



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

Confirmation & First Communion

On Sunday, May 19, we celebrated the confirmation of Darian Gottfried at the 8:15 Arise! Worship Service. Kilee Stoner, Molly Strickling and Brian Harding were confirmed at the 10:30 Rejoice! Worship Service.

Photo from left to right: Brian, Kilee, Darian, and Molly. Photo by Seth Stoner.

That same day Avery Wend and Hallie Gottfried received their first communion. Seth Stoner received his first communion the Sunday before on May 12.

Photo Below: Pastor Doug Seth, Avery, & Hallie



Children's Time In June

Pastor Doug will be leading the children's teaching time on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:15. This is for all kids ages pre-school through 5th grade. They will have a variety of experiential lessons based on various Bible stories. The children need to wear clothing that can get dirty.

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Eat Out in June

Put June 23 on your calendar. The Pump House Grill ,400 Orange St., Ashland, Ohio has been suggested for lunch. Meet in the parking lot. We will leave immediately after church. Let Marge Armstrong know (740-694-0817) or find a way to carpool. Take your church bulletin and receive a \$1 off your bill.

Trip to Québec

September 17-23, 2013

Experience the island of Cou-drés, a guided tour of Québec City, a whale watching cruise on Bay St. Catherine, and seven days of fun.

Reservations: 740-694-0817
Marge Armstrong



Josh Hicks, son of Marty Snavely and of step-father Brad Snavely, was baptized on April 28, 2013.



On April 28, the church held a **shower for Emmy DeFrancisco**. Pictured here is the dessert table designed by Elaine Dotson. Ashley and Jamie received many nice gifts. (See their thank you note on page 4.) Lacy opened the gifts, and Terry Weaver helped display them and throw away the wrapping paper.

Geranium Donors for Pentecost Sunday

Gary & Cheryl Lantz, in honor of the Confirmands.

Dick & Joan Echelberger, in memory of Sharry Secrist

Bob, Judy and John Coppersmith, in memory of John & Hildegard Werner and Carol & Ardella Coppersmith.

Gerri Leedy, in memory of Gene Leedy.

In honor of **Amanda's** birthday.

Bob, Judy, and John Coppersmith, in honor of Jim Coppersmith and his sons.

Lois Oyster, in memory of Carroll Oyster, Olive Darling and Tim Tilton.

Sabrina and Callan Pugh, in memory of Caitlin and loved ones.

Charles & Julie Dome, in honor of Molly Strickling for Confirmation.

Marge Armstrong, in memory of Caitlin.

Charles & Julie Dome, in honor of Heather Strickling.

Marge Armstrong, in honor of the Confirmands.

Dick & Bonnie Brenneman, in honor of Brian, Darian, Kilee, & Molly.

Pastor Doug & Carol. In honor of the faith of Brian, Darian, Kilee, and Molly.

Bert & Nancy Bletner, in honor of St. Paul's children.

Dick & Jan Shafer, in honor of Darian Gottfried for Confirmation and Hallie Gottfried for her 1st Communion.

Carolyn Stoner, in memory of Leonard Stoner.

Jeff, Kerri and Hallie Gottfried, in honor of Darian and the rest of the Confirmands.

Carolyn Stoner, in honor of the Confirmands, Kilee, Darian, Brian and Molly.

Marilyn Baker, in memory of Dale McNaul and Bob Baker.

Danny & Joyce White, in memory of Dauri and Mildred Shaffer.

Marilyn Baker, in honor of DeLee McNaul.

Danny & Joyce White, in honor of Titus and Braxton White.

John & Carol Cornell, in honor of Kilee Stoner and Brian Harding.

Paul & Mary Ann Garn, in honor of Andrew, Erika, and Josh.

Bellville Community Vacation Bible School



Sponsored by:
St. Paul Lutheran Church
The Bellville Presbyterian Church
CitiChurch

July 14th – July 18th
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Registration Form (one per child)

Child's name: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____
(Child must be 4 years old)

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cell phone: _____

Home church: _____

Permission for your child to have his/her photo taken: Yes No

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____ Phone: _____

Crew Name (for church use only): _____



Gift of the Month for June: Children's Books



The Gift of the Month for June is collecting children's books! We are supporting two separate organizations. The first is **Reach Out and Read**, an evidence-based nonprofit organization of medical providers who promote early literacy

and school readiness in pediatric exam rooms nationwide by giving new books to children and advice to parents about the importance of reading aloud.

