

# HILLTOP NEWS



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- 2/23 George Shade
- 2/24 Jason Geiger
- 2/24 Adam Grau
- 2/26 Jennifer Rinehart
- 2/27 Terry Plleiderer
- 2/27 Brian Morrison
- 2/28 Sarah Leonhardt

We extend our sympathy to those who have had loved ones these past few months: Dennis & Kathy Siefert on the death of Kathy's Mother, Jane Hatcher. She passed away November 21, 2020.

Family of Carol Sharick who passed away in Ashland. Burial was in Ashland, Oh.

Charles & Margaret Brinkman on the death of Margaret's brother-in law, Larry Kocher.

Family of Kathryn Hoover who passed away January 8, 2021. Graveside services were held on January 13, 2021 in St. Paul Cemetery. Pastor Scherner officiated.

Walter & Alice Schimpf on the death of Alice's sister-in law, Lois Albert. She passed away Jan. 10, 2021.

**February Anniversaries**

- 2/05 Tom & Nan Kibler
- 2/07 Richard & Janet Harer
- 2/10 Aaron & Charlie Britt
- 2/22 Charles & Margaret Brinkman
- 2/23 Russell & Michele Breyley
- 2/27 Eric & Shelly Kocher

**St. Paul Shut In List**

Altercare

Eldon Campbell      Birthday April 7

Carlisle House

Lois Walker      Birthday September 15

Home

Herman Seibert      Birthday January 9  
5411 St. Rt. 98  
Tiro, Oh 44887

**Poinsettias**

**In Honor of:**

- Parents Ken & June Geiger by Jenny Geiger
- Our Children, Granddaughter & Mother by Rusty & Michele Breyley
- Parents Mike & Dee Ann Geiger by Stephanie Powell
- Charlie & Kate Britton, Jim Staiger by John & Joy Britton
- Kate & Charlie Britton by Sam, Cindy, Wade, Katie, Colton Hopkins
- Betty Ebbeskotte by her Family
- God's Glory by Pastor & Karen Scherner
- Our Parents by Carrie & Amber Robertson

**In Memory of:**

- Ramon by Bev Shealy & Family
- Our Parents by David & Bev Robertson
- Walter & Dorothy Luidhardt, Darl Keller, Cousin Debbie Croft by Jim & Helen Luidhardt
- Paul by Betty Ebbeskotte
- Our Parents by Roxanne & Ron Shipman
- Diane Hopkins by Sam, Cindy, Wade, Katie & Colton Hopkins
- Nellie Staiger by John & Joy Britton
- Charles & Mary Britton, Ernest & Alice Reinhard by Charlie & Kate Britton
- Our Parents by Mike & D Ann Geiger
- Grandparents Eldon & Dolores Geiger, and Francis Wurm
- Our Parents & Grandparents by Rusty & Michele Breyley
- Loren, Bill & Mary Sheets by George & Kathy Sheets
- Loren, Gary, Brenda & Lance by Lois Walker

## December 2020 Women's Board Meeting Held

On December 12 the women held a meeting in the church basement. Seven members were present. An offering of \$50 was collected. Deb opened the meeting with a Christmas devotion and prayer.

Marilyn gave the treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$1,869.55 and all bills are paid. We collected \$682.34 from Thankoffering boxes. This money will be donated and split between Jericho House and Into The Heart, Into The Home.

Karen reported for the Mission Action Committee that toys were delivered to Nationwide Children's Hospital and 59 shoeboxes were delivered to Bucyrus.

We are sending cards to Steve Auck and Sue Stander of Norton's Flowers. We will enclose a check with Steve's card. We will also be sending a \$25 gift card to the two military servicemen currently serving our congregation like we have in the past.

We will continue to donate \$75 quarterly to the soup kitchen, Father's Heart Healing Center. The quarterly offering for 2021 NALC dues will continue this year at \$80. We decided to disperse our money for the year as follows:

Gerald Cramer \$150 (House fire on December 7)  
BORN \$150

We will also be giving a \$20.00 memorial to Luther Home of Mercy in memory of Evie Kibler who recently passed away.

