



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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October 2013

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!**



MISSION SUPPORT CONNECTOR VISITS

On **October 20th** from **6pm to 8pm**,

we are hosting the congregation members
from six area ELCA congregations here in Luther Hall
for our Synod's fall stewardship program.

This year's theme is

"Bearing with One Another in Love".

The program will be presented by two pastors from the
Synod. The program will focus on a theme of unity---
that we are "One in Christ" and that we need to walk
together and support each other in our work to bring
the good news of the Gospel to our community. As we
share our stories of ministry with other Lutherans, we
may get a sense of how we—all of us—can better
serve the Church. The presenters will also give us a
"State of Mission Support" in our synod and ask us to
examine our Mission support to the Synod.

This program is open to all St. Paul members.

We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Please join us for our St. Paul Mission Festival October 13th, 2013

Our Mission partners this year are

Defiance Area Furniture Bank,

Lutheran Outdoors Ministries,

And Tanzania Hunger Relief

A meal will be served after service.

Pastor: The Rev. David Brobston

WORSHIP: Sundays at 10:15 am

Sunday School at 9 am

Wednesdays: Eucharist Service @ 12:15 p.m.

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*From
Pastor Dave*



Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

I have been doing a great deal of reading lately, and very little sleeping. The reason there has not been much sleep is mainly due to what I have been reading. What I have read is mostly about being the church in the 21st century. One article/blog that I read really hit me between the eyes.

The article is entitled “I’m Done Growing the Church” In the blog, the author says:

I'M DONE GROWING THE CHURCH

Yes, you read that right. I’m done. No more outreach strategies to fill the pews. No more ideas to draw young people. No more switching out the hard stuff for lighter fare in hopes that we will appeal to a larger audience.

No more “growing the church.”

It seems that every time I sit down to think of ways to lead people to Jesus, I find a new way to “align a program” or “bring focus to an issue” — or worse, I find good people who mistakenly think that my job is to be a chaplain, or just their “professional visitor.” Gotta get those visitors to close the deal and join up. Too many people think that mission of the Church is to swell the ranks and fill the pews. Too many people think that this task is my job. Too many people find me a failure for not getting this done.

So. No more just “growing the church.

Read more at: [I’m Done “Growing the Church” | ijoe.org](http://ijoe.org)

So many of the articles I read echo these thoughts. The questions I feel we must ask are:

“What does it mean to be the church located at Clinton and Arabella in Defiance, Ohio in October of 2013?”

“What does it look like to be a grace filled, Gospel proclaiming community of Christ in a world that often looks at worship as another way to be entertained?”

What will ministry look like in this community 5 years from now, 10 years from now, 15 years from now?

How do we continue to partner in ministry in a way that brings the Gospel alive to a world in need of a Savior?

Is there more we can do as a community of faith to witness to God's love and grace in and around our neighborhoods?

I am looking for a group of fellow pilgrims to join me in wrestling with these questions as we look towards the future. Would you be interested in meeting once a month or so, for an hour in a morning over coffee to have deep conversations about what it means to be St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in 2013, 2020, 2030? If so, please join me on Wednesday morning, October 9th at 8:30 at Biggby across from Defiance College.

Blessings

Pastor Dave+

St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2013

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

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm. by Jim Martin.

Pr. Dave opened the meeting by reading Luther's Letters, Psalm 117.

1. Pastor's Report:

Our Catechism classes will begin September 18. They will be meeting on Wednesday evenings. This year they will focus on Bible study.

Pastor will be taking a vacation Sunday, October 6th, for Parents weekend at Marshall. Julie Sasseen will preach.

Fall Stewardship Meeting: Mission Support Connector. Our Conference cluster will gather at St. Paul's on Sunday, October 20, from 6:00pm-8:00pm. for our annual stewardship consultation. Please join in for a video presentation, finger food, and coffee.

Pastor will be going to Continuing Education Classes November 4-7, in Pittsburg. The study will concern Transitional Ministry.

2. Youth and Family Report:

a. Junior Luther League: Resumes meeting on Wednesday nights.

b. Mission: Defiance Community VBS was simply amazing! Over 200 kids attended.

