

Annual Gathering scheduled

Mark your calendars for the Annual Gathering to be held on Sunday, February 27, at 11:30 am.

The first quarter Gathering is held annually for the purpose of receiving the fiscal year-end report, the pastors' annual reports, the celebration of reports from various MATs as well as other business as deemed necessary.

Please plan to attend this important Gathering.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd

Join us this Lenten season as we look at different events in the Bible and how they offended the people of that time. We will look at the meaning behind those events as well as what we do during Lent.

We will begin this journey of reflection on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, at 7:00 pm. The journey will continue on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Wednesday services will be at 7:00 pm and will be family-friendly.

Our Lenten journey continues through Holy Week and ends with the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. We look forward to having you join us!



MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP:

Ash Wednesday — March 2nd, at 7:00 pm
Wednesday Lenten Services — March 9th - April 6th, at 7:00 pm

Soup's on!

Wednesday nights during Lent are made extra special because we are provided with a great opportunity to come together and share a meal prior to the 7:00 pm Wednesday night worship services.

Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2nd (and for the following five Wednesdays), please plan to come early to church and enjoy soup, salad, bread, dessert and, best of all, fellowship before the 7:00 pm service.

Meals will be served from 5:30-6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and bring family or friends!

Volunteers are always needed for food preparation, serving, clean-up and dessert donations. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be created and placed in the Gathering Space in early February.



*"Though our feelings come and go,
God's love for us does not."*

—C.S. Lewis

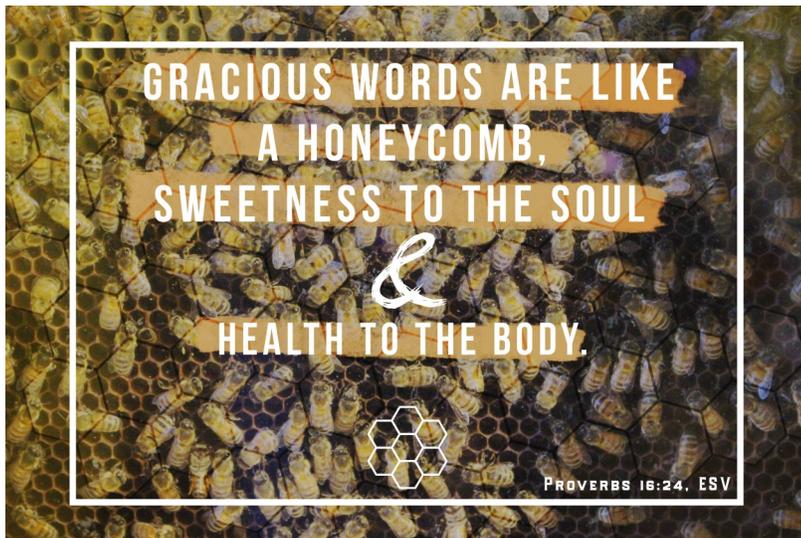
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Paul Doerfler, Pastor

"Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark." JA 3:4-5

Our words are like the rudder of a ship. They tend to steer a person's life in a similar way that a rudder on a ship steers it. Despite the fiercest of winds, today's rudders are powerful enough to steer most any ship through most any storm. In a similar fashion, no matter the life challenge or circumstances, our tongues, our choice of words, often remain powerful enough to steer and greatly affect our lives. For good and/or, not so good.

God's Word reminds us—words do matter. They can indeed steer your life. Similar to a rudder. In fact, God designed us humans to be like Him — to resemble Him in word and deeds. GE 1 affirms this as at the Creation of all things, God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, all three were present and everything that was, had its beginning spoken by Words into existence.



We can use our words in similar way. To create or to tear down. Our words carry great power with them. Are you mindful of that, when *you* speak? What you might say about another? But, never would say the same thing *to them*, directly?

Perhaps as a result, (consciously, or maybe something you don't yet know), you realize there are consequences to what you speak? If so, do you want to change the direction you're headed in life? Then, might I suggest a modification in the words you are speaking!

God has given us the ability to steer our lives in the direction He would have us go. Often in the proper use of our language

abilities; using our tongues. What's keeping you from moving forward in some of your relationships? Pride, perhaps? Ego? Self-righteousness, or an unwillingness to change? For God to further transform you into a nearer image of Jesus Christ?

