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The St. Paul Epistle

A Newsletter of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bellville, Ohio

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Holy Week and Easter

The central drama and event of Christianity happens this month with the arrival of Holy Week and all the events leading up to the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day.

Palm Sunday is April 17th and on this day we remember the drama of the crowds welcoming Jesus. Then we hear the story of how quickly they forget. And this is our story too, for we both remember and we forget all too quickly.

Maunday Thursday is the day on which Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples and gave them the new commandment to "**Love one another as I have loved you.**" As is our tradition, we gather as a whole church to eat an **Agape Feast** to feast, fellowship, and foretell of the heavenly banquet by sharing in Holy Communion. The meal begins at 6:00 and you may make your reservations by calling the church office.

On **Good Friday**, April 22, we will gather at 7:00 for a worship experience that will take us through the stations of the cross. We will move from station to station participating in activities that recall the mystery and the power of the passion of Jesus.

Easter Sunday we gather at our regular worship times to proclaim again with joy the triumph of Jesus' resurrection and our resurrection.

Ginger Resigns as Children's Ministry Coordinator

Ginger has resigned as the Children's Ministry Coordinator, and the Guardians have accepted her resignation with regret. Ginger will be working through April 15.

Ginger has written a letter to the congregation explaining why she is leaving. It is found on page 14. Pastor Doug comments on her time with us in his pastor's letter which is on the following page.

A farewell reception will be held on Sunday April 10 at 9:30 for those who wish to extend to her personal appreciation for her ministry.

Ginger began her ministry on July 1, 2010 and has brought to the children's ministry a renewed vitality. She has been exceptional at getting to know both the children and adults, and her wise leadership will be missed.

The Guardians believe that she has built a solid foundation for a future Children's Ministry Coordinator. They will begin the search for Ginger's replacement – not that she really can be replaced – the first of April. Please contact the Guardians with any suggestions or nominations. They are looking to hire someone half-time with the same job description and responsibilities

Rummage Sale Here

The Senior Youth Rummage Sale will be the week of April 10th through the 16th. This is the major fundraiser for the Senior Youth Group's Work Camp.

Bring it in! The reception of all your treasures will begin on Sunday and go through Tuesday evening. The times are:

- Sunday - Noon to Four
- Monday – Four to Seven
- Tuesday – Four to Seven

It is helpful if you can have your treasures in by Tuesday evening so that the price mark up can happen on Wednesday. If you have an item too big for your vehicle there are some willing volunteers who can get it on Sunday afternoon. Call Diane Hammett at 419-886-4076 to request a pick up.

Remember, if you bring in a large item and it does not sell, you are requested to come and retrieve it on Saturday.

Bring in your baked goods on invited Friday and Pepsi products any time.

Mark it up! The sorting and pricing are just a few of the activities for which volunteers are needed. You can also be a cashier during the sale times, or perhaps help with the final clean up. There are still many volunteer slots unfilled, and Diane will be requesting your smiling presence on Sunday, April 3. Or, you can call her.

Move it Out! The sale will be the 14th through the 16th, just in time for you to get the greatest value from your tax return dollars. The sale hours are:

- Thursday – 8:30 – 6:00
- Friday – 8:30 – 6:00
- Saturday – 8:30 – 2:00

Thursday is the best day for the most selection. Friday is the Bake Sale. And Saturday is Bargain Day with reduced prices.

Clean it up! From two to four on Saturday the Community Room is returned to its normal condition. It is amazing how quickly that



The junk – I mean treasures – has started to arrive, but if at all possible bring it on the 10th-13th..

happens, and you can help bring the curtain down on the Rummage Sale.

Support the troops! This year's work campers will travel to East Bank, West Virginia the week of July 16-23, 2011. There are three **Red Shirts** – adult leaders for the whole camp - and twelve **Campers** from our church going this year. That 12th spot is still unfilled, and it could be yours if you move fast.

In appreciation of your gifts of your treasures, your time, and your purchases, the Senior Youth Work Campers thank you in advance.

