



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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December 2013

The Longest Night

Sunday, December 22nd @ 7:00 pm

We pause to Be Still.

*Come to worship in the darkness at
St. Paul Lutheran Church*

See Page 14 in this newsletter.

Advent services begin December 4th

**Please join us at 6:00 pm
for our soup supper and
join us at 6:45 pm for
Holden Evening Prayer.**



Hanging of the Greens this Saturday,

November 30th at 8:00 a.m.

We need as many people as possible so
please mark your
calendars and make plans to join your
church family as we

**“Deck the Halls”
in time for
Advent**



**The 2014 budget passed with
71 votes to approve the budget
and 5 votes against the budget.
The budget is in this newsletter.**

Pastor: The Rev. David Brobston

WORSHIP: Sunday School at 9:00 am

Worship/Communion @ 10:15 am

Wednesdays: Eucharist Service @ 12:15 pm

Holden Service @ 6:45 pm

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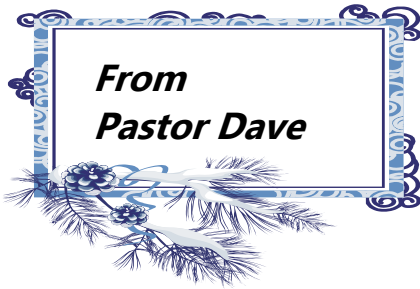
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December 2013

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

HAPPY NEW YEAR – or as we say in the Church – Blessed Advent. Christ the King Sunday is November 24th, the last day of the Church Year. That means on December 1st, we move to Advent, the Christian New Year! So, just what is Advent?

ADVENT! Advent is that season in the life of the Church that most of the world wants us to skip right past – it's all about Christmas, the parties, the festivities, the presents.

ADVENT! Advent is the season that many inside the Church would prefer we rush through.

ADVENT! So, just what is this season of Advent all about? What does this mean for us in our lives? Why wait? In our world today the idea of waiting seems foreign. Waiting is a difficult thing – whether it's waiting for the phone to ring, or waiting for test results from the doctor; waiting in line at a restaurant or waiting for the birth of The Savior.

Wait though is what we are called to do this time of year. To wait... but more than wait – we are also called to prepare. This is a time for us to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child. This is the time for us to slow down – even when our calendars are speeding us up. This is a time for us to pause – even when the world around us is screaming at us to rush.

In my morning devotions I ran across Psalm 80 -- “Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.” Look closely at who the subject of this verse is. We are not the subject of this passage...it is God! God's face shines, God restores us, God renews us. The request is that God's face might shine because it brings forth salvation. This is what we are waiting for! God's face! God's peace! God's love! God's own Son – sent to us in a manger.

Angels appearing to Mary and Joseph, Shepherds in the field hearing the words of an angel, Wise Men following a Star, waiting – anticipating – preparing for the birth of the Savior. May this season be a time for us to hear the stories, sing the songs, light the candles and prepare our hearts for the birth of the Savior, Christ.

Have a Blessed Advent
Pastor Dave+

St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2013

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

Meeting called to order at 6:15pm. by Jim Martin.

Pr. Dave opened the meeting by reading Luther's Letters, concerning usury. "If we lend and give, we are children of the Highest, and our reward is great." "It is that we give our goods freely to everyone who needs them or asks for them." Be a glorious person of faith, give, lend and let go.

1. Pastor's Report:

- a. November 27: **Thanksgiving Eve Service**, 7:00 with St. Mary's, St. John's Catholic, St. Paul Methodist, St. Paul Lutheran.
- b. November 30: **The Hanging of the Greens**, 8:00am in the sanctuary.
- c. **Advent Evening Services**: Using the Ordinary to make the Extraordinary
6:00 Soup Supper, 6:45 Service in Sanctuary. December 4-Shepherds, December 11-The 12 Misfits, December 18-Paul are you Sure?
- d. December 22: Sunday, 1:30, **Gentle Worship**. We preside this month. Please come.
- e. December 22: Sunday, 7:00pm. **The Longest Night Services**.
- f. December 24: **Christmas Eve Service**. Christmas music at 7:30, Service at 8:00pm.
- g. Pastor will be taking his last vacation days of the year; December 25-28.

