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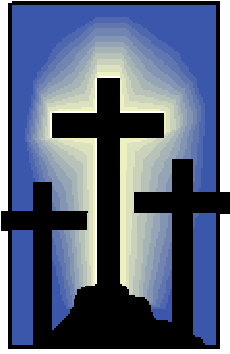
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SAINT PAUL 'S VOICE

August/September 2009

On July 4th we celebrated Independence Day. I wonder if we took time to pause and remember the soldiers who are still fighting for our freedom in countries around the world? It is so easy to forget the many blessings that God has given us.

On a regular basis, I read in the newspapers or hear on the news about those injured soldiers who come home never to be the same again. Even some of the medical facilities are in shameful conditions that treat them. For many, these men and women will never be the same. Families split, finances are in ruin, and some of them end up on the streets.

I read a touching story in Parish Publications from '05 called, "A Sacrifice for a Soldier". It follows:

An old soldier, worn out in the service of his country, began playing the violin on the street to earn his living. One day, on the streets of Vienna, his hand trembled so severely that he could no longer play. A passerby stopped and said, "Friend, you are too old and too feeble. Give me your violin."

The stranger played so sweetly that a crowd soon gathered and coins poured into the tattered hat of the old soldier. The new violinist emptied the money into the soldier's pocket and played again, more sweetly than before. Again the hat was filled with money, which was turned over to the veteran soldier. The stranger finally handed the violin back and was on his way.

"Who is he?" asked the bystanders. "Why that is Amard Bucher, the great violinist," someone exclaimed.

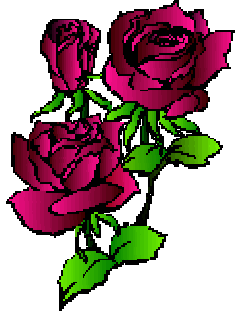
And so it was. The master violinist had taken the man's place, had assumed his poverty, endured his disgrace, played his music and earned his living. He had made a sacrifice for that old soldier.

"And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' "(Matthew 25:40)

May we always be aware of those in need and reach out and touch them with God's love and sacrifice for them. We will be blessed by God for we have been obedient to God's command to do so.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Mel Strucklin



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

MEMBERS: Lois Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Ruth Bare, Mary Burk, Sue Bosley, Matilda Griffin, Shirley Harris, Mildred Hasson, Matthew Jones, Oneida Jones, Kim Kelly, Heather Lord, Mary Louise Miller, Sara Moore, Bill Stratton, Shari Underhill, Leslie Vink-Hood, George Walter, Lorraine Walter, and all homebound members.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Genny Casper, Esther Watson, Carol Graff, Debbie Hahn, Bill Peters, Jim Howard, Braylynn, Casimer Gorecki, Joyce Rhoten, Pastor Gene Alexander, Bishop Jerry Knoche, Shirley, Ex Officio Bishop Mocko, Pastor Andrea Hagan-Arendt, Linwood Roberts, Troy Gourley, Becky Norwood, Bill Higgins, Christine Wheeler, Heidi Delehanty, Cindy Wilder, Tim Underhill, Ruth McGee, Mark Baskette, Margarete Anastasi, Maxine DuBois, Cassie Harris, Jackson Turrall, Mary Honeycutt, Joe Urban, Pastor Dick Michael, Ken Reed, Tanner Yingling, Charles Hilton, Sean Mays, Shirley Hoehne, Kenny Morris, Rita Baker-Schmidt, Jonathan Rathbone, those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES: Family and friends of Ada Wilhelm, Sophia Carrera and Ned Brown. May the promises of our resurrected Lord bring them peace and comfort.

THE PRAYER: Loving God, hear our prayers for all who are sick, hospitalized, or who have special needs this day, especially (names). Grant rest to the weary. Hold them close to you and give them respite. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

One of the most valuable things we can do to heal one another is listen to each other's stories.

Rebecca Falls

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go.

Abraham Lincoln

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark. Professionals built the Titanic.

Anonymous

No road is long with good company.

Thank You

to all those who bring food donations for NESAP each month.

to the Strattons and the confirmation students who assist at Long View Nursing Home worship services.

to those who are so generous whenever we have second offerings to help other organizations in the community.

to our newly formed choir of youth and adults who bring special music during worship on a periodic basis.

to those who serve on the Pauline Hoffman Scholarship Committee including, Sarah Morris, Richard Harris, Maidie Brown and Pastor Mel.

to Elsbeth Heiss-Moses for heading up our Vacation Bible School, assisted by Carol Hilgartner and all those who volunteered. It was a big success again. The children had fun while learning about the Bible stories.

to all those who donate and continue to help at our flea markets which has grown to the point that vendors are now placed on a waiting list.

