



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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March 2014



Bring your favorite soup or bread or cookies and join us at 6:00 p.m. for Soup and Bread Supper followed by Mid Week Lenten Services at 6:45 p.m.

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 9th @ 2:00 am.



**MARCH 5TH:
ASH WEDNESDAY
SERVICES:
12 NOON & 7 PM**

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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SCHEDULES FOR March 2014**ACOLYTES:**

02 Kaylee Brashear, Lauren Melia
 09 Emma Fedderke, Suzie McBride
 16 Ryan Yeager
 23 Joe Melia
 30 Julia Yeager, Janaya Harris

CRUCIFER: 02 Mark Barrett

LECTOR: Jim/Cathy Martin

GREETERS: 02 Tim & Denise Moog
 09
 16
 23
 30

USHERS: 02 Team #4 Dan Tuttle, Capt.
 09, 16 Team #1 Jason Frederick, Capt.
 23, 30 Team #2, Buggs Sierra, Capt.

FLOWERS: 02 Jason & Gayle Fenter
 09 Becky Gutman
 16 Laurie Lucas
 23 Craig & Mary Frisinger
 30 OPEN

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

BULLETINS: 02 Larry & Kris Heilman
 09 Becky Gutman
 16 Jim & Cathy Martin
 23 OPEN
 30 OPEN

COMMUNION SET-UP:

02 Jenna Burk
 09
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SERVERS:

02 Jenna Burk
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FINANCIAL REPORT 2013

January	Income	\$ 15,666.01
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 18,989.48</u>
	Total	(\$ 3,323.47)

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2014

January - 106
 February - 125

2014 Church Directory Changes/Corrections

Addresses:

Phone numbers:

Email addresses:

Please let the office know of any other corrections. It saves postage return fees (at least 75 cents each) 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 installed e-mail or changed your e-mail address please notify the office. Thank you, Lynn

LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS

Jim & Mary Ehlinger
Lowell & Sharon Ricker
Dyle & Eleanor Roth
Bill & Jane Parker
Dave Slocum
Chris Turner
Tim Moog



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...

Sherryl Bell	Coit Black	LeAnn Bohn
Brad Brandt	Lonnie Budd	June Burke
Russ Dodt	Tim Eis	Kenny Frost
Mary Frost	Bernadine Fry	Roger Grogg
Kathy Hohenbrink	Eleanor Huner	Janice Johansen
Ruth Johnson	Al King	Roger Lamb
Holland Max	Tammy McCoy	Mary McMillen
Jodie Mellos	Dani Merillat	Don Moore
J.T. Nusbaum	Rob Plassman	Esther Reimund
Agnes Rudolf	Marjorie Seifert	Ed Sheehan
Margie Slocum	Susan Sponsler	Jackie Stone
Bishop NGowo	Alexis Alice	Anne Betty
Chris Dean	Doug Eric	Grace Greg
Jim Jodi	John Jon	Les Maddie
Marlene Marty	Matt Pat	Phyllis Roland
Sally Scott	Sheena Stacey	Steve Sue
Thelma Tim		

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

Delene Cooper, William Cooper, Alberta Gilliam, Marilyn Mehrling, 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 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 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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9 am Sunday School/Chimes 10:15 am worship/comm Food Pantry items collected	3	4	5 Ash Wed. 12:00 Noon Service 6:00 pm JLL/Conf. 7:00 pm Eve Service 7:30 pm Choir Prac.	6	7	8
 9 Set clocks forward 1 hr! 9 am Sunday School/Chimes 10:15 am worship/comm RECHARGE meeting	10	11 <i>9-2 Project Day</i>	12 12:15 pm Euch. Serv. 1pm Martha Circle 5 pm JLL B.P.B. @ St John UCC 6 pm Soup Supper 6:45pm Holden	13	14	15 10-11 am 1st Comm. class
16 9 am 1st Comm. class 9 am Sunday School/Chimes 10:15 am worship/comm.	17 	18 6:15 pm Church Council Mtg.	19 12:15 pm Eucharistic Service 6pm Soup Supper 6:45pm Holden 7:30 pm Choir Practice	20	21 NEWS LETTER DEADLINE	22 IT'S SPRING! 
23 9 am Sunday School/Chimes 10:15 am worship/comm. 1:30 pm Gentle Worship @ DC (SPLC)	24 <i>BETA Mtg. @1pm at Diana Horzelski'</i>	25	26 12:15 pm Eucharistic Service 6:00 pm Soup Supper 6:45pm Holden 7:30 pm Choir Prac.	27	28	29
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St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2014

Attendance: Pastor Dave Brobston, Jason Frederick, Nancy Krouse, Denise Moog, Dave Iliff, Todd Melia, Chris Korhn.

