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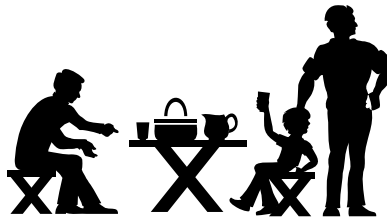
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St Paul Lutheran Church

August 2009

August 30th Congregational Picnic! After the 10:00 AM Service

- Games, Fun, Fellowship



If your last name starts with the letters:

A-H: Please bring a side dish.

I-P: Please bring a salad.

Q-Z: Please bring a dessert

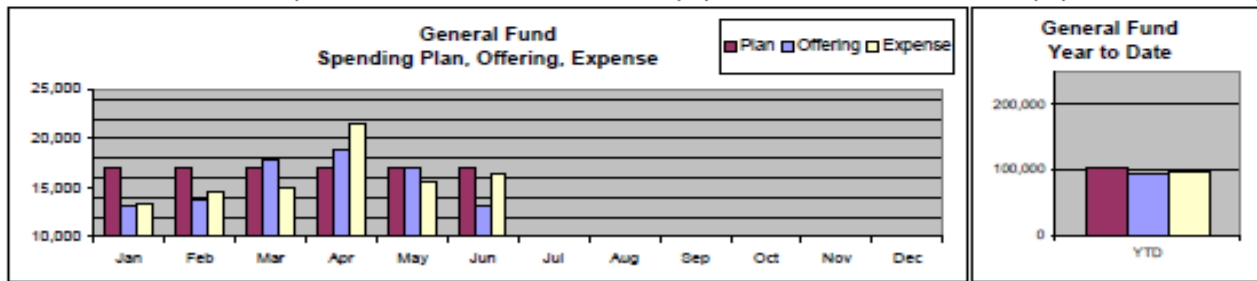
Families are requested to bring whatever meat they want to put on the grill!

If you have any questions please contact
Mary Ellen Smith or call the church office.

Treasurer's Report

St Paul Lutheran Church
Statement of Revenue and Expense with Spending Plan

June 2008	June				Year to Date			Year to Date	
	General Fund	Spending Plan	+/- of Plan Rec'd-Spent	% of Plan Rec'd-Spent	General Fund to Date	Total Plan to Date	% of Plan Rec'd-Spent	Restricted Fund	Total Funds to Date
Support and Revenue									
Contributions	13,194	17,113	(3,919)	77%	93,447	102,678	91%	14,362	93,447
Designated/Restricted									14,362
Total Assets	13,194	17,113	(3,919)	77%	93,447	102,678	91%	14,362	107,809
Expenses									
Designated/Restricted		0				0		23,141	23,141
Congregational Council	0	0			954	0		0	0
Benevolences	2,500	2,600	(100)	96%	15,000	16,300	92%	0	15,000
Church Mortgage	568	580	(12)	0%	3,397	3,480	98%	0	3,397
Committee - Christian Education	794	1,037	(243)	77%	1,817	2,675	68%	0	1,817
Committee - Fellowship	60	79	(20)	75%	522	780	67%	0	522
Committee - Staff Support	0	0	0	0%	0	30	0%	0	0
Committee - Outreach	39	146	(107)	26%	821	1,435	57%	0	821
Committee - Property	83	167	(84)	50%	200	1,000	20%	0	200
Committee - Resource	0	0	0	0%	0	600	0%	0	0
Committee - Stewardship	0	0	0	0%	0	100	0%	0	0
Committee - Worship & Music	288	308	(20)	94%	1,390	2,585	54%	0	1,390
Insurance	483	301	182	160%	2,211	2,306	96%	0	2,211
Building Operation	1,845	1,841	3	100%	11,987	11,973	100%	0	11,987
Office Operation	485	384	111	129%	2,617	2,303	114%	0	2,617
Parish Communications	118	185	(87)	64%	1,202	1,160	104%	0	1,202
Payroll	9,048	9,102	(66)	99%	54,080	54,615	99%	0	54,080
Total Expenses	18,218	18,730	(411)	88%	96,198	101,343	96%	23,141	118,386
Excess of Support and Revenue Over Expenses	(3,125)	383	(3,508)		(2,751)	1,335		(8,779)	(10,576)





CORN & KIELBASA SOCIAL

AUGUST 19th 6:00 PM

Council will provide the goodies but you are welcome to bring anything that you would like to add. Come out and enjoy the fresh corn & kielbasa and all the good things that go with it!!!! See you there!



FROM THE PIECEMAKERS: Summer is well underway and even with less summer help we are moving right along with our quilting. Sometimes we get a pleasant surprise and someone new joins us now and then. That is always a great help to us. Our always faithful's are working hard and cheerfully making Lap Robes and Quilts. Pastor Bennett has promised to take us to the warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland, sometime in August and we are looking forward to that because we have a good many quilts to go for Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to so many people giving us donations of supplies—we are well stocked. There is no chance of us quitting in the new future, Lord willing. St. Paul has truly been blessed with this Mission. Remember we can always use more help if anyone has some spare time!!!.....The Piecemakers

WELCA NEWS: We will be meeting on Wednesday, August 12th at 2:00 p.m. in the church lounge. All women of St. Paul are welcome to attend.

