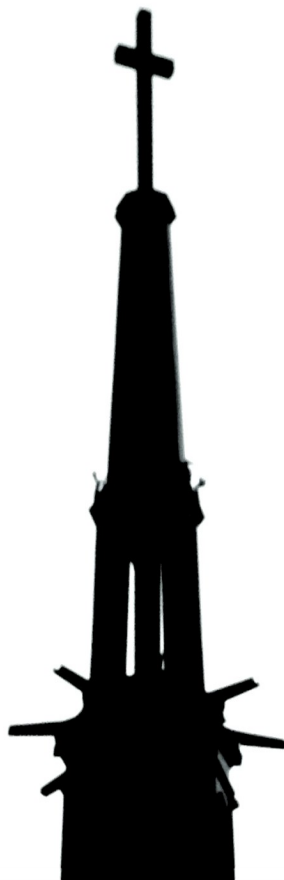

The Lutheran Visitor

721 12th Avenue Huntington, WV 25701
The Reverend Jennifer Obermueller, Pastor

October 2011

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



Please Give to Our Special Building Appeal

Our goal is for St. Paul members to contribute \$25,000 to the special Building Appeal by 12/25. This money will be to pay for the restoration work being done on the brick, mortar, window seals and sanctuary roof. This is a special appeal and one we ask you to consider in addition to your regular giving to the weekly offering and building fund. \$25,000 in fourteen weeks is a goal we can reach. Please pray for this building project and special appeal. Please prayerfully consider what you will give. Mark checks and envelopes "Special Building Appeal." Thank you!



Invite Your Non-Churchgoing Animal Friends and their People

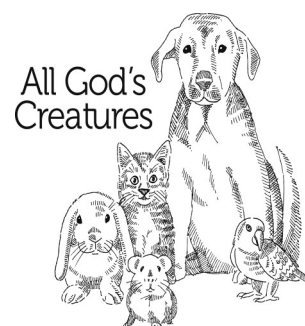
Know someone who likes animals and doesn't have a church home? Invite them to our St. Francis Day Celebration with the Blessing of the Animals 11 a.m.– 3 p.m., Sat., 10/1 at St. Paul. People and animals will play, learn and be blessed at this festival of family fun and God's peace. The Blessing of the Animals will be at 2 p.m.

For our St. Francis celebration, we will be collecting the following items for Little Victories.

- Purina or Pedigree cat/dog, kitten/puppy chow
- Litter
- Cleaning supplies
- Paper towels
- Lysol spray
- Laundry soap
- Bounce
- Used blankets and towels for bedding
- Used or new collars/leashes/dishes/carriers/cages
- Aluminum pans
- Tools

We are also collecting for recycling the following items:

- Ink cartridges
- Toner cartridges
- iPods
- Cell phones



Baskets will be located in the narthex for any and all donations.

Feel free to mark an envelope "Little Victories" and place it in the collection plate.

Questions? Contact Susan Clark at (304)523-6510.

Social Ministry plans for Annual Christmas Basket Distribution

The Social Ministry Committee is beginning to plan for our annual Christmas basket distribution. As we did last year, we would like to begin collecting food items in October. Each Sunday will have a designated food item. We are asking that you will purchase an item and bring it to church each week. Items can be placed in the basket labeled "Christmas baskets". We usually have provided 10 baskets but because of increased need, we would like to double that amount. Baskets will be prepared and delivered on Sun., 12/18. As always, recipients are screened by Information and Referral Service before we receive their names. If you would prefer to donate money, it will be used to purchase fresh foods for the baskets. Please mark the donation "Christmas baskets" and place it in the offering plate.

October food items are:

- 10/2 boxes of instant mashed potatoes
- 10/9 cake mix and frosting
- 10/16 canned vegetables and boxes of macaroni and cheese
- 10/23 cans of fruit cocktail
- 10/30 cans of chili or ravioli



Because most of these baskets go to families, we are asking for larger sized cans or boxes.

Thank you,
Social Ministry Committee

Fellowship Teams



The Evangelism Committee will be assigning teams for Advent Suppers soon! If anyone has any ideas about menus or team assignments, just e-mail Francis Case fcase617@frontier.com Thanks a lot!!

Prayer Requests

Let us pray for our friends and family members Betty; LaDonna; Susan; Eddie; Mary; Fred; Joseph; Karen; Kris; Beverly; John; Jeri; Steven; Laverne; Lowell; Juanita; David; Tim and son Chris and family; Ryan and her family; all victims of natural disasters; those involved in disaster relief; for the military, especially Tim; and for church council.

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



A perspective on perils

Martin Luther's wife, Kate, said, "I would never have known the meaning of various Psalms, come to appreciate certain difficulties or known the inner workings of the soul; I would never have understood the practice of the Christian life and work, if God had never brought afflictions to my life."

