



ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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September 2017

God's not through with you yet!

Jim and Cheryl Brockman were looking ahead to retirement like a lot of people do: travel, hobbies, grandkids, projects, and time with each other. They enjoy all these things—and more—because of how God is using them to support Point of Grace Academy in Kenya.

Their church, Emanuel Lutheran, New Haven, Indiana, had been coordinating over-seas mission trips for several years. Jim and Cheryl took a leap of faith and joined the team headed to Kenya, in east Africa. There they worked with Pastor Dennis Meeker and his wife, Lorna, a deaconess, at Point of Grace Academy, an orphanage and school that cares for more than five hundred children.



After their second trip to Kenya, they were moved by God to continue to support Point of Grace by travelling to Kenya on their own. They have spent weeks and months at a time living with the children and even caring for the orphanage when Pastor Meeker fell and had to have surgery in the United States to mend his leg.

Now, between trips to Kenya, the Brockmans travel across the United States raising awareness and support for the work of Point of Grace for “Kenya’s Kids” which supports Point of Grace and the Meekers.

A few years ago, if you had told the Brockmans what God had in store for them, it would have been hard for them to believe. But here they are—loving every minute of it!

Come and hear their amazing story and how God has inspired them and strengthened their faith through missions. Serving our neighbors and bringing them the good news of God’s love for them in Christ Jesus has a return on your own faith that you can hardly imagine. Like the Brockmans, God’s not through with you yet...He may have only just begun!



Missions Presentation

Sunday, October 8

9:15am

Jim and Cheryl Brockman will share the stories of their adventures in God's service: in Kenya and closer to home!

What happens when God uses you to serve?

Also learn about Point of Grace Academy and the work of Pastor Dennis Meeker and his wife Lorna as they care for more than five hundred children and serve their community.



Saturday Evening Opportunity: The Brockmans will also be presenting on Saturday evening, October 7. Save the date and more details are coming! It will be a wonderful evening of fellowship and stories about God's work done through people just like you.

From Vicar Buvinghausen

It is a blessing and a pleasure to be the Vicar for St. Paul, Valley City, and I thought it would be beneficial for everyone if I gave a bit of background on myself as a way for us to be better acquainted.

I grew up in the town of Richmond, which is about thirty-five miles West of Houston, Texas. I have two older half-sisters that were teenagers when I came along and so by the time I was five years old they were already off to college. So, I grew up mostly as an only child. I was baptized and confirmed in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and participated in various church activities growing up.

At my home congregation, our associate pastor spent most of his time and energy with the youth group and he encouraged me to seriously consider going into the ministry. I found this idea appealing, but by the time I was in high school I was heavily involved with acting and theatre and I decided to go to college to pursue this passion. I went to Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, to major in Theatre Arts. During my senior year I had the opportunity to participate in an internship in New York City. I lived in Manhattan, in the housing that was provided for us, and I worked in a non-profit theater for the fall semester of my senior year. It was then that I started to see what it would mean to be an actor and the hardship that would come from that pursuit. Even though I loved the craft, I knew that it wasn't what I was supposed to do with my talents.

After graduating college, I spent several years trying to figure out what I wanted to do with my life. I applied to law school and worked as a paralegal, then worked as a youth leader at a Lutheran church in Northwest Houston. I also pursued a Masters in Youth Ministry Leadership via an online program through Huntington University in Indiana.

There in the back of my mind—still since high school!—was my pastor's encouragement to consider being a pastor. When I was just beginning my Masters thesis work, I saw my former pastor while at a conference in Katy, Texas. We got a chance to catch up and after speaking with him I had this inclination that I was finally ready to go to the seminary. So, I applied to Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, finished my Masters degree at Huntington, and moved to Fort Wayne.

