

**SEASONS  
JUNE 2019**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church  
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10:30 am**

**FROM PASTOR ANN MARIE PERKINS: An Abundance of Blessing for St. Paul**

*The Lord says, "I will surely open the windows of heaven and pour down blessings upon you." (Malachi 3:10b)*

In the book of the prophet Malachi, of the Old Testament, God is commanding the people of Israel to provide for the poor and needy, and to give offerings generously. If they follow in the Lord's ways, they will be surely blessed with a great abundance. At St. Paul, we prayed for a youth director who could serve us, and we have been doubly blessed. We are being showered with the blessings of two people "job-sharing" the youth director position: Matthew Vinson, a young Army veteran who hopes to go to seminary in the future, will be joining us this month.

We had decided in April to create a youth director position by stretching our resources to hire a person for 10 hours a week. Stacey Altieri has been doing a wonderful job on the groundwork – there has been a visioning evening, and a plan for a vacation bible school in August. She has meet with our teens and they have prepared a summer calendar, including a lock-in, a spaghetti dinner fundraiser, help at the Strawberry Social and the Rummage Sale, and other service events to be added. Of course we hope the mid-summer servant week will be their most intensive and rewarding endeavor.

The youth director position was designed by us to be a half-time position (20 hours per week) and, so far, the other half of the job has not been undertaken. God has moved in our midst by his Holy Spirit, and Matthew Vinson will be sharing the position with Stacey beginning mid-June, for a total of 20 hours per week between them. We will have Matthew as a male "Big Brother" figure and Stacey as a female "Mother" for our kids to look up to. They are eager to job share and St. Paul's youth will benefit from the combination of the talents they bring. Please take another moment to read Matthew's bio below.

**MATTHEW, WELCOME TO THE TEAM!**

**MEET MATTHEW VINSON:** Hi, my name is Matthew Vinson. I just finished my time as a Soldier in the U.S. Army as a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. I am a life-long Lutheran and grew up as a pastor's kid (PK). After graduating high school as a certified Firefighter/EMT, I went to Itasca Community College for a year and then Purdue University for a year studying Mechanical Engineering. This was just not my passion and that is how I ended up in the Army. My time in the Army was eye-opening and full of discernment, but unfortunately it ended a little early due to a training injury. As a youth, I was very active in the life of the church. I was my congregation's Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) President, served as Vice President of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod LYO, and Co-President of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod LYO. My father is the campus pastor at Purdue University and I have sat in on many of the bible studies and retreats he has lead. My fiancé is finishing her degree at Cleveland State in Pre-Med and is an Ohio native. I look forward to serving the congregation as we work and grow in faith and discipleship together.

**CELEBRATE GRAND-FAMILIES:** "Celebrate Grand-families" is a support group for grandparents raising their grandchildren. St. Paul is reaching out to support these families with Christian compassion and a place to meet and discuss their needs. *We now have 17 families who participate*, and more are welcome, if you know of anyone who would fit in. While the women meet, we will have crafts, games, bible stories, snacks, help with homework, tutoring, and a fun social time for children. Church members are needed to help with the children. Sessions in June will be on **Saturdays, June 8 and 22**, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Please contact Brenda Ceplecci or Pastor Perkins to help.

**YOU ARE INVITED:** You are invited to a wedding reception given by Pastor Lang Collins and Dr. Bege Bowers in honor of their wedding on May 9, 2019, in Palm Coast, Florida. Reception to be held on **Wednesday, June 19**, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Gathering Room at Park Vista, 1216 Fifth Ave., Youngstown, OH 44504. Light hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served.

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## **ST. PAUL NEWS & EVENTS**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

#### **Praying for members with medical challenges:**

Diana Bartlett, Elaine Benka, Ron Benka, Jacob Groves, Jerry Groves, Stephanie Groves, Dave Perkins, Roy Seibert, April Williams, Andrea Wollam

#### **Remembering those who are home bound:**

Pastor Richard Bowen, Charles English, Jim Ilencik, Harriette Shaffer

#### **Remembering those with special needs:**

Lori Akins, Donna Baldwin, Ted Buch, Gini Cage, Elizabeth Campbell, Del Cig, Cathie Cimini, Cynthia Crisasi Amber Ellis, Connie Fowler, Bryan Giocondi, Debi Houlf, Edward Kondrad, Mary Ann Lucas, Debbie Merkel, Paulene Mudrinich, Ann Marie Perkins (David's daughter), Anita Rayburn, Cindy Robinson, Dave Seitz, Ondine Shiau, Everett Sillies, Diane Tullis Suloit, Shelley Town, Dean Voye, Mark Voye, Lisa Young

#### **Remembering those in the Military:**

Jonathan Benka, Danielle Greenhill, Kirk Groves, Michael Maradin

### **OUR 2019 GRADUATES:**

Spencer Moorhead – The son of P. Matthew and Alyson Moorhead from Howland. Spencer graduated from Howland High School in May 2019, where he was a member of the band, tennis team, Paws for a Cause, and Italian Club. Spencer plans to attend Youngstown State University in the fall and major in communications. He has been a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church since 2011.

