



## Mission Statement Of St Paul Lutheran Church

Led by the Holy Spirit we will

REACH out to those in need

PREACH the Good News of Jesus Christ

TEACH the grace of a loving God

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October 2014

### The St. Paul Mission Festival is Sunday, October 5th

Immediately after worship  
we get to EAT and GIVE at the same time!

Come join us after church  
for a wonderful dinner  
that is cooked for you!

Free will donation to benefit:

**WELCA,  
Companion Synod in Serbia,  
and the local food banks.**

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### Trunk or Treat!!

St. Paul Lutheran is in a great location to host it!

Trunk or Treat would take place  
Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

during the city's trick or treat hours.

Before we decide to publicize it in the community  
we need commitments.

Would you be willing to decorate your trunk for  
Halloween and hand out treats  
in the St. Paul parking lot?

Call Julie Sasseen or the church office  
if the answer is YES!  
Thank you!



### Calling all pets!

Whether you walk, gallop, fly, swim,  
or slither bring your owners to  
St. Paul Lutheran Church,  
671 Clinton St., Defiance

on the evening of October 5th at 5:00 p.m.  
for the Feast of St. Francis celebration and  
the blessing of the pets! Please gather out-  
side by the Handicap entrance with your  
owners so they may join you as you receive  
your blessing!

**Pastor: The Rev. David Brobston**

**WORSHIP: Sunday School at 9:00 am**

**Sundays at 10:15 am**

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Simulcast on 102.7 FM



October 2014

Exhausted, not handling stress well, impatient, anxious, frustrated, weary? Sound familiar to any of us? I know it does to me. In the past month the number one phrase that has come from my lips is, "I'm exhausted", in a way that sleep does not help. I am emotionally and spiritually tired, my stress level is too high, my laughter too infrequent.

This has got me thinking about the ways in which stress affects our attitudes, our decisions, and our relationships. Stress tests in the medical field are intended to see how the body will respond to being pushed. Similarly, in the realm of our Christian walk with the Lord, life-situation stress tests are being administered all the time.

In truth, everybody in the church is going through stressful circumstances of a number of varieties. The question is not if stress is present, but how intense and unrelenting is that stress. Stress in job situations, economic and financial stress, stress about war and terrorism, medical stress, anxiety about life and death, relationship stress. Stress is abundant my friends, in all of our lives.

The question for us in the Church is this: How does our faith in Jesus Christ inform and guide how we respond to these varying degrees of stress? How do we treat others in the midst of these times of stress? In biology we hear of the "reptilian" response. How do we respond when we don't have the energy to think about what we are doing or saying? How does Christ shape our response?

If we're honest with ourselves, we must admit that we don't always handle stress as well as we should. More troubling, is that on the negative side of these results we often allow stressful circumstances to explain our behavior. Have you gotten short or snappy with someone, let your anger boil over, been hurtful to another – and chalked it up to a bad day, a bad week, a bad month? Have you been tempted to run others down, criticizing them in a subconscious hope that this will make us feel better.

Sometimes getting away is necessary, though rarely is it a cure all. However, for many of you, the stress you are dealing with will be present for months if not years. So, the question for us as people of faith is, "Where is God in the midst of this?" Yes, you have heard the phrase before "WIGIAT", where is God in our stress filled lives?

Trust me, God is present, calling us from stress into his rest. But this can only happen when we respond to His call through prayer and study. Prayer is needed so that God will open our eyes to ourselves, to a real knowledge of not only our strengths but our realities. Bible study is needed so that God will open our eyes to Him, a real knowledge of who God is and the help that He intends to offer those who come to Him.

When Jesus said, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy-burdened – I will give you rest," He calls us to the cross, He calls us to the empty tomb, He calls us to times of quiet and reflection, He calls us to receive His Body and Blood, He calls us to prayer and His Word.

Come, rest, be renewed.

Blessings

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**St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes  
September 16, 2014**

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

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

Pr. Dave opened the meeting by reading Hosea, second chapter; a story of weariness and restoration.  
23rd Psalm.... 'even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil...'

