



## 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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May 15th

# Confirmation

»»»»»»»»» on Pentecost ««««««««««

10:15 am

Reception for  
Confirmands and New Members  
immediately after worship



THE LAST DAY OF  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
WILL BE MAY 22, 2016

CONFIRMATION ON SUNDAY  
MAY 15, 2016

GRADUATES ARE HONORED  
MAY 22, 2016

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN (9:30 AM)  
JUNE 5, 2016

WEDNESDAY HOLDEN SERVICES BEGIN  
JUNE 8, 2016



Pastor: The Rev. David Brobston  
WORSHIP: Sunday School at 9:00 am  
Worship/Communion at 10:15 am  
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May 2016

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

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

During Jesus Farewell Discourse, recorded in the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter of John's Gospel Jesus prays for his followers, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

Within a few years of this prayer Christ's Bride, The Church began to have division. The struggles between Peter and Paul, Jewish believers and Gentile converts, those who demanded circumcision and those who saw circumcision as a matter of the heart. As the Church grew that divisions grew between East and West, then the Reformation, then all of the other smaller reformations. Schisms and divisions have been the way of life for Christ's Church for 2000 years.

Today, in the world there are over 33,000 different religious denominations. In Defiance alone there are over 20 Denominations – and 60 Congregations. It's not hard to see that Jesus prayer for unity has not been carried out all that well by The Body of Christ on Earth.

I feel that part of my Call as a Priest and Pastor is to be a bridge that promotes Christian Unity. To be an initiator and one who invites fellow pilgrims to journey together as much as we are able. Thanksgiving Eve, Gentle Worship, Good Friday are truly highlights of the year for me. One of those other opportunities is coming up very soon. The National Day of Prayer will be celebrated on 05 MAY.

This year, the committee that has organized it is doing something a little different, hoping to allow more people to come together. The Day of Prayer Luncheon this year is at the Eagles. Doors will open at 11:30am with the program starting at Noon.

I have been asked to pray from 12:40-12:44 (hopefully I can keep it to 4 minutes), my task is to pray for our police, fire, military and others who run towards crisis. It is my prayer that as many of you as possible would be able to attend, and if you can't attend, during your lunch time on May 5<sup>th</sup>, join with us in prayer from where ever you are.

Satan despises Christian prayer, trembles at Christian unity, shakes at the very idea that God's Children can put aside our differences to unite in prayer. Some have asked what they can do to help celebrate my 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday. For me, there would be no greater gift than us joining together to make Satan tremble. Amen!

Blessings

PD (+)

**St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 19, 2016**

**Attendance**, Pastor Dave Brobston, Nancy Krouse, Denise Moog, Jim Ehlinger, Gaylord Proxmire, Collette Knight, Julie Sasseen, Jenny Maag    **ABSENT**: Laura Ramone    **GUEST**: Jean Gaskill

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Jim Ehlinger.

Pr Dave opened the meeting by reading/highlighting information from Bishop Lohrmann's final/last Report to the Synod Assembly. Document focused on the fifth/last Gospel Response theme - "Expect to be surprised." Concluded in prayer.

**1. Open Discussion with Guest - Jean Gaskill**

- a. Voiced concern regarding plumbing in older part of kitchen (older/cast iron fixtures) – Due to condition/age and situation/issues of water backing up. Council advised to be cautious of what goes down the drain. Is noted that piping (water lines) and drains are working on borrowed time.