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. To what church did Jesus say, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock"?
2. What church began at Pentecost:
3. At what church were Paul and Barnabas set apart by the Holy Spirit to do missionary work?
4. What church did Timothy grow up in?
5. Who cursed a fig tree for not bearing fruit?

ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA: 1. Laodicea (Revelation 3:20) 2. Jerusalem (Acts 2:47) 3. Antioch (Acts 13: 2) 4. Lystra (Acts 16: 1) 5. Jesus (Mark 11: 21).

NEWS

RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 13 is Rally Day. A church picnic is planned with lots of fun and games. Come and help us kick off our Sunday School year by attending. We thank Carol Hilgartner and Patti Schunk for planning this event.

LONGVIEW NURSING HOMESCHEDULE CHANGE

Several times a year, St. Paul and Pastor Mel lead worship services at Long View Nursing Home in Manchester. Service time is at 1:30 on Sundays. If you wish to participate please be there by 1:15. The date of Sept. 20th has changed. We will not be leading the worship service that day. The August 9th date is still on the schedule for St. Paul to lead. Another date will be announced later.

CHANGE OF WORSHIP SERVICE START TIME

Beginning September 13 our worship start time will revert back to 9 a.m. We will go back to singing all the verses of the hymns starting on this day.

FLEA MARKET

Our next two flea markets will be August 15 and September 12th. The hours will continue to be from 8 a.m. until 4p.m. New excitement has been generated by the use of the new hot dog cart that the Outreach Committee purchased. It makes the selling of the food go so much better and keeps us in compliance with health regulations. A shed has also been purchased to store the cart for safekeeping. This adds to the success of our flea market and we thank all those who volunteer each month.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

All those who teach, volunteer, and, assist with our Christian Education and Vacation Bible School will be installed on Sunday, September 13 during worship. Come and lend your praise and support for those who teach our young folks.

VBS 2009

Discovery Canyon





The Lord's Laughter

From the *Joyful Noiseletter*, June - July 2005 edition

A young couple came into the office of a pastor for pre-nuptial counseling. The young man was nervous, and when the pastor asked him, "Are you entering this marriage of your own free will?" There was a long pause.

Finally, the fiancée looked at her sweetheart and said, "Put down, 'yes.' "

Via Norma Sims

Eutis, FL.

A pastor was planning to hold a wedding before the congregation right after the Sunday morning service. But he couldn't remember the names of the couple who were to be married.

"Will those wanting to get married please come to the front?" he asked.

Immediately, seven single women, two widows, four widowers, and five single men stepped to the front.

Via Rev. Karl R. Kraft

Mantua, NJ

A father escorted the bride down the aisle and to the altar and the waiting groom. The bride then turned and kissed her father and placed something in his hand.

The pastor smiled, and guests in the front pew laughed. The bride had given back her father's credit card.

Via Nancy Tangney

Kalamazoo, MI

Outside sign on a church in Evansville, IN:

“Our lifeguard walks on water.”

Carolyn Joy Brockelman

Evansville, IN

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



At the close of our St. Paul's Sunday school in May the following students met the requirements necessary to receive their attendance pins:

First Year Pins

Student:

Andy Geldmacher

Gaige DuBoise

Carrie Moore

Natalie Wickline

Parents:

Jed & Colleen Geldmacher

Derek & Jamie Duboise

Patrick & Sherry Moore

Sara Singer

Second Year Pins

Student:

Sam Jones

Ben Baber

Madison Baber

Parents

Rick and Meg Jones

Charles & Sandy Baber

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Congratulations to our students and parents we thank you for your commitment.



Two new students joined our Sunday school this year they are Ashley Mountcastle and Austin Mehring. The teachers and fellow students welcome Ashley and Austin and are looking forward to being with both of them in September.



A follow-up to the “Heifer Project” – the congregation and students working together made: \$740.00

With this money the following animals were purchased to help people around the world to begin a new lifeL:

2 Llamas

2 Sheep

1 Flock of Chickens

1 Flock of Ducks

- 1 Pig
- 1 Trio of Bunnies for our Ms. Maidie

This is the highest amount we have ever made, which only proves this congregation is the best.



