



July/August 2024



The Disciple's Connection

In God We Trust

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." Psalm 31:14



People usually say the more seasoned you are, the faster time flies. I know I'm not the only one typing and thinking, "Wait. It's almost the 4th of July already?!" As I write this, it is late June meaning the year is almost half over. And yes, fireworks, food, and festivities are just around the corner. This year we celebrate the 248th "birthday" of the United States of America. From the founding of the United States, the importance of Christianity has always been recognized. The landscape in 2024 might seem like morals in general, and Christianity in particular, are under attack more than it is recognized. We used to know that America was a strong, Christian nation. Today, it might be hard to see Christianity in action. With high unrest and sharp divisions among people now, and with markers of our history being taken down each day, some may wonder if the windows & steeples of churches are the next targets.

Believe it or not, most of us carry around every day a reminder of the foundation of our nation. Take out a coin from your pocket or a dollar bill from your wallet. What do you see? The motto "In God We Trust". Here's a brief history of how this motto came to be. From the days of the colonies until Civil War times, coins were the only form of money. It was during the Civil War that an interest in a religious inscription on coins came to light. Many citizens and ministers wrote the Treasury expressing the opinion that by not having an inscription on coins we were disowning God and our religious heritage. Secretary of the Treasury Solomon Chase instructed the Director of the Philadelphia mint to come up with a motto for all coins used at the time, which were one-, two-, and three-cent coins. Director James Pollack came up with the 4 simple words "In God We Trust". With a March 3, 1865, act of Congress, In God We Trust was first put on the two-cent coin. With only small interruptions, that motto has appeared on all minted US coins ever since. It has appeared on all coins uninterrupted since 1916. It wasn't until a bill passed by Congress and signed by Pres. Eisenhower on July 30, 1956, that In God We Trust has appeared on all paper money printed by the Treasury.

Over at least the last 10-15 years, and most likely longer, there has been movement among a group of people to remove this motto from our money and other places. If you do a quick search online, you'll discover multiple petitions to the US Treasury to remove from all future currency printed and minted the words In God We Trust. Each of these online petitions have varying number of signatures. These signers believe that it is unconstitutional for you & I to force our thoughts about God or a god upon another American.

What does it mean for this country and its' people to have the words In God We Trust on all our money? I believe it means that not only are people in America still free to express their religion in an appropriate way, but they are also still free from the tyranny or oppression of others who believe differently. Not every American will be a Christian, even though we may wish all to be. Not every American will believe in a religion at all. As long as people exist, atheists will also exist. As Christians, let us thank God that as citizens of this country

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we are free to proclaim with our lips and lives In God We Trust. Thank God that His Word is not bound but has free course still in America. Thank God for the opportunities He gives us to share that Word. As we celebrate the birthday of this great nation, let us not forget the religious freedom we enjoy as citizens of the United States. Let us boldly proclaim with words and actions In God We Trust.

Serving our Lord Together

Pastor Sundborn



Our Great Heritage: Elizabeth of Hungary

By Molly Lackey

Elizabeth of Hungary

A.D. 1207–1231

Born a princess, she shunned her wealth to serve God by caring for the poor and needy.

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Imagine you are a beggar in 13th century Germany, owning only the clothes on your back, dizzy with hunger, lying on the side of the road in the city of Marburg. It looks like rain, and you don't know how much more of this you can bear. Your chest aches as you cough, and you hope that the painful sores over your face and body don't scare off any would-be benefactors. You've been



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praying for days, weeks, that something would change, some miracle would turn your life around. Doesn't Our Lord say something about caring for the poor, sick and hungry? Or is the fear stalking your heart true — that maybe it's some other, more deserving and pious poor, sick and hungry person whom God truly loves?

Tears of utter despair well up behind your eyes, when a furtive figure darts out from a side street — just what you need, a thief, like you even have anything worth stealing. The small figure approaches, revealing a young woman, a girl, really, wrapped in a dark cloak. She looks familiar, though you can't quite place her. "Are you hungry?" she asks in a bright and polished voice. You nod, straining to sit up from your place on the street. She produces a sack from underneath her cloak and places it by you. "Do you have anything to wear in this rain?" she again asks as cold drops begin falling. You shake your head and watch her remove her cloak — to your surprise, she is wearing a sumptuous robe underneath, dark purple wool and fastened in gold. She places it on top of you, then drapes the darker cloak over that, so as not to draw attention to your prone and defenseless form. "I will send for someone to carry you to the Franciscan hospital," she says, standing back up. She wears a simple dress, but something about her features, and her posture, and her voice — it doesn't match up, but it's so familiar. "God be with you, dear one." She runs back down the street she came from. As warmth floods your body — and the bread in the bag she left fills your stomach — a question leaps into your mind: Wasn't that the princess Elizabeth? What was she doing in a back alley like this, with someone like you?

From prayerful princess to servant of the poor

Elizabeth was born in Hungary in 1207 to King Andrew II and Queen Gertrude, his German bride. When Elizabeth was only six years old, her mother was assassinated, although by this time Elizabeth had already been moved to Thuringia, Germany, with a substantial dowry as part of a planned marriage to Louis IV, Landgrave of Thuringia. Louis, only seven years her senior, was likewise a child.