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm. by Jason Frederick.

Pr. Dave opened the meeting by sharing a reading: Feb. 18 marks the death anniversary of Martin Luther. In 1546, Martin Luther was known as a man of God, he was also known for his strong opinions, and stubborn, flawed human ways. He was respected for bringing many people into God's Kingdom. He is the perfect example of a flawed human being who reminds us that we are saved by Grace through Christ's sacrifice.

1. Pastor's Report:

- a. March 5, 2014: Ash Wednesday services, at noon and 7:00 pm.
- b. On Wednesdays, during Lent, there will be Soup Suppers at 6:00 and Holden Evening Prayer Services at 6:45.
- c. We will be considering consistent snow/weather alert policies for our church activities during the next winter.

2. Youth and Family Report:

- a. Junior Luther League: Roller skating is scheduled for Feb. 23. Drivers will be needed.
- b. Mission: Recharge (formerly CRHP): The women's retreat was a success. A team has been formed to plan next year's event. Women have already begun signing up for 2015. The men's shorter event will be held Feb. 22nd, from 8:30-3:30.
- c. Outreach: This has been a difficult month with tragic losses in our community. There is much appreciation for St. Paul's role in our outreach of Christian Care to those who would feel forgotten during these difficult times.
- d. Parish Education and Youth: Pastor Dave led sessions, attended by youth and their families, to discuss community tragedies (murder, suicide, suicide attempts, and cyber bullying). This led to open communication and small group support sessions.
- e. Stephen Ministry: A Stephens Ministry match has been made. We are looking for volunteers to help in an outreach Visitation Shut In program. Look for notices in the weekly bulletin if you wish to volunteer to help.
- f. VBS: "Workshop of Wonders" has been chosen as the VBS curriculum for summer 2014. St. Paul's portion of the funding will be \$1625. We will also be doing a fundraiser called 'Sponsor a Child'. Planning meetings will be held the last Thursday of each month. Please volunteer for a committee.

3. Secretary's Report:

- a. Minutes of the January 16, 2014 meeting were approved. Denise/Chris

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. Total Income January-\$15,666.01
- b. Total Expenses January -\$18,989.48
- c. We are negative for the month of January, -\$3,323.47
- d. Year-to-Date: Total Income- \$15,666.01
- e. Year-to-Date: Total Expenses-\$18,989.48
- f. We are negative for the year-\$ 3,323.47 Dave/Todd
- g. A motion was made and passed to purchase Quick Books (@ &230.00) to aid in the accounting side of our treasurers report. We will organize designated accounts with help from Kayly Brobston. Nancy/Denise

5. Discipleship Report:

- a. Deacons: Julie Sasseen has volunteered to be head Deacon. Thank You!
- b. Outreach: No Report

6. Stewardship Report:

- a. Chris Korhn will be delivering envelopes or contacting members to receive them.

7. Trustee Report:

- a. Building Use Request: Relay for Life, Corey Darning, Sat. May 10, basement.
Baby Shower, Danielle Seip, Sun. May 18, basement, rotary room and kitchen. Set up 11:30 am.
Todd/Denise
- b. Repair work in progress: Men's restroom repair, plaster repair in the lounge, Stone repair and patch on the front of the church. Window repair has been completed.

8. Old Business:

- a. Looking at the Secretary's Job Description document.
- b. Stained Glass repair: delayed until better weather arrives.
- c. Employee Handbook: Jim Martin will finish up all details.
- d. Carillon repair: Tim Moog is doing research.
- e. Church Property Insurance: Jim Ehlinger is doing research.
- f. Memorial Board Expansion: Jason Frederick will get estimates.

