



ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Friday, October 9, 7:00pm

“A Clevelander in Carbondale” - the Final Chapter

Vicar Jeff Burgess presents on his vicarage year in Illinois
and looks ahead to his call to a congregation.

You're invited to a special evening with Jeff to hear about his vicarage in Illinois and what lies ahead as he and Bailey prepare for his call to a congregation.

This past year, Jeff Burgess has served as a “Vicar” at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Carbondale, Illinois. It will be wonderful to hear about his experiences in serving God's people under the mentorship of an experienced pastor.

“The Vicar and St. Paul”

Jeff's presentation is an important moment in our life together here at St. Paul. **The Elders and Executive Board have been exploring the role a Vicar might play in the ministry here among us.** Now it's time to expand that conversation to include you, and the whole Body of Christ here at St. Paul, so that we can see the full picture of what a vicarage program at St. Paul might mean for our ministry.

What is a vicar?

A “Vicar” is a student studying to be a pastor in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Part-way through his studies (usually the third year) he is assigned to a congregation for twelve months (called a “vicarage” because he works “vicariously” for the mentor-pastor).

What does a vicar do while on “vicarage”?

The vicarage is something like an apprenticeship. He (and his family) join the life of the congregation where they are assigned. Working under the guidance and mentoring of the parish pastor, the Vicar gains hands-on experience in every aspect of the work of the pastor and congregation.

Do congregations benefit from hosting vicars?

The blessings flow both ways. While the vicar hones his pastoral skills, the congregation is blessed to receive his service in teaching, visitation, preaching, leading worship, and even taking leadership roles in some aspects of the congregation's life together. Pastor and the Vicar will be able to work together to expand parts of our ministry here at St. Paul.

What does it cost to host a vicar?

Congregations provide daily bread for the Vicar and his family. This includes housing, a monthly stipend (paycheck), mileage and professional expenses, assistance with health insurance premiums, and basic cost of moving to and from the vicarage.

Why should we host a vicar?

The Church needs pastors who are well trained and who have grown in ministry as they prepare for work in a congregation. St. Paul is the kind of vibrant and healthy congregation that will encourage and invigorate future pastors. The Church needs more congregations like St. Paul and we can be part of revitalizing congregations for service by being a positive part of forming servants in Jesus Christ. This makes our vicarage program a true mission effort. It is being part of something bigger than our four walls. It makes us part of all that God's people are doing to share the Gospel.

How do we move forward?

If this is part of the mission and ministry of St. Paul, we will make provision for the vicarage program in our yearly budget. Then, we will complete a vicarage application and submit it to the seminaries. In the spring we will be notified if we will be receiving a vicar. If so, then we can begin making plans to welcome our new vicar.

What's my next action?

- Prayerfully consider the opportunities hosting a vicar will provide our congregation and community.
- Talk with your brothers and sisters in Christ here at St. Paul about your thoughts.
- Be informed and encourage others to be informed. (Pastor and Elders are available to you!)
- Plan to attend Jeff Burgess' presentation on Friday, October 9, 7:00pm. You can hear first-hand about being a vicar.
- Generously support the work of the congregation so that we have the resources to be good hosts of a vicar.
- Come and vote at the November Voters' meeting.

Last month I reflected a bit on the past year and all the blessings God has given to us and how much He has used us as His ambassadors of the Gospel in our community. We are certainly enjoying a time of great happenings in our life together at St. Paul.

To name a few:

- The Women's Retreat was attended by more than thirty women, representing six congregations.
- Brothers in Christ (our men's group) enjoys monthly fellowship and study.
- On Wednesdays we're going to Paul's Epistles, starting with 1st Corinthians
- On Sundays we're going to walk through the Old Testament books, tracing the history of God's people and His mighty acts for them.
- Our Sunday School is blessed with caring teachers who are doing a wonderful job teaching our children about God's love for them.
- We've equipped our families with tools to nurture the faith in their homes (newborn-grade 4: "Story Bible"; grade 5: "Faith Alive" Bible; grade 7: catechism). If you'd like these resources for your home, contact the church office.
- The Youth Group is preparing to attend a summer youth gathering in 2016.
- Jeff and Bailey Burgess have been blessed with your generous support as they enter their final year at seminary, preparing to be placed into a congregation this coming spring. (On October 9, come and hear about their year!)
- The Body of Christ at St. Paul has grown as we continue to invite our friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to come and worship with us. God has used us to baptize adults, children, and infants and we've welcomed new members through confirmation, transfer, and reaffirmation of their faith.
- We connect with our community through dinners, the Christmas Tea, choirs, and the like.
- Members of the community have been blessed and sustained in their physical needs through the Food Bank.
- We've been able to relieve the physical and spiritual suffering of people around our community through generous works of service and support and the pastoral care I've been privileged to offer you and them.

