



Mission Statement Of St Paul Lutheran Church

Led by the Holy Spirit we will

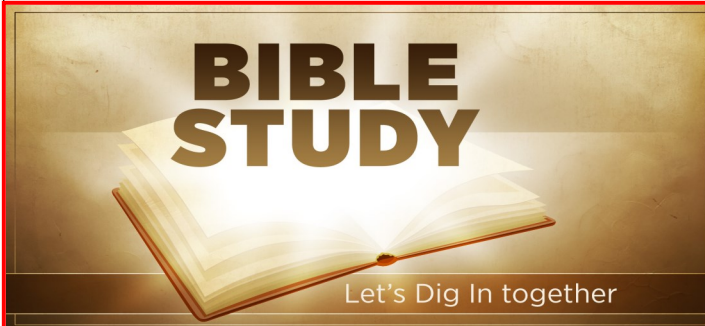
REACH out to those in need

PREACH the Good News of Jesus Christ

TEACH the grace of a loving God

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This summer DCVBS is NOT just for kids!
Pastor Dave is offering a class for adults!

July 6th-10th
Monday through Thursday an
Adult Bible Study
takes place.

Class takes place July 6-10th
from 6-8:30 pm

On Wednesday July 8th class meets as
usual at 6, but at 7 pm
the community is invited to attend Holden
Evening Prayer Worship

(Attention St. Paul!

**The Wednesday service at
St. Paul will be held at the
college that night!)**

On Friday we will join the entire DCVBS
community in a Cook-out starting at 6 pm.
Come celebrate the amazing week and enjoy
music and food.

Class takes place at the Serrick Center on the
campus of Defiance College
(we'll get you there... it is **easy, and has
convenient parking**).



Preview

*You are invited to the
TENT REVIVAL REVIEW!!*

Sunday June 21 at 9:30 Worship

*The Northwesternaires
will provide special music,
we will sing Gospel Hymns
(Clapping is encouraged!)*
*and you are invited to wear casual
clothes to worship.*

*Come thaw a bit of your Frozen Chosen
in preparation for the July
Tent Revival Heat!*

Pastor: The Rev. David Brobston

WORSHIP: Sundays at 9:30 am

Wednesdays: Holden Service @ 7:00 p.m.

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Simulcast on 102.7 FM



June-July 15

Brothers and Sisters in Christ – Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

This past week I was visiting with one of our members in preparation for a significant surgical procedure. During our conversation the member told me that they had been given a Rosary, and being Lutheran wasn't sure exactly how to pray with it. We had some discussion about how a Lutheran would pray the Rosary. During my 8 years at St. Paul's I have had this discussion with a few folks so thought I would share some ideas for praying Lutheran prayer beads during our year of focus on prayer.

1. Begin by touching the crucifix and pray: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."
 2. As you hold the crucifix proclaim your faith with the Apostle's Creed.
 3. At the first large bead, pray The Lord's Prayer
 4. For the small beads pray the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon me, a sinner."
 5. On the next large bead pray the Gloria: "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen"
 6. At the medallion again pray The Lord's Prayer
 7. For the 10 small beads that come next pray The Jesus Prayer
 8. At the next large bead Celebrate the Mystery of the Jesus Birth
 9. For the small beads that follow we pray The Jesus Prayer
 10. At the next large bead Celebrate the Mystery of Resurrection
 11. Again for the small beads we pray The Jesus Prayer
 12. At the next large bead Celebrate the Gift of Baptism
 13. Again, The Jesus Prayer for the small beads
 14. At the last large bead Celebrate the Mystery of Holy Communion
 15. The last 10 small beads we pray The Jesus Prayer
 16. When we return to the medallion we proclaim The Magnificat: And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."
 17. On the last 4 beads we proclaim The Apostle's Creed, The Lord's Prayer, The Gloria, The Jesus Prayer
- Lastly, we hold the crucifix and end by praying, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Blessings
Pastor Dave (+)



WORSHIP!

All Welcome!

Prayer

Music

Fun!



JULY 23, 24 & 25

Thurs. July 23 at 6:30

Pastor Dave Brobston
St. Paul Choir
Youth Choir

Friday July 24 at 6:30

Pastor Keith Hunsinger
Special Music by
Northwesternaires

Sat. July 25 at 4:00

Pastor Dave Brobston
BBQ served
at conclusion

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
671 Clinton-across from Defiance Jr High
Look for the tent near Triangle Park

SERVICE SQUAD

July 6-10, 2015
6 to 8:30 PM
Defiance College

YOUTH HELPING THE COMMUNITY

Step out in faith

Grades 6 and up

Help your neighbors

REACH!

Mini mission trips each evening

Kids Adults
Youth

Defiance College

6 to 8:30 p.m.