Studies have shown that children who are read to have larger vocabularies and develop stronger reading skills. We need donations of new and gently used books for children four years old and younger. No torn covers or pages, and no books published before 2000.

Our second organization is part of the United Way and

entitled **Big Red Bookshelf**. They collect books from birth to Third Grade, again new or gently used, and distribute them to children using "big red bookshelves".

Thank you very much for the great response to the work camper supplies, and we hope to fill the chest with children's books!

Clean Pizza Boxes

are needed for building the castle for VBS.

Please put them in Ashley's office.



SAVE THE DATE

FOR

MINISTRY FAIR

September 8TH

AT

9:30 A.M.

Thank You Notes Received

Dear Friends at St. Paul's;

Thank you so much for your wonderful donations. You certainly made our day! We appreciate all your church does throughout the community, the monthly meals, the way you are able to help those who are needy or just passing thru, and all the other blessings you bestow on others, including us. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

May blessings to each and everyone of your church family and thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

In His Name

Sally

Butler Nutrition

The **Meet and Greet Team** wishes to thank those who assisted with sending birthday, anniversary, get well and sympathy cards throughout the past year. The team consists of Nancy Martin, Nancy Snyder, Carolyn Stoner, Judy

Coppersmith, Carol Cornell and Ruth Ann Griebing. A special thank you to those who sent cards including:

Eileen Miller, Pat Goss, Ruth Brokaw, Connie Millard, Gerri Maxwell, Janet Frontz, Sandy Stricker, Nancy Barr, Evelyn Spohn, Lisa Boyd, Irene Ammons, Darlene Lee, and Lois McCullough. We have been truly blessed to have so many willing and capable volunteers. Thanks to all.

Dear St. Paul Family,

Jamie, Lacy, Emmy and I would all like to thank everyone for the wonderful shower and all the generous gifts for sweet Emmy. We are so blessed to have all of you and are so thankful to have you in our lives. Thank you all for welcoming Emmy and making us feel so loved. We are forever grateful for all of you.

Love,

The DeFrancisco Family

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous donation of \$155. Your donation helps provide boxes to our men and women in the United States military serving in Afghanistan. The hope is that by bringing a little touch of home to them, it will reinforce that fact that we are very appreciative of their efforts on our behalf. Since 2005, Operation Buckeye has sent over 23, 000 boxes to our troops.

As an all-volunteer organization, we rely on donations to carry out our mission. We are recognized as a tax-exempt organization under section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and your donation is tax deductible.

Thank you again for helping to support our troops!

Jim Caronis

President

Confirmation Blessings 2013

Molly Grace Strickling,

God has graced you with the gifts of:

a helpful and kind heart
hidden depths filled with intelligence and observation on
the inside
coupled with beauty and style on the outside,
quietness with respectful attention,
coupled with high spirited, talkative exuberance,
a humble and foundational faith
and a smile that starts small and grows into humor that fills
your entire face.

Molly,

You are a rose bud,
delicate, fragrant, and beautiful,
creating anticipation of the full
blossom to come.
You grow out of the rose bush that
supports and sustains you.



Your Bible Verse is John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (NIV)

Brian Adam Harding,

God has blessed you with the gifts of:

a calm and quiet nature,
a logical and analytical mind,
a love of reading and introverted activities,
a helpful, compassionate heart,
a deep love of animals,
an inquisitive imagination, and
a faith growing in knowledge.

Brian,

You are a seeker of other worlds.
With books as your medium,
You journey to find answers and connections.
You are on a mission to find God,
(even when you do not realize it.)

Your Bible Verse is Luke 11:9:

Jesus says,

"Ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be
opened to you." (NRSV)



Kilee Elizabeth Stoner,

God has blessed you with:

a deep and mature faith in Jesus Christ,
a compassionate serving soul,
an intelligent, inquisitive, perceptive mind,
being an athletic team player,
having a need to excel, to be on time and to be organized,
beauty that radiates from within, and
being a positive, encouraging leader.

Kilee,

You are a cathedral,
Functioning chiefly to serve God
in the community.
Your beautiful interior and exterior
draws people to worship God,
Providing them with a foundation,
with purpose, and with passion.



