

St. Paul's Epistle – May 2025 through July 2025

“A great small church that grows in the Gospel through service, worship, and prayer embracing the greater community.”

Little Jesus- A Big Hit!

Ted and I received a Little Jesus several months ago when we went to Bellevue to pick up Christmas candy. When the sisters who make the candy during a tour of their church, gave us each one, I was touched and moved by this small gift. I shared this with my friend Lori and she and I conjured up the idea to hand them out to St Paul's members during lent. I never thought in a million years that you folks would get so into it!

It was very heart-warming to see and hear your excitement as you each week asked for me Little Jesus' with the companion card that said, "Everyone needs little Jesus in their life." I am pleased to share that almost 600 have been given out. Over 120 were shared at a funeral for a 26-year-old who died suddenly where I officiated. I really believe that Little Jesus provided comfort and hope to many that day.

It has been my prayer that this Little Jesus has not only touched your lives but helped you to share your faith in Jesus with others. If you want to continue this ministry, just tell me and I will order more!

Little Jesus certainly has made a big impact on our community! Thank you all.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Julie

Prayer for Healing List in the bulletin:

Have you noticed how the weekly prayer list seems to be growing? That is primarily because names have been added months ago, and we do not know if prayers are still needed. So, we are starting fresh with a new list. Every Sunday in May there will be a clip board with a place to put names that need healing. Please do not be shy. If you or a family member are still in need, please write it down. Pastor Julie will add names to the list as well that she has received from others. In June, the new prayer list will be placed in the bulletin. If you cannot come to church, please email us at stpaulsoregon@gmail.com with your name(s) to be put on the list. As always inform Pastor Julie and the office in writing about additions and deletions to our prayer list. It is important for the list to be up to date and accurate. Thanks for your help with this!

New Member Sunday- May 18

Several regular attenders at St Paul's have either transferred their memberships from other churches or have shown an interest in officially becoming members of our parish. So, please let Pastor Julie know if you wish to come forward in worship on May 18th to be received officially as a St Paul's member.

After church, we will celebrate with a nice big potluck! Sign-up sheets will be ready by the first Sunday in May for the potluck.

Summer Study – submitted by Elizabeth Cousino

June 5, 12, 19 (Thursdays) 5:30-7:00pm

Light dinner 5:30-6:00pm

6:00-7:00pm Reading & Discussion

Come join us for three evenings of meal and discussion around the topic of Jesus. Each week we will have a short reading we will do together with discussion to follow. We will be focusing on the role of Jesus in our faith lives, our church lives and what it looks like to take Jesus out into the greater community. Come to any or to all.

The Winds of Our Lives

There are the calm winds that cause just an easy flow. Nothing is going wrong.

Then comes the winds that have the ripples in the water and the leaves do an easy waving.

Then here comes the winds that can cause the windows to shake.

But the winds that flow through our souls can cause fear and uncertainty. We feel like the anchor is not going to hold. The waters of life will pull us in.

But the scripture says he will calm our storms. He will ease the waves. Do not let yourself drown in life's dark waters.

-poem submitted by Edith Csizmar

A reason to join in the Jubilee

Many changes are happening daily, in our lives as people living in the United States. So much so, it can be exhausting, just trying to keep up. But, as believers and followers of Christ Jesus, we are bound by our faith, to find and bring joy, into all aspects of our lives.

May we each be blessed to hear the yobhel*, as it signals the beginning of the 2,025th anniversary of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ's Incarnation. Considering how he laid down his life for us, assuredly we can each find it within ourselves, to give Jesus, the gift of liberation for all of God's creation. Not just for some, but for every, human, animal, and all of God's land and resources.

If we look to this time as an opportunity for us to be wholly restored. We must also accept and acknowledge our place on the planet which God has given us to inhabit, by doing his will and accepting his command, for us to live justly, and to do no wrong to others.

Yes, there is work that must be done, in preparation for this three hundred- and seventy-eight-day celebration. It began on December 24, 2024, and runs until the Epiphany 2026. During this time, and season of rejoicing, will you boldly claim stewardship of God's creation, and find ways to live justly?

Our heavenly Father is giving the world an opportunity for reconciliation. A time of spiritual renewal, and the probable possibility of a social and economic reset. Providing that we each find our way home, through a stronger connection of faith, and a willingness to respect the dignity of every human being.

The Jubilee provides us with liberation and release. Redemption from past harms which we have created and inflicted upon others for our own personal gain.

