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Bits & Pieces

Dear Friends,

I have not had many chances to do this for many of the past years because we generally had a joint December/January newsletter and I had a difficult time wishing a "Happy New Year" to you when I was writing in November. But, that problem does not exist this year; so, a very Happy and Blessed New Year to all of you. May God bestow upon you his richest blessings and may the ongoing presence of our Lord bring light into our darkness.

I know that this coming year brings with it the promise of many changes; that's part of what is new for this New Year. As St. Paul's looks ahead to these changes the congregation should know and recognize that it does not move forward alone. First, and most important of all, the congregation should remember that it has Christ with it. Secondly, we have a strong council and it is already preparing for the responsibilities it faces in the coming months. Finally, the congregation needs to be aware of the gifts its individual members bring to the table. A blessed, gifted and confident congregation has little to fear and a great deal to anticipate as it looks to replace its pastoral leadership. As we remember one another in our prayers, whatever else those petitions contain, I ask that you remember the council and me in those prayers that we may leave room for the Holy Spirit to guide and direct our decisions and actions in the days ahead.

Again, may 2014 may be filled with joy, courage and the assurance of God's love and presence with and among you.

Peace,



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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

I want to extend a REALLY BIG Thank You to everyone involved with the Sunday School Christmas service held on Sunday, December 22, 2013. This was a very special event for us and everyone involved needs to know how grateful I am to have you around. At this special time of the year it's good to know that our children can participate in something that means so much. Also, thanks to the Youth Group for providing the coffee hour for everyone after the program. Traci and her group always come through for us.

At this beginning of a new year, I just wanted to reflect on a portion of a publication that was put out by Lutheran Brotherhood several years ago. Its title is "150 Ways to Show Kids You Care." I won't list all 150 of the ways, but here are some of my favorites:



1. Notice Them
2. Smile a lot
3. Learn their names
4. Remember their birthdays
5. Ask them about themselves
6. Listen to them
7. Play with them
8. Giggle together
9. Be honest
10. Hug them.

Let's all start this new year with a renewed feeling of love, families, and genuine caring for our neighbor. We at St. Paul's Sunday School wish you a Happy New Year.

Renee Woslum

Sunday School Superintendent

WELCA NEWS

WELCA's Annual January Brunch and Bible Study is Saturday, January 11th at 9:30 a.m. Reverend Kim Morgan from St. Peter's Episcopal Church will be the speaker for this event.

We look forward to an inspiring message from Rev. Kim and a good turn out from the ladies of St. Paul's.

Please sign up as an accurate count is needed for the brunch. Indicate on the sign up sheet if you are coming and if you will bring a hot dish, pastries or fruit to complete the brunch menu. You may call Cheryl Kinder (882-6538) with any questions regarding the food.

May our Lord and Savior bless you all in this New Year 2014.

Renee Woslum/Gloria Randle, Co-Presidents

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Greetings from the Council President! The New Year is upon us already and it makes one wonder where the outgoing year has gone.

Your council has had to work hard to insure that we met our, and the congregation's, expectations. The next six months will be especially stressful in complying with the Sierra Pacific Synod Call procedures.

As you all know Pastor Stan will be retiring the end of June 2014. Also, at that time there will be about twenty plus congregations within the Synod going through the call process for a new Pastor.

The council and the Call committee (when elected) will need all of your prayers, help and understanding as they go through all of the necessary steps required to obtain an interim and permanent pastor for our congregation.

God Bless you and be with you all this coming year and always.

Bill

B i r t h d a y s

January

- 1 Miriam Slabaugh
- 3 Rhead Kinder, Jessica Lunz
Jim Martineau, James Opperman,
Wanda Speidel
- 4 Russell Bowton, Skip Cannady,
Judy Lowther
- 5 Ted Melsheimer, Traci Angel
- 7 Peter Elverum, Julie Thoreson
- 8 Ramona Whitson
- 9 Liisa Hillenbrand, Scott Thunder
- 10 Hope Chowanski
- 12 Pat Mundt, Connor VanDyck
- 13 Karen Revelle
- 14 David Anderson
- 17 Doris Howell
- 20 Clay Woslum
- 22 Sara Pavell
- 23 Carri Puentes
- 24 Karen Larson, Bob Stroub
- 25 Greg Griffith, Hannelore Hanke
- 26 Kim Hendricks
- 27 Mary Neumann
- 29 Bob Larson, Christopher VanDyck
- 31 Janis Harrell

Financial Secretary's Report

(November 1 through
November 30, 2013)



The approved Budget for the month
(4 Sundays) is \$16,136.

Income received for the month was \$15,579.

Actual Expenses for the month were \$15,362.

YTD Budget (21 weeks) is \$84,714

YTD Income received \$86,406

YTD Actual Expenses were \$94,929

YTD Income exceeded ordinary Expenses by 2.0%.

YTD Expenses exceeded Income by 9.9%

Note: Expenses are high due to cost of new roof.

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.



**WELLNESS NEWS
CORNER**

Thank you to all those who gave of their time, their resources or their funds to help those less advantaged in our community this past year.. Your help is appreciated.

God Bless,
Betty Razor





L.E.E. GROUP

Please note that our L.E.E. Group will meet on **Thursday, January 9, 2014...**this is a date change from our usual first Thursday. We will gather in Friendship Hall at 11:30 a.m. for a potluck luncheon. Hosting will be Art & Diane Simpson.

ALL are invited to join us for the best lunch in town, prepared by some of the best cooks in town!!

Happy New Year...Hope to see YOU at L.E.E.

Youth Group Activities
By Traci Angel

Happy New Year! The youth group would like to wish our church family a wonderful NEW YEAR! The youth group was very busy over the Christmas season having fun and helping those in need. We hope everyone had a great holiday and safe travels.

The youth group meetings are held from 5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. If you are interested or if you know any youth that would like to join please call Traci at 721-5495. The youth group is for youths in 7th grade through high school We also have a young adult group for those that have graduated high school. Come and join the fun.



**PROPERTY
COMMITTEE
NOTES**

We have a new property committee here at St. Paul's. If you see something that needs fixing or have some suggestions for the committee, please bring it to one of the members listed below:

- Clay Woslum
- Wayne Kinder
- Leonard Fredericks
- Dale Randle
- Jay Olshen
- Sharon Gesick

If you have any questions, you can always contact me at 882-5683. Thanks

Dick Lowther, Committee Chair

Counters Jan/Feb



January

8:00 a.m. Bill Massie/Bob Larson

10:30 a.m. Judy McPhail

February

8:00 a.m. Dale Randle

10:30 a.m. Susan Misner



ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild members serve one month a year on a team of two or more. The team sets up for communion and readies other items for the worship service. They also assist with preparations for baptisms. After the services, the team cleans the items used during worship/communion. The time involved is 2-3 hours a week during your assigned month. Would you like to help? We are looking for a few more members. Please call Mary DeFelice at 882

-0916 for more information or to volunteer your time for this very important part of our church family..



Greeters for Dec/Jan

Jan 5 Dorit Sandmeier Feb. 2 Donnie Mollendorf

Jan 12 Delores Shunan Feb 16 Frank and Deanna Kojder

Jan 19 Ellie Weeks

Jan 26 Helen Rutter





Communion Assistants

Jan. 5	10:30 a.m.	Renee Woslum
Jan 12	8:00 a.m.	Bill Massie
Jan 19	10:30 a.m.	Dick Lowther
Jan 26	8:00 a.m.	Gloria Randle
Feb 2	10:30 a.m.	Renee Woslum
Feb 9	8:00 a.m.	Gloria Randle