Elizabeth's childhood was marked by a deep piety, despite growing up in a cosmopolitan royal household, a venue of German courtly love poets and a bubble of wealth and decadence, insulated from the hardships borne by so many from want, poverty and illness at the time. She was constantly at prayer and in church, and she conducted herself with modesty and charity. Her royal companions mocked this behavior, though her soon-to-be husband must have been supportive: The pair married when she was 14 and he was 21, and he encouraged and defended her work with the poor.

Elizabeth was encouraged in her piety and charity work by the presence of the Franciscans, friars following the example of Francis of Assisi. She followed their example and distributed much of her wealth to the poor. According to the Golden Legend, a medieval source describing the lives of popular saints, she distributed bread to the hungry, spun wool with her chambermaids to clothe the naked, sold her jewelry and gave the proceeds to the poor, gave away her fine clothing, founded a hospital, cared for lepers, distributed grain during famines, and paid for and attended funerals and burials of the poor. This charitable work intensified after the early death of her husband, who died of the plague at age 26 on the way to the Sixth Crusade.

OUR GREAT HERITAGE: ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY continued**An example of selfless love**

Now a widow, Elizabeth embraced a life of celibacy and charity, taking vows to live like a Franciscan nun, though she never actually joined a convent. All this she did under the guidance of Konrad von Marburg, her priest and father confessor. Konrad appears to have engaged in the extreme asceticism the Reformation would later question, and he apparently expected Elizabeth to do likewise. He made her send her children away, and he severely beat her on at least one occasion. She received harsh treatment from her own family, too: At one point, she was functionally held hostage in her uncle's castle in an attempt to force her to remarry for political gain. It is not surprising, under these conditions, that Elizabeth died at only 24 years old after a brief illness.

Elizabeth was — and remains — a very popular saint within Germany, especially in Thuringia, a region that borders Luther's Saxony, and in Marburg, home of a Gothic church named in her honor and the site of Luther's famous debate with Ulrich Zwingli. Philip I, Landgrave of Hesse, a supporter of the Reformation, was also one of her descendants. This perhaps explains why she has historically remained popular with Lutherans. Some 800 years later, she remains a powerful example of selfless love for neighbor, especially those hurting most. May we, like Elizabeth, not be caught up in idolatrous pursuit of wealth and power, but rather use whatever resources God has given us to care for our brothers and sisters.

Image: "St. Elisabeth," Hans Holbein, c. 1516.

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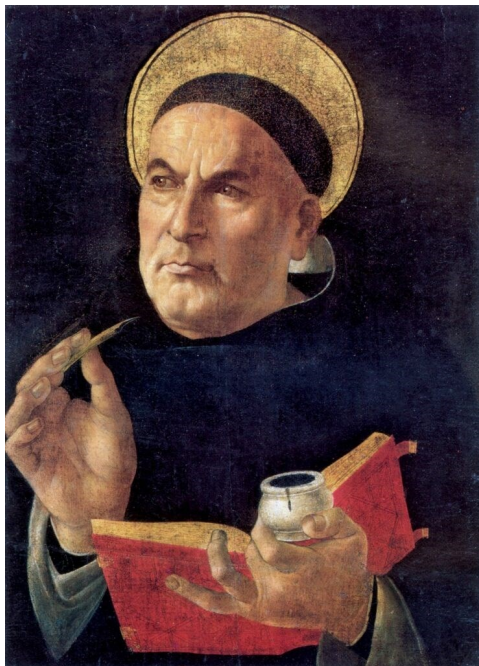
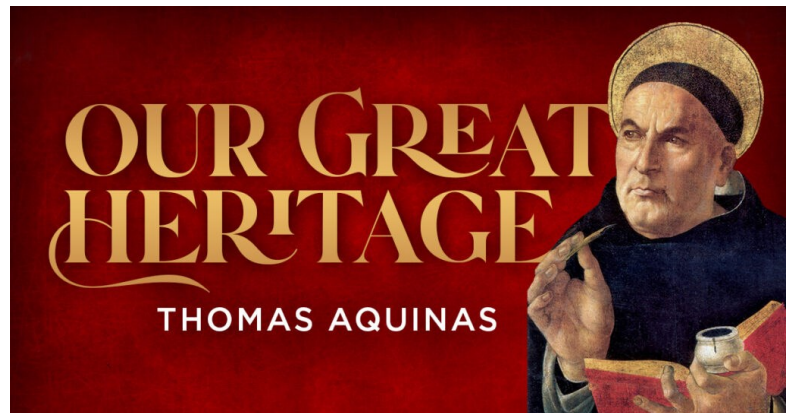
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Our Great Heritage: Thomas Aquinas

By Molly Lackey



Thomas Aquinas

A.D. 1225–1274

A diligent scholar, Aquinas sought to know God's truth and communicate it in a clear way to a confused world.

