



ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We celebrate God's love and forgiveness by living the Word and sharing the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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ST. PAUL MESSENGER

AUGUST ~ 2013

FROM THE PASTOR —

Almost seven years ago, the people of St. Paul were really excited. So excited that they sent a crew of people (*a.k.a. The St. Paul Moving Company*) to Massachusetts to pick up a pastor, his family, and all those books, and brought them back to Ohio. Later that week, over 100 people came to help unload the trucks, move the furniture in and helped my family settle in. It was overwhelming for us.



For the last year we have been watching as our new building has gone up. From a mowed bean field, to a foundation, to walls and roof, to classroom and nursery, offices, fellowship hall and the new worship space. Some of us have been rolling up our sleeves and helping where we can. Others of us haven't had that chance. Our chance is coming.

Sunday, August 25th will be our last Sunday worshiping in our current facility. On that day we will have only one service, beginning at 9:00AM. That way we can all pray and sing our way out of this building and finish worship in our new fellowship hall. This is going to be an emotional day for worship — sadness at leaving as well as excitement about our new adventure as God's people in our new building.

That Sunday, the building committee is asking us all to dress in some casual clothing so that after our worship, we can help to clean in our new building and begin to move pews. There is much to do, but with many hands our work is light and delightful. There will be a potluck luncheon in the pavilion when people are ready to eat.

Our excitement has been building since the Ground Blessing Ceremony last September. Now we have a day when we can, all of us together, help in the process to move in. There will be a second date to move pews on Saturday, August 31st and our official "move in" day for things like the kitchen and offices will be on Saturday, September 7th. Please keep all of those dates handy. Let's get excited. God is with us.

Yours, in Christ,

Pastor Steve



BUILDING TO BE A BLESSING

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past,
Our Hope for Years to Come*

BUILDING PROJECT COMMITTEE WORK —
IMPORTANT DATES

**Sunday, August 25th — new church cleaning and moving of church pews after the 9:00AM
Leave Taking Service.**

Saturday, August 31st — moving day and continue cleaning

Dedication Sunday, September 15th

Saturday, October 12th — Auction of former church contents

Please continue your prayerful support for our workers and volunteers.

Project Committee

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

There was NO July Congregational Council Meeting in July due to many Council members attending the Navajo Mission Trip.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

There was NO Outreach Committee Meeting in July.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2013 – 7:30PM.

Items discussed at the July Worship Committee Meeting included:

1. Talked about past services
2. New Members
3. Vacation Bible School
4. The Leave Taking Service
5. Dedication Service in September

The Hymn selector for September is Pastor Steve

The August Worship Committee Meeting will be on Monday, August 12th at 7:30PM.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR AUGUST 2013

SENIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR: Lisa Bower

PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR: Jan Grieser

ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Tammy Robinson

CHERUB CHOIR DIRECTOR: Kelly Settlege

YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR: Vera Sheets

SOUND SYSTEM: Marsha Grieser, Zachary Durliat, Logan Sheets, Melissa Kroske, Paul Hartman, and
Martin Grieser

ALTAR GUILD: Nadine Boehm and Lisa Bower

WEBSITE COORDINATOR: Matt Luke

Prayer Chain Contacts

Nadine Boehm — nadineb@thewavz.com or 419-722-6370

Pam Hoffman — hoffman87@embarqmail.com or 419-358-1682

Hospital Stays

It is important to the church that we support you through illness and hospitalizations. If you are admitted to Blanchard Valley Hospital for an overnight stay we would like to know.

If you are planning an admission to any hospital, please call the church office at 419-326-3535 to let us know the date you are entering and how long you anticipate staying.

At admission to BVH, *planned or unplanned*, you (or your spokesperson) will be asked several questions,

1. Religion: this may be asked at pre-registration or at admission along with your address, phone number, etc. Please give our denomination.
2. If you wish to be on the Hospital Directory and the Religion List. These questions will be asked of you (or your spokesperson) during the "Consent to Treatment" process. Please answer "yes" to both.

