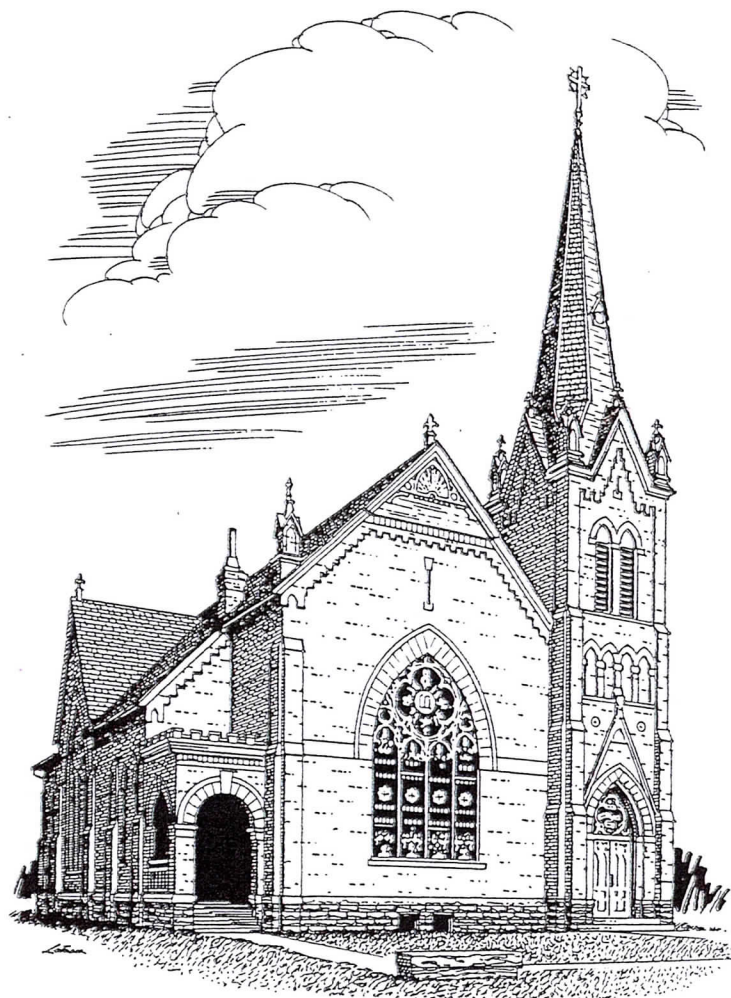


St. Paul's Lutheran Church Newsletter September

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September Birthdays

9/02 Mike Geiger
9/02 Wyatt Geiger
9/03 Linda Heydinger
9/05 Mat Newcome
9/05 James Noe
9/06 Darcy Green
9/07 Madison Rinehart
9/09 Morgan Shipman
9/12 Ryan Armstrong
9/12 Joyce Durigg
9/12 Betty Jo Billings
9/15 Lois Walker
9/15 Helen Luidhardt
9/15 Sophia Beck
9/15 Madison Britt
9/18 Ciera Pfeifer
9/18 Brian Evak
9/19 Kristy Noe
9/19 Charles Brinkman
9/19 Joyce Bloomfield
9/19 Teresa Bush
9/20 Margaret Brinkman
9/20 Janet Harer
9/21 Amber Robertson
9/21 Alexis Evak
9/22 Emma Kocher
9/22 Marcia Newcome
9/23 Catherine Miller
9/23 Linda Peppard
9/23 Tim LaRue
9/25 Audrey Risner
9/26 Henry Powell
9/27 Chelsea Mosley
9/28 Karis Rittenour
9/29 Amy Grover
9/29 Kristy Widman
9/30 Cheyenne Johnson

September Anniversaries

9/01 Tim & Catherine Miller
9/01 Steven & Jill Rittenour
9/02 Tom & Kristy Widman
9/02 Joe & Shelby Neptune
9/08 Tom & Teresa Bush
9/14 Todd & Kelly Cole
9/21 Bob & Tonya Geiger
9/29 Larry & Audrey Risner

Brantley Charles Britton son of Keith & Renee Britton was baptized June 20, 2021. He is the grandson of John & Joy Britton and great grandson of Charlie & Kate Britton.

Owen Laurent Gendron son of Andrew & Abby Gendron was baptized July 25 2021. He is the grandson of Richard and Chris Krahling

Grant & Katie Geiger were married June 26, 2021 at St. Paul by Pastor Scherner.

Congratulations to Nate & Nicole Brown on the birth of their daughter, Lennon Elle. She was born July 1, 2021 and weighed 7 lb. 13 oz. Grandparents are John & Joy Britton and great grandparents are Charlie & Kate Britton

New Address for Helen Lyons is:
Westbrook Assisted Living
101 Westbrook Room 149
Upper Sandusky, Oh 43351

Congratulations to Wade Hopkins for being selected as the recipient of the Robert & Ruby Schimpf Scholarship. Wade is a senior at the University of Findlay, majoring in exercise science. He plans to graduate in December 2021. Wade is the son of Cindy & Sam Hopkins and the grandson of Kate & Charlie Britton. Congratulations, Wade, and best wished from St. Paul Lutheran Church in your senior year.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes

June 13, 2021

George Sheets called the meeting to order. Devotions were presented by Michele Breyley. Member's present were John Britton, Ken Geiger, Jim Shade, Tyler Shade, Mike Geiger, Dan Feichtner, Michele Breyley, Shawn Auck, Susie Sutherland, and George Sheets.

