

# St. Paul Highlights



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**Martin Luther, 1483-1546**

"A religion that  
gives nothing,  
costs nothing,  
and  
suffers nothing,  
is worth nothing."



✝ To know and serve Christ by reaching out in love to all ✝

DATE	TIME	LECTOR	SERVERS	ACOLYTE	BREAD BAKER	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	GREETERS	MONEY COUNTERS
10/2	8:30 Traditional	Scott Miller	Scott & Cheryl Harkema		Laura Nennstiel	Ginny Anderson Sandi Stowers	Team 1	Tracy Hamilton Marie Herr	D. Batig R. Batig
	11:00 New Song	Georgie Rohde	Linda Jungeberg Lois Wolfe			Lois Wolfe	Team 2	Jan Sultan Randy & Sharon Genther	D. Barrett L. Wolfe
10/9	8:30 New Song	Sherrill Crawford	Jon & Meg Montag		Laura Nennstiel		Team 3	Millie Baehr Becky Havel Sandy Henning Amy Russo	M. Grunau W. Hansen
	11:00 Traditional	Meg Montag	Randy & Tracy Hamilton				Team 4	Kara Krywyj Kelly Brandt	J. Bairoti D. Barrett
10/16	8:30 Traditional	Diane Ferreri	Jack Flick Anna Mae Migra		Maria Phillips		Team 5	Kara Krywyj Anna Mae Migra	D. Miller D. Perzel
	11:00 Celebration	Jane Krisher	Alice Chadbourne Calyn Henderson				Team 6	Nancy Goette Lynn Morella Pat Gugliotta Danelle Eikens	D. Lesko B. Schindler
10/23	8:30 Celebration	Judy Stintsman	Gail Hansen Ginny Anderson		Maria Phillips		Team 7	Bob Trausch Cheryl Winwood	A. Hinton B. Goette
	11:00 Traditional	Bill Goette	Sharon Lappin Adam Campbell				Team 8	Paul Krutko Barb & Harold Daniels	J. Nolder
10/30	10:00	John Schneider	Lois Wolfe Barb Spatz		Vicki Raber		Team 3	Millie Baehr Becky Havel Sandy Henning Amy Russo	

**OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER**

**OCTOBER 9TH—PASTOR DEB MICHAELS PREACHING AT BOTH SERVICES WITH RECEPTION BETWEEN**

**OCTOBER 15TH—SWEETEST DAY**

**OCTOBER 30TH—ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 - OKTOBERFEST AFTER**

**OCTOBER 31ST-HALLOWEEN**





## PASTOR'S CORNER

My dear friends,

I write this to you the day after John's and my farewell luncheon. Our hearts are still full of the prayers and blessings that surrounded us yesterday. Thank you for the luncheon itself. It is always a beautiful sight to see God's people together in fellowship. Special thanks to those who helped prepare and clean up after the meal.

Thank you for our four and one half years together. We enjoyed the conversations, the events, and especially worshipping with you. I am most grateful that you allowed me to break into dancing a time or two.

As I said in my sermon yesterday, it is John's and my prayer that you choose to continue to grab hold of the life that really is life. Fight to stay off of the path that tells you that you are not enough, both as an individual and as the people who are St. Paul. You will be too tempted to buy "enough-ness" and be trapped by what Paul tells Timothy are those senseless desires.

What Paul, and John and I hope is that you fight the good fight of faith....fight to cling to Christ who believes you are enough and died and rose again so you may have eternal life.

Keep fighting, keep moving toward the life that really is life. John and I send you much love and blessings,

Sincerely, Pastor Pam

## St. Paul HIGHLIGHTS

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St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Year-to-Date Financial Summary as of:

