

November 2011

The St. Paul Epistle

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

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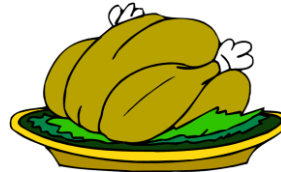
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Thanksgiving Dinner Promotes Gratitude

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday evening November 20th at 5:30 p.m. This event features home cooked food and God cooked fellowship. It is a celebration of the gifts that God has given us throughout the year and of the relationships that we have with each other in our Ministry Body. A reservation is requested to help in planning the amount of food needed. A free will offering will be taken.

There will be an opportunity to sign up to bring pies and to help. Currently Ruth Lindsey is organizing the team that will prepare the meal and make it happen. If you are in being a part of this team, please contact her at 419-886-2037.



Chicken Barbeque Thank You

I want to thank everyone that supported the annual Chicken BBQ this year. Whether you helped in some capacity, brought us a pie or cake, stopped by for a meal or all of the above, we greatly appreciate it! I especially want to thank Mike Murray for taking the lead as I was not able to be around all day as I normally am. Thanks for overseeing things Mike.

This year we also had a nice addition to our day with a raffle for a beautiful afghan knitted and donated by Vicki Hull. When I called the winner on Sunday afternoon, they were so excited! Thanks Vicki.

The proceeds from the day was \$1327.72. As is tradition and established in the Endowment Committee by-laws, at

least half of the proceeds will go to the Jerry Lang Scholarship Fund and the balance will go to the Jr/Sr. High youth to be used for their projects (Work Camp, etc.).

Thanks again for all your help in making this year's BBQ a success. See you next year!

Chris Laux

All Saint's Day Celebration

On Sunday, November 6th we celebrate All Saint's Sunday, the day in which we remember all the faithful who have died in Christ during the **past year** and celebrate their resurrection to eternal life. This year we will be remembering

the church members who have died since All Saint's Day in 2010.

There are two traditions we observe. First, on the cloth at the front of the church you are invited to write the name of anyone who has died at any time. This will

become our altar cloth at that worship service. Second, if you would like the name of any one who has died **within the past year** spoken out loud that day, please email or call the church office. Or send in the form below.

All Saint's Sunday Remembrance:

_____ died in the last year, and my relationship to him/her is _____.

Children's Harvest Party

October 29th

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Place: Community Room

An *old fashioned* **HARVEST PARTY** is being planned for children from pre-school age through 5th grade on Saturday, October 29th. There will be apple dunking, pin the crow on the scarecrow, relay races, and pumpkin painting. We would like to invite all our parents and grandparents to bring their children and grandchildren to our harvest celebration. We will celebrate God's creation and bounty with which God has so richly blessed us! Don't miss this fun, *relaxed* afternoon of old fashioned fun!

We will be looking for some donations to make the party possible. If you are willing to donate apples, cookies, and any harvest decorations it would be much appreciated.

We are looking for volunteers who could help that afternoon with snacks and decorations with harvest flair. **We would love to have your help!!** Call Ashley if you are able to help out with the party.



Journey To Bethlehem



Experience the *Journey to Bethlehem* at Camp Mowana on Saturday, December 3rd. This is a dramatic, indoor/outdoor presentation of the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. Written and directed by Pastor Paul Lintern, it is a unique and memorable family experience. There will also be refreshments and caroling around the fire. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person. By reservation only. Call 419-589-7406 to reserve a time-slot between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

This is heaven! The parable of the king who invited the guests to his banquet was enacted during the children's sermon on Sunday October 9th when Ashley De Francisco served breakfast to the children at an elegant table. *Photo by Pastor Robin McCullough*

It is Never to Early to Order Poinsettias!

Cantata Practice

will begin Wednesday, November 2 at 8:00 p.m. The title of this year's cantata is *Glorious Impossible*. If you are interested in singing in the cantata choir see Denise to get a book and CD. The cantata will be performed on Sunday, December 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Every year we decorate our church chancel with the beautiful Christmas plant, the Poinsettia. You are invited to purchase a 5-7 bloom **red** poinsettia at a cost of \$8.50. Following the worship services on Christmas Eve, you may take it home to decorate your own home. **November 21st is the deadline to order.**

Name of Donor _____

(As you wish to have it appear in the bulletin.)

