



ST. PAUL HIGHLIGHTS

March 2023

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS MONTH

MAR 1, 8, 15, 22, 29-MID-WEEK PRAYER TIME IN PARLOR

MARCH 8TH-INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

MARCH 12TH-DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS-SPRING FORWARD!

MARCH 17TH-ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MARCH 20TH-1ST DAY OF SPRING

DATE	TIME	ASSISTING MINISTER	MUSIC LEADERS	ALTAR GUILD	AUDIO/VIDEO	USHERS/ GREETERS
3/5	10:00	Liz Wittmann	New Day Singers	Beth & Randy French	Jeff Campbell Phil Sultan	Team 1st
3/12	10:00	Taffy Pavlick	New Day Singers New Song		Jeff Campbell Phil Sultan	Team 2nd
3/19	10:00	Cindy Cain	New Day Singers		Jeff Campbell Phil Sultan	Team 3rd
3/26	10:00	Dean Firing	New Day Singers		Jeff Campbell Phil Sultan	Team 4th



MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Your admin team have birthdays in March!

Dean's is March 4th and Sherrill's is March 8th!

HAVE A CELEBRATION COMING IN APRIL?

If you have an March celebration you would like in this space,
Please notify the office by **March 17th.**



Pastor's Corner

Nothing But Christ Crucified

Daniel Skillman 2023-03

"I know nothing of any other Christ than he whom the Father gave, and who died for me and for my sins. And I know that he is not angry with me, but is kind and gracious to me, for he would not otherwise have had the heart to die for me and for my benefit."

-Martin Luther

Jesus saw it as his mission in life to model unconditional, self-sacrificial love for all people. Nowhere is that love more evident and clearly displayed than in his willing death on the cross. In St. John's Gospel, Jesus says,

¹³"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."
(John 15:13)

But he went even further than that. In Romans chapter 5, St. Paul writes this:

⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
(Romans 5:7)

By sacrificing himself for all people, even for his enemies, Jesus revealed God's heart. Greater love has no man than this: that he lay down his life, even for those who hate him.

It isn't incidental that the crucifix is the central symbol of Christianity. The symbol of our faith is not the empty tomb. It's not even the empty cross. It's the crucifix. Jesus on the cross, actively suffering, and dying, is our icon. That's because this is the nature and extent of his love: he lays down his life for his friends, and even for his enemies. The crucifixion of Jesus is the mature Christian understanding of God: a portrait of self-sacrificial, unconditional love.

As a pastor, it is my responsibility to hold the crucifix before your eyes. In the words of St. Paul:

²³...we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.
(1 Corinthians 1:23-24)

Like St. Paul, I can tell you that

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or [worldly] wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified....⁵so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. (1 Corinthians 2:1-2, 5)

The author of the letter to the Hebrews writes:

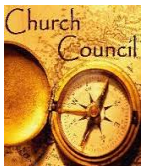
²Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame... (Hebrews 12:2)

I have directed you to the cross of Jesus Christ ever since I arrived at St. Paul, Berea. And I intend to do so for as long as I can, because, in the words of the 20th century German Lutheran pastor and martyr, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "Only the suffering God can help."



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*"I realize how helpless and needy they are,
but I'm afraid you still can't claim a human as a dependent."*



COUNCIL CORNER

A couple of weeks ago, Pastor preached on the parable of sowing seeds. Pastor suggested that we focus on the seed; that the seed was Jesus, and we should be extravagantly casting that seed anywhere and everywhere. To name a few, this is where I see that we are sowing the seeds of Jesus:

- Sunday Morning Worship and Music
- Free drive-up Community Meals twice per month
- St. Paul Early Education Center
- Sheep and Goats Program
- Mardi Gras Celebration

In the next couple of months, you will be seeing encouraging messages to sow seeds and practice generosity and hospitality. Watch for more information about new ways to support the ministry of St. Paul Church through on-line giving.

One area of special need is the condition of our church building and property. Specifically, water pipes and ceiling tiles will need to be replaced in the foyer at Door 3 and hallway by Room K. Prayerfully consider the 15 yr plan and contribute to the Building Fund. And, pray for our Property Committee and those who had to leave their home on Christmas Eve to tend to burst pipes at the church.

