

MARTIN LUTHER NEWS

JULY 2010

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OUR MISSION IS

Martin Luther Lutheran Church shares the love of Jesus Christ in Word and Deed with each other, our neighborhood, community, and beyond.

OUR VISION IS

Martin Luther Lutheran Church is a community of faith, a beacon of light, united in a unique ministry that breaks down barriers through the power of sharing God's love.

FROM PASTOR PAUL HEINE

Newport Neighbors Making Progress

Good things are happening through our efforts with the Newport Neighborhood Association. As we see more vacant houses removed, there are other improve-

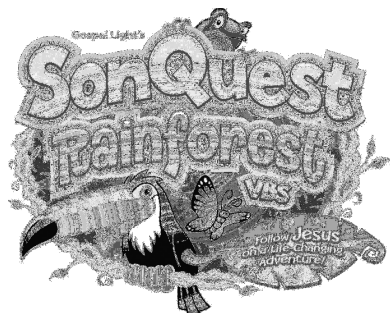
ments being undertaken as the year continues to unfold. Some of our plans include:

A \$5000 grant from the Wean Foundation has allowed us to begin purchasing lawn and clean-up equipment to assist us in maintaining vacant

lots. We are partnering with the Mahoning Valley High School (formerly Sheridan School) to employ students to help with this project.

We will be distributing "beacon lights" for

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FREE SUMMER DAY CAMP

July 19—22, 2010

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

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JULY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Below is a list of scripture readings for the Sundays and Principal Festival Days in July, to allow you to prepare for worship.



“WHENEVER YOU
ENTER A TOWN AND
ITS PEOPLE
WELCOME YOU, EAST
WHAT IS SET BEFORE
YOU; CURE THE SICK
WHO ARE THERE,
AND SAY TO THEM,
‘THE KINGDOM OF
GOD HAS COME
NEAR TO YOU.’”

LUKE 10:8-9

Sunday, July 4, 2010

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isa 66:10-14

Psalm: 66:1-9

Second Reading: Gal 6:[1-6] 7-16

Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sunday, July 11, 2010

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Deut 30:9-14

Psalm: 25:1-10

Second Reading: Col 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 18, 2010

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Gen 18:1-10a

Psalm: 15

Second Reading: Col 1:15-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, July 25, 2010

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Gen 18:20-32

Psalm: 138

Second Reading: Col 2:6-15 [16-19]

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13



FROM PASTOR PAUL HEINE (CONTINUED)

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households who want to use these devices to signal that people need assistance. These lights work off of a normal porch light, but can be activated to blink when help is needed.

Officer Copeland, from the Youngstown City Police Department, continues to attend meetings to help us address issues around crime prevention and safety concerns.

Clean-up days will continue to be scheduled, including cooperating with the next city-wide cleanup scheduled in August.

The Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative continues to provide

training sessions for people in our neighborhood who desire to develop their skills in community organizing projects. We currently have fifteen team leaders (street captains) for the area from Midlothian to Parkcliffe, and from Hudson to Glenwood. Leadership and general meetings

continue to be held every month.

Three teams have been assigned specific areas of concern: The Traffic Team, Vacant Properties Team, and The Beautification Team. Each team has several goals on which they continue to demand answers from Youngstown city officials, while also enlisting help from within the neighborhood.

Join us for our next meeting, which will be held on July 15, at Martin Luther Church, at 6:30 p.m. You will meet some very dedicated people, all of whom have a story to tell about living in our church neighborhood.



VIGIL SCHEDULED FOR JULY 6

People from the Newport Neighborhood and local churches will be gathering at Martin Luther Lutheran Church to process to the corner of Parkcliffe and Hudson streets for a Candlelight Vigil in memory of Shelton Harris. The purpose of the vigil is to get the attention of city officials who continue to resist doing anything about the chronic problem of speeding on Hudson. Shelton Harris was riding his bike on July 6, 2009 when he was struck and killed by a motorist going over 70 miles per hour.

