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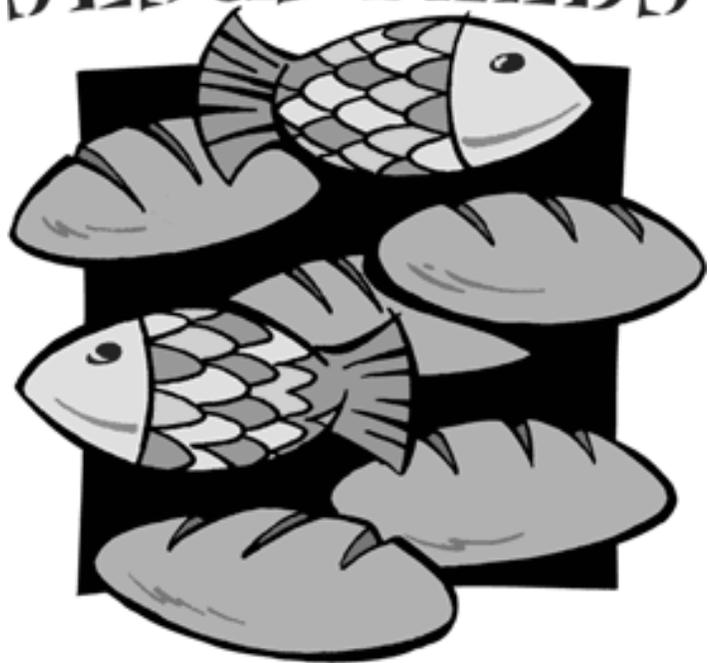
The Epistle—Monthly Newsletter

St. Paul Lutheran Church

106 Maple Street

Reading, OH 45215-4811

JESUS FEEDS



5,000

We extend a warm welcome to our new interim Pastor Bob Browning. We look forward to this time with him and plan to learn from his years of experience.



Pastor Bob will be available in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am to 12:30 pm.

Pastoral Emergencies

Please leave a message at 821-0987 (church office). Call Penny Huber at 931-6420 for prayer requests.

Please call the church or call Sharon on her cell, 802-0692.

Pastor Lisa's surgery went very well and she is doing fine. Thank you for your continued prayers for her and her family.



St. Paul players is pleased to announce our Christmas Program.

We will be doing a Christmas Cabaret!

We will have a Big Band, under the direction of Jack Wagner with soloists to sing big band type music. This will also include some skits from the stage.



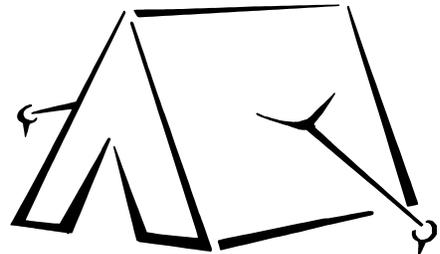
As we will have a Big Band, there will be opportunities for dancing!

Food and beverages will be served, but not as in a formal dinner.

The performances will be on Friday December 12th and Saturday December 13th at 7:00 pm and Sunday December 14th at 1:00 pm.

Please stay tuned for further details.

The youth group is enjoying our annual camping trip this year at East Fork Lake. This is a new destination for us. East Fork Lake and state park are located east of Cincinnati near Batavia.



We will enjoy God's creation, cook all of our meals over the camp fire and have some good fellowship. Be sure to check Facebook in the next couple of weeks for pictures of this year's outing.

Chris Geiger

Dorcas Circle

The Dorcas ladies will meet for a 2nd time in July, on Wednesday July 30th from 9am to 2:30p. Due to the presentation of "Hotel Pickle" by the drama ministry, we will meet 1 week later in August, please plan to join us on August 27th. We are pleased to participate in the "intergenerational" program for the Sunday School in September. Of course, it will involve making some quilts that are a variation of the usual Dorcas quilts. It will be fun, so come and work with us.



Seniors Flying Solo

On Sunday August 17, we will relax after the second service and then attend the dinner theater production of "Hotel Pickle". Tickets will be on sale soon.

Great news for 2015!!! The Church Basement Ladies will return to LaComedia in "The Last (Potluck) Supper." We will make reservations soon, (because it's so popular) so watch for the date when we will attend so you can reserve the date on your calendar.



Elinor Schieman

We pray for those near and far with ongoing health concerns who are unable to come to church every week: **Pat Edwards,**

Bus Faulkner, Mary Jane Flege, Helen Goertemiller, Pat Hollis, Carol Leonard, Marge Malin, Jack Moorhouse, Jean Nolte, Heather Segar, and Edna Willet.