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Imagine you are a Dominican scribe, working to write down and collect the works of your fellow monks. You are in a good mood today, because you will be working with one of your friends. You knock at his cell door. No reply. Well, he's probably still eating breakfast — the great ox-like Thomas Aquinas was never one to leave a meal early. Several minutes pass, but he never comes. You knock again, and the door swings open. You enter and start getting out your quill, inks and vellum, but your brother monk shakes his head quietly. You ask if he is unwell — you'd noticed he was acting strange at Mass that morning — to which he replies no. He is finished. He will write no more. You plead with him to no avail. "I cannot," says Thomas, "because all that I have written seems like straw to me."

Tommaso d'Aquino, known to us English-speakers as Thomas Aquinas, was born into a wealthy and powerful Sicilian family. While the rest of his brothers prepared for prestigious military careers, Thomas was educated with the intention of his becoming an abbot. The family's well-laid plans were shattered, however, when the 19-year-old Thomas announced he was becoming a Dominican friar and had no ambitions for authority, even within the church. The Aquino family responded by kidnapping Thomas and trying to force him to change his

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mind and pursue ecclesiastical power, but he refused and eventually escaped.

Aquinas was educated in Paris, where his classmates derided him for being quiet, reserved and, they assumed, dim-witted. His professor, the famous scholar Albertus Magnus, is said to have declared to the class, “You call him the dumb ox, but in his teaching he will one day produce such a bellowing that it will be heard throughout the world.” His teacher was correct; the slow and methodical Thomas became a tutor and teacher himself, taking on a significant role in the theological debates of his day.

From quiet student to prolific theologian

Thomas Aquinas’s monumental theological and philosophical output spanned almost every conceivable topic, despite the fact that he died at only 48 or 49 years old. His most famous is the *Summa Theologica*, or “Summary of Theology,” a comprehensive outline of Roman Catholic doctrine. The format of the *Summa* — an argument given in the form of possible objections, each of which receives its own response — is drawn from Aristotle’s writings, which Aquinas used in service of theology.

The role of Aristotle within the Christian church was a hot-button topic in Aquinas’s day. Many of the early Christians — including Augustine — were heavily influenced by Aristotle’s teacher Plato. The two philosophers did not agree, and, as a result, there was an anti-Aristotle bias among Christian thinkers for centuries. Plato taught that the physical world was a dim shadow of the spiritual world (or the world of Forms or Ideas). Aristotle, on the other hand, taught that the physical world and our perceptions of it were a legitimate source of information. Where Plato was transcendental, Aristotle was common-sense.

Aquinas believed that Aristotle could be brought into alignment with Christian teaching in order to better understand God, man, and man’s place in the world. For example, Aquinas re-introduced Aristotle’s idea of everything having four causes, or ways of explaining or describing something: what the thing is made of (material cause), what it is shaped or looks like (formal cause), how it was created (efficient cause), and why it was made (final cause). Although this is not from the Bible — it’s philosophy, not theology — it can be a very helpful way of talking about complicated topics, theological or otherwise.

Baptizing an ancient philosophy

Aquinas did not want to make Christianity more Aristotelian; he wanted to make Aristotelianism Christian. Unfortunately, problems still arose from Aquinas’s attempt to baptize this pagan philosophical framework, both during his life and after. Aquinas cemented the concept of transubstantiation into Roman Catholic dogma. Transubstantiation is the belief that the “substance” (an Aristotelian category) of the bread and wine in the Lord’s Supper is transformed (changed) into the body and blood of Christ, while the “accidents” (or appearance — another Aristotelian category) of bread and wine remain. In this view, only two things are present in the Lord’s Supper — Christ’s body and blood. During the Reformation, Martin Luther would argue that transubstantiation was a philosophical explanation rather than a scriptural one, and so could not be enforced as doctrine. The Bible does not speak in Aristotelian terms about “substance” or “accidents.” Instead, the Bi-

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ble states that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine. Thus four things are present in the Lord's Supper: Christ's body and blood, and bread and wine.

Even in Aquinas's own lifetime, the return of Aristotle brought with it problems. There were other theologians who were importing bits of Aristotle's philosophy that were directly at odds with the Bible — teaching, for example, that the world had always existed and was uncreated. Aquinas debated these teachers, but found the situation extremely upsetting. A few years later, Aquinas experienced something while celebrating the Mass, the exact nature of which he never shared. Whatever it was, it brought about a great change: He never wrote again. The *Summa Theologica* is, in fact, unfinished as a result. Three months later, Aquinas was dead.

Thomas Aquinas's theological and philosophical work continue to be the basis of much official Roman Catholic teaching. In fact, Thomas Aquinas forever changed the study of theology throughout Christendom. Although Luther rejected how Aquinas (and many other medieval scholars) approached theology, other Lutheran scholars, even Philipp Melancthon, used Aristotelean frameworks in order to write more clearly about challenging theological topics.

While Lutherans acknowledge the limits of philosophy to understand our transcendent God, we can still find encouragement in Thomas Aquinas's firm belief in God's gift of a knowable and good created world. We join Aquinas in the words of his communion hymn, *Adore Te Devote*, "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior" (LSB 640, v. 5):

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst for soon our portion be:
To gaze on Thee unveiled and see Thy face,
The vision of Thy glory, and Thy grace.

