

The Epistle

Reflection: Maggie McDowell's Graduation



With Maggie's graduation from Sycamore High School, our family has reflected upon those who have profoundly influenced her life. We would be remiss if we did not thank our St. Paul family for all that it has done for her over the years. I was seven or eight months pregnant with Maggie when we first came to St. Paul Lutheran in Read-

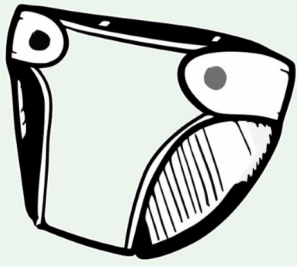
ing. Our prior church, Norwood English Lutheran had closed and while we visited several other congregations afterward, we were drawn to join St. Paul because of the warm welcome and acceptance we felt from its members from day one. Maggie became a trend setter at St. Paul when she became the first infant to be baptized outside at the church picnic, just a few months after her birth. On her Baptismal day, the members of St. Paul took their promise and commitment to care for and help Maggie lead a Godly life seriously, as they have tirelessly nurtured her spiritual upbringing from that day forward. It was at St. Paul that Maggie met her still best friend Leandra while they were both infants, and her second Mother and close advocate Diana Hawkins who has been a true friend and confidant as our two families

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VALLEY INTER-FAITH ITEM OF THE MONTH

OWLS



On Sunday, July 7, let's plan to attend the St. Paul Players' latest play production after worship. *Cocktails with Mimi* promises to be another entertaining play. Any **O**lder **W**iser **L**utheran and their friends are encouraged to attend.

It is a joy and life-giving to the congregation to see the children grow and thrive in the Holy Spirit.

June's donation items for Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center are **diapers and baby wipes**. Thank you for your generosity!

Report from previous months: In April you gave **74 deodorants**. Thank you for your generosity!

Dorcas Circle



The ladies will meet again on Wednesday, June 19, 9 am until 2 pm.

We are eagerly anticipating hosting our "Open House" on **Sunday, June 23**, in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Our purpose is to ac-

quaint you with the various stages of assembling the quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The ladies will demonstrate each step and we will invite, and encourage, you to participate. Of course, we always welcome anyone who would like to come and work with us each month. No special talent is required, but each step of the process is essential. So please plan to "come and see" on Sunday, June 23. Some light refreshments will be served.

We have another update from Lutheran World Relief about the recipients of the quilts that Dorcas Circle gave in fall 2018. In addition to Iraq, Rwanda, and Dominica, quilts from St. Paul have now been shipped to Lebanon as well!

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have spent countless hours together over the years closely bonding as a result of planning and implementing activities centered around the ministry of St. Paul. Many other members of St. Paul have devoted countless hours nurturing and mentoring not only Maggie, her siblings, and other children through Sunday school, first communion preparation, youth group activities, Easter activities, Fall Festival parties, Ice cream socials, Live Nativities, parades, Vacation Bible schools and so many other events and activities. There are too many wonderful memories and too many selfless, gracious people to thank at St. Paul with this message, but please know that each and every one of you are appreciated for the role that you have played in Maggie's life both big and small, whether you are aware of your influence or not. You have supported Maggie and our entire family faithfully from week to week as we have gone through the challenges, and at times tragedies, and celebrations of daily life. As we have learned from Pastor Emily, by advocating and supporting Maggie and the other children at St. Paul and the Reading community, you have been Jesus for her and for them, forever changing the outcome of their lives. To each and every one of you who have helped serve Maggie and the other children at St. Paul and the Reading community, we extend to you, a huge "thank you". To each and every one of you who have children at St. Paul, I encourage you to continue to bring them faithfully so that they too can be blessed by the members of the St. Paul community who freely offer their talents and spiritual gifts to our children for their spiritual blessings and growth. It is a joy and life-giving to the congregation to see the children grow and thrive in the Holy Spirit. From the bottom of my heart, thanks be to God for each and every one of you at St. Paul.



Maggie's baptism at Baxter Park with godparents Barry & Ellen Burns.

