



Point others to Jesus • Love generously and gracefully • Cultivate disciples

Fall Worship Schedule

Sunday Mornings

9:00am Worship

10:00am Fellowship/Education Hour

Wednesday Evening

6:00pm Worship

Check our website for
more information.

All Are Welcome!



Comfort Creators - Prayer Shawl Ministry

Did you know that we have a prayer shawl ministry at PLC? We have several who knit or crochet prayer shawls and baptismal blankets for those in need and our newly baptized.

We want to thank Patti Cremers for leading this group for the past several years. Patti will be stepping down from her role and we are looking for someone to help lead this group. If you are interested please contact Patti Cremers at 320-295-2099 or the church office.



You Shop, We Benefit!



For those who are not aware, Teal's Market has a wonderful "1% Receipt Rebate Program." It is an easy way for local non-profits to earn money for their organizations. Simply shop at Teal's Market, bring us your receipts, and we'll earn 1% back on all your qualifying purchases. Paynesville Lutheran Church already utilizes this program, so please bring your receipts from Teal's Market to church and put them in the box in the Gathering Area to help us earn more from this great program. This is an ongoing program so you can bring in receipts from any past purchases. We also collect Box Tops for Education, Country Hearth & Village Hearth Bread bar codes as well as Our Family Products bar codes. These items are to help support Paynesville Elementary School. Thank you to all who have supported these programs!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible study meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at PLC at 9:00am. Join us as we enjoy time together in Bible Study and fellowship.

Winter Warmth

Now that fall is upon us winter is just around the corner, now is the time to help those in need stay warm. For the month of October is collecting new or gently used hats, mittens and scarves for the Community Service Center. You can drop off your donations in the gathering area during the month of October. Thank you for your continuing support of those in our community who need our help.



October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship/ Education Hour 10:00am New Member Workshop	<u>2</u> 12:30pm Quilters	<u>3</u> 3:00-9:30pm Just for Kix	<u>4</u> 3:00pm iQuest 5:20pm Meal 6:00pm Worship Sowers, Confirmation & Sr. High following worship 6:45pm CELEBRATION Choir	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship/ Education Hour 5:30pm-8:00pm Fellowship Hall in use	<u>9</u> 12:30pm Quilters	<u>10</u> 3:00-9:30pm Just for Kix	<u>11</u> 9:00am Men's Bible Study 3:00pm iQuest 5:20pm Meal 6:00pm Worship Sowers, Confirmation & Sr. High following worship 6:45pm CELEBRATION Choir	<u>12</u> 10:00am Women's Bible Study	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u> 9:00am Worship/New Member Sunday 10:00am Fellowship/ Education Hour 5:30pm-8:00pm Fellowship Hall in use	<u>16</u> 12:30pm Quilters	<u>17</u> 3:00-9:30pm Just for Kix	<u>18</u> No activities or worship (MEA Break)	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
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<u>29</u> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship/ Education Hour 10:30am Confirmation Service	<u>30</u> 12:30pm Quilters	<u>31</u> 5:30pm-7:00pm Trunk or Treat				

October Birthday Blessings to...

- 1 Richard Michaelis, Thomas Pierson
- 2 Sam Eisenbraun, Bradley Vossen, Doug Durant
- 3 Justin Soine, Paul Stanger, Michael Tangen, Gary Schmid, Oliver Scholten
- 4 John Mehr
- 5 Diane Dutcher
- 6 Mike Bennett, Yolanda Lien, Laurey Malling, Matt Welling
- 7 Mark Kulzer
- 8 Michael Hentges
- 9 Luke Johnson, Eric Johnson, Andrew Larson, Renae Nelson, Brandyn Ahrendt, Kirk Kleist
- 10 Ivy Andreasen, Michael Jacobson, Jaley Rosengren, Jazmine Lindeman
- 11 Liam Pierson
- 12 Kimberlee Schmidt, LouAnn Peterson, Sue Duscher
- 13 Rae Eckerly, Sean Karsch
- 14 Rhonda Brady, Miller Mumm
- 15 Barb Hoeft, Ryder Reutzell, Ashley Moline
- 18 Blake Karsch, Jim Stahl
- 19 Carolyn Berg, Riley Fuchs
- 20 Jennifer Welling, Whitney Woehler
- 21 Ryan Shumaker
- 22 Amy Eisenbraun, Nathan Martinson
- 26 Larry Alstead, Betty Marthaler
- 27 Dave Hoeft, Brenda Mayer, Henry Lemke, Stan Yarmon, Jason Nordmann
- 28 Alden Ellingson, Lindy Hennen, Andrew Swenson, Paxton Williams, Angela Fuchs
- 29 Olivia Haines, Steve Moburg, Alexander Lieser, Hank Fischer, Rick Hoyme
- 30 George Lemke, Joel Roeske
- 31 Brendan Ashton, Michelle Hanson



