



## Mission Statement Of St Paul Lutheran Church

Led by the Holy Spirit we will

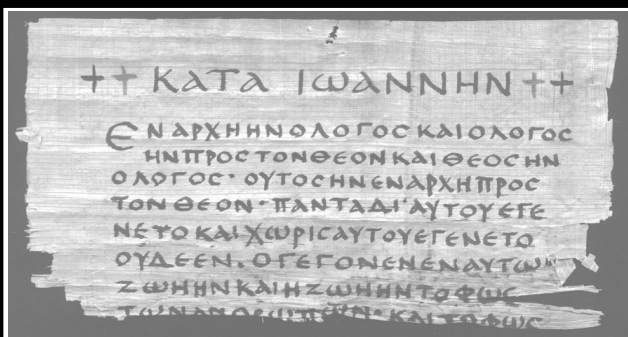
REACH out to those in need

PREACH the Good News of Jesus Christ

TEACH the grace of a loving God

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### GREEK BIBLE TEACHING

DOES THIS LOOK GREEK TO YOU? WELL, IT SHOULD, THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN IN GREEK. THIS FALL I WILL BE TEACHING AN INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL GREEK. IT'S NOT THE EASIEST CLASS I HAVE EVER OFFERED TO A CONGREGATION BUT I WILL SAY THAT IT'S THE MOST FUN CLASS I HAVE EVER TAUGHT IN A CONGREGATION. CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO 6, WE WILL START ON THE SEPTEMBER 8TH, (RALLY DAY) AT 6:30 PM AND GO TO 8:00. WE WILL BE USING "BASICS OF BIBLICAL GREEK GRAMMAR" BY WILLIAM MOUNCE - A VERY EASY TO FOLLOW TEXT THAT YOU CAN PURCHASE AT AMAZON. I TAUGHT THIS CLASS IN MY PREVIOUS CONGREGATION, HAD 6 EAGER STUDENTS AND THE CLASS WAS SUFFICIENT ENOUGH THAT A FUTURE PASTOR SAID, "SEMINARY GREEK WAS BASICALLY A REVIEW." COME ON OUT AND JOIN THE FUN.

**Pastor: The Rev. David Brobston**  
**WORSHIP: Sundays at 9:30 am**  
**Wednesdays: Eucharist Service @ 12:15 p.m.**  
**Holden Evening Service @ 7:00 p.m.**  
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**RALLY DAY**  
**September 8,**  
**2013**  
**at 9 am**

It's the St. Paul Scavenger Hunt!!!  
 Come learn amazing facts about your church!  
 Find spots you never knew existed! Solve  
 some mysteries and gather some clues!  
 Prizes and FUN are awaiting you!

Adults: You're invited too! Do YOU know all  
 about your church? Have fun discovering!

YOUTH: new offering this year includes:  
 The return of a High School  
 Sunday School Class!!!  
 Rally Day Potluck— September 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Plan to stay after church and eat!

St. Paul's famous Chicken Floppers will be  
 grilling up hot dogs, hamburgers and brats!  
 (no-not chicken. They are called the chicken  
 floppers but these guys can grill anything!)

Bring a side dish to the potluck and your own  
 table service. Drinks provided.



*From  
Pastor Dave*



August 2013

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

What does it mean to be the Church? When I ask that question to most people I don't get the answer to that question. What I often get an answer to is the question "What did it mean to be the Church?" The response many of us give to the question is a romanticized memory of booming worship attendance, Sunday School classes that are bursting at the seam, and catechism classes with 30 or 40 students. Those nostalgic memories are

wonderful, but they are just that, memories. Many of us recognize the climate for Church in 2013 is not the same as it was in 1960.

The reality we face in 2013 is that our population is shrinking and aging. Not just St. Paul's, not just Defiance County, but all of Northwest Ohio, with the exception of a small pocket between Bowling Green and Findlay we see decline all around us. The landscape for ministry is changing each day.

For many of us the idea of the Ministry by Magnetism is still appealing. The theory being if we have just the right worship style, the perfect program, the meaningful Sunday School, the right Pastor, the hip youth group then people will flock to the Church. If only that were the case. While it seems to have worked in the early 90's when new church starts with dynamic pastors, amazing bands, great technology, and fantastic youth programs were growing, what those congregations are seeing now is that when the pastor leaves, the band leader changes, the youth person gets older... the people move to the largest growing Christian group in the country, the "NONES".

