

THE LUTHERAN VISITOR



November 2010

St. Paul Lutheran Church

721 12th Avenue

Huntington, WV 25701

The mission of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is to celebrate and proclaim to all the saving grace of Jesus Christ through word and deed.

*From the
Pastor*



When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:33-42, The Gospel reading for Christ the King Sunday, November 21)

At the cross the Roman soldiers read Jesus' death sentence and mocked him, "Hey, King of the Jews! Help yourself!" The people scoffed, too, saying, "What kind of chosen one is this? He saved others. He can't save himself." Even one of the criminals executed near Jesus derided him. "Save yourself! And us!"

As the year draws to a close and we get ready for Advent (November 28) and Christmas, this seems like a strange reading to consider as we anticipate a season of joy and "Glory to the newborn King!" When we see Christ on the cross we have to wonder: What kind of glory is it that the Son of God is stretched out on a cross? How can such a savior save? What good is the Messiah if he cannot save his people? While we may not mock as those did at the cross, we still have their questions.

But the other criminal spoke up. "We're getting what we deserve"--that is, death. Yet, the criminal said to the Son of God, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." There is nothing that this criminal could offer that should have gained him Paradise. He didn't deserve it. Yet Jesus saved this man, and us with him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." This is the glory of God--that Christ Jesus came to save sinners. Through the cross we are saved. In his death and resurrection, Jesus Christ tramples down death forever. Sin and death no longer have dominion. Jesus Christ does. That's a reason to anticipate Jesus' coming. That's a cause for joy. God has come to save his people. Jesus Christ came for you.

Pastor Jennifer Obermueller



All Saints' Day

On November 7 we will observe All Saints Day at St. Paul. We will remember those from our congregation who have fallen asleep in the arms of Jesus in the last year. During the prayers the following petition will be read (and two candles will be lighted in memorial):

We bless you for the immeasurable greatness of your love, holy God, and for those who have died in the faith

Larry Gene Hatfield

+ March 14, 2010

Lois Hess

+ June 6, 2010

Keep us in your care that, with them and all the saints, we receive the glorious inheritance of eternal life.



Notable Events

NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

A new worship assistant position is being added to our regular worship schedule. As of the 1st Sunday of Advent (November 28) we will have Readers from the congregation for the 1st and 2nd lessons and the psalm when it is read responsively. If you've always wanted to read lessons in church, but don't necessarily want to help with communion, this position is for You! Please consider serving in this special way.

A meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning, November 6, 9:30 - 10:30 (complete with donuts and coffee) for you to learn more. Please join us! And, please, if possible, call the church office (304)525-9630 to let us know you'll be there.

ASSISTING MINISTERS, COMMUNION DEACONS, AND READERS WANTED!

St. Paul is looking to expand its list of Assisting Ministers and Communion Deacons, and to create a list of Readers to serve during worship services. If you would like to read, but not help with communion, we can use you; if you would like to help with communion, but not read, there is a place for you!

Please join us Saturday morning, November 6, 9:30 - 10:30 to learn more. We'll enjoy coffee, donuts, and fellowship while we review our tasks as those who assist in worship services. If you plan to join us, please let the church office know (304)525-9630.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

In preparation for the Christmas baskets give away, Social ministry is asking the congregation to donate the following on designated Sundays. Money will also be accepted to buy perishable items. We will be providing for 10 families. There will be a box in the Narthex to collect the items.



- November 7: cake mix and frosting
- November 14: canned corn and green beans
- November 21: fruit cocktail and Jell-O
- November 28: canned ravioli and chili
- December 5: Christmas candy and bag of potatoes
- December 12: cereal and pancake mix

Baskets will be delivered on December 19. If you would like to shop and/or help deliver baskets, please contact Bernadette Wellman at (304)529-6870 or bernadettewellman@hotmail.com.

Thank you,
Social Ministry



Dig into the Bible over lunch.

Join us for Brown Bag Bible Study led by Pastor Jennifer, Thursdays, 12:00-1:15 pm in the Library. Participants will study a specific book of the Bible for over a period of weeks. This Thursday, November 4 we will study **Habakkuk**. (We will read and study one book of the Bible in one class!) A study of **Jonah** will run November 11 and 18.



**REQUESTS
FOR
PRAYER**

Please pray for Andrew Barham; LaDonna Hay Beckett; Mikah Beckett; Olivia Burge; Susan Clark; Mary DeCourcy; Beverly McLean; Kris Maeland; John Parsons; Ryan and her family; all victims of natural disasters; those involved in disaster relief; military and civilians overseas; Church Council; and the congregations of our Synod.

Please notify the church office (304) 525-9630 or stpchurch@frontier.com if a name needs to be added or removed.

Aaron and Judy Schmidt will be moving to Chandler, Arizona in the near future. Judy has already gone ahead to start her new job.



Aaron will be trying to sell the house until their new house is available in Arizona. Judy's temporary address is 4800 South Alma School Road, #2051, Chandler, AZ 85248

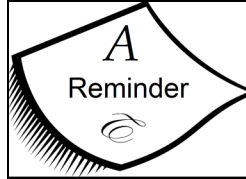
Please keep Aaron and Judy in your prayers. We hope to be able to bless them as they go in an upcoming worship service.



