



## 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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Invite your  
friends &  
family!!!



# Taco

  
BAR

## May 3rd

Authentic dishes fixed by Buggs Sierra and family

419.782.5771

## St. Paul Lutheran

### 671 Clinton St.

Enter across from Jr. High

Serving 11:15-12:30

Funds support the Tent Revival  
July 23, 24, & 25th

**THE LAST DAY OF  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
WILL BE ON MAY 17, 2015**



Please join your St. Paul family as we honor our 2015 High School and College graduates on Sunday, May 17th.

Confirmation will be held on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th. This is also Memorial Day weekend!

Sunday, May 31st, summer hours will be observed with church starting at 9:30 am.

Beginning Wednesday, June 3rd, at 7:00 pm (and all Wednesdays through the summer) Holden Evening Prayer will be held in Luther Hall. Come, sit in an air conditioned hall and feast on the word of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



**Pastor: The Rev. David Brobston**  
**WORSHIP: Sunday School at 9:00 am**  
**Worship/Communion at 10:15 am**  
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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 is a buzz in the air about the Tent Revival coming this summer. What is it? What will it look like? Is it Lutheran? Will there be snake handling and altar calls like we see in the movies? How can I be involved?

With all of the questions, I thought I would do a FAQ this month.

### **What is it? What will it look like?**

Simply, it will be evening worship outside. A revival is a call for Pentecost in the modern church. A pleading for the movement of the Holy Spirit, while at the same time giving thanks for the gifts of the Spirit that we have seen. It will be a free flowing worship, Gospel hymns, readings of Scripture, preaching, special music, a healing service on Friday night, great food on Saturday night. It is a chance for us to worship AS a community IN the community. So often we worship behind closed doors – this is a chance for us to worship, pray, sing praise, pray, hear God's word, pray as the community gathers with us. Some in the community will hopefully join us, some will drive by, or jog by, or ride their bikes by – and when they do, we will pray that God's Holy Spirit is active in their lives as well.

### **Is it Lutheran?**

That's a very good question. Technically, revivals are usually held by our more “charismatic” brothers and sisters. However, I guarantee you that the worship, the theology, the preaching, and the movement of the service will be Lutheran to its very core. I can not separate my love of God, The Gospel, and worship from my Lutheran identity that we are saved by grace apart from works of the Law. There will not be altar calls and “televangelist” style healing prayers.

In 1999 the ELCA and the LCMS worked together to create a little used hymnal called, “This Far by Faith” it was designed to be a resource for worship. In the middle of the settings for Holy Communion there is a worship setting called “Service of Prayer and Preaching – REVIVAL”. That worship service will provide the framework for what we are doing. On Friday night we will offer a healing service – again the framework for that service will be distinctly Lutheran – modeled on the Liturgy for Word and Healing found in the new ELCA hymnal “Evangelical Lutheran Worship.”

Let me assure you, we will not be abandoning our Lutheran tradition for this event – we may see some parts of our Lutheran identity that are a bit less familiar to us, but our worship will be Lutheran to its very core. As I draft the services I am will make sure I am being faithful by having colleagues and Seminary Professors double check the theology that undergirds what we are doing.

### **Will it look like the movies?**

No, no snakes, no arsenic. There may be a few “Amen’s” etc, the music will be played with a bit of left hand boogie in it but we ARE Lutheran so I am doubting we see much dancing in the aisles. In truth, it is my prayer that the Holy Spirit does an amazing thing – so that at the end of Saturday we are amazed at what it looks like.

### **How can I be involved?**

Pray; talk to Julie Sasseen, Nancy Nagel, or myself; come to one of the gathering meetings for the support teams; pray; volunteer; pray; invite a friend or a neighborhood; pray; show up at the fundraisers; pray! This event must be surrounded by prayer and coordinated by praying people

In Christ

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**St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 21, 2015**

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

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm. by Dave Iliff.

Pastor Dave opened the meeting in prayer.

