

## The Communicator

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## It's Spring Clean-Up time

Spring has arrived and, after spending many weeks inside, it is time to "spruce" up the outside; and St. Paul's is in need of some TLC.

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, has been set aside as "Spring Clean-Up Day."

A big thank you to Kelly Olson who has stepped up to oversee the landscape. She has a new vision to change some of the existing flower beds, and transplanting many of the perennials. The Boy Scouts will be helping again, but any help we can get from our members is greatly appreciated. We hope to plant grass where some of the flower beds exist, so the use of a rototiller would be greatly appreciated. The church has limited tools, so please bring your own. Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 7th, beginning at 9:00 am.



"Nothing is too great and nothing is too small to commit into the hands of the Lord."

-A.W. Pink

## We're excited to be offering the Alpha Course this Spring!

Please join us starting Thursday, April 28th, at 5:30 pm for The Alpha Series. This wonderful course is open to all ages, people of all faith walks, neighbors and friends.

The 11-week series will include a Holy Spirit-filled day away. Dinner is provided every week to encourage fellowship.

Please come and experience Alpha for the first time; learn something new, if you have already attended Alpha; or bring a friend, co-worker, or neighbor to introduce them to the love of Jesus.



Volunteering available in many aspects. Please come be a part of this wonderful series. Questions? Please see Beth Heisey or call her at 248-709-2599.

## Calling all volunteers!

At Vacation Bible School, this Summer, our kids will go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

St. Paul's Children's Ministry is starting to plan for this year's V.B.S. (July 31—August 2) and we are looking for volunteers. Please visit our website and look for the VBS button for more information and to sign up!



## **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."

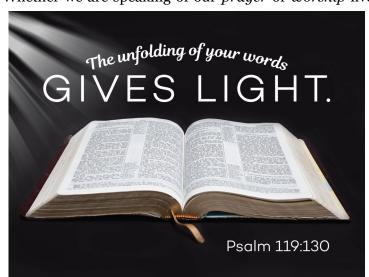
So writes George Mueller, one of dozens of contributors to the daily devotional classic--Streams in the **Desert**. A devotional full of relatable quotes, thoughts and spiritual inspiration. "Faith rests on the naked Word of God." I really like that assertion as it provides me a lot of additional "spiritual food" for thought. My first inclination—if that statement is true, is then realize I better take my knowing of God's Word quite seriously.

Why? Because if I don't know <u>His Word</u> fairly well, what's my level of confidence going to be as far as *my prayers* being answered <u>the way I'd want</u>? Even greater, how <u>I'd expect them to be</u>? How often, for example, do we let our *raw* emotions at the time of a life event dictate how we pray? What we even expect from Our God? I'm guilty at times. How about you?

It's not that God wants us to be up on every single chapter and verse of every Bible book. But, there are key scriptures more than worthy of our time, and <u>of underscoring</u> in your Bible. Or, keeping a notebook of them, and referring to them regularly.

Our worship experience is another area where we must be aware of God's desires and His view of *proper* worship. "God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth," says JN 4:24. Pretty straight forward and fairly easy to grasp. Trust in your current spirit-lead leadership to help promote God's Glory such that it permeates your entire being. If you believe you are being let down in any way, ask questions. Or, offer some "truth in love" remarks to your leaders.

Whether we are speaking of our prayer or worship lives, or any other aspect of our faith walk with Our



Lord, He would have each of us put aside our immediate plan(s) momentarily, and straightaway invite Him into our current circumstance. Then listen closely to His always loving, while sometimes *soft voice* to direct you, (often in and through the Holy Spirit), to His own purposes and timing *within whatever* is *going on with us*.

I want to close this with some words from God's Word written by the apostle Peter. In your homework passage, Peter is undeniably speaking about a Jesus follower's future deliverance, the peace and joy of our salvation finally experienced, when we enter fully into Christ's glory. So, to cap off this reflection, I invite you to read: 1 PE 1:6-8. Check it out in the N.L.T., or, be blessed in whatever version you chose! As, *He is Risen Indeed!* 

## Volunteers needed

Do you have a hour to spare once or twice a month? The money counting ministry team is looking for a couple addition-Your commital members. ment would be for about an hour on a Monday (Tuesday, if Monday is a holiday), beginning at 10:00 am. Schedules are prepared quarterly, so you know well in advance when it's your day to count. For more information, contact Cindy in the business office at 419 893-0205 x 205 or email at canaumann@stpaulslive.org. I am only at church a couple days a week, so please leave a message and I will get back to



## 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!

## "Thank You" from Children's Ministry



St. Paul's Children's Ministry, and all the kids, would like to thank everyone who made this year's Easter Egg Hunt a success.