9. New Business:

- a. Our renters in the Parker House are moving. Dave Iliff will coordinate the details.
- b. The Endowment Committee has written the church a check for \$12,500. The breakdown is as follows: Carillon \$2,000, Computer for Julie \$1,200, Parish Ed \$3,000, Office Supplies \$1,200, VBS \$1,500, Youth Ministry \$1,500, Continuing Education/Youth and Family \$500, CHRP/Restore \$600, Youth for Christ \$1,000.

10. For The Good of the Church:

- a. The turnout for the Relay for Life pasta dinner was great!
- b. Thank you to Pastor Dave for touching the lives of those in our community who have suffered tragic losses these past few weeks.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Dave/Denise

Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer

The next council meeting will be March 18th at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Krouse

First Holy Communion

*for youth in the second grade and older will take place on
Maundy Thursday, April 17th at the 7 pm worship service*



First Communion Class has two parts.

***Saturday, March 15th at 10 am for instruction
and Sunday, March 16th from 9-10:15 am for preparation of
communion bread to be used on Maundy Thursday.***

*All youth planning to receive
this precious sacrament.*

Youth must have an adult present for this class.

ANY YOUTH who did not take this class
as a second grader is welcome to attend.

NO ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY
*however, if you can let us know you are coming
it would be greatly appreciated.*

Calling all kids!!

An adventure through Holy Week returns!

Easter Bible School!

takes place

Wednesday, April 9th

6-7:45 pm.

We start with soup at 6

**Easter Bible School starts at 6:30 pm and will include the
Bible stories of Holy Week.**

All ages welcomed.

JLL & Confirmation youth are needed as helpers.

Soup du jour! Supreme stew! Bowl of goodness! Cup for a Cause!

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. – Matthew 25:35

Call it what you will.... But it's making its appearance during Lenten Soup Suppers. I'm more than aware of the awesome culinary skills of St. Paul when it comes to crockpots/Dutch ovens/stockpots. I'd like to challenge the palates of our congregation... and all in the name of a good cause:

ELCA World Hunger

ELCA World Hunger works in more than 50 countries around the world. We walk together with our global partners to develop strategies to reduce the impact of hunger and poverty. Together, we achieve things on a scale and scope that we never could do otherwise. Our gifts to ELCA World Hunger provide international grants for relief, advocacy and sustainable development projects. These grants support sustainable development work in areas related to healthcare, income generation, food security, clean water and education — addressing hunger right at the root causes.

Each time we meet for Lenten Soup Suppers, we'll be featuring a different flavoring that our global Brothers and Sisters would typically enjoy.

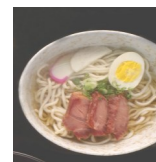
March 12 - chairo paceno (vegetable and meat stew) **Bolivia**

March 19 - salor kor-ko sap (khmer vegetarian stew) **Cambodia**

March 26 - sancocho (chicken stew) **Columbia**

April 02 - olla de carne (beef stew) - **Costa Rica**

April 09 - shorbat adas (lentil soup) – **West Bank/Middle east**

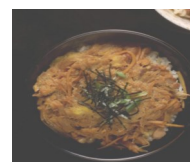


In order to sample, we are asking for a **\$1 a ladle**. All monies raised will go directly to ELCA World Hunger. Additionally, we will feature Educational information about each represented county and the actions and initiatives that ELCA World Hunger is doing to assist the citizens.

The Sunday before Lenten Soup Suppers, our Sunday School children will discuss the same information in order to understand our role in serving our global community.

We thank you in advance for your support in assisting our youth in connecting their faith, service, and our global community. ~Parish Ed/Sunday School

If you have any questions, contact Collette Knight





A tremendous **THANK YOU** for supporting the Sunday School/ children of St. Paul in our SECOND Noisy Offering. **Our goal of purchasing a FULL SHARE of a cow (\$500) was met through the combined efforts of Sunday School offertory and a one-shot noisy offering Sunday on Sunday, February 2nd.**

As featured in the ELCA World Hunger/Good Gifts catalog "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."

On Sunday, February 16th, those children present for Sunday School got the honored task of selecting our next project. Each child was provided 5 beads to vote with and 4 options. Their options included Water, Animals, School/back pack, or Mosquitoes. A brief oral description was provided to educate our voting delegates:

Water – In areas of the world, water does not come by just going to a sink. It has to be carried far distances. Or sometimes the water isn't safe to drink. If we vote for this project, we might be able to help build a well or make the water safer for boys/girls to drink

Animals – We have already collected money for some boys/girls to have animals that help them make food. We talked about the bees, pig, cow, chickens. If we vote for this project, we will be able to choose another animal that can provide food for a family.

