

Mission Statement Of St Paul Lutheran Church

Led by the Holy Spirit we will

REACH out to those in need

PREACH the Good News of Jesus Christ

TEACH the grace of a loving God

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December 2014



It's Advent...

December 3rd
December 10th
December 17th

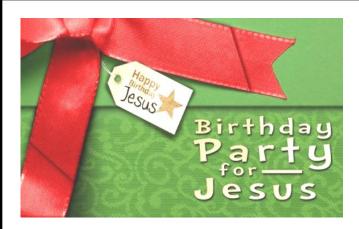
Please join us at 6:00 pm for our soup supper and 7:00 pm for Holden Evening Prayer.



Sunday, December 21st @ 7:00 p.m. See page 6 in this newsletter.

The Mitten Tree is set up in the Handicap area waiting on donations of hats, gloves, scarves and even socks!!

Please give generously to help others stay warm and dry this winter!



We will celebrate this day with a potluck!

Please bring a dish to share and join the fun and fellowship!

More information on page 11 in this newsletter.

The 2015 budget passed at the Elections and Budget Meeting on November 23rd.

The budget is on page 8 in this newsletter.

Pastor: The Rev. David Brobston WORSHIP: Sunday School at 9:00 am Worship/Communion at 10:15 am

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Advent 2014

Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

I love Advent! There, I said it – it is my favorite season of the Church year. I love that sense of waiting, especially when we know what we are waiting for. Lighting another candle each week, the light building, the anticipation growing. I simply love Advent!

24 hour Christmas music started on radio stations the day after Halloween – trees were up in stores as once again the retail world wants us to think Christmas is about their sales, giving gifts, shopping, and festivities and not the birth of the Christ child. The world might anticipate profit, black Friday, and opening gifts – the Church awaits it's Savior.

One of my favorite stanzas in a hymn is an Advent hymn.

 □ O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer
 Our spirits by Thine advent here
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night □
 □ And death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel. □

This is what the Church anticipates. The coming of Emmanuel, which means God with Us. Advent is that season that we remember shepherds in fields, angels visiting, a virgin giving birth in a manger, a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes. Advent, that season that builds to that joyous Christmas celebration. Advent, that season that we sing, O come, O come Emmanuel – waiting for that child, born of a virgin in a manger, crucified on a cross, resurrected on the third day – we do await his coming, his return.

This Advent will feel rushed, there are only 3 Wednesday midweek gatherings due to the calendar, the Advent season will feel shorter. Retailers will want us to rush as well, hurry and buy, come to this sale, that special. Our lives will cause us to rush – visiting friends, parties, celebrations, gatherings. I invite you to take a moment each day to pause, separate yourself from the rush and anxiety and breathe in the joy of God. A couple of minutes to stop and remember, a couple of minutes to stop and anticipate.

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

Rejoice, Rejoice!

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St. Paul Lutheran Newsletter

St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes November 18, 2014

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

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

Pr. Dave opened the meeting by reading Psalm 43: verses 3 & 4.

1. Pastor's Report:

- a. November 26: Thanksgiving Eve Service, will be held at St. Paul Lutheran. We are hosting the downtown Ministerium churches this year.
- b. November 29: The Hanging of the Greens, 8:00 am in the sanctuary.
- c. Advent Evening Services: Worship and soup supper will be held Wednesdays, Dec 3, 10, 17. Supper begins at 6:00, worship at 7:00 pm.
- d. The Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 14th, during service.
- e. December 17, St Paul hosts the Maumee Valley Clergy Breakfast, 8:00 am.
- f. December 21, we will hold the Blue Christmas Service at 7:00 pm.
- g. December 24, Christmas Eve will begin with Special Music at 7:30 and Worship Service at 8:00.
- h. Lessons and Carols Sunday Service will be December 28th.

2. Youth and Family Report:

a. <u>JLL and D.I.R.T:</u> The youth recently voted to begin cooking and serving the Path Center Meal. Our first meal will be served February 23rd. We would like to invite the adults to join in and assist us.

<u>The youth</u> will be assisting at Advent Soup Suppers and attending worship together. Funds received will be divided between: youth gathering expenses, Caring Cards and Bibles to be given out at the SPUMC food pantry.

b. <u>Mission: Recharge</u> (formerly CRHP): The Apple Dumpling Sale concluded successfully with 602 dumplings made.