RO 10:10 says: ***"For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."*** If you want better days in 2022, discipline yourself. Learn to more carefully choose the words you speak. Ask for God's presence and strength to help get you through a difficult time, in a Godly way. He inspires words of life. The power of the Holy Spirit when sought, will get you through anything Satan throws your way, and in the way Jesus would have you speak and act. Make it so in Jesus' name and for His glory.



February 6 is "Scout Sunday" at St. Paul's

Duty to God and Country, Others and to Self



Scouting was started in America and chartered through Congress on February 8, 1910. A businessman was visiting England and came across Lord Robert Baden-Powell who had started a youth program called Scouting for Boys. A year or so later, Girl Leaders in America learned of the Scouting Program and, also, went to seek out Lord Baden-Powell to create Girl Scouts of America. Scouting at St. Paul's was started on November 1, 1999, and continues today. Today, St. Paul's Scouting Ministry includes a Boy and Girl Cub Scout Program along with a Boy Scout Troop and a BSA Girl Troop.

Breakfast on Scout Sunday will be served in the Fellowship Hall by our Scouting Ministry and will offer a **FREE** Pancake Breakfast for those who bring in an item for our Food Pantry Program.

All Scouts, both young and old, are encouraged to wear their uniform, old or new, to church services on Scout Sunday.

For more information on our Scouting Ministry, please feel free to contact Mike Joseph (Mr. J) at 419-262-7583 to leave a message.

Update your e-mail address books!

Do you ever have reason to e-mail any of the church staff? If so, you will want to update your address book with our new simplified e-mail addresses! (See below.)



Pastor Paul: psdoerfler@stpaulslive.org
 Aaron: anwilliams@stpaulslive.org
 Cindy: canaumann@stpaulslive.org
 Sue: smharden@stpaulslive.org
 Becky: bjguth@stpaulslive.org

After the first of the year, we began the process of changing our e-mail addresses – the final step after our website change. Our new e-mail addresses are now working. The old e-mail addresses will continue to work during 2022 but you will want to make the change NOW, before you forget. Thank you!

Men meet for breakfast & Bible study

Men: Mark your calendars for Saturdays, February 5th & 19th, from 8:00–9:30 am, here at the church. We are discussing Hebrews 1. Donuts and coffee are provided. Join us! We look forward to seeing you.

Year-end reports are due!



Staff, 2021 Trustees, and 2021 M.A.T. Leaders are reminded that the deadline for having your year-end report for the 2021 program year turned in to Becky, in the church office, is by the end of the day on Sunday, February 6th.

Thank you, in advance.

Contribution Statements available

The 2021 contribution statements have been available in the Gathering Space since January 16, 2022. If you have not picked up your statement, I encourage you to do so. In order to save the cost of postage, they will be available there through the month of February. If you are unable to pick up your statement and would like a copy e-mailed to you, contact me in the business office (419) 893-0205 X 205 or e-mail me canaumann@saintpaulsonline.org. If you do not have e-mail access, contact me and I will see that your statement is mailed to you.

February Message from Aaron

What is Trust Really?

Recently, I've been thinking a lot about trust and gullibility. To be honest, I'm not exactly sure why I've been thinking so much about this. Though, I think trust and gullibility are actually very, very similar. Let's break down what it means to be gullible, it means that you are easily trusting, that you are quick to trust those around you, that you are quick to believe that they are being honest with you.



The world views being gullible as a flaw, but I'm not certain that it actually is. Instead, I think being gullible looks a lot like Jesus. It is quick to believe that people are being truthful with you. It is quick to believe that people are being honest with you. It seems to resonate a great deal with what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 13 concerning love, 'love believes all things.' I don't take that to mean love is naïve or stupid. I take that to mean that love believes the best about all people, at all times, until you are given enough reason not to. That love, in some sense, is gullible. Love is inherently trusting.

