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### Bits & Pieces

Dear Friends,

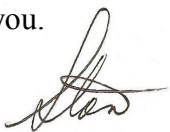
On the afternoon of July 7<sup>th</sup>, after the morning services are finished, Elizabeth and I travel to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Beginning on July 8 and through the rest of the week I'll be participating in a continuing ministry class titled *The Book of Revelation and American Apocalyptic*. Led by the Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson and the Rev. Dr. Maria Erling we'll use a book authored by Barbara Rossing titled *The Rapture Exposed* to explore the relatively recent phenomenon created by the *Left Behind* series written by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins which purports to explain the meaning of the last canonical book of Bible. Dr. Rossing makes it quite plain how she feels about the kind of message embedded in the *Left Behind* series when she identifies that message as a heresy.

Why call it a heresy? What does heresy mean? Why should a class be convened to address this topic? I've been asked several times in the past what I think about the series. I know a number of you have picked up either the set or individual books of the set and wondered about them. When we return around the middle July I would like to provide you the opportunity to discuss some of these questions.

During the week when VBS is held at St. Paul's (July 22-26) I will hold a class which will provide the first such an opportunity. We'll be meeting from approximately 6:15 p.m. to about 8:00 p.m. during that week to address this material. Another opportunity will be provided on Thursday evenings beginning August 1. I told the AIM class that we would look at the book of Revelation when I returned from the class held at Gettysburg and you are invited to join us if you are curious.

For those of you considering participation in either of these settings I encourage you to read through the book of Revelation. As you read, which is the pervasive proclamation? Fear, vengeance and destruction? Or hope and renewal?

The peace and blessing of Christ Jesus be with you.



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# Reminders!

Sundays	Readers	Greeters
July 7	Deanna Kojker	Mary Neumann
July 14	Sarah Jevne	Marilyn Hall
July 21	Don Kovista	Shelly Stevens
July 28	Susan Misner	Evelyn Luterick
Aug. 4	Deanna Kojker	Pat Weigel

### Financial Secretary's Report (May 1 through May 31, 2012)

The approved Budget for the month (4 Sundays) is \$17,680.  
Income received for the month was \$23,196  
Actual Expenses for the month were \$19,898.  
YTD (year-to-date) Budget - (48 weeks) is \$212,178 .  
YTD Income received was \$211,323.  
YTD Actual Expenses were \$189,404.  
YTD Income was short of meeting Budget by 0.4% .  
YTD Income exceeded Expenses by 11.6%.

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.

## Vacation Bible School!

Vacation Bible School is starting July 22 and runs through July 26. We have planned for a week of special activities for our kids that we are sure will be a hit for this summer. They will be learning about Jesus through special Bible stories, crafts, singing, snacks and other games/activities.

We invite you to register and bring your children, grandchildren, even neighbor children that don't have a church home. Registration will be the first night starting at 5:30 pm so we can get everyone in to our opening on time.

I am still looking for volunteers to help as we will need to decorate on Sunday, July 21 after church and generally get ready for Monday. Aside from that, there are other duties to be done so don't be shy if you would like to help us.

There will also be some adult sessions during the week. More details will follow but these sessions will be during the regular VBS time, 6 pm to 8 pm.

See you there!

Renee Woslum, Director



For any number of reasons the June white-water raft trip did not take place. However, enough

people are interested in an August 12th trip (that's a Monday) to reserve a raft with Whitewater Excitement. If you have an interest in tagging along get in touch with the office. Approximate cost for the water journey is \$90. Earlier notice is better than later!



Many thanks go out to Clay and Richard for working the parking lot on graduation day. They collected \$370 to be used for new flooring for the restrooms.

## July

# Birthdays

1	Samantha Brooks
2	Ken Thunder
3	Ryan Kinder
3	Richard Weigel
6	Kimberly VanDyck
7	Shirley Morey
8	Shawn Anderson
11	Jennifer Overlock
12	Steven Anderson
12	Jeffrey Gesick
12	Kelsey Hamilton
14	Marian Furnari
14	Kate Kane
15	Tom Martin
15	Holly McPhail
17	Helen Rutter
19	Beverly Gutzman
20	Kyle Matsko
23	Heather Azadi
23	Cheryl Kinder
23	Camille Lofaro
24	Fritz Steinle
25	Marta Marsh
25	Peggy Truttman
27	Sonja Fischer
28	Chris Marsh
29	Darlene Lacugna

More

## Reminders!

Communion Assistants for . . .

