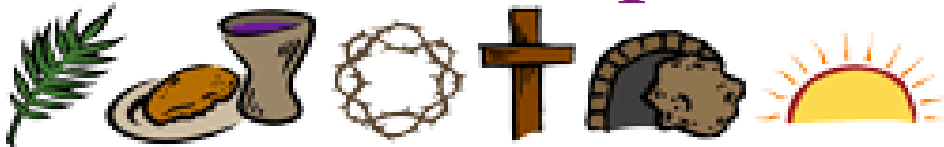


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Palm Sunday, March 29th the Chancel Choir will celebrate with an Easter Cantata during the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

A time of prayer will start at 2p.m. and the Community Good Friday Service will be held at 3 p.m. both to held at the St. John's Lutheran Church.

Rev. Marc Lapointe of St. John's Lutheran Church will be bringing the message.



A Maundy Thursday service will be held at

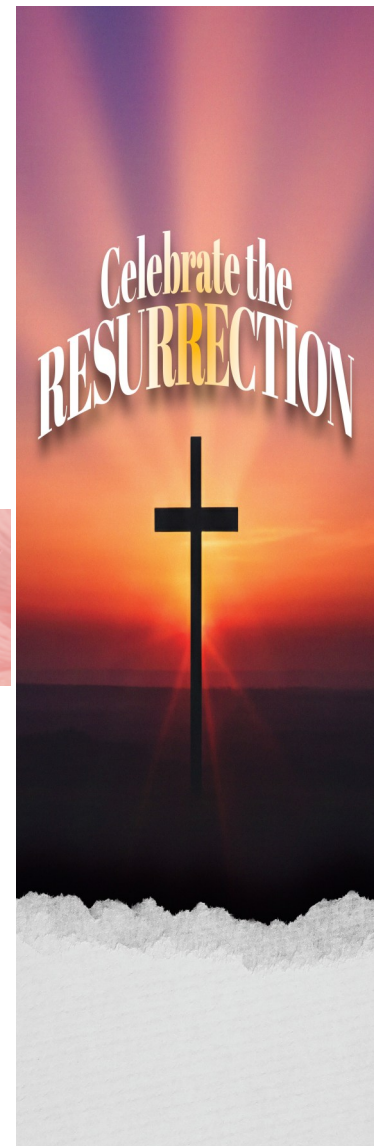
*St. Paul's,
April 2nd
at 6:00 p.m.
Communion will be offered.*



He Lives!!!

*Celebrate
Easter Sunday,
April 5, 2026
10:30 a.m.*

*St. Paul's
Methodist Church*



Pastor's COLUMN

The ponderings of your pastor:

Today I am writing to you about a gift. What am I talking about? No, it is not Christmas, although it is part of the gift, but what I want us to consider is the part of the gift that was given long ago. I say part of the gift because the entire gift has yet to be given.

The Gift I am writing about is the later part of Holy Week and of Easter. John writes this in 1 John 4:7–10 (CSB) “Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent

His one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him. Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice, for our sins.”

God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, to us, simply out of love. A love so intense and massive, we simply cannot fathom the depths of His love for us. And because we sinned, all of creation became separated from Him, so, He came, not to punish us, though that is what we deserve, but to find us, rescue us, and unite us to Him. To give us a new birth, and adopting us into His family, to become His sons and daughters. This is the purpose of Holy Week.

How was this done? First, Jesus “became flesh and dwelt among us,” John 1:14a.

Second, He lived among us; teaching, healing, and all the while living a sinless life.

Third, He took our punishment, for our sins, going to the cross, in our place, to purchase us out of the bondage of sin and death, for all who: Romans 10:9–10 (CSB) “If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation.” And lastly,

HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD, so that we can also arise and be in the presence of our Lord and Savior for all eternity!

Come, let us worship our God and our King, on Easter Sunday!

Your Pastor

Pastor Kevin

Pastor Kevin Doseck



Blessed be
THE GOD AND FATHER
of our Lord
Jesus Christ!

ACCORDING TO HIS GREAT MERCY,
HE HAS CAUSED US TO BE

born again

TO A LIVING HOPE
THROUGH THE

resurrection of

Jesus Christ
FROM THE DEAD.

1 PETER 1:3, ESV



**LET THE
250th ANNIVERSARY
PLANNING
BEGIN!**

usa250.org/commission



**Introducing the
United States
Semiquincentennial
Commission Act**

"There is established a commission to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the history of the United States leading up to the 250th anniversary of its founding."