God has blessed me in all things by keeping His hand on me through the times of doubt and uncertainty. As many of you already know, I also struggle with a stutter. This is something that has been a part of my life since I first began talking. Even though I struggled with stuttering, it never kept me from pursuing the things that I was passionate about. It took a lot of hard work and yet when I went to seminary the

thought of proclaiming God's Word seemed like such a daunting task that it made my stutter more severe whenever I would conduct the liturgy or preach. What helps me put things in perspective is the fact that Moses was known to have a speech impediment himself, and even though he did, God still used him to achieve His will for His people. I keep this in mind, as well as other reminders from scripture in what I do for the Church. I even sign my letters and emails with the reference of 1 Corinthians 2:1-2, which reads, "And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

This struggle has been one of the crosses I have carried with me my entire life, yet God has strengthened me throughout and it is my confident expectation that He will continue to do so. I consider myself blessed to able to proclaim God's saving Word of salvation through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, all the while keeping in mind the portion of Luther's Sacristy Prayer that reads, "O Lord do not forsake me, for if ever I were to do this on my own, I would easily wreck it all."

There's always more to anyone's story and so if you would like to know more particulars please feel free to ask. I look forward to getting to know each of you better while I am here.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The pattern of sin and death petrifies humanity. By your own power, you cannot break free. But in Romans the Apostle Paul describes the new life Christians receive through the Holy Spirit from Christ through His Word and Baptism in His name. All adults are invited to join Vicar Buvinghausen in exploring the book of Romans.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study on Romans

Starting Wednesday
Sept. 13th
10:00am to 11:30am



LWML

The August meeting started with a presentation by Betty Barlow from the Oaks Family Center in Brunswick on Center Road. She told us about many of the services available to families, teens, & adults in our area.

We will be assembling flood buckets again for Lutheran Disaster Relief. Thank you to everyone who brought in supplies!

LWML will be holding a flea market on September 30 from 9-2 at the church. To reserve your table(s) contact Jean Wadle, only \$15/table. This is open to the community also, so tell your neighbors and friends who have items to sell. Tables will be limited to 30 spaces.

The bonfire will be Sunday, **September 24 at 6 pm**. Once again, Pastor Zielinski will be leading us in a Devotion and popcorn will be available. New this year will be music by Vicar Bouvinghausen and a corn hole toss tournament! Bring your lawn chairs and join in a great evening!

The Food Pantry has been "reorganized". It will be open to the church family anytime the building is open. A limited selection is available including peanut butter, jelly, tuna, canned chicken, soup, canned pasta. We hope this new format will better serve those in need. The pantry was cleaned and the unused shelves now house some of the "larger" kitchen items that were formerly stored under the tables in the kitchen.

The Christmas Tea will be Sunday **December 3 at 3:00pm** so mark your calendar.

The next LWML meeting is Tuesday, September 5 at 10:00 AM. All women are invited to join us!

LWML Lorain-Medina Zone Women's Retreat

On **October 14th**, there will be a **Women's Retreat at Faith Lutheran**, 2265 Garden Drive, Avon, Ohio 44011. Please plan to attend. Our speakers will be Rev Dr. David Buegler, former Ohio District President for two sessions and Rev Paul Pater, our zone counselor will close our program.

The service project this year is making cards for our veterans at the Ohio Veterans Home in Georgetown, Ohio. There will be songs, interaction, lunch and our sessions with fellowship all day long. Cost will be \$5.00 payable to LWML. Further flyers and bulletin inserts will be coming soon.

Our next zone meeting will be November 18th at Shepherd of the Ridge in North Ridgeville at 10:00am. ****Note date change**** Ethel Schiemann, Zone President

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LWML Bonfire

Sunday September 24th

6pm

Join us for s'mores, popcorn, corn hole tournament, entertainment, and devotions.

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Flea Market

September 30

9am - 2pm

QUILTERS

The St. Paul Quilters will meet on Wednesday, September 27 at noon. The quilting "bee" usually is the third Wednesday of the month, but this month is an exception. Anyone interested is welcome to join us in the basement. We have a couple of quilts to finish this month, then we will begin "our own" design and layout. Questions??? Talk to Judy Renz or Jeanette Rafter.

CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Our choir will be starting up Thursday, September 7th. We rehearse from 7:00-8:00pm. No previous choral experience needed. Come join us as we raise our voices in praise to God. See Kathy Fargo for more information.

