



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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September 2016



**CONFIRMATION
CLASS
sundays 9 am**

Starting 9/11.

Confirmation and DIRT youth

will help complete service projects at 9 am and are asked to join the
service projects taking place after the potluck.

We will work as a team in service on September 11th.

On 9/18 class begins in the youth room!

Pastor: The Rev. David Brobston

WORSHIP: 9:30 am on September 4th

Beginning September 11th: Sunday School at 9 am;

Confirmation at 9 am; Worship at 10:15 am

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Simulcast on 102.7 FM

**RALLY DAY
SEPTEMBER 11
AT SPLC**

**SEPTEMBER 11TH
NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE
AND REMEMBRANCE**

COMBINES WITH:

SHINE

Serving Him IN Everything!

**For a huge Rally Day
of service to others!**

September 11

FOR ALL AGES!

Projects begin at 9 am

We need everyone!



**Don't forget it's
Blessing of the Backpacks
on Rally Day, too!**

September 2016



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The 17th Chapter of the Gospel according to St. John is known as Jesus High Priestly Prayer. In that prayer Jesus prays, “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you 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.”

As we know for at least the last 500 years, since Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the Castle Church Door in Wittenberg, Christ's Church has had division. That start of the Reformation led to distrust, disunity, and often disgust between one side and the other. Finally, during the last 50 years it has led to discussion, and dialog. I am excited to say, that we are much closer to living into Jesus High Priestly Prayer today, than we were even 20 years ago.

In the next year, leading up to the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Lutherans from the Northwestern Ohio Synod and Roman Catholics from the Toledo Diocese will be discussing together the document created from the Lutheran-Catholic Dialogs entitled, “From Conflict to Communion – Lutheran/Catholic Common Commemoration of The Reformation in 2017”

We will be discussing amongst ourselves, we will be talking with each other, we will be coming together in small clusters to share ideas and thoughts. The Commission that prepared the document invites us to do just that:

The Lutheran–Roman Catholic Commission on Unity invites all Christians to study its report, [From Conflict to Communion](#), open-mindedly and critically, and to walk along the path towards the full, visible unity of the Church.

In 2017, Catholics and Lutherans will jointly look back on the event of the Reformation and reflect on 50 years of official worldwide ecumenical dialogue during which time the communion they share anew has continued to grow.

This encourages Lutherans and Catholics to celebrate together the common witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet, amidst this celebration, they will also have reason to experience the suffering caused by the division of the Church, and to look self-critically at themselves, not only throughout history, but also through today's realities.”

St. Paul's is being considered, in partnership with St. Mary's to host one of these gatherings. Even if we are not hosting a combined gathering, I would like to invite you to join me for informal discussions on Monday evenings beginning on September 12th. We will have a structured weekly gathering from 7:00 – 8:00 pm to look at the document, to pray about our common faith, and to talk about our Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of The Reformation.

The link above takes you to the document. I would ask if you are able to print the document for yourselves, or link to it on your phone, or contact the office if you need us to print you a copy. In the words from Top Gun, “The Clock is Ticking” - May we faithfully celebrate together the unity we find in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Blessings
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**RALLY DAY
SEPTEMBER 11
AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN**

**SEPTEMBER 11TH
NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE
AND REMEMBRANCE**

COMBINES WITH

SHINE

Serving Him IN Everything!

SEEKING:

- Fleece fabric (multiple designs, 1 yard=3 hats)
- Service projects to complete (call the church office if you need jobs completed)
- Kitchen workers to set out potluck dishes and clean up afterward
- HANDS TO HELP at 9 am and after worship
- YOUR PRAYERS

**DON'T MISS the POTLUCK
HOW ELSE would we fuel up for service projects!?
Jason's BBQ will be the main course!
Please bring a dish to share!**

**RALLY DAY
SEPTEMBER 11
AT SPLC**

**SEPTEMBER 11TH
NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE
AND REMEMBRANCE**

COMBINES WITH:

SHINE

Serving Him IN Everything!

