

Thanks to all who joined in the St. Patrick's Day outreach project. With your help, we were able to prepare and deliver more than 40 boxes to homebound members of our church family and community, affirming our care and concern for them. - Sylvia Wheeler



Easter lilies are available for \$7.50 each. Please place your order form (along with payment) in the offering plate or the church office mailbox. Please make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. All orders must be received by Sunday, April 17th. You may pick up your plant(s) following the service on Sunday, April 24th.



Mark your calendars for Sat., April 9th beginning at 8:30a for an inside "Spring Cleaning" of God's house. Please bring cleaning items. Contact Duane Eggeman with any questions.



People to People weekend for April is Easter weekend, April 23rd and 24th. Don't forget those less fortunate on Easter! Needs are peanut butter & jelly, crackers, complete pancake mix, jello, pork & beans, and applesauce. Clean, small jelly jars with lids, children's coats (size 7-16), boys' & men's jeans, and white socks of all sizes are also needed. Delivery of donated items will be April 26th.



#### Comments from the Call Committee

Thank you to council and the congregation for your support and prayers, and to Pastor Kelly for your compassionate leadership in guiding us through this transition to our next full-time pastor.

The call committee has met six times and has completed the fourteen-page Ministry Site Profile that will be used to identify our programs, goals, purpose, giftedness, and mission. Key to the Profile is the list of pastoral leadership tasks and skills. We have identified the five most critical ministry tasks we feel the people of St. Paul require of their pastor, the five gifts for ministry that the leader must bring, and five more gifts that would be helpful in our ministry setting.

We meet with Deaconess Judy Hoshek this month to present and discuss the Profile. After that the Bishop and her staff will review it and assemble a list of candidates on the basis of our identified pastoral needs. The list of candidates can come from three different sources: rostered people whose mobility papers are on file, rostered people identified by the congregation through the call committee, and rostered people who request consideration through the bishop's office.

Continue to pray that all involved in the call process may be instruments of God's will and work. If you have any questions or concerns, talk to any of the committee: Tom Boreman, Duane Eggeman, Donna Fetzer, Jerry Meitzler, Mark Spademan, and Lorinda Wolbaugh.

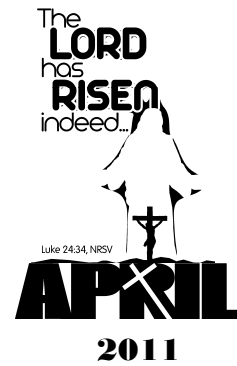
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SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 6:30 P.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:45 A.M.



We come to the end of the road to Jerusalem, traveling with Jesus into the mystery of Easter, this month. Along the way we have faced temptations, heard we can allow God to breathe life into us, and met with Jesus next to the woman at the well. With the children leading us we have confessed that we sometimes lie, sometimes envy, sometimes do nothing and when we choose to do those we get in the way of true Easter joy.

During Holy Week we walk with Jesus as he goes from death to life for us. This year we will have these special services to be with Jesus on that road.

The services are:

#### **Palm Saturday and Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**

We will begin worship waving our palms and remembering Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. During worship we will tell again the Holy Week story.

#### **Maundy Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>**

We will gather together for a simple meal beginning at 6:30pm. After the meal we will remember that it was at Jesus' last supper that he commanded us to love one another and gave us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and to remember him. We will commune each other.

#### **Good Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

We will gather at 7:00pm to remember Jesus' death and to meditate on what the cross might mean for us.

#### **Easter Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Long ago this was the night that all adults who desired to become Christians were baptized. Worship included lighting a new fire, telling the stories of God's people, baptizing those who had prepared during Lent, and when morning came, celebrating Easter. We will have a special service that evening, using all of those elements but not taking all night as the ancient worship did. Worship begins at 6:30 pm.

#### **Easter Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>**

We will begin celebrating with breakfast at 8:30am. Easter worship will begin at 9:30. An egg hunt for the children will be held following the service. Our Easter joy will finally be here!!!!