That's the biggest change the Church faces folks. In the good old days if a person got upset with something in one congregation, they moved to another congregation, so while it may have looked like growth it was really just transition. Today, when folks leave a congregation, they are just as likely to become a "NONE" as they are to move to a different dot on the map. The largest growing group of Christians in the U.S. is not Lutheran, Baptist, Episcopal, Roman Catholic, it's a group of people who consider themselves to be "none of the above."

Many leaders in the Church have given up hope. Chicken Little has taken up residence in many places, "The sky is falling, the sky is falling." Let's be honest, we have a few Chicken Little's around here, maybe you've heard them, maybe you've found yourself starting a conversation with the words, "Remember when..." or, "It used to be..." Granted, the climate is different, it may look as if the sky is falling at times, but in the words of Bluto from Animal House, "What? Over? Did you say "over"? Nothing is over until we decide it is! Was it over when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor? Most certainly not!" While not totally accurate the point is that this is God's Church, the Holy Spirit is still dynamic, active and alive.

In recent weeks Pastor Tom Lyberg and I invited pastors from all over the Synod to join us for Holy Conversation about these topics. We are going to meet regularly to pray, to converse, to share with one another about what it means to be Church in 2013.

So, do you want some good news? After reading through this, I know I do. The good news is that what many of the pastors gathered agreed to is, "relationship works" - or to use a churchy term, "discipleship is key." Programs are hard work, the perfect worship service is fleeting, and the pastor is only as good as their last sermon - but those aren't what matters the most any more. It's about building relationships, friendships, asking people a simple question, "So what is God up to in your life?" Then, we listen. Listen to the hurts and joys, the anger and the happiness, the bad and the good. I've observed that we do that well. Coffee Hour, Work Days, Service Guild, Funeral Teams, we talk well. We do relationship well. We listen to one another, we talk to one another, we invite others into conversation. The sky is NOT falling, we are just on the road and God is with us.

Blessings  
Pastor Dave

St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes  
June 18, 2013

Attendance: Pastor Dave Brobston, Jim Martin, Nancy Krouse, Denise Moog,  
Tim Moog, Dave Iliff, Jason Frederick, Barb Warncke.

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm. by Jim Martin.  
Pr. Dave opened the meeting in prayer.

1. Pastor's Report:
  - a. For devotions, Pastor read from Luther's Spirituality. The devil knows where to hurt us the most. Grasp forgiveness.
  - b. Tuesday, June 25, Pastor will lead a discussion for 25 pastors on 'Pastoral Economics'. We will be forming a committee of five members to address how St. Paul will be doing ministry 10 years down the road.
  - c. Pastor will be on vacation June 30-July 6. Tim Moog will be supply pastor.
2. Youth and Family Report:
  - a. Junior Luther League:
    - 1) Back Pack Buddy program was completed for this school year. Members will be voting how often to volunteer again in the next school year.
    - 2) JLL will hold monthly events. We participated in First Friday on June 7.
  - b. Mission: Defiance Community VBS; There is excellent cooperation between churches. Service Guild has donated \$1000.00 to VBS. We are still looking for more volunteers. There is enthusiastic talk about summer 2014!
  - c. Stephen Ministry: Please talk to past Stephen Ministers about their experiences.
  - d. Parish Education: Planning for Fall Sunday School. Planning to add Youth Groups for H.S. and younger youth. All groups will emphasize discipleship and a relationship with Christ. Volunteer leaders are needed. Please contact Julie Sasseen if you can help.
3. Secretary's Report
  - a. Minutes of the May 21, 2013 meeting were approved. Tim / Jason
4. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Total Income May- \$ 17,046.75
  - b. Total Expenses May- \$ 19,507.73
  - c. We are negative for the month of May, -\$2,460.98 Tim/Dave
5. Discipleship Report:
  - a. Deacons: No Report.
  - b. Outreach:
    - 1) The Graduation Reception on June 9th was well attended.
6. Stewardship Report:
  - a. No Report
7. Trustee Report:
  - a. Building use requests: none currently requested.

- b. Oven in rental/Parker House has been replaced. A one-time rent reduction for the month of July was moved and passed, regarding the renters lack of oven. Rent for July will be \$430.00. **Dave/Denise**
- c. Air Conditioning in Lounge is not working. Calling to repair.
- d. Sealing the stone on the church, plans in progress.

#### **8. Old Business:**

- a. Sound System: Alex Knight has started to check out the wiring
- b. Our sound system has been paid in full.
- c. Continuing discussion and editing of the St. Paul Handbook for Employees.