July 7 10:30 David Harrell July 28 8:00 Bill Massie  
 July 14 8:00 Joan Schultz Aug 4 10:30 David Harrell  
 July 21 10:30 Linda Wilson

## WELCA

Hello everyone!

WELCA held their final meeting for this year in early June and disbursed several gifts of their funds to various organizations and groups. We also held elections for the coming year and the following people were elected:

Co-Presidents-Renee Woslum & Gloria Randle

Treasurer-Peggy Truttman

Since the meeting happened we have a volunteer to fill the secretary position, Sharon Gesick, who we will officially vote in to the office when we begin our new program year in September. We thank Sharon for helping us with filling this vacant office. If anyone is interested in our Vice-President position please let myself or Gloria know.



Our new board will be working on a new year of activity soon this summer. We want all the ladies of St. Paul's to know that you are a member of WELCA. So please plan to join us for upcoming activities this coming year. If you have any suggestions of activities you would like us to have or program speakers, we welcome your suggestions too.

Outgoing officers are Linda Wilson, President, Carol Arneson, Secretary, and Peggy Truttman, Treasurer. We thank them for their hard work this year.

Have a safe and fun summer!

Renee Woslum and Gloria Randle, Co-Presidents

Thanks to Lin Nary for all of her work in helping us in the office put this newsletter together! Bless you!

## Continuing summer events...

### *"Early birds" coffee hour:*

Sundays through August 11,  
8:50 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

### *Midweek Supper and Service:*

Wednesday evenings,  
July 3, and then again  
July 31, August 7 and 14.

The potluck suppers begin at 6:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall, with communion services on the back patio (or inside) at 7:00. Please bring a salad, side dish, fruit, or dessert to share for supper. And please invite your friends and family to join us. These events are hosted by the Family and Community Outreach team, assisted by many helping hands, for which they are truly grateful!

*"Thank you, God, for this good life and forgive us if we do not enjoy it enough."* Garrison Keillor.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Congratulations to Sara and Nycole. They both graduated from Sierra Lutheran High School. YOU TWO ARE AMAZING!! We are all so very proud of you and wish you all the best with your new adventures.

### 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY BBQ

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ will start at 6:30pm! The youth group and young adult group will provide the food and games. Please join us for a great night of food and the best seats for the fireworks in CARSON CITY! If you have any questions, please call Traci at 721-5495.



The Youth Group would like to wish all of our FAMILY at St. Paul's a wonderful and safe SUMMER!

FOOD FOR THE POOR by David Harrell

On behalf of the many children that have been blessed with meals because of all of you that have given gifts in the Food for the Poor basket, thank you. At the end of each month a check is sent to Food for the Poor from the gifts given each week. Because Food for the Poor is able to operate on such a low overhead (3.75%) they can provide a meal to very hungry children for just six cents. So if you are blessed to give a small amount or more, each dollar minus 2.75 cents will provide sixteen meals.

I know for me and perhaps for you, sixteen meals when there is a need for thousands can be overwhelming but it also reminds me of the story of a man on a beach, standing in the surf picking up one clam at a time and throwing it back into the ocean. A small boy asked him “how can it make a difference, there are so many.” The man replied, as he picked up another one and threw it in the sea, “it made a difference to that one.”



For me, and perhaps for you, knowing that every meal received had made a big difference to one child is a wonderful feeling. I realize there are many good causes that need help, but if God calls you to give to Food for the Poor, I know that each child who receives a meal would want you to know how thankful they and their parents are for your donation.

Love in our Lord,

David Harrell



At the beginning of June St. Paul’s held its annual meeting. Five individuals were elected to serve on the church council at that meeting

and here are their names. Renee Woslum, Roger Moellendorf and Gloria Randle were elected to 3-year terms. Jay Olshen and Richard Lowther were elected to fill unexpired terms and they will determine between themselves who will fill a remaining 2-year term and who will fill the 1-year term. Thanks to all of them for providing the skills and dedication they bring to serving St. Paul’s.

Failing to thank those council members who have completed their term would be an unforgiveable oversight. Ken Elverum has been serving as our council president and Sharon Gesick has done yeoman service on our Property committee. When you see them please thank them for the excellent service both have provided us.



***God’s work.***

***Our hands.***

These words are used throughout the ELCA to describe our role as God’s people, freed in Christ, to love and serve one another. But, what does this mean? Please take a few moments to consider where you have seen God’s work being done this past week—people serving and caring for one another—in our community, in our congregation, in your workplace in you family.

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