Introduced by:
Rep. Patrick L. Meehan
Rep. Robert A. Brady
Sen. Robert P. Casey
Sen. Patrick J. Toomey

The Montpelier Parks and Recreation Department, Village Council and Chamber of Commerce have designated Montpelier as an America 250-OH community, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. Each church and organization in the village is encouraged to host activities in keeping with the 250th anniversary celebration of the United States. These can be additional activities or the activities we normally do, with a patriotic aspect added. The focus of activities will be through Bean Days 2026. If anyone has any ideas, please contact Carol Carr or the church office. *(You may have noticed that the Chancel Choir has recently been singing numerous patriotic songs and they will do a patriotic concert in May.)*



Spring is here!!

The Memorial Garden and other church landscaping continues to need upkeep throughout the spring, summer & autumn seasons.

If anyone is interested in assisting.

Please contact Ann Fritsch, 419-485-3220.

Thank you for serving in this quiet ministry of keeping God's house of worship inviting to the community.

We are overjoyed that we have 1 new acolyte added to our Sunday rotation.

Amelia Repp has been trained and has already served in lighting the Sanctuary candles. Our other loyal acolytes are Alea Klender, Abigail Luke, Cavan McGee, and Declan Repp.

Youth who are in the 4th grade or older are encouraged to become a Sunday morning acolyte.

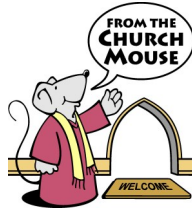


Carol Carr, Family Life Ministry Chair, is always looking for more candidates for acolyte training. If anyone is interested, please contact the church office or Carol.



Dear St. Paul's Methodist Church Members,
 Thank you once again for your AMAZING contribution to the Bed Brigade. We truly appreciate the bedding items and financial generosity. You continue to be such a blessing to the community in which we serve. The Bed Brigade

Thank you St. Paul's Church Family for the Valentines bag of cards and gifts, and for the visits that brighten my days. Helen Van Zile



*Church Mouse says...
 (Church Mouse is here to offer a shout out to someone whose service or blessing you want to recognize.)*

Congratulations to all students who were involved with their school's winter extra curricular programs. Your dedication to your chosen activity is astounding.

St. Paul's has several youth who participated in:

- * Basketball
- * Wrestling
- * Archery
- * Cheerleading
- * Band
- * Musical Performances
- * Choir
- * 4-H
- * Youth group
- * And More

*Congratulations to National Honor Society inductees, Aislinn McGee, Ashlyn Harter, and Genevieve Repp



40TH ANNUAL SPRING BENEFIT AND SILENT AUCTION!

The event will be held Tuesday, April 14th at Archbold Evangelical Church, 705 Lafayette St, Archbold, OH 43502
 It will feature a delicious meal, a Keynote speaker, Live Music, and opportunities to donate to CPC through a silent auction and offering collection.
 Registration is required to reserve your spot.
 For more information or to register, please visit www.cpcnwo.org/springbenefit or call (419) 636-5692.

Mark Pitman,
 Executive Director

SUNDAY STATISTICS

Date	10:30 Worship	General Fund	Missions & More	Online Worship
03-1-26	81	\$2372.00	\$263.00	4
03-8-26	74	\$3025.00	\$178.00	5
03-15-26	84	\$3959.00	\$206.00	3
03-22-26	76	\$5050.00	\$146.00	4
03-29-26	Unavailable at printing			





MISSION & OUTREACH

Missions & Outreach would like to thank everyone who donated to the Gift of Rest Bed Brigade. Your sharing of love will provide comfort and rest for those who struggle with basic needs of life.

Items shared:
7 pillows, 10 sheet sets, 9 blankets or comforters, 4 new stuffed animals and several monetary donations.

Armeda Sawmiller delivered the items to Trinity Lutheran Church of Bryan's Bed Brigade team. They were humbled with the generosity of St. Paul's. Thank you again for your support.

St. Paul's Missions/Outreach committee, voted to give money towards the Summer Lunch Program organized by the Friends of Montpelier Parks. Additional donations were made to Glenview Apts., Compassion Medical Clinic, a fundraiser being held for medical expenses incurred by a local community resident. All ideas are considered on ways to reach out to the community. If you have a suggestion, talk to Armeda Sawmiller or the church office.



