



July/August 2023



# The Disciple's Connection

## The Friendship Evangelism Equation



As a summer lover, I'm again in my element. Sorry to any winter lovers out there. You'll have your time. The warm summer weather allows people to gather outside, congregate in places, do things together. I know, I'm taking a risk by titling the lead article of the Disciples' Connection for 2 summer months in this manner, but I did it anyway [and it does kind of sound like the title to an episode of "The Big Bang Theory"]. So, I want you to think this for a couple minutes: A math equation ... for friendship. Follow me here. Ample, unhurried time + closeness to a person + an activity [with food is a big plus] = conversation. Multiply conversation by time and the result is FREINDSHIP.

I've long been a believer in Evangelism through Relationships. It involves thinking about the people to whom I am connected and answering 3 questions about them: 1. Who is this person? 2. What is Jesus already doing in their life? 3. How can I join Jesus in what He is already doing? And this is not confined to just the street on which we live. It applies to any place you regularly spend time as well. Think about your own life for a second. When you talk to people, who are they usually? People you already know. With whom do you usually have meaningful conversations? Your friends. How did you become friends? You had ample, unhurried time together, you were in close proximity, and I'll bet there was some activity involved as well. And you didn't just do this once I'm assuming. You did this multiple times. Pretty soon, you had a friend.

We are much more likely to have meaningful, even spiritual, conversations with friends. I'm not saying we don't have them with strangers, because that does happen occasionally. What I am saying is we're more likely to have them with friends than with strangers. God has placed me among these people. Why? That is the \$64,000 question. What is He already doing in the lives of my friends? How have I been prepared to join in what He is doing in their lives?

I think that it's helpful to reflect for a minute. What has God done in my own life? Did He use others? And how did He use them? What am I thankful for today? If we can see God's work in our lives, if we have things we are thankful for each day, you see the reason that God can, and will, use us in the life of someone we know. He used others to draw us close to Himself. He will use you in the same way in the life of someone else. You don't know when or how. Just be around, be available. God will bring people into your path. Who are they? What has God done in their life so far? How can you join him? Always remember what a friend you have in Jesus.

Serving Christ Together

*Pastor Sundbom*



## Angels and Archangels

by Edward Riojas

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Everyone loves angels almost as much as they love marshmallow fluff. Angel figurines come out of the woodwork and red storage bins before Christmas and decorate our homes. Some end up topping Christmas trees. Folks dote on well-behaved children and call them “little angels,” even though parents are more inclined to have differing opinions of their progeny. Some hear the tinkling of little bells and instantly think of angels’ wings. Upon the death of a loved one, many declare that their young ones have “gotten their wings” and that heaven has “received another angel.” Not so.

Christ Jesus did not die for angels — He died for us poor, miserable, human sinners. There is no reason for us to aspire to something outside of our Savior’s eternal love for us. Neither is there reason to think we become angels or reincarnate as bunnies or hedgehogs when we die. Other religions may believe that, but Scripture does not speak this way.

We have, however, been so inundated with non-biblical imagery of angels that it is no wonder we admire them so much. Somewhere along the line, a bored artist decided to make angels look like someone men might want to ask out on a first date. Striking beauty, rosy cheeks, flowing blonde hair and fiber optic wings have become the accepted ideal, and, unfortunately, it has lulled our stupid brains into a false perception of angels.



Fig. 1: Nike of Samothrace, the Louvre

## ANGELS AND ARCHANGELS *continued*

Something in my gut tells me the average guy would not want to be visited by an angel of biblical proportions, much less ask one out on a date. Killing machines with six wings, executing the will of the Lord perfectly, and named Raphael or Michael, do not sound like the ideal dates. How did this poor vision of reality take over Christian artwork?

### Renaissance excesses



Fig. 2: The putti in "Sistine Madonna"

We may thank the Renaissance for this, along with its artists' abuse of artistic license. Renaissance artists sought to return to all things Classical, including Classical Greek and Roman art, architecture and culture. Those who could speak Classical Greek and Latin were considered "cool kids." These Renaissance artists pulled much Greek and Roman art out of context and used it in Christian artwork.