1. Pastor's Report:
  - a. Pastor's Sunday School class is discussing the ELCA document, "The Use and Means of Grace".
  - b. Catechism and Youth programs begin September 17th.
  - c. Choir and Chime practices have resumed.
  - d. Pastor will attend a Continuing Education Retreat Oct. 1-2.
  - e. Mission Festival is Sunday, October 5th.
  - f. Blessing of the Pets will be October 5th at 5:00pm.
  - g. Evening with the Bishop, October 16th, Trinity Lutheran Church, Wauseon.
  - h. Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Wednesday Nov. 26th.
2. Youth and Family Report:
  - a. Junior Luther League: This year includes youth grades 2-5 and is being led by Stacy Barker. She is planning faith building activities that are fun and rewarding.
  - b. Mission: Defiance Community VBS was simply amazing! We are happy to report that this year we came in under budget! Thanks to all who helped.
  - c. Parish Education: Sunday School is up and running with a complete slate of teachers focusing on a musical opening. High School Youth and Confirmation Class will be attending Pastor Dave's adult class to study the Eucharist. Our first evening Bible School will be in November.
  - d. DIRT: Disciples in Radical Training, is a new youth group for grades 6-high school. It will offer our older youth Bible Study and how they could best live out their faith, follow Christ and BE the church.
  - e. Halloween Activities: TRUNK or TREAT will be planned for the same night as Trick or Treat in the St. Paul parking lot. We need 10 people to commit to meet in our parking lot to hand out candy. Contact Julie if you wish to volunteer.
  - f. SLIME TIME: We will be hosting Slime Time this year and we will be inviting St. Paul United Methodist, First Presbyterian and Zion Lutheran to join us for all the fun on November 1st.
3. Secretary's Report:
  - a. Minutes of the August 16, 2014 meeting were approved. Chris/Barb
4. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Total Income August- \$21,880.79
  - b. Total Expenses August - \$ 29,607.76
  - c. We are negative for the month of August, -\$7,726.97
  - d. Total Income YTD: \$165,088.46
  - e. Total Expenses YTD: \$167,852.24
  - f. We are negative for the year: \$2,763.78 Chris/Dave

5. Discipleship Report:
  - a. Deacons: Julie Sasseen & Lori Brandt. They are training youth to help with Eucharist the first Sunday of the month. They will bake bread and help serve Communion. They report there is a need for a second chalice pall.
  - b. Outreach: Char Flickinger needs volunteers for Greeters. Please volunteer. She is also organizing a movie night.
6. Stewardship Report:
  - a. Diane Kline has volunteered to be a substitute counter.
  - b. October 5th will be the annual Mission Festival. Please join us after church for food and fellowship. Please contact Chris Korhn to help and donate.
7. Trustee Report:
  - a. Building use requests:
    1. Crop Walk: Oct. 5, 2014, 1:00pm. Luther Hall.
    2. SPL Congregation: October 12, 2014, evening Movie Night.
  - b. Back Kitchen Entrance: We have an estimate of \$1,931.25 to tear off the old brick, replace with new brick, tear off and repair the roof area and fill with new materials to eliminate leaking problems. The motion was moved and passed to accept this proposal. Dave/Denise
  - c. Night time spotlights. The timer is shot, and being replaced.
  - d. Batteries have been replaced in the Exit signs so we are up to code.
  - e. Memorial Board Expansion. We are getting estimates for this project from Hit Trophy in Archbold, and also here in Defiance.
8. Old Business:
  - a. none
9. New Business:
  - a. The Nominating Committee will be meeting.
  - b. The Budget Committee will be meeting in November.
10. For The Good of the Church:
  - a. The Nominating Committee will be meeting and please prayerfully consider serving when they call.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Dave/Barb

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

The next council meeting will be October 21, at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Krouse

**SCHEDULES FOR OCTOBER 2014****LECTOR: Lowell Ricker**

**USHERS:** 05 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Capt.  
 12 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Capt.  
 19 Team 1, Jason Frederick, Capt.  
 26 Team 1, Jason Frederick, Capt.