Pancake Breakfast Supports Cancer Research, Rosie's Hope Garden

The Annual Pancake Breakfast to support **Relay for Life** will be hosted by **Rosie's Hope Garden**. The breakfast will be on Saturday, April 16th, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Social Room of the church. This is the room underneath the offices.

Pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit and all the normal morning beverages will be served. You are guaranteed to go away fat and sassy.

Donations to the American

Cancer Society will be accepted. All the money goes for research, education and advocacy of cancer prevention.

Rosie's Hope Garden is one of the many teams in Richland County that raises money for cancer research through the annual **Relay for Life**. Each year the **Relay for Life** has a 24 hour walkathon and fundraiser. Each of the participating teams raises money through fundraising activities throughout the year and through sponsoring walkers.

Rosemary Shirk is the founder, organizer, and leader of **Rosie's Hope Garden**, and her team consists of all family members. Rosemary is a nine year survivor of colon cancer, and this is the 9th year of their participation in **Relay for Life**.

Their goal this year is to raise \$3,500. Last year they raised \$2,954.

Rosemary is grateful for all of the area merchants who have put coin boxes by their cash registers.

How Well Do You Know Your Miracles?

Who was the 3rd man in history to walk on water?

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The 1st one was Jesus..

*

The 2nd was the Apostle Peter.

*

The third man was...

See the next page for the answer.

Two New Adult Sunday Morning Learning Experiences

Grow in prayer. Janis Marhenke and Carol Pretorius are beginning a new Sunday morning adult learning opportunity. They call themselves, **Prayer Without Walls**, and starting on May 1st they will use *The Workbook of Living Prayer* to help the participants grow in prayer. This eight week study requires the purchase of a workbook and short daily prayer exercises. If you would like to join, let them know by April 20th.

On April 10, the **Library Adult Sunday School Class** will begin studying a new book, **Life Lessons: The Book of Hebrews** by Max Lucado. The class examines the

details of the book, but also discusses how we are able to bring application to our own life. There are books available, and the cost is \$3.00. See Mark Timberlake if you would like one. Please join us at 9:30 in the library on Sunday mornings.

In addition there are three other adult Sunday Morning classes. Upstairs in the educational wing there is a class using the Augsburg Fortress Quarterly Bible Study material and the parenting class. In the Community Room is a class discussing the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.



The Third Man to Walk on Water Was This Guy Ralph



Max William Anderson was baptized on March 6. He is the son of Pete and Lyndsey (on right) Anderson who also became members that day. Max was born December 27, 2010. Leslie Anderson (left) is his sponsor/godparent. Photo by Mike Murray.

March Gift of the Month

The gift of the Month for April is "Linus" Blankets and finger puppets for Akron Children's Hospital and "Nite Nite" supplies for the

Women's Shelter. This program provides the children at the Shelter a few possessions of their very own and thereby gives them a measure of

security and comfort. The Shelter will provide the bags but we can donate books for all ages, stuffed animals and small blankets to go into each bag.



Courtney Lynn Price and Kaitlyn Rose Price, twin daughters of Jeremy Price & Andrea Paulson, were baptized on March 27, 2011. They were born on November 3, 2010. Mike & Cyndie Murray are the godparents. Jeremy is holding Kaitlyn. Photo by Mike Murray.

Spring WELCA Cluster Meeting

Tuesday, April 26th at 6:00 p.m

Hostess Church: Zion Lutheran Church, Loudonville

Theme: Spiritual Wellness

Half of the Monetary Offering: to Camp Mowana

And gifts of paper products to
St. Luke's Saturday Evening Meal Program.

Watch the Sunday bulletins for further details.

Photos from the Catechism Retreat



Clockwise from top left: The hikers at the cross, Pastor's spray point clothes, four wet ones, class time, hikers in the woods, and splash down.