2. Youth and Family Report:

- a. **Junior Luther League**: Will be rescheduling the rollerskating event. The Hunger Banquet was also re-scheduled for a later time.
- b. **Mission**: Recharge (formerly CRHP) : The group raised \$272 selling hot beverages and pop corn at the Halloween Parade. The Apple Dumpling Sale went well. Recharge met this month and also attended a Matthew West concert in Ft. Wayne.
- c. **Parish Education**: Quarterly Bible School Classes have been scheduled. These evening classes will offer our youth an in depth look at Bible stories or concepts.
The dates are: Wed. February 19-Grace Bible School
Wed. April 9-Easter Bible School
- d. **Stephen Ministry**: The class will be delayed due to scheduling conflicts.
- e. **High School Youth Group**: This group will begin meeting the second Wednesday of each month from 6:15-7:15, and will be led by Stacy Barker. There will be a joint meal with the JLL.
- f. **Christmas Program Practice**: Practice is underway. The performance is Dec. 22 during church services.
- g. **F.Y.I. : Slime Time** : Overall the event was fun and successful. 155 people attended. We are planning to do it again next year and are looking for kids and volunteers.

3. Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the October 15, 2013 meeting were approved.

Denise/Tim

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. Total Income October -\$21,682.96
- b. Total Expenses October-\$20,254.55
- c. We are **positive** for the month of September, +\$1,428.41
- d. Year-to Date: Total Income- \$218,427.34
- e. Year-to-Date: Total Expenses-\$233,359.21
- f. We are **negative** for the year-\$ 14,931.87

Barb/Dave

5. Discipleship Report:

- a. Deacons: No Report.
- b. Outreach: No Report

6. Stewardship Report:

- a. The Mission Festival raised \$2805.00.
- b. Chief Good Neighbor Receipts raised \$93.00.
- c. Please pick up your church giving envelopes the 1st Sunday in December.
- d. Hanging of the Greens will be Saturday, November30 at 8:00 am. Please help!

7. Trustee Report:

- a. Building Use Request: Youth For Christ Adult Orientation, Dec 9 (9-9) Dec 10 (9-6) using four rooms.
Tim/Barb
- b. Building Use Request: Virginia Prucha ADK Chapter: June 16, 2014, 5:00pm.
Tim/Denise
- c. Concerns for building maintenance: The carillon is not working. Further inspection of stained glass windows shows more condensation problems.

8. Old Business:

- a. There will be meetings with all employees to go over the new Employee Manual.
- b. Looking at the Secretary's Job Description document.

9. New Business:

- a. The newly elected council members are invited to the December and January council meetings.
- b. Please prepare job descriptions for the Stewardship and Trustee council positions.
- c. Our Outreach project for December will be a Holiday food drive.

10. For The Good of the Church:

- a. We will be scheduling a meeting with the Endowment Committee to discuss ongoing projects in 2014.
- b. Movie Night: 'We are Marshall' had 12 attendees with friends.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Dave/Denise

Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer

The next council meeting will be December 17, at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Krouse

2014 Budget
as approved by congregational vote on
November 17, 2013

Salaries:

Pastor	\$46,000
Youth & Family	\$14,100
Secretary	\$20,000
Custodian	\$16,000
Organist	\$17,620
Choir	\$ 4,200
Nursery Attendant	\$ 1,470
Supply/Temp Help	\$ 1,500

Allowances:

Pastor:

Housing	\$20,000
Auto	\$ 4,500
Cont. Ed.	\$ 1,000
Pension & Health	\$28,908
Continuing Ed Youth & Family	\$ 500

Benevolences:

ELCA (Mission)	\$ 7,500
Filling Home	\$ 750
Ravens	\$ 750
LSS	\$ 2,000
Lutheran Home	\$ 300
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 670
Defiance Area Hospice	\$ 600
Local Outreach	\$ 1,000
Christ Renews His Parish	\$ 1,000

Utilities:

Natural Gas	\$10,000
Electricity	\$ 9,000
Water	\$ 2,000
Phone	\$ 2,000
Other Utilities	

General Expenses:

Custodial Supplies	\$ 800
Maintenance	\$ 8,000
Office Supplies & Equip. '	\$ 3,250
Music	\$ 200
SS/Parish Ed.	\$ 3,000
Postage	\$ 1,000
Church Supplies	\$ 4,500
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,500
Youth Ministry	\$ 1,500
Capital Improvements	\$20,000