**FLOWERS:** 05 Mary Barnes' Family  
 12 Mary Vogel  
 19 OPEN  
 26 Ron & Susan McDowell

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

**BULLETINS:** 05 Fern Reimund  
 12 OPEN  
 19 OPEN  
 26 OPEN

**COMMUNION PRESENTERS**

05 John & Mary Dale  
 26 John & Mary Dale

**COMMUNION SET UP & SERVERS**

05 Lori Brandt, Julie Sasseen,  
 12 Jason Frederick  
 19 Dyle & Eleanor Roth  
 26 Lori Brandt, Jim Kline, Julie Sasseen

**LAY COMMUNION**

John & Mary Dale  
 Jim & Cathy Martin  
 Dyle & Eleanor Roth  
 Alex & Collette Knight  
 Bill & Jane Parker  
 Mert Grogg  
 Lowell & Sharon Ricker  
 Don & Carol Samuelson

**GREETERS:** 05 Fern Reimund  
 12 Diane Zeigler  
 19 OPEN  
 26 OPEN

**AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2014**

January -	106	June -	126
February -	123	July -	161
March -	176	August -	97
April -	251	September -	138
May -	141		

**FINANCIAL REPORT 2014**

January -	Income	\$ 15,666.01
	Expenses	\$ 18,989.48
	<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$ 3,323.47)</b>
February -	Income	\$ 28,564.52
	Expenses	\$ 19,400.67
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,163.85</b>
March -	Income	\$ 23,663.71
	Expenses	\$ 17,272.53
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,391.18</b>
April—	Income	\$ 25,532.26
	Expenses	\$ 18,851.48
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,680.78</b>
May	Income	\$ 16,995.44
	Expenses	\$ 17,153.06
	<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$ 157.62)</b>
June	Income	\$ 22,261.69
	Expenses	\$ 17,497.22
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,764.47</b>
July	Income	\$ 20,408.18
	Expenses	\$ 24,969.92
	<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$ 4,561.74)</b>
August	Income	\$ 21,880.79
	Expenses	\$ 29,607.76
	<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$ 7,726.97)</b>

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**ACOLYTES/CRUCIFER SCHEDULE**

05 Lauren Melia, Janaya Harris-**Acolytes**  
 Jacob Huner-**Crucifer**  
 12 Joe Melia-**Acolyte**  
 19 Felicity Barker-**Acolyte**  
 26 Kaylee Brashear, Lauren Melia-**Acolytes**  
 Jordan Sasseen-**Crucifer**

## *Memorial Gifts*

### *In Memory of Mary Barnes Endowment Fund*

Mr. & Mrs. John Boesling  
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Coonrod  
Mr. & Mrs. Don Samuelson

### *General Fund*

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Parker, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Burk,  
Esther and Fern Reimund, WELCA,  
Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Ricker, Dave Slocum,  
Mr. & Mrs. John Dale, Mr. & Mrs. Dyle Roth,  
Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Horzelski, Rachel Sontchi,  
Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Sisco, Mary Ann Iliff,  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Jewell, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hiler,  
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Davis, Janice Doeden,  
Mr. & Mrs. George Essex, Shirley Keller,  
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Flickinger, Jeannette Melia,  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Heilman, Craig Frisinger,  
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Moog, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Tuttle,  
Rosemary Mehring, Gene Schram,  
Barb Bibler, Becky Gutman

### *In Memory of Glen Vogel General Fund*

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Korhn

### *In Memory of Margie Slocum General Fund*

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Korhn,  
Becky Gutman, WELCA

### *In Memory of Kim Gilmore General Fund*

Dave Slocum, Betty Parish,  
Mr. & Mrs. George Essex

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

## *2014 Church Directory Changes/Corrections*

Jason Frederick  
24272 Bowman Rd.  
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

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## *Official Acts*

### Deaths

Mary L. Barnes  
September 1, 2014

### Baptisms

Luke Michael Szabo  
Son of Michael & Catherine Szabo  
September 21, 2014

Keisha Michelle Markins  
Daughter of Nicki Sweinhagen  
September 28, 2014

Taytum Marie Markins  
Daughter of Kreg & Keisha Markins  
September 28, 2014

### Weddings

Alyssa Diane Fett  
Kevin Allen Johnson  
September 27, 2014

## Grief Support Group Starting ....

Have you lost a loved one recently?