The sculpture, "Nike of Samothrace," a Greek sculpture created during the second century B.C., displays many of these Hellenistic ideals. This sculpture, along with similar pagan figures, likely became a Renaissance model for biblical angels. The Renaissance artists adopted the figure's two wings, flowing robes and feminine characteristics, and we have been stuck with that unlikely vision of angelic beauty ever since.

As if that were not enough, pagan Cupid and his close relatives, [the putti](#), were thrown into the mix and confusingly named "cherubs," upstaging God's [thundering cherubim](#) with annoying, fat, chubby children. Some of the most famous putti appear in a detail of Raphael Sanzio's "Sistine Madonna." The Renaissance master painted the piece 1512–1513, and the winged babies can still be found today on schmaltzy coffee mugs, Christmas ornaments and — you guessed it — face masks.

The Northern Renaissance, from which the Lutheran artist [Lucas Cranach](#), hailed, were also influenced by the angels from the "Samothrace" mold. These northern artists were hampered by, strangely, hair styles of the day. The male angels sported long, curly locks instead of a more masculine coif. The central panel of the altarpiece of St. Michael, painted by Gerard David circa 1510, demonstrates this tendency. One must look twice to confirm Michael's gender.



Fig. 3: Gerard David altarpiece

## ANGELS AND ARCHANGELS *continued*

### Eastern Orthodox to the rescue



Fig. 4: Fresco at the Hagia Sophia

The Eastern Orthodox Church came to the rescue by tempering Renaissance art with odd, though technically correct, depictions of angels — well, at least with one rank of angels. The Eastern Church kept alive the depiction of a six-winged seraph, who sometimes shows its face, sometimes does not, yet seems to be in perpetual flight. While many examples can be found on Orthodox icons, our example is a fresco found at the Hagia Sophia Grand Mosque (formerly the Church of Hagia Sophia, or Church of the Holy Wisdom) in Istanbul, Turkey.

Scripture does not give full descriptions of angels apart from the seraphim, even though other ranks are named. We should, therefore, probably allow for varied roles and appearances, including those with fewer — or more — wings. Scripture uses masculine angelic names, which is why it is best to reflect that in Christian artwork.

The assumption must also be made that they naturally instill fear. The angel of death destroyed the firstborn of Egypt; another single angel destroyed the entire camp of 185,000 Assyrians. The Father's love for us becomes blindingly apparent, therefore, when angels are sent to frail humanity bearing the Gospel. Even lowly shepherds, working near the birthplace of our Lord, knew enough to fear those who suddenly appear from heaven. So it was that those frightening angels, reflecting the Father's will, first declared, "Fear not."

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Fig. 2: Public domain. [Access here.](#)

Fig. 3: Public domain. [Access here.](#)

Fig. 4: © José Luiz Bernardes Ribeiro/CC BY-SA 3.0. [Access here.](#)

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## On Halos

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We often see repeating symbols in Christians churches and artwork. While such things often fall under the umbrella of adiaphora, visuals in the church follow the same formula as church music: They can be edifyingly beautiful when executed with care. They can also, however, be a visual cacophony when carelessly executed or misunderstood. [Consider the next few articles in our series](#)



a refresher course on traditional symbolism often seen on Sunday morning. Today we look at the halo or nimbus, as it is alternatively called.

The concept of a halo is not exclusively Christian. A visual ring, or aura, has been used in various ways by other religions throughout history. The aura can surround a person's head or surround their entire body. However, early Christians were always "wise as serpents" when taking elements from neighboring cultures

and using them to further the Gospel. Thus, the halo became a useful visual tool when differentiating between depictions of believers and nonbelievers within the context of Christianity. When a crowd was painted, for example, a halo made it easy to identify Christ and each of His believers. This was especially important when considering, as Scripture indicates, that Jesus was otherwise unremarkable in appearance.

