

# The Parish Voice

St. Thomas Lutheran Church — Streetsboro, Ohio

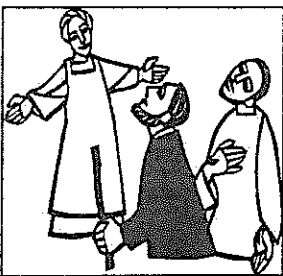
July 2023

Luke records in Acts chapter 20 what is regarded as St. Paul's farewell address to the church he had helped to establish in Ephesus. It is something to be read with a sense of sadness, especially when Paul says halfway through, "*And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again*" [20:25]. The note of sadness is there because we know that not too long thereafter Paul will be arrested, shipped to Rome for trial before Caesar, under house arrest, and that the Book of Acts will conclude with this message: "He lived there [in a house in Rome] for two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance." [Acts 28:30-31]

I will not try to match St. Paul's pathos or eloquence with a farewell address. First, I have no prophetic idea that our faces will never pass one another (sorry, you'll have to live with the possibility that my puss may be visible). I cannot claim with Paul "*I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there*" [20:22]; I have no plans for travel to Jerusalem, but it is true that I don't know what is going to happen to me (I do have some scheduled preaching assignments the next few months, and my work with the English District Ministerial Health Commission continues, other than that . . .?).

I can with confidence offer this: "*And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified*" [20:32]. I am most hopeful that the shared pastorate with Christ Lutheran will be a blessing to both congregations, and that the continued proclamation of the Gospel will be a bountiful source of strength, hope, joy, and excitement for St. Thomas' people.

Since my assigned tasks for preaching here will conclude on July 2 (Pastor Martzowka has confirmed that he will be stepping in on the 9<sup>th</sup>), I will give my last "blurb" for worship for that day.



## July 2 — Pentecost V

Sermon: "*Vox Popular*"

Texts; Jeremiah 28: 5-9; Psalm 89; Romans 7:1-13; Matthew 10:34-42

Three of God's spokesmen tell us that speaking for God will not play to public opinion; just the opposite.

The rest of July's plans for worship I will leave up to Pastor Martzowka (although it would be unfair to expect him to have that all ready for this newsletter; you will, I'm sure, have his version for August).

Pastor Just



On June 11, it was our joy to celebrate with **Elizabeth Lynn Ayers** and **Madeline Lucille Ayers** as they made Affirmation of Their Baptismal Covenant. They were both baptized on December 19, 2010 here at St. Thomas.

That day we welcomed three new members to our congregation:

**Dusty Basmagy**, formerly a member at Epiphany Lutheran church in Northfield, Ohio. Dusty is a retired roofing contractor who resides with his wife, Barbara, at 9727 Ravenna Road in Twinsburg.

**Leona Corban**, formerly a member at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Massillon, Ohio. She resides now with her daughter, Marla Manijak

and her husband, Steve, at 9819 Sunny Lane in Streetsboro.

**Peter Malherek**, formerly a member at The Lutheran Church of the Covenant in Maple Heights, Ohio. Pete is a salesman who resides with his wife at 1201 Kennedy Blvd. in Streetsboro.

**Portage Learning Centers** is currently enrolling children for their Head Start and Early Childhood Start programs. These programs are FREE early childhood education and school readiness for children ages birth to five, as well as pregnant individuals. Applicants must live, work, or go to school in Portage County and meet federally determined income guidelines.

If you know of someone who may qualify for these program, please check the posters on the narthex bulletin board for more details. Pass the word along.

Just a little something to help both new pastor and old congregation think about the future — it cannot be like this:



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kathy Braesher  
Carol Poston  
Patty Abramovich  
Ally  
Archer Bradshaw  
John Cowling  
Mary Hardesty  
Naomi Just  
Laurance Jeanblanc  
Steve Mamber  
Delilah Nicely  
Linda Ramsier  
Mary Lou Snider  
Bennie Wegener  
Chris Zimmerman

Palagia Hlava  
Heather Poston  
Adalyn  
Barb Basmagy  
Carl  
Evelyn French  
Kari Hendrix  
Linda Kuzniakowski  
Laurie  
Frank Manijak  
Paul  
Angela Reker  
John Szabo  
Renee White  
Ukraine refugees

Robin Hoffman  
Ben Wolff  
Alexa  
Paul Berry  
Russ & Lana Carnes  
Dennis Fuldauer  
Heather Hendrix  
Lance  
Leo  
Amanda Nicely  
Karen Powers  
Joan Rupp  
Deacon Robert Szalai  
Darcy Wood  
COVID-19 patients

Lorene Kozar  
Becky Larkins & Rowan  
Bonnie Allindel  
Ray Bishop  
Christine  
Daniel Gump  
Jaylah  
Larry  
Christine Lowdin  
Shirley Miller family  
Larry & Sally Powell  
Leslie Slanina  
Tyler  
Donny Wood  
All Natural disaster victims

Please keep Becky and Rowan in your prayers. Termination of parental rights have been done. Waiting for the courts to award custody of Rowan to Becky and Keith

**We would love to have updates on our prayer list. If you have good news about someone on this list please let the church know or call Marla at 330-472-3045. Thank you!**

Our shut-ins—please send them a card

Carole Poston  
12790 Chamberlain  
Aurora, OH 44202

Lorene Kozar  
8460 Westport Dr. #225  
Mentor, Oh 44060

**Our College Students**—Grace Rohaley, Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Thomas Ayers, Jenna Zimmerman, Jacob Zimmerman

**Our Military members**—Troy Roman and Ben Wolff

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

#### Birthdays

10-Steve Crile  
11-Bill Crile  
12-Diane Reynolds  
13-Keith Larkins  
20-Bob Earle  
23-Sharon Crile



### JULY BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

#### Baptism Birthdays

2-Diane Lee  
20-Jodi Earle

Happy Anniversary to...  
21-Bob & Carole Earle  
30-Rory & Deb Wolff

**If anyone has been left off this list or any other list, please let Marla Manijak know so she can add you. I would love birthdays and anniversaries and baptism birthdays if you know when it is. Thanks!**

**Church Council** will be meeting Sunday, July 16 after the worship service.

**Contact Person:** Please call Council President Steve Hlava at 330 422-1959 for any emergencies or questions.

**Deb Wolff** has pickles ready. Please bring back your empty jars and she will fill them up again. The pickles are delicious!!

## Finance Report

### TREASURERS REPORT - Month of April 2023

	Current Month:	Current YTD	Prior YTD:
TOTAL INCOME - General Fund Only	8203.08	30449.43	22555.72
TOTAL EXPENSE - General Fund Only	4749.19	18491.29	21642.01
<b>NET GAIN (LOSS)</b>	<b>3453.89</b>	<b>11958.14</b>	<b>913.71</b>
TOTAL INCOME - Special Funds (See Below)	65.00	323.00	329.84
TOTAL EXPENSE- Special Funds (See Below)	82.03	191.59	338.17
<b>NET GAIN (LOSS)</b>	<b>(17.03)</b>	<b>131.41</b>	<b>(8.33)</b>
Average General Fund Income Per Week	<b>1640.62</b>	<b>1691.64</b>	1253.10
Amount needed to meet expense budget - per week	<u>442.31</u>		

Special Funds Include:

Special Building/Property, Pastor's Second Chance, Memorial Gifts, New Building, Lutheran Women's Group, 5th Sunday Benevolence





July 4<sup>th</sup>

A graphic illustration of a lit firecracker. The firecracker is red with a yellow flame and a red tail. It is surrounded by white sparks and is positioned behind the number '4' in the 'July 4<sup>th</sup>' text.