**2. Pastor's Report:**

- a. Synod Assembly – May 19-21 – PD currently not on a nominating ballot. There are 14 names currently submitted. PD reviewed the nomination/Ballot/voting processes and procedures – how the nominees are whittled down during the Assembly Gathering
- b. Maumee Valley Conference Meeting – Wed. April 19<sup>th</sup> – Zions, Defiance – discussion of Bishop's Election and an overview of Parish Nursing.
- c. **Pentecost and the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism – May 15<sup>th</sup>** – Pentecost is VERY EARLY this year. 8<sup>th</sup> graders being confirmed are: Kaylee Brashear & Jordan Sasseen    **Jenny/ Nancy**
- d. **May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Recognition of High School/College graduates** as well as **Reception for New Members**
- e. **Summer Schedule** will begin Sunday after Memorial Day – **June 5<sup>th</sup> – Worship at 9:30 am**
- f. Funeral s- We still have a number of our nursing home shut ins that seem to be getting more frail each time I see them
- g. Time Away: I will be leaving the next two Thursdays after lunch: This week is to visit mom in WV; next week is to move Nicole home from Roanoke. I won't miss any Sundays.  
VACATION : Leaving June 12th following worship, returning evening of June 19<sup>th</sup>
- h. **National Day of Prayer: Free Luncheon on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles Doors** will open at 11:30am with the **program starting at Noon**. I will be praying at 12:40pm – 12:44pm for Police, Fire, Military
- i. Official Pastoral Acts:
  - Karen Stack – Last Rites, Memorial Service (Sylvania), Funeral
  - Newman Family Baptism
  - Eleanor Huner – Last Rites and Funeral
- j. Meetings and Other Events
  - Holy Week and Easter Celebrations
  - Pre-Marital Sessions x3
  - Pastoral Care and Counseling
  - Nursing Home Visits
  - Faculty and Student Debriefings @ Northwest State following the accidental shooting
  - Chaplain for Eagles Northwest Ohio Gathering in Defiance
- k. Of Note

+Election of a Bishop/Discernment

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at LIAL

**3. Secretary's Report:**

- a. Minutes of the March 15, 2016 meeting were approved.

**Denise/Gaylord**

**4. Treasurer's Report:**

- a. Total Income March           +\$19,746
- b. Total Expenses March       -\$18,876.65
- c. We are **positive** for the **month of March, +\$870.18**
- d. Year-to-Date: Total Income +\$58,4000.02
- e. Year-to-Date: Total Expenses -\$62,629.12
- f. We are **negative for the year -\$4,229.10**

**Gaylord/Nancy**

- i. **\$5271/ week is needed in order to operate at the Budget (\$274,131.00) the Congregation approved Nov 2015**

- ii. \$3500/week is needed JUST to make Payroll
  - iii. In March, we averaged \$4937/week of income – and that included EASTER
- g. Discussion of how to communicate/highlight our loss. Weekly income, divided by attendance, to be posted in the bulletin.
- h. Noted that repair to Lynn's computer = \$260

**5. Youth and Family Director's Report**

- a. **Parish Ed/Sunday School** – Vacation Bible School (VBS)– planning continues. The contract with Defiance College is being draw up. Our second volunteer meeting is **4/21. Family worship services will take place on the first and last night of VBS**
- b. **Tent Revival** – Formal fund raising is concluded. We meet this month to continue planning and preparation.
- c. **Youth**
  - i. Disciples in Radical Training (D.I.R.T) had a wonderful snowy weekend **retreat at Camp Mowana April 8-10.** We had a total of **8 youth attend**, two of whom were not members of St. Paul. Stacy Baker and Julie Sasseen were chaperones. Youth were led in Bible Study, games and activities by both their youth leaders and Camp Mowana staff. Our youth are asking already to go again next year. It was an extremely positive experience and we are deeply grateful for the congregational support
- d. **Women's Bible Study** – started the book “Overcoming Fear” with a total of 17 members on April 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday here at St. Paul
- e. **New Ministry** – “Carrying On” met 4/18.
- f. **Recharge** – met for Discernment on 4/17 to prayerfully listen to God's call to what specific ministry each individual would undertake for the coming year. Our **Spiritual Director** for the coming year is **Stacy Barker** and the **Lay Director** is **Kerry Tuttle**. Please keep our leaders and team in your prayers this year. The **Continuation Committee** led by **Kayly Brobston** will be meeting throughout the year to offer the retreat team assistance and prayer support. Together, all of us will put on the women's retreat next year. Please keep all of them/us in your prayers.
- g. **Deacon's Report** – a huge thank you offered to all those who took care and time to make sure worship, Especially during Holy Week, was smooth and sacred. Your behind the scenes dedication to worship is deeply appreciated. God's blessings on you all as you continue in this ministry. **There are still a few months open for lectors this year.**