Taxes/Insurance:

Payroll	\$ 6,000
Workers Comp.	\$ 1,200
Real Estate	\$ 1,500
Property/Liability	\$ 9,000

Loan:

Mortgage Expense	\$ 0
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Totals **\$275,818**

CHURCH COUNCIL
2014

President:	Jason Frederick
President Elect:	Dave Iliff
Treasurer:	Denise Moog
Secretary:	Nancy Krouse
Stewardship:	Christine Korhn
Trustee:	Todd Melia
Discipleship:	Barbara Warncke
Auditor :	Jeff Fogt
Counters:	Virginia Prucha and Shirley Keller
Synod Assembly representatives:	Sharon & Lowell Ricker

Budget and Elections Meeting:
November 17, 2013: 12:20pm.

Congregation President Jim Martin called the meeting to order.

Pastor Dave Brobston opened the meeting in prayer.

Order of Business:

1-Election of Church Council

- a) Any nominations from the floor- (none)
- b) Ballots marked and collected
- c) New council members are:

President-Jason Frederick,
President Elect-Dave Iliff,
Secretary-Nancy Krouse,
Treasurer-Denise Moog,
Discipleship-Barb Warncke,
Stewardship-Chris Korhn,
Trustee-Todd Melia,
Auditor-Jeff Fogt.

2-Church Budget 2014

- a) Discussion
 - b) Motion to accept the budget. Dave Coonrod/
Jan Sisco
 - c) Vote to approve/disapprove budget. Budget
passed 71Y/5N.
- 3- Motion to adjourn Bill Parker/Laurie Lucas

TO: The congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church

I am coming to you to remind you that in our community hundreds of our neighbors are struggling to feed their families. Every day we are being asked by local agencies ***“Can you please help us?”***. We at St. Paul Lutheran need to step up to the plate and meet the challenge and help these agencies. In fact, as far as I’m concerned, it is our obligation to reach out to the needy in our community and try to make life a little easier and a little more pleasant for them---especially in the Holiday season.

I am asking each and every one of us to help by providing non-perishable food and your financial gifts. I need you to bring canned goods to the Church every time you pass through our doors---and I’ll have a basket available for us to fill to the brim. I need you to dig deep into your pockets, as you are able, and put an extra measure into our offering plates marked “To Feed the Hungry”. We cannot call ourselves “The Church” if we neglect this need within our community.

Thank you,



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, *Cooking oil.
*Canned meat—tuna, sausage, chicken,
*Ramen noodles—beef, chicken & shrimp,
*Bottled water, *Bottled fruit juices,
*Microwave popcorn, *Salad dressing, *Peanut butter, *Paper towels, *Toilet
paper, Kleenex,
*Toothpaste, *Shaving gel, *personal care items,
*Laundry supplies, Dish detergent, and
Thank you for your ongoing generosity.***

Dick Anderson

A WORD FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am writing this letter in response to a question posed during the budget and election meeting on November 17, 2013. The question was basically, "Are we in the red?" The treasurer answered the question with a "yes."

A question was then asked, "Why weren't we told about it?" It was pointed out that these amounts are always placed in the newsletter in the council minutes. The numbers posted are for just the previous month and not a year to date total.

With that said, as of November 1, 2013, we are \$14,931.87 in the red. A lot if this deficit was due to some unforeseen projects that had occurred during the year. Two of the unexpected expenditures that cropped up during the year were the sealing of the front and south side of the church and the repairing of the roofs over the bay windows in the church office and Pastor's office, with the Pastor's office receiving a significant amount of damage.

Fortunately we had some monies in savings to cover these unexpected expenses. At the start of the year we had \$30,000 in our savings account but as you can see, we've had to withdraw nearly half of this to pay our bills. To cover our budgeted expenses, we need \$5685.75 every week; in the first two weeks of November our offering totaled only \$6700 which means we'll be withdrawing more from our savings account.

