

April, 2015

The Epistle—Monthly Newsletter

St. Paul Lutheran Church

106 Maple Street

Reading, OH 45215-4811



Pastor Bob Browning will be returning on Sunday April 12th.

We extend a warm thank you to Pastor Dick Schroeder. We are grateful for your guidance during this Lenten season.

Pastoral Emergencies

Please leave a message at 821-0987 (church office) or call Sharon Prince on her cell. 513-802-0692.

Call Penny Huber at 931-6420 for prayer requests.

Saint Paul Mission Statement

As a community of Christian believers, we are called by God to use the many gifts He has given us, within the church and the community, so others may come to know Him.

Dorcas Circle

The ladies have been working really, really hard, meeting twice during March. We're gradually making up for the time lost earlier this year due to bad weather. Thanks to the **Thrivent Action** program we have been able to purchase two large "bales" of batting for our quilts. We have already finished the first bale and will use the next one over the next two months. Now, we are hoping to schedule some time soon when we can again enlist the Sunday School to make a few fleece "tie" quilts. This was a fun project last year. Our next Dorcas meeting is Wednesday April 15th 9am to 2:30 pm.



Elinor Schieman

April Ministry Schedule

Assisting Minister	Reader	Acolyte
2 Chris Geiger	Penny Huber	Olivia Hedges
3	See Below	Spencer Lohmeier
5 Terry McDowell	Joyce McDowell	Annie Lohmeier
12 Doug Lohmeier	Nelson Langefeld	Cole Isaacs
19 Nancy Erbeck	Carol Curless	Grant Lohmeier
26 Doug Lohmeier		

Readers for Good Friday are Chris Geiger, Nancy Erbeck,
Carolyn Koehl

Greeters: Ron and Shirley Harbaugh

Altar Guild:

Linen: Janet King

Set Up: Sharon Prince

Clean Up: Rita Edwards

Bulletin Folders: Penny Huber and Jean Winkle



Valley Interfaith Ministries

We have decided to change from the Meal of the Month to the Item of the Month.

This means instead of a menu of food items we will be concentrating on necessary household items which cannot be purchased with food stamps.

For the month of April, please consider donating **shampoo**. We are hoping for at least 100!

Seniors Flying Solo

In the past we have toured the Verdin Company, the Riordan Company and their stained glass windows, the Isaac Wise Temple, and other interesting places. Now we have scheduled a tour of Rookwood Pottery Company on Race street on Wednesday May 27th. Our tour is scheduled for 10:30 am and will last about 45 minutes. We will leave the church no later than 10:00 am. Afterwards, we may return to Reading or ?? and have lunch together.

DO NOT FORGET...Have you marked your calendars? On Wednesday September 23rd we go to LaComedia in Springboro to see our favorite Church Basement Ladies in "The Last Supper." We have reservations for 20, so make your plans soon. Cost for the lunch and performance is \$38.00 payable to me in August. Don't miss this fun day!

The WELCA Cincinnati Conference Spring Gathering will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kenwood on Saturday April 25th. Theme is "Our Journey of Hope". More information will be available soon. Watch for details.

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BLITHE SPIRIT -- St. Paul Players (Summer, 2015) has been cast and we are very excited to see so many newcomers.

Principals:

EDITH	Molly McDowell
RUTH	Jessica Lake
CHARLES	Carroll B Mayhugh, Jr.
Dr BRADMAN	Randy Blake
Mrs BRADMAN	Chris Schingledecker
MADAME ARCATI	Sarah Papin
ELVIRA	Michelle Knoechelman

Set Design	David Hill and Chrison Harris
Costume Design	Laurie Stayton-Smith
Stage Manager	Jennifer Pence
Sound Design	Donald Harris
Chef de Cuisine	Sharon Prince
Asst Director	Jennifer Pence
Director	Barry Prince
Producer	David Hill

Understudies:

EDITH	Jennifer Pence
RUTH	Chris Schingledecker
CHARLES	Randy Blake
Dr BRADMAN	David Hill
Mrs BRADMAN	Jennifer Pence
MADAME ARCATI	Cindy Mayhugh
ELVIRA	Jennifer Pence

Mark your calendars for the last 2 weeks in July!!!

