

As a new year begins here at People to People Ministries, I especially want to say thank you for your recent donation of \$100. May God continue to bless you and may you have a happy and healthy New Year. Sincerely, Lydia Stahl



We want to express our appreciation for your cards, prayers, flowers, prayer shawls, and Pastor Kristy's visits. It made our recovery much smoother. Also, thank you for your prayers for our granddaughter. She's better, but still not out of the woods. Thank you, Bill & Wanda Wagner (and Libby)

Thank you very much for all the goodies! God bless. - Whitney Vura

Thank you for your gift of \$500 to Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio. Your generosity directly benefits everyone who participates in this ministry. Thank you for being so thoughtful!

I want to thank you so much for the gifts for a needy family whose children attend SES. Your generosity and caring are greatly appreciated especially during the Christmas Season. Sincerely, Priscilla Gresser, Guidance Counselor

People to People weekend is Feb. 24 and 25. Items needed are peanut butter, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, dish soap, laundry soap, toilet paper, and paper towels. Household items are double and queen comforters, used blankets, kitchen towels, heavy winter coats for adults, and adult white ankle socks. Pet food is also welcome. Delivery will be Tues., Feb. 27.



Adult Sunday School follows the 9:30 a.m. church service in the classroom across from the small fellowship room. Many interesting topics will be presented for discussion in 2012.

February's Topic is Marriage

1. Who needs a covenant
2. Christian Marriage & Public Policy
3. For Better or For Worse
4. What God has Joined Together

All are Welcome!



Empty Nesters will have a game night at the church on Saturday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. Please bring games and a snack. Beverages will be provided.

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Pastor Kristy Buyok

SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 6:30 P.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:45 A.M.

Our Mission is to know, to serve, and to share Jesus Christ.



February
2012

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH SMITHVILLE, OH

The Epistle

Greetings friends! For the past several weeks, we have been talking about what it means to be the church together. That is, what it means for us, that God sent the Holy Spirit to reside within us and sent us out to be His hands and feet in order that we would share the light of God with our neighbors, co-workers, friends and family.

This month, we will move from the "green" season of the church to the solemn season of Lent. So what does it mean to be this Spirit-filled people during this solemn season leading to Easter? What's up with these 40 days, anyhow?

It was evident after a Sunday School discussion about Lent, that there are as many ways to observe Lent as there are people in the church. Lent is the 40 days which start with Ash Wednesday, when the church intentionally shifts our focus to the arrest, crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Some Christians may observe this time by giving up something that is important to them, to remind them how God gave up his son and how Jesus gave up his life.

Others may take on more acts of service in their communities. These acts of love and service are done as a reminder of how much Jesus loved and served people, as well as our call to go and do likewise.

Still others may use this season to add prayer time, Bible Study, additional worship opportunities or other acts of service.

So with all of the possible options, how do you choose? First, remember that the purpose of the season is to draw closer to God and to remember how much we were loved. Remember how much God was willing to give in order that we might spend eternity in the kingdom of heaven. Then do whatever discipline, service, study or prayer draws you closer to Christ. Invite someone to join you in your Lenten Journey.

Start the journey with us at the Ash Wednesday service, share your ideas for drawing closer, and make this a Holy Season.

Yours in Christ,



On Tuesday, February 21, from 5:30-7:00p.m., the youth and leaders attending the National Youth Gathering will have a Mardi Gras-style pancake supper with pancakes, special toppings, apple sauce, sausage, and beverages. Those attending the Gathering include Pastor Kristy, Vicki Peterman, Kailyn Buyok, Kendra Shehy, Emma Shehy, Madeline Boreman and Sarah Boreman. We hope you will come to support this worthy cause, and, of course, eat many pancakes while enjoying the fellowship of your church family and friends!

Getting to Know Pastor Kristy...The Young Adult Years

The second of a three-part series by Pat Chambers

Just up the road from Oglebay in Wheeling, WV you will find West Liberty State College. Here is where we find Pastor Kristy as she embarks on her college years. With a major in business, she specialized in economics and banking & financing. While going to school Pastor Kristy worked part-time at Color Tile and then, due to financial reasons, left school to work full-time as a department manager at Sears in State College, PA. Another department manager in the same store caught her eye, and after dating for a while Pastor Kristy and Ernie were married!