Christian Education Update

Join us for an Intergenerational Monthly Rotation of Christian Education offerings on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall beginning on **Rally Sunday, September 7th. Please join us for breakfast and the opportunity to play, "Name That Hymn". We will be meeting in the fellowship hall between services.**

Monthly Rotation for all Generations

1st Sunday - Book/Bible Study

2nd Sunday - Service Project

3rd Sunday - Breakfast

4th Sunday - Games

5th Sunday - Lutheranism Study

On the first Sunday of the month, we seek to put God first and engage in the study of God's word. The second Sunday is dedicated to Service and each month we will highlight, learn and serve one of the ministries of St. Paul; Dorcas, Tender Mercies, NICU, Operation Christmas Child, Item Collection, Valley Interfaith, Coffee Project, etc. The third Sunday of the month remains our monthly breakfasts where we will gather for food, fellowship, and guided conversations. On the fourth Sunday of the month, there will be games to play to test our knowledge of faith, scripture, and church. On the fifth Sunday of the month, we will be led in a discussion on the different aspects of our Lutheran Identity; justification by faith, grace, saints and sinners, priesthood of all believers, etc. Please join us for this year of Christian Education as we grow in faith!

The Call Committee would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the Congregational survey. We received a great response, with a return of 63 total surveys. The results of this survey were passed on to Pastor Ed Williams, Assistant to the Bishop and will be provided to any potential Pastoral candidates, along with the Congregational Profile. The survey results are included, for your review, in this month's Epistle. The Committee continues to actively meet and we are anxiously awaiting potential candidates for review and consideration for the next Pastor of St. Paul.



Your continued prayers and patience, during this process are much appreciated!

Thank you!

Nancy Erbeck

Call Committee Chair

Congregational Care Committee News....

On **Sunday August 3rd**, there will be an organizational meeting for our 2nd annual Live Nativity! If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please join us in the library after late worship. If you have questions or cannot attend but would like to share your ideas for the even, please see either Joyce McDowell or Diana Hawkins.

On **September 20th** from 1 to 3 pm we are having our September Ice Cream Social and games. We need volunteers to man our booths during the social and to donate cakes or pies, please contact Penny Huber if you can help.

August Ministry Schedule

	Assisting Minister	Reader	Acolyte
3	Chris Geiger	Jim Forst	Olivia Hedges
10	Doug Lohmeier	Nelson Langefeld	Olivia Lohmeier
17	Terry McDowell	Britt Hedges	Spencer Lohmeier
24	Nancy Erbeck	Sharon Prince	Annie Lohmeier
31	Chris Geiger	Nancy Erbeck	Cole Isaacs

Greeters: Bob and Marilyn Portmann

Altar Guild:

Linen: Cindy Sieckman

Set Up: David Hill

Clean Up: Shirley Harbaugh

Bulletin Folders: Rita Edwards and Jean Winkle

Please remember in prayer all the brave young men and women serving in harms way to keep us safe.

We remember especially:

Paul Cordes (grandson of Elinor Schieman)

Jared Forst (grandson of Jim and Loretta)

John Garbrecht (nephew & cousin to Carolyn Koehl, Karen, Susan Bardes & Joyce Hall)

Patti Garbrecht (wife of John Garbrecht)

Beau Glenn (son-in-law to Karen Koehl)

Kylie Hahn (granddaughter of Don and Gretta)

Andy Langefeld (grandson of Nelson and Charlotte)

Kyle Murdoch (friend of Holly Ford)

Joshua Rodriguez (friend of Karen Koehl)

Mack Thompson (grandson of Freda and Bus Faulkner)

Mylan Watkins (friend of the Ford family)



Valley Interfaith Ministries

Your continuous support of our mission of "**Helping our Neighbors in Need**" is a true blessing. We would not be able to assist the magnitude of people without the help from our friends and supporters of **VIFCC**. Thank you so much for all you do.



Our Meal of the Month Donation List for August is:

Tuna Helper

Canned Tuna (6 oz)

Canned Mixed Vegetables

Canned Pears

Jello Gelatin (6 oz)

Optional Items

Canned Soup (~26 oz)

Box of Soup Crackers

Please see menu slips on the table in the narthex

Please, **NO GLASS CONTAINERS** Through your generosity, *Valley Interfaith Food & Clothing Center* has received many needed meals to support our local community. Slips with the **August Menu** (to take to **Kroger** with you) are on the narthex table. These menu items are a suggestion, **Any non-perishable food is welcome** (NO GLASS). Please make any donation checks out to St. Paul with a notation for Valley Interfaith Ministry. A check will then be sent from St. Paul to the ministry.

Tender Mercies

We are in need of items for the gift baskets for our future visits to Tender Mercies.

Anything can go into a basket. Some examples are: * Small umbrellas, pocket raincoats, rain bonnets/hats, etc * Personal care items (deodorant, hair spray, bath soap, disposable razors, shaving lotion, body wash, shampoo, perfume/aftershave, Kleenex, etc...) * decks of cards * hand held games * Pringles, nuts, pretzels, etc. * canned soups, tuna, crackers, etc. * bottles/cans of soda or juice * note pads/pens/pencils/markers * picture frames, alarm clocks, small radios, etc. * bagged candy/candy bars

This list is endless. We can make a gift basket out of just about anything you'd care to donate.

We are always in need of volunteers to go to Tender Mercies to help with the Bingo game.

Please let me know if you'd like to help.

