

# St. Paul's Epistle

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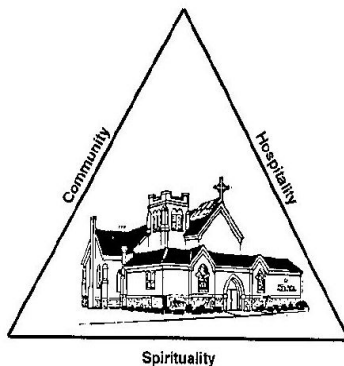
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Fall is officially in the air and that means several things in church. Charge conference is on the way and stewardship is a subject that we will be talking about. More about stewardship next month, but for the weeks to come you may be getting a call to serve at St Paul's on one of the committees that help run the church. You may be asked to serve on a committee and your first thought may be to say no. What I am asking you to do is pray about what it is that God would have you do and then follow the leading of the Spirit.

Fall is also that time of the year when you decide when to turn on the heat. Things are cold at night but warm up during the daytime. You put on an extra sweater or sweatshirt to stay warm enough to keep the extra cost of running the furnace away a little longer. When I came to St. Paul's one of the things I said was "I am not going to change anything for a year." The hard part comes when things are a bit chilly and people are saying turn up the heat, get things going. I feel like my mom when I say "be patient," because we are going to make this a marathon not a sprint

We have spent the last few weeks talking about grace and faith. We will finish with Git-R-Done, making a good connection between faith and works. As I talk to more and more people one on one a trend is beginning to take shape. The joy people have in the work that St Paul's has accomplished and a desire to see it continue is one of two constants in the discussions. The other is a desire to spend more time together as a community of faith. I want to make that a priority as we move forward. I have heard about a lot of different events in the past and how people enjoyed them. I am going to say let's take the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of October after church and have a carry-in/pot-luck dinner at the church. Also by that time look for an adult Sunday School Class to have started.

This year has been strange in the least. I move in and it storms. I go to football games and they get rained out. For goodness sake my wife turned on the furnace in September and that has never happened before. Maybe we will have to get busy putting our faith into action and relying on the grace of God to see us through. So here is the plan, you and me looking for where God has called us to be, then going forward with faith to achieve great things. So when I leave in 22 years (just kidding Bishop Palmer), we can say together that the race has been hard but we have run it well together.

*Pastor Paul*

## Thought for the Month:

*When times are  
hard, it can  
make you  
bitter or better.*

# SENIORS DAY OUT

October 16, 2012  
12 noon

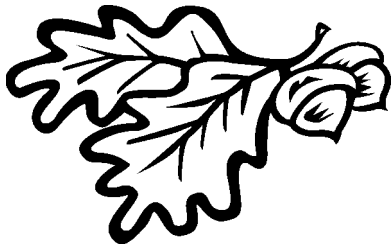
Fellowship Hall



## Top ten kids' Halloween costumes

1. Princess
2. Spider-man
3. Witch
4. Pirate
5. Disney princess
6. Super hero
7. Ghost
8. Pumpkin/vampire (tie)
9. Batman
10. Star Wars character

## Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



### St. Paul's Epistle

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Secretary:	Gail Fessler
Secretary:	Jone Lane
Organist:	Linda Holman
Pianist:	Lois Cook
Choir Director	Judy Chaffins
Custodian:	Dave Decker

### ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB

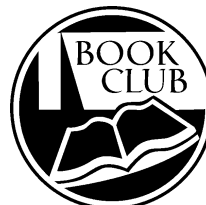
Saturday, October 6 at 9AM

Jone Lane's home  
2540 Irvin Rd.

We will watch the movie, "Sarah's Key,"  
about the book we are currently reading,  
and discuss it afterward.

Coffee, tea, and pastries  
will be served.

