

The Epistle

The Monthly Newsletter of Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

God’s Vision for Saint Paul is to:

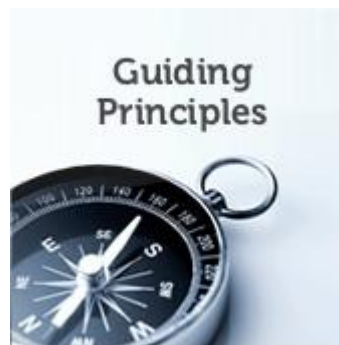
“Boldly Share God’s Word and Unconditional Love with All.”

We believe that God not only CALLS us to this ministry but EQUIPS AND GIFTS each and every one of us to answer that call. Join us as we **BOLDLY** move into the future!

Guiding Principles

We strive to be our best by:

- Growing spiritually as disciples of Jesus.
- Welcoming and accepting people where they are.
- Giving generously to be a part of God’s work.
- Caring genuinely for one another with the love of Christ.
- Serving joyfully as Jesus’ hands and feet in the world.
- Inviting others to join with us in the body of Christ.



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Worship and Fellowship Opportunities at Saint Paul:

Saturday - 5:15 p.m. - An informal, spoken service (no music). This is a casual and comfortable service.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m. - Traditional service with excellent music led by the pipe organ and the Senior Choir. On festival days the music is led by the popular Saint Paul Brass Quintet.

Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Coffee hour in the Welcome Center. Come join us for some drink, a cookie or two, and some great fellowship.

Sunday - 9:45 a.m. - Christian Education. The kids are on break for the summer but the adults have THREE classes running. Come join us!

Sunday - 10:45 a.m. - A contemporary and lively service of worship and praise, led by our Praise Band.

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. - A brief devotional service held after our Wednesday evening community dinner.





WOW! Some AMAZING times are coming. This past Sunday we revealed our new Vision Statement. At Saint Paul, we believe God’s vision for us is to:

Boldly Share God’s Word and Unconditional Love with All

What an amazing and exciting vision. This is the core of who we are and who we are to be. And even MORE amazing, God has given us all that we need to do what God is calling us to do!

This is what we heard last weekend in worship:

The point is that the church is not about church. It’s about living outside these walls. By the way we interact with people we can, and we will, be the aroma of Jesus. And people won’t just hear it, they’ll feel it. They’ll feel that their lives are not hopeless because you stink of hope!



One of the ways we are going to do this is by exploring our Guiding Principles. Each Sunday for the next six weeks we will explore our Guiding Principles:

- Growing spiritually as disciples of Jesus.
- Welcoming and accepting people where they are.
- Giving generously to be a part of God’s work.
- Caring genuinely for one another with the love of Christ.

- Serving joyfully as Jesus’ hands and feet in the world.
- Inviting others to join with us in the body of Christ.

So this is a special invitation to you. Come to worship each and every Sunday for the next six weeks. Begin the journey with us as we strive to be all that God is calling us to be. Each and every one of us has been gifted by God to answer God’s call. Come and see how God is doing some wonderful things at Saint Paul.



In Christ’s Name,

Pastor Rob Moore

**From Dr. Holly Hoffman
Diaconal Minister**



More About Change

It seems my last newsletter was inadvertently very well timed. Or was it the Holy Spirit and a bit of prophetic voice going on? Either way, change was the big theme at Synod Assembly this year.

Bishop Dunlop’s opening address set an excellent tone for examining change in a time of the church that he referred to as “The Great Unraveling” (watch it at www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNr4AkXvP9U). He lifted up 5 characteristics of churches that are thriving in spite of change:

Radical Hospitality - reaching out to those that we meet on the streets and in our lives every day

and inviting them to meet Jesus (but, hint hint, it may or may not have much to do with entering our church building.)

Passionate Worship - "If you don't feel like you're meeting Jesus Christ in your worship, then how can you convince anyone else to come to it?"

Intentional Faith Formation - reaching and teaching members of the church WHERE THEY ARE, not necessarily or only in our buildings ... internet, cell phones, in our homes, at work.

Risk-taking Mission - getting outside our comfort zone, going to places that make us nervous, to spread the Word... doing things that are scarily new or that seem like they might not work.

Extravagant Generosity - giving to others the way that God gives to us: "grapes don't come to feed the branches, they grow from the vine to feed others."

We also heard from John Roberto, an expert on faith formation, whose most memorable quotes for me were: "*If family is not central (to faith formation) then all other practices fall apart.*" and "*How do we get them back to church? Wrong question. How do we get them to see Jesus?*" He is a big proponent of Intergenerational faith formation.... grandparents teaching grandchildren, young adults mentoring youth, all ages serving others together, and a whole slew of other variations that I, too, love!

