

ST. PAUL'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Lenten services continue

Our 7:00 pm, Wednesday night Lenten worship services continue until Wednesday, April 6th.

Join us and plan to come early to church and enjoy soup, salad, bread, dessert and best of all, fellowship, from 5:30–6:30 pm, before the service.

Kids, get your baskets ready!

Join us on Saturday, April 16th, at 10:00 am, for St. Paul's Easter Egg Hunt. This is a FREE, fun, family event! Kids, make sure to have your Easter baskets ready to hunt for the dozens and dozens of colorful eggs! Weather permitting, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held outdoors, in Paul Park. Otherwise, the Hunt will be held indoors.

Immediately following the Egg Hunt, there will be a delicious breakfast for all in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to donate candy, please drop it off in the basket at the Welcome Center. Thank you!



Holy Week and Easter at St. Paul's

See below for ways that you can experience Holy Week and Easter at St. Paul's. Invite your family and friends to worship and experience it with you.



PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10

The great and Holy Week begins with the celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem accompanied by the waving of palm branches and shouts of Hosanna! Worship: 8:30 am (Traditional) and 10:30 am (Modern).



MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14

On this day, we share in the holy supper Christ gave the church to reveal his unfailing love for the human family. It is on this day that we remember Jesus' mandate (maundy) to love one another as we are loved by God. Worship: 7:00 pm.



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Our annual Tenebrae Service is a moving and emotional service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles while reflecting on and remembering the "Seven Words From The Cross". Worship: 7:00 pm.



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

He is risen! Christ has triumphed over the grave. Rejoice and celebrate with St. Paul's Church! Worship: 8:30 am (Traditional) and 10:30 am (Modern)

Worship services offered In-Sanctuary, Drive-In and online.

Health Matters

Paul Doerfler, Pastor

"I trust in thy word." PS 119:42

"Just in proportion in which we believe that God will do just what He has said, is our faith strong or weak. Faith has nothing to do with feelings, or with impressions, with improbabilities, or with outward appearances. If we desire to couple them with faith, then we are no longer resting on the Word of God because faith needs nothing of the kind. Faith rests on the naked Word of God. When we take Him at His Word the heart is at peace...Trials are the food of faith."

So writes George Mueller who is one among dozens of contributors to the daily devotional classic *Streams in the Desert*. One of our Sisters in Christ gone on to her reward, Jan Holzemer, shared that with me at a time it did my soul good to hear those words; as a pleasant refresher. Jan actually brought that devotional to my attention and I, like her, recommend it to you. Along with Scripture, can one ever have too many uplifting words to help encourage us in our often challenging spiritual journeys? The devotional was first published in 1925. It is chock full of relevant quotes, thoughts and spiritual inspiration. After almost 100 years.

The devotional work was originally put together by Mrs. L.B. Cowman. She used its contents originally to help sustain her while she cared for her dying husband overseas. Both she and her husband were long-time missionaries in Japan and China.

Streams in the Desert is full of stories of great conviction and wisdom. I recall Jan told me that it provided her some significant encouragement for her daily faith walk. I appreciated reading it because it helps slow one down and reflect more, in the midst of today's fast-paced world.

It is the type of read that causes one to take a deep breath, and more intensely reflect on that which is most relevant to and in your life. You, too, may want to check it out and consider reading it alongside your daily Bible readings. May our Lord bless you and your loved ones this special season of **His Resurrection Joy!**



Watch for Alpha! It's coming soon!

Spend Spring with your church family!

Alpha is coming at the end of April, 2022. Please be on the lookout for more information, times, and dates to come.



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!



"Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."