<u>Mission: Outreach:</u> Slime Time was a great success. 60 adults and 90 youth participated. The SPUMC and SPLC youth worked together and had fun. We welcomed many people who were not members of either churches, filled both basements and spread the word that 'Jesus Loves You'.

c. <u>Parish Education: Birthday Party for Jesus:</u> Sunday, December 7 the Sunday School will be devoted to Celebrating the birth of Christ. Invitations are being sent and friends invited. After church there will be a potluck for the congregation.

<u>Christmas Program Practice:</u> Practice has begun, and is being led by our Sunday School teachers. The program will be presented December 14 during service. All youth are welcome to participate.

<u>Youth Gathering:</u> Look for the date of the informational meeting to be announced. Expenses look to be less than usual for this trip.

3. Secretary's Report:

a. Minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting were approved.

Denise/Todd

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. Total Income October +\$21,279.70
- b. Total Expenses October-\$21,660.65
- c. We are negative for the month of October, -\$380.95
- d. Year-to Date: Total Income- \$206,680.37
- e. Year-to-Date: Total Expenses-\$208,648.43
- f. We are negative for the year-\$ 1,968.06

Barb/Chris

5. Discipleship Report:

- a. Deacons: No Report.
- b. Outreach: Thank you to all our greeters in 2014! We are planning a movie night in January.

6. Stewardship Report:

- a. New envelopes are ordered for 2015.
- b. Budget and elections meeting will be Sunday November 23rd.

7. Trustee Report:

- a. Building Use Request: All Church Pasta Dinner, Jan 11, the kitchen and Rotary room, Char Flickinger and the Recharge team.

 Barb/Todd
- b. Masonry work on the kitchen entrance is finished and Jane reports NO LEAKS!
- c. The new floor in the Church Office will be installed early in December.
- d. Leever Glass and Gustwiller Electric will be doing the install for the new Electric handicapped door system.
- e. Painting work needs to be done on the interior wall of the kitchen entrance.

8. Old Business:

a. The new Memorial Board is now being made. New name plates are here. Thank you to all who donated to this worthy project.

9. New Business:

- a. The newly elected council members will be invited to the December and January council meetings.
- b. Our all church Outreach project for Advent will be the Caring Card Collection. Gift cards will be kept and given to those in need. We plan to continue to collect all throughout 2015. Please bring your cards to church starting Dec. 7th, however, you can place them in the collection plate any time you wish during the entire year.

10. For The Good of the Church:

- a. Thank You to WELCA for all donations. They are appreciated.
- b. Thank you to the private donation for our new memorial board.
- c. Thank you to Bruce and Carol Stephenson for the donation of the new ping pong table.
- d. Thank You to service guild for all donations. They help all of us.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm.

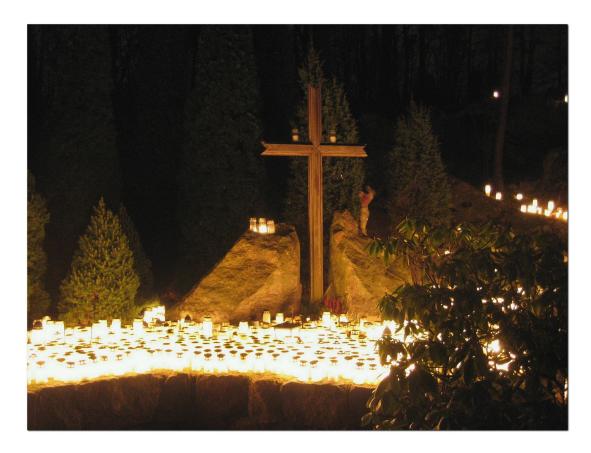
Todd/Denise

Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer

The next council meeting will be December 16, at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Krouse