August 31, 2016

Income and Expenses Summary	Current Year Actual YTD	Current Year Budget YTD	Over/(Under) Budget	Previous Year Actual YTD
<b>Income</b>				
Congregational Contributions	\$ 287,202.30	\$ 347,280.00	\$ (60,077.70)	\$ 287,910.72
Building Use	6,181.00	9,480.00	(3,299.00)	7,815.00
Interest	3.80	8.00	(4.20)	3.23
Other Income	4,359.36	4,336.00	23.36	5,492.45
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 297,746.46</b>	<b>\$ 361,104.00</b>	<b>\$ (63,357.54)</b>	<b>\$ 301,221.40</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Benevolence	28,720.21	36,138.00	7,417.79	28,077.44
Worship	4,936.52	7,297.00	2,360.48	4,971.62
Programs & Services	9,251.73	14,894.00	5,642.27	11,536.84
Property	45,464.91	81,086.00	35,621.09	81,846.97
Staff Salaries and Benefits	176,908.75	185,077.00	8,168.25	164,228.09
Contracted Services	18,874.00	21,306.00	2,432.00	19,600.00
Administration & Support	16,460.71	20,128.00	3,667.29	15,449.12
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>300,616.83</b>	<b>365,926.00</b>	<b>65,309.17</b>	<b>325,710.08</b>
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (2,870.37)</b>	<b>\$ (4,822.00)</b>	<b>\$ 1,951.63</b>	<b>\$ (24,488.68)</b>

**Income and Expenses Summary Notes:**

**Income**

YTD as of August 31, 2016 has an operating deficit of \$3K, which resulted in a positive variance of \$22K compared to YTD as of August 2015. Congregational Contributions through August 2016 are virtually even with the total YTD contributions received through August 2015; Building Use/Other Income is approximately \$2K less than this time last year. Total Income at August 31, 2016 is \$4K less than YTD August 2015. Congregational Contributions are under budget by \$60K and Total Income is under budget by \$63K as of August 31, 2016.

Note: Other Income includes periodic gifts made by Meals on Wheels and the St. Paul Preschool; the Thrivent Choice Donation program; paper recycling proceeds; and other miscellaneous unrestricted income.

**Expenses**

YTD total expenses remain under budget as of August 31, 2016 and the total amount is \$25K less than total expenses as of August 31, 2015. The amount of savings in Property is partially due to timing related to 15-year plan expenditures and partially due to savings achieved due to a mild winter. (15-year plan expenditures are reflected in the 2015 YTD total which resulted in the year-over-year positive variance.)

Note: Benevolence payments are percentages of contributions. Therefore, when contributions are higher, benevolence payments are higher.

Balance Sheet Summary	As of August 31, 2016	As of August 31, 2015
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets (Cash)	\$ 150,716.86	\$ 68,225.31
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00
Invested Assets (Endowment)	550,890.27	543,068.30
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,743,156.13</b>	<b>\$ 3,652,842.61</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 21,133.66	\$ 743.44
Loan from Endowment Fund	27,655.00	34,000.00
Payroll Withholding	2,327.54	1,852.24
Accrued Expenses	401.16	0.00
Dedicated Fund Balances	107,464.72	63,870.18
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 158,982.08</b>	<b>\$ 100,465.86</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
General Fund	\$ 19,389.78	\$ 1,759.45
Investments (Endowment)	523,235.27	509,068.30
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 3,584,174.05</b>	<b>\$ 3,552,376.75</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$ 3,743,156.13</b>	<b>\$ 3,652,842.61</b>

**Balance Sheet Summary Notes:**

Dedicated Funds include contributions designated for specific Council-approved categories (i.e. Memorials/Honorariums, Habitat for Humanity, Sheep and Goats contributions, Youth Trips/Projects, Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, and others). These funds are tracked separately and the contributions and/or expenses are not reflected in the Operating Income and Expenses Summary. A complete listing of the current Dedicated Funds can be found on the full balance sheet.

The General Fund balance = Current Assets (Cash) - Total Liabilities.



## Council Corner

Congratulations to Pastor Pam Kelly on her appointment to Austintown. Her leadership, energy and smile will be missed.

The annual Congregational Meeting will be on November 13. We will be discussing three topics. Reviewing our short and long term needs for our Pastoral leadership, Sanctuary Renovation plans and the 2017 Budget. It would be great to have a strong attendance at this meeting. These items will affect our long term future.

God Bless!