Brian Ocen, Helen Van Zile, Dave Allman, Norma Snyder, Rachael Baker-Christophel, Pastor Kevin & Carol Doseck, Taya Beck, Jim Brace, Dianna Blank, Jeff Deetz, Mary Knepper, Sandy Knapp, Ray & Darlene Davis, Cindy King, Tiffany Van Zile, Kayleigh Hicks, Carol Opdycke, Tim Impton, Jailynn Price, Jeannie Darby, Cheryle Gallagher, Genevieve Repp, Peggy Apt, Verlene Drohan, Earl & Elnor Geren, George Bible, Jim Witker, John & Lexie Zuver, Dee Heller, The Homebound, Unspoken Prayers, The Unemployed, Victims of Gun Violence & Natural Disasters, The Brokenhearted, Christian Missionaries, Veterans & Active Military, The Nation of Israel, Our Church, Community, State, Nation and World.

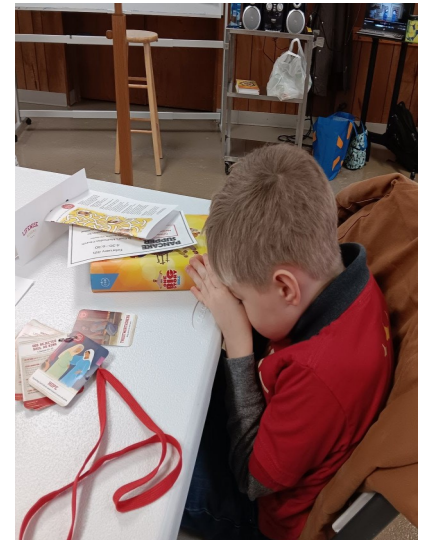


LifeWise Update

We are serving 176 students. Students had lessons on being teachable, wholeheartedness, humility and loyalty. They read about when Solomon struggled to follow God, Job's humility, and Elijah's perseverance.

STUDENT STORIES

We learned that we can be CONFIDENT because of God's goodness and power. Some classes practiced confidence by reading review questions up in front of their classmates and taking answers. All students engaged and did a great job!



Continue to pray that our students' hearts are open and thirsty for the message of Jesus.



April Birthdays & Anniversaries



Anniversary Celebration

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 1 Bruce Tumblin
Emily Fritsch | 18 Bengie & Kris Beck (39) |
| 4 Darrin Repp | 20 Kevin & Monica Sommer (30) |
| 7 Marva Whitney
Gloria Poorman
Denver Wright | Dave & Connie Drerup (58) |
| 9 Kathy Gleason | 29 David & Kimberly Lenz (37) |
| 10 Marshall Donaldson
Alee Klender | |
| 12 Margaret Bible | |
| 13 Emmitt Salazar | |
| 14 Jake Clinger | |
| 16 Kendyl Thomas | |
| 17 Pat Oxender | |
| 19 Jeff Boskoulch
Tom Kline | |
| 20 Drake Sommer | |
| 21 Ann Fritsch | |
| 23 Doug Widmer
Anneliesa Slagle | |
| 25 Addison Dohner | |
| 26 Sue Jordan
Richard Blank
Kimberly Lenz | |
| 27 Meara McGee
Etta Kline-Parker | |
| 29 Ronald O'Neal | |
| 30 Jenni Fritsch
Taylor Pitts | |



Family Life Ministry News including VBS

Vacation Bible School will run Monday through Friday, July 20-24, 6-8:30 p.m., with the theme "Rainforest Falls". We do need to start recruiting teachers and other workers. We will participate in the Registration Blitz the Montpelier Parks and Recreation Department puts on in May.

Carol Carr said she has talked to the other Sunday school teachers for the children's class, and it was decided to keep it going throughout the summer.

The February game night activity included three visitors who are not members of St. Paul's, as well as 17 members.

Praise and Paint class was March 15.

Nashville Station will present a concert as the April 19 activity. We're planning to have it at Founders Park, next to Kommon Kravings.

In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved to the church. The May activity will be a patriotic/religious concert by our own chancel choir, at the church. It will be at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, due to a conflict in schedules for May 17.

Suggested future activities include an outing to Harrison Lake in August, a chili cook-off in September, and a movie night and bonfire in October.

If anyone has any ideas for activities, please contact the church office, any member of the Family Life Council or Carol Carr.



**A Special
Birthday**

We have a special birthday in April. Let's shower her with cards.