SCHEDULES FOR DECEMBER 2014		AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2014		
		January	- 106	July - 161
LECTOR:	Collette Knight	February	y - 123	August - 97
		March -	176	September - 138
USHERS:	07 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Captain	April -	251	October - 136
	14 Team 1, Jason Frederick, Captain	_		November - 164
	21 Team 1, Jason Frederick, Captain	May -	141	November - 164
	24 Team 1, Jason Frederick, Captain	June -	126	
	28 Team 2, Buggs Sierra, Captain	January -	Income	\$ 15,666.01
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FLOWERS:	07 Larry Saxton 14 Bill & Martha Cooper		Total	(\$ 3,323.47)
	21 Dewey & Nancy Nagel	T-1	T	,
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	28 Gaylord & Patty Proxmire		Expenses	<u>\$ 19,400.67</u>
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When you hav	ve flowers, please ask that days usher	March -	Income	\$ 23,663.71
captain to rer	nove them from the altar for you.		Expenses	\$ 17,272.53
Thank you.			Total	
	2=			\$ 6,391.18
BULLETINS:	07	April—	Income	\$ 25,532.26
	14 Bill & Martha Cooper		Expenses	<u>\$ 18,851.48</u>
	21 Mary Geiger 24 WELCA		Total	\$ 6,680.78
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	28 Mary Geiger	May	Income	\$ 16,995.44
COMMUNIO	M SEDVEDS.		<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 17,153.06</u>
	ry Dale-set up/present		Total	(\$ 157.62)
	Jim Martin, Julie Sasseen-servers	June	Income	\$ 22,261.69
14 Lori Brandt-set up/serve 21 Julie Sasseen-set up/serve 24 Tim & Denise Moog-set up/present Lori Brandt, Jim Kline, Julie Sasseen-servers 28 Jason Frederick-set up/serve		Julie		
			Expenses	\$ 17,497.22
			Total	\$ 4,764.47
		July	Income	\$ 20,408.18
		J J	Expenses	\$ 24,969.92
			Total	
GREETERS:	07 Bill & Jane Parker		Iotai	(\$ 4,561.74)
	14 John & Mary Dale	August	Income	\$ 21,880.79
	21 Lori Brandt		Expenses	\$ 29,607.76
	24		Total	(\$ 7,726.97)
	28 Chuck & Jan Sisco	a .		
LAY COMMI	NION DISTRIBUTORS:	Sept.	Income	\$ 20,312.21
	: Mary Dale		<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 19,135.54</u>
•	& Mary Davis		Total	\$ 1,176.67
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	Cathy Martin	Oct.	Income	\$ 21,279.70
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THE LONGEST NIGHT

A Service of Prayer, Anointing, Healing and Hope

Sunday, December 21st, at 7 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church 671 Clinton Street Defiance, OH

All are welcome to attend.

A WORSHIP SERVICE for those who may be grieving, sad, or looking for hope this season.

SILENCE - This service offers a number of invitations to enter into silence. Imagine something that quiets your mind and calms your body, or simply close your eyes.

LAYING ON OF HANDS -

The laying on of hands has a rich history in the New Testament. Jesus laid his hands on children and prayed for them, and stretched out his hand to heal the sick.

ANOINTING - An ancient image of the Trinity depicts the Father as an olive tree, the source of life, the Son as the fruit of the tree, and the Holy Spirit as the oil, flowing from the tree and the fruit to the whole world. Early Christians mixed olive oil and balsam - a plant extract - to make a fragrant balm used in anointing as a sign of the Spirit's power to comfort, cleanse, heal, and bless.

Prayer list information

Next time you're about to submit a request for inclusion on the prayer list please ask the following questions. Did that person give permission to the office? Does that person wish the information to be shared publicly? If the answer to either question is "NO" your prayer request violates the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA).

If we do not have personal permission for inclusion we will only publish first names. *These are the guidelines from the ELCA provided at last Fall's Synod Conference meetings.*

Our love and prayers go out to...

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June Bu	June Burke		Dan Cook	
Russ Do	Russ Dodt		Kenny Frost	
Bernadia	Bernadine Fry		Mary Geiger	
Susan H	Susan Harris .		Jena Hoellrich	
Ruth Joh	Ruth Johnson		Al King	
Holland	Holland Max		Tammy McCoy	
Jodie Mellos		Dani Merillat		
Rob Plassman		Esther Reimund		
Agnes Rudolf		Kristen Sanders		
Mona Snyder		Dee Weisenfelder		
Alexis	Alice	Anne	Becky Z	
Doug	Eric	Gayle	Grace	
Jodi	John	Jon	Les	
Marie	Marlene	Matt	Pauline	
Sally	Scott	Sheena	Stacey	
Tammy	Thelma			
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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 the entire world. We particularly commend the following who are members of our congregation:

Major Tamara Funari,

Daughter of Ron and Connie Allgire

Sgt. Kerry Schnitz,

Son of Larry and Cheryl Burroughs

We also remember in prayer those relatives of members.

St. Sgt. Mark Beck,

Son-in-law of Wayne Davis

Buck Sgt. Joshua T Bell, USAF,

Nephew of Laurie Moll

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

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

Sqt. 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.