*Pastor Pam Kelly*

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH SMITHVILLE, OH

# The Epistle

## Choir Corner

I want to thank our Junior Choir members-Andy Blough, Sarah Boreman, Ethan Mann, Lexi Melvin, Mackenzie Brookover, and Faith Karlen, and also Haley Blough, Logan Mann and Brooke Karlen for all the hard work they put into the musical. You did an outstanding job!!

Holy Week will soon be upon us which will be an extremely busy time for all choirs. We will still have all our choir rehearsals and dinner on Wednesday, April 20. On Palm/Passion Sunday, the Celebration Ringers, High School Choir, and Senior Choir are scheduled to play and sing, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and leading us to meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. The Senior Choir is scheduled to sing at both the Maundy Thursday (April 21) and Good Friday (April 22) services, meeting at 6:15p.m. on Thursday and 6:45p.m. on Friday for warm ups. On Sunday, April 24, the Cherub, Junior, and Senior Choirs will sing at our 9:30a.m. Easter service. What a festive and uplifting service this will be as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! If you have any questions, please contact Holly or Lorinda.

On Wednesday, April 27, all choir rehearsals and dinner are cancelled for the evening. Rehearsals and dinner will resume at their normal times on Wednesday, May 4.

Blessings,  
Holly

## Maundy Thursday Service

The Maundy Thursday service will be held in the large fellowship hall. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a light meal of soup, bread, and vegetables that will be provided, and then continue with the service around 7 p.m. As our Lenten journey continues and comes near its end, on that evening we will maintain our theme of eat, pray, love by nourishing ourselves with food and fellowship, Word and song, Body and Blood.



If you are willing to help furnish food, kindly sign up on the sheet outside the office.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, Beginning at 7:00 p.m.  
Easter Saturday Service, Beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## Sunday Morning

Let's join together Easter morning at 8:30 for a carry-in breakfast buffet.  
Please sign up on the table in the narthex.  
Worship Service, Beginning at 9:30 a.m.



He is Risen! Come celebrate at the Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration following the morning service. All children (age 1—6th grade) are welcome.

\*Older children are invited to help hide the eggs.

Do you have any extra plastic eggs? If so, we can use them. Please place in the Sunday School opening area in the fellowship hall. Thank you.



4/1	Kenneth Miller	4/16	Tom Shehy
4/1	Sue Galehouse	4/18	Stephen Shehy
4/3	Cordell Snyder	4/20	Carli Davenport
4/6	Jo Etta Blough	4/20	Sylvia Wheeler
4/7	Barb Miller (Mrs. Bob)	4/22	Lisa Rehm
4/7	Traci Hoffman	4/27	Lorinda Wolbaugh
4/7	Pamela Root	4/28	Tom Boreman



Thank you so much for the St. Patrick's Day box! We loved the variety of goodies, especially the homemade ones. Not only did we Kellys enjoy them, but you also brought great delight to one lunch table at Twinsburg High School as well. Sincerely, Pastor Pam

We wish to thank you for the St. Patrick's Day wonderful box that was left on our porch last week. We still think of you as we enjoy the fruit, cookies, raisins, and candy. We so appreciate this kindness and know that God will bless you for this ministry to seniors. Our love and thanks to all of you. Pastor OJ & Bev Thompson

Thank you for the nice goodie box you gave to my mother. She really appreciated it. God bless all of you. Fayona Richeson

Thanks for the St. Patrick's Day box. It's nice to know somebody cares. You made our day. Cris & John Sullens

Thank you so very much for the wonderful St. Patrick's Day box. I really appreciate being included in this ministry! The goodies were "quickly" enjoyed by my whole family. - Shae Evans

Dear Pastor Kelly & Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,  
We would like to thank everyone for their kindness and prayers. My husband's heart ablation surgery went well. With the medication he has a 90% chance of the procedure correcting the problem with his heart. We were very surprised and comforted by Pastor's visit to The Cleveland Clinic. We feel blessed to belong to a church who cares so much for their members. My husband also really enjoyed the prayer shawl. He couldn't believe that someone took the time to make such a personal and thoughtful gift. He is still wearing it in the evenings to keep away the chill. We will not know for 3 months the full extent of his recovery. It takes the heart about 90 days to learn to beat correctly. Your continued prayers are greatly appreciated during this recovery process. Thank you all for your well wishes. - Karen & David Hasselbusch

