

Mission Statement

We the people of St. Paul are called and empowered by God-
To **Witness** through Christ; To **Welcome** everyone through the Holy Spirit;
To **Worship** with joy; and To **Work** with God to meet the needs of our community.

This month's phone tree is sponsored by: Vivian Scott

Reading the Bible in 90 Days Congregational Challenge Statistics

- 93 responded to the survey or other identifying methods
- 76 Adults completed the reading challenge
- 6 Adults have not finished yet, but intend to do so
- 8 Elementary students finished “100 Favorite Bible Stories”
- 3 Sr. Youth finished their reading program
- Least favorite book(s) – I & II Chronicles
- Most favorite book – The Gospel of John

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Book of Faith Activities for May 2010

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bible Passages</u>	<u>Weekly Reading*</u>
5/2	The Way of Jesus	Matthew 25: 31-46	John 12-13
5/9	Jesus' Ascension	Acts 1	Acts 1-3
5/16	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-24	John 14-17
5/23	The People of the Way	Acts 2:43-47	Acts 4-5
5/30	Stephen, the Martyr	Acts 7:44-8:1	Acts 6-8

Peace - *What does it mean to have peace or be at peace?* In modern society, “peace” usually means a time without war or an inner sense of calm. In the Bible, peace means more than that. The Hebrew word for peace is shalom, which means wholeness or well-being. So when people use the word “shalom” to greet others or to say goodbye, they are wishing them the best, including health and success.

In the New Testament, peace has the usual meaning of the absence of conflict between people or nations ([Luke 11.21](#); [14.32](#); [Rev 6.4](#)). But the sense of shalom also appears in spoken and written greetings ([Mark 5.34](#); [Luke 7.50](#); [John 20.9](#); also see [Rom 1.7](#); [1 Cor 1.3](#); [Gal 1.3](#)). Many of Paul's letters encourage Christians to live in peace by accepting and loving each other in spite of their differences ([Rom 14.19](#); [1 Cor 14.33](#); [2 Cor 13.11](#)). Christians are to be at peace even with outsiders who try to do them harm, leaving the punishment of enemies up to God ([Rom 12.18,19](#)).

Christ was sent to earth to make peace between God and all people. This peace comes from forgiveness, and God's people are to carry this message of peace and forgiveness to others ([2 Cor 5.18-20](#)). Jesus makes peace with God possible ([Rom 5.1](#)), and makes it possible for the world's people to live together in peace ([Gal 3.26-28](#); [Eph 2.14,15](#)).

The inner spiritual peace that comes to those who belong to Christ Jesus is described as being beyond human understanding, but this peace powerfully affects the way people think and feel ([Phil 4.7](#)). This kind of peace is not the kind that the world can give ([John 15.27](#)), but is connected to spiritual things rather than material well-being ([1 Thes 5.23](#); [Jas 3.17,18](#)). The good news about Jesus is described as the good news of peace ([Acts 10.36](#); [Eph 6.15](#)). And those who make peace will be blessed by God and will be called God's children ([Matt 5.9](#)).

from the Learning Bible

2010 Leadership Ministry

Council President: Otis Morton
Secretary: Martha Staley

Vice-president: Steve Bumgarner
Treasurer: Jan Mitchem

Council: Scott Bowman, Marty Coulter, Kathy Frye, Roger Frye, Frank Moxham, Howard Reinhardt, Lee Robinson, Barbara Sloop, and Vivian Scott.

Church Council Highlights - March 25, 2010

COMMUNICATIONS

Reviewed a report on phone tree utilization for February and March to date

WORSHIP

Approved one service to be held July 4, 2010 - with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

PASTOR

Approved motion to accept new members Sue Jarrett, Ellen Williams Lail and Brandon Williams

Approved motion to allow Senior Youth to conduct Doughnut Sale to help defray cost of their upcoming Mission Trip.

