

Front Page News

The following passage of Scripture was read this past Sunday.

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 12 When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. 13 Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— 14 to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:
 15 "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
 the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
 Galilee of the Gentiles—
 16 the people living in darkness
 have seen a great light;
 on those living in the land of the shadow of death
 a light has dawned."
 17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
 18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." 20 At once they left their nets and followed him.
 21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.
 23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

What words or phrases come to your attention? Jesus called his followers to be "fishers of people" ...Is your "fishing license" up to date? What are you called to do, be, or change?

These additional passages of Scripture are part of the readings for the Common Lectionary for last Sunday;

Isaiah 9:1-4 New International Version (NIV)
 9 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—
 2 The people walking in darkness
 have seen a great light;
 on those living in the land of deep darkness
 a light has dawned.
 3 You have enlarged the nation
 and increased their joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as people rejoice at the harvest,
 as warriors rejoice
 when dividing the plunder.
 4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
 you have shattered
 the yoke that burdens them,
 the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor.

Psalms 27: 1, 4-9 New International Version (NIV)
 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation—
 whom shall I fear?
 The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
 of whom shall I be afraid?
 4 One thing I ask from the LORD,
 this only do I seek:
 that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
 all the days of my life,
 to gaze on the beauty of the LORD
 and to seek him in his temple.
 5 For in the day of trouble
 he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
 he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
 and set me high upon a rock.
 6 Then my head will be exalted
 above the enemies who surround me;
 at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
 I will sing and make music to the LORD.
 7 Hear my voice when I call, LORD;
 be merciful to me and answer me.
 8 My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
 Your face, LORD, I will seek.
 9 Do not hide your face from me,
 do not turn your servant away in anger;
 you have been my helper.
 Do not reject me or forsake me,
 God my Savior.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 New International Version (NIV)
 10 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. 11 My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. 12 What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."
 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. 16 (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. 18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but for those who are being saved it is the power of God.

Points to Ponder

"If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. If you look at God you'll be at rest." Corrie Ten Boom

St. Paul's Prayer Concerns

Needs for God's healing, comfort, courage, or transformation:
God's Vision for St. Paul's Church
 Our country
 Our leaders
 Our enemies
 Peace among all people
 Pray for our military: Jeffrey Morsfield & Andrew Schummer

Judy Hall
 Diane Armstrong, relative of Paul Armstrong
 Paul Johnson, father of Paule Rosencrans
 Quinton Butler, great grandson of Rose Zimmerly & great nephew of Lori Anast
 Rachel, niece of Gail Malloy
 Sandy Whitcomb, mother of Pam Story
 Angie Schumaker's family
 Doris Edie
 Isaac Advey, friend of Mark Rickenbacher
 Emily Mays, daughter of David & Miriam Vance
 Dave Brehm & family
 Pat Schmidt

Nursing Home/ Assisted Living/Independent Living:

Fox Run:
 Irene Nolan

Fox Run: (Assisted Living)
 Dick & Sharon Lodge

Heritage:
 Carol Brodine
 Marjorie Burns
 Sue DeGroat
 Roy Lasater

Primrose:
 Ken Buchenroth
 Pauline Iler

St. Catherine's Manor:
 Jane Davies

Legend of Allentown:
 Marlene Rayl

At Home:
 Jo Ann Blankenship
 Jan Schlievert

Our College Students:
 Kelly Donat
 Clayton Hildebrand
 Ryan Inbody
 Jenna Livingston
 Marissa Livingston
 John Mellott
 Jeffrey Morsfield
 Luke Rickenbacher
 Amanda Robinson
 Jarred Romick
 Matt Smith

Our Missionaries:
 Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU)
 Florida—Chris & Karen Akers
 Wycliffe Translators—Thailand
 David & Julie Eberhard