Image: "Thomas Aquinas," Sandro Botticelli, 1460–1510.

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Life Quotes for July

July 7 "Know that you too have been called to serve on behalf of life at such a time as this. God continually equips you, and you will be in awe of what He is able to do in and through you. The best part is He had it planned in the beginning (Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:16; Ephesians 2:10). May you be blessed as you continue to serve life in His image!" *Jordan Killinger is President of Rice for Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

July 14 "We are each created in God's image regardless of our abilities. He has called us to be His witnesses in the world. We are blessed for life—that we might be a BLESSING—glorifying Him in all we do. Because He has redeemed ME, my response to His everlasting love is to seek to do His will in all things and seek to serve. All His children, regardless of age (pre-born to wise with age), could seek to share God's love with each and every soul God has created." *Lori Solyom, Director of Development, Voice of Care – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

July 21 "We have the grace and truth of the Gospel to share—not only with women and men in crisis pregnancies but also with those so adamantly advocating for abortion. Why would we not share Christ with a lost and hurting people?" *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

July 28 "Let's get back to the basics and drown out the ugly message that death is the solution to life issues. God loves life and His creation. He has no desire for any of us to take our own life or the life of someone else. Our days are in His hands, not our own. May your For Life work be blessed, and may you be filled with the joy that comes with doing the Lord's work as a faithful servant." *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Life Quotes for August

August 4 "If the Christian church is passionate about protecting every life, then we will need to learn how to meet relational needs. When an unplanned pregnancy happens, the baby's parents often have massive needs to help them grow as people and, perhaps, as a couple. Could you be God's way of meeting such needs?"

Pastor Mike Novotny, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

August 11 "Not only does Scripture provide God's intent and meaning, it also encourages us to be truthful (Proverbs 12:19), timely (Proverbs 17:28; Matthew 18:15), gentle (Titus 3:2), and more. Most importantly, it reminds us, in God we find the strength to speak truth in the face of evil (Psalm 118:6; Ephesians 6:13). Stand strong, choose words carefully, and remember the Lion's got your back." *James MacGregor, COL, USA (RET), Director at Large, LFL of Kansas Director-at-Large – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

August 18 "Through our vocations, both permanent and temporary, Christians are gifted opportunities to share the Gospel-motivated message that every life is valuable, and in so doing, carry the light of Christ into dark places filled with sin and death. It's true, this work won't always be easy; there may be times when we wonder about the path God has placed us on. But we can be confident that we aren't traveling alone. Christ goes with us, and His grace is sufficient. Always." *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

August 25 "We live in the presence of evil. Some of it is twisted to sound good. We hear of 'the compassionate relief of suffering' or 'death with dignity' or 'right to health care' or 'simple medical procedure.' You know many more. God calls us to confront these with His truth, to reveal the evil behind them. God calls us to educate fellow Christians in His truth so they do not end up 'possessed' by this way of thinking. God calls us to call evil what it is, but also to share the truth of what God has done about evil. For that we fix our gaze upon Jesus (Hebrews 12:2). He speaks to us through His Word of truth and grace." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Announcements

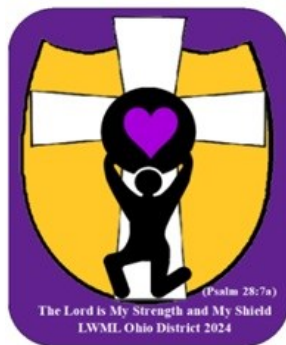
An Outreach Thank You

Thank you for continuing to support St. Paul's Outreach! We are seeking donations to help cover expenses for our August 17th Open House and other programs. We will be offering a free lunch for anyone in attendance (including volunteers). The lunch will consist of hot dogs, chips, pop and lemonade. New backpacks will be provided to all the preschool children enrolling this year. A sample of the backpack, and the items included inside, can be found under the electronic message board at the back of the sanctuary. For the Preschool teachers and their assistants, we will be presenting gift baskets to show our appreciation for their work and dedication to the success of the preschool program. Funds will also go towards the printing of additional brochures for St. Paul's Church. If you can help with any amount, envelopes can be found next to the backpack on display, or you can mark your weekly envelope for "Outreach Budget." Thank you again for your support!



**God's Work
Our Hands**

LWML Convention



A huge "Thank you!" to the St. Paul's women LWML group that attended the 30th Biennial Convention in Canton this past weekend; Billie Lelle, Starshine Graziadei, Erin Cardina and Kelly Hines; representing our entire Northeast Zone were 15 women. With 175 registered voters attending the convention, the Ohio District 2024 Mission Grants allotted for \$95,000 for the biennium. While the grant submitted by St. Paul's did not receive enough votes, 10 very worthy recipients will receive these funds. Karen Shanahan has been elected as our new LWML Ohio District President for the upcoming 2024-2028 term. Please continue your support and prayers for the future of the LWML leaders and committees, more information on the convention news and pictures can be found at <http://www.lwmlohio.org>

Morning Devotions at LWML Convention

Kudos to our own Kelly Hines, who led the morning devotion on Saturday morning at the convention. She spoke on "decluttering our lives" and holding on to the One Thing Needful - JESUS! Kelly was a Young Woman Representative at the Milwaukee convention in 2023 and is an active member of LWML not only in our church, but also in the Northeast Zone and in the LWML Ohio District.