**6. Stewardship Report - no report**

**7. Trustee Report**

- a. Front steps - have received an estimate at \$8,400 and another at \$24,000 and waiting on a third
- b. Active timer on the water heater in the sacristy area – wouldn't shut off. Has been fixed. Council recommended talking to Dave Slocum as it is believed he was the one who helped install
- c. Discussion regarding epoxy sealant on Arabella steps.
- d. Facer board for Parker house was purchased

**8. Discipleship Report**

**SHINE** – Need volunteers for April 30<sup>th</sup>. Meet up at 9am Sharon Fritzenrider, Rachel Sontchi – windows cleaned, yards picked up.

**9. Old Business**

**a. Deckrosh Tribute/Memorial**

- i discussion of looking at cost of demo for Parker House, and creation of a garden in its spot Narthex – Jim will make contact with architect/engineers to review recommendation, options, and feasibility

**b. Mutual Ministry Committee** – No action yet. Still in planning/review process

**c. Needs, Wants & Dreams Discussion** – Congregational responses were consolidated, by Nancy, into groups with similar characteristics. Not all individual agencies or ideas were listed but all suggestions were considered when assembling this list. Nothing on the “needs” list is a have to.

**i NEEDS:**

1. Building Maintenance and Repairs (46) – Majority of suggestions fell under the statement: “take care of building”
  - a. Heating & Cooling – 2 units that need replaced (lounge and fellowship hall) and summer time is the right time to replace if you're going to do so.
  - b. Windows – not just stained glass, but also fellowship hall. \$3K so far has been raised, but it will take \$15K to do all. Looking into Leever for replacement
  - c. Access (Steps, ADA, Signage)
  - d. Restroom Renovation
  - e. Parking Lot Repairs – discussed reverse speed bump that is present. Do we need to seal the lot or just repair cracks?
  - f. Lawn & Parking Lot Maintenance Equipment
2. Review Funding of Budget Line Items (15)
  - a. Sunday School - Room updates, Fun activities & Events – Could draw from our Endowment fund for these Christian Education Activities
  - b. Community Outreach (Revival, VBS, Gentle Worship, Recharge, etc.)
  - c. Salaries Review
  - d. Deacon & Acolyte Robes
3. Sabbatical (11)
4. Invest a large portion of the bequest (7)
5. Social Activities – All ages

**ii WANTS:**

1. Scholarships for LOMO, Conventions, etc. (6)
2. New Carpeting – Church - Nave and Entrances (5)
3. Enlarge Narthex (5)
4. Sunday School Laptops (2)

5. Renovate Rotary Room
6. Realign Church Pews
7. Expand Web presence – Web page , Sanctuary Screen – Streaming Worship, etc.
8. New Church Sign
9. “Busy Bags” for kids
10. Redesign Alter Guild room, Luther All, Acolyte & Pastor’s Robe areas

iii **DREAMS:**

1. Programs for All Ages Groups, Retreats, Outreach, Community, etc. (10)
2. Grow our church (3)
3. Global Mission support (3)
4. Mobility Van (2)
5. Support local social agencies
6. Create a youth space
7. Adopt a mission congregation
8. Sponsor a service dog

iv **TITHE Suggestions:**

1. Keep it Local (25) – Where does the community need support?
  - a. Ravens (most support) – discussion regarding how this organization operates, to whom they benefit, and what is their mission. Might ask representative to come speak to council group on future.
  - b. DASH (next most support)
  - c. Matching Funds and Grants for local needs
  - d. Food bank, ADAMS, MVGC, PATH, RELAY for Life, HABITAT,
2. Global Missions (14) – Lutheran World Relief, Water Wells, Heifer Int. etc.
3. Start a St. Pauls’ local ministry to support community needs

v. Denise presented information from **Sherry Wyse (First Federal Bank) regarding conservative investing. Council approved the following action, for the bequest, to occur: 10% for Tithe, 10% for projects, Rest to invest (half in the most conservative plan, other half in a 50/50 mix of Bond/Stock)**