Given in memory of / in honor of _____ (circle one)

Number desired _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Nov. Gift of the Month

- The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree: Christmas gifts for the folks at Country Meadow Care Center. Please take a tag from the tree in the lobby and return gifts wrapped and labeled for the individual. We are giving a gift to every resident in the facility.



Last Month

As usual, we had tremendous response to the school supplies collection. We were able to fill 28 bags for Lutheran World Relief; thanks to Breanna and MacKenzie and Ms. Sabrina.

We also gave a bag of miscellaneous supplies to both Bellville and Butler elementary schools.

Lutheran World Relief numbers:

- 4 personal care kits
- 28 School kits
- 1 box soap
- 4 blankets
- 17 Quilts all delivered to collection point at Seville on October 15th.

**VETERANS,
WIVES AND
WIDOWS:**

The Clear Fork Adult Senior Center is offering a free spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, November 9th from 4:30 to 6:30. Please pick up a ticket from the baggie on the poster in the lobby.

Cheer Basket Recipients

Do you know a shut-in who would like to receive a cheer basket this holiday season? If so, please let us know by December 5, 2010. We need to know their name, address, phone number and any special dietary conditions such as diabetes or an allergy to nuts. We also need to know who will be responsible for delivering the basket to their home. Watch the bulletin to find out when they will be ready for you to pick up starting at 3:00 p.m. on that day.

Please have a cheer basket delivered to:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Known allergies or dietary restrictions:

My name _____

Name of person who will pick up and deliver the basket:

Phone _____

Please put this form in the collection basket or bring to the church office.

News from Children's Ministries

You Have Two Hours

One of my joys is being a part of the local Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group. This year I am serving as a member of the MOPS Steering Team. The team is responsible for planning the year for all sixty-five moms. Our first meeting was in October and it is both exciting and nerve racking with the anticipation for everything to go just as planned. The moms are seated at tables with eight or nine other mothers for the entire year, plus a mentor mother. The moms are able to build relationships, encourage one another, and give each other support in a Christ centered environment.

During our first ice breaker game we had to answer questions about ourselves to get to know one another. The question I was surprised by the most was, "You get two hours to yourself, how would you spend it?" More than one mom at my table answered she would love to watch television and catch up on her DVR. This answer just didn't make sense to me. Television, really? I sat there and couldn't jump in the conversation because I hadn't watched the latest episode of *Law and Order* or *Modern Family*.

Jamie, Lacy and I as a family made the decision this past summer to cancel our cable.

I caught myself watching television when maybe I should have been playing a memory game with Lacy. The television was on when we should have been playing outside on the swing set. I'm very happy with our decision. The temptation of turning on the television is gone, and I like that. Although, I'm not too sure Jamie agrees when he really would like to watch ESPN or an OSU football game. He did however find a fuzzy Cleveland Indian's channel and was content with that.

Did you know that from the time a child is born until they graduate high school you'll have 940 weeks with them? Wow, that got my attention. I have a limited time to spend with Lacy before she is off on her own in this world. Knowing I am down to 681 weeks with Lacy puts a jump kick in me. I need to be making sure I'm tucking little nuggets of God in her pockets each and every day. Just last night Lacy told me I was praying too long during our nightly prayer. I guess I just want to show her that my faith and God is important to me.

When it was my turn to answer the question I answered, "I would take a walk in the woods and take pictures of nature." I feel that when I do get alone time (which isn't very often) I need

to feed my soul. Taking a walk in God's creation is what helps me to feel refreshed. I believe as mothers we need that from time to time. Too often I catch myself getting impatient and frustrated with Lacy. I have to remember to take a few deep breaths and thank God for the opportunity I have at this moment in time to be a loving mom to a preschooler. This time will soon be over and I KNOW I'm going to miss it.

So how would you answer the question if you were asked? How do you feed your soul? Take the time this November to take a walk in nature. We love to visit Malabar Farm, Gorman Nature Center, and the Bird Sanctuary.

There are many places in our area that can help refresh your spirit. Spend some time in God's creation before the snow starts to fall. Take some time to go crunching on some fallen leaves. Let the wind blow on your face. It will make a difference in your week, I promise.

