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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Stepping Out into Our Future"

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Richard Lowther. For the past several months, Richard has been contributing the series of articles to this newsletter entitled 'Did You Know?'. These articles have outlined the history of St. Paul's Lutheran Family, as the celebration of the 50th anniversary of our organization as a congregation approaches.

Through five settled pastors and three interim pastors, the mission of St. Paul's Lutheran Family has been "to lift high the cross of Christ" and "to proclaim the good news of God's love to all people". After six months, I remain excited and humbled to have the opportunity to serve alongside you as your sixth settled pastor. I am eager to try and figure out with you what it means to lift high Christ's cross and to proclaim the good news in our 21st century context. Indeed, this is something I've wrestled with since deciding to follow God's call to serve the Church and world as a minister of Word and Sacrament.

I am a 'cradle Lutheran'. I have been a Lutheran since my baptism, when I was three weeks old, on December 8, 1974. I was baptized in a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod mission congregation in Columbus, Ohio. When my parents, my older brother, and I moved to Somerset, Ohio, I was raised in an American Lutheran Church congregation and was confirmed by the time the ELCA was formed.

The congregation was small, like most churches in my neck of the woods. At times, it seemed like 'small' was just the way people liked their church to be. There is nothing wrong with small communities of faith, mind you. Just as long as 'smallness' isn't a measure of one's faith or imagination. Yet, that sort of 'smallness' is what I often experienced in my faith community. I began to doubt my early sense of God calling me to pastoral ministry. When I returned to Columbus to attend Capital University, I had decided that perhaps the best way to serve is to become a teacher. I also loved to read about history (U.S. and World History) and civics, so it seemed that becoming a high school social studies teacher was the best fit.

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Meanwhile, the practice of my faith among a faith community became spotty, at best.

It was only after meeting religion professors who challenge me and pastors who shepherded me that I began to hear the voice of God once again. On more than one occasion, God had asked me if I remembered those times when I was a child and had played church in my family's living room and led worship services. I responded, "Oh, yeah..." only to find myself embarrassed. This was not the sort of thing most kids did! "What are you embarrassed about?" demanded God, "No...playing church in your living room isn't typical for a seven-year old, but it is something that appealed to you, in some way. I wonder what was going on with that?"

I began to wonder, too.

It wasn't easy to be wondering about such a thing. I was already working as a history teacher near Dayton, Ohio. I couldn't believe it; once again, I began to feel an urge, a "nudging", to apply for seminary. To top it off, my pastor at the time, Craig Fourman, was telling me to go ahead and take the plunge!

For the sake of brevity, that is what I did. The end of this leg of my faith journey came in 2004, when I graduated from seminary and was ordained in the ELCA as a minister of Word and Sacrament. This also marked the beginning of the new leg of my journey, where now I find myself as pastor of faith communities. And man, has it been one wild ride!

Since becoming your pastor this past February, I am getting the sense that this congregation has been on one wild ride, too.

What's more, the ride is about to get wilder!

There are people of all ages eager to learn more about how one grows in faith and how one might share their faith with another. For example, there are a dozen or so teenagers who not only want to go on a trip to San Francisco, but also want to do something that will be of service to the people we will meet there! God is up to something here in Carson City—no doubt about that!

As we prepare to celebrate the milestone of the 50th anniversary of becoming an official congregation, let us remember that it is not only our history that is being written. Our future is being written, as well! (cont next page)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK (cont)

The story of St. Paul's is unfolding before us. We are still being called to lift high the cross of Christ, proclaiming the gospel. We are being called to step out into our future in faith. The question is: will we take this step, trusting in the Holy Spirit to catch us as we step out?

God's peace,
Pastor Chad Adamik

BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

- August 8- Courtney Woo
- August 13-Tristan Bailey
- August 15-Sheila Anderson
- August 16-Andrea Knudson
- August 18-Jamie West
- August 24-Ruth Fitzgerald
- August 29-Paul Enders

The August birthday list is pretty short. I know there must be some more of you in the congregation so won't you please send me an E-Mail and give me your birthday? That goes for the other months too, I feel my list is outdated and needs work.

News From the ELCA

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Please plan to join ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton on **Tuesday, Oct. 31**, as she co-hosts a commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

The event, which will include speakers and a service, will be at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Bishop Eaton will be joined by co-hosts Indiana-Kentucky Synod Bishop Bill Gafkjen, ELCA Vice President Bill Horne and Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod Bishop Richard Graham.

The event, which will meet under the theme "Looking Back and Called Forward," will be available online via livestream for all to watch.

Please note this date on your calendar. More details will be available in the near future.

Traveling this summer?

