
NEWSLETTER

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Newsletter

April 2019



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Have You Ever Noticed....

-that the most expensive piece of furniture is an empty pew
-that a raisin is a grape that has too many worries
-that the first steps to happiness are the church steps
-that it might be profitable to cross blankets with toaster so that people would pop out of bed, especially on Sunday mornings
-that although God demands a whole heart, He will accept a broken one if He gets all the pieces.
-that if a man's religion won't take him to church, it is doubtful it will take him to Heaven.

St. Paul Shut in Members

Maplecrest

Helen Noblit Birthday May 23
Loyd Kocher Birthday July 19

Altercare

Elden Campbell Birthday April 7
Kathryn Hoover Birthday Sept. 13

Carlisle House

Lois Walker Birthday Sept. 15

Orchard Park

Kermit Kibler Birthday February 7
Orchard Park
Room #172
Bucyrus, Oh 44820

At Home

Lois Leonhardt Birthday March 31
1123 Victoria Drive
Bucyrus, Ohio

LeEtta Green Birthday January 24
6139 Swabb Rd.
New Washington, Oh 44854

Dorothy Brause Birthday March 27
D-14 Gables of Kent Ridge
5241 Sunnybrook Rd.
Kent, Oh 44240

Evie Kibler Birthday February 23
2716 Marlet Ave. N.
Canton, Oh 44714

April Birthdays

4/01 Julie Teynor
4/02 Susan Sutherland
4/04 D-Ann Geiger
4/04 Tonya Geiger
4/05 Wade Hopkins
4/07 Eldon Campbell
4/09 Melissa Shade
4/10 Charlie Britton
4/10 Trevor Seif
4/11 Brad Stuckman
4/13 Jennifer Geiger
4/15 Hans Scherner
4/17 Ariel Bloomfield
4/18 Betty Pfleiderer
4/18 Kathy Sheets
4/18 Alan Leonhardt
4/19 Marjorie Shealy
4/19 Karen Scherner
4/19 Blake Rittenhour
4/20 Tom Miller
4/21 Caeden Pfeifer
4/22 Rachel Webber
4/23 Dolores Geiger
4/23 Brady Sheets
4/24 Rhonda Campbell
4/24 Nick Rowland
4/25 Florice Leonhardt
4/25 Justin Leonhardt
4/27 Dorothy Schott
4/29 Steven Kocher

April Anniversaries

4/12 Doug & Veronica Vandayburg
4/15 Jim & Helen Luidhardt
4/15 Matt & Kayla Klime
4/24 Mike & D-Ann Geiger
4/30 Mark & Julie Teynor

We extend our sympathy to Jim & Peggy Gearhart
On the death of their brother in law, Ralph Schiefer.
He passed away March 7, 2019.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Paul
Leonhardt. Paul passed away March 16. Services
were held on March 21 at St. Paul with Pastor
Schermer officiating. Internment was in St. Paul
Cemetery.

Lenten Services will continue on April 3 and 10
at 7 PM. Offering will be given to the Salvation
Army/ BORN

Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Palm Sunday
following worship.

Maundy Thursday Services will be at 7 PM on
April 18. Offering will be given to Contact Crawford
County.

Good Friday Services will be at 7 PM on April
19. Offering will be given to American Cancer
Society Road to Recovery.

Early Sunrise Services will be held at 7 AM on
Easter morning. Tom Bush will be playing the
guitar and Karen Schimpf will be playing the
organ. It will begin outside in front of the church.

Easter Breakfast will be held at 8 AM following
the Sunrise Services. It is sponsored by St. Paul
Youth. All are invited.

Easter morning services will be at 10 AM on
Easter Sunday.

Mother Daughter Party will be held on April
7 aft 2 PM

February 24, 2019

Council met after church to consider two items: 1. update of sound system. 2. bids for new copier. After comparing bids for a new copier Jim Shade moved to approve the bid from Gordon Flesch Co. Brian Evak seconded. Motion passed.

A bid from Ingold Sound to update the camera equipment for \$9,700 was submitted. After discussion Eric Kocher made a motion and Mark Ebbeskotte seconded. Motion passed.