**NOVEMBER
SYNOD
CALENDAR**



- 9-11 First Call Theological Education, Antiochian Village, Bolivar, PA
- 24 Lutheran Supplement Articles Due at Synod Office for February 2011 issue
- 25-26 Thanksgiving – synod office closed



YOUTH SERVICE PROJECTS

The youth will be doing the following monthly service projects:

November

The youth are sponsoring a Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoeboxes service project. There will be a donation drop of in the front entryway starting Sunday, November 7 till Sunday, November 21. Please see the display in the entryway for more information.

December

Hat/Mittens/Scarves
Jeannie Riley,
Youth Director






- 1 Catherine Clark
- 2 Sally McGill
- 4 Celia White
- 5 Zach Miller
- 7 Caroline Asbury
- 9 Sandy Fricke
- 9 Tom Pettit
- 13 Anne Graybeal
- 16 Ida Mae Dixon
- 17 Emily Conzett
- 17 Shelly Tucker
- 19 Judy Roby Korstanje
- 20 Sharon Tucker
- 22 Jon Gensler
- 22 Linda Pleasants
- 23 Custer Maynor
- 26 Piper May
- 29 Wylma Skean
- 30 Erin Pease

Please let us know if your birthday is missing or inaccurate

NOVEMBER 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 12:30 Cridlin Women's Club 1:00 pm	2 9:00 am Quilters	3 Confirmation 5:30 pm CCC 6:00 pm Sr. Choir 7:00 pm	4 12:00 noon Brown Bag Bible Study	5	6 9:30 am Meeting AM, Readers 
7 All Saints' Day 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School Return pledge cards Time & Talent Sheets	8 12:30 Cridlin	9 9:00 am Quilters	10 Confirmation 5:30 pm CCC 6:00 pm Sr. Choir 7:00 pm	11 12:00 noon Brown Bag Bible Study  Veterans Day	12	13
14 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School	15 12:30 Cridlin 8:30 Staff Mtg	16 9:00 am Quilters	17 Confirmation 5:30 pm CCC 6:00 pm Sr. Choir 7:00 pm	18 12:00 noon Brown Bag Bible Study Church Council 7:00 pm	19 Newsletter Deadline	20
21 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School	22 12:30 Cridlin	23 9:00 am Quilters	24	25 Office Closed Thanksgiving Holiday 	26 Office Closed	27
28 First Sunday in Advent 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School	29 12:30 Cridlin Women's Club 1:00 pm	30 9:00 am Quilters				



NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS SHARING THEIR TIME AND TALENT

	November 7	November 14	November 21	November 28
Acolyte	Kathleen Korstanje	Jacob Simpkins	Ethan Arneson	Zoe May
Sacristan	Zakare Garnett	Jonathan Anderson-Cain	Trey Bell	Samuel Plate
Assisting Minister	Jan Wilson	Rick Wilson	Bill White	Keith Wellman
Communion Deacon	Sally McGill	Ron Pease	Jeannie Riley	Jan Wilson
Nursery	Doug & Susan Korstanje	Terri White	Debbie & Elizabeth Arentz	Sally Pettit
Altar Flowers	John Paul & Terri White	Kathie & Richard Cunningham	Available	Available

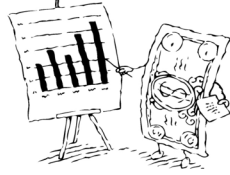
Altar Guild— Kathie Cunningham, Kelly Cunningham and Meredith Anderson-Cain

Ushers— Joel and Norma Gensler, Sarah Bell and Steve Nord

Cridlin Food Pantry



48 jars of jelly
can be donated in the box
outside the church parlor



TREASURER'S REPORT
THRU 9/30/10

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Offering	\$162,000	\$143,700	\$18,300
Expenses	\$161,742	<u>\$139,144</u>	<u>\$22,598</u>
Net Total		\$ 4,556	

1. We are behind our budgeted offering through 9/30/10 by **\$18,300**
(This trend will pose a problem for next year's budget)
2. We are under our budgeted spending thru 9/30/10 by **\$22,598**
(Primarily because we had no full-time pastor until August 2010)
3. Net Status: All bills/commitments paid and \$4,556 left



Worship and Music Committee will be offering to you the 2011 Lutheran Church Calendar featuring our church on the cover. All the festival and commemorations are indicated on the face of each calendar leaf. Practical suggestions for the observance of the Church year appear on the underside of the calendar leaf.

As daily reminders for Christian living...these inspirational and educational guides interest all age groups and are designed to help people think and practice the teachings of their faith. With the days and seasons of the Church Year beautifully reproduced in the proper liturgical colors...these informative calendars are helpful daily guides for the orderly observance of the Church Year and are invaluable to every clergyman and church members. Enriching as well as aiding the growing influence of the Church in our daily living...they are a powerful factor for taking the Church into the home...to create a strong bond with the Church and a greater interest in its teachings.

Information to follow in Sunday's worship folders as to when they the calendars will be available.



World Community Day

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Cordially invites Christian women of all denominations to bring a friend and join us in ecumenical worship

2010 World Community Day
Building the Beloved Community
Friday, November 5
Pea Ridge United
Methodist Church
5747 East Pea Ridge Road
Huntington, WV

Fellowship at 10:00 am
Worship Program at 11:00 am

St. Paul members Susan Kelz and Bernadette Wellman will take part in the service.

For more information, contact Dolores Johnson at (304) 522-7824 or Martha Casey at (304) 522-0526

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9:30 am Sunday Worship
with Holy Communion
10:45 am Sunday School



HOW TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

~~ Author Unknown ~~

CONTACT US

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