Lastly, I want to thank out-going Council President, Jon Montag, and Council Member, Erika Tully who finished their time of service on Council. Your service and witness has been a blessing to all of us. I pray you will go on to discover new ways to sow the seeds of Jesus in all that you do. Shalom, Chris

Council Members: Gary Grizzell, Chris Hall, Randy Hamilton, Wes Hansen, Amy Hofmann, Mike King, Dennis Mille, Lisa Nelson-Firing, Phil Sultan, Donna Tindera, and Pastor Skillman.





PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Both of the commercial refrigerators that remained from the Meals-on-Wheels center have now failed, and replacement of the compressors in them would cost more than half of the purchase price of a new unit. Therefore the two old refrigerators will be removed from the building and scrapped. We have received one used commercial refrigerator as a gift from QSR Executive Enterprises, an Elyria company that specializes in renovating and remodeling restaurants. QSR will be on the lookout for another large refrigerator unit in good condition that can be donated to us as it is replaced in a remodeling job. Many thanks to Mr. Jason Payne, the owner of QSR, for his assistance and donation to St. Paul.

The ceiling at entrance of door #3 now has not only a pair of open holes in it, but two other areas of water damage from the past. Property will be developing a plan to replace the ceiling at door #3 with one which provides proper insulation and conduit to route the phone, closed circuit video cameras, and internet network cables hidden inside the ceiling instead of hanging along the top edge of the wall. Depending upon the cost for this project, it may need to be included in the 15 year plan.

You have likely noticed that four of the six large lights that shine down on the seating area in the Sanctuary are not working, and that the fixture at the front of the east row of lights appears to be coming apart. Those four LED lamps that shine down all failed within a short time of each other, and the lighting contractor has removed one of the failed LED power supplies so that the manufacturer could determine why they failed so prematurely. The cause for the failures has been identified, and the lighting contractor will be here on March 9, 2023, to replace all six lamps.

One item on the 15 Year Plan can't be seriously evaluated until spring when the weather breaks. At this point, the weather over the last four months has been brutal for the parking lot. The worst scenario for the pavement is to have a generous rainfall (which seeps into all the hairline cracks) and then a rapid temperature drop to freeze the water in the cracks and make them larger and break the gravel content in the asphalt loose. We can see several areas where the crumbling of the aggregate has already begun. If the weather breaks for a chance to patch these areas before they get beyond major rework we will try to do that. The paving contractor we have worked with will continue to monitor and advise us of the most economical, but long term course of action to take.

Now the usual monthly reminder: When the major repairs and replacement of parts of St. Paul was built into the budget almost nine years ago now, the congregation was advised that a 7% increase in giving would be able to support that plan. The congregation has been faithful to their unanimous approval and allowed St. Paul's to make several improvements that have reduced the upkeep and operating expenses for the congregation. In last November's congregational meeting, the financial report showed that the level of giving has decreased about 6% in the last year, making it difficult if not impossible to continue with the annual repairs in the future years. Please prayerfully consider what you may be able to do to help offset this decrease so that we can continue to make the necessary repairs and replacements before they become a more costly emergency situation.

Jim Jungeberg – Chairman

Committee Members – Dennis Mille (liaison to council), Bill Goette, Ruth Hamilton, Scott Harkema, Diane Mille, Dave Navy, Linda Jungeberg



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We are now in the season of Lent. A time of contemplation, reflection, and preparation for Holy Week ending with Easter. The season started on Ash Wednesday with a full service in the Worship space. Each

Wednesday night during Lent we will have services in the parlor (space permitting). These will be liturgical services, but with a focus on discussion of the scriptures (instead of a formal sermon) and prayer requests. Holy Week services will be held in the Worship Space.

Lenten Schedule

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 7p.m. - Wednesday, Midweek Lenten Prayer Service

April 2, 10 a.m. - Palm Sunday

April 6, 7 p.m. - Maundy Thursday

April 7, 7 p.m. - Good Friday

April 9, 10 a.m. - Easter

Committee Members - Dale Hukill, Dean Firing, Judy Stintson, Cindy Cain, Lynn Mallinak, Linda Jungeberg, Marlyn Niksa, Phil Sulton, Wes Hansen

St. Paul Altar Guild Easter Flower Order 2023

Name as you wish it to appear in the bulletin:

FROM: _____

PHONE: _____

_____ Lily \$ 8.00

_____ Tulips \$7.00

_____ Regal Geranium \$ 7.00

_____ Hydrangea \$14.00



_____ TO THE GLORY OF GOD

_____ In Memory of _____

_____ In Honor of _____

Deadline for ordering: April 2, 2023

Cash or check to "St. Paul Altar Guild" Questions? Contact church office 440 243-1144

Include cash / check with this form and return to the office or put in the box on the table in the Narthex.