For the most part, early Christians placed halos on images of "sainted" Christians, that is, Christians who were

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already in heaven and not still walking the earth. Hence, the argument of whether or not any particular Christian — Mary included — deserved to be called holy was a moot point. While Rome had stipulations regarding sainthood, Lutherans left the final judgment in the hands of the Lord and declared, along with Scripture, that all of God's children were holy in His sight.

Later on, it became important to distinguish Christ Jesus from other biblical characters, so the tri-radiant nimbus came into use. The tri-radiant nimbus is reserved for depictions of Persons of the Holy Trinity and has three rays emanating from its center. It is sometimes mislabeled a "cruciform nimbus" under the assumption that there is an unseen fourth ray, but this is a misinterpretation of the symbol. The tri-radiant nimbus is placed behind the head of the dove when depicting the Holy Spirit. It also appears behind depictions of the Father's hand.

Through the centuries, there have been different variations of halos used. Circular, tri-radiant halos are also sometimes re-invented as triangles and placed behind figures of the Holy Trinity, and while other shapes, including squares, have been used for sainted figures. The artistic medium must also be taken into account. It is relatively easy to depict a halo in a painting, for example, but the concept must be rethought when sculpting a halo. A delicate ring will not long survive, so a round plate-like structure is often used instead.

In some corners of Christendom, the halo surrounds an entire figure; this is called an "aureole." Eastern Orthodox icons will often depict full figures of Christ in this way. Roman Catholics also employ the device in some depictions of the Virgin Mary. More specifically — and perhaps most worryingly — artists often use the aureole in depictions of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who is typically shown alone. The Christ Child is nowhere to be seen.

To be sure, there are abuses of halos, but halos give glory to God and attempt to visually set Him apart. Even when placed behind the heads of His apostles and followers, the glory of God is reflected on those who dared to put their trust in the Lord, who lived their lives to His glory, and who often forfeited their lives for the sake of His name.

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## Life Quotes for July

**July 2** “We may think our prayers are small in relation to the magnitude of the problem of abortion. Not so! ... Educate yourself, your children, and the people you know ... Support leaders who embrace these words, ‘All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness’ ... We have the most hopeful message the world has ever heard. You know it. God does big things with small stuff. How can we be so sure? Shiphrah and Puah, Jochebed, Miriam, and Moses ... and especially Jesus. Amen.” *Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**July 9** “Announcing a pregnancy, feeling a fetus kick, cradling a newborn, attending a Baptism, what happens and what we experience defy description. Grieving and believing over a terminal diagnosis, listening to an aged neighbor’s wisdom and reminiscences, holding a loved one’s hand at a hospital bedside, singing hymns and reciting Scriptures as a relative enters eternity, the encounter exceeds even the beauty and power of words.” *Pastor Michael Saleminck, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**July 16** “Waiting is difficult; in Christ, we have the now and not yet. But as we learn and relearn to wait on Him, we find joy in His good work and patient craftsmanship in our lives. Though under construction, God works through us to bless the world. May you find great joy in fruit-bearing as you faithfully wait on HIM.” *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**July 23** “Jesus, who is all Man and all God, becomes one of us in order that all of us might become one with Him. Finally, a sigh of relief, a cry of joy, even, a shout of thanksgiving! God is on the throne. Amen.” *Rev. Dr. John Nunes, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**July 30** “The Church is under an incredible assault, but perhaps never has the opportunity been greater. The question is whether we wish to take it, whether we want to be salt, or whether we’ll just mark time, leaving nothing but ruins for those who follow in our footsteps.” *Rev. Peter Scaer, Concordia Theological Seminary – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*



