



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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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

BIBLES FOR AGES 3 & 3RD GRADE!!!!



ICE CREAM BAR FOR DESSERT!!!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8, 9 AM
WORSHIP 10:15 WITH
BLESSING OF BACKPACKS
POTLUCK AFTER CHURCH!
DRINKS AND TABLE SERVICE PROVIDED

CALLING
ALL
YOUTH

YOUTH
GROUPS
RESUME

STARTING
SEPT
4TH

YOUTH
ACTIVITIES EACH
WED. 6-7:30 PM

COME JOIN US!
BRING A FRIEND!

Pastor: The Rev. David Brobston
WORSHIP: 9:30 am

Beginning September 8th: Sunday School at 9 am;
Confirmation at 9 am; Worship at 10:15 am

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Simulcast on 102.7 FM

The Church offices
will be closed on
Monday, Sept. 2nd,
in observance of Labor
Day.



September 2019

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

This month's article is going to be brutally honest – it may be disturbing to some readers – parental discretion is advised.

Driving across country from Arizona to Michigan I decided a couple of things. No radio, no music, no social media, no news. Me, Guinness, windows down for most of the drive except those moments I was reconnecting with friends on the phone. Real conversation, not just a text of a facebook comment. One of those friends is also a colleague and during the conversation they said, “Some days the fact that I love Jesus is all that gets me through, because most days I don't like the church very much.” Yes, brothers and sisters, the truth is at times Pastors don't like the church very much.

Why is that? Some of it has to do with the brokenness and squabbling inside of the congregation. Some of it has to do with decisions that are made up the line that the pastor has to deal with the hurt, anger, frustration that happens “in the pew”. Some of it has to do with the main stream American theology that is so popular on television. Some of it has to do with the changing realities of parish ministry in declining areas. Some has to do with paying a price for things that happen in other denominations that are totally unrelated to parish life. Some of it has to do with the one or two folks in any congregation that thinks that the pastor can read minds, anticipate every need, be every place, and leap tall buildings with a single bound. Some of it has to do with the ebb and flow of our own faith lives.

I want to pause a minute and toss in a couple of statistics here: Now, before you think poorly about my friend, here are a couple of statistics: In the United States 1500 pastors a month quit ministry altogether. 1 out of every 10 pastors actually retire as a Pastor. Because of a lack of respect of The Church and various scandals Pastor now ranks one spot ahead of used car salesman as people to trust and respect in the community.

A few years ago, before I came to Defiance I was wrestling with whether or not I truly wanted to stay in ministry. I called my +Bishop at the time to meet. As we talked he reminded me of first loves from Revelation. That before we ever came to love a congregation, a synod, a denomination, a community, we loved Jesus because Jesus loved us. That long after all of those other things have faded away we will still have our love of Jesus and Jesus love of us.

Brothers and Sisters, we all have those moments of struggle. I have a secret that you have to promise to keep to yourself. Over the years I've known a couple of +Bishops that have wrestled with these issues and what has kept them going, what keeps my friend going, what keeps me going, and I pray what keeps you going is that promise that never changes. Jesus loves you. That's it. In the ups and downs of life, when we are filled with joy or when our hearts are darkened with rage Jesus loves you. When it seems like nothing can go wrong, and when if it weren't for bad luck you'd have no luck at all Jesus loves you. You are not alone in those times you wrestle, even St. Paul and Luther had those moments – and they got through it by trusting in Jesus promise.

Blessings

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SCHEDULES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019**LECTOR:** Alex & Caitlyn Schmidt

USHERS: 01 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Capt.
 08 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Capt.
 15 Team 1, Jason Frederick, Capt.
 22 Team 1, Jason Frederick, Capt.
 29 Team 2, Buggs Sierra, Capt.

FLOWERS: 01 Available
 08 Jean Gaskill
 15 Lori Brandt
 22 Available
 29 Available

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

BULLETINS: 01 Dee King
 08 Mary Geiger
 15 Available
 22 Mike & Lynne Rittenour
 29 Don & Carol Samuelson

COMMUNION SET-UP/PRESENTERS;

01 John & Mary Dale, Debbie Emerling

COMMUNION SET-UP/SERVERS

01 Lori Brandt, Debbie Emerling, Jason Frederick
 08 Jason Frederick
 15 Lori Brandt
 22 Julie Sasseen
 29 Jason Frederick

LAY COMMUNION:

Tim Moog
 Lowell & Sharon Ricker
 Chris Turner
 Dan & Jane Tuttle

ALTAR GUILD TEAM FOR SEPTEMBER:

John & Mary Dale, Laurie Moll

Thank you...