- d. **Workplace Signs** – Done. Hung in the Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board area
- e. **Constitution Signatory Document**

10. **New Business**

- a. **ADA Checklist** - Was given to Gaylord to use as a review of the building – both inside and outside. Main/known problematic areas are with regards to signage. Someone visiting this church experiences difficulty in knowing where restrooms, offices, rooms are located.
- b. **Bylaws/Resolutions** – Old Council had bylaws that were incorporated into the body of the next. No new bylaws have been introduced – only amendments. However there is the past 25 years of council meeting minutes to review with regards to Resolutions that have been made/stated. Nancy and Jim will work to create a compendium of this information.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:01pm

**Denise/Jenny**

Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer

The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

Respectfully submitted Collette Knight

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

# May 2016

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6-7:30 pm DIRT <i>No Choir            Rehearsal</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 9 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion Baptism- Catherine Thomas	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6-7:30 pm DIRT 7:00 pm Choir <i>Rehearsal</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Relay for Life            Meeting</i> 7-8 pm <i>Women's            Bible Study</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>7-12 Relay for            Life Survivor            Breakfast</i>
<b>15 PENTECOST</b> 9 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion <b>Confirmation &amp;            Reception            Recharge</b>	<b>16</b> 4:15 pm ADK - Chris Korhn 6:30 pm Carrying On	<b>17</b> <i>6pm Church            Council</i>	<b>18</b> 6-7:30 pm DIRT	<b>19</b> 7:00 pm DCVBS @ SPUMC	<b>20</b> <b>NEWS-            LETTER            DEADLINE</b> <i>June/July</i>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9 a.m. last day of Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion <i>Honor all            Graduates</i> <b>1:30 Gentle            Worship</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6-7:30 pm DIRT 1:00 pm BETA <i>Circle @ Carol            Samuelson's</i>	<b>26</b> 7-8 pm <i>Women's            Bible Study</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:15 am Worship/ Communion	<b>30</b> <i>Have a safe            and happy            Memorial            Day!            Church offices            closed.</i>	<b>31</b>				

**SCHEDULES FOR May 2016**

**LECTOR:**      1                      Julie Sasseen  
                      8, 15, 22          Dianne Kline  
                      29

**ACOLYTES:**

01 Lauren Melia, Janaya Harris Vielma  
 08 Ryan Yeager  
 15 Emma Fedderke, Janaya Harris Vielma

**CRUCIFERS:**

01 Joe Melia  
 15 Suzi McBride

**USHERS:**

01 Team #1, Jason Frederick, Capt.  
 08 Team #1, Jason Frederick, Capt.  
 15 Team #2, Buggs Sierra, Capt.  
 21 Team #2, Buggs Sierra, Capt.  
 29 Team #3, Ned Ewers, Capt.

**FLOWERS:**

01 Shirley Keller  
 08 Matthew & Susan Thomas  
 15 2015 Confirmation Class  
 22 Barb Warncke  
 29 Lowell & Sharon Ricker

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

**BULLETINS:**

01 Larry & Janis Thomas  
 08 Matthew & Susan Thomas  
 15 Bill & Jane Parker  
 22 Mary Geiger  
 29 Don & Carol Samuelson

**COMMUNION SET-UP/Present**

01 John & Mary Dale  
 15 Jim & Cathy Martin (set/up)

**COMMUNION SET-UP/Servers**

01 Stacy Barker, Lori Brandt, Julie Sasseen  
 08 Stacy Barker  
 15 Jason Frederick, Lori Brandt, ??  
 22 Jason Frederick  
 29 Lori Brandt

**FINANCIAL REPORT 2016**

January	Income	\$ 18,253.98
	Expense	(\$ 32,622.14)
	Total	(\$ 14,368.16)

February	Income	\$ 20,399.21
	Expense	(\$ 21,130.33)
	Total	(\$ 731.12)

March	Income	\$
	Expense	
	Total	

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

Posted at the Handicap Entrance to Sanctuary

Available dates for Altar flowers...