The Dorcas Circle is planning on starting back up in January 2021.

The prayer chain needs updated and revised. Deb will make an announcement about this during church next year and will be putting an announcement in the bulletin and newsletter.

We passed around the 2021 duty chart and signed up for remaining open spots for the visiting and food committees. This year for visiting we will be sending cards to shut-in's and those having surgeries. The food committee will be delivering a plate of dessert to the family.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Laura Ackerman, Secretary

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes

November 15, 2020

George Sheets called the meeting to order. Devotions were presented by George Sheets. Members present were Mark Ebbeskotte, Bob Geiger, Dan Feichtner, Bob Geiger, Jim Shade, Carl Reinhart, Michele Breyley, Susie Sutherland, George Sheets and Pastor Scherner.

Secretary's Report: Secretaries report was read by members. Corrections from October 11<sup>th</sup> minutes were: the window repair quote was from Window Creations, not Gothic Windows, it was a council member not Kathy Sheets who noticed the blower noise on the organ, and we are buying bulk salt for parking lot this winter, not getting a quote. Jim moved to accept the minutes with above corrections; Dan seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Susie gave the report as follows: Pastors Discretionary fund \$8,908.56, Checking \$16,017.61. Getting new pass books for current CD with Peoples Savings and Loan. All bills are current. Mark made motion to except report, Bob seconded. Motion passed.

Deacon's Report: Mike was not present to give the report. He sent the information to George who sent it to Michele. The average attendance was 80. There were 78 people who received communion.

Trustee's Report: Will discuss during new business.

Elder's Report: Mark reported no issues at this time. Dan said it was brought to his attention that it might be nice to have a Pastor from the NALC preach sometime when Pastor s unavailable for when the time comes to get a new Pastor, we have had our "foot in the door" so to speak. George said we could try, but they are short on Pastors. Pastor said it might be hard to do.

Pastor's Report: Pastor had a report of his logged hours.

Dan made a motion to accept above reports. Mark seconded the motion. Reports were approved.

Old Business: The Sheriff call list for the alarm system has been up dated. Eric Kocher and George sheets will be on for 6am to 6 pm. Bob and Mike Geiger will be on for 6pm to 6am. The organ blower was checked and it was re-leveled. They are going to check with other Churches who have the same system to see what theirs sounds like. If there is a difference, he will come back and repair ours. The caution lights on the polls are still not repaired. Bob looking into someone different to do the repairs.

New Business: Thanksgiving Eve service offering will go to Into The Heart Into The Home, and the Christmas Eve service will be split between Into The Heart Into The Home, and The Salvation Army. Jim made a motion to accept and Bob seconded. Motion passed. Mike said spot lights out side need timer changed. Bob said he will fix it. Bids for services at Church are due on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Fall cleaning outside Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> at 8am. The Boiler inspection will be on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. George will be here.

The next council meeting will be on December 13th. Devotions will be given by Brian. The meeting was closed with the Lord' s prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Breyley, Secretary

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes

December 13, 2020

George Sheets called the meeting to order. Devotions were presented by Brian Evak. Members present were Mark Ebbeskotte, Mike Geiger, Dan Feichtner, Bob Geiger, Jim Shade, Carl Reinhart, Michele Breyley, Brian Evak, George Sheets and Pastor Scherner.

Secretary's Report: Secretaries report was read by members. Jim moved to accept the minutes with above corrections; Dan seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: George gave the report: Pastors Discretionary fund \$8,933.56, Checking \$20,603.11. We have the new pass book for current CD with Peoples Savings and Loan. We are going to make a separate account for Pastors discretionary fund. Bob made a motion to accept making a new account for Pastors discretionary fund. Dan second the motion. Motion passed. All bills are current. Mark made a motion to accept the report, Brian seconded. Motion passed.