Secretary's Report: Secretaries report was read by members. George moved to accept the minutes. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: George gave the report: checking account has \$35,939.75. All the bills are current. Ken made a motion to accept the report, Tyler seconded. Motion passed.

Deacon's Report: Mike gave the deacons report. We had five Sundays in May with an average attendance of 88 people. There was a total giving for the month of \$18,642.70. May 2nd there were 87 people taking Communion. May 23rd there were 79 people taking Communion. Passing the cans during noisy change Sunday has helped with the amount collected,

Trustee's Report: Antenna cable is broke at the parsonage. We will repair it. Some of the plugs on the exterior of the house where insulation was blown in are missing. They will be replaced. Pastor has stated that the shed floor has some weak spots. We will look into it.

Elder's Report: Dan reported no issues at this time.

Pastor's Report: Pastor had report of hours. He felt the Lenten Services were received well. He would like to have a 2-3 Saturday seminar on Preaching. These are not to replace him but to help anyone who would be interested in leading a worship service sometime.

Mike made a motion to accept above reports. Ken seconded the motion. Reports were approved.

Old Business: Where the waterline connection is out front, Ken will re-seed.

New Business: We will be doing a summer fill for the propane at the parsonage and the Church. Three of the area schools will be participating in the Life Wise Academy. It is a religious education class given off school property. They are asking the area Churches for donations to help off set the cost. Sean Ritzhaupt is in charge of the program. As of right now Wynford, Colonel Crawford, and Bucyrus 2nd grade classes will ne participating. The Church picnic is at Aumiller Park. There will be a silent auction again this year. There is paint of one of the conduits outside the Church that needs repainted. Also, the rod iron railing outside the Church needs repainted. Karen Scherner and Jen Rinehart will be working on coming up with something for Bible School this year. The Fall Festival will be at the parsonage again this year. The date still needs to be determined. There will also be a over 70's dinner again this year. Details will be announced later. Pastor is going to have a Bible Study later this year.

The next council meeting will be on July 25, 2021. Shawn will have devotions. The meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Breyley

Womens Board Meeting Held

The women held a brief board meeting on Sunday morning June 13 at 9:15am, with 7 members present.

The treasurer reported a checking account balance of \$2142.50 which includes the \$800 collected in the bucket donations for NALC Disaster Relief.

We voted to donate a total of \$1000 to the NALC Disaster Relief.

We also decided to donate \$250 to Jeff Zeiter from Attica who had been in the Cleveland Clinic for 3 months on a respirator with Covid. Marilyn will drop off our donation at Sutton Bank.

The mission action committee reported that we will be starting the Christmas shoe boxes in July for Operation Christmas Child when the school supplies are on sale. We may possibly have a Baby Shower/Party in the fall with monies/or baby shower gifts going to Voice of Hope.

Also, we are to begin looking for replacement members for the women's board for the fall election of officers.

Laura Ackerman
Secretary

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes

July 25, 2021

George Sheets called the meeting to order. Members present were Jim Shade, Shawn Auck, Ken Geiger, Mike Geiger, Sam Hopkins, Dan Feichtner, and John Britton. Pastor Scherner and Susie Sutherland were also present. Devotions were given by Shawn.

Secretary's Report: Mike made a motion to approve the minutes as printed with one correction. Jim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: George reported a checking account balance of \$32,911.11 on June 30th with all bills current. Susie reported a checking account balance of \$26,085.60 on July 25th. Ken made a motion to accept the report. Sam seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Deacon's Report: Mike reported an average attendance of 84 for June with 85 communed. The total giving for the month was \$15,862.12. Discussion was held on capping the Youth Group Account. Jim made a motion to cap the account at \$8500.00. Dan seconded the motion. Motion passed. Amber and Carrie Robertson will be consulted on the matter.

Trustee's Report: Ken reported the shed at the parsonage needs replaced. Council will look for a replacement. Missing insulation plugs will be replaced at the parsonage. Cleaning and disinfecting will be taken care of in the parsonage basement. The basement had some water after the heavy rain on July 16th-17th. The direction and mileage to the church sign at the St. Rt. 98 and Beechgrove Rd. intersection will be removed. The sign is damaged. The other six signs are in decent condition and will remain in place.

Elder's Report: John reported on several concerns from members over the past month. Discussion was held on the items. Changes and suggestions on addressing these concerns were given.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Scherner thanked Dave Halsey, Eric Kocher, and George Sheets for their sermons over the past three weeks. He said he and Karen had a good and relaxing vacation. Pastor is glad some restrictions have been eased allowing him to visit more members at home or those hospitalized. Pastor will have a class on four Saturday's in October on preaching and teaching. He would like to have a Bible Study on the coexistence of religion and science in the future. Mike made a motion, moving forward, to give a \$50.00 gift card to those who preach the sermon in Pastor's absence. Ken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Old Business: Window Creations LLC will be contacted in August to check on the

timetable of the stained glass window repairs.