There were several times when Bishop Dunlop spoke that you could have heard a pin drop in auditorium: (www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogWCoyLEwSo)

"Some of the stories that we have from our past are limiting our movement in the future, particularly the story that says, "*one building, one pastor, we're a church.*" (This was paired with the news that our Synod faces 20 clergy retirements but only 3 new pastors coming in.)

"I suppose you've sent us a message when your support of the Synod declined 37% in a time when your own resources only declined 4% ... the message is that our shared ministry is not as valued as the buildings ... I'm not sure that's where Jesus is, but that's where we are."

He also got a lot of applause when he pointed out

that more youth ran for Synod Council than adults! Our youth are eager to serve, let's value them and let them lead into a future that they are much more connected to and part of than us "old folks".

His point is right on the mark. Church is NOT a building. It is the gathered followers of Christ, spreading his good news in the world. IN THE WORLD, not inside our own walls. The world around us has changed, dramatically. We CANNOT survive if we stay the same. The only constant we need is the one that we can be sure of: Jesus is the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow. We as church can change without fear, because God is with us!!

In Christ, Holly Hoffman, Diaconal Minister



MAN TALK—July 11

The Men of Saint Paul meet at 8:00 a.m. every second Saturday of the month at the Walnut Bottom Diner, 936 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle. Meetings are informal and we talk about topics ranging from sports to gardening to Carlisle's home rule. No reservations required. The next meeting is on Saturday, July 11.

Contact Joe Tomkiel at 717-440-3456 or joetomkiel@gmail.com for more information.

Young Adult Ministry

What is energy? In physics terminology, energy is a property of objects which can be transferred to other objects or converted into different forms, but cannot be created or destroyed.

I (Greg) have been very fond of the book *The Energy Bus*. My full time job at *WebpageFX* thrives off this book and every employee lives and dies by it every day. For those unfamiliar with this book (which many of you probably are), Jon Gordon, author, motivational speaker, and business leader, has stated that it is a book that “takes readers on an enlightening and inspiring ride that reveals ten secrets for approaching life and work with the kind of positive, forward thinking that leads to true accomplishment—at work and at home.”

In summary, “Everyone faces challenges. And every person, organization, company, and team has to overcome negativity and adversity to define themselves and create their success. No one goes through life untested and the answer to these tests is positive energy—the kind of positive energy that consists of the vision, trust, optimism, enthusiasm, purpose, and spirit that defines great leaders and their dreams.”

“For managers and team leaders or anyone looking to turn negative energy into positive achievement, *The Energy Bus* provides a powerful plan for overcoming common life and work obstacles and bringing out the best in yourself and your team. When you get on *The Energy Bus*, you'll enjoy the ride of your life.” – Jon Gordon, author of *The Energy Bus*.

St. Paul is in need of energy and we have been starting to plant the seeds. As we continue to evolve, you'll be hearing more from us on how we can support the vision of St. Paul using energy as our guide. We highly encourage you to pick up a copy of *The Energy Bus* and figure out how to be the driver of your bus today!



Over the course of the past few months, we have been tasked with the role of building relationships with a large group of the church that isn't always seen or heard – this would be the young adults and the young families both in and out of St. Paul.

Needless to say, it's been quite a challenging task because as many of you probably know, this group of people is ALWAYS busy. So, setting some time aside to develop faith fueled relationships can take a back seat. But let us tell you, this has been the most rewarding experience for us at St. Paul and many of these people and families are looking for deeper relationships not only with God, but also with

their fellow members at St. Paul.

Since taking on this role, we have implemented a program that provides support for young adults and young families during major transitions and/or milestones in their lives. Our team provides aid and support to those that may be moving, getting married, having children, and experiencing a loss or death in their family. Connecting with individuals on these levels lets them know that we care and they are important to us. This type of program is incredibly valuable and important for St. Paul because it ensures that a group of people that is largely left alone within a church is able to identify with others at the church and knows that people at St. Paul are thinking and praying for their respective families. It personalizes that connection greatly and is incredibly important to us as a group of people at church so that we have others for support. If you wish to be a part of this group, please feel free to contact us and find out how! We'd love for you to be able to build relationships with those that you may not even know!

Lastly, we highly encourage you to share your email address with Patti at St. Paul (churchoffice@stpaulcarlisle.org) so we can continue to update you and stay in touch.