Peace,

Ashley DeFrancisco

Worship Services for November

November 6 All Saints Sunday Remembrance of the saints and the baptized
 Revelation 7:9–17 Psalm 34:1–10, 22 1 John 3:1–3 Matthew 5:1–12

“We Can Do This the Easy Way or the Hard Way,” God.

Saints means “holy ones.” We call saints those people whose lives exhibit the characteristics of God in an extraordinary manner. Yet, a saint is also anyone who is in Jesus; they become “holy” because the holiness of Jesus is in them. How do we move from being called holy by God to being holy?



November 13 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
 Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18 Psalm 90:1–12 1 Thess. 5:1–11 Matthew 25:14–30
 Endowment Temple Talk

We Belong to THE Day

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.



November 20 Christ the King Children Sermon, Children's Choir, Stewardship Temple Talk
 (Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24) Psalm 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15–23 Matthew 25:31–46

Be Naked; Be Jesus to Others

Today is the final Sunday of the church year, and we end on a note of triumph. Christ is King! This is the reality that is true now – despite all the evidence to the contrary - and this reality will be fully realized on the Day which is coming. Interestingly, the lessons for the day all speak of Jesus in the image of the shepherd. This shepherd king brings to our recollection the great shepherd king David. So who wants to be a sheep?



November 27 First Sunday of Advent
 Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Today is the first Sunday of the church year. On this day we recall that John the Baptist came to prepare the way of the Lord. He did so by preaching a baptism, repentance, and preparation. We prepare the way of God by being baptized and by repenting. But repenting and being baptized also prepare us for the way of God.



Pastor Doug's Letter: October 20, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from Father, Jesus and Spirit.

Early tomorrow morning I head off to Guelph, Canada for ten days of personal prayer at the Loyola House. This annual event reconnects me to God, and every year God has encountered me in a different way. I await with anticipation, and a little apprehension, the days to come.

It also means that I will not see most of you until Sunday, November 6th. I await that day, for I will be eager to see you again and to be with you. Your faith in Jesus encourages me and teaches me. I know that when I return I will see you with new eyes, for that has been my experience every previous year. The personal renewal there allows me to notice here your faith, your hope, and your love in fresh ways.

Like a pendulum swings back and forth so too does the rhythm of retreat into solitude swings back into the immersion in community. We encounter God both in solitude and in community, for this pendulum swings regularly, even daily.

In solitude we slumber and sleep. Perhaps we are conscious of the one we sleep with or the family member down the hall, but ultimately we sleep alone. In our dreams we wander places where no one else is but our imagination. When we awake we enter into the engagement of community.

For some this community is small, the infrequent encounters that happen when a person lives alone. For others this is a full bore, fire hose swallowing torrent of people engaging them during the day. Yet, each encounter, with just one for a few minutes or with a multitude for hours,

is an encounter with God.

God is one. There is no one else like God. God alone is uncreated, unlimited, unending. When we are in absolute solitude we experience the eternal nature of God, the timelessness of the eternal being.

God is three. Father, Jesus, Spirit, all three are interacting with one another constantly, flowing in and out of each other in an unending dance of connection. God is never alone but always connected with the other two persons of the Trinity. God is ultimate community.

And therefore God invites us to live as God lives, detached and connected at the same time. Both detachment and connection are absolutely vital for our existence. Because we are made in the image of God we need both of these as much as we need the air we breath and the water we drink. These needs are woven into the fabric of our being because these are what weave us into the connection with God. Detachment allows us to experience that God alone is all we need. Community allows us to experience God in all God's richness and fullness.

Sin, however, robs us of both of these gifts. It is the distortion that makes us afraid to be detached because then we feel abandoned and alone. So we resist detachment and fill our lives with activities, noise, and people. We do not even fall asleep alone but must have something pumping stimulus into us until the moment exhaustion claims our consciousness.

We are also robbed when we use our connections with others for some purpose, noble or otherwise. Persons become objects that we use to claim our desires instead of the

richness of life shared. Personal encounters become prostituting experiences where we wrestle personal gratification to please ourselves instead of mutual sharing. We fail to realize that the more we try to take pleasure for ourselves the less we find. The more we seek to give pleasure to others the more joyful is our own experience.

