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*Bits & Pieces*

Dear Friends,

This letter should have been written much earlier in the month but this time I'm not too sad about being late at all. It provides me a timely opportunity to thank all those of you who were involved in making the dinner provided to the homeless on January 21<sup>st</sup> such a great success.

Peggy Truttman very graciously accepted responsibility for organizing things on our end. She estimated that between the members of St. Peter Episcopal and St. Paul's Lutheran we fed somewhere around 60-80 homeless. Members of both congregations brought all kinds of casseroles, salads, desserts and other food items and then stuck around in many cases to rub shoulders with each other and our invited guests.

Peggy and Elizabeth told me that a very high number of our guests peeked into the kitchen to say a word of thanks for all the work and the great food. Those who took the opportunity to sit down and eat together heard stories that at least in some cases changed some perspectives about who the homeless are and under what circumstances they got that way.

In addition to the Monday evening dinner, an effort was made to collect gloves, socks and back packs. The last time I looked we had collected six or seven bins of those items which were delivered to F.I.S.H. on the morning of January 21<sup>st</sup>. A subsequent notification from F.I.S.H. indicated that those supplies, donated from the public and from our two congregations, helped alleviate a significant shortage.

I could not be more pleased with both the effort expended and the attitude with which this endeavor was completed. Again, thank you so much for what you have helped St. Paul's accomplish.

Ash Wednesday services will be take place at St. Paul's this year. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. and again we host St. Peter Episcopal. This day begins our Lenten observances. On the following Wednesdays in February (2/20 and 2/27) we will have midweek services beginning at 7:00 p.m. and our Lenten soup suppers precede them at 6:00 p.m. Let these provide you an opportunity to break

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your normal routine. Join us at supper and then at the service when we contemplate the gift of salvation won for us through our Savior.

Peace



## Family and Community Outreach

### Lenten Potluck Soup Suppers and Vespers Communion Services

St. Paul's annual Lenten Potluck Soup Suppers and Vespers Communion Services will be held **Wednesday evenings, February 20, 27, and March 6, 13, and 20.** Supper begins at 6:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall with a communion service in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

*Note:* the suppers are true potlucks, consisting of whatever folks bring to share. Soups, breads and crackers, salads, and desserts...all are welcome! Please invite your friends and family, and join us for companionship, conversation, and *soul food* throughout the Lenten season.

### *A word of gratitude...*

Many thanks to all of you who participated in the Advent soup suppers and to all who helped with prep, clean-up--- and the nourishment in between. You are truly blessings!

## ELCA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This month the ELCA marks its 25<sup>th</sup> year as a church body. As our presiding bishop Mark Hanson stated in the January 2013 issue of *The Lutheran*, "We have a new life in the ELCA, not because of what was done in 1988, but because of what God has done in Christ and continues to do in and through us for the life of the world. In Christ we are always being made new."

***Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of the world.*** Mission statement of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

## Financial Secretary's Report

(Dec 1 through Dec 31, 2012)

- The Budget for the month (5 Sundays) was \$22,101.
- Income received for the month was \$24,342
- Actual Expenses for the month were \$14,922
- YTD (year-to-date) Budget - which is for 27 weeks, was \$119,350
- YTD Income received was \$117,386
- YTD Actual Expenses were \$102,634
- YTD Income was short of meeting Budget by 1.6%
- YTD Income **exceeded** Expenses by **14.5%**

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne Kinder, Co-Financial Secretary

*Please take a look at the Financial Secretary's chart posted on the wall near the church office.*

## Health Ministry

Betty Razor

### Food for Thought ...

is in desperate need of non-refrigerated individual milk cartons. Please be certain that you do not donate the ones requiring refrigeration as they have no facilities to store them. The non-refrigerated cartons are usually available at Walmart, Raley's and Save Mart. Either the regular or chocolate flavors are welcome. As always, thank you for your generosity in helping those in need in our community.

### Thank You...

I would like to give a BIG thank you to Audrey Stroub for all her help these past couple months. She stepped in and gathered and delivered things while I was recuperating from my recent hip surgery.



## THANK YOU

On behalf of the church staff, a big thank you goes out to the congregation for their generous Christmas gifts. We all appreciate the recognition and appreciation you extended to us. It is our pleasure to serve you. Thanks and blessings to all.