Greg and Laura Guenther
Youth Adult Coordinators

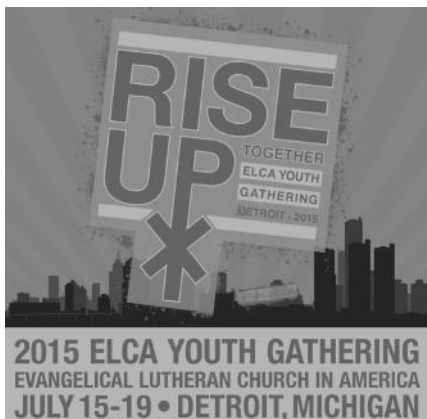


Saint Paul's youth group, known as BOLD, includes youth from grades 6 to 12. It meets from September to May on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A snack or dessert is served.

Parents are an important part of the Youth and Family Ministry at Saint Paul. Parents are asked to serve as a Parent Helper for each meeting.

Questions about Youth Ministry at Saint Paul? Contact our Youth and Family Minister **Moses Kavishe** at mosesrobson@yahoo.com.

Waiver and information sheets are found at www.stpaulcarlisle.org. Go to the "Ministries" tab and then to "Youth Group."



ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit

Our group leaves on Sunday, July 12th and returns Sunday, July 19th. Please keep our youth and youth leaders in your prayers as they journey on this unique and wonderful ministry event.



BOLD News

We officially are on our Summer Schedule. We will have either a meeting or an activity during the months of June, July, and August.

We will resume our regular schedule in September.



Youth Band

Moses is still looking for youth interested in joining the BOLD Youth Band. Everyone is welcome - musicians, singers, and dancers.

Don't play an instrument - that's okay. There is still a place for you. See Moses or email him at mosesrobson@yahoo.com.

Christian Education Opportunities at Saint Paul

CHRISTIAN
education

Sunday School Classes - 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Adult Class with Pastor Rob

It's hard to describe the Sunday class led by Pastor Rob. It is part presentation, part discussion, and part comedy routine. This class, which meets in Stock Hall, is currently studying other religions in the world, in the United States, and in our neighborhoods.



The Adult Hot Topics Class in Room 201

The next four weeks studies will include, *"God isn't finished with you yet, How much faith is enough"*, and *"Letting go and the Bible."*

The Augsburg Adult Class in Room 204

This class is studying the different books of the Bible.

Children's Sunday School

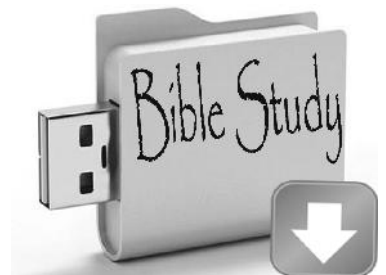
Children's Sunday School is on a break for the summer. They will resume regular classes on Sunday, August 23rd.

Tuesday Post-Prison Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

The Post-Prison Ministry Bible Study meets in Room 211 (across from the Nursery) every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday Mid-Week Bible Study - 1:00 p.m.

Pastor Rob and Pastor Carol lead a mid-week Bible Study on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in Room 201. We take an in-depth look at the upcoming Sunday lessons - and sometimes the group even influences the sermon for that week. Everyone is welcome to join this Bible study.





2015 Assembly Highlights Report

The 28th Annual Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly was held June 5 - 7, 2015, at Messiah College in Grantham, PA. The theme was “Hungry for the Word,” and everything from worship to Bible study to our keynote speaker to ministry moment videos reflected this theme. This year all business and worship was conducted in Parmer Hall of the High Center for Performing Arts. A pre-assembly educational event about rethinking faith formation took place Friday afternoon and was attended by more than 300 people, and 631 people attended the Assembly.

The Word In Song

Lutheran singer/songwriter Rachel Kurtz introduced her **new Blues Liturgy**, played a feature concert Saturday evening, and provided interlude music for the assembly plenary sessions. Lutherans were even seen dancing along with Rachel!

Sunday morning’s **closing worship and rite of ordination** featured *Of The Land & Seasons*, the revised liturgy of prayer and Holy Communion rooted in seasons of farm and orchard. Synod vocalists and musicians joined the composers, Dr. Stephen and Pr. Beth Folkemer, in sharing their musical gifts for this service. Sunday morning’s worship was livestreamed so that individuals and congregations could participate from other locations.

Inspired by God’s Word

Keynote presenter John Roberto both challenged and inspired us to rethink faith formation and to use all available technologies and tools to move beyond our walls to equip and engage families for daily discipleship and growth.