**1. Pastor's Report:**

- a. For devotions, The Sacrament: Allows us to let go of old anxious woundedness and Become new in Christ's words. We come together as wounded souls.
- b. The month has been filled with Catechism, Conference, Baptisms and Funerals.
- c. April 27, 2015, Tent revival meeting at 6:00 with pizza.
- d. April 28, Community Discussion: "What Do I Say When", led by Pastor Dave here at St. Paul at 7:00pm.
- e. May 10, we welcome Serbian Pastor Jaroslav Javornik to our pulpit to preach.
- f. May 15-16 Synod Assembly. Pastor Dave and Delegates Alex and Collette Knight will attend.
- g. May 24 will be Confirmation Sunday.
- h. May 31 Summer Worship schedule begins. 9:30 am.
- i. Wednesday June 3, Holden Evening Service begins at 7:00pm.
- j. Fall 2015. A 'Lutheran/Catholic Dialogue' discussion group is being organized.

**2. Youth and Family Report:**

a. **JLL and Disciples in Radical Training:**

- 1) The youth worked Lenten Soup Suppers, made the Easter breakfast, participated in 'Clean Up Your Parks Day' (4/11), packed backpacks for the Backpack Buddy Program on April 16<sup>th</sup> and picked up litter around St. Paul.
- 2) We held worship together during Lent. Our youth are receiving The Message Bible from St. Paul to assist them in Bible reading which has gained enthusiasm.
- 3) The Drug Speaking engagement will be postponed until fall.

b. **Mission:**

- 1) Recharge! The Recharge team has formed and Kayly Brobston is Spiritual Director and Stacy Barker is Lay Director. The team now has 20 members. Next year's weekend takes place Feb.6 and 7<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- 2) Defiance Community VBS: The planning for DCVBS began in March and continues. We still need more volunteers. Our next meeting will be May 12<sup>th</sup> at SPUMC. Defiance College has declined our proposal to reduce the rental fee for next year's week long event. All four churches are returning this year with the addition of St. John United Church of Christ.
- 3) The Tent Revival-July 23, 24 & 25<sup>th</sup>: The Potato Bar and Shopathon Fundraisers have been held and the TACO BAR is scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Tent Revival Offering will go to restoring the St. Paul stained glass windows. A planning meeting will be held Monday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Please come and volunteer to help. Thank you to all who have helped make these fund raisers a success.
- 4) Women's Bible Study: A Bible study on Philippians began March 12<sup>th</sup>. We have a group of about 15 members who meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. This was an out-growth of the Recharge Retreat, where women wanted a continuing connection to Christ and each other.

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c. Parish Education and Youth:

- 1) Sunday School: Two big events were completed in March. The ExcelLENT Adventure (and congregational potluck) and the Journey to Easter. The goal was to promote deeper understanding of Lent and the Holy Week. The movie-‘Son of God’ was offered to the church and Sunday School on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Planning of next year’s Rally Day and Sunday School events began in April and themes have been selected.
- 2) Youth Gathering: We have 3-4 youth who plan to attend this summer.

**3. Secretary’s Report**

- a. Minutes of the March 21, 2015 meeting were approved.

**Todd / Denise**

**4. Treasurer’s Report**

- a. Total Income March +\$ 29,707.41
- b. Total Expenses March - \$ 20,621.93
- c. We are **positive** for the month of March, +\$9,085.48
- d. Year-to-Date: Total Income +\$61,317.02
- e. Year-to Date: Total Expenses -\$64,791.49
- f. We are **negative** for the year -\$ 3,474.47
- g. We received a gift of \$4,169.02 from the estate of Alberta Gilliam.

**Jim/Chris**

**5. Discipleship Report:**

- a. Deacons: On April 13<sup>th</sup> a Deacon training was held and three new servers were trained. We have many excellent servers, but are always welcoming anyone who wishes to serve.
- b. Outreach: The Graduate Reception will be held May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Stewardship Report:**

- a. Keep bringing in those Chief receipts.

**7. Trustee Report:**

- a. Building use requests:
  - 1) Reception for Pastor Javornik, Cathy Martin, Luther Hall, May 10, after church.
- b. Stained Glass Window Repair: Pickel Studios (option #1) recommendation include: fixing minor buckling in Rose Window, replacing four small broken panes of glass, removing and replacing the protective clear glass windows and interior gaskets on all rectangular windows and reglazing. Estimate \$7500-8000\$. Two more estimates will be gathered from Leever Glass and City Glass in Ft. Wayne.
- c. Lounge Plaster Repair: Plaster Repair work will begin in the Lounge this month. Estimates have been received and donations made to cover the cost of this work.
- d. Balcony Lights are in need of repair. The Trustees are looking at converting the sockets and replacing the existing bulbs for brighter light.