School/Backpacks – Our offering could provide a boy/girl with school supplies, clothes for school, or fill a backpack with food so a kid can eat on the weekend when there is not any food in their fridge. If we vote for this project, a child will be able to go to school, or won't be hungry on the weekend.

Mosquitos – We talked about how we do not like mosquito bites and how we are lucky to be able to put bug spray on our skin, or close our windows to keep them out. Of how children in other countries get very sick from the mosquito bites. That we could have our offering go for mosquito nets or to provide shots to keep kids healthy, (treat malaria). If we vote for this project, we are not sending mosquitos to kids, but instead giving nets or medicine to keep the mosquitoes from making them sick.

How awesome it was to hear the wisdom of their comments ("Can we buy someone a dog?", "Water is very important.", "I'm allergic to mosquitoes... they're very itchy") and see little hands dropping in their bead/cast their vote.

I'm excited to say our next area of mission is Mosquitoes! I can already hear their annoying swarm sound ringing in my ears. Or, perhaps I, like others, am ready for some warmer temps. **Keep your eyes, and ears, attuned to the Mission and Service of our Young People. We will be discussing Malaria and how pesky mosquitos are to people in other countries.**

~Collette Knight

It is a blessing from God that we are here in this place.



To the dear Members of St. Paul,

Thank you for all the love and support you gave us during the passing of Glen and for the cards and phone calls.

Thank you to Pastor Dave for coming to the hospital on a snowy Sunday and for his wonderful funeral sermon; to Lynn for her caring and compassionate ways; to Lori for her wonderful gift of music; to John Dale for taking care of the little things for the funeral; to the ladies who prepared the funeral dinner; to my Recharge sisters for all their love and support. And a big thank you to those who braved the bitter cold to come to the visitation and funeral. Each and everyone of you are greatly appreciated.

In Christian Love,
Mary Vogel, Dan, Jane & Kerry Tuttle

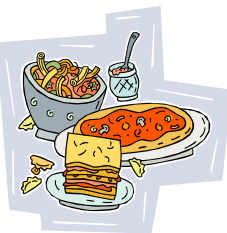
We were so blessed with such a great turn out for our Pasta Dinner for Relay For Life on Sunday (during a snowstorm!!!) Many people volunteered to help by donating food and time. Thanks so much St. Paul Lutheran Church! With your support, we were able to raise \$1,304 for Relay for Life!

If you missed the Pasta Dinner and would still like to donate, please contact Sue or me.

Also, if you would like to sign up to walk this year, you can do so on the Relay website at the following link. The Team Challenge for May is to have a large number of team members signed up by our March Team Captains meeting.

Kristen Zachrich
Sue Hunsinger

I would like to thank the congregation for your generosity to the kids and I at Christmas time. It was deeply appreciated and I was truly touched. St. Paul is truly a place where the love of Christ is alive and shared freely. Love, Julie Sasseen



OFFICIAL ACTS

DEATHS

Glen Vogel



MEMORIALS

In Memory of Glen Vogel

Endowment Fund

Becky Gutman
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Seimet

In Memory of Rev. Norm Norden

General Fund

Betty Parish

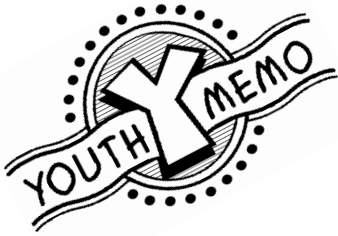
Improvement Fund

Mr. & Mrs. George Essex

In Memory of George & Louise Brehm

Stephens Ministry Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Dyle Roth



JLL & CONFIRMATION NEWS:

Soup Suppers begin March 12th at 6 pm and JLL & Confirmation youth will again be doing clean up to raise funds.

ON MARCH 12th please note JLL & Confirmation will meet at 5 pm at St. John UCC to pack Backpacks for the Backpack Buddy program. We will be done by 5:45 and will return to St. Paul by 6 for the soup supper.