Your Bible Verse is 1 Corinthians 9:24: "You've all been to the stadium and seen the athletes race. Everyone runs; one wins. Run to win. All good athletes train hard. They do it for a gold medal that tarnishes and fades. You're after one that's gold eternally." *The Message (MSG)*

Darian Marie Gottfried,

God has blessed you with the gifts of:

being deeply grounded in faith and family,
having keen intelligence, focused intensity,
and 110% effort,
seeing the overall picture while simultaneously noticing
the details,
responsible leadership and good sportsmanship,
having a friendly, outgoing, and optimistic personality,
a beautiful, athletic and graceful body, and
a compassionate, kind, and gentle heart.

Darian,

You are a beech tree,
Strong, majestic branches proclaim
the glory of God,
Deep roots drink the water of life,
A rich canopy shelters a multitude
of God's creatures.



Your Bible Verse is Philippians 4:13:

I can do all things through *Christ* who strengthens me. (NRSV)

Pastor Doug's Letter: May 28, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from Father, Jesus, and Spirit.

Cracks become Crevasses at Crises.

This is the title of a book that I have threatened to write some day. The thesis of the book is that the stress of a crisis - whether it be personal, familial, or community - can put such weight on relationships that minor fractures or faults become major divisions and conflicts.

Just this past week, the Interstate 5 Bridge over the Skagit River north of Seattle collapsed into the water after an oversized truck load clipped the steel truss. In an AP article filed on May 26, Mike Baker and Joan Lowy reported that:

Thousands of bridges around the U.S. may be one freak accident or mistake away from collapse, even if the spans are deemed structurally sound.

The crossings are kept standing by engineering design, not supported with brute strength or redundant protections like their more modern counterparts. Bridge regulators call the more risky spans "fracture critical," meaning that if a single, vital component of the bridge is compromised, it can crumple...

... The most famous failure of a fracture critical bridge was the collapse of the I-35W bridge in Minneapolis during rush hour on Aug. 1, 2007, killing 13 people and injuring more than 100 others. The National Transportation Safety Board concluded that the cause of the collapse was an error by the bridge's designers - a gusset plate, a key component of the bridge, was too thin. The plate was only half of the required one-inch thickness.

Because the bridge's key structures lacked redundancy, where if one piece fails, there is another piece to prevent the bridge from falling, when the gusset plate broke, much of the bridge collapsed.

Relationships can collapse in the same kind of way. A common type of stress for family relationships is a death or an illness in a family. As one who is often present at such times, I have observed these collapses, and, indeed, I work to prevent them.

For example, in the midst of an unexpected medical crisis a family can find itself in the totally unfamiliar environment of an intensive care unit with a bewildering array of beeping and buzzing machines confronted with the need to make a major medical

decision. When the family is harmonious and the relationships are stable, the family usually can come to a consensus. However, families with strained relationships can have such strong disagreements that they might never speak to each other again.

I mention illness and death as stressors because everyone experiences these during their life. They are simply the most common ones. Other stressors can be quite individualized so that what puts pressure on one person may do exactly the opposite for another. The point is that we all have them.

We also all have cracks, weak places in our selves and in our relationships. Common cracks include unforgiveness, secrets, and dysfunctional behavior. These cracks may be small and insignificant when there is no pressure on them, but in the middle of a crisis they can break, resulting in broken lives, broken families, and broken communities.

As in bridges so it is true of lives, the foundation must be strong, and the stresses balanced appropriately. That is why Jesus concluded his Sermon on the Mount with the illustration of two houses, one built on solid rock and the other built on sand. Both were subjected to the stress of wind, rain, and flood, but only one collapsed. Foundations are important. Unattended cracks are important.

Christians know that the foundation is Jesus; the source of our beliefs and values and the direction of our intentions and actions. What we often fail to pay attention to are the cracks.

In the sermon Jesus invites us to consider the cracks of name calling, inappropriate looks, boastful promises, stingy helpfulness, and circumscribed love. He calls us to pay attention to our prayers, our generosity, and our self-sacrifice. With uncomfortable honesty and specific detail he describes crack creating conditions, and he challenges us to pay attention to these small matters before they become fracture critical.

This is what is hardest about following the ways of Jesus. When there are no stressor storms, we tend to ignore the small cracks in our lives because there is always another day to attend to it. Then the truck of trouble hits that exact weak spot, and the bridge to the future collapses into rubble.

Oh yes, bridges, and lives, can be rebuilt. But how much better is it not to collapse in the first place because every small crack is mended immediately.

