

St. Paul Parish Press May 2026

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St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church Council Meeting

April 14, 2026

Present: Susie Bowles Pat Burmeister Randy Burmeister Amanda Emans
Larry Fogt Marcia Hickerson Chuck Mangen Mel Metz
Bill Oellerman Matthew Oellerman Scotti Oellerman Dale Poppe
Excused: Angie Fullenkamp and Jenny Wical

The April Church Council Meeting was called to order by President, Matthew Oellerman. Roll call was taken with 12 members answering the roll call. Chuck Mangen gave devotions and said a word of prayer. Bill Oellerman agreed to provide council with devotions at the next meeting.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of March 10th Council meeting were handed out for review. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Dale Poppe reviewed April 2026 Treasurer's reports with Council members. Dale reported the total assets balance as of March 31st was \$187,898.03 and total fund balance was \$177,701.58. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Bill Oellerman and seconded by Chuck Mangen. Motion carried. Dale Poppe mentioned that Lynn Maurer would like to be part of the Endowment Fund Committee. Dale Poppe made a motion to add Lynn Maurer to our Endowment Fund Committee, seconded by Mel Metz. Motion carried.

Elder's Report:

Pat Burmeister and Marcia Hickerson reported that everything is going well. David Ott is now in Kindred Care at St. Rita's.

Deacon's Report:

Scotti Oellerman reported they are working on the readings for May (1 Sunday) and for the month of June.

Trustee's Report:

Randy Burmeister handed out the Facebook Video postings for the month of March. We are averaging 100 views per Sunday. Bill Oellerman mentioned that there was a concern in regards to our elevator as it didn't go all the way up to be level with the church floor. It was noted that the yearly inspection was just completed. Council will keep an eye on this and will make a service call if there is any further issues. Amanda Emans mentioned that the rug in the front of our main entrance is worn and the wording on it cannot be read. Randy Burmeister will look into having this replaced.

Old Business:

Mel Metz mentioned that he turned in our quote to Superior Seal Coating to let them know that they have been awarded the asphalt parking project. After discussion, council agreed to have Mel Metz sign the contract with Superior so we can get on their schedule. This is to be scheduled after the roof project is completed. Chuck Mangen contact Nitro and they are supposed to start replacing the church roof in the near future. Randy Burmeister mentioned that the church chimney has wind damage on the cap and that it isn't covered due to our insurance deductible. Chuck Mangen will contact Curbside Appeal General Contracting to get a quote for replacing the 300# metal cap or if there is any additional repairs that need to be completed to the chimney. Chuck will report back to council at our next meeting. Next Quarterly Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 3rd following worship.

New Business:

Bill Oellerman made a motion to accept the transfer request of Tom and Mary George back to St. Mark Lutheran Church in Tallmadge, Ohio; seconded by Larry Fogt. Motion carried.

Special Offering:

Pat Burmeister moved that the May special offering go to Jean and David Ott, to help with medical expenses. Seconded by Marcia Hickerson. Motion carried.

Our next Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mel Metz and seconded by Dale Poppe. Motion carried. The meeting was closed with all standing and praying the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Bowles
Recording Secretary

St. Paul Project For April & May:
 We will be collecting personal care and health needs to benefit Shelby County Children Services. This is a congregational service project and is greatly appreciated by their organization in order to meet the needs of the county. There is a basket in the back of church to place your donated items in. This will continue through the month of May. Thank you in advance for your support in making this project a success. Items in need are listed below. Contact Judy Platfoot with any questions. Thrivent will also be donating to this cause for Shelby Co. Children’s Services.

- * Hand towel *Wash cloth
- * Bath-size bar soap *Tooth brushes
- * Tooth paste *Comb
- * Band aids *Shampoo
- * Deodorant *Pocket-size tissues

***Quarterly Congregation Meeting
 will be held Sunday, May 3, 2026
 following worship. Mark your cal-
 endars now and plan to attend!***

Treasurer’s Report

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - Botkins OH
 Consolidated Fund Activity Report for March 2026**

Wednesday, April 1, 2026	Page 2 of 2
Account # Account Name	Beg Balance Receipts Disbursements Transfers/JE's End Balance
3.100.000 Current Fund Balance	146,379.74 10,719.25 5,800.26 0.00 151,298.73
3.200.000 Benevolence Fund Balance	1,542.00 1,133.00 0.00 0.00 2,675.00
3.300.000 Improvement Fund Balance	6,061.04 240.00 0.00 (100.00) 6,201.04
3.400.000 Memorials Fund Balance	15,407.46 0.00 0.00 0.00 15,407.46
3.600.000 Special Giving Fund Balance	495.00 760.00 495.00 0.00 760.00
3.700.000 Alms Fund Balance	69.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 69.00
3.800.100 Pass Thru Fund Balance	334.99 0.00 0.00 0.00 334.99
3.900.130 Kitchen Fund Balance	955.36 0.00 0.00 0.00 955.36
Total	\$171,244.59 \$12,852.25 \$6,295.26 (\$100.00) \$177,701.58