Community VBS



Art
Bible
Music
Games
Service
Worship
Adult Study

July 6-10

**St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2015**

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

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

Pr. Dave opened the meeting in prayer.

1. Pastor's Report:

- a. Devotions: We pray that God may send us the Holy Spirit. That we may trust God in all circumstances and live in faith and love.
- b. Summer worship schedule begins May 31 with 9:30am service.
Wednesday, June 3, at 7:00pm begins Holden Evening Service.
- c. Youth are invited to be Lectors during Sunday Service. Please volunteer.
- d. Synod Assembly was a good positive experience. The focus this year will be looking at the profile to elect a new bishop.
- e. 'What Do I Say When?' This meeting had at least 50 people attend, many from other congregations. There has been a request for a repeat sometime in June.
- f. The Tent Revival worship/liturgy is being organized by Julie and Nancy Nagel.
- g. We need more volunteers for funeral teams. Please volunteer.
- h. The tri-annual constitution review is underway. More to come on this.

2. Youth and Family Report:

- a. Junior Luther League and D.I.R.T:
 - 1) The last spring meeting was April 29th. In May, a few youth enjoyed day camp at Lutheran Memorial Camp. We are considering the camp for some weekend retreats later in the year. May 10, our youth served as Lectors. May 13th, two St. Paul youth attended 'the Silver Ring Thing' in West Unity.
- b. Mission:
 - 1) Defiance Community VBS: We welcome St. John UCC to our team. The leaders from the churches have met and contracts are being signed. We are all excited about their participation. We now have 5 SPLC members on planning committees. Please volunteer. We need you!
 - 2) Tent Revival-July 23, 24, 25th: Thank you to the Buggs and Joan Sierra family for cooking the wonderful food for our Tres de Mayo Taco Bar! We are grateful and appreciative to all those who helped with our food fundraisers, and to the congregation for supporting us. With the additional Thrivent matching funds we were able to raise \$1,318.05! Tent Revival offerings will go to restore the St. Paul stained glass windows.
- c. Parish Ed. & Youth:
 - 1) Sunday School: The last day of Sunday School was May 17th and the youth had a party. The Sunday School sang for Mother's Day. Planning for the Rally Day Theme is set as well as special Sunday and Wednesday evening events.
 - 2) Youth Gathering: We have three youth and two adults registered for the ELCA Youth Gathering July 15-19th.
- d. Women's Bible Study: Will meet in June but not July due to VBS and the Tent Revival.

3. Secretary's Report:

- a. Minutes of the April 21, 2015 meeting were approved. Chris / Denise

4. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Total Income April +\$ 23,149.46
- b. Total Expenses April- \$ 20,198.62
- c. We are positive for the month of April, +\$2,950.84
- d. Year to Date: Total Income +\$ 84,466.48
- e. Year to Date: Expenses -\$ 84,990.11
- f. We are negative for the year -\$ 523.63

Todd/Chris

5. Discipleship Report:

- a. Deacons: No Report.
- b. Outreach:
 - 1) Please volunteer to give flowers for Sunday Service.
 - 2) Please donate to the weekly Bulletin fund.
 - 3) Please volunteer to be a greeter. We have openings on the schedule.

6. Stewardship Report:

- a. Please call Chris Korhn and volunteer to be a counter.

7. Trustee Report:

- a. Building use requests:
 - 1)none
- b. The newly repaired plaster work in the library has been completed.
- c. Painting the new plaster will be finished in mid May.
- d. Checking on the new Handicapped door button issues.

8. Old Business:

- a. none

9. New Business:

- a. The Tri-annual Constitutional Review is underway. Proposed changes to Chapter 12 have been marked. We will continue to review throughout the summer.

10. For The Good of the Church:

- a. Keep up the Good Work for our church!
- b. Count your blessings!
- c. Prayers being sent for all persons and families in need.
- d. Thank you for all the prayers, worship and smiles we share.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Todd/Denise

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

The next council meeting will be June 23, at 6:00pm.

There will not be a council meeting in July.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Krouse

SCHEDULES FOR JUNE & JULY 2015

LECTOR **JUNE:** **JULY:**
 Shirley Keller ???