#### **9. New Business:**

- a. Jim Ehlinger reported on church insurance quotes. He will continue to investigate for the best value for the money.
- b. Our new website went live on June 16<sup>th</sup>. It looks wonderful.
- c. Arabella St. sidewalk/curb reconstruction is scheduled for 2014.
- d. Pastor is in need of a new desk top computer. He has a quote from Solid Rock. We will look at the budget this summer and determine when to buy.
- e. Labor Day, Mackinac Bridge Walk, Lutheran Men in Mission. September 2, 2013, The synod will coordinate a group to make the walk. If interested call Jim Martin.

#### **10. For The Good of the Church:**

- a. Grounds keeping Day: July 13, Sat. 9:00 am.
- b. Thank you to Kristen Zachrich for the new church website. It is beautiful!
- c. Thank you to Andy Schultz and the quartet for worship music on June 30.
- d. Think about contacting the nominating committee Becky Gutman, Char Flickinger and Jay Woodward to volunteer for a church position.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 pm.

**Tim/Barb**

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

The next council meeting will be August 8, at 6:45pm.

**Tim/Jason**

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Krouse

**SCHEDULES FOR AUGUST 2013****LECTOR:** Eleanor Roth

**USHERS:** 04 Team 1, Bruce Griffith, Capt.  
 11 Team 2, Buggs Sierra, Capt.  
 18 Team 2, Buggs Sierra, Capt.  
 25 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Capt.

**FLOWERS:** 04 Betty Parish  
 11 Sharon & Lowell Ricker  
 18 Sharon & Lowell Ricker  
 25 Joanie Woodward

When you have flowers, please ask that days usher captain to remove them from the altar for you.  
 Thank you.

**BULLETINS:** 04 Mary Geiger  
 11 Jim & Cathy Martin  
 18 Mary Frost  
 25 George & Ann Essex

**COMMUNION SET UP & PRESENTERS**

04 Jenna Burk

**ASSOCIATE DEACONS**

04 Jim Martin

**LAY COMMUNION**

John & Mary Dale  
 Doug & Mary Davis  
 Jim & Cathy Martin  
 Dyle & Eleanor Roth  
 Julie Sasseen  
 Dave Slocum  
 Chris Turner

**GREETERS:** 04 Jeannette Melia  
 11 AVAILABLE  
 18 AVAILABLE  
 25 AVAILABLE

**AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2013**

January -	131	April -	151
February -	213	May -	143
March -	228	June -	134

**FINANCIAL REPORT 2013**

January	Income	\$ 16,984.95
	Expenses	\$ 26,199.94
	Total	( \$ 9,214.99)

February	Income	\$ 19,104.35
	Endow. fund	\$ 10,500.00
	Total Inc.	\$ 29,604.35
	Expenses	\$ 23,192.48
	Total	\$ 6,411.87

March	Income	\$26,852.22
	Expenses	\$20,375.65
	Total	\$ 6,476.57

April	Income	\$ 28,160.20
	Expenses	\$ 24,260.88
	Total	\$ 3,899.32

May	Income	\$ 17,046.75
	Expenses	\$ 19,507.73
Neg.	Total	( \$ 2,460.98)

June	Income	\$
	Expenses	\$
	Total	\$

July	Income	\$
	Expenses	\$
	Total	\$

**Acolyte and Crucifer's**  
**RETURN RALLY DAY, September 8**

***The FALL LINE UP IS:***

**Sept. 08:** Kaylee Brashear  
**Sept. 15:** Caitlin Flicking  
**Sept. 22:** Mark Barrett  
**Sept. 29:** Julia Yeager

*IF you are not able to serve please ask  
 another youth to take your place and  
 let the office know in advance.*

## **Official Acts**

### **Baptisms**

Rorey Jacob Garces  
June 16, 2013

### **Weddings**

Jacob Schultz  
Lindsay Hannon  
July 20, 2013

### **Funerals**

Chiz Wahl  
July 3, 2013  
  
Adam Federspiel  
July 13, 2013

## **Filling Homes Foundation**

On behalf of the members of the Filling Home community I wish to thank you for your recent financial gift in support of our services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We give thanks to God for your support and deeply appreciate your willingness to be part of our mission. Please continue to remember us with your prayers and kindness. Warmest regards in Christ,  
Jean Cohrs