We want to thank all the friends and families at St. Paul who sent cards and notes of condolence and visited us for the recent death of our mother, Dorothy Martin. It means a lot to us.
 Jim & Cathy Martin

January **Income** \$ 19,287.12
 Expenses (\$ 24,237.21)
 Total (\$ 4,950.09)

February **Income** \$ 17,451.18
 Expenses (\$ 21,334.88)
 Total (\$ 3,883.70)

March **Income** \$ 20,114.37
 Expenses \$ 18,322.06
 Total \$ 1,792.31

April **Income** \$ 25,494.26
 Expenses \$ 20,773.67
 Total \$ 4,720.59

May **Income** \$ 14,100.52
 Expenses (\$ 18,972.86)
 Total (\$ 4,872.34)

June **Income** \$ 18,778.73
 Expenses (\$ 24,583.53)
 Total (\$ 5,804.80)

July **Income** \$ 21,686.26
 Expenses \$ 13,120.37
 Total \$ 4,565.27

AVG WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2019

January -	86	July -	86
February -	121	August -	81
March -	142	September -	
April -	191	October -	
May -	98	November -	
June -	98	December -	

Needed soon for the Flower/Bulletin Board**Altar Flowers:**

September: 1st, 22nd, 29th
October: 6th, 20th, 27th
November: 24th
December: 8th, 15th, 24th, 29th

Bulletin Covers:

September: 15th
October: 20th, 27th
December: 1st, 8th, 22nd, 24th, 29th

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	Coit Black	Mary Decker	Debbie Doan	Fred Fitzenrider		
Sharon Fitzenrider	Craig Frisinger	Mary Frisinger	Kenny Frost	Mary Frost		
Marylou Gilmore	Roger Grogg	Hal Haviland	Liz Hermiller	Shelly Hermiller		
Charlie Jewell	Janice Johansen	Ruth Johnson	Charlene Larson	Johnny Lawson		
Brenda Leonard	Tammy McCoy	Ron McDowell	Jodie Mellos	Dani Merillat		
Kim Meyer	Al Moll	Holly Niese	J.T. Nusbaum	Bill Parker		
Emily Plassman	Dean Purdy	Marilyn Purdy	Esther Reimund	Suzy Roberson		
Kristen Sanders	Judy Sisco	Waylon Steiner	Ella Suderman			
Alexis	Alice	Anne	Becky Z	Bill	Carol	Chris
Corbin	Dan	Devin	Dillon	Don	Doug	Elaine
Eric	Jan	Jenny	Jerry	Jim	Joanne	Jodi
John	Jon	Judy	Larry	Les	Lori	Lucas
Marlene	Martha	Mary	Matt	Myka Joy	Pat	Paul
Pauline	Phyllis	Richard	Roland	Sally	Sandy	Scott
Sheena	Stacey	Steve	Steven	Sue	Tammy	Thelma Tom

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

Pauline Cordray, Jeannine Diemer, Ned & Dorothy Dunbar, Rosemary Mehring,
Brenda Schultz, Wilma Seip, Rachel Sontchi, Marvin (Chub) Wahl

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.

Directory Update...

As many of you have already heard, we will be putting together a Church Directory as part of our 150 year celebration here at St Paul's.

This is really a BIG deal and we are excited to start celebrating this milestone by highlighting our members and our ministries here.

Over the upcoming weeks we will be posting and distributing information and sign-up sheets for scheduling our photography sessions.

My goal is to try and have 75% of the congregation signed up by the end of September and complete the rest by no later than the first week of October.

Our scheduled photography dates and times are as follows:

-Tuesday, October 29th 2pm – 9pm

-Wednesday, October 30th 1pm – 8pm

-Friday, November 1st 2pm – 9pm

-Saturday, November 2nd 10am-5pm

Looking ahead, I'll be looking for some volunteers to help with the sessions on these days. Essentially assisting folks get signed in, things like that. If you would be interested, please let me know either before or after church in the upcoming weeks or I can be reached by phone at 419-439-1164 or by email jnfrederick@artelco.net

Timeless memories

Printed professional photographs
endure for generations

Be a part of our upcoming
photography event

Be yourself. Classic,
casual, musical, sporty,
fun—it's up to you!

Make it special. Bring
meaningful items and
special people too!

Share your story with
family and friends.
Photographs make
great gifts.

Each family receives a
free 8x10 photograph and
directory for participating.
You will have the opportunity
to purchase additional photographs
for yourself, family and friends.

Schedule your photography
session today!



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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

1st Sgt. Kerry Schnitz,

Son of Larry & 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 & Al 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

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

Army Pvt. 2nd Class Cole Evans

Grandson 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.

Grief can feel like a mountain.
Introducing a Grief Group for those
who are climbing it together.