Please RSVP to Jone Lane  
E-mail: [lane.jone@yahoo.com](mailto:lane.jone@yahoo.com)  
Cell# 419-230-9290

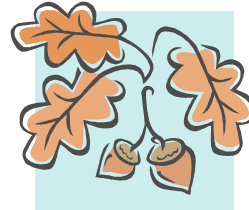


Newsletter  
deadline:  
the 16th  
of each month



**'Coins for Communion'**

**October 7  
to benefit  
Family Promise**



**ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Senior Citizens/ Grandparents Dinner**

**Tuesday, October 9, 2012**

**Reception @ 5:00 PM**

**Dinner @ 5:30 PM**

**At Elida High School  
401 E. North St.**

**Call 419-331-4155  
to make reservations**

## *Upcoming Events for St. Paul's*



Reformation Sunday  
is October 28th



### **Committee Chairs**

<b>PPR Chair</b>	Dwain Metzger
<b>Trustees Chair</b>	Ron Steiner
<b>Finance Chair</b>	Marty White
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jenessa Fletcher
<b>Education Chair</b>	Jan Wyant
<b>Administrative Council Chair</b>	Scott Fessler
<b>Worship</b>	Pastor Paul Scannell
<b>Nurture</b>	Linda Holman
<b>Missions</b>	Tim Piper

### **World Communion Sunday October 7, 2012**

A special offering will be  
collected to support  
World Communion Scholarships,  
administered by the  
General Board of Global  
Ministries.

## A Parable

### The Wicker Coal Basket

The story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains of eastern Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning, Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out Bible. His grandson, who wanted to be just like him, tried to imitate him in any way he could. One day the grandson asked, "Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?" The grandfather quietly turned from putting coal on the stove... and said, "Take this old wicker basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water."

The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, "You will have to move a little faster next time," and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again.

This time the boy ran faster, but again the old wicker basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was 'impossible to carry water in a basket,' and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, "I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You can do this. You're just not trying hard enough," and he went out the door to watch the boy try again. At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath, he said, "See Papa, it's useless!"

"So you think it is useless?" the old man said. "Look at the basket."

The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old wicker coal basket, it was clean.

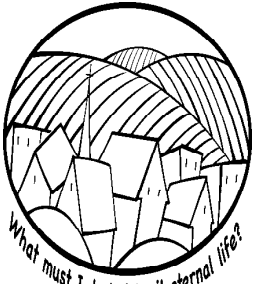
"Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out."

#### Moral of the wicker basket story:

Take time to read a portion of God's word each day.  
It will effect you for good even if you don't retain a word.



# When Jesus Loves You



The story from Mark 10:17-31 begins with promise. Mark introduces the rich young ruler as a first-rate, pious seeker who has enough honesty to admit that he needs something more than he has been able to get. Although he is called "young" and "rich," he is incomplete and he seeks to satisfy the hunger he cannot name. He comes to Jesus to ask what he is lacking, what he must do to be whole.

"Jesus, looking at him, loved him," records Mark. We expect that Jesus will give him what he wants. It is our hope that Jesus loves him - and us - just as we are.

Jesus says to the young man that if he wants treasure in heaven, he must liquidate his assets here on earth, give the proceeds to charity, and follow him. Is it loving to ask this young man to do the most difficult thing imaginable? "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so." These words are not so warm and confirming as we think. Only Mark records the words, Jesus "loved him." Matthew and Luke seem to have found them as awkward as we do.

The rich young ruler can't believe it. He walks away sorrowful. He asks a simple question and gets an answer that threatens him to the core. He came looking for help, a little something more, and Jesus asks for nothing less than conversion - a complete change of direction.

Jesus' instruction also comes as a great surprise to the disciples. They know the rabbinic teaching that wealth, though it demands good stewardship, is a sign of God's blessing and makes easier the virtuous life that God wants. Jesus simply says, "How hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!" (Mk 10:24). The disciples and we are amazed, bewildered, and troubled by his words (as they often are in Mark).

Perhaps sensing their bewilderment and ours, Jesus offers a short explanation of his teaching on riches. "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye

of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God," says Jesus (Mk 10:25). The eye of the needle is a city gate. Some say that a camel could pass through, but only with difficulty.

