

September,

The St. Paul Epistle

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

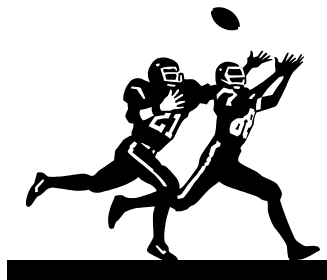
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KID'S ALIVE! Kick-Off 2011 We're All On God's Team!



Sunday
September 4th
9:30 a.m.

**On Sunday, September 4th we will be holding our ALIVE! Kick-off Program in our Community Room. We are encouraging everyone to show your true colors by wearing your favorite sports team jersey in honor of our theme,
"We're All On God's Team!"**

Game Day begins with
Arise! Worship at 8:15 a.m.
Kid's Alive! at 9:30 a.m.
Rejoice! Worship at 10:30 a.m.

**Followed by a Tailgate Cookout & Potluck
At 12:00 p.m.**

Chicken Barbeque Time!

It's almost time for that great Bellville tradition - yes! - the LCM Chicken BBQ. Mark your calendars for September 17th. While you're at the BBQ, be sure to go downtown and visit the Bellville Street Fair!

Even though the BBQ is sponsored by the Lutheran Church Men, this is an excellent opportunity for all St.

Paul members to work together. We've passed around a sign up sheet, but there is room for more help. We will not turn any volunteers away. We especially need assistance in the areas of cooking, serving, and clean-up. We also need people to bake and bring in pies for desserts. Call Chris Laux (419-886-4794). Look for the

sign-up sheets at the church to put your name down and be a part of this fellowship.

Where does the money go from this project? At least half of the money is earmarked for youth projects (work camps, etc.) and for scholarships to college students from St. Paul Lutheran Church.

The Greatest Story, Bible Introduction

The Greatest Story, Bible Introduction will be taught on Friday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. In 16 weeks the class will explore the significant stories of the Old and New Testament. One exciting feature of the class is

seeing the stories come alive through the artistry of Joe Castillo as he draws the story on a sand table. The course material are \$15 each. Although this is especially designed to be an introduction for those who do not think they have

much biblical knowledge, it is also a valuable tool for those who want to connect the various themes of the Bible. Pastor Doug will be the leader. Please contact him if you desire to participate.

Catechism classes Begin

Catechism classes will begin the Wednesday after the Bellville Street Fair. There are two classes taught every Wednesday evening throughout the school year. The first year

class for seventh graders begins at 6:15 p.m. and the second year class for eighth graders begins at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Doug and Dick Brenneman are the teachers.

A Parent's Orientation Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Finding Freedom Through Prayer

You can find freedom from the effects of deep inner wounds through Formational Prayer. Pastor Doug and Carol Pretorius have been trained in it, and they are offering a 16 week *Healing Care Group* to enable the participants to experience the healing Jesus

brings. The Healing Care Group will be held every Tuesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. starting September 20th. The cost is \$85.00 for the 16 week manual and the two resource books. This first *Healing Care Group* is open to women only. There is a maximum

of six participants, and each participant will need to have conversation with Carol Pretorius prior to acceptance. Contact her at 419-886-4045 or at Doug2Carol@gmail.com.

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS

The Work Campers presented the story of their trip to West Virginia on Sunday, August 28.

A newsletter article will follow next month.

Emmary Sue Dill
was born to
Susan and Lance Dill
on July 26, 2011.

She weighed six pounds and thirteen ounces, and she was twenty inches long.

Flu Shots

There will be two opportunities to receive your flu shots this month.

The first one will be on Thursday, September 1 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Pharmacist Paul Garn will be administering these.

The second opportunity is Thursday September 22 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room. These are being given by the Health Department.

Choirs Start Singing

The Kids' Choir will have their first practice September 21 from 6:00 to 6:30 in an upstairs Sunday School Room. We have tentative dates to sing for worship services on October 16, November 20, January 29, February 12, March 11, April 1. Notice there is a break from Thanksgiving through Christmas because of all the activities at school, the church musical, and family activities. We will also stop at Easter because of sport activities.

