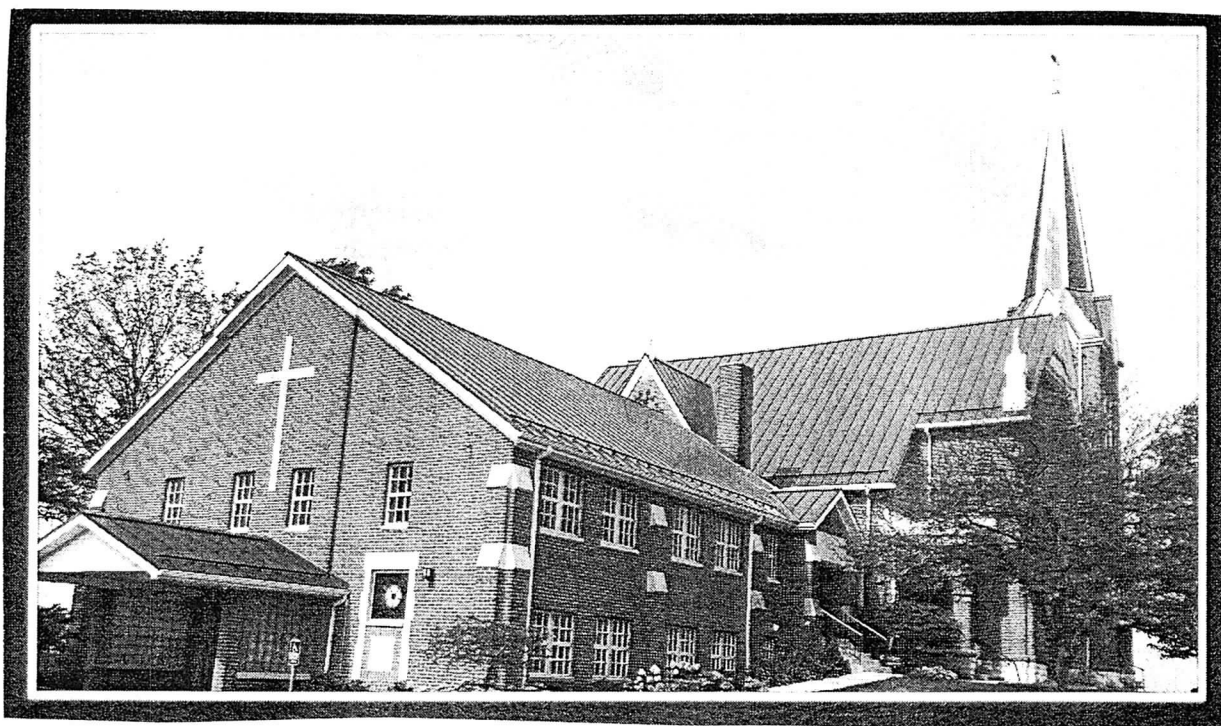


February 2019 Newsletter  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
4707 Ridgeton Rd  
Bucyrus, Ohio 44820



#### February Birthdays

2/01 Jim Gearhart  
2/01 Keith Britton  
2/04 Danielle Gaeta  
2/05 Tim Miller  
2/05 Jerad Seif  
2/05 Kyle Jenks  
2/06 Dennis Cleland  
2/07 Kermit Kibler  
2/07 Joyce Kocsis  
2/07 Nathan Bloomfield  
2/08 Jill Rittenour  
2/08 Allison Johnson  
2/09 Beth Peace  
2/09 Ryan Main  
2/12 Emery Plamann  
2/17 Carl Rinehart  
2/18 Mark Schanzenbach  
2/19 Shelly Kocher  
2/19 Andrea O'Connoer  
2/21 Stephnie Scott  
2/23 Evie Kibler  
2/23 George Shade  
2/23 Shawn Leonhardt  
2/24 Jason Geiger  
2/24 Adam Grau  
2/26 Jennifer Rinehart  
2/27 Terry Pfleiderer  
2/27 Brian Morrison  
2/28 Sarah Leonhardt

We extend our sympathy to Marvin & Barb Kocher on the death of their sister-in-law, Jeanette Harris, who recently passed away.