## Life Quotes for August

**August 6** “Be as patient with others as you know God is with you. In so doing, you will be keeping your head in all circumstances’ (2 Timothy 4:5). You will find the resolve to remain calm and patient, even though ideologically you may become incensed. Theologically, you know what it means to be the object of perfect love. Let Christ be your role model.” *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, Director of Christian Life Resource – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**August 13** “In Jesus there is healing; there is forgiveness. You, dear brother and sister in Christ, need not fear His wrath. For you, the words ‘Christ is risen’ are good words, they are the best words. They are words so good they should not be contained but shared with the world. They are pure Gospel.” *Rev. Dr. Jason Broge, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**August 20** “Live as a son or daughter of God, for He loves you as only a Father could. One thing you can know about God: He will never say about you, ‘These are not Our kind of people.’ Because of Christ and what He has done for you, the Father will never say that about you.” *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour”* – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**August 27** “The rainbow is a reminder that God’s grace will always preserve you and this beautiful world in which you live until He raises you and takes you to heavenly glory. This is God’s amazing grace, and His grace generates your life of genuine gratitude.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)



## Announcements

### LWML Ohio District 40th Biennial Convention Highlights



The 40<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on June 22-25, 2023. From the opening sound of the gavel to the closing service, the 3,550+ in attendance "Celebrated the Lord of the Nations". The theme verse was Psalm 33:12-13. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man."

St. Paul's member, Kelly Hines attended her first national LWML convention as a selected Young Woman Representative for the

LWML Ohio District. She was among 75 YWRs who were inspired by worship opportunities, Bible Studies, speakers, singing and servant events. Billie Lelle, Northeast Zone President, was also in attendance.

The delegates approved a **\$2,350,000.00 mission budget** for the 2023-2025 biennium. 31 Mission Grants will be funded through our mite giving! Elections were held – Eden Keefe from Overland Park, Kansas, was elected to serve as president for 2023-2027.

Some highlights and numbers:

- ✝ The celebration at the Thursday evening worship service which "kicked off" the convention as the Baird Center was filled with joyous music, a powerful message and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Kelly asked, "Is this what it is like to worship in a mega-church?"
- ✝ The celebration of seeing the flags from **83** countries to which the Gospel has been spread through mission grants totaling almost **\$30 million** in the last 80 years. Praise God!
- ✝ Celebrating The Mission River Walk which raised over **\$100,000** for mites.
- ✝ The celebration of laughter as we enjoyed the humor of "Laverne and Shirley" (AKA Jan Struck and Abby Goehring). A serious memorable quote from their final interaction: "You don't have to cross the sea to be a missionary, just see the cross".
- ✝ The celebration of song led by the very talented Dina Vandetti.
- ✝ The celebration of seeing our 27 Heart to Heart - Sisters of All Nations
- ✝ The celebration of those not in attendance as they were able to live stream many of the events at <https://livestream.com/thelwml> (these are archived, so they can still be viewed).
- ✝ The celebration of being together with sisters and a few brothers in Christ!

You are encouraged to learn more about the LWML by visiting <https://www.lwml.org/home>. To learn more about the LWML Ohio District, visit <https://www.lwmlohio.org/>. Don't miss reading Nor'Easter and the ODE (both coming out in July) for more exciting convention news. And finally, please remember to prayerfully fill your mite boxes.



## Summer Sunday School

**Good news!** The kid's Sunday school class will be running throughout the summer. Class runs on Sundays from 10:45 - 11:45 am and is taught by Erin Cardina. Parents/guardians are welcome to join the adult class that runs at the same time and is led by Pastor Sundbom. If you have any questions, please contact Erin at 440-231-5613. Feel free to text or leave a message.

## Lake County Captains Game

St. Paul's along with Zion and Faith in Mentor will be attending the Captains game on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. First pitch is 7 pm along with post game fireworks. Cost is \$25/person which includes game ticket and a pregame picnic of hotdogs, hamburgers, mac & cheese, cookies and drinks from 6 to 7:30 pm. Sign-up sheet is posted on the double doors at the back of the sanctuary. Payment is cash or check ONLY. Checks must be made out to St. Paul's. Sign up and payment deadline is July 10<sup>th</sup>. All payments should be put in Dale Kerber's mail box.



## Church Picnic

**August 13, 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 Outdoor  
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.*



## LWML Northeast Zone Retreat

"Free to Serve....Free In Deed" is the theme of the 30th LWML Northeast Zone Retreat. All ladies are invited to join us at Jordan Creek Metro Park in Concord. Check the Friendship Circle board for the Retreat poster and packets for this fun-filled, Christ-centered event. Cost is \$25.00/person. Registration deadline is September 6. Questions? Please contact Billie Lelle.