God’s Word in Sacred Conversation

The entire assembly entered into conversation about our future as the church in our Lower Susquehanna Synod to discuss and discern the ways in which we move forward together in mission and ministry in central Pennsylvania. Another highlight was a massively multi-player thumb wrestling game. If you missed the worship, conversation, learning, and fun this year, check out the videos archived on our YouTube channel or synod website. Then start making plans to join us in 2016.

Business Highlights

The Assembly adopted a resolution in support of legislation prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, and public services on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. The full text of the resolution is available on our synod web site.

Election Results

Vice President: Lucinda L. Bringman

Secretary: The Rev. Thomas E. McKee

Synod Council (clergy): The Rev. Beth A. Schlegel and The Rev. Jillian E. Riddle

Synod Council (lay female): Joyce E. Frigm and Christine C. Lowe

Synod Council (lay male): Jered L. Hock

Synod Council (youth): Zoe L. Clark

Board of Directors of Gettysburg Seminary (clergy): The Rev. Lisa M. Leber

Discipline Committee (clergy): The Rev. Caitlin M. Glass and The Rev. Alex Martini

Discipline Committee (lay): Ellen D. Doughty, diaconal minister and Dr. Marcus W. Thomsen
Voting Members of the 2016 Churchwide Assembly: Hailey E. Kuhn (youth at large); Rebekah A. Thomas (young adult at large); The Rev. Martine Joseph (person of color or whose primary language is other than English – clergy); The Rev. Clifton D. Eshbach and The Rev. Caitlin M. Glass (clergy at large); Holly C. Hoffman, MD, diaconal minister (lay female at large); Moses Robson Kavishe (lay male at large)

Assembly Offerings

Offerings at this year’s Assembly totaled \$6,089.70 and will be split equally for the Bishop’s Congregational Mission Fund, new congregations in the Konde Diocese (our companion synod), and ELCA new congregations as part of the Always Being Made New Campaign (ABMN). The offering from the Faith Formation Event is designated to our synod’s ABMN campaign to be used where needed most.

Interested in the Reimagining Faith Formation project?

The Lower Susquehanna Synod’s Center for Faith Formation, in partnership with John Roberto, is offering a Reimagining Faith Formation initiative to guide churches in creating a faith formation network for age groups and families in the church community. Participants will build a website for faith formation, learn how to use the new digital media and resources in faith formation, and develop skills for curating religious content and experiences for all generations. Interested? For questions and details email Deacon Marsha Roscoe at mroscoe@lss-elca.org.

Confirm your commitment by July 15, 2015.

Connect with our synod digitally.

Visit our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter using #LSS15. Check out more details, video clips and other resources on our synod’s web site: www.lss-elca.org.

ZUMBA CLASS

Zumba classes meet every Monday night in Stock Hall. The cost for each class is only \$5.00. The classes will continue each Monday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise announced. Don’t worry if you think you cannot dance or keep up. We all move at our own pace according to what our individual bodies allow. The music is great and motivates you to move! Dress in comfortable clothing for activity. All ages can benefit and have fun with Zumba!

Babysitting is provided by Matt Myers and Greg Guenther for a charge of only \$1.00, which will be donated to the church. Come and join the fun!



Many Voices. One Heart.

Blogs from Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries

June 8, 2015

[Living with Alzheimer's ... Some Bonds Just Can't Be Broken](#)

Alzheimer's disease is a brain disorder that progressively harms and ultimately destroys brain cells, leading to memory loss and changes in thinking and other brain functions.

People are at the greatest risk of developing Alzheimer's disease if they are more than 85 years of age; they may have a reduced risk of developing memory loss-related diseases if they maintain a healthy lifestyle throughout their lives, according to the National Alzheimer's Association. Because people experience Alzheimer's disease differently with varying symptoms, it is important that a doctor provide the diagnosis. Symptoms generally include the loss of problem-solving ability, impaired judgment, and loss of short-term memory.

Alzheimer's disease occurs gradually. In fact, after a diagnosis is made, family members often say they believe they should have "seen it coming." As families learn to deal with a loved one's Alzheimer's diagnosis, they must become aware of the reality they face—the disease gets progressively worse and families should make plans to handle that decline.

There are, however, many resources available including a number of excellent books. The best suggestions take into consideration each family's unique situation.

In this blog post, Aggie Llewellyn, Ed.D., MSN, writes about her father, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. He is currently a resident of a [Diakon senior living community](#).