Women of the Church Board Meeting

The women of the Church Board met on Sunday, March 24, following the worship service. Present at the meeting were Betty Ebbeskotte, Joy Britton, D-Ann Geiger, Marilyn Long and Karen Scherner.

Betty opened with a Lenten Devotion, "5 Things You Could Do for Lent".

1. Top 40 List—help a new person each day during Lent
2. Pray for a new person each day of Lent
3. Send a thank you note each day to someone who has touched you
4. Get rid of all your grudges
5. Plant a tree, recycle, or repurpose something each day.

Secretary report by Betty Ebbeskotte—correction to last minutes for 1/2 of the Thankoffering Money to Disaster Response NALLC and not International Water Mission as printed.

Treasurer report by Marilyn Long—Roughly \$1,080 in the treasury at this time with no outstanding bills.

Vice President report by Joy Britton—Mother Daughter Banquet will be on Sunday, April 7 with Sharon Moore sharing her doll collection with us and telling us about some of her dolls. There will be a light lunch. The Mother Daughter will start at 2:00 p.m.

Old Business—Marilyn visited the Soup Kitchen in Bucyrus and after much discussion, it was decided to cut back on our giving to \$75 a quarter rather than \$50 a month. It was decided to give those extra funds at a later date to the rural schools. Mission Action will coordinate this project.

Karen will begin a new Bible study after Easter and will go to the end of May. The study to yet to be decided.

A letter was received from the NALC Disaster Center and supplies are needed due to the additional tornados and flooding. It was decided by the board to have a lunch following worship for The Disaster Relief/Honoring our Graduates on Sunday, May 5. We invite all members of St Paul to attend this lunch. A free will donation will be accepted for the lunch. Each board member will provide a casserole and several members of the congregation will be asked to make casseroles. Betty will contact members to get the tossed salad ingredients and make it.

Minutes written by Betty Ebbeskotte

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes

February 10, 2019

George Sheets called the meeting to order. Devotions were presented by George. Members present were Mark Ebbeskotte, Jim Shade, Carl Rinehart, Doug Ebbeskotte, Eric Kocher, Bob Geiger, Dan Feichtner, Michele Breyley, Pastor Scherner, and Susie Sutherland.

Secretary's Report: Correction by Dan. He brought to the council's attention about exterior doors needing sealed this year. Bob was going to look into it. Eric moved to accept the minutes with correction, Mark seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Bob reported all bills current with exception of Peacock Water bill for parsonage. He is disputing charged amount. Checking account balance is \$63,873.58. Doug moved to accept the report, Eric seconded. Motion passed.

Deacon's Report: Doug reported average attendance of 103 for the month. The Communion count was 101. Total giving is \$13,442.14 for the month, with yearly giving of \$24,003.12. This was for a total of 4 Sundays.

Trustee's Report: Bob reported that elevator passed inspection, and fire extinguishers in the church and parsonage also passed inspection. Doug Bishop will seal exterior doors. He is looking into the doorbell to see what the problem is. Eric will be getting quotes for window work. He also has a bid for carpet cleaning. He will be getting a couple more. Dan reported that we are in need of some new thermostats in the church. The old ones are not made any more so he going to try a new one to see how we like it. Sam reported the speaker in back of church is repaired. He is looking into Pastor and Dave's microphones on getting new ones.

Elder's Report: No concerns to report. All is good.

Pastor's Report: Pastor presented a log of his hours. There is a conference at First Lutheran in Mansfield sponsored by NALC on "an aging church" that he will be attending. There is also a convocation on May 4th in Upper Arlington he will be attending. This is also sponsored by the NALC. Pastor mentioned with the past wind storm there is a gutter that is loose and in need of repair.

Eric made a motion to approve the above reports and Jim seconded the motion.

Old Business: The new copier will be delivered soon. New light bulbs will be put in Sanctuary.

New Business: We need a member of council to head the worship and music committee. This was tabled till our next meeting. Sam reported the speaker in back of church is repaired. He is looking into Pastor and Dave's microphones on getting new ones.