This July 6 is the first anniversary of Shelton's death, and the Newport Neighborhood Association has been frustrated by a year-long battle with the city to make changes in the traffic signage along Hudson Ave. The organization first campaigned for stop signs on Hudson at two intersections. The city "created" reasons why that would not happen. Then, we campaigned for a signal light. The city said "no". We have also asked for a camera system which the city initially said would be permitted. In June, the city reversed its position on the camera. Appointments with city officials, especially Chuck Shasho, the Director of Public Works, have been impossible to schedule. Mayor Williams has also resisted applying any pressure on his staff to help us. Meanwhile, traffic zooms up and down Hudson from Midlothian to Indianola without regard for speed. Two churches, a school, and a park are clustered together on Hudson. Slowing traffic is definitely necessary.



Join us at Martin Luther Church for our vigil. We will gather at the church at 7:00 p.m. and walk to the intersection for a vigil and a call to action. We need you. This is one occasion when the number of people involved is important.

WORSHIP

July Ushers—Team One

Team One: Jimmy Hill, Ed Mott, Gary Mott, Joe Klein, Ray Slanco

Sunday, July 4 Altar Duties: Set up, Joyce Peakes; Clean up, Eileen White

10:30 a.m. Lector: Anthony Ruggiero

Communion Assistant: Carole Conatser

Coffee Hour Hosts: To be determined

Counters: Team Two; Denny Lyden, Captain

Sunday, July 11 Altar Duties: Set up, Joyce Peakes; Clean up, Eileen White

10:30 a.m. Lector: Jim McClellan

Communion Assistant: Jack Ritter

Coffee Hour Hosts: To be determined

Counters: Team Three; Lois Klein, Captain



Sunday, July 18 Altar Duties: Set up, Joyce Peakes; Clean up, Eileen White

10:30 a.m. Lector: Jim Davis

Communion Assistant: Rick Vesey

Coffee Hour Hosts: To be determined

Counters: Team Four; Bob White, Captain

Sunday, July 25 Altar Duties: Set up, Joyce Peakes; Clean up, Eileen White

10:30 a.m. Lector: Paul Ericson

Communion Assistant: Amy Hamaker

Coffee Hour Hosts: To be determined

Counters: Team One; Jerry Baker, Captain

Please Note: If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement and notify the church office about the change. Any change to the counter schedule should be conveyed to Jack Ritter. Those setting up for communion in the sanctuary please check the church year calendar (located in the hallway and the preparation room) or check with the office for the correct color of the frontal cloth on the altar.

Any questions or concerns for the altar duties and lectors can be directed to Peg Kelly; for counters, Jack Ritter; for ushers, Anne Davis; for coffee hour, Amy Hamaker.

THANK YOU FROM MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thank you to all those who gave so generously to our request for funding to continue our Summer Day Camp Program.

We are always delighted and humbled by the generosity of our congregation in response to a request for assistance, be it financial or otherwise.

As noted in the original letter requesting funds, any monies over and above what is needed for this year, will be carried over for next year.

Thank you to Bob Patrick of Robert's Graphics for once again supplying the office with printed envelopes. Thank you also for the printing of the Wills Awareness brochures recently mailed to members of the congregation. His continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Pastor Heine and Mardell Ritter for providing candy for the Church Administrator's office desk. So much good will is generated by the placement of that candy dish! Children stop more frequently during the summer months and adults seem to enjoy it as much as the children! (Not to mention the staff!)

Amy Hamaker, Congregational Life Chair, would like to thank everyone in attendance at Ruth Stevenson's retirement celebration held on Sunday, June 13th, whether they assisted in coordinating the event, decorating Fellowship Hall, provided kitchen assistance, lovingly prepared food, gave a speech, sang a song, or came to share the meal and celebrate Ruth. Your efforts were greatly appreciated and Ruth was overwhelmed with the attention.

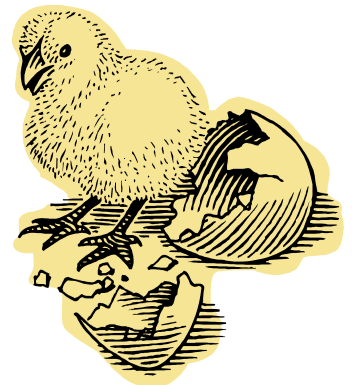
THE WISDOM OF C. S. LEWIS

The following is taken from *A Year with C. S. Lewis*—a daily devotional with excerpts from *Mere Christianity*, *The Screwtape Letters*, *The Great Divorce*, *The Problem of Pain*, *Miracles*, *A Grief Observed*, *The Weight of Glory*, and *The Abolition of Man*.

