

# The Epistle

## Testimony by Mr. Steve Headley

*Steve originally gave this testimony on June 4, 2017, during the worship service. It is reprinted here for those who were unable to attend that day, or who would enjoy another chance to meditate on it.*

### Introduction

It would be very remiss of me not to thank so many for their prayers, concerns and efforts during my recent health crisis. This especially includes St. Paul's, Pastor Emily, Linda Lawson, my Uncle Bill and cousin Jenny, those at work, especially my supervisor, Arnie Eaton and several incredible doctors and nurses.

Six months ago, I could not have envisioned standing before you today. My body has eight scars it didn't have six months ago. A lot happened during that time, including: a nuclear stress test, EKGs, MRIs, blood tests, x-rays, angiograms, sleep studies, multiple cardioversions—that's passing an electrical current through the heart—my heart has been catheterized, inside and out, an atrial clip was attached to prevent blood clots; a loop recorder was implanted in my chest to monitor my heart. All routine, with a 2% risk of stroke, heart attack or death. Routine, unless they're doing it to you. I've been on as many as 12 prescriptions at one time.

We all know how this ends, for everything you can see and touch is temporary. It's not a question of if, but when and how. And then the only question is, what happens next.

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Our YouTube channel is live!



Thanks to Dennis King and Nick Pirrmann, we are up and running! Our channel so far contains several sermons and a welcome message

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The non-believer thinks nothing happens next. Non-believers will point to every terrorist attack, natural disaster and all the other bad news and ask, where's God? What God? Strangely, these same non-believers, when they see the tornado headed their way or when the doctor delivers the bad news, then often, these non-believers will cry out... God help me... Jesus save me.

The believer knows something will happen next.

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from Pastor, which viewers will see the first time they arrive at our page.

If you'd like to see our channel, please [click here](#), or visit [YouTube.com](#) and search for "St. Paul Lutheran Church, Reading, Ohio." The channel is also linked from our website and Facebook page. This will help people who are looking for a church home to get to know us before visiting in person.

Something great. Then, the believer knows their *Spiritual* Health Care Plan will pay dividends. And in spite of ourselves and all the bad news, if we watch and listen closely, along the way we will experience an event, where God reminds us one more time... "BELIEVE." Always remember, God works in mysterious ways.

### The First Question

**Question:** WHAT HAS ST. PAUL'S MEANT TO ME? **Answer:** An excellent SPIRITUAL health care plan - at a time in my life when I really needed it.

These things I've heard:

- "Always remember, God works in mysterious ways."
- "Your lungs are clear, but you better get your heart checked."
- "The worst thing that can happen, is this doesn't work."
- "God, it's in your hands."

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## LIVING IN TWO KINGDOMS

This fourth of July celebration marks the 241<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the United States' adoption of the Declaration of Independence. As you know, we are also approaching the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. As part of the lead-up into this 500th celebration, we are focusing this year on some of the key Lutheran teachings. How does God call us to use our civil freedom and the freedom Christ gives us, in our daily lives?



One of the teachings that Martin Luther introduced is the “Christian Life in Two Realms”; you may have also heard of this as “The Two Kingdoms” theology. The two realms or kingdoms are: (1) the Kingdom of the Word and (2) the Kingdom of the Sword. The Word, or Gospel, rules over the soul, and governs relationships between God and humans. The Sword, or Law, refers to everything that structures life on earth including government, family, economics, and culture. It’s important to note that as Luther taught it, the Two Kingdoms are NOT to be understood as the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of the devil. Instead, the Gospel and the Law are God’s two ways of governing. God rules the world through the Law and the Gospel.

According to the Augsburg Confession, a document written to express the Christian faith according to Luther and his followers, “Concerning public order and secular government it is taught that all political authority, orderly government, laws, and good order in the world are created and instituted by God.” (*Augsburg Confession, Article 16 (1530)*)

According to the fourth commandment, parents, el-

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## Valley Inter-faith Donation Items of the Month

**Earphones and earbuds** for back-to-school kits; please bring by July 10. (Inexpensive pairs are available at Walgreens or Walmart.)



## Shampoo and conditioner



Thank you!

## Constitutional Changes

We have not officially voted as a congregation on constitutional amendments to update our constitution since 2000. Much has changed in the ELCA and in the United States since then. A letter introducing proposed changes to our constitution and a copy of the constitution with proposed revisions will be distributed the first week of July.



