



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 NOVEMBER ~ 2013

FROM THE PASTOR —

Wow, have we done lot of Baptisms since we moved into our new building. Since our Leave-Taking Service at the end of August we have done eight baptism and we have a ninth scheduled for November 10th and another scheduled for early December. We even have two more newborns waiting to get on the calendar.



This month we celebrate All Saints, when we recall those who have died in the past year. We also celebrate those newly baptized, those whom God has called and claimed as his children, as his saints. We have been part of something wonderful.

In October, I baptized young Mason Leu. I was talking with his great-grandmother, Rachel Hartman recently, and she told me that Mason is the 6th generation in her family to be baptized here at St. Paul. Six generations. That is a lot. As I thought about it it became a perfect metaphor for this month. We celebrate God's saints, living and dead, we celebrate the love of God and all his blessings poured out upon us. This month we also recognize our 160th anniversary as a congregation. We are part of God's mission here as have been Mason's parents, grandparents, great, great-great, and great-great-great grandparents.

We also celebrate the ministry we will do with Mason and Owen, with Maddox, Braden, and Tenley and all the children we have baptized, all the children in Sunday School and VBS, all the youth in catechism and youth group, all the adults, young and older. We are God's people, God's saints right here, right now and we are moving into the future with God beside us, leading, guiding, strengthening and giving us hope.

In the midst of all our celebrating we get to come together so we can live in God's love and share all God's gifts. We give thanks to God for all our baptisms, all our saints gone before us, all our saints we share this ministry with, and all the world we are called to serve. In this month of great and profound joy – we raise our hearts in gratitude giving thanks to God for all his goodness.

Yours, in Christ

Pastor Steve



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP ~ St. Paul will host our Community Thanksgiving Worship on Wednesday evening November 27th. Worship will begin at 7:00PM. We will be joined by our sisters and brothers in Christ from Good Hope Lutheran and Arlington United Methodist churches. We gather to give thanks for all of God's blessings shared in our congregations and beyond. After worship we will enjoy pie and cookies. A sign up to help with the dessert is on the table in the Welcome Space. Join us.

CHURCH PROJECT UPDATE — We are moving ahead with our demolition plans at a good pace. After meeting with the EPA folks this week, we learned that we could: (1) leave the tiles intact and truck the concrete with the tiles still on it to a certified disposal landfill, or (2) we could remove the tiles with a certified company doing the work and then we could use any landfill that takes building waste. The difference between using one or the other is comparing the cost difference between trucking the concrete/tile material to a landfill that is farther away from our site and the cost of asbestos removal. We have set a deadline for the receipt of bids for the asbestos abatement and building demolition at Friday, November 8th. We will be making a presentation at the annual congregational meeting on November 10th. At this time, we will need a congregation vote to approve the asbestos abatement and the building demolition contractors. Our goal is to begin asbestos abatement on the Monday after Thanksgiving and demolish the old church prior to Christmas. We do have to wait 10 business days after we file the proper forms with the EPA before we can begin the abatement. We thank you for your patience and your prayers during this demolition period. Mike Ingram

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013 ~ 7:00PM**

Attendance: Tom Marquart, Natalie McClelland, Marty Grieser, Tom Valentage, Craig Durliat, Doug Coldren, Melissa Kroske, Jen Griggs, Owen Griggs, Patty Orwick, Emily Clark, Kyle Kramer, and Pastor Steven Edmiston.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tom Marquart called the meeting to order at 7:05pm, and Pastor Steve provided devotions related to worshiping and witnessing in our new building. He asked God's blessings as we move forward and all in attendance recited the Council Prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jen Griggs provided an overview of finances including checks written in September and account balances as of 9/30/2013. The report was approved as presented.

