



*A new commandment I give you:  
love one another as I have loved you*

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**A**llow me to get right to it. I sincerely hope that the message I have wanted to keep in front of us as we addressed the same sex union issue did not get lost in the issue itself. That message is that we, as the body of Christ, are called first and foremost to love one another. This summons comes to us regardless of our convictions concerning the church and same sex unions. And this entreaty by Christ himself is more than simply a nice sentiment, it is the new commandment Jesus gave his disciples on the night before his crucifixion. *"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*(John 13:34-35) How significant must this commandment be that Jesus begins his final evening with his disciples with this command, the only "new" commandment he issued. And then consider that Jesus concluded his final message to his disciples with a chapter-long prayer to God for their perseverance in unity (John 17).

There is an ultimacy to this command and Jesus' own prayer to God for our continued unity which lays a significant claim on us. Perhaps THE significant claim on us.

Yet, despite the absolute centrality of the command for Christians to love one another and remain united it is not always easy. In fact, it is rarely easy.

Consider that Jesus did not spend his final evening with his disciples encouraging them to always agree with one another. Why? Perhaps, Jesus recognized that agreeing with one another was not something his disciples were very good at. Or possibly Jesus didn't believe Christians

always agreeing with one another was even as essential as loving one another. Either way, Jesus clearly elucidated his expectations for his followers that they remain in a relationship of love with one another and in this spirit, persevere as the new community of God.

I believe St. Paul's, or any church for that matter, has great cause for confidence in its ministry if it believes that its people truly have and exhibit love for one another. This is true no matter what issues and realities we face. Where those issues are small only a little love may be required, where differences are profound so must be the love. Such a profound love cannot possibly be generated from within ourselves but can only be received through our prayers for the power of the Holy Spirit.

Is this not the very kind of love Jesus called us to in his summons to take up the cross and follow him? What is the cross but God's own sacrifice for the sake of God's unfailing love for us? This is a painful love, a sacrificial love, the love St. Paul was really describing in 1 Corinthians 13 between Christ and the Church. This love, Christian love, is not conditioned by agreement, personality, similarity or dissimilarity, it is conditioned only by the forgiving love Christ bore for us on the cross. We should not be surprised if we find such love difficult. But neither should we be surprised by the incredible power of this love to enliven us in our joys and sustain us in difficult times. This love gives us a very tangible glimpse of God's kingdom where all the sin and sorrow that separates and divides us is washed away forever.

On the last night before his death Jesus commanded us to love one another and prayed for our perseverance in unity. Might the new commandment of Jesus be obeyed? Will his prayer be answered? Only God can grant anyone such a will and ability. But if we sincerely pray for this and for one another, I am confident God's will will be done among us.

--Pastor Frey

**WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER**

- November 1 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
- November 2 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion  
9:15 A.M. – Sunday School

Those laid to rest by this congregation who will be remembered on this All Saints' Sunday:

- Mary Trate\* Donald High\*
- Phyllis Wrentzel\* Dean Secord
- Etta Sue Nester Barbara Reinert
- Victor Miller, Jr. Minerva Schaeffer



\*Non-member

- November 8 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
- November 9 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Worship  
9:15 A.M. – Sunday School
- November 15 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
- November 16 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion  
9:15 A.M. – Sunday School
- November 22 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
- November 23 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion  
9:15 A.M. – Sunday School
- November 29 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
- November 30 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Worship

**FROM THE PARISH RECORDS.....**

**Baptism:** 9/28/14 -- **Drew Isabella Musselman**, daughter of Jay & Kimberly (Watkins) Musselman

**Wedding:** 9/27/14 – **Joel Wunderlich & Brooke Prizer**

**Contributions to the Renovations Fund:**

- In memory of Morris Brown by Darrel "Rip" Harris
- In memory of Donald High by Julie Marburger

**A NOTE FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COORDINATOR.....**

The World Hunger Appeal does make a difference! The Christian Education Committee invites you to participate in the "My Piggy Bank" project during Advent and Epiphany. Pick up your "Piggy Bank" and an Advent devotion sheet in the narthex. As you think about the blessings you have received from God, put your loose change in the bank and watch how quickly the bank fills. Return your Bank on Sunday, January 4th or January 11th as we celebrate the coming of the wise men to the child Jesus with their gifts of celebration. Remember the Christmas season has twelve days after December 25th. Then comes the season of Epiphany, a time to reflect in the revelation of the light of the world.



