

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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Welcome to St. Paul Chuckery. Whether you are here for the first time or are a life-long member, we are glad to have you worshipping with us today. The Lord in his great mercy has called us together as a community of believers to have fellowship with him and with one another. We are pleased to share in that fellowship together with you. If there is any way that we can serve you or your family, please feel free to contact any member of our staff. We truly hope that the Lord bless you in His service to you today.

Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Today

Greeters: Ryan & Vanessa Picklesimer and Mike & Lorie Picklesimer

Acolytes: – Emma Agner and Josh Underhill

Ushers: John Eickhoff, Dan Ferryman, Tony George & Justin George

Next Sunday

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This Week at St. Paul

Monday – 6:30 pm Budget Committee

Tuesday – 6:30 pm Outreach

Wednesday – 6:00 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm Lenten Service

8:00 pm Choir

Thursday – 8 pm Dartball

Friday – 8:30 am Mother's Bible Study

7:00 pm *Friends & Family Night (Gym)*

Attendance February 11 and 14, 2018

Sunday Worship - 93

Ash Wed. 46

Sunday School Children 26

Adult Bible Class 17

Offering Report for Feb. 11, 2018

Loose \$ 134.00

Envelopes \$3890.00

Total \$4024

Building Fund (Norma Burns) - \$905.00

Newsletter Articles are due no later than Wednesday, Feb. 21st!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Lutheran Social Services: Our next day at LSS is Monday, **Feb. 26th**. At least 3 people are needed. If you can help, please contact Dorothy Nicol.

Wish List NEED – ASAP: Our American flag and Christian flag are tattered and need replacing. If you would like to donate one, let Sue Ann Dillahunt know and she will order a new one. (Cost is about \$55 each)

Sunday School Mission money will be collected for The **Ohio District Hearts for Jesus Project**. This year the funds are going to support the work of **LeadaChild**. You can be a part of this opportunity of providing Christian education to children around the world. For more information check out www.leadachild.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friends and Family Fun Night: Come join us at St. Paul on **February 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** for a fun night. BYOG (Bring Your Own Game) to add to the fun. How about a game of St. Paul Jeopardy! Serving popcorn, cookies, and other goodies. Please bring your family and friends. A sign-up sheet is on the narthex table. Please do so **today**. Questions ask Elena Pfeiffer or Rita Rinehart.

Ladies Aid will be having their next meeting **March 19th at 6:00pm** at **The Red Brick Tavern**. Bring your husband or a friend with you and enjoy food and fellowship.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Sunday School: The account of "Paul and Silas in Prison" serves as the focus of Sunday School today. Just as God freed Paul and Silas from prison, granting them life out of death, so Christ by His crucifixion and resurrection frees me from the prison of my sins and grants me life eternal. Questions for discussion include *"How is this event more than just a story about Paul's escape from prison?"* and *"How has God rescued us from the prison of sin?"*

God's Word for Today: Mark 1:13 – "And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him." God the Father cares for Jesus even in the midst of his temptation in the wilds. God cares for us in every situation as well. Jesus realized this and always acted from the basis of trust in God the Father's provision. This is likewise the basis for our life lived in Christ: God cares for us, so we need not act out of fear or greed.

What is Lutheran Piety? Since Lutherans believe that we are justified by Grace alone, through faith alone, does that mean that Lutherans have nothing to say about the Christian life? Because Lutherans reject the errors of Pietism, does that mean that Lutherans reject piety?

Lutheran piety simply consists of godly habits like listening to God's Word, the daily prayers, reception of the Lord's Supper, Confession and Absolution, sacrificial giving, confessing Christ, good works and remembering death and judgment day.

Issues, Etc. just finished a series of teachings on "Lutheran Piety" with Pr. Will Weedon, author of the new book *Thank, Praise, Serve and Obey: Recover the Joys of Piety*. Use this link to listen:

<http://issuesetc.org/piety/>

MISCELLANEOUS:

Epiphany Ministry: "I have been to prison, and I am going back!" We will be participating in another Epiphany Ministry weekend in March. Janet and Martha will be going to Franklin Medical Center in Columbus to spend time with women inmates, ages 18-25. We will sing, have Bible studies and discussions with these young women, and share God with them. Many of them had not heard about God's love and forgiveness before they were incarcerated. We are asking for your help during this time. Please pray for our team of 25 volunteers before and during the weekend of March 9-11. Please put your name (first name only) on one of the colored lined papers on the table in the narthex to indicate your willingness to pray for us and for the girls at FMC. These strips will be put together to form a chain which will be strung around our meeting room. The girls will be amazed by the "prayer chain." Thank you for your prayer support!