I just wanted to thank you for the St. Patrick's Day box. I can't tell you how much it means to be remembered. God bless you all. - Carrie Diehl

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and kind words following the death of Charlie. You are a great extended family to us. Mark, Elaine, Andrea, & Gregory Spademan

Thank you for the St. Patrick's Day box. I always look forward to the visits and goodies. I promise I will share with Deb! - Gary Zimmerman

To my St. Paul Family,  
Thank you for thinking of me when I was down with my broken ankle. The prayer shawl was a blessing and so pretty. My mobility is greater these days. I look forward to pitching the crutches! - Joyce Blough

At least there is one advantage to getting old - receiving a St. Patrick's Day box. Thanks so much. Thanks also for the visits and cards. - Ann Buss

## Serving Christ on Saturday Evenings in April

	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
<u>Worship Leader:</u>	Brian Miller	Brian Miller	Brian Miller	Pastor Pam	Brian Miller
<u>Reader:</u>	NEEDED	NEEDED	Hans Kwee	NEEDED	NEEDED
<u>Greeter/Usher:</u>	NEEDED	B. & L. Lance	NEEDED	NEEDED	B. & L. Lance
<u>Nursery:</u>	M. Hostetter	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED	Alyssa Lance
<u>Refreshments:</u>	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED
<u>Communion Asst:</u>				NEEDED	
<u>Communion Set Up &amp; Clean Up:</u>				NEEDED	

### Prayer Requests

*Your prayers are requested for:*

**Jeff Mark** (cancer), **Don Fry** (recovery),  
**Barbara Miller** (health), **John Sullens** (heart),  
**Merrilee Sayre** (health), **Nancy Saunders** (ALS),  
**Nathan Rehm** (partial hearing loss), **Shirley Fetter**  
 (health), **Gary Zimmerman** (health), and **Vera**  
**Skender** (cancer).

In observance of the solemnity of the Lenten season and to set it apart from the festive seasons that precede and follow it, there will be no altar flowers. Come Easter Sunday, beautiful flowers will once again adorn our altar area as we rejoice in the risen Christ!



Brian Miller



Pat Schorle



Women's Fellowship

Come for a fun evening of food and fellowship on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p. The Augsburg ladies will be our guests. Please bring 3 or 4 dishes to share. Faye Evans will present a program "all about lace".

Also, the Akron-Wooster Conference Spring Gathering will be Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9a - 1:30p at St. Michael in Marshallville.

The theme will be "Open Hearts: Open Hands".

Pastor Pam will be leading the Bible Study. Please RSVP to Ruth Peterman or Kathy Meitzler.

### **Treasurer's Report:** February 1 – 28, 2011

Total giving for the month of February was \$ 25,552.88. To meet our 2011 budget we need to receive \$15,688.00 per month. This month we received \$ 23,541.25 for our budgeted needs; an overage of \$7,853.25. Total bills paid equaled \$ 8,635.39.

#### Year-to-date Income vs. Budget

	Amount Received	Amount Budgeted	Actual Expenses
Current Account 4110	\$ 35,894.53	\$ 28,834.18	
Total received including "designated gifts"	\$ 40,355.53		\$ 22,242.05

## Serving Christ on Sunday Mornings in April

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
<u>Lay Reader:</u>	Dan Hostetter	Pam Root	Mark Spademan	Donna Fetzer
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Sarah Boreman	Lexi Melvin	Andy Blough	Ethan Mann
<u>Nursery:</u>	Madeline Boreman	Ruth Peterman	Lorinda Wolbaugh	Lesley Miller
<u>Greeters/Ushers:</u>	Duane Eggeman Gary Graham	D. & M. Moomaw	V. & P. Simpson	B. & W. Wagner
<u>Communion Assistant:</u>	Pat Chambers			Pat Chambers
<u>Altar Care:</u>	Nancy Carr			Nancy Carr
<u>Bread Baker:</u>	Lesley Mast			Lesley Mast

St. Paul Council Meeting: March 14, 2011

All members were in attendance. Devotions were led by Bob L.