Coming In Out of the Wind

The real problem of the Christian life comes where people do not usually look for it. It comes the very moment you wake up each morning. All your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists simply in shoving them all back; in listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other larger, stronger, quieter life come flowing in. And so on, all day. Standing back from all your natural fussings and frettings; coming in out of the wind.

We can only do it for moments at first. But from those moments the new sort of life will be spreading through our system: because now we are letting Him work at the right part of us. It is the difference between paint, which is merely laid on the surface, and a dye or stain which soaks right through. He never talked vague, idealistic gas. When He said, 'Be perfect,' He meant it. He meant that we must go in for the full treatment. It is hard; but the sort of compromise we are all hankering after is harder—in fact, it is impossible. It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad.



—from *Mere Christianity*

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays are noted from the 16th day of the issue month through the 15th day of the following month to allow for advance planning in sending birthday wishes.

BIRTHDAYS

(July 16-31)

Charles Lenz	16
Doris Givens	24
Brandon Bradley	27
Leona White	28
Brad Clyde	31
Lauren Lindquist	31
Dakota Ragan	31



BIRTHDAYS

(August 1-15)

Donna Bishop	1
Richard Kehl	4
Ted Powell	4
Bob White, Jr.	4
Gordon Mitchell	10
Jenny Lyden	12
Gary Evans	13
Brittany Rusnak	13



Please Note: Church records are checked for birthdates each month. However if you would like a milestone birthday or wedding anniversary noted, you need to contact the church office with that information. We will be happy to present that information in the newsletter.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Job opportunities, both part time and full time, available through Shepherd of the Valley Retirement Services at their various locations in the Mahoning Valley are posted on the hall bulletin board for your consideration.

MEMORIAL AND CELEBRATION FUND

(Donations to Martin Luther Church in memory of a past member of the congregation or in honor of a specific individual or event)

**In Honor of Ruth Stevenson's years of service
as Choir Director of Martin Luther Lutheran Church**

Bob & Eileen White

WEST OF 50'S

West of 50's will not meet in July and August. Gatherings will resume in September with a presentation by Lynn Zocolo of Fellows Riverside Gardens.

PRAYER VENTURES

Due to limited space we have decided to include only the prayers for Sunday and festival days of the church from *Prayer Ventures* in the newsletter. *Prayer Ventures* can be accessed in its entirety on the internet at www.elca.org/prayerventures

Prayer Ventures is a guide to daily prayer for the global, social, and outreach ministries of the church. The Sunday prayers, based on the New Ecumenical Prayer Cycle from the World Council of Churches, take us on a prayer journey through various parts of the world. *Prayer Ventures* is produced by ELCA Evangelical Outreach, Church in Society, and Global Mission program units, in cooperation with ELCA Communication Services.

4 6th Sunday After Pentecost

Gracious God, bring healing to the political wounds felt amongst the people of Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela. May their political authorities find ways to achieve peace among their countries. Grant them the peace and protection of your warm embrace.

11 7th Sunday After Pentecost

God of peace, we thank you for the people of the Costa Rican Lutheran Church, the Salvadoran Lutheran Synod, the Lutheran Church in Nicaragua, and for the mutuality and solidarity that comes from their companion synod relationships with eight ELCA synods. Watch over them with your love and grant them the strength to rise with the sun to meet each day with joy..

18 8th Sunday After Pentecost

God of justice, bring to the people of Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico, especially those living in poverty, the hope and truth that you give to all your children through your Spirit.

25 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

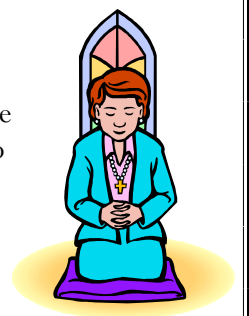
God of hope, we give thanks for the diversity among the Caribbean nations, including Guyana and Suriname. We pray for the poor and disadvantaged, that they may have hope; for justice and the observance of human rights; for goodness in the midst of the beauty of the region; and for all people that they may live full lives as your children. Please continue to bless the companion synod relationship between the ELCA Florida-Bahamas Synod and ministries and churches in Jamaica, Haiti, Suriname, Guyana and Cuba.