GENERAL

Received report that Gloria Lentz will serve as delegate to the 2010 NC Synod Assembly along with Steve Bumgarner and Pastor Christopher

Acknowledged letter of membership transfer for Paige Scronce

Approved eligibility procedures, voting information sheet, Declaration of Policy statement, ballot preparation and management of voting at the upcoming Called Congregational Meeting April 18, 2010

Held discussion of concerns shared with Council members, as a results of the challenge to the congregation by Pastor Christopher. Approved motion for President Morton to call the Bishop to assist in resolution of these issues.

Finance Ministry

Finance Committee Members are: Jan Mitchem/Treasurer, Howard Reinhardt, Finance co-chair; Judy Hoke, Amanda Lowman, Martha Staley, Jerry Sweet, and Dick Walker.

March 2010 Treasurer's Report

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
INCOME				
Contributions	\$23,288.66	\$17,281.81	\$69,866.01	\$60,525.97
MAJOR ACCOUNT AREAS				
EXPENSES				
Benevolence	\$2,729.17	\$2,336.78	\$8,187.51	\$7,111.78
Pastoral Support	\$7,828.83	\$8,470.32	\$23,486.49	\$24,276.86
Finance Ministry	\$83.33	\$0.00	\$166.66	\$0.00
Support Ministry	\$8,509.82	\$7,183.88	\$25,529.46	\$21,282.85
Property Ministry	\$2,650.83	\$2,260.16	\$7,952.49	\$7,290.59
Learning Ministry	\$473.75	\$61.04	\$1,421.25	\$204.41
Worship Ministry	\$427.07	\$180.23	\$7,305.55	\$796.05
Witness Ministry	\$81.66	\$55.00	\$244.98	\$165.00
Special Events	\$120.33	\$0.00	\$362.49	\$0.00
Welcome Ministry	\$116.66	\$0.00	\$349.98	\$176.66
<u>Youth Ministry</u>	<u>\$266.69</u>	<u>\$60.00</u>	<u>\$800.07</u>	<u>-\$285.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$\$23,288.14	\$20,607.41	\$75,806.93	\$61,019.20
INCOME - EXPENSES		-\$3,325.60		-\$493.23
March 31 Checkbook balance:		\$1,956.27		

<u>GOOD SAMARITAN</u>	3/1/10 Balance	\$1,099.62
<u>FUND</u>	Contributions	\$643.00
	Paid out (Help given)	\$1,002.20
	3/31/ 10 Balance	\$740.42

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 4-18-10 SUMMARY & VOTING RESULTS

Members received notice of the meeting in the April issue of St. Paul Partners and Sunday bulletin announcements on April 4 and 11, 2010. Those members who were confirmed, communing and contributing on record were registered to vote, and received a blue voting card to be used to receive ballots. 150 members were registered.

President Morton explained the voting procedures as outlined on the handout given to all voting members, along with a proposed Declaration regarding becoming a bound conscience congregation. Five ballots were distributed, with the results of each vote announced prior to each subsequent ballot. Members sang hymns during counting.

Vote totals reflect final counts following an audit of the ballots.

Should St. Paul Lutheran-Startown remain in the ELCA Synod?

120 - YES

26 - NO

Should St. Paul Lutheran-Startown become a "bound conscience" congregation?

125 - YES

20 - NO

Should St. Paul Lutheran-Startown adopt a Declaration of Policy specifying its refusal to consider a pastor for call who is homosexual in a committed, long-term monogamous relationship?

127 - YES

17 - NO

Which of the following should St. Paul Lutheran-Startown pay to the N.C. Synod for its portion of our total benevolence?

112 A. Pay 60% of total budgeted benevolence to NC Synod

18 B. Pay 60% of total budgeted benevolence to N.C Lutheran Agencies

12 C. Pay no benevolence to N.C.

Which of the following should St. Paul Lutheran-Startown pay to the ELCA for its portion of our total benevolence?

