

September 1, 2017

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Martin Luther's household was the center of activity for both the academic and religious community in Wittenberg. Katie, Martin's wife, presided over the Lutheran household of five children, numerous farm animals, students, and frequent guests. On many of these occasions the dinner table was the place not only for good food and plenty of Katie's beer, but also a time for great conversations and lively debates. Many of these conversations were recorded by Luther's avid students and have been handed down to us as "Luther's Table Talks."

During one such "Dinner Occasion", Luther's beloved dog, Toelpel, (affectionately known as "Klutz" or "Fool" in English) came into the Dining Room where Luther made him "an example of spiritual concentration." Toelpel was looking for food and was not taking his eyes off the meat on Luther's fork. "Oh, if I could only pray the way this dog watches the meat. All his thoughts are concentrated on the piece of meat. Otherwise he has no thought, wish, or hope. " (1) Daily prayers were central to Luther's life, often praying for hours, especially when important matters had to be decided and implemented.

Here at St. Pauls we are being increasingly convinced of the importance of individual and congregational prayer times. Accordingly, we are gathering at the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM on the first Tuesday of the month. All are invited and encouraged to come. Prayer requests can also be submitted on Sunday mornings.

Come and Pray.

Blessings,

Hans Scherner, Pastor

(1) *Table Talk No. 274 (1532)* in **LW 54:38**; cited with approval, Eric W. Gritsch, *Martin Luther's Humor*, Word & World, Volume 32, Number 2, Spring 2012 (p.136)

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sulphur Springs

Invites you to a community breakfast!

Catered by: "Chris Cakes" from Columbus, Ohio

Saturday, September 16, 2017

at the Sulphur Springs Firehouse

*Serving from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.*

Serving pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee

All you can eat!

*YOU will enjoy watching them "flip" the  
pancakes on your plate!*

*~~~~~Donations Accepted~~~~~*

### September Birthdays

09/02 Mike Geiger  
09/02 Wyatt Geiger  
09/03 Linda Heydinger  
09/05 Mat Newcome  
09/05 James Noc  
09/06 Carol Sharick  
09/06 Darcy Green  
09/07 Madison Rinehart  
09/09 Morgan Shipman  
09/12 Joyce Durigg  
09/12 Betty Jo Billings  
09/12 Ryan Armstrong  
09/13 Kathryn Hoover  
09/15 Lois Walker  
09/15 Helen Luidhardt  
09/15 Sophia Beck  
09/15 Madison Britt  
09/18 Brian Evak  
09/18 Cieara Pfeifer  
09/19 Charles Brinkman  
09/19 Joyce Bloomfield  
09/19 Teresa Bush  
09/20 Margaret Brinkman  
09/20 Janet Harer  
09/21 Amber Robertson  
09/21 Alexis Evak  
09/22 Marcia Newcome  
09/22 Emma Kocher  
09/23 Linda Peppard  
09/23 Tim LaRue  
09/23 Catherine Miller  
09/25 Audrey Risner  
09/27 Chelsea Mosley  
09/28 Karis Rittenour  
09/29 Amy Glover  
09/29 Kristine Widman  
09/30 Cheyenne Johnson

### September Anniversaries

09/01 Tim & Catherine Miller  
09/01 Steven & Jill Rittenour  
09/02 Tom & Kristine Widman  
09/02 Joe & Shelbie Neptune  
09/08 Tom & Teresa Bush  
09/21 Bob & Tonya Geiger  
09/29 Larry & Audrey Risner

Memorial Services were held for Dorothy Regula on June 21, 2017 at Munz Pristill Funeral Home. Internment was in St. Paul Cemetery. Pastor Larry Hoffsis officiated. Dorothy passed away April 10 at home in Akron, Ohio.

We welcome Rich & Helen Lyons as members of St. Paul. They come to us from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sandusky.

On September 19, God Squad will sponsor their annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast. It will be held at Liberty Township Fire Station. Hours are 7:30-10:30.

On Sunday, September 17 the Women of the Church will have a combined meeting after worship. We will be having a baby shower for Voice of Hope Pregnancy Center. Items needed—Diapers, newborn 5 & 6 only, pull ups training pants, all sizes and wipes. Call Margaret Brinkman or Karen Scherner for any questions.

The annual Fall Festival will be held on September 24 at the parsonage. Watch the bulletin for more information.