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - Botkins OH
Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2026

Wednesday, April 1, 2026	Page 1 of 1
Account # Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets	
1.100.100 Checking Account 1	51,596.31
	Total Checking \$51,596.31
1.100.121 US Bank Money Market 2524	136,301.72
1.100.125 Money Market-PG	0.00
	Total Assets \$187,898.03
Liabilities	
2.000.000 Accounts Payable/Vendors	0.00
2.100.100 941 Payroll Withholding	871.42
2.100.110 State Tax Withholding	80.00
2.100.120 City Tax Withholding	70.74
	Total Payroll Liabilities \$1,022.16
2.100.130 Carpet Cleaning	1,867.95
2.100.140 Parking Lot (Sealing)	5,400.00
2.100.161 Insurance	1,850.00
	Total Accounts Payable \$9,117.95
2.100.125 School Tax Withholding	56.34
2.100.190 Security Deposit Payable	0.00
2.100.199 Accrued Interest	0.00
2.100.200 Notes Payable	0.00
2.200.100 Payroll Clearing	0.00
	Total Liabilities \$10,196.45
Fund Balance	
3.100.000 Current Fund Balance	151,298.73
3.200.000 Benevolence Fund Balance	2,675.00
3.300.000 Improvement Fund Balance	6,201.04
3.400.000 Memorials Fund Balance	15,407.46
3.500.000 Air Conditioning Fund Balance	0.00
3.600.000 Special Giving Fund Balance	760.00
3.700.000 Alms Fund Balance	69.00
3.800.100 Pass Thru Fund Balance	334.99
3.900.105 Restoration Fund Bal.	0.00
3.900.110 LS Bequest Fund Balance	0.00
3.900.115 Planned Giving Balance	0.00
3.900.120 Wilt Fund Balance	0.00
3.900.125 Gaming With God Balance	0.00
3.900.130 Kitchen Fund Balance	955.36
	Total Fund Balance \$177,701.58
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$187,898.03



May Birthdays

Stephanie Engelhaupt	18
Amy Havenar	20
Angie Fullenkamp	21
Joni Burmeister	26
Marilyn Platfoot	27

May Schedule

Communion

May 3	No Communion
May 10	Mallory Havenar
May 17	No Communion
May 24	Mallory Havenar
May 31	No Communion

Organist/Pianist:

May 3	Jenny Poppe
May 10	Angie Watt
May 17	Jenny Poppe
May 24	Jenny Poppe
May 31	Angie Watt

Readers:

May 3	Pat Burmeister
May 10	Susie Bowles
May 17	Angie Fullenkamp
May 24	Miranda Oellerman
May 31	Alice Emery

Leaders:

May 3	Dale Poppe
May 10	Ray Branstiter
May 17	Hunter Lenhart
May 24	Ray Branstiter
May 31	Hunter Lenhart

Men's Breakfast

May 2, 2026
7:30 a.m.
Woody's, Kettlersville

Topic:
Why circumcision?

Scripture:
Ephesians 2:11-24



Please continue to remember the people in our community that still need your help with food!

~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

Michael Althaus, health concerns
 Emmy Detty, health concerns
 Ashley Holthaus, health concerns
 April Hulsmeyer, health concerns
 David Ott, health concerns (Moved to Kindred Hospital, Lima, Rm#25)
 Cathy Robbins, health concerns
 Phyllis Stiles, health concerns
 EMT, Fire & Police Personnel
 Companion Congregation Domingos Martin
 Family of Ken Lemon



All sick members of St. Paul and the family and friends of members are placed on our prayer list. National and local concerns, joyous events, thankful praise and any other concerns are included on this list. Please keep us updated on previous prayer requests and contact the church office with any changes. Each name will be listed in the bulletins and then published to the next editions of the newsletter. We must have updates if your wish to have them kept on the reprinting of the newsletter each month. If requested, names will remain on the prayer list until notified. Below are the phone links for St. Paul.

Prayer Link:

Doris Naseman 693-3776
 Marcy Braun 419/738-7121
 Susie Bowles 937/726-3309
 Judy Platfoot 937/538-8283
 Sandi Wilt 693-3340

Please remember our members:

<i>Shirley Counts</i>	<i>Larry Platfoot</i>
<i>Landings of Sidney, Rm. 603</i>	<i>Elwood Nursing Home, Rm. 1036</i>
<i>1150 W. Russell Rd.</i>	<i>711 N. Walnut</i>
<i>Sidney, OH 45365</i>	<i>New Bremen, OH 45869</i>
<i>Jean & David Ott</i>	<i>Barb Maurer</i>
<i>10329 Co. Rd. 25A, South</i>	<i>Elmwood Nursing Home, Rm. 1038</i>
<i>Wapakoneta, OH 45895</i>	<i>711 N. Walnut</i>
	<i>New Bremen, OH 45869</i>
<i>Mary Laine Underwood</i>	
<i>Wapak Manor</i>	<i>Phyllis Stiles</i>
<i>1010 Lincoln Ave.</i>	<i>100 Red</i>
<i>Oad Dr., Rm. 427</i>	
<i>Wapakoneta, OH 45895</i>	<i>Cridersville, OH 45806</i>