The constitution with proposed revisions will be distributed via email and on our website; if you would rather have a print copy to look over, please contact the office.

Special sessions will be offered after worship on July 9

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Originally, Linda and I were wanting to bring Matthew & Maci to St. Paul's so they could learn about Jesus and experience the Christian way. What I didn't realize at the time was, the children were leading Linda and I to St. Paul's ... And she said, "Always remember, God works in mysterious ways?"

### Church and My Early Years

And not unlike Matthew and Maci today, my parents wanted my brother and me to learn about Jesus and experience the Christian way. As a boy, thanks to my parents, I had an excellent SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan: We attended church weekly. I was baptized. My father was an usher and my mother played the organ. My older brother was an acolyte and eventually I became one too.

My brother attended the Our Redeemer Lutheran School. Our SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan had a check in the box that said... GOLD PLAN. My mother would tell me, "Always remember, God works in mysterious ways."

### Lost for Fifty Years

Before I became a teenager, we moved from the neighborhood, where the church was that we attended for so many years. And for various reasons we never renewed our GOLD SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan. Then life happened... And along the way I would tell anyone, if the subject came up, "yes" I know there is a God, and I believe in Jesus and the Christian way. My father would say, "Just keep the Ten Commandments and you'll be fine."

For half a century, I no longer attended or belonged to a church, no pastor, no church family, no church activities... in short, my SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan was... BRONZE, not even SILVER, and for sure no longer

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ders, teachers, and political leaders receive their authority and purpose from God. Their purpose and call is to uphold the law with justice as agents of God's work against the forces of sin and evil. God works through the Kingdom or Realm of the Law/Sword to protect us and all creation, to curb sin, and oppose evil. The Church is not equated with the realm of the Gospel but instead reminds the civil realm of its function and encourages all citizens to be involved with

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and 16 to discuss any questions or concerns about the proposed changes to our Constitution. We will vote on the amendments after worship on July 30. Questions? Contact Pastor Emily or Nancy Erbeck.

*How do we as Christians live knowing that God works through both Kingdoms and that we are citizens of both?*

the civil realm.

God works through the Kingdom of the Gospel/Word through the proclamation of the Gospel in Scripture and through the sacraments to forgive our sins, nurture our faith, and give us hope. Through the Gospel, God gives us hope and courage so that we can serve God in our daily lives. We are not told to escape the Kingdom of the Law, but are instead fed and encouraged by the Gospel so that we are given the hope necessary to serve once again in the world. The Gospel (the promise that we are forgiven, made new today, and have eternal life in Christ) frees us to go back into the world to serve.

What are the implications of this teaching? How do we as Christians live knowing that God works through both Kingdoms and that we are citizens of both? We go about our work, whatever that may be, including our professional careers, work around the home, and all our relationships seeking to be faithful to God and to reflect God in everything that we do. Work, no mat-

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## Church Office Closed July 4

The office will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. If you have a pastoral emergency while the office is closed, please call Pastor at 513-760-5884.



## Love in Action: Cooks Needed



One of the most beautiful aspects of life in this congregation is your love and support of one another. We have a chance to express our love for Carole and Ron Replogle and to care for them in Jesus' name by accompanying Carole in the weeks ahead. We would like to provide her with several meals per week for the first three weeks of July. If you would be interested in cooking a meal for Carole, please contact Taylor Beckering at 763-213-3648.

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GOLD. It was a "just get by plan." My faith was not unaffiliated, but I had become a "fair-weather Christian."

Found at St. Paul's: The Holy Spirit at Work

My first recollection of St. Paul's Church was an ice cream social in Aug 2015, Linda & I quickly agreed, everyone was so friendly and nice and we were given a tour of the church - it was like entering a different dimension.

Outside, the ice cream was good, Matthew & Maci had fun and wanted to come back and best of all, everyone was excited about a new pastor starting the end of the month, and we should come back. And we did. And we have been ever since.

My first recollection of attending church service at St. Paul's was where we sat. Being new and wanting to be inconspicuous, we sat in the back of the church. Recently, the comment was made, "Some believe how far you sit from the pulpit reflects how close you are to God." I replied, "I'm not trying to make the starting line up, I just want to make sure I'm on the team."