Parents some assistance with packing and return to SPLC is needed.

On March 12th and for all the Wednesdays of Lent JLL & Confirmation youth will eat soup, clean up, and worship together.

Any parents willing to set up for soup suppers please contact Julie Sasseen

ON Tuesday March 18th the JLL and confirmation youth will attend the Hunger Banquet.

***Tickets for this event must be purchased in advance.
Please let Julie know if you plan to attend.***



****SAVE THE DATE* SAVE THE DATE* SAVE THE DATE****

July 7th-July 11th Defiance Community VBS returns!

To the campus of Defiance College

***YES REALLY. SUMMER IS COMING.
GOD HAS IT UNDER CONTROL.
All we have to do is get ready!***

St. Paul will be participating in Community Vacation Bible School this year!

Please pray for this ministry and consider joining one of the many committees forming now.

Our first meeting where any who are interested in serving are asked to attend is

March 27th at 7 pm at St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Please talk to Julie Sasseen and prayerfully consider joining us!

JLL and Outreach

team up again this year!!! to benefit

the Backpack Buddy Program

Last year St. Paul opened our hearts and wallets
to give to the Backpack Buddy program
which feeds hungry families on weekends.

Eligible kids receive a backpack filled with food on Friday to take home from school.

JLL and Outreach would like to again collect your donations,
both cash and food.

On March 12th at 5:00 pm

JLL youth (including Confirmation youth)

and any St. Paul people who would like to assist

will be delivering the food at 5 pm. to St. John UCC, 950 Webster St.

We will also pack the backpacks for the week.

ALL WILL THEN RETURN TO ST. PAUL

in time for Soup at 6 pm

And Holden Evening Prayer worship at 6:45 pm.

Come and make your Lenten Season a time of true generosity.

PLEASE NOTE THAT JLL & Confirmation youth are to be dropped
off at St. John UCC that night and that we will need parents to
assist in transportation back to St. Paul.

Top 10 Food Items needed for the BPB program

Macaroni & Cheese

Ramen Noodles

Soup

Peanut Butter

Individual apple sauce cups

Individual fruit cups

Instant Oatmeal

Microwave popcorn

Granola Bars

Flavored Rice or noodles



GROUP CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT

A two-day training by Michael Haley of the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation

WHEN: Tuesday, March 25 and Wednesday, March 26

TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day

LOCATION: Sauder Heritage Inn, Homestead Room
22611 State Route 2, Archbold, Ohio

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: First Responders, Mental Health Professionals, Medical Professionals, Clergy, etc.

Designed to present the core elements of a comprehensive, systematic and multi-component crisis intervention curriculum, the Group Crisis Intervention course will prepare participants to understand a wide range of crisis intervention services. Fundamentals of Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) will be outlined and participants will leave with the knowledge and tools to provide several group crisis interventions, specifically demobilizations, defusing, and the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD). The need for appropriate follow-up services and referral when necessary will also be discussed.

**Defiance Area Youth for Christ
& Rupp Seed presents Ken Davis
In
A Night of Comedy**

When?

**Sunday, April 13, 2014
6 pm - 7:30 pm**

Where?

**Founders Hall
22611 St. Rt. 2
Archbold, OH**



**For tickets call the YFC office:
419-782-0656**

Ken Davis

THRIVENT – MARCH 2014



Yes it is March already. The old saying—In like a lion and out like a lamb—came to my mind as I typed it. This year's winter weather with so much snow and even thunder and lightning storms make me hope that the 'lion' is worn out and wouldn't have much energy left. But I also certainly hope that if it starts as a lion, then I want to have that 'lamb' get here in a hurry. And I definitely know I am not alone when I say I don't want to see that 'lion' (bad weather) when we are near the end of March. Enough (and then some more) is enough!

With the weather so cold, please keep in mind our shut-ins and members who have trouble getting out. Give them a call or offer to stop by for a short visit. The winter can be long and we all enjoy a smiling friend and some news of what's happening.

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the Relay for Life fundraiser in February. It was a fantastic turn out in spite of the snow storm and we had a wonderful delicious meal. What a great job by everyone who helped with set up, cooking, and clean up. Now let's get our walking teams signed up.