St. Paul Lutheran Newsletter

	2015 Budget as approved by	
	congregation on November 23, 2014	igence of
		Budge 2015
Salaries:		
	Pastor	\$47,
	Youth & Family	\$14,
	Secretary	\$20,
	Custodian	\$16,3
	Organist	\$18,
	Choir	\$4,2 \$1,2
	Nursery Attendant Supply/Temp Help	Φ1,. \$
Allowances:	Supply/Temp Help	Ψ
Pastor:		
	Housing	\$20,
	Auto	\$4,
	Cont. Ed.	\$1,
	Pension & Health	\$33,
	Continuing Ed Youth & Family	\$
Benevolences:		•
	ELCA (Mission)	\$7,
	Filling Home	\$
	Ravens	\$ \$
	LSS Lutheran Home	э \$
	Habitat for Humanity	ъ \$
	Defiance Area Hospice	\$
	Bishop's Appeal	\$1,
	Christ Renews His Parish	\$
Utilities:	NI-41 C	¢10
	Natural Gas	\$10,
	Electricity	\$9, \$1,
	Water Phone	\$1,
	Refuse	Ф1 ₉
General Expenses		
ī	Professional Services	9
	Custodial Supplies	\$
	Maintenance	\$8,
	Office Supplies & Equip.	\$3,
	Music SS/Parish Ed.	\$ \$2,
		\$2, \$
	Postage Church Supplies	\$4,
	Miscellaneous	\$2,
	Youth Ministry	\$1,
	Capital Improvements	\$20,
Taxes/Insurance:		
	Payroll	\$6,
	Workers Comp.	\$1,
	Real Estate Property/Liability	\$1, \$7,
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2015 Church Council Members

President: Dave Iliff
President Elect: Jim Ehlinger
Treasurer: Denise Moog
Secretary: Nancy Krouse
Stewardship: Christine Korhn
Trustee: Todd Melia

Discipleship: Still Open at this time Synod Assembly: Alex & Collette Knight

Counters:

Mary Geiger, Virginia Prucha, Fran Coonrod Lowell Ricker, Shirley Keller, Carol Creps

Auditors: Kayly Brobston

Jeff Fogt

Stacy Brashear

Nominating Committee:

Alex Knight Kathy Yeager Cheryl Rosebrock

PATH CENTER MEAL

A big thank you to Ann & George Essex and Paul Seimet for all their help with the November 3rd PATH Meal. We served 28 people, almost a third of these were children.

This is the last of three meals served this year by St. Paul, bringing the total of people served in 2014 to 103.

I also want to thank Sharon & Lowell Ricker and Ann & George Essex for all their help and support over the last few years. Also, the Service Guild and everyone who has helped in any way since the Monday night meals began in 2004.

I have had a lot of wonderful help! Thanks again, Terry Seimet



THE NEW ADVENT CANDELABRA DONATED IN MEMORY OF EARL & EDNA BEISWENGER THANK YOU!



W.E.L.C.A.

Many thanks to everyone who donated to the Thankoffering on Sunday, November 16, 2014.

The total collected was \$829.22 and will be divided between Lutheran Social Services Western Region in Archbold and The Filling Home of Napoleon. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

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

Christmas plants and flowers for the Sanctuary may be brought in starting Thursday, December 18th.

You may call: Kircher's at 419-784-5321, Fancy Petals at 419-782-4353,

Or bring in your own arrangement or potted Christmas plant from your favorite store!

Remember to order early for choice availability!

The Sanctuary will be so beautiful with all the flowers! Don't forget to let the office know by December 19th what you would like printed in the Christmas F ve bulletin.





2014 Church Directory Changes/Corrections

Addresses: Mary Ann Iliff

1040 South Perry Street

Condo #22

Napoleon OH 43545

E-mail addresses:

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

GIVE TO THE
MITTEN TREE...
GLOVES,
MITTENS,
HATS,
SCARVES,
EVEN SOCKS!





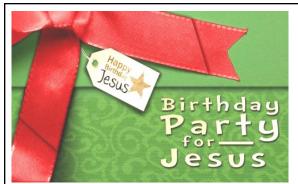


Gentle Worship

~for extraordinary families~ Sunday, December 21, 2014 @ 1:30 pm

Presiding Minister - David Brobston, St. Paul Lutheran Church

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



Will be held on December 7th

during Sunday School (9-10 am)

and we hope to make it extra special by

inviting as many friends as possible!