So there we were, sitting in the back of the church, behind an elderly gentleman with a cane, who physically appeared to have every right to have said, "God, I can't make it to church today." Nevertheless, there he was. I felt ashamed for all the years I made excuses for not attending church. I would come to know this man simply as Paul. Behind us was a family who quickly dispelled the logic of the farther you are from the pulpit, the farther you are from God. I thought, "God, your starting lineup is sitting behind me."

As the congregation entered the church I was still thinking about the elderly gentleman in front of me and wondered how great his dedication and commitment and faith must be.

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ter how humble or mundane, is God-pleasing when we do it to make God look good and to serve our neighbor so that all life can flourish. To decide what we should do or how to decide what's right, we pray for God's guidance, for faith, and for the strength to keep his commandments. We also use our reason, experience, and Scripture to help us discern. We do not get tricked into thinking that any government or society can achieve perfection; only God is perfect. Instead, we thank God for his law and for working to overcome evil and sin in the world. We engage in our economy and government so that we might participate in God's work of justice, mercy, and safety for all, but we disobey authority if leaders command us to do something against the Ten Commandments, against our neighbor, or against God. We keep in mind that we will certainly sin and fall short of living for the sake of our neighbor as we live in the world, and that's why we need Christ.

As Christians, we are freed by Christ to live in both kingdoms; just remember to which one you truly belong.

In Christ, Pastor Emily Beckering

## Quarterly Congregational Meeting



Our congregational meeting will be held Sunday, July 30 following worship. We will review 2<sup>nd</sup>-quarter financial data, vote on revisions to our Constitution, and hear an update from the Council about the Visioning our Mission process this last year.

## Dorcas Circle

The Dorcas ladies were willing and able to assemble quilts two times in June and, in spite of missing a few people, we did finish several quilts the first Wednesday. We expect to complete more on our usual day. In July we will meet on the third Wednesday, as usual. And we may add a second session in August. We were happy that Cindy Mayhugh joined us in June. We hope that she enjoyed it as much as we do, and we look forward to seeing her as often as she is able to come.

In the past, there has been some discussion re another quilt raffle in the Fall. More information will be released next month, so be watching for it.

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Then I noticed... the aged and infirm, crutches, walkers, more canes and a wheelchair.. At that point in time, I knew whatever reason I had ever used to justify a basic, "just get by," SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan, was not a good reason, and it was important for me to enroll back into a GOLD SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan.

So between Aug 2015 & Aug 2016 we became members at St. Paul's, and attended every church Service but a couple & most of the church activities. Matthew and Maci were baptized and eventually became book bearers. Linda and I have served as greeters. Once again, the GOLD box was checked on my SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan. And she said, "Always remember, God works in mysterious ways."

At work, our fiscal year ends July 31, so the beginning of August we have to update our benefit selections such as PHYSICAL Health Care ... choose either the BRONZE, SILVER or GOLD plan. For over 40 years of employment, with three different companies, I had always selected the basic or core or BRONZE PHYSICAL Health Care Plan. Less employee cost and even less coverage. The "just get by plan." Not unlike the "just get by" SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan I had for 50 years, before St. Paul's. But this time, mysteriously, for no apparent reason, I selected the GOLD PHYSICAL Health Care Plan. And she said, "Always remember, God works in mysterious ways."

## A Test of Faith

At the end of August, on the anniversary of our first church service, I stopped at a Walgreens Health Clinic to get something for a respiratory infection - was having trouble breathing, was dizzy and felt terrible and I knew I had caught what was going around at work. I told the nurse I needed something for a respiratory infection. She said come in the back and I will check you out. She moved the stethoscope from front to back and back to the front... listening... and after a few minutes, she looked me in the eye and said, "Your lungs are clear, but you better get your heart checked." Time stopped. I was confused - I had just passed my employer's yearly health screening at the beginning of the month. What did she mean? Based on the way I felt, I knew this was not good. I didn't even have a primary care doctor. What do I do next? Who do I go see? I hate going to the doctor. I was about to find out how important a GOLD PHYSICAL Health Care Plan was, and even more so, a GOLD SPIRITUAL Health Care

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Plan. For the former without the latter, is like going into battle, without armor and weapon.