The catechism/middle school youth retreat was held on March 11 and 12. For the first time it also included sixth graders. The retreat was held at Camp Otyokwah in conjunction with St. Timothy Lutheran Church and Pastor Bonnie Peltomaa

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(Fri - Tue)

September

23 - 27, 2011



Capitol Building



World War II Memorial



White House



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Departure: Police Department, 182 S. Main St, Fredericktown, OH @ 8 am then Parking Lot, Bell St & Church St, Bellville, OH

Day 1: Depart your group's location in a spacious video and restroom equipped motorcoach as you head for your destination: Washington, D.C. our National Capital! Later that day, enjoy a relaxing Dinner and check into your Washington, D.C. area hotel.

Day 2: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast before departing for a full-day Guided Tour of Washington, D.C. Some of the awe-inspiring sights on this fantastic tour will include the US Capitol, the White House, the National Archives, Embassy Row, and Georgetown. During the day, you will see the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, and several War Memorials. This evening, enjoy Dinner at a local restaurant before continuing on the Guided Memorial and Monuments Tour.

Day 3: Begin the day with a Continental Breakfast. Today's Guided Tour includes such poignant and inspirational sights as Arlington National Cemetery, including the Tomb of the Unknowns, and Kennedy Graves, as well as the Iwo Jima Memorial. You'll also enjoy a visit to the Smithsonian Institution. Later, you'll enjoy Dinner with entertainment before returning to your hotel for the night.

Day 4: Start your last day in our Nation's Capital with a Continental Breakfast. This morning you will finish your series of Guided Tours, before having lunch on your own. This afternoon, head to George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Garden. Experience great American history at Mount Vernon. This evening, enjoy a relaxing Dinner and return to your hotel.

Day 5: Today, after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will depart for home... a perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen, and where your next group trip will take you!

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News from Children's Ministries

Dear Congregation of St Paul's,

I am writing this letter to you, first of all, to thank you all for being such a warm and welcoming congregation. It has been so wonderful to meet so many caring and generous people. I have loved getting to know so many of the children and youth as well as their parents. This has brought me great joy. I have also enjoyed getting to know the entire congregation during worship time or during our larger church activities.

However, I am also writing to let you know that, after much prayer and discernment, I have decided to leave the position of Children's Ministries Coordinator here at St. Paul. As many of you know, this fall my family felt led to return to our home congregation in Loudonville where our children attend school and where we have many

community friends. After several months of prayer and trying different options I have decided that I also need to return to my home congregation so that we can worship together as a family. Although this has been a very difficult decision, I know that it is the right one.

I would like to thank Pastor Doug and the entire congregation for the privilege of serving the Lord and St. Paul's during these months. I shall always treasure this opportunity as well as the many special people that I have been so richly blessed to get to know. Thank you once again for all you have done to support the ministry that I have been involved in and for being so very kind to me and my family.

With deepest gratitude and with the love of the Lord,
Ginger Pflueger

Kid's Alive! Bulletin Board Created by Elaine Dotson



Pastor Doug's Letter: February 24, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Deeper we go. Deeper into Lent. Deeper into the mysteries of God. Deeper into the sufferings of God. And higher into the power of the resurrected life.

It is with sadness that we say good-bye to Ginger. She has been a gift and blessing to us, and her nine months of service have birthed within us new life. Her children's sermons have brought the children into a greater participation in the worship services. She has started two new adult learning opportunities which have the potential of continuing to grow. Her involvement in the children's ministries has brought vitality and renewal to the whole program. More than all that she has done, however, we will miss her enthusiasm, her loving presence, and her positive faith. She has made God known to us in a deeper way.

I feel grief at her leaving. Her faith and insights have been invaluable to me as we would pray, talk, and discern the movement of God's Spirit within this ministry body. The final Sunday that she preached she read the Gospel lesson from the third chapter of John in which Jesus says to Nicodemus, *"The wind blows where it chooses and you hear the sound of it but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."* Where the wind blows is both a mystery and it is not. Through science we have discovered the patterns of the wind and can with – somewhat – accuracy figure out where the wind comes from and where it goes. Similarly, through a life of prayer we can discover the patterns of the Spirit, and Ginger brings that sensitivity of noticing the flow of the

Spirit both in individuals and in the whole group.

