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The Epistle / Monthly Newsletter

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Anything but Ordinary

We are now entering into the season in the Church calendar year called the Time After Pentecost. This period is sometimes called “ordinary time” because there are no special festivals, and we settle into a regular routine in worship. You will notice that the color of the paraments on the altar will be green throughout the summer and fall because we will not have a special festival from now until Reformation Sunday on October 30th!



ORDINARY time

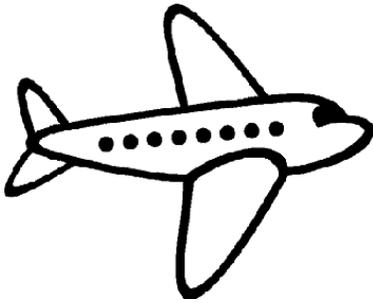
While this “ordinary time” might not have the fanfare of Easter Sunday morning or the cherished traditions of Christmas or All Saints, these green Sundays are just as valuable in the life of faith. It is in the ordinary—in the midst of our daily lives and mundane routines—that God meets us. After all, it started out as just an ordinary day for Mary, mother of our Lord, on the day when the angel appeared to her to announce God’s plan for her. The disciples were just going about their business of fishing and collecting taxes when Jesus called them to follow him and changed their lives forever. It was just an ordinary day full of chores and cooking and laundry for the woman at the well before Jesus showed up to give her living water so that she would never be thirsty again. After Jesus encountered these people, their lives were anything but ordinary.

Jesus will meet us in our worship during this “ordinary time” this summer. He will come to us through our Scripture readings. He will be present with us as we share the Lord’s Supper. We will experience him through each other.

Let us come to worship in this Time after Pentecost expecting God to encounter us there, and expecting that God will do powerful work for and through us, so that our lives are anything but ordinary.

~Pastor Emily Beckering

Seniors Flying Solo



In April, several of us toured and learned much of the history of St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption. It was fascinating! Our luncheon and viewing the movie "Paul, the Apostle" which were planned for May will be rescheduled.

In June we plan to witness some glass blowing. Cost for the tour and demonstration is \$7. If you would like to create a flower, (with expert supervision the total cost is \$15.) Sound like fun? Mark your calendars now for June 22nd. Meet at the church at 1:00 pm.

Dorcas Circle

We are in the process of ordering more bales of filler for our quilts, thanks to The Thrivent Action Team Dollars. This helps tremendously and keeps the Dorcas ladies busy. We are grateful!

FYI: Over the years Dorcas Circle has been involved in making quilts, hospital gowns and lap robes as well as layettes and rolled bandages. In 1982, the gowns and rolled bandages were discontinued, and Dorcas concentrated on quilts and layettes. You can see that the Dorcas ladies have always been busy bees.

Social Concerns Reminder

- With the onset of Spring comes yard sales! These are excellent resources for newborn baby clothes and receiving blankets for our support of the NICU unit at U.C. hospital.
- Reminder to save shoe boxes. We need them for Operation Christmas Child.

Faith Day with the Cincinnati Reds

Faith Day with the Cincinnati Reds is Sunday, July 24th. Game time is 1:10 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 and include both the game and a free concert featuring the Christian group, *Mercy Me*. If you are interested in attending with other members from St. Paul's, please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex and turn in the ticket money to Karen Koehl or Tammy Trees. The deadline is THIS Sunday, May 29th, so be sure to sign-up. Go reds!



Matthew 25 Ministries

In February Chelsea King gave a presentation about what happens to the pill bottles that St. Paul's collects for Matthew 25 Ministries. There was an opportunity for all who participated to have a small taste as to how the bottles are sorted. During our discussion, there was mention of forming a group that would be interested in signing up to volunteer at Matthew 25 Ministries.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, June 11th** from **11am-1p.m.** We will be given about a 30 minute tour of the facility and work at the pill bottle station afterward.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex with volunteer forms. Chelsea would like to have a general idea of who would like to come join us by **June 8th**.

If you have any questions please let Chelsea via email at chelseaking@cinci.rr.com

The facility does get warm during this time of year, so dress accordingly!

Update on the Administrative Assistant Search

Members of the Executive Committee have reviewed the 74 resumes which were submitted for consideration and are meeting on Sunday, May 29th, to determine which of the candidates will be interviewed. We hope to conduct interviews the first two weeks in June so that the new administrative assistant might begin at St. Paul's by the end of June or early July.



A special thank you to Chelsea King for giving many hours of her time to help in the Church office, as well as to Linda Miller and Carole Replogle for duplicating and additional office support while we search for the new administrative assistant.

Thrivent Action Teams

We have a unique opportunity to use free money to serve our mission at St. Paul's of using the gifts which God has given us so that other people may know Jesus. This opportunity is made available to us through Thrivent Action Teams. Thrivent awards \$250 on a Community Impact Card (debit card) which we can use to purchase project supplies and to create promotional materials for a fundraiser, service activity, or educational event that can be completed within 90 days.