Joyce McDowell



JUNE BIBLE STUDY: ISAIAH

Understanding the Old Testament is essential for understanding the fullness of who Christ is for us and for the world. For a more complete picture of God's promises to us in Christ and for a thrilling discovery of The Triune God, come to the Bible study series on Isaiah. Mondays at 7 pm and Tuesdays at 11:15 am.

ANNUAL PICNIC

The annual St. Paul picnic is June 16 at Baxter Park (10500 Reading Rd, Evendale.) Worship begins at 11 am with a potluck lunch to follow.

The Stewardship Prayer Wheel



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In 1997 while traveling in India, I was fortunate to visit the Ladakh region in northern India. Most of the population in the area are Buddhists who focus on personal spiritual development and follow the teaching of Buddha, a monk and a philosopher.

Throughout the area numerous prayer wheels, cylindrical wheels made of metal, wood, leather, or cotton on a spindle, are found. Spinning these wheels has the same effect as orally reciting prayers. The prayer wheels are used to accumulate wisdom and merit (good karma). Generally, the main mantra "Om Mani

Padme Hum" ("O Hail to the Jewel in the Lotus" — lotus signifies purity & spiritual enlightenment) is written somewhere on the wheel with the "Tree of Life" (depicts the stages of enlightenment) in the center.

In an effort to bring a "prayer wheel" to St. Paul, the Stewardship Committee has developed a Stewardship Wheel that displays various Bible verses on:

- 1) Stewardship of the Earth
- 2) Stewardship of the Body
- 3) Stewardship of Time and Talents
- 4) Stewardship of Tithing

We encourage members to spin the wheel and read the verse where the arrow stops. During the next week, try to put this verse to use as frequently as possible as you go about your daily activities.

How can we put these verses to use? Some ideas are listed below.

Stewardship of the Earth

- Volunteer to work at a community garden or a clean-up crew
- Recycle plastic bottles, aluminum & steel cans, paper
- Properly dispose of herbicides & pesticides
- Conserve the use of water, gas, & electricity, whenever possible
- Donate used clothing instead of placing it in the trash
- Keep the earth beautiful by placing trash in a proper container rather than throwing it on the ground
- Plant a tree or flower

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Stewardship of the Body

- Participate in Chair Volleyball on the 2nd Tuesday of each month
- Exercise 4-5 times a week — walk, ride a bike, jump rope, do stretching exercises to tone muscles
- Get the proper amount of sleep for your body
- Avoid placing too much stress on the body — some stress is unavoidable but allowing God to help us deal with stresses that come into our lives makes a big difference
- To keep the mind active: work a crossword puzzle, word search puzzle, cryptogram, or another mind game

Stewardship of Time and Talents

- Attend Dorcas Circle sessions
- Volunteer for social activities at St. Paul and the community
- Volunteer for Vacation Bible Study
- If you are musically inclined, consider joining the Choir or Orchestra

- If you enjoy acting, join the St. Paul Players for one of their productions
- Provide a helping hand and encouragement to someone who needs it

Stewardship of Tithing

- First, take care of our family, then give 10% of the remaining income to the church, whenever possible
- Provide food for the food pantry
- Participate in the "Item-of-the-Month" program
- Give cheerfully, not out of obligation or compulsion
- Donate goods to needy families, the Mitten Tree, and other projects offered by the church
- Fill out and return the yearly pledge card to help the church plan its budget



"Prayer rolls at the Chhoskhor Temple Complex - Alchi"
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The Stewardship Committee hopes that you will enjoy spinning the wheel and learning more about the meaning of Stewardship as Christ at the center of all our lives.