Saturday, April 16, 2022

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## Welcome to our new members

We're thrilled to welcome to St. Paul's, by Release from Calvary Church, in Maumee, William and Kathleen Schramm.

Bill and Kathy are previous members of St. Paul's and we've been happy to have them back worshipping with us again.

The Schramms live at 2742 Bradford Drive, in Toledo.

Hopefully, you'll have a chance to greet them soon and welcome them back, if you haven't already.



## **May Message from Aaron**

## New Life

I love the Spring. You'd figure I'd hate it, considering how severe my allergies get. After all, no one likes allergies, right? But I love the Spring. Not because it's my favorite season. It's not, that'd be Winter. I prefer the cold over the heat. I love the Spring because of all the new life that pops up.



From the flowers, to the trees, to everything in between. I love that new life that forms and, well, springs up. It's interesting; we see that life die, wither and rot in the Fall and Winter. Yet without fail, it's back in the Spring and Summer. Sometimes I just like to stop and look at them. Reminds me that eventually, all things will be made new. That all this, the good and the bad, it's not forever. It's for now, temporary, but it won't last forever. There is something so strangely new that is coming. Back in Virginia, I loved seeing the flowers. Because where I lived the flowers were never purposefully planted. Seeds just kinda ended up there. Most times the seeds would end up in the cracking pavement of the sidewalk. They'd grow roots and end up pushing through the cracking pavement. There was a strange sort of beauty in that. To see that flower spring up from the pavement, with its damaged petals, but still just as beautiful. It was such a stark contrast. The cold, gray pavement, and the vibrant flower. To think that something beautiful, something that lively and vibrant, could grow from that pavement. Something I think you should understand is that the area I grew up in was near to Richmond. Richmond is one of the most violent cities in the world. So it wasn't strange to see flowers growing from cracking pavement that, weeks earlier, had been the sight of a tragedy.

I look back at those memories, and even in the moment, and I find it a strange sort of beauty. A strange comfort. I feel the same way when I read the ending of the Book of Revelation. Did you know, the Bible ends the same way it begins? In a garden. The opening and the ending are punctuated by gardens, and everything in the middle, our lives, is the pavement. As bad as things get, sometimes there's new life coming. As good as things get, there's better life coming. That's why I love the Spring.

When it brings those memories back, it makes me stop, and pause. I think that's something we're pretty bad at honestly. Stopping, and waiting. We're really good at being human doings, but not really human beings. We could stand to be better at moving a little slower, being a bit more deliberate. As we move through life so fast, we miss so much. We miss the little things that God does in our lives. Hard to notice the small stuff when you're rushing everywhere.

## Welcome into God's family!

Deacon Jacob Stewart, son of Steven and Nikki Stewart, was baptized at the 8:30 am service on Sunday, April 3rd.

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



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## May altar flower dates available

Three May Sundays (the 15th, 22nd & 29th) are available on the Altar Flower calendar. If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar on any of those Sundays, please call Becky in the church office (419-893-0205).

As a reminder, the cost is \$20.00.

## Transportation needed

We know of a husband and wife who do not have a vehicle as theirs was totaled about six months ago. We are not looking for a free car but we'd love to find a reliable car for this couple because he is having weekly dialysis and battling cancer and they need transportation to and from the hospital. If you are willing/able to help with any of this, please reach out to: Elaine or Scott Myers 419-467-1536 or pasmyers@sbcglobal.net.

### Wherever you go

Graduations bring a commencement, or beginning, of new things.

In 1990, Dr. Seuss published Oh, the Places You'll Go! This popular graduation gift tells in Seuss' inimitable style of all life's possible ups and downs, twists and turns. There will surely be excitement and slumps, fun and loneliness, purpose and confusion. And, yes, fear: "There are some [things], down the road between hither and yon, that can scare you so much you won't want to go on."

The sheer determination of the storybook's life-traveler moves him beyond trouble and fear. But God's children don't have to go it alone. Life cannot take us anywhere God hasn't been first. Furthermore, he walks beside us on every winding path and around every corner.

Graduates — and all Christians — can trust in the promise of Joshua 1:9 (NIV): "Be strong and courageous ... for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

## May Prayer Focus: Kindness

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32

Ask ... Seek ... Knock .

