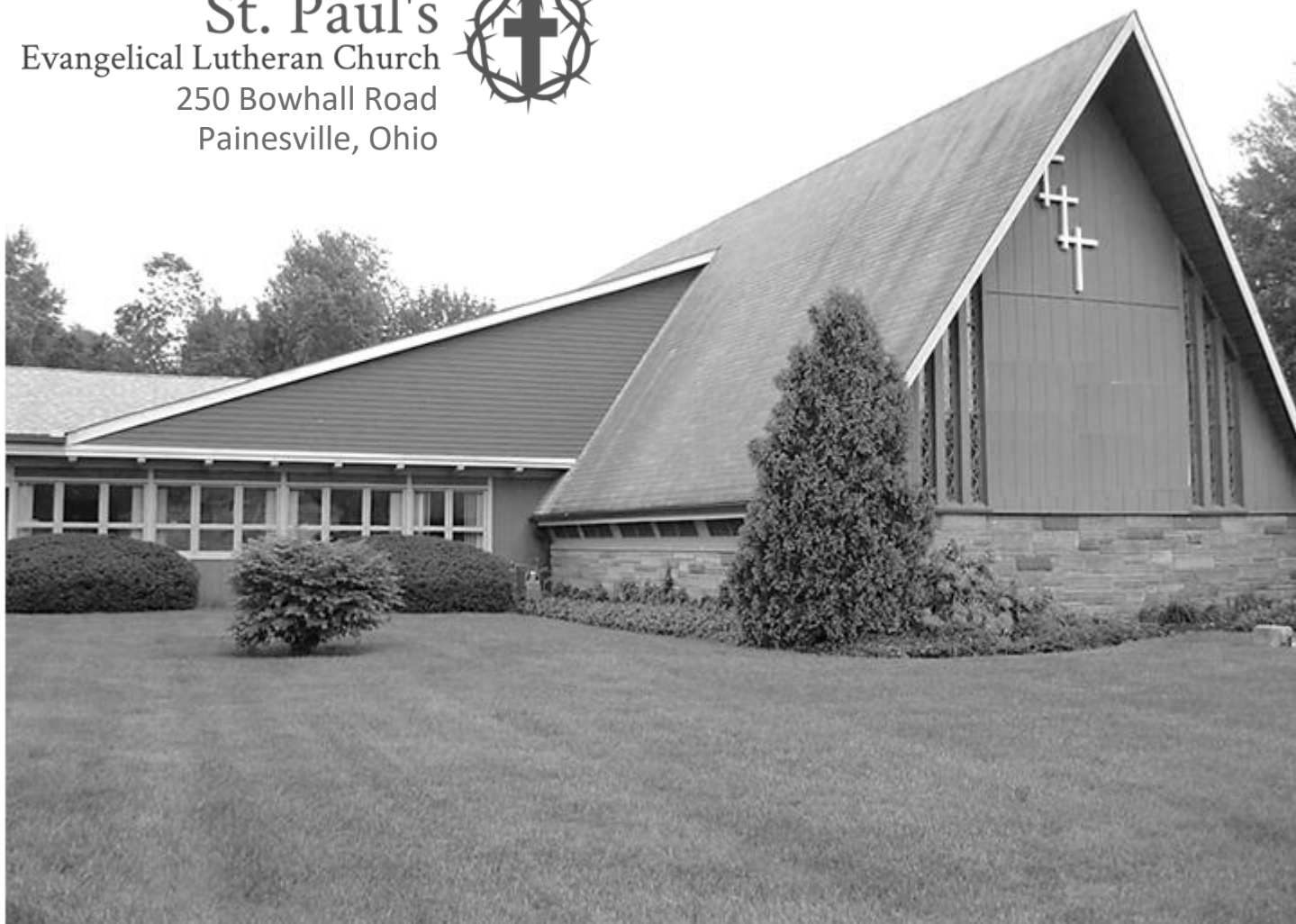


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***“I was glad when they said to me
‘Let us go to the house of the Lord’” Psalm 122:1***

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Should I Take Communion Today?