On Sunday, September 24 and October 1, the Reformation Task Force will be hosting a Book Fair. There will be a selection of books on Martin Luther for both adults and children. Books will be available for you to look at and place your order. All books will be delivered to the church and can be picked up on Sunday's. The books are being sold at 50% off the regular price. For more information contact Mark Schanzenbach.

### Women of the Church—Save the Date!

On Sunday, September 17th after church, we are having a baby shower for Voice of Hope Pregnancy Center. Bring your daughter and friends to join the fun! We are looking forward to a light, lunch, great Fellowship and an opportunity to learn more about Voice of Hope's ministry. Diapers (sizes New Born, 5 & 6 only), pullups/training pants (all sizes) and wipes re in great need and want to help meet that need. Stay tuned for specifics! PS: Keep an eye out for coupons) Please call Margaret Brinkman or Karen Scherner with any questions.

### Committees for September

Altar: Michele Breyley, Pat Morral  
Visiting: Mary Ann McCallister, Alice Schimpf  
Greeter: Laura Ackerman, Lydia Ackerman  
Food: Betty Ebbeskotte, Marilyn Long

There are still some Church Cookbooks available for \$10. See Barb Kocher to purchase one. They make nice gifts for Christmas, Birthday etc.

### Brief Board Meeting Held

Immediately after church, Sunday, June 25th, there was a brief Women of the Church Board meeting. Those attending were: Betty, Deb, Joy, Margaret, Barb and Karen.

The main items for discussion was the "First Friday" in July evening to be held in Bucyrus from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., on July 7th. Our women are going to have a table there to sell baked goods and cookbooks. Barb asked for donations of food and help for the evening. The theme is "Christmas in July". The charge For baked goods will be by donation only and the cookbooks will sell for \$10.00 each. Joy is going to ask Katie Hopkins to make a poster to promote the selling of the cookbooks to go with the Christmas theme and to be hung at the table.

Betty announced that it's time to get a nominating committee formed for next years officers to be elected at the September combined meeting. Those are Vice President and assistant Mission Action. The Rebecca Is in charge of that. Betty reminded everyone of the duties for July and August.

*Deb Feichtner, Secretary*

### St. Paul Helping Hands Mum Sale

St. Paul Helping Hands is selling Fall Garden Mum and Fall Pansy Baskets. Mums are 8 inch pot for \$3 and 1/2 bushel basket for \$8. Pansy Peck baskets are \$6 each. Colors available are: orange/bronze, coral/salmon, pink/lavender, red, white and yellow. Forms are in the bulletin. Orders may be given to Carrie, Amber or Bev Robertson, Raie Leonhardt, Mark, Doug, or Betty Ebbeskotte by September 3.

## GOD SQUAD MINUTES

May 25, 2017

Members present at the God Squad meeting were Mark Schanzenbach, John Pfleiderer, Dorothy Schott, Carrie Robertson, and Karen Scherner

Mark began our meeting with devotions.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Treasury report was \$4,112.40

Dorothy and Kate visited this past month. It takes about 1 ½ days to cover everyone. Their visits are so appreciated.

Reformation update was given by Carrie. There is an opportunity for members to receive a free lunch from Subway. They just need to take a selfie with Martin Luther in the hallway by the office where the quotes are. Then email it to the office. The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month there will be a drawing for the free lunch. Also, God Squad will buy the Reformation spatulas to give one per family on October 29<sup>th</sup> which will be the last Sunday of Reformation.

Our upcoming outing of touring Bucyrus was next on the agenda. The date is June 24, 2017 and time is 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Carrie shared the options from the Tourism Bureau. We decided to go to Coopers first, followed by the Historical Society, then lunch at Aumiller Park and ending with the murals downtown. There are small fees for the tours which God Squad will pay. We can let the Bureau know how many will be attending one week ahead. We will get boxed lunches from Coopers. There will be a choice of turkey and cheddar cheese or ham and swiss cheese sandwiches. The lunches will include chips, fresh fruit and fudge. Mark will be the contact person with Coopers and Carrie will make a sign-up sheet.

Karen gave an update on the Pancake breakfast. The Colonel Crawford band director, Mr. Shotwell, is interested in providing some music that morning. He would like to be contacted again in August after band practice begins before he can make a commitment. Karen will follow up with him. This year we will get strips with the new date which we can place on our signs from last year. We will need 25 strips which are \$2.00 apiece.