Randy Hamilton

Council President

Please contact any member of the Church Council with questions or concerns: Dean Firing, Dave Hall, Randy Hamilton, Scott Harkema, Pastor Henderson, Pastor Kelly, Kara Krywyj, Amy Kurek, Katie Lappin, Jon Montag, Karen Nemeth, Eric Prestegaard



**Grow our *RESOURCES*** Have the infrastructure and resources to realize our vision

## Property Committee News



The Church Council has selected a group to recommend a choice for new carpeting in the Sanctuary. Many of those selected were part of the group who decorated the parlor so effectively. The group has now narrowed their preference to just a couple colors, and will be presenting their recommendations to the church council shortly. Samples will be available for congregational viewing. The overall project costs and timing have been prepared in a formal plan and submitted to, and approved by, the church council for inclusion in the 2017 budget. The Finance Committee is now working on the details of funding the sanctuary update project and its' relationship within the 15-year plan.

Delivery of the new windows for the office complex and rooms J and K will be November 7<sup>th</sup>. Installation will begin as soon as possible after the delivery.

On September 19<sup>th</sup> Coit Carpet cleaned all of the building carpeting (except the Sanctuary) as well as all upholstered furniture and cushions. That explains the fresh new look you noticed.

Property Committee thanks you for the confidence you have shown in our recommendations, and for your continued faithful financial support. This is an exciting time as the congregation is now turning the corner from making necessary overdue repairs to renewals. Your continued support is essential in enabling us to follow through on our long-range plan for repairs and renovations to our church home.

Jim Jungeberg

# Grow in **SERVICE** Be a model of serving Christ for others



## SHEEP & GOATS FOCUS



### Our Mission

Building a community of hope, through serving, witnessing and celebrating.

### Who We Serve

The Center's goal is to help families and individuals with the food resources necessary to feed themselves and their families in their homes for the next 9-12 nutritious meals. Since joining the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland in 1976, we have served people living on the near west side of Cleveland who continuously struggle to survive financially. Clients include: Senior Citizens and the Disabled on fixed incomes, Recently Unemployed/Underemployed Families, The Homeless, Those Below the Poverty Level, People Facing Unexpected Circumstances, and The Working Poor.



*Save the Date!*  
*Happy Birthday Jesus*  
*December 4th*  
*4:00 PM*



COMMISSION ON AGING  
FOR SENIOR CITIZENS  
Tuesday, October 11th at noon  
the Senior Luncheon will  
be held at St. Paul's  
Cost \$5.00  
Contact the  
"Active Senior Network"  
for reservations  
at 440 891-3316

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE



## OFFICIAL ACTS

Funerals

Baptisms

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Sue Ledel

Lois Steuber



*Thank you for your prayers and cards. They helped me in my recovery from knee surgery. Also, thank you to the people who brought us delicious meals the first 2 weeks I came home from the hospital.*

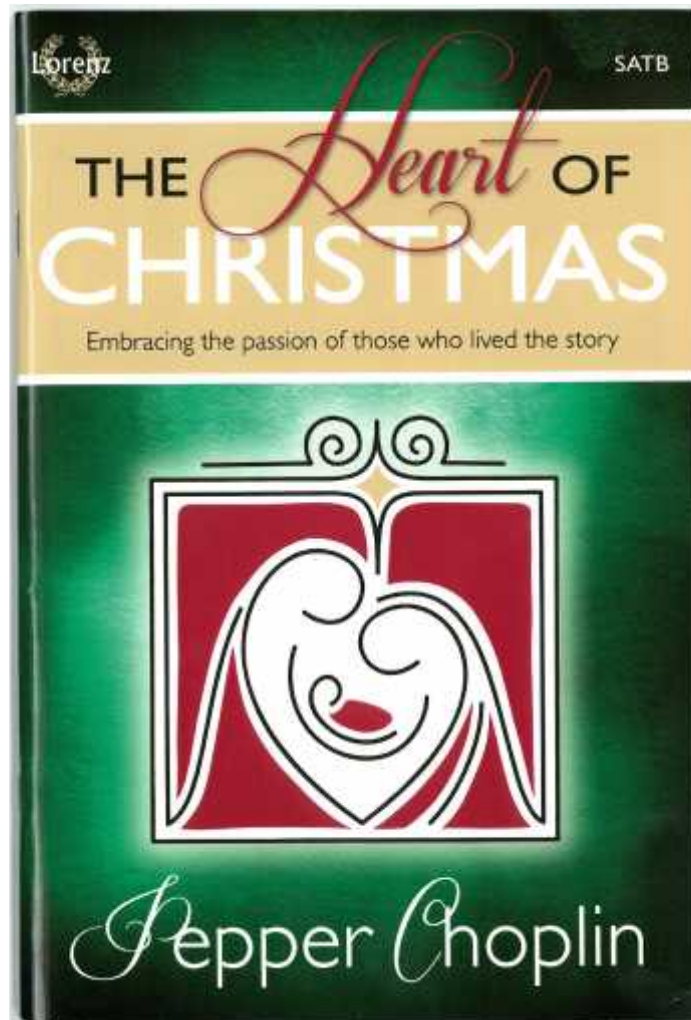
*We are very blessed to be part of a very caring congregation.*

