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A Year in Reflection.

About a week ago I enjoyed the fulfillment of a year-long dream: In the middle of the night I was laying out in the back yard, looking up into the sky, enjoying the magnificent light-show displayed by the Perseid meteor shower. As Sara and I were working through the purchase of our home, we often commented about how much we looked forward to enjoying the August meteor shower in our own back yard. Now, a year later, there I was enjoying it. The enjoyment was only partly fulfilled as Sara and the girls were visiting family in Minnesota at the time and missed out on it. This gave me pause to consider this first year of ministry we've had together.

As we made our arrival in Valley City, we were all filled with eager anticipation (pastor, family, and congregation alike). What did God have in store for us in this new ministry? What will we continue to enjoy at St. Paul? What new things will we discover? What won't work? What will?

Now, a year later, I am so thankful for the many, many good things God had prepared for us in advance that have come to fruition. Like enjoying the meteor shower, we have also seen many things fulfilled in our hopes for St. Paul, with equally stunning results. Thanks be to God!

In this past year I have seen the grace of God showered upon families of St. Paul as they mourned the deaths of loved ones. This is when the Body of Christ at St. Paul is truly at your best. The Apostle Paul writes, "If one member [of the body] suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together" (1Cor. 12:26). We have suffered together and rejoiced together. I thank you for your prayers and help that have sustained your brothers and sisters in Christ during trials of all kinds: deaths, fires, illnesses, and loss. I thank you also for the prayers and help that have sustained me and my family as we minister together.

We have also rejoiced together at new births, new members, confirmations, weddings, and graduations also in Sunday School, VBS, bonfires, Brothers in Christ, LWML, dinners, and Christmas Tea. I rejoice especially at the enthusiasm for studying God's Word that I see in Bible Study and Confirmation class. The Word of God truly satisfies and, by faith, you desire it. It's so exciting to see.

For every hope fulfilled in our ministry together, I'm also going to acknowledge that there are loose ends waiting for attention. If you're on the dangling end of one of those, I humbly ask for your forgiveness. Even as I was able to enjoy the meteor shower, we still have something to look forward to when Sara and the girls can enjoy it here too, next year. A brother pastor once encouraged me to let God's timing be His and not fret over when one project or another may get done. I find peace in knowing that God is directing the ministry here at St. Paul.

Projects are not people and people are the Body of Christ. I look forward to continuing to meet with the people who make up this wonderful congregation. We will accomplish much again in the coming year. We will try things that will work, and we will rejoice. We will try things that will not work, and we will rejoice to learn from them.

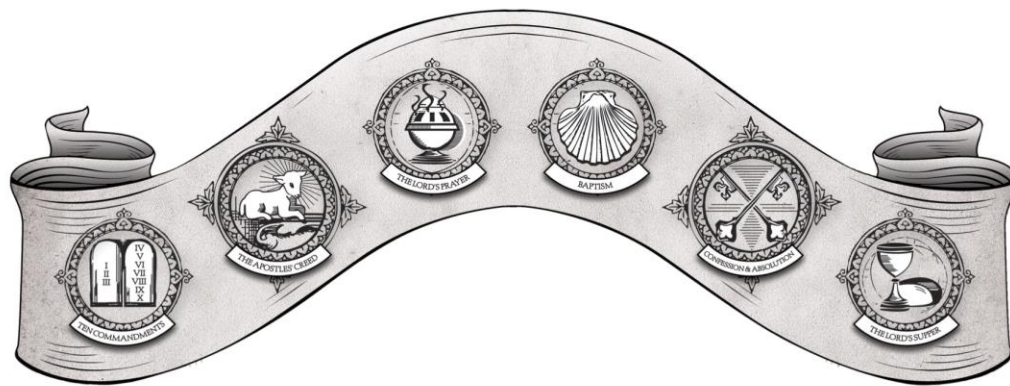
Is the honeymoon over? At my installation we got a laugh out of talking about the "honeymoon" phase of a new pastor's ministry. It has indeed been a charmed year. The marriage analogy is

appropriate, so allow me to extend it. Even after your honeymoon was over, you found new joy in each new day. In fact, many couples tell me (and I have experienced) that 5, 10, or more years down the road, married life continues to be enriched as your love for each other grows ever deeper through every joy and trial shared.

What will the coming year hold for us at St. Paul? New joys and old joys, new faces and familiar, new opportunities for service and opportunities with a great legacy, opportunities to give and receive forgiveness, times to be generous with God's gifts and times to receive them with gratitude, times to suffer together and to rejoice together. I give thanks to God that I'm your pastor. It's going to be a great year. I'm glad you're here to be a part of it.

In Christ,

Pastor Zielinski



Confirmation 2015-2016

Monday, September 14, 6:00pm: Orientation with Students and Parents

First Class: Monday, September 28, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

All students in grades 7 & 8 are invited to join.