Since Amber was not present, we will discuss the bulletin God Squad update next meeting.

For our Father's Day gift, we will give out bags of kettle corn. John will get the popcorn. We will meet on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am to bag the popcorn.

We will have the children hand out the popcorn on Sunday. John will make a carrier for the popcorn.

We are still discussing new member/visitors gifts. We want to use the mugs we already have. We are working on a flyer to have available to give to visitors and for other functions.

There was not new business. Karen will do devotions for next month.

Karen Scherner

## GOD SQUAD MINUTES

June 22, 2017

Members present at the God Squad meeting were Mark Schanzenbach, John Pfleiderer, Dorothy Schott, Charlie and Kate Britton, Hans and Karen Scherner

Karen began our meeting with devotions.

Mark gave the financial report. We presently have \$3,599.90 in our account.

Church member update category has been added to our agenda. Hans shared an update.

Dorothy and Kate gave the visitation team report.

Mark shared the reformation activities for this Sunday which includes Jim Luidhardt giving the Martin Luther speech during the service; drawing for the Subway gift card which will take place during announcements; serving ice cream for the Red, White and Blue meal after church; and then Sunday evening will be the Martin Luther study during the VBS time.

### OLD BUSINESS:

God Squad Outing for Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, has 33 people signed up. We will meet at the Days Inn at 9:45 AM to carpool. Squad members will help organize this. Then on to our first stop at Coopers at 10:00. The Historical Society/Scroggs House will be at 11:00. We will eat at the enclosed shelter at Aumiller park. Cooper's will deliver the boxed lunches at 12:00. The tour of the Murals will begin at St. Paul's at 1:00.

The Pancake Breakfast is September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Firehouse. In August Karen will start asking for helpers. Dorothy will need t-shirt sizes for new helpers. Charlie will order the date patches for the signs. We will put the patches on at our August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will start the advertising the last week of August. Karen will contact the county school music teachers in beginning of August to see who will be able to provide entertainment at the breakfast. We can use the name of the music groups in our advertisement.

Mark will put together a God Squad description for the church bulletin. We can tweak it periodically.

The Father's day kettle corn gift was a hit. The leftover corn will be put in the high school classroom.

The Flyer is underway to be handed out to visitors. We will still think on another gift to give to visitors and new members. We would like to give new members a picture directory. We will continue with the tradition of giving them a plant.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

We discussed sponsoring a one day outing to the Ark exhibit. There are bus tours that will take us. We will open the trip to other church congregations in the area. John will look into the tour bus options.

During church announcements in October or November, we will hand out very short surveys to be filled out right then for feedback on the past God Squad outings and potential new ones.

We will not meet in July. Our next meeting will be August 24<sup>th</sup>. Dorothy will do devotions.

Karen Scherner



St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes  
June 11, 2017

Dave Halsey called the meeting to order and shared devotions. Members present: Mark Ebbeskotte, Jim Luidhardt, Ben Ackerman, Eric Kocher, Sam Hopkins and Pastor Scherner.

Secretary Minutes: Ben moved, Eric seconded to approve minutes as printed. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Jim reported checking account balance of \$39,883.16 with all bills current. Mark moved to accept treasurer report. Ben seconded, motion passed.

Elders Report: All good.

Deacons Report: Sam reported average attendance of 104 with 89 communed for the month. We had a total giving of \$13,754.53 with \$9,864.75 for current.

Trustee: Ben reported cabinets put up outside janitor closet for supplies. Parsonage is in need of painting of back porch and other exterior areas.

Pastor's Report: NALC Convocation in Nashville, Tenn. Monday, August 7-Friday 11th, has attended 2 years ago. Mark moved, Eric seconded to pay for all expenses for this gathering. Motion passed.

Sam moved, Eric seconded to approve above reports. Motion passed.

Old Business: One application for scholarship.

New Business: Discussed policy and rates for nonmembers use of church. Ben moved, Mark seconded the loose offering for July 2 given to the Bible stick program for Military families, motion passed. Council's next meeting August 6th, with the Church picnic being on the 13th. Mike Hall will have devotions. Meeting closed with the Lords Prayer.