We will enjoy Birthday party games, cake, and a present!

Come join the fun!

No one is left out of this party!

St· Paul Lutheran, after the service we will celebrate the day with a **POTLUCK!**

Please bring a dish to share and join the fun and fellowship!

Drinks will be provided ~ Hope to see you there!

The "No Stress, No Fuss"

Christmas Program is coming!

This program will be shared with the congregation during worship on Sunday, December 14th

Youth are not too late to join us!
Youth just come to practice if you are interested!

Practice schedule is:
December 3rd, 5:30-6:30 pm
December 10th, 5:30-6:30 pm
December 14th, 9 am

Advent Soup Suppers and Worship will be underway December 3rd and 10th!

Eat from 6-7 pm (NO COOKING!!!) enjoy Holden Evening Prayer at 7 pm.

That calm break from the hustle and bustle will bring focus to the Advent Season.

Place Jesus where he belongs this holiday season.

Come join us and "Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10



St. Paul Lutheran Church is collecting Caring Cards

Who? We, the St. Paul Family, can touch lives and share our love and concern in ways that will let individuals and families know

we care..

What? Gift Cards to restaurants, stores, gas stations, places of your choosing Why? There are times when the love of Christ needs to be shared.

Gift Cards will be shared with others as need arises.



So what can you do?
Watch for special deals this holiday season.
Purchase gift cards.
Bring them to the church office.
OR donate cash toward the purchase of gift cards.



St. Paul Visitation Program

Would you be willing to visit one of our St. Paul shut-ins?

We made one match last time we invited volunteers to come forward.

We need additional volunteers to make it happen!



How about you?

Share Christ's love this season.

Once or twice a month is all it takes.



Snow birds eligible to participate!

Please let Julie Sasseen or the church office know if you are willing to volunteer!



JLL and DIRT Thanksgiving and Advent Schedule:

During Advent youth will meet whether they are in the Christmas program or not!



Youth will all have a chance to eat soup,
then we clean up and worship together!
This Advent we will be collecting money for
THREE worthy causes!



Caring Cards, the Youth Gathering and the purchase of Children's Bibles to be given out at the St. Paul United Methodist Church food pantry!

JLL and DIRT will not meet on either Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve



THE DEFIANCE COUNTY FURNITURE BANK is in need of your help. Our shelves are bare. We have a great need of new or gently used pots, pans, skillets, dish towels, bath towels, wash clothes, and linens—twin, full, queen and king size sheets. Donated items can be dropped off at the warehouse on Fridays from 10:00 to 11:00am at:

DCFB, 1941 East Second Street;
Parish Ministry Center @ St. Mary Catholic Church, 715 Jefferson Avenue;
or by calling 419-782-2776 for pick up.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
Thank you for helping those who are in need.

It's time to prepare your annual report. Please submit them to the church office by January 5th, 2015. Where has the time gone?

Thank you!

Blessings, Lynn

Christmas Decorations Exchange:

Where: 1838 E. Second St. (next to Family Christian Center in Kroger Plaza)

A second hand Christmas store will be open for one week in December to distribute FREE Christmas decorations to families in need.

Items may include gently used artificial Christmas trees, ornaments, working Christmas lights, wreaths and other holiday related items.

The store will be OPEN: Monday- Friday, Dec. 1- 5 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday, Dec. 6 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Donations will be accepted: During regular store hours Dec. 1-6 Free will donations will also be accepted.

This is a community service project of the Defiance County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Good Samaritan School.

Thrívent - December 2014

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks, dressed in holiday style, S In the air there's a feeling of Christmas.

What does the 'feeling of Christmas' mean to you? Is it listening to holiday music like the old Bing Crosby tune "Silver bells"? Many of us have warm memories



of a happy day spent in the kitchen baking dozens of Christmas cookies, or making special candy treats to share as gifts for neighbors or teachers. The piles of boxes and ribbons and tubes of wrapping paper scattered around as surprises are wrapped in pretty paper. We spend a whole day decorating a Christmas tree 'just right' so it will be the centerpiece for all the gifts. Unwrapping the manger scene that we carefully put away a year ago and finding the best spot to set out each little piece in our Bethlehem scene, especially baby Jesus.

Our Advent season is here and we have a weekly tradition to come together on Wednesday evenings for delicious warm soups and bread, fellowship and a Holden evening service. Hope we will see you there.