## Altar Flowers



A great way to remember or celebrate 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



## 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.*

## Prayer Shawls -- Attention All Knitters and Crocheters!



Yes, you read that right, Prayer *Shawls*, not Prayer *quilts*. A local charity, “Little Girl Wishes and Butterfly Kisses” reached out to Kristi McConnell because they thought our church made Prayer Shawls. They recently lost the assistance of two area churches that were supplying prayer shawls for their care packages. The charity is a 501(c)3, non-profit “foundation committed to extending love and support to families during times of grief and tragedy.” In March, Kristi delivered some prayer shawls from the two churches that closed their programs and asked the founder if she needed more and she said "ABSOLUTELY, we've already sent out over 100 so far this year! If you are willing to volunteer by making some prayer shawls, please let Kristi know and she can give you all the information you need. We



will be making up tags that will be attached to each shawl introducing an invitation to our church.

## Local Farmers Markets

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

### Painesville

**Date:** Thursdays, June 1 – September 23

**Time:** 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**Location:** Downtown Painesville—Painesville Square near Main Street



### Perry County

**Date:** Saturdays, May 6—October 28

**Time:** 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

**Location:** On the Square in Somerset

### Mentor

**Date:** Fridays, June 16 - September 15

**Time:** 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**Location:** Eleanor B. Garfield Park

### Madison Village

**Date:** Thursdays, June 1 - August 31

**Time:** 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Location:** 126 W. Main Street, Madison, OH

### Willoughby

**Date:** Saturdays, May 6 - October 28

**Time:** 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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



## June Meeting Notes

- 1) Pastor's Report: Pastor reported making 9 calls and said Elders approved transfer out of the Lukats (3) to Florida. He also thanked those who served this past year and welcomed those who will serve in the coming year. Pastor said he will decide very soon on his calls, he has decided to return the call to PA.
- 2) President's Report: Eric also thanked those who served last year and those who will serve this coming year.
- 3) Vice President's Report: Brian reported he is working with Matt and Phabe's on options for new headset mikes.
- 4) Treasurer's Report: Russ reported our cash position has improved due to an increase in offerings (\$13,308.92) and Preschool Grant transfers over the 1st 11 months, total income up \$20,266 while expenses are down \$5,005.84 for a net gain of \$25,278.84.
- 5) Education Report: Erin reported average weekly attendance for the past couple of months have been steady at 17 and that Sunday school and Adult Bible Study will continue in the summer, and thanked Star for arranging for the flowers for Mother's Day..
- 6) Preschool report: Star reported Preschool will need 2 new assistants, enrollment continues for next year, and touch screens have arrived.
- 7) Elders' Report: Dale reported that members need to remember to fill out Fellowship pads and that covers for pads have been ordered.
- 8) Stewardship Report: Ken reported Val Pak ad started to arrive in the mail on May 31 and council thanked Ken for all his and others' efforts. Ken also thanked Kelly Hines & Billie Lelle for updating our website, and said he will continue most of the work of the Outreach Committee as he takes over that position.
- 9) Financial Secretary Report: Jenn said there are still openings for counters during summer months.
- 10) Outreach Report: Kristi reported Movie night will resume in fall/winter, Trunk-or-Treat will be Oct. 15, Door Tag distribution will again be rescheduled due to rescheduled Spring Clean-up on June 3rd, Helen/ Tim Stegh were presented with baby quilt on May 21 and were surprised and thankful, Neighbor Lunch set for Aug. 5, and she is looking for knitters/crocheters to help make Prayer Shawls. She also said she is sending contact cards to recent visitors.