**JOIN US and our
SPLC MISSION to serve in HIS NAME!
CALLING EVERYONE!!!**

**Sunday school at 9 am
will include service projects we
NEED ADULTS AND KIDS to complete!**

**Potluck immediately after worship
(JASON'S BBQ!!) Please bring sides!**

**After the potluck, SHINE volunteers
will head out to serve others!
PLEASE join us!!!**

faith MATTERS

JLL & DIRT
WEDNESDAY
NIGHTS RESUME
9/14
6-7:30 PM

FALL KICK OFF Rally Day on 9/11

We will be completing
service projects at 9 am

Potluck after church!

We will go out as a
team to help others
after we eat!

**New this
Fall! A
group for youth
K-Grade 1!!!
Meeting Wed.
evenings. Details TBA!**

JLL: Junior Luther League

Led by Stacy Barker

For youth 2nd grade and up

DIRT: Disciples in Radical Training

Led by Julie Sasseen

For youth through High School

JOIN US!

For Bible Study and Living faith

Community Service

Church Service

Fun Trips and Events

*Youth Gathering FUNd raising

*Topics that matter to youth



SUNDAY SCHOOL

My word...will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire and
achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11

It can be hard to find the time to dive into God's word,
yet how critically important it is!
Sunday School is here to help!

9 am starting Rally Day

September 11

adult and youth

classes begin!

Youth breakfast included

starting September 18!

SCHEDULES FOR SEPTEMBER 2016**LECTOR:** Rhonda Haviland

USHERS: 04 Team 2, Buggs Sierra, Capt.
 11 Team 2, Buggs Sierra, Capt.
 18 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Capt.
 25 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Capt.

FLOWERS: 04 Stan Rohrbaugh
 11 Steve & Chris Korhn
 18 AVAILABLE
 25 AVAILABLE

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

BULLETINS: 04 Dee King
 11 Mary Vogel
 18 Mary Geiger
 25 AVAILABLE

GREETERS:
 04
 11
 18
 25

COMMUNION SET-UP/PRESENTERS

04 John & Mary Dale

COMMUNION SET-UP/SERVERS

04 Jason Frederick, Jim Ehlinger,
 11 Lori Brandt
 18 Jim Kline
 25 Jason Frederick

Acolyte

11 Joe Melia
 18 Calib Brashear
 25 Ryan Yeager

LAY COMMUNION

Jim & Mary Ehlinger
 Bill & Jane Parker
 Dyle & Eleanor Roth
 Julie Sasseen

**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** \$ 19,746.00
 Expense \$ 18,876.65
 Total \$ 870.18

April **Income** \$ 18,572.45
 Expenses (\$ 20,640.85)
 Total (\$ 2,068.40)

May **Income** \$ 21,368.11
 Expenses (\$ 23,145.72)
 Total (\$ 1,777.61)

June **Income** \$ 14,189.62
 Expenses (\$ 19,526.22)
 Total (\$ 5,336.60)

July **Income** \$
 Expenses \$
 Total

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2016

Jan	122	July	92
Feb	183	Aug	101
Mar	241	Sept	
Apr	108	Oct	
May	124	Nov	
June	79	Dec	

**The Church offices
 will be closed on
 Monday, Sept. 5th,
 in observance of Labor Day.**

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Susan Sisco Harris

General Fund

Dee King

In Memory of Ruth Arthur

General Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Parker

In Memory of Velma Bunke

General Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hiler

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



Official Acts

Baptisms

Abram Lee Seip

Son of Joshua & Danielle Seip

August 21, 2016

Weddings

Bryn Lehman & Lauren Fett

August 13, 2016

Mike Sierra & Marcela Rodriguez

August 27, 2016

Needed soon for the Flower/Bulletin and Greeter Board

Flowers: September - 18th, 25th
October - 2nd, 23rd, 30th
November - 6th, 27th
December - All Sundays
& Christmas Eve

Bulletins: September 11th
October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th
November - 6th, 13th, 27th
December - 4th, 11th, 24th, 25th

Greeters: All Sundays through December

Sign up early to secure your Sunday!



*Thank
You*

Your thoughtfulness meant so much to me.