Outreach Hotdog Lunch/Preschool Open House

The Outreach Board will be hosting a combined Open House for both the Church and the Preschool on Saturday, August 17th from 11 am to 2 pm at St. Paul's. This will be an outgrowth of the Free Hot Dog Lunch that was held in the past and will be combined with the registration for the Preschool families.



At the open house the Preschool's new Outdoor Learning Space will be unveiled which will be a great outdoor experience for the children! You will be able to meet some of the Preschool Teachers and Assistants and tour the classrooms.

The Outreach Board will be giving each student enrolled in the Preschool a new backpack with school supplies and other fun surprises!

The free Hot Dog Lunch includes chips and a beverage.

There will be games for children and adults and plenty of room to just sit back and relax while children explore the new Outdoor Learning Space. Hope to see you there!

Church Picnic

Sunday, August 11, 2023
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Townline Park
2121 Townline Rd.
Perry, Ohio 44081

Provided...

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,
Buns, Beverage, Plates,
Napkins, Cups, Plastic Ware

Bring...

Side Dish or Dessert Out-
door Games, Cornhole

Pool will be open so bring your bathing suit and towel

Sign-up sheet located at the back of the Sanctuary

A 4-digit code to enter the park will be given prior to the picnic.



Automated Giving Program

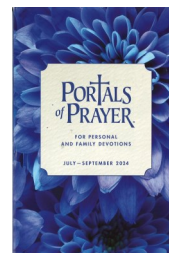
Have you thought of automating your weekly offering? St. Paul's has a program called Simply Giving that does just that. Simply Giving is an automated giving program from Thrivent Financial used at St. Paul's to help you conveniently and consistently contribute to the church. There are many benefits to enrolling:

1. It is a reliable and safe way to move your stewardship plan into action.
2. It allow you to share your gifts through planned giving and activates your generosity into ongoing stewardship.
3. Because the giving is consistent you won't miss Sunday offerings.
4. The congregation benefits from steady, more predictable revenue throughout the year.
5. There is more efficient bookkeeping.
6. Greater confidence in meeting the church's financial commitments.

It's easy to enroll. Fill out the form attached to the flyer located under the mailboxes and give it to Billie Lelle.

Portals of Prayer

The July—September Portals of Prayer is now available. Copies can be found at the back of the sanctuary by the double doors, or on the resource area table.



Mite Giving for June



Mite giving for the month of June was \$198.31. To God be the Glory!
You can donate at any time by placing your mites in the wooden box on the Friendship Circle table.

Altar Flowers



A great way to remember any occasion is with Altar Flowers. The Altar Flower Chart is located on the double doors at the back of the Sanctuary. Just sign up next to the appropriate weekend. Clearly print the occasion being remembered, who the flowers are for and who they're from. Altar flowers are \$40.00. Please place the monies in an envelope labeled "Altar Flowers" with the date of the weekend and put it in the collection plate.



Local Farmers Markets

It's that time again for fresh fruits and vegetables. Check out one or all for these local farmers markets!

Painesville

Date: Thursdays, June 6 – September 26

Time: 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Painesville Square near Main Street



Willoughby

Date: Saturdays, May 4- October 26

Time: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location: Parking lot of Willoughby City Hall
1 E. Spaulding, Willoughby, OH

Madison Village

Date: Thursdays, June 6 - August 29

Time: 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Location: East Side of Village Square Park

Mentor

Date: Fridays, June 14 - September 13

Time: 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Location: Eleanor B. Garfield Park



From the Preschool

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

St. Paul's Preschool Job Opportunity

St. Paul's Preschool is accepting resumes for anyone interested in working in our preschool program. We are interviewing candidates for assistant teachers. The opportunity is part time and preschool experience is preferred but not required. If you or someone you know is interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact our Preschool Director, Amy Marizek at preschool@splcpainesville.org or (440)354-3000.



June Meeting Notes

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported making 31 calls, 2 hospital, 4 shut-in, and 2 house calls, and preformed 1 confirmation. He thanked those who have served this past year and those who will serve this coming year. Pastor will travel to MN June 9 to 12 and July 18 to 26; Pastor Henry will lead worship on 7/20-21. He also announced the transfer in of Emly Berndt from Holy Cross, Madison, the transfer out of the Shutic family to Zion, and the release of Don & Sue Luther to King of Kings (WELS), Willoughby.

President's report: Dennis also thanked those who served last year and those who will serve this year. He reported he has closed the term insurance policy of M. Hiller and has filed the 2 active policies for further review. After receiving a grant from Thrivent, 10 to 12 Hearts of Mercy & Compassion crosses will be built, He also said the Safety/Security Team continues to meet to discuss issues.

Vice President's report: Eric reported the carpet cleaning will done this summer.

Treasurer's Report: Russ reported our cash position the first 11 months is down \$10,908 from last year and our liabilities are lower \$17,041 vs. 2023. Offerings are down slightly, and expenses are up with maintenance, payroll, and electricity the notable increases.