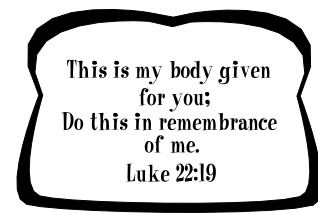
Have you heard that the World Hunger Appeal looks to give resources to needy families that will make a lifetime of change rather than just give handouts? For just \$30 we can provide a piglet to a family in need. "When this little piggy grows up, she will give birth to as many as 16 piglets each year. Pigs help fertilize fields, provide food to eat and can be sold at market for much-needed income. What a BIG difference a piglet can make!" (ELCA World Hunger Appeal)

The two year old Sunday Church School class is hopping with activity. You are invited to join them any Sunday. We have classes for all ages including adults. You are invited to join an age group on Sunday morning at 9:15 am. There is also a group that just enjoys visiting with each other in the Fellowship Hall with a cup of coffee. The pot will be brewing every Sunday morning. You are invited to help with the offering of snacks during that time.

Sunday, November 9 youth are invited to assist with worship in various ways. See the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex for an opportunity to participate.

Sunday, November 16 the Annual Congregational Meeting will be during the 9:15 time. We will have several combined Sunday Church School classes. Catechetical classes should see their teachers for a worksheet to do as they listen during the meeting.

First Communion Classes for 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be Saturday, November 22 with Pastor Frey. Call the Church office if you did not receive a letter and would like to attend.



**WOMEN'S GROUP .....**

No meeting in November due to Thanksgiving preparations. You are invited to work with one of the Committees for the Annual Christmas Bazaar as all of them are working this month on preparations.

We could use help Monday, November 24

**LABYRINTH GROUP.....**

Monday, November 10 -- 10:00 am. Meet in the Church Fellowship Hall to walk the indoor labyrinth from Reading Hospital Center.



**THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES IN DANIEL BOONE SCHOOL DISTRICT.....**

We are working with DB Middle School nurse to identify five families who will receive food baskets from our congregation for Thanksgiving. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Cash donations will be used to purchase smoked turkeys (some families do not have an oven to cook large turkeys).

**MINCE PIE ALERT...**Yes, that time is rapidly approaching. We need volunteers the week of November 17. Prices will be \$8 for small pies and \$10 for large pies. Mark your calendars and let kitchen staff know when you can help. An order form will soon be available in the narthex or call Anna Brown at (610)582-4598 to place your order.



**REMEMBER.....**



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ON NOVEMBER 2**

<b>--YTD Giving thru September, 2014 --</b>					
		<b>Jan—Sept. 2013</b>	<b>Jan-Sept. 2014</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>% chg.</b>
Offerings	\$	\$ 265,516	\$ 259,196	(\$ -6,320)	-2.4
Renovation Contr.	\$	98,055	90,107	(\$ -7,948)	-8.1
<b>Total Giving</b>		<b>\$ 363,571</b>	<b>\$ 349,303</b>	<b>(\$-14,268)</b>	<b>-3.92</b>
Mortgage Balance			\$1,050,166.78		

**FROM THE T3 COMMITTEE.....**

Matthew 12:36 *“But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the Day of Judgment.”*



**Abundance and Scarcity** – God has provided a list of kind words to use in our conversations and evaluation of people we meet. Utilize them, don't seek out the words that criticize and make people feel bad. The movie: *Bambi* – Thumper – Bambi's rabbit friend- said that his Mom told him that, if you can't say something GOOD, don't say anything at all! Pick the words that compliment people. Make them feel good! Your words should add value to you, your friends, family and community. Choose your words carefully, as they are a direct reflection on the path you want to take in your life. There are many (an abundance of kind words), select and use them! Kind words, in the end, will make you a better person! You will be remembered by your word selections!!

**SPYY (St Paul's Younger Youth)** will be meeting on Sunday, November 23 from 11:30 am - 2:00 pm  
We will make cookies and crafts for the Christmas Bazaar.

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS.....**

If you are wondering where the month of October has gone, you are not alone. Nevertheless, the Halloween parties were a huge success and the parade was enjoyed by all. The children also enjoyed a visit with the Amity Township Fire Department. Both the Preschool and the CDC had portraits taken as well. Now, it's November and the Center is preparing for yet another busy month. The Vision Resource Center of Berks County will visit on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> to conduct vision screening. The children will learn about Pilgrims, Native Americans and Thanksgiving. We will be holding our annual Thanksgiving Feast for all of the children on Wednesday, November 26, 2014. The Center will be closed on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Just as a reminder, we currently have space available in the 3 year old and 4 year old afternoon Preschool Programs. Please call or stop by the office anytime for additional information. As always, we appreciate your support. Thank you and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

--Sherry Gardner, Director



**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**  
**Wednesday, November 26, 2014 --7:00 P.M.**  
**Here at St. Paul's**

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR COMMITTEES** are working on the upcoming Christmas Bazaar scheduled for December 5 & 6.

**\*The Craft Committee** is having workshops Tuesdays, Nov 11, 18, 25, & Dec 2 from 9-12. We have some material, lots of ideas, and things that need to be sewn. If you can help with machine sewing, contact Marlane Druckenmiller 610-385-6616. Thank you for the golf balls, we have enough at this time.