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Thank you for your recent give to the Lutheran Homes Society General Fund. Your great generosity brings to my mind the words of Paul to the Corinthians: You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all the others (2 Corinthians 9:11-13)  
Dr. Jim Dumke  
VP for Mission Integration  
Lutheran Homes Society

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It is a special person who gives from the heart for the benefit of others. Thank you for your recent contribution to Lutheran Social Services! Because of kind and generous people like you, through the ministry of our programs, we are able to provide families and individuals with the necessary provisions for human growth. Please visit our website at [222.lssnwo.org](http://222.lssnwo.org) or contact us for more information about our many services for individuals and families. We are grateful for your generosity.  
Sincerely,  
Kayn Leal  
Western Region Director  
Lutheran Social Services

## **Thank You...**

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To St. Paul Congregation,

Thank you for the quilt. I really appreciate receiving this as a graduation gift from my church. It will look nice in my room at the University of Kentucky this school year.

Robert Zeigler

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**Thank you—to my St. Paul family... you've been generous and very uplifting with your prayers, thoughts, cards, visits, etc. A very heartfelt "thank you" to you all. Thank you, Pastor Dave, for your visits, prayers, and taking care of the "spider" problem!**

**Dave & Margie Slocum**

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As always we at Innkeepers truly appreciate the generosity from the St. Paul's congregation. On behalf of our guests, thank you for helping us provide for the many needy people in our community.

Dick Anderson

## Our love and prayers go out to...

### Prayer list information

Next time you're about to submit a request for inclusion on the prayer list please ask the following questions.

- 1 Did that person give permission to the office?
- 2 Does that person wish the information to be shared publicly?

If the answer to either question is "NO" your prayer request violates the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA).

If we do not have personal permission for inclusion we will only publish first names. *These are the guidelines from the ELCA provided at last Fall's Synod Conference meetings.*

### Our love and prayers go out to...

Coit Black	LeAnn Bohn	Brad Brandt	
Lonnie Budd	June Burke	Kenny Frost	
Mary Frost	Bernadine Fry	Roger Grogg	
Kathy Hohenbrink	Eleanor Huner	Ruth Johnson	
Al King	Roger Lamb	Tammy McCoy	
Mary McMillen	Jodie Mellos	Dani Merillat	
Don Moore	J.T. Nusbaum	Rob Plassman	
Esther Reimund	Sandie Saxton	Marjorie Seifert	
Margie Slocum	Jackie Stone	Bishop NGowo	
Alexis	Alice	Anne	Betty
Chris	Dean	Eric	Grace
Greg	Holland	Jenny	Jerry
Jim	Jodi	John	Jon
Maddie	Marlene	Marty	Pat
Phyllis	Roland	Sally	Scott
Sheena	Steve	Thelma	Tim

### Those who are in nursing homes, assisted living and extended illnesses:

Delene Cooper, William Cooper, Alberta Gilliam, Marilyn Mehring, Rachel Sontchi, Valeda Welch

Members of the military in active service and their families.  
(For the complete list, please see the newsletter.)

We are honored and pleased to pray for those in need.

We do ask that persons asking for non members to be listed will keep us updated monthly.

**Also, please be aware that the pastor and church office are not automatically notified of your admission to a hospital, due to the HIPPA laws. If your stay is a planned one please contact the church office or have a relative contact us. In some cases, even if you tell the hospital it is all right to contact us, it may not occur. You personally contacting the church office should be the primary way the message of your hospitalization reaches the pastor. Thanks for your help in this matter.**

**Please continue to raise our nation, its leaders, and our personnel "in harm's way" in your prayers. Let us not forget to pray for them and to thank God for His blessings. We, as Christians, should also witness God's love by praying for our enemies in all this. Keep in mind Christ died and was raised from the dead for them also and we were called in our Baptism to witness to all the world. We particularly commend the following who are members of our congregation:**

**Major Tamara Funari,**

Daughter of Ron and Connie Allgire

**Sgt. Kerry Schnitz,**

Son of Larry and Cheryl Burroughs

**We also remember in prayer those relatives of members.**

**St. Sgt. Mark Beck,**

Son-in-law of Wayne Davis

**Buck Sgt. Joshua T Bell, USAF,**

nephew of Laurie Moll

**Chief Petty Officer John (Russ) Dodt,**

Son of Susan McDowell

**Sgt. David Dunlap,**

Grandson of Chuck & Jan Sisco.