**8. Old Business:**

- a. The Secretary’s Job Description document was discussed and approved.
- b. Church property insurance needs were discussed and there will be no changes.

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**9. New Business:**

- a. The Tri Annual Church Constitution Review process will begin this spring.
- b. The St. Paul Summer Tent Revival will be July 23, 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Laura Ramon has accepted the position of Discipleship Chairperson. The Council voted, approved and is happy to welcome her to the work of the church.

**10. For The Good of the Church:**

- a. Thank you to all who have been reaching out to our members who have been going through such tough times. Thank you for showing your love in Christ with your phone calls, notes and short visits. They are greatly appreciated.
- b. Thank you to the family of Buggs Sierra, Nancy Nagel and all who have helped with the Tent Revival Fund Raisers. You are greatly appreciated!
- c. Thank you to all the Clean Up Day Volunteers.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:57 pm.

**Jim/Denise**

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

The next council meeting will be May 19th, at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Krouse

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

**671 Clinton St.**

**COME JOIN US!**

**Volunteers  
needed!**

**419.956.1267**

**Revival July 23, 24 & 25**

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

# May 2015

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <b>Camp Day—</b> Meet @ SPLC @ 9am
3 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion Baptism <b>CINCO DE MAYO TACO BAR</b> Food Pantry Items	4	5	6 6-7:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	7	8	9 <i>Power of Purple Survivor Reception</i>
10 <b>Mother's Day</b> 9 a.m. Sunday Sch. 10:15 a.m. Worship/Comm. SERBIA Guests' Reception after service	11 	12 8:00am-1:00pm Project Day 7pm DCVBS Volunteers @ SPUMC	13 6-7:00 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Silver Ring Thing—leave SPLC @ 5:30 pm 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	14 7-8:00 pm Women's Bible Study	15 <b>June/July NEWS-LETTER DEADLINE</b>	16
17 9 a.m. <b>Last Day Sunday School</b> 10:15 a.m. Worship/Comm. ReCharge! <b>GRADUATION RECOGNITION/ RECEPTION</b>	18 1 pm Beta Circle @Nancy Deitrick	19 6:00 pm <b>Church Council Mtg.</b>	20 1:00 pm BETA Circle @ Nancy Deitrick's 6-7:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	21	22	23 <i>Have a safe Memorial Weekend!</i>
24 10:15 am Worship/ Communion <b>Confirmation PENTECOST</b> 1:30 pm Gentle Worship @DC 31 9:30 am Worship/ Communion	25 <b>Memorial Day—</b> Church Offices are closed.	26 	27 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	28 7-8:00 pm Women's Bible Study	29 	30

**SCHEDULES FOR May 2015****LECTOR:** Denise or Tim Moog**ACOLYTES:**

03 Felicity Barker, Emma Fedderke  
 10 Lauren Melia, Janaya Harris Vielma  
 17 Joe Melia  
 24 Emma Fedderke, Suzi McBride

**CRUCIFERS:**

03 Jacob Huner  
 24 Jordan Sasseen

**GREETERS:**

03 George & Ann Essex  
 10  
 17  
 24  
 31

**USHERS:** 03 Team #3, Ned Ewers, Capt.  
 10 Team #3, Ned Ewers, Capt.  
 17 Team #4, Dan Tuttle, Capt.  
 24 Team #4, Dan Tuttle, Capt.  
 31 Team #1, Jason Frederick, Capt.

**FLOWERS:**

03 Charlie & Dee Jewell  
 10 Jim & Cathy Martin  
 17 George & Ann Essex  
 24 2015 Confirmation Class  
 31 Ron & Susan McDowell

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

**BULLETINS:**

03 Charlie & Dee Jewell  
 10 Bill & Jane Parker  
 17 Mary Geiger  
 24 Mary Vogel  
 31 OPEN

**COMMUNION SET-UP/Present**

03 John & Mary Dale  
 24 OPEN

**COMMUNION SET-UP/Serve**

03 Jason Frederick, Jim Kline, Jane Tuttle  
 10 Jason Frederick  
 17 Denise Moog  
 24 Jim Kline, Dyle Roth, Julie Sasseen  
 31 Julie Sasseen

**FINANCIAL REPORT 2015**

January	Income	\$ 17,141.79
	Expenses	\$ 21,912.46
	<b>Total</b>	<b>( \$ 4,770.67)</b>
February	Income	\$ 14,467.82
	Expenses	\$ 22,257.10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>( \$ 7,789.28)</b>
March -	Income	\$ 29,707.14
	Expenses	\$ 20,621.93
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,085.48</b>

**AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2015**

January - 122  
 February - 118  
 March - 163  
 April - 244

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***Altar Flowers & Bulletins Chart...***

Posted at the Handicap Entrance to Sanctuary



Needed soon for Altar flowers...