It is rumored if you want an awesome experience attend ST. PAUL'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. (July 27th – July 30th)

Celebrations for August & September

August Birthdays

- 2 Daniel Binebrink
- 5 Ann Durham, Jr.
- 8 Sara Singer
Cheyenne Kelly
- 10 Ashley Durham
- 12 Spencer Bauerlein
- 13 Cassandra Harris
- 14 Shawn Singer
- 15 Patti Graff
Oneida Jones
Heather Panagakos
- 16 Matilda Griffin
- 22 Jesse McGee
Steve Utz
- 24 Kimberly Hale
- 28 Claudia McGee
- 29 Alex Panagakos
- 30 Teri Hoffman

August Anniversaries

- 10 Bob & Sarah Morris

September Birthdays

- 1 Debbie Hogarty
- 3 Lois Armacost
- 4 Cindy Durham
- 5 Josh Durham
Jennifer Hann
- 10 James McGee
Natalie Wickline
- 12 Tim Brown
- 15 Katie Binebrink
- 16 Sandy Baber
Katie Graff
Wade Hilgartner
- 17 Mary Ann Hoffman
- 19 Bob Bare
- 20 Chris Hale
- 21 Ruth Bare

August

September Anniversaries						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p>6 13 16 18</p>	<p>Gus & Jenny Siperko Bill & Linda Hale Steve & Barb Utz John & Debbie Hogarty</p>					<p>1 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours</p>
<p>2 845am - Worship</p> <p>Food Collection</p>	<p>Bill & Mary Jane Peters Lee & Ruth Hardesty</p>	<p>1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours</p> <p>300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>5 730 pm AA</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours</p>
<p>9 845am – Worship</p> <p>115am Worship at Long View Nursing Home</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours</p> <p>300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours</p> <p>700pm –Council</p>	<p>12 730 pm AA</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 SPY – Bengies Drive-in</p>	<p>15 800am-400pm Flea Market</p> <p>1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours</p>
<p>16 845am – Worship</p> <p>Second Offering Interfaith Housing</p> <p>Fellowship after service</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 800am Sandwich Making</p> <p>1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours</p>	<p>19 730 pm AA</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours</p>
<p>23 845am – Worship</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours</p> <p>Pastor Mel vacation</p>	<p>26 730 pm AA</p> <p>Pastor Mel vacation</p>	<p>27 Pastor Mel vacation</p>	<p>28 Pastor Mel vacation</p>	<p>29 Pastor Mel vacation</p>
<p>30 845am – Worship</p> <p>Pastor Mel vacation</p>	<p>31 Pastor Mel vacation</p>					

September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Pastor Mel vacation	2 Pastor Mel vacation	3 Pastor Mel vacation	4 Pastor Mel vacation	5 Pastor Mel vacation
6 900am – Worship Favorite Hymn Sunday Food Collection Pastor Mel vacation	7 Pastor Mel vacation	8 1000am-1200pm Treasurer’s Office Hours 700pm -Council Pastor Mel vacation	9 730 pm AA Pastor Mel vacation	10 Pastor to return to work	11	12 800am-400pm Flea Market 1200 pm -130pm Pastor’s Office Hours
13 900am – Worship Installation of Christian Ed teachers and helpers Rally Day & Church Picnic Second Offering Seminary students	14 130pm Worship & Music Committee	15 800am Sandwich Making 1000am-1200pm Treasurer’s Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours	16 730 pm AA 645 pm Healing Service @ St. Paul’s	17	18	19 930 am – Shared Ministry 1200 pm -130pm Pastor’s Office Hours
20 900am – Worship Choir Anthem Fellowship after service	21	22 1000am-1200pm Treasurer’s Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours	23 730 pm AA	24	25	26 1200 pm -130pm Pastor’s Office Hours Blood Drive
27 900am – Worship Temple Talk 12:15- Confirmation Class	28 700pm-Bible Study	29 1000am-1200pm Treasurer’s Office Hours	30			

Basket Bingo

St. Paul's 4th Annual Longaberger Basket/Pampered Chef Bingo is quickly approaching. Meg Jones & Sandy Baber are co-chairing this year's event. *We are looking for individuals & businesses to sponsor games which defray the cost of the Longaberger baskets and the Pampered Chef items.* We have items ranging from \$30 to \$100. Your sponsorship will be noted in the evening's program. If you are interested in helping out Meg & Sandy will have a list of available games and amounts of items in church or you can give us a call. We greatly appreciate everyone's help with this event! It is wonderful to see our Church family come together to make this event such a success!

Also, tickets are now available, so see or call Carol Hilgartner if interested!

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