During my 20 plus years of being a member of this LOVING church, I have seen some remarkable events. I am positive we can overcome this shortfall of monies and build up our reserves to continue to be a beacon of light to the community. We still have plenty of time remaining this year to get us out of the RED and to fulfill our benevolence obligations to the Synod which we have neglected for a number of months. If each of us can give just a couple more dollars each week we can get back to where we were. Remember that a great reserve starts with small amounts.

Sincerely;
Tim Moog
Chairman, Stewardship Committee

**2014 envelopes
will be ready to pick up on
Sunday, December 1st.**

**Please do not use them until
January 1st, 2014.
Thank you.**

Contribution Reminder

**Please think of St. Paul
Lutheran Church when you
are considering final end of the
year giving for tax deduction
purposes. Some of you may
have an income tax advantage
by giving to our church.
Thank you in advance
for your help.**

The Stewardship Committee

SCHEDULES FOR DECEMBER 2013**LECTOR:** Julie Sasseen

USHERS: 01 Team 2, "Buggs" Sierra, Captain
 08 Team 2, "Buggs" Sierra, Captain
 15 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Captain
 22 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Captain
 24 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Captain
 29 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Captain

FLOWERS: 01 Buggs & Joan Sierra
 08 Jim & Mary Ehlinger
 15 William & Martha Cooper
 22 Jeannette Melia
 24 Chuck & Jan Sisco
 29 Chub Wahl & John Wahl

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

BULLETINS: 01 AVAILABLE
 08 Mary Geiger
 15 William & Martha Cooper
 22 WELCA
 24 WELCA
 29 Chub Wahl & John Wahl

COMMUNION:
 01 Denise Moog
 08 Jim Kline
 15 Jason Frederick
 22 Cathy Martin
 24 Cathy Martin, Jim Kline, Jason Frederick
 29 Jim Martin

GREETERS: 01 Dan & Jane Tuttle
 08 AVAILABLE
 15 AVAILABLE
 22 AVAILABLE
 24 AVAILABLE
 29 AVAILABLE

LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS:

Chris Turner
 Don & Carol Samuelson
 Jim & Cathy Martin
 Doug & Mary Davis
 Julie Sasseen
 John & Mary Dale
 Alex & Collette Knight
 Dyle & Eleanor Roth

ACCOLYTES

01 Caitlin Flickinger
 08 Ryan Yeager
 15 Julia Yeager, Felicity Barker
 22 Joe Melia
 24 Kaylee Brashear, Julia Yeager
 29 Caroline Turner

CRUCIFERS:

Jordan Sasseen

Jordan Sasseen

AVG WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2013

January -	131	April -	151
February -	213	May -	143
March -	228	June -	134
July -	119	August -	138
September -	127	October -	148
November -		December -	

FINANCIAL REPORT 2013

January	Income	\$ 16,984.95
	<u>Expenses</u>	\$ 26,199.94
	Total	(\$ 9,214.99)
February	Income	\$ 19,104.35
	Endow. fund	\$ 10,500.00
	Total Inc.	\$ 29,604.35
	<u>Expenses</u>	\$ 23,192.48
	Total	\$ 6,411.87
March	Income	\$ 26,852.22
	<u>Expenses</u>	\$ 20,375.65
	Total	\$ 6,476.57
April	Income	\$ 28,160.20
	<u>Expenses</u>	\$ 24,260.88
	Total	\$ 3,899.32
May	Income	\$ 17,046.75
	<u>Expenses</u>	\$ 19,507.73
	Neg. Total	(\$ 2,460.98)
June	Income	\$ 22,503.15
	<u>Expenses</u>	\$ 21,191.72
	Total	\$ 1,311.43
July	Income	\$ 14,944.12
	<u>Expenses</u>	\$ 20,027.70
	Total	(\$ 5,083.58)
August	Income	\$ 21,358.57
	<u>Expenses</u>	\$ 20,400.57
	Total	\$ 958.00
September	Income	\$ 24,827.93
	<u>Expenses</u>	(\$ 26,124.99)
	Total	(\$ 1,297.06)
October	Income	\$ 21,682.96
	<u>Expenses</u>	\$ 20,254.55
	Total	\$ 1,428.41

End of year offerings must be in the offering on December 29th, or in the office by 4:00 pm on December 30th or postmarked by December 31st to be counted for 2013.

Thank you...