Loving Heavenly Father,

Thank You for Your grace, Your mercy, Your love and Your immeasurable forgiveness towards me. May I reflect You in my thoughts, words and deeds and I pray that I will be kind, compassionate and forgiving towards others just as You forgave me, in Christ, in Whose name I pray,

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 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 TO THE **FUTURE** –

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

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#### **Praver 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.

#### **Easter Holiday Baskets**

The food is sorted, delivered, and eaten, and Easter has been joyfully celebrated. Our sincerest thanks to the many volunteers who make this ministry a success! We couldn't do this ministry without the assistance of you, St. Paul's congregation, who provide the financial support for these 55 holiday baskets of food and non-perishable supplies.

We would also like to thank the Maumee Meijer store for their continuing support and for the delicious food items they gathered for us, and the Dollar Tree on Reynolds Road who assisted with the paper products.

Most importantly, thanks to the volunteers who said, "Yes, I'd be glad to help." Some of these include: George Brenner, Russ, Lisa, and Tyler Leggett, Gayle Lohrbach, Teri Henry, Beth Heisey, Brenda Williams, Kara, Elaina, Elora, and Ella Valare, Helen Gilbert, Patti Vermillion, Aaron Williams, Sue Schad, and Jim Brown. THANKS for showing the love of Jesus to our Holiday Basket families!

#### **Easter Lilies**

Every year, the Outreach MAT delivers Easter lilies to the local

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families of members who have gone Home since last Easter. whose funerals were done at St. Paul's. Our sincerest thanks to Gayle Lohrbach for delivering the 9 lilies to the grieving families.

#### "Simply Give"

This program, that helps stock our "God's Storehouse" food pantry, is once again being sponsored by the Maumee Meijer store, on Conant Street. How does the program work? You

can pick up a "Simply Give" donation card the in Gathering Space or get one at



the kiosks near the Meijer checkouts. Give the card to the cashier as you check out and the card will be scanned as a \$10 donation which will show on your receipt. That's all you have to do!

The program began on Saturday, April 2nd and will end in July. At the end of the program, St. Paul's will be given all the monetary donations in the form of gift cards which we can use to restock the God's Storehouse as well as our outdoor free food pantry.

#### **Back Pack Collection**

(May—July)

As we near the end of the school year, the children are looking forward to summer va-The back packs they cation. used during the school year are still usable. We would like you to think about donating slightly used or new back packs to our collection. We will donate the

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back packs along with the school supplies we collect to give out to Maumee Schools for struggling families with school aged children. If you would like to help with this ministry, look for the back pack box in the Gathering Space in mid-May for the back packs.

## 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 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.

#### 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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#### **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 ering Space for the books. Thank you for helping this important, but vulnerable, part of our population.



#### <u>God's Storehouse</u> (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 May Shopping List:

Dill pickles, canned chicken or

tuna, canned pasta (like Beefaroni), crackers, canned peaches or pears, strawberry jelly, mandarin oranges, mayonnaise, any kind of Jiffy mix, waxed beans, beets, relish, mayonnaise, 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!

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

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)

### **Heartfelt condolences sent**

... to Jack Dubler and family (in memory of his beloved wife, Barth Dubler)

... to Doris Griner, Sherry & Leslie Browning, Chris & Kacie Walenczak, Sheila Kamer and Samuel Kamer, and their families (in memory of their beloved



husband, father, and grandfather, Charles Griner).

## A child's perspective

A group of second-graders was quizzed about what ingredients their mothers are made of. One child said, "God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world, and one dab of mean."

To the question "What does your mom do in her spare time?" one youngster said, "Mothers don't do spare time."

When the children were asked "Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?" one child replied, "God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me."

## **Pastor Steve Brown is retiring!**

Pastor Steve Brown, who served at St. Paul's from 1988-2000, will be retiring from the ministry and will be preaching his last sermon on Sunday, May 1 at 8:30, 10 and 11 AM at St Luke Lutheran Church, 4456 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio 43230.

You are welcome to attend or to send greetings to the Browns c/o Sandy Howard, 1067 Skinner Ave., Columbus, OH 43230 or at <a href="mailto:skhteach@wowway.com">skhteach@wowway.com</a>."

### Look ahead

"The spirit of complaint is born out of an unwillingness to trust God with today," says Priscilla Shirer. "Like the Israelites, it means you are spending your time looking back toward Egypt or wishing for the future, all the while missing what God is doing right now."

