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The St. Paul Epistle

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

Special Interest Articles:

Vacation Bible School 5&6

Let Us Pray!

Please join us in prayer every **Thursday** in the church **Sanctuary** from **6:00 to 8:00** p.m. God's people are gathering in prayer, come at your convenience and stay as long as you would like. You can pray in any way you want, have someone pray with you or everyone praying can life up in prayer a special need for someone. God doesn't care how we pray he only cares about the fact that we pray.

Lord, we ask that you hear our prayers!



Darren Hartley praying at Vacation Bible School.

Regular Features:

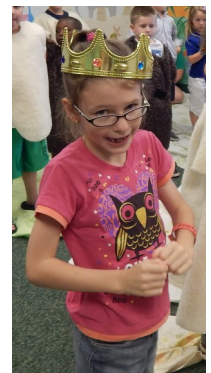
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Vacation Bible School 2013

Vacation Bible School was a great success! It took over 50 volunteers to make it happen. Thank you so much to those who gave their time to serve in this ministry. We also had over 100 children come through our front doors! What an honor it is to teach these children about God's love.

The children collected coins throughout the week and raised \$540.00 dollars. The

money this year is going to Royal Family Kids Camp. Royal Family Kids Camp is a camp where foster children have an opportunity to experience camp. It cost \$500.00 to send one child, and our Vacation Bible School kids took on the challenge. We were so excited to announce that they made their goal!



Gift of the Month: Lutheran World Relief Donations

Every fall we put together kits to send to Lutheran World Relief. We send school kits, personal Care Kits, Fabric Kits, and Baby Kits. You may donate an entire kit or any item in them. Please note that the items needed have changed from previous years. If you are donating an entire kit, **do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.** All items should be new and in good condition. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

School Kits

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser

One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)



Personal Care Kit

- One light- to medium-weight, bath-size towel (approximately 52" X 27" or smaller), dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging

One metal nail clippers (with or without attached file), remove packaging

**Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap*

Fabric Kits

- Three pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester); fabric should have no stains or holes and be cut into pieces measuring:
 - 2¼ yards of 60" wide fabric, or
 - 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or
 - 4 yards of 36" wide fabric

Two spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each

Fold thread and one piece of fabric inside second fabric piece and tie with yarn, sturdy string, ribbon or strip of fabric. Do not enclose the Fabric Kit or any of its contents in a plastic bag.

Baby Care Kit

- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts
- Two long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted



or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square

- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- Two pairs of socks
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of gentle soap, in original wrapping

Two diaper pins or large safety pins

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) can be substituted for new ones. Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Tips

- Sizes up to 24 months may be used. Varying the sizes of the clothing items included will make the Baby Care Kit useful as the baby grows.
 - Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted from leftover yarn, or made from heavy double knits or fleece. Select a pattern that suits your skill level. Preferred styles have buttons or ties down the front. [Click here for pattern recommendations.](#)
 - Diapers can be made from flannel or even by recycling t-shirts.
 - If knitting or crocheting receiving blankets, including one knitted/crocheted blanket and one flannel blanket will provide maximum versatility.
 - Onesies can be cut and hemmed or serged to make a simple t-shirt.
- Gowns or top/pants sets can be substituted for sleepers.

Financial Report After Six Months

Shown below is the Guardian's Summary Report for the period ending June 30, 2013.

Year-to-date figures show that both General Fund giving (\$1,172 or 1%) and spending (\$1,777 or 1.6%) are tracking slightly below budget. When compared to the same period in 2012, giving is down 4.2% while spending is down 2.2%

For 2013, Building Fund giving is below budget by \$5,493 (15%) while spending is \$283 (.9%) below budget. When compared to the same period last year, giving is down by 3.7% while spending has increased by 20.2%.

At the end of June, the church had \$25,101.91 in the General Fund (compared to \$25,002.14 at the end of June 2012). The Building Fund had \$14,317.95 of which \$9,771.09 is available for the mortgage payments and the housing allowance payment. The remaining \$4,546.86 is a gift to be used to remodel the kitchen at some future point.