**SSG James Fluechtling,**

Grandson of Mary Frost

**USAF Jason Griffith,**

Grandson of Howard and June Burke

**USM 2nd Lt. Dustin Hughes,**

Grandson of Norm and Barb Bibler

**Sam Jennings,**

Son-in-law of Roger and Mert Grogg

**Master Sgt. Scott Koch,**

Nephew of Charles and Dee Jewell

**Sgt. Chad McDaniel,**

Grandson of Norm and Barb Bibler

**Carl Melton,**

Nephew of Al and Dee King

**Sgt. Kendra Oehlerich,**

Granddaughter of Ray & Charlotte Warncke

**OS2 Tim Rau,**

Nephew of Joe and Theresa Hiler

**SFC Frank Steed,**

Step-brother of Pastor Dave

**Sgt. Gaylord Proxmire III,**

Son of Gaylord & Pat Proxmire

*If you wish to send a card or note to any of our members in the service contact the church office for addresses. If you have address corrections for members in the military, please contact us. Thank you.*

2013 Church Directory Changes/Corrections

Addresses: Elverta Grussing  
Glenn Park - 2429 William A Diehl Court  
Room 128  
Defiance, OH 43512

Please let the office know of any other corrections. It saves postage return fees (\$.50 to \$1.09 per piece) to have the correct addresses. With the postage increase the church office will be sending reminders and other information by e-mail, when possible. If you have recently gotten e-mail or changed your e-mail address please notify the office. Thank you, Lynn

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
100th Birthday Party  
for Elverta Grussing  
Saturday, August 10th  
Glenn Park Clubhouse  
OPEN HOUSE 12-3 pm  
NO GIFTS PLEASE

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*The **RECHARGE** women's retreat group  
(Formerly **CRHP** or **Christ Renews His Parish**)  
would like to invite all women who have been on  
a prior **CRHP** Team to our  
summer picnic on  
August 11th at 11:30 am  
at the Gazebo at Pontiac Park.  
Bring a dish to share or just come renew and enjoy!*



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**Blessing of the Pets**

Whether you walk, gallop, fly, swim, or slither  
bring your owners to St. Paul Lutheran Church,  
671 Clinton St., Defiance  
on Sunday evening, October 6th at 6:00 p.m. ,  
for the **Feast of St. Francis Celebration**  
and the **Blessing of the Pets!**

Please gather outside by the Handicap entrance with your owners!!  
so they may join **you** as you receive **your blessing!**



# ***Festival of Tables***

*Sponsored by the Women's Guild of the Filling Homes*

***Saturday, September 28, 2013***

*Lunch served at 12:00 noon*

*Table Preview 11:00-12:00*

***Filling Homes Therapy Center***

*N160 State Route 108*

*Napoleon, Ohio*

*This unique fund raiser features a vast array of creatively decorated tables by hostesses\* in themes of their choosing; a delicious meal, delightful entertainment, fun and fellowship!*

***Tickets are a minimum donation of \$15.00 each..***

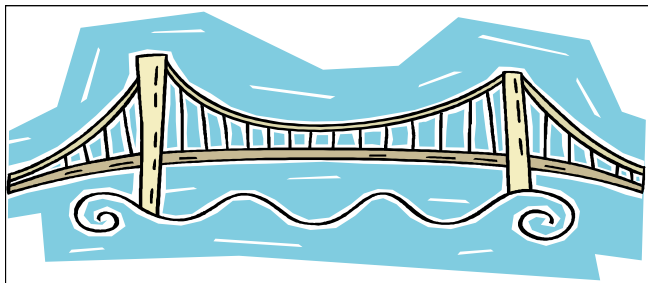
*Proceeds benefit the children and adults, with intellectual disabilities, who are served by the ministry of Filling Homes.*

*Tickets available by presale only; **No tickets sold at the door.***

- A hostess is responsible for decorating a table of 8 and selling 7 tickets.*
- Deadline to register as a hostess is Friday, September 13.*

*For more information about serving as a hostess or if you have other questions, contact Bonnie Ohlrich at 419-533-5661 or by email: [bonnieohlrich@embarqmail.com](mailto:bonnieohlrich@embarqmail.com)*

***Thank you for supporting the ministry of Filling Homes!***



**Do you need to add some excitement to your life** while at the same time helping the Filling Home in Napoleon and the Luther Home of Mercy in Williston?