## Special gifts received

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

A special memorial contribution to St. Paul's has been given in memory of JANET STOUT by: Charmaine McClellan, Greg & Cindy Smith, David Lisa Ness, Kent & Hong Buehrer, Brent Buehrer, Elizabeth Condon, Suzanne Schad, Louis & Ruth Ann Boehk, Dawn Robinson, Kim & Mark Boardman.

A special memorial contribution to St. Paul's has been given in memory of P.J. HENSON by: Suzanne Schad.

"If you have a mom, there is nowhere you are likely to go where a prayer has not already been."

-Robert Brault

## Join the scouting ministry

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

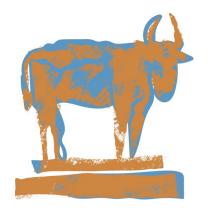
Boys and girls, from Kindergarten to 5th grade, can join the Cub Pack by calling Mike Joseph (Mr. J) at 419-262-7583.



### **Bible Quiz**

When Moses was on the mountain for a long time, who made a golden calf for the people of Israel to worship?

- A. Joshua
- B. Levi
- C. Caleb
- D. Aaron



Answer: D (See Exodus 32:1-6.)

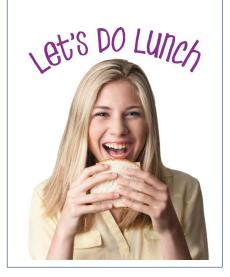
# Your old glasses can give new life

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, May 19th, at 11:30 am OR at 6:00 pm at Rosie's Restaurant, on McCord Road, to enjoy good food and good company together. Bring a friend! Contact Sue Schad with any questions.



## Saturday Stitchin' news

Join us for a Saturday morning of knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, or fleece blanket making on Saturday, May 7th.

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.

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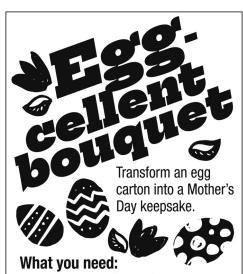
### Give us a call!

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.

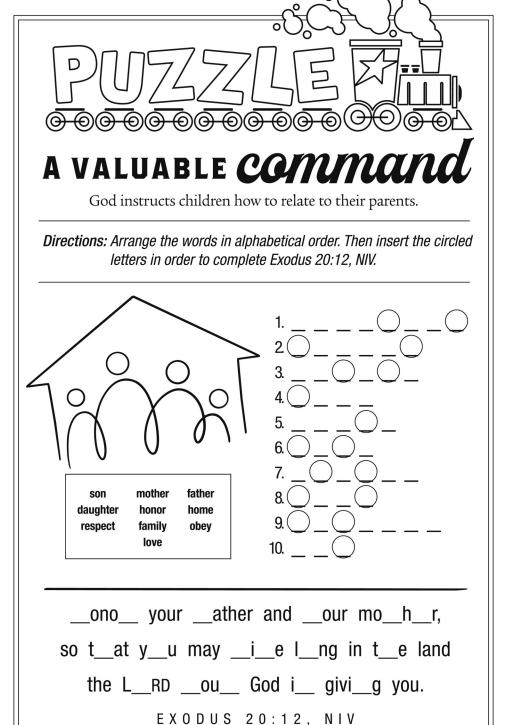


- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors
- Acrylic paint and paintbrush
- Flat cardboard
- Photo, drawing or note
- Small pom-poms
- Hot glue
- Adult help



#### What you do:

- 1. Bend, stretch and cut the carton cups to make 3-D flower shapes. Also cut leaf shapes from the carton top.
- 2. Paint the flowers and leaves. Let dry.
- 3. Cut the flat cardboard to a size and shape you desire. Leave a border at least 2 inches larger than your photo, drawing or note.
- 4. With hot glue, attach the photo, drawing or note to the cardboard.
- 5. Arrange and glue flowers and leaves around the border. Attach pom-poms for more color and texture.
- 6. Present the gift to your mom or a special woman in your life.



Answer: I. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

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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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#### COMMUNICATOR DEADLINE

As a reminder, the deadline for the <u>Communicator</u> 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!

## A prayer for Memorial Day



We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit.

May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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#### 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: <u>L</u>ove. <u>Inspire</u>. <u>F</u>orgive. <u>E</u>ncourage. L.I.F.E: The building blocks of authentic, Christ-centered community.

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