Contact Pastor Zielinski with any questions:

pastor@spvc.org or Call/text: 440-458-0189

BIBLE CLASS

Wednesday Bible Study will begin on September 23rd from 11:30am – 1:00pm. We will have a light lunch at 11:30 followed by Bible Study. Plan on joining us each Wednesday.

Generations: God's Grace in Every Age

A retreat for all women, age 10-100+

September 18-19

Register @
www.spvc.org

\$5

General Registration
General Admission
Saturday Lunch
Childcare

\$30

Limited Premium Registration
Reserved Seating
Meet & Greet w/ presenters
Saturday Lunch
Childcare

Friday, September 18

5:00pm - 8:00pm

(doors open @ 4pm)

Saturday, September 19

9:00am - 5:00pm

light bites @ 8:30am

Free childcare available



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LWML



Another thank you to everyone who generously donated clothing for the Trinity downtown Cleveland clothing drive. We sorted and sorted clothing into gender, size and season. Blake, the clothing closet coordinator was very thankful for our help. He even brought us pastries to keep us going! There is a big need for pants clothes hangers with the two clips (not the old wooden ones). If you have any to donate, please put them in the food pantry and we will deliver them soon.

The Food Pantry has been a busy place! It is open the third Saturday of the month to the public; however, it will not be opened on September 19th due to the Women's retreat. There are about 7 families who use our pantry. If you are able, please add a few items to your weekly groceries to donate to the Food Pantry. The Pantry is currently in need of: toiletries, paper towels, peanut butter, jelly, egg noodles, tuna, soup, spaghetti sauce, tomato products, pancake mix, and cereal. Everyone has been so generous and in the last few months we have had an increase of people coming to the food pantry. Thank you again for all of your donations.

Look for more information to be announced about upcoming LWML events. Again we will host a bonfire in October. Enjoy some hot cider, popcorn and fellowship around the fire! Also mark your calendar for the Christmas Tea which will be on Tuesday, Dec. 1. Details for both events will be announced shortly.

The September meeting is Tuesday September 1 at 7 PM. All women of the church are welcome to join us!

Just a reminder that if you are filling an Operation Christmas Child shoe box, it needs to be brought to the church in September. Please put them in the designated box. If you are unable to purchase items and would like to help us defray shipping costs please make a check out to Samaritan's Purse with "OCC" on the memo line. It cost \$7.00 for the organization to inspect, store and ship these boxes to the designated "need" area.

Please see Diane Johnson or Ethel Schiemann if you have any questions.

Our mites continue to grow and help our Ohio LWML and national LWML with their mission project grants. A big thank you to all who pass the ladies on LWML Sunday and insert their gifts into our box. Ethel Schiemann

QUILTING

The St. Paul Quilters took a summer break for July and August, but will resume on Wednesday September 16 at 1:15. Sewing skills are not necessary as there is cutting and tying to do. If you're interested, please join us in the church basement for fellowship and a few stitches! All you need to bring is a pair of scissors! If you would like more information, contact Jeanette Rafter or Diane Johnson.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has returned and is once again on the move. What is a prayer shawl? It is a hand crocheted, knitted, or quilted shawl; scarf; lap robe; or baby blanket that is presented to individuals as a heartfelt gift to let them know that they are in the thoughts and prayers of the people in this ministry. Participation is easy. Some will choose to prayerfully knit, crochet, or quilt shawls; scarves; lap robes; or baby blankets for people in need of prayer. These crafters will select and use their own supplies or those provided by the prayer shawl ministry. Others will choose to prayerfully create cards that will be attached to each item. Watch the bulletin for more information. If you have any questions, contact Margit Gery 330-635-2860 or “Charlie” Djordjevic 440-655-3729.

GARDEN’S BOUNTY

The Garden’s Bounty table is set up and ready for use. If you have extra fruit or vegetables from your garden and would like to share with our members, bring in what you have and place them on the table. The items on the table are available for anyone to take home. Enjoy!

HOME BOUND / HOSPITAL STAY

If you or one of your family members find yourself home bound or in the hospital and would like to request a visit from Pastor Zielinski, please be sure to contact the Church office at 330-483-3883 or send an email to stpaulvalleycitysecretary@gmail.com to let us know. The hospitals do NOT call the Pastor even if you tell them to. The Pastor would rather have two or more calls from family members than not hearing about a hospital stay at all.



HANDBELL CHOIR will be starting up again soon. We are always looking for more music loving members in the bell choir. If you, or someone you know, is interested, talk to Nicole Spry (330)721-1573 or one of the other bell choir members for details.

ADULT CHOIR will resume in September. An invitation is extended to anyone who is interested in joining the choir, all are welcome to come and sing with us. Please see Kathy Fargo for more information. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 9th at 7pm, after that we will meet on Thursday evenings at 7pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Each week kids will learn about God's love for them. Through Bible stories they will learn the story of their own salvation accomplished by God through Jesus Christ and how God's love works through them every day. Songs, activities, stories, and friends: life together in the Body of Christ is for all ages!

Sunday School begin September 13, 9:15am.