TRUSTEES REPORT

- The oven in the parsonage stopped working as did one of the church refrigerators. Tom Valentage plans to purchase new appliances at Sears Outlet in Columbus this weekend.
- The parsonage doorbell is not working and will be addressed
- Natalie McClelland got an estimate for a new side entry door to the parsonage garage; Tom Valentage will get a second estimate.
- Following review of church insurance at 1.5 million on the new building and 300 thousand on the contents, the Trustees recommend raising the coverage on contents to 600 thousand. Marty Grieser moved and Patty Orwick seconded a motion to increase the coverage to 600 thousand; motion carried.
- The Trustees suggested that low clearance signs be posted on both sides of the portico; Natalie will get estimates on signs that blend in with the colors of the portico reading, "Low Clearance 10 ft."
- The snowplowing contract went to Matt Alexander for the 2013-2014 season.
- The gas company has shut off fuel to the old building; electricity will be shut off on Monday, Oct. 14. Contents of the old building are to be removed during daylight hours only. It was suggested that Phil Riegle draft a document for buyers to sign before removing items to protect St. Paul from liability.
- The Trustees recommend striping under the portico to reflect 2 lanes of traffic for better flow. Following discussion, it was suggested that no parking be allowed on the north side of the old building to allow more room for traffic flow.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- The Dedication Service was phenomenal and thanks to all who helped make it a success.
- It's been a busy time at St. Paul as far as baptisms.
- An informal, community-wide Open House is planned for Saturday, Nov. 16th for those who were unable to attend our Dedication Service. If there is a committee that would like to host this event, please inform Pastor Steve. Until then, an announcement will be placed in the News of the Flock.
- The Pastor needs Jen Griggs to sign for his medical plan, as discussed and approved at last month's meeting.
- The Pastor will be out of town on Reformation Sunday and has asked Phil to lead worship.

PARISH BOARD REPORT

- Sunday School rooms are mostly completed.
- Future activities include a canned food drive and "Bring a Friend" Sunday.
- The young adult Sunday School class is in need of a leader(s).
- Kids Praise is going well, averaging 20 children per week. October events include a hayride and visit to the Good Samaritan Center.
- Allison Coldren may lead a special class for children on Wednesday evenings during the Lenten season.
- The children's Christmas program is scheduled for Dec. 15, featuring a morning and evening performance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The Chair reported that Mike Ingram is heading up the demolition process of the old building because he has experience in this area. Due to legal issues and permits, the process must be taken one step at a time.
- The Chair reported the Nominating Committee is almost finished with their work. He would like all Council members to meet at 10:45am on Nov. 3 to accept the nominations and approve the 2014 budget prior to the Annual Meeting.
- Natalie reported on behalf of the Historical Committee. Discussion was held on the financial side of the auction, specifically how payments would be handled and whether auction proceeds would go toward demolition and memory garden. Jen Griggs reported that she would remove all financial information from the old building before Saturday. The committee requested that:
 - 1) A church pew replace the chairs along the north wall of the narthex instead of being sold at auction.
 - 2) Volunteers help move chairs out of the attic and barn contents outside the barn before the auction.
 - 3) The altar in the old building be taken to the new building before the sale. Council members suggested it be covered and clearly marked "NOT FOR SALE" instead of moving it to the new church then out again for refinishing.
 - 5) A small office table be taken to Phil Riegle's office.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Chair reported that after receiving bids for LP gas for the 2013-2014 heating season, he recommends Suburban Propane at \$1.549/gal. A motion was made by Melissa Kroske and seconded by Kyle Kramer; motion carried.
- Discussion was held on Dedication Sunday offering. It was moved and seconded by Craig Durliat and Tom Valentage, respectively, that \$500 be given to the Christian Clearing House and the remainder to the Building Fund to offset expenses associated with dedication.
- Following discussion on temperature in the new building, it was decided the thermostat be set at 73 degrees.
- A check for \$100 was received from Good Hope Church for our memory garden. The Chair will send a thank you card.
- The Building Committee has officially disbanded, therefore all issues should be directed to Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer at 8:30pm.

Recorded by Natalie McClelland

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013 ~ 7:00PM

Attendance: Tina Cowan, Vera Sheets, Judy Rettig, Sarah Geissinger, and Pastor Steve.