In order to protect your privacy the hospital does not routinely call the church to tell us you have been admitted, unless you specifically ask them to call us. We depend on you or your family to let us know if you have been admitted.

If you have been in the hospital for a day or two and have not been visited, please ask your family or nurse to contact the church office.

A new federal law greatly restricts the disclosure of patient information by hospitals. As a result, the pastors and church office may not know that a member of the church has been admitted to the hospital. If you are hospitalized and would like to notify the pastor, it is important that you or a member of your family inform the church office as soon as possible at 419-326-3535 and the secretary will contact the pastor.

PERSONS ST. PAUL HAS PRAYED FOR DURING THE MONTH OF JULY: Kate Benroth (*Chris Sheets' friend/co-worker's 6-year old daughter who is battling Batten's Disease*), family and friends of Eric Blackburn (*friend of the Edmiston family*), Kim Conkle (*Wayne Sheets' niece*), family and friends of Rex Cramer, Adyson Dodge (*17 month old daughter of Adam*), Pastor Rick and Gretchen Eckard (*sister and brother-in-law of Janet Carey*), Paul Hartman, Jim Hindall (*friend of Wayne and Vera Sheets*), family and friends of Sharon Jolliff, Christine Kemerley, family and friends of Art Krebs (*Sally Valentage's co-worker's husband*), family and friends of Raymond E. Nesler, Sally McRitchie (*Elaine Ingram's high school friend*), Brandon Reichley, Merritt Rettig, John Romig, Colleen Schick, Helene Scott (*Clarabelle Price's friend*), Laney St. Clair (*Phyllis Rettig's co-worker's 5-year old niece dealing with cancer again*), family and friends of Anne Valentage (*Tom's aunt*), Linda Jordan, all military personnel serving in Iraq and elsewhere including Ben Wolford, Navajo Lutheran Mission School-Rock Point, AZ, Songambebe Lutheran Church-Tanzania, and the building crew working on our new building.

We welcomed into membership ~ ~

We welcomed into membership at St. Paul on Sunday, June 16th the following people: Robert, Allison, R. J., Jonathan, and Alexander Coldren; Deb Harvitt; Brenna Roy, and Heather and Dylen Walters. There was a reception for the new members following the services.

We welcome into membership by baptism ~ ~

On Sunday, July 21st at the 11:15AM service we welcomed Hayden Matthew Walters into membership by baptism at St. Paul. Hayden was born on December 14, 2009 and is the son of Heather Walters. Nathan Davis was Hayden's sponsor.

Congratulations on the birth of your children ~ ~

Congratulations to Tim and Shannon DeCooman on the birth of their daughter, Mia Lynn. Mia was born on Wednesday, June 19th at Blanchard Valley Hospital in Findlay. Mia is welcomed by her big sister, Addison.

Congratulations to Bryan and Kelli Schroeder on the birth of their son, Maddox Lee. Maddox was born on Tuesday, July 16th at Blanchard Valley Hospital in Findlay. Maddox weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces and was 19¾ inches long. Maddox is welcomed by his big sister, Brylee.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to ~ ~

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Raymond E. Nesler. Raymond, 88, passed away on Saturday, July 20th. His funeral was held at Chiles-Laman Funeral Home in Bluffton on Wednesday, July 24th with Pastor Steve officiating. May the family and friends of Raymond find comfort in the promise of the resurrection.

Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~

Thank you so very much for your card of love, hope, and prayer! It was much appreciated at a time when I just started my final round of chemo. Amy and Alex Wolff (*a young couple who now live in Canyon Country, CA that Darwin and Louise Wilson had asked for prayer*)

Thank you to Vera Sheets for bringing a CD and copy of the June 9th service and a thank you for all the get well cards sent to me after my fall. Thank you, Naomi Bossz

Thanks to everyone for the anniversary wishes and for the many anniversary cards sent to us. Ernst and Naomi Bossz

St. Paul Lutheran, Hello! I wanted to thank you for your hospitality and generosity in supporting my mission trip with Campus Crusades. It was an honor to worship with you, speak with you and sing for you. With your prayers and support, I'll soon be in Eastern Europe, sharing the good news of Jesus with college students. I appreciate your continued prayers and will be staying in contact via email once I'm in Europe. Blessings to you as you build the new church and continue to worship the LORD. Peace, Joshua Beaudoin

Thank you very much to everyone who helped in the kitchen for Vacation Bible School. Also thank you to the different organizations who furnished the food. Margie Reichley

Pastor Steve and St. Paul Church ~ Thank you so much for all that you have helped us with for our marriage ceremony. It was such a blessing and joyous feeling to be able to have our ceremony at an establishment that has had a great impact to our family. And it is a great honor to know that we were the last wedding in the church that I remember so vividly when I was younger. Thank you, Minh and Chris

I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, and visits during my surgery and recovery. Colleen Schick

Thank You to everyone who helped make our Kingdom Rock VBS a huge success! We appreciate everyone who took time from their busy schedules to help 79 kids learn how to "Stand Strong" for God. Whether you were here to sing, play, teach, create or with us in prayer . . . THANK YOU!

Thank you seems so inadequate at this time, but thank you, thank you, thank you. Your words of encouragement, thoughts and most of all your prayers have sustained us during the last several weeks and continue to do so. The three hour ride home yesterday was long and I felt every bump, but it is so wonderful to be home in familiar surroundings. Ron, my wonderful care giver, is a true blessing. One more blessing we have – Jason hit a deer last evening and totaled his car. Both air bags were deployed – windshield was shattered and hood smashed. He is stiff today, but thankfully wasn't hurt. We are so blessed with a wonderful church family who are a blessing to so many. Again we say thank you and may God bless you all richly.

Christing and Ron

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the quilt for Jake. It is a beautiful handmade gift that he can enjoy forever! Thank you for thinking of our family during this special time in our lives. We really appreciate it all!
In Christ's Love, Kyla, Erin, Claire, and Jake Kramer

Thank you to all for the prayers, cards, kind words, and visits during my recent knee surgery and recuperation.
Paul Hartman

Dear Church family and friends, Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your prayerful support, meals, visits, cards, phone calls, and the love that has and continues to surround us. Special thanks to Pastor Steve for being with our family the day of surgery and for his visits. God is so good and we are blessed to be a part of this church family. I continue to gain strength daily, but the Dr. says it could be up to 6 months before the incision fully heals internally and things are back to normal. Until then we will continue to take one day at a time and be every so thankful for HIS healing and grace. Much love and many blessings to you all.

Ron and Christing

Hancock Christian Clearing House, an organization of churches in Hancock County, of which St Paul is a member church, **is in great need of donations of cash, laundry soap and toilet paper.** There are HCCH donation envelopes and a box in the overflow area for your contributions. When you do laundry or use the restrooms this week, please think of the people in Hancock County who rinse their clothes in the sink with just water, or collect discarded sandwich wrappers for other uses (*yes, they do*). All donations STAY in Hancock County. Thank you for your caring and compassion.



AUGUST SEWING DAY – Tuesday, August 13th from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. Come all of the time or part of the time for the opportunity to help others in need, good fellowship, and good food. Bring a dish to share for lunch.

NEEDED for SEWING DAYS: Clean used sheets — any size.

Mildred Boehm is now at Taylor House in Findlay. Mildred would love to receive cards. Her new address is:
Mildred Boehm
Taylor House
1920 Breckenridge Road #109
Findlay, OH 45840

2013 FINDLAY CHURCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Cancellation and Team Standing Information: Please call the Courier Info Line at 419-421-8888 ext. 4470
Saturday, August 3rd — Tournament / Cooper Field

VBS Kids and Praise Team to perform at the Gospel Pavilion at the Hancock County Fair on Wednesday, August 28th. The Praise Team will perform from 5:15PM – 6:00PM and Vacation Bible School Kids and Kid's Bells will perform from 6:00PM – 6:30PM. If possible kids should wear their Vacation Bible School shirts and be there a few minutes early. Any questions – call Jan Grieser at 419-889-3339 or Vera Sheets at 419-348-4542.