Would you like to talk with other people that are experiencing the same feelings?

**HUG -Helping Us Grieve**, a non-denominational bereavement support group, is starting a group session Monday, October 6, 2014. The group will meet for 4 weeks with sessions beginning at 7:00 and lasting about 1½ hours. The focus of the group is to provide support and assistance through the grief process. A group facilitator will call before the first meeting to provide the location and other details. For questions or to register, please call the Parish Ministry Center, Defiance, at 419-782-2776. Please register by Friday, October 3, 2014.

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## Path Center Meal

**For 11 years St. Paul has provided a meal 3 times per year to the Path Center which serves the homeless.**

**Terry Seimet has faithfully cooked this meal.  
Terry is ready to retire her pots and pans, and  
would like someone to oversee the cooking.  
She has helpful advice to help you get started.**

**And St. Paul Volunteers to assist you!**

**Would you be willing to cook 3 times per year  
for the homeless?**

**OR find volunteers who would?**

**St. Paul let's join together in prayer for this ministry.**

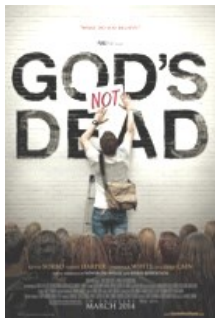


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## Movie night for all ages at St. Paul Lutheran!

**At 6 pm on October 12<sup>th</sup>**

Bring a friend, a snack to share and a drink for yourself  
to Luther Hall where we will enjoy  
"God's Not Dead"  
one of the top Christian films of the year.



*Wonder what this movie is about?*

*A devoutly religious college freshman must debate the existence of God with his skeptical philosophy professor in order to earn a passing grade in this faith-based comedy-drama.*

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Please continue to submit any Chief sales receipts.

The extra money comes in handy!

Place them in the box in Luther Hall or at the bottom of the stairs to the left as you are going to the sanctuary off Luther Hall.







This year  
SLIME TIME

comes to St. Paul Lutheran Church.  
St. Paul United Methodist has hosted this fun kids carnival  
for the last many years.

Last year we worked together in this outreach effort.

THIS YEAR SPLC HOSTS!

Bring the kids and their friends!

Come out and watch!

Volunteer to run a game or bake cookies or donate candy!

(peanut & peanut butter free)

When? November 1<sup>st</sup>

6-8 pm

At St. Paul Lutheran Church!

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The JLL and Disciples in Radical Training (DIRT) youth groups  
would like to invite you to join us October 5th for the

## **CROP Hunger Walk (at St. Paul!)**

Registration is at 1pm and the walk will start at 1:30 pm.

Youth will be collecting money to donate to this cause.

On October 12<sup>th</sup> JLL and DIRT youth are invited to watch  
"God's Not Dead" with the St. Paul congregation  
here in Luther Hall. Bring a snack to share.



Coming in October

A trip to the Corn Maze in Napoleon!

Watch for details in the coming bulletins!

Youth are needed to help with Slime Time games

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July 15-19<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Youth of the ELCA will gather in Detroit  
to Worship, to Proclaim Christ, to Serve the Community  
**WHO CAN ATTEND???**

The Gathering welcomes youth entering the 9th, 10th, 11th,  
and 12th grades in the fall of 2015, and 2015 high school  
graduates.

St. Paul youth, parents, and families, it is time to begin the  
conversation.

Check out the website:

<http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>

And look for more information coming in October.

Questions? Call Julie Sasseen 419-956-1267





**5th Annual**  
**APPLE DUMPLING Sale!**

**to fund the Recharge Retreats...**

**Don't delay!**

***Order your homemade Apple Dumplings  
now and they will be ready  
for pick-up on November 9th!***

**WE THANK YOU**  
**FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!**

**Please share this order form with friends  
and neighbors!**



**Apple Dumpling Order Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Prices \$3.25/dumpling  
Order 12 or more and get 1 free!

