

September, 2015

The Epistle—Monthly Newsletter

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Emily and Taylor Beckering

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Greetings to you and peace!

In our second reading for this 14th Sunday after Pentecost, we hear, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father” (James 1:17).

You, the people of St. Paul Lutheran Church, have embodied this text for me, for through you, the Triune God has blessed our family so richly! In this first week of being with you all, Taylor and I have been the recipients of so much generous hospitality. Thank you to all who gave of their time, labor, and resources to prepare the parsonage and the pastor’s office for our arrival, and thank you each for the many ways that you support and care for one another, and sustain the work of this congregation. You have already been Christ for us by extending such a gracious and warm welcome.

I began my time with you this past Monday, August 24, and will be installed this Sunday, August 30, by Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Jeff Wick. I will be in the office Mondays-Thursdays, and I look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks.

I am overjoyed to be called as the 19th pastor of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and to gather around Word and Sacrament with you each week as we feast on the Word together, worship, share in fellowship, and serve in the name of Christ.

Thank you for welcoming Taylor and me into your midst. I am eager to witness how God is at work among us for the sake of the world!

Christ’s peace be with you,

Pastor Emily Beckering

Dorcas Circle

The ladies have been working hard to finish as many quilts as possible and are grateful that we meet only one time in September. The quilts will be placed in the sanctuary for the dedication on **Sunday September 27th**. Later that week they will be boxed and taken to Dayton to be shipped to Lutheran World Relief for distribution.



By that time out Dorcas cupboards may be a bit bare, so we would appreciate any donations of sheets and/or fabric (not thin or lacy or stretchy). We are grateful for all the support from our members and friends.

One Sunday in September we hope to again enlist members during the Sunday school hour to knot fleece quilts. Watch for more information.

Elinor Schieman

Seniors Flying Solo

The time has finally come!! On Wednesday, September 23rd, we will go to LaComedia Dinner Theater to see the production of the Church Basement Ladies in "The Last Potluck Supper." Meet at the church at 9:45 am. We will car pool and hopefully be seated at our tables by 10:30. If anyone is able and willing to drive, please let me know.



By the way, we still have openings for 3—4 people. Reservations are \$38.00 each. If you have a friend who might enjoy it, invite them.

Elinor Schieman

September Ministry Schedule

	Assisting Minister	Reader	Acolyte
6	Doug Lohmeier	Joyce McDowell	Spencer Lohmeier
13	Nancy Erbeck	Nelson Langefeld	Annie Lohmeier
20	Terry McDowell	Terri DeAngelis	Cole Isaacs
27	Doug Lohmeier	Joyce McDowell	Grant Lohmeier

Greeters: Jim and Loretta Forst

Altar Guild:

Linen: Rita Edwards

Set Up: Sharon Prince

Clean Up: Carole Replogle

Bulletin Folders: Ron and Carole Replogle

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



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)

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

Kylie Hahn (granddaughter of Don and Gretta)

Donald Hosea

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)



The Giving Tree will remain in the narthex . We will be doing away with the Meal of the Month and instead we will have the Item of the Month. There will be containers under the tree for **All Purpose Cleaners** for the month of September. We are hoping for 100. We will be concentrating on items needed but not available with Food Stamps. Thank you for your generosity.

Dear Members and Friends,

Norma and I wish to thank you all for your warm farewell reception last Sunday, August 23rd, 2015. It truly was a glorious send off! Thank you for your special gifts, cards, the money, the beautiful quilt and the delightful, little book "What's that Funny Look on Your Faith" a book full of laughter.

Finally, for your kind and gracious words and most of all for the lasting relationships we made together during our short year. You will be fondly remembered in our hearts.

May our Loving God keep you in His grace always.

Pastor Bob and Norma Browning

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

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



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 September 6th.

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.

September Birthday and Anniversary List

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- 2nd Dennis Flege
5th Susan Bardes
9th Lee Erbeck
Olivia Hedges
11th Hallie Fuller
Carole Replogle
14th Paul Pieper
17th Pat Hollis
19th Jim and Loretta Forst
21st Rita Edwards



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We pray for those near and far with ongoing health concerns who are unable to come to church every week: **Ann Christiansen, Pat Edwards, Bus Faulkner, Mary Jane Flege, Ken Garber, Pat Hollis, Carol Leonard, Marge Malin, Jack Moorhouse, Jean Nolte, Heather Segar, and Edna Willet.**

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Prayer Chain:

Email is currently the church office mail@stpaulreading.org or call Penny Huber at (513-931-6420). For emergency pastoral care, please call Pastor Emily at 513-760-5884.



Thank you Penny Huber for handling this very important ministry to the congregation. Please take this list home to pray for those listed:

We pray for **Berkeley** (great grandson of the Curless'), **Jerri Bagley** (friend of Kathy Hirt), **Jimmy Bertheaud** (friend of Portmann's), **Brandon Bronner** (Sherry's grandson), **Mike Clyde** (friend of the Edwards Family), **Ken Combs** (grandson of the Forst's), **Amberly Derby** (friend of Molly McDowell), **Jeremy Doan** (Jean Winkle's grandson), **Jerry Doan** (Jean Winkle's son in law), **David Faulkner** (Bus and Frieda's son), **Larry Faulkner** (Bus and Freda's son), **Jim Forst**, **Debbie Heinz** (cousin of the Portmann's), **Dick Hibbeler** (Elinor Schieman's brother), **Matt Huber**, (Penny Huber's son), **Linda Kohl** (friend of the Seickmann's), **Carroll Mayhugh**, **Gail Myers** (friend of the Portmann's), **David Oaks** (son in law of Bus Faulkner), **Irvin Oerther** (brother of the Portmann's), **Anne Ohr** (cousin of Barb Moorhouse), **Craig Olsen** (friend of Sieckman's), **Bob Portmann**, **James Savory** (Jean Winkle's Great Grandson). **Pauline Schauer** (cousin of Cindy Seickmann), **Michael Schmitt** (Jean Winkle's son in law), **Beth Schultz** (friend of Marie Calhoun), **Allan Sieckman**, **Kim 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**, and **Britney Jean Teems** (Jean Winkle's granddaughter).

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

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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Pastor

Barry Prince

Director of Music

Janet King

Sacristan

Sherry Bronner

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David Hill

Drama Ministry Director

Chris Geiger

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