Children from kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome! *Let's make a joyful noise for our God.*

Judy Coppersmith, Mary Beth Prater, Angela Shaffer

Short Announcements

The Elderberries will not be meeting in September because of the Bellville fair.

A preliminary planning meeting will be held on September 12 at 2:30 for everyone going on the **Washington D.C. trip**.

Christmas Child?

It's not too early to think about Christmas. Many churches, including this one in the past, support *Operation Christmas Child*. Church members are invited to pack a shoe box with toys and other items for an overseas child. These are distributed to children who would not otherwise receive a Christmas gift. The planning materials for this are in the church office. If anyone is interested in forming a team to make this happen, contact Pastor Doug for the information.

The choir sings every Sunday morning at the 10:30 Rejoice! Worship Service. In October they will begin practicing for their annual Christmas Cantata presentation, for those folks who cannot come every Sunday morning.

September Gift of the Month – Diamond View

We will be collecting personal care items, socks, small gifts, etc. for the Christmas season; gifts for all the fold at

Diamond View will be distributed in December. As always, we thank you for your support of this ministry.



People may not remember exactly what you did, or what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel."

Dr. Thomas L. Garthwaite, Under Secretary for Health

Outdoor Worship at Mount Jeez – September 18

The congregations of Pleasant Valley, St. Paul, and Mount Zion Lutheran Churches of Lucas, Ohio cordially invite you to worship with us for the Eighteenth Annual Worship Service atop North Central Ohio's most scenic overlook, Malabar Farm's Mt. Jeez. The service will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September

18, 2011. The worship service will be jointly conducted by the Reverend Dr. David Aune and Reverend Tim Storms. The music will be led by *Simple Gifts* of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bellville, Ohio.

A continual shuttle service will run from Malabar's Working

Farm Parking Lot (the first lot on the left inside main entrance of the farm) beginning at 8:15 a.m. We ask that you dress comfortably and bring your own lawn chair or blanket. In the event of rain, the service will be held in the sanctuary of Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church, located at 2769 Pleasant Valley Road, just west of Malabar Farm.

Thank You Notes Received

Dear Friends and Family,
Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and all your cards, prayers, and kind words. We would also like to thank those who cooked, served, and cleaned up following the funeral dinner. It was so nice and we really appreciate your thoughtfulness. We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

God Bless You,
The Family of Linda Steel

Dear Friends at St. Paul Lutheran Church,
Thank you for donating to the "Christmas in July" program. It was a huge success.
Each person who received a bag was very excited and appreciated the thoughtfulness of the many donors.
Thank you for providing the laundry soap for the overflowing bags.

In His Name,
On behalf of the BNOC ,
Sally Morrison



Food Bags Distributed by the BNOC for Christmas in July

Malaria Campaign

Northeastern Ohio Synod News Release: If you saw the streaming video of churchwide assembly, you know we currently stand as the # 1 synod in giving to the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Our total to date is \$143,167.29. Now that the ELCA Malaria Campaign has officially kicked off, it is time for our

We Did It - Yes, We Did!

congregations and leaders who have not yet contributed to set sight on your goal and accomplish it. Log onto our synod website for information on how to determine your congregational goal. We are over half-way to our total \$250,000 goal. Your sisters and brothers who achieved and went over their goals

are counting on you to get on board and kick in the final \$107,000!!

St. Paul Lutheran Church members have contributed \$2,776.39. Like the synod we are half way to our goal, \$5,000.

Hear the Entire Gospel of John

On Saturday evening at Divinity Lutheran Church in Parma Heights September 24th, Michael Reardon will tell the Gospel of John from memory. The story will be

accompanied with live music and special lighting written and performed by Patrick Lane. Pastor Doug will be traveling up to Cleveland to see the performance,

and he will be leaving the church parking lot at 4:30 if you interested in going along.