In the sacrament of the Lord's Supper (also known as Holy Communion), our Lord Jesus Christ gives us his own body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. His living presence brings salvation and strength for the new life in Him. As Christians partake of this sacrament together, they make a solemn public confession of Christ and of unity in the truth of His Gospel. We therefore invite all who share the confession of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to participate in the blessings of the Lord's Supper and make this public confession with us. All who plan to come to the Lord's Table should examine themselves as the apostle Paul urges in 1 Corinthians 11. We are to see whether:

- we are sorry for our sins
- we believe in our Savior Jesus and in His words in the Sacrament
- we plan, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to change our sinful lives

Our desire is not to exclude anyone from this sacrament, but to make a witness to our unity in the true faith. For that reason, we respectfully request that you would refrain from participating in the Lord's Supper today if you:

- are not sure what it means
- are unforgiving, refusing to be reconciled with someone
- have not been instructed in the Lutheran faith
- hold to the teachings of another denomination

We make such a request because we are concerned for your well-being. The Bible teaches that “anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself” (1 Corinthians 11: 27—29). In Christian love for our neighbor, we do not want anyone to participate in this sacrament to his or her spiritual harm. In the Lutheran Church, we are united in the belief that when Jesus says, “This is my body...This is my blood” (Matthew 26: 26, 28), He is speaking the truth. In faith we “recognize the body of the Lord.” To participate without doing so is spiritually damaging.

Holy Scripture also records Jesus saying, “If you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins” (Matthew 6: 15). We are not allowed to help ourselves to God's forgiveness while planning to withhold it from our neighbor. This attitude reveals that one does not really believe that God has granted forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

Further, the Bible informs us that “Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes” (1 Corinthians 11: 26). *While the Lord's Supper is a personal matter, it is not private.* Participation in the Lord's Supper at this altar is a public act. By participating, one says, “**I believe as you believe.**” In order to say that with integrity, it is necessary to know Lutheran teaching. Our pastor would be happy to assist you in gaining this knowledge through classes or in personal instruction in the Word of God.

Finally, denominational and doctrinal differences matter. The Bible teaches that the earliest Christians “devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” (Acts 2: 42). Communicating the message of Jesus Christ correctly was a top priority of the early Church. It is a sad reality that today there are serious divisions within the Christian Church over matters of doctrine. We cannot pretend to judge the hearts of individual Christians. Neither can we pretend that differences in denominational teaching are unimportant. These doctrinal differences have real-life consequences in faith and practice. Again, our desire is not to exclude anyone from this sacrament, but to make a witness to our unity in the true faith.

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31 & August 1, 2021

Divine Service, Setting One

OPENING HYMN 644 LSB “The Church’s One Foundation”



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

Stand ↑

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all of your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT *(Spoken responsively)*

With upright heart he she herded them
and guided them with his skillful hand.

He commanded the skies above
and opened the doors of heaven,
and he rained down on them manna to eat
and gave them the grain of heaven.

Man ate of the bread of the angels;
he sent them food in abundance.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

With upright heart he shepherded them
and guided them with his skillful hand.

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE *"This Is the Feast"*



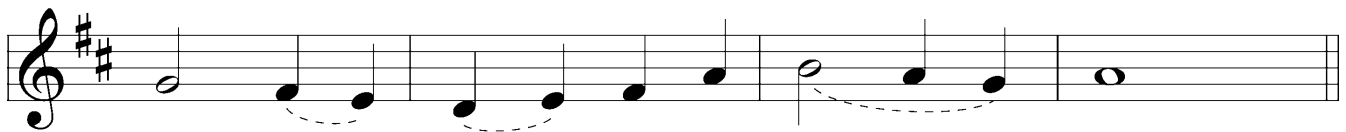
C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COLLECT (*prayer*) OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

C Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit↓

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 16:2–15*

²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him — what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Because He Lives (Amen)” *Sandy Heckler*

EPISTLE READING *Ephesians 4:1–16*

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.”

⁹(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the

work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

R This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Stand ↑

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Common*)

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL READING *John 6:22–35*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th Chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²²On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?" ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit ↓

SERMON HYMN 918 *LSB* "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more;
shield;
Thee;
Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee.

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MESSAGE "We Know Where We Will Be Found" *John 6:22-35*

Pastor Paul Sundbom

Stand ↑

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition concludes)

P Lord, in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken)*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory Forever and ever. Amen.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P Merciful Father, through Holy Baptism You called us to be Your own possession. Grant that our lives may evidence the working of Your Holy Spirit in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, according to the image of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor † and give you peace.

C Amen.