Students Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

Grade in School: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Emergency Contact Number: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian's Contact Ph. Number: _____

Food Allergies: _____

St. Paul has permission to photograph/film the minor(s) designated above in any manner or form for any lawful purpose associated with this program.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

TRUSTEES

Over the summer, many of you have remarked how nice the grounds are looking, thank you very much, we do try to keep up with the landscaping, lawns and grounds. A big part of this effort is due to the time and efforts of Dave Knopf, John Johnson, Scott Weisemann and other members who have helped maintain your church and grounds.

The west parking lot will need some repair work before winter and snow plowing starts, the Trustees have two repair bids so far and are waiting for a third.

This fall, we will again be testing with the Valley City Fire Department and our security vendor on fire alarm systems, fire repression system in the kitchen and checking all fire extinguishers and exits for safety and up to date inspections.

After 11 years we are starting to see some lighting issues in the entrance area and narthex. After replacing the CFL bulbs, then the ballast component fails. Therefore the Trustees are investigating replacing the current lighting and fixtures with LED fixtures. We have not had to replace a bulb in six years since we installed the LED lights in the Sanctuary. If there are any members willing to help remove the old fixtures and install new fixtures and lights, please contact a Trustee for a Saturday work day sometime in September or October.

The Trustees are still investigating expanding our security system or installing video and intercom ability at the front door. Either course of action will provide a history of church access and improve safety and security.

Evangelism

As fall approaches, youth and member news are needed again for the bulletin board corner. Any awards, newspaper articles, and/or pictures that describe your achievement or accomplishment will be appreciated. We will also be looking in the local newspapers for important information about you! Please put this information into the mailbox of Marilyn Rauhaus or Secretary, Cindy Hawke. It will be posted on the bulletin board for all to see.

It has been wonderful to see many new members and visitors at our church services this past summer! Please be sure to introduce yourself to "strangers" whom you see, whether they are a church member or a visitor. This is a way we can be messengers of God in spreading His Word.



Thank you to all those who helped with our Summer Fellowship:

Bell Choir Members, Adult Choir Members, Youth Group, LWML, The Andrukat Family, The Johnson Family, Michele Gatt, Paula Pietch, Ray Miller, Dianne Holland, The Bremke Family, The Dearth Family, The Hawke Family, The Ruhrkraut Family, The Gery Family, Norma Rankin and Family, The Tighe Family, Jeannie Burgess ,

SAVE THE DATE - Mark your calendar to join Chaplain Partnership at the **7th Annual Brew Fest**, being held at The Market Garden Brewery in Ohio City on **Wednesday, October 14th**. Please visit our website at www.chaplainpartnership.org for more information and to purchase tickets. Hope to see you there!

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Church Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8 & 10:30 am Worship Serv.						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8 & 10:30 am Worship Serv. 9:15 SS & Bible Class (Sunday School begins)					Women's Retreat	Women's Retreat Food Pantry will be closed today
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8 & 10:30 am Worship Serv. 9:15 SS & Bible Class			Bible Class 11:30am – 1:00pm			
27	28	29	30			
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Birthday/Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Claire Bores Cindy Ruhrkraut	Gil & Joyce Haury # 54 Turner Allison Lindsey Jaeger Brian Schnurr Layla Zimmerman	Christina & David Eaton # 10 Denice Horton	Perry & Joyce Ellenberger #39 Mark & Lynn Gordon # 4	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Carl & Holly Hinderer #12 Meghan Bremke Kathy Fargo	Emily Stoskopf Joyce Willson	Paul Bosela Luke Zacharias	Nicole Gatt Rachael Gatt	Tom & Cathy Keller # 32 Annette Strba	Dave Hesketh	Mackenzie Buddie Maria Tighe
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Morgan Bores	Tim & Bonnie Keller # 36 Faye Denman Mark Konzelman John Willkom		Cooper Blaseg Gabrielle Cloudy Beth Mitchell Lorena Zielinski	Greg & Alice Tyrpak # 33	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Vincent & Lynne Perlik # 7 Nevin Sherepita Rachel Stoskopf	Tom Carlson Ruth Parker	Art Heyse	Larry Mitchell	Barb Pijor Dorothy Silk	Dave & Jenny Knopf # 39 Shanna & James Burchfield # 5 Jesse Horton	Cathy Keller Norma Rankin
27 Rev. Dennis & Susan Murawski # 40 Jeffrey Burgess Noreen Fischer	28	29 Diane Johnson	30 Anne Kenniston			

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September Newsletter 2015



Jesus knew that people would starve without physical bread to eat and water to drink. But he also knew they would die spiritually if they weren't fed by him.

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV) and write the Bible verse on the dashes.

JOHN 6:35

WORD LIST

am and be believes
bread comes I in
he hungry go He
life me me never
to never the of will
who will thirsty who

t e l r s u v w a m x y z a b t h e i
 j k k l m b r e a d n p o f q r l i f e
 d h e e f g h i w h o j k l m n p q r
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Answer: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV