



People to People weekend is September 24 & 25. As summer winds down, keep the Christmas toy project in mind. Quality, clean, used toys that you can find in your attic or garage sales are welcome. Maybe you could pick up a new toy when you shop. Ideas for older kids are sports hats, shirts, sleeping bags, hot wheels, lego sets, etc. Books for teen readers are needed as well as batteries, contact paper, and magic erasers. Food items we will focus on this month are canned fruit, applesauce, syrup, complete pancake mix, pork & beans, noodles, and crackers. Items will be delivered on September 27. Thank you so much for your support of this much-needed ministry.



We are updating our college addresses for care packages. Please give your student's address to Ruth Peterman (669-2118) or Shae in the church office as soon as possible.

Empty Nesters will have their annual weenie roast at Mapledale on Saturday, September 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Hot dogs, s'mores, and beverages will be provided. Bring your lawn chairs and a simple food to share – something that doesn't require silverware! Please RSVP to Lyn Miller at 330-669-3704.



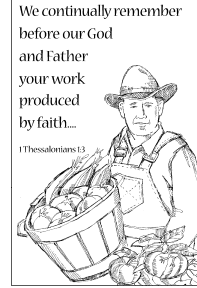
September is Blanket Month (not just one Sunday as in other years). The nights are starting to get cooler. Please help keep someone warm by donating a new or gently used, clean blanket for People to People, Lutheran World Relief, or Mountain Vision.

On Sunday, September 4th we will host a reception for Brian and Rachel Miller to thank Brian for his five + years of walking with our youth and wish him God-speed as he seeks new adventures. The reception will be after worship. While he is ending his service as youth director, he will continue as Saturday evening musician.



14th Biennial Convention of the NEOSWO of the ELCA
October 7-8, 2011

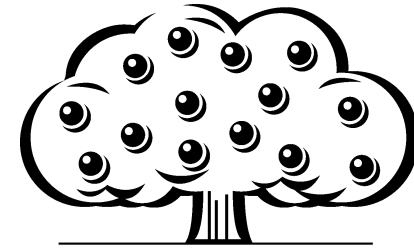
St. Paul Lutheran, Newcomerstown, OH
Theme: Make Straight Your Paths, Proverbs 3:6
The primary purpose of this convention is to conduct the business of the organization. Officers & cluster representatives will be elected. This is an opportunity for you to serve this organization & the women of NE Ohio. Make plans now to attend. Contact Kathy Meitzler, 669-3283.



September 2011

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH SMITHVILLE, OH

The Epistle



Yesterday the wind was blowing in the right direction so I heard the Twinsburg Marching Band get ready for their first game. Fall is close! School and harvesting begins and we at St. Paul have our annual stewardship emphasis. One of the joys of fall for many of us is apple picking and eating. Apples are a wonderful example of God's lavish plan for creation, including us. For our emphasis then, we will look at the life of an apple and our faith lives.

When Johnny Appleseed planted his apple trees around Ohio he was really on a stewardship mission. The law said that in order to claim and keep a piece of land settlers had to plant fifty apple trees to prove they were good stewards of the property. It was an act of faith and investment in the future. Johnny was planting the trees to give settlers coming after him a better chance of staying.

In the same way estimating our giving is an act of faith. When Johnny planted a tree he trusted the tree would help someone stay on the land. When we estimate our giving we are trusting that God will provide. This year we are trusting that God will provide a new pastor and our estimates will give us a rich soil to grow a church that is rich toward God. Look for our emphasis to begin September 3rd and 4th and end October 1st and 2nd.

The Johnny Appleseed song reminds us that, "The Lord is good to me and so I thank the Lord, for giving me the things I need, the sun and the rain and the apple seed." In thanksgiving for all of God's wonders and trusting God will provide, how much of your income is God calling you to give?

Pastor Pam

Students to Receive Bibles

Our third grade and new students will receive a new Bible during worship on September 18th. If you have a student who did not receive an invitation to this event and you want them to have a Bible, please speak to Pastor Pam before September 11th.



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Interim Pastor Pamela Kelly
SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 6:30 P.M.
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 9:30 A.M.



I am writing this in the middle of August, which means that school is right around the corner and summer is coming to a close. It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating Memorial Day, graduations, and the end of the school year. I guess time flies when you're having fun...and I hope you all have had a fun and wonderful summer.