The list could go on and on! Thanks be to God and to Him be the glory!

Thanks also to each of you whom God has used to make all these things possible. With our own unique skills and abilities, sometimes with our faithful prayers and generous support, and other times simply with our encouragement and participation, God has brought us together as the Body of Christ to bring the Gospel to one another, our community, and even far beyond.

Well done, good and faithful servants!

In Christ, Pastor Zielinski

PS What other opportunities could we seize with an extra set of "ministerial hands" on-deck (with a vicar)?

FLU SHOT

Influenza vaccine will be available once again at St. Paul on October 18th between services! Cost will be \$22.00/vaccine for those 18 and older. Cash or Check accepted for the flu vaccines. Make check payable to Mercy Occupational Health. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center.

Calling all those who are interested in a healthier “YOU”! Let’s brainstorm some fun ways to better take care of ourselves and spread the good news among all our parishioners. Join us for a “Kick Off” meeting on **Sunday October 11th after the second service**, about 11:40am. You do not need a medical degree to attend, just a desire to improve your health and the health of those you love. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions prior to the meeting, feel free to stop me after the service or call me at [\(440\) 669-3180](tel:4406693180). Look forward to seeing you there! Beth Bremke.

QUILTING

Like to sew? Bring your scissors and join the St. Paul Quilters on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:15. This month it is Oct. 21, right after Bible Study. There are several quilts in progress, in different stages. Sew☺, you don't have to be a sewer to cut or tie. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship in the church basement. If you have questions, talk with Jeannette Rafter or Diane Johnson.



The St. Paul Quilters created this beautiful quilt for Pastor Zielinski and his family. This group used the table runners from Pastor’s Installation Reception and incorporated them into this quilt. We have a lot of creativity and talent here at St. Paul. Thank you very much ladies.

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 our thoughts and prayers. It is more than just a garment. It begins with a prayer that whoever receives this shawl will feel less alone, whatever their situation.

What is a prayer shawl ministry? It is an out-reach ministry intended to provide additional care and support for people in our congregation, our families, and in our neighborhoods. The purpose of this ministry is to touch the lives of those in need of prayer for care, support, and life's celebrations.

Participation is easy. Some will choose to prayerfully knit, crochet, or quilt 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 the thinking-of-you cards that will be attached to each item. Additional folks will make it a point to pray for the participants and recipients of the shawls, scarves, lap robes, or baby blankets.

Most often the prayer shawls will be distributed by Pastor Zielinski during his pastoral visits.

This ministry has just gotten a grant from Thrivent. This will help with the cost of yarn and supplies, and enable our ministry to grow and reach more people.

We are thankful and so ready to start our work. If you can knit, crochet, quilt or write a note to accompany the shawl, please join us.

If you are interested in being a part of the prayer shawl ministry or have any questions please contact: Margit Gery 330-635-2860 or "Charlie" Djordjevec 440-655-3729.

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.

TRUSTEES

We are missing a few rental tables from the basement. Take a look at home, if you borrowed them please return them to the basement.

Thank you to Dave and Judy Scaife for planting flowers around the church in the spring and fall and for taking care of them. They recently planted mums at the base of the hill and around the church.

LWML

(Lutheran Women's Missionary League) or LWML is the official women's organization of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. The LWML supports mission outreach and personal spiritual development. The LWML unit at St. Paul is involved in many activities each month. As a woman of St. Paul, longtime member or new, you are invited to be involved in LWML. There are lots of new faces and if you have or have not been involved in LWML before, please consider joining our group. LWML meets the first Tuesday evening of each month. Our next meeting will be October 6 at 7:00 pm, meet in the church fellowship hall. All women of the congregation are warmly welcomed to the Oct. 6 meeting.

The Food Pantry has been a busy place! It is open the third Saturday of the month to the public. It is available to church members when the church is open. The need is great and more people are using the pantry each month. In an effort to maximize our resources to help as many people as possible, we have some new guidelines. A husband/wife group will be able to take one food bag (brown paper bag we supply) and will be given one paper product bag (we pack). The amount of food will be adjusted for a larger family. Thank you to everyone who so generously continues each month to support the food pantry. If you bring in food donations, please place the bags on the table in the food pantry. If you wish to donate monetarily, please give your donation to Jean Wadle, Wendy Patrick or Diane Johnson. All money donated to the food pantry is kept separate and used to stock the food pantry when donations are slower.

