



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

VOLUME 17, ISSUE 8

September 2014

RALLY DAY is coming!!! September 7th



THE GREAT BIBLE VERSE TREASURE HUNT

for all Sunday school youth!

Begins at 9 am, September 7th

Don't Miss it and the chance to claim your treasure!!!

*Invite a friend to come along and claim an
additional prize!*

*Youth! Don't forget to bring
your Backpack to church for*

Blessing of the Backpacks,

Sunday September 7th during worship.

EVERYONE:

Plan to stay **after worship for a potluck**
immediately following church!

Our Famous Chicken Floppers are grilling
hamburgers, hotdogs, and brats.

Please bring a salad, side, or dessert and table
service to the potluck!

Drinks will be provided.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!



FALL NEWS:

**Starting
Wednesday,
September
17th,
6-7:30 pm**

**JLL and Confirmation return
and High School
Youth Group begins!**

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SAVE THE DATE!!!

October 5th is our Mission Festival

*A dinner for the congregation
will be served after church service.
Recipients of this year's festival are:
The Food Bank, WELCA Regional meeting and
our Serbian Companion Synod.*

Pastor: The Rev. David Brobston

WORSHIP: Sunday School at 9:00 am

Sundays at 10:15 am

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

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

There was a time when asked how you were doing a person might respond with “Fine,” or “Really Well”, or “Things are great, thank you for asking.” Today, the most likely response to “how are you?” is, “Busy”. It is a busy world and we are busy people. Always on the go, always DOING something, seldom just being still.

My August council report contained the following paragraph: There was a day in the not so distant past when summer in church life was a bit less hectic. When I was in seminary I heard stories of pastors slipping out for a round of golf, enjoying time fishing etc. Those days are long gone. Weddings, baptisms, funerals, and all of the requisite counseling, hospital visits, pastoral counseling etc. have made this summer one of the busiest I can remember in ministry. Not only were there zero rounds of golf, there were also very few actual days off since returning from vacation.

Do you see it? BUSY. Too busy to be effective at almost anything. Never really still, never really at peace, just constantly on the go DOING what needed to be done. Now, don't get me wrong, doing what needs to be done is a good thing – but not at the expense of BEING that child of God.

The Bible warns us, begs us, pleads with us to rest, to not be so busy doing. “On the 7th day, God rested.” “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it Holy.” “Be still and know that I am God.” “In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.”

There is something about having time to be idle. We were not created to be on the go constantly, we were not created to be under constant stress, we are not healthy when we don't have time to just BE.

Luther once said, “I have so much to do, I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.” I think perhaps Jesus, the Bible, and Luther were onto something, something critical for life. So, how about you, what are you going to do to just “BE”.

In Christ

PD+

St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2014

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

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm. by Jason Frederick.

Pr. Dave opened the meeting in prayer. Be a people of prayer. Don't put it off. Pray the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night. Be sure to include the Commandments and the Lord's Prayer.

1. Pastor's Report:

- a. VBS '14 was an amazing year! The addition of the adult class was a huge success. The adult class had new members stopping in every evening. Looking forward to next year.
- b. Rally Day! Sunday, September 7th is Rally Day. The chicken floppers and Sunday School staff are fired up and ready to go. Sunday School begins at 9:00am and Worship at 10:15am.
- c. Thank You to Service Guild for donations from their treasury. \$575.00 for work on the back stairway, and \$3000.00 to cover the completion of the sealing of the church stone.
- d. September 14th Pastor will be with Conor for Parent's Weekend.
- e. October 5: Mission Festival Dinner
- f. October 16: Conference Gathering with the Bishop
- g. October 26: Reformation Sunday
- h. November 26: Thanksgiving Eve Service planning has begun.

2. Youth and Family Report:

- a. Junior Luther League and Disciples in Radical Training (DIRT): Stacy Barker will lead JLL this year and will welcome younger youth starting in 2nd grade. DIRT is a Wednesday night youth group for our older youth. Confirmation youth meet the 1st and 3rd week. DIRT meets each week and includes youth grades 6-12.
- b. Mission: Defiance Community VBS was held July 7-11 at Defiance College with St. Paul United Methodist, First Presbyterian and Zion Lutheran participating. This year a total of 257 youth participated. Thank you to the 70 volunteers and those who chose a leadership role. We are thrilled to report that we came in \$800 under budget!
- c. Parish Education: There are many ideas to make Sunday School more inviting.
 - 1) There will be a Pre-K class (birth to age 3), a K-1 class, a 2nd-4th class and Theresa Hiler will be taking the 5-8th class emphasizing Bible Study and community service.
 - 2) Continue the Wednesday Bible School events throughout the year.
 - 3) Bring back singing and youth/Sunday School choir if there is interest.
- d. Youth: This fall the churches will again combine to host Slime Time. We are planning to host this event at St Paul on November 1st this year.

