

HILLTOP NEWS

November/December 2024



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 157
Sulphur Springs, Ohio 44881
Church Office (419) 562-5858

November Birthdays

11/02 Jim Leonhardt
11/02 Joy Britton
11/02 Kim Addison
11/03 Dave Shealy
11/04 Chris Krahlung
11/04 Mary Ann McCallister
11/04 Janelle Grube
11/04 Raie Leonhardt
11/06 Adam Widman
11/08 Amelia Gendron
11/08 Jim McKeehen
11/09 Mark Shilling
11/09 Doug Heydinger
11/10 Troy Jenks
11/10 Kimberly Leonhardt
11/12 Kael Scott
11/12 Michele Breyley
11/13 Jim Luidhardt
11/13 Caleb Newcome
11/14 Suzanne Green
11/14 Mike Schimpf
11/14 Victoria Donnersbach
11/15 Tyson Sutherland
11/15 Kyle Ulmer
11/18 Sharon Shealy
11/19 Janet Richards
11/19 Seth Reffey
11/19 Kasey Teynor
11/21 Gene Crabaugh
11/22 Lindsay Mosley
11/22 Brantley Britton
11/26 Jordan Rosales
11/28 Clifford Beck 111
11/29 Cindy Hopkins
11/29 Rhiley Leonhardt
11/30 Rebecca Morrison
11/30 Krista Carson
11/30 Kayla Kline
11/30 Dawson Lykens
11/30 Aubrey Feichtner

November Anniversaries

11/14 Tom & Pam Vann
11/17 Dan & Deb Feichtner
11/17 Alan & Neely Young

December Birthdays

12/01 Jameson Rosales
12/02 Craig Brause
12/04 Betty Vance
12/04 Christene Johnson
12/08 Chi Lykens
12/08 Gary Crabaugh
12/09 Tom Kibler
12/11 Susan Gaeta
12/11 Dwight Leonhardt
12/15 Geneva Cleland
12/15 Laura Ackerman
12/17 Dave Robertson
12/20 Lynn Noe
12/20 Joey Jenks
12/21 Andrew Geiger
12/21 Robert Leonhardt
12/22 Roxanne Shipman
12/22 Kathleen Seifert
12/24 Tom Bush
12/24 Albert Green
12/27 Michael Shipman
12/27 Graham Scott
12/29 Lydia Ackerman
12/31 Marilyn Long
12/31 Dylan Scott
12/31 Daniel Scott
12/31 Quintin Beck

December Anniversaries

12/05 Carl & Jennifer Rinehart
12/20 Jim & Peggy Gearhart

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes
September 8, 2024

John Britton called the meeting to order. Members present were Sam Hopkins, Mike Grube, Jim Luidhardt, Tim Miller, Mark Ebbeskotte, Doug Ebbeskotte, Ben Ackerman, Tom Bush, and Jim Crabaugh. Susie Sutherland was also present. Devotions were given by Jim L.

Secretary's Report: Mark made a motion to approve the minutes as printed and Tom seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Susie reported that the checking account balance was \$105,552.20 on August 31 with all bills current. The special projects balance is \$5,626.62. Jim L. made a motion to accept the report. Doug seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Elder's Report: No report

Deacon's Report: Sam reported an average attendance of 83.5 for August services with 77 communed. The total giving for August was \$13,383.60 with \$9,606 given to the current account. The year to date giving for 2024 is \$170,332.55.

Trustee's Report: Jim L. reported that he took 100 lbs of aluminum scrap from the window project to be recycled. General Restoration plans on beginning the church masonry project tomorrow Sept. 9.

Sam made a motion to approve the preceding reports. Tim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business: Thank you to Jeff Karl and Mark Schanzenbach for leading the Adult Sunday School Class and for being the 2024 NALC Online Mission Convocation delegates. Sam reported that he has the new computer for the office and he is working at setting it up.