One of the gifts that she has brought to me is to see you all through new eyes. Repeatedly throughout her time of service Ginger has expressed amazement at your maturity of faith, your zeal for the Lord, your willingness to serve, your generous giving of yourselves, and the spirit of grace that flows from so many of you. From noticing what God *has* done in you and what God *is* doing in you, we would seek to discern what God *will* do.

It came as a surprise to her, to me, and to the Guardians that the movement of the Spirit of God would take her away from the role of the Children's Ministry Coordinator. We all spent the first part of last year in prayer and in seeking whether hiring Ginger was God's will. And we were confident that it was. So when Ginger told me that she really felt God was leading her in a new direction, I asked God, "So what are you doing?"

Someone once said, "Always notice surprises, for what surprises you tells you a lot about yourself." So as I have reflected on both Ginger's coming and her leaving I noticed that both caught me by surprise. The surprise at the beginning was that she arrived in my office seeking God's will for ministry the same week our previous Children's Ministry Coordinator left. It seemed clear to us that this was a part of God's timing and especially as all the factors looked right for long term service. The surprise at the end is that it was not nearly as long as I anticipated. It was only nine months.

Now let us go back and read what Jesus said immediately before talking about the mystery of the blowing of the wind and of the movement of the Spirit. *"Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'you must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses..."* Often that phrase "born from above" is translated "born again," but no matter the translation it is clear that the kingdom of God has something to do with birth. God wants to birth in us something new.

Ginger was given to us for nine months so that the new life might be formed within us. Now we have the opportunity to receive that new life, nourish it, care for it, and allow it to grow. What that life will be like we cannot know. Over time it will be revealed. Undoubtedly there will be new surprises and new movements of the Spirit.

I opened this letter with the reflections that Lent is all about moving deeper into the mysteries of God, for it is not clear where God is going. Certainly no one expected or predicted that the Son of God would go the way of suffering and death as the means by which he might birth life within us. No could see where the wind of the Spirit was coming from or where it was going. Yet it was his travails that brought forth the resurrection life.

So here in this life we can expect surprises, unexpected changes of direction in the journey, and in the end, a life upon life.

Peace,

Pastor Doug

Bishop Eaton's Letter: March 10, 2011

I was sitting in traffic on 76 West fuming at the delay and the complete ineptitude or recklessness or selfishness displayed by other drivers who were making a bad situation worse when I began to think of all the other areas of my life that were not in my control: the weather, the lives of my grown children, the retired guy down the street who fires up his tricked out '73 Nova at 7 am on Saturday mornings. Creeping along at five miles per hour amplifies all the frustrations in my life. I have not been able to adopt a Zen-like acceptance of circumstances. I want to be able to do something. So when the opportunity to take action and make a difference presents itself it is a welcome relief. We have such an opportunity before us now: The ELCA Malaria Campaign.

The goal of the ELCA Malaria Campaign is to reduce to zero the number of infections and deaths caused by malaria. Through the

Malaria Campaign the ELCA will provide diagnosis, treatment, nets, education and water treatment. We will work with our partners in Liberia, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Tanzania, Malawi, South Africa, Mozambique, Cameroon and Central African Republic to help save lives. As funds come in they are distributed. The ELCA has already begun sending aid.

The Northeastern Ohio Synod's goal is \$250,000 over five years. Each congregation takes its average weekly worship attendance x \$15 to determine its share. This works out to three dollars a year per worshipper. This is an attainable goal. The people of Salem, Wooster (Pastor Marianne Powrie) have already met their entire five year goal and sent their check. The people of Abiding Savior, Alliance (Pastor Megan Elliott) raised half of their five year goal in a week of Vacation Bible School. We can do this. And since I pledged in front of God and the

entire conference of bishops that we would be ready to present our check at the August churchwide assembly we better get started. In fact, let's see how many congregations can complete their campaigns by the May 13-14 synod assembly. Invite members to bring \$3 a week for the five Sundays in Lent and you will be done by Easter. For other ideas and more information contact our synod's Malaria Campaign directors Matt Bishop bishop.matthew@gmx.com and Pastor Megan Elliott megan.elliott@gmail.com or log on to neos-elca.org.

