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# The St. Paul Epistle

A Newsletter of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bellville, Ohio

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## Holy Week Services

**Maunder Thursday**

### Agape Feast

*Doors open at 5:40 p.m.*

*Meal begins at 6:00 p.m.*

The Agape Feast is our adaptation of the early church's agape meal. The Jewish faith celebrates the Seder on this night, the meal that recalls God's deliverance of the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt. On the last night of his human life, Jesus instituted Holy Communion as a part of the Seder. The early church, at first, had a special meal called an agape meal in which Holy Communion was a part of it. As time went on the meal was dropped and Holy Communion became part of the regular worship service. Our celebration of the Agape Feast recalls that original meal and is a festival meal in which every church member invited – and expected – to participate.

**Good Friday**

### Experiencing the Passion

*Begin between 6:30 & 8:00*

Ashley DeFrancisco has designed an interactive Good Friday Experience in which you are invited to come to the Community Room to participate in eight stations. Each one recalls one aspect of Jesus' Passion and invites you to engage in an activity that will deepen your appreciation of Jesus' suffering and death. Because each of the stations will take a few minutes of time and because it is not possible to have everyone begin at the same time, you are invited to arrive between 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. At 8:45 p.m. there will be a brief concluding time with everyone in the sanctuary. The eighth and final station will be a time of prayer in the sanctuary where you will be able to light a candle and meditate on the cross. In ad-

dition, Pastor Doug will be there to pray with each individual who desires it. As an additional note, one of the stations in which you might choose to participate is a foot washing station, and so you might come prepared for that.

## Easter Sunday

### Festival Worship Services

*8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*

### Easter Breakfast,

*Serving from at 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.*



## Keeping the Farm in the Family Event

*Keeping the Farm in the Family* is a free educational workshop that will be offered on Saturday, April 6, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at Stone Lutheran church on Highway 511 south of Ashland. Attorney Richard Meyers will lead us through steps that can be taken to keep your business in the family; gain a basic understanding of how to

protect your assets today and in the future; identify and overcome transition obstacles; and develop a plan for a smooth business transition that maintains family harmony. Please contact Doris Wanamaker at 419-281-9012 or [johnwan@zoominternet.net](mailto:johnwan@zoominternet.net) by April 1 to reserve your spot at this workshop.



# The 2013 Rummage Sale!

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
48 CHURCH STREET  
BELLVILLE, OHIO  
419-886-3521

THURSDAY APRIL 11, 9-5  
FRIDAY APRIL 12, 9-5  
SATURDAY APRIL 13, 9-2

Please come and support  
our efforts in sending our  
youth to Bluefield, WV  
on a missions trip!

# Rummage Sale

You are invited to begin sorting through your stuff now to find items to donate that are clean and in good condition. Please begin bringing items in on Sunday, April 7th at noon. We cannot accept: Christmas trees, nonworking televisions, non-working appliances, and non-working electronics, such as computers, printers, video cassette players. It would be greatly helpful if you could bring your clothing folded. Your support is our success!

Also, if you have not yet signed up to help volunteer during the Rummage Sale there are still spots available. Please sign up on the clip boards that are passed around during both services on Sunday. You can also call

Carol Cornell

(419-775-7202)

Judy Harding

(419-886-1904)

John Harsch

(419-774-1212)

## April 12th Bake Sale at the Rummage Sale

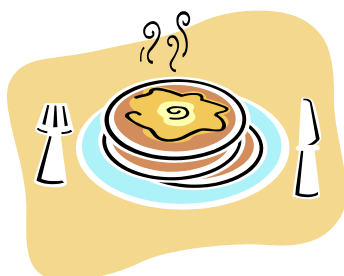
Judy Snavelly and Brenda Gerhart are coordinating the bake sale that will be held on Friday, April 12 during the Rummage Sale. Proceeds from the sale will support the youth's Work Camp

trip to Bluefield, WV. Judy and Brenda will be contacting you for your donations of all those goodies you bake and make. This is another mile in our youth's journey. Donations should

be at the church on Thursday night or early Friday morning. If you have questions about the bake sale please call. Judy 419-886-3378 or Brenda 419-565-1554.