Lost and Found in Concert

Lost and Found will be in concert on Saturday, September 10th at 7:00 pm in Medina, Ohio at the Medina High School Performing Arts Center Middle Stage (777 E. Union St. or 851 Weymouth Road:

two entrances will be available). Free-will offering will be collected. Doors open at 6:15 pm. Free admission with canned goods for the Free Farmers Market, a ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Reserve your free ticket(s) by contacting: Pastor Tom Schwartz at ptom@zoominternet.net or calling St. Matthew Lutheran Church at 330-725-8885.

Fall Is Coming, So "Fall" In Love With Your Spouse, over and over again!

Lutheran Marriage Encounter sponsors a unique retreat to restore communication, rekindle romance, and renew commitment of couples who value their marriage and understand that a strong marriage takes constant attention. The LME Weekend offers you the chance to focus on each other in a quiet, safe

environment. There is only one more Lutheran Weekend left in 2011: November 11-13 at the Clarion Inn & Conference Center, Hudson, OH (your church office has information on finding other dates and sites). Contact Registrars Duffy & Nan Guthrie at 440/599-9090 or nguthrie@suite224.net.

\$45 reserves your place - Don't delay! At the end of the Weekend you will be asked for a confidential contribution. (Scholarships are available -- ask about them.) You can also register through www.GodLovesMarriage.org.

The Fall *Simply Give* Food Pantry Campaign!

The Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center (BNOC) is requesting your help. For every *Simply Give* card purchased at the Mansfield Meijer Store the BNOC will receive credit to purchase items

for the food pantry. You can pick up a *Simply Give* card from Pam Van Horn, Jeff Wright, the BNOC or your Mansfield Meijer Store. Then take it to Meijer and turn it in to a gift card for the BNOC. The Meijer

Family will make an additional donation to help stock our local food pantry shelves, up to \$100,000.00! Offer expires September 24, 2011. Thank you for participating.

News from Children's Ministries

Here are the Kid's Alive! Leaders for 2011:

Small Group Leaders:

Lisa Brooks – Pre-Kindergarten
Vicky Sakala – Kindergarten & 1st Grade
Judy Coppersmith – 2nd & 3rd Grade
John Parrott & Sabrina Pugh – 4th & 5th Grade
Kerri Gottfried & Chris Laux – Middle School
Mike Murray – Senior High

Behind the scenes and bulletins boards

Vicky Sakala
Elaine Dotson

Large Group Leaders:

Sara Hursh
Samantha Stoner
Kurt Beal

Music Leader:

Cheryl Lantz

Carnival Photos, *by Bob Coppersmith*



Worship Services for September

September 4 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Install teachers
Ezekiel 33:7–11 Psalm 119:33–40 Romans 13:8–14 Matthew 18:15–20

Speaking to Others in God's Name

It's not just "Jesus and me." Too often the life of faith is portrayed as something between you and God alone. This, however, is not the view of the Scriptures, the Jewish tradition, or of Jesus. We have a responsibility to one another to encourage, teach, and even rebuke one another. We live not in isolation but in community. And part of being in community is speaking God's words to one another.



September 11 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Denise does both services
Genesis 50:15–21 Psalm 103:1–13 Romans 14:1–12 Matthew 18:21–35

Forgiving the Big Stuff; Moving from I to We

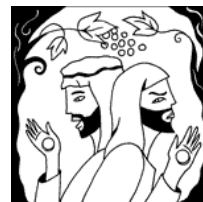


On this tenth anniversary of 9/11 it is with humility that we hear the Scripture lessons assigned for this day. Each of the four lessons deal with the theme of forgiveness: Joseph forgiving his brothers, the psalmist praising the removal of sins "as far as east is from west," Paul inviting us not to judge one another, and finally Jesus telling the parable of the unforgiving servant. How do we forgive, not just as an individual, but as a community and even as a nation.