Sit↓

CLOSING HYMN 924 *LSB* "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling

joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,
 Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,
 O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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SILENT PRAYER

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Those Who Serve This Weekend:

Proclaimer: Pastor Paul Sundbom

Organist: Matt Chaffe

Special Music: *Sandy Heckler*

Counters: *Ken Chaffe, Craig McConnell, Kristi McConnell*

Altar flowers are given this weekend in memory of Karen Cardina
 by the Cardina Family.

In Our Prayers This Week

Harold & Margie (Pete) Dennison, Casey DeRito, Cheryl deWit, Louise Klebe, Andy Kujala, Eddie Kujala, Judy Ladany, Brenda Lawson, Kay Lucas, Don Luther, Harriett McConnell, Family of Ana McVan, Frank McVan, Bradley and Lisa Miller, Diane Rothaermel, Marie Rusnak, John Schmikla, Family of Susan Westover (Geyer) Shut-ins: Noel Benoit.

Attendance & Contributions

Worship Attendance (July 24 & 25, 2021): 51

Weekly Financial Update:	Budget	Actual	Over / (Under)
Last Week (July 25)	3,400	0	0
Year-to-date (4 Week)	13,600	0	0

Calendar for the Week of August 2 – 8

Saturday 7 – Worship Service w/Communion 6:00pm

Sunday 8 – Adult Bible Study 8:30am

Worship Service w/Communion 9:30am

Adult Bible Study 10:45am

Announcements

Church Picnic

Join your fellow disciples for an afternoon fun and fellowship on Sunday, August 15, 2021 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at Townline Park, 2121 Townline Rd. Bring a dish or desert to pass. The pool will be open so, bring your bathing suit and towel. Bring a game to play if you would like. Corn whole will be available. Sign-up sheet is posted at the back of the sanctuary.

MOVIE NIGHT ON THE LAWN

You're invited to "Movie Night on the Lawn". Now playing - Despicable Me". Join us August 6, 2021 at 8:30 p.m. on St. Paul's Lawn. Admission is free. There will be a concession stand serving snacks and drinks at minimal prices. All proceeds go to support our Preschool. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and family & friends for a fun movie night on the church lawn!!!

“Carpenter Hands...Christ’s Hands...Our Hands”

This is the theme of the 27th LWML Northeast Zone Retreat. All ladies are invited to join us at Zion Lutheran Church in Painesville on September 25. (Please note this a change of venue for this year only). Check the Friendship Circle bulletin board for the retreat poster and registration packets. Plan on attending this fun-filled, Christ-centered event. Cost is 25.00/person. Registration deadline is September 15. Questions? Please contact Billie Lelle – 440.867.2747 or blelle@roadrunner.com

Bible Buddies

It’s time for the preschool to replenish the children’s bibles that are distributed to new students. They cost \$12 each. We need about 60. This is a joyous outreach for our staff. Let’s spread Gods word to the new families. Checks can be made out to St. Paul’s Preschool. (Offering counters - please put the bible envelopes in the preschool tuition box in the office.) Thank You!

Dorm Refrigerator Still Available

Is your college bound child in need of a refrigerator for their dorm room? If so, the small black refrigerator in the kitchen is available. It was donated by a parishioner for the preschool to use until the new refrigerator arrived. If you’re interested contact the church office at 440-354-3000.

St. Paul’s Preschool – Class Added

St. Paul’s Preschool has added an additional class for 3 and 4 years old. For this added class the child will need to be 4 years old by December 31. Classes are almost full. Currently there is one opening in the Pre-K class, one opening in the Early Learning T/TH class and six openings in the T/TH Preschool class. Registration forms are located in the magazine rack at the back of the sanctuary by the double doors. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Marizek at 440-354-3000.

Preschool Teacher Needed!

St. Paul’s Preschool is currently looking for a teacher to work part-time mornings. For additional information please contact Preschool Director, Amy Marizek at 440-354-3000.

HELP US BEAT THE HEAT!

Help raise funds to maintain the air conditioners around the church, as well as a brand-new unit for the choir loft! Select an envelope or two from the board at the back of the sanctuary. The number on the envelope represents the amount of money that should be placed in it. You can use either cash or check. Put your name on the envelope before placing in the offering plate. Return an envelope that is marked and you will receive a small prize! Thank you for your donations! If you have any questions, please see Matt Chaffe.

Project Hope Now Hiring

Project Hope for the Homeless is now hiring Overnight Residential Assistants at their Freedom Road location. See bulletin board or digital monitor for more information. Send resume to Denise Jones, Social Services Director at <mailto:support@projecthomeforthehomeless.org>.