Emily Thirion – Graduated from Duquesne University with a double major in English and Secondary English Education. She received Magna Cum Laude honors, while also completing four years in a Division I swimming program – earning back-to-back conference championships. She was a university representative to the NCAA and a member of several honors and service fraternities. She looks forward to teaching this coming fall in the Warren City Schools.

Drew Thirion – St. Paul's Church has been a part of my life since I was born...literally. I was baptized here, had my First Communion, went through Confirmation Classes, and will graduate high school while attending the same church. My parents believed it was important to have a strong faith-filled background in my life and make my actions Christ-like in as many ways as possible. Throughout the years, I have participated in many clubs, activities, and sports. In these groups, I have tried to uphold and spread my Christian beliefs. I have always felt it is very important to be a leader and not a follower and hopefully I have proven that with my actions. In school, I help lead multiple clubs, but I put the most importance on being our Student Body Treasurer and President of S.M.A.S.H. Club. Those groups hold a place of high value at our school, and I can help spread great messages within those clubs. In my sports, I was a three-year letterman in Golf, and the Captain of our swim team this past season. While I was not on the swim team very long, I hope I was able to contribute more than just athletically. I tried to create a positive atmosphere and teach some lessons that go beyond swimming. It is not always how well you do, but how well you represent yourself. Finally, outside of school, I helped mentor fifth graders at Howland North Road. These were some of the nicest kids I have ever met, but they just didn't really have a friend. Through my years at St. Paul, I have learned to give back to those who need it, and I believe I was really able to provide a friendship for them. My experiences as a Christian have been as I expected. That is because my church family and biological family laid out the groundwork for me to be able to walk in the footsteps of Christ. They also taught me the Golden Rule. Treat others as you would like to be treated. I am very proud to call St. Paul my home.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Pastor Bowen has a new address and would enjoy receiving cards and visits from his church family: Pastor E. Richard Bowen, Shepherd of the Valley, 1500 McKinley Ave., Niles, OH 44446.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you so much for the prayers and gifts for my deployment. I will use my journal faithfully. It means a lot to be recognized by the church. Thank you, J. Kirk Groves

**THANK YOU:** A huge heartfelt thank you to the congregation for supporting the Youth Car Wash on May 19. We washed over 20 cars in an hour and a half. We are happy to announce that we have 4 youth getting ready for Servant Week. Thank you again! The Youth of St. Paul

**COFFEE CUP GREETINGS:** Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month, June 2 & 16.

**BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT FOR OUR CHURCH:** We need help to move hosta plants to various spots around our church. Please help us! The hosta plants need to be moved now while they are small. We need all the help we can get. We also need to take out some shrubs around our church and plant geraniums by June 15. We will collect money for geraniums and other plants for Pentecost, which is June 9. If you are willing to assist, please contact Kay Paajanen for details.

**STRAWBERRY SOCIAL:** **Sunday June 9**, 12:00 – 3:00 pm; Menu: Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs, Potato & Macaroni Salads, Baked Beans, Ice Cream, Cake, Strawberries, Hot & Cold Beverages. This is a Thrivent sponsored event. Come and bring a friend! We need many helpers to prepare, serve, bus tables, and clean up. While we serve until 3:00, clean up probably will go to 3:30. Many hands make light work.

**RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE:** Spring cleaning? Please save your usable but unwanted items for the church Rummage Sale to be held on **August 3**. Please do not bring items to the church until **July 28**. We will collect items in the choir room. Please see Brenda Ceplecci or Bonnie Thompson if you have any questions. Thank you!

**SPLASH TODAY:** Splash Ministry is a monthly resource which is mailed to parents of children from ages newborn to 3 years. This resource helps young children to grow in their faith formation and provides fun and easy ideas for bringing faith into the everyday life of infants, toddlers, and their families. It also connects the church to families for support and encouragement. If you have further questions about the Splash Ministry, please see Bonnie Thompson or Brenda Ceplecci. Donations for Splash are always warmly welcomed and greatly appreciated.

**GRIEF MINISTRY:** Part of the Social Committee is Grief Ministry. Joyce Osborn (330-372-2136) is spearheading this ministry with Pr. Perkins' and God's guidance and help. When a loved one dies, Joyce sends a set of four books called "Journeying through Grief" throughout the first year. Each book describes the issues and feelings that a person tends to encounter at various points of grief and the books offer suggestions on handling them. If Pastor Winters or Joyce can be of any help or if you have any questions during a time of grief, please contact either of them.

