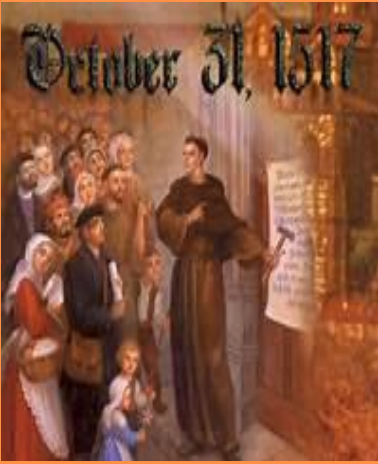


**OCTOBER 2019**

# 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.



Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:15am & 10:45am

**EDUCATION HOUR** (9:30-10:30, Sundays): Sunday School & Sunday Adult Bible Studies

## **PASTOR**

Paul D. Sundbom

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Kathy Doeing,

Church Admin. Assistant



## **PRESCHOOL WEBSITE**

[www.stpaulspainesville.com](http://www.stpaulspainesville.com)

Amy Marizek, Director

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## **From Pastor**

Is it just me, or does it seem a little dry around Lake County? I was reminded of a late summer dry spell one year while I was in Eastern North Carolina. People began praying for a little bit of rain to keep things going, and the next thing you knew, we had 10"+ of rain in about 36 hours. And there wasn't a hurricane in sight! While it certainly didn't rain for 40 days & nights like it did in Genesis, I know there were people wondering if the rain would ever stop.

When God came to Noah and called him to build the ark, there weren't many signs of rain. While Noah faithfully built the ark, I wonder what people around him thought. Noah is often parodied by comedians, memorably for me by Bill Cosby. He is portrayed as one laughed at by his neighbors. But faithfulness is one reason God chose Noah to build the ark and save his family. Despite what people may or may not have been saying or thinking, Noah completed his God-given task. If he had not been faithful ... do you really want to think about that?

As Noah got all the animals on board, it began to rain. Even after the rain stopped, the water lingered on earth for 5 more months. After all was said & done, after all the water finally dried up, God set something in the sky: a rainbow, simple & beautiful. But to that simple beauty God attached a beautiful promise: Never again would he destroy the world by water

Many times, our storms in life feel like torrential rain, and we're looking for that one sign that everything is going to be OK. Some of you may be looking hard for that rainbow of God's promise that your world is not going to be flooded. Life's problems may feel like the rains of a tropical hurricane. It's too much too fast. God always holds out promises to His people. He will not leave them or forsake them. He will never give them more than they can handle. He will work all things out for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purposes. Can you see all the different rainbow signs from God? Do you know Him to be faithful?

Even after a storm, the rains stop, the winds cease, and things dry out again. The rains supply a surplus or moisture. See God knows what we need & when we need it. He also knows how much we can handle with His help. May you have faith to praise Him always, even in the storms of life. Look outside, I think I see a rainbow!

In Christ

Pastor Sundbom

*I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Genesis 9:13*





## Come Join the Choir Tuesdays @ 7 p.m.

In the church balcony!  
No experience necessary!  
All are welcome!!!!



Questions?  
See Marlyss Sekki

## St. Paul's Spaghetti Dinner Hosted by The Elders

Date: October 27, 2019

Time: 4-7pm

Cost: Advance Tickets: Adults \$5

Age 12 & Under \$4

At the door: \$7 for everyone



Cleveland Browns game will be streamed to enjoy throughout dinner hours.

All proceeds to go to The Outreach Committee to help fund future events.

See an Elder  
for Advance  
Tickets-On  
Sale Through  
Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Friendship Circle (LWML)

Looking forward to "Making a Joyful Noise"? LWML Weekend will be held October 19/20. We will have a special noisy mites collection to help meet the national (\$2,100,000) and district (\$192,000.00) LWML mission goals. Extra mite boxes for adults and children can be found on the Friendship Circle table. Your filled mite boxes can be brought at any time and deposited in the large wooden mite box. Please continue to keep the mission work of the LWML in your prayers. Updates can be found at <http://lwml.org> and <http://lwmlonline.org>.

**Portals of Prayer** (which contain a daily Bible devotion and prayer) for Oct.—Dec. are out and can be found on the piano in the narthex of the church and in the literature rack on the wall outside the church office door.



## A Celebration of Christ's Birth

**Friday**

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday**

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 p.m.**

Doors open 1 hour earlier  
Early arrivals may wait in church parish hall

**Reserve FREE tickets today!**  
**[zionpainesville.com](http://zionpainesville.com)**

**Zion Lutheran Church**

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### MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

Called Home To Be With the Lord:  
Darlene Kujala (8-5-2019)  
David Martini (9-3-2019)

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 Challenge

St. Paul's is participating in the Thrivent **Pop Tab Challenge—pulling together to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities.**

You See them (tabs) every time you open a soft drink, soup, pet food and many other types of canned goods. They can make a big impact on the families at Ronald McDonald House. Join us as we support The Thrivent Member Network's Pop Tab Collection Challenge!



**It's Simple:**

**Pop Them!** Find A Tab & Pop It

**Drop Them!** Find The Collection Box  
(located next to the Greeting Cards) & Drop it in

**Make An Impact...Start Collecting Today!**

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

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.



