



## 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 MAY ~ 2013

### FROM THE PASTOR —

It seems that winter is finally letting go of our weather patterns and spring is in the air. The school year is slowly winding down and soon we will have graduations to celebrate. Our season of Easter, our great celebration of Jesus' resurrection is ending as we celebrate Pentecost and Trinity Sundays. We are heading, full steam, for summer, for our green season.



Now some would say we are heading into that "boring" time in the church year, that restful time in the school year, or that hot time weather wise. What we are entering into is "growing time". In our area it is easy to see that. Soon the roads are going to be filled with tractors and fertilizer, seeds and such. Planting is happening so growing comes next.

In our lives of faith, God has planted so much goodness, so many blessings. We have seen the Jesus is God incarnate at Christmas. In Epiphany we saw Jesus made manifest to all the world. In Lent we looked at our lives as followers of Jesus, as disciples of Christ. In Easter we have seen the power of the resurrection in our lives. Now it is growing season. Now we are encouraged to let those blessings grow, to let our faith grow, to let God's love grow in us and through us. We are encouraged to grow so that we can bear fruit.

Plants grow and bear fruit. That fruit is never only for the plant. It is for others. We come together as a congregation in our growing days so that we can live for each other, for others around us. I want to encourage all of us to continue to come together so that we can grow together, so that our growth reaches into our lives and that together we might truly bear fruit in this world.

So, happy spring, congratulations to graduates, may the love of Christ, the inspiration of the Spirit and the blessings of God the Father be ours – always.

Pastor Steve



**BUILDING TO BE A BLESSING**

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

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## **BUILDING PROJECT COMMITTEE WORK —**

Work on the selection of several subcontractors for our project continues to occupy a great deal of time for our committees. Frey Floor Coverings of Kirby was selected to furnish the bulk of the floor coverings for our new facility. Re-Deck of Northwest Ohio was selected to handle the kitchen, storage areas, and entrances with their epoxy floor finish. All Phase Lighting of Lima will be furnishing most of the light fixtures for us. Sherwin-Williams Paint will be used for our interior walls due to their attractive pricing of their product. We have tried to be very fair about proposals from various suppliers, making sure that each is furnishing a quality product/service at the best possible price available. Our Historical Committee, consisting of Natalie McClelland, Vera Sheets, and Gary Wilson, has been asked to handle the disposal of the various components of our current church building after we move. Those items that are not selected for the new facility will be made available to members of St. Paul in a manner that will be determined by the committee and our church council.

The Project Committee again thanks all of our volunteers who have given time, labor, and monetary donations to make our building project a success. The new church is becoming a reality due to the positive attitude and efforts of our congregation. We also know that this can only be accomplished through the grace of God. May all of our efforts continue to serve our Lord and our Savior. Project Committee

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### **ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY – APRIL 9, 2013 – 7:00PM**

*Attendance: Tom Marquart, Emily Clark, Doug Coldren, Craig Durliat, Martin Grieser, Jennifer Griggs, Sharon Hartman, Melissa Kroske, Natalie McClelland, Patty Orwick, Tom Valentage, Phil Riegle, and Marsha Grieser, Jane Stout (representing HCCH)*

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman, Tom Marquart called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Tom Marquart opened with a prayer and the Council praying together the Council Prayer.

#### **APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

The minutes of the March 12, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT (Jennifer Griggs):**

- Jennifer distributed written copies of the financial report which listed checks written in March as well as account balances of March 31, 2013
- Total in the checking account as of March 31, 2013 is \$231,242.31 (Current \$31,520.78; Building \$191,317.24; Improvement \$1,190.34; Missions \$3,850.00; Special Projects \$3,363.95)
- Payouts from Current for March, 2013 was \$20,188.24
- Building project income for March, 2013 was \$9,060.95
- Building project payouts for March, 2013 were \$134,642.01
- Missions income for March, 2013 was \$2,350.00
- Missions payouts for March, 2013 were \$129.00
- Budget for the year at the end of March, 2013 was \$54,891.58 and we paid out \$52,946.37; we are ahead of budget by \$1,945.21

#### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (Tom Valentage):**

- Matt Alexander has been paid \$425.00 for snowplowing during the 2012-2013 season. The Trustees recommend his services for the 2013-2014 season, at \$95.00 per plow, which will include the service drive back to the new fellowship hall
- The parsonage clothes dryer has been spoken for
- Tom Valentage purchased a new post for the church mailbox; he and Dan Ludwig plan to work on the project this weekend, weather permitting

- Discussion was held on summer lawn mowers; the Trustees will check with Andrew Kroske and Nathaniel Edmiston

**Volunteers Marsha Grieser and Jane Stout gave a presentation on the Hancock County Christian Clearing House.**

**PASTOR’S REPORT (None)**

**YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT (Phil Riegler):**

- Bakery and Euchre Friday night, April 12
- BBQ Sunday, May 5
- If we get volunteers from Kohl’s to work at the BBQ they will give us a \$500 donation
- We have signed up for working at Cedar Point this Fall
- Mission trip meeting May 19
- We had an excellent response for Easter candy to be shipped to the Arizona mission children

**PARISH BOARD REPORT (Emily Clark):**

- Easter egg hunt went well. 28 kids were present
- No campership applications have been received
- Lance Leisure received his first communion on Easter Sunday
- Updates discussed on furnishings for Sunday school rooms for the new church
- Update given on VBS
- Continued discussion on ways to increase Sunday school attendance
- Picnic update, menu changes, and activities at picnic discussed
- Plans moving forward for summer Bible study for grades 7-12 girls in June and July
- Activity will be provided for children during the Semi-annual Congregational meeting

**BUILDING PROJECT REPORT (Tom Marquart):**

- The dry walling for the new church will be contracted
- The interior committee is very near completing their selections
- Still under budget

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Gary Wilson has agreed to head up meetings for the Staff Support committee

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Sharon Hartman moved, seconded by Melissa Kroske to hold the Semi-annual Congregational meeting on May 5, 2013 at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried.
- Approval was given to Joyce Beach to use the parking lot Saturday, June 22, 2013

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. with the Council praying together the Lord’s Prayer.

Sharon Hartman, Recording Secretary

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**OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY – APRIL 1, 2013 – 7:00PM**

Those present: Tina Cowan, Elaine Ingram, Vera Sheets, Beth Wilhelm, and Sarah Geissinger.

Welcome — devotions and prayer by Vera.

Sara Geissinger was welcomed as a new member.

The month of May is our time to offer communion with our visits.

There will soon be a date set for new members in May/June. Pastor Steve will be checking with those interested persons.

Outreach challenge to keep our members in the fold — to pay attention to those in need — Outreach will be more intentional again with a quick visit to visitors the next day or so with info to go with a baked item and a helping hand if needed. Again to pay attention!!

Next Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2013 at 7:00PM.

Acting Secretary, Vera Sheets

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**PARISH BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2013 – 7:00PM**

Attendance: Emily Clark, Stacey Edmiston, Kris Russell, Nancy Tobin, Jake Leu, Cathy Renn, Mary Wilson, and Sally Valentage

Emily called meeting to order.

Sally gave devotions.

The March minutes were read and approved.

The Treasures' report was reviewed and approved.

No pastor's report.

Old Business:

Easter Egg Hunt went well. 28 kids were present.

No Campership applications have been received.

Lance Leisure received his First Communion on Easter Sunday.

Updates discussed on furnishings for SS rooms in new church.

Update given on VBS.

Continued discussion on ways to increase SS attendance.

Picnic Update, menu changes, and activities at picnic discussed.

Plans moving forward for summer Bible Study.

New Business:

Activity will be provided for children during Semi Annual Cong Meeting.

Next meeting Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 7pm, Emily will give devotions.

Motion for adjournment made by Mary Wilson, seconded by Cathy Renn. The meeting was adjourned with the Parish Board members praying together the Lord's Prayer.