* You may pick up your plant after the 10:00 Service on Easter Sunday! Office hours: M-F 9am-Noon, 1pm-4pm



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Thank you to **EVERYONE** who made our First Annual Mardi Gras a wonderful event. Rachel Skillman met the challenge head on and scored a huge win, from the decorative design plan to every detail of the menu.



We had amazing volunteers from Lutheran High West, Berea Mid-park High School and our wonderful congregation, who helped with food prep, set up and making sure the food line kept moving right along, handled the photo booth and they kept our young guests busy with games and crafts and then stayed on to help break down and put away.



Eric Everett Jazz kept things swinging with a great rendition of *When The Saints Go Marching In* along with other jazz favorites.



Our goal is to host a Community Event every other month with a twofold purpose. One, to stay connected with each other as a congregational family and two, to open our doors to the community. I will continue to promote our events through Social Media, but I'd like to invite each of you to invite a guest whenever we host an event.

Maybe you know someone who doesn't get out much or maybe there's a new family that just moved into your neighborhood. Please feel free to invite them to our next event - our 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt coming up on April 8th from 11:30 to 1pm

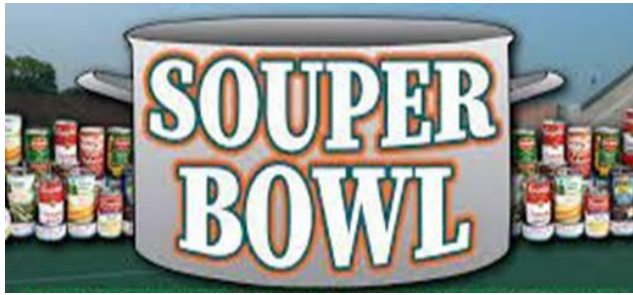
Yours in Christ,

Corinne



MORE MARDI GRAS PICTURES!





**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!**



The "Souper" Bowl food drive that was held on February 12 was a huge success! On game day the Kansas City Chiefs received 43 items, the Philadelphia Eagles received 81, and Team St Valentine received 111 items for a total of 235 items collected!!

The food items will be distributed between the Berea Community Outreach Food Bank and the Church Food Box. Thank you St Paul for your generous contributions to help feed this community, it is greatly appreciated!

Warmly,

Lisa Nelson-Firing
"Souper" Bowl Game Day Coordinator

THANK YOU!

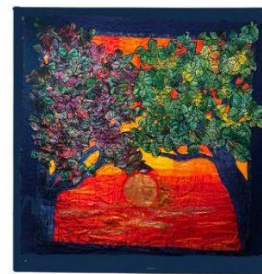
A sincere Thank You to our church family for all of the expressions of sympathy and support in the recent death of Jim's brother, Tom. We appreciate you so much!

The Jungeberg Family



The Cleveland West Cluster
Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Spring Gathering



Saturday, May 13th 2023

Registration, Breakfast & Fellowship 8:30 A.M.

Accepting In-Kind Gifts for: The Hope Center (Building Hope in the City)
Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Powdered Creamer, Gas Cards, Sticky Notes, Computer Paper,
Dry Erase Markers and Erasers, Baby Wipes, Cleaning Wipes, New or Like New Children's Books,
Snacks for Children: Goldfish, Graham Crackers, Pretzels (no nuts or gelatin)

Business Meeting 9:30

Call to Worship & Holy Communion

Rev. Susanne Carter, Pastoral Intern: Mariah Mills

Worship Offerings: 50% for NEOSWO & 50% for The Hope Center



Program Speaker: Sandra Noble

Lecturer- Case Western Reserve University

The Art of Quilting

Lunch to follow



Introduction to the Quilting Ministry at Bethany
(Gifts for Triennial Grant Collected)

Registration: \$10 includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch

Cash or checks made payable to NEOSWO

Reservations: Audrey Goebel: aavkg@icloud.com

or call: 440-331-7830

Deadline: Monday, May 8th 2023

Bethany English Lutheran Church
15460 Triskett Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44111



ORWELL THE PANDA



Dear St Paul Community,

You might remember that St. Paul had a number of panda pillow pals left over from past VBS programs, and I ended up with one as part of your spring/summer cleaning sale.