June 5, 12, 19, 26  
 July - All Sundays  
 August 7, 21, 28

Available dates for bulletin covers...



June 12  
 July - All Sundays  
 August - All Sundays

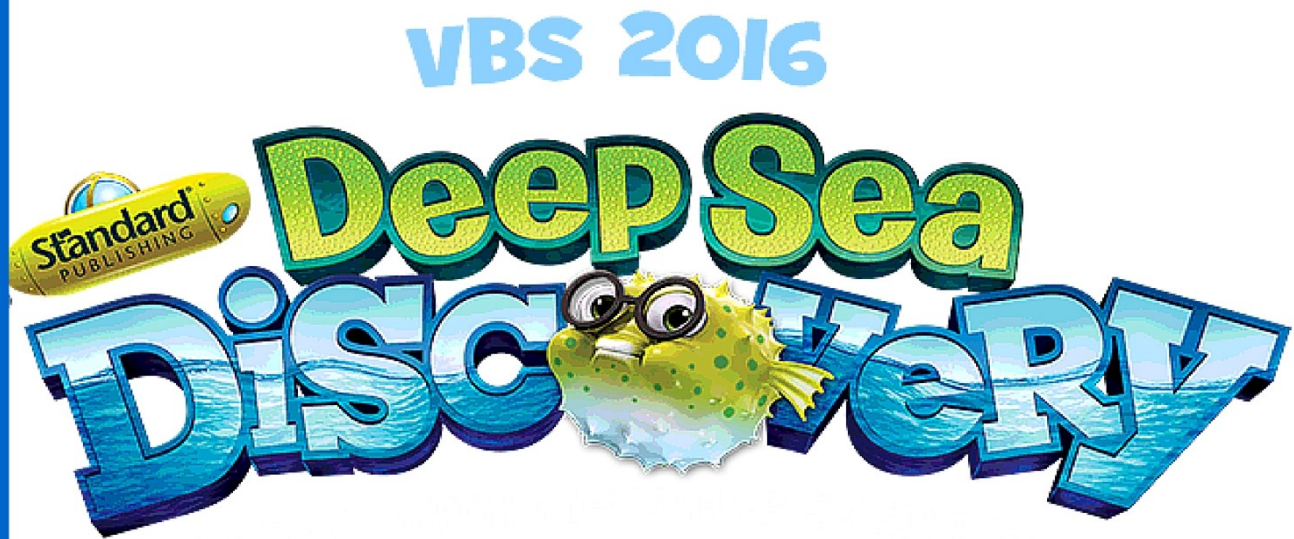
Anyone wishing to order special bulletin covers are welcome to stop in the office to browse the brochures. These need to be ordered 2 weeks beforehand.

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**MAY HOME COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS**

John & Mary Dale  
 Jim & Cathy Martin  
 Tim Moog  
 Chris Turner





## DATES TO REMEMBER

May 5~7 pm St. Paul UMC

Planning Committees Meet

May 20th~7 pm St. Paul

Lutheran - Planning Meeting  
& Decorating Party!!

Make waterfalls!

Color in signs!

If you can use scissors  
we would love to have your help!

A big "Thank You!" to everyone for all their words of comfort, love and support on the death of our beloved daughter, Karen.

- ♦ Pastor Dave...we cannot thank you enough for your prayers and visits to the Toledo Hospital and Ebein Hospice during this difficult time. The comfort you gave Karen and our family was greatly appreciated! It made a difficult time a bit more bearable. There were many denominations present at the farewell service in Sylvania and the funeral service at St. Paul's and all were made to feel so welcomed and included by you. We received many compliments on our pastor. Thank you so much!
- ♦ Service Guild...to the men and women of the church a sincere thank you for the wonderful luncheon you provided. We received many compliments to pass on to you for the plentiful and delicious food you prepared. Thank you for all the food you sent home with us. It made life a bit easier as it will take time to get back to normal.
- ♦ Shirley Keller...we thank you for the lovely hymn you sang for us during the communion service.
- ♦ John Dale...thank you for being Mr. Communion, usher, and everything else you did to make things go so smoothly.
- ♦ Barb Stephens...thank you for being available with short notice to play the organ in Lori's absence.