HANDBELLS

The Handbells will begin practice on September 11th at 6:00pm. They meet each Monday and will practice from 6-7:00pm. If you are interested in joining The Handbell Choir, see Nicole Spry for more information.

FLU SHOTS

Influenza vaccine will be available once again at St. Paul on September 24th between services! Cost will be \$24.00/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. Thank you Beth Bremke for providing this service.



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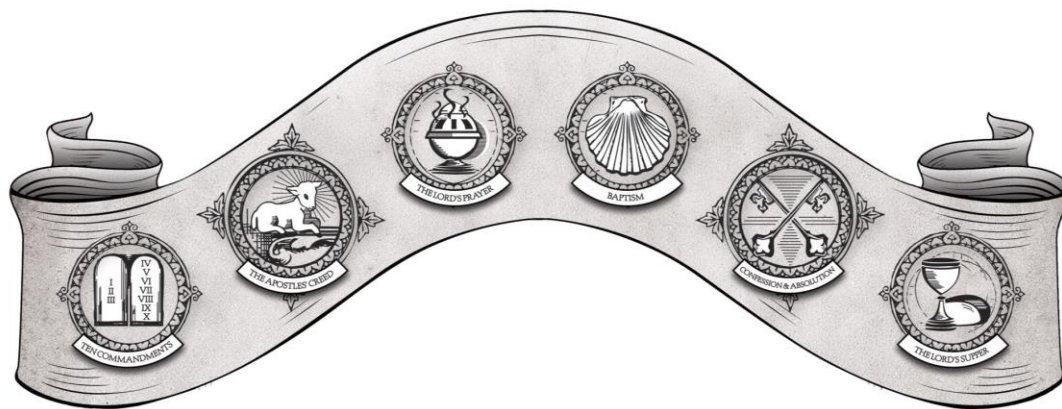
As many of you have heard the HVAC system for the Sanctuary portion of the church has been replaced. We had three vendors look over the system and quote a complete replacement of the air conditioner and the furnace. As it turns out the furnace heat-exchanger had four cracks in it which can lead to carbon dioxide fumes entering the church. The new equipment is high efficiency and we should see a reduction in the electric and gas bills. Total cost for this project was \$16,878.00. We will also need to look at the basement furnace before the heating season starts.

Unfortunately, we have had an ongoing problem with the roof on the new addition. We have already spent several thousand dollars over the past few years in insulation, ceiling tiles, shingles and decking under the shingles. There is a problem with the decking warping which appears to be a problem with proper ventilation in the attic area. We have had three roofers look at the roof and agree that something is causing the problem. This will be a costly repair and considering the shingles are not worn out, they will need to be torn off to get to the decking. We are looking into metal shingles vs. heavy weight asphalt shingles. The preliminary costs are approaching \$156,000 dollars. We have also had quotes estimated at about \$68,000 for asphalt shingles. This cost is for the entire church, including new addition. There will be additional miscellaneous costs associated with replacing the roof that cannot be calculated at this time until the old roof is pulled. This project has just started and as it progresses, we will keep you informed.

The trustees would like to thank Dave and Judy Scaife for their hard work in keeping the A-frame manicured and neat at the bottom of the hill. Owen Hawke, you have done a great job maintaining the hill and ditch along Lester Road and Scott Wiesemann, thanks for trimming the bushes around the buildings.



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR was enjoyed by all our members. A special Thank you to the members and groups who hosted our Fellowship: **Michele Gatt & Crew, Mark & Sandy Andrukat, LWML Group, Wellness Committee, Todd & Margit Gery, The Choir, Cindy & Chris Ruhrkraut, The Youth Group, and The Frickey Family.**



Confirmation 2017-2018

Monday, September 18, 6:00pm: Orientation with Students and Parents

Classes begin Monday, September 25, 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

**Sunday
School**
9:15AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS will begin again on **Rally Day, September 10th**. We welcome all Children to join us each Sunday morning at 9:15am.