## Rosie's Hope Garden Pancake Breakfast



On Saturday, April 13, Rosie's Hope Garden Relay for Life Team will sponsor their ninth annual Pancake Breakfast in the Social Room. The breakfast will raise money for the American Cancer Society. We will

be serving our world famous pancakes, fruit, juice and coffee from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please come and join us for breakfast while the rest of the team does the cooking and serving. Donations will be accepted

and are greatly appreciated as we try to make our team goal of \$2,500 or more. We thank you for your past support to this project and we hope to see you again this year.

## Children’s Ministry Coordinator’s Letter

This month in Sunday School the theme is “Moment of Truth: Can you be trusted?” Moment of Truth is all about being courageous enough to be honest even when there is something at stake. It’s all in the timing, so for this month we are having fun with clocks. Jeannie McLaughlin the Kids Alive! Host came up with a great idea using a sock puppet. The children were introduced to “Timmy Time” and he gets into predicaments and learns to tell the truth.

I want to also thank all of those who put so much effort into making Sunday School hour great!



Here is Timmy Time the sock puppet in one of his adventures during the Sunday School hour.



Timmy Time and Dick Brenneman (Storyteller) on stage during Sunday School hour teaching about honesty to all the children.



Joel and Skylar Marhenke listening to “Timmy Time” tell a story.

Blessings,

*Ashley DeFrancisco*



## Pastor Doug's Letter: March 22, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace to you and peace from Jesus, the first born from the dead, the beginning and the end, and the Son of God.

While talking with my colleagues about Easter sermons, one of them commented, "I wrote my Easter sermon yesterday, and I sure hope it is a nice day, because one of the lines in my sermon refers to the beauty of the day!" She said this twelve days before Easter, one day before spring, and in the middle of three weeks of freezing, dreary weather. Of course, she can always change the line but the expectation that the weather be beautiful is one aspect of the universal yearning for beauty, for new life, and for hope. Easter promises it.

I read once that the folks down under have a completely different understanding and expectation of Easter. As we are entering the springtime, they are in exactly the opposite season. It is the autumn of the year when everything is brown and dying. Easter for them is a reminder of the nearness of death, but that the hope will come when the rains return. They have the same yearnings we do, but their experience is that beauty fades, death is present, and hope is delayed.

Yet, the same good news is proclaimed in every land:

**All our dying die in the death of Jesus,  
and the resurrection of Jesus raises us all to life,  
life that begins now and is brought to perfection in  
the life to come.**

It becomes a matter of the focus of our attention. Is it upon the cross? Is it upon the empty tomb? Or, is it upon both?

Our Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson once said to an assembly of pastors, "I am a Lutheran because of the word '*and*:'

- "Law *and* Gospel,
- "Saint *and* Sinner,
- "Faith *and* Works,
- "Church *and* State,
- "Already *and* not yet,
- "Word *and* Sacrament,
- "Death *and* Resurrection.

"We live in a church that emphasizes the paradox of faith, the duality of faith, and the uncertainty of faith. We do not dogmatically claim that we have all the answers – as some churches do – but we are comfortable with the tensions. As a seminary student when I was being challenged by all those who had a rigidity of faith, I found hope in our flexibility."

Disclaimer: I heard this in a lecture quite a few years ago and do not presume to claim that this is an exact quote. I do believe, however, that this is the essence of his remarks. I am quite certain of his emphasis upon the word "*and*," for he had an extensive teaser when he said, "There is one word that changed my life more than any other." As he kept on talking about that one word, I was thinking of what it could possibly be. When I heard that it was the word "*and*," it was such a disappointment. Should it not be a really big word like

"grace?" Or, "faith?" Or even, "Jesus?" The more I reflected upon it, however, "*and*" works.