Dear St. Paul Lutheran family,
On behalf of Jacob & Justin, thank you for the quilts given to them in honor of their high school graduation. We are truly blessed to have your love and support wrapped around them.
Love, Joe & Julie Voll

I would like to thank Pastor Dave for his visits and prayers, and Julie and Lynn for their cards, wishes and prayers.

I would also like to express my thanks to the fellow members and friends for the many cards, thoughts, and prayers during and after my recent knee replacement.

In Christian faith,
George Essex

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..

Keith Ashbacher	Sherryl Bell	Coit Black
June Burke	Cheryl Burroughs	Carol Creps
Delbert Diemer	Debbie Doan	Russ Dodt
Mary Frost	Roger Grogg	Hal Haviland
Dan Hermiller	Shirley Homan	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
Dee Weisenfelder	Jack Willitzer	Alexis Alice
Anne	Becky Z	Carol
David	Dean	Don
Eric	Grace	Hal
Jim	Joan	Jodi
Josie	Kahlia	Les
Marlene	Mary	Matt
Phyllis	Roland	Sally
Stacey	Steve	Steven
Thelma	Tom	

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

Bishop NGowo, LeAnn Bohn, William Cooper,
Pauline Cordray, Rosemary 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 matter.

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



Major Tamara Funari,

Daughter of Ron and Connie Allgire

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

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.

THRIVENT - SEPTEMBER 2016

School has started and we are back to daily schedules that keep everyone very busy. But this month also is the anniversary of a sad day in American history – 15 years ago – September 11, 2001. Defiance has honored those heroes from that day and celebrates the work of the many firemen and police officers in our community with the Tunnel to Towers walk.



Thrivent has always participated in various ways over the years with this event. It is a good way for us to show others our respect for this important job others do for all of us. It is not possible to truly know or totally understand unless you have actually done their job. But giving them the respect they deserve is the best way since it is not possible to walk a day in their shoes. Join St. Paul and the SHINE team on Rally Day to help out with their service projects for our Defiance community.

Let's send extra prayers for 6 month old Samantha Rohrbaugh, daughter of Kris and MacKenzie, granddaughter of Stan, and great granddaughter of Charlie and Dee Jewell. She recently had surgery to remove cystic lesions from her right lung. Hopefully she will be cancer free and strong again soon.

Once again, I am sharing this reminder for you to place your order for the free 9x12 2017 Thrivent calendars. You can use the reply card from the September issue of Thrivent magazine or call the Member Connection Center at 800-847-4836. All orders must be placed by October 10th and the calendars will be mailed in November.

Thank you for your continued support of our Thrivent events.

Cathy Martin
Thrivent Congregational Advocate



A group for those who have lost a spouse

Meeting the 3rd Monday of each
month at St. Paul Lutheran Church
671 Clinton St. Defiance

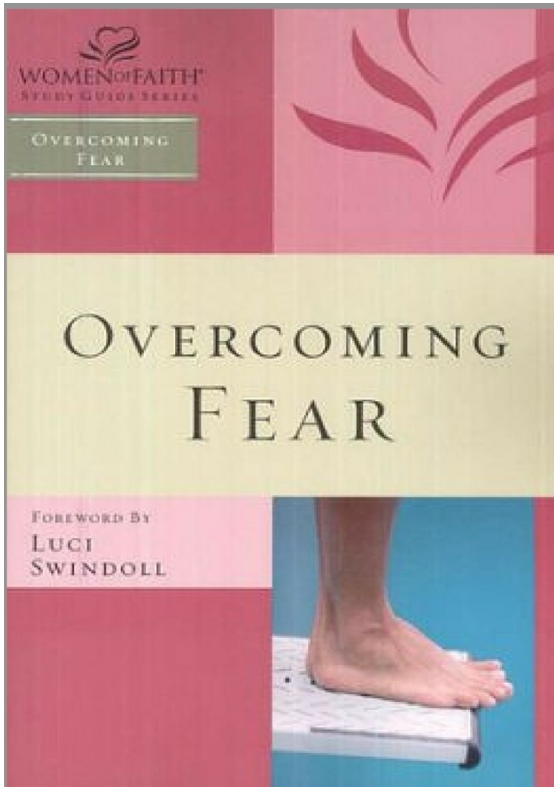
Come share
conversation,
Scripture & Prayer

Next
Meeting
Sept. 19th
at 6:30 pm

psalm 121
my strength
comes from
the Lord

ALL WELCOME

Enter doors across from
Defiance Jr. High Football Field
Questions? 419.956.1267



Resumes September 8th!

