

JUNE 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,

Memorial Day weekend has come and gone, and school is no longer in session. Officially, summer does not begin until the summer solstice on June 21st. But for most of us, summer is already here. Many families plan time to travel away from home during the summer. That travel may take them 10, 100, or 1,000 miles away from home, but a trip of any length is an adventure for all.

We encourage you to take time to rest and relax this summer. If that includes time travelling away from Southeast Indiana, wonderful! Enjoy your trip! As you prepare, we also invite you to continue to practice your faith, worship, and prayer lives during your journeys. How can you do that? Here are a few easy things that you can do together this summer.

First, if you will be in another community on a summer Sunday, visit another congregation and join them for their worship service. You can quickly look up whether there is an ELCA congregation near you by using

<https://www.elca.org/tools/FindACongregation>. Or you can

participate in another Christian tradition or denomination is common in the area. By worshipping in another community, you can learn new faith practices and hear the Gospel proclaimed in a new voice.

Second, you can show everyone that you are taking Jesus with you on your journey by taking pictures with #FlatJesus. Similar to the beloved "Flat Stanley," Spark house offers five free templates for a "Flat Jesus" cutout. Check them out at <https://blog.wearesparkhouse.org/flat-jesus-coming>. Pick your favorite, print it out, color it how you would like, mount it on a popsicle stick, and you have a "Flat Jesus" to carry with you on your vacation. Be sure to include "Flat Jesus" in your photos and share them on your favorite social media platforms with the hashtag above!

Third, if you are driving, you can take a worship kit in the car. Designate an area where you can store a small Bible and a hymnal. Along the way, you can share favorite stories and sing favorite hymns. This is especially useful in areas where radio signals and cell phone signals fail!

Baptismal Birthdays

3 Grady Mosby
25 Robert Geisler

Senior Birthdays

4 Ernest Lee Hunger
7 Brenda Armbrecht
15 Paul Jeffries
16 Irma Rohls (96)
25 Ed Armbrecht

Finally, as you prepare to leave, pray for your journey. If you are not sure what to say, you can use this tradition travel prayer from our hymnal (LBW page 167) which I have used as a sending prayer for several group journeys: “Lord God our Father, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the Wise Men to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us now in this time as we set out to travel, make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with your Son and the Holy Spirit, God forever. Amen.”

If you are travelling this summer, we hope you have a great journey away from home. Know that the Lord will be with you wherever you may go. We look forward to hearing your stories when you return.

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 face book 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!

Registration Forms are available at the Church.

FATHER’S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

JUNE 16, 2019

You are invited to bring a picture of your father to Worship on June 16. They will be placed on a table in the sanctuary and used as part of a Prayer Station on that day. If you have any questions, please contact Teresa or Linda Cutter.

“BACK DOOR FRIENDS OF FAITH”

Donations for “Back Door Friends of Faith” for June will be Cleaning Supplies. Items needed: Laundry Soap, Dryer Sheets, Fabric Softener, All Purpose Cleaner, Dish Detergent, and Toilet Cleaner. The date for collection will be **Sunday, June 9** 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 May. This continues to be a great need. Items for July will be Personal Products.

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 especially **July and August!** 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our High School graduates: Rylie Gardner from Batesville High, John Back and Maycen Liming from South Ripley High. Congratulations and Best Wishes on your future endeavors. May God Bless each one of you.

We also recognize Susanna Thomas, who received her Assoc. of Arts Degree from Gateway Community & Technical College in December 2018. She is on track to graduate in the Spring of 2020 from Mt. Joseph University with a Bachelor of Social Work.

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.

THANK YOU

* A **Big** thank you to the Church Council for the beautiful planter that was delivered to me for Professional Day. It was a nice surprise and greatly appreciated!

* Thanks to all who helped make the LWR blankets, delivered some of them, and donated material and batting. Without your help we would be unable to continue this worthwhile project.

* THANK YOU to all who contributed to the School Kit Funds. We collected \$100.00 which with articles left, we can use our funds for other projects. *Kaye Hunger Stewardship Secretary.*

* Dear Pastor Curtis and friends at St. Paul Lutheran Church, We count our blessings here at Safe Passage every single day and are so very grateful to count you among them. The impact of your contributions makes a very significant financial impact. Thank you for helping us fill in the gaps, your donations are making a significant difference, and we extremely grateful! The clients treasure the quilts. So very blessed, so very grateful! *Donna Huffmaster, Administrative Assistant*

* Thanks to Alyanna Lawrence for singing while we prayed using the prayer stations, Sunday May 12.

SMORGASBORD

St. John's Lutheran, Napoleon, smorgasbord will be held on June 6, serving from 4:30 to 7:00 P.M. Carry-outs available. Any questions call 812-852-4416.

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 Women of St. Paul were busy during the month of May celebrating the blessings of Mother's Day in various ways. On May 7th a group of approximately 15 ladies met at The Little Golden Fox in Madison. A wonderful meal was enjoyed and everyone had the opportunity to create one of a kind ceramic creations. We have many talented artists within our midst! Everything from bowls, Christmas trees, garden plaques, plated and even a cactus were 3 painted and later fired in the kiln and later delivered to Church for everyone to take home. Many, many thanks to Jenny Darnold for coordinating and planning this event.