We are having our soup suppers again starting on March 12th—Come join us! We all enjoy the delicious meal with such a great selection of soups—maybe you will taste a new recipe or two and want to try it yourself at home. Bring your appetite, enjoy the fellowship and stay for our worship service.

Clean up the Parks day is coming soon—March 15th. Jody Doyle heads this big job and takes on helping make our town a more beautiful place. Our St. Paul youth (with adult help) are planning to help me this year by having a 'bake it together' on a Wednesday night soon to help supply the 20 dozen cookies needed for the light lunch that is provided for all the volunteers that work for this community event. Thank you for the help of our wonderful families, all ages of bakers at St. Paul.

It is time to remind all our Thrivent members again about directing your Choice Dollars. Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funds can help support organizations you care about. Don't let your designated Choice Dollars expire. Eligible members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans who have been designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2014**, to direct any remaining 2013 Choice Dollars[®]. You can use these to help support St. Paul or any organization of your choice. You can go online to the website Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-THRIVENT and state "Thrivent Choice[®]."

Thank you for your continued support of all our events.

Cathy Martin, Thrivent Congregational Advocate

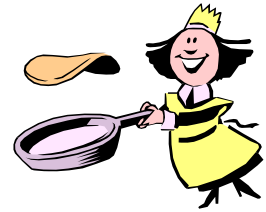
JEWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Pancake and sausage Breakfast

08215 Independence Rd., Jewell, Ohio

March 23rd, 2014

7:00 am to 1:00 pm



PROCEEDS TO PURCHASE NEW EQUIPMENT

FREE WILL DONATION

CARRY OUT AVAILABLE

30th Annual Craft Show

Saturday, March 15, 2014

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sponsored by:

St. Michael's Altar & Rosary Society

Lunch Stand: Sandwiches, Soups, Homemade Pie, & Bake Sale

No Admission Charge!

For more information contact: Sandy Wagner @ 419-497-4551 or 419-769-7926

Located at K of C Hall ~~~ 111 Elliott Road, Defiance, OH

COME AND JOIN US FOR THE 19TH ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD

"CLEAN UP YOUR PARK DAY"

9:30 AM-11:30 AM

SATURDAY

MARCH 15TH, 2014



JUST SHOW UP AT A PARK NEAREST YOU:

BRONSON, KINGSBURY, LATTY'S GROVE, RIVERSIDE, DIEHL,

PONTIAC PARK, FORT GROUNDS, AND THE RESERVOIR

**BRING ALONG RAKES, SHOVELS, BROOKS, GLOVES AND BOOTS FOR HELPING IN THE CLEAN UP, AND
DON'T FORGET TO BRING A FRIEND!**

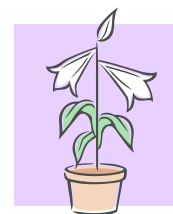
Contact Persons: Jody Doyle: 419-782-6195

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***Please call to let us know how many in your group will be coming
or if you have any questions regarding this event!**



It's not too early to start thinking about adorning the Easter Cross with the beautiful Easter flowers. Easter plants can be ordered from Fancy Petals (419-782-4353), Kircher's (419-784-5321), or you may bring in your own arrangement.



Lowes, Menards, Meijer, Kroger...all have beautiful arrangements.

If you would like anything listed in the Easter bulletin for your plant, please write it down, email it, or drop it off in the office by April 11th. Easter is April 20th this year.

THE HUNGER BANQUET an event to REMEMBER

presented by Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission

- ♦ The Hunger Banquet is an educational dining event designed to expand the understanding of people in the community about the issues related to hunger, food insecurity and poverty in Northwest Ohio.
- ♦ Life is at times difficult to manage. Without warning circumstances can change; sometimes for the positive, but more often they are negative. Diners will experience distinct socio-economic classes throughout the evening. They may find themselves in line at the soup-kitchen, being served a 5-course gourmet meal, or somewhere in between.
- ♦ Throughout the evening real-life stories will illustrate choices and events that can change lives in an instant. This will truly be an event to remember!