The panda moved with me to Philadelphia, and has become a central focus in my office here at Settlement Music School, greeting children, staff, and faculty members as they walk into my office. One of my younger staff members named him Orwell, and today he dutifully wandered to our front office after a staff member had a difficult day. Sitting in the front window, I'm also told he has received many nose-pats throughout the day and is bringing much joy to our music families as they enter the building for lessons.

Thank you for spreading joy and comfort, even in this small way!

Jessica McGrath

SHEEP AND GOATS



ST. PAUL FAMILY ASSISTANCE

The donations collected this month will be placed in the St. Paul Family Assistance Fund. This fund is a discretionary account set up to provide emergency aid for a St. Paul family who may be experiencing unexpected events such as illness, and/or an overwhelming obligation that may require short term assistance. It is also used for people from the community who stop by the church seeking assistance for food or gas money, etc.



FINANCIALS

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Year-to-Date Financial Summary as of:

December 31, 2022

Income and Expenses Summary	Current Year Actual YTD	Current Year Budget YTD	Over/(Under) Budget	Previous Year Actual YTD
Income				
Congregational Contributions	\$ 288,398.83	\$ 303,000.00	\$ (14,601.17)	\$ 307,457.71
Building Use	5,430.00	5,000.00	430.00	4,770.00
Interest	13.29	10.00	3.29	8.10
Other Income	1,830.21	1,420.00	410.21	1,500.41
Total Income	\$ 295,672.33	\$ 309,430.00	\$ (13,757.67)	\$ 313,736.22
	Current Year Actual YTD	Current Year Budget YTD	(Over)/Under Budget	Previous Year Actual YTD
Expenses				
Benevolence	5,767.98	6,060.00	292.02	6,149.16
Worship	12,669.77	13,129.00	459.23	11,191.87
Programs & Services	5,559.62	8,100.00	2,540.38	4,414.62
Property	55,634.72	54,100.00	(1,534.72)	56,118.30
Staff Salaries and Benefits	190,774.96	197,151.00	6,376.04	195,653.27
Contracted Services	31,770.28	30,754.00	(1,016.28)	30,112.06
Administration & Support	15,991.16	22,482.00	6,490.84	15,161.64
Total Expenses	318,168.49	331,776.00	13,607.51	318,800.92
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (22,496.16)	\$ (22,346.00)	\$ (150.16)	\$ (5,064.70)
Grant Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,419.00

Income and Expenses Summary Notes:

Overall Comments and Income Review

2022 has an operating deficit of \$22,496. In 2021, St. Paul converted a PPP Loan to a grant. 2022 has reduced that advantage by almost 56%. Congregational Contributions in 2022 are \$19,059 less than contributions received in 2021, a reduction of 6.2%. Total Income at December 31, 2022, is \$18,064 less than at December 31, 2021. Congregational Contributions finished 2022 under budget by \$14,601 and Total Income is under budget by \$13,758. Budgeting was more accurate in 2022, but the downward trend in giving has continued.

Note: *Other Income* includes periodic gifts made by the Thrivent Choice Donation program, clothing recycling programs, and other miscellaneous unrestricted income.

Expenses Review

Total expenses are under budget by about \$13,608 as of December 31, 2022. Total expenses YTD are \$632 more than total expenses as of December 2021. We finished the year 4.1% under budgeted expenses. The over budget expenditure categories were a result of slightly utility costs than anticipated and a change in cleaning companies.

Note: Benevolence payments are a percentage of contributions. Therefore, when contributions are higher, benevolence payments are higher. In 2022, we budgeted 2% for the Synod only.