As our year ends, please remember to designate your Choice dollars. As members you are given this opportunity to share with the charity of your choice or your own congregation, the grant monies that help support many wonderful activities. This year our St. Paul members have already given over \$2000 in Choice dollars for St. Paul projects. Thank you!! Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

May your holidays bring many new and wonderful memories. Let Christ be the light to brighten your life each day and the center of your holiday celebrations.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Your Thrivent Congregational Advocate, Cathy Martin



Choral

Evergreen High School Chorale Bryan High School A Cappella Choir Otsego High School Chorale

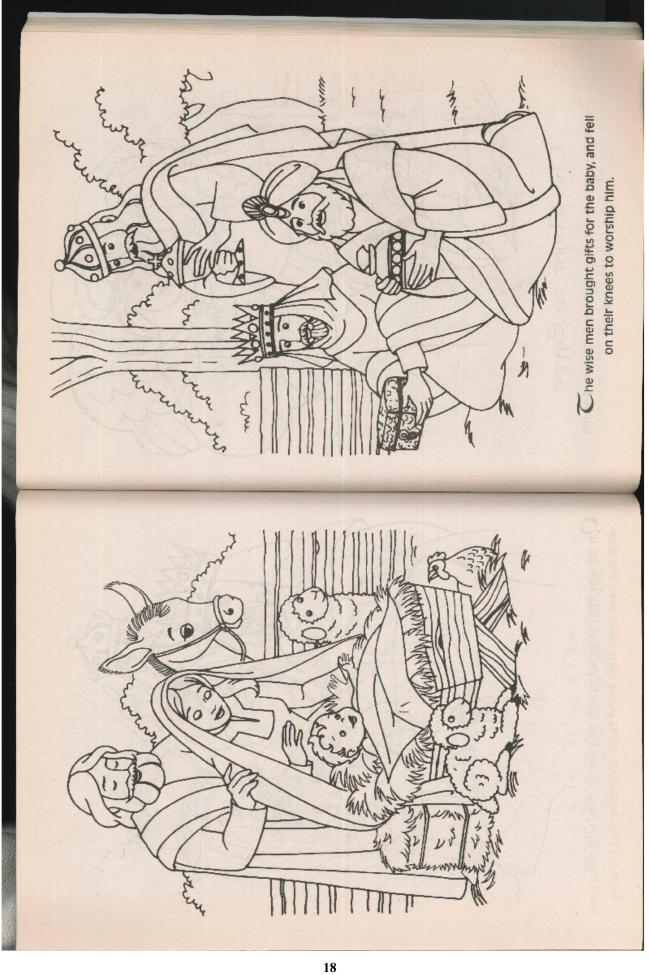
featuring

Defiance High School A Cappella Choir

Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 3:00 PM Defiance Community Auditorium \$5.00 Admission Available at the Door or by calling (419) 782-0284

St. Paul Lutheran December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 11:30 am Church Staff Lunch	3 5:30-6:30 pm Christmas program practice 6-7:30 pm JLL/DIRT/Conf. 6 pm soup supper 7 pm Holden Prayer	4	5	6
9 am Sunday School 9 am Chimes 10:15 am Worship/Comm.	8 11:30 am Beta Circle Christmas Luncheon	9	10 5:30-6:30 pm Christmas program practice 6-7:30 pm JLL/DIRT/ 6 pm soup supper 7 pm Holden Prayer	11	12	13
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The ELCA Youth Gathering is COMING SOON!

Youth from all over come together
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
Questions? Call Julie Sasseen 419-956-1267

St. Paul Lutheran Newsletter

"FEED THE HUNGRY" MINISTRY

HOUSE OF RUTH— WISH LIST

(BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER)

CLEANING PRODUCTS:

Unscented laundry soap for HE washers, unscented fabric softener, Murphy's Oil Soap, Electrasol, Powerball dishwasher tabs, furniture polish, window cleaner, disinfectant spray

PAPER PRODUCTS:

Paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, plastic storage bags (gallon/quart), aluminum foil, garbage bags (13 gal.)

