

SEPTEMBER 2013

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Olean, Indiana

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"The Church with the Glad Heart and Hand"

"Faithful to Our Lord Through Changing Times" – Our Mission Statement

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Dear Friends,

I am so excited about the weeks ahead! In just six weeks I will come to the end of a year's service to St. Paul Lutheran Church as your interim minister.

There has been some growing here at St. Paul, Olean over the past ten months. I know that for some, the change accompanying growth during the interim time has been difficult. What we may be forgetting is that a good definition of *life* is change. To grow and develop always includes change. To dislike and resist change leads to death and decay.

I am glad that I have been somewhat of a change agent here. The few changes I have brought about—the lavabo (washing my hands before serving at the altar during communion), wearing an academic robe instead of an alb on non-communion Sundays. That's a good thing. But then nothing has really *changed*—many of the ways in which things are "decided" here haven't changed. What has happened, however, is that you all have been asked to "stand and stretch" as in the seventh inning stretch at a baseball game.

But change hasn't been what the past ten and one-half months have been about. What the past forty-six weeks have been about is **process**. Process is the *how* we do and not *the what* we do. What we *do* can always be changed, but *how* we do things—that's a little more difficult. We have learned a lot of *how things are done* here at St. Paul, Olean by doing a few things differently.

Oh change, why do you have to upset the status quo? Well, we're well into the summer time here in Southeast Indiana. It's always quieter in church during the summer—the "hazy hazy days of summer" as the song goes—little change, plenty of inertia.

Wishing you a life of change and growth,

Pastor Zimmerman

Baptismal Birthdays

2 Eli Stenger
18 Matthew Wood
25 Casey Back

Senior Birthdays

1 Kenneth Thomas
2 Esther Hunger
8 Vicki Diem
10 Lawrence Green
12 Sharen Thomas

Acolytes

1 Elizabeth Evans
15 Lilli Hilton
22 Abby McCarty
29 Connor McCarty

Ushers

1 Abby McCarty
Lilli Hilton

Worship Schedule

1 Holy Communion
8-15-22-29 - 8:00 A.M.
Holy Communion

NEW DIRECTORY

A New Directory will be printed soon. Please notify the church office of any address or phone number updates by September 15.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL OFFERING

The Sunday School Special Offering on the first Sunday in September will go to The Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE SERVICES (FOR ADDRESSES, CONTACT OFFICE)

Drew W. Mix *Birthday: June 19*

Jacob Menchhofer *Jacob's Birthday: January 24, Erin's August 7*

Lt. Col. Whit Wright *and family*

Matthew Tinker *Birthday: October 13*

Matthew Vogel

Adam Thieman

Tim Cassidy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy 101st birthday to Lawrence Green on September 10

THANKS

Thanks to Larry Deamron for filling in for Pastor Z on Sunday, August 11, while Pastor was on vacation.

My sincere appreciation for your prayers, cards, calls, flowers, visits following my recent surgery. Thank you Pastor Zimmerman for your hospital visit. God Bless each one of you! Alethea Jacobs

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church: Thank you so much for the Bible and the homemade quilt! I appreciate them very much! Megan Jeffries

Thank you for the \$125.00 you sent to further our mission. Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center, Marci Asher-Whalen, Development Manager

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church, Thank you for your recent gifts of \$42.00 to ELCA World Hunger and \$50.00 to Tornadoes – United States. The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal (See bulletin board to read the letters)

Dear Ladies: Thank you so very much for all of your hard work making all of those beautiful quilts and blankets for the kids. They will love them! Diane Seitz, Sewing room of Children's Hospital (95 quilts, 2 blankets, and 4 IV covers were taken that day.)

Thank you to my family for the wonderful birthday party. The food was delicious and the roses and cake were beautiful. I appreciate all of you coming and visiting with me. Thanks also for the many pretty birthday cards, and the beautiful flowers from Dan and Dorothea. God has truly blessed me. God's blessings to all of you. Alta Diem

Thank you very much to the WELCA women for the meal that you prepared and served after Truly's funeral. It was greatly appreciated. The family of Truly Draut

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bentley Isaiah Roberts, son of Ashley Roberts who became a member thru the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on July 28, 2013.

Congratulations to Brent and Brandi Miller on the birth of their daughter, Ellie Elizabeth, born August 12, wt. 7lb. and 3oz., 18in. long.

CONDOLENCES

Our Christian Sympathy to the family of Truly Draut, who passed away Saturday, July 27. Her funeral was on Sunday, August 4 here at St. Paul, with burial in St. Peter, Olean.

Our Christian Sympathy to Bruce Underwood and family on the passing of Bruce's wife, Mary Jean who passed away Thursday, July 25 in the state of Washington.

Our Christian Sympathy to Luke Smith and his family on the recent passing of his brother, Faron Smith.

CHRISTIANS GOT TALENT

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Olean will host its 3rd annual talent show on Friday, September 13, at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend a night filled with fun, laughter, and fellowship. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy acts of all types. Yes, we do have all ages performing with a wide variety of talents. We only guarantee it will be entertaining!