82 A. Pay 40% of total budgeted benevolence to ELCA

17 B. Pay 40% of total budgeted benevolence to ELCA Agencies

45 C. Pay no benevolence to the ELCA

Learning Ministry

The Learning Committee is staffed by Robin Fincannon, Linda Lutz, Linda Morton, Reba Reinhardt, Barbara Sloop, and Pastor Chris.

Pastor's Honor Roll

Congratulations to Joseph Duncan, Gracen Hoyle, Rachel Hoyle, Carson Kanipe, Faith Kanipe, Natalie Lail, Mikaela Simmons and Kat Stuphin for completing their program for "Reading the Bible in 90 Days". They actually read their book "100 Favorite Bible Stories". We are so proud of their hard work, joy, and perseverance in completing this difficult task.

Senior Confirmation Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Sunday, 5/2	12 -2:30	FH – Bring Lunch	Parables of the Kingdom
Sunday, 5/9	No Confirmation - Mother's Day		
Sunday, 5/16	5pm	Classroom	Parables
Sunday, 5/23	5pm	Classroom	Parables
Sunday, 5/30	No Confirmation – Break until Camp		

Confirmation Camp at Camp Agape - Fuquay Varina June 13-18, 2010

Parent/Camper Meeting – Sunday, May 2nd at 2:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Here you will receive all information, forms, and deadlines necessary for your child to attend Confirmation Camp. First and second year students will participate.

NOISY OFFERING THANK YOU!!!

Over three Sundays, our church family contributed \$1,002.00 in "noisy offerings" to support our youth attending Campconfirmation this summer. Bless You!!

SPAGHETTI DINNER THANK YOU!!!

Our youth also extend their sincere thanks for all who came to the spaghetti dinner April 18. \$815.00 was raised!!

Vacation Bible School 2010
Sunday, June 27 - Thursday, July 1
"Wade In The Water"

Directors for VBS 2010: Sharron Scronce, Sara Scronce, and Jenny Brown

Curriculum Development: Robin Fincannon and Linda Morton

Children's Sunday School Preview: *Sunday, May 31 - Puppet Presentation*

Join us for a week of learning, music, crafts, fellowship and fun!
Themes will include Listening, Obeying, Believing and Following.

Look for information and registration forms in Sunday bulletins and on our website at
www.stpaulstartown.org.



Worship Ministry

Kathy Frye, Chair, Karen Bowman, Sissy Moxham, Charlene Scott, Vivian Scott, Trish Scronce, Denise Sigmon, Kathy Simmons, and Nancy Walker. We meet at 6:30 pm on the Second Monday of each month. If you wish to be a member and have not already been contacted, please see Kathy.

Please note upcoming date:

- ❖ Labyrinth Retreat at Mission Campus on May 15th

He is risen... He is risen indeed!

Easter Community Sunrise Service and Breakfast

The Startown community gathered at 6:45, just before dawn on Easter Sunday morning in the sanctuary of New Hope Moravian Church. The service began with music from the Moravian choir, and Pastor Spaugh reading scripture and delivering a brief homily. Participants then walked to "God's Acre", the on-site Moravian graveyard, while the brass Moravian band played familiar hymns. Then at 7:08 as the sun began rising, the community sang Easter hymns accompanied by the band. Those who attended the Sunrise Service were members of New Hope Moravian, New Star Church of God, St. Paul Reform and St. Paul Lutheran. Following the service, everyone traveled to St. Paul Lutheran for a hearty Sunrise Breakfast.

Cooks gathered at St. Paul to prepare the meal by 4:00am. Eggs were to be cracked, bacon and sausage fried, grits cooked, gravy mixed, along with biscuits and fruit. The wonderful smells coming from the kitchen made one's stomach growl! The fellowship hall was festively decorated with tablecloths and fresh flowers on the tables and in the windows. As the second shift crew, those who helped with serving and cleanup, arrived at 6:00, they busied themselves making last minute setups while anxiously awaiting the crowd. Shortly after 7:30 guests arrived and enjoyed a hot country style breakfast as they fellowshiped with one another. One hundred persons attended the Sunrise breakfast.