Old Business:

Coffee Table: Need to order coffee. Extra cookies needed for coffee table to keep on hand.

Directory: Corrections to be made.

New Business:

Church Auction: Outreach to serve sandwiches, etc, during the auction on October 12th.

Welcome Pads: Need replaced. The old red ones are falling apart – colors of gray or black,

Open House: November time frame. Discussion held about invitation to be sent per bulk mailings. Pastor to check at office for cost of postcards. Discussed what to put on the post card: When, Where, Time, and Why.

Church Brochures: Need to re-do with information about the new church.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 4, 2013

Judy Rettig, Outreach Secretary

PARISH EDUCATION BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2013 ~ 7:00PM

Present: Nancy Tobin, Mary Wilson, Jake Leu, Emily Clark, Sally Valentage

Meeting called to order by Emily

Emily gave devotions

Sept minutes were read and approved

Treasurer's report was given and approved

No Pastor's report

Old Business:

- Furnishings in classrooms mostly complete will check old church for anything remaining.
- Will not be bringing Sunday school class sign to new church
- Planning November Mission to feed and border battle food drive, Contest between North side and south side of Sunday school wing.
- End of January or February Bring a Friend Sunday, will have lesson on friendship first.
- Plans still going for Young Adult Sunday School class.
- Confirmation gifts costing more than originally planned, all agreed to the \$30.00 – 35.00 for each gift.
- Kids Praise, 21 kids, some visitors coming also. Hayride planned for October 16th at Pepple's.
- 3rd graders receiving bibles on October 3rd with instruction during Sunday school the next 2 Sundays.

New Business:

- Parish Board members approved for Allison Coldren to have Lenten services for children during the Lenten services. Will start after Ash Wednesday.
- Christmas ornaments are here for this year's evening program. Will have bagels after morning program and cookies and punch after 7pm program. Reminder will be sent out for members to bring 2 dozen cookies.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 7th

Devotions: Sally

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer

Sally Valentage, Secretary

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR NOVEMBER 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: Beth Kimmel

WEBSITE COORDINATOR: Matt Luke

Prayer Chain Contacts

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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 OCTOBER: Brig Barrientes (*husband of Pam Hoffman's childhood neighbor in Leipsic*), Bill Bauman, Elizabeth Bauman, Nancy Beard, Kate Benroth (*Chris Sheets' friend/co-worker's 6-year old daughter who is battling Batten's Disease*), Mildred Boehm, RuthAnn Bower, Easton Brodman (*grandson of a co-worker of Carole Luke*), Kim Conkle (*Wayne Sheets' niece*), Jessica DePuy, Robert Durenberger (*Beth Kimmel's father*), Bill Easterly (*friend/neighbor of Doris Heldman*), Pastor Rick and Gretchen [Wilson] Eckard (*Janet Carey's sister and brother-in-law*), Rose Jones (*Sally Valentage's sister*), Ruth McAleer (*Clarabelle Price's friend*), Sally McRitchie (*Elaine Ingram's high school friend*), Brandon Reichley, Merritt Rettig, John Romig, Marcia Russell, 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 Becky Thomason (*former sister-in-law of Kay Hosler*), Fred Weber (*friend of Wayne and Vera Sheets*), Linda Jordan, all military personnel serving in Iraq and elsewhere including Ben Wolford, Navajo Lutheran Mission School-Rock Point, AZ, and Songambebe Lutheran Church-Tanzania.



We received into membership by Holy Baptism on Sunday, October 6th at the 9:00AM service Mason Jacob Leu. Mason was born on August 17, 2013 and is the son of Jacob and Amanda [Wolford] Leu. Sponsors for Mason are Erica Fisher and April Leu.

We received into membership by Holy Baptism on Sunday, October 20th at the 9:00AM service Owen William Griggs. Owen was born on August 22, 2013 and is the son of Shawn and Jennifer [Inbody] Griggs. Sponsors for Owen are Jon and KrisAndra Russell.