The disciples' question, "Then who can be saved?" (Mk 10:26) is a burning, personal question; an anxious inquiry. Perhaps they want Jesus to see that this time he has gone too far. If Jesus really loves this rich man, and the disciples, and us, won't he be less judgmental, more appreciative of where we are coming from, more accepting of who we are?

Jesus answers: "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible" (Mk 10:27). Mark introduces us to the big picture he is trying to paint in his Gospel. His is, from beginning to end, the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He isn't writing a first-century self-help book. He isn't interested in the self-actualization of the rich man. The context of this story is the larger story of the good news of Jesus Christ. All of our claims to self-sufficiency and radical independence are put aside in the death of Jesus for the sin of the world.

Jesus Christ loves the rich man, he loves the disciples, and he loves us. He is on the way to the cross for all of us. He will perform with his life what we cannot do for ourselves. For we all walk away at the demand of righteousness, at the call to covenant faithfulness.

The good news of liberation and salvation is, while we turn away, God turns toward us. God loves us as we are, but too much to leave us as we are. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God comes among us and does the impossible.

Book of Timothy



# Faith In Action

## Worship Attendance:

September 2, 2012	96
September 9, 2012	94
September 16, 2012	106
September 23, 2012	109

## Financial Giving

Weekly Need for  
Unified Ministry Budget  
\$3,466.00

## Unified Ministry Giving: Other:

September 2, 2012	\$3,738.00	\$607.55
September 9, 2012	\$2,552.73	\$272.00
September 16, 2012	\$3,211.00	\$382.00
September 23, 2012	\$3,400.50	\$516.00



## Greeters

September 30, 2012	Tim & Sue Theodore
October 7, 2012	Denny & Carole Grapner
October 14, 2012	Gary & Janet Grigg
October 21, 2012	Tony & Shirley Shoup
October 28, 2012	Ruth Hardy

## Flowers:

September 30, 2012	Dwain & Myrna Metzger
October 7, 2012	Don & Maedene Holmes
October 14, 2012	Ruth Hardy
October 21, 2012	Gerald & Wanda Strayer
October 28, 2012	Bill & Joyce Nichols

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# Daily Bible Readings for October

**Monday 10/1**

*Psalm 89*  
*2 Kings 17:24-41*  
*1 Corinthians 7:25-31*  
*Matthew 6:25-34*

**Tuesday 10/2**

*Psalm 97 & 99*  
*2 Chronicles 29:1-3*  
*1 Corinthians 7:32-40*  
*Matthew 7:1-12*

**Wednesday 10/3**

*Psalm 101*  
*2 Kings 18:9-25*  
*1 Corinthians 8:1-13*  
*Matthew 7:13-21*

**Thursday 10/4**

*Psalm 105*  
*2 Kings 18:28-37*  
*1 Corinthians 9:1-15*  
*Matthew 7:22-29*

**Friday 10/5**

*Psalm 102*  
*2 Kings 19:1-20*  
*1 Corinthians 9:16-27*  
*Matthew 8:1-17*

**Saturday 10/6**

*Psalm 108; 2 Kings 19:21-36*  
*1 Corinthians 10:1-13*  
*Matthew 8:18-27*

**Sunday 10/7**

*Psalm 108; 2 Kings 20:1-21*  
*Acts 12:1-17*  
*Luke 7:11-17*

**Monday 10/8**

*Psalm 106; 2 Kings 21:1-18*  
*1 Corinthians 10:14-11*  
*Matthew 8:28-34*

**Tuesday 10/9**

*Psalm 124, 125, 126*  
*2 Kings 22:1-13*  
*1 Corinthians 11:1-22*  
*Matthew 9:1-8*

**Wednesday 10/10**

*Psalm 128, 129, 130*  
*2 Kings 22:14-23:3*  
*1 Corinthians 11:23-34*  
*Matthew 9:9-17*