New Business: Mike made a motion to give a \$150.00 donation to Our Daily Bread Publishing. Ken seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dan made a motion to give a \$1,000.00 donation to Lifewise Academy Crawford County. Jim seconded the motion. Motion passed. A sizable anonymous monetary gift was given to St. Paul with no stipulations on its use. John made a motion to deposit the money in the Special Projects Savings Account. Ken seconded the motion. Motion passed. A tentative date for the Over 70 dinner has been set for October 17th. A letter will be sent to eligible members to gauge their interest, with a response by September 1st. If there is enough interest, plans will proceed for the dinner. No Parking or stripes will be painted in the church parking lot area at the east entrance to the cemetery. Children sermons will resume in the fall with no regulations. Zeigler Electric will replace three switch boxes. Two are in the east entrance and one in the west entrance to the sanctuary. There will be one recipient of the Schimpf Scholarship for \$1000.00 this fall. The yearly elevator inspection was completed with the church elevator running well. Later that day storms with lightning caused damage to the elevator. The power surge came through the phone lines. Two boards needed replaced, one in the elevator car and one in the elevator control room, at a cost of \$2600.25. The elevator phone and a modem in the office still need replaced. We have a \$1000.00 deductible with Church Mutual Insurance. A claim is pending when all repairs are made.

The next council meeting will be held on September 12th. With no further business the meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

John Britton, Elder

The Church Council has decided to cap the Youth Gathering account at \$8500. So beginning with the Sept 5 worship service, any money ear marked for the Youth Gathering account will be placed in the Current account. This decision is based on the number of active youth in the church and the number of activities available. This decision in no way reflects the work of Carrie and Amber. We appreciate all of their leadership over the years. If they find new activities available to the youth or the number of active youth increases, there are ample funds at their disposal. The money in the fund can be used at their discretion. If the Youth Gathering fund needs to be replenished, Council will then again open the fund to contributions. We thank all of the parishioners who have contributed to the youth group and we hope everyone understands this decision.

Remember Our Shut in and Homebound Members

At Home

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

Carlisle Place

Lois Walker Birthday September 15
Room 113 Carlisle Place
1721 Whetstone St.
Bucyrus, Oh 44820

Altercare

Polly Schimpf Birthday December 4
Room 206 Altercare
1929 Whetstone St.
Bucyrus, Oh 44820

Marge Sheally Birthday April 19
Altercare
1929 Whetstone St.
Bucyrus, Oh 44820

Westbrook Assisted Living

Helen Lyons
101 Westbrook Room 149
Upper Sandusky, Oh 43351

Dear Friends of His Hands Extended Soup Kitchen,

We count it an honor to serve hot meals to the ones in need in this region and we are blessed that you have joined us in this ministry. Many people are ministered to through your generous donation of food, finances, paper products, and Service. A scripture in Proverbs 19:17 states: Mercy to the needy is a loan to God and God pays back those loans in full. We thank you so much for your support.

Many Blessing,
Pastor Dan Rebon

Dear Church Members,

Thank you for supporting the mission of Filling Home with your gift of \$655.00. Your generosity has made a real difference in the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities that are a part of our community of care and support. Thank you for this wonderful gift and your continued support. We are most grateful for your Thoughtfulness and prayers.

Warmest regards n Christ,

Carol L. Slight
Vice President

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your partnership in the ministry of Luther Home of Mercy, for your thoughtful prayers, and for your gift of \$695.00. Your support is so appreciated!

Most sincerely,

Megan O'Brien
Director of Mission Advancement

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your prayers and gift of \$920.00. Your financial contribution helps the King's work as your missionaries bring the Gospel to those least likely to have heard, believed or benefitted from its saving and transforming power.
Diedone and Serafina Panzo Support Fund



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| <p>Hans Scherner..... Pastor Joyce Schanzenbach.....Secretary Kathy Sheets..... Organist Karen Schimpf.....Assistant Organist Susie Sutherland.....Bookkeeper Roxanne Shipman. Choir Cindy Hopkins.....Bell Choir Charlie Britt..... Sunday School Superintendent Deb Feichtner... President, Women of Church Carrie & Amber Robertson..... Youth Advisors Jennifer Rinehart Vacation Bible School Eric Kocher. Custodian Church Telephone: (419) 562-5858 Parsonage Phone: (419) 562-5262 E-MAIL:stpaul.lutheran@embarqmail.com Web Page: www.stpaulsulphur.com</p> | <p>Jim Shade Dan Feichtner John Britton Tyler Shade Shawn Auck Ken Geiger Mike Geiger George Sheets Michele Breyley Sam Hopkins</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Congregational Officers</p> <p>President George Sheets Secretary Michele Breyley Treasurer Jim Shade</p> |

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