Really, that's all being gullible is. It's being inherently trusting. It's trusting that people are telling you the truth. It's believing the best about people, it's trusting that they have a good name, a good reputation, until you are given enough reason not to. Now, what 'enough reason not to' looks like, I don't know, I think it varies by context. I think that's something we each must decide uniquely in our relationships. But my main purpose in writing this is this: What if, instead of us adopting the world's view of gullible, of being quick and easy to trust, we instead operated as if that was the default, what if Christians were the most trusting people. That seems to be the behavior Jesus requires when He says if we are sued for our coat, give the shirt as well. If we are dragged one mile, go two. If we are struck on the left cheek, give them the right also. In other words, let them take advantage of you, or let them know you are gullible and trusting.



"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."

—Charles M. Schulz

Let us pray!



Intercessory prayer (prayer for others) is one of the greatest gifts the Father has given us. Praying for others is like touching the person with one hand and touching God's hand with the other. You become the means to bless the person for whom you are praying.

We invite you to join us as we, once again, offer Lenten Secret Prayer Partners.

Sunday, February 20th in the Gathering Space – fill out a prayer card for yourself. Have your spouse or other fill out a separate card.

Sunday, February 27th in the Gathering Space – pick up a card of someone in our church family to pray for during Lent. Commit to praying daily for that person and KEEP IT A SECRET!

During Holy Week (Sunday, April 10 – Friday, April 15th), make or send a card (NO TEXTS OR PHONE CALLS, please) to your prayer partner revealing your identity and any other message you would like to share.

If you are not attending in the sanctuary, contact Sue Schad (sooz@bex.net or 419-893-2330). You will be signed up and sent your prayer partner name.

Share the warmth and joy of this Holy Season by praying for a member of your church family.



Remember our "Little Free Library"

Thank you for your continued support of our "Little Free Library".

Appropriate books are always welcome and may be placed in the box in the Gathering Space.

Currently, we are in need of Pre-K thru 2nd Grade books. Thank you!



"Do something wonderful; people may imitate it."

–Albert Schweitzer

February Prayer Focus: Love

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." (CO 3:14)

Ask ...
Seek ...
Knock ...



Lord,

I lift up our love for one another as a church. May our love for each other be sincere, deep, and from the heart. May our love for one another prove that we are Your disciples. Give us a spirit of unity so that we may glorify You with one heart and voice. Help us accept one another as we clothe ourselves in love.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

News from the Outreach M.A.T.

"Showing God's Love Through You"

OUR MISSION:
Providing local outreach opportunities for individuals by caring for the needs of others.

Outreach M.A.T. Co-Directors: Sue Schad (419-893-2330), Teri Henry, Carol Doerfler, Beth Heisey with the St. Paul's church family.

Check out the slides, weekly bulletin, weekly email, and the monthly *Communicator* for news on ministries that are happening at St. Paul's and how you can help!

You CAN make a difference!

Outreach MAT Ministry Assistance Extension Number

The voicemail extension for all Outreach Board ministry assistance is extension 220. Call the church number (419-893-0205) then dial 220. The Outreach MAT schedules food pantry appointments as well as providing monetary assistance with rent, utilities, and other needs.



LOOKING AHEAD TO FEBRUARY--

- Lenten Secret Prayer Partners
- Volunteer Appreciation Sunday, Feb. 13th.

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Lenten Secret Prayer Partners

(Sunday, February 20— Saturday, April 10)

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Prayer Corner

Many of you have noticed the special area in the back corner of the sanctuary where there are pull-out folding doors, chairs, and a small fountain. Our Prayer Corner is reserved for folks in need of prayer or who wish to have a quiet, private area for individual prayer before or after each worship service.

Aldi's Plastic, Handled Bags

Because of restricted supply from Aldi's, Outreach MAT's collection of plastic, handled bags used to pack the Holiday Baskets is dwindling. We are no longer allowed to buy the bulk boxes of bags. We could use your help! If you shop at Aldi's, please consider purchasing a dozen bags for our use when we do the Holiday Food Baskets. The bags are white, plastic, and have white handles and are \$0.10 each. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity! Give the bags to any Outreach MAT member or put in their church mailbox.