It was decided by council that Sam will be getting a new camera for the church through Ingold Sound. This was decided on February 24 in a quick meeting of council. Eric made a motion and Mark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The next council meeting will be held on April 14th. Devotions will be given by Dan Feichtner. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Breyley, Secretary

Disaster Relief Lunch/Honoring High School Graduates

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Following Worship

Come join us for Casseroles, Salad, Rolls, Cake, Ice Cream, Drink
Freewill Donation to Help Purchase Supplies for Various Relief Kits

GOD SQUAD MINUTES

February 21, 2019

Members present at the God Squad meeting were Mark Schanzenbach, Dorothy Schott, Susie Sutherland, Ken Geiger, John Pfleiderer, Carrie Robertson, Karen and Hans Scherner

Ken began the meeting with devotions.

John Pfleiderer will be our new treasurer. Our account balance is \$5,428.14. The Council on Aging has raised the bus fee. We may need to increase our donation.

We discussed updates on our members.

Dorothy and Ken shared their visitation updates.

OLD BUSINESS:

We received a number of thank yous from our county schools for the supplies.

Our cookie event at Carlisle went very well and was greatly appreciated by the residents and the staff.

NEW BUSINESS:

Our movie night is February 24th. "A Case for Christ" will be shown in the sanctuary at 4:00. Afterwards we will serve a meal of Arby's roast beef sandwiches, relish, chips and Texas Sheet cake. Hans will lead discussion of the film during the meal. Ken already ordered the roast beef. Another movie suggestion for a later time is about Kermit Gosnell who was an abortion doctor. We may have another movie night after Easter.

March 17th will be the quiz bowl which Carrie and Amber are working on. We need more teams to participate.

Starting in May, we will be having 3 Bible study nights in local restaurants. May 1st we will meet at Cranberry Hills in New Washington. On May 15th, we will be at Baker's pizza. Then on May 29th, we will finish up at Dillinger's. The evening will involve each person buying their own dinner and drink. Each table will have discussions on a Bible topic.

Our summer outing will be at Harvey School on July 27th.

Next we extensively discussed whether to use Chris Cakes or step out on our own and make the pancakes ourselves. Several members looked into possible grills – some to buy and others to borrow. Dorothy will check with Cole's regarding their grill. If we do it ourselves, we will need to do a test run.

Our next meeting will be March 28th. Karen will lead the devotion.

April Committees

Altar: George & Kathy Sheets
Visiting: Marilyn Long & Gwen Ehrman
Greeter: Joyce Schanzenbach & Joyce Bloomfield
Food: Tammy Spiegel, Helen Lyons, Betty Ebbeskotte

Welcome all women of St. Paul to the Mother/Daughter Spring Tea coming up on April 7 at 2:00. Sign-ups are helpful and a sheet is posted in the vestibule. Feel free to bring your favorite doll, as we will have a presentation from Sharon Moore with her doll collection! A light luncheon will be served. Hope to see you there!

Lent is a time of slowing down and reflecting. In doing so, we are reminded of all the many blessings we have been given. Today we are beginning our Thankoffering collection. Mission Banks labels are being handed out for you to put on a container of your choice. (It would be helpful if your bank has a wide opening that will make it easier for our treasurer.) As you give thanks over the next 8 months, please share with others by filling your Mission Bank. This money will be used to help the needy in the Crawford County area in November. Extra Mission Bank labels are available on the East entrance cabinet. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone for all the kindness extended to me since my surgery and recuperation. The prayers, calls, visits, cards and meals were greatly appreciated. We are so blessed to have such a caring and loving church family here at St. Paul.

Bev & David Robertson

Thank you for your help during Lindsey's illness and recovery. We have heard the prayers, felt the love and experienced so much support from friends, family, community members, businesses, churches and total strangers. We are truly blessed and intend to pay it forward. Lindsey is making progress and her future looks bright. Please know our family will be forever grateful for all that has been done for us during this most difficult time in our lives. Thank you!

Love,
The Gies Family

Coffee Hour hosts for the year are:

April 21 Easter Breakfast
May 19 Women of the Church will Honor Graduates
June 30 Youth Group will have Red, White & Blue Sunday
July, August No Coffee Hour
September 8 Rally Day
October St. Paul Helping Hands adopt a Family
November 3 Bell Choir
November 24 Pumpkin Pie Sunday by Youth Group
December 15 Christmas Breakfast

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