Sally Valentage, Secretary

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**WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**

Next Worship Committee Meeting is Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM.

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MAY 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:** Jan Grieser and Melissa Kroske

**WEBSITE COORDINATOR:** Matt Luke

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### 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.

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**PERSONS ST. PAUL HAS PRAYED FOR DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL:** Elise Atkins, Kate Benroth (*Chris Sheets' friend/co-worker's 6-year old daughter who is battling Batten's Disease*), Max Bishop (*Bill Marquart's nephew*), Sherri Davidson (*Christine Kemerley's friend*), Tom Gibson (*Mandy Henson's grandfather*), Dora Harris (*Louise Wilson's sister*), Fred Husing (*Cheryl Lentz's father*), Sharon Jolliff (*health issues*), Liz Maag (*Mary Wilson's friend*), Dave McPheron (*co-worker of Pam Hoffman*), Tom Musgrave's mother (*employee of Lee Laird*), Brandon Reichley, Merritt Rettig, John Romig, Colleen Schick, Wayne Sheets, Laney St. Clair (*Phyllis Rettig's co-worker's 5-year old niece dealing with cancer again*), Linda Jordan, all military personnel serving in Iraq and elsewhere including Ben Wolford, Navajo Lutheran Mission School-Rock Point, AZ, Songambele Lutheran Church-Tanzania, and the building crew working on our new building.

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# Thank You ~ Thank You ~

**Thank you to the St. Paul members** who remembered my family with your expressions of sympathy for the loss of my mother, Ruth A. Luke. Your prayers, caring thoughts, cards, and acts of kindness were so very much appreciated. God's Blessing to you,  
Janz Wilch and Family

**Leoma Grieser wishes to thank** the congregation for singing to her on her birthday and for the many cards and good wishes.

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Thank you** for the beautiful card. Thank you for letting us have our wedding and reception at the church. It means a lot to us to have your support. May God Bless you,  
Eric and Emily Shank

**Thank you** to those who contributed money to buy ham and potatoes, baked cookies or donated bread and butter for the Salvation Army dinner on Tuesday. We served 42 of Hancock County's residents. They all said thank you for the warm, delicious meal. We used some of the new church's worker's to help bring up the roasters from the basement for us. Thank you also to Mary Coldren, Jill Bower and Sharon Hartman for helping to serve the meals.  
Nadine Boehm

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## Congratulations on the wedding of ~ ~

**Congratulations to Eric and Emily (Downey) Shank as they were joined in holy matrimony here at St. Paul on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Steve officiating.** May God's Blessing be with Eric and Emily as they begin their married life together.

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**Meeting for Next Year's Catechism Student and Parents** — Pastor Steve would like to meet with all of the students who will be in our 7<sup>th</sup> grade or 8<sup>th</sup> grade catechism classes this fall. This meeting will talk about classes and other necessary stuff. We will meet on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:15AM in the pavilion. Please come to this important first meeting.



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**The members of St. Paul congregation are invited** to the graduation party for Chelsea Boehm, Abby Edmiston, Adrienne Shepard and Erin Tobin on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:00PM – 7:00PM in the St. Paul Pavilion. Abby and Adrienne are graduating from Arlington High School on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and Erin and Chelsea will graduate from Hardin Northern High School on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. These girls were confirmed together 4 years ago and decided they wanted to share their graduation party together too. Come and join them as they celebrate this exciting time in their lives.

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**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.

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**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: MAY First Sunday activities will be on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade — 5:30PM – 6:45PM.** Our First Sunday Activities are our flagship event for youth.

First Sunday activities begin at 5:30PM for grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> and run until 6:45PM or so. We provide snacks and drinks and have lots of fun while also taking time at each event to allow faith to take root. Any community youth is invited – no matter where you attend church. Friends are invited!

**7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade — 7:00PM – 8:30PM.** First Sundays are always open to youth in grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> from St. Paul or from the community – everyone is welcome! First Sundays begin at 7:00PM and run until around 8:30PM. Friends are ALWAYS welcome! We will have food, fun, fellowship, plan upcoming events, and spend time in the Word. See you there! Come and enjoy the fellowship and fun.