September 18 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jonah 3:10—4:11 Psalm 145:1–8 (Philippians 1:21–30) Matthew 20:1–16

It is Better to be Unfair

So, how much do you get paid? How often do you think about it? Do you know if you earn more, or less, than your co-worker? Do you work harder than everyone else? What do you feel about it?



September 25 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32) Psalm 25:1–9 Philippians 2:1–13 (Matthew 21:23–32)

How Loow Can You Go?



Instead of hearing all three lessons today we are going to focus on just one, a portion of Paul's letter to the Philippians. This passage is believed to be a song sung by the early church. It is an invitation to imitate Jesus by thinking and acting like him.

Pastor Doug's Letter: Wednesday, August 31, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

Well, it begins. If you have called the church office in the last couple of weeks and gotten the feisty answering machine you would have heard him say, "Happy New Year!" Tomorrow, September 1, is New Year's Day. Not officially. But so many of the activities of the church seem to start and end with the school calendar.

One pastor asked me, "Why is that? Discipleship does not start and stop."

No, but there are rhythms to life and seasons of discipleship. The summer is not the opportunity to suspend discipleship but to explore new dimensions to it. I certainly hope that you took the time to delight in God's creation and to find those connections to God that come through being in the natural world. Truly, all of creation is filled with the glory of God. As are the people of God.

Did you discover the image of God in closer connections with your family, with your friends, and with your brothers and sisters in Christ? Were you filled with wonder when you saw how absolutely great a work God is doing in them?

Another blessing of summer is to have the time to discover God at work in other places. The simplest way, of course, is to worship God in a different church when you are on vacation or visiting friends. Other people find joy in a week at church camp, or in another renewal setting. What did you do? What do you experience? And I am especially interested in hearing what you

learned that can enhance our experiences with God.

But summer is over and now we turn to the rhythms of autumn. Because so much of our lives are spent in school it seems natural that September begins with new learning opportunities. Undoubtedly you have read about our various learning programs and events. I certainly hope that you consider carefully what you most need to learn.

God is, of course, bringing you a number of learning opportunities all the time which are apart from a Bible Study or any other type of structured event. Many of them come to us and we say, "No thank you God. I do not want to learn that. Take these troubles somewhere else!" One of the reasons that God created the church – the people, not the building – is so that together we might support and learn from one another.

The heart of the church is our large weekly gathering for worship. All that we are and all that we do flows in and out of that rhythm of paying attention to what God is saying and doing. And we do it together, young and old, healthy and unhealthy, mature and immature, because it is all about God. We need that reorientation every week for our world tells us the lie that it is "all about me!"

But worship is not the place where deep growing takes place. Deep growing happens within the safety of a family or small group. All of us know that we need a family; we need our family. In the family we find safety, belonging, and

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meaning. Or, we should. Not all families live in the power and presence of God.

Within the church – the people, not the building – God has provided the opportunity to experience God at work in a family-like manner through small groups. When I address you as brothers and sisters I am not merely using polite language. The work of Jesus our brother has made connections with each other as real and as deep as those of flesh and blood. In a group of three to eight people God can do amazing work.

But the difference between your biological family and God's family is that you have to choose God's family.

In the church – the people, not the building – there are three basic kinds of small groups. They are groups focused on learning, or on supporting one another, or serving others. Although each group has a primary focus, ideally each group will also do the other two. In our church we call these groups teams.

With whom do you team up?

Peace,

Pastor Doug

Bishop Eaton's Letter: August 11, 2011

Dear Friends,

EVERY CONGREGATION IS A MISSION STATION

What if every congregation was a center of vibrant worship?

What if all members of every congregation were so convinced of God's promises in baptism that they were joyfully compelled to give their lives away in service to the neighbor for the sake of the gospel? □ What if every congregation so modeled its life and ministry on the one who "came not to be served but to serve" that it committed all its resources - including the endowment fund - to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission?