More churches are showing interest for next year. We have reserved Defiance College for next year.

c. Parish Education: Planning for expanded youth programming is underway. Plans include: Quarterly events for elementary aged youth. Events for families and youth. High School Youth event once a month. A new High School Sunday School class.

d. Stephen Ministry: Recruitment is underway. We are hoping to see three new individuals. There will be a brunch Sunday, September 29 immediately following worship for current Stephen Ministers and anyone who wants to know more.

e. Tunnel to Towers Run: This was a successful event. Please plan to come out next year.

3. Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the August 8, 2013 meeting were approved.

Denise/Barb

4. Treasurer's Report:

a. Total Income August- \$21,358.57

b. Total Expenses August - \$ 20,400.57

c. We are positive for the month of August, \$958.00

Jason/Dave

5. Discipleship Report:

a. Deacons: No Report.

b. Outreach: Char Flickinger needs volunteers for Greeters for October and November.

6. Stewardship Report:

a. Budget Committee Meeting: The budget committee will meet October 7 at 6:30.

Anyone who has a line item in the budget needs to attend or submit a budget request.

b. October 13th will be the annual Mission Festival. This year we will donate to the Defiance Furniture Bank, Tanzania Hunger Relief and Lutheran Outdoor Ministries. Please join us after church for food and fellowship.

c. October 19th , 9:00am, Fall Grounds keeping Day at the church. All are invited.

d. The Annual Budget and Elections Meeting will be November 17, directly following church services.

7. Trustee Report:

a. Building use requests:

1. Cathy Martin: Oct. 19, 2013, 11:30-3:30. Lounge.
2. Virginia Prucha: ADK dinner and meeting. April 14, 2014, 5pm-7pm, Kitchen, Dining Room, Luther Hall.
3. Virginia Prucha: ADK dinner and meeting. May 19, 2014, 5pm-7pm. Kitchen, Dining Room, Luther Hall.
- b. Pastor Dave's Office Repair: The office repair is complete. It looks great. Thank you to all who helped with gifts and hands on labor.
- c. Discussion concerning finances for the sealing of the stone on the church exterior.
- d. Thank you to Jim Ehlinger for spearheading the roof replacement job with Richland. Both office roof spaces have been replaced.
- e. Thank you Joe Hiler for the beautiful new paint job on our St. Paul Lutheran sign in front of the church.

8. Old Business:

- a. Pastor's Desktop computer has been replaced. Thank You to Service Guild and their generosity in purchasing this computer for us.
- b. Service Guild is offering a matching fund gift to help finance the 2013 section of the sealing of the exterior stone on the church. Thank You Service Guild. Council discussed ways to raise the other portion of the funds needed.
- c. Council is reviewing the last revision of the Employee Manual. Final vote will be in October.

9. New Business:

- a. The Bishop's Fall Conference will be October 16 at New Creation in Ottawa from 5:30-8:30. All lay leaders are invited to attend.
- b. St. Paul will host a Mission Support Connector meeting on Oct 20 from 6-8:00pm. Seven area churches will be visiting. We will be serving snacks and drinks.
- c. Reminder that the budget needs to be reviewed for Pastor's benefits.

10. For The Good of the Church:

- a. The Nominating Committee will be meeting and please prayerfully consider serving when they call.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Jason/Jim

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

The next council meeting will be October 15, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Krouse

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton will be installed as presiding bishop of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)
Saturday, October 5, 2013 at 1:00 pm
Rockefeller Memorial Chapel
Chicago, Ill.

A live video stream of the installation will be available at www.elca.org

SCHEDULES FOR OCTOBER 2013

LECTOR:	06 Rhonda Haviland 13-27 Nancy Plassman
ACOLYTES:	06 Kaylee Brashear, Lauren Melia 13 Joe Melia 20 Suzie McBride 27 Felicity Barker, Julia Yeager
CRUCIFER:	06 Jordan Sasseen 27 Caitlin Flickinger
USHERS:	06 Buggs Sierra, Team 2 13 Buggs Sierra, Team 2 20 Ned Ewers, Team 3 27 Ned Ewers, Team 3
FLOWERS:	06 AVAILABLE 13 George & Ann Essex 20 Ron & Susan McDowell 27 Mary Barnes