Coffee Hour will be after worship on Sunday, February 3. It will be sponsored by the Church Council.

Please join God Squad on February 10 when they meet at Carlisle House at 1:30. Following the worship service they will help residents to frost valentine cookies. Anyone in the congregation is invited to attend.

Women's Bible study will continue through the month of February at 9:30 at the church.

Pastor Scherner will have the prayer meetings on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in his office.

February 24, God Squad will sponsor a Movie night. at 3:00 PM.

#### February Birthdays

2/05 Tom & Nan Kibler  
2/07 Richard & Janet Harer  
2/14 Don & Norma Wilson  
2/22 Charles & Margaret Brinkman  
2/23 Russell & Michele Breyley  
2/27 Eric & Shelly Kocher

Ash Wednesday will be March 6, 2019. Watch the the bulletin for times.

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Jan. 13, 2019

Dave Halsey called the meeting to order. Devotions were presented by Ben. Members present were Mark Ebbeskotte, Eric Kocher, Sam Hopkins, Bob Geiger, Carl Rinehart, Ben Ackerman, Tim Miller, Dan Feichtner, and Doug Ebbeskotte. Pastor Scherner and Susie Sutherland were also present. Eric will present devotions next month.

Secretary's Report: Ben moved to accept the minutes as presented. Bob seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Tim reported that all bills are current. The checking account balance is \$56,941. Eric moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mark seconded. Motion passed.

Deacon's Report: Sam reported an average attendance of 109 for the month. The communion count was 100. Attendance for the Christmas Eve services was 161 and 94. The communion count was 143. The total giving for the month was \$21,058, with \$14,736 current giving. Total giving for the year was \$190,861.

Trustee's Report: A special thanks to Ron Zucker and Tyler Shade for helping with snow removal again this winter. The water softener at the parsonage is malfunctioning. Bob will get Peacock out to look at it. Pastor would like some keyed doorknobs changed. Bob will look at this as well.

Elder's Report: Dan reported that the ballot was completed for the annual meeting.

Pastor's Report: Pastor presented a log of his hours. He informed council that the NALC will be appointing a new Bishop this year.

Doug made a motion to approve the preceding reports and Mark seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business: Dave updated Council on the requirements for EPA paperwork for our water system. We are still hoping that a water connection will be made this year. Sam is seeking a bid on repair/update of the sound system.

New Business: Jan. 27 was approved as the installation date for new Council members.

The next council meeting will be held on Feb. 10. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Kocher, Secretary

#### February Committees

Altar: Cindy Hopkins, Betty Vance

Visiting: Jim & Helen Luidhardt

Greeter: Jim & Melissa Shade

Food: Betty Ebbeskotte, Marilyn Long, Chris Krahling

#### Women's Retreat at Pickwick Place:

Again we have the opportunity to gather at the Pickwick Place for the Women's Retreat on Saturday, February, 9th from 9 am to 1 pm. The topic is "The Way of the Wilderness". We have reserved a table for 10 under St. Paul's name. The sign up sheet and information is on the East entrance bulletin board. Come and join the wonderful fellowship, teacher and lunch! For those who can't come on Saturday, this year they are offering a Friday evening gathering on February 8th from 6-8 pm. Again see the information on the bulletin board.

God Squad is inviting anyone in the congregation to join them on February 10 at Carlisle House in Bucyrus. They will furnish the cookies and icing and will help residents to frost valentine cookies. We will meet at 1:30 to attend worship service. Last year there was a good turn out and everyone enjoyed working with The residents who also enjoyed frosting and eating those cookies. Please come out and enjoy the fellowship with the residents and help them frost cookies. We will begin to frost cookies after the service about 2:15.

On Sunday evening, February 24th God Squad will sponsor a movie night at the church. They will also be providing supper. Watch the Sunday bulletin for more information.