We are always in need of more acts. Contact Karen Huntington (667-7133) or Phyllis Armbrecht (667-5690) if you'd like to participate. We do not require practice.

We are renting the show mobile once again. The price is \$250. If you are willing to donate a little money toward this expense, please see the bulletin board in the educational building.

"BACK-DOOR-FRIENDS OF FAITH"

Donations for "Back Door Friends of Faith" for September will include Cleaning Supplies. Items needed are Laundry Soap, Dryer Sheets, Fabric Softener, All Purpose Cleaner, Dish Detergent, and Toilet Cleaner. The next date for collection will be **Sunday, September 15**. Again, **THANKS**, for your support of this special ministry sponsored by Tyson United Methodist Church. *A big Thank You to all who donated items in August. Items for September will be Cleaning Supplies.*

Ruth Green, Chairman

RIPLEY COUNTY CROP WALK

The Ripley County Crop Walk will be held Sunday, October 6, at 1:00 P.M. at St. John's United Church of Christ, Batesville. If you wish to walk or give a pledge see Gary Landwehr – 689-5898.

INSTALLATION OF NEW PASTOR

The installation of the new pastor, Pastor Matthew Voger, at St. John Lutheran Church, Bellaire, will be Sunday, September 15 at 4:00 P.M. Everyone invited.

HUNGER MILLSTONE

We thank Donald and Polly Hunger for donating the historic millstone for display across the road by the flag pole. The millstone, according to what Don's father told him, was imported for a new gristmill established around the year 1700 on Raccoon Creek. The millstone, made of granite and weighing 2 tons, was only in use for a short time. The gristmill venture did not succeed and the millstone was left lying along the creek.

Raccoon Creek ran between what is now the Olean road and what was the main road to Friendship, Indian. The millstone was ceremonially dedicated to the Hunger family following worship at St. Paul Lutheran Church on August 25.

2013-2014 CONFIRMATION CLASS

The 2013-2014 Confirmation classes will be taught by Pastor Zimmerman (until we get a new Pastor) on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month immediately following church to 12:30, beginning in September. (A short session will be held on Sunday, September 1st for all students for acolyte instruction.) When a student is an acolyte on Sunday, his/her parent will be the parent-helper in class on that Sunday. If a student can't acolyte on his/her scheduled Sunday, please make arrangements in advance with another student to fill in for you.

Since class time will be limited, attendance is crucial; and reading and homework will be assigned outside of class. A meeting will be held in the end of November to see if additional classes are necessary.

A special thanks to all of the teachers, parents, and congregation who support these students in their confirmation education.

Dates of classes:

September 15 and 29	October 13 and 27	November 10 and 24	December 8 and 22
January 12 and 26	February 9 and 23	March 9 and 23	April 13 and 27 May 11

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Help Wanted: The Sunday School Board is looking for someone to teach the fifth and sixth grade Sunday School Class. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and if you have any questions, see Danny Geisler. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped to make Rally Day and the Sunday School Picnic a success. Thanks to the Versailles Dairy Queen for their donations of bingo prizes and certificates for the children. Special thanks to Pastor, Ruth and Ellen for letting us change up the music and liturgy a little for the Worship Service.

It's Christmas Program time once again! Please pick up and complete a Christmas Program info sheet from the Church. This information will then be used to assign parts to the Children. We want all of the children, who wish to have parts, to be included.

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

SEPTEMBER 21, 2013

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 21, 2013 starting at 9:00 A.M. If you have items you would like to drop off early, please make arrangements with Martha Jean to do so. We will begin carrying the items over from the parsonage garage immediately following Church on September 15. We will be working Sunday through Friday at getting the items organized for sale. Many volunteers will be needed for this event. A sign up sheet will be posted in the educational building. Please help if you are able. If you know of something specific that you are donating to the sale, please let Martha Jean or Linda Cutter know so that some of the items can be listed in the ad. Proceeds from this sale will go to the Church General Fund.

DISCOVERING HOPE

Pop Quiz: At what age has your "faith" grown to its capacity?

- A) At Confirmation
- B) At age 18
- C) At age 30
- D) Never

Answer: **D.** Learning and discipleship are lifelong processes. Accept our challenge: Grow in faith! How you ask? Pray about it. Read your Bible more. Talk to others about their faith journey and tools they use to grow their faith. Join or start a Bible study group. The possibilities are endless. Still not motivated? Check out the Church library in the basement or the world wide web. Whatever you do, never, never, never stop growing in faith.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA



Company's coming! Bible study author Kay Ward, a bishop in The Moravian Church, has invited nine women from the Old Testament, several from the New Testament, and a handful of women she knows to stop in for a visit. They will be companions with us each month, long enough for us to get to know them and to also get to know ourselves a bit better. Their stories will draw us into Bible study, worship with the Psalms, and opportunities to tell our own stories. Come join us at the General Meeting on September 12 as we begin this exciting study. Each month's study is printed in Gather, the magazine of the Women of the ELCA. You can subscribe online at www.womenoftheelca.org. Linda Cutter, Ruth Green, and Kaye Hunger attended a session in Columbus OH to hear the author.