One of the challenges as a pastor is continually saying to a culture and a church that wants to hear just one side, "There's an '*and*' in there." For example, the Sunday before Easter I would love to make it be Palm Sunday. We would wave palms, sing praises, and proclaim that Jesus is the king. We could celebrate and parade, shout and sing.

We could do that if Holy Week was Holy Week and not holiday week. Our culture certainly does not want to hear about weirdly, symbolic meals or barbaric tortures. It is more about drinking yourself into oblivion on warm southern shores while cheering on college basketball teams whose geographical location is a mystery than it is about the repulsive mystery of drinking blood.

If Holy Week were Holy Week, then on Good Friday the sanctuary would be packed with reverent faces silently weeping as the Passion Story echos off the walls and into the hearts of grateful listeners pouring their sufferings into Jesus's suffering and their dying's into Jesus' death. Instead, the church wants to go from the madly cheering crowd on Palm Sunday to the joyful celebration on Easter morning. Let's skip that cross and dying part. All we want is resurrection.

But how can there be a resurrection without a death?

So we now have Passion Sunday on which the Passion story is read, for that is the only Sunday of the church year in which the actual story is told. Of course, many times the Sunday readings make reference to the meaning of the suffering and death of Jesus, but do not tell the story itself.

Ironically, the gospel writers all make the Passion Story the center of their story. All the stories about Jesus' teachings, his miracles, and his healings are told quickly and briefly in the first half of their gospels. When they tell the Passion Story, however, the pace slows down and the details accumulate. The Passion is clearly the climax of the book.

It is for this reason that I am trying to do an "*and*" worship service on the Sunday before Easter, so that we have the celebration of Jesus as king and then remember what it cost him to become king. Celebration *and* sorrow. Then on Good Friday I hope that most of the faithful will come to experience the story through reflective stations. This will make the resurrection story all the sweeter on Easter Sunday.

The sweetness is not candy, however. When I Googled "Easter" looking for an Easter image for the front page of this newsletter, there were dozens upon dozens of Easter bunnies and candies of all kinds, and only one image that said "He is Risen!"

He is Risen! That is the one image that puts all the rest into perspective, Law, and Gospel, and Saint, and Sinner, and Faith, and Works, and Church, and State, and Word, and Sacrament, and and even, and...

He is Risen indeed!

Peace, *Pastor Doug*

## Happy Birthday

4 Paul Martin	18 Kate Schmidt
4 Judy Adams	22 Ruth Ann Griebing
7 Scott Gerhart	22 Roberta Loescher
10 Sheila Pifer	24 Katie Lang
11 Bob Coppersmith	26 Ruth Lindsey
15 Dale Baker	30 Joyce White
16 Irene Cromer	30 Liz Prather
17 Heather Strickling	

## Happy Anniversary

April 3, 1976 Bill & Paula Worner  
 April 8, 1961 Dick & Janet Shafer  
 April 8, 1989 Don & Judy Harding  
 April 23, 1955 Tom & Jackie Boyd

### Gift of the Month - April

In the month of April we will be helping the BNOC with donations of detergent, cooking oil, flour, and sugar. Any amount of these products is always welcome because they are some of the most used.

### Thank You Notes Received

Many thanks to all those who made the un-birthday party happen. The decorations were lovely, the cake delicious, and the company very enjoyable. It was a great idea and it is hoped we can do something like it again.

St. Paul Lutheran,

Thanks so much for letting us stay at your church for our snow tubing adventure! The breakfast was awesome.

Newark Youth Group

I'm sure I can sign this-  
 With love and thanks,  
 Your Church Family

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during my recent surgery. I am doing very well and have had great care!

God Bless You All

Irene Cromer

Thank you so much for allowing us to be able to use your wonderful community room at the church, for our family event. We appreciate it and are sincerely grateful.