**A SUPPORTIVE PARENTING GROUP:** A supportive parenting group is beginning at St. Paul for young adults raising their children in faith as they grow in faith and life. Anyone interested should contact Pastor Perkins.

**HALL RENTAL:** Anyone wishing to rent Cassel Hall must first call the office to schedule the date to be sure it is not already rented or in use by the church, the Preschool, DAR, or the Red Cross. There is also paper work which needs to be filled out prior to renting.

**FLOWERS AND MEDITATION CANDLES:** Weeks are available for purchase, dedicated to your special intentions. The meditation candle is \$5.00 and flowers are \$30.00 for two vases. **Please use an Order Envelope and PREPAY your order at the time that you sign the flower and candle chart. PAYMENT ENVELOPES ARE BY THE FLOWER CHART.** On weeks where there is no paid order, the church will display silk flowers to the Glory of God. Please sign up for your special weeks while they are available.

**DUE TO GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS:** In the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), churches and clergy can no longer make written or oral public announcements of health information regarding our members. Thus, unless specifically requested by a member to share other information, we are only able to indicate where a person is hospitalized or that they have been discharged.

**RAINBOW NEWS:** What's Been Happening: Easter Parade – a sunny lovely day for the Easter Bunny to visit! We were able to parade outside! It was an adorable day, as always! Beach Party – was a success! Open House/Art Show – another success! Vehicle Day – a wonderful day! We made it into the Warren Tribune! What's Coming Up: Warren Public Library – May 2; Favorite Ladies Tea – May 9; Last Day Celebration – a fabulous day is coming! We will have bounce houses, Kona Ice, games, crafts, and face painting! Summer Break – May 24.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

1 = Diana Bauman & Jerry Wareham  
4 = June Hutchison  
7 = Helen Knouse  
8 = Lillian Barbutes  
12 = Jennifer Gilger, Michael Jewell, & Andrew Sutton  
13 = Dorothy Seibert  
14 = Ernest Basalyga  
15 = Wiley Runnerstrand  
18 = Patricia Galgozy  
20 = Nathan Truhan  
21 = Rodger Bartlett  
22 = Chelsea Moorhead & TJ Skoczylas  
25 = Barb Basalyga  
27 – Eric Hart  
29 = Lynn Danes  
30 = Adam Huffman

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

2 = Bauman, David & Lorri  
7 = Moorhead, Matt & Alyson  
8 = Lampson, Robert & Rita  
15 = Whaley, Dale & Deborah  
17 = Trimbur, Robert & Ellen  
20 = Thirion, Terry & Lisa  
21 = Illencik, James & Debbie  
22 = Geilhard, Ryan & Laura  
25 = Calugar, George & Franca  
30 = Brant, Donald & Evelyn

## ST. PAUL SERVANTS FOR JUNE 2019

### Greeters

06/02 Lyda Vigorito and Evan and Marin Davis  
06/09 The Dodge Family  
06/16 Terry & Brenda Ceplecci  
06/23 Terry & Brenda Ceplecci  
06/30 Terry & Brenda Ceplecci

### Lectors

06/02 Kelly Hutchison  
06/09 Linda Murray  
06/16 Drew Thirion  
06/23 Brenda Hart  
06/30 Marty Maurice

### Flower Delivery

06/02 June & Kelly Hutchison  
06/09 Peggy Skoczylas  
06/16 Diana Bauman  
06/23 Marty Maurice  
06/30 Joanne Santucci

Refer to the sheet in the Sacristy for deliveries. Mark the date of delivery opposite the person's name on the sheet. Thank you.

### Communion Assistants

06/02 Georgia Mikola  
06/09 Peggy Skoczylas  
06/16 Barb Basalyga  
06/23 Debbie Groves  
06/30 Diana Bauman

### Acolytes 10:30 service: (agreed dates by parish youth)

06/02 Evan Davis  
06/09 Ean Dodge  
06/16 NEEDED  
06/23 Brooke Frazzini  
06/30 Chelsea Moorhead

Acolytes: Please be present ten minutes before the service begins.

**If you are unable to acolyte as scheduled, please trade with one of the other acolytes and notify Christine Mymo – 330-647-2913.** Thank you for your help! We count on you to be here!

### Ushers

06/02 Barb Basalyga & Debbie Cravotta  
06/09 Barb Basalyga & Debbie Cravotta  
06/16 Dale Whaley & David Maurice  
06/23 Dale Whaley & David Maurice  
06/30 Dale Whaley & David Maurice

**Child Care**

06/02 Anna Lacy  
06/09 Vanessa Lindenmuth  
06/16 Anna Lacy  
06/23 Kelly Hutchison  
06/30 Anna Lacy

**Church Closing**

Diana Bauman

**Visitor Notes**

Jean Maurice