Committee chairs met in April to identify key unmet needs in our community and church for which we can apply for Thrivent Action Team Dollars. Those needs are listed below along with the tentative date when we would need to apply for the Thrivent Action Team awards so that we receive the grants in time to sponsor the events.

Education	Date
1. Live Nativity	July/August
2. Bibles for Confirmation Youth	December
3. Milestone Gifts for Graduates and Marriages**	May
4. Registration fees for Youth Events	July
5. Curriculum for Baptism, New Member, Confirmation, and Bible Study Classes	August
Fundraising	Date
1. Landscaping: New Shrubs and Tree on Church Property	May 31 2016
2. Sidewalk Repair at Parsonage**	July 31 2016
3. New Paint for Narthex	September 30 2016
4. New Carpet for Narthex and Sanctuary	November 30 2016
5. Stripping/Waxing Floors	August 31 2016
6. Youth Events	June 30 2016
7. Recording Equipment	September 30 2016
8. TV	November 30 2016

Service	Date
1. School Supplies for Ice Cream Social	June
2. Monthly Breakfasts	August
3. Food for Dinner Theater	July
4. Dorcas**	September
5. Valley Interfaith Womans Vine	October
6. Valley Interfaith Supplies	November
7. Christmas Shoeboxes	October

This event is already being sponsored by one of our members

In order to secure the \$250 Community Impact Cards for each of these projects, we need members in our congregation who are also Thrivent members to volunteer to apply for Thrivent Action Team dollars. All that a Thrivent member needs to do to sponsor an event is to log-in to their Thrivent account online and fill out an application, or call 1-800-847-4836, say "Thrivent Action Teams" and ask for a representative to help apply. All Thrivent members are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. However, the number of teams each member can lead per year depends on his or her membership type. Benefit members are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and associate members are eligible to lead one per calendar year (maximum of three). If you are not sure if you are a Thrivent Member, please ask Pastor Emily who has a list of our current Thrivent Members.

If every Thrivent Member at St. Paul's used this opportunity, we could be awarded \$6250 for projects in our congregation and neighborhood! Please consider sponsoring one or more of the projects above if you are a Thrivent Member. If there is an event or project that you feel passionate about, then please notify Pastor Emily. She will then connect you with the resources necessary to complete the project. Securing sponsorship for each of these projects will bless our community and congregation and allow us to live more fully into our mission of using our gifts so that others might know Jesus.

CELEBRATIONS IN JUNE

- 3 Paul and Louise Barry
6 Jeff Baumiller
Doug Lohmeier
9 Kay Fox
10 Loretta Forst
13 Jack Wagner
17 Pam Harbaugh
Daryl and Cindy Flege
18 Bob Flege
Nelson Langefeld
19 Bob and Mary Jane Flege
21 Allan Harbaugh
26 Jim Sturgill
28 Jim and Bess Sturgill
27 Harold and Carol Curless
28 Katy Thompson Waddle
30 Marge Malin



Is your birthday or anniversary missing from the list? Please contact the office. Don't be shy! Celebration is part of fellowship!

Valley Interfaith Ministries

For June, please bring **diapers and baby wipes**. Place them under the giving tree in the narthex. We'd love to be able to donate 100 items per month!

Bible Study Series in June-July: Suffering

When we watch the news or consider our own lives, we can be overwhelmed by the amount of suffering in the world. Pastor Emily will lead a six-week Bible study series examining the Biblical witness to suffering and who God is for us in the midst of that suffering. This six-week series will be offered Sunday mornings from 9:00 am-10:00 am starting June 5th. No prior biblical study is required to participate. All are welcome!

Nursery

We are in need of additional volunteers in the nursery on Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to serve in the nursery one Sunday a month or more, then please contact Joyce McDowell. joycemcdowelldc@yahoo.com

Our Life Together

For emergency pastoral care, please call Pastor Emily Beckering, 513-760-5884.

If you have requests for the Prayer Chain, call Penny Huber, 513-931-6420. To remove people from the list, contact the office.