CARRYING ON

A Support Group for the bereaved.

SHALOM COUNSELING & MEDIATION

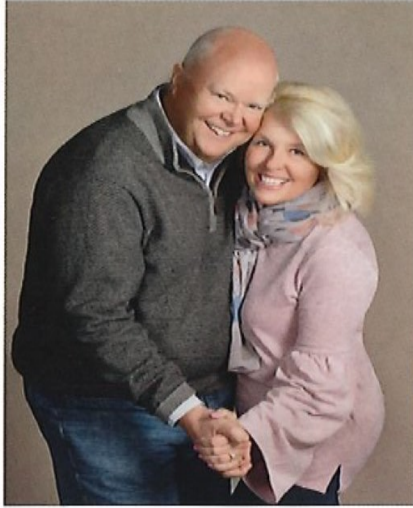
Meeting the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month

7-8:30 pm

Call 419.445.1552 for more information

or join us at

5030 Co. Rd. 15, Bryan



Tell your story

- Be yourself and dress casual, classic, sporty—it's up to you. (No tie required!)
- Bring meaningful items and special people to include in your photographs.

Be included in our new directory

What to expect

- A professional photography session, no session fees.
- View your images after your session and make your selections.

You will receive

- One free 8x10 standard print and directory.

Plus

- You will have the opportunity to purchase additional photographs to share with family and friends.

Schedule your photography session today and be included in our new directory. Photography dates and more information will be shared with you.

Lifetouch.



for your Lifetouch photography session

We can't wait to serve you! Our professional photographers will greet you and walk through what to expect during your photography session. Keep these tips in mind as you're getting ready for your session:



Clothing

Keep clothing simple. When coordinating your attire, consider solid or subtle patterns.



Meaningful items

Personalize your photographs with meaningful items. Bring musical instruments, sports equipment, a special bible, or hobby items.



Tell your story

Our photographers are ready to help tell your story by providing a variety of natural and interactive poses to select from.

At the end of your session

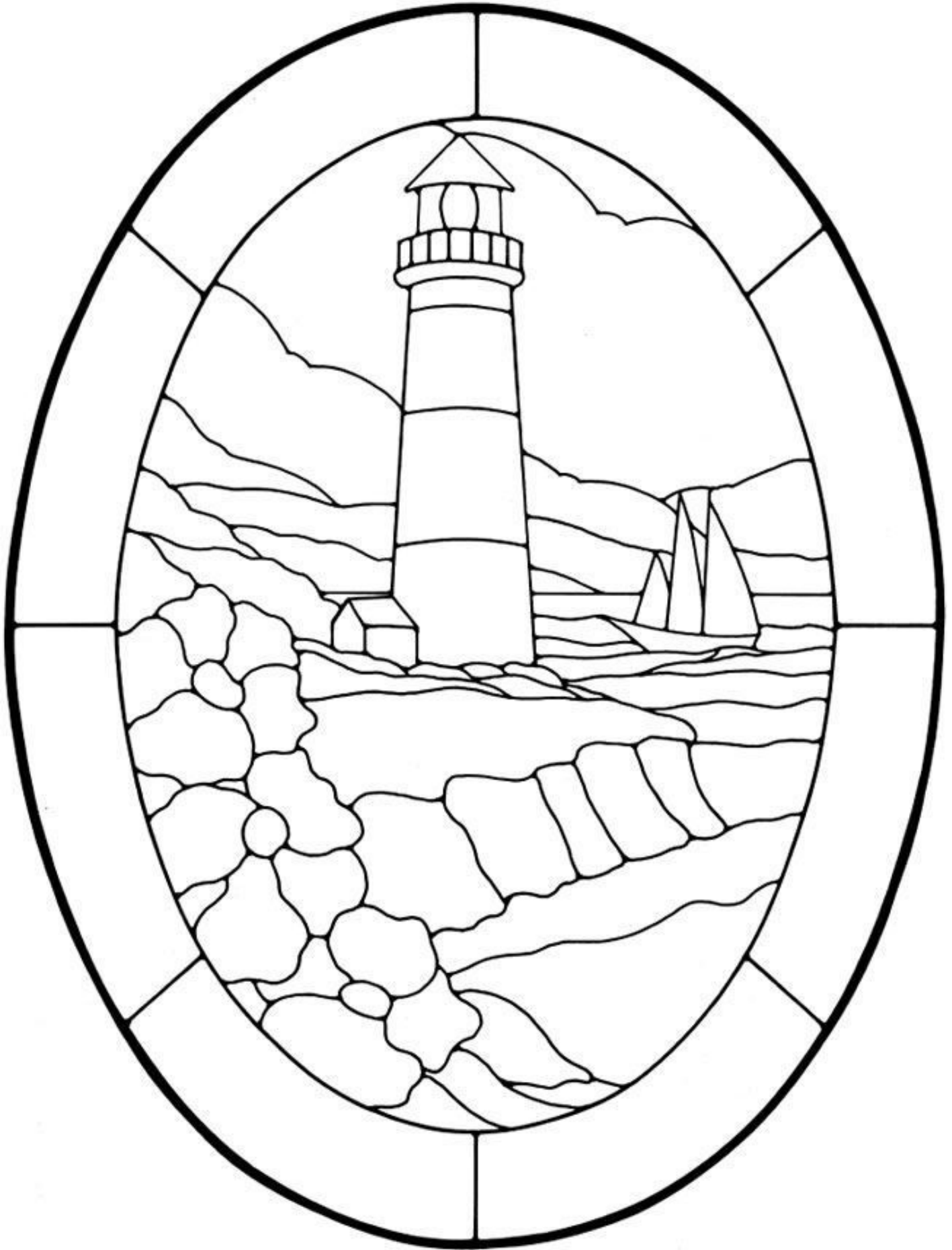
The photographer will show you your images and allow you to select your directory image and other products that fit your needs.