New Business: Aumiller Park Shelter has been reserved for August 17, 2025 for next summer's outdoor church service. Susie reported that the office furniture is in and the company will install on Wednesday Sept. 11. The my offering envelopes in the pews are all gone. Deacons will order more envelopes. Gideons contacted John about coming to speak to the congregation, council decided to wait until after the holidays to schedule a date. Rumpke is changing what they charge for trash service at the church. John is going to contact several trash services to check prices. Council decided on the menu for the Over 70 Appreciation Dinner which will be held on Oct. 27, 2024.

The next council meeting will be held on Oct. 13 after church and Jim C. will have devotions. With no further business, the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Ben Ackerman
Secretary

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes
October 13, 2024

John Britton called the meeting to order. Members present were Mike Grube, Jim Luidhardt, Tim Miller, Mark Ebbeskotte, Doug Ebbeskotte, Ben Ackerman, Tom Bush, and Jim Crabaugh. Susie Sutherland was also present. Devotions were given by Jim C.

Secretary's Report: Mark made a motion to approve the minutes as printed and Tim seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Susie reported that the checking account balance was \$78,441.13 on September 30 with all bills current. Doug made a motion to accept the report. Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Elder's Report: Tom reported he and John visited shut-ins and administered communion.

Deacon's Report: Doug reported an average attendance of 95.4 for September services with 82 communed. The total giving for September was \$18,289.22 with \$13,625 given to the current account. The year to date giving for 2024 is \$188,621.77.

Trustee's Report: Jim L. reported that he is getting air conditioning bids for the church to present at the annual meeting. He wants to get window wells at the parsonage installed soon.

Tim made a motion to approve the preceding reports. Mark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business: The names that the sheriff's department contacts if the security system alarm is activated was reviewed. John will add Mike Grube to the call list. John reported that he contacted several trash services to check prices. He then contacted our current trash service, Rumpke, and they said they would match the low bid which was \$22/month.

New Business: Thanksgiving Eve Service will be Nov. 27 at 7pm with Amber Robertson giving the message. There will be no communion. Christmas Eve Service time and pastor to be determined. Jim L. made a motion to split the offering for these two services between NALC Disaster Response and The Salvation Army. Mike seconded the motion. Motion passed. The council would like the bids for church positions to be turned in by Nov. 17. Thanks to Karen and Mike Schimpf for the donation of the blue Celebration Hymnals given in memory of their parents Donald and Polly Schimpf.

The next council meeting will be held on Nov. 10 after church and Mike will have devotions. With no further business, the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Ben Ackerman
Secretary

Committees for November

Altar: Joy Britton
Visiting:
Greeter: Phyllis Hinamon
Food: Phyllis Hinamon & Laura Ackerman

Remember Our Shut in and Homebound Members

At Home

MaryAnn McCallister Birthday November 4
P O Box 27
Sulphur Springs, Oh 44881

At Home

Charlie Britton Birthday April 10
P O Box 8
Sulphur Springs, Oh 44881

Carlisle Place

John Barnhart Birthday June 5
1721 Whetstone St. Apt. 116
Bucyrus, Oh 44820

Carlisle Place

Chris Shealy Birthday January 25
1721 Whetstone St.
Bucyrus, Oh 44820

Westbrook Assisted Living

Helen Lyons Birthday May 27
101 Westbrook Room 149
Upper Sandusky, Oh 43351

The Willows in Willard

Pat Morral Birthday January 19
The Willows 1050 Neal Zick Rd.
Willard, Oh 44890

New Address for Karen Scherner:

2502 Sawmill Village Court
Columbus, Oh 434235

Committees for December

Altar: Carrie & Amber Robertson
Visiting:
Greeter: Joyce Schanzenbach
Food:

We extend our sympathy to Karen Scherner and her family on the death of Pastor Hans Scherner on September 10, 2024. Services were held here at St. Paul on September 21 with Pastor Kathy Pennington officiating. Interment was in Columbus, Oh.

Our sympathy also to Steve & Lynn Kocher on the death of her father, Kenneth Miller.