Balance Sheet Summary	As of December 31, 2022	As of December 31, 2021	Variance
Assets			
Current Assets (Cash)	\$ 226,820.17	\$ 231,485.65	\$ (4,665.48)
Invested Assets (Endowment)	646,061.83	751,117.59	(105,055.76)
Total Assets	\$ 872,882.00	\$ 982,603.24	\$ (109,721.24)
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$ 10,007.11	\$ 4,722.18	\$ 5,284.93
Loan from Endowment Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Protection Program Temp Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Withholding	0.00	3,182.42	(3,182.42)
Accrued Expenses and Other	300.00	300.00	0.00
Dedicated Fund Balances	188,388.78	173,860.61	14,528.17
Total Liabilities	\$ 198,695.89	\$ 182,065.21	\$ 16,630.68
Equity			
General Fund	\$ 28,124.28	\$ 50,620.44	\$ (22,496.16)
Investments (Endowment)	646,061.83	749,917.59	(103,855.76)
Total Equity	\$ 674,186.11	\$ 800,538.03	\$ (126,351.92)
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 872,882.00	\$ 982,603.24	\$ (109,721.24)

Balance Sheet Summary Notes:

Dedicated Funds include contributions designated for specific Council-approved categories (i.e. Memorials/Honorariums, Habitat for Humanity, Sheep and Goats contributions, Youth Trips/Projects, Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, and others). These funds are tracked separately and the contributions and/or expenses are not reflected in the Operating Income and Expenses Summary. A complete listing of the current Dedicated Funds can be found on the full balance sheet.

The Market Value of Invested Funds have dropped nearly 13% from the beginning of the year.

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Year-to-Date Financial Summary as of:

January 31, 2023

Income and Expenses Summary	Current Year Actual YTD	Current Year Budget YTD	Over/(Under) Budget	Previous Year Actual YTD
Income				
Congregational Contributions	\$ 23,099.75	\$ 23,441.00	\$ (341.25)	\$ 25,912.21
Building Use	340.00	417.00	(77.00)	310.00
Interest	1.59	1.00	0.59	0.89
Other Income	32.90	150.00	(117.10)	199.84
Total Income	\$ 23,474.24	\$ 24,009.00	\$ (534.76)	\$ 26,422.94
	Current Year Actual YTD	Current Year Budget YTD	(Over)/Under Budget	Previous Year Actual YTD
Expenses				
Benevolence	462.00	469.00	7.00	518.24
Worship	327.55	1,424.00	1,096.45	868.40
Programs & Services	330.64	751.00	420.36	0.00
Property	6,100.24	7,058.00	957.76	5,162.33
Staff Salaries and Benefits	15,544.15	17,335.00	1,790.85	14,949.91
Contracted Services	792.00	3,511.00	2,719.00	2,492.00
Administration & Support	855.29	1,850.00	994.71	707.68
Total Expenses	24,411.87	32,398.00	7,986.13	24,698.56
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (937.63)	\$ (8,389.00)	\$ 7,451.37	\$ 1,724.38

Income and Expenses Summary Notes:

Income

The YTD period ending January 31, 2023 has an operating deficit of \$938, \$2,662 less than January 2021's surplus. Congregational Contributions through January 2023 are \$2,812 less than contributions received through January 2022. Total Income is \$2,949 less than at January 31, 2022. Congregational Contributions are under budget by only \$341 and Total Income is under budget by \$535 as of January 31, 2023.

Note: Other Income includes periodic gifts made by the Thrivent Choice Donation program, clothing recycling program, and other miscellaneous unrestricted income.

Expenses

Total expenses are under budget by \$7,986 as of January 31, 2023, a considerable savings. Total expenses YTD are \$287 less than total expenses as of January 2022.

Note: Benevolence payments are percentages of contributions. Therefore, when contributions are higher, benevolence payments are higher.

Balance Sheet Summary	As of January 31, 2023	As of January 31, 2022	Variance
Assets			
Current Assets (Cash)	\$ 226,494.92	\$ 223,788.33	\$ 2,706.59
Invested Assets (Endowment)	672,470.81	734,181.94	(61,711.13)
Total Assets	\$ 898,965.73	\$ 957,970.27	\$ (59,004.54)
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$ 9,531.35	\$ 2,910.63	\$ 6,620.72
Loan from Endowment Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00
Payroll Withholding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00
Accrued Expenses and Other	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 0.00
Payroll Protection Program Temp Loan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00
Dedicated Fund Balances	\$ 189,476.92	\$ 169,432.88	\$ 20,044.04
Total Liabilities	\$ 199,308.27	\$ 172,643.51	\$ 26,664.76
Equity			
General Fund	\$ 27,186.65	\$ 52,344.82	\$ (25,158.17)
Investments (Endowment)	672,470.81	732,981.94	(60,511.13)
Total Equity	\$ 699,657.46	\$ 785,326.76	\$ (85,669.30)
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 898,965.73	\$ 957,970.27	\$ (59,004.54)

Balance Sheet Summary Notes:

Dedicated Funds include contributions designated for specific Council-approved categories (i.e. Memorials/Honorariums, Habitat for Humanity, Sheep and Goats contributions, Youth Trips/Projects, Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, and others). These funds are tracked separately and the contributions and/or expenses are not reflected in the Operating Income and Expenses Summary. A complete listing of the current Dedicated Funds can be found on the full balance sheet.