—Martin Luther

Men meet for Breakfast & Bible Study

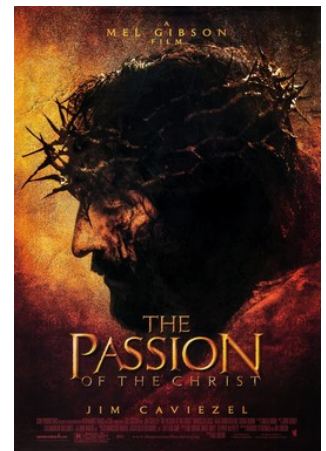
The Men's Breakfast Group meets every other Saturday morning, from 8:00—9:30 am. Our next three Saturdays are April 2, April 30 and May 14. Aaron leads our group. We meet in the Gathering Space. Donuts and coffee are provided.

There are a few requirements: First, read Hebrews 5, and second, bring your Bible. We look forward to seeing you.

A special Easter movie event is planned for Good Friday

The Fellowship MAT is pleased to announce a special Easter movie event! Join us on Good Friday, April 15th, following the Tenebrae Service to watch Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*. Snacks and drinks will be provided. The movie will be shown in the sanctuary following the service, with plans to start no later than 8:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Lyndsi Wagner at (419) 320-6463.

*If you have never seen the movie before, please be advised that some images may be disturbing. Viewer discretion is advised.



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.)



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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!

April Message from Aaron

Who Will We Become?

Along with being a psychology nerd, a theology nerd, I'm also a philosophy nerd. Those three things fuel my drive to learn more about God, how humans relate to God, why humans are the way we are, and our innate hunger for meaning. With that said. There's something I wanna focus on. Who are we? Who will we become? That's something psychology, philosophy, and to a lesser degree theology, all ask. And they all have roughly the same answer.

The answer all three share is this: We become what we focus on. There's the obvious verse in 2 Corinthians 3:18, and there's another in 1 John 3:2. What I want to focus on is actually the philosophical aspect of this. Given that Lutheranism owes its roots to Luther, a German. Let's go with a German philosopher, Nietzsche. Nietzsche said this once "when one gazes into the abyss, the abyss also gazes into him."



So what we gaze into, what we focus on is not a passive act. It acts on us. What we focus on is ultimately transformative. Nietzsche's counsel was to warn about the darker side of humanity. If we focus on monsters, he argues, then we will become them. This is true, if we gaze into the dark too long, it will stare back, and when it does, it will act. What we gaze at, what we focus on, know this, it stares back. It isn't passive, it will act on you. It will strive to change you. The eyes, they say, are the window to the soul. If so, then what has access to those windows? To gaze into something is to leave the windows open. What are you gazing into? Where are you focusing? What's changing you?



Gratitude, all year long

It's not Thanksgiving time. But what if we made a point to practice gratitude all year long?

In her book *Grateful*, theologian Diana Butler Bass writes: "As human beings, we possess an intuitive awareness that we depend on others to survive. We are safer and happier when we care for each other in community, when we do things for each other. ... How we live together in and with gratitude makes all the difference in the world. Indeed, living gratefully makes the world different."



Welcome into God's family!

Parker Alan Dorfmeier, son of Alexander Lewandowski and Lauren Dorfmeier, was baptized at the 8:30 am service on Sunday, February 20th.

We receive and welcome Parker into the Lord's family!



Open altar flower dates

Altar Flowers are a welcome offering to our worship. They glorify God, are a symbol of new life in Christ, and indeed are an enhancement to our worship space. For all of these reasons, we are thankful to everyone who is moved to give flowers on any particular Sunday. People have given flowers in thanksgiving to God for a family member's birthday, wedding anniversary, or other blessing. They have also been given in memory of a departed loved one or friend.

The next open altar flower dates are May 15, 22 and 29.

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.



Church office closed for Easter

The church office will close at noon on Good Friday and will be closed on Monday, April 18, for Easter. The office will re-open on Tuesday, April 19, at 8:00 am.

Our Staff wishes you and your family a blessed Holy Week and Easter. May the risen Christ fill your heart with joy, bring you new hope, and bless you with peace.



