

Dear church family,

Words do not suffice to express my thanks for all you did to celebrate my retirement. I was totally overwhelmed by the worship service and the afternoon celebration and the reception. It was all perfect. Thanks to everyone who had a part in planning and providing all of that. And thank you for your very generous monetary gift.

But more than all off that, I want to thank you for your love and support during these last 22 years. It has been an absolute privilege and joy to be your pastor. And now I look forward to being a member of Our Redeemer for a little while longer.

With my love and thanks to God for each of you,

Ann



WORSHIP



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Ash Wednesday – The season of Lent begins on February 22 with Ash Wednesday, an opportunity to both be reminded of our mortality and sin and also to receive God's forgiveness and grace. There are three opportunities for worship on Ash Wednesday:

11:35am – Preschool Service – This brief worship experience introduces the themes of Ash Wednesday and Lent in an age-appropriate, interactive way.

12:15pm – Worship with Holy Communion

7pm – Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesdays in Lent – Beginning March 1, join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent for a potluck dinner at 6pm (homemade or from the store, bring whatever you'd like) and worship at 7pm. Our theme for worship this year is The Lord's Prayer.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adult Gathering – Young adults (age 18-30ish), we'll gather in the Social Hall on **Thursday, February 23 at 7:30pm** for game night! Bring a snack to share and a favorite board game. Sign up on the bulletin board or online.

Dining Divas – **Thursday, February 23 at 12:30** at Chicco Baccello (111 W Pike St, Canonsburg).

SERVICE & SOCIAL MINISTRY

Dear Friends from Our Redeemer,

We so much appreciate your help in our Christmas project over the years! Thank you for sending the fronts of your Christmas cards. They were used for a ministry in the Appalachian Mountains. Unfortunately, that ministry has gone another direction and this was the last season, so we will no longer need them. Again, thanks, we appreciate you!

From all of us at St. Paul, Smithville, OH

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Family Friday – K-6th graders and their families are invited to bring dinner and join us on **Friday, February 17 at 5:30pm** for a story, craft, and games together. Sign up on the bulletin board or online.

Youth Group – 7th-12th graders - we'll gather on **Sunday, February 26 from 4:30-6:15pm** to cook and eat dinner together and play games! Crossroads students should plan to stay for class at 6:30pm. Sign up on the bulletin board or online.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Crossroads – Crossroads Confirmation will meet for class on **Sunday, February 26 at 6:30pm**.

Adult Sunday School Study of Matthew - Adult Sunday School Class will resume on **Sunday, February 12** in the Conference Room at 10am. Pastor Martha Clementson will be leading the class in a study of the Gospel of Matthew.

The New Testament contains four particular accounts that tell the good news of Jesus. While these accounts have much in common, each one also has a particular point of view. Matthew's writing is often referred to as "the teacher's Gospel" but it also could be called "the accountant's Gospel." In our lives we find good news and encouragement from Matthew. We also find challenge and mystery!

Join us as we explore the Gospel of Matthew beginning on February 12. All adults are welcome. Those who have participated previously in Adult Sunday School, those who know the Bible well, those who are just beginning to explore the Bible...all are welcome!

VBS Planning Meeting - It may be cold outside, but it's time to start thinking about summer! Join us for a VBS planning meeting on **Tuesday, February 28 at 7:30pm**. Talk to Pastor Kerri or Phyllis Permar with questions.

Sweet Sunday for City Mission

City Mission's **Sweet Sunday is February 26th from 12-5pm at the Hilton Garden Inn at Southpointe.**

It is a family-friendly dessert festival featuring 20+ local dessert vendors, live entertainment, kids' activities, and incredible auction items. This year the slate of entertainers will be headlined by Ruff Creek. In addition to the auction baskets, silent auction items, and Wreath of Wealth raffle, they will be also raffling off a specialty dollhouse handmade by a longtime donor, volunteer, and friend of the Mission.

You can buy your admission tickets and auction tickets as well as the Sweet Sunday Dough, for purchasing desserts, at the door when you arrive.