As if by magic, within the week, I was able to get in with a doctor who later I found out was the primary care doctor for other doctors. Imagine my good fortune. After a couple tests, blood work and x-rays, he called the cardiologist across the hall to see when he had an opening. He just happened to have a cancellation. So I was able to go see him immediately. Again, imagine my good fortune. And after he did a couple more tests, they quickly developed my health profile:

- Hypertension & High Blood Pressure
- Heart Failure - the chamber that pumps blood was down to 20% capacity
- Shortness of Breath & Localized Edema - due to lack of blood, my lungs & kidneys were faltering
- An enlarged heart
- And last but not least, Critical Fibrillation, better known as AFB, an irregular heartbeat.

The cardiologist said my heart was idling fast like a race car and wearing out.

In short, I was a mess. My doctor said I had a crappy heart & if I hadn't come to them when I did, I would have had a major heart attack within a couple months. I knew this was not an exaggeration. It was in my pedigree - my brother died of a heart attack at 49 years old and my father's brother died of a heart attack at 50 years old. I was immediately started on a blood thinner that after three trips to ER, it was determined I was allergic to this blood thinner. Routinely, I would be asked if I was having trouble falling or had been previously treated for a heart attack.

And as I learned what the plan was to right my health ship, I was overwhelmed by all the tests, procedures and surgeries I was going to need. I had my doubts it would all be worth it. I told Linda I didn't know if I wanted to go through all this. I was sent to a second cardiologist who specialized in the Maze procedure. At his consultation, he described what he was going to do. I said, "You can do all that and not kill me?" He said, "There is a risk, but that the worst thing that could happen is this doesn't work."

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## An Old Lesson Revisited

I talked to my Uncle Bill, my mom's brother & last surviving blood uncle. He is a WWII vet who was in the Pacific and was like a second father to me when I was growing up - he taught me how to hit a baseball. He was my last connection to my mother, and a Lutheran also. If you googled God, Country, family and sports, his picture might very well appear. For these reasons I wanted his opinion. After listening to my doubts about all this doctor business, Uncle Bill said, "Let the doctors do what they want." And she said, "Always remember, God works in mysterious ways."

## A New Lesson Learned

Early on, I shared my situation with those at church I talked to every Sunday morning. My church family. This led to an exchange of stories involving heart and health problems. Lee Erbeck told me, when he had become overwhelmed with his heart health crisis, his motto was "God, it's in your hands." I remembered this like a bible lesson, and later on, every time I was sedated, for multiple electrical cardioversions, for a maze procedure that put me in cardiac intensive care recovery for six days, and finally a heart ablation that took 8 hours of surgery, the last thing I would say, before being sedated ... "God, it's in your hands."

## An Observation

My health crisis has made me think about the similarities of a PHYSICAL and SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan, and the importance of their similarities.

The PHYSICAL Health Care Plan is intended for the salvation of the mortal body... in a hospital. The SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan is intended for the salvation of the eternal spirit... in a church.

A hospital has an ER, operating rooms, intensive care, recovery & waiting rooms. A church has a sanctuary with an altar, pulpit, lectern, chancel, choir loft, a nave with pews and a nursery.

A hospital has a lobby with admissions & registration. A church has a narthex with greeters and bulletins.

The PHYSICAL Health Care Plan is administered by surgeons, doctors, nurses & assistant nurses. The SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan is administered by a pastor, assistant ministers, a sacristan, altar guild and administrative assistant.

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The PHYSICAL Health Care Plan provides homecare. The SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan provides communion ministers & outreach programs.

The PHYSICAL Health Care Plan uses medications, therapy & consultation. The SPIRITUAL Health care Plan uses prayer, hymns, bible study, communion, & baptism.

The PHYSICAL Health Care Plan is supported by administrators, managers, interns, aides, coordinators, technicians, specialists, clinical assistants, cooks & servers. The SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan is supported by Stewardship & Christian Education committees, Sunday School & Nursery Teachers, a music director, choir, ushers, acolytes, lesson readers, bulletin folders, book bearers, a Drama Group, and a Community Breakfast Team.

The PHYSICAL Health Care Plan is paid for with deductibles, copays & billing. The SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan is paid for with voluntary donations & voluntary tithes. Voluntary, because this bill was prepaid at Calvary!