PERSONAL CARE:

maxi pads/tampons, razors/shave cream, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, shower poufs, hair styling products, brushes, barrettes/ponytail holders/ headbands



CLOTHING:

Women and children's underwear and socks (all sizes) new please

diapers (all sizes), wipes (unscented), baby bath supplies, baby bathtub, baby lotions/powders, diaper rash ointment

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Single subject spiral notebooks, notebook paper, composition books, ink pens, pencils, folders with pockets, erasers, school scissors, white school glue, glue sticks, rulers, colored pencils, markers (including washable), pencil boxes, backpacks/school bags, lunch boxes



OTHER ITEMS: new children's toys to use for gifts, women's bath/make up sets to use for gifts, gift certificates to meat markets, gas cards, store gift cards (to purchase clothing, gifts for their children, etc.

A NOTE FROM INNKEEPER AT ZION'S

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

- *Hot and cold cereal,
- *Canned fruit, *Pudding,
- *Boxed skillet meals, *Box potatoes,
- *Spaghetti and dry pasta noodles, *Spaghetti sauce, *Tomato sauce,
- *Chicken noodle soup,
- *Canned meat—tuna, sausage, chicken,
- *Ramen noodles—beef, chicken & shrimp,



- *Microwave popcorn, *Salad dressing,
- *Paper towels, *Toilet paper,
- *Toothpaste, *Shaving gel,
- *Detergent, and *Cooking oil.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity. Dick Anderson







All items are appreciated!!

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA 671 CLINTON STREET DEFIANCE, OH 43512-2654

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Christmas Candy Cane Poem about Jesus Look at the Candy Cane What do you see? Stripes that are red Like the blood shed for me White is for my Savior Who's sinless and pure! "J" is for Jesus My Lord, that's for sure! Turn it around And a staff you will see Jesus my shepherd

Was born for Me!

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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ELC Tanzania
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Northwestern Ohio Synod
WELCA
Habitat for Humanity



St. Paul Lutheran December 2014

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

12/2	Logan Elkins
12/2 $12/3$	Harold Hahr
	Heath Ehlinger
12/4	
!	Zada Kochel
, ,	John Stykemain
12/5	Nicole Brobston
	Ashley Snyder
12/6	Doug Engel
i	Chad Stambaugh
 	Terry Woods
12/7	Keith Hunsinger
12/8	Kayly Brobston
12/12	Joe Voll
12/14	Michaela Geiger
!	Mackenzie Korhn
į	Dinger McBride
;	Barb Warncke
12/15	Chris Bauer
12/16	Cody Griffith
12/17	John Berthold
	Evey Boesling
! !	Brian Fedderke
:	Stan Rohrbaugh
12/18	Joan Sierra
12/19	Carrie Engel
12/20	Tim Rosebrock
12/21	Carol Eitniear
1	Piper Hampton
į	Doug Hancock
i	Chris Turner
:	Kathy Yeager
12/23	Doris Noffsinger
:	Agnes Rudolf
12/24	Zacharia Knight
12/26	Dave Iliff
12/27	Paul Bodenburg
12/28	Laurie Lucas
12/30	Mary Geiger
	Sirenah Gomez
1	Phyllis Mendenhall
!	Julie Sasseen

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

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

CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES:

•	Richard Grunden Richard Haviland
, -	Doug Hancock
•	Robert Fett
·	Gaylord Proxmire
12/12	Paul Gearing
12/13	Tim Moog
12/30	Yvonne Yeager

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

12/1	Collette Knight Piper Parks Jan Sisco
12/4	John Stykemain
$\frac{12}{4}$ $12/5$	Cheryl Hahr
$\frac{12}{3}$ $12/7$	Dianne Kline
$\frac{12}{7}$	Ryan Lamb
12/9 $12/10$	Shannon Brandt
12/10	Mandy Wicks
12/11	Alexis Barker
,	Rylee Barker
	Diana Fett
	Robert Fett
	Jane Tuttle
	Mary Vogel
12/12	Paul Gearing
12/13	Jane Parker
12/14	Michaela Geiger
12/17	Jim Ehlinger
	Destiny Woodward
	Julia Yeager
] 	Kathy Yeager
12/18	Nancy Plassman
12/19	Bernie Horzelski
12/21	Ward Replogle
	Amy Von Deylen
12/22	Carol Stephenson
12/24	Fran Coonrod
12/26	Spencer Roth
/	Chad Stambaugh
12/28	Rachel Bair
12/29	Amy Grogg
12/30	Yvonne Yeager

Help me keep our records accurate!!!!

If your birthday or anniversary is not here or is not correct **PLEASE** let me know 419-782-5771 or stpauloffice@stpaulelcadefiance.com

₁ Thanks, Lynn