*Love,*

*Denise and Ken Bolek*



*Christmas Cantata is coming!*



*Rehearsals to begin in November  
If you would like to participate,  
Please contact Dale*





# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE



## **"Caring for each other as we age"**

Together with our neighboring ELCA congregations we are seeking to provide support to members by encouraging participation in *monthly* gatherings where information, encouragement & prayers will assist you with the challenges that aging brings to life. The information is helpful to all seniors and their families.

**Wednesday, October 19 at 1:30pm**

**Parma Lutheran Church** will host a **Medicare Update**.

5380 Broadview Rd. at the corner of Tuxedo Ave. in Parma (216-351-6376)

Jim Aust is a county Co-coordinator of volunteers with **OSHIIP Medicare counseling** (Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program) and will be presenting a program outlining what's new in Medicare and what counseling resources are available.

All resources are free and unbiased.

Jim has no affiliation with any insurance companies.

If you are already on Medicare,  
you are encouraged to review your plan choices *every year* during open enrollment.

This year Open Enrollment starts October 15th and closes December 7th.

**Remember - Do not choose a Part D drug plan on the basis of its premium/name or friends advice.**

The best way to pick a plan is according to the specific drugs you take, because Part D plans do not cover all drugs and they charge widely differing co-pays, even for the same drug.

Learn how you can compare coverage and costs for your own drugs among different plans by using the plan finder program on [medicare.gov](http://medicare.gov), at a local counseling meeting or call Medicare at 800-633-4227

Medicare comes with many expenses — premiums, deductibles, copays — that many people find hard to pay. *If your income is limited*, be sure to check out two programs that can reduce those costs if you qualify. Under a **Medicare Savings Program**, your state pays the Part B premiums and maybe other expenses. Under the federal Extra Help program, you get low-cost Part D prescription drug coverage. Learn more to see if you qualify for either program.

Questions call Parish Nurse Jill Koubal (216/573-1595)

Mark your calendars for the next gathering at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran on  
Weds. November 16 "Funerals - Witnessing to a Faith-filled Life"



## Youth Fall News

Our Bible study for this fall will be using *The Gospel According to Disney: Faith, Trust, and Pixie Dust* by Mark I. Pinsky. Pinsky is a religion journalist who is interested in the roles that the animated features of the Walt Disney Company have played in the moral and spiritual development of generations of children. We'll be exploring some of the most popular Disney films including Cinderella, Beauty and the Beast, and the Lion King. We'll also be seeking to discover what Pinsky calls the Disney gospel: faith that good will prevail, trust in yourself and your friends, and a little bit of something magical. All of our 7-12 grade youth are invited to join us on Sunday evenings to seek our own understanding of Disney and our own faith.

### Fall Schedule

- September 11 - Sunday School Starts! 9:45-10:45 am
- September 11 & 25 - The Gospel of Disney Bible Study 6:30-8pm
- October 2, 16 & 30 - The Gospel of Disney Bible Study 6:30-8pm
- November 6 & 20 - The Gospel of Disney Bible Study 6:30-8pm
- December 4 & 18 - The Gospel of Disney Bible Study 6:30-8pm

Anyone who is interested may feel free to contact me, by email at [aperrymiller@stpaulbera.org](mailto:aperrymiller@stpaulbera.org) or by phone at 216-856-2718 (call or text). All of our youth are invited to join in.