June 14, 21  
 July 5, 12, 19, 26  
 August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Needed soon for bulletin covers...

May 31  
 June 7, 14  
 July 5, 12, 19, 26  
 August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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**MAY HOME COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS**

Jim & Mary Ehlinger  
 Alex & Collette Knight  
 Dyle & Eleanor Roth  
 Dave Slocum  
 Chris Turner  
 Dan & Jane Tuttle

*I would like to extend an open invitation to the congregation of St. Paul to join us in celebrating Nicole's high school graduation:*

**Saturday  
May 30th  
1-4 pm**

**Pastor Dave**

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, visits and prayers while I was at Laurel's. It was very much appreciated. I am home now and slowly getting better and trying to get used to walking with my big bulky boot that I have to wear most all of the time. I can drive if I take off the boot, but must wear it at all other times. Thank you again.

Love,  
Martha Cooper

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



**GRADUATES TO BE  
HONORED  
Sunday, May 17th, 2015**

**Letters and questionnaires** have been mailed to current students who will be graduating from high school or college this year. Please return the questionnaires as soon as possible, but no later than May 13th. Graduates are encouraged to wear their cap and gown for this service and to be at the church before 9:45 for the 10:15 am service. If I have missed your name, please let me know and I'll send the letter to you immediately.

Then....plan to stay after worship and join us as the Outreach Committee hosts a **RECEPTION FOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES**. We will meet in Luther Hall immediately following worship.

*Thank you to Realty Five of Defiance for their donation to St. Paul Lutheran Church!*

One of their key business philosophies is being a company that gives back to their community. When they receive a commission from helping someone either purchase or sell real estate, 5% of that gross commission is given to a not-for-profit charity of their client's choice. This is strictly money earned by the company and would have been used for marketing or business expenses. It did not cost the supporters any extra money! This is a better use of the funds. They believe in giving back as a good way for Realty Five of Defiance to get information out, to support local causes, and to live up to their responsibilities to our community.

Thank you to Pastor Father Dave for his visits, prayers, and the strength he gave to us. Also, thank you to all of you for your prayers...Miracles do happen!  
Pat & Phil Fogt



## 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
June Burke	Cheryl Burroughs	Carol Crep
Russ Dodt	Denny Dunbar	Tim Eis
Phil Fogt	Mary Frost	Bernadine Fry
Donald Goldenetz		Roger Grogg
Susan Harris	Jena Hoellrich	Eleanor Huner
Janice Johansen	Ruth Johnson	Al King
Randy King	Charlie Kochel	Holland Max
Tammy McCoy	Jodie Mellos	Dani Merillat
J.T. Nusbaum	Rob Plassman	Esther Reimund
Sharon Ricker	Kristen Sanders	Ed Sheehan
Chuck Sisco	Dave Slocum, Jr.	Mona Snyder
Ella Suderman	Dee Weisenfelder	Bishop NGowo
Alexis	Alice	Anne
Dean	Dick	Doug
Gayle	Grace	Jerry
Jodi	John	Jon
Maddie	Marie	Marlene
Myka Joy	Pauline	Phyllis
Sally	Scott	Sheena
Steve	Sue	Tammy
Tom		Thelma

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

LeAnn Bohn, Delene Cooper, William Cooper,  
Eleanor Huner, Marilyn Mehrling,  
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. Thank you for your help in this manner.**

**Please continue to raise our nation, its leaders, and our personnel "in harm's way" in your prayers. Let us not forget to pray for them and to thank God for His blessings. We, as Christians, should also witness God's love by praying for our enemies in all this. Keep in mind Christ died and was raised from the dead for them also and we were called in our Baptism to witness to all the world. We particularly commend the following who are members of our congregation.**

**Major Tamara Funari,**

Daughter of Ron and Connie Allgire

**Sgt. Kerry Schnitz,**

Son of Larry and Cheryl Burroughs

**We also remember in prayer those relatives of members.**

**St. Sgt. Mark Beck,**

Son-in-law of Wayne Davis

**Buck Sgt. Joshua T Bell, USAF,**

nephew of Laurie Moll

**Sgt. David Dunlap,**

Grandson of Chuck & Jan Sisco.