My dad is a typical man of his generation. He was from an immigrant family of thirteen. He was raised on a farm in a small western Maryland community. At the age of eighteen, he was drafted and served in the Army during WWII. During his deployment, he was in combat in the Battle of the Bulge, Normandy and took part in the liberation of the Dachau prison camp. Upon his return to the United States, he married, completed his education in Chicago as an electrician and worked for more than 40 years, never missing a day of work. He was married for 48 years until my mother passed away; after her death, he stayed active and continued to volunteer in the community as a repairman, restoring old cars, and helping anyone who needed assistance. His life centered on family, faith and his volunteer work. In fact, he is the oldest firefighter in his local community.

I try to support my dad just by being with him as much as possible. He now needs me to manage his home, finances, and medical care. However, he really just needs to know I am there for him. My dad still loves to do things he enjoyed all his life, helping others and feeling valued. He loves to bowl and go on outings. *He likes to laugh.* It is difficult when someone you love faces this diagnosis. If you find yourself in this position, here are a few tips:

1. Recognize the transition from daughter to caregiver is a journey, and you have to grieve the loss of the past relationship between father and daughter.
2. Embrace each day as a gift and know that despite the memory loss, there will always be a connection. Some bonds cannot be broken.
3. The safety for your loved one becomes so important, and you have to try to ensure a safe surrounding at all times.
4. It was difficult moving my dad from his home, first to my home and then to assisted living. I wanted to

keep him at home, but came to realize that it was not the best place because of safety issues. My goal now is to keep him as healthy and happy as possible - and spend as much time as I can with him.

Category: Adoptive Parent



May 8, 2015

[An Unexpected and Perfect Plan](#)

The plan. We all have one. This idea in our head about how our life is going to be. My plan was wonderful. I was going to marry the man of my dreams. We were going to get pregnant soon after with our first child and then every two years or so after that we would add another little person to our family until we felt complete.

Perfection right? But, you see, that was Monica's plan, not God's plan.

It took me until about our fourth miscarriage to realize my "plan" wasn't going to happen. So what do we do now? We want to be parents. The fertility specialist can't figure my strange body out! Now what? Adopt? At this moment I just needed someone to call me Mommy. And adoption felt so natural to me because it was something I always dreamed of doing later in life.

May 27, 2015

[Empowering the Next Generation of Youths in Foster Care](#)

Earlier this month, 60 young adults ages 18 to 24 traveled to Washington, D.C., for the 2015 [Congressional Foster Youth Shadow Experience](#). It was a wonderful event that brought together young people with personal experience in the foster care system with their congressional representative for a chance to learn from one another.

For two days, they studied issues trending in the foster care world before meeting with their congressman and getting to work. It was an empowering experience for these young adults, and one I was thrilled in which to participate. Having been in foster care myself for six years, I was there to share my experience with these younger "brothers and sisters" and let them know there are many organizations and foster care alumni ready to lend a hand.

The name of Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries' blog, **Many Voices. One Heart.** is based on the organization's tagline of Many Hands. One Heart. That original tagline arose because of the multitude of services within Diakon - adoption and foster care, services for at-risk youths, family and individual counseling, community-based services for people of varying ages, comprehensive senior living communities including rehabilitation and health care - that daily transform the lives of children, youths, families, and older adults. The staff members within those programs are the Many Hands of Diakon.



Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends 2015

By Popular Demand, A Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend will be Coming to Lancaster for the First Time this Fall

Weekends are designed to rekindle the romance and realize the full potential of your marriage with all the joy and beauty that God intends. The Lancaster Weekend is set for **October 16-18, 2015** at the all newly-remodeled Heritage Hotel Lancaster, home of the unique, treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's." Weekends run from Friday at 8:00 p.m. to Sunday around 4:00 p.m. Currently, the registration fee is \$45 per couple; however, starting September 1, the registration fee will be going up to \$100 per couple, so register **now** to qualify for the lower registration fee. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program.

In case these dates do not work for you, registrations are also being taken for the September 18-20, 2015 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a hotel-style facility in the Poconos.

Registrations are limited, so sign up today to ensure the Weekend of your choice! Simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and sign up paying the \$45 registration with your credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.



In his book *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote "It is by the grace of God that a congregation is permitted to gather visibly in this world to share God's Word and Sacraments." This July 4th, let us offer thanks to God for the freedom we are privileged to have in this country.



Deadline for August Epistle Articles

The deadline for the August *Epistle* is July 20th. All articles must be in to the church office by that date.

Spiritual Support for Persons with Disabilities



Do not underestimate yourself by comparing yourself with others. It's our differences that make us unique and beautiful.

Spiritual Support Group for Persons with Disabilities meets from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., generally on the third Sunday of each month. The location is the Conference Room at Forest Park Nursing Home. Refreshments are served. (No meeting in July due to the Youth Gathering.) The August meeting date is August 9.