Find an ELCA congregation along your summer vacation route and experience worship in a different church. Lutherans are ready to welcome you all over the U.S. and Caribbean!



President's Comments for August 2017

It's been a pleasure serving as president for the past year or so. Quite a few events and activities have happened since last August:

The **chain link fence between St. Paul's and Port of Subs was repaired**, with both entities paying half.

The long burned-out lights high in the sanctuary were replaced, requiring the use of scaffolds, at a cost of about \$1,200.

The issue of officially designated exits in Sorlein hall was resolved with the consultation of an architect. The questions of approved exits in the youth room and the nursery were also addressed.

The **beloved blue spruce** that served as a Christmas tree, was infected with a fast working insect, and was therefore cut down. The **leaning pine tree** to the south has come down as well, thanks to Clay Woslum.

The congregation raised \$5,200 to **install a new sound system** that will allow control by computer and the potential of greater development in both audio and visual programs. The system will be dedicated at the 10:30 service on Sunday, August 6.

That was after the sound system wiring under the church and all new phone jacks were installed.

The voters approved the **installation of a second water line** to provide for landscaping—the work by ARMAC has begun as this newsletter is being written.

We accepted a **generous grant of \$5,000** from the Sierra Pacific Synod to fund community service activities and accepted a proposal from Partnership Carson City to fund a series of **Spanish and English classes for diabetes self-management**.

Going forward, we have just launched a program to replace the chairs in Friendship hall, **purchasing 100 padded folding chairs at \$30 each**. To participate in the effort, please make your **check payable to St. Paul's and write "folding chair" in the memo line**.

All of this in addition to the most significant activity—**welcoming the Rev. Chad Adamik as St. Paul's new pastor** after a vacancy of over 2½ years. Through the faithful work of the call committee, Pastor Chad was selected. He was introduced to the congregation in October, called in a special meeting on Sunday, November 13th. He started work on February 1st and was officially installed on Sunday, February 26.

During the final 11 months of the vacancy the congregation was served by **the Rev. Mary Lou Petitjean**. Throughout the year regular services and meetings and classes and rehearsals were held—and several special services (funerals, weddings, baptisms) were held as well.

The work of St. Paul's Lutheran Family goes on!

And now we look forward to a new year, the year in which we will celebrate St. Paul's ministry in the Carson City area for the past 50 years—**keep October 7th & 8th open for the anniversary events**. And during the same month, we will be joining with Lutheran congregations around the world in observing **the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation**, when Dr. Martin Luther posted the 95 theses on the door of the Wittenburg Castle Church. (St. Paul's has been active for 10% of the history of the reformation!)

Getting a start on the year, the Council in its meeting on Tuesday, July 11th, welcomed **the newly elected members: David Harrell, Richard Lowther, Kim Neiman, and Kristine Sandmeier**. The new council reelected the incumbent officers: Doug Thunder, President; Tom Gesick, Vice-President; and Charlotte, LaCombe, Secretary. The important position of Treasurer remains yet to be filled. The council is planning a retreat on Saturday, September 23rd to concentrate on the congregation's mission and to set goals for the year.

As always there is **great need for the involvement of all members—younger and older**—in the life and growth of the church. Let us know of your desires, abilities, skills, and ambitions!

--Doug Thunder, President

NEWS , BIT'S & PIECES...SOUND FAMILIAR?

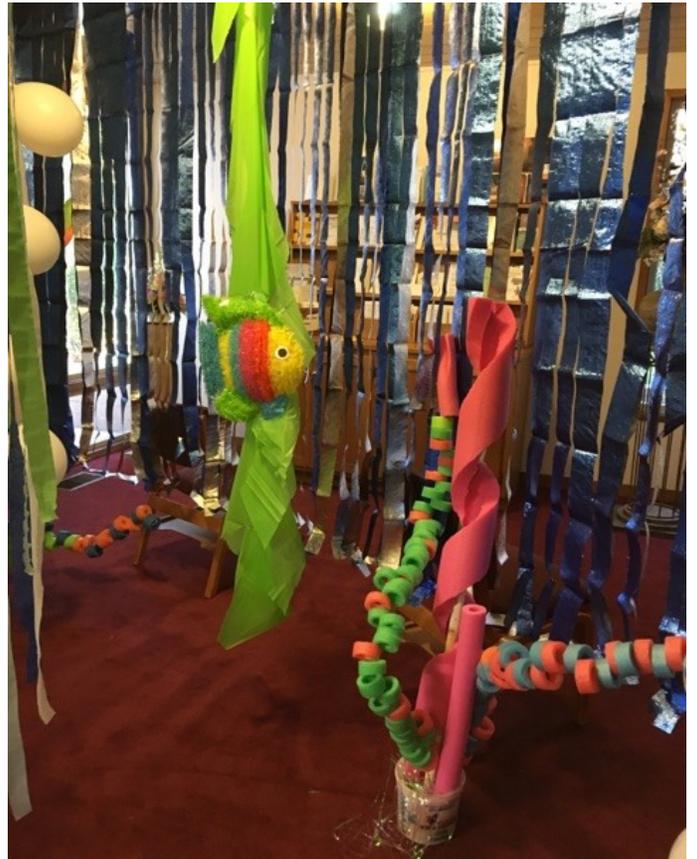
- **“Faith Night” at the ACES ball game** on July 14, 2017 was a great deal of fun.. The Greater Nevad Field is a really loud and active place but a good time was had by all of us that attended. In front of us was a “cheer team” from our church that knew all the songs and motions to every thing when the music played and although they were really active, they kept us laughing at how well they did. My impression was that it was worth the trip there and the “not so good” hot dogs just to have the fellowship and fun. .Please join us next time!

