you for supporting this important outreach mission.



Zion/St. Paul's Golf League begins Tuesday, May 14th at Painesville Country Club. Tee times will begin around 5pm depending on everyone's availability. All ages and skill levels welcome to play 9 holes of golf each week. For more information or to sign up, please call/text Sue Tagg at 440-382-6258 or email sue@painesvillecountryclub.com.

EARLY SPRING GOLF HUMOR



Those Who Serve: MAY 2019

Please Note: On Sun., May 26th, the Summer Sunday schedule begins(one service only, at 9:30A).

ELDERS:

6:00 P Saturday Roy Greig
8:15 A Sunday Jeff Troutman
10:45 A Sunday Eric West

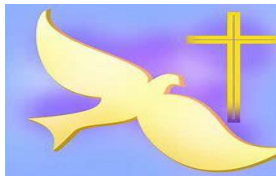
LECTORS:

05-04-19 6:00	Saturday	Frank McVan
05-05-19 8:15	Sunday	Jack Lelle
05-05-19 10:45	Sunday	Eric West
05-11-19 6:00	Saturday	Pastor Sundbom
05-12-19 8:15	Sunday	Craig McConnell
05-12-19 10:45	Sunday	Terry Wakelee
05-18-19 6:00	Saturday	Roy Greig
05-19-19 8:15	Sunday	Dale Kerver
05-19-19 10:45	Sunday	Kathleen Pennell
05-25-19 6:00	Saturday	Pavel Lindrose
05-26-19 9:30	Sunday	Sandy Heckler

COUNTERS: Ken Chaffee, Connie Concoby, Dennis Concoby

GREETERS:

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



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SUN 8:15 & 10:45A Worship 9:30A Education Hr.	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT 6P Worship
<u>Announcements</u> For Bulletin due each Tuesday for the coming weekend's bulletin.			1 Council 6:30pm	2 Midweek Bible Study 10:30am to 12N Preschool: "Mom & Me" 6:30pm	3	4 Communion
5 Communion  Confirmation Sunday Confirmation @ 10:45 Service	6 Preschool: Chapels w/Pastor	7 Choir 7pm	8 Women's Bible Study 6:30-8:30pm Elders 6:30pm	9	10	11 Communion
12 Communion 	13 Men's Ministry Group 7pm Morley Library Visits	14 Choir 7pm	15	16 Midweek Bible Study Group 10:30am to 12N	17 Deadline for June Newsletter Articles	18 Church Clean-up 9am- Lunch provided
19 Annual Congregational Mtg. w/pot luck luncheon (following 10:45AM serv.)	20	21 Choir 7pm Preschool Last Days & Closing Programs	22 Women's Bible Study Spring Dinner- 6-8pm-Zappitelli's Red Creek Bar & Grill.	23	24	25 Communion
26 Communion SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS—WORSHIP AT 9:30am, NO ED. HOUR, ADULT BIBLE STUDY 8:30AM	27 Men's Ministry Group 7pm  Church Office Closed	28 Choir 7pm	29	30	31	

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