Congratulations on the birth of your sons ~ ~

Congratulations to Joe and Casandra [Kent] Bennett on the birth of your son, Landon Charles Bennett. Landon was born on September 16th in Lima, Ohio. He is welcomed by his big brother, Bradley.

Congratulations to Ryan and Brittany [Wells] Robinson on the birth of your son, Kolt Merritt Robinson. Kolt was born on Wednesday, October 2nd at Blanchard Valley Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. He is welcomed by his proud grandparents, Keith and Tammy Robinson and great grandparents, Merritt and Dorine VonStein.

The following third graders received their bible at the worship services on Sunday, October 6th:
R. J. Coldren, Jared Griggs, Mason Smith, Cole Snyder, and Katlyn Solt.

Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~

Thank you to all the ladies who have helped make quilts this year. It was a successful year for us. We made 57 quilts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief and that was 13 more than we sent last year. Also Kendra Parke made a quilt and donated it to the nursery. Thank you, Kendra. Again, thank you everyone we will be starting up again after the first of the year. Jill Bower – Mission Action for WELCA

We were all in AWE of the beautiful fall decorations. A BIG THANK YOU to Ted and Colleen Boehm for the BEAUTIFUL fall decorations for Harvest Home Sunday. St. Paul Congregation

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and kindness during this difficult time. From the family of Calvin Kraft. Thank you so much for the card with signatures. I did recognize some. Velma Kraft

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY — We have an Adult Bible Study here at St. Paul. We meet in the library from 10:00AM until 11:30AM on Thursday mornings. This fall we are studying the parables of Jesus. These stories stand as a blessing for us all, teaching us about the kingdom of God, the grace of God, and even the judgment of God. We will read and discuss, be delighted by and sometimes stumped by the simple stories, using everyday images as they try to teach us profound, divine truth. Join us.

7TH GRADE CATECHISM SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 3rd — 5:00PM – 6:30PM
Sunday, November 17th — 5:00PM – 7:00PM – Movie

8TH GRADE CATECHISM SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 10th — 5:00PM – 6:30PM
Sunday, November 24th — 5:00PM – 6:30PM

NOVEMBER DARTBALL SCHEDULE — [All Regular Season games begin promptly at 7:30PM]

Monday, November 4th Jenera Jr. @ Upper Sandusky / Salem–Cass, Findlay @ Jenera Sr.
 Monday, November 11th Jenera Jr. — BYE / Trinity, Upper Sandusky @ Jenera Sr.
 Monday, November 18th Jenera Jr. @ St. John’s / Jenera Sr. — BYE
 Monday, November 25th Jenera Jr. @ Trinity A / St. John’s @ Jenera Sr.



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.

FIRST SUNDAY ACTIVITIES: The November First Sunday activities will be on Sunday, November 3rd.

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

First Sunday activities begin at 5:30PM for grades 4th – 6th 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!

7th – 12th Grade — 7:00PM – 8:30PM. First Sundays are always open to youth in grades 7th – 12th 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.

Once again the St. Paul LYO will be selling poinsettias to decorate the church for the holiday season.

**THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS POINSETTIA SALE WILL GO TOWARDS:
St. Paul Youth Projects**

The poinsettia plants will each come in a 6½ inch container at a cost of \$8.50 per plant.

Order forms are available on the table in the welcome area. Fill in the order form and return to the church secretary or leave the order form and money in the secretary’s box outside the church office. Payment must accompany orders, and checks need to be made payable to: St. Paul Lutheran LYO. Deadline for placing orders will be Sunday, December 8th.

“R.E.A.C.H.” is a new Sunday School class led by Adrienne Shepard that meets at 10:15AM in the room before Phil Riegle’s office. Ages — high school graduates to 92+. Adrienne appreciates the input of all ages.