**Thursday 10/11**

*Psalm 131, 132, 134, 135*  
*2 Kings 23:4-25*  
*1 Corinthians 12:1-11*  
*Matthew 9:18-26*

**Friday 10/12**

*Psalm 140, 142*  
*2 Kings 23:36-24:17*  
*1 Corinthians 12:12-26*  
*Matthew 9:27-34*

**Saturday 10/13**

*Psalm 144; Jeremiah 35:1-19*  
*1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3*  
*Matthew 9:35-10:4*

**Sunday 10/14**

*Psalm 111, 112, 113*  
*Jeremiah 36:1-10*  
*Acts 14:8-18*  
*Luke 7:36-50*

**Monday 10/15**

*Psalm 1, 2, 3*  
*Jeremiah 36:11-26*  
*1 Corinthians 13:1-13*  
*Matthew 10:5-15*

**Tuesday 10/16**

*Psalm 5, 6*  
*Jeremiah 36:11-26*  
*1 Corinthians 14:1-12*  
*Matthew 10:16-23*

**Wednesday 10/17**

*Psalm 12, 13, 14*  
*Jeremiah 37:3-21*  
*1 Corinthians 14:13-25*  
*Matthew 10:24-33*

**Thursday 10/18**

*Psalm 18; Jeremiah 38:1-13*  
*1 Corinthians 14:26-40*  
*Matthew 10:34-42*

**Friday 10/19**

*Psalm 16, 17; Jeremiah 38:14-28*  
*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*  
*Matthew 11:1-6*

**Saturday 10/20**

*Psalm 116, 117; 2 Kings 25:8-26*  
*1 Corinthians 15:12-29*  
*Matthew 11:7-15*

**Sunday 10/21**

*Psalm 148, 149, 150*  
*Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14*  
*Acts 16:6-15; Luke 10:1-20*

**Monday 10/22**

*Psalm 25*  
*Jeremiah 44:1-14*  
*1 Corinthians 15:30-41*  
*Matthew 11:16-24*

**Tuesday 10/23**

*Psalm 26, 28*  
*Lamentations 1:12*  
*1 Corinthians 15:41-50*  
*Matthew 11:25-30*

**Wednesday 10/24**

*Psalm 38*  
*Lamentations 2:8-15*  
*1 Corinthians 15:51-58*  
*Matthew 12:1-14*

**Thursday 10/25**

*Psalm 37*  
*Ezra 1:1-11*  
*1 Corinthians 16:1-9*  
*Matthew 12:15-21*

**Friday 10/26**

*Psalm 31; Ezra 3:1-13*  
*1 Corinthians 16:10-24*  
*Matthew 12:22-32*

**Saturday 10/27**

*Psalm 30, 32*  
*Ezra 4:7, 11-24*  
*Philemon 1-25*

**Sunday 10/28**

*Psalm 98, 103*  
*Haggai 1:1-2:9*  
*Acts 18:24-19:7*  
*Luke 10:25-37*

**Monday 10/29**

*Psalm 41, 44*  
*Zechariah 1:7-17*  
*Revelation 1:4-20*  
*Matthew 12:43-50*

**Tuesday 10/30**

*Psalm 47, 48*  
*Ezra 5:1-17*  
*Revelation 4:1-11*  
*Matthew 13:1-9*

**Wednesday 10/31**

*Psalm 49, 53*  
*Ezra 6:1-22*  
*Revelation 5:1-10*  
*Matthew 13:10-17*



## Remember When...



Fun Festival  
October, 1989  
Clowns: Jaime Koch, Christie Steiner

Koinonia and Youth Group Trip  
To Cornfield Maze, Piqua, OH  
October, 1998  
Margie Best, Judy Chaffins,  
Corinne Piper



Koinonia Weekend Getaway  
Piqua, OH  
1998



## Connecting With ...

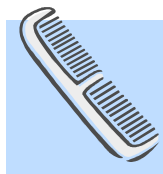
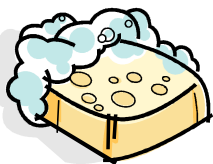
Dear St. Paul's United Methodist Church,  
Thank you very much for your recent donation to **Meals Till' Monday**. This school year brings the potential for the most students we've had the opportunity to serve yet. Willing and generous financial partners like you are critical to keeping this ministry going. We are so grateful that your hearts are also moved by this need and want to make a difference. On behalf of the nearly 300 children in 6 school districts, many, many thanks!