We were deeply touched by all the support and love given to us by our wonderful church family. ***We thank you!***

Blessings,  
Dyle & Eleanor

***Thank you to  
St. Paul Lutheran Church,  
Julie Sasseen  
and Stacy Barker  
for the awesome time  
at Camp Mowana!!  
Suzi McBride***

**NEW CHRISTIAN STORE  
IN DOWNTOWN DEFIANCE**

Mon 10-2    Tues 1-5:30    Wed-Fri 10-5:30  
Sat 10-2

We are *both* a **Christian Gift Shop** and an **Organic Market**.

We have many beautiful rosaries and crucifixes, as well as items for First Communion, Confirmation, Christening, Wedding, Sympathy and other Christian events and holidays.

The Village Square  
318 Clinton St  
Defiance OH 43512

[419-956-0525](tel:419-956-0525)

***Wanted: Hard working volunteers  
for St. Paul's Mission Group "SHINE"  
Serving Him IN Everything***

***If you are in need of yard clean up,  
windows cleaned or whatever it may be,  
contact Jenny Maag @ 419-576-0585***



**IT'S A BOY!**  
Welcome Abram Lee Seip!  
April 27th at 1:59pm.  
6 lbs 13oz 19 1/2 inches. -  
Son of Danielle and Josh

## 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	Lonnie Budd
June Burke	Cheryl Burroughs	Carol Creps
Delbert Diemer	Russ Dodd	Fred Fitzenrider
Mary Frost	Roger Grogg	Susan Harris
Hal Haviland	Dan Hermiller	Jena Hoellrich
Janice Johansen	Ruth Johnson	Randy King
Laurie Lucas	Tammy McCoy	Jodie Mellos
Dani Merillat	J.T. Nusbaum	Dean Purdy
Marilyn Purdy	Esther Reimund	Sharon Ricker
Kristen Sanders	Richard Sherman	Mona Snyder
Ella Suderman	Karen Wahl	Dee Weisenfelder
Bishop NGowo	Alexis	Alice Anne
Becky Z	Carol David	Dean Don
Doug	Elaine Eric	Grace Hal
Jerry	Jim Joan	Jodi John
Jon	Josie Kahlia	Les Lucas
Maddie	Marlene Myka Joy	Matt Pauline
Phyllis	Roland Sally	Scott Sheena
Stacey	Steve Sue	Tammy Thelma
Tom		

**And to the family and friends of Eleanor Huner.  
May light perpetual shine upon her.**

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

LeAnn Bohn, Delene Cooper, William Cooper,  
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. 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 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

**SFC E7 James Fluechtling,**

Grandson of Mary Frost

**USAF Jason Griffith,**

Grandson of Howard and June Burke

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

Grandson of Barb Bibler

**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

**Staff 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

**USM Micajah Hagerman,**

Son of Jolene Hagerman

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*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.*

# New Members Reception

Immediately  
Following  
Worship

May 15th

Come Give a St. Paul  
Welcome to our New  
Members:

Coit Black

Joshua & Nicole Huddleston

Caitlyn Lay

Alan Maag

Michael Maag

Marcela Rodriguez

Megan Sierra



# Carrying on

*A group for those who have lost a spouse*

Meeting monthly at St.  
Paul Lutheran Church

Come share  
food, conversation,  
Bible Study  
and Prayer

psalm 121  
my strength  
comes from  
the Lord

Initial  
meeting  
Monday,  
February

22

at 6:30 pm



# faith MATTERS

## YOUTH EVENTS:

### Summer Plans

STAY TUNED!!!