What if every congregation believed right to its very core that it was part of something greater than itself, that it could accomplish more in partnership with other congregations, with the synod and with the entire ELCA than it could by itself?

What if every congregation was a mission station?

This has always been my vision for the synod. I hope it has been your vision, too. I can remember my idealized image of the church I wanted to serve when I first felt called to pastoral ministry. I can remember my excitement in my early years in parish ministry. Perhaps I had watched "The Bells of St. Mary's" one too many times but in those days the presence of the Spirit was palpable, belief in the transformative power of the gospel was unquestioned, and service to the Lord, the church and the world was noble.

I've slowed down a little in the thirty years since I made my ordination vows. Ministry is hard work. The world has changed. The church has shrunk. As I travel across the synod and across the ELCA I can see the

weariness, the confusion and even in some cases the loss of hope felt by our people. To be sure there are many places where the good news is being preached and lived but the majority of our congregations know that they are not what they once were or what they could be.

The good news is that we realize that we have to change. The bad news is that we feel stuck. We can do something about that.

For the past eight months Pastors Laura Barbins (Celebration, Chardon), Paul Jaster (Emmanuel, Elyria), and Karen Ullestad (Master, Bedford and St John, Highland Hts), and Ron Zoesch (Director of Evangelical Mission), Bob Howlett, Dale Veres (St John, Highland Hts) and I have been working on a strategic planning initiative for the synod. Ignore the boring name for this project, don't yawn at the idea of another strategic plan, and hear me out. It is our goal to work with every congregation in the synod to get an exact picture of who we are, who and where we serve, what are our core values and what is our competition. In business terms we want every congregation to be able to answer these four questions: Who are we? What is our market? What is our product? What is our competition? Some of you might be offended by talking about the mission field as a market or the gospel as a product. I get that. But I have found that we are so out of touch with our communities and so unable to give a concise, understandable non-church-talk account of the faith that it would do us some good to borrow from the marketplace.

Here is the plan - between now and September 30 three to five congregations will begin the pilot phase of this project. We have already identified these

congregations. A complete workup of the congregations' demographics, of its spiritual health and its systems' function (based on systems theory by Friedman and Bowen) will be completed. If we don't have an accurate picture of who we are how can we know if we have changed? An assessment of the communities surrounding the congregations will be done. Who are our neighbors - really? What is the makeup of the community within a three- to five- mile radius of the congregation? Within the next three months, market research including focus groups will begin. On Saturday, October 15 members of the synod council will be trained to work with congregations on this project. Once congregations have this baseline data we will work with them to develop mission covenants. Congregations will not develop mission covenants in isolation but in cooperation with one another. And we will all hold each other accountable to implement the mission covenants we adopt. If you have already done strategic planning that's great! I still want and need you to participate in this process. You have a lot to teach us. If you have already begun to implement your strategic plans - super! Keep at it but be open to the possibility that information gained in this process may help to refine and improve your plan.

This can work. We can reclaim our missionary zeal. We can make every congregation a mission station.

Peace,



Elizabeth A. Eaton, Bishop

September Celebrations

Happy Birthday

1 Jeff Schaefer
 2 Janet Frontz
 3 Lynn Ousley
 4 Darcy Boyd
 5 Jean (Clint) Dill
 5 Norbert Peiker
 6 Brenda Gerhart
 6 Ella Jane Fry
 6 Hannah Wilson
 7 Audrey Boone
 8 John Frank
 9 Jackie Boyd
 9 Kellie Timberlake
 9 Ian Price

11 Marilyn Albert
 12 John Harsch
 12 Seth Wilson
 14 DeLee McNaul
 14 Ryan Leedy
 15 Alwine Stull
 16 Robert Sharp
 17 Alex Armstrong
 17 Jerry Shasky
 19 Charla Irvin
 20 Alison Worner
 20 Brooks Craw
 22 Darian Gottfried
 22 Cindy Pearce