At this time, Pastor Kristy and Ernie moved back to WV so that she could complete her schooling. In addition to completing her undergraduate work at West Liberty, she enrolled in Wheeling Jesuit University where she eventually worked toward her MBA. While working on her degree, an assignment had her participate in a practice interview at American Greetings. They were so impressed with her skills, that she was later offered a position as Territory Manager for the company in Beckley, WV. She, Ernie, and baby Kailyn moved to Beckley, where they purchased a home and became involved in the community. Pastor Kristy loved her job! She worked flexible hours and supervised people who went into the stores to set up displays and manage accounts.

While a student at Wheeling Jesuit, Pastor Kristy was hired to work in the nursery of a Lutheran Church. It was due to that introduction, that the young family joined St. Luke Lutheran Church in Beckley, where Pastor Kristy developed a deeper interest in the church and was inspired by the Pastor of that congregation. During this time baby Evan joined the family. The job at American Greetings was going well, but Pastor Kristy started having thoughts that she perhaps was being called into the ministry. Many conversations with her Pastor dealt with this issue. Why should she leave such a good job when all was going well?

The answer to that question became obvious when, due to corporate downsizing and layoffs, her job at American Greetings was eliminated. After a brief job as a manager at CVS, she took a position as territory manager with Masco in Georgia. Their house in Beckley sold, and a down payment had already been placed on a home in Georgia, when, thru a series of thoughts, prayers, and events, Pastor Kristy knew that she was being called into the ministry. The young family packed up again and moved to Columbia, SC.

Pastor Kristy enrolled in Lutheran Theological Seminary, where, because of her late enrollment, she found herself taking Greek and Hebrew at the same time (ask her how much fun THAT was)! The family lived on campus for two years. After an internship in the mountains of SC, they moved to an apartment off campus where they lived until graduation in 2009.

Pastor Kristy's first call was to St. John Lutheran Church in Pomaria SC. The family moved into the church parsonage in early 2010. This was a small country church with 35-55 people in the congregation, but Sunday services usually had many children. She loved working with the youth and ventured bravely into a variety of events and projects. Feeling called to new ministry opportunities, Pastor Kristy eventually explored other calls.

2/2	Holly Boreman	2/17	Edna Anfang
2/6	Pat Chambers	2/19	Marcia Lowe
2/9	Adrienne Karlen	2/20	Harold Blough
2/10	Chad Karlen	2/22	Mary Rehm
2/15	Robert Miller	2/23	Hanna Weaver
2/16	Shirley Fetter	2/23	Dan Davenport
2/16	Steve & Nancy Carr	2/23	Mikaela Shehy
2/17	Anthony Carmean	2/26	David Miller



St. Paul Council Meeting: January 9, 2012

Attendance: All present

Devotions: *Epiphany—Navigating by GPS* led by Holly Boreman

Minutes: Correction of the congregational meeting date from January 16 to January 15 was made to the December 12th minutes. M/S/P Bob Race/Marcia Lowe

Treasurer's Report: Nancy pointed out that while total giving which includes special offerings, designated gifts, etc. was more than our budgeted amount and actual expenses, we were still behind by around \$9,000.00 for budgeted funds in 2011. M/S/P Sylvia Wheeler/Kathy Meitzler

Pastor's Report: 22 youth are signed up for the January 13th lock-in with 3 more expected to sign up. Pastor is already looking ahead to Lent and making plans. 16 children and youth attended the Christmas Party. It was suggested that Pastor make an announcement reminding the congregation to fill out the pew pads, especially at special services when we have a lot of visitors. She will make the announcement at the beginning of her children's sermon.

Worship and Music: The next meeting is Thursday, January 26th at 12:00p.m. Hymn Selection meets Thursday, January 12th at 12:00p.m.

Sunday School: The Adult Sunday School class has 6-10 people attending every week and is planned through May. 5-6 people have offered to teach the class on a rotating basis. Marcia will put information about the class in the newsletter. Sunday School for Teens begins January 29th.

Correspondence: We received a request to renew the web hosting license at a cost of \$102.00. Council approved the purchase and should be take from Line 5812.