3. Secretary's Report:

- a. Minutes of the June 17, 2014 meeting were approved. Denise/Dave

4. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Total Income June- \$ 22,261.69
- b. Total Expenses June- \$ 17,497.22
- c. We are positive for the month of June, \$4,764.47
- d. Total income July- \$20,408.18
- e. Total Expenses July-\$24,969.92
- f. We are negative for the month of July, -\$4,561.74
- g. Year-to-Date: Total Income-\$143,207.67
- h. Year-to-Date: Total Expense-\$138,244.48
- i. We are positive for the year+\$4,963.19

Barb/Dave

5. Discipleship Report:

- a. Deacons: We are in the process of writing a Deacon's Manual. College students and youth from our congregation are asked to help with Communion.
- b. Outreach: Possibility of a youth movie night.

6. Stewardship Report:

- a. Lowell Ricker is finishing Rosemary Mehring's position as counter until January 2016 (per Nancy Plassman). Fran Coonrod is willing to sub or take a place on a counting team. It is suggested she take Roger Grogg's place in January when his term is up.
- b. Received \$106 from Chief register receipts collected March-August.

7. Trustee Report:

- a. Building use requests: None
- b. Service Master completed the paneling repair July 28-29. They did an exceptional job.
- c. All five spot lights in the sanctuary have been replaced and converted to LED's. Thanks to Joe H, Jim M, Jim E, and Tim.
- d. The redbud tree is now down. Also trees were trimmed over the rental house, the handicapped ramp, and the birch tree area. Private donations covered the cost of this work.
- e. The remaining church stone seal work was completed on the north and east side of the sanctuary the week of August 4th.
- f. Todd is looking into quotes on replacing the brick work on the east basement door to stop the water leaks.
- g. Thank you to Service Guild for their donations to help complete the stone seal and the brick work! You are the best!!!

8. Old Business:

- a. Jim Martin and Bill Parker met with the company rep on the new church sanctuary sound system. The shotgun mics won't work in our building so we are getting a \$198 credit for each; Also looking into another mic for Pastor. They are waiting on a quote for needed work on this system.
- b. Jay Woodward is working with Hit Trophy to get a quote on the Memorial Board expansion.

9. For the Good of the Church:

- a. \$1,000.00 was donated to Global Missions!

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50pm. and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jason/Dave

SCHEDULES FOR SEPTEMBER 2014**LECTOR:** Rhonda Haviland

USHERS: 07 Team 2, **Buggs Sierra**, Capt.
 14 Team 2, **Buggs Sierra**, Capt.
 21 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Capt.
 28 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Capt.

FLOWERS: 07 Betty Parish
 14 Stan Rohrbaugh
 21 **OPEN**
 28 Brian & Alyssia McDowell

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

BULLETINS: 07 Becky Gutman
 14 **OPEN**
 21 **OPEN**
 28 Don & Carol Samuelson

COMMUNION PRESENTERS

07 John & Mary Dale

COMMUNION SET UP & SERVERS

07 Lori Brandt, Nicole Brobston, Julie Sasseen
 14 Jason Frederick
 21 Dyle Roth
 28 Jim Kline

LAY COMMUNION

Jim & Mary Ehlinger
 Tim Moog
 Lowell & Sharon Ricker
 Dan & Jane Tuttle
 Chris Turner
 Julie Sasseen

GREETERS:

07
 14
 21
 28

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2014

January -	106	May -	141
February -	123	June -	126
March -	176	July -	161
April -	251	August -	

FINANCIAL REPORT 2014

January -	Income	\$ 15,666.01
	Expenses	\$ 18,989.48
	Total	(\$ 3,323.47)