A special ***thank you*** to the chefs, decorators, serving and cleanup crew that made this happen. What a fantastic way to begin a glorious Easter Sunday!

Jane Bumgarner

Welcome Ministry Chairperson

Witness Ministry

Sharron Scronce, Chair; Helen Bowman, Eugene Lentz, Roger Frye Sharon Frye, Bradley Scronce, Keith Frye.

Blood Drive

The goal for our April 24 Blood Drive was 30 pints. Once again, we exceed our goal...with 40 people who were able to give **35 pints!!!** Bless you!!!

2010 Canned Food Drive For ECCCM

Not only did we meet our goal of 4,000 lbs...we exceeded our goal...we sent **5,515 lbs** of food to ECCCM for those in our community who need our help. A big thanks to the Senior Youth for setting up the collection tent at Food Lion and a VERY SPECIAL thanks to Roger and Sharon Frye for coordinating and organizing all the collections! Thank you for showing God's love through your gifts!



Special Events and Communications Ministries

Keith Frye, Special Events Chair, Bradley Scronce, Communications Chair

Communications

If you would like to be added to the Prayer Net and receive the prayer requests via the **phone tree**, notify the church office at 464-3853 or Bradley at 381-4037. You **will not** need to call anyone after receiving the prayer request. **Just Pray!**

Startown Senior Citizens

The Startown Senior Citizens will meet Monday, May 3, at 1:30pm. Faye Shook is in charge of the program, with entertainment by Mike Sosebee. Hope to see you there!

WELCA Spring Banquet

"Once Upon An Apron" - Saturday, May 8 -6:00 PM

Cost: \$5.00 ages 10-adult, \$3:00 children 9 and younger - **Deadline May 3!**

Tickets: Available from Helen Bowman, Gloria Lentz, Amanda McKinney, Linda Morton and Reba Reinhardt.

Attire: *Wear your favorite apron!*



JUNE Newsletter deadline - Sunday, May 23, 2010

Email your copy to Martha Staley **and** Cheryl for inclusion in the newsletter. Please honor this deadline so the office staff and volunteers can communicate the news in a complete and timely manner.

Youth Ministry

The Youth Committee is chaired by Steve Morton. The members are: Marty Coulter, Adam Fincannon, Robin Fincannon, Judy Herman, Chantae Lail, Amy Morton, Amanda McKinney, Michelle Potter, Christine Price, Trinity Price, Robin Rudisill, and Charity Stewart.

Sr. Youth Schedule (Pastor Chris – advisor)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting Place</u>
Sunday, 5/2	Bowling	6:30	Fellowship Hall (\$10)
Sunday, 5/9	Mother's Day – No Youth Group		
Sunday, 5/16	Picnic/Volleyball	6:30	Mission Campus
Sunday, 5/23	Servant Event	6:30	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, 5/30	Mystery Event	5pm	Fellowship Hall

The Senior Youth Mission Trip is scheduled for the Week of July 5th-10th. Details are still being worked out, so keep your eyes open for further news.

Jr. Youth (grades 5-8) –Michelle Potter, leader

TLC – The Little Christians (grades 1-5)- Amy Morton, leader

Sunday, May 30, 2010 from 3-5 pm: Fishing and devotions at the home of Howard and Reba Reinhardt (weather permitting). WEAR TENNIS SHOES. We need parents to chaperone. More information in the upcoming weeks.

Agape Summer Day Camp

For rising 1st through 5th graders

At the Mission Campus

July 19-23, 2010 - 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. daily

Cost: \$125/camper (Scholarship money available)

Up to 100 children can participate!

ONE DAY - Agape Summer Day Camp

For rising 1st through 5th graders

At the Mission Campus

June 5, 2010 - 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. daily

Cost: FREE

Registration material available in the office - for all the children you can invite!