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

BULLETINS:	06 Bill & Jane Parker 13 Mary Geiger 20 Phil & Pat Fogt 27 A V A I L A B L E
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COMMUNION SERVERS:	06 Jason Frederick, Cathy Martin 13 Jenna Burk, Jim & Cathy Martin 20 Jim Martin 27 Dyle Roth
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GREETERS:	06 George & Ann Essex 13 Steve & Chris Korhn 20 John & Mary Dale 27 A V A I L A B L E
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LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS :	John & Mary Dale Doug & Mary Davis Al & Dee King Jim & Cathy Martin Dyle & Eleanor Roth Julie Sasseen Dave Slocum Chris Turner
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AVG WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2013

January -	131	April -	151
February -	213	May -	143
March -	228	June -	134
July -	119	August -	138
September -		October -	
November -		December -	

FINANCIAL REPORT 2013

January	Income	\$ 16,984.95
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 26,199.94</u>
	Total	(\$ 9,214.99)
February	Income	\$ 19,104.35
	Endow. fund	\$ 10,500.00
	Total Inc.	\$ 29,604.35
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 23,192.48</u>
	Total	\$ 6,411.87
March	Income	\$ 26,852.22
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 20,375.65</u>
	Total	\$ 6,476.57
April	Income	\$ 28,160.20
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 24,260.88</u>
	Total	\$ 3,899.32
May	Income	\$ 17,046.75
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 19,507.73</u>
	Neg. Total	(\$ 2,460.98)
June	Income	\$ 22,503.15
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 21,191.72</u>
	Total	\$ 1,311.43
July	Income	\$ 14,944.12
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 20,027.70</u>
	Total	(\$ 5,083.58)
August	Income	\$ 21,358.57
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 20,400.57</u>
	Total	\$ 958.00



4th Annual APPLE DUMPLING Sale!

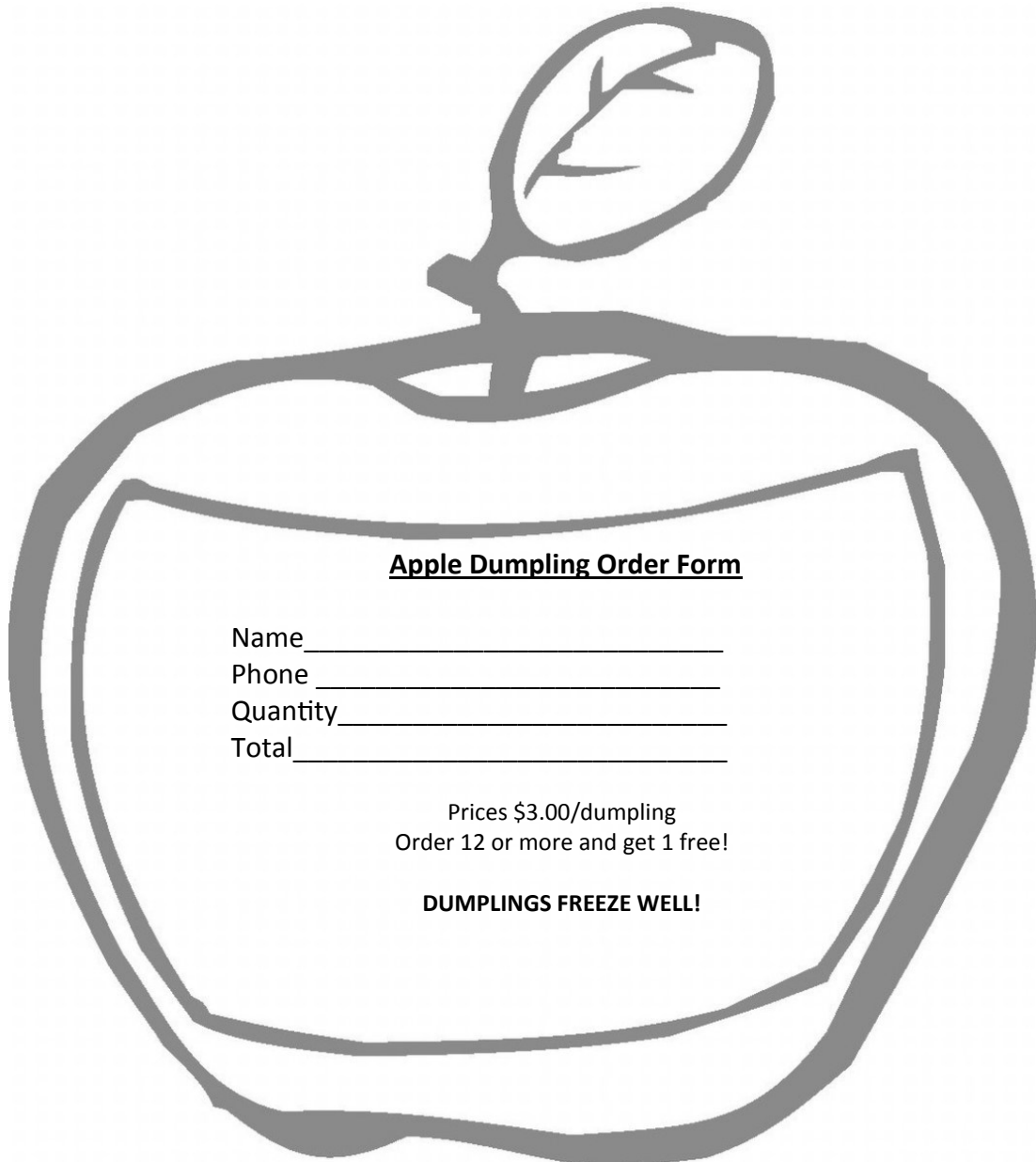
**to fund the Recharge Retreats...
(formerly CRHP)**