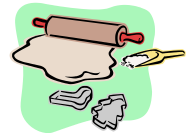
**\*The Raffle Committee** has tickets for sale now. Contact Helen Strain 610-385-3616 or see her in the narthex on Sunday mornings if you are able to help sell some tickets.

**\*The Greens Committee** asks if anyone has pine trees to donate in November or has a connection with a tree farm please contact Judy Trout 610-689-5263.

**\*St. Nicholas** will make a return visit on Friday evening at 6 pm.

**\*The Kitchen Committee** asks if anyone receives a free turkey and will not be using it we can use it for the soup, sandwiches, and salad. Breakfast will not be served this year on Saturday morning.

**\*The Cookies & Candy Committees** have sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex. These are our most popular items. Sign up if you can contribute any on the list.



**\*Helpers are also needed for Clean up** on Saturday at 1 pm. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. Many hands are needed for a successful Christmas Bazaar

**GREENS WORKSHOPS.....**

The "Greens" Committee is starting to think Christmas Bazaar. As always, we need volunteers to help with the greens. Experience is not needed. The work is not difficult and there are experienced people to help with the different tasks.

We are especially looking for several men to help during the week moving greens and doing trimming.

Workshop times are as follows:

Nov. 15 – Start of collection of greens and set up "greens" rooms.

Nov. 17 through 21, Nov. 24 & 25, and Dec. 1 through Dec. 5 – creating the greens to sell at the Bazaar from 9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M. Any time you can give, be it an hour, a day, etc., will be welcomed.

If you have overgrown greens—upright yew, arborvitae, cedar, or evergreen trees, Fraser, Douglas Fir, or Blue Spruce—in your yard, trim them the week of Nov. 17, bunch them, and drop them off at the back of the church at the playground.

If you have any questions, contact Judy Trout, (610) 689-5263; if not at home, leave a message and she will get back to you.

Anyone wishing to place an order for greens can use the order form below. It can be given to Betty High, Diane Hartline, Judy Trout or handed in at the church office. Orders should be placed by Sunday, November 17.

GREENS ORDER FORM

Item	Price	Qty.	Bow color	Total
Wreath	\$25			
Log	\$25			
Door Spray	\$15			
Swag /bow	\$8			
Swag/no bow	\$5			
TOTAL DUE				\$

Deadline is Nov. 17, 2014.

Please indicate where you will pick up your items:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up at the bazaar.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up during a workshop time (Please indicate date and time.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

FALL WORK DAY – NOV. 1 – 8 am—NOON.....



Help is needed to clean up the church property. Bring your rake and garden gloves. There may also be some inside chores as well.

Raindate is November 8.



**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!**  
**Sunday, November 16, 2014**  
 9:15 A.M.

WE 'RE AGAIN DECORATING WITH POINSETTIAS ON CHRISTMAS EVE...

Use the form printed below if you would like to order a poinsettia. Orders must be placed early to ensure availability. **Try to place your order by Sunday, November 30, but final deadline to order is Sunday, Dec. 14.**

The plants may be taken with you following the 10:00 P.M. Christmas Eve service.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias (5 blooms +) at \$8.50 per plant. Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_.



Information for the bulletin: Given to the Glory of God:

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ As a gift by \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_



11/1	Michael Low	11/16	Sandra Berger
	J. Gordon Miller		Christian Cicala
	Brett Simmons	11/17	Joshua Finkbiner
11/2	Rebecca Mickletz		Emily Gaskins
11/3	Jeanette Forster		Blake Grim
	Ryan Musselman		Jim Sarro
	James Swavely	11/18	Dave Levengood
11/4	Bill Byrd		Sharon Spohn
	Alex Kutz	11/20	Dominick DeNardo
	Elisabeth Yoder		Aubrey Garman
11/5	Ruth Bryan	11/21	Kevin Kupp
	Lee Walley	11/22	Elizabeth Haring
11/7	Bryn Detwiler		Christopher Lynagh
	Leah Detwiler		William Stalneckner
	Mary Ellen Hoffert	11/23	Eli Porter
	Tom Vroman	11/24	Jeane Serrian
	Emily Walley		Nancy Yocom
11/8	Jerry MacMullin	11/25	Betty High
11/9	Fred Gaskins	11/26	Meridith Gaskins
11/11	Kendra Day	11/27	Elena Eidell
	Letisha Leahy		Jenna Hendricks
	Donald Levengood		Andrew Jenkins
	Sean Sonon	11/28	Dana Hickey
11/12	Aja Betts		Craig Yambor
11/13	Torie Shaffer	11/29	Jacob Beil
	Brian Kupp		Austin Bonetz
	KathyWise		Cassandra Johnson
11/14	Nathan Haring		Stephanie Szajek
	Ben Overley		Gwen Yerger
11/15	Kenneth Adams	11/30	Joyce Drey
	Matthew Zajac		Michael Shingle
			David Soto

