

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
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**To:**

# **ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**October - November 2013**



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## **SAINT PAUL'S VOICE**

### **October/November 2013**

Why do we make the sign of the cross? When teaching our young folks about receiving Holy Communion, I, also, teach them to make the sign of the cross. Why? Making the sign of the cross whether traced over the body or forehead, is a sign and remembrance of our Baptism. It is used by the Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Lutherans, and Episcopalians, and is slowly increasing among mainline Protestants. It is also in remembrance of the death and resurrection of our Lord: the center of our faith.

Some people trace the sign of the cross over their bodies from forehead, to breast, then from left shoulder to right shoulder; and others trace a small cross on their foreheads. The practice of making the sign of the cross was encouraged and used by Martin Luther himself. He made provisions for using the sign of the cross on at least four occasions.

One is for making the sign of the cross to be made over the candidate as part of Baptism. In his order of ordination, he says that the ordinator blesses them with the sign of the cross. Luther instructed his followers to make the sign of the cross at both the beginning and the end of the day as a beginning to daily and evening prayers. When we bless ourselves with the sign of the cross, we are to say, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen."

In our liturgy or whenever we hear, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we are to bless ourselves with the sign of the cross. For me, there are other times when I make the sign of the cross and then say a prayer. If an ambulance goes past my home, I make the sign of the cross and pray for the driver, the paramedic, and the patient and then thank God for having a medical facility and personnel to receive the sick patient. I, also make the sign of the cross when I come upon an accident, hear the fire siren, or hear someone's dire circumstances. These are all opportunities to make the sign of the cross but also to lift up prayers to God for these trying circumstances. Sometimes when I am so moved by joy and happiness, I make the sign of the cross especially when receiving Holy Communion.

So, if you are so moved, and are not ashamed to show your Lutheranism, join the many of us who find it necessary to make the sign of the cross. Teach your children and encourage them too. It is a wonderful way to pray and keep God forefront in your life.

Love in Christ,

*Pastor Mel Strucklin*



**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER  
WE PRAY FOR:**

**MEMBERS:** : Lois Armacost, Mark Armacost, Mary Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Ruth Bare, Mary Burk, Rosalie Croft, Matilda Griffin, Bob Graff, Mildred Hasson, Sydney Henry, Cheyenne Kelly, Matthew Jones, Peter Meadowcroft, Sara Moore, Leslie Vink-Hood, George Walter, and all homebound members.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Genny Casper, Jim Howard, Joyce Rhoten, Georgia and Ed Winiecki, Bettie Panagakos, Phyllis Henderson, Brandon, Phil Cieri, Bob Durham, Jr., Dave Dawson, Carol Lauer, Kathy Hale, Jeanne Braly, Kitty Macon, Shelby, Jane Benson, Christine Palmimor, Eli, Cindy Tutalo, Betsy Uhlich, George Yingling, Rachel Hurly, Barbara Bamford, Becky Gottschalk, Renee Callahan, Helen Martin, Beverly Chenoweth, Brent Harlove, Jeanette and Jerry Herfurth, Lee Fritz, John McCubbin, Linda and Ron Nunan, the Groves family, Camaro Stonesifer, Carol Papatonious, Bruce Hilgartner, the Redding family, Ralph Stoffel, Pastor Henry Ernst, Joan Prall, Tess and Luke Edwards, and those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

**WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:** family and friends of LuAnn Funk, Joan Mersinger, Bob Porterfield, Cody, Harry Culbertson, Dr. Dean Swank, Sue Bosley, Art Donovan, Katie McCarthy, Luanne Frebertshauser, Jeanine Wyatt, and Jeff Jernigan.

May the promises of our resurrected Lord bring them peace and comfort.

**THE PRAYER:** Lord, seek out those who struggle on their own with illness and despair especially (names). Join yourself to them, bear their burdens, and lift them up to find hope and strength in you. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

A life spent worthily should be measured by deeds, not years.

Richard Sheridan

Never do anything that you wouldn't want to explain to the paramedics.

Unknown

True silence is the rest of the mind, and is to the spirit what sleep is to the body – nourishment and refreshment.

William Penn

Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

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**BIBLE TRIVIA**

1. What did Jesus use to feed the five thousand?
2. Where did Jesus send the legion of unclean spirits he had cast out of a man?
3. What did God send to destroy the vine that shaded the sulking prophet Jonah?
4. What did God provide as a sacrifice in substitute for Isaac?
5. What animal came out of the Nile in droves as a plague on the Egyptians?