Head Start Advocates

Candida, Michelle, Ashley

### Remember Our Shut-Ins

**Wedgewood Estates**

600 South Trimble Road, Mansfield, OH 44906  
 George Ridenour , Bea Tawse

**Oak Grove Manor**

1670 Crider Road, Mansfield, OH 44903  
 Jean Reed

**Homebound Church Family:**

Ella Jane Fry

### Fellowship Days

Special Days indeed; there were about eight or nine regular participants each Wednesday and each week we had a veritable smorgasbord for lunch which usually lasted an hour: no time clocks to punch here! Lots of discussion, laughter, and listening for all.

Through January and February we made 9 double fleece knotted throws, 26 Linus blankets, 5 small quilts for

children, and 11 Large quilts for LWR.

Thank you so much for many donations of fabric, yarn, and thread; it takes a lot of supplies to put the sewing projects together.

Thanks also for Christmas Cards. We are not able to make as many baskets as before, but we can recycle the cards for a card making project - Thanks to Sue Kanz.

## Worship Services for April

### April 7 2nd Sunday of Easter

Act 5:27-32

Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

#### The Resurrection and Thomas: Which world do you live in?

Each of the disciples had a different reaction to the resurrection of Jesus. In his life time Thomas was called *The Twin* but history has laid on him the name *Doubting Thomas*. Poor Thomas. His reaction is not at all unlike many of our own.



### April 14 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

#### The Resurrection and Paul: What's in a name?

His name in Hebrew is Saul, but because his ministry ended up being primarily to the Gentiles he is more commonly remembered by his Greek name, Paul. In one of the most dramatic acts of repentance, Paul's encounter with the resurrected Jesus transformed him. As a result Paul has become one of the most influential Christian theologians.



### April 21 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

#### The Resurrection and Tabitha: For what reason should a person die twice?

Tabitha, or Dorcas - her Greek name – died. Although not much is known about her, it is clear that she was greatly beloved, a disciple of Jesus, and filled with good works and acts of charity. In a scene reminiscent of Jesus raising a young girl to life, Peter prays for Tabitha and she comes back to life. For what reason should a person be brought back from the dead?



### April 28 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

#### The Resurrection and Peter: With whom do you eat?

Peter is invited to the home of Cornelius, a Roman, a military officer, and a pagan. Apparently this was a divine invitation for prior to the invitation Peter has a most dramatic vision in which he is invited by God to eat all the foods prohibited to observant Jews. When he arrived at the home of Cornelius and meets all of his friends, the Holy Spirit shows up powerfully.



## Guardian's Minutes: March 14, 2013

Present for the meeting were: Pastor Doug, Lisa Brooks, Chris Laux, Michael Murray, Stacy Wright, and Mindy Wood.

Mindy Wood opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. After reflection and discussion, the devotional time was ended with prayer.

### REPORTS:

- The minutes from the Guardian's meeting of January 9, 2013 were reviewed; Mike Murray moved to accept the minutes, Pastor Doug seconded, and the motion was approved.
- The Guardians reviewed the Treasurer's report for the period ending February 28, 2012. Mike Murray moved to accept all, Lisa Brooks seconded and the motion was approved.

### Old Business:

- Newsletter articles by Stacy, Lisa and Mindy regarding the Team Ministry concept at St. Paul, were published in the Epistle. The Guardians agreed that this was sufficient for now, but may re-visit educating the Ministry Body about this important concept in 6 months or so.
- The Guardians exchanged feedback received after the Annual Meeting on January 27, 2013. After a discussion, it was felt that the Guardians need to: a) do a better job of getting the budget and annual report out to the Ministry Body ahead of time, b) not have Pastor Doug in the room when his salary and benefits are discussed and c) have the budget numbers (that were shown on the overhead screen) in a more understandable format.
- The Guardians discussed *The Journey Forward Initiative*. The team consists of: Pastor Doug, Stacy Wright, Lisa Brooks, Dawn Armstrong, Pete Anderson, Lane Leedy, Jack Harsch and Mark Timberlake. Pastor Doug reported they have not yet elected a leader but that all the members of the *Journey Forward Team*, the Ministry Leaders, and the Guardians have completed surveys that are being compiled so that the answers can be processed together at another meeting. The surveys came from the Synod and consist of a list of 7 Strategic Direction Questions. Currently the *Journey Forward Team* is meeting on a bi-weekly or monthly basis.
- Pastor Doug moved that Doug Shirk and Paul Garn be appointed joint Building Resource Providers. Mike Murray seconded and all were in favor. The Guardians discussed the importance of also having a team of people underneath them.
- Lisa Brooks reported that no one has volunteered to be the Nursery Coordinator and that position still needs to be filled.
- Pastor Doug gave a quick recap of the Youth Quake weekend in Toledo, February 8-10, stating that it went very well and the kids had a good experience overall.