22 Jeff Hammett
 23 Mark Armstrong
 24 Carrie Knight
 24 Jennifer Brokaw
 25 Travis Ousley
 25 Shane Klenk
 25 Kilee Stoner
 26 Mike Ammons
 26 Hallie Gottfried
 28 Gail Laux
 29 Shelby Tedrow
 29 Justine Fellure
 30 Amy Wilson
 30 Emily Zimmerman

Happy Anniversary

September 1, 2001 Matt & Erin Craw
 September 5, 1992 Bob & Amy Sharp
 September 8, 2007 Lance & Susan Dill
 September 9, 1978 Jim & Lisa Boyd
 September 10, 1982 Jeff & Stacy Wright
 September 12, 1986 Dennis & Denise Tenison
 September 16, 1972 Charlie & Julie Dome
 September 29, 1984 Dave & Debbie Jolin
 September 29, 1979 Mark & Kellie Timberlake

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

Smithville Western Commons
 4110 Smithville Western Rd.
 Wooster, OH 44691
 George Ridenour

Homebound Church Family:
 Rubert Hill
 Dr. Betty Reed

Guardian's Minutes: August 18, 2011

Present for the meeting were: Lisa Brooks, Ashley DeFrancisco, Chris Laux, Mike Murray, Stacy Wright, Mindy Wood and Pastor Doug. Lisa Brooks opened the meeting with devotions. After reflection and discussion, the devotional time was ended with prayer.

REPORTS:

- The minutes from the June 15th Guardian's meeting were reviewed. Mike Murray moved to accept the minutes, Lisa Brooks seconded, and the motion was approved.
- The Treasurer's report for the period ending July 31, 2011 was reviewed. Mike Murray moved to accept all, Mindy Wood seconded and the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Chris Laux reported (as was discussed with Ruth Lindsey/ Finance Committee) that if a member has a Thrivent account, money can be designated specifically to your home church. This money is currently kept in a separate fund.
- The Sound System Policy was tabled until the next meeting.
- The outcome of The Malaria Campaign was discussed but no specific figures were known at this meeting. Pastor Doug stated that our synod was the top synod in the U.S. for donations.
- Ashley DeFrancisco reported that her orientation has gone well. She sent out flyers for the carnival and for Sunday School Rally Day and has been working with the Sunday School Superintendent and team regarding curriculum. She is planning home visits in the future to get to know the children and families.
- The Senior High youth leader/ teacher/work camp positions were discussed. John Harsh has volunteered to head up the work camp team. The Sunday School and Sr. High Youth Leader positions are still open. The Sr. High Youth Leader position will use a team leadership concept instead of an individual leader; Ashley will be the head of this team.
- The Church Carnival was briefly discussed to note that it was set to go for Saturday 8/21. (The Carnival was held Saturday 8/21/11 from 1:00-4:00 in the community room).
- Kurt Beal will continue as Sunday School Superintendent and it was reported that the curriculum has been chosen.
- The status of the kitchen improvements and roof repair was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The annual Christmas Play was discussed in regard to practice times and time of the play itself. It has traditionally been held in the evening but this has often been difficult due to inclement weather and having everyone return to church after dark. After discussion, it was decided to have the play on December 11, 2011 at 9:00 am, with only one church service that day, at 10:00 am. Chris Laux made a motion to accept, Stacy Wright seconded and the motion was approved. Practice sessions for the play will continue to be held during the Sunday School hour.
- Sunday School Rally Day will kick off on September 4. Everyone is invited to wear their team jerseys for the theme "We're all on God's Team." Children should arrive at 9:15 in the community room and there will be a tailgate potluck lunch after second service in the parking lot. Phone calls will be made to request food for the potluck.
- Term year limits for Guardians and Ministry Leaders were noted. Marilyn Baker (Ministry Guide) and Ruth Lindsey (Lay Financial Resource Provider) have served their full 6 year terms; new leaders will need to be appointed by the Guardians for these spots. Chris Laux has served 3 years as Lay Leader and can run again for another 3 year term.
- The Building Use Policy was discussed in regard to allowing political groups to use the community room. The current policy does not exclude political groups but it was decided by the Guardians to include in the policy: *Any outside organization using our facilities must include in ALL their advertising and media interactions the following disclaimer: 'The views expressed by this organization do not necessarily reflect the official policy, position or opinions of St. Paul Lutheran Church.'* This disclaimer must immediately follow the announcement of the location of the meeting at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Pastor Doug made the motion to approve, Chris Laux seconded and the motion was approved.
- The service plan on the church copier will expire on December 31. After reviewing pricing plans, funds to either lease or to buy a new copier will be added to next years budget.
- Diane Hammett will be honored for her years of service and dedication as Sr. High Youth Leader, Sr. High Sunday School Teacher and Work Camp Leader on Sunday August 28. Her service was very thankfully noted.
- Sunday, October 23rd will be the annual Bishop's Fall Gathering at St. Jacob's Lutheran Church in North Canton. More information is available on the synod website.
- The Guardians will meet for a retreat on September 24th. The next regularly scheduled Guardian's meeting will be Thursday, November 3rd at 7:00. Mindy Wood volunteered to do the devotions.
- The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Wood

