

MAY 2019

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Olean, Indiana

"The Church with the Glad Heart and Hand"

"Faithful to Our Lord through Changing Times" – Our Mission Statement

"Growing in Faith, Sowing the Love of Jesus" – Our Purpose Statement

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Dear Friends,

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! May the one holy catholic and apostolic church unite as one and celebrate!

Unfortunately, it is not that simple. There are deep divisions within the Church. Arguments over the centuries have led to many different traditions within the Church. These arguments have led to labels such as Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian, Church of Christ, Charismatic, Orthodox, Pentecostal, and others. And there are many divisions underneath each of these labels as well. We may proclaim that we are a part of the united Church, but this union is difficult to see when we are surrounded by these labels and divisions.

So how can we see unity within the Church? One way we can see it is within the ELCA's full communion agreements. As a denomination, we have declared that the theological differences between the ELCA and the United Methodist Church, the Episcopal Church, the Reformed Church, the Moravian Church, and the Presbyterian Church – USA are not church-dividing issues. We can share our pulpits and our altars, trusting that leaders from these denominations will properly proclaim the Word and properly administer the sacraments.

We also see unity within the Church through our companion synod and domestic partner synod relationships. As the ELCA Indiana-Kentucky Synod, we work with the Huria Kristen Batak Protestan (HKBP) of Indonesia, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile (IELCH), and the ELCA West Virginia – Western Maryland Synod, sharing the joys and challenges of ministry with one another. We walk together on our ministry journeys, sharing what we learn and learning from the experiences of others.

And we see unity as local congregations gather together for shared times of worship and prayer. On Thursday, May 2nd, we will gather at Versailles Town Square to observe and participate in the National Day of Prayer. If you join us at 12:00 pm, you can leave with a free hot dog lunch; if you join us at 6:00 pm, you will find a prayer gathering that welcomes the presence and participation of children. I invite you to join me at one or both of these observances of the National Day of Prayer.

Baptismal Birthdays

18 Bodie Mosby

Senior Birthdays

2 Jim Hyatt

5 Don Eades

13 Mary Ensminger

23 Pat Ralston

28 Mary Ann Geisler

31 Barb Eades

31 Larry Ambrecht

Through these things, we can see the Church united as one. We may not be exactly the same, but we are united together because, through the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, we are united with Jesus, who draws all Christians into the one Body of Christ.

Pastor Curtis

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL OFFERING

The Sunday School Special Offering for the second quarter of 2019 (April thru June) will go to South Ripley Ministerial Association.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 7-11, 2019

Who is My Neighbor?

VBS 2019

Mark your calendar for July 7-11 for VBS 2019. We will explore “Who is My Neighbor?”.

Want to be a part of the fun? It takes lots of volunteers to make a week of VBS happen. See Teresa Lawrence after Worship, or email her (teresa_ll@hotmail.com), or facebook her, or message her or call/text her (812 621-0320) and let her know how you would like to be involved.

You’re a VBS student if you are age 1 through going into the sixth grade. If you have completed the sixth grade, you may be a member of the VBS staff. You never become too old to help with VBS!

“BACK DOOR FRIENDS OF FAITH”

Donations for “Back Door Friends of Faith” for May will be Paper Products. Items needed: Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, Paper Tissue (Kleenex, Puffs, etc.) and Trash Bags. The date for collection will be **Sunday, May 12**. Again, THANKS for your support of this special ministry sponsored by Tyson United Methodist Church. A big Thank You to all who donated items in April. This continues to be a great need. Items for June will be Cleaning Supplies.

Ruth Green, Coordinator

2019 FLOWER CHART

If you, or a group, would like to provide flowers in the Sanctuary for Worship Service, please sign you, or the group, up on the flower chart located in the educational building. If a Sunday remains unclaimed, someone will take care of that Sunday. Questions? See The Flower Chart Ladies – Becky Turner, Ashley Hunger, or Teresa Lawrence.

The 2019 flower chart is available on the bulletin board in the Education Room.

ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS

Need altar guild volunteers for most all Sundays throughout this coming year. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Education Building, or call the office 812-667-6989, Monday through Thursday during the hours of 9 to 12. The office is closed on Fridays.

BIRTHDAY

May 13 is Mary Ensminger’s birthday. Let’s shower her with cards! Her address is: Manderley Health Care Center, Room 103, 806 Buckeye St., Osgood, IN. 47037.