The PHYSICAL Health Care Plan, at a hospital, has maintenance, janitors, housecleaning, groundskeepers & security. For these things at St. Paul's, the SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan, has... Dennis King.

Despite all these similarities, there is an increasingly indifferent attitude concerning the necessity of a PHYSICAL Health Care Plan vs. the necessity of a SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan.

In the PHYSICAL world, in case something happens, we know it's a good idea to have insurance. We know we can't wait until we're sick and die, to then get health and life insurance. We can't wait until we wreck our car, our house burns down, our boat sinks, our appliances quit working, or our possessions stolen... and then say, "Now I better get insurance."

For many, this same sense of urgency and importance doesn't exist concerning SPIRITUAL insurance. They do not have the most important insurance... a SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan. We see this in the increasing number of the "Unaffiliated" - those with no Christian affiliation. Then there are the fair-weather Christians, like I was, with a "just get by" SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan. I find it ironic so many spend a lifetime insuring the material possessions of their mortal body, but neglect insurance for their eternal spirit.

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## OWLS

It has been a long time coming, but the Seniors Flying Solo group now has a new name!



### OWLS: OLDER WISER LU- THERAN SENIORS

We think this is a good description of our group, and it is certainly more inclusive so that no one will feel excluded. (I wonder what our new logo will be??)

The July program for the OWLS will be on Wednesday, July 26. The plan is to meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. and, after having lunch at Lucy's, we will return to the church for viewing the film *Woodlawn*. This takes place after

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### A Second Question

Question: When you reach that point in your life, when you are compelled to say, "God it's in your hands," do you want to have a SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan? Do you want that plan to be BRONZE or GOLD?

Answer: Don't be unaffiliated. Don't be a fair-weather Christian with a "just get by" BRONZE SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan. For if you ever hear, "you better get your heart checked" or "the worst thing that can happen is this doesn't work," then you, like I did, will realize the importance of a GOLD SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan. Don't wait until then. Now is the time to ensure you have a GOLD SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan. Don't wait until you see the tornado headed your way or hear the bad news from your doctor.

### Because of St. Paul's

I still notice, as the congregation enters the church... the aged and infirm, crutches, walkers, canes, a wheelchair... and a man with a crappy heart. In closing, after being treated by my primary care doctor, five cardiologists and a pulmonary specialist, a quick health update: While my doctor classifies me as improved, but not normal. My blood pressure is down. My pulse has dropped from the high 90s to the low 60s. The heart chamber that pumps blood is up to 45%. The shortness of breath and edema are all but gone.

I'm only on five prescriptions. And most important of all, I am no longer in AFIB & no longer on blood thinners.

These improvements are NOT surprising... because of St. Paul's. Because of St. Paul's... God, I've been in your hands.

*A video of Steve's testimony can be seen on our YouTube channel by clicking [here](#).*

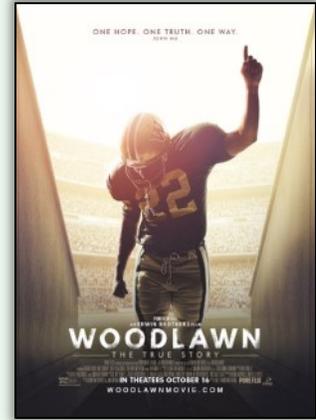
## Clothing Donation Bin



You will notice a new addition to our property on the north side

of the church building. We are hosting a Matthew 25 Ministries clothing donation bin. By hosting this bin, we answer Jesus' call in Matthew 25 to care for the poor, the naked, and all those in need. Matthew 25 Ministries will manage the bin and regularly pick up our donations.

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*“Now is the time to ensure you have a GOLD SPIRITUAL Health Care Plan.”*