GriefShare Begins March 1, 2018 The spring session of GriefShare (13-week program) begins on Thursday evenings (March 1 – May 31) from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the former Plain City Elementary School building (classroom #110), located at 340 W. Main Street. Anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one is welcome to attend any of the GriefShare sessions. Each session is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. The 1st session, titled "**Is This Normal?**" introduces participants to GriefShare and explains why their grief experience is harder than they imagined, why the intensity and duration of their emotions are normal and appropriate, and despite how they feel right now, there is reason for hope. Each GriefShare session includes a video seminar, small group discussion, and workbook study. There is a \$15 suggested donation, which covers the cost of the workbook. To register, please call Janet at **614-561-7411**.

Welcome Baskets: Don' forget to contact a member of the Outreach Committee or the church secretary if you know of a new neighbor or member of our community so that we can gift them a **welcome basket**.

Please "like" *St .Paul Early Childhood Center* on Facebook.

Congregation at Prayer

Invocation: In the name of the Father and the Son + and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Memory: Through Jesus' Blood and Merit – Stanza !

Through Jesus' blood and merit I am at peace with God.
What, then, can daunt my spirit, However dark my road?
My courage shall not fail me, For God is on my side;
Though hell itself assail me, Its rage I may deride.

Meditation: *(Portals of Prayer / Devotion)*

Daily Readings

Feb. 19 Gen 6:1—7:5	Mark 3:1–19
Feb. 20 Gen 7:11—8:12	Mark 3:20–35
Feb. 21 Gen 8:13—9:17	Mark 4:1–20
Feb. 22 Gen 11:27—12:20	Mark 4:21–41
Feb. 23 Gen 13:1–18	Mark 5:1–20
Feb. 24 Gen 15:1–21	Mark 5:21–43
Feb. 25 Gen 16:1–9, 15—17:22	Mark 6:1–13

In our Prayers this Week: (see list next page)

Collect: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Benediction: May the Lord Almighty bless our days + and our deeds in his peace. Amen

The following is a list of prayer concerns. Please use this as a daily reminder in your Prayer Time.

Members who are ill, recovering or seeking medical treatment: Erin Andrews, Brian Burns, Beverly Burns, Harold Burns, Bob & Marjorie Dellinger, Sharon Gale, Bill Headings, Mike Norman, Libby Rausch and Bonnie Thiergartner

Our family and friends:

Kaleb Boyd (Fairbanks Student with Burkitt's Lymphoma)

Ellie Domin (Daughter of a Texas deaconess needing a heart transplant)

Russell Scheiderer (Brother-in-law of Dan Burns)

Shut-ins:

Dorothy Jean Boerger – Edgewater Idella Eickhoff – Heartland

Jane Nicol – Gables Elton Rausch – home

Carlton Rausch – Georgetown Libby Rausch - Gables

Martha Wolff – Brookdale Jeanne Thiergartner – home

Public/National Service: Darrell Breneman (Sheriff's deputy), Joshua Dillahunt (police), William Harms (Prison Guard), Nathan Burns (firefighter), and Shane McNae (police), Pleasant Valley Fire Department and Plain City Police Department (pray for their safety).

Miscellaneous: Epiphany Ministries, Loving Care Hospice and Home Health, Grief Share and Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation – Charities in Thailand, Miguel & Rachel Gonzalez Feliciano (Ladies Aid Seminary Student), and New Path Pregnancy Resource Center

Birthdays: 19 – Kara Fite & Laurie Winkle; 20 – Lincoln Thrush & **Luella Boerger**; 23 – Cheryl DeMatteo; 24 – Connor Boyd & Dan Burns; 25 – Bill Dellinger

Anniversaries: 24 – Doug & Linda Scheiderer