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Bits & Pieces

Dear Friends,

First of all, Happy New Year! And secondly, Elizabeth and I would like to thank you for the wonderful cards we have received. Your warm seasonal wishes are received with great appreciation and love. Thank you all so much. In case this newsletter gets to you before Christmas Day let me say Merry Christmas to you and may the coming of the Christ child for you and for me be a sign of God's love among us.

January is a time when one is given an opportunity to look at the year ahead with all kinds of plans. It is also a time to think about the past. When looking at the past my initial response is to say thank you. There are many reasons and there are many people for whom and to whom thanks are due. To all of you who have provided financial support for the ministries of St. Paul's, thank you. In addition to supporting congregational activities your gifts also sustain efforts to help people in need both in the local area and also in communities far away that have endured devastating events. Thank you to those who serve on our council; and thanks to all who staff our committees at St. Paul's. To all of those individuals who help prepare for the worship services, who teach, who bring food to our pot-lucks, who setup for services and events, who collate, fold, address, and stamp, who welcome guests, who ring and sing, thank you all so much. May this coming year be filled with joy, hope and peace and may the blessings of our living God rest upon you all.

Peace,



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Bell Schedule for 2013



After a short rest, the Heavenly Handbell choir will resume rehearsing on January 7, 2013, so we probably will not play in church in January.

However, the bells plan on playing on the second Sunday, at the 10:30 a.m. service, in February, March, April and May. We will also ring on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013.

This year the bells will be playing fun songs at the Chili Cookoff on February 9th. We are publishing these dates so if you have never heard the bells, you can attend the services listed above. Of course, the dates are dependent on whether all eleven can make it on these dates (health issues, weather, travel). We ring to the Glory of God.

Darlene Lacugna, Director.

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to changes in State and Federal regulations, we are no longer able to recycle prescription drugs or empty prescription bottles. FISH is not permitted to use them. Follow any specific disposal instructions on the drug label or patient information that accompanies the medication. Do not flush prescription drugs down the toilet unless this information specifically instructs you to do so.

WELCA

By President Linda Wilson

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

May God bless you and your families with good health and happiness each day of this new year.

With steadfast heart and true, go forward on your way. God gives you strength to do the duties of each day. So, daily may this thought to say

"I can, because I ought, and by God's help, I will"

Thank You! Thank You!

Thank You to all who helped as Santa's helpers in providing gifts and food for the three adopted families for Christmas. The CC School District Special Projects Coordinator was overwhelmed with the support from St Paul's Lutheran Family.

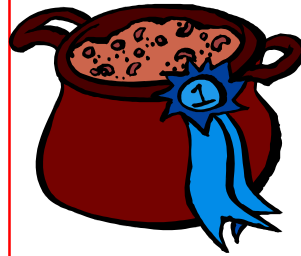
Our **next WELCA meeting** will be February 9, 2013 @11:00am. Bring a sack lunch and join us. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be provided.

During our meeting we will discuss upcoming events. One of our main fundraisers, the **Rummage Sale, is coming up April 20th 2013.** Please be thinking of chairing or joining the committee for this event. We will be setting up for our annual Chili Cook Off following our February meeting. If you could stay and help it would be most appreciated.



Sunday School News

Happy New Year from the Sunday School staff! Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, January 6, 2013. A BIG thank you needs to go out to our staff and our great kids for the SUPER job they did in our program on Saturday December 15. We spent several hours rehearsing and singing and rehearsing and singing and it came together wonderfully. A special thank you to Vicki Hamilton for her tireless work on the music and, of course, great leadership for the children. An additional thank you to the Youth group for the terrific dinner they put on for us! I think they are the finest Youth group I have ever been a privilege to work with, but of course I am prejudiced! And then they get up the next day and go out caroling and visiting



WELCA's CHILI COOKOFF

Committee Chair: Linda Wilson

Yes! The time has come to prepare for our Chili Cook-off. Come and join us for a night of fun and laughter and great entertainment. Thank you to Carol Massie for volunteering to present the entertainment. (Some GREAT surprises are in store for us).

We will be also having a SILENT AUCTION. Some wonderful items will be offered at this auction.

A sign up sheet will be provided on the WELCA bulletin board in January for:

- participants entering the chili contest
- volunteers to judge (3 needed)
- volunteers to bring chili toppings and other food items
- attendees

DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2013

(If you can help set-up.... please be at the church at 12:30PM.)

TIME: ENTRIES ACCEPTED FROM 4:00PM-4:30PM

JUDGING: 4:30PM

DINNER: 5:00PM

Sunday School (cont'd)

members of our congregation dressed up as Christmas figures, how special is that? We also want to thank "Santa" for taking time out of his busy schedule this year to come and see us. We love him and look forward to his visit every year! Thanks Santa! Here is hoping the New Year brings you all health and happiness.

Renee Woslum-Sunday School Superintendent



Financial Secretary's Report

(Nov 1 through Nov 30, 2012)

The approved Budget for the month (4 Sundays) is \$17,681

- * Income received for the month was \$20,329
- * Actual Expenses for the month were \$16,591
- * YTD (year-to-date) Budget - which is 22 weeks is \$97,248
- * YTD Income received was \$93,065
- * YTD Actual Expenses were \$87,712
- * YTD Income was short of meeting Budget by 4.3%
- * YTD Income exceeded Expenses by 6.1%

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.

Food For Thought Update



From September 2011 to September 2012 the Food for Thought program provided over 100,000 meals to the hungry children of Carson City, Dayton, Silver Springs, and parts of Douglas County. This reflects an increase of over 100 children per week.

As you may know, Food for Thought programs feed hungry children over the weekend when school nutrition programs are not available. The program currently feeds about 800 children in 13 local schools.

This past year, Food for Thought added a summer lunch program to assist hungry children during the long break. On an average the program provided lunch for over 67 children a day.

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

“Therefore, if anyone be in Christ, he is a new creature; the old has gone, the new has come! “

2 Corinthians 5:17