*Sarah Massey competed in the Junior World Class Ladies Singles in Novara, Italy at the end of September. Please see the Plain Dealer article on the bulletin board across from the office. Congratulations Sarah!*

# October Children's Ministry News

## HEY KIDS AND YOUTH-

Sunday School is back and in full swing! Please join us every Sunday morning from 9:45-10:45am. Preschoolers - High School are all welcome. We hope to see you!

We also send out a huge thank you to our 2016-17 Sunday School staff. The following St. Paul members have committed to lead our young people in their Sunday School studies this year. We thank them for stepping forward to provide leadership for our children and youth.

Preschool- Kelly Brandt, Kyle Lengel

Kindergarten- Cheryl Harkema

First/Second Grades- Jean Meresko, Nancy Goette

Third/Fourth Grades- Danelle Eikens

Fifth/Sixth Grades- Jim Lappin

Seventh/Eighth Grades- Randy Genter, Jeff Schlott, Marianne Trausch,  
Cathie Varnes

High School- Amanda Perry Miller

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH-

Calling all kids! Children's Church is back and we hope that you will join us on the second and fourth Sundays at both services. Join us for Bible stories, songs, puppet shows, games, crafts and more. Hope you will join us!

## RALLY DAY-

We send out many thanks to everyone who helped to make Rally Day 2016 such a great kick-off to our 2016-17 year. We thank Kevin Hines and his Bluegrass group for leading us in our worship service & during our fellowship lunch. Thank you to Cathie Varnes and her workers for the food preparation for our lunch. Cathie does such an amazing job feeding all of us with such love and care. Thank you to Chris Bachmann and her workers for setting up and cleaning up. There were truly so many people that contributed to the day's events that it is impossible to name them all. We hope that you know how much your help was appreciated. We send our thanks to all of you who attended our Rally Day. What a blessing you all are! Thanks so much!

# October

## Children's Ministry Calendar

October 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:45-10:45 Sunday School

3:00-4:00 Play Uno with the Kids at the  
Aristocrat

October 9<sup>th</sup> 8:30 Children's Church

9:45-10:45 Sunday School

11:00 Children Sing in Worship

11:00 Children's Church

October 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00-9:40 Ukuleles

(For all Ages-SS Office)

9:45-10:45 Sunday School

October 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:30 Children's Church

9:45-10:45 Sunday School

11:00 Children's Church

October 30<sup>th</sup> \*No Sunday School\*

10:00 Worship & Fellowship Lunch

CELEBRATE



ST PAUL  
150 YEARS  
LUTHERAN

## 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The next few weeks we have our final opportunities for celebrating St. Paul's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. On Oct 9<sup>th</sup> we will welcome one final visiting pastor, Rev. Dr. Deb Michaels, daughter of the congregation, to our pulpit. The 499<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation occurs on Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, followed by an Oktoberfest in the Fellowship Hall (see summary of info below) and on Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, All Saints Day, a special service will honor all of the St. Paul 'Saints' back to 1866.

### Oct 9<sup>th</sup> Daughter of St. Paul's visits

Rev. Dr. Deb Michaels will preach at 8:30 and 11:00 services. A reception for her will be in the parlor between services. Stay after 1<sup>st</sup> service, come early for 2<sup>nd</sup> service and greet her.

### Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 499<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation

One service at 10:00

Followed by Oktoberfest!

Menu: Wurst

Hot German Potato Salad

Three Bean Salad

Rolls and condiments

Strudel

O'Doul's, coffee

**Tickets on sale Sept 25<sup>th</sup> – Oct 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Adults \$5, Children under 10 years \$1**

**There is limited space in the Fellowship Hall so get your tickets early!**

### Nov 6<sup>th</sup> All Saints Day Services

8:30 and 11:00

Special focus on ALL members of St. Paul's since 1866

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**BEREA FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS....**

Each month we collect food to help stock the pantry located at 85 So. Rocky River Drive in Berea.

**The ITEMS for October are  
Tuna Fish & Tuna Helper**

Place Items in the Grocery Carts in the Narthex or near the Fellowship Hall

**COMMUNITY MEAL DONATIONS....**The items are distributed along with items donated to Church Street Ministries to help those in attendance.

**The ITEMS for October are  
Toilet Paper, Tooth Paste, Kleenex,  
Paper Towels**

**The Community Meal is back at St. Paul's on the last WEDNESDAY of each month at 6:00 p.m.**