Malaria kills. We can do something about it.

Peace,

Elizabeth A. Eaton,

Bishop Northeastern Ohio Synod,
ELCA

April Celebrations

Happy Birthday

2 Luke Labaki
4 Paul Martin
4 Judy Adams
10 Sheila Pifer
11 Bob Coppersmith
11 Vince Pugh

15 Dale Baker
16 Irene Cromer
17 Heather Strickling
22 Ruth Ann Griebing
22 Roberta Loescher
24 Katie Lang

24 Stacey Beal
26 Ruth Lindsey
28 Lowell Barton
30 Joyce White

Happy Anniversary

April 3, 1976 Bill & Paula Worner
April 8, 1961 Dick & Janet Shafer
April 8, 1989 Don & Judy Harding
April 23, 1955 Tom & Jackie Boyd

Please Pray for and Remember Our Shut-Ins

Please remember people in our congregation who have not been able to worship with us. Your cards, letters, and visits give them much joy. It is important that we help them remember they are part of our church family.

If you know of someone who needs added to the list, please contact the church office.

Country Meadow Care Center

4910 Algire Rd., Bellville, OH 44813

Ruth McKinnon, Ed Mazur

Lexington Court Care Center

250 Delaware Ave., Lexington, OH 44904

Marsades Mast

Homebound Church Family:

Rubert Hill

Ann Ackerman*

Dr. Betty Reed

**A letter about Ann's condition is available in the church office.*

Thank You Notes Received

Dear Church Members,

How kind of you to pick MedCentral's new Birthing and Women's Center to be the recipient of your kind gifts. Our children's area will benefit from the toys, books, crayons. How special the 'gowns' are for the infant losses. What special care went into the making of these gowns. I am sure this will bring comfort to a mother. Again, Thank you for your kindness.

Cheryl Lunsford,
ANM Maternity

To St. Paul Lutheran Church Friends,

I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, visits, and food. Also a thank you to the Fellowship Ladies for their lovely care basket. Thank you to Pastor Doug for his visits and prayers. A big part of getting well is knowing you have friends who care and pray for your recovery. Many thanks again.

Jean Spohn

Ministry Leader's Meeting Minutes: March 10, 2011

The Ministry Leaders met on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Pastor Doug, Norbert Peiker, Chris Laux, Janis Marhenke, Ruth Lindsey, Marilyn Baker and Barb Hoover.

Pastor Doug opened the meeting with devotions.

Marilyn explained how they came up with candidates for Guardians and the Endowment Committee. They tried to get an even number of men and women as in past years, but could not get any men to commit.

Norbert reported on our leaking roof. Sheriff Goslin came and checked it and could fix it with all new materials in the valley that is causing the leak at a cost of \$976 or patch it at a cost of \$400. After discussing the roof the leaders decided to go with the new materials for a lengthier fix. Norbert then made a motion to have Sheriff Goslin fix the roof and Marilyn seconded. All agreed.

Barb passed out the calendars and we discussed dates to add to the calendar. We discussed the Agape Feast and

Easter Breakfast. Barb will put an announcement in the bulletin for sign ups.

Ruth reported that the budget is on track at this time.

Janis is trying to meet with small groups and new members. Janis and Pastor Doug are trying to get families to eat together during Lent. During Easter they want church members to eat together and during Pentecost encouraging members to invite non-familiar members for a meal.