### New Business:

- Pastor Doug's Statement of Responsibilities/Contract was signed.
- Chris Laux and Pastor Doug will go through items in the basement storage area to donate to the rummage sale.
- Budget considerations for 2014 were tabled until a later date.
- The Guardians discussed the need to thoroughly review the current financial picture quarterly.
- Pastor Doug stated that there will be photos of the proper chair and table configuration for the Community Room so that whatever group uses the Community Room can put the room back in order when they leave. The photos will be placed inside the doors where the tables and chairs are stored.

### Upcoming meetings:

The Guardian's next meeting will be Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 7pm. Lisa Brooks volunteered to do devotions.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Wood

Secretary

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## Bishop's Letter: March 14, 2013



"How lonely sits the city that was full of people.  
How like a widow she has become,  
she that was great among the nations."

-Lamentations 1:1

We are very close to Holy Saturday the almost-forgotten day between Good Friday and Easter. Lent leads to the cross and then the empty tomb. Our Lenten disciplines prepare us for the great mysteries of salvation: Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Between these two seismic days rests Holy Saturday. Between the end and the beginning comes a time of grief that should not give way to expectation quickly or lightly.

It is my sense that the church is now in Holy Saturday. What many of us knew and loved and were trained for no longer exists. The changes in the church and the world have been disorienting. Our efforts to be faithful stewards of the gospel have left us exhausted. Many are frustrated. I know that you are working harder and yet feel as though you are not making progress. Some are discouraged. Let me be clear – it is not your fault. We are in a disjointed time, an interruption of life as we knew it. This is hard and painful. It is a time to grieve.

Walter Brueggemann once said, "Before you hope you have to grieve. Going to hope too fast is a denial of loss." Too often "closure" is set before us as a kind of emotional analgesic. A loved one is lost and we are told by the news reporter or an interviewee that the funeral, the trial, the recovery of the body will bring "closure". What is really hoped for is a quick end to the discomfort and disconsolation of grief. That is an illusory hope. Grief is work we all must do. It honors what has been lost and makes it possible to let go of what has been lost so that whatever is new that is emerging can be embraced. This is not necessarily a comforting thought. The time between the end and the beginning can be wrenching. Brueggemann also wrote, "A new beginning means a terrible ending of some other arrangements."

When I would keep watch with dying parishioners and their families I was often struck by the sheer hard physical work of dying. I would say to my people that the hard work of dying was like the labor of birth. And indeed, as people of the cross, we believe that through our death we are born to eternal life. The prophet Jeremiah lamented over the fall of Jerusalem but he also said, "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:21-22)

But before we enter Easter, before we can see the dawn of a brave new world as an adventure, we need to accept the death that has happened. Death itself is a mystery. That is why the Saturday between Good Friday and Easter is called Holy. It is Christ who meets us in the tomb who himself rested until Easter. Rest in the tomb for a while. Let yourself and your people grieve for a season. In a paradoxical way grieving will enliven your hope.

Peace, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

## Ohio Bishops Make United Call

### United Call for Medicaid Expansion

We, the undersigned, stand together in asking our State Representatives and Senators to include funding for Medicaid Expansion in the state budget, and we urge the members of our congregations to contact their legislators and voice their opinions.

