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***A Message from  
Interim Pastor Jim Goldsmith***

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month I want to provide you with some updates and some “save the date” information.

A transition team (Carol Arneson, Hope Chowanski, Sharon Gesick, Louise Griffith, Vicki Hamilton, Judy Lowther, Wayne Opperman and Tom Snodgrass) have now met twice. They are working on two major projects – the first is a “St. Paul’s History Day” that will take place on Saturday, October 3rd. They are also preparing to interview about 30 people who participated in the cottage meeting process. If you are interested in being considered for an interview, please call Wayne Opperman (720-6435) or the church office. If the team invites you to be interviewed, please say “Yes.”

The special committee for constitutional revisions (Thelma Bataille, Tom Gesick, Wayne Kinder, Andrea Knudson, Susan Misner, Jean Opperman and Betty Razor) has already met four times. They are hard at work comparing the two sets of proposed amendments adopted on June 7th at the Annual Meeting. They are also interviewing key people who worked on each of those two proposals. Their future work will be to take the best of all that they learn, write a single set of proposed amendments, and then submit those to the Congregation Council for review. The final step will be a special congregation meeting to vote on changes.

On August 2nd we will worship again in

the sanctuary! All of the construction and other work has been finished, things are being moved back and forth, and we will be ready to go that day. Then on August 16th we will have a single worship service at 9:00 a.m. to celebrate the completion of the repairs to the sanctuary, followed by a brunch provided by the Fellowship and Stewardship Committees.

The Executive Committee is working to hire replacements for the music leadership positions of principal musician and adult choir director. While they are doing their work, Carol Arneson has agreed to play for our worship services during August.

The Congregation Council has set Sunday, September 27th as the date for a special meeting of the congregation to elect the members of a Call Committee. The meeting will start at 9:15 a.m., between worship services. There will be more information forthcoming about this important meeting, but in the meantime you can indicate your interest in serving on the Call Committee to any member of the Congregation Council.

Yours, in Christ,

**SAVE THESE DATES**

- August 2      Worship returns to the sanctuary
- August 16     9 am Celebration Worship and brunch
- September 27 Call Committee Election (between services)
- October 3      St. Paul’s History Day

## *President's Corner*

It seems incredible that it has already been a year since Pastor Stan retired and St. Paul's began a new chapter in its history. Much has taken place in that time, yet much still needs to be accomplished. The new Congregation Council met for the first time in July, jumped right into the fray, and made some important decisions that will affect us all, both in the short term and long term.

The Council welcomed those members who were elected at the June annual meeting. Linda Wilson drew the "lucky" short straw and will serve the remaining two years of Bob Larson's term. Bob was elected last year, but, as you know, he resigned from the Council effective at the end of June of this year. Tom Gesick, Nathan Miller, and Jean Opperman will serve three-year terms. Election of officers then took place and I was reelected as president, Linda Wilson was elected as vice president, and Roger Moellendorf was elected council secretary. In addition, the Council took Gloria Randle up on her offer to serve as treasurer for the coming year, in place of Louise Griffith who has resigned.

Next, the Council heard a report on the repair project from members of the Structural Property Committee. As you are all aware by now, the major repairs have been completed to the sanctuary, the new carpet has been installed, and the offices are back into place. We still need to install the new flooring in Friendship Hall, but that will be completed in the next few weeks. However, the committee informed the Council that the estimate to fix our parking lot and install new lighting is considerably higher than initially projected. As a result, the Council decided not to pursue the installation of a new electronic sign for the church, the purchase of a video screen and improved sound system for the sanctuary, or enlarging the parking lot. These decisions should free up enough money within the loan from Mission Investment Fund to repair the existing parking lot and install new

lighting, which the Council felt was more important.