Don't delay!

***Order your homemade Apple Dumplings now and
they will be ready for pick-up on November 10th!***

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!

Please share this order form with friends and neighbors!



Apple Dumpling Order Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Quantity _____

Total _____

Prices \$3.00/dumpling
Order 12 or more and get 1 free!

DUMPLINGS FREEZE WELL!



THRIVENT – OCTOBER 2013

The fall season is here and we are busy with many activities. The common phrase 'scurrying around like a squirrel gathering food for winter' may describe how some days seem to be for us. There are some things you must do each day and others that get set aside and some that just get lost and never completed. Planning for retirement, or managing your retirement, is something that many of us think we can do later and don't need to spend time on right now. But as it happens many times, that can turn into a real problem. Our economy changes, our lifestyle is upset when circumstances change, and many other factors affect what happens to make retirement different than we had imagined. Planning for retirement is one of the most important financial decisions you can make – but it can also be one of the most daunting. With so many options to consider, it's hard to know if you're making the best choices. To help you with this matter, Bob Heyman and Beth Kitson are offering a retirement and estate strategy seminar at St. Paul for anyone interested. You can sign up for the time that works best for you—October 1st at 10 am, 1 pm or 6:30 pm. Light refreshments will be provided. Please call Bob at 419-782-0228 or Beth at 419-232-4310 to help them plan for the day. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors!

Thank you again to everyone who helped us work on Pastor Dave's office. We collected nearly \$2600 plus so many hours and materials that were donated by volunteers. Thank you to our Thrivent Defiance/Paulding County chapter who has given us the additional \$700 for our project.

Offering help is part of what Thrivent can do for you. Last year, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans provided more than \$100 million to help congregations, communities and individuals in need. Eligible members are given Choice Dollars, based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership. Choice Dollars can be directed to thousands of nonprofit organizations nationwide, including our own St. Paul congregation. The designated dollars can be directed throughout the year but must be given to the choice you make by March of the following year. I would like to help you with any questions you may have about the way to get your dollars designated. You can go online to make your choice, or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted. We want to help you be able to give your earned dollars for the recipient of your choice. If you have questions, you can call or send me an email.

Our St. Paul Mission Festival is on October 13th and I know it will be another successful event. Please join us to support these organizations that you chose at the Annual meeting.

All St. Paul Thrivent members are invited to attend the Annual Dinner for all Thrivent Financial for Lutherans' members of the Defiance-Paulding County Chapter. The Annual dinner will be held on Sunday October 20, 2013 in the school cafeteria at St John Lutheran Church, 655 Wayne Ave Defiance, OH with dinner beginning at 5:30 pm. Come and enjoy good food, fellowship and entertainment with neighbors and friends. Reservations should be made by October 15, 2013 by calling Wanda Chochol at 419-782-6725.