**DUMPLINGS FREEZE VERY WELL!**

## 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 (HIPAA).

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 Becky Z	Chris Dean
Doug Eric	Gayle Grace	Jerry Jim
Jodi John	Jon Les	Laurie Maddie
Marie Marlene	Matt 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, Charlotte Warncke**

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.***

Please join us in celebrating the 100th birthday of **Velma Bunke** on Sunday, October 12th from 2-4 pm at Kingsbury House 245 W. Rosewood Ave. Defiance, OH.

She would appreciate birthday cards sent to Apt. 134.

She was born October 9, 1914.

Velma started playing the organ for church

services when she was 13 years old and was the organist at St. Stephen's Lutheran for 63 years.

She is the mother of Shirley Keller and Jan Brown.



Fort Defiance Players and DC Players  
present

## *Les Miserables*

at the Defiance Community Auditorium  
629 Arabella street  
Defiance, OH 43512

Thursday, October 16th @ 8 p.m.

Friday, October 17th @ 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 18th @ 8 p.m.

Sunday, October 19th @ 2 p.m.

Call 419-782-PLAY to reserve your seats!



## **Defiance-Paulding County Chapter Annual Meeting**

You are invited to attend the Annual Dinner for all Thrivent Financial members of the Defiance-Paulding County Chapter.

The Annual dinner will be held on Sunday,  
November 2, 2014 at  
St Paul Lutheran Church,  
601 Flatrock Dr., Paulding, Oh.  
Dinner will begin at 5:30 PM

Come and enjoy good food, fellowship and entertainment with neighbors and friends.

Reservations should be made by:

October 26, 2014

by calling Wanda Chochol at [419-782-6725](tel:419-782-6725).

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## **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 on Saturday, October 18th, 2014 at 8am. 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 WELCA bulletin board.

Yours in Christ,

Jill Linehan-Miller

Maumee Valley Conference  
Secretary





## 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 at a time on a rotation throughout the year (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 – OCTOBER 2014



Fall is a time for change—the change of the seasons, our time change, the change to daily routines for the school and sports programs and change of schedule for worship and our Sunday school classes again.

And I want to let you know about the changes coming for Thrivent.

In 2003 we changed from two organizations—AAL and Lutheran Brotherhood—to become one together as Thrivent for Lutherans. They provided funding support for each Lutheran congregation as well as for a Community Chapter and its sponsored events. Changes came again in 2010 when the Choice Dollars charitable grant program was introduced. They no longer sent a specific amount of grant funds to each congregation directly but let the individual members choose to support the organization or congregation that they selected from a list of thousands of qualified non-profit organizations nationwide, Lutheran and non-Lutheran, that included their own congregations. The amount of Choice dollars for each member is based on their own insurance premiums, contract values and your volunteer leadership. More change came in early 2014 with a name change and Thrivent became available to all Christians, not just Lutherans. Thrivent members will be a larger part of our communities.

Change is happening now with the Care Abounds in Communities program. We will continue to have our local chapter in 2015 but it will perhaps receive less funding. Thrivent wants to move away from being a “granting organization” and become a “member driven action organization”. It starts with your idea for a one time fundraiser, service activity or even an education event that can be completed within 90 days. You must apply for funds and have your project approved. Next outline what you plan to do and how you want to get it done. Once approved, you will receive some Thrivent print materials for promotion and advertising for your event. You can also receive project funding up to \$250 for other supplies needed. Select your date. Find others to help you with your project. Then you can take action to accomplish your idea. When you are done, thank your volunteers and sponsors and be sure to share your story. If you are interested, there is more information available on the Thrivent website—[www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com). If you have an idea, know someone in need or a service project you have thought about doing, let me know and I can help you get started.

Our mission Festival is this month and we are looking forward to a delicious meal. Chris Korhn is heading up our team. If you would like to help, give her a call. Thrivent will be giving up to \$600 additional funding for our Food Banks in Defiance. Join us for a great time, good food, and help support our mission recipients.