Pastor Schmid's Retirement Festivities on January 29



NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL



Mr. Rogers stated, "Love isn't a state of perfect caring. It is an active noun, like struggle. To love someone is to strive to accept that person exactly the way he or she is, right here and now." As teachers, we work hard to discover and appreciate who each child is, right now, so that we can love them exactly as they are. When we notice the preschool children doing the same for their friends, our hearts are filled with love as well! Because February is traditionally the month of love we asked a few of our children what love means to them! Here's what they said:

Love means:

- hearts
- the feeling of wanting to hug my mommy very much
- wanting to be kind to someone
- going on dates
- missing someone when they are gone
- lots of hugs and kisses

We hold our Bagels with a Buddy this month, a time that preschoolers share their space with a loved one, and we celebrate Valentine's Day at school, both excellent times to share love. But, the moments that we catch our preschoolers loving one another authentically are some of the most special moments! Here are some pictures of the children loving one another!

Miss Heidi



FREE TAX ASSISTANCE by VITA at The Bible Chapel, 300 Gallery Drive, McMurray, PA 15317.
From South Hills Village: South 5 mi. on Washington Rd. Right at light onto Gallery Dr. 0.4 mi. to VITA site.

Monday through Thursday starting February 6, 2023 through April 6, 2023. 8:00am until 2:00pm.
No appointments. First come, first served. **NO new return started after 1:00pm.**

Must bring: Last year's tax return; ID for yourself and spouse; Social security numbers and birthdates for yourself, spouse and dependents; all W-2 and 1099 tax documents (including Social Security 1099), 1095 health care statements and property tax receipts. Both spouses must sign joint returns.

Federal, state, local taxes and property tax/rent rebate forms are prepared. Questions?
Call the IRS at 800-829-1040. Online, search "VITA" at www.irs.gov.
Please do not contact The Bible Chapel.

IN OUR PRAYERS

We lift up the following members of our congregation so that they may be strengthened by our prayers of intercession:

George Andrewson, Carol Ausefski, Edith Bencic, Steve Broome, Ruth Brosky, Cindy Cox, Chris Decker, Dorothy Dilleuth, Kerri Evans, Martha Fecher, Richard and Lori Gajdowski, Ray Hrabar, Mandy Jarosh, Gary McGaffic, Casey Moran on his deployment, Tim Roberts, Kathy Russman, and Debbie Stonemark.

We remember those friends and family members who have asked for our prayers:

Chris, Doug, Kate, Sam, George Andrewson Sr., Terry Anntonate, Marjorie Appleton, Larry Arch, Sandi Babbie, Gladys Bacco, Bob Bell, Todd Brosky, Wendy Brosky, Doug Bush, Tom Caley, Carolyn Dagg, Ellen Deutsch, Carl Engman, Pat Filipiak, Kim Gaydos, Catie Geory, Ian Gonzalez, Norma Gower, Joe Granata, Marion Greenland, Lisa Grimes, Mickey Gubitti, Robert Hildebrand, Bob Hohowski, Joyce Hough, Ray Keisling, June Lance, George Langford, Gordon and Diane Ley, Jess Ley, Elizabeth Locher, Mildred Maize, Megan Meseck, Jolie Mihalik, Chuck Miller, Owen Miller, Adam Miskow, Linda Moeslein, Dolores Munsick, Beth Napolitano, Kathy Oberle, Brad Olson, Jean Orth, Tracey Perles, Dave Provenzano, Cyndi Quinn, Phyllis Rhone, Betty and Frank Rively, Jeanie Rose, Joe Sarubbi, Dave Schrader, Jeff Schwarz, Meryl Severson, Bob Shader, Holly Shader, Karol Smith, Donna Stafford, Dan Stimmel, Gary Stinson, Andrew Straka, Terri Strawn, Tina Thielet, Art W., Dave Weikel, Rhianna Wilk, and Frank Yocca.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please submit your request in writing and place in the offering plate, drop off in the church office, or submit by e-mail to orlc@comcast.net. Please help to keep this list current by contacting the church office when someone can be removed from the list.

STEWARDSHIP ~ HOW ARE WE DOING?