Sincerely,  
Joe and Jenny Earl  
Meal's Till' Monday



A **big thanks** to all who donated school kits and health kits. The Mission Committee is busy verifying the items in each kit and preparing them to be delivered to the Festival of Sharing. We will give you the update next month, but they estimate at least 4 times as many have been donated as in previous years! How wonderful!!



## Remember in Prayer

### Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Becky Bean  
Chris Bowsher  
Chuck Holmes  
Ivan Vazquez

### Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn  
Sandra Parker  
Jean Redd  
Helen Scholfield

### Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Dorothy Banks  
Joanna Hurd  
Mary LaRue  
Rodney Lee

### In the Military

Jason Stanley

**Visit The United Methodist  
Communications website :  
[www.umcom.org](http://www.umcom.org)**

This website offers book reviews, music reviews, and web ministry information among other relevant and interesting links.

## The People of St. Paul's

**St. Paul's united Methodist Church,**  
Thank you so much for  
all the prayers, cards,  
thoughts, and visits from  
everyone. Special thanks  
for the beautiful lap robe  
from the Crafty  
Creatures and Pastor  
Paul for his visits at the  
hospital and the Delphos  
Van Crest rehab where I  
am recuperating. My  
recovery has been made  
easier through your  
prayers, and acts of  
kindness. I am so blessed  
to have such a wonderful  
church family. I hope to  
see you all someday soon!

**God's blessings to all  
of you!**  
**Mary LaRue**

Thank  
You!



**To the People of St.  
Paul's,**  
Thank you for all the  
cards, flowers, phone  
calls, and prayers that I  
received during my  
recent illness and  
recuperation. It was very  
much appreciated.  
Thanks, Pastor Paul, for  
your visits.

**Esther McKinney**

We wish to thank all of  
our friends at St. Paul's  
who celebrated Aaron  
and Kim's wedding with  
us. Your presence made  
the day memorable for  
our family. A special  
thanks to Pastor Paul for  
officiating the ceremony,  
despite not feeling well.  
Your personal comments  
about Aaron and Kim  
made it special. Our  
family is blessed by  
our friends at St. Paul's  
Church.

**Tim and Corinne Piper**

We are celebrating two  
special 60th wedding  
anniversaries in October.

