

JULY 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,

“Who is My Neighbor?”

This was the question before us during the 2019 ELCA Indiana Kentucky Synod Assembly. To help us reflect on this question, we first heard from the Revs. Tim and Sharon Taylor, two pastors currently serving congregations in North Carolina. They brought their experiences and stories as a mixed-race clergy couple to the assembly to help us think about and talk about our neighbors from different backgrounds and nations and what we can do to more fully welcome them within our communities. We also heard from the Rev. Mandy France, a pastor currently serving a congregation in Southwest Minnesota. She shared her story about her internship in rural Minnesota, her friendship with the local doctor who is a practicing Muslim, and the public forums they organized to dispel some of the myths around Islam and Muslims. She encouraged us to do the hard work of interfaith dialogue so that we can be good neighbors to those who practice other faiths.

This question of “who is my neighbor?” will also be our theme for this year’s VBS Week, which will take place on the evenings of Sunday, July 7th, through Thursday, July 11th. We will spend the week hearing the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25 – 37) in a new way so that we can put ourselves into the shoes of the people within the story. We will also hear stories of ministry taking place in different nations around the world as individuals and communities carry out their callings to be good neighbors to those around them. Throughout the week, we will learn how we can be good neighbors to those around us. We invite you to join us for this week of stories, learning, and fun, either as a participant (kids up through 6th grade) or as a volunteer.

The answer to the question of “who is my neighbor?” seems obvious, but our definition of “neighbor” extends beyond our homes and neighborhoods. The answer includes the people who live in the house next door, members of our family, and close friends. The answer also includes those who live in the neighborhoods and communities we have been told to never visit or enter, those who practice other faiths, those who come from different nations, and even our greatest enemies. The Lord calls us to be good neighbors to everyone, striving to see the image of Jesus within each person we meet. May the Holy Spirit lead us to those who need a good neighbor and reveal to us how we can be the good neighbor that they need.

Pastor Curtis

Baptismal Birthdays

17 Matthew Black
28 Bentley Roberts

Senior Birthdays

5 Bob Hurelbrink (92)
15 Esther Geisler (92)
17 Mary Westmeier
21 Patsy Hyatt
30 Sandra Howlett

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL OFFERING

The Sunday School Special Offering for the third quarter of 2019 (July thru September) will go to Ronald McDonald House in Cincinnati.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 7-11, 2019

Who is My Neighbor?

Join us for VBS July 7-11 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

There will be special skits, music with Mackenzie, games with Gary, story time with Pastor Curtis, crafts with Stephanie and Gracey, snacks with Linda C. and Vicki, preschool with Mary M. and Abby M., K-1st grade with Amy and Ellie, Crew 1 with Carrie T. and Rylie, pictures with Lydia, Sunday registration with Victoria and Alayna, and lots more.

We need more volunteers to make VBS happen!

Can't help VBS week? That's fine, make some phone calls. Send some emails. Invite your friends and neighbors to come to VBS. Especially invite your neighbors. We will be exploring "Who is My Neighbor?" as our theme for the week.

Closing program will be held during Worship on July 14.

Questions? 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 are never too old to have fun at VBS!

Registration Forms are available at the Church.

"BACK DOOR FRIENDS OF FAITH"

Donations for "Back Door Friends of Faith" for July will be Personal Items. Items needed: Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant, Baby Wipes, Diapers, Panty Liners, Depends, Feminine Products (Tampons, etc.), Bar Soap, Polident/Fixodent, and Tooth Paste. The date for collection will be **Sunday, July 14**. 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 June. This continues to be a great need. Items for August will be Paper 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 Sundays this coming year especially **August and November!** 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 Taylor and Laura 'Rohrig' Meyers on the birth of their daughter, Ella Mae, born June 5, 2019. Ella weighed 9lb. 3oz. and was 22in. long.

CONDOLENCES

Our Christian Sympathy to Ruth Ann Sellers and her family on the recent passing of her brother-in-law, Gerald Lee "Jerry" Sellers of Hanover.

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

Thanks to Rita Cassidy for filling in for Ellen Mulford on Sunday, June 2.

Thanks to the Church Council for conducting the worship service on Sunday, June 2.

Thanks to Larry and Esther Hunger for spraying the roses, weeding the flower beds, and all of the other things they do around outside the church.

SMORGASBORD

St. John's Lutheran, Napoleon, smorgasbord will be held on July 11, serving from 4:30 to 7:00 P.M. Carry-outs available. Any questions call 812-852-4416.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

JULY 15-19, 2019

We will be serving lunches again this year for school age children at Pangburn Park, July 15-19. The lunches are served by local churches and organizations in the South Ripley School area, to provide food for needy children during the summer months when school is not in session.

Helpers are needed to help prepare and serve the lunches. I have not been notified of the time when the lunches will be served. If you can help, please call Linda Cutter@812-667-5588.