Peace,

Pastor Doug

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

- 1 Judy Coppersmith
- 4 Connie Barr
- 5 Carol Cornell
- 6 Mary Ann Garn
- 6 Mackenzie Klenk
- 10 Rick Millard
- 10 Erica Garn
- 14 David Timberlake
- 15 Jim Woodward
- 15 Madelyn Seibel
- 20 Loren Peters
- 21 Michael Murray
- 22 Sydney Boyd
- 22 Jared Schaefer
- 22 John Coppersmith
- 23 Irene Ammons
- 24 Dan White
- 28 Jonah Albert
- 28 Mike Helinski
- 29 Eliza Knight
- 30 Joshua Garn

- June 7, 1958 Duane & Geraldine Maxwell
- June 8, 1968 Larry & Sharon Smith
- June 8, 1974 Randy & Joyce Dudley
- June 9, 2012 Ken & Josie Riling
- June 10, 1978 Cliff & Lana Worner
- June 10, 1978 Daniel & Laurie Boone
- June 13, 1992 Dan & Angela Shaffer
- June 14, 2003 Jamie & Ashley DeFrancisco
- June 23, 1979 Doug & Carol Pretorius
- June 24, 1978 John & Kathy Frank
- June 26, 1982 Jim & Jamie Woodward
- June 27, 1998 Mike & Amy Helinski

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

Financial Summary for April

	-----April 2013-----			-----January 1 through April 30, 2013-----			Annual Budget	Remaining Budget	May Budget
	Actual	Budget	Over (Under)	Actual	Budget	Over (Under)			
Giving									
General Fund	\$ 16,625.57	\$ 20,276.27	\$ (3,650.70)	\$ 72,556.67	\$ 74,482.14	\$ (1,925.47)	\$ 227,350.70	\$ 154,796.26	\$ 16,902.16
Building Fund	\$ 4,626.20	\$ 6,724.42	\$ (2,098.22)	\$ 21,131.40	\$ 24,701.23	\$ (3,569.83)	\$ 75,398.48	\$ 54,267.08	\$ 5,605.42
World Hunger Fund	\$ 939.84	\$ 1,402.61	\$ (462.77)	\$ 7,172.86	\$ 5,610.44	\$ 1,562.42	\$ 16,831.31	\$ 9,658.45	\$ 1,402.61
Love Fund	\$ 840.02	\$ 1,115.37	\$ (275.35)	\$ 3,899.46	\$ 4,461.49	\$ (562.03)	\$ 13,384.48	\$ 9,485.02	\$ 1,115.37
Scholarship Fund	\$ 289.00	\$ 386.58	\$ (97.58)	\$ 1,048.00	\$ 1,546.33	\$ (498.33)	\$ 4,639.00	\$ 3,591.00	\$ 386.58
Endowment Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Technology Fund	\$ 600.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 400.00
Designated Fund	\$ 4,810.62	\$ -	\$ 4,810.62	\$ 11,348.68	\$ -	\$ 11,348.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 28,731.25	\$ 30,305.26	\$ (1,574.01)	\$ 119,357.07	\$ 112,401.63	\$ 6,955.44	\$ 342,403.97	\$ 234,397.81	\$ 29,046.47
Expenses									
General Fund	\$ 16,548.31	\$ 18,559.43	\$ (2,011.12)	\$ 70,454.54	\$ 74,377.20	\$ (3,922.66)	\$ 227,230.04	\$ 156,775.50	\$ 17,881.49
Building Fund	\$ 4,531.47	\$ 5,132.21	\$ (600.74)	\$ 20,596.01	\$ 21,297.48	\$ (701.47)	\$ 58,834.18	\$ 38,738.17	\$ 5,132.20
World Hunger Fund	\$ 939.84	\$ 1,402.61	\$ (462.77)	\$ 7,172.86	\$ 5,610.44	\$ 1,562.42	\$ 16,831.31	\$ 9,658.45	\$ 1,402.61
Love Fund	\$ 532.65	\$ 1,115.37	\$ (582.72)	\$ 4,772.42	\$ 4,461.49	\$ 310.93	\$ 13,384.48	\$ 8,612.06	\$ 1,115.37
Scholarship Fund	\$ -	\$ 386.58	\$ (386.58)	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 1,546.33	\$ 703.67	\$ 4,639.00	\$ 2,389.00	\$ 386.58
Endowment Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 132.00	\$ -	\$ 132.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Technology Fund	\$ 354.70	\$ 400.00	\$ (45.30)	\$ 2,773.50	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,173.50	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,026.50	\$ 400.00
Designated Fund	\$ 4,184.11	\$ -	\$ 4,184.11	\$ 11,392.44	\$ -	\$ 11,392.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 27,091.08	\$ 26,996.20	\$ 94.88	\$ 119,543.77	\$ 108,892.94	\$ (741.61)	\$ 325,719.01	\$ 218,199.68	\$ 26,318.26
Fund Summary	Beginning Balance			Ending Balance			Projected May, 2013		
		Income	Expenses		Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Ending
General Fund	\$ 27,812.00	\$ 16,625.57	\$ 16,548.31	\$ 27,889.26	\$ 16,902.16	\$ 17,881.49	\$ 26,909.93		
Building Fund	\$ 14,987.52	\$ 4,626.20	\$ 4,531.47	\$ 15,082.25	\$ 5,605.42	\$ 5,132.20	\$ 15,555.48		
World Hunger Fund	\$ -	\$ 939.84	\$ 939.84	\$ -	\$ 1,402.61	\$ 1,402.61	\$ -		
Love Fund	\$ 3,358.90	\$ 840.02	\$ 532.65	\$ 3,666.27	\$ 1,115.37	\$ 1,115.37	\$ 3,666.27		
Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,158.53	\$ 289.00	\$ -	\$ 2,447.53	\$ 386.58	\$ 386.58	\$ 2,447.53		
Endowment Fund	\$ 3,089.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,089.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,089.35		
Technology Fund	\$ (384.27)	\$ 600.00	\$ 354.70	\$ (138.97)	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ (138.97)		
Designated Funds	\$ 12,989.12	\$ 4,810.62	\$ 4,184.11	\$ 13,615.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,615.63		
Total	\$ 64,011.15	\$ 28,731.25	\$ 27,091.08	\$ 65,651.32	\$ 25,812.15	\$ 26,318.26	\$ 65,145.21		
General Fund April, 2013		\$ 16,625.57	\$ 16,548.31	\$ 77.26	\$ 72,556.67	\$ 70,454.54	\$ 2,102.13		
Building Fund April, 2013		\$ 4,626.20	\$ 4,531.47	\$ 94.73	\$ 21,131.40	\$ 20,596.01	\$ 535.39		

