



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 MARCH ~ 2013

FROM THE PASTOR —

Here we are, in the middle of our Lenten journey making our way toward Easter. I once had a conversation with Christine Boehm where we realized that we were both "Lent Christians," that is we preferred Lent and Easter to Christmas. Now, don't get me wrong, Christmas is a wonderful time but as Christine and I were talking she made the point that Christmas would mean very little, without Easter.

That is the heart of the Christian message, in truth. There is no day, that would mean very much, without Easter. For us as Christians Easter is the day, the day that God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord, bursts onto the scene in ways never before imagined. Christ was dead and now he is alive. We too were dead, and now in Christ we have a new life, a life to share with all around us.

Christmas celebrates the incarnation, where God becomes human. There is a lot of potential in Christmas. Easter gives us the action, the boldness and the forgiveness to act ourselves. Easter is kinetic and we move with that energy into lives of caring. That is why I am so enamored of Easter, for because of Jesus' resurrection, I have a chance.

To get to that Easter celebration we still need to finish Lent. I like Lent because it gives us time to dig around in our lives, working the soil and allow God the chance to plant his grace and truth. It always takes time and in Lent we have the time. May you use this Lent as a way to prepare you for Easter. Please join us for Palm Sunday and Holy Week to cap off your Lenten pilgrimage. Spend time with us on Wednesdays, for soup and conversation and for worship and a look at our discipleship. We have the time, God loves us all, and together we can make God's kingdom come. God bless you this March.

Peace,

Pastor Steve



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

MAUNDY THURSDAY WITH COMMUNION ~ MARCH 28TH AT 7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY ~ MARCH 29TH AT 1:00PM AND 7:00PM

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY ~ MARCH 31ST

7:30AM AND 10:00AM ~ TRADITIONAL WITH COMMUNION

EASTER BREAKFAST AT 8:45AM



BUILDING TO BE A BLESSING

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

BUILDING PROJECT COMMITTEE WORK —

It has now been five and one half months since we broke ground for our new church facility. Much has been done as is readily seen. However, we will be developing a planned “phase in” of the move to our new building. We will not be able to use any part of the structure until our well and septic system are installed, inspected, and approved. Secondly, we will not be moving anything from our current building until the final scheduled wedding is held in early June. Once this is completed, expect us to start with the organ removal and rehab prior to its final installation in the new sanctuary. We will be removing stained glass sometime in the summer. The process of re-configuring it for placement in the new church is estimated to take about three months. We expect to be worshipping in the fellowship hall for at least a couple of months prior to having access to the sanctuary. This entire moving process will require numerous volunteers to handle pews, classroom furniture, office furniture and equipment, lots of books, three pianos, and a host of other items. We will do our best to make the move a well-organized activity. However, we will ask for your patience, prayers, and understanding.

May God continue to bless our congregation during this very active time in our history.

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 12, 2013 – 7:00PM

The February 12th Congregational Council Meeting was cancelled due to scheduling conflict.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MONDAY – FEBRUARY 4, 2013 – 7:00PM

Attendance: Elaine Ingram, Doug Coldren, Vera Sheets, Judy Rettig, Pastor Steve.

Opening: Opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Welcome new members to Outreach Committee – Dale and Sarah Geissinger.

Old Business: Coffee needs to be ordered.

Carnival: February 17, 2013. Menu includes chili, chicken sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, carrots and dip, cookies, and drinks. Wii Games set up in basement with Abbey Edmiston, Face painting in Sunday School Rooms with Allison Coldren, Board Games, cards, etc. in Overflow area and Bouncy House upstairs with Chelsea, Erin and Josie Boehm. Popcorn by Durlaits. Pastor will have Bible Trivia. Donations to go towards “Bless The Backpacks”.

Pastor’s Challenge: New and interesting ways to engage the community around us in order to spread God’s Word! Discipleship Mark 6:7 – he sent them out two by two.

Next Meeting: March 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Judy Rettig, Outreach Secretary

PARISH EDUCATION BOARD MINUTES THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 7, 2013 – 7:00PM

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

Emily called meeting to order and gave devotions.

The January minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurers report was reviewed and approved.

No pastor's report.

Old Business:

Job descriptions and contact information given to each board member.

Thank you notes received from Arlington School Back Pack Program, and The Brandon Reichley Family. Christmas ornaments have been ordered and received.