Well, here's your chance! Lutheran Men In Mission (LMM) are once again coordinating the

fundraiser **Mighty Mac Bridge Walk** on Labor Day, September 2, 2013, for the NW Ohio Synod. Last year, LMM raised more than \$8000 for these agencies! We want to improve on this for 2013.

You can help LMM by either walking the bridge yourself or by sponsoring someone (like us) who is walking across the Mighty Mac. Every year, the north-bound lanes of the bridge are closed to all traffic and nearly 40,000 people make the 5-mile trek across the bridge. For most people it takes 2½ hours to make it across the bridge. You can enjoy the breath-taking scenery (just don't look down!) and at the end of the walk, enjoy walking around Mackinaw City. To get more info you can check out the website [www.mightymac.org/bridgewalk.htm](http://www.mightymac.org/bridgewalk.htm) and see what it looks like.

We meet at Zion Lutheran Church in St. Ignace for breakfast, devotions, and fellowship. At around 10 am we're on the bridge. This year, I will not be passed by **anyone** in a wheel chair--which did happen a couple years ago!! Think about it. Talk to Jim or Cathy Martin if you need more details. Registration forms are available in the Church office.

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### **THIS FAR BY FAITH—SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2-6 PM**

GREAT FOOD AND POWERFUL MUSIC! A MULTI-ETHNIC EVENT SPONSORED BY THE NORTHWEST OHIO SYNOD, ELCA AND ELCA CHURCHES OF THE GREATER TOLEDO AREA, AND HOSTED BY

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2240 SOUTH AVENUE, TOLEDO  
(EAST OF S. WESTWOOD AVENUE)

Featuring the **THIS FAR BY FAITH** Gospel Choir and siblings Shane and Devonna Lawrence. Shane has performed throughout the Midwest and South both as a solo artist and the R&B group **VISION**. Devonna has sung with **THE EVANSVILLE** (Indiana) **PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA**, the nationally acclaimed ensemble **TALES AND SCALES**, and the world tour of the musical **3 MO'DIVAS**. They are currently recording their first album, **LETTERS FROM GOD**, under the guidance of their brother Philip, a Grammy-nominated songwriter and producer in Los Angeles.

The afternoon begins with a get-acquainted time and the musical program, followed by a catered meal. Both the program and meal are free, but tickets are required for the dinner. Call Faith Lutheran Church at 419-385-7459 to reserve your tickets, or email [faithlutheran@att.net](mailto:faithlutheran@att.net). **Deadline for ticket orders in August 1, 2013.** If you are attending from a sponsoring Lutheran church, please bring a dessert to share.

**No dinner tickets will be available at the door.**

**A free-will offering will be received during the program to support the multi-ethnic ministries of the Northwestern Ohio Synod, ELCA.**

## THRIVENT – AUGUST 2013

The days are filled with many activities as the summer sun draws us outdoors. Exercise has become popular as more people are working to stay healthy or get healthier. Remember to stay hydrated and take time to rest during heavy or high energy exercise. Do you have a method you use to ‘refresh’ your faith? Is it taking some extra time in prayer or meditation? Maybe you select new reading material that opens your mind to see how faith is working for others or could be more active in your life. I love to curl up in a chair, inside or outside, and read. As a child I would sit in the shade under the biggest tree in our yard and read for hours. Here are a couple of books that have been recommended to me that you may want to check out for your end of summer reading: “Have a little faith—a true story” by Mitch Albom; “The purse-driven life” by Anita Renfroe; and “one thousand gifts” by Ann Voskamp. Let me know if you do read one of them and what you think about their stories.

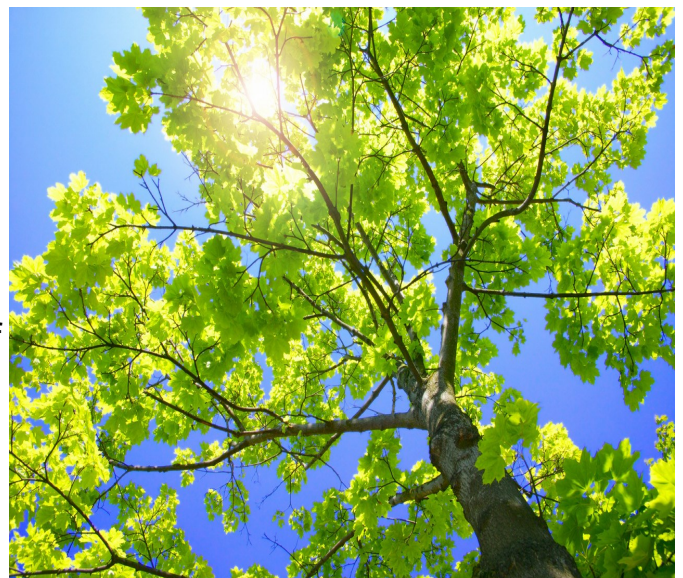
Several people from St. Paul were busy with our DCVBS this year at Defiance College. I enjoyed seeing so many children busy with the activities—laughing and enjoying the songs, lessons, crafts and games in spite of the rainy days. It was an awesome event and many thanks to all who put this program together for the community. Julie Sasseen (our team leader) and Pr. Dave (Atlas) both did a great job!