Worship Services for June

June 2 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Blessing of the Graduates
 1 Kings 8:22–23, 41–43 Psalm 96:1–9 Galatians 1:1–12 Luke 7:1–10
Go. Come. Do.

Today we honor the high school graduates who are members of our Ministry Body, and we bless them as they make this significant transition. The Scriptures for today speak to this time of transition, and they give to all of us a message upon which we can build our lives: *Go. Come. Do.*

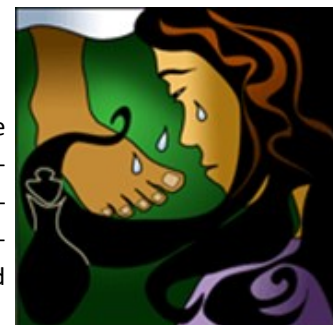


June 9 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
 1 Kings 17:17–24 Psalm 30 Galatians 1:11–24 Luke 7:11–17
Raise the Dead

In our Scripture lessons today we have three stories of persons who have been raised from the dead by the power of God. The prophet Elijah prays for the dead son of the widow who has been supporting him in the midst of a famine. He comes back to life. In the Gospel Jesus stops a funeral procession in Nain and raises a dead son to life. Paul tells the Galatians that he was living a death-dealing life persecuting the church until God raised him from the dead. These three stories remind us of Jesus command to his disciples: “Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons.

June 16 4th Sunday after Pentecost Blessing of Fathers
 2 Samuel 11:26—12:10; 12:13–15 Psalm 32 Galatians 2:15–21 Luke 7:36—8:3
Know Your Sin. Know Your Forgiveness.

Today our nation celebrates Father’s Day and we take the time to remember our fathers, to give thanks to God for them, and to ask God’s blessing upon them. Ironically, the theme of all three lessons is that of adultery: David committing adultery with Bathsheba, the Galatians committing adultery with the grace of God, and Jesus forgiving an adulterous woman who anoints his feet with perfume. Adultery destroys marriages and fatherhood. However, in each of these three lessons God teaches us that there are things worse than adultery, God teaches us the secret of living a sinless life.