PRAYER CHAIN

It's time to update our prayer chain. The prayer chain is a great opportunity to serve your church family without even leaving the comfort of your home. Following a request for prayers, those on the prayer chain agree to pray as requested for an individual or particular situation and pass that request onto the next individual listed on the chain.

Please note your contact information on the sign-up sheet in the office (you may call the church office if you prefer) if you are currently serving in this capacity and wish to continue or if you would like to become a part of the prayer chain. In the interest of convenience, please note if you would prefer to be part of an A.M. or P.M. prayer chain or if you prefer to be contacted by email.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Lois Klein, President, Martin Luther Women. However, men are also welcome to be a part of the prayer chain.



PAUL & ALMA KLINGER SCHOLARSHIP

Applications forms are available in the church office for The Paul and Alma Klinger Scholarship Fund Trust. Scholarship funds are available for full-time students pursuing a bachelors, masters, or doctorate degree. To be eligible, a student must be a member of Martin Luther for at least four years and must have received a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average for the last school grading period. A transcript of the last grading period should accompany the application. Applications will be received through July 4, 2010.



THANK YOU

Our Sunday Youth Coordinator, Loisjean Haynes-Paige and her sister, member Darlene McKelley, would like to thank the congregation for all their prayers, cards, phone calls, food preparation and words of concern expressed during their respective time of recuperation. Both are doing well and greatly appreciate the time and attention given them.

I would like to thank everyone for the cards and flowers, and most of all for the many prayers during my recent surgery. I am doing well and truly appreciate the concern that so many of you have shown.

*Thanks again, God Bless!
Lloyd Brenner*

Dear Martin Luther Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your monetary gift received on May 17, 2010 to ELCA International Disaster Response: Haiti Earthquake Relief. Gifts like yours are already at work, efficiently and effectively, with our partners who have served the people of Haiti for years.

In the capital city of Port-au-Prince, gifts to ELCA International Disaster Response: Haiti Earthquake Relief is helping students with their school supplies. Gifts like yours are helping the Lutheran Church in Haiti provide the thousands who took refuge on church grounds with shelter, food and water, health care, and spiritual and psychological care.

Your gift brings both help now and hope for the future. Your faithful generosity makes it possible for us to accompany our brothers and sisters in Haiti over the long haul.

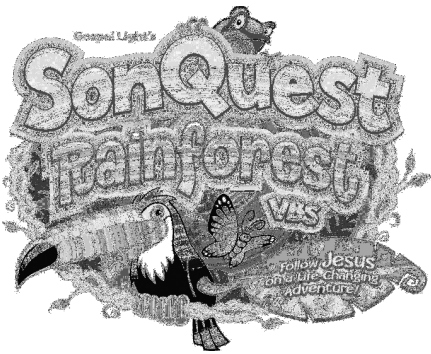
Thank you.

*Together in Christ's Service,
The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director
ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal*

Dear Pastor Paul Heine,

Thank you so much for taking the time to show us your beautiful church. Your church was a great source of pride for my great-grandfather and for my grandfather, Paul Schellhase. It was a tremendous pleasure for me to finally see it and share it with my sons. I was very happy to see the building in good repair, and it appeared that the people of the church, though fewer in numbers, were stronger than ever. We will keep both you and your church in our nightly prayers.

*Thank you again,
Scott Schellhase
(Great-grandson of Pastor F. Schellhase)*



FREE SUMMER DAY CAMP!

July 19—July 22, 2010

At

Martin Luther Lutheran Church
420 Clearmount Drive, Youngstown 44511
(corner of Hudson and Clearmount)

For

Children Ages 6—15 years old
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. daily

Crafts Sports Singing Games Bible Stories

Special Events:

Picnic at Boardman Park
Evening Cookout with Campers & Families

Visit from

The Fellowship Of Christian Athletes

Registration Limited to 50 Children
Stop in or Call the Church Office to Register
330-788-8707, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Registration deadline is July 12, 2010
Sponsored by Martin Luther Lutheran Church



SUMMER DAY CAMP HELP NEEDED



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Once again this summer Martin Luther Church will conduct a Summer Day Camp for youth ages 6 through 15, July 19 through July 22. Loisjean Haynes-Paige, our Sunday Youth Coordinator, will supervise a staff of four professional teachers assisted by a number of church volunteers. The camp will be limited to 50 youth. We will need to provide volunteers to help with various areas of responsibility during camp. These areas are listed below.