During our Worship Services, on Sept. 10th, we will have the installation of the Sunday School Teachers. Our 2017-2018 Sunday School Teachers are: **Guynelle Beck** (Pre-School & Kindergarten) with **Jessica Ehrman** to assist, **Matt Bosela and Marci Sherepita** (1st & 2nd grades), **Trinity Barajas and Beth Bremke** (3rd – 6th grades) with **Cindy & Chris Ruhrkraut** to assist, **Sarah**

Cook and Helen Schoolcraft (7th & 8th grades), **Colleen Kato** (High School), **Alice Tyrpak and Sara Zielinski** (Music). **Marci Sherepita** (Sunday School Superintendent)

Thank you for all the time, effort and love you share with our children every Sunday.



Volunteer Opportunities

GREETERS – We need some friendly faces to help greet for the late service. We are currently low in our number of volunteers for that service. Please consider joining this important ministry.

FUNERAL DINNER COMMITTEE - JOIN US in one of the truly caring and loving ministries of our congregation – The Funeral Dinner Volunteers. You would be part of a group which gathers to help and embrace members of St. Paul and their families who are returning the soul of one they loved back to the Lord.

THE ALTAR GUILD is looking for a few new members. The Guild is responsible for preparing the altar and communion for each service. We rotate on a weekly basis.

USHERS assists the Elders before, during and after the services by helping hand out bulletins, collect the offerings, help with communion, and take care of all the little things that make the service go well for the congregation on each Worship Day. Ushers are needed for both early and late services – and what a blessing to see FAMILIES usher together!

READERS are given the scripture they will read (either Old Testament Lesson or Epistle Lesson) well in advance. What a privilege it is to present the Word of God to the People of God.

COMMUNION WARE CLEANERS The Lord washed his disciples' feet on that *night in which he was betrayed*. More Volunteers are needed to wash the vessels in which he offers us his very body and blood. It is a task that takes about 45 minutes to accomplish. If you are one that *'likes to work in the background instead of up front'*, then this is the place you can volunteer.

AUDIO/VIDEO TECHNICIAN This is the beginning part of the DVD Ministry Program for the Church. Volunteers record the services using the special equipment at the church. The DVD's are then copied by our DVD Ministry Team and sent to our shut-ins. There is nothing difficult here -- just a remote and the love to share the Word.

All volunteers are scheduled about once a month. If you can spare some time each month, please consider joining us in serving at St. Paul.



Women's Retreat

Featuring:

Rev. Dr. David Buegler, St. Paul, Westlake
"Luther's Light Shining in the Darkness" and "Here I Stand"

Worship led by:

Rev. Paul Pater, Hope Lutheran, Sheffield Village &
Shepherd of the Ridge, North Ridgeville

Includes a service project to make cards for soldiers
Skits, songs, and fellowship for a day of learning and fun!

\$5 Registration, includes lunch

Register by October 1 at www.spvc.org or call 440.212.5440

October 14, 2017
9am - 2:30pm

Faith Lutheran Church
2265 Garden Drive
Avon, Ohio 44011



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St. Paul Mission trip????

As you know there were plans to have a mission/VBS trip to Alaska. In the beginning, there was wonderful interest in participating. Unfortunately, interest changed and St Paul was not represented in Alaska.

Chris Strekely and Ethel Schiemann are trying to figure out the reasoning or if we should take on a different mission effort.

Please complete whether you are interested in Alaska or any other mission trip and add any comments to this questionnaire.

PLEASE RETURN THE SLIP TO CHRIS STREKELY OR ETHEL SCHIEMANN BY SEPTEMBER 17TH.

Was the cost too much? _____

Was Alaska too far to travel? _____

Teaching Vacation Bible School too much of a commitment? _____

Would you want to do a work project in Alaska along with VBS? _____

OR in West Virginia or a southern state? _____

Comments: _____

Thank you,

Chris and Ethel



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LUTHERAN CHURCHES
present



OKTOBERFEST

In Celebration of 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Church

FOOD PREPARED BY HOFBRÄUHAUS!