Ronald McDonald House pull tab ministry

The Outreach MAT is asking you to save pull tabs from aluminum cans including soup and vegetable cans and pet food cans to support the mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities. RMHC recycles the tabs to supplement the food budget that provides meals to families during their stay, at no cost to them. There



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is a container in the Gathering Space as well as in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to learn more about RMHC and/or other volunteer opportunities, please contact Carol Doerfler at doerflers@toast2.net.

Baby University (a Mosaic ministry)

Baby University ministers to families in Toledo's Old South End. They are collecting children's books — especially board books

(hard cover). Research proves that reading to children from birth (or even before birth) every day for the first five years prepares them for success when they start formal schooling. Parents are their children's first and most important teachers.



We, as a congregation, can help them achieve their mission by providing them with books. There will be a collection container in the Gathering Space for the books. Thank you for helping this important, but vulnerable, part of our population.

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Halos of Hope (chemo caps)

Many thanks to the ladies who are knitting and crocheting chemo caps for this ministry. We have made over 2,800 CAPS since this ministry started! We are making a DIFFERENCE!

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This ministry that uses volunteers to knit or crochet caps for individuals who are undergoing treatment for cancer. If you knit or crochet and would like to use your gift to help others, please contact Sue Schad for more information about this exciting opportunity to make a difference.

God's Storehouse (St. Paul's food pantry)

God's Storehouse, our food pantry, is St. Paul Lutheran's "hand up" for families in the area who are struggling to make ends meet in these difficult times.

God's Storehouse February Shopping List:

Dill pickles, canned chicken, canned pasta (like Beefaroni), Bisquick, diced tomatoes, maple syrup, grape or strawberry jelly, mandarin oranges, cream of wheat, mayonnaise, any kind of Jiffy mix, crackers, waxed beans, beets, green beans, peas, spinach, relish, crushed or chunk pineapple, boxed mashed potatoes, Pop Tarts, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, beef or chicken ramen noodles, chocolate or vanilla frosting.

YOU CAN HELP



If you are shopping and think of it, buy two and donate one to God's Storehouse. We thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

Please place your donations in the wooden bins back by the coat racks in the Gathering Space/narthex.

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The Outreach MAT would like to thank the anonymous St. Paul's members who are continually contributing items, monetary gifts, or time for our ministries. We are so honored to be the "visible" face of St. Paul's for the local families we help, but we would like to express our gratitude to all of you who are always helping out without any kind of recognition.



*The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of those brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me." (MT 25:40)*

## February altar flower dates are available

Three Sundays in February (the 6th, 20th & 27th) are available on the Altar Flower calendar. If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar on any of those dates, please call Becky in the church office (419-893-0205).

As a reminder, the cost is \$20.00.

## Heartfelt condolences sent

... to Adam & Lyndsi Wagner and family (in memory of Adam's beloved father.)

... to Marna & Glen Freimark and family (in memory of Marna's beloved sister, Geraldine Saffell)

... to Leonard Windom and family (in memory of his beloved wife, Linda)

... to Glen and Susan DeGelnor and family (in memory of Glen's beloved sons.)

... to Patti Vermillion and Teri Henry and their families (in memory of their beloved dad, Mike Kudas).



## Special gifts received



A special memorial contribution to St. Paul's has been given in memory of **KAYLA SCRIBNER** by: Barbara Corrello

A special memorial contribution to St. Paul's has been given in memory of **TED & VIVIAN SHARLOW** by: Suzanne Green, Natalie Naumann

A special memorial/honor contribution to St. Paul's has been given in memory of **ROBERT HEIDEBRINK** and in honor of **BETTY HEIDEBRINK** by: Rick & Judy Heidebrink

A special memorial contribution to St. Paul's has been given in memory of **VIVIAN SHARLOW** by: Gary & Jill Langenderfer

A special honor contribution to St. Paul's has been given in honor of **JACK DUBLER** by Robert & Janet Cintron

## Note of thanks received

"Thank you very much to everyone who remembered us at Christmas and sent us cards. We appreciated each and every one. God bless you!"

