

Our "Bucks for Bikes" project was a huge success! We have given People to People a total of \$876.89 for them to use for bicycles. \$200 of that money came from Thrivent, which means we, St. Paul Lutheran Church, raised \$676.89. We are so blessed by God that we generously came through again! November's People to People weekend is November 26th and 27th. This month we will concentrate on new toys for their Christmas project. Ideas can be found on the bulletin board above the donation box and above the drinking fountain. Food items this month are peanut butter, grape jelly, saltine crackers, tuna, macaroni & cheese, pork & beans, tomato and chicken noodle soups, and canned peaches or fruit cocktail. Items will be delivered on November 27th.



2011

SMITHVILLE, OH

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Epistle

Dear Friends in Christ,

Pastor Kristy has accepted our call!!! I am so excited for you. I believe you have much potential as a congregation to grow deeper in faith and with that faith reach out to those in Smithville and beyond who need God's saving embrace. You provide those arms of grace. What do you see in St. Paul's future? Are you willing to pray for it and work to see it happen? To what is God calling you as a new partnership between pastor and people begins?

Her arrival means that this is my last Pastor's page. Looking back over the past 18 months I have much to be thankful for...

--Your faithfulness to St. Paul. You have continued to worship, study, pray for one another, and give of yourselves even in this transition. My cherished memory of your faithfulness will be that the first person here ALWAYS turned on the lights that shine on the window of Jesus in the narthex. It is a sacred sign of your love and care for St. Paul.

--All those who took care of me. Many of you offered me a place to stay overnight if the weather was bad. Pat and Tim Chambers, Marcia Lowe, and Paul and Sandy Smith allowed me to stay on Saturday evenings and for Vacation Bible School. It was wonderful to know I had a place.

--Our wonderful staff who have been faithful to their calls to serve in this time of change.

--Our Council and Lay leaders who continually said, "We want to keep growing and reaching out even in this time of change." You are a courageous group. We are blessed to have you.

--The Call Committee who prayerfully worked to bring us our new pastor.

Our Celebration Ringers are getting ready to play a medley of Thanksgiving songs this month. I hum parts of this medley in the car on the way home each Wednesday. The second verse of one of the songs, "Now Thank We All Our God" sums up my prayer for you as you move on..

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

I feel blessed to have served as your Interim Pastor. Many blessings to all of you.

Sincerely,
Pastor Pam

Mark your calendars for our Annual Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, November 16th. There will be no potluck, but a spaghetti dinner will be served from 6-7p to benefit those attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering. At 7:00 p.m. we will discuss and finalize our 2012 budget and vote on new Church Council members. We value your participation in this meeting, so please make every effort to attend.

The Lutheran World Relief shipment on October 15th was as follows:

- 31 Blankets
- 75 School Kits
- 5 Health Kits
- 10 Baby Care Kits
- 45 Pounds of Soap

Thanks to all who shared their love by donating soap, helping sew blankets, and donating items for the kits.

"Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."
I John 3:18

The Primary Sunday School Class will be collecting hats, scarves, gloves, and toys during the month of November for People to People. Thrivent has given us money to help supplement the above items. Please consider donating to this worthwhile project.



Akron-Wooster Conference Fall Gathering
November 5, 2011

9:30a - 12:30p (lunch) - 1:30p
Messiah Lutheran, Green, OH
Guest Speaker: Deb Johanyak,
author of "Behind the Veil"

See Kathy M. or Ruth P. to RSVP.

The Women's Executive Board Meeting will be Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:10p in the green room. We will be working on plans for next year. Please see Ruth Peterman or Kathy Meitzler if you have any questions.

Donors such as you affirm our work in Wayne United Chaplain ministries.



Our chaplains work diligently to provide the best chaplaincy ministry on behalf of those whose lives they touch. Patients at Dunlap Community Hospital, and inmates in the Wayne County Jail and their families are people whose lives are in crisis or transition. We thank you for your gift of \$100.00. It is most gracious and your financial support counts in so many ways.

Sincerely, Pastor Walter Jordan

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Interim Pastor Pamela Kelly

SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 6:30 P.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:45 A.M.

October 24, 2011



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After much prayer and consideration I wish to joyfully accept the call to serve as your pastor at St. Paul.

It was truly inspiring to worship with you several weeks ago. The love that you have for each other and the commitment that you have to worshipping God is evident. We feel honored that God has called us to share in those gifts.