Another issue addressed by the Council concerned the decisions by our principal church musician, Mike Lynch, and our adult choir director, Shawna Lynch, to not continue their employment with St. Paul's. As you know, in the past year, the Congregation Council decided to pursue a new direction with regard to paid staff members. An employee handbook has been developed, job descriptions have been adopted, and a job offer letter was extended to all existing permanent staff members. Regretfully, Mike and Shawna have decided to pursue employment opportunities elsewhere. We certainly wish them well in their future endeavors. Meanwhile, the Council is considering how best to fill these vacancies. In the interim, Carol Arneson has graciously agreed to fill in as the organist during our services in August. We will keep you all informed as we go forward with our search for a new musician and choir director.

The Council also made its annual appointment of members of the various standing committees. We greatly appreciate all the work committee members do for St. Paul's. Their willingness to serve is what makes St. Paul's such a wonderful place to worship, as well as making the job of the council much easier. Thank you!

Finally, the process of calling a new pastor continues to move forward. As Pastor Jim reported, a transition team has begun meeting and is busy organizing a "History Day" for Saturday, October 3. In addition, it is time to elect a Call Committee. In accordance with the constitution, a special congregational meeting has been set for September 27 for this election. Please think about whether you would like to serve St. Paul's in this way and mark your calendars for this important day.

Yours in Christ,  
Ken Elverum, Council President



## WELCA

WOMEN OF  
THE ELCA

St. Paul's  
Lutheran Family

We hope you are enjoying the summer and finding ways to relax and take in the events available to us here in Carson City and surrounding area.

WELCA is on a summer break---but we want you to be aware of upcoming events:

WELCA set aside \$\$ for registration for one of our members to attend the WELCA Sierra Pacific Synod Conference in Oakhurst, CA October 9-11th. The registration fee covers meals for Friday dinner; Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner; and Sunday breakfast. It also includes lodging and convention materials/events. **The registration deadline is August 31.** If you have an interest in attending, please contact Carol Kalleres.

Our first meeting of the new year will be on **Thursday, September 24 at 5:30 p.m.** It will be a taco meal and sign-up sheets will be available on the WELCA bulletin board. There will be a speaker from Capitol City Circles Initiative that evening. Look for the full agenda in the September Newsletter.

*Just a reminder----all women of St. Paul's are considered members of WELCA. We hope that you will mark your calendar and plan to join us on September 24.*



## WELLNESS COMMITTEE

### Health Tips:

#### **Monitoring your Blood Pressure (B/P)**

1. Be consistent; take in the AM and PM (same time, same arm).
2. Take AM reading before medications, shortly after arising.
3. Take before you eat, smoke, or use caffeine or alcohol.
4. Empty your bladder (a full bladder raises B/P).
5. Take B/P before exercise.
6. SIT CORRECTLY; both feet on floor, arm out, palm up on table, so arm is even with your heart.
7. Attach cuff correctly: on bare arm, no rolled up sleeve that constricts the arm.
8. Try to be calm: sit quietly for 3-5 minutes before taking reading. Then rest for about a minute or so and repeat reading; maybe a third time. The first will be higher than the subsequent readings.
9. Take a copy of your reading to your MD visits.

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Going back to school soon? Have a backpack or a briefcase or something else to carry your books and supplies? Bring them to worship on Sunday, August 16th and we will pray for God's blessings on them – and more importantly, YOU! – as the new school year begins.

Preschool – Kindergarten – Elementary –  
Middle School – High School – College –  
Postgraduate – this for ALL of you!

**(TEACHERS, TOO!)**

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**  
**for August**

August 2nd @ 10:30 am – Linda Wilson

August 9th @ 8:00 am – Gloria Randle

August 16th @ 9:00 am – Roger  
Moellendorf

August 23rd @ 8:00 am – Hannelore Hanke

August 30th @ 8:00 am – Hannelore Hanke  
10:30 am – Renee Woslum



**STEWARDSHIP NEWS**

Our committee has been meeting monthly and our current project has been hanging VBS flyers on doors within the area close to our church. This was done by Joan Schultz and Susan Bunker-Niles along with Susan's granddaughter. They distributed more than 500 of these door hangers.