The St. Paul Women of the ELCA met for their general meeting on June 4, 2019 at 6:30 pm. President Christy Swango called the meeting to order by reading the purpose statement. Becky Turner gave a devotional reading of being "fearfully and wonderfully made" followed by prayer. Offering was collected. The minutes from the March 5, 2019 meeting were read and

approved with a correction being made to the balance in the senior quilt fund. The treasurer's report was read and approved. It was noted that CD #70318 came due and was rolled over for another two years with a rate of 1.57%. Balances as of June 1, 1019 are:

- General Fund	\$ 3,942.58	Kitchen Improvement Fund	\$ 6,358.45
- Matt's Mission Fund	\$ 608.66	Altar Flower Fund	\$ 165.00
- Health & School Kit Fund	\$ 100.00	Senior Quilt Fund	\$ 13.78
- Christmas Giving Fund	\$ 40.00		
- TOTAL FUNDS	\$11,228.47		

On Sunday, May 19, 2019, \$100 was received for the School Kits from special donation baskets. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to distribute \$150 from the General Fund to cover the additional expenses of the kits.

Three senior quilts were presented this year. There are seven seniors who will receive quilts next year. Most of the supplies have already been purchased for those quilts. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to allow for any additional items in order to complete the 2020 quilts.

A reminder was given that the 2020 Spring Cluster Meeting will be held at Olean.

The "Free the Girls" collection continues and will be turned in at the 2019 Biennial Convention in Indianapolis on September 13-14. Registration is \$150 per person plus the cost of the room. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay for the registration and hotel room for anyone who wishes to attend the convention.

There have been 14 Matt's Mission gas cards distributed so far in 2019. Barbara Eades reported that the balance at the Ripley County Community Foundation is \$12,616.16.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to purchase a \$500 gift card to JoAnn Fabrics to purchase batting for quilts.

Discussion was held about potentially buying mobile storage cabinets for the education building from the Kitchen Fund. These would be designed to hold roasters, chafing dishes, and paper goods...making it more convenient for dinners. The discussion was tabled until next meeting when pricing would be available.

Mary Westmeier's sale is June 29, 2019. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

The Christmas Giving Project will be discussed at the September meeting. Ideas will be welcomed.

The next general meeting will be held September 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm with Kaye Hunger serving as hostess and leading devotions.

With no further business to be conducted, the meeting was closed by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Hostess Becky Turner served light refreshments for those in attendance.

Respectfully submitted, *Becky A. Turner* (for Phyllis Armbrecht, Secretary)

Mary Circle will meet July 2nd at 6:30 P.M. Prayer, Devotions, and Bible Study will be given by Kaye Hunger. Hostess: Shirley Barth

Visiting Committee for July: Shirley Barth and Ruth Ann Sellers

CHURCH COUNCIL

MAY 19, 2019

Those attending the May meeting of St. Paul's Church Council were David Lawrence, Linda Cutter, Bob Hunger, Joan Rohrig, Pastor Black, Dorothea Goris, Jenny and Austin Darnold, and Peggy Mix. Dorothea presented a request to plant a tree in memory of Quintin Thomas during Bible School in the playground. Church Council agreed to the request.

Pastor opened the meeting by offering a prayer.

On behalf of the Luther League, Jenny and Austin Darnold told Council that Luther League will pay to replace the broken window in the garage. They would also like to provide a dedication rock by the tree donated for Quintin in the playground.

The secretary's report was approved as presented.

During the financial secretary's report, Joan provided her new e-mail address and offered to help with any of Ed's responsibilities. Although no treasurer's report was available, Joan reported that when she deposits money, the account balance given appears to be healthy. Her report was approved.

Pastor Black presented his report.

On June 2nd because of Synod Assembly, Worship will consist of popular hymns and a video of the Bishop's sermon which has already been distributed. Pastor offered to set up a laptop in the sanctuary to view the sermon, but needs a laptop. Joan offered to bring one.

During services next Sunday, members will be asked to contribute the hymns they would like to sing.

Matt West has agreed to be the congregation's representative at Synod Assembly. Pastor suggested that during the nominating committee's calls next fall, representatives for Assembly could also be requested.

On June 30th during Pastor's vacation, Jack Roegmer will lead Worship. He is a seminarian in Richmond, Indiana, and will soon go to the United Lutheran Seminary. This will not be a communion service.

Old Business

Danny Geisler is still working with Mike Holman on the drainage problem. Mike has directional equipment to look at the problem without tearing up the sidewalks.

A list of the clean-up jobs will be compiled and posted for people to check off as they finish them.

New Business

Because some members have obligations immediately after Worship, Ellen Mulford has requested that services end earlier. A possibility could be to record ending songs to play on days that this is necessary. Another option is that those who must leave, leave and someone could be arranged to finish the service. Knowing those Sundays ahead of time will help with making other arrangements.

Pastor brought parsonage issues to Council's attention:

- Something at the parsonage is beeping every few minutes. Pastor thinks it could be one of the garage door openers with a battery back-up that may be dying. David and Bob will look at it next Sunday before services.

- Another issue is replacing the carpet, which was mentioned during the call process. It is not needed immediately.

- The air conditioning unit seems to be working all right now. Pastor also suggested that if a sale could be found, the refrigerator and dishwasher are showing signs of needing replacement.

- A crack in the bathroom shower next to the master bedroom is allowing water to run down the outside of the pipe and drip into the unfinished part of the basement. That shower is not being used, but will eventually need to be fixed.

During July, we will continue to support the summer lunch program in Pangburn Park.

David stated that no formal resignation from Marie has been received. He will extend an invitation for her to return through e-mail. Council's next meeting will be on June 16th.

The meeting adjourned to a discussion of the book *Canoeing the Mountains* and ended by praying The Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, *Peggy Mix. Secretary*