February -	Income	\$ 28,564.52
	Expenses	\$ 19,400.67
	Total	\$ 9,163.85

March -	Income	\$ 23,663.71
	Expenses	\$ 17,272.53
	Total	\$ 6,391.18

April—	Income	\$ 25,532.26
	Expenses	\$ 18,851.48
	Total	\$ 6,680.78

May	Income	\$ 16,995.44
	Expenses	\$ 17,153.06
	Total	(\$ 157.62)

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	Expenses	\$ 17,497.22
	Total	\$ 4,764.47

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	Expenses	\$ 24,969.92
	Total	(\$ 4,561.74)

YTD-positive		\$ 4,963.19
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**The Church offices
 will be closed on
 Monday, Sept. 1st,
 in observance of Labor Day.**

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Bill Mendenhall

Endowment Fund

Mr. & Mrs. John Boesling

In Memory of Elverta Grussing

Endowment Fund

Mr. & Mrs. John Boesling, Gene Schram,
Mr. & Mrs. Don Samuelson

Stephen's Fund

Betty Parish

General Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Tim Moog, Mary Barnes,
Mr. & Mrs. Dick Burk, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Cooper,
Janice Doeden, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Schultz,
Mr. & Mrs. George Essex, Jean Gaskill,
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Seimet, Mr. & Mrs. Phil Fogt,
Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Sisco, Mary Frost,
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Slocum, Fern Reimund,
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Tuttle, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hiler,
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Heilman, Mary Vogel,
Charlotte Warncke, Pr. & Mrs. Keith Hunsinger,
Mary Ann Iliff, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Jewell,
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Dyle Roth

TBD Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Ricker, Carolyn Grussing,
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Purdy



Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Margie Slocum

Endowment Fund

Service Guild, Mr. & Mrs. John Boesling,
Mr. & Mrs. Don Samuelson,
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Coonrod

General Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Dyle Roth, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hiler,
Barb Bibler, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Cooper,
Mr. & Mrs. John Dale, Mr. & Mrs. Doug Davis,
Janice Doeden, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ehlinger,
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Eis, Mr. & Mrs. George Essex,
Ned Ewers, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Flickinger,
Mr. & Mrs. Phil Fogt, Mary Barnes,
Mr. & Mrs. Craig Frisinger, Jean Gaskill,
Mary Geiger, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hahr,
Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Horzelski, Mary Ann Iliff,
Pr. & Mrs. Keith Hunsinger, Jeannette Melia,
Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Jewell, Mr. & Mrs. Al Maag,
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Martin, Rosemary Mehning,
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Moog, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Parker,
Mr. & Mrs. Gaylord Proxmire, Gene Schram,
Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Ricker, Barb Warncke,
Mr. & Mrs. Buggs Sierra, Charlotte Warncke,
Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Sisco, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Tuttle,
Mary Vogel, Chancel Choir, Rick Seifert,
Mr. & Mrs. Rowland Cooper,
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Schultz

Chimes & Choir Fund

Betty Parish

If there is an error in this Memorial listing, please notify the office so we can correct our mistake. Thank you. Lynn

MEN IN MISSION—MACKINAC BRIDGE WALK

Monday, September 1, 2014

The Mackinac Bridge walk at the Upper Peninsula of Michigan began in 1958 soon after the bridge, which is the third largest suspension bridge in the world, was built. The length of the bridge is 28 feet short of 5 miles. The Walk is held each year on Labor Day and begins at 7:00 am starting at the northern end of the bridge with the Governor in the lead.

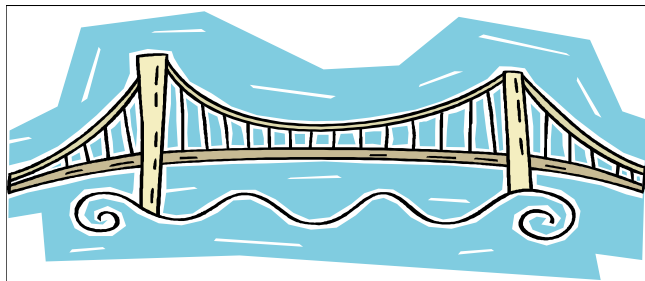
Lutheran Men in Mission began the walk in 2009 from an idea of Bob Coffman of Men in Mission. It is used to sponsor Luther Home of Mercy in Williston and Filling Home in Napoleon both of which you are probably familiar with for their great humanitarian work. Getting walkers who then generate sponsors for their walking does this. Last year over \$7,000 was generated by the walk, which was split equally between the two homes. This year we have a goal of \$10,000.