See Dr. Holly Hoffman for more information.

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Summer Vacation Time is Here The Convenience and Consistency of Electronic Giving

Summer vacation time is here. The time away is great and we all need a break from every day life. But, every summer it creates a problem for churches. Not only does our attendance decrease due to the vacations, but so do our weekly offerings. Offerings decrease, but the expenses do not, they remain the same.

One easy and effective solution to this problem is the Simply Giving Program of electronic funds transfer, endorsed by the Thrivent Federal Credit Union. This is one way of insuring the weekly offerings are more consistent year-round, and you don't have to worry about making up what you missed while you were away. No more writing a check every week.

You still can use your special envelopes as they show up in your packets. (If you're concerned about not having something to put in the offering plate each week, we also have a supply of papers that say, "I give electronically" that you can use if you would like to, but it isn't necessary.)

You may choose to use your checking account, savings account or a credit card. You choose whether you would like your offering to be deducted weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly on the 1st or the 15th of the month, and of course you choose the amount you wish to contribute. There is a very simple form to fill out in the church office, and you can change your contribution or account or frequency at any time very easily. Just stop by the church office and ask for the authorization form for Simply Giving. If you have any questions, Patti will be happy to answer them for you.



Megan Kingsborough, Granddaughter of Saint Paul Member Clarence Kingsborough, is Featured in the Synod's Newsletter

Meet Megan Kingsborough: 2015-16 Young Adult in Global Mission Leader

Megan Kingsborough is a member of Christ Lutheran Church (Manchester). She graduated from Susquehanna University, with honors, in 2013 with a degree in International Studies (Comparative Cultures), Spanish, and Religion. She currently resides in Orlando, Florida where she works at Walt Disney World as a Housekeeping Guest Service Manager.

The daughter of Pastor Mary Anne Kingsborough (Concordia, Columbia) and sister of David Kingsborough (LTSP), Megan has been called to spend her year as a *Young Adult in Global Mission (YAGM)* in Argentina/Uruguay. While she is not sure yet exactly what her assignment will entail, she knows she will be serving in a congregation and working with an NGO. She will leave for orientation in Chicago this August.



There are several ways you can support Megan this year. The first and most important way is to keep her in your congregational and personal prayers. Another important way is to support her with a financial contribution. Each YAGM is responsible for raising a significant portion of his or her total yearly cost. *(For more information about how you can sponsor Megan there are forms available at the Welcome Desk and the church office.)* You can also help by communicating with her throughout the year. Megan's YAGM number for sponsorship is GCS3147. We'll post more specific information about that once she has completed orientation.

"I am both excited and anxious about the year ahead, for one can never be fully prepared," Megan said. "But my life and faith journey have taught me that the Holy Spirit will always be there leading and guiding me as a light through life."

Facility Use Application Forms

Facility Use Application forms are available at the left side of the hallway mailboxes. A form needs to be completed for any groups planning to use any part of the building. You will need to contact



Bill Hemminger, Operations Manager, to reserve a room. The completed *Facility Use Application* should be given to Mr. Hemminger or dropped off at the church office. You can contact Mr. Hemminger at billhemminger@centurylink.net.

Maintenance Report Forms

Maintenance Report Forms are found at the left side of the hallway mailboxes. Please complete a form if you notice any issues with the building or grounds. Please return the completed form to Bill Hemminger, Operations Manager.



Completed forms may be placed in his mailbox in the hallway or the office.



Dollars for Diapers for Detroit

Imagine sending your baby or toddler to

preschool or daycare wearing a plastic grocery bag instead of diapers. That is happening in Detroit. In fact, diapers are such a hot commodity, pharmacies and stores sometimes keep them behind glass because desperate people sometimes steal to get them.

On average, a newborn goes through eight to 10 diapers a day, a cost that can add up to \$100 a month for one baby. For people who are poor that cost is out of reach, and they too often have to choose between diapers and food. People who rely on federal assistance programs like WIC, Food Stamps, or Medicare, can't get diapers, which are the first line of defense against infection and disease.

We would like to collect money to send with our BOLD Group going to the Gathering in July so they can buy diapers in Detroit. You will



find envelopes in the pews marked "Diapers \$ for Detroit" for this purpose. If you write a check please make it out to St. Paul

as you normally would and note in the memo line, diapers. Please write your name or envelope number on the outside of the envelope.

By sending money, you help the local economy and give your young people a break from having to haul the boxes alongside their luggage.

Note: The greatest need is for children's sizes 3 and 4, but all sizes will be appreciated, including incontinence supplies for adults. Wipes are also needed.