The Market Value of Invested Funds recovered 4% in the month of January.



MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER:

Greetings. As you're all aware, the past two years have presented this church with many challenges. Many of you have also been affected by the same events. As you can see from the financial summary reports we ended 2022 down 6.1% in contributions (\$19,059) and for January 2023 we have a shortfall from January 2022 of \$2,812.

Unfortunately the basic costs to operate the church, such as gas, electric, water, sewer, and payroll continue to increase. Please read the Property Committee report on all that is being done to maintain our wonderful church property. The good news is that the church is financially sound, costs are closely monitored and the church does not have a mortgage payment.

In order to continue our basic programs and run some new programs to share the message of God's love to the community the church needs to generate an estimated \$368,611 (the annual budget approved at the Congregational meeting). If this congregation maintains its previous year giving and raises contributions by 10% to 15% this goal is certainly within reach.

The growth and recovery this church has experienced is due to the generosity of members like you. If the goals outlined above can be met, and with God's help they can, then this year will be even better.

Please consider raising your contribution in the year ahead if you can afford to do so. Please prayerfully consider the blessings you have received and the "gratitude" gift you are able to donate to our church.

Remember that God "loves a cheerful giver" and that "where there is a willingness," no gift to the Lord is too small. That's true whether through monetary giving or volunteering your time.

With Gratitude,

Dennis Mille, Treasurer





ELECTRONIC GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Greetings, We offer and encourage electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct debit giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

Credit and debit card giving allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using your credit or debit card. You can also designate the small processing fee that is paid by the church as an additional contribution.

Online giving allows you to go to StPaulBerea.org at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, select monthly Sheep and Goats donation, make a one-time donation, or view your online donation history. The first time you donate, you will select a password that will enable you to log in at any time. If you have further questions please contact the church office, 440-243-1144.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. When travel or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

For those who prefer to place their contribution in the offering plate as an "act of worship", this is still available and appreciated. Likewise, you can mail your offering to the church.

Please prayerfully consider the blessings you have received and with gratitude prepare your donation for our church either online or in person.

With Gratitude,

Dennis Mille
Treasurer

www.stpaulbera.org/donate

FOOD DONATIONS FOR OTHERS

"NONPERISHABLE" items may be placed in our Food Box outside Door #2 at any time of the day or night.



**"PERISHABLE" items may be taken directly to the Berea Community Outreach Food Pantry at:
535 Wyleswood Dr, Berea
Please call Natalie at
440-826-5800 X 4401 for hours**

You are making a difference in the daily lives of others.



COMMUNITY MEAL NOW TWICE A MONTH!

Free Community Meal available Wednesday March 8th and 29th at 5pm-Drive up/Take out from Door #2 here at St. Paul



BEREA SENIOR LUNCHEON

Tuesday March 14th at noon the Senior Luncheon will be held at St. Paul Fellowship Hall. Cost \$5.00

Contact the Berea Community Outreach "Active Senior Network" for reservations at 440 891-3316

MEMORIALS

Ken Green

Ken & Lois Hines
Joanne Stoyka
Rich & Cathy Nugent

OFFICIAL ACTS








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FIRST CLASS ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN FACTS



-  According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the highest number of leaves found on a clover is 14.
-  One estimate suggests that there are about 10,000 regular three-leaf clovers for every lucky four-leaf clover.
-  Did you know that, according to tradition, leprechauns wore red, not green? They wore fine clothes, liked to play tricks, and made shoes for a living.
-  The actual color of St. Patrick is blue. Green became associated with St. Patrick's Day during the 19th century. Green, in Irish legends, was worn by fairies and immortals, and also by people to encourage their crops to grow.
-  Legend says that each leaf of the clover means something: the first is for hope, the second for faith, the third for love and the fourth for luck.