May God bless you with great energy to complete the many tasks that fill our lives and may we always remember to keep Him a part of every day. Thank you for your continued support.

Cathy Martin, Thrivent Congregational Advocate



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Kids of all ages are invited to celebrate FALL with a night of slimy fun for the whole family!

This Halloween alternative festival is full of games, lots of sticky slime, science experiments and a wonderful positive message.

Dress up and join the fun 6 to 8 p.m.

*This is a FREE family fun community event.
Sponsored by Defiance Community VBS Churches.*

Register online at www.defiancestpauls.com

**St. Paul's UMC – 400 Wayne Avenue – Defiance
419.782.3751 / 419.618.5582
defiancecommunityvbs@gmail.com**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! COMING SOON!!

Prayer list information

Next time you're about to submit a request for inclusion on the prayer list please ask the following questions. Did that person give permission to the office? 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
Chris	Dean	Doug
Eric	Grace	Greg
Jenny	Jerry	Jim
John	Jon	Maddie
Marty	Pat	Phyllis
Sally	Scott	Sheena
Thelma	Tim	Steve

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

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

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.

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 the entire 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.



Memorials

In Memory of Valeda Welch

General Fund

by

Service Guild, Betty Parish,

Service Guild Fund

by

Mary Barnes, Mr. & Mrs. Wally Westrick

Access Fund

by

Mr. & Mrs. Dyle Roth

In Memory of Jeanne Kuhn

General Fund

by

Service Guild, Betty Parish

In Memory of Robert Panning

General Fund

by

Mr. & Mrs. William Krouse

Matthew West

Fort Wayne, IN 11.01.2013

with special guests

Sidewalk Prophets

and **Jason Castro**



**The Recharge Women's retreat team
would like to invite you to come join us for the
Matthew West concert.**

Friday, November 1st

7:30 pm.

**At the First Assembly of God in Fort Wayne.
Come join us for a night of music and fun!**

JLL NEWS:



JLL youth will soon be heading out to the Corn Maize at Leader's Farms.

WHEN: Saturday,

October 12th at 2 pm

WHERE: Meet at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Drivers will be needed!

Families: Look for a newsletter coming soon!

Our JLL youth are encouraged to contribute articles!

We will be highlighting upcoming events and fun that youth will not want to miss!

**ALSO coming soon is the
“WE ARE FAMILY” Bulletin Board!**

This board will highlight what our youth and members are up to, and will include sports and activity schedules so that we can stay up to date and support one another.

ADULTS

we do not want to exclude YOU!

In a play? LET US KNOW!

Playing in a community band?

We want it up there!

We look forward to increasing our awareness of the many ways St. Paul is active and growing in and around this community.

BISHOP'S FALL CONFERENCE VISITS

October 16th, 2013

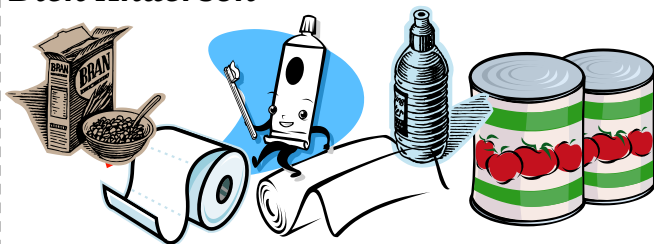
Every year Bishop Lohrmann (and his staff) meets with congregations within the Synod. This year congregations from our Maumee Valley conference will be gathering at New Creation Lutheran Church in Ottawa. The theme is "Growing as Disciples Together in The Northwestern Ohio Synod". The program starts at 5:30pm with a meal and should be over at 8:30pm. There will be a short worship service (with Eucharist) after which we'll hear from the Bishop and his staff. There will also be break-out sessions for Catechism-age youth. These conference visits are open to all. Please plan to attend and see where you can get involved within our Synod. Let the church office know if you will attend and can share a ride with others.