**Dillon and Helen Staas**  
October 6th

**Gary and Shirley Adams**  
October 10th

**Congratulations!**



**Prayer List Updates**

**Please Contact**

**Lavonne Segovia**

## Meetings

October 1, 2012

PPR...7:00 PM

October 2, 2012

Trustees...7:00 PM

October 3, 2012

Worship ...6:00 PM

October 8, 2012

Finance...7:00 PM

No Meeting

Ad Council

October 16, 2012

Missions...7:00 PM

Sundays

Prayer...9:30 AM

Fellowship...9:30 AM

Worship...10:00 AM

Wednesdays

Chancel Choir...7:00 PM

# October 2012

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<b>1</b> Robert Bice  Brent McAdams  PPR	<b>2</b> Reed Chambers Carter Craft Kay McAdams  Trustees	<b>3</b> Beth Warris  Worship	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Corinne Piper Blake Selover	<b>6</b> Molly Fessler
<b>7</b> Denny Thompson  Brogan Wyant	<b>8</b>   Finance	<b>9</b> Paysen Wyant	<b>10</b> Marty Hannah  Cory Stewart Ray Trigg	<b>11</b> Slone Whetstone	<b>12</b> Bill McKinney	<b>13</b> Hazel Dunn 93 yrs.
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Rich Bowsher Evelyn Sarber 93 yrs.  Missions	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Brad Whetstone  Ava Wyant	<b>19</b> Kelsey Smith	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Jim Polutnik	<b>24</b> Kim Holmes Nick White	<b>25</b> Chris Bowsher  Phyllis Hines	<b>26</b> Tonya Craft	<b>27</b> Travis Williams
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> John Fletcher  Shirley Moser	<b>30</b> Mike Matlock	<b>31</b> Jerry Bean			

## Anniversaries

Dillon & Helen Staas  
October 6  
60 yrs.

Barry & Cyndi Smith  
October 8

Gary & Shirley Adams  
October 10  
60 yrs.

Zack & Katie White  
October 10

Scott & Gail Fessler  
October 15

Ron & Ann Stewart  
October 19

Roger & Jen Matlock  
October 20

Nate & Tonya Craft  
October 27

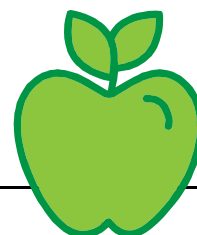
Happy   
Halloween

# Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Cookbook

## Deep Dish Apple Pie

*by Shirley Adams*

Ingredients		Instructions
6-8	Apples	Use last 5 ingredients to make crust. Roll it out to line a 9"x13" dish. Leave excess to fold back over apples after topping is spread on apples. Fill crust with apples. Mix sugar, cinnamon, salt, flour, and milk. Pour over apples.
1 tsp.	Cinnamon	
1 1/2 cups	Sugar	
1/2 tsp.	Salt	Crumb Topping: Cream butter and brown sugar. Cut in flour and spread over apples.
6 Tbl.	Flour	
2 cups	Milk	Bake at 400 degree oven for about an hour or until apples are done.
	Crumb Topping:	
1 cup	Butter	Crust: 2 cups flour 1 cup shortening 1/2 cold water 1/2 tsp. sugar 1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup	Brown sugar	
2 cups	Flour	



## Pumpkin Bread

*by Tracy Sdao*

Ingredients		Instructions
3 1/2 cups	Flour	Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2 tsp.	Baking soda	Mix pumpkin, water, oil, and eggs together.
1 1/2 tsp.	Salt	
2 tsp.	Cinnamon	Mix in dry ingredients. Mix well.
2 cups	Pumpkin	Pour into 2 greased loaf pans.
3 cups	Sugar	Bake for 1 hour 15 minutes or until done. Cool before removing.
1 cup	Vegetable oil	
4	Eggs	
2/3 cup	Water	





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**October 2012**



## Living Our Faith

### Season of Thanks

Most calendars in North America note that the 2nd Monday in October is Thanksgiving Day in Canada, and that the 4th Thursday in November is Thanksgiving Day in the United States. Of course, it's not only the people in these countries that celebrate a time of giving thanks to God - people all around the world have times of thanksgiving.

Generally, like Canada and the USA, this happens during the autumn season, whenever that occurs. In the United Kingdom, Harvest Festival is usually celebrated in September or October, while in Australia and New Zealand it is usually in January, February, or March.

Some North American churches - especially near the Canada/USA border - like to observe a "Season of Thanksgiving" between the Canadian holiday in October and the American one in November.

Wherever we are, we can always take some time to give thanks to God for all that God has done, and continues to give us each day.



### Jesus Loves Us

One of the most hopeful moments in our common life as God's people is the Lord's table. At this table rich young men and women, accomplished leaders and captains of industry, little children and those of humble means all arrive with nothing. We all come with empty hands to receive from the Lord what we do not have to give ourselves: the body and blood of Christ. Here we can be hopeful that God has done what is impossible for us. Here we all are the grateful humble recipients of what only God can give. Here we can be sure that Jesus, looking upon us, loves us.