Martin Luther went one step further, saying, "Oh! His grace and goodness toward us is so immeasurably great, that without great assaults and trials it cannot be understood."

—Homiletics

Synod Calendar

October 2011

10-28/10-29

WV-WMD Synod Council Retreat



Cridlin Needs Help!

These are difficult times. Special appeals are all around us. We recently celebrated two Undie Sundays and more than met our goal of 500 pair! We also met our goal of over \$1,000 donation to help those suffering from famine in Africa. Our own building is getting attention that requires our giving. In this Visitor is the announcement that we're beginning to collect foods for our increased number of Christmas baskets, and soon it will be stewardship time.

In the midst of all this, Cridlin Food & Clothing Pantry is in serious need of our help. Their need in the community has increased at the same time as help from federal programs has decreased. In 2010, Cridlin averaged serving 250 per month. In August, 2011 alone, they served 467 families! From a recent letter from Cridlin: "The items we receive from the USDA commodity program used to make up at least 50% or more of the food we included in food orders. Presently the only USDA items we have in stock are corn, cream corn, peaches, and applesauce. EVERYTHING else we include in our food order must be provided by our member churches and through grants we are awarded."

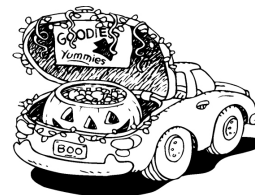
These are difficult times. You may be experiencing financial difficulties of your own, but please remember that we are God's hands & feet in this world. Social Ministry is asking you to prayerfully consider extra giving to Cridlin, in addition to other extra giving you may already be doing. They are especially in need of the following: cereal, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni & cheese, American cheese, crackers, tuna, chili, spaghetti & sauce, ravioli, beef stew, and chicken noodle soup. Please place in or near the baskets in the Narthex and the hallway outside the parlor. If you prefer, monetary donations can be made - please just note on your check's memo line "For Cridlin".

May God bless you & keep you,

Social Ministry

Put On Your Best Costume and Hand Out Treats at Trunk or Treat on Fri., 10/28

Kids will have the chance to wear their costumes a second time and receive treats at Trunk or Treat 6-8 p.m., Fri., 10/28 in the St. Paul parking lot. We need people to dress up, decorate their car trunks and bring candy to hand out to children from the neighborhood. We also need greeters. We will have a great time! In addition to costumes and treats we'll have games, take home items and emergency service vehicles for kids to tour. If you would like to volunteer to hand out treats, dress up or help in any way, please contact Jenny Murray at (740) 867-0407. Please plan to come!



Do you like to bake bread? The altar guild committee **needs** people who are willing to **knead!** What a blessed way to offer your time and talent by signing up to help make communion bread.

Barbara Garnett uses the following recipe which has been handed down from the past so it is "time-tested".

In bread machine pan add these ingredients in this exact order:

- 3/4 cup warm water
- 6 tbsp cooking oil (I use canola)
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cups bread flour
- 1 1/2 cups wheat flour
- 2 tsp quick rise yeast, or 2 1/2 tsp. regular yeast
- Bake in bread machine on "Whole Wheat" setting.
- Should you have a favorite recipe, please use it.

Our thanks to Barbara Garnett and Linda Adams who take time from their busy schedule to bake communion bread for us.

Altar guild certainly needs your help, so if you are willing to bake a loaf now and then, please email the office stpchurch@frontier.com or telephone (304)525-9630.



	10/2	10/9	Harvest 10/16	10/23	10/30 Reformation
Acolyte	Emma Simpkins	Ethan Arneson	Katie Bell	Alex Lindberg	Zoe May Emma
Sacristan	Jacob	Trey	Kathleen	Ethan	Jacob
Assisting Minister	Carl Mummert	Frances Case	Bill White	Keith Wellman	Bernadette Wellman
Reader	Anna	Carl	Linda	David	David
Communion Deacon	Traditional Communion	Anna Mummert	Rebecca Pettit	Wilma Anderson-Cain	Frances Case
Torch					Heath Wade
Altar	Gensler	Wellman	Grimes	Open	Open

Altar Guild: Norma Gensler and Paula Simpson

Ushers: Earl Arentz, Kathie Cunningham, Ken Kirby and Brandy Korstanje



- 10/1 Ron Pease
- 10/3 Clarice Kumlien
- 10/3 Linda Mick
- 10/5 Tristan Miller
- 10/5 Josefine Landgrave
- 10/6 Skylar Price
- 10/6 Kathy Rea
- 10/7 Abigail Bell
- 10/7 Joel Gensler
- 10/7 Ernest Golder
- 10/7 Brandy Korstanje
- 10/10 Andrew Wellman
- 10/12 Jan Wilson
- 10/14 Sally Pettit
- 10/15 Lisa Kelley
- 10/16 Cameron May
- 10/18 Linda Adams
- 10/26 Warren Dumke
- 10/28 Will Lindberg
- 10/28 Janet Grimes
- 10/31 Dolly Oshel

400 Food Items Needed By October 16

Our goals for giving to the Criddlin Community Food and Clothing Pantry are 50 boxes (or more) of crackers and 350 other non-perishable food items by 10/16. Please leave food donations in the baskets near the office or in the main entryways. Let's fill the food pantry shelves! Thank you for your generosity.