Lorain-Medina LWML zone meeting, Saturday, October 10th from 10am - Noon, here at St. Paul. All ladies are invited to join us as we discuss our past, present and future zone events. Give us input on ideas for 2016 and keep our zone alive and active. Next meeting will be Nov. 14 at Trinity Lutheran where we will collect our toys and wrapping paper for HARP. See Ethel Schiemann with any questions.



Figure 1 Memories from last year's bonfire.

The Youth Group and LWML will host a Church Bonfire on Sunday, October 11 starting at 6:30 in the back church field. Come sit around the fire, enjoy fellowship, popcorn, cider and devotions! Youth from the congregation will be sharing their musical talents. Please bring your lawn chairs.

LWML cont.

Mark your calendar for the **Christmas Tea** on Tuesday, December 1! This special evening helps prepare our hearts for the celebration of the birth of our dear Savior? With the help of a Thrivent grant, we will be having Christopher Milo as the entertainment portion of the program. Below is a link to learn more about Christopher Milo.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=CinFzVDNvOI>

He has a heart for the youth and the elderly. Everyone is invited to join us for the opening devotion, entertainment and a marvelous offering of cookies, pastries, punch, coffee and tea. A sign up list will be at the welcome center soon...the men of the congregation will want to sign up early to be servers again this year!



Figure 2 Christmas Tea, 2014



Figure 3 An evening with the Giessler's

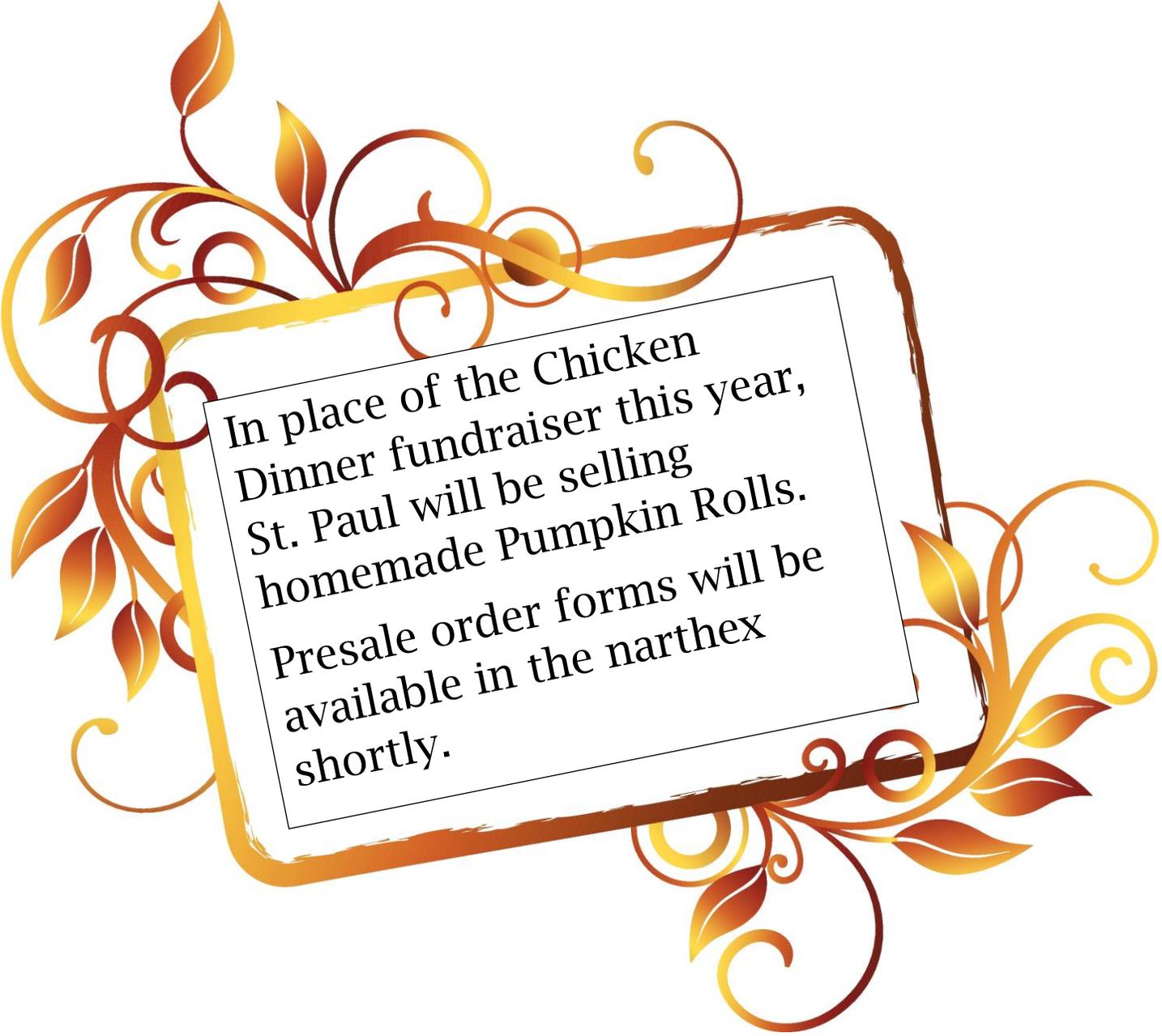
October 2015 Church Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				Choir Practice 7:00 pm		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8 & 10:30 am Worship Serv. 9:15 SS & Bible Class	CONFIRMATION 6:30PM HANDBELL PRACTICE 7:00PM	LWML MEETING 7:00 PM	Bible Class 11:30am –1p Chaplain BrewFest 6:00pm	Choir Practice 7:00 pm	Jeff Burgess Presentation 7pm	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8 & 10:30 am Worship Serv. 9:15 SS & BC Healthier You 11:40am LWML Bonfire 6:30PM	CONFIRMATION 6:30PM HANDBELL PRACTICE 7:00PM	ELDER MEETING 7:00 PM	Bible Class 11:30am – 1:00pm	Choir Practice 7:00 pm		FOOD PANTRY 10:30 AM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship 8 & 10:30 9:15 SS & BC Flu Shots 9:15am HS Retreat Meeting/ Teacher Meeting 11:30am	No CONFIRMATION HANDBELL PRACTICE 7:00PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	Bible Class 11:30am – 1:00pm Quilters meet 1:15pm	Choir Practice 7:00 pm		
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Birthday/Anniversary