Thank you for your generosity and participation in the 2018 Adopt-A-Resident Program. The response to this program has been truly inspiring. All of our residents and clients appreciate the thoughtful gifts knowing that friends took the time to remember them.

May your New Year be filled with much joy!!

The Luther Home of Mercy Family

## GOD SQUAD MINUTES

January 10, 2019

Members present at the God Squad meeting were Mark Schanzenbach, Dorothy Schott, Susie Sutherland, Ken Geiger, Karen and Hans Scherner

Mark began the meeting with devotions.

Our ending balance is approximately \$5,428.

We discussed updates on our members

Dorothy gave us her visitation update. Ken Geiger has joined Dorothy on our visitation team.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Our Back to School collection was kicked off this past Sunday at the Coffee Hour after church. The Colonel Crawford peanut butter bars beat out Buckeye Central's bars by 2 votes. Next year we may change the date of the Coffee Hour and school collection to the following Sunday so it won't coincide with the removal of the Christmas decorations. The collection ends Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. We will pack up the supplies during the Sunday School hour on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Mark is preparing the report for the annual meeting.

We were asked by the women's board if we would consider donating money to the Bucyrus soup Kitchen. We decided not to. We may consider it again if a member saw this as their ministry and would like some financial help.

The decorating of cookies at the Carlisle House will be February 10<sup>th</sup>. There are 39 residents. We will attend the worship service at 1:30 and set up for the cookies at 2:15. Each God Squad member is asked to bring 2 dozen cookies. Michelle Breyley is making some sugar-free cookies. Dorothy will make the icing.

Movie Night will be February 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. We discussed some movie ideas. Carrie and Amber also have some ideas. For the light supper afterwards, it was suggested to do Arby's roast beef for sandwiches, chips, vegetable tray and dessert. Ken will check out getting an ice cream machine for the dessert.

Quiz Bowl will be March 17<sup>th</sup>. Amber and Carrie are in charge of this.

For our outing on July 27<sup>th</sup>, we are considering the Harvey School. Mark will get more information on this.

Doing the pancake breakfast ourselves was discussed again. We would need a very large griddle in order to keep up with the busy times in the morning –

especially when the school band and choirs come through. A thought was to lease one or see if we could use another organization's griddle. John has also mentioned some ideas but he is currently on vacation. We will discuss this more but we do need to decide before too long.

Our next meeting will be February 21<sup>st</sup>. Ken will do devotions.

Karen Scherner

#### St. Paul Shut in Members

##### Maplecrest

Helen Noblit	Birthday May 23
Loyd Kocher	Birthday July 19

##### Altercare

Elden Campbell	Birthday April 7
Kathryn Hoover	Birthday Sept. 13

##### Carlisle House

Lois Walker	Birthday Sept. 15
Paul Leonhardt	Birthday July 30

##### Orchard Park

Kermit Kibler	February 7
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Orchard Park  
Room #172  
Bucyrus, Oh 44820

##### At Home

Lois Leonhardt	Birthday March 31
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1123 Victoria Drive  
Bucyrus, Ohio

##### At Home

LeEtta Green	Birthday January 24
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6139 Swabb Rd.  
New Washington, Oh 44854

Dorothy Brause	Birthday March 27
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D-14 Gables of Kent Ridge  
5241 Sunnybrook Rd.  
Kent, Oh 44240

Evie Kibler	February 23
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2716 Marlet Ave N.  
Canton, Ohio 44714

# February 2019

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3 Coffee Hour hosted by Church Chouncil  Sunday School 9AM Worship 10 Am	4	5 Prayer Meeting in Pastor's office 6:30	6 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM	7	8	9
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Kathy Sheets..... Organist  
Karen Schimpf.....Assistant Organist  
Susie Sutherland.....Bookkeeper  
Roxanne Shipman. ....Sr. & Jr. Choir  
Cindy Hopkins.....Bell Choir  
Charlie Britt.....Sunday School Superintendent  
Betty Ebbeskotte . . . . President, Women of Church  
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Ben Ackerman	Eric Kocher
Doug Ebbeskotte	Tim Miller
Sam Hopkins	Carl Rinehart

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