WELCA is currently conducting it's School Kit Mission Project and the estimate is that we will have approximately 70 bags or more to fill this year. With school supplies on sale, now is a good time to purchase them. Each kit should contain: Spiral notebooks of wide-ruled paper, 150-200 sheets (if using 70-sheet notebooks, please include three), 1 blunt children's scissors, 1 12-inch ruler with centimeters on one side, 1 pencil sharpener, 6 new unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, 1 pinkie eraser (approx. 2 1/2 inches long), and 1 box of 16-24 Crayola crayons (this brand does not melt in shipping to hot countries). **THE CLOTH BAGS ARE READY AND CAN BE PICKED UP IN THE NARTHEX FOLLOWING THE SUNDAY SERVICE.** Please sign for as many bags as you are taking and also sign when you return them. We hope to complete the project by early September and bags will be delivered to Lutheran World Relief in New Windsor, MD. Any cash donation will be used to cover the cost of shipping from New Windsor to the receiving country and is approx. \$1.10 per bag. Any questions, please see Betty Kidd.

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Have you signed up for your fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? Now is the time to register so you can get the weekend of your choice! Weekends are designed to enrich ALL MARRIAGES and are scheduled for: **September 18-20 at the Lutheran Camp Sequanota motel-style retreat center** situated in 400 beautiful wooded acres in Jennerstown, PA, and **October 16-18 at the Radisson Hotel in Sharon, PA**, just an hour north of Pittsburgh, where each room has a king bed and its own hot tub. The weekends run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday at 5 PM; and all costs for 2 nights lodging, meals for the weekend, and all supplies are covered by a \$45.00 per couple registration fee plus a confidential contribution of whatever amount you choose to make toward the end of the weekend. Registrations are limited, so sign up today to ensure that you can attend the weekend of your choice. Simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and register using your credit card, or for questions or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Western PA Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.

News from Council

The St. Paul Congregational Council met Thursday, July 9th and would like to share the following highlights with you:

Starting this fall, the United States Post Office will make considerable changes to the way it will handle bulk mailings. In addition to increasing the cost, the post office will change what format it will accept (for example, items must be sealed on all sides). The result is that it will be impossible both financially and practically, for St. Paul to continue sending the newsletter to all households.

We would like to send the newsletter electronically to as many households as possible. If you are willing, please take a moment to fill out the form on the following page of this newsletter and return either by mail to the church office or by the offering plate? Or you may send the information by email to office@stpaulmorgantown.org

If you wish to continue to receive the newsletter by mail, please also complete and return the form, so that we may update our records.

We will be beginning a complete review of our membership records for the purpose of updating and correcting them. Anyone who is willing to volunteer to help in contacting members, please contact Dave Stiles or the church office.

The August social will be August 19th and is corn and kielbasa, and the congregational picnic is set for August 30th following the 10:00 a.m. service. More information on the picnic can be found in this newsletter.

Finally, the youth group traveled to New Orleans from July 21 to 26. They thank you for your prayers for a safe journey and valuable experience. We hope to hear more from them about their trip in the weeks to come.



BUILDING ON FAITH WEEK

Each year Habitat for Humanity International celebrates its partnerships with churches during an event called Building on Faith week. The goal is for local Habitat groups and the faith community to focus on their ministry together and to ultimately build houses so that more people can have a simple, decent place in which to live.

The weeklong events will kick off Sunday, Sept. 13, with a Potluck dinner at Trinity Episcopal Church, everyone is welcome. People 16 and older who are interested in volunteering on the worksite should contact Teri Dalton at 304-225-0915 or email at teri@moncountyhhabitat.org Building will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every weekday and Saturday 8-12 with St. Thomas A. Becket providing the wrap up lunch. Local churches and organizations will provide lunch and dinner for volunteers. If you are interested in providing a meal, contact Teri at the number or email above. We urge everyone to come out and build individually or as a group!

St Paul Member Information Form

Names of adults in household:

Address: _____

Children's names and birthdates:

Phone numbers: _____

Email address(es): _____

Mail to: St Paul Lutheran Church
309 Baldwin St.
Morgantown, WV 265054

THE GREEN CORNER

The Problem: “W.Va. Least Green State in Nation”

Forbes Magazine recently listed states from the ‘best’ to the ‘worst’ green in the country, and West Virginia ranked last, scoring 14.2 out of 50. The Daily Athenaeum (5/24/09) published the chart and Vermont ranked first scoring 43.6. West Virginia scored bottom five in both water quality and carbon footprint and has more toxic waste per capita than all but three states. Much of the pollution is caused by coal fired power plants and there are seven plants operating within 30 miles of Morgantown, including Longview near Pt. Marion. According to Jim Kotcon, Prof. of Plant and Animal Science, at WVU, these coal plants are the major source of pollution from air particulates to acid rain emissions, and they create ‘serious issues with water quality’. In 2005 WV exceeded its Clean Water Act permit levels by over 650% on average, according to the Federation of U.S. Public Interest Research Groups. Forbes also pointed out that our state government has lackadaisical environment policies and therefore ‘suffers from a mix of toxic waste, lots of pollution and consumption and no clear plans to do anything about it’ but Kotcon says the problem is lack of environmental enforcement.