Even though Lutheran Men in Mission organize the Walk many others walk including both men and women. We usually have around 18 walkers each year. Some people come early and stay late. Since its beginning a gracious friend of one of our members, who goes by the name of Buck, lets many of us stay in his cabin for only \$20 per night. The cabin, which is actually a small but very nice house, is located about 70 miles northwest of the bridge. It is nice to go up on a Friday or Saturday and then take in the wonderful sites, scenery and the cool temperatures.

On Sunday Men in Mission usually goes to church at Zion Lutheran Church, which is just on the north side of the bridge. On Monday morning they sometimes arrange to have a wonderful breakfast, supplied by the ladies of the Church, before they begin their walk at 10:00 am. The Walk usually takes around 2 1/2 hours. You can begin as late as 11:00 am and walk at your own pace. Half of the bridge is closed to traffic and the other half is open to north and southbound traffic. No bicycles or motorized vehicles, except motorized wheel chairs, can be used on the Walk. People with walkers have been observed on the bridge. The secretary of Men in Mission, Dick Noll, has for the last 4 years arm powered his way across the bridge with no pushing assistance and without stopping. The hardest part is the first 2 1/2 miles, which is up hill. The weather has been great and the scenery while crossing is wonderful.

It is a great experience for any one who wants to escape the heat of the summer and at the same time help out Luther Home of Mercy and Filling Home. If anyone would like to walk or sponsor Dick Noll, another person you know is walking, or someone else from your congregation, there is a form on the backside of this page.

new website:



<http://lutheranmeninmissionnwo.org>

MIGHTY MAC BRIDGE WALK FORM

TO BENEFIT LUTHER HOME OF MERCY, WILLISTON

AND FILLING HOME, NAPOLEON

SIGN UP FOR THOSE SPONSORING

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ e-mail _____

City _____ cell phone _____

Name of walker(s) you would like to sponsor:

1. _____ Address _____

PH: _____ suggested amount: \$10 _____ \$20 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ other _____

2. _____ Address _____

PH: _____ suggested amount: \$10 _____ \$20 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ other _____

3. _____ Address _____

PH: _____ suggested amount: \$10 _____ \$20 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ other _____

Make checks payable to Lutheran Men in Mission and send, preferably in advance, to Richard Noll, 2474 Twp. Rd. 159 Cardington, Ohio 43315

REGISTRATION FOR THOSE WALKING

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 – ST. IGNACE, MICHIGAN

STARTING TIME – 10:00AM

YES! I'll walk the Mighty Mac Bridge for LMM. (No charge for registration).

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ email _____

City _____ cell phone _____

T-Shirt size Adult SM _____ MED _____ LG _____ XL _____ XXL _____ Child SM _____ MED _____ LG _____

Send Bridge Walk Registration to Richard Noll 2474 Twp. Rd. 159 Cardington, Ohio 43315

Questions? Email: ranoll47@gmail.com

This form is necessary so a thank you can be sent



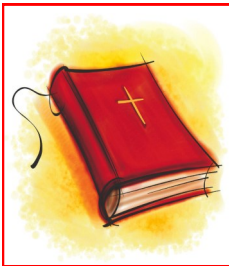
RALLY DAY!!
SEPTEMBER
7TH!!



Kids!!

***Remember to
bring your backpacks to church
on Rally Day!***

***Attention Families and Youth
ages 3, all 2nd grad-
ers, and those who
have not received a
bible...***



On Rally Day

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

EVERYONE...