**SSG James Fluechtling,**

Grandson of Mary Frost

**USAF Jason Griffith,**

Grandson of Howard and June Burke

**USM 2nd Lt. Dustin Hughes,**

Grandson of Barb Bibler

**Sam Jennings,**

Son-in-law of Roger and Mert Grogg

**PFC E-3 Cole Jennings,**

Grandson of Roger and Mert Grogg

**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.*

## ***Official Acts***

### **Deaths**

**Marjorie Seifert**  
**April 20, 2015**

## ***Memorial Gifts***

***In Memory of  
Marjorie Seifert***

### ***General Fund***

Mr. & Mrs. John Dale

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

Thank you. Lynn

### **Baptisms**

**Jacob Michael Fenter**  
Son of:  
**Jason & Gayle Fenter**  
**April 12, 2015**

**Chesney Rae George**  
Daughter of:  
**Robbie & Brittini George**  
**April 19, 2015**



***St. Paul Confirmation Class  
of 2015 ... to be held on  
Pentecost Sunday,  
May 24, 2015  
at 10:15 am service***

## **Confirmation Schedule**



Due to all the winter weather  
cancellations, class will meet  
each Wednesday from 6-7 pm  
Confirmation is May 24th!

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-9 pm  
at Solid Rock Community Church  
103 Egly Dr., West Unity

WILL PRESENT:

## **“No Strings Attached”**

### **FREE**

A group of youth from St. Paul will be attending.  
Parents are encouraged to come along.  
Several years ago a similar event was held here.  
The program is very impressive and reaches youth.  
Please contact Julie Sasseen for more information  
or if you can attend!

**Trying to decide? Check out the website:**

**<http://www.silverringthing.com/eventinfo.asp>**

**VBS Planning  
Meeting  
May 12 @ 7 pm  
St. Paul's United  
Methodist**

**See you there!**

# J L L & D I R T N e w s

## E V E N T S

May 2nd we leave  
SPLC at 9 am for  
Free Day at Camp  
at Lutheran  
Memorial Camp!



Parents youth are  
being encouraged to  
attend to see what  
camp is like. Please  
plan to bring money  
for fast food breakfast  
and dinner











## THRIVENT – MAY 2015



What a busy month this is going to be. We have so many things going on that it seems we are popping up everywhere as fast as the tulips and spring flowers.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

Thank you to Becky Gutman, Betty Parish, Sue Hunsinger, Jane Tuttle, and Mary Ehlinger for supplying cookies for the Clean up Your Park day in April. They were great for a lunch treat.

We started our first Action teams with the fundraisers for the Old Fashioned Tent Revival. Thank you to Cheryl Rosebrock and her team for the Potato and Salad bar last month. It was well attended and enjoyed by many. We also held the Shop-a-Thon on Saturday, April 25. Thank you to Nancy Seling-Nagel for all her hours to help organize the events and to all those who set up and worked their booths. The Thrivent Action teams did a great job working to make each of these a successful event. Our teams used bulletin announcements, Facebook and the Crescent News to advertise the events and make them a good fundraiser. One more event in May is the Taco Bar on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and this sounds like a big winner with delicious authentic Mexican food. Stop by and join us celebrate Cinco de Mayo a little early!



Congratulations to all our youth on your Confirmation this month. We are proud of you and look forward to see your faith mature and grow as we watch you continue to be involved with all the activities at St. Paul. You will be the future leaders of our congregation.

As we continue to have more warm days and brighter sunshine, remember to stop by to visit one of our members who can't get out as much now. They would appreciate the sunshine of your smile and a little of your time to visit. Give them a call just to say "Hi! I was thinking about you today." It is good to let them know we miss seeing them.

Thank you for your continued support of all our events.