Often for this Did You Know? Article I write about activities or missions that we have or support at PLC but this month I would like to take a moment to say thank you in the form of a Did You Know? Because I am certain that you do not know all the things that this person accomplishes on behalf of Paynesville Lutheran Church. This individual works incredibly hard each day to keep all the ministries that we share in working and working well. If there is a question that you have she most certainly knows the answer. Her work ethic and dedication is unmatched and I for one am thankful to work alongside our Office Manager Tammy Armstrong. In addition to her many abilities, she has also graciously accepted the responsibility of iQuest Coordinator for the past several years. That means that as she wraps up her workday on Wednesday she puts on her iQuest cap and jumps in with both feet and helps us with the 70 plus youth join us. She receives a small stipend for this added responsibility, but it does not cover all the love and care she puts into this important part of our worshipping community.

Did you know how blessed we are to have Tammy Armstrong as a team member with us? We are extremely blessed! Please take a moment in the days ahead to thank her for all that she does behind the scenes and in front of our youth at PLC!



**ONLINE
GIVING**
TITHES & OFFERINGS

Your support is essential to the mission and ministry of Paynesville Lutheran Church. Consistent giving is a help to this congregation as we plan for ministry expenses throughout the year. If you've found it challenging to give consistently, this may be an opportunity for you to begin doing so. We thank you in advance for all your continued gifts, financial and otherwise. Please contact the church office for more information.

10:30 Worship Service

We have had many comments from people who want a later worship service. The Worship and Music committee has met and decided that we will trial adding a 10:30 worship service once a month for the months of Sept, Oct and Nov. The 2nd service will be the same as the 9:00 am worship on that Sunday. This trial is not only to gauge the number of people who are interested in attending a later worship service, but also to gauge the feasibility of volunteers (ushers, musicians, altar guild, audio tech, etc..) to manage an ongoing 2nd worship service. The dates that we will be offering an additional 10:30 worship service will be, Sept. 24, Oct. 29 and Nov. 19. Please put these dates on your calendar if this later worship time is important to you. We will be polling the people who attend this worship service to help with further decision making. After the November worship, we will revisit the idea as a committee to compile what we have learned during this trial run and make a decision moving forward. **Remember the worship dates and times are 10:30 am worship Sept. 24, Oct. 29 and Nov. 19.**



Affirmation of Baptism & Reformation Sunday!

On October 29th, 2023, we will be celebrating with our students who have completed our Crosswalk confirmation program! At 10:30 am on that Sunday these wonderful students will be affirming their baptisms and leading us in worship. Every year we celebrate this occasion on Reformation Sunday because this is the day we recognize the start of the church's reforming over 500 years ago with the work of reformers like Martin Luther. More importantly we recognize on Reformation Sunday the ways that God is still calling us to be reformed, renewed, and reenergized for the work of the Gospel in this changing world. So, it is fitting that we celebrate with our confirmands as they also help us grow and learn about what their world is like and how God is guiding us together into the future.



Wednesday Worship

Join us for our Wednesday night worship, this worship service is a shortened service with contemporary music and a powerful message that is geared toward our younger families. We celebrate communion once a month at this worship service. We also provide a hot, healthy, balanced meal from 5:20 - 6:00 pm on Wednesday nights that anyone from the community is welcome to attend. This meal is a free will donation and is open to all. Alison and her crew do a great job of making a healthy meal that appeals to kids and adults. Please plan to join us on Wednesday nights for food and fellowship and stay for worship after if it works into your schedule.



Trunk or Treat

Trunk & treat is back again this Halloween. Decorate your car's trunk or cargo area however you want to and meet in the church parking lot from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Halloween night. We will hand out treats to the kids in the Paynesville community and try to guess who they are beneath their costumes. All ages are welcome! Please bring a minimum of 300 treats to hand out. Come spend part of your Halloween evening with us and enjoy the kids of our community.

We are accepting candy donations for this event, donations can be dropped off in the church office.