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

Tracy & Barbara Smale	11/5	26 yrs.
Russell & Elizabeth Burns	11/7	44 yrs.
Barry & Susanne Leier	11/8	45 yrs.
Gary & Cindy Weidner	11/12	26 yrs.
Al & Lorrie Monroe	11/13	32 yrs.
John & Tara Bologna	11/17	24 yrs.
Bob & Joan Wendel	11/17	58 yrs.
John & Pam Wolfe	11/20	38 yrs.
Barry & Vicci Eidell	11/22	39 yrs.
Tom & Deb Longstaff	11/26	9 yrs.

**WORLD HUNGER MESSAGE.....**

As I read the paper this morning the front page of the Second Section was a story of the move to a larger facility for the food bank to meet the needs of the many people. It stated that last year they provided 7 million lbs. of food to the people in the area. The need has continually increased and this year they expect to provide nearly 15 million lbs. That certainly shows people are still in need of help with hunger.

Most of us are using the last of our gardens bounties. We should thank God each day for the plentiful food we have. Many people do not have the resources to buy the food needed for their family and the food banks do help. ELCA World Hunger also helps everywhere in this country and others around the world. The people that receive this help have been saved from starvation in many cases. We, in this congregation, have always done our share with donations of canned goods for the local food pantry and recently digging and collecting potatoes for the local pantries; just to name a few.

Please continue to help the MANY people that are near starvation in this country and countries around the world. Knowing that we are helping should be thanks enough but please add my thanks and the thanks of so many others. You can contribute by putting your donation in the weekly envelope marked WH. Your donations are greatly appreciated whenever they may be and in whatever amount you can spare. ---Mary Graefe

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 8 & 10:30—Holy Comm. 9:15 —Sunday School 7 PM—Nar-Anon	<b>3</b> 8 AM—Pastors breakfast 6 PM—Girl Scouts 7 PM—Christian Ed.	<b>4</b> Quilting 6:15—TOPS 6:15—Child Dev.	<b>5</b> 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 6 PM—Girl Scouts	<b>6</b> Noon—Fr. Circle 6 PM—T3 Comm. 7 PM—Choir rehearsal 7 PM—Girl Scouts	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> 8—noon—Cong. Work Day 6 PM—Holy Comm. <b>8</b> 8 AM—Men's Group 6 PM—Holy Comm.
<b>9</b> <i>Youth Sun.</i> 8 & 10:30—Worship 9:15—Sunday School SPLAT after 10:30 4 PM—Girl Scouts	<b>10</b> 10 AM—Labyrinth Gr. 6 PM—Girl Scouts 7 PM—Pastoral Care	<b>11</b> Quilting 9 AM—Bazaar crafts 6:15—TOPS	<b>12</b> 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 6 PM—Girl Scouts 6:15—Executive Com 7 PM—Council	<b>13</b> 7 PM—Choir rehearsal 7 PM—Prayer Shawl 7 PM—Girl Scouts	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Gather greens & set up greens room 6 PM—Holy Comm.
<b>16</b> 8 & 10:30—Holy Comm. 9:15 —Annual Mtg. Social Min.after10:30 7 PM—Nar-Anon	<b>17</b> 9—3 — Greens work 6 PM—Girl Scouts	<b>18</b> Quilting 9 AM—Bazaar crafts 9—3 — Greens work 6:15—TOPS	<b>19</b> 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9—3 — Greens work 9:30—Bible Study 6 PM—Girl Scouts	<b>20</b> 9—3 — Greens work 7 PM—Choir 7 PM—Girl Scouts 7:30—Crime Watch	<b>21</b> 9—3 — Greens work	<b>22</b> 9 AM—noon—1 <sup>st</sup> Communion class 6 PM—Holy Comm.
-----Make mince pies-----						
<b>23</b> 8 & 10:30—Holy Comm. 9:15 —Sunday School 11:30 AM--SPYY	<b>24</b> 9—3 — Greens work	<b>25</b> Quilting 9—3 — Greens work 6:15—TOPS 9 AM—Bazaar crafts	<b>26</b> 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 6 PM—Girl Scouts 7 PM—Thanksgiving Eve Service	<b>27</b> <i>Thanksgiving</i> Office closed.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6 PM—Holy Comm.
<b>30</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sun. in Advent</i> 8 & 10:30—Worship 9:15—Sunday School	Council persons in charge of services— Deb Longstaff, Ray DiSandro			Money Counters 8:00—Deb Longstaff, Kathy Meehan, Dale Watkins 10:30—Ray DiSandro, Ed & Joanne Guss		