Food Volunteers - Volunteers to assist with breakfast and lunch and/or provide snacks for the campers and staff and to assist with set-up, serving, and clean-up.

Program Volunteers - Volunteers who serve as a role model and witness to campers and help facilitate Bible Study and other small group activities as needed.

Registration Volunteers - Persons to assist with the initial registration and daily attendance record of campers.

Cookout Volunteers - Persons to help with grilling hot dogs and hamburgers for a Thursday evening (July 22) cookout in the church parking lot for campers, their families, our neighbors, and Martin Luther members. The cookout will take place following a program by the campers.

Financial Support Volunteers - Persons willing to help defray the expenses of the camp.

Prayer Volunteers - Persons willing to pray for the success of the camp.

We need all members to help make our day camp a success. Please check the area(s) below where you are willing to volunteer your help and return this sheet to an usher or to Jack Ritter.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE (OR MORE)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I will assist with meals | <input type="checkbox"/> I will provide snacks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I will be a program volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> I will be a registration volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I will help with the cookout | <input type="checkbox"/> I will help with financial support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I will help wherever needed | <input type="checkbox"/> I will pray for our day camp |

THANK YOU

The recognition luncheon planned for my retirement was so very special in every way. Many thanks for your contributions of the delicious food, to Jan West for her wonderful cakes, the beautiful flowers, your many cards and the exquisite gift of Waterford crystal.

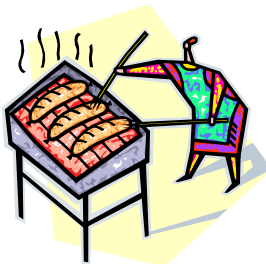
And to Janeen Williams, Eric and Alex McClellan, many thanks for your musical tributes on my behalf. I feel so honored.

Pastor Heine has been an inspiration to me in the planning and the preparation of music for worship. I have appreciated his attention to detail and expectations for meaningful worship. I have experienced many rewards for those efforts. Susan Sheridan deserves a vote of thanks for all her support.

I wish to express my thanks to Anthony Ruggiero for his expertise and to the choir for their loyalty and faithful dedication to the music ministry of Martin Luther Lutheran Church.



*In gratitude to all,
Ruth Stevenson*



Our next fellowship outing is scheduled for the evening of Friday, July 23, 2010 at Charlie Staples' Restaurant. This is a great opportunity to relax and celebrate what will surely be another successful summer day camp experience. Additional details will be available soon, as well as a sign-up sheet, but mark your calendars now for this "Cup Of Love" dining experience.

FELLOWSHIP OUTING

WHY GO LUTHERAN?

"Reprinted from *Seeds for the Parish*."

Are you, or someone you love, searching for a college or university to attend? If so, check out the new video "Why Go Lutheran?" and its Web site www.WhyGoLutheran.com The 3-minute video is not your typical recruiting film. It's a clever animation that lays out all of the reasons why a student should "go Lutheran."



TRASH 'N TREASURE SALE

Trash 'n Treasure Sale time is just around the corner. Search high and low for your unused "treasures". We need your donations. Items can be left on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Jewelry items can be left in an envelope in the church secretary's office mailbox. **No large appliances or computer technology (ie. computes, printers, monitors) or televisions accepted.** Remember that **clothing is not accepted for the sale, however, gently worn used clothing can be donated for distribution to area charitable organizations.** Clothing items can be placed in the small hallway off the interior of the library. As always, Thrivent Financial will match a percentage of our total sales.

Your help is also needed to sort and price the week of September 27—October 1, from 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. daily (give whatever time you have to offer, an hour or two or a day is greatly appreciated).

Take advantage of this great fellowship opportunity.

24th Annual Trash 'N Treasure Sale

at

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

420 Clearmount Drive

Youngstown, Ohio 44511

(corner of Hudson & Clearmount)

Saturday, October 2, 2010

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

(1/2 price after 2:00 p.m.)



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Organist..... Anthony Ruggiero
Sunday Youth Coordinator.....Loisjean Paige
Custodian Tom Davis

Worship Schedule

Worship/Communion 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Nursery available during the 10:30 a.m. service

NOTE: If no one is available to answer your call, please leave a message on the answering machine. Your call is important to us and we will return your call as soon as possible. Martin Luther Lutheran Church is handicap accessible.



Founded in 1859