Congregational Beach Retreat

“Sun, Fun, and Friendship...”

- What:** Fun and Fellowship
- When:** Thursday, July 15th through Sunday, July 18th
- Where:** Kure Beach Lutheran Retreat Center, Kure Beach, NC
- Cost:** \$115/person, includes lodging and 5 meals
\$45/child, 14 years old and under
- Worship:** Yes
- Group Activities:** Yes
- Free Time:** Lots and Lots more!
- Deposit:** ½ due by Monday, May 17th
- Balance:** Due by Monday, June 21st



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Reservation Form for Kure Beach Retreat

Yes, we would like to attend the Kure Beach Retreat on July 15th -18th

Name(s): _____

*If under 14 years old, please identify

Deposit is attached: Yes _____ No _____

The Work of the People Offered Unto God The Month of May

ALTAR GUILD:

Gloria Lentz, Kathy Frye

ACOLYTES: (8:15) Lauren Rudisill
(10:30) Joseph Duncan

USHERS:

(8:15) Glenn & Judy Hoke
(10:30) Forney & Willie Huffman

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

(8:15) Scott & Karen Bowman
Kathy Frye, Emily Frye
(10:30) Patricia Scronce, Amanda Lowman
Sandy Knudsen, Kathy Simmons

LAY READERS:

2 – (8:15) Boy Scouts
(10:30) Boy Scouts
9 - (8:15) Charlene Scott
(10:30) Martha Staley
16 - (8:15) Amanda McKinney
(10:30) Libby Wells
23 – (8:15) Sharron Scronce
(10:30) Barbara Sloop
30 – (8:15)
(10:30) Noah Lindemann

PRAYER LEADERS:

2- (8:15) Carolyn Sosebee
(10:30) Kathy Simmons
9 - (8:15)
(10:30) Martha Staley
16 - (8:15) Glenda Shook
(10:30) Steve Bumgarner
23 - (8:15) Herb Travis
(10:30) Jane Bumgarner
30 – (8:15) Frank Moxham
(10:30) Theresa Christopher

NURSERY:

2 - (8:15) Amanda McKinney
(10:30) Amy Morton
9 - (8:15) Dewey Jones, Joyce Herman
(10:30) Daphna Robinson
16 – (8:15) Jerry & Linda Sweet
(10:30) Myrtle Urcinola
23 - (8:15) Gail Blackburn
(10:30) Jan Mitchem
30 – (8:15) Gloria Lentz
(10:30) Almeita Helton

SENDERS:

2- (8:15) Alexis Helton
(10:30) Tommy & Jan Mitchem
9 - (8:15) Dewey Jones, Joyce Herman
(10:30) Danny Southers
Patricia Scronce
16 - (8:15) Keith Frye
(10:30) Reggie & Almeita Helton
23– (8:15) Richard Blackburn
(10:30) Roger & Sharon Frye
30 – (8:15) Gail Blackburn
(10:30) Jesse Duncan
Deborah Guthrie

MONEY COUNTER:

Jan Mitchem, Glenda
Townsend, Sissy Moxham

SUNDAY SCHOOL TELLER:

Gail Blackburn

May Birthdays

- 1 – Lauren Isenhour
- 4 – Rick Isenhour
Betsy Lindler
- 5 – Gabriella Whitener
Quincy Whitener
- 6 – Callie Bass
- 7 – Alyssa McCrary
- 8 – Evelyn Sharkey
- 11 – Logan Stewart
- 12 – Callie Brittain
Natalie Lail
- 13 – Irene Huffman
- 16 – Landon Isenhour
Paul Pero
- 17 – Dustin Goins
- 18 – Jennifer Dowell
- 19 – Caroline Morton
Brian Potocki
- 22 – Bernadette Duncan
Harry Sweezy
- 24 – Adam Fincannon
Garrett Jones
Katie Morton
- 25 – Katherine Hoke
- 28 – Theresa Christopher
- 29 – Caleb Mitchem