GREETERS:

JUNE-all Sundays available

JULY-all Sundays available

USHERS: **JUNE**

07 Team 1, Jason Frederick, Captain
 14-21 Team 2, Buggs Sierra, Captain
 28 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Captain

JULY

05 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Captain
 12-19 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Captain
 26 Team 1, Jason Frederick, Captain

FLOWERS: **JUNE**

07 Shirley Keller
 14 **OPEN**
 21 Dave Slocum
 28 Pat Smith

JULY

05
 12
 19 Jim & Dianne Kline
 26

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

BULLETINS: **JUNE**

07 Don & Carol Samuelson
 14 Steve & Diane Zeigler
 21 Mary Geiger
 28 Pat Smith

JULY

05
 12 Mary Geiger
 19
 26

**Sunday Worship
 IS NOW AT
 9:30 am!**

**Wednesdays at:
 7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Service
 held in Luther Hall**

COMMUNION SET UP/PRESENTERS:

JUNE 07 JOHN & MARY DALE
JULY 05 JOHN & MARY DALE

JUNE SERVERS:

07 Conor Brobston, Jim Kline, Dyle Roth
 14 Jason Frederick
 21 Conor Brobston
 28 Jason Frederick

JULY SERVERS:

05
 12 Nicole Brobston
 19
 26

Please call the church office or sign up on the sheets at the handicapped entrance if you would like to have altar flowers or bulletins on available dates.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2015

January	Income	\$ 17,141.79
	Expenses	\$ 21,912.46
	Total	(\$ 4,770.67)

February	Income	\$ 14,467.82
	Expenses	\$ 22,257.10
	Total	(\$ 7,789.28)

March	Income	\$ 29,707.14
	Expenses	\$ 20,621.93
	Total	\$ 9,085.48

April	Income	\$ 23,149.46
	Expenses	\$ 20,198.62
	Total	\$ 2,950.84

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2015

January - 122
February - 118
March - 163
April - 244
May - 127

HOME COMMUNION

JUNE

John & Mary Dale
 Mert Grogg
 Tim Moog
 Bill & Jane Parker
 Lowell & Sharon Ricker
 Julie Sasseen

JULY

Alex & Collette Knight
 Jim & Cathy Martin
 Dyle & Eleanor Roth
 Dave Slocum
 Chris Turner
 Dan & Jane Tuttle

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	Joan Clark
Carol Creps	Russ Dodt	Tim Eis
Phil Fogt	Mary Frost	Bernadine Fry
Donald Goldenetz	Roger Grogg	Susan Harris
Janice Johansen	Ruth Johnson	Al King
Randy King	Holland Max	Tammy McCoy
Jodie Mellos	Dani Merillat	J.T. Nusbaum
Esther Reimund	Sharon Ricker	Kristen Sanders
Ed Sheehan	Chuck Sisco	Dave Slocum, Jr.
Mona Snyder	Ella Suderman	Wade Walters
Dee Weisenfelder	Bishop NGowo	Alexis Alice
Anne	Becky Z	Dean Dick
Eric	Gayle	Grace Jerry
Jodi	John	Jon Les
Marie	Marlene	Matt Myka
Pauline	Phyllis	Roland Sally
Sheena	Stacey	Steve Sue
		Thelma Tim

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

LeAnn Bohn, Delene Cooper, William Cooper, Eleanor Huner, Marilyn Mehring, 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 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.

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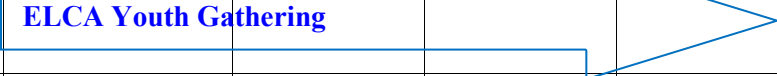



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3 7:00 pm Holden Service in Luther Hall	4	5	6
7 9:30 am worship/ Communion Food Pantry items collected	8	9 8:30 —2 pm Project Day	10 7:00 pm Holden Service in Luther Hall	11 7-8 pm Women's Bible Study	12 DCVBS "make decorations" party @ 6pm At SPLC	13
14 9:30 am worship/ Communion ReCharge 	15	16	17 7:00 pm Holden Service in Luther Hall	18 8:30 am Pastor's Prayer Group 7pm- DCVBS volunteer training @ DC Serrick Ctr.	19	20 
21 9:30 am worship/ Communion Baptism-Charlotte Wendell Tent Revival Preview <div>Northwesternaires to play at beginning of service.</div>	22	23 6pm Church Council	24 7:00 pm Holden Service in Luther Hall	25 7-8 pm Women's Bible Study	26	27
28 9:30 am worship/ Communion 1:30 pm Gentle Worship @ DC Hubbard Room 7pm- DCVBS volunteer training @ DC Serrick Ctr.	29	30 				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 pm Holden Service in Luther Hall	2	3	4  Happy 4th July
VBS DECORATING AT DEFIANCE COLLEGE...PLEASE VOLUNTEER!						
5 9:30 am worship/ Communion Food pantry items collected	6 Church offices closed for Independence Day	7 8:30 —2 pm Project Day	8 7:00 pm Holden Service @ DC in Serrick Center	9	10	11
DC-VBS 6-8:30 PM  ALL WEEK						
12 9:30 am worship/ Communion	13	14	15 7:00 pm Holden Service in Luther Hall	16	17 NEWS- LETTER DEADLINE	18
ELCA Youth Gathering 						
19 9:30 am worship/ Communion  ELCA...	20 	21	22 7:00 pm Holden Service in Luther Hall	23 6:30 pm 	24 6:30 pm	25 4 pm BBQ follows
TENT REVIVAL@ ST. PAUL						
26 9:30 am worship/ Communion 1:30 pm Gentle Worship @ DC Hubbard Room	27	28	29 7:00 pm Holden Service in Luther Hall	30	31	