THANK YOU FROM THE BLOOS

We don't know how to express our appreciation to the congregation for your thoughts, prayers, gifts, and other expressions of love for our family. We never expected Andrew to arrive so early and unexpectedly, but as we discovered –again-life is what happens when you are making other plans! We can't begin to thank everyone individually, but we do want to especially thank Pastor for his visit to the NICU and the Mulford family for the blessing of a peaceful place for our family to take respite. The Matt's Mission cards truly touched our hearts, for many reasons, and made our journey from Louisville to home and back again much easier. Our Amazing Andy is home, growing like a real boy, and looking forward to adventures in the wide wide world! Thank you, *Lindsay, Casey and Andy Bloos*

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Luke Smith: 8166 Madrone Court, Indianapolis, IN. 46236. He is undergoing his cancer treatments in Indy. - *Birthday January 20 (He has retired from the service.)*

Jacob Menchhofer and his wife, Erin, daughters Ella, Ava, and Willow: 40 Red Feather Trails, Wakefield, RI 02879-2044 *Jacob's Birthday: January 24, Erin's Birthday: August 7, Ella's & Ava's birthday, March 18, 2016, Willow's birthday February 9, 2019.*

Col. Whit Wright and family: 1 Couchman Street, Fort Bragg, N.C. 28307

Adam Thieman, son of Randy and Rhonda Thieman, in Alaska.

James Bardine, brother of Mandy Black, at Robins AFB, GA

Tristan Ralston, grandson of Pat Ralston, in Okinawa, Japan.

Mike Harris, in N.C.

David Black (Pastor's brother) now back in the states.

CONDOLENCES

Our Christian Sympathy to Tim and Kris Wood and family on the recent passing of Tim's grandfather, Everett Wood.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to J. J. Mutz, who celebrated his first communion Maundy Thursday, April 18, during worship service.

SENIOR QUILT PRESENTATION

MAY 19, 2019

2019 marks the 10th anniversary of presenting quilts to our graduating seniors. The first quilts were presented in 2009 to Curtis Althoff, Cody Geisler, Ashley Hunger and Laura Rohrig. This year presentations will be made to John Back, Rylie Gardner, and Maycen Liming. A total of 42 quilts have been made and presented since 2009. All the quilts are labeled with the recipient's name, date and this message: *The Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9*

Your loving family from St Paul Lutheran Church, Olean

Remember to keep all our graduates in your prayers as they embark on their future endeavors.

John and Maycen will be graduating from South Ripley High School.

Rylie will be graduating from Batesville High School.

RELAY FOR LIFE – SPAGHETTI DINNER

MAY 5, 2019

The Relay for Life Spaghetti dinner will be held following service on **Sunday, May 5th** The dinner is sponsored by Thrivent Financial and all donations will benefit Relay for Life of Ripley County.

THANK YOU

*Thanks to Makenzie Black and Carlie Darnold for playing their trumpets at both services Easter morning.

*Thanks to the young people and their sponsors and all others who helped, serve us a delicious breakfast Easter morning between Sunrise Service and the second service.

*Thanks to everyone who has helped with the making of blankets this past winter and spring. A special thanks to Larry and Esther Hunger for all the extra work they do ahead of time.

*We would like to thank all of those in our Olean family who donated to the Darla Jacobs Memorial Scholarship Fund. Also, thank you to all who participated in the 5K memorial run/walk and to those who volunteered with the event. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated. May God bless each of you and continue to bless this congregation. *Sincerely, Alethea, Debbie, Denise, and Dee Ann.*

*Thanks to the Jeffries family for putting up the cross in the sanctuary and arranging the Easter Flowers.

*Thanks to all who donated the Spring Flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter Morning.

RELAY FOR LIFE

JUNE 15-16, 2019

Relay for Life will be held at the Batesville High School track June 15-16. The event will run from 9 am to 1 am. Please note the location change and the time change. The opening ceremony will begin at 9 am followed by the Survivor Lap, Caregiver Lap and Team Lap. In the evening, at 9 pm, we will ask all our dedicated walkers & runners to join us for the Awards & Luminaria Service.

Nominees for the Compassion Award, Courage Award and Mary Margaret Moorhead Volunteer Award are due by May 17. Forms are available in the Relay for Life bin by the church office. Honor someone you think is deserving. It can be a team member, family member, friend or anyone.