Our work is not just in worshiping each Sunday, but in what we show the world in our day-to-day living. The hard labor of respecting others' personal rights, family responsibilities, and equality and justice for all.

Release your fears, God is still on the throne. And though it may not always be obvious, this is still his world, and he is in control. But he will not do it without us, not because he cannot, but because he loves us so much.

Please take some time to read the 25th chapter of Leviticus (it is short). Then Google Jubilee pledge 2025, for a wonderful Catholic Jubilee pledge (assets.ctfassets.net).

Do not be left out of this joyful celebration. There will not be another one for fifty years. The yobhel has sounded, did you hear it?

Humbly submitted by Rhea Crayton

*The word "Yobhel" originates from the Hebrew word "yobel," which means "**ram's horn trumpet**" or "**trumpet**". This Hebrew word is the root of the English word "Jubilee". In Jewish tradition, the "shofar," a ram's horn trumpet, is used to announce the beginning of certain sacred festivals and was also a symbol of the Year of Jubilee

Promise Yourself by Kristone - Submitted by Dave Karikas

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind. - To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet. - To make all your friends feel that there is something in them. - To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true. - To think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best. - To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own. - To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future. - To wear a cheerful countenance at all times, and give every living creature you meet a smile. - To give so much to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others. - To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

Proposed Card Crafting Event—TIMELY INPUT NEEDED

At the annual meeting, when discussing the card ministry, it was suggested that we make cards for Celeste to use. Well, we have located an experienced instructor who is willing to come to the church and present a card crafting event: Five general purpose cards for \$25, prepaid with registration. All tools will be provided, as well as supplies cut into pre-made “kits,” except you’ll need to bring small scissors and a craft quality adhesive you can buy elsewhere or from the instructor, cash or Venmo at the door for the adhesive (AdTech Tape Glue Runner or Tombow Mono Liquid Glue, \$6.00 each and you’ll have plenty left over for another use). We need a minimum of four registrants (max is 30). The event will take about two hours and could be held on a weeknight at 5:30 PM (you will be home before dark) or on a weekend at 2:00 PM. Since the instructor needs time to order and have the materials delivered, and to prepare them into kits (your cash registration fee is nonrefundable), the registration deadline will be ten days before the event. The earliest date for the event would be in late June. Please contact Christine Hampshire at 419-902-9811 or dchampshire@att.net **by May18th** with your level of interest and preference for the time slot. A date will be secured, and you will be advised. Once we have the date, the prepayment deadline will be announced. When registering, you will need to state whether you want the instructor to bring adhesive for you and which kind. Let us create together! You can choose to keep the cards or donate to the card ministry.

Address updates – Address updates to get cards to the correct place and for the church directory are always needed. Please email your address changes to StPaulsOregon@gmail.com or call 419-691-9400 and leave a message.

Recycling - -submitted by Jill Roth Boessel

Even though Earth Day has passed (April 22), go online to “Celebrate Earth Day”, plus KTLCB’s Website: <https://www.ktlcb.org> to find ways to help keep our planet, and Toledo/Lucas County beautiful!

CHALLENGE #1: try to stop using plastic bags when you purchase items at a store. Meijer has nice reusable plastic bags for \$1...see Jill for a complimentary bag.

CHALLENGE #2: Try to avoid buying or using any Styrofoam food containers. The ones with a “6” inside the triangle can only be recycled in Detroit and Ann Arbor . Idea: if you know you will be taking leftovers home from a restaurant, take along your own container.

CHALLENGE #3: If you HAVE to use a Styrofoam food container, please wash it out and either use it for Challenge two or bring it to church and give it to Jill. There is a church near her house that takes clean Styrofoam food containers to Ann Arbor. Many thanks

Lids for Animals - another way to recycle-

Please save plastic lids (from peanut butter jars, mayonnaise jar, nuts, etc.). Other lids, from cool whip, margarine tubs, or cottage cheese, are not strong enough, or deep enough. These need to have a little bit of weight so as not to be easily knocked over by the animal and a little depth to hold water. Ceramics bowls with a little weight to them such as ramekins are also very useful. They will be given to Nature's Nursery (<https://natures-nursery.org/>) to be used as pet food and water dishes. Put them in the light blue box labeled Nature's Nursey in the hallway near the parlor door.

Free Electronic Recycling

The City of Northwood is offering free electronic recycling at their Municipal Building on Wales Road on June 14th, 10 am to 3 pm. This drive is a chance to recycle unwanted electronics, addressing the issue of electronic waste ending up in landfills. Check out <https://www.facebook.com/events/1020957152854990/> for acceptable items. Starting July 1, 2025, rechargeable lithium-ion batteries will also need to be recycled through special programs, not mixed with regular recyclables.