We applaud Gov. Kasich's leadership in including Medicaid Expansion in his proposed budget. In addition to the moral good of extending access to Medicaid and thereby proper and timely healthcare to 600,000 more Ohioans, independent studies have supported the economic justification for this expansion. Employers and all insured Ohioans will benefit from lower premiums, and medical providers will be able to provide new jobs in our communities as a result of increased services and decreased unreimbursed emergency care.

Many of us have already addressed this important issue with independent letters. We take the additional step of writing this joint appeal to underscore our collective support for expanding Medicaid, and to encourage all members of our faith communities to make their voices heard directly by their legislators. Our representatives in Columbus need to know they have our support when they in turn support the Governor's plan.

Respectfully,

The Rt. Rev. Thomas E. Breidenthal, D. Phil.  
Bishop, Diocese of Southern Ohio,  
The Episcopal Church

Rev. Elizabeth Eaton  
Bishop, Northeast Ohio Synod,  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Rev. Callon W. Holloway, Jr.  
Bishop, Southern Ohio Synod,  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Bishop John L. Hopkins  
Bishop, East Ohio Conference,  
The United Methodist Church

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.  
Bishop, Diocese of Ohio,  
The Episcopal Church

Rev. Dr. Marcus C. Lohrmann  
Bishop, Northwest Ohio Synod,  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer  
Bishop, West Ohio Conference,  
The United Methodist Church



# ELCA Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Violence: March 4, 2013

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Every faithful caregiver who sits with victims of violence knows what we know – as God's church, we are called to reduce violence and should, in most cases, restrain ourselves from using violence. Whether or not statistics show that overall violence has declined in recent years, every person wounded or killed is a precious child of God.

As bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we lament the tragedy of gun violence in our country. We are grieved by the way violence threatens and destroys life. We affirm the current soul searching and shared striving to find a way to a better future.

While the church grapples with this call to reduce violence and make our communities safer, we recognize that before God we are neither more righteous because we have guns nor are we more righteous when we favor significant restrictions. Brokenness and sin are not somehow outside of us. Even the best of us are capable of great evil. As people of God we begin by confessing our own brokenness – revealed in both our actions and our failure to act. We trust that God will set us free and renew us in our life's work to love our neighbors.

In this time of public attention to gun violence, local communities of faith have a unique opportunity to engage this work. As bishops, we were thankful to recognize the many resources our church has already developed (see below). We begin by listening: listening to God, to Scripture, and to each other. Providing a safe place for people to share their own stories, together we discern courses of action. Together we act. And together we return to listening – to assess the effectiveness of our efforts to reduce violence.

In the Large Catechism Luther says, "We must not kill, either by hand, heart, or word, by signs or gestures, or by aiding and abetting." Violence begins in the human heart. Words can harm or heal. To focus only on guns is to miss the depth of our vocation. Yet, guns and access are keys to the challenges we face.

We recognize that we serve in different contexts and have different perspectives regarding what can and should be done. But as we live out our common vocations, knowing that the work will take many forms, we are committed to the work of reducing and restraining violence. This shared work is a sign of our unity in Christ.

We invite you, our sisters and brothers, to join us in this work:

- **The work of lament** – creating safe space for naming, praying, grieving, caring for one another, and sharing the hope in God's promise of faithfulness
- **The work of moral formation and discernment** – listening to scripture, repenting, modeling conflict resolution in daily life, addressing bullying, conducting respectful conversations, and discerning constructive strategies to reduce violence
- **The work of advocacy** – acting to address the causes and effects of violence

Knowing that we are not saved by this work, we undertake it trusting in Christ Jesus, who laid down his life for the world and who calls us to be peacemakers, to pursue justice, and to protect the vulnerable.

In this, as in all things, Christ is with us. Thanks be to God.