Young adult Sunday School class still in planning stage, hoping to start mid February.

New Business:

Easter Egg Hunt plans were discussed, board members to bring 2 dozen cookies. Publicity will start soon. Plans discussed for Easter Program.

Campership applications are available, on table in overflow area, applications to be returned to Parish Ed. by April 1st.

Plans were discussed for furnishings for Sunday School classes in the new church, storage cabinets, white erase boards, and bulletin boards, these will be purchased by parish board.

4th Graders, 1st communion, plans were discussed.

Ideas were discussed to try to increase Sunday School attendance. Emily asked board members to think about more ideas and will discuss at March meeting.

Motion was made by Kris Russell to order new class material for Upstairs Rotational Sunday School Classes, seconded by Mary Wilson. Motion passed.

Update given on VBS.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 7, 2013. Cathy Renn will give devotions.

Motion for adjournment was made by Mary Wilson, seconded by Kris Russell.

The meeting was adjourned with the Parish Board members praying together the Lord's Prayer.

Sally Valentage, Secretary

Worship Assistants for March 2013

SENIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR: Lisa Bower

PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR: Jan Grieser

ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Tammy Robinson

CHERUB CHOIR DIRECTOR: Kelly Settlage

YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR: Vera Sheets

SOUND SYSTEM: Marsha Grieser, Dan Settlage, Zachary Durliat, Jason Kemerley, and Martin Grieser

ALTAR GUILD: Merritt and Dorine VonStein

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 FEBRUARY: Julie Barnett (*co-worker of Tracy Riegler*), Roger Beagle (*friend of Beth Kimmel*), Kate Benroth (*Chris Sheets' friend/co-worker's 6-year old daughter who is battling Batten's Disease*), Max Bishop (*Bill Marquart's nephew*), Eric Blackburn (*friend of the Edmiston's*), family and friends of Christine Boehm, Sherri Davidson (*Christine Kemerley's friend*), family and friends of Kyle DeLong (*brother of a classmate of Chelsea Boehm*), Pastor Paul DeMoss, Doris Heldman, Jessica Hoffman, Nancy Sanya-Honse, Sharon Jolliff (*health issues*), Rosalyn Loetz, Liz Maag (*Mary Wilson's friend*), family and friends of Marjorie Muehlbrad, Joe Myers (*co-worker of Phyllis Rettig*), Brandon Reichley, Merritt Rettig, Sheryl Rettig, Linda Radabaugh's family ~ family and friends of Mel Henzler (*Carole Luke's friend*), Tina Schlabach (*Doris Heldman's daughter*), family and friends of Betty Schroeder, Kim Shepard, Laney St. Clair (*Phyllis Rettig's co-worker's 5-year old niece dealing with cancer again*), Kellen Steinmetz, Kendra Vermillion (*classmate of Chelsea Boehm*), family and friends of Jaeden Hines Ward, Karen Weber (*friend of Wayne and Vera Sheets*), Joan Wilch, Loma Wilson, Anthony Wolford (*James' son*), 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.

Thank You ~ Thank You ~

Thank You for the beautiful blanket that was made for Madelyn. It was so thoughtful and the blanket is Beautiful.
Aron, April, Emma, and Madelyn Smith

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us . . . Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. St. Paul Church, Thank you for your card, thoughts, and prayers at this time! In Christ's Love,
Brad and Deanna Bell and Family

Thank You! ~ Thank You! ~ Thank You! ~ You're terrific! St. Paul Lutheran Church ~ Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket. We really appreciate it.
Chris, Abby, and James Proctor

Thank you to everyone for your cards (Get well – Christmas – Birthday), concerns, and prayers. Thank you for before surgery, after surgery and my recovery. From my time in the hospital, nursing home, and finally home. I am doing well. Hope to be back in church soon.
Rosalyn Loetz

Dear St. Paul and Women of the Church, Thank you so very much for the card signed by so many members of the congregation. Thank you to the Women of the Church for the absolutely adorable baby blanket for Kennedy. We are so thankful for all of the love and support during this very exciting time in our lives. Thank you and God Bless you!
Megan McCasland, Quentin, and Kennedy Rand

Thanks so much for a very successful Winter Carnival. After bills were paid we have \$150 to “Bless the Backpacks”.