This Week at St. Paul's

Monday, January 27th:
 Trustees Meeting @ 7:00pm

Tuesday, January 28th:
 Old Millstream Ringers Practice @ 6:00pm

Wednesday, January 29th:
 Encounter Class @ 10:00am
 Joybells Practice @ 4:30pm
 Encounter Dinner @ 5:00pm
 Wesleyan Ringers Practice @ 5:30pm
 Encounter Classes @ 6:15pm
 Choir Practice @ 7:15 pm
 Praise Team Practice @ 8:30pm

Friday, January 31st:
 Office Closes at Noon

Sunday, February 2nd:
 Contemporary Service @ 8:00am
 Sunday School @ 9:15am
 Traditional Service @ 10:15am

Thursday, February 20th
11:00am
Sign up in the Welcome Center

Children's Ministry:

Playlist
 Put love in the mix

252 KIDS FEBRUARY 2020 GRADES K-5

MONTHLY OVERVIEW

GOD VIEW: THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE LOVE AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY

All throughout the Bible, the writers of Scripture remind us that God is love. From the creation of the world to God's relentless pursuit of us, God has shown time and again that love is most important.

Even though we've all sinned, God loved us enough to make a way for us to have a forever relationship with Him. The Gospels are full of moments where Jesus prioritized love above all else, especially when He summed up the greatest commandment with: Love God and love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus made this real when He showed us how much God loves us by sacrificing His life for our sins.

WEEK	BIBLE STORY:	BOTTOM LINE
ONE	No Greater Love John 15:12-13	Love others because Jesus loves you.
TWO	Jesus at the Home of Martha and Mary Luke 10:38-42	Love others with your time.
THREE	Love Your Enemies Matthew 5:43-47	Love others because they matter to God.
FOUR	A Woman Pours Perfume on Jesus at Bethany Mark 14:1-9	Love God with everything you've got.

MEMORY VERSE

"HERE IS WHAT LOVE IS. IT IS NOT THAT WE LOVED GOD. IT IS THAT HE LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON TO GIVE HIS LIFE TO PAY FOR OUR SINS." 1 JOHN 4:10, NIV

LOVE Choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated.

Youth Happenings:

January

29 Encounter, (456, youth) @ 5:00pm

February

5 Encounter, (456, youth) @ 5:00pm
 9 Connect (4th –12th grades) @ 6:00-8:00pm
 12 Encounter, (456, youth) @ 5:00pm
 16 Youth Lock-In (7th –12th grades) @ 6:00pm
 19 Encounter, (456, youth) @ 5:00pm
 23 Jungle Junction in Bellevue (4th –6th grades) @ 3:00pm

March

1 Connect (4th –12th grades) @ 6:00-8:00pm
 4 Encounter, (456, youth) @ 5:00pm
 11 Encounter, (456, youth) @ 5:00pm
 18 Encounter, (456, youth) @ 5:00pm
 22 Escape Room in Toledo (7th –12th grades) @ TBD
 25 Encounter, (456, youth) @ 5:00pm
 29 Sky Zone in Toledo (4th –6th grades) @ 5:00pm

If you have any questions please contact:
Kyle Thain, Kyle@stpaulsfindlay.org

February 9: Connect 6-8pm (Grades 4-12)
 February 16: Lock-In 6pm (Grades 7-12)
 February 23: Jungle Junction 3pm (Grades 4-6)

Puzzle Time

Adult Jig Saw Puzzle Day

Sunday, February 9, 2020
11:30am -?
 Bring: Side dish if you want
 Sandwiches & drinks will be furnished

See Lois Steinman for more details

Sign Up in Welcome Center

Supper Club

Thursday, February 13
 6:00pm

Sign up in Welcome Center

Got Cookies?

The opportunity to offer a cookie, coffee and a warm smile is available. Please sign up as a Cookie Hostess for February, March, and April. Sign-up sheets and instructions are in the Welcome Center. If you have questions, please call Kay Chester 419-722-5281.

Contemporary Worship Gathering 8:00
Sunday School 9:15
Traditional Worship Gathering 10:15
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