Deacon's Report: Mike gave the deacons report. There was an average of 68 people present for the 3 Sundays we had services. Seventy people took communion for the month. There was a total giving for the month of \$13,917.10. The new offering envelopes for next year are here and ready to be picked up. We will be taking offerings for Thanksgiving Eve services, Christmas Eve service, and regular offerings to finish out the year as follows: Mark Ebbeskotte will be at Church December 21<sup>st</sup> in the morning from 9-11. The 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> will be in the evening from 4-6. You can also mail your contributions to the Church as long as they are received by December 28<sup>th</sup>. You may also drop it off in the office during regular hours. Please call first to make sure Joyce will be there because of the Holidays. You can pick up your new Church envelopes at this time. These announcements will also be on the Church web site and announced during the weekly video sermon.

Trustee's Report: Will discuss during old business. Mike turned in the bill he received for the sealing of the blacktop in the parking lot.

Elder's Report: Mark reported no issues at this time. Dan said he is finalizing the names for the 2021 ballot.

Pastor's Report: Pastor had a report of his logged hours. He is making phone calls to people because he is unable to visit in person to Hospitals because of COVID-19.

Mike made a motion to accept above reports. Mark seconded the motion. Reports were approved.

Old Business: Will make final decision on Windows after annual meeting. Survey results will be discussed at Annual Meeting. Bob is getting quotes from Rietschlin Mechanical for the lights on the poles.

New Business: Current job positions in the Church are staying the same for 2021. We worked on the 2021 budget. It will be finalized at the next meeting. The survey results will be in the annual report. An honorarium will be given to Tom Bush for the wonderful music he provided for us during the absence of

the Choir during the COVID-19 crisis. It was greatly appreciated! An honorarium will also be given to Dave Halsey his services and filling in for Pastor when he has been unable to do the sermons. We are very lucky to have them both in our congregation! There will be a Christmas Eve service on the web site on Christmas Eve all day.

The next council meeting will be on January 10, 2021. The meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Breyley, Secretary

Lent begins on February 17 with Ash Wednesday

Lenten monies: Ash Wednesday February 17:  
Women of the Church  
Maundy Thursday April 1:  
Contact of Crawford County  
Good Friday April 2: American  
Cancer Society Road to Recovery  
Other Wednesday services; Feb. 24,  
Mar. 3, 30, 17, 24, 31: 1/2 to  
Salvation Army, 1/2 to BORN  
Loose offering from Easter Sunday  
April 4 ASC Road to Recovery

## Summary of survey concerning air conditioning of church areas and new/remodel restrooms

Sanctuary air conditioning: Yes=24 No=23 Yes/No=1

Priority 1=13 Priority 2=4 Priority 3=3 Priority 4=5 Priority 5=1 Priority 10=3

Comments: not needed=16; cost=2; both cost and need=1; maybe later=1; cost to run would be too high=1; too much for too few days=1; limited use and need=1

Kitchen air conditioning: Yes=33 No=13 Maybe=1

Priority 1=9 Priority 2=12 Priority 3=9 Priority 4=2 Priority 5=0 Priority 10=1

Comments: not needed=8; limited use and need=1; basement is cool=1; could use a portable air conditioner=1

Fellowship hall air conditioning: Yes=23 No=20 Maybe=2 Yes/No=1

Priority 1=3 Priority 2=4 Priority 3=12 Priority 4=3 Priority 5=2 Priority 10=1

Comments: not needed=10; basement is cool=1; can it be closed off enough to be effective=1; not used that much=1

Comments for both kitchen and fellowship hall: have money in hand before proceeding=1; not needed if Covid is still a factor=2; if doing one may as well do both=1

Overall air conditioning comment: Air conditioning in sanctuary can aid those with breathing issues and make us more attractive to possible new members. Air conditioning in kitchen should be attainable rather cheaply, but if it makes more sense to combine with fellowship hall, then do both.