Food for Thought Pantry – This outreach ministry continues to grow. If you, a friend, or an acquaintance is in need, the list of pantries is at feedtoledo.org or on Facebook. The pantry welcomes everyone from everywhere. Volunteers are an essential part of this ministry and ours are wonderful. If you are willing to help, plan to arrive between 2 pm and 2:15 pm, on the second Tuesday of the month.

Blessing of Dorcas Circle's Gifts of Love and Compassion

During worship on Sunday, June 1st, we will celebrate and recognize and bless the work of so many dedicated folks. It is exciting to let you know that some of these items are made by folks in the community who want to share their talents and love with us. Dorcas Circle is a dedicated group of volunteers, in and out of our church. If you have any interest in joining, please see Christine Hampshire.

Altar Flowers –The Altar Guild decided to go with more somber arrangements for Lent hence the palms and purple silk flowers. Although lovely, the silk arrangements are only intended to be used as fill-ins in the absence of dedicated arrangements for the rest of the year. The list of dates available for signing up for altar flowers is on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Is there a special date in your life or someone special you wish to remember or honor? Consider signing up to donate flowers for those dates. The cost is only \$40 per Sunday. Please remember to write on the envelope how you want your dedication to be listed in the bulletin.

Dates are still available, see the bulletin board.

Sustainability Committee Update

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thanks to one and all who helped with the 3 Lenten fish dinners. We sold about 150 dinners and netted a little under \$1000 at each event. We got great comments from our guests-- and we couldn't have done it without YOU!

Please mark your calendars for June 14-- it's St Paul's first Chicken BBQ for the season! You'll be getting more details via email, and of course your Sunday bulletin.

-submitted by Ted Beitelschees

Clothing and Housewares Donations:

Clothing donations can be brought every Sunday and dropped in the bins under the coat rack by the S.P.Y. room. If you have a larger donation and want to take it directly to Cedar Creek's clothing closet, 3540 Seaman Road, Oregon, Ohio, they accept donations on Wednesdays from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at the side door by the Eagle Learning Center sign and on Sundays from 8:30-12:00 at the front door of the Oregon campus (3540 Seaman). They will help unload your car.

Clean and in good repair **Housewares** donations can be brought and left in the S.P.Y. room. If you have questions, please contact Diane Schwind. Remember our **Christmas in July Giveaway** is coming up and our volunteers need time to sort through the articles. Bring them in on Sunday or on Mondays after 3 pm unless posted otherwise. You can also make special arrangements for large items if necessary. Your generous donations to this effort will brighten many lives. Thank you to all who donate and help.

Prayer Chain –Prayer concerns are shared via phone text. Would you like to join? Are you a prayer warrior? Are you willing to devote time to pray for others? If so, contact Pastor.

How it works: Please give your prayer concerns to Pastor and let her know if you want it to be included in the chain. Pastor will send members of the chain the pertinent information by text. The text will include the concern, and whatever information she has been authorized to share.

You are NOT to respond to the text unless asked to in the initial message as responses go to everyone on the chain. Be respectful and not intrusive, meaning do not contact the person or family seeking more information – if it was not included in the text request, there is a reason. Maintain privacy, you are not to share or discuss it with anyone – this is not a gossip chain. *Your only purpose is to pray for the concern.*

Special Offerings and Collections

Disaster Fund – On the first Sunday of the month, all the loose offerings are put into this fund. This money is accumulated and used when we are called to respond to assist relief efforts, be they locally, nationally, or worldwide.

5 Cents a Meal Fund – On the 4th Sunday of the month this money is collected and accumulated. We are encouraged to physically collect 5 cents for each meal we eat or contribute a similar amount to this fund. Periodically this money is donated equally to a local and a Diocesan hunger program.

Discretionary Fund – Pastor Julie uses this fund to assist individuals in emergency situations, at her discretion. A special offering for Pastor's discretionary fund is received on every fifth Sunday.

The United Thank Offering (UTO) – This offering is taken annually, usually on a Sunday in November. The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. At St. Paul's we have a supply of Blue Boxes available to use as a daily reminder, and special offering envelopes are placed in the pews in November. Please make out checks to "St. Paul's Episcopal Church" and add "UTO" in the memo section.