We pray for **Jerry Begley** (friend of Kathy Hirt); **Berkeley** (great-grandson of the Curlesses); **Jimmy Bertheaud** (friend of the Portmanns); **Cameron** (great-grandson of Rita Edwards); **Lily Cole** (aunt of David Hill and Chrissy Harris); **Amberly Derby** (friend of Molly McDowell); **Jeremy Doan** (Jean Winkle's grandson); **Jerry Doan** (Jean Winkle's son-in-law); **Kathy Downie** (Sieckman's neighbor); **Bus Faulkner**; **Larry Faulkner** (Bus and Freda's son); **The family of Tony Fernandez** (father of the friend of the Millers and Replogles); **Les Helmich**; Les Helmich's children **Bruce and Elaine**; **Dick Hibeler** (Elinor Schieman's brother); **Matt Huber** (Penny Huber's son); **Karen Kerlen**; **Jay King** (son of Jamie King, who cleans the church); **Linda Kole** (friend of the Sieckmans'); **Loretta Kombrink** (Marilyn Portmann's aunt); **Charlotte Langefeld**; **Doug Meyers' Family** (friends of the Portmanns); **David Oaks** (son-in-law of Bus Faulkner); **Craig Olsen** (friend of the Sieckmans); **William Pratley** (friend of Pastor Emily); **Sarah Rupert** (Carolyn Koehl's sister); **James Savory** (Jean Winkle's great-grandson); **Pauline Schauer** (cousin of Cindy Sieckman); **Michael Schmitt** (Jean Winkle's son-in-law); **Allan Sieckman**; **Kim Sieckman**; **the Silva Family** (daughter and son-in-law of Tammy Trees); **Jason Simpson** (grand-nephew of Bus and Freda Faulkner); **Speedy Sizemore** (friend of Marie Calhoun); **Scott Songer** (friend of Jean Winkle); **Crosley Spelman** (grandson of Jack and Joyce Spelman); **Audrey Stuart** (sister of Rita Edwards); **Britney Jean Teems** (Jean Winkle's granddaughter); **Irene Waddle**; **Debbie Willet** (co-worker of Holly Ford); **Anna Louise Witker** (Carolyn Koehl's mother).

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

We pray for our armed forces members: **Paul Cordes** (grandson of Elinor Schieman); **Jared Forst** (grandson of Jim and Loretta); **John Garbrecht** (nephew of Carolyn Koehl); **Beau Glenn** (son-in-law of Karen Koehl); **Kylie Hahn** (granddaughter of Gretta Hahn); **Donald Hosea** (son of Karen Koehl); **Kyle Murdoch** (friend of Holly Ford); **Jobeth 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).

New Council Members

Council elections were held following worship on Sunday, May 22nd. We are thankful to Chris Geiger, Janet King, and Joyce McDowell for their faithful service as their Council term ends, and we will give thanks for them during worship on the last Sunday in June.

We welcome the following new members to Council service for the 2016-2018 term beginning July 1:

Pat Coldiron

Dennis King

Linda Miller

Carole Replogle

Roast Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

June 26 12:30 pm - The St. Paul Players present a delicious Roast Chicken Dinner with all the fixings prepared by our fabulous chef Gwen Green. The response to Gwen's cooking at recent productions has been extremely positive. The cost of \$10 per person (call for Family/Group rates) will help defray expenses for this year's productions. For reservations call [513 324-8304](tel:5133248304), email info@stpaulplayers.com or visit <http://www.stpaulplayers.com>. Mark your calendars for our upcoming production of Harvey by Mary Chase July 29, 30, and 31.



June Ministry Schedule

If you are unable to serve as scheduled below, please arrange for a replacement. Thank you!

- 5 3rd Pentecost**
Assisting Minister: Nancy Erbeck
Reader: Sarah Papin
Acolyte: Olivia Hedges
Communion Ministers: Terry McDowell: Ron and Shirley Harbaugh
- 12 4th Pentecost**
Assisting Minister: Terry McDowell
Reader: Chrison Harris
Acolyte: Spencer Lohmeier
- 19 5th Pentecost**
Assisting Minister: Doug Lohmeier
Reader: Carroll Mayhugh
Acolyte: Annie Lohmeier
Communion Ministers: Elinor Schieman
- 26 6th Pentecost**
Assisting Minister: Leandra Hawkins
Reader: Kathy Hirt
Acolyte: Cole Isaacs

Greeters:

- Bulletin Folders: Jean Winkle and Penny Huber
- Altar Guild: Elinor Schieman, Linen
 Marty Lohmeier, Set Up
 Kathy Pirrmann Clean Up

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Phone: 513/821-0987 Email: mail@stpaulreading.org

9:00 am Intergenerational Sunday School

(All ages, September—May)

10:30 Worship Service

Reverend Emily Beckering, Pastor
Barry L. Prince, Director of Music
Janet King, Sacristan
Dennis King, Financial Secretary
David Hill, Drama Ministry Director

<u>Church Council</u>		<u>Term</u>
President	Nancy Erbeck	2015-2017
V.P. & Education	Joyce McDowell	2015-2016
Secretary & Evangelism	Diana Hawkins	2015-2017
Treasurer & Finance	Chris Geiger	2015-2016
Stewardship	Jim Forst	2015-2017
Social Concerns	Penny Huber	2015-2017
Property	Dennis King	2015-2016
Worship	Janet King	2015-2016