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU  
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- ✝ to those who donate to the scholarship fund to assist our young folks with college expenses.
- ✝ to those who help at the worship services at Long View Nursing Home.
- ✝ to Mary Neuheisel for making bulletins for a funeral service.
- ✝ to Pastor Norma Schenning and Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Ron Schlak who filled in for Pastor Mel while she was on vacation.
- ✝ to all those who helped with the Rally Day celebration including Wade Hilgartner who cooked the food, Pattie Schunk who had guide dogs brought in for the program, and to all those who donated side dishes for the picnic.
- ✝ to all those who helped with our blood drive, especially Suzi Lyons and all those who donated blood. This blood drive was in memory of Bill Stratton.

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**ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA** 1. Two fish and 5 loaves of bread (John 6:9-12) 2. Into a herd of swine (Mark 5: 13) 3. A worm (Jonah 4:7) 4. A ram (Genesis 22:13) 5. frogs (Exodus 8: 1-4)

# NEWS

## **BAPTISM**

We rejoice in the baptism of Ella Lee Grabowski, daughter of Laura and Ray, sister of Grace and Ava. Grandparents are Suzi and Ray Lyons. She was baptized on Sunday, August 11.

## **BASKET BINGO**

Our annual basket bingo will be held Friday, October 4 beginning at 5:30 p.m. with sale of refreshments. The games start at 7.

Call Kelly Mountcastle for tickets to sell (443-789-1426).

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

St. Paul's annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, November 10, immediately following worship. The council will be installed the following Sunday during worship.

## **HARVEST HOME**

We will celebrate Harvest Home on Sunday, October 20. The sanctuary will be decorated for the occasion. A second offering will be made for World Hunger. Please be generous.

## **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Our annual Christmas bazaar will be held on two Saturdays this year, Nov. 23 from 8:30 – 2 p.m. and Nov. 30, 9 -12.

## **COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

The council will have a workshop on Sat. Nov. 16 at 9:30 to set calendar dates for 2014 and to set goals for that year.

## **HALLOWEEN PARTY**

A Halloween party will be held Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> after Sunday School. Trunk or treat will be held once again. Invite your neighbors and friends to come and have fun in costumes.

## **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

The community Thanksgiving Service will held on Wed., Nov. 27, 7:30 at St. John's Methodist Church in Hampstead.

## **HANGING OF THE GREENS**

On Friday, Nov. 29 there will hanging of the greens with trimming of the Christmas tree. Time has not yet been determined.



Our busy youth... Nathan Geldmacher "digging" some Zzzzz's; and Hope Hilgartner and Madison Baber digging some weeds.



## *Celebrations for October & November*

### October Birthdays

4	Carolyn Eichler
8	Mary Neuheisel
9	George Walter
10	Jayne Folfas
13	Rosalie Croft
	Gene Zepp
14	Helen Utz
15	Vivian Chenoweth
17	Colleen Geldmacher
16	Samantha Henry
19	Brinlee Dubois
20	Jon Armacost
23	Matthew Moore
26	Andy Geldmacher
29	Kimberly Kelly

### November Birthdays

2	Bobby Watson
6	Bob Durham, Jr.
7	Mike Armacost
10	Anne Durham
11	Chance Smetzer
	Pete Panakagos
18	Jeff Hale
23	Benjamin Baber
29	Rick Jones




### October Anniversaries

6	Wade & Carol Hilgartner
	Shawn & Sara Singer
26	Charles & Sandy Baber

### November Anniversaries

5	Bryan & Sue Benson
15	Ray and Laura Grabowski

# October

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 300pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours	2 730 pm AA	3	4 530 pm Basket Bingo fund raiser – Arcadia Firehall	5 1200 pm -130pm Pastor’s Office Hours
6 900am – Worship  Youth Sunday  Food Collection  130-400 Crop Walk	7	8 300pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours  7:00pm – Council	9 730 pm AA	10	11	12 1200 pm -130pm Pastor’s Office Hours  800am-400pm Flea Market
13 900am – Worship	14	15 300 pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours	16 645pm -Healing Service @ St. Paul’s  730 pm AA	17 7:00 Prayer Session	18	19 1200 pm -130pm Pastor’s Office Hours
20 900am – Worship Harvest Home Sunday  Second Offering World Hunger  Fellowship after Worship	21	22 300 pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours	23 545pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Class  730 pm AA	24	25	26 1200 pm -130pm Pastor’s Office Hours
27 900am – Worship Reformation Sunday   Halloween Party after Sunday School	28	29 300 pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours	30 730 pm AA	31		