There are also classroom **prayer partners** on the board this year. If you would like to pray for a classes of students and staff select one of the class puzzle pieces right above the earth. Prayer partners can then contact Amy Marizek at 354-3000 and she will provide you with the class list and staff names. We look forward to a fun year of sharing God's love with the children and families we serve.

### Outreach Restaurant Ministry

**Please consider helping St. Paul's build a reputation for showing love to community** business cards from the basket on the **members by patronizing a local eatery.** But, before you go, pick up a supply of St. Paul's Welcome Center Table near the nursery door. When you are eating out, 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!

### Outreach...Greeting Cards for 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.





From Sept. 25-November 3, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days For Life-40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. For more general info. and contact info. please see the POSTER on the kitchen counter and feel free to take any prayer cards that you need.

Painesville website:  
[www.40daysforlife.com/painesville](http://www.40daysforlife.com/painesville)



**LEAF ANNUAL 2019** Signs of fall are quickly appearing with cooler and shorter days, leaves turning colors, kids back in school, and post season baseball. Classes and activities at Our Shepherd Lutheran School are again in full swing as Barb Riley and staff have welcomed back 150 students to learn and experience the fruits of the Spirit by **Living in the Spirit**. Every year at this time, we come to you friends and supporters of Our Shepherd to ask for your support for our Annual Appeal, which kicks off Oct. 5/6 weekend. LEAF provides a steady and dependable income source for the growing school.

The Lutheran Endowment and Aid Fund(LEAF) was established in 1987 to provide financial assistance to Our Shepherd. In years when the school's revenue doesn't meet its expenses, LEAF helps fill the gap. A board manages and oversees this fund. Gifts we receive from your generosity are invested in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and CDs, which produce interest and dividends that we turn over to OSLS as they have need. Every year since 1987, this fund has produced income and will every year in the future.

Our Shepherd is an outreach mission into our community, providing in many cases students' first or only exposure to the Gospel and God's many blessings. Its quality education meets and exceeds state requirements in a safe and caring environment. For these reasons, LEAF comes to you for your support, as this is our only source of income. No gift is too small and all are truly appreciated. St. Paul's is represented on the Board by Ray Cavender, Jack Lelle, Terry Wakelee, and Russ Walton, who can answer any questions and hand out pledge cards. We ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to LEAF. We thank you for your past support and hope you will keep LEAF and OSLS in your prayers.

God's richest blessings,  
 The LEAF Board

## Those Who Serve: October 2019

### ELDERS:

6:00 P	Saturday	Aaron Lindrose
8:15 A	Sunday	Dale Kerver
10:45A	Sunday	Eric West

### LECTORS:

10-05-19	6:00 Saturday	Pavel Lindrose
10-05-19	8:15 Sunday	Craig McConnell
10-06-19	10:45 Sunday	Kathleen Pennell
10-12-19	6:00 Saturday	Roy Greig
10-13-19	8:15 Sunday	Dale Kerver
10-13-19	10:45 Sunday	Terry Wakelee
10-19-19	6:00 Saturday	Frank McVan
10-20-19	8:15 Sunday	Jack Lelle
10-20-19	10:45 Sunday	Sandy Heckler
10-26-19	6:00 Saturday	Pastor Sundbom
10-27-19	8:15 Sunday	Craig McConnell
10-27-19	10:45 Sunday	Eric West

**COUNTERS:** Terry Wakelee, Karen Tuttle, Russ Tuttle

### GREETERS:

6:00 P	Saturday
8:15 A	Sunday

### Sunday School

**Teachers** Erin Cardina & Eric West    **Music:** Marlyss Sekki  
**Substitutes:** Starshine Graziadei & Rich Szoradi    **Adult Classes:** Pastor Sundbom and Jack Lelle    **Superintendent:** Starshine Graziadei



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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
		<b>1</b> Choir 7P	<b>2</b> Church Council 6:30P	<b>3</b> Midweek Bible Study 10:30-Noon	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>COMMUNION</b> <b>Fall</b> <b>Festival</b>
<b>6</b> <b>COMMUNION</b> Youth Group 6pm	<b>7</b>  <b>Preschool Chapel w/Pastor Sundbom</b>	<b>8</b> Choir 7P	<b>9</b> Elders 6:30P Women's Bible Study 6-8P  <b>Preschool Picnic 9:30A (all classes)</b>	<b>10</b> Midweek Bible Study 10:30-Noon Outreach Committee 6:30pm  No Preschool-Fall Break	<b>11</b> Preschool Cookie Dough Fundraiser concludes	<b>12</b> <b>COMMUNION</b>
<b>13</b> <b>COMMUNION</b> Confirmation Class	<b>14</b> Men's Ministry Group 7P  <b>Preschool Morley Library visits</b>	<b>15</b> Choir 7P	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Midweek Bible Study 10:30-Noon	<b>18</b> Deadline for <u>Nov.</u> Newsletter Articles	<b>19</b> <b>Mighty Mites</b>
<b>20</b> <b>Mighty Mites</b>  Youth Group 6pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Choir 7P	<b>23</b> Women's Bible Study 6-8P  <b>Preschool Picture Days</b>	<b>24</b> Midweek Bible Study 10:30-Noon	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>COMMUNION</b>
<b>27</b> <b>COMMUNION</b> Confirmation Class Spag Dinner	<b>28</b> Men's Ministry Group 7P	<b>29</b> Choir 7P	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Reformation Day 		