November 6th is All Saints Sunday. November 1st is All Saint's Day. Sometime between the 1st and the 6th I look forward to being with you again. The significance of the All Saint's remembrance is to remind ourselves that we all die and the resurrection is promised to all who trust in Jesus. For death is the full swing of the pendulum. It is both ultimate solitude, for each one of us crosses through death's door alone. Those who wish to be apart from God are granted the desire of eternal solitude, which, of course, feels like eternal loneliness and abandonment. The other swing of the pendulum is that of absolute community. It is the full communion with God. It is full communion with the people of God.

As the pendulum swings for you in the days ahead, experience both the presence and the absence of God at both ends of the swing, so that you can hunger for the presence and abandon the absence.

Peace,

Pastor Doug

Bishop's Letter, *Written by Pastor Ron Zoesch:* October 13, 2011

I find hope that in the midst of increasing polarization in society, there are wonderful examples in the church of true hospitality that draws together persons of different cultures, languages, generations and opinions. And it happens because Christ draws us together as one. Among the places where this happens is among our Latino ministries in the Northeastern Ohio Synod as congregations open their doors and both give and receive rich benefits from these relationships.

Among many examples is a bilingual worship service held on September 18 shared between Bethany, Akron and Iglesia La Trinidad. In addition to the service planned jointly by Pastors Deborah Wissner and Justo Espinoza Perez, the congregations shared a wonderful celebration of food and culture. Of Swedish background, Bethany had no hesitation when they were approached to house La Trinidad for the mission congregation's Sunday afternoon worship. After moving from Canton, the Latino congregation found new life in two spots, one at Bethany, and the other at Holy Trinity, Massillon where Pastors Chip

Belanga and Miguel Acosta share a common bond in the gospel. It is also wonderful to see the presence of so many children in worship, once again, at both locations.

But, these are not the only Northeastern Ohio Synod congregations that have welcomed what society would call "the stranger." Our Latino ministry in this synod has seen wonderful cooperation over the years, whether it be with Trinity, Canton who began La Trinidad in their building, now closed; or the wonderful people of Martin Luther, Canton, also now closed, who later housed La Trinidad and provided volunteers who helped them have a vibrant Sunday School. Later, members of Canton City Parish, First and Bethel would also provide gracious support for the ministry.

As we look forward to future developments of Latino ministry, Emmanuel, Elyria without hesitation said, "Yes" to an expansion of the ministry with Rev. Acosta. Because of the exciting growth in Massillon, this part of our Latino strategy has not yet taken place, but we look forward to a time when a new ministry will be birthed. We were also blessed by a ministry of tutoring and support for Latino students this past year, an effort funded by an ELCA domestic hunger grant and our synod, and housed at Redeemer, Elyria with partnership from Lorain County Community College.

I could go on forever with example after example of places where partnerships have resulted in wonderful and enriching experiences for both those who offered and received such hospitality. It blesses and changes both. Another that comes to mind is the Oasis Ministry of St. John/St.

Paul, Akron. A few years ago Pastor Rick Gordon and Lisa Arledge, their outreach minister (now Pastor Arledge) noticed youth hanging around the church early on Sunday morning, waiting for the doors to open. Later they realized these were youth who had difficult home experiences, who were either encouraged to "get lost" for the day or were seeking a place of peace and found it in the church. From that realization a youth worship service, a meal and a safe place to feel at home was born. As it continued, youth invited their friends to attend as well and it has grown steadily over time. Many of the youth have multiple issues in their lives that make it difficult at times to minister to them. And yet, the congregation has seen youth come back to church for the first time in many years, and now there are those see a brighter present and future for their congregation.

Radical hospitality... Jesus shows us the way by loving us despite all we have done and all the times we have missed opportunities to serve others in his name. Our failures and sin have been cancelled by his willingness to offer the most costly hospitality of all, his death on the cross.

Are you inspired? Are there persons who before might have been invisible to you, but who now you may recognize as your brother or sister in Christ, people who simply seek a place at your table...the table of our Lord? Beware, it is risky business, but oh, how it can make a difference and the blessings abound.