Education Report: Erin reported Sunday school & Adult Bible study continues to meet and average attendance is now 23. Sunday School & Bible study will continue during the summer. She is also working on cleaning the clutter in Sunday School office.

Preschool report: Star reported contracts are complete for 2024-25 with all teachers and all but 1 helper will return, registration is underway and 26 are enrolled, NLSA visit is complete and approval is expected. With Karen retiring in June 2026, a search is underway for backup payroll position. Star also said plans for Learning Center are underway.

Elders' report: Dale reported no responses have been received on delinquent letters.

Stewardship report: Kristi reported she has posted a sign-up sheet for volunteers to maintain our garden beds this summer/fall.

Financial Secretary report: Jenn said several months still needs counters.

Outreach Report: Ken thanked Dennis & friend Ron for presenting a special Thin Blue Line Heart to Euclid Police Dept. in honor of Officer Jacob Derbin, as part of Hearts of Mercy & Compassion project. He also said Star & Kelly work on updating the website. Back packs for Preschool students including supplies will cost \$250(\$5 each) and donations will be sought. Ken said plans will begin for the Open House, Saturday, August 11, this month

JUNE MEETING MINUTES continued

Buildings & Grounds report: Craig reported projects at the parsonage are ongoing, Dennis has corrected issue with Preschool entry door latch, Ken & Terry have begun painting of Preschool entry hallway and girls' bathroom, weed spray has been applied to several flower beds, and wiring and installation of security cameras has begun.

Contribution Secretary Report: Billie reported May's offerings were \$12,879 vs. \$22,195 (included \$4351 from Preschool grant) in 2023. Average weekly number of contributors was 26 both years.

Old Business:

- 1) Alarm System: Dennis and Craig reported fixes to wiring improved issues.
- 2) Pastor reported that District office approved changes to our Constitution changes, but didn't mention the By-Law changes. Pastor will follow up.
- 3) Safety/Security Team: Dennis reported on progress on safety issues, and that wiring and installing security cameras has begun and hopes to be completed this month.
- 4) Business credit card & Amazon business accounts: Star said she needs May's minutes to begin application for business credit card at PNC Bank. She also said she & Joe needed email address and June's minutes to begin application for Amazon account.
- 5) Learning Center: Star said estimates for fencing raised questions about any possible pipes in the area and Fire Dept will review any zoning codes.
- 6) Pastor said the Berry's, Kurt West have resumed attending services; the Clark's are interested in taking membership classes.

New Business:

- 1) OSLS Golf Outing: Saturday, June 29. St. Paul's to furnish lunch
- 2) Church Picnic: Sunday, August 11, 12-4pm @ Townline Park, North Perry.
- 3) Captains Game Outing: Friday, June 14, cost \$30 includes meal and seat. Money into Dale by June 1st. Zion & Faith again have been invited.
- 4) Jenn reported OSLS has issued a call for principal and asked for prayers.
- 5) Installation of 2024-25 Council Members will be July 13/14 during services.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 7 @ 6:30pm.

Fairs and Festivals

July

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Fridays [Car Cruise Friday](#) Painesville, OH. Painesville's famous Car Cruise is every Friday on the Square. Stroll through vintage, muscle and unique vehicles lining beautiful Veterans' Park while enjoying music and snacks. See you every Friday starting May 17 through September 20, weather permitting.

July 3-6 [Mardi Gras](#) Fairport Harbor, OH

July 4 [Mentor Concert & Fireworks](#) Mentor Civic Amphitheater Mentor, OH

July 6 [Fairport Harbor Beach Party Fireworks](#) Fairport Harbor, OH

July 9-14 [Trumbull County Fair](#) Cortland, OH

July 10-14 [Chagrin Hunter Jumper Classic](#) Chagrin Falls, OH. Chagrin Valley Jumper Classic: One of Northern Ohio's summer highlights is the popular Hunter Jumper Classic, held every July at the Chagrin Valley's picturesque Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field. In past years, the show has hosted more than 500 competitors from over 30 states and several foreign countries.

July 12-13 [Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale](#) Wayne County Fairgrounds Wooster, OH. The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction has three auctions: The Art and Collectible Auction featuring art and collectibles from local and well-known artists, the Quilt Auction featuring all sizes and colors, and the Wood Auction featuring items from local businesses and craftsmen.

July 13 [Farmfest](#) Lake Metroparks, Kirtland, OH Celebrate Farmpark's 28 years of serving visitors at this free event. This family-oriented event will provide a sampling of Farmpark's best programs and demonstrations. Visitors will enjoy Farmpark activities, food, entertainment and much more. Food vendors will provide both food and beverages

July 14-20 [All American Soap Box Derby](#) Akron, Ohio

July 19-21 [Party in the Park](#) Painesville, OH

July 23-28 [Lake County Fair](#) in Painesville, OH

July 23-28 [Summit County Fair](#) in Tallmadge, OH

July 24-August 4 [Ohio State Fair](#) Columbus, OH

July 26-28 [Historical Engine Society Antique Power Exhibition](#) Lake Metroparks, Kirtland, OH Farmpark is hosting the Historical Engine Society's 53rd Annual Antique Power Exhibition. If there is a member of your family that enjoys machinery—this is their event. During your visit to the show, you can expect to see antique tractors, construction & excavation equipment, cars, trucks, and hit & miss engines.