Year to Date as of December 2022

	This Year			Last Year		
	Current	Building	Total	Current	Building	Total
Income	\$492,040	\$58,915	\$550,955	\$469,345	\$51,180	\$520,525
Expenses	\$472,234		\$472,234	\$416,581		\$416,581
Surplus (deficit)	\$19,806	\$58,915	\$78,721	\$52,764	\$51,180	\$103,944
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Other Outreach Offerings	Year to Date
Abiding Missions	\$1260
City Mission	\$1147
ELCA World Hunger	\$4955
ELCA Disaster Relief	\$2315
Gods Work Our Hands	\$30
Good Gifts	\$880
India Mission	\$294
Lutheran World Relief	\$485
	\$11,366

MINISTRY SCHEDULE/FEBRUARY 2023										
	February 5, 2023		February 12, 2023		February 19, 2023		February 22, 2023		February 26, 2023	
	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany		Sixth Sunday after Epiphany		Transfiguration of Our Lord		Ash Wednesday		First Sunday in Lent	
WORSHIP LEADER	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	7:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolyte		Isaac & Owen Hilderhoff				Isaac & Owen Hilderhoff	X			
Lay Assistant	Kim Chupinka	Carl Ruppel	Mark Harris	Jackie Beck	Beth Pansino	Sally Ruppel	X	Susan Loeser	Gary Milavec	Lori Greene
Lector	Linda Nickles	Mary Helen Barr	Karen Smith	Brian Casper	Carole Beltz	Becky Long	X	Ruth Ann Lowery	Tim Prex	Rochelle Koerbel
Communion Assistant	Tina Borra	Maegan Bregenser	Missy Bookhammer	Eliana Beck	Carole Beltz	Sarah Dagnal	Maegan Bregenser	Barb Hrabar	Missy Bookhammer	Becky Long
Communion Assistant	Laura Culp	Christina Mann	Debbie Healey Langley	Barb Hrabar	Cheryl Debowski	Sue Lambert	Jamie Whyte	Becky Long	Tina Borra	Kim Maize
Communion Assistant	Linda Nickles	Sue Lambert	Garrett Langley	Becky Long	Linda Nickles	Gerda Moul	X	Kim Maize	Debbie Healey Langley	Susan O'Brien
Communion Assistant	Phyllis Permar	Gerda Moul	Ruth Ann Lowery	Susan O'Brien	Phyllis Permar	Carl Ruppel	X	Linda Nickles	Trudy Wagner	Jamie Whyte
Greeter	Phyllis Permar	Gerda Moul	Ruth Ann Lowery	Susan O'Brien	Linda Nickles	Gerda Moul	X	Ruth Ann Lowery	Debbie Healey Langley	Susan O'Brien
Usher	Dave Borra	Jim Doughty	Clint Langley	Jim Mizia	Joel Beltz	Doug Meley	Mike Debowski	Gary Milavec	Clint Langley	Mike Koerbel
Usher	Drew Lance	Doug Meley	Terry Divebliss	Max Rush	Mike Debowski	Max Rush	Ken Rigby	VOLUNTEER	Garrett Langley	Joe Maize
Gift Bearer	Karla Lance	Maegan Bregenser	Anne & Sophie Scher	Dani Mizia	Phyllis Permar	Sarah Dagnal	Cheryl Debowski	Debbie Healey Langley	Missy Bookhammer	Rochelle Koerbel
Altar Guild	Tina Borra	Joyce Kilgore	Susan Loeser	Barb Hrabar	Kim Chupinka	Sue Lambert		Barb Hrabar	Tina Borra	Lori Greene
Altar Guild	Laura Culp	Sue Lambert	Becky Long	Heather Morelli	Laura Culp	Sally Ruppel		Susan Loeser	Becky Long	Joyce Kilgore
PowerPoint	Gary Milavec	Meredith Pomposelli	Dan/Sam Scher	Ryan Hettinger	Garrett Langley	Rolf Otterness	X	X	Karen Glass	Gary Milavec
Camera	X	Sam Mizia	X	Sam Mizia	X	Sam Mizia	X	X	X	Sam Mizia
Head Teller (Mon.)	Judy Plof		Judy Plof		Carol Locher		X	Gary Milavec		
Council Teller (Mon.)	Larry Day		Terry Divebliss		Sue Lambert		X	Terry Divebliss		

If you find that you cannot serve when scheduled, please contact the church

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WORSHIP SERVICES

SATURDAY 5:30 PM and SUNDAY 9:00 and 11:00 AM (live-streamed)
Online services are available through facebook.com/ORLutheran, YouTube
and the church's website.

GROWING IN GOD (Sept. - May), 10:00 AM, Age 3-Adults

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OUR VISION

The vision of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is to be a welcoming church where people of all ages and backgrounds will: encounter God in worship, experience Christian community, discover their God-given gifts, grow in faith, and be equipped for service and witness as we are sent out into God's world.