Jim Luidhardt, secretary

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes

June 25, 2017

A special council meeting was held after church. Mark Ebbeskotte moved, John Pfleiderer seconded to roll over investment scholarship fund. Motion passed.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes

August 6, 2017

Dave Halsey called the meeting to order. Members present: Dave Halsey, Michelle Breyley, Sam Hopkins, John Pfleiderer, Jim Luidhardt, Ben Ackerman, Eric Kocher. Pastor Scherner, Susie Sutherland was also present.

Secretary Minutes: Eric moved, Ben seconded to accept minutes as printed. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: John reported checking account balance of \$41,505.57 with all bills current. Sam moved to accept the treasurer report. Eric seconded. Motion passed.

Deacon Report: Sam reported average attendance for June of 102 with 87 communed. We had a total giving of \$13,584 with \$9,987.00 given for current. For the month of July we had an average attendance of 97 with 96 communed. Giving total for the month was \$15,470.76. \$254.35 was given for the Bible stick for the military through loose offering. The current offering for the month was \$11,365.00. Sam also wanted to thank John and Jim for filling in for the month as deacon.

Elders Report: All seems to be good. Thanks to Bev Robertson for making coffee for the coffee hour.

Trustee Report: General Preservation looking at mid-September for masonry work. Discussed possible camera inspection of tile drainage.

Pastors Report: Helen and Rich Lyons are transferring from St. Paul Lutheran, Sandusky. Pastor would like a discretionary fund where members could contribute. Money is used for flowers given during the year, gifts, and lunch meeting with members. This has been funded in the past by money received for funerals and weddings. The sixth annual open house at parsonage is December 3, 2017.

Old Business: Discussed non member use of church guidelines.

New Business: Eric moved, Ben seconded to accept transfer of Helen & Rich Lyons. Ben moved, Eric seconded to have a discretionary fund where members could contribute by envelope. Motion passed. Sam moved, Michelle seconded for a prayer meeting the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30. Motion passed. Michelle moved to put \$1,000.00 in a Solar Bible fund. Sam seconded motion passed. This would support one of the projects of Into The Heart Into The Home members could contribute by envelope giving. Michelle moved, Sam seconded to participate in the Reformation 500 book sale. Motion passed. We are to receive \$350,000 value of books about the Reformation. Congregation would get a 50% discount on purchased books. This is through Augsburg.

The tentative date for Over 70 Dinner is October 15, 2017. Any suggestions for entertainment are welcome. Sam moved, Eric seconded to have Katering Kountry Style cater the meal with council members providing the dessert. Eric moved, Sam seconded to pre-buy 1000 gallons of propane for the parsonage and 4,500 gallons for the church from D.T. Petroleum at price of 1.199 per gallon. Motion passed. We have a credit of \$80.45 for the parsonage and a credit of \$330.74 for the church with all tanks full now. Cost for the parsonage after credit is \$1118.55 for the church it is \$5064.76 after the credit.

The next meeting is September 10. Being no further business we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jim Luidhardt,  
Secretary

Someone requested these articles to be printed in the Newsletter.

### Ten things God Won't Ask

1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove; He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
2. God won't ask the square footage of your house; He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
3. God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet; He'll ask how many people you helped to clothe.
4. God won't ask what your highest salary was; He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
5. God won't ask what your job title was; He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
6. God won't ask how many friends you had; He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
7. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived; He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
8. God won't ask about the color of your skin; He'll ask about the content of your character.
9. God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation; He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in Heaven, and not to the gates of Hell.
10. God won't ask how many people you forwarded this to, He'll ask if you were ashamed to pass it on to your friends.

## EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

When in sorrow ..... call John 14  
When people fail you ..... call Psalm 27  
If you want to be fruitful ..... call John 15  
If you have sinned ..... call Psalm 51  
When you worry ..... call Matthew 6:19-34  
When you are in danger ..... call Psalm 91  
When God seems far away ..... call Psalm 139  
When your faith needs stirring ..... call Hebrews 11  
When you are lonely and fearful ..... call Psalm 23  
When you grow bitter ..... call 1 Corinthians 13  
Paul's secret of happiness ..... call Colossians 3:12-17  
What is Christianity? ..... Call 2 Corinthians 5:15-19  
When feeling down and out ..... call Romans 8:31  
When you want peace and rest ... call Matthew 11:25-30  
When the world seems bigger than God ... call Psalm 90