RALLY DAY POTLUCK FOLLOWING CHURCH!
**PLEASE BRING A SALAD, SIDE, OR DESSERT
TO SHARE. THE INFAMOUS CHICKEN
FLOPPERS ARE GRILLING HAMBURGERS,
HOTDOGS, AND BRATS. DRINKS WILL BE
PROVIDED. HOWEVER, YOU WILL NEED TO
BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE.**

FALL NEWS:

***JLL and Confirmation
return and High School
Youth Group begins!***

**STARTING WED. SEPT. 17TH,
6-7:30 PM**

**PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION YOUTH
WILL BE RECEIVING A LETTER
WITH DETAILS**

**This year JLL
Will be led by Stacy Barker!**

**ATTENTION:
THIS YEAR JLL
is for Grades 2-5!!!!
Also NEW THIS FALL:**

***DISCIPLES IN RADICAL
TRAINING:***

***A YOUTH GROUP FOR OUR 6TH GRADERS,
CONFIRMATION AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
DISCIPLES IN RADICAL TRAINING WILL MEET
Every Wednesday 6-7:30!***

***The 1st and 3rd Wednesday
some will attend Confirmation taught
by Pastor Dave.***

***Although Confirmation youth attend
class, the other youth will still meet
for Bible study and activities led by
Julie Sasseen.***

**COME BE PART OF THE FUN.
THE LEARNING. THE MISSION!**

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	Brad Brandt
Lonnie Budd	June Burke	Dan Cook
Carol Creps	Russ Dodt	Tim Eis
Kenny Frost	Mary Frost	Bernadine Fry
Roger Grogg	Susan Harris	Jena Hoellrich
Eleanor Huner	Janice Johansen	Ruth Johnson
Al King	Roger Lamb	Holland Max
Tammy McCoy	Mary McMillen	Jodie Mellos
Dani Merillat	J.T. Nusbaum	Rob Plassman
Esther Reimund	Reg Reimund	Agnes Rudolf
Kristen Sanders	Ed Sheehan	Mona Snyder
Susan Sponsler	Dee Weisenfelder	Bishop NGowo
Alexis Alice	Anne Chris	Dean Doug
Eric Gayle	Grace Jerry	Jim Jodi
John Jon	Les Laurie	Maddie Marie
Marlene Matt	Pat Phyllis	Roland Sally
Scott Sheena	Stacey Steve	Sue Tammy
Thelma Tim		

Those who are in nursing homes, assisted living and extended illnesses:
LeAnn Bohn, Delene Cooper, William Cooper, Eleanor Huner, Marilyn Mehring, Marjorie Seifert, 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

Master 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

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

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.

2014 Church Directory Changes/Corrections

Al Schnitz
645 West Washington
Napoleon, OH 43545
419-592-0647

Carol Creps
1516 Candlewood Ct.
Defiance, OH 43512
419-980-7153
ccreps13@twc.com

Eleanor Huner
Laurels of Defiance, Rm. 307A
She would love to have visitors!

Rosemary Mehring
245 W. Rosewood Ave., Apt. 143
Defiance, OH 43512

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

Official Acts

Baptisms

John Wade Engel
Son of Nicholas & Carrie Engel
August 03, 2014

Jaxson Edward Newman
Son of Lance Newman & Ashley Imber
August 09, 2014

Deaths

Kim Marie Gilmore
August 25th, 2014

THANK YOU...

Dave Slocum and family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to St Paul members and friends, through Margie's ordeal. Pastor Dave was there for every critical moment. He was in the middle of a prayer when she passed. We are very fortunate to have him as a Pastor. The service and music was wonderful, and the ladies of the church served an awesome meal after the funeral. I would also like to thank Pastor Keith & Sue for being there for me and my family. To name every-one individually is impossible.

We found out that Margie's voice, smile and love touched a lot of people. Thanks for the cards, flowers, mementos, and personal contacts. Her memory will live on, thanks to the people of St. Paul Lutheran.

Love,
The Dave Slocum Family

Thanks again for the continuing generosity of the St. Paul Congregation. The timing is usually very good and this time is no exception. We were getting low on a few items.

Our guests are always very appreciative of the service the Innkeepers is able to provide, and your congregation plays a large part in that. God Bless all of you.

Dick Anderson

VBS update: One final word about Defiance Community Vacation Bible School:

This year we welcomed 257 youth to hear the gospel. We were served so well by close to 70 volunteers AND we finished the year close to \$800 UNDER our budget!

THANK YOU ...

ST. PAUL!!

for making such a huge difference!





Looking for volunteers... Will you help?



The Service Guild... seeking help for the dining room and/or kitchen teams. A few spots have opened up and **help is needed soon!** If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jean Gaskill at 419-438-4138. All help is appreciated! If you can't help on a regular basis, please consider signing up as a substitute worker.

Thank you.