The Conference of Bishops  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Fund Summary	Beginning Balance				Projected March, 2013		
	Income	Expenses	Difference	Income	Expense	Ending	
General Fund	\$ 24,155.89	\$ 17,304.25	\$ 17,138.48	\$ 24,321.66	\$ 16,902.16	\$ 18,890.82	\$ 22,333.00
Building Fund	\$ 13,678.53	\$ 4,215.40	\$ 5,687.54	\$ 12,206.39	\$ 5,605.42	\$ 5,132.21	\$ 12,679.61
World Hunger Fund	\$ -	\$ 901.84	\$ 901.84	\$ -	\$ 1,402.61	\$ 1,402.61	\$ -
Love Fund	\$ 4,505.73	\$ 1,027.26	\$ 1,463.63	\$ 4,069.36	\$ 1,115.37	\$ 1,115.37	\$ 4,069.36
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,640.53	\$ 219.00	\$ -	\$ 1,859.53	\$ 386.58	\$ -	\$ 2,246.11
Endowment Fund	\$ 3,221.35	\$ -	\$ 105.00	\$ 3,116.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,116.35
Technology Fund	\$ (321.62)	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,292.20	\$ (813.82)	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ (813.82)
Designated Funds	\$ 13,509.40	\$ 2,193.00	\$ 3,705.56	\$ 11,996.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,996.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 60,389.81</b>	<b>\$ 26,660.75</b>	<b>\$ 30,294.25</b>	<b>\$ 56,756.31</b>	<b>\$ 25,812.15</b>	<b>\$ 26,941.01</b>	<b>\$ 55,627.45</b>
		<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>General Fund February, 2013</b>		<b>\$ 17,304.25</b>	<b>\$ 17,138.48</b>	<b>\$ 165.77</b>	<b>YTD \$ 33,485.56</b>	<b>\$ 34,951.03</b>	<b>\$ (1,465.47)</b>
<b>Building Fund February, 2013</b>		<b>\$ 4,215.40</b>	<b>\$ 5,687.54</b>	<b>\$ (1,472.14)</b>	<b>YTD \$ 9,192.60</b>	<b>\$ 11,533.07</b>	<b>\$ (2,340.47)</b>

# April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Passion Sunday</b> 8:15 Arise! Worship 9:30 Generations Alive! 10:30 Rejoice! Worship CR In Use	<b>2</b> 5:30 Weight Watchers 6:30 Reunion Group 7:00 Reunion Group 7:00 Bible Study 7:00 D. View Bingo 8:00 AA	<b>3</b> 7:00 Reunion Group	<b>4</b> 7:00 Arise! Praise Team 7:30 Choir	<b>5 Maundy Thursday</b> 4:00 Painter's Alive 6:00 <b>Agape Feast</b>	<b>6</b> 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Good Friday Worship	<b>7</b> 6:30 Men's Breakfast - V&M 7:30 Men's Reunion Grps.
<b>8 Easter</b> 8:15 Arise! Worship 9:30 Generations Alive! 10:30 Rejoice! Worship	<b>9</b> 5:30 Weight Watchers 6:30 Reunion Group 7:00 Reunion Group 7:00 Bible Study 8:00 AA	<b>10</b> 7:00 Reunion Group 7:00 Finance Team 7:15 Men's Reunion Grp	<b>11</b> 10:00 Elderberries 6:15 Catechism 7 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 Arise! Praise Team 7:30 Choir 7:30 Catechism 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>12</b> 4:00 Painter's Alive 5:00 Community Dinner	<b>13</b> 1:30 Bible Study CR In Use	<b>14</b> CR In Use
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**8:15 AM**  
**Arise! Worship Service**  
*Acoustical Guitar Music*

**9:30 AM**  
**Adult & Kids Learning**

**10:30 AM**  
**Rejoice! Worship Service**  
*Organ Music*  
*Nursery Available*

**Holy Communion Weekly**

**Handicapped Accessible**



**OUR MISSION:**

Living & Sharing God's Love



**OUR VISION:**

We live & share our faith in Jesus Christ by:

- ◇ Trusting God with all our heart.
- ◇ Learning God's desire for us.
- ◇ Telling others about God's love,
- ◇ Caring for others using the gifts God gives us.