Beyond Luther

Many reformers had lasting effects on the Christian church. You may want to read more about them to learn about their lives and legacies.

- John Huss (1369-1415) was a Catholic priest from the Czech Republic. He opposed indulgences and emphasized right living over sacraments. Huss was burned at the stake.
- Swiss priest Ulrich Zwingli (1484-1531) was a father of the Reformed tradition. He taught that people should believe and practice only what's in the Bible.
- Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556), a contemporary of Luther, played a large role in the English Reformation, leading to the formation of the Anglican/Episcopal tradition. He was burned at the stake.
- Menno Simons (1496-1561), founder of the Mennonite Church, taught believers' baptism, nonresistance and symbolic Eucharist.
- John Calvin (1509-1564) introduced new forms of liturgy and church government, led the church in Geneva and taught the doctrine of predestination. His work influenced the Reformed and Presbyterian traditions.
- George Fox (1624-1691) founded the Society of Friends (Quakers), emphasized the Inner Light of Christ and took frequent missionary journeys.
- John Wesley (1703-1791), the founder of Methodism, taught the Arminian doctrine of free will and emphasized sanctification.

Did Tree Trimming Go Awry?

You may have noticed that the front of the church looks a lot more open these days. That's because a few weeks ago the magnolia trees that were on either side of the main church sign were cut down. The property committee, along with Pastor Jennifer and some other church members decided, at the recommendation of Oleantangy Restoration, that we take the trees down. In addition to growing too close to the church foundation, the limbs and leaves were also trapping moisture around the front facade of the building. For these and other reasons having to do with the well-being of the trees, the building and people, we decided it was best to cut the trees as soon as possible.

The trees will be missed. But their removal also allows members and visitors to look at the building from new points of view. The main church sign is now more visible. Also the 1924 cornerstone is visible. Thanks be to God who makes Jesus the true cornerstone of the church and Christ our sure foundation.



The benefits of journaling

Regular writing is a rewarding way to improve your spiritual life. Journaling allows you to:

- express thoughts and emotions in a safe way,
- analyze problems and find patterns,
- face fears by writing them down,
- record and remember God's work in your life,
- record prayers and answers,
- remember life lessons that God is teaching you
- and stay focused on your priorities.

You can reap the many benefits of journaling without much preparation. To begin, all you need is a pen, paper and some regular quiet time.

A guide for giving


"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc. is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little.

"If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditures exclude them."

—C.S. Lewis



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:30 am Sunday Worship Holy Communion 10:45 am Sunday School						1 11-3 St. Francis Day Festival
2 World Communion Sunday 2 pm Violin and Viola Recital	3 1 pm Women's Club Writers Group	4	5 5:30 pm Confirmation 6 pm Cool to Be Christian Club 7 pm Adult Choir	6 12 noon-1:15 pm Brown Bag Bible Study	7	8
9	10 Columbus Day	11 6:30-7:30 pm Girl Scouts	12 5:30 pm Confirmation 6 pm Cool to Be Christian Club 7 pm Adult Choir	13 12 noon-1:15 pm Brown Bag Bible Study	14	15
16 Harvest Festival  World Food Day	17	18 6-6:45 pm Daisy Troop	19 5:30 pm Confirmation 6 pm Cool to Be Christian Club 7 pm Adult Choir	20 12 noon-1:15 pm Brown Bag Bible Study 7 pm Church Council	21	22
23	24 6 pm Girl Scout Council	25 6:30-7:30 pm Girl Scouts	26 5:30 pm Confirmation 6 pm Cool to Be Christian Club 7 pm Adult Choir	27 12 noon-1:15 pm Brown Bag Bible Study	28 6-8 pm Trunk or Treat 	29
30 	31 1 pm Women's Club					



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 am
Sunday School 10:45 am

I would like to order _____ mums at \$5.60/ea made payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church for Harvest to be celebrated on Sun., 10/16. (Deadline for ordering 10/9)



PLEASE PRINT your dedication as you would like it to read in the bulletin.

In memory _____

In honor _____

By _____ Phone _____

_____ I will pick up my flowers after the 9:30 am service Email _____

_____ I prefer my flowers be taken to the ill or homebound