Christian greeting cards are available for \$1. per card on the counter in the overflow area. This display is sponsored by the St. Paul Youth.



ST. PAUL YOUTH RECYCLES — St. Paul youth has put a box at the back of the overflow area to collect USED print cartridges from your printers. So, don't throw those cartridges away anymore, put them in the box and we will recycle them and make a few bucks in the process. Everyone wins! Anyone is welcome to place cartridges in the box. Thanks!

FIRST SUNDAY ACTIVITIES: The August First Sunday activities will be on Sunday, August 4th.



However, we will be having a Pond Party at Ron and Carol Riegle's house, 22580 Township Road 185, Forest, that day. 4th-6th grade will be from 3:00PM-5:00PM and 7th-12th grade will be from 4:30PM-7:00PM. Siblings can stay late or come early if necessary. Also, bring a water gun for a big splash bash! There will be swimming, basketball, food, fun, and fellowship! Friends are invited. Bring a dish to share if you can but hot dogs/burgers and drinks will be provided. See you there!

COME FOR AN AFTERNOON AT DELAWARE LAKE ~ On Sunday, August 11th after the 11:15AM service all 4th - 12th graders and their families are invited to head down to Delaware Lake for a fun afternoon of boating, swimming, tubing, and disc golf.

CHECK OUT THE ST. PAUL WEBSITE (www.stpaulevlutheran.org) and go to the YOUTH section AND ALSO CHECK OUT THE ST. PAUL YOUTH on FACEBOOK – St. Paul Lutheran Church Youth (be sure to LIKE us).

Price-Wilson Reunion to be celebrated on Sunday, August 18th.

The Price-Wilson Reunion will be celebrated on Sunday, August 18th. The Price Reunion began in 1922 — over 90 years ago.

Adam Price bought the farm in 1908, his son, Frederick, in 1930's, and his four children by 1969. Lester bought the property from his sister and two brothers in 1972.

The farm can qualify for 100 years owned by a Price. Many people enjoyed the property especially by Eagle Creek – to fish, play hockey on the frozen creek; fishing, hunting, Good Hope picnics, 4H groups, and school activities on Price Grove. Others to walk and enjoy the beauty of the area.

I would like to receive signed written notes on your experiences to include in my information for a 100 year farm.

The property is in a Trust for the use of St. Paul and other churches, schools, retreats, and study of the trees, plants, etc. Your suggestions would be appreciated for the future years.

I will be at Good Samaritan duplex 1, 100 Powell Drive by Noon on Sunday, August 18th. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments and desserts will be available.

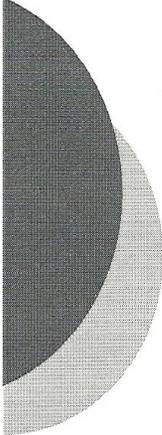
A brief business meeting will be held around 1:00PM.

Hope to see you at the Price-Wilson Reunion on Sunday, August 18th.

Clarabelle Price – Phone #419-365-7050

HEY – CHECK IT OUT – The monthly St. Paul newsletter is now available on the church website – www.stpaulevlutheran.org. Go to the website and click on About Us and then St. Paul Newsletters and download which ever newsletter you would like to view.

CHECK THIS OUT — The gospel reading and the sermon are now on the St. Paul web page under **Sermons**. You can listen to them directly off of the page or download to a device if you want to take it with you to listen.



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday School

Come early or stay late and check out what's happening during
St. Paul's Sunday School Hour. There's something for everyone!