Peace,
Pastor Ron Zoesch,
Director for Evangelical Mission

November Celebrations

Happy Birthday

3 Barbara Noblet
 4 Vicky Sakala
 6 Daniel Wood
 6 Raymond Broeske
 7 Kenny Barr
 7 Sharon Smith
 9 Andrew Snyder
 9 Nancy Backensto
 11 Lane Leedy
 13 Rod Bly
 16 Bonnie Brenneman

16 Carolyn Stoner
 16 Paul Wood
 16 Jim Wise
 18 Richard Gehrisch
 18 Kathy Frank
 18 Sabrina Pugh
 21 James Boyd
 21 Beth Fry
 21 Rich Hoover
 22 Brianna Price
 23 Amy Helinski

24 Trenton Ousley
 24 Susan Beal
 24 Paula Worner
 25 Sherri Brokaw
 25 Ethel Dudley
 25 Mark Albert
 25 Tom Wade
 26 Marge Armstrong
 28 Samantha Stoner
 30 Joel Marhenke
 30 Sandra Stricker

Happy Anniversary

November 1, 1957	John & Carol Cornell
November 1, 1975	Larry & Luanne Dill
November 1, 1997	Steve & Sue Beal
November 1, 1987	Joe & Marilyn Albert
November 2, 1986	Gayle & Susan Kanz
November 11, 1990	John & Sheila Pifer
November 15, 1953	Richard & Ruth Brokaw
November 20, 1993	Norbert & Barbara Peiker
November 23, 1975	Gary & Cheryl Lantz
November 25, 2006	Pete & Lyndsey Anderson

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
 Ed Mazur, Ethel Dudley

Lexington Court Care Center
 250 Delaware Ave., Lexington, OH 44904
 Marsades Mast

Homebound Church Family:
 Rubert Hill
 George Ridenour at Brad & Dottie
 Ridenour's home

Financial Report through the end of September

St. Paul Lutheran Church									
Guardian's Summary Report									
For the Period Ending September 30, 2011									
	-----September-----			----January 1 through September 30, 2011----			Annual Budget	Remaining Budget	October Budget
	Actual	Budget	Over (Under)	Actual	Budget	Over (Under)			
Giving									
General Fund	\$ 16,911.68	\$ 18,960.68	\$ (2,049.00)	\$ 161,368.67	\$166,678.93	\$ (5,310.26)	\$ 230,974.33	\$ 69,610.87	\$ 19,841.85
Building Fund	\$ 4,972.40	\$ 6,391.87	\$ (1,419.47)	\$ 48,357.80	\$ 53,759.73	\$ (5,401.93)	\$ 70,466.40	\$ 22,108.60	\$ 4,704.69
World Hunger Fund	\$ 1,336.34	\$ 1,468.00	\$ (131.66)	\$ 12,986.96	\$ 13,212.00	\$ (225.04)	\$ 17,616.00	\$ 4,629.04	\$ 1,468.00
Love Fund	\$ 1,277.52	\$ 1,388.87	\$ (111.35)	\$ 9,915.73	\$ 12,499.80	\$ (2,584.07)	\$ 16,666.40	\$ 7,058.67	\$ 1,388.87
Scholarship Fund	\$ 261.00	\$ 425.67	\$ (164.67)	\$ 2,551.00	\$ 3,831.00	\$ (1,280.00)	\$ 5,108.00	\$ 2,557.00	\$ 425.67
Endowment Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total*	\$24,758.94	\$ 28,635.08	\$ (3,876.14)	\$ 235,200.16	\$249,981.46	\$ (14,781.30)	\$ 340,831.13	\$ 105,964.18	\$ 27,829.07
Expenses									
General Fund	\$22,304.12	\$ 21,534.19	\$ 769.93	\$ 171,112.50	\$175,077.00	\$ (3,964.50)	\$ 230,951.33	\$ 59,838.83	\$ 20,905.95
Building Fund	\$ 4,178.87	\$ 4,293.20	\$ (114.33)	\$ 50,809.83	\$ 38,638.82	\$ 12,171.02	\$ 51,518.42	\$ 708.59	\$ 4,293.20
World Hunger Fund	\$ 1,336.34	\$ 1,468.00	\$ (131.66)	\$ 12,986.96	\$ 13,212.00	\$ (225.04)	\$ 17,616.00	\$ 4,629.04	\$ 1,468.00
Love Fund	\$ 2,383.56	\$ 1,388.87	\$ 994.69	\$ 7,637.26	\$ 12,499.80	\$ (4,862.54)	\$ 16,666.40	\$ 9,391.14	\$ 1,388.87
Scholarship Fund	\$ -	\$ 425.67	\$ (425.67)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,831.00	\$ (2,331.00)	\$ 5,108.00	\$ 3,608.00	\$ 425.67
Endowment Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total*	\$30,202.89	\$ 29,109.93	\$ 1,092.96	\$ 244,046.55	\$243,258.62	\$ 787.93	\$ 321,860.15	\$ 78,175.60	\$ 28,481.68
Fund Summary	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance	Projected October Month End Income	Expense	Ending		
General Fund	\$ 17,136.67	\$ 16,911.68	\$ 22,304.12	\$ 11,744.23	\$ 19,841.85	\$ 20,905.95	\$ 10,680.13		
Building Fund	\$ 22,515.92	\$ 4,972.40	\$ 4,178.87	\$ 23,309.45	\$ 4,704.69	\$ 4,293.20	\$ 23,720.94		
World Hunger Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,336.34	\$ 1,336.34	\$ -	\$ 1,468.00	\$ 1,468.00	\$ -		
Love Fund	\$ 5,409.86	\$ 1,277.52	\$ 2,383.56	\$ 4,303.82	\$ 1,388.87	\$ 1,388.87	\$ 4,303.82		
Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,377.03	\$ 261.00	\$ -	\$ 2,638.03	\$ 425.67	\$ 425.67	\$ 2,638.03		
Endowment Fund	\$ 42.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42.00		
Designated Funds	\$ 14,727.31	\$ 5,958.21	\$ 2,452.17	\$ 18,233.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,233.35		
Total	\$ 62,208.79	\$ 30,717.15	\$ 32,655.06	\$ 60,270.88	\$ 27,829.07	\$ 28,481.68	\$ 56,938.24		