Now it is time to start planning on having an equally fun and wonderful fall and I am hoping that many of you will include joining or rejoining one of the six choirs at St. Paul's in your plans. It doesn't matter if you have been in a choir for many years or if this is your first time. We want to ring and sing joyful songs to God with you!

Our 2011-2012 choir season begins on Wednesday, September 21st, with rehearsal times as follows:

- Choir chime Choir (grades 2-12) 5:45-6:10p.m.
- Cherub Choir (ages 3-grade 2) 6:30-7:00p.m. (Directed by Lorinda Wolbaugh)
- Junior Choir (grades 3-8) 6:30-6:55p.m.
- Senior Choir 7:00-8:00p.m.
- Celebration Ringers 8:00-9:00p.m.
- H.S. Choir 10:30a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays beginning 9/25.

Dinner will be served each Wednesday during the choir season between 5:30-6:30p.m. and EVERYONE is welcome whether you are in a choir or not!

I hope this is the year you will find an hour or two in your busy schedule and join us as we lift our voices and instruments in joyful songs to God! If you have any questions, please call me at 330-669-2111 or see me at church. I look forward to seeing many of you in choir!

Singing praises to God,
Holly Boreman

Treasurer's Report
July 1 – 31, 2011

Total income for the month of July was \$17,835.65. The budgeted funds need \$15,688.00 and we received \$15,268.10 toward those expenses. Bills paid totaled \$8,821.84.

Year-to-Date Income vs. Budget

	Amount Received	Amount Budgeted	Actual Expenses
Current Account	\$104,816.06	\$100,919.60	
Total received including "designated gifts"	\$119,043.05		\$87,715.91

In His Name,
Nancy Carr, Treasurer

9/4	Rick Blough	9/17	Duane & Barb Marty
9/5	Sharon Shehy	9/19	Rachel Eggeman
9/6	Jason & Lesley Mast	9/23	Alexis Karlen
9/7	Sandy Allen	9/24	Ashlyn Brookover
9/9	Jerry Hamilton	9/26	Nicholas Rehm
9/9	Tim & Pat Chambers	9/28	Hazelyn Smith
9/11	Virginia Koucky	9/29	Kathy Davenport
9/13	Paul Thornton		



Morning after the event . . . I'm still amazed, pleased, thrilled and dreaming of ... Well, dreaming is good for right now. I thought I would never do another play. Don was always my helper, supporter, and builder of sets. St. Paul members took over and helped in so many ways. I didn't have to ask, they just stepped forward. Some even told me what they would do and said they were willing to do most anything. How wonderful is that! My thanks to all those who helped, all who came and supported the Red Cross, and all the young people who performed. We raised almost \$900.00. Not too bad at all. Also, I just want to add: Pastor Pam was wonderful and I loved her story. She was so willing to be M.C. if Paul didn't make it. She was so calm (which always makes a nervous person like me, calm down), and she was very supportive. Pastor Paul made it and he was great. Sincerely, Donna Fetzer

Please accept my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your generous donation of \$200 to People to People Ministries. August is a critical time for us, with our "Back to School" program in full swing. We helped over 800 children get ready for school in Wayne County last year. We are continuing to see many families laid off from work needing help with food and financial assistance. We are stretching our dollars to meet as many needs as possible. Your donation will help to see those needs are met. Sincerely, Lydia Stahl



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Serving Christ on Saturday Evenings in September

	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
<u>Worship Leader:</u>	Pastor Pam	Brian Miller	Brian Miller	Brian Miller
<u>Reader:</u>	Ruth Ann Linder	Lyn Miller	Hans Kwee	Mark Spademan
<u>Greeter/Usher:</u>	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED
<u>Nursery:</u>	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED
<u>Refreshments:</u>	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	NEEDED			
<u>Communion Set Up & Clean Up:</u>	NEEDED			