Change for Change – Members save their change in jars in order to help the church's expenses. It is amazing how a small amount of change given by many folks adds up quickly. Special Sundays are announced as Change for Change.

Opportunities to Support Others

Join the **NWO Women's Ministry** for the 3rd annual ***Praise and Worship Night*** on **May 2nd** from 7pm - 9 pm at Calvary Bible Chapel, 3740 W. Alexis Rd Toledo, OH 43623. The Anchor Church Worship Band will grace the stage for the ministry to hundreds of women across Northwest, OH all for *His glory!* The event is free, but they ask that you pre-register for planning purposes. Go to NWOwomensministry on Facebook.

May 7 & 8 – Mercy St. Charles, Annual Flower Sale in the lobby, 8 am – 4 pm

Northwood Church of God, corner of Coy and Curtis, hosts a **Spaghetti Dinner** on the second Friday of every month from 4 – 7pm. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children. The upcoming dates are **May 9, June 13 and July 11.**

Rossford United Methodist Church is holding a Lasagna Dinner on **May 18**, from noon to 2pm. The cost is \$15 and includes lasagna, bread, and dessert. Tickets available. Contact Jenny at 419-666-5323.

Northwood Church of God Food Pantry falls on the third Tuesday of the month from noon to 2pm. The upcoming dates are **May 20, June 17 and July 15.**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, corner of Pickle and Lallendorf roads, has a **monthly drive-thru food pantry** on the fourth Saturday of the month from 10 am – 11 am. They also stock a mini-food pantry (<https://www.princeofpeaceoregon.com/mini-food-pantry>) which is always available outside the church. The upcoming dates for the drive-thru pantry are **May 24, June 28 and July 26.**

St. Mark's Lutheran Church hosts a monthly Neighborhood dinner from 4 – 6 pm on the last Wednesday of every month – upcoming dates are **May 28, June 25 and July 30.** At 4pm the doors open. Dinner is served at 5 pm and the Secondhand Store opens. At 5:15 pm, the grocery bag and toiletries stations open. Kids' grocery bags are distributed on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 3:30 until 6pm during the monthly kids' night.

Ashland Church Food Pantry, 2350 Starr Avenue, is on the last Saturday of the month from 12 noon to 1:30 pm. The upcoming dates are **May 31, June 28, and July 26.**

June 23 – Cherry Street Masters, Help Eradicate Poverty Golf Tournament, 11 am, Highland Meadows Golf Club, preregister

Celebrations:

Anniversaries:

June 2 – Ted & Julie Beitelschees
June 7 – John & Mary Bates
June 8 – Kevin & Kathy Shope

June 20 – Bob & Lynn Goertz
June 23 – Mike & Sue Adkins

Birthdays:

May 4 – Bev Dayton
May 12 – Kathy Gaul
May 13 – Blanche Bailey
May 21 – Kathy Shope
May 28 – Renae Deal Davies
June 6 – Rhea Crayton, Quinn McDougle
June 7 – Clyde Johns

June 12 – Lynn Goertz
June 29 – Matt Stecker
July 3 – Julie Beitelschees
July 10 – Bob Goertz
July 11 – Sherrie Erdmann
July 23 – Carol Deal

If we missed your celebration, the church office may not have it on file. Please let the newsletter editor, Christine Hampshire, know.

Pastor's day off - Pastor Julie has been part-time since she started at St Paul's; however, she has never taken off a regular day off. Moving forward Fridays and most Saturdays will be her regularly scheduled time off. She will not be responding to emails or texts these days. Please limit communication to emergencies only.

Greeters: Sign up is for three consecutive Sundays
Arrive by 9:30 am on your dates.

May 4, 11, & 18 – Anny Daniels
May 25, June 1 & 8 –Cecelia Kinor
June 15, 22, & 19 – Cecelia Kinor
July 6, 13, & 20 – Sher Erdmann
July 27, August 3 & 10 – Diane Schwind

Coffee Hour:

May 4 – Sue Adkins & Kathy Gaul
May 11- Blanche Bailey
May 18 – Anny Daniels & Ginny Patterson
May 25 – Ted & Julie Beitelschees
June 1 – Kathy Shope
June 8 – Sher Erdmann
June 15 - Anny Daniels & Ginny Patterson
June 22 – Cecelia & Frank Kinor
June 29 – Cindy & Dave Karikas
All Sundays in July are open.



Thank you - Many times we do not see the results of the hard work that our members do. Well, your Senior Warden Gene Schwind organized the ditch cleanup and then personally installed the green barrier net fence to help keep it clean. Many thanks to Gene for his efforts.