April Prayer Focus: Easter Joy

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?'" John 11:25-26

God,

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



Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for the victory and power in your Name. Thank you that you hold the keys over death, that by Your might, Jesus was raised from the grave, paving the way for us to have new life with you. Thank you that you had a plan, that you made a way.

We confess our need for you...fresh...new...again. We ask that you renew our hearts, minds, and lives, for the days ahead. We pray for your refreshing over us. In the name of Jesus, our risen Lord and Savior.

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.

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### **LOOKING TO THE FUTURE —**

- Women's Retreat, Friday-Sunday, August 26—28, Lady of the Pines, Fremont, Ohio

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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. There is also the Chapel downstairs down the hallway to the Youth Room on the right.

#### Lenten Secret Prayer Partners

Thank you to everyone who signed up for the Lenten Secret Prayer Partners! We hope that you felt uplifted by your special church family member who prayed for you. We thought it was especially meaningful during this stressful time of uncertainty to know that you had someone interceding for you and asking God to cover you with His Love and Care.

Please continue to pray for all our church family members and friends and family. God has this virus and world events in His Hands. But He loves to hear from His children who are praying for each other.

#### 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 is a container in

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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](mailto: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.

#### Halos of Hope (chemo caps)

Many thanks to the ladies who are knitting and crocheting

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chemo caps for this ministry. We have made over 3,000 CAPS since this ministry started! We are making a DIFFERENCE!

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.

**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 could use your help!

If you shop at Aldi's, please consider purchasing a dozen bags for our use when we do the Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets. We need about 250-300 bags. The bags are white, plastic, and have white handles and are \$0.13 each.



Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

Give the bags to any Outreach MAT member or put in their church mailbox.

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**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 April  
Shopping List:**

Dill pickles, canned chicken, canned pasta (like Beefaroni), mandarin oranges, mayonnaise, any kind of Jiffy mix, crackers, waxed beans, beets, relish, crushed or chunk pineapple, boxed mashed potatoes, Pop Tarts, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, chicken ramen noodles, chocolate or vanilla frosting.

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)

Kick start your week!

Start your week off with God and join us for Monday Morning Prayer at 7:30 AM, live every week on Facebook!

facebook.com/Stpaulslive



Heartfelt condolences sent

... to Andrea & Christopher Penzinski and Susan & Jason Kangars and their families (in memory of Andrea and Susan's beloved mother, Phyllis "PJ" Henson).

... to Pamela & Thomas Walker and family (in memory of Pamela's beloved mother, Janet Stout).



When we can't find Easter

Easter is the most joyous Christian holy day ... except when it's not. What do we do when our mood isn't what we think it "should" be? The kids are sugared up, we're juggling family gatherings (and maybe conflicts), our everyday challenges remain, and festive hymns — however rousing — fail to lift our spirits. We wonder, "What's wrong with me, that I can't seem to find Easter?"

Been there, done that. And it's okay. You're okay.

Jesus' resurrection doesn't scoop us out of our troubles, but the death-defying Christ walks through them beside us, on our own Emmaus road (Luke 24). We aren't alone. When we can't find Easter, Easter somehow finds us — if not on this designated Sunday, perhaps two days from now, or next week or mid-May. Watch for it; keep your heart open. Christ is risen indeed — and you shall be too.

—Heidi Mann

2021 contribution statements are available

It's almost the deadline for filing your 2021 income tax. Anyone who has not picked up your 2021 contribution statement, they are available during regular business hours (8:00a -4:30p Monday – Friday) in the business office. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy at (419) 893-0205 X 205 or email her at canaumann@stpaulslive.org.



"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

—St. Augustine

Note of thanks received

"Thank God for Pastor Paul and all of my St. Paul's brothers and sisters. You all made a hard time a bit better. Our family is grateful for all you have done. God bless!"

~ Leonard Windom

Special gifts received

A special memorial contribution to St. Paul's has been given in memory of VIVIAN SHARLOW by: Judy Bee

A special memorial contribution to St. Paul's has been given in memory of KAYLA SCRIBNER by: Richard and Joyce Wheeler



Join the scouting ministry

To join the Troop, call Chris Jones, Scoutmaster, at 419-360-0993.