The summer rains, as much as we do need them, did cause some damage in Pastor Dave’s office. Several people have been working to get things back in order soon. Our Thrivent chapter may be able to assist us in some fundraising to help cover some of the cost for this project. Please consider making a donation in the “little white church” to help us.

School days will be here before we know it. Enjoy your summer activities before our fall schedule gets busy. Keep your faith strong and come back to us renewed in spirit and in body.

Thank you for your continued support of our Thrivent events.

Cathy Martin, Congregational Coordinator  
Thrivent for Lutherans



# St. Paul Lutheran Church

## August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
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<b>4</b> 9:30 am Worship/ Communion  Food pantry items collected	<b>5</b> Path Center Meal	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 12:15 pm Eucharist Service 1pm Martha Circle 7pm Holden	<b>8</b> Church council At 6:45 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Antique Car Club Banquet
<b>11</b> 9:30 am Worship/ Suderman Baptism/Comm. RECHARGE! Picnic - Pontiac Park @ 11:30	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9-2 Project Day	<b>14</b> 12:15 pm Eucharist Service 1pm Martha C. 7pm Holden Service	<b>15</b> Clergy Prayer Meets @8:30am at SPLC	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:30 am Worship/ Hartzell Baptism/Comm.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:30 am Alpha 12:15 pm Eucharist Service 7pm Holden Service	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:30 am Worship/ Communion 1:30 pm Gentle Worship @ DC	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 12:15 pm Eucharist Service 7pm Holden Service	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b>

**JLL & Confirmation Youth**

***A reminder that Confirmation and JLL  
will begin our fall schedule of meeting  
the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month***

***From 6-7:30 pm.***

***On September 18<sup>th</sup>***

***IF YOU ARE A YOUTH  
between the ages of 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US  
for our Wednesday night  
youth group this fall.***

***Come out and find out what JLL  
is all about.***

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***Attention Families and Youth  
ages 3 and all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders:***

***On Rally Day  
you will receive  
a new Bible  
presented at the Sunday School  
opening at 9 am.***

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***CONFIRMATION FAMILIES:***

***There will be a parent/grandparent/  
guardian meeting for all those whose youth  
are entering  
the 7<sup>th</sup> grade this fall.***

***This meeting will be held on  
September 11th @ 6pm  
in Luther Hall***

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***Rally Day 2013  
ON SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>***

***We Celebrate the start of a new  
Sunday School Year***

***We also enter into the new school year with a  
Blessing of the Backpacks!  
Don't forget to bring your  
back pack to church and dedicate  
yourself to the new school year.***

**Community Health Professionals**

North of Defiance, on St. Rt. 66,  
is the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice  
Center. across the road is Defiance  
Metal Products. Ronda Lewis, the  
supervising nurse sent a letter to St.  
Paul with the following information:

In Defiance community, we are  
very blessed to have an Inpatient Cen-  
ter. This center is very unique in the  
fact that it is truly a place dedicated to  
not only the people of Defiance County  
but to surrounding counties as well.  
We welcome all folks here who are in  
the terminally ill stage of life. It is a  
precious time for the families of our pa-  
tients and this Inpatient Center is  
staffed to take care of the families as  
well as the patient. We offer spacious  
rooms for families to gather, a café, a  
chapel, family shower facilities and  
other amenities to make it a home  
away from home for as long as need be.

I would like to take the opportuni-  
ty to invite you and your organization,  
lady's or men's group, Bible study  
group or simply a group of friends who  
may be wondering just what we are all  
about, to come and take a brief tour  
our center and enjoy a light snack of  
coffee, iced tea and dessert afterwards.  
I will be available to answer any ques-  
tions or to dispel a myth or 2 about  
Hospice. I would love to meet with you  
and tell you about this wonderful place  
that is truly such a vital part of your  
community.