Project Day... meets the second Tuesday of each month from 8:30 am till 1:00 pm. This group makes quilts and all help is welcome. Contact Nora Westrick.

The Ushers... volunteer to join one of four teams. They work two weeks (Sundays and any mid-week services) and will escort people to their pew. Please help!

Contact a head usher.

The Altar Guild... spend some quiet time in the sanctuary filling the candles and making sure the paraments coordinate with the season of the church year.

Funeral teams can always use an extra hand!



THRIVENT – SEPTEMBER 2014



♪ School days, school days,
Good old golden rule days!
Readin' and writing,
And 'rithmetic. ...♪



With the children and teachers going back to school now, it helps our days become more organized. The schedule is nothing like the old days, but there is plenty for everyone to do. We become accustomed to the daily routine and find ourselves as busy as always. Thrivent has planned several things for this fall.

St. Paul is starting Sunday School on September 7th with a fun filled Rally Day event. Jim and the 'chicken floppers' will be working the grill for serving the burgers, hot dogs and brats. We will have a kitchen team of helpers. Hope to see you all there!

Our Thrivent Paulding/Defiance County Chapter is planning a fantastic tour bus trip to the Dayton Air Force Museum on September 13, leaving at 6:30 am. There will be a breakfast stop before arriving at the Museum at 10 am. An "I Max" presentation is available every hour (additional \$6 fee). There will also be trams that will go to the Wright Patterson Air Force Base to tour Air Force One (additional fee). They plan to visit an area for shopping, restaurants and relaxing. The bus will leave at 6:30 pm for the return to Defiance by 9 pm. The tour cost is \$25. You may call Wanda Chochol @419-782-6725 for reservations, if there are any seats left.

St. Paul will be having the mission festival the first Sunday in October. Chris Korhn is the chairperson and will be contacting some of our members to assist her with this year's event. We will be helping in many ways to raise funds for the three recipient's that were voted on at our annual meeting: The ELCA Women's meeting, the NW Ohio Synod Global Mission companionship with congregations in Serbia (SECAV), and our local food pantries. We look forward to another successful event.

We are working on a couple other projects with our St. Paul youth but do not have the details worked out yet. We will keep you informed in the bulletin or our next newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support,

Cathy Martin, Head Congregational Coordinator



ReCharge

Save the Date

February 7th & 8th 2015
St. Paul Lutheran Church

A message from Ravens Care, Inc.

We would like to take a moment to alert you to a situation that is developing in our community. The city of Defiance passed new guidelines in regard to their operation of the water and sewer service that was effective immediately. All **past due** water customers will receive a 10 day shut off notice and their water will be shut off on that date. To reconnect a customer will have to pay the outstanding balance and a \$75 dollar reconnect fee and add \$125.00 to their existing deposit of \$75.00 to adhere to the new \$200.00 water deposit requirement. The Water Department has agreed to waive the reconnect fee if an agency such as ourselves (RAVENS Care) is helping a client.

The Water Department has allowed customers for a long time, to pay the past due amount and keep their water turned on. There are a large number of folks who have been making monthly payments but are still 1 month behind and are being sent these notices. Some of them paid at the beginning of the month and were told that would be sufficient to keep service on and now that is no longer true. RAVENS Care has been seeing at least 8 families a day in addition to our normal case load for water shutoffs and the schedule is full through Wednesday. We are trying to sort out the truly emergency cases. Those that are sick or elderly or have young babies or are pregnant and can't handle the extra work required to carry water from their neighbors. We will not help those who simply have not paid their bill or have a budget that looks like they won't be able to afford the water if they do get it turned back on. We are helping as many as we can and asking each person how much they can contribute to this expense. Hopefully this crisis will be a springboard to invite more folks to our budget planning classes.

We are instructing people that they can use their toilets by pouring water from a bucket into the back of their toilets and that they can get this water and hopefully some drinking water as well from neighbors and transport it in buckets or plastic containers for drinking water. There is also bottled water available at our office effective Monday A.M. Also, we will have 5 gallon buckets for transporting waste water. We are helping as many as we can and asking each person how much they can contribute to the expense.

Please encourage your members to be neighborly, look out and help those that are in temporary crisis by sharing water, offering to do a load of laundry or even showering.

Please pray for the families that are being impacted. And feel free to share your thoughts on what else we can do.