Thank you to Tina Cowan, Marty Grieser, Elaine Ingram, Ryan Leisure, Dan Settlage, Steve Reichley, Wayne Sheets, Nancy Smith, and Tom Valentage for crockpots of chili. Cookies were supplied by Denise Durliat, Stacey and Abigail Edmiston, Elaine Ingram, Judy Rettig, Phyllis Rettig, and Sally Valentage.

Thanks to Phil Riegle, Erin Tobin and Chelsea Boehm for working the Bouncey House, to Allison Coldren for painting faces, to the Durliat’s for popcorn, to Pastor Steve for some great Trivia, to Abigail Edmiston for the Wii games, and to Kay Sidle, Stacey Edmiston, and Mike and Pam Hoffman for the extra help. Thanks, to Jane Wilch for advertising. It was a great time for fellowship, food, and fun! God Bless You!

Outreach Committee

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.

Received into membership by Infant Baptism ~ ~

Madelyn Faith Smith was received into membership by infant baptism at the 9:00AM Worship Service on February 3, 2013. Madelyn is the daughter of Aaron and April [Rettig] Smith. Madelyn was born on January 12, 2013. Sponsors for Madelyn are Bryan and Kelli Schroeder.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to ~ ~

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Jaeden Hines Ward. Chad and Penny [Suter] Ward are Jaeden’s parents. Jaeden, 12 days old, passed away on Tuesday, February 5th at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, OH. His funeral service was held here at St. Paul on Saturday, February 9th at 11:00AM.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Elizabeth “Betty” Schroeder. Betty, 73, is Jane Wilch’s sister-in-law. Betty passed away on Wednesday, February 6th at Bridge Hospice Care Center in Findlay.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Christine Marie [Grieser] Boehm. Christine, 63, passed away at her home on Sunday, February 17th and her funeral was held here at St. Paul on Saturday, February 23rd at 11:00AM.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Marjorie Muehlbrad. Marjorie, 89, passed away on Tuesday, February 19th in Hilliard, OH. Her funeral was held on Friday, February 22nd. Marjorie was married to Pastor Luther Muehlbrad who served here at St. Paul from 1956–1965.

May the family and friends of Jaeden Hines Ward, Betty Schroeder, Christine Boehm, and Marjorie Muehlbrad find comfort in the promise of the resurrection.



2013 Youth Mission Trip — Our 2013 Youth Mission Trip dates are now set! We will be heading to Arizona on July 6th and return from Arizona on July 16th. Our plans have us at the Mission from July 7th through 12th. Lots of plans have yet to be developed but the beginning tenets of this very important trip are starting to come together.



Hop on over to our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Toddlers –5th graders are invited to join us Saturday, March 23rd at 2:00PM (Rain or Shine) to hunt for eggs and enjoy cookies and punch. Bring a friend and a basket for your eggs!



SURPRISE CARD SHOWER FOR LEOMA GRIESER'S 95TH BIRTHDAY ~ Sunday, March 24th (Palm Sunday). Leoma loves to receive cards so please be sure to wish her a Happy 95th Birthday with a card!

Leoma's address is: Leoma Grieser
Primrose Retirement Village – Apt. 131
8580 Township Road 237
Findlay, OH 45840

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: First Sunday activities will be on Sunday, March 3rd.

4th – 6th Grade — 5:30PM – 6:45PM. Friends are invited!

7th – 12th Grade — 7:00PM – 8:30PM. Come and enjoy the fellowship and fun.

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).

The Altar Flower Chart for 2013 is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Sign up for special dates in your lives — Birthdays, Anniversaries, Family Member remembrances, etc.

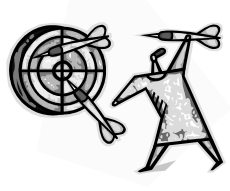
ATTENTION ALL YOUNG ADULTS — Is God calling you to challenge yourself this upcoming Lenten season? If so, what better way than joining St. Paul's new Sunday School class! In February we kicked off a brand new class for young adults [*single and married*] in hopes to build new friendships and grow as Christians together. If you are up for the challenge, consider joining us as we study the word and deepen our relationships with God!

FREE BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE

The book, "The Cancer Chronicles", written by a son of our congregation, Rev. Dr. Steven B. Schick, is available on the table in the overflow area. This book details Steven's "journey of faith, hope, and life" during his battle with cancer. As he has written, "I don't know if I have faith. What I know is that faith has me. Thanks be to God". These books have been donated by his wife Linda and their two sons, Nathan and Nicholas. Please feel free to take a copy. Howard and Colleen Schick are Steven's parents.