Luminarias may be purchased for \$5, remembering our loved ones and all the reasons we Relay

To register go to... www.relayforlife.org/ripleycountyin

Make plans to join us for a fun filled day. Information for all events will be available in the Relay for Life bin by the church office.



The Ladies Spring Banquet will be held at downtown Madison at the Golden Fox, on May 7, starting at 6:30 p.m. They will be doing pottery and some other things. Refreshments will be provided. More too come on Facebook or in Sunday's bulletin. Any questions call the church office at 812-667-6989 between 9 and 12. Office is closed on Fridays. There will be a sign-p sheet on the bulletin board and more information.

After Worship on March 17, 2019, the following met: Marie White, Linda Cutter, Joan Rohrig, David Lawrence, Bob Hunger, Pastor Black, and Peggy Mix. The meeting opened with devotions offered by Linda Cutter.

The secretary's report had been sent to members by email. The minutes were approved as presented. The treasurer's report was presented since Ed was not able to attend. Joan found a \$500 grant that has not shown up for her. Other than that, her numbers agreed with Ed's. On Ed's report, the grant was included and marked as "RRCF Grant." That needs to be changed to "RCCF Grant." The report was approved with those two changes. The following funds have the balances listed:

Church General	\$3,171.65	Cont. Education	\$ -174.03	Improvement	\$27,652.17
RCCF Grant	\$500.00	Music	\$2,316.33	Relay for Life	\$1,413.00
Luther League	\$6,849.88	Playground	\$5,423.23	Camp Fees	\$125.00
Preservation	\$903.00	God's Work	\$3,541.56	Vinup Trust	\$5,251.36
Bible School	\$644.94	Trust	\$ 0		

The financial secretary's report was approved as presented.

Old Business

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 20. Marie asked if the additional families have been invited. Pastor said that Deanna and the Youth Group are making plans for that. Marie asked for confirmation to be sent to council members.

David will check with Deanna about where the Lenten and Easter donations will be going. He will let us know this week if she has decided on where the offerings will be directed.

WELCA has decided to purchase a new washer and dryer set for the parsonage.

Bob reported that the Mutual Ministry Committee is being organized. Of the people asked to join so far, one has agreed; one has declined; one is undecided yet. Members so far have met and agreed that this should be an evaluative body to look at events after they've happened. They will assess how successful these were and where those events can lead.

The Grounds Committee needs to meet soon to settle flooring issues. The Get Dry company has given a quote that includes fixing the outside drainage for \$17,000. A plan needs to be developed, so the committee will meet Tuesday evening at 5:30.

Halcomb's has sent a bill for the flooring. The motion was made to pay half of it now before the project is finished. The motion passed.

The issue with the Church Windows program has not yet been resolved. In order to use the online version, a credit card is required for the payments to be made. Members questioned if electronic checks would work as well. Joan will check with the Friendship State Bank about opening a card through them and keeping a small balance on it to keep from members carrying balances on their own accounts until they can be reimbursed. Pastor will check on the options in the ELCA credit union. This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

David Lawrence and Linda Cutter will be our representatives at today's synod meeting here at Olean.

New Business

The mowing jobs need quotes. David will check with Matt West about whom to contact. If he cannot give any leads, David will call Trader to see who bought his business. The quotes need to be in by April 14th.

The next Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for April 28th. That is also the date for Rogation Sunday, the mortgage burning, and a 5K walk/run to raise money for Darla Jacobs's scholarship. Normally, a meal is planned for Rogation Sunday. This year to make room for all these events, no meal will be planned.

To plan for the God's Work, Our Hands project, next year's seniors at South Ripley will be asked if they

are planning a service project that might use our support. The committee will meet Tuesday, April 2nd at 5:30. A notice will be going into next month's newsletter to ask for help with planning a project. Pastor gave more information about the speakers who will be presenting during Lenten services. The speakers coming in are members of organizations who will share what the organization is about and how they are active in the community. On the final week, Pastor will ask us to evaluate how the speakers have impacted us.

Marie noted that a TV for downstairs needs to be purchased before VBS, which is tentatively scheduled to start July 6th. David is pricing TVs at Walmart and at Best Buy. A wall-mount one for around \$300 is what is deemed most appropriate. A separate DVD player will probably work better than a TV that has a built-in player.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, *Peggy Mix, Secretary*

MARCH 24, 2019

After Worship on March 24th, Council met to discuss a few items. Attending were Marie White, David Lawrence, Linda Cutter, Bob Hunger, John Stegemoller, and Peggy Mix.