New restrooms: Yes=19 No=21

Priority 1=8 Priority 2=5 Priority 3=3 Priority 4=3 Priority 5=3 Priority 10=1

Comments: cost=9; not needed=7; new if only can't remodel=2

Remodel restrooms: Yes=37 No=6 Maybe=1

Priority 1=10 Priority 2=14 Priority 3=2 Priority 4=2 Priority 5=2

Comments: not needed=2; if possible=2; bathrooms are not used too often=1

Comments for both new and remodel: whatever is most cost effective=1; combine to one unisex restroom=1; why not convert to a one stall and make handicap accessible=1; restrooms are most pressing need, air conditioning is a wish =1; another ADA restroom would be nice especially since we have to use the elevator to access any bathroom; do whatever works out space and financially; everything here would be wonderful ; they would all be cost dependent=1

Would like to see ballpark estimates for all projects=1

Overall restroom comment: The men's restroom in the basement is certainly substandard. Both men's and women's lack adequate ADA access. My feeling is that one restroom in the basement is not a viable solution as we would have too little capacity. The million dollar question to me is can the existing men's restroom be expanded into the hallway to the restroom and drinking fountain area more cheaply than digging out for the new restroom?

(OVER)

**Estimates:** air conditioning

Hall Plumbing and Heating: \$33,000. 5 wall units and 3 floor units

Kinn Brothers: \$17,250. 3 wall units=Mitsubishi; kitchen \$3,350.

Eichhorn Heating: \$9,112. 2 wall units (\$13,600. 3 wall units)

Both Kinn and Eichhorn have 7 year compressor warranty and 5 year parts and Kinn has 1 year labor

Zeigler Electric: \$6935.80 upgrade electricity service (this is for sanctuary; do not know if kitchen is included)

**Estimates:** new restrooms

From Bruce Heinlen (architect) Guestimate for construction cost: \$45,000-\$55,000 range  
(Never really looked into upgrades and cost)

**The following is a proposal to St. Paul Evangelical Church concerning the installation of new ThermaTrac window frames and the installation of new storm glass:**

The stained glass windows are showing many signs of deterioration that come with age. Both the lead and the cement grouting that hold the glass together are in a weakened state, which promotes buckling of the glass panels. The only way that the bowing can be effectively eliminated in stained glass windows is to completely disassemble the panels and rebuild them. This is also the opportune time to replace broken and mismatched glass. The cement grouting is what seals the glass and lead together giving it the strength it needs to stay flat. We recommend that the windows be completely releaded, this will restore the windows back to their original strength before any more damage occurs. The windows in your church are in varying stages of disrepair due primarily to weather and UV light.

**Category #1: (Stained Glass)**

After carefully inspecting the windows, we found the following three windows were in the greatest need of being restored when considering both condition and location.  
**(See Diagram A & B)**

**Priority #1:**

- **Alter window with Jesus**
- **Two front gothic window ventilators**

**Work to be completed on the stained glass:**

Removal of the stained glass panels from frames  
Complete disassembly of panels  
Replace broken glass (Only if close match is found)  
Relead panels back together  
Recement and clean  
Install panels back into frames  
Reconnect support bars

**Category #2 (Storm glass & Thermal Trac Ventilators)**

**Exterior Storm Glass:**

This portion of the bid will be for the removal of the old storm glass and installation of new exterior aluminum frames with 1/4" clear plate glass. The wood framing will also be scraped, primed, and painted at this time. The new aluminum frames will then be installed on the exterior of the wood framing. This will make for a reasonably maintenance free exterior. The new frames will also feature special venting to help prevent excessive heat buildup between the glass. This will help to extend the life of the stained glass windows. **(See Diagrams A, B, & C)**