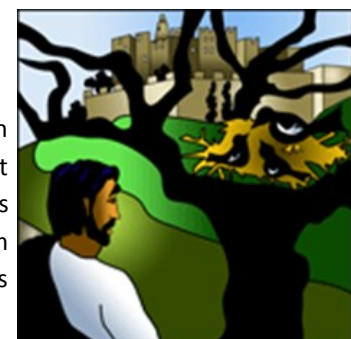


June 23 5th Sunday after Pentecost Baptisms: Braxton White, 8:15 / Emmy DeFrancisco, 10:30
 Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 22:19-28 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39
The Hound of Heaven

The Scripture lessons today speak of the God who searches out and saves those who are bound with chains. Isaiah tells the rebellious people of God who are fleeing from God and delighting in evil that, even so, God will find and save. The psalmist calls upon God for that saving to come quickly. Paul tells the Galatians that they have been bound with the most impossible chains to break, but Christ breaks them anyway. Finally, Jesus finds a man chained by evil and shackles, and Jesus frees him with a word.

June 30 6th Sunday after Pentecost
 1 Kings 19:15-21 Psalm 16 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62
Forward Following Face

Today’s Scriptures invite us to follow God. Elijah is challenged to follow when threats fill him with fear, and he finds Elisha in order to invite him to follow God instead of following oxen. The psalmist rejoices in those who choose to follow God and discover the resulting “goodly heritage.” Paul calls us to follow the Spirit instead of the flesh, for those who follow the flesh do not inherit the kingdom of God, while those who follow the Spirit do. In the Gospel lesson, Jesus chooses to follow God’s call to the cross and invites others to follow him. They decline.



Guardian's Minutes: May 16, 2013

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

Lisa Brooks 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 March 14, 2013 were reviewed; Mike Murray moved to accept the minutes, Lisa Brooks seconded, and the motion was approved.

The review of treasurer's report was held later in the meeting to address building repair concerns.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pastor Doug, Lisa Brooks and Stacy Wright reported on the progress of **The Journey Forward Initiative** and provided the following information

- *The JF Team chose Pete Anderson to be its chairperson. Mark Timberlake has resigned from the team. They will choose a secretary at their next meeting on May 30, 2013. Pastor also suggested they choose a Listening-to-God Recorder as well.*
- *The JF Team is developing an Action Plan to encourage the knowledge of, use of, and the participation in the Gift-Based, Team-Oriented, Ministry Body concept. They are going to hold a resource Fair on September 8 and make it the same day as the Kick-Off day for Sunday School. They consider the mission statement, goals, values, and vision statement of SPLC to be an adequate reflection of the current mission and orientation of the team.*
- *The JF Team wants to focus on the action plan of strengthening St. Paul's present mission and structure before wrestling with the following issues: the Worship Space, our use of technology (texting, projection, Facebook, website), and how to attract the Millennial generation (16-30 age group). They felt that these are questions that the Guardians, the Technology Team and the Ministry Body as a whole should address.*
- *The JF Team encouraged Pastor Doug to emphasize his teaching ministry and do more of it.*
- *Paul Martin has completed the Asset Inventory requested*

by the synod and Pastor Doug has forwarded it to the synod.

- *Barb Hoover has completed the inventory that is requested to be part of the Journey Forward process by the synod and Pastor Doug has forwarded that report, along with the response to the Strategic Questionnaire completed by the JF Team, The Guardians, and the Ministry Leaders.*

Nancy Martin has been unable to find a volunteer to be the Nursery Coordinator. It was also reported that the early service has not had any children in the nursery.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Laux moved that the Guardians approve Pastor Doug's request of the following:

- vacation time: July 11-31, and December 26-31, 2013
- to attend a week-long prayer retreat August 22-30, 2013
- to attend the Conference on Biblical Preaching October 7-10, 2013
- to be the Spiritual Director on the Men's Via de Cristo weekend, the weekend after Easter 2014, April 24-27, 2014.