Official Acts

Baptisms

Molly Anne Zachrich

May 3, 2015

Deaths

Robert Plassman

May 24, 2015

Memorial Gifts

***In Memory of
Robert Plassman***

Endowment Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Don Samuelson

Mr. & Mrs. John Boesling

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Korhn

General Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Krouse

Mr. & Mrs. Dyle Roth

Mr. & Mrs. George Essex

Mr. & Mrs. John Dale

Mr. & Mrs. Doug Davis

Shirley Keller,

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ehlinger

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Stykemain

Mary Vogel

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Tuttle

Ned Ewers

Barb Warncke

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Parker

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Fogt

Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Ricker

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Martin

Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Horzelski

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Huner

Gene Schram

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Haviland

Mr. & Mrs. Dick Burk

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

Thank you. Lynn

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Firefighter Brian Gutman

Bowling Green Firefighters IAFF L2379 will be holding a fundraiser breakfast to benefit one of our own.

**Please join us on Sunday, July 26th
at the Bowling Green Fraternal Order of Eagles 2180
located at 1163 N. Main St. in Bowling Green
between 7am and 2pm.**

Firefighter Brian Gutman and his wife are expecting the birth of a baby boy in July. Baby Gutman has been diagnosed with a congenital heart defect known as Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome. His heart is under-developed and he will require many surgical procedures after birth. He will receive surgeries during his 1st week, another at 6 months, and a third between 18 months and 2 years. During this time, surgeons at the University of Michigan hospital will essentially reroute blood flow through the heart and if any of these procedures should fail, he will require an immediate heart transplant in order to survive.

We will be donating ALL profits to the Gutman family to use as they see fit to cover medical expenses, travel expenses, or other personal costs accrued during this time.

We will hold a 50/50 raffle as well as a silent auction.

If you are unable to attend but would like to support the Gutman family, donations can be sent to:

**Bowling Green Firefighters Local 2379
552 East Court Street
Bowling Green, OH 43402
Please note that donations are for The Brian Gutman Fundraiser.**

Thirty-One BINGO

Ticket: \$20.00



June 28 at 3:00 PM
St Paul Lutheran Church
671 Clinton St, Defiance, OH 43512

Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

All proceeds to benefit Brian & Jen Gutman.

Our Hearts Beat for Lucas

This July and August

*We'd like to invite the St. Paul
college students
to serve Communion before you
leave for school this fall.*

*Let's gather together at Christ's
table before you go,
and leave knowing the prayers
of your church family go with you.*



*Please contact:
Julie Sasseen
or Lori Brandt*

to schedule a time to serve.

THRIVENT MEMBERS:

As photos and stories emerge about the devastating earthquake that struck Nepal, members want to know how they can help those in need. As a membership organization of Christians committed to guiding members to be wise with money and live generously, Thrivent offers several ways for you to help. You can choose to make a personal donation through InFaith Community Foundation to the organizations helping with relief efforts. Thrivent Financial will match \$1 for every \$2 of personal donations to the organizations listed below, up to \$100,000 or until June 30, 2015, whichever comes first – for a total combined impact of up to \$300,000.

[Lutheran World Relief](#)

[Lutheran Disaster Response](#)

[WELS Christian Aid and Relief](#)

[World Vision](#)

[AmeriCares](#)

[Samaritan's Purse](#)

[Convoy of Home](#)

Another option you have to help out is by supporting the effort with Choice dollars. Thrivent Choice® allows eligible members to weigh in on how Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funding. If you have designated Choice Dollars, visit Thrivent.com to find a list of nonprofit organizations helping with relief efforts that are accepting Choice Dollars directions and personal donations.

THRIVENT Defiance-Paulding County Chapter

Toledo Zoo - August 1st -Admission, Ride, Parking & lunch included. Cost: \$15 per adult/\$10 per child 12 and under, 2 and under free. Meet at the zoo at 11 a.m. at the Broadway Pavilion. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. Cookies/soda till 2 p.m. RSVP by July 27



Shipshewana Day Trip - September 19 - Includes bus transportation, buffet lunch, matinee play "Half-Stitched The Musical", and free time. Cost: \$37.50 per person. Bus leaves Defiance Mall at 7:30 a.m. returns at 7:30 p.m. RSVP by August 24.

RSVP either event to:

Shellie Kosmerchock, Event Director

at [402-270-7172](tel:402-270-7172)/ skosmerchock@gmail.com

or send to 655 Wayne Ave, Defiance, OH 43512

THRIVENT – JUNE/JULY 2015



Summer is almost here. We've had some warm days already to give us a taste of what's to come. Everyone has plans for summer fun and places to go and see.