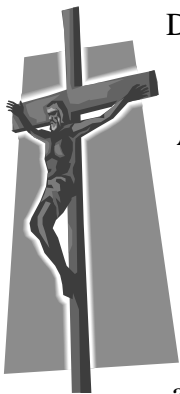
MARK YOUR CALENDARS — DARTBALL — MARCH SCHEDULE

[All regular season games begin promptly at 7:30PM]

Monday, March 4th	Jenera Jr. @ Trinity, Upper Sandusky Trinity A @ Jenera Sr.	
Monday, March 11th	Jenera Jr. @ Salem-Cass, Findlay Upper Sandusky @ Jenera Sr.	
Monday, March 18th	Jenera Jr. @ Dola Trinity B @ Jenera Sr.	
Monday, March 25th	Tournament @ Salem-Cass, Findlay or Bethel beginning at 6:30PM	

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.



Dear friends in Christ,

On Good Friday, March 29th, Good Hope Lutheran Church plans to once again host the annual Community Crosswalk. As in years past, participants will walk through the village of Arlington, taking turns carrying a large wooden cross, and stopping at several points along the way for Scripture and song.

No offering will be collected. The event will be held rain or shine (or snow or sleet!), and does involve walking a couple miles through town. We begin at 12 noon on the east side of Good Hope's building, 300 South Main in Arlington, and will end up back where we began no later than 1:00PM.

We have appreciated the participation of Christians throughout the area in years past, and certainly invite you and your congregation to join us again this year. Owing to work schedules and the like, many of course are unable to attend; but we hope with enough advance notice others will be able to make plans, and so be present.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steve Ramsey

March 2013 Birthdays

Friday, March 1st Riley Bayer
Friday, March 1st Roger Rettig
Saturday, March 2nd Ashley Carman
Sunday, March 3rd Reis Steinmetz
Monday, March 4th Amanda Leu
Tuesday, March 5th Mike Inbody
Tuesday, March 5th Patricia Reichley
Wednesday, March 6th Forrest Hartman
Wednesday, March 6th Sean Tobin
Thursday, March 7th Greg Hartman
Thursday, March 7th Raigan Smith
Friday, March 8th Gerry Frey
Saturday, March 9th Loretta Bower
Saturday, March 9th Stephanie Gossman
Saturday, March 9th Ryan Redd
Monday, March 11th Kay Hosler
Monday, March 11th Tom Marquart
Thursday, March 14th Lisa Bower
Thursday, March 14th Justin Gillespie
Thursday, March 14th Austin Grieser
Thursday, March 14th Wayne Sheets
Thursday, March 14th Linda Wilson
Friday, March 15th Sydney King
Friday, March 15th Bill Marquart
Saturday, March 16th Zachery Grieser
Saturday, March 16th Mary M. Wilson
Sunday, March 17th Gerald Inbody
Monday, March 18th Darwin Wilson
Tuesday, March 19th Michael Bower
Tuesday, March 19th Lillian Crates
Tuesday, March 19th Cameron Settlege
Tuesday, March 19th Norah Welly
Tuesday, March 19th Chris Wolford
Wednesday, March 20th Robert Grieser
Wednesday, March 20th Morgan Smith
Wednesday, March 20th Payton Smith
Thursday, March 21st Janice Wolford
Friday, March 22nd Tim Bower
Saturday, March 23rd Emilee Bower
Saturday, March 23rd Melody McCloud
Saturday, March 23rd Nathan Norway
Saturday, March 23rd Abigail Proctor
Sunday, March 24th Tina Cowan
Sunday, March 24th Leoma Grieser
Monday, March 25th Matthew Bower
Monday, March 25th Nick Luke
Wednesday, March 27th Ben Grieser
Wednesday, March 27th Cody Light
Wednesday, March 27th John Wilson
Thursday, March 28th Deborah King
Friday, March 29th Steve McClelland

Friday, March 29th

Saturday, March 30th

Sunday, March 31st

Sunday, March 31st

Dru Sidle

Mark Gossman

Emily Depuy

Joel Fitzgerald



March 2013 Anniversaries

Monday, March 11th Steven and Bethany Miller – 7

Tuesday, March 12th Van and Jane Follas – 37

Friday, March 15th Joe and Toni Loy – 33

Monday, March 25th James and Jessica Kemerley – 7