Lifetouch.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Worship/ Communion	2 Church Offices are closed to observe Labor Day...	3	4 6-7:30 pm Youth groups start 7 pm Choir Practice starts	5 Carrying On 7:00-8:30 pm	6	7
8 Rally Day Potluck after worship Blessing of Backpacks 9 am Sunday School 9 am Confirmation 10:15 am Worship/ Communion	9	10 6:00 pm Church Council	11 6-7:30 pm Youth meet 7 pm Choir Practice	12	13	14
15 9 am Sunday School 9 am Confirmation 10:15 am Worship/ Communion/ Baptism	16	17	18 6-7:30 pm Youth meet 7 pm Choir Practice	19 Carrying On 7:00-8:30 pm	20 <div>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</div>	21
22 9 am Sunday School 9 am Confirmation 10:15 am Worship/ Communion/ Baptism 1:30 pm Gentle Worship	23	24	25 6-7:30 pm Youth meet 7 pm Choir Practice	26	27	28
29 9 am Sunday School 9 am Confirmation 10:15 am Worship/ Communion	30					



September Birthdays

9/1 Layla Hagerman
 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
 9/13 Bill Krouse
 9/15 Hadley Spieth
 9/16 Debra Mohr
 9/17 Nancy Krouse
 Cheryl Rosebrock
 9/18 Fran Coonrod
 Shannon Hartzell
 Layne Paxton
 9/20 Bob Hasch
 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
 9/27 Ruth King
 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 @
 lynnsplcoffice@gmail.com
Thank you, Lynn

**Baptism
Anniversaries**

9/03 Patricia Smith
 9/05 Lane Bailey
 9/08 Sharon Ricker
 9/10 Laureen Hill
 9/11 Jessica Seimet
 9/13 Frank Eitniet
 9/18 Brent Korhn
 9/19 Ron Huner
 Theresa Swary
 9/20 Sarah Benien
 9/21 Peter Haines
 Luke Szabo
 9/22 Lori Ashbacher
 Brenda Schultz
 Julie Voll
 9/24 George Essex
 9/25 Stephen Haines
 Maci McDowell
 9/27 Aubrey Black
 Amy Kimpel
 9/28 Keisha Markins
 Taytum Markins
 Mike Sierra
 9/30 Kirk Boesling

**Wedding Anniversaries**

9/5 Peter & Christine Haines
 9/13 Sean & Terry Woods
 9/19 Paul & Carmen Bodenburg
 Justin & Stacy Brashear
 Craig & Theresa Swary
 9/20 Jeffery & Jolene Hagerman
 9/22 Mike & Lynne Rittenour
 9/26 James & Jennifer Call
 9/27 Kevin & Alyssa Johnson
 9/29 Todd & Melissa Melia
 Don & Carol Samuelson
 9/30 Dick & Carol Burk

**Confirmation
Anniversary**

9/13 Frank Eitniet

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671 CLINTON STREET
DEFIANCE, OH 43512-2654

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Fall –Spring Worship Schedule

Sunday School at 9am

Confirmation Class @ 9am

Worship/Communion @ 10:15 am

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Church 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	Steven Wendell
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

Church Council - 2019

President	Jason Frederick
V. President	Ryan Mack
Treasurer	Lori Brandt
Secretary	Stacy Barker
Discipleship	Jenna Pauley
Trustee	Dick Burk
Stewardship	Andrea Wardinski