### **Ventilator Frames:**

We will be installing the Therma-Trac series ventilator frames for (2) windows as shown in diagram A. The Therma-Trac series is a heavy triple glazed thermally broken aluminum frame designed and built specifically for church windows. This provides maximum condensation resistance and superior insulation value due to the thermal barrier. This makes it the ideal choice for your church windows. They will also save you on heating and cooling costs, noise reduction, and help in the protection of your stained glass. These frames will also feature a baked on white finish. **(See Diagram D)**

### **Windows included in storm glass prices:**

- **2 front gothic style windows (includes new ventilators with stained glass restoration in ventilators)**
- **Alter window with Jesus**

### **The work to be completed on the exterior frames and storm glass:**

- Cost of all labor to remove storm glass coverings and to install new
- Installation of new aluminum frames on the exterior
- Scraping, priming, and painting of wood frames
- Installation of new ¼" clear plate glass (1" insulated units in new vents)
- Cost of glass, caulk, paint, and aluminum frames

We will be using (exterior grade) Sherwin-Williams primer and paint on exposed wood.

Any wood framing that needs to be replaced will be brought to the church's attention. Window Creations, LLC will then repair the damaged areas on a time and materials basis pending approval by the the church.

Option #1:

Stained glass restoration of altar window with Jesus:	\$ 11,500
Storm glass restoration of altar window with Jesus:	<u>\$ 6,500</u>
Option # 1 Total:	\$ 18,000

Option #2:

Storm Glass restoration of two front gothic windows:	\$ 4,100
Two front gothic window ventilators replacement:	<u>\$ 4,200</u>
Option #2 Total:	\$ 8,300

Option #3:

Stained glass restoration of altar window with Jesus:	\$ 11,500
Storm glass restoration of altar window with Jesus:	<u>\$ 6,500</u>
Storm Glass restoration of two front gothic windows:	\$ 4,100
Two front gothic window ventilators replacement:	<u>\$ 4,200</u>
Option #3 Total:	\$ 26,300

**TERMS:** Proposal good until December 15, 2020

10% deposit is required upon acceptance of this proposal, followed with monthly progress payments based on the percentage of proposed work completed. The final balance will be due upon completion.

Window Creations, LLC will furnish Worker's Compensation, General Liability and Property Damage Insurance. Window Creations, LLC liability will be limited to the extent of this insurance coverage.

The church is responsible to supply a container or dumpster for disposal of waste materials, and for filling and reseeding of grass should ruts from the lifts occur.

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is responsible for the cost of any required permits, and for the cost of moving, covering or shutting off electrical lines should they be obstructing the work area.

Option# \_\_\_\_\_ of his proposal is accepted and approved in its entirety.

Proposal accepted by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# February 2021

## Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																											
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Gifts purchased November 22, 2020 after church by members of St. Paul and Helping Hands. They were taken to Luther Home of Mercy for residents for Christmas.





February 2021

Church Staff	Congregational Council
<p>Hans Scherner..... Pastor            Joyce Schanzenbach.....Secretary            Kathy Sheets..... Organist            Karen Schimpf.....Assistant Organist            Susie Sutherland.....Bookkeeper            Roxanne Shipman. . . . . Choir            Cindy Hopkins.....Bell Choir            Charlie Britt.....Sunday School Superintendent            Deb Feichtner. . . . . President, Women of Church            Carrie &amp; Amber Robertson.....Youth Advisors            Jennifer Rinehart ..... Vacation Bible School            Eric Kocher. . . . . Custodian            Church Telephone: (419) 562-5858            Parsonage Phone: (419) 562-5262            E-MAIL:stpaulslutheran@embarqmail.com            Web Page: www.stpaulsulphur.com</p>	<p>Jim Shade                      Dan Feichtner            Mark Ebbeskotte            Bob Geiger            Brian Evak                    Shawn Auck            Mike Geiger                  George Sheets            Michele Breyley              Carl Rinehart</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Congregational Officers</b></p> <p>President . . . . . George Sheets            Secretary . . . . . Michele Breyley            Treasurer . . . . . Bob Geiger</p>

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