The Solution: “Citizen Action”

Realizing that water has become a highly precious resource (there are places today where a barrel of water costs more than a barrel of oil), the WV Rivers Coalition has been for 20 years the sole advocacy organization to clean up statewide our freshwaters. Their new studies reveal high levels of pharmaceutical substances in drinking water so they have been working to protect the Potomac from endocrine disruption substances. Last fall they launched a first in state consumer medication return program, working with local pharmacies to collect unwanted medication from households. They also threatened action against PPG Industries for exceeding mercury discharges into the Ohio River.

Another group protest against mountaintop mining operations in Raleigh County made national headlines with their demands that Massey withdraw plans to build a second coal silo within 300 feet of March Fork Elementary School. The protest leaders (to avoid violence) did not try to enter Massey property but sat down, instead, in the middle of the road, an act of civil disobedience. Thirty were arrested including Ken Hechler, former Congressman and WV Secretary of State, Dr. James Hanson, Director NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, and Daryl Hannah, actress.

The most daring citizen action occurred when the WV Highlands Conservancy, Sierra Club, Coal River Mountain Watch, and Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition have all joined to petition the federal Environmental Protection Agency for withdrawal of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program delegation from the state of West Virginia. They point to the systemic failure of WV to administer and enforce the (NPDES) program, so they ask that West Virginia’s authority to do so be withdrawn and the national EPA administer and enforce the Clean Water Act. The petition also points to the systemic failure of WV in providing public notice of agency actions in major modifications to permits and changes in water quality standards. Furthermore WV DEP is failing to keep required records of its monitoring activities. EPA will have to respond to the filed petition and then before taking any action, extensive public hearings would be completed.

TO LEARN MORE:

- www.wvrivers.org West Virginia Rivers Coalition
- Blog <http://blogs.wvgazette.com/coaltattoo> — Charleston Gazette
- Source of this green info is The Highlands Voice (vol. 42, number 7, July 09) www.highlands.org

Prayer Corner

One of the most important things we can do for others is to pray for them, not just generally, but especially for particular needs and interests that they have. . . "The great intercessors remain the men and women of secret influence in all communities, and to be mentioned in their prayers is incomparably more enriching than to be mentioned in their wills. (W.E. Sangster)

Please pray for those in need. We ask you to include:

Illness

Lois Kleeb
Ron Fortney
Bob Walters
Bob
James Martin
Elizabeth Martin
Rick Tomason
Caron Gladfelter
Bob Snyder
Bobbi Elliot
David Hartley
Wil Gladfelter
Barbara Kervaski
Ray Sickles
Tom & Betty Kelso
Laura Bender
Jill Park
Bonnie Olson
June Ross
Ann Cloonan
Florence Merow
Jim Craig
Alana Mears

Home Bound

Rilla Tonon
James Sharkey

Grief

The family of:
Florence Till

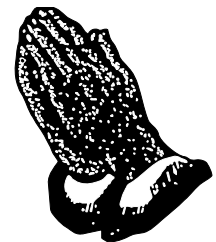
Family Concerns

St. Mark's Lutheran
Clarksburg, WV
Grace Lutheran
Fairmont, WV
Gladfelter Family

Recuperation Active Duty

Sierra Gabbert
Rob Walters
Brian Fox
Jason Glass
Jay Pratt
Jason Sampson
Matt Burmeister

Wedding



SERVING ST. PAUL August 2009	LAY ASSISTANTS	LECTORS	ACOLYTE-CRUCIFER	USHERS	NURSERY WORKERS	COUNTERS
2nd 10:00 AM	M. Haas	E. Melby	E. Stiles E. Stiles	E & C Melby L & L Paulson	J. Graham M. L. Bennett	K. Powell L. Springer
9th 10:00 AM	S. Woodruff	T. Potter	M. McCulla AJ Bartlett	ML Cushing E. Dillon E. Graham C. Henry	McCulla Family	P. Cushing B. Schreiman
16th 10:00 AM	D. Borrelli	S. Rizzo	K. Smith J. Borrelli	T & F Potter D & C Custer	Ford-Werntz Family	D. Borrelli R. Zay
23rd 10:00 AM	M. Sampson	G. Makela	A. Grosso E. Graham	G & K Kullman LA Hartley S. Lynch	K. Custer S. Hollar	C. Henry T. Riegel
30th 10:00 AM	J. Lee	B. Schreiman	K. Custer E. Custer	P. Smith L. Springer B & J Schreiman	A. Grosso S. Rizzo	L. Paulson C. Toffle

If you are unable to serve please find your own replacement. Thank you!

August 2009 Monthly Planner

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