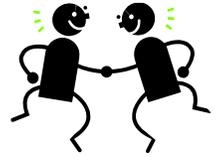
We also are going to distribute similar flyers as it gets closer to the beginning of the new Sunday School year. We will print these on half-sheets of paper to save on printing costs.

Plans are being made to assist the Fellowship Committee and prepare for a brunch on August 16th following worship, as part of celebrating our return to the Sanctuary for worship.

The Ice Cream Social has been re-scheduled to October 4th, the day following the "History Day" program.

**GREETERS for AUGUST**

- ♦ August 2 – Judy McPhail
- ♦ August 9 – Doris Howell
- ♦ August 16 – Greta O'Kelley
- ♦ August 23 – Mary Neumann
- ♦ August 30 – Mary Burgeson



**READERS for August –**  
**8:00 am service**

- ♦ August 2 – Andrea Knudson
- ♦ August 9 – Gloria Randle
- ♦ August 16 (9:00 am only) –  
Caroll Massie
- ♦ August 23 – Jay Olshen
- ♦ August 30 – Carol Arneson

**READERS for August –**  
**10:30 am service**

- ♦ August 2 – Linda Wilson
- ♦ August 9 – Judy Lowther
- ♦ August 23 – Dick Lowther
- ♦ August 30 – Judy McPhail



**Our Thrivent Chapter is still looking for representatives. If you are willing to serve on our Carson City Board please contact Oscar Anderson, Marla Johnson or Charlotte LaCombe. Charlotte has become a Board Member since the last newsletter.**

**Also, is anyone interested in leading the Honor Flight effort? We need someone to take the lead for our Chapter.**

***Thanks ahead for your help! Oscar, Susie and Charlotte.***

***Thrivent is an important resource for helping our churches in the area with service projects. Thanks!***

### **LEE GROUP**

The LEE Group will meet for a potluck picnic at the home of Rich and Pat Weigel in Markleeville, CA. Hot dogs will be provided; you are asked to bring your own beverages and a dish to share. Driving directions will be available and we will car pool from St. Paul's, leaving the church parking lot at 10:30 am. Please call Doug Thunder (883-1548) or Nellie Revelle (224-0161) to let us know how many will be attending and who is willing/able to drive. Many thanks to the Weigels for opening their beautiful home for us to enjoy this social gathering. Hope to see YOU there!

P.S. – our September 3rd meeting will take place in Friendship Hall, starting at 11:30 a.m. Hosting will be Dale and Gloria Randle and Ron and Bev Gutzman.

## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 – Pastor Jim Goldsmith
- 3 – Irv Nielsen
- 4 – Madison Hillenbrand
- 8 – Courtney Woo
- 13 – Tristan Bailey
- 15 – Sheila Anderson
- 16 – Jono Pesis
- 16 – Andrea Knudson
- 18 – Jamie West
- 21 – Patrick Elverum
- 24 – Ruth Fitzgerald
- 24 – Clayton Hendricks
- 25 – Randy Heath
- 25 – Jennifer Hendricks
- 25 – David Morby
- 27 – Ben Pesis
- 28 – Iris Hettrick
- 29 – Paul Enders



## **WORSHIP LIFE**

The Worship Life Committee is looking for members and a new chairperson. If you have always wanted to have a voice in planning our worship here at St. Paul's, now is your opportunity to be an active participant; please contact the office or Ken Elverum (882-3021). Our committee is an important part of our worship life here at St. Paul's. Please consider stepping up and helping out. Thanks!

During August we are experimenting with an "all-in-one" bulletin, service folder and announcements. We will ask for your feedback in September.

There are still three midweek services to come: August 5th, 12th and 19th. Please join us for good food, fellowship and prayer.

## **Structural Property Committee**

The carpet was completed in the Sanctuary and adjoining areas on July 14th and we had the chairs steam cleaned. On August 2nd we will have resumed services in our Sanctuary. The next project in early August is to replace the flooring in the church entrance, Friendship Hall and adjoining areas. The next project after that is a significant repair project in the parking lot; this will include greatly enhanced lighting for members and visitors.

Many thanks to those who helped move the chairs back into the Sanctuary: Bob Larson, Andrea Knudson, Jim Rud, Cheryl and Wayne Kinder, Linda Wilson, Clay Woslum, Ken Elverum, Don Kovisto, Bill and Miriam Slabaugh, and Pastor Jim. Thanks also to Wayne Kinder and Clay Woslum for putting items back on the walls of the church.

Thanks for your patience in all of this! We will have a safe, fresh and inviting church once we are finished.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

*It's not too early to be thinking of September and Sunday school being back to a regular schedule after a long summer off. We are going to be gearing up after Vacation Bible School to start planning and preparing.*

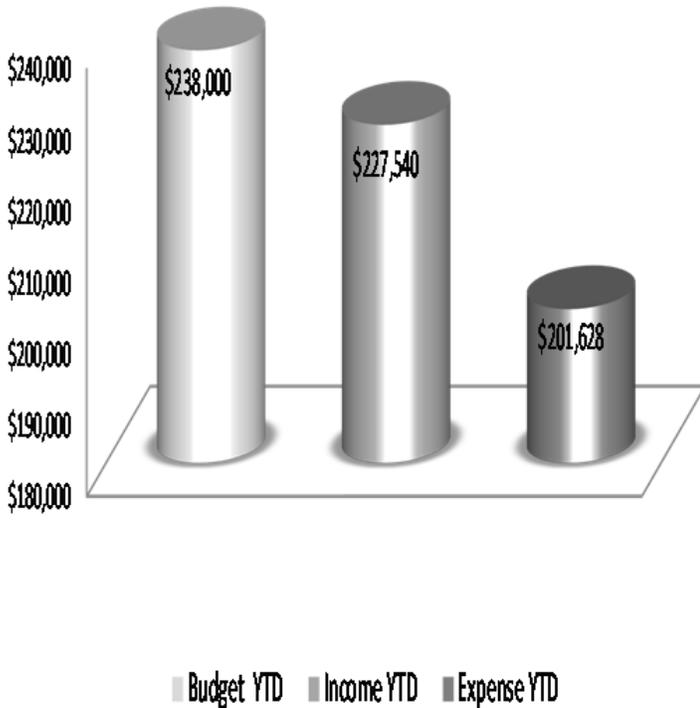
*We are, with the help of the Stewardship Committee, going to start work on publicity as we need to attract some more young families to bring their kids to our Sunday School. If you have anyone in your family or neighborhood that you feel might benefit from sending their children here, please invite them. Sunday School will begin in September (please watch the bulletins for an announcement of Rally Day). Starting time is 9:00 am and classes continue until 10:15 am.*

*Volunteers are also needed to be substitute teachers and helpers. From time to time a teacher might need a Sunday off so you would be asked to fill in. Everything you need for class is provided and don't worry if you have never taught children. If you want to check us out just come and observe after we get started and see if Sunday school appeals to you. Try us out! Any questions, please call Renee in the office.*

*Renee Woslum,  
Sunday School Superintendent*



**St Paul's Financial Status**  
As of June 30, 2015



Thanks so much to my St. Paul's family for the wonderful support, cards and letters sent after Walt's passing. I am very grateful for the love that was shown to myself and my family and for the beautiful service in his honor,

Gloria Schlapfer



**St. Paul's Lutheran Family Leadership**

President – Ken Elverum – 882-3021

Vice President – Linda Wilson – 246-1543

Secretary – Roger Moellendorf – 315-5295

Treasurer – Gloria Randle – 884-3253

Financial Sec'y – Kevan Lesch – 267-0115

Stewardship Committee – Nathan Miller,  
Council Liaison – 883-3194; Judy  
Lowther, Chair – 882-5683

Christian Education Committee – Renee  
Woslum, Council Liaison – 883-7748;  
Chair (vacant)

Structural Property Committee – Bill  
Sandell, Council Liaison – 246-5439;  
Chair (vacant)

Coordinating Design Committee – Tom  
Gesick, Council Liaison – 443-8744;  
Jean Russell, Chair – 882-6710

Fellowship Committee – Bill Sandell,  
Council Liaison – 246-5439; Kay  
Elverum, Chair – 882-3021

Wellness Committee – Jean Opperman,  
Council Liaison – 885-0899; Betty  
Razor, Chair – 841-2208

Worship Life Committee – Gloria Randle,  
Council Liaison – 884-3253; Chair  
(vacant)

Youth Ministry Committee – Tom Gesick,  
Council Liaison – 443-8744; Traci Angel,  
Youth Director – 721-5495

Finance Committee – Gloria Randle,  
Treasurer – 884-3253

Interim Pastor – Rev. Jim Goldsmith –  
707-845-1174



## **Standing Committee Appointments**

At the July meeting of the Congregation Council, the following individuals were appointed to serve on the various standing committees in accordance with the church constitution. In addition, the Council has also appointed a special committee to develop a set of recommendations concerning the two proposals regarding the constitution that were passed at June's annual meeting. All of the committees, with the exception of Finance, allow for additional persons to be appointed. If you are interested in serving St. Paul's by serving on a committee, please contact Ken Elverum, Council President, at 882-3021. The council would like to extend a HUGE "thank you" to everyone who has volunteered to serve on these committees for the upcoming year. It is truly their willingness to serve that allows our church to grow and prosper.

### **Stewardship Committee**

Judy Lowther, Chair; Ken Beaton, Susan Bunker-Niles, Dick Lowther, Hannalore Hanke, Dorit Sandmeier, Joan Schultz, Congregation members; Nathan Miller, Council Liaison

### **Christian Education Committee**

Chair (vacant); Vicki Hamilton, Bible Study Teacher; Renee Woslum, Sunday School Superintendent; Sandy Tucker, Hope Chowanski, Sunday School Teachers; Penny Cotsonis, Judy McPhail, Sunday School Aides; Traci Angel, Youth Director; Interim Pastor Jim Goldsmith; Renee Woslum, Council Liaison

### **Structural Property Committee**

Chair (vacant); Leonard Frederick, Sharon Gesick, Wayne Kinder, Bob Larson, Dick Lowther, Jay Olshen, Dale Randle, Clay Woslum, Congregation members; Bill Sandell, Council Liaison

## **Coordinating Design Committee**

Jean Russell, Chair; Carol Kalleres, Cheryl Kinder, Sharon Melsheimer, Nellie Revelle, Brita Steyn, Pat Thunder, Joan Yeskie, Congregation members; Tom Gesick, Council Liaison

### **Fellowship Committee**

Kay Elverum, Chair; Leonard Frederick, Judy Webster, Dick Lowther, Judy Lowther, Nita Menveg, Congregation members; Bill Sandell, Council Liaison

### **Wellness & Outreach Committee**

Betty Razor, Chair; David Harell, Sarah Jevne, Cheryl Kinder, Audrey Stroub, Clay Woslum, Renee Woslum, Congregation members; Jean Opperman, Council Liaison

### **Worship Life Committee**

Chair (vacant); Mary DeFelice, Altar Guild; Judy Webster, Acolytes; Hope Chowanski, Readers; David Harrell, Ushers; Peggy Truttman, Greeters; Darlene Lacugna, Bell Choir Director; Carol Arneson, Vicki Hamilton, Hannalore Hanke, Congregation members; Interim Pastor Jim Goldsmith; Gloria Randle, Council Liaison

### **Youth Ministry Committee**

Traci Angel, Youth Director; Ashle Overlock, Kathryn Opperman, Assistant Youth Directors; Renee Woslum, Sunday School Superintendent; Interim Pastor Jim Goldsmith; Tom Gesick, Council Liaison

### **Finance Committee**

Gloria Randle, Chair; Kevan Lesch, Financial Secretary; Linda Wilson, Roger Moellendorf, Council members; Jere Schultz, Dale Randle, Congregation members