Therefore, if you are interested in this  
offer, please contact:

Ronda at 419-782-4131.





It took 80+ Volunteers,  
many of them from St. Paul, and  
the generosity of  
**SO MANY OF YOU,**

Your prayers and willingness to support a new  
community VBS at Defiance College  
**HAVE BEEN TREMENDOUS!**

Every bit of it has been deeply appreciated.  
We witnessed something very special. The Holy Spirit at work in this  
community. Churches working together to let Defiance see  
a unified witness to the Gospel.  
We cannot wait until next year!

**THANK YOU St. PAUL**  
for all you did to show children the love of Jesus.

Our thank you's would not be complete without a special one for our  
dedicated pastor. His enthusiasm, vision, and support got this event off the ground.  
His performances each night as Atlas engaged kids and adults and made VBS im-  
mensely fun and meaningful.

Many thanks, too, to Bill Parker for taking pictures each night!

**August Birthdays**

8/1 Becky Gutman  
George Vogel Jr.  
Valeda Welch

8/3 Tina Egbert

8/5 Tom Weaver

8/6 Richard Grunden  
Amy Kimpel

8/7 Larry Heilman

8/8 Bill Smith

8/9 Sharon Ricker

8/10 Nick Engel

8/12 June Burke

8/14 Coit Black

8/15 Jim Martin

8/16 Alexis Barker

8/17 Abby Yeager

8/18 Bob Fett  
Fern Reimund  
Mike Sierra

8/19 Tyler Bauer  
Tom Stykemain

8/20 Delene Cooper  
Paul Gearing  
Pat Smith

8/21 Lynne Rittenour  
Drew Small  
Nickolas Zachrich

8/22 Joel Austin

8/23 Frank Eitniear

8/24 Kim Alvarado  
Jason Woods

8/25 Cheryl Burroughs  
Greg Dale  
Alex Knight  
Julie Voll  
Jay Woodward

8/26 Laura Ramon  
Chuck Sisco

8/27 Erin Barringer  
Jeff Pfund

8/28 Elverta Grussing

8/29 Ron Huner

8/30 Kelsey Dale  
Noah Gomez  
Eleanor Roth

8/31 Susan Geier  
Michael Hohl  
Jim Kline



8/1 Russ and Cindy Seip

8/3 Scott and Ann Flores

8/4 Steve and Char Flickinger  
Steve and Melanie Rittenour

8/6 Bob and Diana Fett

8/7 Larry and Cheryl Burroughs  
Larry and Sandra Saxton

8/10 Randy and Jeanne Bond

8/11 Steve and Chris Korhn

8/12 Gaylord and Pat Proxmire  
Tracy and Karen Stack

8/14 Steven and Stacy Barker

8/15 Rob and Susan Geier

8/16 Austin & Rachel Bair  
Jim and Mary Ehlinger  
Bruce and Carol Stephenson  
Tom and Laura Weaver

8/17 Bill and Nancy Krouse

8/18 Lowell and Sharon Ricker

8/21 Tom & Judy Stykemain

8/24 Harry and Fran Brown

8/27 Leo & Pam Florence

8/28 Shane & Ashley Snyder

8/31 Sherman & Berta Bowen

Help me keep our records accurate!!!!

If your birthday or anniversary is not here or is not correct **PLEASE** let me know 419-782-5771 or email @ [stpauloffice@stpaulcdefiance.com](mailto:stpauloffice@stpaulcdefiance.com)  
**Thank you, Lynn**

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***Summer Worship Schedule***

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Mid-Week Worship

Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.

& Holden Service @7:00 p.m.

**Agencies Supported By St. Paul**

**Lutheran Home Society**

**Lutheran Social Services**

**LSS- Western Region Office**

**Filling Home**

**LOMO**

**Aya Secondary School- Dodoma Diocese,**

**ELC Tanzania**

**RAVENS**

**Project Share**

**Northwestern Ohio Synod**

**WELCA**

**Habitat for Humanity**

**STAFF**

**NWO Bishop**

**Pastor**

**Dir. of Youth & Family**

**Secretary**

**Sexton**

**Organist**

**Music Director**

**Nursery Attendant**

**Rev. Marcus Lohrmann**

**Rev. David Brobston**

**Julie Sasseen**

**Lynn Roth**

**Jane Tuttle**

**Lori Schultz**

**Jeremy Davis**

**Kim Alvarado**

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