2nd and 4th
Thursdays
*Women's
Bible Study*

7-8 pm

Our
current
study is
entitled
"Overcoming Fear"

ALL WELCOME!!!!

Questions? 419.956.1267
or 419.782.5771

Questions?
419.956.1267
Led by
Julie Sasseen,
Marcella Ciccotelli,
& Sandy Herman

We meet in
Luther Hall
at St. Paul Lutheran
Enter the door across
from the Jr. High
football field
and go upstairs.

Festival of Tables

Sponsored by Women's Guild of Filling Homes

This unique luncheon features a variety of tables decorated by hostesses in the theme of their choosing.

Saturday, September 24, 2016
12:00 Noon

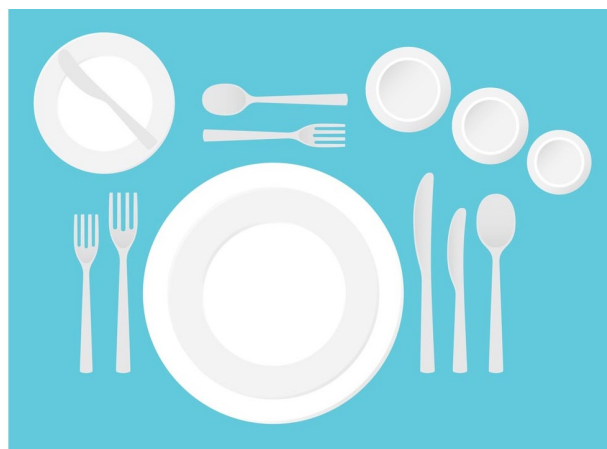
Filling Home Therapy Center
N160 State Route 108 Napoleon OH

(Doors Open at 11:00 am for Table Preview)

Tickets available by pre-sale only
Tickets are \$15.00 each

Proceeds to benefit the residents of Filling Homes

If you would like to serve as a hostess or reserve a seat at a table,
please contact Bonnie at 419-533-5661



**Maumee Valley conference of Women of the ELCA
2016 Fall Retreat**

Saturday, October 1, 2016

St. John's Lutheran, Deshler
Corner of State Route 65 and county Road G

"Change of Plans"

Speaker is Nicole Coulter

"Birth of Something Beautiful in Haiti"

Nicole is an RN and Co-Founder of HUT Research. Hear her personal stories of traveling to Haiti and help provide Haitian people with basics of water, food, housing, education and medical care.

8:30 am - Registration and continental Breakfast

9:00 am - Program

Lunch will be served at noon

Registration Fee is \$8.00 due by September 24

Send payment to:

Carolyn Schlade

30370 Gerken Road

Defiance, OH 43512

Make check payable to Maumee Valley Conference, Women of the ELCA

Love Offering - Monetary donation only. Mark checks payable to

Maumee Valley Conference, Women of ELCA

Name _____

Address _____

Church _____ City _____

*You are invited
Luther Home of Mercy*

Fall Fest 2016

"Hand-Picked By God"
September 18

Beginning with outdoor worship

at 2:30 pm

Pastor Alvera Brandt will deliver the message

-Free Event: Bring Your Family & Friends

-Picnic Supper

-Craft & Bake Sale

-Games & Activities

-Live Entertainment

Volunteers are needed & RSVPs by 9/14 are appreciated. Please contact Arielle Semer:
asemer@lutherhome.org, 419-972-4431.