# November

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1	2 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
3 900am – Worship All Saints Day  Youth Sunday  Food Collection	4	5 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	6 730 pm AA	7	8	9 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
10 900am – Worship  Second Offering: Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry  Annual Congregational Meeting	11 1:30 Worship & Music Committee	12 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours  7:00pm - Council	13 730 pm AA	14	15	16 9:30 am Council Workshop  1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
17 900am – Worship  Installation of Council and Officers  Fellowship after service	18	19 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	20 6:45 Healing Service @ Christ Lutheran  730 pm AA	21 7:00 Prayer Session	22	23 830 am –2 pm Christmas Bazaar  12:00 pm - 1:30pm Pastor's Office Hours
24 900am – Worship  1215 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation Class	25	26	27 730pm – Community Thanksgiving Service @ St. John's Methodist	28	29	30 900 am –12 pm Christmas Bazaar

# St. Paul's Church

NOVEMBER 23 8AM – 2PM

NOVEMBER 30 9AM – 12PM

Come visit “Main Street”  
where we will have:

\*Candy Shoppe\*

\*Book Sale\*

\*Craft Items\*

\*Vendors\*

\*White Elephant\*

\*Santa's Workshop\*

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# Holiday Craft Fair

Bring this  
coupon for a  
\*Free Hot  
Chocolate\*



St. Paul's Church

## The Lord's Laughter

From the book Church Chuckles: Tickling your Holy Funny Bone

As Shane and his wife were driving home from church one week, she mentioned, "Cindy sure is putting on the weight. Do you think she is pregnant?"

"I didn't notice dear."

"Well, did you see how short Diane's skirt was? And at her age."

"I'm sorry, dear, I didn't notice."

"Surely you noticed the way the Smiths let their kids crawl all over everything during fellowship?"

"No, dear, I'm sorry, I guess I didn't notice that either."

"Honestly, Shane, I don't even know why you go to church anymore!"

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If you're going to pray for money, we'd appreciate if you pray for an extra 10 percent.

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The Sunday school teacher was nervous about teaching the upcoming lesson on hell. She was afraid it would scare her nine- and ten- year-old students.

"Today we are going to talk about hell," she told them. "What do you know about it?"

Paul raised his hand eagerly, "I don't know where it is, but my mama is always telling my daddy he should go there."

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George was spending Friday night and all day Saturday with his grandmother in the country, and it had snowed overnight. Grandma couldn't wait to bundle up George and take him walking in the beautiful fresh snow.

"Isn't it wonderful, George? Doesn't it seem like our Lord has painted this gorgeous scenery, just for us to enjoy this morning?"

"Yes, Grandma! And do you want to know what makes it even better? God had to do this all with his left hand!"

Grandma didn't have any idea what George meant.

"Grandma," he explained patiently. "Don't you know that Jesus sits on the right hand of God?"

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Libby was so happy with her report card; she let everyone in church know about it by singing "Amazing Grades."

# Sunday School

## WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL !

We are looking forward to another year of leaning about God, Jesus, the Bible, and how we can serve. Last year our Sunday school theme was PRAYING and this year our theme will be SERVING GOD BY SERVING OTHERS.

### Listed below are the teachers and helpers who are serving God:

Pre-school: Ms. Tiffany Meadowcroft

Kindergarten: Ms. Amy Gorner

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades: Ms. Kelly Mountcastle

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades: Ms. Madison Baber

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ms. Carol Hilgartner

7<sup>th</sup> Grade and Up: Mr. John Kelly and Mr. Jed Geldmacher

Music: Ms. Mary Neuheisel

Snacks: Mr. Josh Neuheisel and Ms. Patti Schunk

Substitute Teachers: Ms. Colleen Geldmacher, Ms. Laura Grabowski

Ms. Carol Hunt, and Ms. Patti Schunk

**Rally Day** was September 8<sup>th</sup> and what a fun time was had by all. Approximately 81 people attended the picnic and special program. It was a day of perfect weather, delicious food, good conversation, lots of laughs, and no bees. Thanks to all who helped, purchased, or made food for this event.

Our special program was provided by The Four Paws Freedom– 4H Program. Mrs. Laura Butler and her club members introduced their program along with their dogs. Each dog is adopted for fourteen months and prepared by their puppy raiser families to take the next step to be trained at The Seeing Eye School in Morristown, New Jersey. It takes four months of formal training and only dogs trained at this school can be called “Seeing Eye Dogs”

For more information on this program or if you would like to make a donation please contact Mrs. Butler at (410) 861-6498.



**A calendar of events** for this year's Sunday school will be e-mailed to our Sunday school families by October 20<sup>th</sup>. Any question regarding Sunday school please call or e-mail Patti Schunk at (410) 239-7585 –or- [schunkhome@comcast.net](mailto:schunkhome@comcast.net)

**See You In Sunday School!**