Thank you for your continued support,

Cathy Martin, Head Congregational Coordinator





*ReCharge*

*Save the Date*


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





# St. Paul Lutheran Church

## October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6-7:30 pm JLL/DIRT/ Confirmation	2	3	4
5 9am Sunday School 9am Chimes 10:15 worship/ Communion Mission Fest! RECHARGE! 1pm CROP Walk 5pm Blessing of the Pets	6	7	8 6-7:30 pm JLL/DIRT NO Choir	9	10	11
12 9am Sunday School 9am Chimes 10:15 worship/ Communion/ Baptism-Seip 6pm Movie Night	13	14 8:30-1:00 pm Project Day	15 6-7:30 pm JLL/DIRT/ Confirmation 7pm Choir	16	17 NEWS- LETTER DEADLINE	18 WELCA Maumee Valley Fall Retreat 8am- 1:30pm
19 9am Sunday School 9am Chimes 10:15 worship/ communion	20	21 6:00pm Church Council	22 6-7:30 pm JLL/DIRT 7pm Choir	23	24	25
26 9am Sunday School 9am Chimes 10:15 worship/ communion Reformation Sunday	27 1pm BETA meeting @ Mary Ehlinger	28	29 6-7:30 pm JLL/DIRT 7pm Choir	30 Trunk or Treat???	31 	



DECORATE AND COLOR!!  
ENJOY...

**Birthdays**

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

**Baptism**

10/02 Felicity Barker  
 Steven Barker  
 Cheryl Burroughs  
 10/07 Carol Burk  
 Dustin Parks  
 10/10 Pat Bohn  
 Ruth King  
 Abby Yeager  
 10/11 Susan Geier  
 10/13 Kelsey Dale  
 10/14 Coit Black  
 Robert Schultz  
 10/18 Nick Engel  
 Darren Flickinger  
 Megan Turner  
 10/19 Peyton Sierra  
 Robert Small  
 10/20 Cameron Bowen  
 10/21 Keri Kochel  
 10/22 Riley Stack  
 10/23 Larry Burroughs  
 10/24 Erin Barringer  
 Shannon Hartzell  
 10/25 Marjorie Seifert  
 10/28 Char Flickinger  
 10/29 Stacy Benien  
 Jason Miller  
 Derek Turner  
 10/30 Mark Davis  
 Matt Davis  
 Stella Faykosh  
 Rhonda Haviland  
 Nora Westrick

**Confirmation**

10/02 Steven Barker,  
 Jay Woodward  
 10/25 Brandy Augilar, Diana Fett,  
 Jennefer Garcia, Joshua  
 Hiler, Laureen Hill, Keri Kochel,  
 Jason Miller, Janelle Seibt,  
 Chris Turner  
 10/26 Stacy Barker, Erin  
 Barringer, Karin Black,  
 Kacey Hampton, Matt Haviland,  
 Brent Korhn, Amy O'Mara, Jacob  
 Seip, Chad Yeager  
 10/27 Lindsey Bailey, Sarah  
 Benien, Mike Bowen, Jr.,  
 Stacy Brashear, Heath Ehlinger,  
 Darren Flickinger, Sarah Gutman,  
 Susan Harris, Alyssa Johnson,  
 Jessica Seimet  
 10/28 Nick Beardsley, Jenna  
 Burk, Tina Egbert, Andrea  
 Faykosh, Susan Geier, Jennifer  
 Haviland, Minda Hohl, Kristen  
 Keirse, Amy Kimpel, Jamie  
 Miller, Susan Nelson, Erin Pixler,  
 Steve Rittenour, Jeremi Seip, Kerry  
 Tuttle, Amy VonDeylen, Jason  
 Woods  
 10/29 Rachel Bair, Cody Griffith,  
 Amy Grogg, Kelly Hartzell,  
 Kristin Hunsinger, Mackenzie  
 Korhn, Michael Sierra  
 10/30 Marissa Fedderke, Brian  
 Gutman, Tony Hancock,  
 Joel Martin, Andrew Plassman  
 10/31 Kirk Boesling, Kylie  
 Crawford, Kari Rohrbaugh,  
 Josh Seip, Eric Sierra

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 accurate!!!!

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

**Weddings**

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

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**Sunday School**  
**MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

***Fall –Spring Worship Schedule***

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Worship at 10:15 a.m.

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**STAFF**

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

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