Wanting Christian assurance? ..... Call Romans 8:1-30  
Leaving home for work or travel ..... call Psalm 121  
When prayer becomes selfish ..... call Psalm 67  
For a great invention/opportunity ..... call Isaiah 55  
When you want courage for a task ..... call Joshua 1  
How to get along with people ..... call Romans 12  
Thinking of investment returns? ..... call Mark 10  
If you are depressed ..... call Psalm 27  
If your pocketbook is empty ..... call Psalm 37  
If losing confidence in people ..... call 1 Corinthians 13  
If people seem unkind ..... call John 15  
If discouraged about your work ..... call Psalm 126

### Alternate Numbers

For dealing with fear ..... call Psalm 34:7  
For security ..... call Psalm 121:3  
For assurance ..... call Mark 8:35  
For reassurance ..... call Psalm 145:18

All numbers may be  
dialed direct. No  
operator assistance  
is necessary. All  
lines to Heaven are  
open 24 hours a  
day!

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## BEWARE OF TERRORIST GROUPS IN CHURCH

Latest news reports are that five terrorist cell groups have been operating in many of our churches. They have been identified as: Bin Sleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complainin, and Bin Missin. Their leader, Lucifer Bin Workin, trained these groups to destroy local churches. Their plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and destroy.

However, there have been reports of a sixth group. A tiny cell known by the name of Bin Prayin is actually the only effective counter terrorism force in the church. Unlike the terrorist cells, the Bin Prayin team does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along. Bin prayin does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. We have noticed that the Bin prayin cell group has different characteristics than the others. They have Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Fastin, and Bin Longin for their Master, Jesus Christ to return. NO CHURCH IS EXEMPT! (However you can spot them if you have Bin Lookin' and Bin Goin')

## "OBITUARY"

### "SOMEONE ELSE"

Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, "SOMEONE ELSE". SOMEONE'S passing creates a vacancy to fill. ELSE has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, SOMEONE did far more than a normal person's share of the work.

Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "LET SOMEONE ELSE DO IT". Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; SOMEONE ELSE can work with that group. It was common knowledge that SOMEONE ELSE was among the most liberal givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed SOMEONE ELSE would make up the difference.

SOMEONE ELSE was a wonderful person; sometimes appearing super-human. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of SOMEONE ELSE. Now SOMEONE ELSE is gone! We wonder what we are going to do.

SOMEONE ELSE left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things SOMEONE ELSE did? When you are asked to help this year, remember—we can't depend on SOMEONE ELSE anymore. Author Unknown.

Dear Friends of The Father's Hands Extended Soup Kitchen

What an honor it is to serve hot meals to the poor of this region with you. Many broken hearted people are ministered to through your generous donations of food, finances, paper products and service. There is a scripture in Proverbs 19:17 that simply states: He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done. We here at The Father's Heart Healing Center thank you for your support and you will be rewarded by the Lord. That will be the greatest thank you of all!

Many Blessings,  
Pastor Dan Rebon

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Dear Church Members,

Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of Filling Home with your gift of \$645. On behalf of all the members of the Filling Homes community. Let me express our heartfelt appreciation for your contribution. Your gift is deeply appreciated, and we thank God for your partnership in our ministry.

Warmest regards,  
Jean Cohrs,  
Executive Assistant

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St. Paul Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your prayers and gift of \$1,035.00 Your financial contribution helps advance the King's work as your missionaries bring the Gospel to those least likely to have heard, believed, or benefitted from its saving and transforming power. Our monthly newsletter is a quality mission & prayer resource which brings you the latest news on your 100 missionaries at work in 20 countries. Write [mobilize@wmpl.org](mailto:mobilize@wmpl.org) to request a free subscription.

World Mission Prayer Leagues

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St. Paul Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$435.00 to Luther Home of Mercy. Please know your Thoughtfulness is remembered and truly appreciated as we express thanksgiving for friends Who care...and take the time to express care in meaningful ways.

Most sincerely,  
Terri Rodriguez

# September 2017

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10 Church Council after worship  Rally Day Sunday School AM    Worship 10 AM	11	12	13	14	15	16 All you can eat Pancake Breakfast 7:30-10:30 sponsored by God Squad at Liberty Twp. Fire Station
17 Sunday School AM    Worship 10 AM  Women's Combined Meeting after worship	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Book Fair after workshop  Fall Festival at parsonage  Sunday School AM    Worship 10 AM	25	26	27	28	29	30