**Youth group  
will be active  
this summer!!**

**We plan to  
serve each  
Tuesday at  
the SPUMC  
food pantry!**

**Also as  
SERVICE  
SQUAD**

**community  
volunteers at  
DCVBS July  
10-14th!**

**Stay tuned  
for details!  
Youth make**

**this a  
summer of  
service and  
faith!!**



On April 8-10th our youth enjoyed a snowy weekend at Camp Mowana for a faith building youth retreat. We appreciate the support of our church family in making this trip possible! We made memories that will last a lifetime!

Check out

<http://www.creativelyfivephotography.com/2016/04/10/growing-in-faith/>

for an article that shares all about the trip!





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SAVE THE DATE!!

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JULY 28, 29 & 30

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2016

## THRIVENT – MAY 2016

This month there are many celebrations in my family. We have several birthdays and, of course, Mother's Day! One of the joys of motherhood is hearing the laughter of children. This wonderful sound can start as young as 3 to 4 months old. They can be so spontaneous and giggle at the slightest things, even if it isn't at appropriate times. As adults we sometimes lose that sense of lighthearted humor.



There has been a lot written about the benefits of laughter to our health, both mental and physical. Norman Cousins is a famous journalist who has written a lot about this topic, including a book made into a movie, "Anatomy of an Illness" which details his own experiment on using a daily regimen of several minutes of laughter each morning and evening to improve his health. Do you think that our faith can be enriched by a good sense of humor? I believe that God certainly has a sense of humor and we were created with the ability to laugh, at ourselves and with each other.

Congratulations to our confirmands! May your faith continue to grow and thrive!

Happy Mother's Day to all. May you enjoy the blessings of family and friends on this special day.

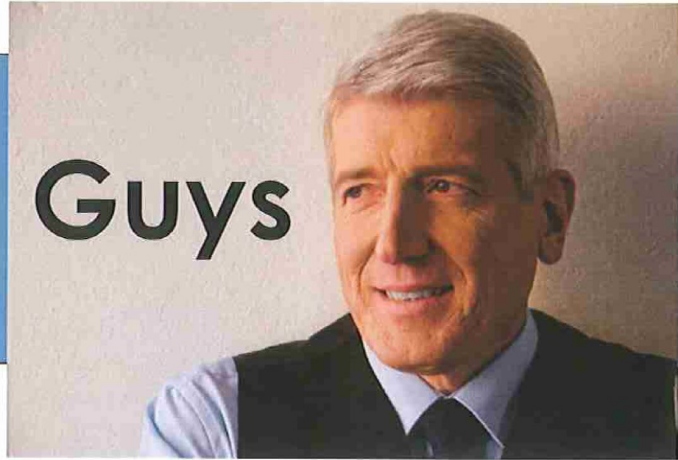
Thank you for your continued support of our Thrivent events.



Cathy Martin  
Thrivent Congregational Advocate



# Just the Guys



## A Prostate Cancer Survivor Group

Open to any man currently in treatment or who has survived prostate cancer.

*Join us for our next meeting!*

Monday, May 2, 2016  
7 – 8 pm

Glenn Park – Club House Room  
Rt. 66 South, Defiance

Please call Jim Barnes (419) 769-3180 with any questions.

*Just the Guys* provides an informal but personal environment for all men going through and living with prostate cancer.

*For more information, contact:*  
Jim Barnes @ (419)769-3180

## ***Memorial Gifts***

### ***In Memory of Karen Roth Stack***

#### ***Endowment Fund***

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

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### ***In Memory of Robert Layne***