Total General Fund giving for 2013 has been \$109,767.18 and total spending has been \$110,446.40. The result is a total spend of \$679.22 greater than giving. The Building Fund shows a total spend greater than giving of \$228.91.

Our church has two mortgages. The balance due on the building expansion is \$257,110.96. The current amortization schedule shows this balance being completely paid in May, 2023. The balance due on the auxiliary parking lot is \$102,354.42 with final payment due in August, 2014. The total outstanding balance of the two mortgages is \$267,346.38. The mortgage on the building expansion was refinanced last January and resulted in savings of approximately \$1,000 a month.

Overall, the financial position of the church is good. Budget holders have done a very good job to date of managing their budgets to date. There is concern at this point in the decline in giving to the building fund. This account will be watched closely in the coming months. After you have had a chance to review the report, please let me know if you have any questions.

Paul Martin , Financial Resource Provider

-----June 2013-----		
Actual	Budget	Over (Under)
\$ 19,908.30	\$ 16,939.70	\$ 2,968.60
\$ 5,359.70	\$ 5,617.87	\$ (258.17)
\$ 1,156.34	\$ 1,402.61	\$ (246.27)
\$ 1,144.52	\$ 1,115.37	\$ 29.15
\$ 237.00	\$ 386.58	\$ (149.58)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 405.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 5.00
\$ 832.00	\$ -	\$ 832.00
\$ 29,042.86	\$ 25,862.13	\$ 3,180.73
\$ 24,472.26	\$ 20,214.82	\$ 4,257.44
\$ 5,342.23	\$ 5,132.20	\$ 210.03
\$ 1,156.34	\$ 1,402.61	\$ (246.27)
\$ 1,194.76	\$ 1,115.37	\$ 79.39
\$ -	\$ 386.58	\$ (386.58)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 354.70	\$ 400.00	\$ (45.30)
\$ 943.76	\$ -	\$ 943.76
\$ 33,464.05	\$ 28,651.59	\$ 4,812.46

-----January 1 through June 30, 2013-----		
Actual	Budget	Over (Under)
\$ 109,767.18	\$ 110,939.66	\$ (1,172.48)
\$ 31,050.30	\$ 36,543.16	\$ (5,492.86)
\$ 9,282.54	\$ 8,415.66	\$ 866.89
\$ 6,559.50	\$ 6,692.24	\$ (132.74)
\$ 1,797.00	\$ 2,319.50	\$ (522.50)
\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00
\$ 3,205.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 805.00
\$ 13,407.49	\$ -	\$ 13,407.49
\$ 175,089.01	\$ 167,310.22	\$ 7,778.79
\$ 110,446.40	\$ 112,223.52	\$ (1,777.12)
\$ 31,279.21	\$ 31,561.87	\$ (282.66)
\$ 9,282.54	\$ 8,415.66	\$ 866.89
\$ 7,084.94	\$ 6,692.24	\$ 392.70
\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,319.50	\$ (69.50)
\$ 132.00	\$ -	\$ 132.00
\$ 3,482.90	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,082.90
\$ 13,730.24	\$ -	\$ 13,730.24
\$ 177,688.23	\$ 163,612.78	\$ 14,075.45

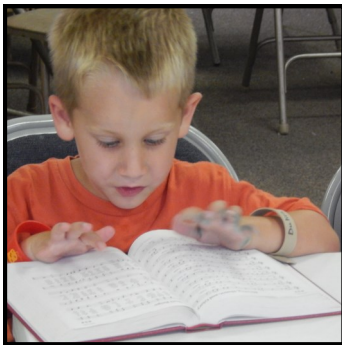
Annual Budget	Remaining Budget	July Budget
\$ 227,350.70	\$ 117,586.89	\$ 16,902.16
\$ 75,398.48	\$ 44,348.18	\$ 5,605.42
\$ 16,831.31	\$ 7,548.77	\$ 1,402.61
\$ 13,384.48	\$ 6,824.98	\$ 1,115.37
\$ 4,639.00	\$ 2,842.00	\$ 386.58
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 4,800.00	\$ 1,595.00	\$ 400.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 342,403.97	\$ 180,745.82	\$ 26,856.64
\$ 227,230.04	\$ 116,783.64	\$ 19,207.02
\$ 58,834.18	\$ 28,054.97	\$ 5,132.19
\$ 16,831.31	\$ 7,548.77	\$ 1,402.61
\$ 13,384.48	\$ 6,299.54	\$ 1,115.37
\$ 4,639.00	\$ 2,389.00	\$ 386.58
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 4,800.00	\$ 1,317.10	\$ 400.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 325,719.01	\$ 162,393.02	\$ 27,643.78

Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
\$ 29,671.87	\$ 19,908.30	\$ 24,472.26	\$ 25,107.91
\$ 14,300.48	\$ 5,359.70	\$ 5,342.23	\$ 14,317.95
\$ -	\$ 1,156.34	\$ 1,156.34	\$ -
\$ 4,064.03	\$ 1,144.52	\$ 1,194.76	\$ 4,013.79
\$ 2,959.53	\$ 237.00	\$ -	\$ 3,196.53
\$ 3,109.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,109.35
\$ 106.33	\$ 405.00	\$ 354.70	\$ 156.63
\$ 13,448.40	\$ 832.00	\$ 943.76	\$ 13,336.64
\$ 67,659.99	\$ 29,042.86	\$ 33,464.05	\$ 63,238.80

Projected July, 2013		
Income	Expense	Ending
\$ 16,902.16	\$ 19,207.02	\$ 22,803.05
\$ 5,605.42	\$ 5,132.19	\$ 14,791.19
\$ 1,402.61	\$ 1,402.61	\$ -
\$ 1,115.37	\$ 1,115.37	\$ 4,013.79
\$ 386.58	\$ 386.58	\$ 3,196.53
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,109.35
\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 156.63
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,336.64
\$ 25,812.15	\$ 27,643.78	\$ 61,407.18

Income	Expense	Difference	Income	Expenses	Difference
\$ 19,908.30	\$ 24,472.26	\$ (4,563.96)	YTD \$ 109,767.18	\$ 110,446.40	\$ (679.22)
\$ 5,359.70	\$ 5,342.23	\$ 17.47	YTD \$ 31,050.30	\$ 31,279.21	\$ (228.91)

Vacation Bible School 2013—Kingdom Rock



Vacation Bible School



Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

- 3 Christina Tenison
- 4 Lyndsey Anderson
- 6 Cheryl Wade
- 6 Robert Hull
- 9 Denise Lang
- 10 Cara Seibel
- 10 Paul Garn
- 10 Pete Anderson
- 12 Angela Shaffer
- 15 John Cornell
- 16 Jenna Schaefer
- 17 Nancy Teeter
- 20 Amanda Lang
- 22 Grant Hartley
- 24 Linda Fenton
- 24 Janet Shafer
- 26 Mark Worner
- 26 Arline Bixler
- 27 Jim Klenk
- 28 Marge Stoodt
- 28 Scott Bing
- 28 Paul Sakala
- 29 Dick Echelberger
- 30 Kerri Gottfried
- 30 Rod Pearce
- 31 Jim Boyd

- August 2, 1980 Steve & Laurie Leedy
- August 5, 1978 Tim & Nancy Teeter
- August 15, 1970 Norman & Kathy Beal
- August 16, 1986 Paul & Vicky Sakala
- August 17, 1969 Paul & Nancy Martin
- August 21, 1999 Michael & Cyndie Murray
- August 25, 1979 Scott & Brenda Gerhart
- August 27, 1950 Dale & Naomi Baker
- August 28, 1967 Darrell & Marty Banks
- August 28, 1982 Bob & Joyce Myers

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Wedgewood Estates

600 South Trimble Road,
Mansfield, OH 44906

George Ridenour, Bea Tawse

Country Meadow Care Center

4910 Algire Rd,
Bellville, OH 44813

Barb Noblet

Oak Grove Manor

1670 Crider Road,
Mansfield, OH 44903

Jean Reed

Homebound Church Family:

Ella Jane Fry

Work Camp



Back Row: Lindsey Brooks, Jonah Albert, Jack Harsch, Paul Harding, Diane Hammett, Nick Hammett, John Harsch, Nathan Price.
 Front Row: Callan Pugh, Hannah Wilson, Katie Will, Meghan Strickling, Abbie Albert.