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church — Mission Endowment Fund
 Minutes — April 23, 2026

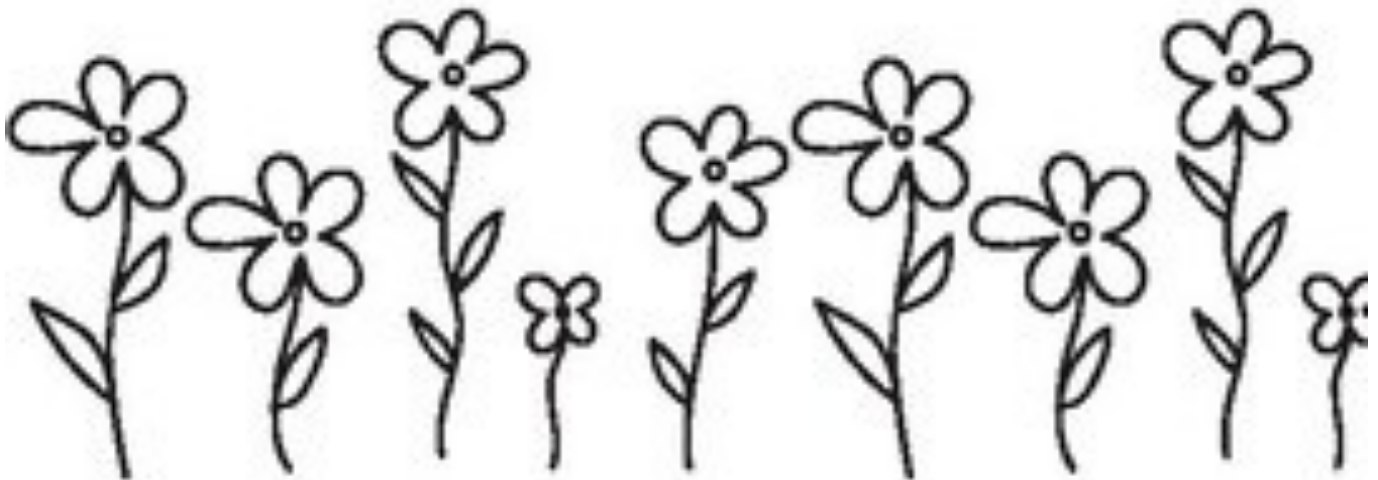
In attendance: Pat Burmeister, Dale Poppe, Britt Havenar, Matt Oellerman, Lynn Maurer
 Absent: Andrea Haworth-Thrivent
 Chairperson Pat Burmeister opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes of the January 22, 2026, meeting was approved as distributed. Chairperson Burmeister welcomed Lynn Maurer as the newest trustee. His first term will end December 31, 2028.
 Endowment Funds Update – Dale Poppe reported total funds as of March 31, 2026, was \$699,816.83 up from \$573,235.80 as of December 31, 2025. The sizable increase was due to the sale of the parsonage, netting \$132,931.45. Mr. Poppe reported that the Restricted Zorn Fund has a balance of \$21,319.85, the Restricted Fogt Fund has a balance of \$21,875.53, and the Unrestricted Funds totaled \$656,621.45 as March 31, 2026. No action was needed for distributions. Britt Havenar made a motion to accept financial report, seconded by Matt Oellerman. Motion unanimously carried.
 Discussion of Funds : Funds available to the church council is \$174,756.29. The new roof project, the new parking lot, and the chimney repair will use up most of those funds.
 Motion to Adjourn – Motion to adjourn was made by Dale Poppe, seconded by Britt Havenar. Motion carried unanimously. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Next Meeting – July 23, 2026

Sincerely Submitted,
 Dale L. Poppe, Secretary/Treasurer

Terms Ends:
 Pat Burmeister December 31, 2026
 Britt Havenar December 31, 2027
 Lynn Maurer December 31, 2028



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

May 2026

10 a.m. Worship on 1st & 3rd Sundays
10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion on 2nd & 4th Sundays





**May 2026
Special Offering:
David Ott**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
3 10 a.m. Worship Following Wor- ship, Quarterly Congregational Meeting	4	5 9 a.m. Knitting	6	7	8	9
10 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Com- munion	11	12 9 a.m. Knitting 7 p.m. Council	13 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study	14	15	16
17 10 a.m. Worship	18	19 9 a.m. Knitting	20	21	22	23
24 10 a.m. Worship With Holy Com- munion	25 	26 9 a.m. Knitting	27	28	29	30
31 10 a.m. Worship						