~ Sue & Rollie Carter

## A prayer to our omnipotent God

Remind us, O God, that you are above us, watching over us as a good shepherd. You can see what we cannot see. Remind us that you are below us, ready to lift us up in our weakest moments. Remind us that you are behind us, to give us encouragement when we feel like giving up. Remind us that you are in front of us, calling us to move forward in faith, even when we can't see how things will work out. Remind us that you are beside us, holding our hands, no matter what we're going through. Remind us that you are within us, closer than each breath we take. Jesus, thank you for being Emmanuel, God-with-us, and for not abandoning us. Thank you for sending us your Holy Spirit, who comes alongside to help us, even when no one else can. As we remember you, O God, strengthen our hope and restore the joy of our salvation. Amen.

—Malcolm Marler, adapted



## Bible Quiz

In the book of Revelation, who or what is “prepared as a bride, adorned for her husband”?

- A. The church
- B. The Spirit
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. The new Jerusalem



Answer: D  
(See Revelation 21:2.)

## Your old glasses can give new life

Millions in developing nations lack access to basic eye care services. The Lions Club has recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses and continues to lend their support.

If you have old eye glasses that you are no longer using, please bring them to the church, drop them off in the basket on the counter by the Outreach Board and we will recycle them through the Lion’s Club. Questions? Contact Gary Langenderfer.



*“Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own.”*

—Robert Heinlein

## Ladies’ Lunch and Dinner Bunch news

Ladies of all ages are invited to meet at Olive Garden restaurant, on Reynolds Road at Glendale Avenue, on Thursday, February 17, at 11:30 am OR 6:00 pm to enjoy good food and good company together. Bring a friend! Contact Sue Schad with any questions.

Let's DO LUNCH



## Saturday Stitchin’ news

Join us for a Saturday morning of knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, or fleece blanket making on Saturday, February 5th.

Want to learn how to knit or crochet? Bring an H crochet hook or size 8 or 9 knitting needles and 4-ply worsted yarn with you.

Come at 9:30 am to the Gathering Space and stay until 12 noon to learn or to sit and work on a continuing project. Not working on a project? Come and just chat with friends and enjoy the conversation and a snack or two. Bring a snack to share, if you wish.

Enjoy some time doing something you love with good friends.



## Give us a call!

Please call the church office (419-893-0205) if you or a family member are (or are scheduled to be) hospitalized, have recently moved to an assisted living facility or nursing home, become a shut-in, desire home communion or would appreciate a home visit due to health problems.

Hospitals and care facilities no longer provide us with this information and it’s important so that our pastors, prayer groups, and congregation are able to provide the necessary spiritual support when and where it is needed.

Please do not refrain from contacting the church just because of the pandemic when personal visits may not be possible at the facility where you live. During the Covid pandemic, we have had to limit contact to protect the vulnerable among us. However, pastoral visits can be over the phone and through thoughtful emails when necessary. The church has learned to be creative in worship and in many other areas of ministry during this uncharted time.

Please help us best minister to you and your loved ones.



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**In the event of an emergency**  
and it's after hours, you may reach Pastor  
Paul at **419-382-5747**.

Office Hours:  
Mon-Fri: 8:00 am–noon & 1:00-4:30 pm

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**Pastoral Staff:**

Rev. Paul S. Doerfler

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**Sunday Schedule:**

- 8:30 am Traditional Service (drive-in & in-Sanctuary)
- 10:30 am Modern Service (drive-in & in-Sanctuary)

**Everyone is welcome!**

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**Trustees:**

Sue Schad  
Scott Valare  
Adam Wagner  
Gary Yunker

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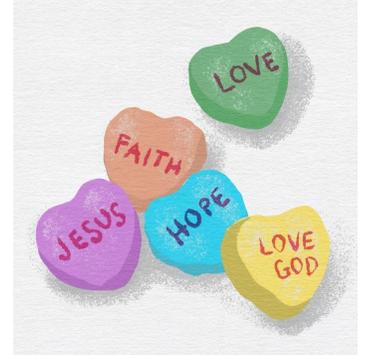
As a reminder, the deadline for the Communicator is the 15th of the month at 8:00 am. IF the 15th is on a weekend, the deadline is the following Monday at 8:00 am.

Submissions for repeated printing must be earmarked with the specific publication dates.