Chris said the Guardians would like to reschedule the retreat that was cancelled due to lack of interest. Pastor Doug will check his calendar to see what open dates he has.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Hoover

	-----March 2011-----			----January 1 through March 31, 2011----		
	Actual	Budget	Over (Under)	Actual	Budget	Over (Under)
Giving						
General Fund	\$ 19,233.20	\$ 19,749.46	\$ (516.26)	\$ 55,302.06	\$ 54,380.60	\$ 921.46
Building Fund	\$ 4,633.70	\$ 5,361.22	\$ (727.52)	\$ 14,652.30	\$ 14,997.79	\$ (345.49)
World Hunger Fund	\$ 1,260.84	\$ 1,468.00	\$ (207.16)	\$ 4,500.92	\$ 4,404.00	\$ 96.92
Love Fund	\$ 1,126.02	\$ 1,388.87	\$ (262.85)	\$ 3,362.61	\$ 4,166.60	\$ (803.99)
Scholarship Fund	\$ 273.00	\$ 425.67	\$ (152.67)	\$ 736.00	\$ 5,108.00	\$ (4,372.00)
Endowment Fund	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00
Total*	\$ 26,536.76	\$ 28,393.22	\$ (1,856.46)	\$ 78,563.89	\$ 83,056.98	\$ (4,493.09)
Expenses						
General Fund	\$ 20,864.31	\$ 22,164.19	\$ (1,299.88)	\$ 58,184.46	\$ 58,549.83	\$ (365.37)
Building Fund	\$ 5,329.72	\$ 4,293.20	\$ 1,036.52	\$ 13,736.61	\$ 12,879.61	\$ 857.00
World Hunger Fund	\$ 1,260.84	\$ 1,468.00	\$ (207.16)	\$ 4,500.92	\$ 4,404.00	\$ 96.92
Love Fund	\$ 214.56	\$ 1,388.87	\$ (1,174.31)	\$ 1,110.56	\$ 4,166.60	\$ (3,056.04)
Scholarship Fund	\$ -	\$ 425.67	\$ (425.67)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,277.00	\$ 223.00
Endowment Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total*	\$ 27,669.43	\$ 29,739.93	\$ (2,070.50)	\$ 79,032.55	\$ 81,277.04	\$ (2,244.49)

Guardian's Meeting Minutes: March 17, 2011

Present for the meeting were: Lisa Brooks, Chris Laux, Mike Murray, Stacy Wright, Mindy Wood and Pastor Doug.

Stacy Wright opened the meeting with devotions. After reflection and discussion, the devotional time was ended with prayer.

REPORTS:

- The minutes from the February 10th Guardian's meeting were reviewed. Mike Murray moved to accept the minutes, Lisa Brooks seconded, and the motion was approved.
- Chris Laux reviewed the Treasurer's report for the period ending February 28, 2011. Stacy Wright moved to accept all, Mindy Wood seconded and the motion was approved. The Guardians are very pleased with the new format of the Treasurer's reports and we thank Paul and Joyce for their excellent work on these.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Guardians and Ministry Leaders Retreat for April 8 and 9 has been cancelled due to schedule conflicts. After general consensus, it was decided to find a new date for the retreat. Pastor Doug will follow up on this with a letter to the Guardians and Ministry Leaders to determine a mutually agreed-upon date.
- A discussion of the Covenants (purpose and evaluation of) was postponed for a future meeting.
- The Lay Ministry Coordinator position has been offered to *****. She is prayerfully considering the position.
- The ELCA Malaria Campaign was briefly discussed. Pastor Doug presented this to the congregation on February 20, 2011 to seek church involvement and to look for a volunteer to lead the campaign. There was not a strong response from the congregation, with only one person responding, so it is on hold at this time. Pastor Doug stated that the church can be a part of the

campaign at any time in the future if interest from the congregation arises.

- Thrivent has changed how they distribute money to churches and significant funds are starting to come in. The Finance Committee will be making a policy recommendation on how this money should be spent.

NEW BUSINESS:

- There have been some problems arising from changes being made in the sound system booth in the sanctuary. It was discussed that there may need to be a written procedure in place and that any changes made to the sound system go through Cheryl Lantz.
- The Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly meeting will be held May 13 and 14 in Akron. Mike Murray and Lisa Brooks volunteered to attend as our delegates. Pastor Doug will not be able to attend since he is the Spiritual Director on the Women's Via de Cristo weekend.
- Ginger Pflueger has resigned as the Children's Ministry Coordinator due to family obligations. The Guardians accepted her resignation effective April 15. All agreed that Ginger was an asset to our church and will be greatly missed; her service was thankfully noted.
- A discussion ensued regarding the search for and hiring of a new Children's Ministry Coordinator. Mike Murray and Chris Laux agreed to begin the search and inquiry process to fill this position.