#### ***General Fund***

Mr. & Mrs. George Essex

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

## ***Official Acts***

### ***Deaths***

***Eleanor Huner***  
***April 07, 2016***

### ***Baptisms-April 9, 2016***

***Lance S. Newman***  
***Son of: Wayne & Cindy Newman***

***Nora L. Newman***  
***Daughter of: Lance & Ashley Newman***

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER-ANNIVERSARIES**

**BIRTHDAYS...**

5/01 Mark Lamb  
 5/05 Michael Bowen, Jr.  
 Steve Flickinger  
 Josh Hiler  
 Terry Seimet  
 5/06 Shannon Alvarado  
 John Dale  
 5/07 Pastor Dave Brobston  
 5/08 Jaxson Newman  
 5/09 Sharon Gearing  
 5/10 Mary Frisinger  
 Beth Suderman  
 5/11 Gavin Barringer  
 William Parker  
 Julie Steele  
 5/12 Sheldon Harris  
 5/13 Howard Schultz  
 5/14 Peggy Lamb  
 Kallen Pauley  
 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 Dave Coonrod  
 Alyssa Fett Johnson  
 5/29 Terri Helberg  
 Chad Yeager  
 5/30 Lowell Ricker  
 5/31 Rorey Garces

**1ST COMMUNION...**

5/01 Alex Knight  
 5/16 Michelle Noffsinger  
 5/23 Sarah Benien  
 Michael Bowen, Jr.  
 Darren Flickinger  
 Alyssa Fett Johnson  
 5/24 Patricia Cooper

**BAPTISMS...**

5/01 Prynn Hampton  
 Fern Reimund  
 5/02 Lauren Melia  
 5/03 Molly Zachrich  
 5/04 Justin Davis  
 Kelly Hartzell  
 5/05 Dee King  
 Larry Thomas  
 5/07 Lynn Miller  
 5/09 Kerry Tuttle  
 5/10 Riley Cooper  
 5/12 Marissa Fedderke  
 5/13 Brandy Augilar  
 Dan Tuttle  
 5/15 Joel Martin  
 Stan Rohrbaugh  
 Rachael Wardinski  
 5/16 Minda Hohl  
 Calvin Martin  
 Landon Replogle  
 5/17 Evan Ehlinger  
 Lynne Rittenour  
 5/20 Aubrey Florence  
 5/21 Fred Fitzenrider  
 Linda Hiner  
 Caleb Sierra  
 Alayna Yarger  
 5/22 Levi Zachrich  
 5/23 Erin Pixler  
 5/30 Susan Harris  
 Alexandra Sasseen

**WEDDINGS...**

5/01 Jason & Gayle Fenter  
 5/03 Keith & Lori Ashbacher  
 5/10 James & Jenna Pauley  
 5/22 Caleb & Alane Evans  
 5/24 Larry & Janis Thomas  
 5/30 Nick & Shauna Beardsley

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 If your birthday or anniversary is not  
 here or is not correct **PLEASE** let me  
 know by calling 419-782-5771 or email  
 me at [lynnsplcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:lynnsplcoffice@gmail.com)

**Thanks,  
 Lynn**

**CONFIRMATIONS...**

5/01 Sarah Bowen  
 5/02 Steve Wendell  
 5/03 Amy Huner  
 Bill Parker  
 5/07 Nick Engel  
 5/11 Kristen Fett  
 Jacob Rosebrock  
 5/12 Sharon Fitzenrider  
 5/15 Taylor Brandt  
 Kelsey Dale Capps  
 Greg Dale  
 Cody Harris  
 Larry Heilman  
 Ryan Lamb  
 Taylor Schultz  
 5/17 Pat Cooper  
 Kristen Wendell  
 5/18 Jennifer Call  
 Tim Leonard  
 5/19 Sheldon Harris  
 Dianne Kline  
 Jenny Maag  
 Kendra Perez  
 Alexandra Sasseen  
 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  
 Michaela Geiger  
 Brittni Engel George  
 Zach Huner  
 Tori Leonard  
 Derek Turner  
 Chris Korhn  
 5/24 Jacob Huner  
 5/28 Dan Bowen  
 Matt Pfund  
 5/30 Stacy Benien  
 Shannon Brandt  
 Lauren Fett  
 5/31 Anthony Martinez  
 Ryan Voll  
 Robert Zeigler

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★ Have a Safe ★  
**Memorial**  
★ Weekend! ★

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<b>V. President</b>	<b>Nancy Krouse</b>
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