P.S. Want to see of cute and funny video created by the youth of Trinity Lutheran Church in Mount Joy, PA. Go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDREximV4W4.

Blood Donation

We need more people to donate blood ! We did not make our quota of 10 pints for the year in 2014.

Give the gift of life

Did you know that your donation can save three lives? Please give the "Gift of Life" so others may live.



Donate blood

Doris M. Brion

You Can Reach Us Electronically!!

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Ways You Can Gift Those in Need

Living Water Dental Health Ministry

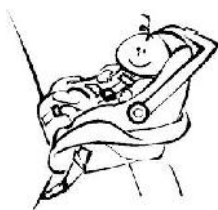
Living Water Dental Health Ministry is in urgent need of soft-bristle toothbrushes (single units, NOT multipacks), full-size toothpaste (not sample size) and dental floss.

Please leave any donations you feel led to make with Dr. Holly Hoffman or in the appropriate bin in the Welcome Center.



PreNatal Clinic

Christ Lutheran Health Ministries is in need of Pack-n-Play cribs and INFANT car seats (for babies < 20 lbs.) in good condition. These items are desperately needed by immigrant mothers who come to the Prenatal Clinic. Please see Holly Hoffman or leave a note in her mailbox if you are able to help out!



Community Aid Box



There is a Community Aid Drop Box in the side parking lot. By having a drop box in our parking lot, the church is paid \$.04 per pound for donations, along with "gift cards" in \$25 increments to be given to the pastor who will disburse them to those who need clothes and household goods from the Community Aid store.

"For Profit" collection bins (pink, green, blue, white, yellow) are becoming a major concern in our area. These unscrupulous competitors are causing a large decrease in our clothing donations. Please make sure to put your donations in the box marked Community Aid that is located in the parking lot across the alley. THANK YOU!

Toiletry Items Needs

Ongoing donations of toiletry items are needed for our Wednesday evening community - toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, etc. These items are distributed once a month. Please bring donations to the designated box in the office.



Project Share

There is always a need for food donations at Project SHARE food bank. A particular donation they like to receive from St. Paul is canned **beef stew**. Of course that's not all they need, but if different churches concentrate on a specific item, it's helpful.

Galatians 2:10 "Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do."

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, this inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to reclaim the future for millions. Together, we can end Alzheimer's disease, the nation's sixth-leading cause of death.

Joining this walk helps to support the Alzheimer's Association's mission to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

Please join our team, the *No No's*, on Saturday, September 19th at 10:00 a.m. in the Walk to End Alzheimer's around City Island (Harrisburg). You can register today to walk with our team or to give a donation by contacting us and picking up a registration form or signing up online at: act.alz.org/site/TR/?pg=entry&fr_id=7763. Laura Guenther is the team captain, so please email her at lguenther18@gmail.com or call [717-713-5863](tel:717-713-5863) if you have any questions

Are you a Golfer?

Then why not join us at the Carlisle Barracks Course on July 10th to support Carlisle CARES at the 5th Annual Golf Tournament and Ball Drop?

Have fun and support a great cause!



**Carlisle C.A.R.E.S. 5th Annual
Golf Tournament
and Ball Drop**

July 10

Raffles
Buffet
Prizes

Join us on Friday, July 10th at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course to support Carlisle C.A.R.E.S.

Cost per team is **\$240** and includes greens fee, golf cart, unlimited range balls, and dinner.

Golf Ball Drop Tickets can be purchased in advance \$5 for 1 or \$20 for 5. You **do not** have to be present to win! A raffle will be held during dinner.

For more information call 717-249-1009 x2234

Boy Scout Blog Troop 189

Cub Pack 189 has a fun-packed summer planned. In June they went to Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament in Maryland. July will bring some of the cubs to resident camp and others to day camp. The pack will also be having a family picnic and raingutter regatta during July. They plan to end the month with a night at the Cumberland Drive-In.

Camping is always an important part of scouting. In June Sean Jones and Timothy Mattaboni attended a week of National Youth Leadership Training Camp. We also had two scouts on staff as cadre for this training week. Thank you Clayton Lebo and Teddy Pluta for your help. We also held our monthly campout where we continued to work on camping and cooking merit badges and also offered some fishing time for either pleasure or for the merit badge. As July approaches we are preparing to attend summer camp at Hidden Valley. Our scouts will be working on merit badges throughout the week that include many interests from nuclear science to kayaking, swimming, pulp and paper and many others. During the week the boys will be participating in a water carnival, cardboard canoe race, vesper service, polar bear plunge and two of the older boys will also be taking part in the new ATV (all-terrain vehicle) instruction course. They will come home tired but loaded with great memories!