Carole Replogle

Celebrations in June



6 Jeff Baumiller, Doug Lohmeier

7 Dottie Deloatch

8 Michael and Kim Coulehan

9 Kay Fox

10 Loretta Forst

13 Jack Wagner

16 Ian Cathcart

17 Daryl & Cindy Flege

18 Nelson Langefeld

19 John & Jeni Cathcart

21 Allan Harbaugh

26 Jim Sturgill

28 Jim & Bess Sturgill

28 Katy Thompson Waddell

30 David and Emily Nutt

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS THIS MONTH

BODY	MIND	SPIRIT/FAITH	RELATIONSHIPS	ENVIRONMENT
Chair Volleyball	Bible study on the Book of Isaiah begins this month. Mondays at 7 pm, Tuesdays at 11:15 am.	Attend the worship service at Allen Temple on June 16 for the Holy Spirit to encourage the Church to fight racism.	Build relationships at the Annual Church Picnic	Attend the Monarch Festival June 1 to learn how to care for God's creature, the Monarch in a sustainable environment.
FINANCES	NEIGHBOR	TALENTS/SPIRITUAL GIFTS	FEATURED MINISTRY: PRAYER	FEATURED MINISTRY: BLESSING
Spin the Stewardship Wheel in the narthex for ideas on how to be intentional about honoring Christ with your financial choices.	Provide diapers and wipes for donation to Valley Interfaith.	Dorcas Circle Quilting workday --come and learn a new talent that can serve neighbors!	Pray this month for the young adults in our congregation as they attend the Synod Youth Assembly. Pray for discernment for the Assembly as this is a bishop election year. Pray also for those grieving the death of loved ones.	We will give thanks to God for giving us faithful leaders in Marie Calhoun, Nancy Erbeck, and Elinor Schieman as they complete their terms on Council, and we will install new Council Members.

4TH COMMEMORATION OF THE EMANUEL NINE



Friday, June 14, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

at Allen Temple AME Church
7080 Reading Road
Cincinnati, OH 45237

Rev. Alphonse Allen, Presider
Pastor Henry Zorn, Preacher

Music provided by a Community Choir
(rehearsal from 6:00—6:45 p.m.
immediately before the worship service.

All voices welcome!)
and LCR Resurrection Ringers

*Integration is not an obstacle, but an opportunity
to participate in the beauty of diversity.*

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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); **Berkeley** (Carol Curless's great-grandson); **Barbara** (Cindy Sieckman's cousin); **Louise Barry**; **Linda Birkeneuer** (Cindy Sieckman's friend); **Bobby** (Christian Lohmeier's friend); **Austin Bronner** (Sherry's grandson); **Jodie Calhoun**; **Christian**; **Paula Cordes**; **Crystal, Troy and family** (Les Eckerle's niece and nephew); **Kathy Curless**; **George Demetriades** (Portmanns' friend); **Katie Demopoulos** (Diana Hawkins's niece); **Jeremy Doan** (Jean Winkle's grandson); **Jerry Doan** (Jean Winkle's son-in-law); **Eckerle and Wuestefeld families**; **Larry Faulkner** (Freda's son); **Justin Feldman** (Bess Sturgill's father); **Jeanne Fuller**; **Jason Garcia** (Mayhughs' nephew); **Clara Garcia** (Cindy Mayhugh's sister); **Cynthia Greenman** (friend of Cindy Sieckman); **Pat Hagstrom** (Millers' and Replogles' friend); **Karen Hammerling** (Portmanns' daughter); **Hannah**; **Shirley Harbaugh**; **Matthew Harrison** (Seals' neighbor); **Ed Hirt**; **Andrew Horton**; **Ellen Hunter** (Jeni Cathcart's grandmother); **Tom Jackson** (friend of Cindy Sieckman's brother); **Dennis King**; **Jay King** (son of Jamie King, who cleans the church); **Carolyn Koehl**; **Steve Koller**; **Loretta Kombrink** (Marilyn Portmann's aunt); **Richard Lane** (Elinor Schieman's nephew); **Regina Laursen** (Portmanns' friend); **Linda** (friend of Faith Pirrmann); **Cindy Mayhugh**; **Samantha Mersch** (Mayhughs' daughter, Sarah Papin's sister); **Doris Minton**; **Barbara and Jack Moorhouse**; **Jean Nolte**; **David Oaks** (Freda's son-in-law); **Kathy O'Hara and family**; **Denise Outcalt** (friend of Sieckmans); **Betty Pack**; **Pete, Zac, and Andrew Padolipa** (Wagners' friends); **Eric Papin**; **Don Pflieger**