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**JUNE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES continued**

- 11) Building & Grounds Report: Craig reported making several repairs and bulb replacements, and purchased 4 2.5 gallon gas cans to replace the 5 gallon cans, and has started to map each outlet's source of power and which breaker supplies it. Spring Cleanup is June 3.
- 12) Contribution Secretary Report: Dennis reported that contributions in May was \$22,195 up 15% from last May's \$13,398.50. Without the Preschool Grant turnover, we are down \$6,260.50 (-7.5%). Average number of contributors was 25 up from 23 in 2022.

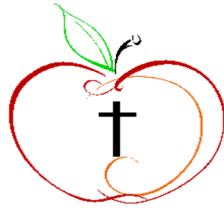
**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Pastor said the completed By-Law changes are being reviewed by District office.
- 2) Preprogrammed organ program is being ordered thru Concordia.
- 3) Disaster Response Team (Pastor, Eric Drake, Dennis, Terry) met on May 9 and decided the front door will be locked during services and someone will be seated in the back to view the parking lot, possibly conduct practice evacuation drill in case of fire or other emergency, and to draw written procedures dealing with another pandemic or other emergency. Will meet again in June.
- 4) Captains Baseball Outing will be Friday, July 28 @ 7pm. Tickets are \$25 for seat and pregame dinner. See Dale Kerver for details.
- 5) OSLS Golf Outing will be June 17, St. Paul's will furnish lunch.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Spring Clean-up will be May 20 @9-12am, lunch provided.
- 2) Russ presented a proposal to give Pastor a bonus of \$4,000 plus expense for mileage to be paid for by a portion of Preschool Grant transfer. Terry made a motion to approve Russ' proposal. Erin 2nd. Motion passed.
- 3) Vote for Synodical Convention positions begin June 17 online with Star and Pastor casting our votes; Eric & Terry will verify votes via emails.
- 4) Installation of 2023-24 Council members will be during July 8/9 services
- 5) New member recognition will be decided by Elders.
- 6) Pastor stated that up to 1500 new homes/condos are being proposed for development on the Sidley property basically across Bowhall Rd. and how we need to prepare for the potential opportunity this presents.

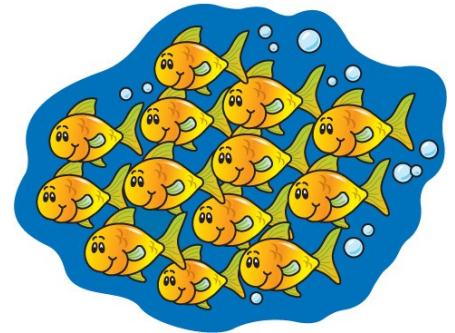
**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Aug, 2 @ 6:30pm with no meeting in July.**



## From the Preschool

### “Diving Into God’s Word”

As we have in the past a donation board will be available for congregation members to select items from the board. You can make donations either monetarily or with the direct purchase of the items and bringing them to the church. If you would like to help with these items or the other items on our donation board please select a fish from the board. The board will be displayed by the end of August. We thank you for your continued support of our preschool program.



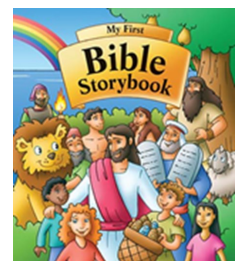
### St. Paul’s Preschool Job Opportunity

**WE'RE  
HIRING!**

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](mailto:preschool@splcpainesville.org) or (440)354-3000.

### Bible Buddies Thank You!

St. Paul’s Preschool would like to thank the congregation for their continued support of the Preschool. Enough funds have been donated for us to purchase our goal of 50 bibles. Again, thank you for your continued support!



### 2023-2024 Preschool Registration

**PRESCHOOL**



**Registration**

Classes for the 2023-2024 preschool year are filling up fast. Currently there are openings in the T/TH 3’s class and the T/W/TH 4’s class with a waiting list for Pre-K. Registration forms can be found in the magazine rack at the back of the sanctuary by the double doors. If you know someone who may be interested in classes at St. Paul’s Preschool please take a registration form and pass it along. If you have any questions please contact preschool director Amy Marizek at 440-354-3000.