Thank you all for your prayers, cards and visits during my recent surgeries and recovery. A special thank you to Pastor Dave for his prayers with us during his visits while I was in the hospital. This meant a lot to Sam and me. The love shown us by our church family was special and uplifting.
Love, Carol Samuelson

Dear St. Paul Lutheran,
Once again, we at Zion's Innkeepers are overwhelmed with your generous contribution for our guests. They are appreciative and often let us know with words and smiles. While we are a small part of serving their daily needs, they depend on Zion's to fulfill these needs. St. Paul's remain in our prayers.
Dick Anderson

Dear Friends at St. Paul Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your gift to Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio. Your generosity directly benefits everyone who participates in this ministry. Thank you for being so kind and caring!
We invite you to please take a moment to visit our website for a year-round schedule at www.lomocamps.org. We offer online registration for all of our programs.
Penny Christensen
Executive Director

Holiday Events for the Whole Family!
'Making Room for Jesus' Family Advent Retreat at Camp Mowana December 6-8, 2013 beginning 7pm. Register online today!
'Journey to Bethlehem' at Camp Mowana December 7, 2013 from 3-5 pm. Reservations required. Call the camp at 419-589-7406. Free will offering.



Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran Social Services-Western Region. I want to acknowledge the generosity of your members who have contributed to make this gift possible. May God continue to richly bless your ministries to his people. Your prayers and financial gifts are greatly appreciated as we strive to provide services through the ministry of LSSNWO.

Sincerely,
Julia Rossow - MSW, LSW
Western Region Program Manager/Therapist

The Alzheimer's Support Group meets at the Defiance Senior Center on the first Thursday of every month at 1:30 p.m. This is for anyone who has a family member with Alzheimer or is a care giver to an Alzheimer patient. The leaders are Pat Wagner and Karen Haaser, R.N. This is a good opportunity to learn what help and resources are available.

I cared for my mother who had Alzheimer for 8 years. This group was a mind saver for me. If you have any questions, I will be glad to try and answer them.

Janice Sisco

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. Your gift has been placed in the Filling Home Foundation to be used for helping us in meeting the day-to-day needs of our residents.

Warmest regards in Christ,

Jean Cohrs
Executive Assistant

Dear Friends in Christ,
On behalf of the Defiance County Furniture Bank and St. Mary Parish, we would like to thank you for your generous support to this ministry. Your donation will help provide much needed assistance to those less fortunate in our area.
God Bless!



The 2014

Altar Flower/Bulletin/Greeter Charts are posted on the bulletin board at the Handicap entrance to the sanctuary. Please take a moment and sign up for your special dates for the next year.

Christmas flowers for the church may be brought in starting Thursday, December 19th.

You may call: Kircher's at 419-784-5321,

Fancy Petals at 419-782-4353,

Or bring in your own arrangement or potted

Christmas plant from your favorite store!

The Sanctuary will be so beautiful with all the flowers! Don't forget to let the office know what you would like printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.



JLL NEWS:

***Advent services begin
December 4th***

**This year our JLL
(which includes our
confirmation youth)
will be meeting for the
soup supper at 6:00 pm.**

**We will eat and assist with
clean up.**

**Then as a group we will sit
together for worship
at 6:45 pm.**

What's the buzz about bees? Beeswax is used to make handcrafted soaps and candles, and honey and pollen can be sold at the market as well. But that's not all — their mere presence on a farm means they are pollinating plants and boosting crop growth throughout the wider community. Bees, hives and training in beekeeping can go a long way for a family in need.



**Monies raised for the
October 27th Noisey Offering
totaled almost \$140.00.
This allowed for the gifting of
SEVEN units of Honey Bees.**

November and December our offering focus will be for a share of a cow. Just one dairy cow can produce as many as **five gallons of milk each day**. Nutritious, calcium-packed milk from a cow helps ensure that children grow up healthy and strong. Extra milk can also be used to make cheese, yogurt and other dairy products to eat and sell for a steady source of income. With food and funds — not to mention fertilizer — a cow is a total package for a family in need.