The Guardians next meeting will be Thursday, April 14th at 7:00. Mindy Wood volunteered to do the devotions. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Wood



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 2011</h1>						
					1 1:30 Bible Study	2 10:00 CR In Use
3 8:15 Arise! Worship 9:30 Generations Alive! 10:30 Rejoice! Worship 12:00 CR In Use	4 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Bible Study 7:00 D. View Bingo 8:00 AA	5 2:00 Reunion Group 7:00 Reunion Group	6 5:30 Lenten Supper 6:15 Children's Choir 6:40 Lenten Worship 7:00 Arise! Praise Team 7:30 Choir 7:30 Catechism	7 3-5 1 st Communion 4:00 Painter's Alive 4:30 Sr. Screening 5:00 Community Dinner	8	9 CR in Use 6:30 Men's Breakfast - V&M
10 8:15 Arise! Worship 9:30 Generations Alive! 10:30 Rejoice! Worship 6:00 Ultreya 12-4 Rummage Sale	11 4-7 Rummage Sale 5:30 Weight Watchers 8:00 AA	12 2:00 Reunion Group 3-5 1 st Communion 4-7 Rummage Sale 7:00 Reunion Group 7:00 Finance Team	13 Rummage Sale 10:00 Elderberries 5:30 Lenten Supper-SR 6:15 Children's Choir 6:40 Lenten Worship 7:00 Arise! Praise Team 7:30 Choir 7:30 Catechism	14 8:30-6 Rummage Sale 3-5 1 st Communion 4:00 Painter's Alive	15 8:30-6 Rummage Sale	16 8:30-2 Rummage Sale SR in Use
17 Palm Sunday 8:15 Arise! Worship 9:30 Generations Alive! 10:30 Rejoice! Worship	18 5:30 Weight Watchers 8:00 AA	19 12:00 Blood Drive 2:00 Reunion Group 7:00 Reunion Group	20 3-5 1 st Communion 7:00 Arise! Praise Team 7:30 Choir	21 Maundy Thursday 6:00 Agape Feast	22 Good Friday 7:00 Good Friday Worship	23 6:30 Men's Breakfast - V&M
24 Easter 8:15 Pastor on WMAN 8:15 Arise! Worship 9:30 Generations Alive! 10:30 Rejoice! Worship	25 5:30 Weight Watchers 8:00 AA	26 2:00 Reunion Group 7:00 Reunion Group	27 6:30 Children's Choir 7:00 Arise! Praise Team 7:30 Choir 7:30 Catechism	28 4:00 Painter's Alive	29	30

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Malaria Comes to Bellville

Every 45 seconds a child dies from malaria. Malaria is **preventable**. Malaria is **treatable**. A healthier future is **possible**. The time to act is now.

The Northeastern Ohio Synod has committed itself to joining in the ELCA's campaign to

eliminate malaria. The Bill Gates Foundation is putting up \$50 million dollars in matching funds to end this disease that destroys so many people's lives. Our synod is asking each worshipping member to contribute \$15 towards this goal.

Throughout the month of April we will be hearing about the reason for this campaign, and then on the first Sunday in May we will take up a special offering to reach our church's share of the goal, \$3,000.

Sunday Worship Services ...

8:15 AM
Arise! Worship Service
Acoustical Guitar Music

9:30 AM
Adult & Kids Learning

10:30 AM
Rejoice! Worship Service
Organ Music
Nursery Available

Holy Communion
Weekly
Handicapped Accessible

OUR MISSION:
Living & Sharing God's Love

OUR VISION:
We live & share our faith in Jesus Christ by:

Trusting God with all our heart.
Learning God's desire for us.
Telling others about God's love,
Caring for others using the gifts God gives us.