While transitions are always difficult, I believe that God has called us to embrace our future ministries together. We will mourn the loss of relationships that have developed in our current congregation and community, as I know you will mourn the time you have spent with Pastor Pam, but while we mourn, I trust with all confidence that God is busy securing new paths for those we love where they will flourish and find peace.

We are looking forward to our future, to building new relationships and to discovering, together, what God has in store for us!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Kristy R. Buyok



Although it is only October as I write this article, the choirs and I are beginning to rehearse and prepare for Advent and Christmas. We are also preparing for our annual Lessons and Carols service which will be held on Saturday, December 17, at 6:30p.m. I hope many of you will be able to attend this special service which focuses on and shares the true meaning of Christmas through word and music.

Although we are already working on music for December, we have not forgotten November! November is a time when we celebrate Thanksgiving and express gratitude for all our past and present blessings. It also is the time when St. Paul's has its annual congregational meeting which will take place on Wednesday, November 16, beginning at 7:00p.m. Due to the meeting, we have some choir rehearsal changes. There will be no choir rehearsals on November 16. **The Senior Choir and Celebration Ringers will rehearse instead on Tuesday, November 15, at 7:00 and 8:00p.m.** (Choir Chimes and Junior Choir will have the week off.) Please note that we will have ALL choir rehearsals on Wednesday, November 23.

Also, the Community Thanksgiving Service, scheduled for Sunday, November 20, at 7:00p.m., will be held at St. Paul's this year. We have not had the honor of hosting this event since our first year in this beautiful building. The Senior Choir, along with other choir members from the area churches, and the Celebration Ringers will provide special music. We hope that many of you will come out and support this ecumenical event!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Holly

11/1	Jared Wolbaugh	11/20	Alexander Anderson (Zander)
11/6	Denny Peterman	11/20	Jacki Leatherman
11/8	Duane Marty	11/24	Tracy Boorman
11/9	Don Fry	11/25	Tara Hamilton
11/14	Pat Simpson	11/28	Dave & Lorinda Wolbaugh
11/4	Mr. & Mrs. Gary Graham	11/29	Ed Freed
11/15	Lyn Miller	11/30	Barb Marty



Congregational Meeting: October 2, 2011

This meeting was called so members could meet & greet Pastor Kristy Buyok who has been recommended by the Call Committee to become our pastor.

Pat Chambers, Council President, welcomed members.

Mark Spademan led the members in prayer.

Pat thanked the Call Committee, Tom Boreman, Lorinda Wolbaugh, Donna Fetzer, Duane Eggeman, Mark Spademan, & Jerry Meitzler for their work. The committee has recommended a call to Kristy Buyok, from South Carolina. Pat explained that there would be 2 votes taken today: 1. To extend a call to Pastor Kristy; 2. To vote on a financial package for her.

Kristy spoke about herself & family and entertained several questions from the members.

A motion to extend a call to Pastor Buyok was made by Rex Raff, 2nd by Lyn Miller. Paper ballots were taken with results: 57 yes; 0 no; 2 blanks; 1 question mark M/P

The compensation worksheet for clergy was worked out previously by Nancy Carr, Tom Boreman, Pat Chambers, Pastor Pam Kelly. It was reviewed by Nancy C. A question/answer session followed.

A motion to accept the compensation package as presented was made by Rex Raff, 2nd by Deb Zimmerman. Paper ballots were taken with results: 48 yes; 3 no. M/P

Meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

In Christ's name,

Kathy Meitzler, Council Secretary



The youth attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in the summer of 2012 are holding a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, November 16th from 6-7p. The menu includes all-you-can-eat spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage. Free-will donations will be greatly appreciated and accepted. Money raised from this event will help defray the costs of the trip. So come and enjoy a home-cooked meal with your church family and friends without all the preparation and clean-up, and then attend the Annual Congregational Meeting which will begin at 7p.