**Thank you for your continued support.
Change.... For Change!**

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	Don Moore	
J.T. Nusbaum	Rob Plassman	Esther Reimund	
Sandie Saxton	Marjorie Seifert	Margie Slocum	
Jackie Stone	Bishop NGowo	Alexis	Alice
Anne	Betty	Carol	Cassie
Chris	Dean	Doug	Eric
Gabrielle	Glen	Grace	Greg
Jerry	Jim	Jodi	John
Jon	Les	Maddie	Marlene
Marty	Pat	Phyllis	Roland
Sally	Scott	Sheena	Steve
Sue	Thelma	Tim	Zoey

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

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

Members of the military in active service and their families.
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 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) Dодt,

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 Barb Bibler

Sam Jennings,

Son-in-law of Roger and Mert Grogg

PFC E-3 Cole Jennings,

Grandson of Roger and Mert Grogg

Master Sgt. Scott Koch,

Nephew of Charles and Dee Jewell

Sgt. Chad McDaniel,

Grandson of Barb Bibler

Carl Melton,

Nephew of Al and Dee King

Sgt. Kendra Oehlerich,

Granddaughter of 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:

E-mail addresses: Jim & Lois Eis: loisandjim@gmail.com

Please let the office know of any other corrections. It saves postage return fees 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

W.E.L.C.A.

Many thanks to the ladies of St. Paul for their generous donations to the Thankoffering on Sunday, November 17, 2013. The total so far is \$499.37. These monies will be divided between Lutheran Social Services (Western Office) and The Filling Home of Mercy in Napoleon.

Jane Parker - W.E.L.C.A. President



returns to St. Paul to be performed on
December 22nd
during worship at 10:15 am

NO PRACTICE and NO JLL on Wed. Nov. 27th
(Come to Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 7!!!)

Wednesday, December 4th, 5-6 pm

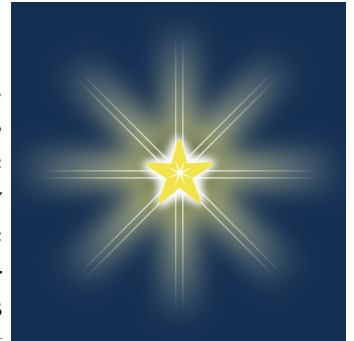
Wednesday, December 11th, 5-6 pm

Wednesday, December 18th, 5-6 pm

Mandatory Dress Rehearsal on
Sat. December 21st, 1-3 pm

*Also, practice will take place during Sunday School
so attendance there is important.*

THRIVENT - DECEMBER 2013



Yes, I really did type December in that line above. This year has gone by so fast. As each new year starts, we try to look ahead with hope and pray for the best. As Advent and our new church year starts, we focus on the past and look back to the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. We read the familiar Bible story that tells us they followed the star to Bethlehem to find the child in the manger. Do you think the shepherds and the wise men really knew where they were going and what was going to happen in the days and years ahead? They were given signs and the angels told them the news. We cannot possibly know what is to come but we try our best to follow the right path. With faith and trust in God, we know that whatever it is, we will be able to handle it. If we find ourselves going in the wrong direction, we can backtrack, look back to where we were earlier when things were better, until we can see a sign or a clear path to move ahead, and then forge on to our new adventure. With God's help, we will move forward and grow stronger.

“Did you know that singing in the church choir could improve your health and help stave off the sniffles? Just thirty minutes of singing will increase your levels of immunoglobulin A, an antibody that helps keep viruses and bacteria at bay.” (information from a study done at Oregon's Willamette University)

Do those phrases sound familiar? It didn't for me either but it is from my Thrivent article I wrote in December 2004. I sometimes look back at old articles to give me ideas for my next article. Do you ever notice how healthy our choir looks? This could mean that with the colder temperatures, we should take a long hot shower and sing while we scrub, and then we will be healthier. Or we could plan to come to our midweek Advent services this year, where we will be singing during the Holden Evening Prayer Service. That always brings to my mind the 'Magnificat'—that is such a beautiful song. Come join us for our soup supper at 6 p.m. Soup is also good for your health and we always have many delicious choices to eat at our meals. Brighten your holidays and join us in song for the worship service that follows at 6:45 p.m.

Nothing can be more familiar than the songs we learned as children. Our St. Paul children are doing their Christmas program again and we will all enjoy their performance. Thanks to everyone who participates to make this tradition continue.