CHECK OUT THE ST. PAUL WEBSITE

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/Library
- Current Events
 - Educational Wing
- R.E.A.C.H.
 - Educational Wing next to Youth Room
- Adult Class
 - Conference Room

Youth Classes

- Toddlers and Preschoolers
 - 1st two classrooms in educational wing
[Opening held in Noah’s Ark Room]
- K — 6th Grade
 - Rotational Program meets in Fellowship Hall then dismisses to Educational Wing
- 7th — 12th Grade
 - Youth Room

All Classes begin at 10:15am

Celebrate! Live! Share!

(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).



Senior — Senior Breakfast
Monday, November 11th — 8:00AM
Arlington High School Cafeteria
Stay for Veteran’s Day Assembly — 9:00AM



November 2013 Birthdays

Monday, November 4 th	Tim DeCooman
Monday, November 4 th	Carla Manns
Tuesday, November 5 th	Ted Boehm
Tuesday, November 5 th	Marc Depuy
Wednesday, November 6 th	Cameron King
Wednesday, November 6 th	Pam Pepple
Wednesday, November 6 th	Carly Amos
Thursday, November 7 th	Melissa Kroske
Thursday, November 7 th	Ron Riegle
Friday, November 8 th	John Rettig
Saturday, November 9 th	Bryce Geissinger
Saturday, November 9 th	Kristi Kose
Saturday, November 9 th	Mary Phillips
Sunday, November 10 th	Rachel Smith
Tuesday, November 12 th	Sarah Grostick
Tuesday, November 12 th	Wanda Renner
Tuesday, November 12 th	Ryan Wilhelm
Wednesday, November 13 th	Ed Boehm
Wednesday, November 13 th	Max Langhals
Wednesday, November 13 th	Jacob Leu
Wednesday, November 13 th	Phil Riegle
Thursday, November 14 th	Lisa Creque
Thursday, November 14 th	Shane Grieser
Friday, November 15 th	Charles Breitigan
Saturday, November 16 th	Barbara Bower
Saturday, November 16 th	Rebecca Peyton
Sunday, November 17 th	Alex Russell
Sunday, November 17 th	Jenna Stoltz
Sunday, November 17 th	Rebecca Stoltz
Monday, November 18 th	Emma Smith
Monday, November 18 th	Janet Welly
Tuesday, November 19 th	Amber Durliat
Tuesday, November 19 th	Lauren Pepple
Wednesday, November 20 th	Bethany Branam
Thursday, November 21 st	Aaron Korte
Thursday, November 21 st	Kennedy McCasland
Thursday, November 21 st	Bailey Parke
Friday, November 22 nd	Jacob Russell
Saturday, November 23 rd	Deb Bower

Saturday, November 23 rd	Cheryl Lentz
Sunday, November 24 th	Hannah Rader
Sunday, November 24 th	Grant Wilson
Wednesday, November 27 th	Carrie Ludwig
Wednesday, November 27 th	Tammy Robinson
Thursday, November 28 th	Mildred Freed
Thursday, November 28 th	Regina Gossman
Friday, November 29 th	Zachary Durliat
Saturday, November 30 th	Ryan Wolford
Saturday, November 30 th	James Young



November 2013 Anniversaries

Monday, November 4 th	Wayne and Vera Sheets – 51
Monday, November 4 th	Steve and Emily Clark – 5
Saturday, November 9 th	Mark and Morgan Tiell – 6
Saturday, November 9 th	Richard and Angie Vaughn – 11
Sunday, November 10 th	Allen and Vanessa Beidelschies – 1
Monday, November 11 th	Robert and Leilani Beery – 34
Tuesday, November 12 th	Ryan and Brittany Robinson – 2
Thursday, November 14 th	David and Jackie Bayer – 21
Tuesday, November 19 th	Charles and Carol Breitigan – 52
Thursday, November 21 st	Eddie and Norma Gossman – 62
Monday, November 25 th	Richard and Jean Crooks – 46
Tuesday, November 26 th	Roger and Ruthann Ruffell – 38
Wednesday, November 27 th	John and Mary A. Wilson – 48