In Christ's service,

Katy Katterheinrich
Director

Jeff Hahn
Volunteer Caseworker

The Fall Retreat of the Maumee Valley Conference of Women of the ELCA is coming up soon. This year we will be meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran in Okolona. It will be on Saturday, October 18th, 2014. the guest speaker will be Beth Gerken. She works with the center for Child and Family Services in Napoleon. She will be speaking on being "Stewards of Children". More information will be coming, so watch your newsletter and the TWELCA bulletin board.

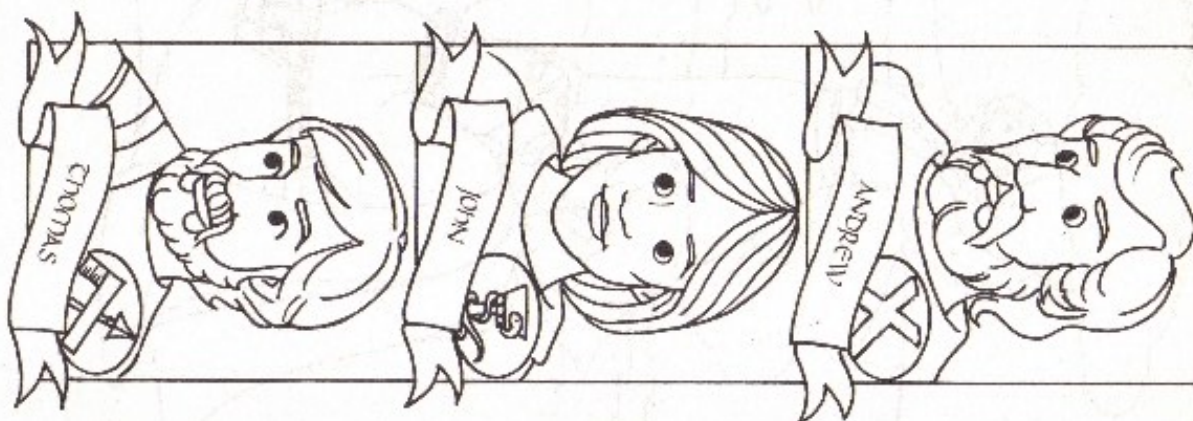
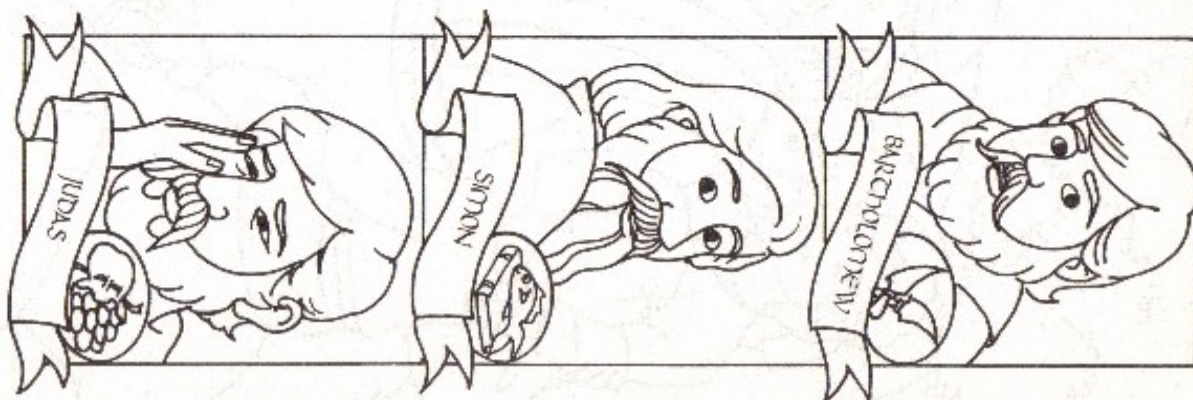
Yours in Christ,
Jill Linehan-Miller
Maumee Valley Conference Secretary