WHERE: UAW HALL 2120 BALTIMORE ROAD, DEFIANCE, OH 43512

WHEN: TUESDAY, MARCH 18 @ 6-8:00 PM

Tickets must be purchased and can be obtained

- * **online** at www.nocac.org through PayPal (\$10 adults/\$5 college students and children
- * **Pay by check:** go online and print registration form and mail it to:
NOCAC Hunger Banquet, 1933 E Second St., Defiance, OH 43512
- * **or purchase** a ticket cash/check from NOCAC employees

JLL and CONFIRMATION YOUTH will be participating in this event. Please see Julie Sasseen if you have any questions.

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3/1 Katie Replogle
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3/5 Marilyn Grogg
3/6 Sue Hunsinger
Cooper Snyder
Chub Wahl
3/7 Felicity Barker
Fayth Glock
Kari Rohrbaugh
3/8 LeAnn Bohn
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3/9 Jason Frederick
3/11 Doug Cooper
Brian Gutman
3/12 Brandon McClure
3/13 Lori Brandt
Carol Creps
Bernadine Fry
3/14 Frank Chrisman
Ned Dunbar
3/15 Lynn Roth
3/18 Stacy Barker
Al King
Lauren Melia
Theresa Swary
3/19 Joel Martin
Matt Thomas
3/20 Caleb Sierra
3/22 Justin Davis
3/23 Phil Fogt
Madeline Geier
Michael Maag
3/24 Kelly Hartzell
3/25 Lynda Prezkop-
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3/26 Rowland Cooper
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3/27 George Essex
3/28 Caleb Martin
Cindy Rittenhouse
3/29 Isaac Davis
Alivia Knight
Tori Leonard
3/30 Jean Gaskill
Darlene Meade
3/31 Kirk Boesling
Suzanne McBride



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3/01 Dan and Jane Tuttle
3/02 Ward and Katie Replogle
3/06 Ken and Scarlet Zachrich
3/11 Anthony & Laura Ramon
3/14 Del and Jeannine Diemer
3/25 Jim and Lois Eis
3/28 Ron and Amy Huner

CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES

3/12 Lori Ashbacher
3/12 Theresa Swary
3/19 Becky Gutman
3/20 Edison Beckett
3/21 LeAnn Bohn
3/22 Michael Bowen
3/22 Russ Seip
3/22 Pat Smith
3/23 Lori Brandt
3/25 Rowland Cooper
3/25 John Dale
3/26 Larry Burroughs
3/26 Dave Coonrod
3/26 Ned Ewers
3/26 Steve Flickinger
3/26 Roger Grogg
3/26 Bernard Horzelski
3/26 Steve Korhn
3/26 Rachel Sontchi
3/29 Bruce Griffith
3/30 Richard Burk
3/30 Cheryl Hahr
3/30 Doris Noffsinger
3/30 Jane Tuttle

Gordon Scullion
Peyton Sierra

Ryan Miller

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

3/03 Carol Eitnearn
3/04 Michael Bowen
3/07 Mary Geiger
3/07 Michael Rittenour
3/09 Joan Sierra
3/11 Jackson Replogle
3/12 Jennefer Garcia
3/12 Janelle Seibt
3/12 Chris Turner
3/13 Jeremi Seip
3/14 Roger Grogg
3/14 Amy Huner
3/17 Edison Beckett
3/18 Fran Chrisman
3/18 Charlotte Warncke
3/19 Brette Griffith
3/20 Kacey Hampton
3/21 Alyssia McDowell
3/22 LeAnn Bohn
3/22 Jenna Burk
3/22 Ned Ewers
3/22 Andrea Faykosh
3/22 Jennifer Haviland
3/24 James Yeager
3/25 Gavin Barringer
3/25 Al Moll
3/26 Zoe Gomez
3/27 Isaac Davis
3/27 Chub Wahl
3/29 Olivia Fett
3/29 Cooper Replogle
3/30 Kaylee Brashear
3/30 Kris Heilman

1ST COMMUNION ANNIVERSARIES

3/16 Matthew Pfund
3/24 Christopher Bauer
3/24 Ryan Dale
3/24 Kristen Fett
3/24 Olivia Fett
3/24 Zach Huner
3/24 Jacob Rosebrock
3/24 Derek Turner
3/24 Ryan Voll
3/25 Brandon McClure
3/25 Chad Stambaugh
3/25 Rob Zeigler
3/28 Taylor Brandt
3/28 Kelsey Dale
3/28 Isaac Davis
3/28 Ryan Lamb
3/28 Taylor Schultz