*Total Does not Include Designated Funds

Reflections on the Numbers

When you look at these numbers it takes a little effort to make sense of what they mean. The two most significant funds to look at are the General Fund and the Building Fund. The General Fund is the one that pays the operating and programming expenses of the church. The Building Fund pays off the loan on the educational building and the loan on the Bell Street property. The good news for the General Fund is that we have spent less than what we anticipated when we made up the budget. This is despite the fact that we have several operating expenses which have been much larger than expected. The bad news is that we have spent \$9,744 more than we have received in offerings. Typically during the final quarter of the year we receive our largest percentage of the year's offering. Nevertheless, this is not a good trend.

The Building Fund is receiving just about what it needs each month to pay off the loans, but it too has spent more than it has received (\$2,452). Up until this year we have received much more each month than we paid out and were thus able to pay down the principal. This too is not a good trend.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2011</h1>						
		1 CR In Use 6:30 Healing Care Group 7:00 Reunion Group	2 6:15 Catechism 7 th 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Arise! Praise Team 7:30 Choir 7:30 Catechism 8 th	3 4:00 Painter's Alive 5:00 Community Dinner 7:00 Guardians	4 1:30 Bible Study	5 6:30 Men's Breakfast - V&M CR In Use
6 All Saint's Sunday 8:15 Arise! Worship 9:30 Generations Alive! 10:30 Rejoice! Worship	7 5:30 Weight Watchers 6:30 Reunion Group 7:00 Reunion Group 7:00 Bible Study 7:00 D. View Bingo 8:00 AA	8 Election Day CR In Use For Voting 6:30 Healing Care Group 7:00 Reunion Group 7:00 Finance Team	9 10:00 Elderberries 6:00 Children's Choir 6:15 Catechism 7 th 7:00 Arise! Praise Team 7:30 Choir 7:30 Catechism 8 th	10 4:00 Painter's Alive	11 1:30 Bible Study	12 CR In Use
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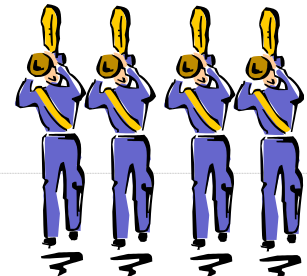
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Halloween Parade to Promote Church

On October 27th, we will be walking in the Bellville Halloween Parade. Gayle Kanz will be driving one of his cars and we need walkers in costume to pass out candy. Only a few have said they will be there. We need some more of you to come along with us. Please join us! Line up for the parade is at 6:30, and the parade starts at 7:00.



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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.