July 27-28 [Wine & Walleye Festival](#) Ashtabula, OH

July 27-28 [Summer Festival of the Arts](#) Wean Park Youngstown, OH. The Summer Festival of the Arts is an annual event hosted by The Cultural Alliance! Join us for a weekend of performance, music, and artwork.

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July 27-28 [Festival of the Arts](#) Wean Park in downtown Youngstown, Ohio YSU Summer Festival welcomes over 80 local, regional, and national artists, the event draws over 15,000 people to the park-like campus.

July 29-August 4 [Medina County Fair](#) Medina, OH

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August 3-4 [POWER Show](#) Century Village Museum, Burton, OH This show features a stunning array of artifacts from tractors to historical equipment! Explore the rich history of our region through these fascinating relics and get a glimpse into the past!

August 4 [Chardon Square Association Arts Festival](#) Chardon, OH. This outdoor show will host over 100 artists both local and out of state, providing a wonderful opportunity for a day of shopping and dining in a park like-setting. It is estimated that 5,000 people enjoy this beautiful show each year. The artists represented will cover many different genres, including painting, stained glass, leather, fabric art, wood carving, pottery, photography, weaving, copper, jewelry, stone cutting and more.

August 4 [The Fest](#) Wickliffe, OH. A day of FAITH, FAMILY & FUN...all for FREE! The FEST features an incredible lineup of talented Christian artists and bands – let the music uplift your spirit and the lyrics inspire your heart as we unite in worship.

August 6-11 [Ashtabula County Fair](#) Jefferson, OH

August 6-11 [Cuyahoga County Fair](#) Berea, OH

August 15-17 [D-Day Reenactment](#) Conneaut Township Park, Conneaut, Ohio. D-Day Conneaut will invade the Lake Erie shores of Conneaut, Ohio, and stage the country's largest D-Day (June 6, 1944) living history reenactment. Featuring over 1,800 reenactors, spectators will witness a living tribute to the veterans of WWII through dress, mock battles, and living history displays. It is a highly realistic and educational experience.

August 17-18 [Milk & Honey Weekend](#) Lake Metroparks, Kirtland, OH Explore the world of milk and honey. Learn how milk becomes cheese, butter or delicious ice cream and watch the production process. Learn about bees and their role in pollination, how honey is harvested, pollinator-friendly plants, as well as how bees contribute to many products that we use in our daily lives. Demonstrations, garden tours and more.

August 18-25 [Lorain County Fair](#) Wellington, OH



July Birthdays

Matt Greig	Jul 4
Rosemary Galayda	Jul 8
Aaron Lindrose	Jul 11
Stephanie Javins	Jul 12
Scott Javins	Jul 24
Craig Wilhelm	Jul 24
Frank Vosicky III	Jul 27
Ed Hines	Jul 30
Craig McConnell	Jul 31
Marie Rusnak	Jul 31



July Anniversaries

Jim and Becky Franz	46 years on Jul 1
Lea McLean-Brandt and Bill Brandt	18 years on Jul 4
Jack and Billie Lelle	54 years on Jul 11
Cheryl and Barry Dewit	38 years on Jul 19
Scott and Stephanie Javins	20 years on Jul 24

August Birthdays

Roy Greig	Aug 1	Joshua Sundbom	Aug 22
Amelia Greig	Aug 3	Sam Doeing	Aug 28
Ed Kujala	Aug 3	Johanna Sistek	Aug 28
Dominic Madda	Aug 3		
Parker Smola	Aug 4		
Ellie Cardina	Aug 11		
Meaghan Sundbom	Aug 12		
Molly Doeing	Aug 15		
Dennis Concoby	Aug 16		
Beth Murphy	Aug 18		
Ted Klebe	Aug 21		



August Anniversaries

Ken and Hasnah Chaffe	31 years on Aug 7
Aaron and Michelle Lindrose	28 years on Aug 10
Kathy Emrich and Peter	47 years on Aug 13
Roy and Julie Greig	43 years on Aug 29
Joe and Star Graziadei	16 years on Aug 29



Those Who Serve: July 2024

ELDERS:

6:00 P Saturday Dale Kerver
9:30 A Sunday Jeff Troutman

COUNTERS:

Tom Cardina, Matt Chaffe,
Jeff Troutman

LECTORS:

07-06-24	6:00 P	Saturday	Pastor Sundbom
07-07-24	9:30 A	Sunday	Craig McConnell
07-13-24	6:00 P	Saturday	Pastor Sundbom
07-14-24	9:30 A	Sunday	Jack Lelle
07-20-24	6:00 P	Saturday	Dave Murphy
07-21-24	9:30 A	Sunday	Ken Chaffe
07-27-24	6:00 P	Saturday	Dale Kerver
07-28-24	9:30 A	Sunday	Erik Drake