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has interviewed, to date, two candidates for the Pastoral position at St. Paul. Of these two candidates, we rejected one and the other we brought back for a second interview, in the hope of making that individual our primary candidate; unfortunately, this candidate chose to accept a call with another congregation. We are, therefore, now awaiting some additional candidate names and profiles. Due to some restructuring at the Synod office, we now have a new Synod liaison for the Call Committee: Pastor Jeff Wick, Assistant to the Bishop. The Call Committee met with Pastor Wick in November, to update him on where we are in the process and to discuss future plans, as well as programs that the Synod has in place to offer us additional assistance, including Pastoral compensation assistance, if needed. We ask your continued prayers, patience and hopeful anticipation as we await our next Pastor. If you have any questions, please contact one of the **Committee members: Nancy Erbeck (Committee Chair), Jeff Baumiller (Council Liaison), Holly Ford, Jim Forst, Diana Hawkins, Britt Hedges (Committee Secretary), Carolyn Koehl and Barry Prince**. **Please keep in mind, that the Committee members are unable to discuss any details, about any of the candidates, outside of the confines of the Committee, so please respect the confidentiality of the process.**

Nancy Erbeck

Holy Grounds in the Narthex

Our coffee, tea, and hospitality counter has been restocked with coffees and teas. We purchase through Lutheran World Relief's Coffee Project, continuing our ministry across the world. There is prepared coffee and tea while you're at church, and coffee and tea to purchase for your home and office. Coffee for the coffee maker and filters are in the cabinet under the coffee maker. We use one pillow pack of either regular or decaf Mind, Body, and Soul per carafe of coffee. Please help keep the hospitality counter tidy.

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, bagged candy/candy bars, etc... Canned soups, tuna, crackers, etc... Bottles/cans of soda or juice. Note pads/pens/pencils/markers. Picture frames, alarm clocks, small radios, etc.

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.

I'd like to thank everyone for their generous donations of time and items. We couldn't do this without your help.

Please let me know if you'd like to help. Thanks a bunch –

Marie Calhoun

Feel free to contact me any time:

513-251-2417 home

513-283-8612 work

houdinicat@cinci.rr.com—home email

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 3 Adam Pirrmann**
- 4 Allan and Cindy Sieckman**
- 8 Bus Faulkner**
- 9 Spencer Lohmeier**
- 16 Dennis and Janet King**
- 23 Nancy Erbeck**
- 29.29 Lee and Jane Erbeck**
Jim and Linda Miller
- 30 Nick Pirrmann**



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 the church office at mail@stpaulreading.org** or call **Penny Huber at (513-931-6420)**. Please take this home and pray for those listed.

We pray for **Berkeley** (great grandson of the Curless'), **Jimmy Bertheaud** (friend of Portmann's), **Mike Clyde** (friend of the Edwards Family), **Marjorie Demaree** (mother of Freda Faulkner's sister-in-law) **Amblerly Derby** (friend of Molly McDowell), **Jeremy Doan** (Jean Winkle's grandson), **Charles Doan, Jerry Doan** (Jean Winkle's son in law), **Wayne Ellis** (friend of the Forst's), **Bus Faulkner, David Faulkner** (Bus and Frieda's son), **Janet Faulkner, Larry Faulkner** (Bus and Freda's son, **Jim Forst, Debbie Heinz** (cousin of the Portmann's), **Dick Hibbeler** (Elinor Schieman's brother), **Marilyn Hill** (David Hill's stepmother), **Matt Huber**, (Penny Huber's son), **Michael Huber and family** (Penny's son), **Jean Huneck** (friend of Marie Calhoun), **Margie Ketterer**, (friend of Carol Curless, **Jackie King** (Sister in law of Janet and Dennis), **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), **Craig Olsen** (friend of Sieckman's), **Sara Rupert** (Carolyn Koehl's sister), **James Savory** (Jean Winkle's Great Grandson). **Pauline Schauer** (cousin of Cindy Seickmann), **Michael Schmitt** (Jean Winkle's son in law), **Allan Sieckman, Jason Simpson** (Grand-nephew of Bus and Freda Faulkner), **Dot Smith** (friend of Marilyn Portmann), **Scott Songer** (friend of Jean Winkle) **Joanne Spears** (Bus and Freda's daughter), **Crosly Spelman, Jack Spelman, Britney Jean Teems** (Jean Winkle's granddaughter), and **Carol Weipert** (organist at St. John UCC).



PRAY
FOR OUR MILITARY

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

We remember especially:

We pray for our Armed Forces members:

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)

Jim Lane (nephew of Elinor Schieman)

Kyle Murdoch (friend of Holly Ford)

Jobeth Ramirez (friend of Karen Koehl)

Joey Ramirez (friend of Karen Koehl)

Joshua Rodriguez (friend of Karen Koehl)

Mack Thompson (grandson of Freda and Bus Faulkner)

Mylan Watkins (friend of the Ford family)

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

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Ann Christiansen, Shirley Buhr, Pat Edwards, Bus

Faulkner, Mary Jane Flege, Ken Garber, Pat Hollis, Ruth Jones,

Carol Leonard, Marge Malin, Jack Moorhouse, Jean Nolte, Heather Segar, and Edna Willet.



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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

Rev Bob Browning	Interim Pastor
Barry Prince	Director of Music
Janet King	Sacristan
Sherry Bronner	Financial Secretary
David Hill	Drama Ministry Director
Chris Geiger	Youth Director
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