There are usually many flea markets and garage sales that also happen at this time of year. Cleaning out the closets and making room for new things has been a tradition for a long time. Clutter can get in the way of our normal routine and I am very good at accumulating clutter—not so good at sorting it out and removing it. I want to 'hang on' to things and it is a struggle to say goodbye to things that bring back good memories. It is important to let go of 'things' and hold on to the memories. I try each week/month/year to do better

and slowly I let go of things that have been around a long time. I want to clear away space for all the new memories to come.

I recently read an article about 'spiritual clutter' that caught my attention. Am I stuck in an old habit for my prayer life and worship? Do you wonder if there is something new that could help you bring a bright spark of light to your faith? We have an opportunity to change that. As you have heard many times already, we will be having an Old Fashioned Tent Revival this year and part of it will be the 'old fashioned' things you may remember or heard about before. But a big portion of it will also be new things, especially for St. Paul. The music will be a variety of styles. The format of worship is what Pastor Dave has been putting together so we know that will be good. We need you to help bring in more people. Tell your friends and neighbors. Mark your calendars and plan to be there.

Our fundraisers have been very successful and the Cinco de Mayo was also a good day. Thanks to Buggs Sierra and family for all their work to make the delicious food and help to make this a success. Carol Burke did a great job with this Action team. We are working now toward the Revival and if you haven't signed up yet, please consider giving a hand to this busy team. There are small and large projects that can use an extra hand. Contact Nancy Nagel, Julie Sasseen or call the church office to let them know.

Have a great summer and make many new memories. Enjoy some of the old favorites again. Share good times with each other. May God keep you safe on all your travels and bring you back to your home again. Thank you for your continued support of all our events.

Cathy Martin, Thrivent Congregational Advocate

SYNOD FOLLOW-UP

550 Members and 60 youth of the Northwestern Ohio Synod, ELCA not only experienced what it means to be ***Sent with the Spirit*** (this year's Assembly theme), but were gifted with encounters that personified our being One in Christ, and were equipped to continue Growing as Disciples through the 2015 Assembly held at Bowling Green State University May 15 and 16th.

One in Christ: Pastor Jaroslav Javornik & Bishop's Secretary Evka Hlavati from the Slovak Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Vojvodina, Serbia, Bishop Amon Kinyunyu and General Secretary Robert Mgaya from the Dodoma Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, and Rev. Dr. Ron Glusenkamp Director for the Always Being Made New Campaign, ELCA helped participants, through worship leadership, preaching and presentations to hear stories about local, national and global ministries and inter-church relationships which brought home our Oneness in Christ, even with Christ's Church across the waters.

Growing as Disciples: Pastor Tim and Diane Sonnenberg as well as a myriad of NWOS local ministry "Mission Moments" and Workshop presenters challenged, taught and equipped participants to continue growing as disciples through global missions, Bible study, personal finance, women and justice issues, church mission strategy development, marketing and much more. Our own band REW!ND also provided witness through music for the youth and voting members on Friday evening, sharing their personal stories of faith and their journey as young adults in the ELCA.

Then through designated on-site mission projects voting members and youth, together, experienced significant moments of being "***Sent with the Spirit***" as they took time and used their creativity to: pack 19,000 meals for the hungry, weave grocery bag mats for the homeless, make cards for nursing homes, blankets for foster families, and posters celebrating special-needs ministry...In some 30 hours, this group of NWOS members ages 10 - 80 finished the business of the synod: elections and finance; discussed issues around the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist and the Use of the Means of Grace, gathered information regarding the Synod and ELCA campaigns, began the process of preparing for the 2016 Bishop Election, commissioned our young people to the ELCA National Gathering in Detroit, and the Tumaini Medical Mission 2 Trio to Tanzania this fall, and, of course, shared in the body of Christ through the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This event-full weekend and that all-important meal together reminded both young, old and in between, that Christ's forgiveness and grace is experienced in our communion together, as is our oneness in Christ, which then gives us the power to be sent back into our communities knowing that the Spirit promises to be with us to the end of the age.

"Prayer homily" by +Bp. Lohrmann at morning prayer at Synod Assembly

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep* my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,* to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in* you.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” But, dear Jesus, isn’t that precisely the problem. We want to say that we are here because we love you, because we want to do your will. We know that your commandments have to do with knowing you, with loving you, with reflecting your love in our love for this world and for one another...a love that is free and flowing and abundant. But, O Lord Jesus, we know what the world too often sees in us, what we see in each other, what we know about ourselves, and what you know of us. Often what is seen is not faith, obedience, love, and generosity, but, fear, a rebellious and contentious spirit, and a desire to grasp for ourselves at the expense of others.