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Adam & Ashley Read #1 Aaron Bores Cheryl Dearth	Tim Keller Harrison Knopf Paul Pietch Marlene Shook	Richard & Ann Olee # 57 Yurledis Zielinski	Jim & Anita Praisler # 20 Ron & Annette Strba # 26 Evelyn Balliet Betsy Wilson	Trinity Barajas Tom Keller Billy Schnurr Jr.	Matthan & Molly Hibler # 11 Jim & Jeanette Rafter # 22 Dennis Balliet Colleen Kato Chris Ruhrkraut	Lauren Zacharias
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
John & Dorothy Silk # 63 Marge Demboski	David & Tracy Gigliotti # 27 Sandy Turner	Joyce Haury Ryan Keller	Chris & Lori Stoskopf # 20		Josie Cloudy Wilma Hoermann Kyle Keller Carter Luthy	Brian & Cheryl Dearth # 28 Eric & Ashley Heffinger # 6 David Fischer
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Owen Hawke Delaney Herbert	Rick & Michele Gatt # 24	Hailey Murawski	Ryan & Marasa Keller #9 Lauren Blaseg Jim Praisler	Terri Giese Curtis Hawke	Scott & Joann Wiesemann # 33 Brooke Barajas	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Gary Eaton Dennis Goodhart III	Walter & Magdalena Dill # 53	Jerry Weigel	Gabrielle LaChance Kim Schultz		David Carlson



In place of the Chicken
Dinner fundraiser this year,
St. Paul will be selling
homemade Pumpkin Rolls.
Presale order forms will be
available in the narthex
shortly.

7th Annual

Brew Fest

Wednesday

October 14, 2015

6 to 9 p.m.

Market Garden Brewery
(Ohio City Room)
1947 West 25th Street
Cleveland

\$35 per person

(\$10 tax-deductible)

includes five (5) 5-oz. beer
tastings & appetizers

- Silent auction
- Brewery tour
- Free parking (West Side Market lot)

For reservations, visit
www.chaplainpartnership.org
or call Chaplain Partnership
at 440-455-9001, ext. 202
by October 1

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THE BREAD OF LIFE

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

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life me me never
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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