Defiance/Paulding County chapter hosted our annual Thrivent Member Appreciation Dinner last month. These are the Thrivent Defiance/Paulding Co board officers for this coming year:

C. W. Harper, President
 Cheryl Stronski, Vice- President
 Rosalie Rosebrock, Records Director
 Bernadine Higbea, Financial Director
 Julie Bok, Youth Director
 Rhonda Chochol, Events Director

A BIG thank you to all of them for their time served and helping in the coming year.

I want to say thank you to all of you our Thrivent family members who have made this past year a successful and happy one. If your family traditions have you singing carols together, then I know the New Year will be a healthier one for you. As a church family, we at St. Paul have been blessed with many talented voices and musicians and they will continue to make this a fantastic holiday time. Hope to see you with us. Our prayers go out to those family members in the military who cannot be home. Enjoy, smile, and sing out to the Lord and praise his Name.

♪Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to One and All! ♪

Cathy Martin,
 Thrivent Congregational Advocate

The Church has a long tradition of worship on

The Longest Night

of the year.

***We pause to
Be Still.***

***We come together in the darkness to await
the coming of
the Christ child,
the Light of the World.***

***Come to worship in the darkness of
Sunday, December the 22nd
at 7 pm
St. Paul Lutheran Church***

***A Service for those who long for
the hope of the Christ child's birth.***

***This service of prayer, comfort, hope,
encouragement, and anointing takes place***

December 22nd at 7 pm

***The Light Shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.***

John 1:5

"SIBERIAN SOLSTICE"

**A musical group from northwest Ohio providing
an exciting contemporary
90-minute set of Christmas music
as originally performed by the
nationally acclaimed group**

"TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA".

**You are invited for the 2013 Christmas
season at the following locations:**

- * Christ United Methodist Church, Napoleon,
Sunday 12/1 @ 6:30 PM
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- * Defiance College, Schomburg Auditorium,
Friday 12/6 @ 7:00 PM
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- * Trinity Lutheran Church, Findlay,
Saturday 12/7 @ 7:00PM
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- * Christ's Church, Wauseon, Sunday 12/8, @ 6:30 PM
- *
- * Defiance Christian Church, Friday 12/13 @ 7:30 PM
- *
- * Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waterville,
Saturday 12/14 @ 7:00 PM

THE DEFIANCE COUNTY FURNITURE BANK is in need of your help. Our shelves are bare. We have a great need of new or gently used pots, pans, skillets, dish towels, bath towels, wash clothes, and linens—twin, full, queen and king size sheets. Donated items can be dropped off at the warehouse on Fridays from 10:00 to 11:00 am at 1941 E 2nd Street; the Parish Ministry Center at St. Mary Catholic Church; or by calling 419-782-2776 for pick up. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping those who are in need.

It's time to prepare your annual report and submit them for publishing.

The annual reports are due in the church office by January 6th, 2014.

Thank you.

Blessings, Lynn

A JOURNEY TO WITTENBERG

Several congregations within our Synod are making plans to travel to Wittenberg, Germany in 2014 and are extending an invitation to others to join them. Tours would include visits to all of the historic sites that are important to our Lutheran Heritage. My guess is that these trips will be for 7 to 10 days. If you are interested in making a journey to celebrate the 500th anniversary of our Lutheranism please contact Pr. Dave, the Church Office, or myself.

Jim Martin



Gentle Worship

~for extraordinary families~

Sunday, December 22, 2013 @ 1:30 pm

Our Ministers this Afternoon:

Presiding Minister – David Brobston, St. Paul Lutheran Church

Pianist – Virginia Prucha

Takes place in Hubbard Hall, Serrick Building on campus at Defiance College

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Music Director	Jeremy Davis
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President	Jim Martin
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BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

12/3 Harold Hahr
 12/4 Heath Ehlinger
 Zada Kochel
 John Stykemain
 12/5 Nicole Brobston
 Ashley Snyder
 12/6 Doug Engel
 Chad Stambaugh
 Terry Woods
 12/7 Keith Hunsinger
 12/8 Kayly Brobston
 12/12 Joe Voll
 12/14 Michaela Geiger
 Mackenzie Korhn
 Dinger McBride
 Barb Warncke
 12/15 Chris Bauer
 12/16 Cody Griffith
 12/17 John Berthold
 Evey Boesling
 Brian Fedderke
 Stan Rohrbaugh
 12/18 Joan Sierra
 12/19 Carrie Engel
 12/20 Tim Rosebrock
 12/21 Carol Eitnearn
 Piper Hampton
 Doug Hancock
 Chris Turner
 Kathy Yeager
 12/23 Doris Noffsinger
 Agnes Rudolf
 12/24 Zacharia Knight
 12/26 Dave Iliff
 12/27 Paul Bodenburg
 12/28 Laurie Lucas
 12/30 Mary Geiger
 Sirenah Gomez
 Phyllis Mendenhall
 Julie Sasseen

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

12/03 Ben & Elizabeth Suderman
 12/06 Dewey & Nancy Nagel
 12/16 Curt and Lindi McBride
 12/19 Bill and Martha Cooper
 12/21 Rowland and Pat Cooper
 12/23 Joe and Julie Voll
 12/27 Michael and Theresa Bowen
 Frank and Carol Eitnearn
 Chuck and Jan Sisco
 12/29 Leland and Doris Noffsinger
 12/30 Al and Laurie Lucas

CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES:

12/1 Richard Grunden
 12/9 Richard Haviland
 12/10 Doug Hancock
 12/11 Robert Fett
 Gaylord Proxmire
 12/12 Paul Gearing
 12/13 Tim Moog
 12/30 Yvonne Yeager

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

12/1 Collette Knight
 Piper Parks
 Jan Sisco
 12/4 John Stykemain
 12/5 Cheryl Hahr
 12/7 Dianne Kline
 12/9 Ryan Lamb
 12/10 Shannon Brandt
 Mandy Wicks
 12/11 Alexis Barker
 Rylee Barker
 Diana Fett
 Robert Fett
 Jane Tuttle
 Mary Vogel
 12/12 Paul Gering
 12/13 Jane Parker
 12/14 Michaela Geiger
 12/17 Jim Ehlinger
 Destiny Woodward
 Julia Yeager
 Kathy Yeager
 12/18 Nancy Plassman
 12/19 Bernie Horzelski
 12/21 Ward Replogle
 Amy Von Deylen
 12/22 Carol Stephenson
 12/24 Fran Coonrod
 12/26 Spencer Roth
 Chad Stambaugh
 12/28 Rachel Bair
 12/29 Amy Grogg
 12/30 Yvonne Yeager



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

St. Paul Lutheran December 2013

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 9 am Worship/ Communion 9 am Chimes 10:15 am Worship/ Communion Greek Class	2	3	4 12:15 pm Eucharist Service 5-6 pm Christmas Prg. Practice 6:00 pm Soup Supper 6:45 pm Advent Serv. 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	5	6	7
8 9 am Sunday School 9 am Chimes 10:15 am Worship/ Communion RECHARGE! meeting	9 11:30 Beta Circle Christmas Luncheon PATH CENTER MEAL By St. Paul	10 8 am—1 pm Project Day 9-9 YFC	11 12:15 pm Eucharist Service 1 pm Martha Circle @ Mary Barnes with Mary Frost hostess 5-6 pm Christmas Prg. Practice 6:00 pm Soup Supper 6:45 pm Advent Serv. 7:30 pm Chancel Choir 9-6 YFC	12	13	14
15 9 am Sunday School 9 am Chimes 10:15 am Worship/ Communion Greek Class	16	17 12 noon Staff Christmas lunch 6:15 pm Church Council	18 12:15 pm Eucharist Service 5-6 pm Christmas Prg. Practice 6:00 pm Soup Supper 6:45 pm Advent Serv. 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 1-3 pm
22 9 am Sunday School 9 am Chimes 10:15 am Worship/ Communion 1:30 pm Gentle Worship 7:00 pm Longest Night	23	24 <i>Offices close at</i> <i>noon</i> 7:30 pm Prelude 8:00 pm Christmas Service	25 <i>Offices are closed</i> <i>Happy Birthday,</i> <i>Jesus!</i> No Choir, JLL, or Confirmation classes	26	27	28
29 NO Sunday School 9 am Chimes 10:15 am Worship/ Communion	30	31 <i>Offices close at</i> <i>noon</i>	Jan. 1. 2014 <i>Offices are closed</i> No Choir, JLL, or Confirmation classes	2	3	4