Worship Services for August

August 4 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:3-21

Where do you store your treasures?

What is the purpose of work? Is it, as Solomon says in Ecclesiastes, "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity and chasing after wind?" Recall that Solomon says this, not when his work is meaningless and futile, but when he has experienced abundance, riches, and the fulfillment of every wish. Is abundance vanity? Jesus warns that abundance can turn into greed. Paul calls the Colossians, and us, "to set our minds on the things that are above."



August 11 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40

Unlimited Spending



What would it be like to have so much treasure that you could never spend all of it? The more you spend, the more you have. There is literally no end to it. Where would you find such a treasure?

August 18 13th Sunday after Pentecost Outdoor Worship 8:15

Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56

Kindling the Fire of God

God's word is a fire. Jesus' work is a fire. The Spirit is a fire. Too often we expect a tame and subdued God, and we forget God is powerful and mighty to destroy all that is lifted up against God. We need that fire in us and we need to bring that fire to the world.



August 25 14th Sunday after Pentecost

No Communion, Outdoor Worship 8:15, Chris Laux Preaching

Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17



Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

Guardian's Minutes: July 1, 2013

Present for the meeting were: Pastor Doug, Lisa Brooks, Chris Laux, Michael Murray, Stacy Wright, and Mindy Wood. Skip Hursh also attended the meeting to report on roof recommendations.

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

Old Business:

The JF Team will hold a Resource/Mission Fair on September 8, the same day as the Kick-Off day for Sunday School.

The new Nursery Coordinator is Barb Peiker.

Chris Laux reported that Ashley DeFrancisco will be working on choosing a new Sunday School Curriculum after Vacation Bible School is over.

New Business:

Skip Hursh presented a report on the condition of the roof over the office wing of the church building. He offered to donate a 60 mill white TPO roof. The Guardians recommended that our Building Resource Providers, Doug Shirk and Paul Garn, consider this offer along with the other quotes that they have received, and that they send us a recommendation at our next Guardian's meeting.

The Guardians will consider whether or not we need a Capital Campaign for future church repairs at our next meeting.

Judy Coppersmith asked whether or not the kitchen remodeling fund is still there so that she can put together a team to do that work. Since the money is still there (\$4,596) Chris Laux will encourage her to see if there is interest in forming a team for that.

The Finance Committee is recommending a Kitchen Remodel account to be funded with available Thrivent money. The Guardians recommended that we leave Thrivent money as is, until we determine the full need for building repairs that need to be done this year.

Chris Laux reported that a member of the congregation would like to see more youth group activities for the Jr./ Sr. High age group. Chris will speak with Nancy Martin and Ashley DeFrancisco to address this concern.

Tabled until next meeting:

Budget considerations for 2014 including the possible development of a Gift Account, a Carry-over Account for the beginning of each new year, where to designate end-of-year surplus money and, re-financing the Building Loan.

The Guardian's next meeting will be August 21, 2013 at 7pm. Mike Murray volunteered to do devotions.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Wood. Secretary

Request For A Stand or Table

George Ridenour is in need of a stand or table that is 30" to 32" high and 2' to 3' wide and 18" to 24" deep. He needs it so he can work from his wheel chair. If you have one that you are willing to donate and it is in poor shape one of the boys can fix and/or paint it. Call Romota Ridenour at (419-886-4197)



Madison Javens and Paul Martin getting wet on the last day of Vacation Bible School.

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 4:00 Painter's Alive 5:00 Community Dinner 6:00 Prayer Gathering	2 CR In Use	3 CR In use
4 8:15 Arisel Worship 9:30 Generations Alive! 10:30 Rejoice! Worship CR In Use	5 5:30 Weight Watchers 6:30 Reunion Group 7:00 Reunion Group 7:00 D. View Bingo 8:00 AA	6 6:30 Yoga 7:00 Reunion Group	7 7:00 Arisel Praise Team	8 2:30 Reunion Group 4:00 Painter's Alive 6:00 Prayer Gathering	9 Candidacy Committee Meeting - CR	10 6:30 Men's Breakfast - V&M 7:30 Men's Reunion Grps.
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Praying over the work campers before they left on their trip.

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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.