## July Birthdays

Jim Franz	Jul 2nd	Jacob Shutic	Jul 25th
Matt Greig	Jul 4th	Joshua Shutic	Jul 25th
Rosemary Galayda	Jul 8th	Frank Vosicky III	Jul 27th
Aaron Lindrose	Jul 11th	Ed Hines	Jul 30th
Stephanie Javins	Jul 12th	Craig McConnell	Jul 31st
Deborah Lawlor	Jul 12th	Marie Rusnak	Jul 31st
Scott Javins	Jul 24th		



## August Birthdays

Roy Greig	Aug 1st	Karen Tuttle	Aug 3rd
Amelia Greig	Aug 3rd	Parker Smola	Aug 4th
Ed Kujala	Aug 3rd	Ellie Cardina	Aug 11th
Dominic Madda	Aug 3rd	Meaghan Sundbom	Aug 12th
		Molly Doeing	Aug 15th
		Dennis Concoby	Aug 16th
		Ted Klebe	Aug 21st
		Joshua Sundbom	Aug 22nd
		Sam Doeing	Aug 28th
		Johanna Sistek	Aug 28th







## *July Anniversaries*

Jim & Becky Franz	45 years on Jul 1
Bill Brandt & Lea McLean-Brandt	17 years on Jul 4
Don & Debbie Bennington	42 years on Jul 11
Jack & Billie Lelle	53 years on Jul 11
Cheryl & Barry Dewit	37 years on Jul 19
Scott & Stephanie Javins	19 years on Jul 24



## *August Anniversaries*

Ken & Hasnah Chaffe	30 years on Aug 7
Aaron & Michelle Lindrose	27 years on Aug 10
Kathy Emrich & Peter	46 years on Aug 13
Joe & Star Graziadei	15 years on Aug 29
Roy & Julie Greig	42 years on Aug 29

## Those Who Serve: July 2023

### ELDERS:

6:00 P Saturday Dale Kerver  
9:30 A Sunday Rich Szoradi

### LECTORS:

07-01-23	6:00 P	Saturday	Dave Murphy
07-02-23	9:30 A	Sunday	Ken Chaffe
07-08-23	6:00 P	Saturday	Pastor Sundbom
07-09-23	9:30 A	Sunday	Jack Lelle
07-15-23	6:00 P	Saturday	Dale Kerver
07-16-23	9:30 A	Sunday	Eric West
07-22-23	6:00 P	Saturday	Dave Murphy
07-23-23	9:30 A	Sunday	Terry Wakelee
07-29-23	6:00 P	Saturday	Pastor Sundbom
07-03-23	9:30 A	Sunday	Dennis Concoby

### COUNTERS:

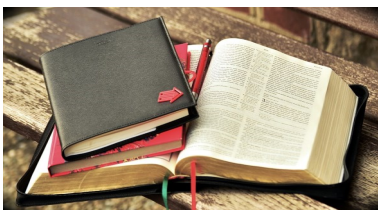
Tom Cardina, Matt Chaffe

### GREETERS:

6:00 P Saturday  
9:30 A Sunday

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## Scripture Readings for July

### July 1/2

Jeremiah 28:5-9  
Romans 7:1-13  
Matthew 10:34-42

### July 8/9

Zechariah 9:9-12  
Romans 7:14-25  
Matthew 11:25-30

### July 15/16

Isaiah 55:10-13  
Romans 8:12-17  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### July 22/23

Isaiah 44:6-8  
Romans 8:18-27  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

### July 29/30

Deuteronomy 7:6-9  
Romans 8:28-39  
Matthew 13:44/52

## Those Who Serve: August 2023

### ELDERS:

6:00 P Saturday Aaron Lindrose  
 9:30 A Sunday Craig McConnell

### COUNTERS:

Jennifer Drake, Billie Lelle,  
 Jeff Troutman

### LECTORS:

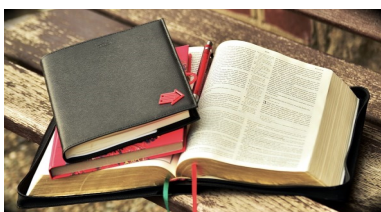
08-05-23	6:00 P	Saturday	Dave Murphy
08-06-23	9:30 A	Sunday	Craig McConnell
08-12-23	6:00 P	Saturday	Dale Kerver
08-13-23	9:30 A	Sunday	Ken Chaffe
08-19-23	6:00 P	Saturday	Pastor Sundbom
08-20-23	9:30 A	Sunday	Jack Lelle
08-26-23	6:00 P	Saturday	Dave Murphy
08-27-23	9:30 A	Sunday	Jenn Drake