Ministry Leader Meeting Minutes: August 30, 2011

Ministry Leaders Meeting

The Ministry Leaders met Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Nancy Martin, Janis Marhenke, Ruth Lindsey, Norbert Peiker, Pastor Doug, Ashley DeFrancisco and Barb Hoover.

Nancy Martin opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Pastor Doug made a motion to accept minutes from the last meeting. Ruth Lindsey seconded.

Janis and Pastor Doug met last month to discuss Home Share Groups and the upcoming retreat for guardians and ministry leaders. Janis suggested there was a group that may be able to help lead the retreat. Pastor Doug is making the arrangements.

Ruth discussed our finances. We will not make it past the first tier this year. At this time we are around \$700 short of the budget in the general fund. The finance committee will determine at their next meeting if we need to watch spending.

Norbert is going to have somebody look at the roof and see if we can get another year out of it or if we need to replace the roof over the old building yet this year. He also brought to our attention that carpet in the community room and the tile flooring are in need of a good cleaning and waxing.

Ashley explained the Tailgate Party on Sunday, September 4 following the 10:30 worship to kick-off fall and Sunday School resuming.

We reviewed the calendar for the next 6 months.

All the Sunday School teachers are in place and also the youth groups. They are still looking for somebody to do a youth group for the 4th & 5th graders.

The meeting was adjourned with the praying of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted.