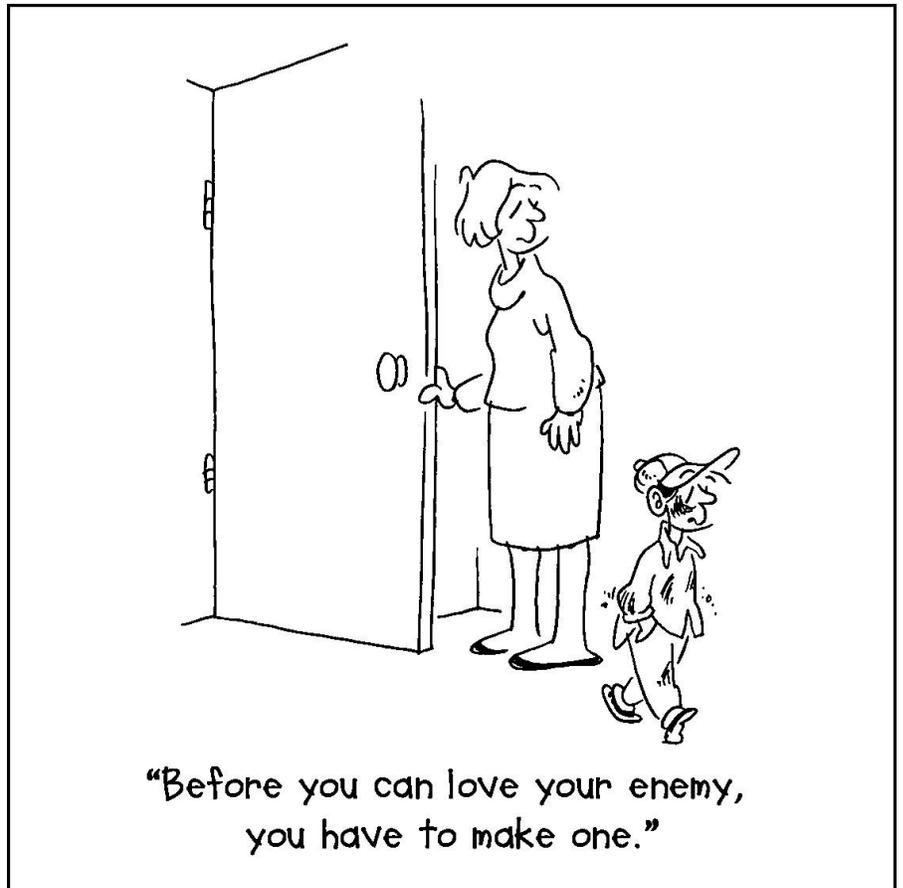
Editor reserves the right to edit for content and space. Thank you so much for meeting the deadline!

## Beyond candy hearts and roses

The first half of February seems dominated by pink and red, cards and candy. But people not in a loving romantic relationship can sometimes feel left out of the festivities. Of course, all people need love — and certainly love is not limited to the romantic kind. Author Leo Buscaglia, who became known as “Dr. Love” for writing about the topic, said, “Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”



Jesus taught that loving one another is second only in importance to loving God (Matthew 22:37-40), and that when we love one another, God lives in us (1 John 4:12). There are so many ways to do that — beyond candy hearts and roses! But Valentine’s Day is as good a reminder as any.



## Who We Are

We believe that God is willing and able to do more than we can ask, think or imagine. We believe that He has positioned us to fulfill our calling to reach out into Maumee, Toledo, and the nations with His love.

We are a Bible-based, caring church family that desires to grow in Christian faith. As a congregation, our most earnest desire, programming and efforts are focused toward reaching out to the world with the great news of salvation found in Jesus Christ. And we would like to reach out to you too.

If you do not have a church home, and if you are searching for a warm, welcoming place to learn, grow, and invest your time and talents, please consider worshipping with us.

## Mission & Vision

### ST. PAUL'S MISSION:

In response to Christ's great commission to share the Gospel with the whole world, St. Paul's Lutheran Church is called to make disciples by connecting the unconnected to Jesus Christ and together growing in full devotion to Him.

### ST. PAUL'S VISION:

Do L.I.F.E: Love. Inspire. Forgive. Encourage. L.I.F.E: The building blocks of authentic, Christ-centered community.

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