(Kings' brother-in-law); **Linda Perin** (Moorhouses' cousin); **Paul Pieper**; **Faith Pirrmann**; **Nick Pirrmann**; **Barbara Politoski** (Cindy Sieckman's cousin); **James Savoy** (Jean Winkle's great-grandson); **Shawn Schnetzer** (Sturgills' cousin); **the Selke/Fletcher family** (family friends of Pirrmanns); **Keith Shupe** (father of Kelly Shupe); **Elaine Sieckman** (Cindy Sieckman's mother-in-law); **Jason Simpson** (Freda Faulkner's grand-nephew); **Scott Songer**; **Judy Songer** (friends of Jean Winkle); **Crosley Spelman** (Spelmans' grandson); **Jack Spelman**; **Nancy Stirnkorb** (friend of Terri DeAngelis); **Susan** (Elinor Schieman's niece); **Britney Jean Teems** (Jean Winkle's granddaughter); **Randy Thaman** (friend of Marie Calhoun); **Daryle Wasserman** (Betty Pack's granddaughter); **Jane Weatherford** (Donald Harris's mother); **Susan Winkle** (Jean Winkle's daughter-in-law); **Zach** (friend of Kings).

We pray for those with ongoing health concerns who are unable to come to church every week: **Bernice Baglien**, **Dottie Bangert**, **Louise Barry**, **Carol Leonard**, **Jack and Barbara Moorhouse**, **Jean Nolte**, **Heather Segar**.

We pray for our armed forces members: **Graham Barton** (Fords' neighbor); **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); **Donald Hosea** (Karen Koehl's son); **Samuel McLoughlin** (friend of Cindy Sieckman); **Scott Minton** (Doris Minton's son); **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 Faulkner's grandson); **Alex Wisecup** (son of Nadine and Barry Wisecup).

Worship Assistants Schedule

<p>Month-Long Ministries</p>	<p>Bulletins: Carole Replogle and Linda Miller Greeters: Ian and John Cathcart Altar Guild: <i>Linens:</i> Elinor Schieman; <i>Setup:</i> Marty Lohmeier; <i>Cleanup:</i> Maryhelen West Counter: Rick Hedges</p>
<p>June 2 Ascension</p>	<p>Assisting Minister: Terry McDowell Lesson Reader: Sherry Bronner Acolyte: Patrick Cathcart Book Bearer: Maci Lawson Communion Minister: Chelsea King Nursery: Bridget Cathcart, Maggie McDowell Activity Time: Pat Coldiron, Bess Sturgill</p>
<p>June 9 Day of Pentecost</p>	<p>Assisting Minister: Leandra Hawkins Lesson Reader: <i>Volunteer Needed</i> Acolyte: Maggie McDowell Book Bearer: Bea Sturgill Communion Minister: Pat Coldiron Nursery: Shirley Harbaugh, Bess Sturgill Activity Time: Joyce McDowell, Penny Huber</p>
<p>June 16 Holy Trinity (Picnic at Baxter Park)</p>	<p>Assisting Minister: Nelson Langefeld Lesson Reader: Chet Laine Acolyte: Alanna Cathcart</p>
<p>June 23 2 Pentecost</p>	<p>Assisting Minister: Donald Harris Lesson Reader: Kathy Hirt Acolyte: Bridget Cathcart Communion Minister: Carolyn Koehl Nursery: Jeni Cathcart, Bess Sturgill Activity Time: Pat Coldiron, Maggie McDowell</p>
<p>June 30 3 Pentecost</p>	<p>Assisting Minister: Nancy Erbeck Lesson Reader: Sherry Bronner Acolyte: Katie Sturgill Communion Minister: Ron & Shirley Harbaugh Nursery: Bridget Cathcart, Joyce McDowell Activity Time: Jeni Cathcart, Linda 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.

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**The 100th Anniversary
of the WW I Reading
Doughboy Celebration**

June 8, 2019 10:00 am

**UC Community Band Concert at Koenig Park
11:00 am Ceremony at Veterans Plaza
at Jefferson and Vine St.**

Master of Ceremony Jim Scott WLW Radio

Featured Speaker Congressman Brad Wenstrup

Music by the U.S Air Force Band of Flight

Dedication of Vietnam Veterans Monument

12:00 pm Reception at American Legion Post #69

All events are free and open to the public

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