September 1 Troy Joseph Jenks Jr. (Joey) was baptized by Pastor Pentti Maki after worship. He is the son of Troy & Angie Jenks. His Grandparents are David & Kathy Halsey. His birthday is December 20, 2011.

September 29 Brady Joy Brown daughter of Nate & Nicole Brown was baptized. She is the little sister of Lenon, granddaughter of John & Joy Britton, great granddaughter of Charlie & Kate Britton. Pastor Pentti Maki had the service. Brady was born July 18, 2024

Olivia Anna-Marie Donnersbach was baptized October 13. She is the daughter of Philip & Victoria Donnersbach. She is little sister of Jonathan and Aurora. Pastor Pentti Maki had the service. Olivia was born May 7, 2024

On Sunday, November 17 the Women of the Church will be doing the worship. They will be Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Women of the Church.

Women of the Church are asking for help in meeting their goal of 525! They are collecting cans of Cream of Chicken Soup for the Bucyrus Backpack Program until November 17th. Brand doesn't matter but size should be 10.5 ounces. Drop off boxes may be found in the East Vestibule and in the Sunday School hallway.

Thank you to all who helped in anyway while I have been recuperating from my Surgery. I enjoyed all the phone calls, visits and cards. Thanks to Jim & Helen, Deb & Dan, Ken and the God Squad for the delicious meals and enjoyable visits. The Ding-A-Lings even had time to furnish us with a 4 course meal which included Homemade "Beer Bread" made by "Chef Sam. (Ask Cindy if you want the recipe). We are so blessed to have such a loving and caring church family Our prayer warriors work overtime and we're thankful for that. David was especially thankful for all those meals! God Bless

Bev & David Robertson

November 17 the Women of the Church will be doing the worship service. Amber Robertson will have the message for the day.

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on November 27 at 7:00 PM. Amber Robertson will be bringing the message. Offering will be given to NALC Disaster Response and The Salvation Army.

Christmas Decorations will be put up after the Thanksgiving Eve Service, on Wednesday, November 27th.

Our Christmas Eve Service December 24. Watch the bulletin for the time.

Christmas Decorations will be taken down after church on January 5, 2025. Afterwards those wishing to do so, will go to a local pizza place for lunch.

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Women of the Church

The Women of St. Paul Church met at 6pm on Sept. 30, 2024. President Carrie Robertson called the meeting to order. Board members present: June Geiger, Janelle Grube, Carrie Robertson, Amber Robertson, Shelly Kocher, Helen Luidhardt, and Laura Ackerman. Amber opened the meeting with a devotion.

Secretary's Report: Laura read the minutes from the last meeting. Helen made a motion to approve the minutes and June seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Helen reported that the checking account had a balance of \$1927.15 as of Sept. 30, 2024. She has several bills to pay. Amber made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Laura seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business: June stopped at Flowers and Fancies and Steve Auck is going to put together new winter saddles for the Schnarenberger graves.

Kathy Wells was contacted about speaking at the Thankoffering/100th anniversary service on Nov. 17. She will speak about the backpack program in Crawford County. Our mission action activity will be to collect the standard size, 10.5 ounce cans of cream of chicken soup which will be donated to the backpack program. Our goal will be to collect 525 cans of cream of chicken soup. A notice will be put in the bulletin to begin collecting the soup during now thru Nov. 17. The Rose of Concern pin will also be presented on Nov. 17 during the service.

We decided to host a family paint night at the church on Oct. 20 at 4:30. We will have pizza, chips, drinks and cookies. We will post a sign up sheet.

Discussed ideas for the 2025 ballot. We are looking for an assistant treasurer and one mission action representative.

New Business: Carrie will check on advent candles. Carrie will also prepare the 2025 duties chart. The Women's Christmas program will be held on Wed. Dec. 4 at 6:30. Everyone should bring either an appetizer or a dessert. That evening we will also have an activity, election of officers, and a memorial service.

Next meeting will be Nov. 10 after church to finalize the Thankoffering/100th Anniversary church service celebration.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Laura Ackerman, Secretary

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Monthly Planner

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