The women's Bible study group meets on the second Thursday of every month at 10:00 in the church chapel. We use the Gather magazine Bible study and there are copies available for those who don't have one. We hope you will join us on Thursday, October 12 at 10:00am. All are welcome!

Pastor Paul's thoughts on the call process.

Discouraging. That is one word to describe the call process currently. It has been over a year and we have not found the "right" person to share in the ministry here at PLC. That is understandable if you might be a bit discouraged. I would guess the members of the call committee may be feeling a bit of discouragement as well.

Another word for where we are in the process is "inspired!" Perhaps you may find this to be an odd choice, however in the process of seeking an additional pastor I have witnessed inspiring acts and I have been inspired by the ways that the congregation – you, have stepped up to continue the important ministries that we share. I have also been inspired by the dedication of our call committee. This group of individuals have worked incredibly hard to find the right person. It has not been an easy process and it has certainly taken time, but I am convinced that the right individual is waiting as patiently for us as well.

Thanks be to God for the call committee, our potential partner (whoever it may be) and for you!

Columbarium Dedication

On Sunday October 1st, 2023 PLC dedicated to God's glory the new Columbarium. As of the dedication seven niches were purchased in advance of need and, as we gathered around the granite structure we gave thanks to God for its future use. The columbarium will provide for the needs of individuals and families for perpetuity. May God bless its use and the way it provides a place for loved ones to gather and pay their respects.



We're Giving Away MONEY!

The Endowment Committee is now accepting grant requests and encourages any person or organization seeking funds to apply to the Paynesville Lutheran Church Endowment. We receive applications from ministries within our congregation, community ministries, or ministries of the larger church and community. Applications can be found on our church website: www.paynesvillelutheran.org. **The deadline for applications is October 15.**



Meet us on Maple 2023

Meet us on Maple! This event began 3 years ago and has continued to be a great opportunity for us to gather as a faith community and as a Paynesville community. This past summer of 2023 we only offered one event and it was well attended. With food made by staff and served by council members and volunteers, not only did we enjoy a great meal but we also had open registration for all of our activities that began this fall.

It was a wonderful success.

To date we have 70 students attending the kindergarten - 5th grade programs on Wednesday evenings which is an increase from last years high of 55! We have also seen an increased attendance in Sunday School! Thank you to all the teachers and leaders for their dedication to these grades and all the ages we serve at PLC!



Are You Heading South for the Winter?

If you are planning on going south for the winter please contact the church office as soon as possible. The sooner you are able to contact us the easier it will be to get things forwarded in a timely manner. If you gave us this information last year you still need to let us know so we can verify information.



Confirmation Retreat and Sunday

At the end of September Pastor Paul and two adult volunteers (Todd Lemke and Beth Voss) continued the tradition of taking our 10th graders, who are soon to be Affirming their baptisms on Confirmation Sunday (October 29th at 10:30am), on a retreat. This is an opportunity to build community, share in stories of the past 3 years together and to discuss their faith statements. It was a blessed time and I am so thankful for these 10th graders and our leaders.

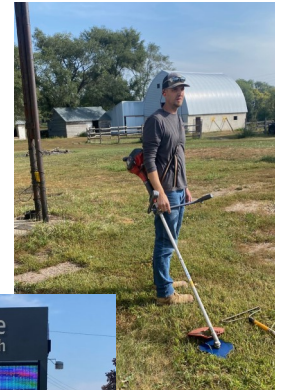
If this group is any indication the future of God's church is in good hands.



God's Work Our Hands

On September 10th, 2023 we celebrate worship by going out into the community as we did "God's Work with Our Hands." Much was accomplished and we are thankful for all those who participated. Here are just a few of the things together we were able to accomplish in God's name.

Trimmed saplings and trees for a neighbor
 Painted and washed windows for a neighbor
 Washed windows at the Green Roof Area center
 Sang at Koronis Manor
 Rolled bandages for overseas relief
 Deep cleaned some areas inside the church
 And so much more!



Intern Gavin Diehm's Ordination



Gavin Diehm's ordination will be on Sunday October 22nd, 2023 at 2 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Both Pastor Paul and Kari Shumaker will be attending as representatives of Paynesville Lutheran Church. Please keep Gavin in your prayers on this very special day as we give thanks for his ministry with us and his continued ministry in the future!

If you would like to send cards or a note to help Gavin celebrate you can send them to:

Gavin Diehm
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 Sharonville, OH 45241