Thank you to St. Paul's Men for allowing us to serve as the color guard for the annual Father Son Banquet. This summer our scouts have selected some service projects to work on. We are collecting hygiene items for the local middle school physical education department and you will notice a collection box in the

Welcome Center for you to bring us your old flags. We will take these flags to the annual flag retirement ceremony in September.

In June several scouts and adults toured the Alstrohm's plant in Mount Holly as part of the pulp and paper merit badge. We learned a lot and would like to thank everyone there for the tour, the kindness, and for our fabulous gift. We also held a Court of Honor where we had five scouts advance in rank and several scout receive merit badges. Eli Jones also was the recipient of his third Eagle Scout palm. We congratulate all the boys on their accomplishments.

If you would like more information on the scouting programs please call Stephanie Ollestad (Cub Pack- for boys ages 7-11) at 717-422-2501 or Tammy Jones (Boy Scouts- for boys ages 11-18) at 717-240-0611. We would love to have your join us!



Scout Oath

**On my honor I will do my best,
To do my duty to God and my country,
and To obey the Scout Law,
To help other people at all times,
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.**

Assisting Ministers Needed for Saturday 5:15 a.m. and Sunday 10:45 a.m. Services

Additional Assisting Ministers are needed for the Saturday 5:15 p.m. service and the Sunday 10:45 a.m. service. This is a unique and fulfilling ministry. Is God calling you to serve in this way?

If you are interested in serving in this rewarding and meaningful way, please contact Mary Ann Ernst at: jasparboy@comcast.net or 717-245-0879.

Acolytes and Crucifers Needed for Sunday Services



Some of our acolytes and crucifers are heading of to college soon. In addition, we are often due not have enough to serve because of summer vacation schedules.

This means we have the **opportunity** for you to serve.

Adults, children, and youth are invited to serve in these important worship assistant roles. (The role of crucifer is appropriate especially for an adult or older youth since the cross is heavy for the younger children to carry.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Training will be provided.

If you have any questions or would like to participate in this important ministry of the church, please contact Cynthia Christenson vitalizd@aol.com or call 462-4946.

Worship Assistants

If you would like the opportunity to serve as a worship assistant, the following is a list of those opportunities and the person to contact: (Assisting Minister: See article above.)

Acolyte / Crucifer:	Cynthia Christenson	-	891-3814
Lector:	Karen Poe	-	919-7994
Wine Distribution Asst.:	Mary Ann Ernst	-	245-0879
Communion Cup Asst: (cup pick up)	Lester Thumma	-	249-1140
Communion Helpers: (cup washers)	Lisa Adams	-	249-3282
Ushers:	Steve McQuillen	-	385-4688
Greeters:	Larry & Avonne Clapsadl	-	737-3108
Altar Set-up & Linens:	Lisa Adams	-	249-3282
Altar Flower Delivery:	Miriam Kelly	-	243-2635
Welcome Desk Attendant:	Carol Woods	-	903-6019



Council Report Highlights

June 2015 Meeting

- Written reports are in the church office regarding each staff persons and committee's activities. All members of the congregation are welcome to stop in the church office and request to read those reports.
- The proposed list of peanut butter egg expenses was brought to the council for approval. All of those expenses were approved.
- Because Pastor Rob was not in attendance, the council postponed some of its business for its July meeting.



Lutheran Disaster Response Nepal Area Earthquake or U.S. Tornadoes/Storms



If you would like to help with the devastation following the earthquake in the Nepal area through the Lutheran Disaster Response, all you have to do is to write out a check to: St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church as you normally would; place it in a plain envelope marked for "Nepal," with your name and envelope number written on it. We will then forward all the money collected through the ELCA to LDR. You may do the same thing and designate the money for "U.S. Tornadoes." Just mark the envelope accordingly.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (MISSION PLAN) REPORT

Date:	TOTAL	Operating	Benevolence	Total	NET	CUMULATIVE NET
	INCOME	EXPENSES		Expenses		
1/31:	\$44,908	\$44,521	\$5,579	\$50,100	(\$5,192)	(\$5,192)
2/28:	\$41,622	\$45,672	\$2,064	\$47,736	(\$6,114)	(\$11,306)
3/31:	\$55,290	\$38,156	\$3,031	\$41,187	\$14,103	\$2,797
4/30:	\$48,017	\$45,092	\$7,237	\$52,329	(\$4,312)	(\$1,515)
5/31:	\$55,954	\$39,614	\$4,018	\$43,632	\$12,322	\$10,807

Income from investment activity is included in the contributions column.

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