On Mother's Day, May 12th, prayer stations were set up in our sanctuary and during the service everyone had the opportunity to participate in remembering our Mother's, our faith, and offering special prayer request. Again thanks to those who planned and prepared these activities. All ladies in attendance were also provided a potted geranium in honor of the day. All women have a special place in God's world and he has blessed us with the opportunities to serve him in many ways. Thanks to Linda Cutter for her coordination of the geraniums.

Plans are being made to provide similar recognitions to the Fathers and men in our congregation. It truly takes each and every one of us to carry out his plans.

The Quarterly meeting of the WELCA will meet on June 4th at 6:30. All women are encouraged to attend. Devotions will be given by Phyllis Armbrecht and she will also be the Hostess.

Christy Swango, President

Our count of LWR blankets made from October 2018 to October 2019 is 675. From these 75 went to Safe Passage at Batesville, 67 to Salvation Army in Madison, Guatemala 45, South Sudan 49, and Belize 20.

There were also 25 School kits made to be sent. Dedication of the blankets and school kits to be sent in September or October was on Sunday, May 26.

A big thank you to Larry and Esther Hunger for all the hard work they do in helping with the LWR blankets. They will deliver them plus the School Kits sometime this fall to Ohio. They put in many hours on this project to make it a success.

INVITATION

Dear Friends in Christ: You are invited to join us on June 9, 2019 to celebrate our 150th Anniversary, and to praise God for all the work He has done through the ministry of St. John Lutheran Church.

Our morning worship will begin at 10 a.m. with Bishop William O. Gafkjen presiding. A catered luncheon will be served at noon followed by an afternoon of fellowship with cake and homemade ice cream. There will be ample time to view historical pictures, other memorabilia, and to share your memories.

For more information see the bulletin board in the Education Building.

Church's address: St. John Lutheran Church, 4937 State Rt. 48, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025.

CHURCH COUNCIL

APRIL 14, 2019

On April 14, 2019, Church Council met after Worship. Those attending were Marie White, David Lawrence, Bob Hunger, Joan Rohrig, Pastor Black, and Peggy Mix. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Black.

The secretary's report was approved with a correction to the original title of the grant received from "RCCF" to "RRCF."

The financial secretary's report was presented.

The update to Church Windows has changed how to access some of the reports needed. When Cheryl Obendorf is available to check on the update, Joan plans to be there to learn how to use more of the functions.

The bill for the new flooring downstairs is still waiting to be paid. An anonymous \$2,000 donation has been made to help with the water damage that was not known when the original grant application was made. Another \$250 can be saved if the bill is paid in full. Council agreed to pay what is owed to Halcomb's. To proceed with the project, the camera scoping of the lines will probably be done this week. Until that is done, the rest of the project is tabled.

No treasurer's report was available. Joan knows about a resolution agreement available through the bank and will pick up the paperwork this week. Payments are being made. All agreed to help with matters as needed.

Old Business

The Constitution changes from synod have been shared. The points about Holy Communion need to be moved to "Continuing Resolutions" or could be removed since it does not need to be a by-law. Council recommends moving it to "Continuing Resolutions." This will be presented at April 28's Quarterly Meeting. Besides this issue, a flooring update will also be on the agenda for that meeting.

New Business

By next council meeting, a list of what needs to be cleaned up or repaired needs to be compiled. The list will be posted for those who may want to do those jobs themselves. Whatever is not finished by June 2nd will be scheduled.

Since Pastor will be at synod assembly on June 2nd and most supply pastors will be unavailable, Worship will be a Service of the Word, followed by the rest of the clean-up chores. A small pitch-in may also be arranged.

Marie requested permission to offer a small plant to each of the women of the church on Mothers' Day. Teresa Lawrence is setting up prayer stations, and the plants could be available at one of them. Council approved.

The mortgage burning and Rogation Sunday will all be at the end of the month. Those events will be kept simple to allow time for all events scheduled for that day.

Martha Jean Jarvis asked that someone check the microphones. Batteries are not lasting very long.

David Lawrence has received two mowing bids. The lower one was offered by Dylan Chandler (DC Turf Management). He made two bids--one on a weekly basis, the other on a monthly basis. According to David, that one will save approximately \$1,000 over the season. He also offered to pick up limbs and trim all the landscaping for another \$200. Besides those options, he bundles other services together. Those bundles include snow removal, pressure washing, landscaping, and parking lot spraying for weeds. David will check on pricing for those bundles.

Joan has picked up the paperwork for a credit card for the church. It is not needed for Church Windows because an electronic check has been accepted. It may also be mentioned at the Quarterly Meeting.

During Pastor's report, he asked for comments on the Lenten prayer services. Knowing that services may be changing could be mentioned before the changes start to help members feel more informed.

Pastor plans to use the "Now the Feast and Celebration" liturgy between Easter and Pentecost. After that, we will switch to Setting #5 in the *With One Voice* hymnal.

A female representative to synod assembly is still needed.

Another topic for future discussion is the program for our youth. They will be doing the Easter Egg Hunt and Easter breakfast for next weekend.

Pastor reported that his visits to McDonald's vary from week to week. He usually spends two hours on Wednesday afternoons there with an offer to pray for anyone who requests one. He has seen some staff members several times. On some days, many customers also participate.

Pastor requested that members spread the word about our Holy Week activities through personal Facebook pages or other methods.

Marie has reached out to the family involved with the cemetery issue. They have not yet responded. She is waiting to hear back from them.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19th.

The meeting closed with Pastor offering a prayer.

Respectfully submitted, *Peggy Mix, Secretary*