Minutes of February 14, 2011 were approved as written. M/S/P Holly/Bob

Treasurer's report was approved as reported by Nancy Carr. M/S/P Marcia/Holly

Pastor's report included February attendance, development of another Sunday school class, Confirmation will be Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, & Mark Spademan stepping into the Lenten round robin services.

Correspondence: Motion to disregard letter from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. M/S/P Mark/Dan AEP retail energy letter was given to building/maintenance committee. Motion to table letter from Avalanche Energy LLC & to file it to revisit it at a later date. M/S/P Dan/Mark Alstage Sound & Lighting sent a letter & a packet concerning sound speakers.

Call committee: Tom Boreman, chairman, reported on the committee's progress.

Worship/music committee reported on Holy Week services: Maundy Thursday service will be held in the large fellowship hall & it will be a service like last year (where the congregation will give each other communion). There will be a Friday & Saturday service. An Easter Sunday breakfast is being planned.

Old business: A list of various goals drawn up by the council was given to members. Each member is to read thru & note various goals that are doable, where some goals could be directed (committee, group, etc), & which goals he/she are interested in developing.

New business: Crop Walk is May 1<sup>st</sup> with Mark/Lyn Miller organizing our congregation.

Next meeting is April 11, 2011 Devotions: Sylvia W.

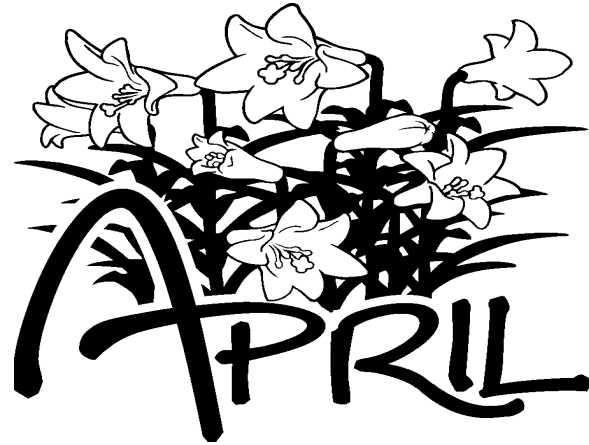
Respectfully submitted in Christ's name, Kathy Meitzler, secretary

### **Palm Cross Workshop**

Please join us Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the small fellowship hall to make the palm crosses that will be distributed to everyone on Palm Sunday. If you have not participated in the past, don't hesitate to come...it's easy and fun!  
 Any questions? Contact Pat Chambers.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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This calendar and the “Serving Christ” list on the other side is designed so that it can be detached from the newsletter and placed in a convenient place for your usefulness.

					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:25p Band Practice 6:30p Worship
<b>3</b> 9:30a Worship 10:45a SS / Confirmation	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00 a Project Day 5:30-6:30p Meal  5:45-6:10p Choir Chime Choir 6:30-6:55p Junior Choir 6:30-7:00p Cherub Choir 7:00-8:00p Senior Choir 8:00-9:00p Celebration Ringers	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:30a Inside Work Day  5:25p Band Practice 6:30p Worship
<b>10</b> 9:30a Worship 10:30a H.S. Choir 10:45a SS/ Confirmation	<b>11</b> 1p-3p Vesper Circle 6:30p Council Mtg.	<b>12</b> 6:30p WELCA Dinner  6:30-8p Adult Bible Study @ Church	<b>13</b> 5:30-6:30p Meal 6:30-7p Lenten Service  5:45-6:10p Choir Chime Choir 6:30-6:55p Junior Choir 6:30-7:00p Cherub Choir 7:00-8:00p Senior Choir 8:00-9:00p Celebration Ringers	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 10a Palm Cross Workshop  5:25p Band Practice 6:30p Worship
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<b>24</b>  8:30a Breakfast 9:30a Worship 10:45a Easter Egg Hunt	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30-8p Adult Bible Study @ Church  7p Free Spirits	<b>27</b> No Choirs or Dinner	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9a WELCA Conference Spring Gathering  5:25p Band Practice 6:30p Worship