**Including: Bavarian Pretzels, Bier Cheese, Brats, Sauerkraut,
Apple Strudel, & Bavarian Cream Puffs!!**

BIERGARTEN & THREE BANDS

12-4pm DMV German Music Society 4-5pm Lutheran Wind Ensemble 5-9pm Schnickelfritz

ADMISSION TICKETS

Adults \$10 (age 19-59) \$10 -- Youth \$5 (ages 13-18)
Seniors \$5 (60+) -- Children 12 & Under Free

TO BUY TICKETS ONLINE GO TO
www.hofbrauhauscleveland.com/oktoberfest1

Tickets are available also from
Playhouse Square ticketing office at 216.241.6000

Please Note Food & Beverage Are Additional

Greater Cleveland Lutheran Oktoberfest

Saturday, September 9

Noon-10pm;

**Big Creek Reservation
(10100 Memphis Avenue,
Brooklyn)**

Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with true German style! Traditional German food and drink prepared by the Hofbräuhaus. Music by the Lutheran Wind Ensemble (Lutheran Alumni Band) and two traditional German bands.

Oktoberfest Volunteers: Volunteers (21+ only) are needed for the Biergarten! Work a 3-4 hour shift and receive: free entrance to the Oktoberfest, a shirt, a brat, and a drink (beer, wine, or soft drink). Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office. We'll work a shift as a congregation and then enjoy the festivities!

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Birthday/Anniversary

Sunday

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Tuesday

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Thursday

Friday

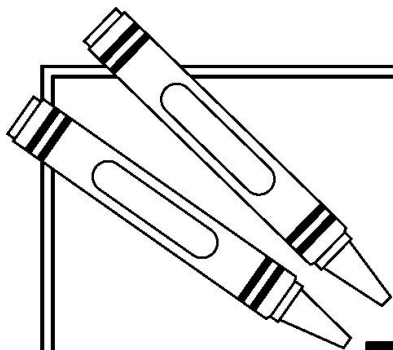
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Barb Pijor Dorothy Silk	Dave & Jenny Knopf # 41 Jesse Horton	Cathy Keller Norma Rankin	Dennis & Susan Murawski # 42 Jeff Burgess Noreen Fischer	Claire Knirsch	Diane Johnson	

September 2017

Church Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8:30 & 10:30a Worship Services Fellowship 9:15a		LWML Meeting 10:00a Elder Meeting 7:00pm		7p Choir Rehearsal		Oktoberfest 12-10:00pm MetroParks Big Creek Reservation
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8 & 10:30am Worship Rally Day 9:15a SS & Bible Class Blood Pressure clinic (between services)	6p Handbell Rehearsal		10a Bible Study	7p Choir Rehearsal		
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8 & 10:30am Worship Service 9:15a SS & Bible Class	6p Confirmation Orientation 6p Handbell Rehearsal	Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm	10a Bible Study	7p Choir Rehearsal		
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8 & 10:30a Worship 9:15a SS & Bible Class 9:15a Flu Shots 6p LWML Bonfire	6p Confirmation 6p Handbell Rehearsal		10a Bible Study 12p Quilters 6:30p Worship Committee	7p Choir Rehearsal		LWML Flea Market 9-2:00pm

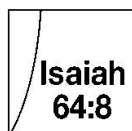


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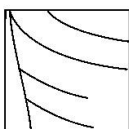
Back to school

*It is back to school time! You will continue to learn, grow and change.
The Bible tells us that we are like clay and that God is forming us everyday.*

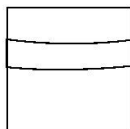
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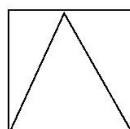
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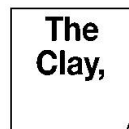
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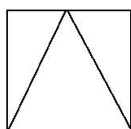
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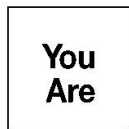
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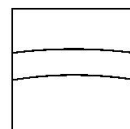
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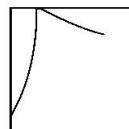
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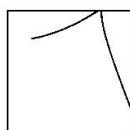
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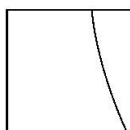
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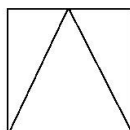
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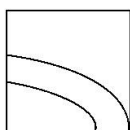
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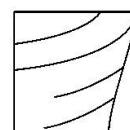
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