### GREETERS:

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 9:30 A Sunday

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## Scripture Readings for August

### August 5/6

Isaiah 55:1-5  
 Romans 9:1-13  
 Matthew 14:13-21

### August 19/20

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
 Romans 11:1-2, 13-15, 28-32  
 Matthew 15:21-28

### August 12/13

Job 38:4-18  
 Romans 10:5-17  
 Matthew 14:22-33

### August 26/27

Isaiah 51:1-6  
 Romans 11:33-12:8  
 Matthew 16:13-20

## July Word Search—4th of July

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ANTHEM  
 RED WHITE BLUE  
 FAMILY  
 SPARKLERS  
 UNCLE SAM  
 FLAG  
 STARS  
 AMERICA  
 PARADE  
 HAMBURGERS  
 FREEDOM  
 PATRIOT  
 BARBEQUE  
 LIBERTY  
 FIREWORKS  
 FRIENDS  
 STRIPES  
 HEROES  
 HOT DOGS

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# August Word Search—National Dog Month



GERMAN SHEPHERD  
SHIH TZU  
NEWFOUNDLAND  
HAVANESE  
POODLE  
BORDER COLLIE  
POMERANIAN  
GOLDEN  
WELSH CORGI  
AFFENPINCHER  
LABRADOR  
ROTTWEILER  
DALMATION  
BICHON FRISE  
TERRIER  
BEAGLE  
BULLDOG

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### Staff

Paul D. Sundbom, Pastor  
Matt Chaffe, Organist  
Peggy McDonnell, Admin Assistant

### Worship Services

Saturday 6:00 pm  
Sunday 9:30 am

### Sunday Bible Study

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

### St. Paul's Preschool

Amy Marizek, Director  
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Also Supporting



# July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>Communion Service</b></p>		<p><b>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>Saturdays - 6:00pm Sundays - 9:30am Sunday School - 10:45am Adult Bible Study—8:30am &amp; 10:45am</p>		<p>Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm</p> <p>July Birthstone Ruby &amp; Onyx</p>	<p>Bulletin Announcements Due Wednesdays</p> <p>July Flower Larkspur &amp; Water Lily</p>	1
2	3	 <p>Church Office Closed</p>	5	6	7 World Chocolate Day	8 
9 	10	11 Cow Appreciation Day	12	13 National French Fry Day	14 National Mac & Cheese Day	15
16 National Ice Cream Day	17	18	19 National Hot Dog Day	20	21	22 
23 	24	25	26	27	28 1:00 pm Food & Fellowship Friday Captains Baseball Game 6:00 pm	29
30 International Day of Friendship	31 National Avocado Day					

# August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30 pm Council Meeting  National Coloring Book Day	3	4	5
 <b>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> Saturdays - 6:00pm Sundays - 9:30am Sunday School - 10:45am Adult Bible Study—8:30am & 10:45am						
6 National Root Beer Float Day	7	8 National Cat Day	9 Book Lovers Day	10 National S'mores Day	11	12  National Youth Day
13  12 noon at Townline Park	14	15 National Relaxation Day	16 6:30 pm Elder's Meeting	17	18	19 National Aviation Day
20	21 Senior Citizens Day	22	23	24	25 1:00 pm Food & Fellowship Friday	26  National Dag Day
27 	28 6:30 pm Preschool Toy Cleaning	29	30 National Beach Day	31	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;">Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm</div> August Birthstone Peridot	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;">Bulletin Announcements Due Wednesdays</div> August Flower Poppy & Gladiola