

CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE

Congregation Name: St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The founding of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church was in 1968. We have an extensive history article on our website (About us). Our 150th Anniversary year (2018) was a fantastic celebration with monthly events, culminating in a Festival Worship and dinner at the Avalon, Grand Pavillion on Sept 9th. We have a commemorative book for any interested candidate.

Our biggest ministry to the community is the Children's Rainbow Pre-school, which we own. It operates in the church building 4 days a week. On the average, 150 children per year attend Rainbow Preschool.

Demographics:

44484 and 44483 are the biggest zip code zones in our congregation. Like many local churches, St. Paul has experienced a decline in membership due to an overall decline in the population of our community.

Most members live within what distance of the church building?

½ mile = 4% ½ - 1 mile = 10% 1-3 miles = 36% more than 3 miles = 50%

Walk or take public transportation = 5% Drive personal vehicles = 95%

Present Program and Practices in Worship: Presently there is one 10:30 am traditional service (a variety of music) with communion. We have accompaniment by organ, piano and guitars. It is a liturgical service with Holy Communion every week. The weekly attendance averaged 61 in 2018. Childcare for children 5 and under is provided in the nursery/play room.

Education: Adult Bible Study on Wednesdays (4 attendees), PreK-12 Sunday School operated by the education committee (averages 3-6 children), Catechism and Confirmation are done in conjunction with Trumbull Area Lutheran Coalition (TALC), and is taught cooperatively by the pastors. This may be changing in 2019-20 due to lack of participants from other churches. We expect to have about 6 students from St Paul in classes in 2019. First Communion instruction is provided each year by the pastor.

Special Ministry: Includes Prayer Chain, Thanksgiving Service/Reformation Service; blessing of the animals; grand-family support group. St. Paul serves as a collection point for food and clothing for Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We are also a Red Cross Blood Program site.

Facilities: St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is a sizeable landmark in our community. Our building is one story with many updates done in 2003 to the structure which was built in 1960. The value of the church is \$2,000,000. The church property includes a bell tower, a meditation garden, a columbarium in the chapel, a fellowship hall, and several rooms for education.

The City of Warren:

The city of Warren is a racially diverse community which has a population of 46,830. (These statistics are from 2009.) The median age is 36.3 with an average income of \$36,160. The median home value is \$63,400. Several performing arts centers are within the area, including Packard Music Hall and a community amphitheater. There are several museums within and immediately outside of the community, including the Butler Art Institute.

The community of Warren can be described as a racially diverse area, within a moderately stable economy. Although Warren City is classified as an urban area (medium-sized, hit hard by the closing of the steel industry and the decline of the automobile industry), our congregation is mostly suburban. There are two Universities located in the area. We are located mid-way between Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Warren has been building new schools, with two new K-8 buildings and a new high school completed.

Four primary businesses and industries within the community are the automobile industry (General Motors/Delphi—may be closing 2019), Forum Health/St. Joseph's Hospital (Humility of Mary), Education (Warren City Schools/Youngstown State University/Kent State University-Trumbull Campus), Restaurant/Vending Industry (AVI).

Congregational Priorities for ministry: (on a scale of 1 low to 5 high)

In the ministry profile of 2009, the congregation rated their hopes for Youth and Family Ministry as follows:

- a) Childrens' ministry (3) Teach and relate to preschool and elementary age children
- b) Ministry to Youth and Young Adults (4) - Teach, work, and relate well with high school youth and young adults
- c) Teaching Youth (4) – Creatively teach the faith and inspire commitment
- d) Planning (5) – Engage in visioning, long-range planning, and goal setting

Staffing: The current paid staff includes: Rev Ann Marie Perkins (pastor); Lynn Golen (office manager); Mark Cribley (custodian); Jennifer Nolan (pre-school director); Jim Guzman (musician).