7th, Marva Whitney (91)

208 E Madison St
Montpelier OH 43543





GREETERS

- 5 Armeda Sawmiller (N)
Darlene Davis (S)
- 12 John Dye (N)
Beth Dye (S)
- 19 Jason Luke (N)
Sara Luke (S)
- 26 Gloria Poorman (N)
Judy Dye (S)

ACOLYTE

- 5 Declan Repp
12 Amelia Repp
19 Alee Klender
26 Abigail Luke

LEAD USHER

- 5 Ric Echler
12 Dail Fritsch
19 Brian Fritsch
26 Matt Dye

LITURGIST

- 5 Ric Michael
12 Darrin Repp
19 Harlee Salazar
26 Jeremy Clinger

COMMUNION STEWARD

- 5 Joyce Schelling

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 5 Easter flowers
12 open
19 open
26 open

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

- 12 Markie Repp
20 Children & Youth Choir
27 Beth Reimund

NURSERY CARE

*The church nursery is
open every
Sunday during the worship service.*

SOUND TECHS

- April 1/5 Genevieve
April 8/12 Anthony
April 15/19 Ashton
April 22/26 Genevieve
April 29/May 3 Anthony



*Two Bible Studies
Available
Through the*

Monday's at 2pm, in the Robison Room:
Studying old Testament.

Wednesday's at 6 p.m. in the Robison Room:
Studying the New Testament, The Disciples
ministry: Acts through Revelation.

We encourage you to join us each week as we
explore God's love, mercy, and grace for all
whom He created. Both studies are led by
Pastor Kevin

**Cancelled April 6th, 8th, 13th, & 15th as
Pastor Kevin enjoys some vacation time.**



Baby News

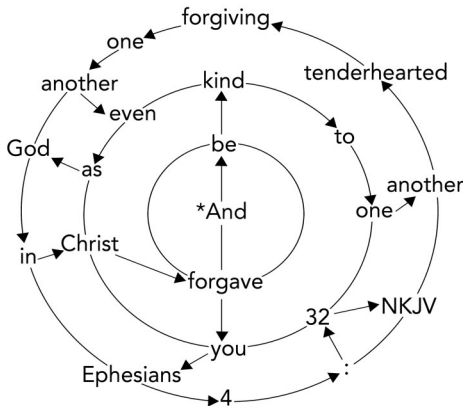
Congratulations to Dail & Ann Fritsch upon
the arrival of their first great granddaughter,
Layla Mae, born on 2-3-26. Layla is the
daughter to Nate Hooser and Bella Arteaga. .
Proud grandma is Jenni Fritsch.

Puzzle!

This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others — and why.



Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



"And _____ ,
 _____ ,
 _____ ,
 _____ ."

Answer: "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32, NKJV



FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

1. Jesus 2. weary 3. endured 4. opposition	5. cross 6. endured 7. scornful 8. shame	1. eyes 2. us 3. joy 4. heart
5. perfecter 6. him 7. faith 8. hand	5. right 6. grow 7. God 8. throne	

"... fixing our _____ on _____ , the _____ and _____ of _____ . For the _____ set before _____ he _____ the _____ , and sat down at the _____ of the _____ of _____ . Consider _____ who _____ such _____ from _____ , so that you will not _____ and _____ ."

Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV

Answer: "... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, for the joy set before him he endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV



Bible Quiz

According to Matthew's account, something remarkable happened to the earth on the day Jesus was crucified and again on the morning when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary visited the tomb.





What occurred on both days?

- A. There was a flood on both days.
- B. There was an earthquake on both days.
- C. There was a huge fire on each day.
- D. There was complete darkness on both days.

Answer: (Matthew 27:51; Matthew 28:2)

April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 pm Kid's Club & Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir practice	2 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service 	3 3:00 pm Community Good Friday Service @St. John's Lutheran Church 	
5 Easter Sunday 	6	7	8 6:00 pm Kid's Club & Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir practice	9	10	11
12 8:00 am Methodist Men's Breakfast	13	14	15 6:00 pm Kid's Club & Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir practice	16		18
19 Children & Youth Choir Sing 6:30 pm Nashville Station Concert at Founders Park	20 2:00 pm Bible Study	21 2:00 pm Miriam Circle /Robison Room 6:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Administrative Board	22 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Kid's Club & Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir practice	23 6:00 pm Family Life Council	24	25
26	27 2:00 pm Bible Study	28	29 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Kid's Club & Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir practice	30 SUNDAY	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> 9:00 am Children & Youth Choir 9:15 a.m. Adult SS Class; Youth SS Class 9:30 a.m. Children SS Class 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service </div>	SUNDAY



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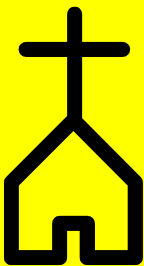
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