Scripture Readings for July



Jul 6/7

Ezekiel 2:1-5
2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Mark 6:1-13

Jul 13/14

Amos 7:7-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

Jul 20/21

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-44

Jul 27/28

Genesis 9:8-17
Ephesians 3:14-21
Mark 6:45-56

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6:00 P Saturday Aaron Lindrose
9:30 A Sunday Rich Szoradi

COUNTERS:

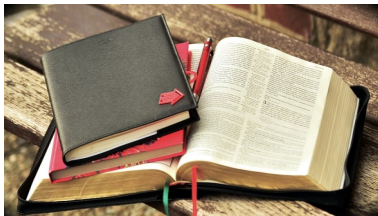
Jenn Drake, Kristi McConnell,
Craig McConnell

LECTORS:

08-03-24	6:00 P	Saturday	Dave Murphy
08-04-24	9:30 A	Sunday	Terry Wakelee
08-10-24	6:00 P	Saturday	Pastor Sundbom
08-11-24	9:30 A	Sunday	Craig McConnell
08-17-24	6:00 P	Saturday	Dale Kerver
08-18-24	9:30 A	Sunday	Jack Lelle
08-24-24	6:00 P	Saturday	Dave Murphy
08-25-24	9:30 A	Sunday	Jenn Drake
08-24-24	6:00 P	Saturday	Pastor Sundbom
08-25-24	9:30 A	Sunday	Ken Chaffe



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Aug 3/4

Exodus 16:2-15
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:22-35

Aug 10/11

1 Kings 19:1-8
Ephesians 4:17-5:2
John 6:35-51

Aug 17/18

Proverbs 9:1-10
Ephesians 5:6-21
John 6:51-69

Aug 24/25

Isaiah 29:11-19
Ephesians 5:22-33
Mark 7:1-13

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Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Ephesians 6:10-20
Mark 7:14-23



July Word Search—4th of July

G	R	I	L	L	I	N	G	A	H	R	F	E	T
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L	T	I	C	R	Q	H	S	T	A	R	S	A	A
Y	R	B	G	E	R	O	O	R	R	E	C	R	P
G	O	E	B	C	E	T	O	I	B	W	I	K	S
I	R	R	S	F	G	D	O	P	E	O	N	L	D
S	A	T	D	G	I	O	A	E	L	R	C	E	N
B	A	Y	H	T	N	G	R	S	E	K	I	R	E
F	F	O	R	T	H	H	I	C	C	S	P	S	I
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STARS
ANTHEM
HAMBURGERS
FIREWORKS
SPARKLERS
FREEDOM
FORTH
LIBERTY
PATRIOT
FLAG
FAMILY
HOT DOG
INDEPENDENCE
HEROS
GRILLING
PICNIC
AMERICA
CELEBRATION
FRIENDS
BARBEQUE
STRIPES

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August Word Search—Summer Activities



SUMMER
HIKING
PADDLE BOAT
INNERTUBING
MARSHMELLOWS
CAMPER
TENT
CAMPFIRE
WATERMELON
SUNSHINE
KAYAK
RIVER
HORSESHOES
WATER SKIING
CANOEING
VACATION
CAMPING
LAKE
FISHING

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Worship Services

Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:30 am

Sunday Bible Study

Adult 8:30am & 10:45 am
Children 10:45 am

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July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm</div> <div>Bulletin Announcements Due Wednesdays</div>	1 National Park Month National Picnic Month	2	3	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY Office Closed	5	6 National Day of Cooperation
7 World Chocolate Day	8	9 Cow Appreciation Day	10	11 6:30 pm Outreach Committee	12 National Pecan Pie Day	13 
14  National Mac & Cheese Day	15	16	17 6:30 pm Safety Committee	18	19	20 National Moon Day
21 National Ice Cream Day	22	23	24 Cousins Day	25	26  Summer Olympics Start	27 
28  Parents' Dat	29	30 International Friendship Day	31	<div>  <div> COMMUNION SERVICE </div> </div> <div> WORSHIP SCHEDULE Saturdays - 6:00pm Sundays - 9:30am Sunday School - 10:45am Adult Bible Study—8:30am & 10:45am </div> <div> July Birthstone Ruby & Onyx </div> <div> July Flower Larkspur & Water Lily </div> <div> July Astrological Sign Cancer & Leo </div>		

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August Birthstone Peridot	August Flowers Poppy & Gladiolus					
4 National Sister Day	5	6 National Root Beer Float Day	7 6:30 pm Council Meeting Purple Heart Day	8 National Cat Day	9	10  National S'mores Day
11  12:00 pm-4:00 pm Townline Park Summer Olympics End	12 International Youth Day	13 International Left-Handers Day	14	15 6:30 pm Elder's Meeting	16 August Newsletter Articles and Announcements Due National Roller Coaster Day	17  11:00 am-2:00 pm Preschool Open House & Outreach Hot Dog Lunch
18	19 National Aviation Day	20 National Radio Day	21 Senior Citizens Day	22 National Tooth Fairy Day	23	24  National Waffle Day
25 	26 National Dogs Day	27	28 National Bow Tie Day	29	30 National Beach Day	31