So we fear, O Lord, that we look a great deal like the world—like the world that cannot receive the Spirit of truth, that does not see you or know you. Rather, like the world, we act as though the truth revolves around ourselves...our desires, our passions, our goals. The world successfully persuades us that what counts is the image we convey, what others think of us, what we can do, how much we have, or, on the other hand, that if we do not measure up to the world’s values that we have no worth, no good. You bid us to love one another as you have loved us. We confess that we like those words in the abstract—apart from the particular world and people in which you have placed us. We find excuses to not love as you have loved. We say to ourselves, “We have been hurt too much. We dare not give in. We don’t have enough for ourselves. It is not fair.” So we do not love. While we are quick to point out the loveless nature of others, we do not see that in ourselves. The world often does not see anything different in us and so, dear Jesus, the world cannot see you in us.

Have we, O Jesus, not knowingly or willingly, like the world cut ourselves off from you? Have we yielded to the greatest deception of claiming you but yet not knowing you. So, in silent moments, in sleepless nights we weep for the barrenness of our own lives and our witness to you.

What odd comfort it is to know that our story is not ours alone. Your first creation, our mother and father of old, did not trust your promise and chose the way of deception and death. Your chosen people, having experienced delivery from slavery, chose another slavery for themselves having forgotten about you and so they made gods in their own likeness. Even after you chose them, washed their feet, and fed them with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, your disciples of old denied you. We fear that their story is our story, O Jesus.

Yet, O Jesus, the mystery of your love is that you still draw us to yourself. You bind yourself to our story by taking our humanity upon yourself. In faith, in obedience, in love, you take upon yourself the judgment and the death that we have stubbornly brought upon ourselves. On that Friday, as the sacrificed Lamb of God, dying on a cross, you gave up your Spirit that it might be handed over to a world and humanity that does not know the truth of its own death.

You laid down your life in order that you might take it up again, and taking it up, might surprisingly gift your disciples of every age with your peace, your Spirit, and the vocation to be sent into the world that the world might be drawn into your peace, your Spirit, and your life.

Lord, we acknowledge the vastness of your love for the world and for us. You have chosen us, forgiven us, washed us, and fed us. Therefore we pray, dear Lord Jesus, you who promised that you would send your
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Spirit to those who cry out for it, we beg you in these holy moments, ask the Father again that he might send to us your Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth. We know that we cannot by our own reason or strength believe in you or come to you. As Advocate, overcome our rebellious hearts and woo us to faith. As Spirit of Truth, enable us to trust ourselves to you in every circumstance. And, O Lord, to hearts that may be hardened, embittered, cynical, about ourselves or others, grant the fullness, the sufficiency, the deep satisfaction, the knowledge of your love that moves us from fear to faith, from sadness to joy, from death to life.

Then, O Lord, with that Advocate, that Spirit of truth breathing into every part of our being, grant that that we may love you and keep your commandments. As we gather in this place, one with you, the Father and the Spirit, makes us alive again in faith and love, free us to act as those who abide in you and your love. Grant that the unity and joy of Father, Son, and spirit may be mirrored in our life together that is bound up in you. As recipients of your boundless love, O Jesus, free us to be a people, a church that finds its confidence and its ability to love generously in you. Send us with your Spirit, O Jesus, that we and the world may see a manifestation of your love in our life together. Then, even as the Father sent you into the world, grant that, renewed in faith and love, we may know ourselves to be sent with the Spirit that the world might believe. Amen.

A HUGE THANK YOU ...

We want to thank all of our church family and friends for the many prayers, visits, phone calls, food and cards. We thank Pastor Dave for the visit and communion. We also want to thank Bill and Jane for the disc of the Sunday services. We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers as we travel this journey.

God bless each of you,
Chuck & Jan Sisco

Members of St. Paul:

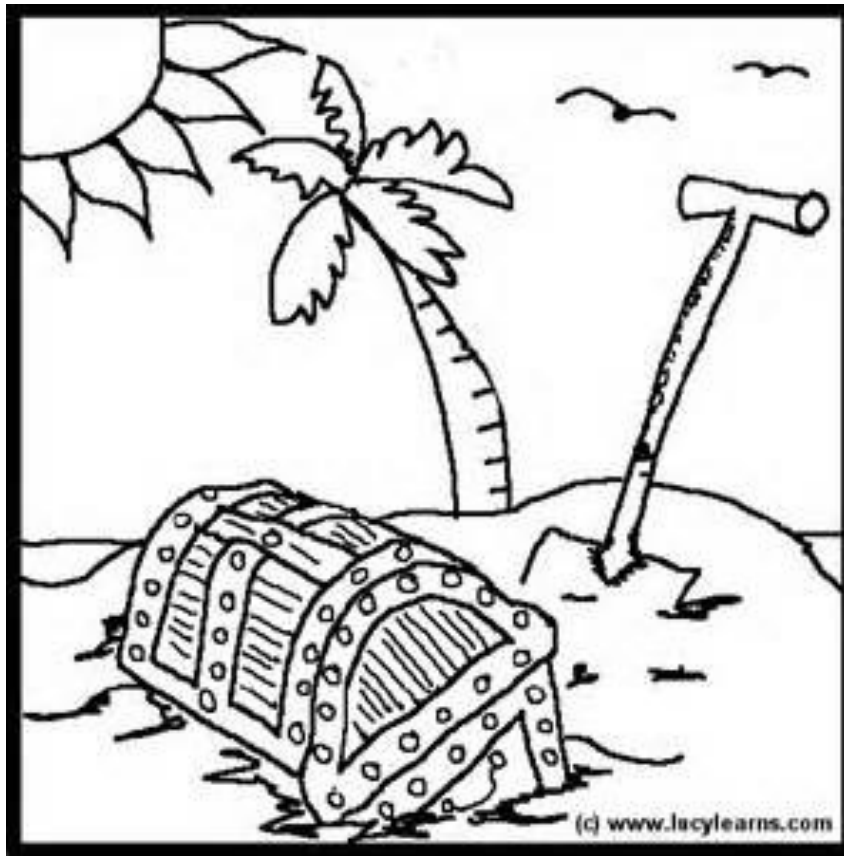
Thank you to all of you for giving such a warm and gracious welcome to our visitors from the Slovak Lutheran Church in Vojvodina, Serbia. Special thanks to Dave Iliff and Tim Moog for setting up and serving refreshments for the fellowship following our worship. Also, a special thank you to all the little ones who did the special song and to Jenny Maag and the parents for helping them learn such a cute and delightful song for Mother's Day—which made our visitors smile and laugh out loud. Thank you to those who watched the power point presentation during the Sunday School hour and asked questions about their church history and their congregation lives today. Pastor Jaroslav was surprised and pleased with the warm welcome and handshakes when we were Passing the Peace during worship. It was a great day for them and we thank you for your part in that day.

Jim and Cathy Martin,
Global Mission Board, SECAV Committee

THANK YOU!

Sorry this is so belated. I want to thank you and the church members for supplying cookies for the Clean up the Park Day. We had over 200 for lunch. And they all do love the free lunch and the cookies!

Thank you all for your support—year after year!
Take care, Jody Doyle











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JELLY BEAN PRAYER

-  Red is for the blood He gave.
-  Green is for the grass He made.
-  Yellow is for the sun so bright.
-  Orange is for the edge of night.
-  Black is for the sins we made.
-  White is for the grace He gave.
-  Purple is for the hour of sorrow.
-  Pink is for our new tomorrow.

June Birthdays

6/1 Diana Horzelski
 6/2 Kristen Fett
 6/3 Nick Beardsley
 Carl Fairchild Jr.
 Andrea Wardinski
 6/4 Lois Eis
 Aubree Hartzell
 Jessica Seimet
 Laura Weaver
 Kristin Wendell
 Richard Yeager
 6/6 Rosemary Mehring
 6/7 Emily Plassman
 Ella Suderman
 6/9 Kathryn Brashear
 6/10 Caitlin Flickinger
 Denver Roth
 6/11 Kristin Keirse
 Lois Oberhaus
 Wyatt Zachrich
 6/12 Dustin Parks
 6/14 Al Moll
 6/17 Claire Davis
 Riley Stack
 6/18 Ward Replogle
 Everleigh Roberts
 Terri Ruyle
 6/19 Ned Ewers
 6/20 Charlotte Barnes
 Kevin Florence
 6/22 Pat Cooper
 6/25 Pam Florence
 6/26 Cameron Bowen
 Eleanor Huner
 Keisha Markins
 6/28 Wilma Seip
 Janis Thomas
 6/29 Teresa Hiler
 Craig Frisinger

**June Anniversaries**

6/1 Al & Laurie Moll
 6/3 Al & Jennifer Maag
 6/4 Charles & Dee Jewell
 Steve & Terri Ruyle
 6/5 Alex & Collette Knight
 6/9 James & Dianne Kline
 6/10 Tim & Robin Small
 6/15 Joseph & Teresa Hiler
 6/17 Doug & Mary Davis
 6/19 Richard & Sherry Yeager
 6/20 Harry & Cheryl Hahr
 6/23 Paul & Sharon Gearing
 Jeff & Cheryl Pfund
 6/24 Pastor Dave & Kayly Brobston
 6/25 John & Mary Dale
 6/27 Richard & Rhonda Haviland
 6/28 Howard & Brenda Schultz
 6/30 Eric & Andrea Wardinski