New business: A member questioned the reason giving dropped in 2010 and it was explained that we lost a lot of members that year. Concern about liability coverage for council members and the church was discussed and will be investigated. It was determined that the President of Council, the Vice President and the Council Secretary make up the Executive Committee of Council. Pat brought to Council's attention that our constitution has not been updated since 1989 so we will work on updating it throughout the year. Our church directory is in need of updating so we need to think about having it done professionally or by members of our church. Pat would also like us to revisit our mission goals and project list and update if necessary.

The next meeting is February 13 at 6:30p.m. Dan Hostetler will lead devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Boreman, Council Secretary

Serving Christ on Saturday Evenings in February

<u>Worship Leader:</u>	February 4 Pastor Kristy	February 11 Pastor Kristy	February 18 Pastor Kristy	February 25 Pastor Kristy
<u>Reader:</u>	Hans Kwee	Mark Spademan	Lyn Miller	Mark Spademen
<u>Greeter/Usher:</u>	B. & L. Lance	NEEDED	Pat Schorle	NEEDED
<u>Nursery:</u>	NEEDED	Pat Schorle	NEEDED	NEEDED
<u>Refreshments:</u>	NEEDED	NEEDED	Lyn Miller	NEEDED
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	NEEDED			
<u>Communion Set Up & Clean Up:</u>	NEEDED			

Serving Christ on Sunday Mornings in February

	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
<u>Lay Reader:</u>	Mark Spademan	Lynn Moomaw	Lyn Miller	Lesley Mast
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Ethan Mann			
<u>Nursery:</u>	Lorinda Wolbaugh	Ruth Peterman	A. Anderson/ K. Percy	Madeline Boreman
<u>Greeters/Ushers:</u>	S. & N. Carr	D. & R. Eggeman	V. & P. Simpson	J. & K. Meitzler
<u>Communion Assistant:</u>	Adrienne Karlen			
<u>Altar Care:</u>	Rex & Beth Raff			
<u>Bread Baker:</u>	Deb Zimmerman			

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are requested for:

Wanda Wagner (recovering from surgery), Martha Whalen: Lyn Miller's mom (hospice), **Lillian** Renninger (stroke), **Ginny** Barker (cancer), **Shirley** Fetter (health), **Gary** Zimmerman (health), and **Vera** Skender (cancer).

Altar Flowers

February 5 The Karlen Family
 February 12 Deb Zimmerman
 February 19 The Karmean Family
 February 26 LENT



Dempsey Root



Doyle & Margaret Moomaw

Choir Corner

January is usually a time for the choirs when they can relax somewhat after the busy Advent and Christmas season. However, Lent, Holy Week and Easter are right around the corner so we will soon begin rehearsing in earnest to prepare for this most holy time of the church year. Hopefully the weather will continue to cooperate and rain instead of snow on Wednesdays!!

With that being said, we do have a small change in the rehearsal schedule. Due to the Ash Wednesday service on February 22, Celebration Ringers will not rehearse that evening. Choir Chimes and Junior Choir WILL meet at their regular times and Senior Choir will meet at 6:45 to rehearse their anthem for the service at 7:00p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

February is also the time of year when the Junior Choir begins working on their spring musical. Look for more information in next month's newsletter about *The Troubbable of Zerubbabel!!*

Stay warm, dry and safe,

Holly

Treasurer's Report

December 1 – 31, 2011

Total income received for December was \$20,110.71. Budgeted funds needing \$15,688.00 received \$16,499.81. Bills paid totaled \$18,569.02.

Year-to-Date Income vs. Budget

	Amount Received	Amount Budgeted	Actual Expenses
Current Account	\$172,997.03	\$173,005.00	
Total received including "designated gifts"	\$202,633.89		\$150,779.24

In His Name,

ST. PAUL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

January 15, 2012

Pastor Kristy Buyok opened the meeting with devotions and song.

45 members were in attendance.

President Pat Chambers led the congregation through the various annual reports and budget and allowed members time to read them and ask questions.

A motion to accept the annual report was made by Rex Raff and seconded by Bob Race. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended by 10:40a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Boreman, Council Secretary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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February

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