A NOTE FROM INNKEEPER AT ZION'S

Items most needed to help the guests at Innkeeper's include:

- *Hot and cold cereal,***
- *Canned fruit, *Pudding,***
- *Boxed skillet meals, *Box potatoes,***
- *Spaghetti and dry pasta noodles,***
- *Spaghetti sauce, *Tomato sauce,***
- *Chicken noodle soup,***
- *Canned meat—tuna, sausage, chicken,***
- *Ramen noodles—beef, chicken & shrimp,***
- *Bottled water, *Bottled fruit juices,***
- *Microwave popcorn, *Salad dressing,***
- *Paper towels, *Toilet paper,***
- *Toothpaste, *Shaving gel,***
- *Detergent, and *Cooking oil.***

Thank you for your ongoing generosity.
Dick Anderson



Church Building Sealing Project

As most of you know we have been working on the outside of the church which has been in need of being sealed to help prevent water intrusion damage. The Church Council has agreed to kick-off a fund raising campaign to finance this project. We have estimated that we will need about \$22,000 to do the sealing and complete the entire structure.

In order to do this, we felt it would be best to do this in 2 phases. The first part will be to seal about 20%-30% of the church yet this fall. The second phase will be next summer to complete the remaining portion. Over the next 6 to 8 months we will be asking for your financial gifts/contributions so that we can complete this project to help maintain and preserve the structural integrity of the church for many years to come.

We recently completed the fall portion of the project already and would like to thank all those who contributed to make that possible to get this important and critical phase done before winter sets in. As for the remainder of the contributions, we are hoping to raise the funds between now and into early 2014. We ask that you prayerfully consider a donation for this cause. If anyone has any questions regarding the project, feel free to contact myself or any church council member for further information.

Thank you,
Jason Frederick



Our Youth Meeting News!

We have a prayer request.

*A youth planning meeting was held to envision what we want
for the youth of St. Paul.*

Coming soon

WE HOPE AND PRAY WILL BE:

A High School youth meeting once per month on a Wednesday from 6:15-7:15 pm. We'll eat together and then youth can head home to do homework. Parents and/or congregation volunteers will take turns providing dinner. This meal will also be offered to JLL and Confirmation youth although those groups will meet in separate areas. If you can help provide a meal for approximately 20 people, please contact Julie Sasseen.

***Also possible are NUMEROUS events for the entire
St. Paul family to enjoy. Among them:***

**Game night*

**Bonfire/hayride night*

**St. Paul Family Softball game*

**YMCA night*

**Euchre Night*

**Fall Fest*

**Spaghetti dinner*

**Quiet bags for families to grab on the way into church*

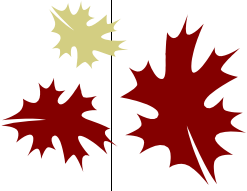
**Hot Cocoa Sale at the Halloween Parade*



*If you would be willing to take on a project that is
short in duration
please contact Julie to see where you can help.*

St. Paul Lutheran October 2013

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> Retirement & Estate Strategies Workshop 10:00 am 1:00 pm or 6:30 pm Luther Hall/Thrivent	<i>2</i> 12:15 Eucharistic Service 6-7:30 pm JLL/Confirmation meet 7:00 pm Choir Prac.	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> Bishop Eaton installed @ 1pm (see page 4)
<i>6</i> 9 am Chimes 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Comm. Collect Pantry Items 1pm CROP Walk 6 pm Bless Pets	<i>7</i> Budget Meeting at 6:30 pm	<i>8</i> 9-2:00 Project Day	<i>9</i> 8:30 am Biggby Coffee with Pastor Dave 12:15 Eucharistic Service 6-7:30 pm JLL meet 7:00 pm Choir Prac.	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
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<i>20</i> 9 am Chimes & Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Comm. 6-8 pm Mission Support Connect visits	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 12:15 pm Eucharistic Service 6-7:30 pm JLL meet 7:00 pm Choir Prac.	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
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Women: February 1 & 2, 2013

Men: a short “all over in a few hours” retreat on
February 22nd.

You are invited to the

RECHARGE Women's Retreat

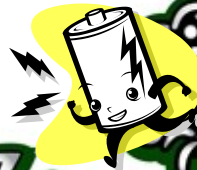
(formerly Christ Renews His Parish)

*All of us find our faith batteries feel the need
for a jump on occasion.*

*We all need to have some time away from it
all to Recharge and Refocus.*

*It is fun. You will make friends. You will re-
cover from that worn out feeling we all have
had from time to time.*

*ALSO Watch for the 4th ANNUAL
APPLE DUMPLING SALE coming in October!*





On Sunday, September 29th,

there will be a
Stephen Ministry Brunch

Immediately following worship
for former Stephen Ministers and
ALL

who hope to see an active Stephen's Ministry at St. Paul.