Old Business

The cemetery issue about aligning temporary headstones was discussed. Council agreed, according to the verbal agreement between the purchaser of the plots in questions and John, that two headstones were temporarily set until the final family member has died. If the family insists that they be moved now, they will be responsible for the additional costs. Marie will set up a meeting this week for those involved.

Council also agreed to allow Danny Geisler to proceed with using cameras to check on the water pipes.

New Business

The water heater in the parsonage is not working. Bob will check on it. If it needs a new heating element, Marie may have one already that can be used.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, *Peggy Mix, Secretary*

THE SPRING FLOWERS THAT GRACE OUR SANCTUARY EASTER MORNING HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD, AND .

IN HONOR OF:

Our Family *by* Esther Geisler

Irma Obendorf Rohls and Phyllis Obendorf Armbrecht *by* Ellen Mulford

My Godmother, Ellen Mulford *by* Becky Turner

Ed and Phyllis Armbrecht *by* Becky, Derek and Chad Turner

Our Grandmother, Irma Rohls *by* Becky, Derek and Chad Turner

Our Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren *by* Jim and Patsy Hyatt

My Family *by* Alethea Jacobs

Our Loving Family and our loving Church Family *by* David and Vicki Diem

Our Family *by* Paul and Cheryl Obendorf

Our Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren *by* Ernest Lee and Kaye Hunger

My Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren *by* Martha Jean Jarvis

IN THANKFULNESS FOR:

Our Family *by Don and Barb Eades*
God's Many Blessings *by Carroll and Joan Rohrig*
God's Many Blessings *by Dennis and Peggy Mix*
Quintin and All of Our Time Together as a Party of 5 *by Mark, Deanna, Susanna, and Victoria Thomas*
God's Many Blessings *by Mike and Christy Swango*
My Many Blessings *by Alethea Jacobs*
Eleanor J. Ehlers *by Bob and Peg Ehlers*
My Wonderful Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren *by Jerry Webster*
My Kids and Grandkids *by Karol Mathis*
My Children and Grandsons *by Martha Blodgett*
The Power of Prayer and Little/Big Miracles *by Paul and Cheryll Obendorf*
Our Church Family and Friends *by Ernest Lee and Kaye Hunger*
Our Grandson Quintin Thomas *by David and Vicki Diem*
My Kids, Kaye Ann, Kevin, Jeff, Missy, Chris, Shelley, David, Gwen and Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren *by Katie Werner*

IN MEMORY OF

Mom and Dad *by Brenda, Ellen, Kenny, Gary and Families*
Glenn Cutter, Howard & Emma Cutter, Fred & Alice Armstrong, Fred & Agnes Cutter, Anna Danner, and Carl & Emma Schuerich *by Linda Cutter*
Dorothy West *by Shirley Mingee and Larry West*
Greg and Candy Wehr *by Dawn Wehr*
My Father Plug Jarvis and Aunt Pooch Jarvis *by Karol Mathis*
Arnold Obendorf, Kenneth Obendorf, Bo Susnick, and Charlotte Susnick *by Ellen Mulford*
Roberta and Willard Hunger *by Becky Hunger*
Louis Sellers, Ervin and Alma Tielking *by Ruth Ann Sellers*
Darla Jacobs *by Pete, Kaitlyn, and Mackenzie*
My Uncles, Kenny Obendorf, Danny Armbrrecht, and Gary Armbrrecht *by Becky Turner*
Arnold "Shorty", Leonard, and Kenny *by Irma Rohls*
My Loving Husband Glenn and My Dear Darla *by Alethea*
R.C. and Alice McCoy *by Bob and Peg Ehlers*
Merrell Webster and Marie Werner *by Jerry Webster*
My Uncle Alan Eaton *by Karol Mathis*
Rick *by Martha Blodgett*
Cletus, Hattie, and Max Werner *by Martha Blodgett*
Chuck and Marie Konkle *by Martha Blodgett*
Matt Obendorf *by Paul and Cheryll Obendorf*
Our Families Who Have Left Us *by Ernest Lee and Kaye Hunger*
Duke Werner *by Katie Werner*
My Departed Family and Friends Whom I Really Miss *by Martha Jean Jarvis*