## Celebrations in July



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| <b>1 Mark &amp; Connie Lohmeier</b>   | 13 Ruth Jones                              |
| 6 Donald Hosea                        | 15 Dennis King                             |
| <b>7 Terry &amp; Joyce McDowell</b>   | 16 Andrew Bardes                           |
| <b>8 Larry &amp; Penny Huber</b>      | 17 Linda Miller                            |
| 8 Karen Dardeen, Don Grau, Evan Segar | 19 Bradly Bronner                          |
| 10 David Hill                         | 21 Marty Lohmeier                          |
| 12 Donald Harris, Lucy Sturgill       | 23 Emma Hedges                             |
|                                       | 27 Richard Fox, Mark Lohmeier              |
|                                       | <b>27 Nelson &amp; Charlotte Langefeld</b> |
|                                       | 28 Cindy Reed                              |
|                                       | 29 Cindy Mayhugh                           |
|                                       | 30 Carol Curless                           |
|                                       | 31 Jim Forst                               |

desegregation in 1973. It is based on the true story of a gifted African-American young man who plays high school football and must learn to embrace his talent and his faith as he battles racial tensions. This film has received very good reviews, so we invite any of you OWLS to join us. If you are unable to lunch with us, simply come to the church by 12:15 and watch the movie with us!

## *Fishing for People* workshop July 15

“Evangelism” can be such a scary word until we get to the root where we find “evangel,” which simply means “good news.”

Come to the July 15 workshop led by Pr. Katie Kerrigan and find out how easy sharing the Good News can be. It can even be fun! Really.

*Fishing for People* is designed for all baptized members of our congregations and of other denominations, not just the ordained or specially trained. You’ll receive real-world, hands-on training and tips you can take back to your congregation to share, plus meet others from our mission territory

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## Ford-Auer Wedding, July 15



All St. Paul members are invited to attend!

*The text of the invitation reads:* “Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Ford request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Chloe Jane to Cameron David Auer, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Auer.

Saturday the fifteenth of July, 2017, at half past one in the afternoon.

St. Monica-St. George Parish, 328 West McMillan St., Cincinnati, Ohio.”

## Ice Cream Socials in July

Once again St. Paul will be hosting two ice cream socials in July—one for the community, the other for our congregation.

On Saturday, July 22, our Community Ice Cream Social will be from 1:30 to 3:30 on our lawn. There will also be a booth in the parking lot of Valley Central Bank, so as to attract passing foot traffic on Benson St. There will be free ice cream and games for the kids. Please feel free to bring friends, neighbors, cousins, grandkids, and kids of all ages.

On Sunday, July 23, the congregation’s ice cream social will be after worship. Once again, we’ll have free ice cream and games. Please stay and enjoy!



## Reformation 500 Events in the Synod



Congregations around our Synod are planning concerts, lectures and celebrations to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Please visit <http://www.southernohiosynod.org/Reformation500> for more info about some of the events.

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who also want to share the Good News in their communities. You’ll walk out of this workshop excited and prepared to “fish for people” and will have made a few new friends in the process.

The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, July 15, from 11am – 2 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, 141 S. Ludlow St, Dayton, OH. Lunch is provided. A \$5 donation to cover lunch is requested.

This workshop is open to people of all denominations. You are encouraged to invite friends, family, co-workers and neighbors for this special evangelism event!

Please RSVP to St. John's Lutheran Church by Monday, July 10 at [parish@stjohnsdayton.org](mailto:parish@stjohnsdayton.org).

## Our Life Together

**For emergency pastoral care**, please call Pastor Emily Beckering, 513-760-5884.

**If you have requests for the Prayer Chain**, call Penny Huber, 513-931-6420. To remove people from the list, contact the office.

We pray for **Mary and her granddaughter Kyra** (friend of Paul Pieper); **Jim Barry** (Kathy Hirt's dad); **Berkeley** (Carol Curless's great-grandson); **Jimmy Bertheaud** (friend of the Portmanns); **Ethan Bronner; Merle Buck; Kathy Curless; Debbie, Steve, Jessica Davis** (friends of Holly Ford); **Julie Dietrich** (Ginny Pape's daughter); **Jeremy Doan** (Jean Winkle's grandson); **Jerry Doan** (Jean Winkle's son-in-law); **Kathy Downie** (Sieckmans' neighbor); **Rita Edwards; Bus Faulkner; Larry Faulkner** (Bus and Freda's son); **Justin Feldman** (Bess Sturgill's father); **Skip Flowers** (Tracy Sieckman's stepfather-in-law); **Jim Forst; Ron Harbaugh; Matthew Harrison** (Seals' neighbor); **Les Helmich and his daughter Elaine; Sandy Hill** (David Hill's sister-in-law); **Matt Huber** (Penny Huber's son); **Jay King** (son of Jamie King, who cleans the church); **Loretta Kombrink** (Marilyn Portmann's aunt); **Charlotte Langefeld; Barbara Moorhouse; Jean Nolte; David Oaks** (Bus Faulkner's son-in-law); **Craig Olsen** (friend of the Sieckmans); **Ginny Pape; Ray Pape; Don Pflieger** (Kings' brother-in-law); **Faith Pirrmann; Sarah Rupert** (Carolyn Koehl's sister); **James Savory** (Jean Winkle's great-grandson); **Pauline Schauer** (Cindy Sieckman's cousin); **Kim Sieckman; Jason Simpson** (Bus and Freda Faulkner's grand-