Treasurer of St. Paul's Lutheran Family

St. Paul's Constitution and Bylaws provides that whenever possible, the council shall appoint the treasurer from its elected membership. However, when necessary the council may appoint a voting member of the congregation who is not an elected member of the council to serve as treasurer and as an officer of the congregation.

Now, the council has not been able to appoint one of its member for this important responsibility. Therefore, this request is being made to the voting members of the congregation: **volunteers who are interested and willing to serve the congregation as treasurer should contact Doug Thunder, president; Tom Gesick, vice-president; Gloria Randle, retiring treasurer; or Pastor Chad as soon as possible.**

- **Highlights from our VBS week this summer. The theme was “Deep Sea Discovery”**





WELCA
 WOMEN OF THE ELCA
 St. Paul's Lutheran Family

All women are invited to the Women of the Evangelical Church in America's first meeting of the year on September 5, 2017 at 5:30 pm in Friendship Hall.

We will enjoy a Taco Bar; sign-ups for taco toppings and filling are on the WELCA bulletin board. At 6:00 pm, we will hear about the mission of Computer Corps, which was one of our benefactors from our April Rummage Sale.

Please come, enjoy the food, and fellowship. You will learn about Computer Corps, who is dedicated to providing access to computer technology, skills and training, while eliminating electronic scrap in our nation's landfills. See you at WELCA! If you have questions, please call Marla at 883-7982.



FANTASTIC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
Rummage Sale Coordinator(s)

There is a golden opportunity for someone who wants to work with a terrific team of volunteers to create an amazing marketplace---or *rummage sale*. There are lots of notes and pictures from the past few years to give you ideas and many experienced volunteers to make up your staff!! If you are interested in this opportunity, let Marla Johnson know. Andrea Knudson will provide documents and notes from past successful sales.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

The Children in Transition part of the school district is requesting donations for children even though it is still summer. A lot of children are in need always so they like to have reserves available. Betty will pick up any donations from our baskets in the hallway. Needed are: socks and underwear for children of all sizes but they prefer smaller sizes as they seem to use them more often.

Thanks, Betty

Razor





YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL
Summer Trip
San Francisco
"What's in the Heavens"
July 27th & 28th

All of St. Paul's youth are welcome to join us! Our plans include the San Francisco State Observatory trip and spending time serving the community.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

The youth are always very busy around this time of year, so we don't get to spend as much time with them. Mya was promoted from the 8th grade, and we were glad to cheer her on at her promotion ceremony. The youth also helped host Traci's baby shower coffee hour. They all can't wait to meet baby Julius. The kids are pretty busy now with vacations and having fun for the summer, and enjoying all this sunshine!



LORD
hear our
prayers



SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: Jerry, Brandon (Luterick), Heather Joyner (Johnson), Peter (Elverum), Tim (Gridley), Sarah (McGee), Olivia (Lesperance), Jason (Coleman),

FIREFIGHTERS/PEACE OFFICERS: Andy (Steyn), Brian (Hillenbrand), Tina (Sherman), Mark (Dickens), John (Gould)

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR: Roy T., James W, Harold, Frank, D. Howell, Jane J., Shirley M.

THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Earl (Bev Gutzman's brother recovering from serious stroke)

Stan Bernette (Joan Yeskie's brother-in-law, with leukemia) Russ Bowton (recovering from a stroke)

Glendanne Blocks' brother, Bill Jr. (cancer complications)

Dick Lowther's sister); recovering from surgery)

Evelyn Luterick (Recovering from surgery)

Nellie (for healing) Bev Steinert (receiving special treatments for vision problems)

Dwight & Susan Holmquist's family (prayers for healing)

Prayers for the family of Mollie Dickens upon her death.