Serving Christ on Sunday Mornings in September

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
<u>Lay Reader:</u>	Brian Miller	Lyn Miller	Tom Boreman	Stephanie Carmean
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Ethan Mann	Skylar Brookover	Sarah Boreman	Lexi Melvin
<u>Nursery:</u>	Lyn Miller		Madeline Boreman	Lorinda Wolbaugh
<u>Greeters/Ushers:</u>	J. & K. Meitzler	Gary Graham Duane Eggeman	R. & B. Raff	Mary Lou Diehl Brian Miller
<u>Communion Assistant:</u>	Pat Chambers			
<u>Altar Care:</u>	Jerry & Kathy Meitzler			
<u>Bread Baker:</u>	Lesley Mast			

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are requested for:

The Family of **Dave Evans**, **Jerry Hutchison** (healing), **Lillian Renninger** (stroke), **Libby Wagner** (undiagnosed muscle pain), **Ginny Barker** (cancer), **Jeff Mark** (cancer), **Nathan Rehm** (hearing), **Shirley Fetter** (health), **Gary Zimmerman** (health), **Vera Skender** (cancer), **Bernie Caldwell** (skin cancer), **Jennifer Keller** (Kathy Meitzler's sister-in-law in hospice care), and **Tyler King**.

Altar Flowers

September 4	Jason & Lesley Mast
September 11	Tim & Pat Chambers
September 18	Sylvia Wheeler
September 25	Chad & Adrienne Karlen


 Dempsey Root


 Pat Schorle

St. Paul Council Meeting
August 8, 2011

All members present.

Devotions were led by Larry A.

Minutes of July 11, 2011 were approved as written. M/S/P Holly/Bob

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

Tom Boreman reported from the Call Committee. They will be interviewing a 3rd candidate in a couple of weeks. The committee will then decide on a recommendation of one candidate or none to council.

Pastor's report was reviewed. The Variety Show will be Aug. 14th. A list of members we haven't seen in awhile was reviewed. Sunday school begins September 18th & there will be an adult class. The new envelopes will have an envelope designated for Building Maintenance Fund canceling out the A/V Fund envelope.

Brian Miller, Youth Director, submitted his letter of resignation. A reception in his honor will be held at a later date.

Motion to accept Brian's resignation. M/S/P Mark/Bob

Old business: Dan H. is working on the archives of this church.

New business: Wednesday night dinners will continue. The church will support Susan Brookover's 1st grade class with supplies. The ice cream social will be held in Sept. with the Empty Nesters hosting it.

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

Next meeting is September 12th

Devotions: Mark M.

What is mission? Who is our neighbor? How might we be a part of what God is doing both globally and locally? The ELCA Glocal Mission Event will lead participants to discuss those questions and more. The "Glocal" Event will be at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus on November 11-12, 2011. (Worship at these events is always wonderful). If you would like to go, please see Pastor Pam.

Dear Pastor Pam and St. Paul congregation,
Thank you so much for "adopting" my 1st grade classroom this year. Our communities have been changing through the years and we have more students and families needing help to meet day-to-day challenges of providing supplies and snacks for school. Your help is a blessing to these families and our school as we work to prepare children for the future. I have listed examples of items needed throughout the year in our classroom:

Healthy snacks (pretzels and crackers are fine, but try to stay away from sweets), Ziplock bags of various sizes, School supplies, Antibacterial wipes, Kleenex, Juice boxes, Small bottles of water or refillable water bottles

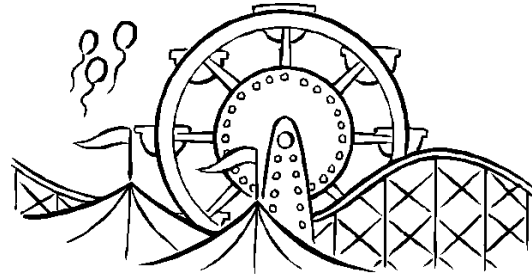
Thanks again for your willingness to help those in need.

Susan Brookover
Marshallville Elementary

The annual ice cream social will be held on Sunday, September 25 from 5-6:30 p.m. Money collected will be used to purchase bikes for the People to People Christmas Project. If you have a good used bike you would like to donate, please see Lyn Miller.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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September

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	2	3 5:25p Band Practice 6:30p Worship 6:30p Empty Nesters @ Mapledale 
4 9:30a Worship 10:45a Reception for Brian & Rachel Miller	5 	6 6:30-8p Adult Bible Study @ Church	7 9:00 a Project Day	8	9	10 5:25p Band Practice 6:30p Worship
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