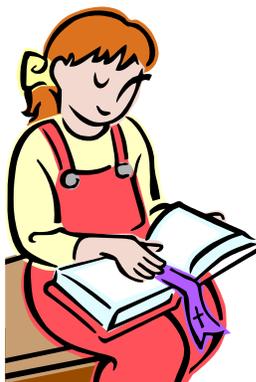
Pastor Stan Pesis

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## Sunday School

The Sunday school staff and I are starting out the new year right with some new and exciting concepts.

First, we are having a mini-opening from 9:00 am to 9:15 am lead by Miss Vicki. She is teaching us new songs and preparing us for the day by celebrating any birthdays and special occasions. We will use some of these songs in our upcoming spring celebrations and special times. Then classes resume, and we now have three classes. We have the youngest children grades Pre-K thru 2nd grade, an Intermediate group, grades 3-4 and a older group from ages 10-12. We found we needed the three grade levels to help all of the children be in a compatible setting for their grade level.



You might have noticed that I have been asking for volunteers in the bulletin to help teach. We really need to expand our staff as some of our group have been doing this for a while and may need a break soon. We are also asking if you can help us locate any other children in your families or neighborhoods that may want to attend our Sunday school as we would like to expand and build our classes too.

Please feel free to give me a call for any information needed regarding teaching and/or bringing more children into our classes. In the coming weeks we will be hoping to make ourselves more visible around the community. We have some ideas we hope to help this cause.

This past week, the children voted to help a young man in the community who had written a letter to the editor of the newspaper asking for help to pay for some badly needed work to be done on his dog's teeth. The children were very warm and receptive to the idea and even wanted to put out a jar for donations from the congregation. You see, the young man is handicapped and his dog is very special to him and is his closest friend. If you are interested in helping the children help this young man, let me know as I have more information about this.

The Sunday school staff and I thank you for your support and help as always. Please stop by and join us if you would like to see how well the children are doing.

Blessings,

Renee Woslum,

Thanks to Lin Nary for all of her work in putting this newsletter together for us!

## WELCA

Linda Wilson, President

WELCA will be having a very short meeting on Saturday February 9, 2013 @4 PM.

With this Coooold Friiiiiigid weather it's time for some nice hot chili along with other welcomed soups, side dishes and desserts.

WELCA's fabulous Chili Cook-Off, Silent Auction and some great Entertainment is coming soon. All are welcome.

Bring your family and friends for a great evening of fun and laughter.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the WELCA bulletin board if you are able to bring suggested side items or if you can help set-up and/or clean-up. Your help will be most appreciated.

We also need 3 judges. If you would like to be a judge and can be at the church by 4 PM, please contact Linda Wilson, Chairman, ASAP (246-1543).

### **Rummage Sale !**

The WELCA Rummage Sale is coming up on April 20th. As you do your Spring cleaning, please be thinking of donating those treasures you no longer need.



### **Mike Lynch in Concert**

Our organist, Mike Lynch, will be performing in concert on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at noon in St. John's Presbyterian Church, 1070 W. Plumb Lane, Reno. He would love to see you there!

### **SQUARE DANCE LESSONS**

Do you like to square dance? Would you like to learn? The Capitol Cutups Square Dance Club is hosting new dancer and refresher square dance lessons beginning Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at the Carson Senior Center. The time is 7:00 – 9:00 pm and the cost is \$5.00. The Senior Center is located at 901 Beverly Drive, Carson City.

If you would like more information, please contact [CapCutups@hotmail.com](mailto:CapCutups@hotmail.com), Conn Davis at 775-831-7539, Ron Hunter at 775-443-8810, or Rich and Pat Weigel at 530-694-1726.

Come and enjoy the fun and bring a friend, or bring all your friends.

## **February**

# Birthdays

- 1 Bill Massie
- 2 Millie Nielson
- 3 Gloria Hamilton
- 6 Isabella Hamilton
- 6 Mia Hamilton
- 6 Nathan Hillenbrand
- 7 Loreen Hautekeet
- 7 Chuck Lacugna
- 10 Einar Ogle
- 11 Brita Steyn
- 12 Anson Ceja
- 13 Thelma Bataille
- 15 Lucy Ann Clark
- 16 Gail McComb
- 23 Charles Azadi
- 23 Rachel Pesis Segerhammar
- 24 Ryan Brown
- 25 Jason Henkle
- 26 Isabelle Azadi
- 28 Lauryn Bailey
- 28 Kathryn Opperman
- 29 Michael Esenarro

### **Church Bulletin Bloopers**

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

**Don't** let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow...

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

This evening at 7pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

*From various Church Bulletins (but not St. Paul's, of course!) contributed by Connie Lapiet*