Adult Classes

- ◆ Friends in Christ
 - ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Current Events
 - ◆ Chapel
- ◆ Young Adults
 - ◆ Basement Youth Room
- ◆ Basement Class
 - ◆ Fellowship Hall

Youth Classes

- ◆ Toddlers & Preschoolers
 - ◆ 1st Floor Classrooms
- ◆ K - 6th Grade
 - ◆ Rotational Program Meets in the 2nd Floor Classrooms
- ◆ 7th - 12th Grade
 - ◆ 2nd Floor Youth Room

All Classes Begin at 10:15 am

Celebrate Live Share!

August 2013 Birthdays

Friday, August 2nd Allen Boehm
Friday, August 2nd Dan Ludwig
Saturday, August 3rd Sara Geissinger
Saturday, August 3rd Chris Grostick
Saturday, August 3rd Elise Rettig
Sunday, August 4th Logan Bell
Monday, August 5th Babette Grieser
Wednesday, August 7th Travis Martin
Thursday, August 8th David Bower
Thursday, August 8th Steven Edmiston
Thursday, August 8th Chris Hoffman
Thursday, August 8th Christine Kemerley
Friday, August 9th Carol Breitigam
Saturday, August 10th Megan McCasland
Sunday, August 11th Doug Coldren
Sunday, August 11th Ruth Lamberjack
Monday, August 12th Thad Dempster
Monday, August 12th Vesta Wilch
Tuesday, August 13th Jocelyn Boehm
Tuesday, August 13th Ruby Bower
Tuesday, August 13th Kendra Parke
Tuesday, August 13th Kay Sidle
Wednesday, August 14th Jeff Breitigam
Wednesday, August 14th Bryan Schroeder
Thursday, August 15th Gary Martin
Friday, August 16th Jason Kemerley
Saturday, August 17th Kari King
Saturday, August 17th Sharon Smith
Saturday, August 17th Elmer Wilch
Sunday, August 18th Dale Geissinger
Sunday, August 18th Abbie Loy
Monday, August 19th John Shepard
Wednesday, August 21st Denise Durliat
Thursday, August 22nd Jill Langhals
Thursday, August 22nd Grace Riegler
Thursday, August 22nd Leah Riegler
Friday, August 23rd Janet Carey
Friday, August 23rd Luke Rettig
Saturday, August 24th Parker Kimmel
Sunday, August 25th Kelly Settlege
Monday, August 26th Nadine Boehm
Monday, August 26th Daulton Ludwig
Tuesday, August 27th Gerald Rettig
Wednesday, August 28th Carl Loetz
Wednesday, August 28th Allison Snyder
Thursday, August 29th Steven Smith

Friday, August 30th Ron Eversole
Friday, August 30th Logan Grieser
Friday, August 30th Kristin McCasland
Friday, August 30th Kyle Weidman
Saturday, August 31st Lynn McCasland



August 2013 Anniversaries

Friday, August 2nd Tom and Janet Carey – 38
Friday, August 2nd Stephen and Lori Welly – 5
Sunday, August 4th Tim and Shannon DeCooman – 6
Tuesday, August 6th Jeff and Samantha Rodabaugh – 2
Wednesday, August 7th Gerald and Carolyn Rettig – 58
Wednesday, August 7th Dennis and Sherri Ward – 31
Friday, August 9th Peter and Stephanie Krosnosky – 10
Saturday, August 10th Mike and Elaine Ingram – 45
Sunday, August 11th T. J. and Kayla Brooks – 1
Sunday, August 18th Wayne and Julia Young – 34
Monday, August 19th John and Christine Fitzgerald – 18
Thursday, August 22nd Larry and Rindy Crates – 43
Thursday, August 22nd Pastor Steve and Stacey Edmiston – 26
Monday, August 26th Paul and Ruth Ann Reichley – 60
Tuesday, August 27th Forrest and Rachel Hartman – 63



Friday, August 30th Raymond Bower