Needs of the Church and Community

Our wonderful secretary, Taylor, posts updated need lists for in-kind donations on our website at <https://www.stpaulschurchoregon.org/donate.html>. There are lists for the food pantry, Dorcas Circle, what housewares and clothing can be accepted, and general church needs. If you cannot download and open a pdf file, let us know and we can send it in a different format or print it out for you.

Lay Readers Schedule - coordinated by Kathy Gaul

	<u>First Reading</u>	<u>Second Reading</u>
May 4	Tim Stecker	Sher Erdmann
May 11	Cecelia Kinor	Janet Weir
May 18	Matt Stecker	Laura Scherer
May 25	Carol Deal	Marjorie McDougle
June 1	Elizabeth Cousino	Matt Stecker
June 8	Laura Scherer	Janet Weir
June 15	Dave Karikas	Carol Deal
June 22	Sher Erdmann	Cecelia Kinor
June 29 T	ed Beitelschees	Darrell Cousino

Altar Guild Schedule

May 4 - Anny Daniels and Kathy Gaul
May 11 - Cecelia Kinor and Diane Schwind
May 18 - Diane Schwind and Anny Daniels
May 25 - Ginny Patterson and Kathy Gaul
June 1- Cecelia Kinor and Ginny Patterson
June 8 - Diane Schwind and Kathy Gaul
June 15 - Ginny Patterson and Anny Daniels
June 22 - Anny Daniels and Diane Schwind
June 29 – Kathy Gaul and Cecelia Kinor

2025 Dates to Remember : Some dates are subject to change – watch your Sunday bulletin for updates.

May 6 – Primary Special Election - go vote

May 11 – Mother’s Day – Bring a framed photo of your mother to be displayed at the front of the sanctuary. Arrive by 9:20 am so we can arrange them properly before the service begins.

May 13 - Food for Thought food pantry, volunteers arrive by 2:15 pm

May 17 - Rita's Soups - 11 am- 12:30 pm or until all out

May 18 – New Member recognition and potluck

May 20 – 22 – Pastor July at Clergy Conference

May 27 – Dorcas Circle – 4 pm

May 28 – Vestry – 5 pm

June 1 – Celebrate Card & Houseware Ministries

June 1 - Blessing of the Lapghans

June 5 – Summer Study – 5:30-7pm

June 7 – Outdoor Cleanup

June 10 - Food for Thought food pantry, volunteers arrive by 2:15 pm

June 12 - Summer Study – 5:30-7pm

June 14 – Chicken BBQ

June 18 - Vestry – 5 pm

June 19 - Summer Study – 5:30-7pm

June 21 - Rita's Soups - 11 am- 12:30 pm or until all out

June 24 - Dorcas Circle – 4 pm

July 8 - Food for Thought food pantry, volunteers arrive by 2:15 pm

July 9 & 10 – Housewares Giveaway setups – 10am-noon

July 12 – Christmas in July Housewares Giveaway – 10am-noon

July 13 – Celebrate Sustainability Committee

July 14 – Housewares Box up – 10am

July 16 - Vestry – 5 pm

July 19 - Rita's Soups - 11 am- 12:30 pm or until all out

July 20 – Deadline for next newsletter articles

July 29 - Dorcas Circle – 4 pm

August 3 – Celebrate Food Pantry Ministry

August 24 – German American Festival Worship

September 6 – Chicken BBQ

November 1 – Pigs-in-Blanket Dinner, 5 – 7 pm.

November 9 – Blessing of Dorcas hats and scarves

Who to contact for your questions (consult the most recent directory for contact info):

Pastor - for all things spiritual and prayer concerns; requested visitations; pastoral counseling; emergency food requests; rental reservations; prayer shawl, lapghan, or twiddle muff requests

Senior Warden Gene Schwind – for Vestry concerns, rental logistics, building maintenance oversight issues and needed repairs

Junior Warden Diane Schwind – for building concerns, housewares giveaway

Altar Guild – Kathy Gaul to volunteer for altar care/setup, for flower dedications and for special offerings info

Card Ministry – Celeste Gettings

Sunday Readers – Kathy Gaul coordinates this, to volunteer contact her.

Treasurer – contact Sue Adkins for preapproved expense reimbursement

Financial Statements – contact Dave Karikas for your giving statement.

Prayer Shawl Ministry/Dorcas Circle – Christine Hampshire for questions

To obtain a shawl or lapghan, please contact Pastor.

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