Several items will be on the agenda at the September 12 meeting, including election of officers and a report from the synodical convention. If you've never attended a meeting, this would be a great time to start. And I promise to keep the meeting short!!

Registration for the Ninth Triennial Gathering opens on September 16. Early-bird registration, through January 6, 2014, is \$325.00; after that registration is \$350.00. Complete information about the gathering and all its varied offerings will be found at welcatg.org, a brand new website being built for the gathering that is expected to be available beginning September 4.

Six of our women attended the Stitchers' Luncheon hosted by Cincinnati Children's Medical Center on August 5. Almost 100 children's quilts were delivered. We were inspired and touched by the impact these quilts have on the lives of hospitalized kids! Along with the over 500 quilts sent to Lutheran World Relief, we are helping to blanket the world with the love of Christ.

As you can see, we are busy women! Busy with our families, busy with our church, and busy with our communities. But we are never too busy to fulfill our mission statement. As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

Blessings~Phyllis Armbrrecht, President

Martha Circle – Ripley Crossing – September 12 at 1:30 P.M. Prayer & Devotions by June Hurelbrink
Hostess: June Hurelbrink.

General Meeting on September 12 at 7:00 P.M. Election of Officers – Hostesses: Kaye Hunger & Mary Westmeier

Visiting Committee for September: Linda Cutter & Martha Jarvis

BLANKET MAKING

We will begin making Blankets for LWR on September 10 at 1:00 P.M. We welcome anyone who would like to spend an afternoon of knotting and fellowship. No talent is needed - just eager and willing hands.

W.O.W.-(Women of Wednesdays)

Water, water everywhere! Last month's outing to Ainsley's Café on Brookville Lake was delightful!! Perfect weather and wonderful friends made this a fun day. We will be heading to Applewood in Aurora on Wednesday, September 18 to enjoy the last days of summer as we lunch on the patio overlooking the Ohio River. Meet at the church at 11:00 or Cash Saver Supermarket at 11:10. Sign up by Sunday, September 15 so reservations can be made.

RELAY FOR LIFE WRAP-UP CELEBRATION PITCH-IN

Join us for the St. Paul Relay for Life Wrap-up Celebration Pitch-in on Wednesday, September 4, 6:30 p.m. at church. Bring your family, friends and your favorite covered dish. Wear your Relay shirt, we will be taking a team photo. Bring your thoughts and ideas for the 2014 Relay to be held June 21-22. Everyone is invited to join the Wrap-up Celebration!

TEAM COURAGE

The **2013 Tri-County Columbus Heart Walk** on Saturday, September 14th is our "mission in action." The Heart Walk will be held at Ivy Tech Community College, Columbus, IN. The walk will take place from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Participation in this four-hour walk is a great way for us to raise money for the American Heart association. The American Heart Association is the largest voluntary health organization working to prevent, treat and defeat heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases.

"Team Courage" has been formed to include St. Paul Lutheran Church Olean and friends and family of Olean to raise money for the American Heart Association. We will be participating in honor and memory of all of our loved ones who have been affected by Heart Disease and Stroke. We would love to begin compiling a list of those members of our Congregation who have been affected by Heart Disease, Heart Attack and Stroke. Some obvious names that come to our minds immediately are: Plug Jarvis, David Diem, Rick Blodgett and Denny Mix. Denny Mix earns honorable mention for being our poster boy for both heart attack AND stroke at such a young age.

If you have questions, see Karen (Jarvis) Huntington or Teresa (Diem) Lawrence or do an internet search of "2013 Tri-County Columbus Heart Walk on Saturday, September 14th". Your prayers are much appreciated in support this new project.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

JULY 24, 2013

The Church Council met on July 24, 2013 in the Educational Building. The meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Zimmerman. Those present were Pastor Zimmerman, Paul Obendorf, Ed Armbrrecht, Connie Hunger, Teresa Lawrence, Peggy Mix, and Shirley Smith.

Secretary's report was read. Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept the minutes as read. Financial Secretary and Treasurers reports were presented.

General Fund	\$ (3874.13)	Cont. Ed.	\$0.00	Improvement	\$19843.12
Relay for Life	\$0.00	Music	\$2631.42	Vinup Trust	\$5251.36
Luther League	\$978.76	Bible School	\$1324.53		

Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept reports as presented.

Pastor's report was presented. Bentley Isaiah Roberts will be baptized on July 28, 2013.

Ed reported that insurance does cover volunteers with the enhancement already in the policy.

Possibility of developing a website was discussed. Motion made to proceed with development of church website using WordPress web software and BlueHost as the web hosting service for a cost of \$280.00 for three years. Volunteers have agreed to build and maintain the website. Motion seconded and carried.

Paul gave an update on the computer.

Grounds committee needs to check on downspouts on north side and gutter on the south side of the building. The next meeting will be August 18, 2013. The meeting closed with praying The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, *Shirley Smith, Secretary*