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:30 am Worship/ Communion	5 Church Offices are closed to observe Labor Day...	6	7	8 Women's Bible Study 7-8 pm	9	10
11 Rally Day 9 am Confirmation 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/ Communion Potluck after worship Blessing of Backpacks Recharge-Scripture SHINE Community Service	12	13	14 6-7:30 pm JLL/ DIRT Resumes	15	16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	17
18 9 am Confirmation 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/ Communion	19 6:30 pm Carrying On	20 6:00 pm Church Council	21 6-7:30 pm JLL/ DIRT	22 Women's Bible Study 7-8 pm	23	24
25 9 am Confirmation 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/ Communion	26	27	28 1:00 pm BETA Circle @ Jan Sisco's 6-7:30 pm JLL/ DIRT	29	30	

September Birthdays

9/2 Darren Flickinger
Mandy Wicks
9/3 Connie Brown
Todd Melia
9/4 Cody Harris
9/5 Buggs Sierra
9/7 Gayle Fenter
9/9 Stacy Benien
Adelia Engel
9/10 Carol Burk
Gerald Mansfield
Harold Yeager
9/11 Allie Saylor
Reynah Velasquez
9/12 Chris Davis
9/13 Jennifer Geiger
Bill Krouse
9/15 Hadley Spieth
9/16 Debra Mohr
9/17 Nancy Krouse
Cheryl Rosebrock
9/18 Fran Coonrod
Shannon Hartzell
Layne Paxton
9/22 Andrew Plassman
Barry Roth
Larry Thomas
9/23 Mark Davis
Matt Davis
Jeannette Melia
Don Samuelson
9/24 Jane Parker
9/25 Jason Miller
Erin Spieth
9/28 Stacy Brashear
Sarah Gutman
9/30 Lori Schultz

Help me keep our records
accurate!!!!

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

**Baptism
Anniversaries**

9/03 Patricia Smith
9/05 Lane Bailey
9/07 Alex Knight
9/08 Sharon Ricker
9/10 Laureen Hill
9/11 Larry Heilman
Jessica Seimet
9/13 Frank Eitniet
George Vogel, Jr.
9/18 Brent Korhn
9/19 Ron Huner
Theresa Swary
9/20 Sarah Benien
9/21 Luke Szabo
9/22 Lori Ashbacher
Brenda Schultz
Julie Voll
9/24 George Essex
9/25 Maci McDowell
Amy Kimpel
9/28 Keisha Markins
Taytum Markins
Michael Sierra
9/30 Kirk Boesling

**Confirmation
Anniversary**

9/13 Frank Eitniet

Wedding Anniversaries

9/13 Sean & Terry Woods
9/19 Paul & Carmen Bodenburg
Justin & Stacy Brashear
Craig & Theresa Swary
9/22 Mike & Lynne Rittenour
9/23 Brian & Mari Fedderke
9/26 James & Jennifer Call
9/27 Kevin & Alyssa Johnson
9/29 Todd & Melissa Melia
Don & Carol Samuelson
9/30 Dick & Carol Burk
John & Rev. Tamara Wood



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671 CLINTON STREET
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Fall –Spring Worship Schedule

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Worship at 10:15 a.m.

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STAFF

Presiding Bishop	Rev. Elizabeth Eaton
NWO Bishop	Rev. Daniel Beaudoin
Pastor	Rev. David Brobston
Dir. of Youth & Family	Julie Sasseen
Secretary	Lynn Roth
Sexton	Jane Tuttle
Organist	Lori Schultz
Music Director	Jeremy Davis
Nursery Attendant	Kim Alvarado

Agencies Supported By St. Paul

Lutheran Home Society
Lutheran Social Services
LSS– Western Region Office
Filling Home
LOMO
Aya Secondary School– Dodoma Diocese,
ELC Tanzania
RAVENS
Project Share
Northwestern Ohio Synod
WELCA
Habitat for Humanity

2016 Church Council

President	Jim Ehlinger
V. President	Nancy Krouse
Treasurer	Denise Moog
Secretary	Collette Knight
Discipleship	Laura Ramon
Trustee	Gaylord Proxmire
Stewardship	Jenny Maag