Thanks a bunch –

Marie Calhoun

Feel free to contact me any time:

houdinicat@cinci.rr.com and rose.calhoun@orcinternational.com

New phone for work is - 513-283-8612

Home phone 513-251-2417

St. Paul Players presents

"Hotel Pickle"

By Sam Havens

The Acting Company

Adam Hines

Christian Givens

Sherry Bronner

Amanda Hines

Reed Maertz

Sarah Papin

Randy Blake

Jennifer Pence

David Hill

Carroll Mayhugh

Chris Schingledecker

Production Staff

Master Carpenter

Set Design

Costume Design

Sound Design

Chef

Producer

Director

Terry McDowell

Chrison Harris and David Hill

Chrison Harris

Donald Harris

Sharon Prince

David Hill

Barry L. Prince

Performances will be

Friday August 15th at 7:00 pm

Saturday August 16th at 7:00 pm

Sunday August 17th at 1:00 pm

Friday August 22nd at 7:00 pm

Saturday August 23rd at 7:00 pm

Sunday August 24th at 1:00 pm

Names in bold are new members of St. Paul Players.

Our knitting and crocheting group will be meeting after late worship on the first Sunday of every month through the summer.



We are excited about expanding our horizons to include knitting and crocheting for charity. We will be starting on baby blankets which can be donated to the NICU unit at University Hospital. It has been suggested that we create a blanket for each baby baptized here at St. Paul! What a wonderful keepsake this would be!

There are very deserving charities out there, put on your thinking caps and we can discuss what to make next.

See you on August 3rd.

NICU Unit at UC Hospital

The most needed items continue to be blankets, onesies and sleepers (0-3 month), and 4 oz. baby bottles. Other baby items, either new or used, are also appreciated. Items not used at the NICU are passed on to other charities.

Penny Huber has volunteered to carry all items to University Hospital. Thank you Penny!!

Thanks for all your help, and please continue to remember these babies, their families and the staff in the Neonatal Unit in your prayers.

August Birthday and Anniversary List

4	Ken & Shirley Buhr	22	Doug & Marty Lohmeier
6	Carolyn Koehl	25	Donna Flege
8	Jeff & Holly Ford	26	Bob Portmann
8	Karen Dardeen	27	Jack & Joyce Spelman
11	James Dageforde		
		28	David & Amanda Perry
		29	Jack & Barbara Moorhouse
15	Kirstyn Kreiner	29	Mary Jane Flege
15	Dennis & Donna Flege	30	A.J. Hayden
19	Allison Byrn	30	Justin & Jenny Kerlin
19	Ciarra Mitchell	30	Jim & Marilyn McCain
	Ed & Kathy Hirt		

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

One of the things God wants us to do is pray for one another. If you need prayer for yourself or for a family member or friend, please **email Aimee Daley at napadaley@fuse.net** or call **Penny Huber at (513-931-6420)**. Please take this home and pray for those listed. We pray for **Tiffany Bernay** (friend of Joyce Hall), **Jimmy Bertheaud** (friend of Portmann's), **Nick Burton** (friend of Joyce Hall), **Bill Clemons** (friend of Portmann's), **Amberly Derby** (friend of Molly McDowell), **Jerry Doan** (Jean Winkle's son in law), **Karen Doan** (Jean Winkle's Daughter), **Bus Faulkner, Janet Faulkner, Larry Faulkner** (Bus and Freda's son), **Jim Forst, Ken Garber, Debbie Heinz** (cousin of the Portmann's), **Dick Hibbeler** (Elinor Schieman's brother), **David Hill, Marilyn Hill** (David Hill's stepmother), **Matt Huber**, (Penny Huber's son), **Michael Huber and family** (Penny's son), **Jean Huneck** (friend of Marei Calhoun), **Florence Keiser** (Loretta Forst's mother), **Linda Kohl** (friend of the Seickmann's), **Ron Kullgren** (friend of Jean Winkle), **Patty Meinking** (friend of Marie Calhoun), **David Oaks** (son in law of Bus Faulkner), **Carol Oerther** (Bob Portmann's Sister) **Paul Pieper, Joe Powell** (friend of the Portmann's), **Sara Rupert** (Carolyn Koehl's sister), **Jim Satterlee** (Britt Hedges cousin), **James Savory** (Jean Winkle's Great Grandson). **Pauline Schauer** (cousin of Cindy Seickmann), **Michael Schmitt** (Jean Winkle's son in law), **Heather Segar, Alan Seickmann, Jason Simpson** (Grand-nephew of Bus and Freda Faulkner), **Dot Smith** (friend of Portmann's), **Scott Songer** (friend of Jean Winkle) **Joanne Spears** (Bus and Freda's daughter), **Crosly Spelman, Jack Spelman, Britney Jean Teems** (Jean Winkle's granddaughter), **Sharon Turock** (friend of Marie Calhoun), **Dave Waddle** (friend of the Spelman's), **Mary Wagner, Susan Winkle**, and **Charlie Wood** (Becky Portmann's father).



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8:15 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Ages 3-Adult, Sept.-May)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Reverend Bob Browning	Pastor
Barry Prince	Director of Music
Leslie Willet	Sunday School Superintendent
Janet King	Sacristan
Sherry Bronner	Financial Secretary
David Hill	Drama Ministry Director
Chris Geiger	Youth Director
Sharon Prince	Epistle Editor

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