St. Paul Lutheran Church

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY	2	3 12:15 pm Eucharist Service	4		6
7 Rally Day! 9am Sunday School 9am Chimes 10:15 worship/ Communion	8	9 8:30-1:00 pm Project Day	10 12:15 pm Eucharist Service	11	12	13
14 9am Sunday School 9am Chimes 10:15 worship/ communion	15	16 6:00pm Church Council	17 12:15 pm Eucharist Service 6-7:30 pm JLL/ Confirmation/DIRT begins	18	19 NEWS-LETTER DEADLINE	20
21 9am Sunday School 9am Chimes 10:15 worship/ communion	22 1pm BETA meeting @ Jane Parker	23	24 12:15 pm Eucharist Service 6-7:30 pm JLL & DIRT	25	26 <i>Wedding Rehearsal</i>	27 <i>Alyssa Fett & Kevin Johnson Wedding @ 4PM</i>
28 9am Sunday School 9am Chimes 10:15 worship/ communion Baptism-Seip	29	30	<div>Coming soon...October 5th-Mission Festival!!</div> 			



September Birthdays

9/1 Betty Parish
 9/2 Darren Flickinger
 Mandy Wicks
 9/3 Connie Brown
 9/4 Cody Harris
 Tim Small
 9/5 Buggs Sierra
 9/7 Gayle Fenter
 9/9 Stacy Benien
 Adelia Engel
 Mary Ann Iliff
 9/10 Carol Burk
 Marjorie Seifert
 Harold Yeager
 9/11 Allie Saylor
 Reynah Velasquez
 9/12 Chris Davis
 9/13 Jennifer Geiger
 Bill Krouse
 9/16 Debra Mohr
 9/17 Nancy Krouse
 Cheryl Rosebrock
 9/18 Fran Coonrod
 Shannon Hartzell
 Layne Paxton
 9/22 Andrew Plassman
 Barry Roth
 Larry Thomas
 9/23 Mark Davis
 Matt Davis
 Jeannette Melia
 Don Samuelson
 9/24 Jane Parker
 9/25 Jason Miller
 9/27 Ruth King
 9/28 Stacy Brashear
 Sarah Gutman
 9/30 Lori Schultz

Help me keep our records accurate!!!!

If your birthday or anniversary is not here or is not correct **PLEASE** let me know 419-782-5771 or email @lynnsplcoffice@gmail.com
Thank you, Lynn

Baptism Anniversaries

9/03 Patricia Smith
 9/05 Lane Bailey
 Mary Barnes
 9/07 Alex Knight
 9/08 Sharon Ricker
 9/10 Laureen Hill
 9/11 Larry Heilman
 Jessica Seimet
 9/13 Frank Eitniet
 George Vogel, Jr.
 9/14 Kristen Hunsinger
 9/17 Jalen Nelson
 9/18 Brent Korhn
 9/19 Ron Huner
 Theresa Swary
 9/20 Sarah Benien
 9/22 Lori Ashbacher
 Brenda Schultz
 Julie Voll
 9/24 George Essex
 9/25 Maci McDowell
 9/27 Mary Ann Iliff
 Amy Kimpel
 9/28 Michael Sierra
 9/30 Kirk Boesling

Confirmation Anniversary

9/13 Frank Eitniet

Wedding Anniversaries

9/1 Al & Dee King
 9/3 Joel & Ashley Martin
 9/6 Rob & Nancy Plassman
 9/13 Sean & Terry Woods
 Paul & Carmen Bodenburg
 Justin & Stacy Brashear
 Craig & Theresa Swary
 9/22 Mike & Lynne Rittenour
 9/23 Brian & Mari Fedderke
 9/26 James & Jennifer Call
 9/29 Todd & Melissa Melia
 Don & Carol Samuelson
 9/30 Dick & Carol Burk
 John & Rev. Tamara Woo Wood



Christ, be our light.



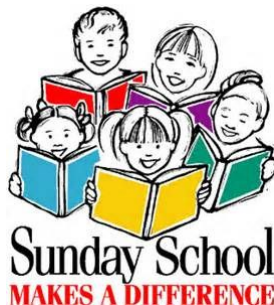
God's blessings on all those celebrating an anniversary.

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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.



STAFF

Presiding Bishop	Rev. Elizabeth Eaton
NWO Bishop	Rev. Marcus Lohrmann
Pastor	Rev. David Brobston
Dir. of Youth & Family	Julie Sasseen
Secretary	Lynn Roth
Sexton	Jane Tuttle
Organist	Lori Schultz
Music Director	Jeremy Davis
Nursery Attendant	Kim Alvarado

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

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