Caroll Massie (recovering from hand surgery)

Earl (Buddy) Beck's family –lifelong friends of Judy McPhail (passed from cancer)

Colin & Judy M. nephew, Jesse who has been diagnosed with cancer.

More VBS Highlights!!!!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I sincerely hope you are having a good summer. We are seeing a good response to Pastor Chad's summer bible study series on Luther. There has been a great response to the classes and is continuing on with the second study on Luther starting at the beginning of August.

The Sunday school teachers and helpers will be meeting soon to work on the program for this year. If you are interested in taking part in this important ministry here at St. Paul's please call the office and volunteer. It takes several people to make a program work, not just one or two so don't be shy. We need you!

As we move forward, we need to continue to provide Christian Education to all children from Preschool to the 7th & 8th grade level. Sunday school will be starting back in September. Please consider volunteering to help carry on this great family tradition here at St. Paul's.

Renee Woslum

So if anyone is
in Christ,



there is
a new creation.

2 Corinthians 5:17



**VBS -2017 summer-“Deep Sea
Discovery”**



There is a special invitation inserted in this newsletter for allT to come to the Celebration. We are getting closer! The Committee

WORSHIP LEADERS

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

*August 6- 8:00 am-Kim Neiman
10:30 am-Dick Lowther
Renee Woslum
August 13-8:00 am-
10:30 am-Doug Thunder
August 20-8:00 am-
10:30 am-Jean Opperman
& Judy McPhail
August 27-8:00 am-Jean Opperman
10:30 am-Holly McPhail*

GREETERS- 10:30A.M.

*August 6-Judy McPhail
August 13-Mary Neumann
August 20-Peggy Truttman
August 27-Mary Neumann*

READERS-8:00 A.M.

*August 6-Gloria Randle
August 13-Vera Logie
August 20-Caroll Massie
August 30-Louise Griffith*

READERS 10:30A.M.

*August 6-Judy McPhail
August 13-Richard Amrhein
August 20-Holly McPhail
August 27-Renee Woslum*

USHERS-10:30 service

*August 6-Dave Harrell,
Mary Neumann. Greta O'Kelley
August 13-Dave Harrell,
Mary Neumann. Greta O'Kelley
August 20-Dave Harrell, Roy E.
Mary Neumann. Greta O'Kelley
August 27-Dave Harrell, Roy E.
Mary Neumann. Greta O'Kelley*

COUNTERS

Volunteers needed!!

*_August 6- 8:00 am
10:30 am
August 13- 8:00 am
10:30 am
August 20- 8:00 am
10:30 am
August 27- 8:00 am
10:30 am*

ACOLYTES-10:30 service

Volunteers needed!!

*August 6-
August 13-
August 20-
August 27-*

ATTENTION STITCHERS!

The Stitchers are always hard at work and they do such wonderful work. Why not consider joining them? They tell me they will show you the way!

The Stitchers meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at 9:00 am here at church.

The Wellness Board

Have you ever noticed how much information is on the Wellness board here at church? Betty Razor and Audrey Stroub have a knack for finding anything and everything concerning our well-being that might be of interest to us here at St. Paul's. Right now, this is a short list of things that are up there:

1. Information on Free Colon cancer screenings
2. Carson City Ambulance Membership program
3. Jump around Carson Map and bus schedule
4. Carson Valley Airporter Greyhound bus Schedule

Please check it out the next time you go by and see what's new!

The Fellowship Committee

WE NEED YOUR HELP.....

The Fellowship committee is down to one person and her family who helps, can you help also?

The Fellowship committee helps with many things but the main thing is the "Coffee Hour" after the 8 am or the 10:30 am service. This usually requires making coffee and maybe serving something like cookies (this expense can come from the Fellowship committee). Many of our church members come in after the 10:30 service to sit and chat with fellow members and guests. At one time, the 8 am service did this but we are not sure who was involved. This is a wonderful way to learn more about each other and make new friends.

Of course, we have a SIGN-UP sheet on the bulletin board for coffee hour and you can pick the date you would like to help. If you want to know more or see the action involved, see either Judy Webster or Dick Lowther who can help and guide you.

Other areas you can be involved in are the Advent or Lenten soup suppers with a potluck at 6 pm followed by a service at 7 pm.

We also have Graduation celebrations or celebration of members of our church with milestone birthdays. (i.e 90+ years

Thanks in advance,
Dick Lowther

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM PEGGY !!!!!

Thanks so much for my wonderful coffee hour celebration for my birthday, July 23. The cake was delicious and yummy and I loved the cards. It makes your birthday very special to celebrate with friends. Thanks!!



Thank You!