Serving Christ on Saturday Evenings in November

<u>Worship Leader:</u>	November 5 Pastor Pam	November 12 Brian Miller	November 19 Brian Miller	November 26 Brian Miller
<u>Reader:</u>	Hans Kwee	Lyn Miller	NEEDED	NEEDED
<u>Greeter/Usher:</u>	Dan & Mary Rehm	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED
<u>Nursery:</u>	Margaret Hostetler	NEEDED	Lyn Miller	NEEDED
<u>Refreshments:</u>	NEEDED	NEEDED	Lyn Miller	Pat Schorle
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	NEEDED			
<u>Communion Set Up & Clean Up:</u>	NEEDED			

Serving Christ on Sunday Mornings in November

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
<u>Lay Reader:</u>	Mark Miller	Lynn Moomaw	Pam Root	Brian Miller
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Lexi Melvin			
<u>Nursery:</u>	Madeline Boreman	Ruth Peterman	Lesley Miller	Lyn Miller
<u>Greeters/Ushers:</u>	D. & M. Moomaw	R. & B. Raff	Gary Graham Duane Eggeman	J. & K. Meitzler
<u>Communion Assistant:</u>	Lyn Miller			
<u>Altar Care:</u>	Rex & Beth Raff			
<u>Bread Baker:</u>	Holly Boreman			

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are requested for:

John Sullens (pneumonia), **Jerry** Hutchison (healing), **Lillian** Renninger (stroke), **Ginny** Barker (cancer), **Jeff** Mark (cancer), **Nathan** Rehm (hearing), **Shirley** Fetter (health), **Gary** Zimmerman (health), **Vera** Skender (cancer), **Bernie** Caldwell (skin cancer), and **Tyler** King.

Altar Flowers

November 6 Dan & Kim Hostetler
 November 13 Duane & Robin Eggeman
 November 20 Steve & Nancy Carr
 November 27 Dave & Lorinda Wolbaugh



Jerry Meitzler



Mark & Lyn Miller

St. Paul Council Meeting October 10, 2011

All members present.

Devotions were led by Pat C.

9/12/11 minutes were corrected: \$100 to the Wayne United Chaplain Ministries from the Benevolence-other fund; spelling corrections: Chaplain & Pastor Jordan's name. Accept corrected minutes: M/S/P Mark/Marcia

10/2/11 were corrected: Pastor Kristy Buyok. Accept corrected minutes: M/S/P Bob/Larry

Treasurer's report was approved as reported by Nancy C. M/S/P Sylvia/Bob

Budget committee was selected: Nancy C., Pat C., Pastor Pam, & possibly a 4th person.

Pastor Buyok had a couple of questions concerning the compensation package offered to her. Pat C. & Pastor Pam will be checking on the answers.

A Mutual Ministry Committee will be selected at the congregational meeting in Nov.

Pastor's report was reviewed. We will be hosting the Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 20th at 7PM

Congregational meeting will be November 16th @ 7PM, with no potluck.

Worship/music committee reported the choir program will be December 17th.

Dan H. reported on his work on the archives.

Three council positions will be vacant at the end this term; which means at the congregational meeting in November, a vote will be taken to replace them.

Motion made to take a special offering this Sunday, Oct. 16th for Katie Chambers who is going on a mission trip to Vietnam with a group called Project Vietnam Foundation. This group hopes to improve the health/healthcare of the people of this region. Katie will be working with the physical therapist.

Respectfully submitted in Christ's name, Kathy Meitzler, secretary

Next meeting: November 14th

Devotions: Holly

Treasurer's Report September 1 – 30, 2011

Current fund income for September was \$ 12,992.00. We collected \$ 2,321.00 less than our budgeted amount of \$ 15,688.00. Total giving was \$14,064.89. Bills paid totaled \$ 14,012.01. The Empty Nester's Bucks for Bikes collected \$ 676.89 plus \$ 200.00 from Thrivent for a total of \$ 876.89 going to People to People.

Year-to-Date Income vs. Budget






	Amount Received	Amount Budgeted	Actual Expenses
Current Account	\$ 128,665.95	\$129,753.76	
Total received including "designated gifts"	\$ 146,368.83		\$110,454.60

In His Name,

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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This calendar and the "Serving Christ" list on the other side is designed so that it can be detached from the newsletter and placed in a convenient place for your usefulness.

		1  6:30-8p Adult Bible Study @ Church	2 9:00 a Project Day 5:30-6:30p Meal 5:45-6:10p Choir Chime Choir 6:30-6:55p Junior Choir 6:30-7:00p Cherub Choir 7:00-8:00p Senior Choir 8:00-9:00p Celebration Ringers			5  5:25p Band Practice 6:30p Worship
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