Mindy Wood seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The **Building Resource Report** was received:

Doug Shirk and Paul Garn are recommending:

1. *Replacing the roof over the office portion of the church as quickly as possible since it is currently leaking.*
2. *Adam Brokaw Construction has submitted the best quote with a cost of \$16,100.00. This is for a 24 gauge metal roof.*
3. *In addition, Adam is quoting \$7,400.00 for new downspouts, gutters, fascia and soffits*
4. *If both options are accepted, the total cost would be \$23,500.00.*
5. *An additional cost that could be incurred would be replacing any of the wood sheeting that is bad--this will not be known until the current roof is removed.*

Guardian's Minutes: May 16, 2013 - Continued

The **Finance Team Report** was received:

The Finance Team supports the request submitted by Doug and Paul. The money to pay for the request is not currently available. A capital fund request project or a new loan would need to be undertaken to raise the needed funds.

Additional items that were discussed:

1. *A section of the roof over the sanctuary may be bad and need replaced. Adam submitted a cost of \$33,000.00 for this work. Doug Shirk and Paul Garn are going to do further investigation and report back.*

2. *A quotation of \$11,345.00 has been received for replacing the windows in the office building. Doug and Paul have been asked to talk further with the supplier and request a cost/benefit analysis be provided.*

3. *A quotation of \$2,450.00 was received for patching, sealing and striping the two parking lots. The money is available in the building fund and approval to go ahead with the work was obtained. Mike Murray moved to hold on sealing the parking lot if a formal contract had not been signed. Stacy Wright seconded and all were in favor. Chris Laux offered to contact Paul Garn to find out if a contract had been signed.*

4. *A quotation was received from Fred Morganstern to strip and re-wax the tile floors in the community room building (including stairs). The quotation was for \$975.00. Since the money has already been budgeted for this work, Doug and Paul were told to go ahead and have the work completed. They will work with Barb Hoover on determining a date for the work.*

Pastor Doug moved that we ask Skip Hursh to examine the roof over the office wing and determine whether that roof must be replaced before next winter. If so, the Guardians will

call a special meeting in order to determine how to proceed. All were in favor.

The Guardians had continued general discussion about what capital improvements need to be done.

Mike Murray will address increasing the sound volume in the sanctuary when guest speakers are preaching.

Pastor Doug reported that he met with Janis Marhenke to discuss Faith Encourager ideas for the fall and winter.

Pastor Doug will teach the children's program June 2 – July 7.

Janis Marhenke and Ashley DeFransisco will go to the Resource Center to look at new Sunday School curriculum within the next 4 to 6 weeks.

Ashley is currently organizing the VBS program and continues to need volunteers. Citi-Church and the Presbyterian Church have been asked to increase their donation amounts for VBS.

TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING:

Budget considerations for 2014 including Thrivent money, the Kitchen Remodel Account, 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 June 26, 2013 at 7 pm. Stacy Wright volunteered to do devotions.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

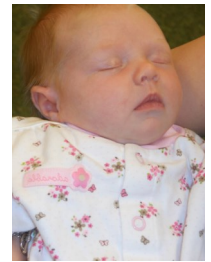
Mindy Wood

Secretary

<p>Military Personnel Recognized on May 26</p> <p>Died in combat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steve Smith Don Worley Richard Ritter Ben Layman Kendall Ivy Rick Mehl Charles Fidler 	<p>Died outside of combat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mervis Johnson Dick Mitchell Marlin Armstrong Jerry Pickworth Cory Endlich Tom Balliett Ted Balliett Bob Balliett Bill Murray Cecil Worner Dennis Pipes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Kurtz Bob Clever Fred Hartley Bob Clever Charlie Robnolte Earl Monroe Yerrick Edwin Vail Gene Leedy Ted Lee Richard Humphreys Chuck Spohn 	<p>Active duty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drew Nickoli, <i>deployed</i> Paul Roley John Bletner Rob Hursh Michael Born James Coppersmith David Milligan Hillary Dotson Tyler Owens Buck Barr Darrin Hamilton Jeff Parrott
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June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 Senior Recognition 8:15 Artsel Worship 9:30 Generations Alive! 10:30 Rejoice! Worship 11:00 CR In Use</p>	<p>3 5:30 Weight Watchers 6:30 Reunion Group 7:00 Reunion Group 7:00 Bible Study 7:00 D. View Bingo 8:00 AA</p>	<p>4 7:00 Reunion Group</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 4:00 Painter's Alive 4:30 Sr. Health Screening 5:00 Community Dinner 6:30 Prayer Gathering Catechism Year End Event</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1 6:30 Men's Breakfast - V&M 7:30 Men's Reunion Grps. CR In Use SR In Use</p>
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8:15 AM
Arise! Worship Service
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9:30 AM
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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.