nephew); **Speedy Sizemore** (friend of Marie Calhoun); **Leland Smiley** (Marie Calhoun's uncle); **Scott Songer** (friend of Jean Winkle); **Crosley Spelman** (Spelmans' grandson); **Joyce Spelman; Walter Sprenger** (Portmanns' friend); **Britney Jean Teems** (Jean Winkle's granddaughter); **Randy Thaman** (friend of Marie Calhoun); **Richard Thompson** (friend of Marie Calhoun); **Sherman and Mike Waddle; Susan Winkle** (Jean Winkle's daughter-in-law).

At the death of: **Ron Replogle**.

We pray for those with ongoing health concerns who are unable to come to church every week: **Bernice Baglien, Dottie Bangert, Pat Edwards, Bus Faulkner, Mary Jane Flege, Ruth Jones, Carol Leonard, Jack and Barbara Moorhouse, Jean Nolte, Heather Segar, Edna Willet**.

We pray for our armed forces members: **Paul Cordes** (Elinor Schieman's grandson); **Jared Forst** (Jim and Loretta's grandson); **John Garbrecht** (Carolyn Koehl's nephew); **Beau Glenn** (Karen Koehl's son-in-law); **Kylie Hahn** (Gretta Hahn's granddaughter); **Chad Harris** (Donald Harris's cousin), **Donald Hosea** (Karen Koehl's son); **Andy Langefeld** (Nelson and Charlotte's grandson); **Jobeth Ramirez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Joshua Rodriguez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Trent Schwegman** (cousin to the Erbecks and Fords); **Dustin Silvey; Mack Thompson** (Freda and Bus Faulkner's grandson).

## Ministry Schedule

<p>Month-Long Ministries</p>	<p>Bulletins: Carole Replogle and Pat Coldiron Greeters: Linda Lawson &amp; Steve Headley Altar Guild: Loretta Forst, Linens; Carole Replogle, Setup; Diana Hawkins, Cleanup</p>
<p>July 2 4 Pentecost</p>	<p>Assisting Minister: Donald Harris Lesson Reader: Carroll Mayhugh Acolyte: Jack Baumiller Communion Minister: Susan Bardes</p>
<p>July 9 5 Pentecost</p>	<p>Assisting Minister: Nancy Erbeck Lesson Reader: Shirley Lathrop Acolyte: <i>Volunteer Needed</i> Communion Minister: Carolyn Koehl</p>
<p>July 16 6 Pentecost</p>	<p>Assisting Minister: Doug Lohmeier Lesson Reader: Cindy Mayhugh Acolyte: Patrick Cathcart Communion Ministers: Sherry Bronner, Ron &amp; Shirley Harbaugh</p>
<p>July 23 7 Pentecost</p>	<p>Assisting Minister: David Hill Lesson Reader: Sarah Papin Acolyte: Annie Lohmeier Book Bearer: Maci Lawson Communion Ministers: Chelsea King, Donald Harris</p>
<p>July 30 8 Pentecost</p>	<p>Assisting Minister: Terry McDowell Lesson Reader: Carroll Mayhugh Acolyte: Olivia Hedges Book Bearer: Matthew Lawson</p>

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As a community of Christian believers, we are called by God to use the many gifts He has given us, within the church and the community, so others may come to know Him.

## O Lord Hear My Prayer

### BIBLE STUDY SERIES ON PRAYER

Wondering how to connect more deeply with God through Scripture? Wish you could dig deeper while studying the Word? Wanting to pray but not sure how? Come to the Bible Study series in July focusing on *How to Pray and Meditate on Scripture*. Wednesdays, July 5-26, 7:00-8:30 pm and Tuesdays, July 11-August 1, 11:15-12:00 pm.



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