Boys and girls, from Kindergarten to 5th grade, can join the Cub Pack by calling Mike Joseph (Mr. J) at 419-262-7583.



Bible Quiz

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?

- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides



Answer: A (See Luke 19:40.)

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.

Ladies' Lunch and Dinner Bunch news

Ladies of all ages are invited to meet on Thursday, April 21st, at 11:30 am, at Reynolds Garden Café, Airport and Reynolds **OR** at 6:00 pm at The Reverend Restaurant, in Bowling Green, to enjoy good food and good company together. Bring a friend! Contact Sue Schad with any questions. *Please note the two different locations for this month*

Let's DO LUNCH



Saturday Stitchin' news

Join us for a Saturday morning of knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, or fleece blanket making on Saturday, April 2nd.

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 Pastor Paul, our 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.

HOLY WEEK i-spy

Create this craft to share the events of Holy Week with a younger sibling or friend.



What you need:

- Clear bottle or jar with lid
- White rice
- Small items that symbolize Holy Week events

What you do:

1. Pour rice into bottle or jar so it's about two-thirds full.
2. Add the small items. Ideas: leaf, donkey, cup, towel square, praying hands, coin, bird, nails, thorn, cross, dice, stick, lamb, stone, white fabric.
3. Fasten the lid. Then shake and turn the bottle to "spy" each item.

PUZZLE

Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

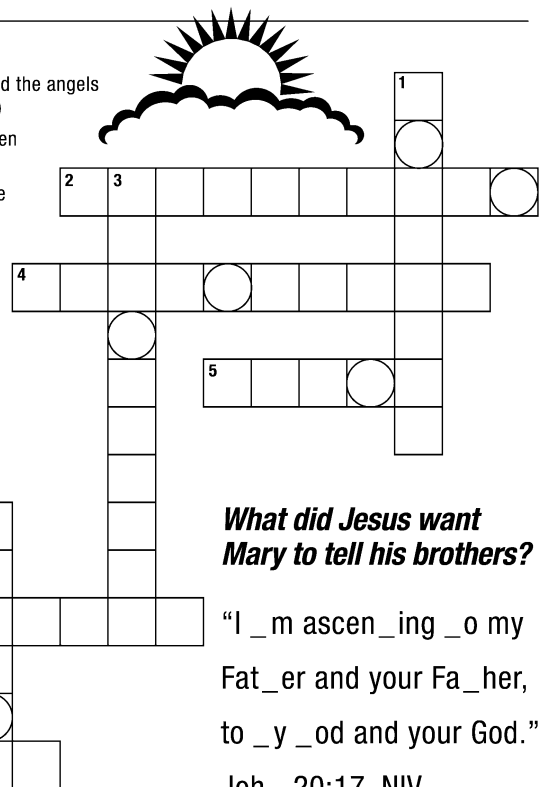
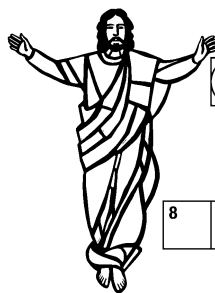
Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

ACROSS

2. The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
4. The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
5. The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
7. Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
8. Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

DOWN

1. At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
3. As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
6. She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)



What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?

"I _ m ascen _ ing _ o my
Fat _ er and your Fa _ er,
to _ y _ od and your God."
Joh _ 20:17, NIV

Answer: ACROSS 2. remembered, 4. worshipped, 5. white, 7. Galilee, 8. linen; DOWN 1. gardener, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV

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

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Mon-Fri: 8:00 am–noon & 1:00–4:30 pm

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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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DEADLINE

As a reminder, the deadline for the
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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!

Evangelism tip



We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, or by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.

—Madeleine L'Engle



**Can't you guys at least PRETEND
that you're planning to stay awake?**

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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