Cathy Martin,

Thrivent Congregational Advocate

**Come meet our guests from our  
Slovak Evangelical Church companionship in Vojvodina, Serbia  
who are coming to Northwestern Ohio Synod in May 2015**



**Ms. Evka Hlavati,  
administrative assistant to  
Bishop Samuel Vrbovsky,  
Novi Sad, Serbia**



**Pastor Jaroslav Javornik,  
Senior Pastor in  
Kulpin, Serbia**

They will be visiting Northwest Ohio Synod from May 7<sup>th</sup> to May 21<sup>st</sup> and they are going to be attending our Synod Assembly, May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> to honor our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this companionship. St. Paul is one of the three congregations in our Synod that has a companionship congregation in Serbia. St. Paul will be hosting them at our 10:15 am worship service on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, with a fellowship time following the service. Please plan to join us to give them a warm welcome. You can get to know our Slovak Companionship visitors and share your family stories with them. Stop by to say Hi!

# 2015 NWOS ANNUAL APPEAL

The Synod's Annual Appeal is officially underway!



Starting in 2008 by Synod Assembly vote, the Synod is to raise funds through an Annual Appeal for Ministries that have had reduced financial support in past years. The Ministries for which funding is directed includes:

**Disability Ministries**

**Companion Synods**

**NWOS Mission Partners**



Thanks to the generosity of faithful Lutherans like yourself, more than \$350,000 has been raised in the past three years and with this we have touched the lives of countless people in our area.

If you have a passion for supporting the Ministries that mean so much to us, please contact me. I'll be happy to let you know how you can be part of this Annual Appeal!

**Your generous gifts make a difference!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Martin".

Jim Martin  
Appeal Team Co-Chair

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER-ANNIVERSARIES**

**BIRTHDAYS...**

5/1 Mark Lamb  
 5/5 Michael Bowen, Jr.  
 Steve Flickinger  
 Josh Hiler  
 Terry Seimet  
 5/6 Shannon Alvarado  
 John Dale  
 5/7 Pastor Dave Brobston  
 5/9 Sharon Gearing  
 5/10 Mary Frisinger  
 Beth Suderman  
 5/11 Gavin Barringer  
 Julie Steele  
 William Parker  
 5/12 Sheldon Harris  
 5/13 Howard Schultz  
 5/14 Peggy Lamb  
 Jacob Seip  
 5/16 Emma Fedderke  
 5/17 Lauren Fett  
 5/18 Jamie Miller  
 Jacqueline Scullion  
 5/19 Travis Beardsley  
 Carrie Fedderke  
 Eric Sierra  
 5/22 Mark Barrett  
 Keri Kochel  
 5/25 Laurie Moll  
 5/26 Jacob Voll  
 Justin Voll  
 5/27 Meling Bond  
 Dave Coonrod  
 Alyssa Fett Johnson  
 5/29 Terri Helberg  
 Chad Yeager  
 5/30 Lowell Ricker  
 5/31 Rorey Garces

**BAPTISMS...**

5/1 Prynn Hampton  
 Fern Reimund  
 5/2 Lauren Melia  
 5/4 Justin Davis  
 Kelly Hartzell  
 5/5 Dee King  
 Larry Thomas  
 5/7 Lynn Miller  
 5/9 Kerry Tuttle  
 5/10 Riley Cooper  
 5/12 Marissa Fedderke  
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5/1 Jason & Gayle Fenter  
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 5/14 Brad and Lori Brandt  
 5/22 Caleb & Alane Evans  
 5/24 Larry and Janis Thomas  
 5/30 Nick & Shauna Beardsley

**CONFIRMATIONS...**

5/1 Sarah Bowen  
 Keith Hunsinger  
 5/2 Steve Wendell  
 5/3 Amy Huner  
 Bill Parker  
 5/7 Nick Engel  
 5/11 Kristen Fett  
 Jacob Rosebrock  
 5/12 Sharon Fitzenrider  
 5/15 Taylor Brandt  
 Greg Dale  
 Kelsey Dale Capps  
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 Larry Heilman  
 Ryan Lamb  
 Taylor Schultz  
 5/17 Pat Cooper  
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 Kristen Wendell  
 5/18 Jennifer Call  
 Tim Leonard  
 5/19 Sheldon Harris  
 Dianne Kline  
 Jenny Maag  
 Kendra Perez  
 Alexandra Sasseeen  
 5/20 Lisa Beardsley  
 Ron Huner  
 George Vogel, Jr.  
 5/21 John Boesling  
 Jerell Call  
 Carl Fairchild Jr.,  
 Trevin Flickinger  
 5/22 Doug Engel  
 Brian Fedderke  
 5/23 Ryan Dale  
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 Michaela Geiger  
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 Tori Leonard  
 Derek Turner  
 Chris Korhn  
 5/28 Dan Bowen  
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