First Communion

6/3 Stacy Benien
 Shannon Brandt
 Lauren Fett
 6/4 Jeff Fogt

Confirmation

6/1 Fran Coonrod
 Tom Stykemain
 6/4 Sue Hunsinger
 Al Moll
 6/6 Laura Ramon
 6/7 Julia Bauer
 6/8 Mark Barrett
 Caitlin Flickinger
 Char Flickinger
 Scott Flores
 Brette Griffith
 Caroline Turner
 Abby Yeager
 6/9 Jim Kline
 Joe Voll
 6/12 Nicole Brobston
 Olivia Fett
 Cheryl Pfund
 Jeff Pfund
 6/14 Wayne Davis
 Joe Hiler
 6/26 Yvonne Dale

June Baptisms

6/1 Suzanne McBride
 Reynah Velasquez
 6/2 Gene Schram
 6/3 Sue Hunsinger
 6/4 John Dale
 Dee Jewell
 6/5 Jim Kline
 6/6 Bill Parker
 6/7 Alivia Knight
 6/8 Gabriel Flores
 Olivia Flores
 Scott Flores
 Dion Helton
 Chris Korhn
 Brian Replogle
 6/9 Bill Cooper
 6/10 Madeline Geier
 6/12 Catherine Geier
 Brandon McClure
 Dyle Roth
 6/14 Michael Bowen, Jr.
 Wayne Davis
 6/15 Caleb Crawford
 Harry Hahr
 Joe Hiler
 Teresa Hiler
 6/16 Caitlin Flickinger
 Rorey Garces
 6/17 Chuck Sisco
 6/18 Terri Ruyle
 6/19 Yvonne Dale
 Josh Hiler
 Gaylord Proxmire
 Jacob Seip
 Sherry Yeager
 6/21 Ryan Dale
 Jamie Miller
 6/22 Sirenah Gomez
 6/24 Eric Sierra
 Steve Wendell
 6/25 Denise Noffsinger
 6/27 Jacob Rosebrock
 6/28 Steve Flickinger
 Leia Wardinski
 6/29 Terry Seimet
 6/30 Wilma Seip

Birthdays

7/4 Martha Cooper
 7/5 Eric Wardinski
 7/6 Wes Brown
 Amy Huner
 Gaylord Proxmire
 7/7 Paul Seimet II
 Derek Turner
 7/9 Brittnei George
 Rhonda Haviland
 Ashley Martin
 7/10 Theresa Bowen
 Kristen Zachrich
 7/11 Christine Korhn
 7/12 Dillon Bidlack
 7/13 Sarah Benien
 Kay Frost
 Matt Plassman
 7/14 Anthony Martinez
 7/16 Jennifer Call
 7/17 Megan Turner
 7/19 Lane Bailey
 Jacob Huner
 7/20 Trevin Flickinger
 Carol Stephenson
 7/21 George Roth
 7/22 Yvonne Dale
 7/23 Conor Brobston
 7/24 Henry Seip
 7/25 Marilyn Mehrling
 Russell Seip
 7/26 Cheryl Hahr
 7/27 Laureen Hill
 Hailee Keirse
 Maci McDowell
 7/28 William Cooper
 Kylie Crawford

Celebrating
 July
 anniversaries



Anniversaries

7/2 Paul & Terry Seimet
 7/5 Robbie & Brittnei George
 7/8 Wes & Connie Brown
 7/9 Coit & Karin Black
 7/11 Jeff & Lisa Burrell
 7/21 Steve & Kristen Wendell

Confirmation

7/1 Sherman Bowen
 7/11 Teresa Hiler
 7/17 Connie Brown
 Wes Brown
 7/18 Charlie Jewell
 Dee Jewell
 7/22 Ashley Martin

Baptisms

7/1 Pam Florence
 Kallen Pauley
 7/3 Tim Leonard
 Rosemary Mehrling
 7/6 Emma Fedderke
 7/8 Mary Ehlinger
 Lauren Fett
 7/12 Anthony Bowen
 Matthew Pfund
 7/13 Dave Coonrod
 7/15 Patricia Cooper
 7/17 Nick Beardsley
 Connie Brown
 Wes Brown
 Charlie Jewell
 7/18 Travis Beardsley
 Andrea Wardinski
 7/21 Laurie Moll
 7/22 Caleb Martin
 7/23 Kevin Florence
 Chad Yeager
 Jennifer Yeager
 7/24 Kay Frost
 7/26 Eleanor Huner
 7/27 Everleigh Roberts
 Joshua Seip
 7/28 Trevin Flickinger
 7/29 Louis Helton, Jr.
 7/31 Ryan Miller

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2015
 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!**

**Nicole Brobston
 Andrea Davis
 Olivia Fett**

*As you prepare for college in the fall, please know the love and
 prayers of your church family goes with you.
 May God bless you and keep you safe all the days of your journeys.*

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