Barb Hoover

	-----July-----			-----January 1 through July 31, 2011-----		
	Actual	Budget	Over (Under)	Actual	Budget	Over (Under)
Giving						
General Fund	\$ 17,171.28	\$ 18,243.28	\$ (1,072.00)	\$ 128,890.62	\$129,626.03	\$ (735.41)
Building Fund	\$ 9,593.20	\$ 5,897.54	\$ 3,695.66	\$ 39,223.20	\$ 41,981.13	\$ (2,757.93)
World Hunger Fund	\$ 2,217.34	\$ 1,468.00	\$ 749.34	\$ 10,459.28	\$ 10,276.00	\$ 183.28
Love Fund	\$ 899.52	\$ 1,388.87	\$ (489.35)	\$ 7,765.69	\$ 9,722.07	\$ (1,956.38)
Scholarship Fund	\$ 227.00	\$ 425.67	\$ (198.67)	\$ 2,009.00	\$ 2,979.67	\$ (970.67)
Endowment Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00
Total*	\$ 30,108.34	\$ 27,423.35	\$ 2,684.99	\$ 188,357.79	\$194,584.89	\$ (6,227.10)
Expenses						
General Fund	\$ 16,637.13	\$ 17,206.57	\$ (569.44)	\$ 128,374.18	\$136,273.74	\$ (7,899.56)
Building Fund	\$ 4,578.87	\$ 4,293.20	\$ 285.67	\$ 32,052.09	\$ 30,052.41	\$ 1,999.68
World Hunger Fund	\$ 2,217.34	\$ 1,468.00	\$ 749.34	\$ 10,459.28	\$ 10,276.00	\$ 183.28
Love Fund	\$ 409.76	\$ 1,388.87	\$ (979.11)	\$ 4,656.80	\$ 9,722.07	\$ (5,065.27)
Scholarship Fund	\$ -	\$ 425.67	\$ (425.67)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,979.67	\$ (1,479.67)
Endowment Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total*	\$ 23,843.10	\$ 24,782.30	\$ (939.20)	\$ 177,042.35	\$189,303.88	\$ (12,261.53)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2011</h1>						
				1 3:00 Flu Shots 4:00 Painter's Alive 5:00 Community Dinner	2	3
4 Pentecost 12 8:15 Arise! Worship 9:30 Generations Alive! 10:30 Rejoice! Worship	5 Labor Day 5:30 Weight Watchers 6:30 Reunion Group 7:00 Reunion Group 7:00 Bible Study 7:00 D. View Bingo 8:00 AA	6 2:00 Reunion Group 7:00 Reunion Group	7 7:00 Arise! Praise Team	8 4:00 Painter's Alive 7:30 Catechism Parents	9 6:30 Rehearsal	10 6:30 Men's Breakfast - V&M 2:00 Rob Lang & Katie Wedding
11 Pentecost 13 8:15 Arise! Worship 9:30 Generations Alive! 10:30 Rejoice! Worship	12 12:00 CR In Use 5:30 Weight Watchers 6:30 Reunion Group 7:00 Reunion Group 7:00 Bible Study 8:00 AA	13 2:00 Reunion Group 7:00 Reunion Group 7:00 Finance Team	14 7:00 Arise! Praise Team Bellville Fair	15 4:00 Painter's Alive Bellville Fair	16 Set up for BBQ Bellville Fair	17 11:00 Chicken BBQ 2:00 SR In Use Bellville Fair
18 Pentecost 14 8:15 Arise! Worship 9:30 Generations Alive! 10:30 Rejoice! Worship	19 5:30 Weight Watchers 6:30 Reunion Group 7:00 Reunion Group 7:00 Bible Study 8:00 AA	20 2:00 Reunion Group 6:30 Healing Care Group 7:00 Reunion Group	21 6:15 Catechism 7 th 6:30 Children's Choir 7:00 Arise! Praise Team 7:30 Choir 7:30 Catechism 8 th	22 2:00 – 4:00 Flu Shots 4:00 Painter's Alive 7:00 Worship Planning	23 1:30 Bible Study	24 6:30 Men's Breakfast - V&M 9:00 Guardian/Ministry Leaders Retreat CR In Use
25 Pentecost 15 8:15 Arise! Worship 9:30 Generations Alive! 10:30 Rejoice! Worship 12:00 CR In Use	26 5:30 Weight Watchers 6:30 Reunion Group 7:00 Reunion Group 7:00 Bible Study 8:00 AA	27 2:00 Reunion Group 6:30 Healing Care Group 7:00 Reunion Group	28 6:15 Catechism 7 th 6:30 Children's Choir 7:00 Arise! Praise Team 7:30 Choir 7:30 Catechism 8 th	29 4:00 Painter's Alive	30 1:30 Bible Study	

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Do You Need an Invitation?

During the summer months many folks take the time to travel, to attend ball games, or simply to relax. Hopefully you have taken this time and find yourself renewed and refreshed. If these activities have made it

difficult for you to worship God, now is the time to start again. Truly, every day is new, and God waits eagerly to run out the gate and give you a big hug, even if you have wandered away for awhile. He is always eager to see you

and to talk with you. He has much to share with you. And, he longs to have you worship him, to pray to him, and to praise him. If you need an invitation to return to worship, God says, "Come!"

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.