**Mission Trip**

**Planning is going on right now for our 6<sup>th</sup> Mission Trip to the Navajo Reservation and Rock Point, Arizona.** We will be on our trip July 6<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> and currently have 22 youth and 21 adults attending! Thank you to all the folks who have helped us and continue support us financially as well as in prayer. **The next Mission Trip meeting will be on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. See you there!**

**CHECK OUT THE ST. PAUL WEBSITE ([www.stpaulevlutheran.org](http://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).**

**St. Paul Youth BBO ~ Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**



— Get ready for our Annual BBQ on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>! We will begin serving at 10:30AM and serve until 1:00PM. We will again feature our Special BBQ Chicken Breast meal for \$6.50. Meal includes our signature boneless BBQ chicken breast, baked potato, apple sauce, dessert, and drink. Not in the mood for Chicken, well you can order a Great Brat or Juicy Cheeseburger instead for \$6.50 and it also includes baked potato, apple sauce, dessert, and drink. Are you one of those people who can't get enough chicken, brats, or burgers? Well, this year we are offering a double meat portion meal for \$9.00. Mix and match or pick your favorite, but just don't go away hungry with this deal! Youth Group members and adult Mission Trip attendees will have tickets beginning March 25<sup>th</sup>. See you at the BBQ!



**2013 FINDLAY CHURCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE FOR MAY**

Cancellation and Team Standing Information: Please call the Courier Info Line at 419-421-8888 ext. 4470

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Cooper Field – 9:00AM – New Life A vs. St. Paul

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – Cooper Field – 11:00AM – St. Paul vs. Gateway A

Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Cooper Field – 12:00PM – Trinity vs. St. Paul

**HEY – CHECK IT OUT – The monthly St. Paul newsletter is now available on the church website – [www.stpaulevlutheran.org](http://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!

### May 2013 Birthdays

Wednesday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	April Smith
Wednesday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Chad Snyder
Friday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Benjamin Hirt
Friday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kalin Smith
Friday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Erin Tobin
Saturday, May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Gregg Smith
Monday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Kenneth Young
Tuesday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Cowan
Wednesday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Kylee Geissinger
Wednesday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Chad Grieser
Thursday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Briehna Gillespie
Friday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sherry Grieser
Monday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Crooks
Monday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Marshall
Tuesday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ron Kemerley
Thursday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Demler
Thursday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Doug Freed
Thursday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Teresa Medvec
Thursday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Michelle Rettig
Thursday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Settlege
Friday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Kay Kose
Saturday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sydney Depuy
Sunday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Bower
Sunday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Grieser
Sunday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Laird
Sunday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	David Laird
Sunday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Anthony Wolford
Monday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	John Bame
Monday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Rindy Crates
Monday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Daryl Reichley
Wednesday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Amy Rettig

Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>  
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 Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>



Mitchell Bayer  
 Courtney Stoltz  
 Sean Fitzgerald  
 Jayme Inbody  
 Judy Rettig  
 Mark Settlege  
 Jeff Bosse  
 William Martin  
 Austin Welly



### May 2013 Anniversaries

Wednesday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Keith and Loretta Bower – 48
Wednesday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Carl and Rosalyn Loetz – 47
Sunday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Steve and Heather Smith – 12
Monday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ray and Evalyn Bauman – 92
Thursday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Scott and Sherry Grieser – 21
Friday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mike and Patty Orwick – 16
Friday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wes and Patricia Loetz – 16
Sunday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Adam and Renee Rammel – 1
Monday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Stephen and Mary Cowan – 41
Tuesday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jason and Megan Smith – 2
Saturday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tim and Deb Bower – 21
Sunday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Howard and Colleen Schick – 63
Monday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Roger and Judy Rettig – 36
Monday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Pete and Linda Wilson – 46
Thursday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Nathan and Tina Cowan – 14