Let's come together for prayer, to celebrate what Stephen Ministry
has been here, and to plan what it will become.

STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASSES WILL BE STARTING in OCTOBER

You only need one hour a week
to give to another person in order to be a
Stephen Minister.

Enough time to have lunch or coffee....

It is time to prayerfully consider
if you would like to apply to be one of the 6 in our next class!

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND...

Retirement & Estate Strategies Workshop
Hosted by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Financial
Representative Bob Heyman
Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at St. Paul Lutheran Church
at 10 am, 1 pm, or 6:30 pm
Light refreshments will be provided!

Please call Bob at 419-782-0228 or
Beth Kitson at 419-232-4310 or email
Beth.Kitson@thrivent.com
to reserve a place for yourself and a guest.
Bring your family, friends, and neighbors!

\$15 million Thrivent Choice® Double Direction Church Campaign

Help our church “see double” by directing Choice Dollars®
during this exciting campaign!

Here’s how it works

Between Oct. 1 and Nov. 3, 2013, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans® will:

- give up to \$15 million to churches across the country through Thrivent Choice.
- **Double** all choice Dollars® directions made to churches—including our church—during the campaign, or until \$15 million has been awarded, whichever comes first.

Direct Choice Dollars today

Thrivent Choice allows eligible members of Thrivent Financial to recommend where some of Thrivent Financial’s charitable dollars are distributed.

To make your direction, simply:

- go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice, or
- call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and say, “Thrivent Choice.”

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Sunday School *for all ages*

Fall –Spring Worship Schedule

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Worship at 10:15 a.m.

Mid-Week Worship

Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.

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STAFF

NWO Bishop	Rev. Marcus Lohrmann
Pastor	Rev. David Brobston
Dir. of Youth & Family	Julie Sasseen
Secretary	Lynn Roth
Sexton	Jane Tuttle
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Music Director	Jeremy Davis
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Agencies Supported By St. Paul

Lutheran Home Society
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LSS– Western Region Office
Filling Home
LOMO
Aya Secondary School– Dodoma Diocese,
ELC Tanzania
RAVENS
Project Share
Northwestern Ohio Synod
WELCA
Habitat for Humanity



October



10/1 Diana Fett
 10/2 Rachel Bair
 Dan Tuttle
 Rev. Tamara Wood
 10/3 Esther Reimund
 Nora Westrick
 10/4 Larry Burroughs
 Catherine Geier
 10/8 Corey Lamb
 Josie Maag
 Joseph Melia
 10/9 James Ricker
 10/11 Richard Haviland
 Glen Vogel
 10/13 John Wood
 Julia Yeager
 10/14 Lisa Beardsley
 Calib Brashear
 Char Flickinger
 Gabriel Flores
 10/15 Edison Beckett
 10/16 Shirley Keller
 David Slocum
 10/17 Cooper Replogle
 10/18 Jennifer Maag
 10/19 Kendra Perez
 Rob Plassman
 Kristofor Rohrbaugh
 10/21 Leia Wardinski
 10/23 Mary Dale
 10/24 Lindsey Bailey
 Scott Flores
 Amanda Olson
 10/26 Bryce Glock
 10/27 Sherman Bowen
 Lucille Erbskorn
 10/28 Janelle Seibt
 10/29 Lisa Burrell
 Marilyn Heckler
 10/30 Shannon Brandt
 Ryan Lamb
 Al Schnitz
 10/31 Trenton Florence
 Cheryl Pfund

← Birthdays & Anniversaries ↓

10/01 Nicholas & Carrie Engel
 10/02 Brian & Alyssia McDowell
 10/04 Danny & Laureen Hill
 10/05 Mark & Peggy Lamb
 10/07 Tim & Cheryl Rosebrock
 Buggs & Joan Sierra
 10/11 Craig & Mary Frisinger
 Gordon & Jacqueline Scullion
 10/14 Michael & Minda Hohl
 10/28 Ray & Darlene Meade
 Robert & Christine Turner
 10/29 Ned & Dorothy Dunbar

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 stpauloffice@stpaulcadedfiance.com
Thanks, Lynn