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Bits & Pieces

Dear Friends,

A number of you have indicated regrets for your inability to attend the retirement party to be held on my behalf the last Sunday in June. But when I hear the reasons for your absence I believe I would be more disappointed to hear you had not taken the opportunities presented to attend the weddings, reunions and baptisms towards which I hear you are heading. The latter half of July Elizabeth and I ourselves are taking just such a trip. On July 20 we celebrate Paul Josef's baptism in Seattle. As Elizabeth might have said, "This is all goodness!" So while we will miss you this time around I pray that you, and all those who take similar trips later this summer have a joyful and restful break.

I pause at this point because I am keenly aware that this is my last missive to you as pastor at St. Paul's. Above all, I wish you to appreciate the great joy I have been given to serve in such a capacity. The years, and our lives, have been filled with the griefs and sorrows that are part of our existence but those have been trumped by the joy of being in family with you. Very few people are given such a privilege and you have been extremely gracious in sharing your lives with me. It will not be possible for you to be absent from my daily prayers.

I ask you to remember one another (you know, that same one you have greeted every Sunday morning after hearing, "Let's take this opportunity to greet one another.") in your prayers during this time of transition. I especially ask you to remember in prayer the members of our congregational council. Your council gives a great deal of their time, talents and skills, often without recognition or appreciation, with

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only the welfare of the congregation in mind. They have earned and deserve your trust.

In John 14:27 we hear Jesus say to his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." Jesus speaks those words to his disciples, to you, to me. Thereby we are given life.

The Lord watch between me and thee, while we are apart, one from the other.



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1-Samantha Brooks	15-Tom Martin
3-Ryan Kinder	15-Holly McPhail
3-Richard Weigel	17-Helen Rutter
6-Kim VanDyck	19-Beverly Gutzman
7-Shirley Morey	20-Kyle Matsko
7-Bob Watkins	23-Cheryl Kinder
8-Shawn Anderson	23-Heather Azadi
11-Jennifer Overlock	24-Melissa Harris
12-Shawn Anderson	24-Fritz Steinle
12-Steven Anderson	25-Marta Marsh
12-Jeffrey Gesick	25-Peggy Truttman
12-Kelsey Hamilton	27-Sonja Fischer
13-Claire Olson	28-Chris Marsh
14-Marian Funari	29-Darlene Lacugna
14-Kate Kane	

WELCA NEWS

Dear Ladies of St. Paul's,

Since all women of St. Paul's are considered members of WELCA, we are interested in knowing what you might like to see happen to that organization.

The benefit of the group is to socialize with other Christian women in an informal setting and the purpose is to raise funds to support a variety of local and area individuals and groups who are in need. At the June meeting, \$2500 was given to various "charities". In January, it has been traditional to have a Saturday morning gathering with a Bible Study and brunch. Other events sponsored by WELCA have been a Taco Salad Supper, a Chili Cook-off, a Rummage Sale Fundraiser, Mother's Day Brunch and lastly, the Benevolent meeting to distribute funds raised during the year to the needy.

We have appreciated an increase in attendance and participation this year; in an effort to accomplish our commitment as women of the ELCA we are asking that you assist in developing a course of action for meetings in the coming year. We are asking that you assist with that by giving your opinions and suggestions to help with insight into how we can best serve the women of St. Paul's.

Comments may be dropped in the box in the hall that is marked for WELCA SUGGESTIONS. There is no need to sign your name to your comments. The box will only be opened by the officers and will be compiled into a document to be used in helping to determine a course of action.

1. If you are currently coming to WELCA meetings, would you like to see changes in meeting time, programming, fund raising events, etc.?? If so, please give us your suggestions.
2. If you have not been attending WELCA meetings, please comment on what keeps you away and what may encourage you to be involved.

Thanks you for your participation,

Gloria Randle, co-president (884-3253)

Also, WELCA will be kicking off the start of events for 2014-2015 on Monday, August 25, 2014 at 5:30 pm with the ever-popular Taco supper. Mark your calendars now. All ladies of St. Paul's are members of WELCA and are invited to attend. A sign-up sheet will be available in early August.

SEE YOU THERE!!!



President's Corner

Well, this is it, time catches up with us all and it has sped right past me. It does not seem like it was four years ago that I came on the council. There has been a lot of water that has flowed down the river since then. I want to thank all of the past and present council members for their help and support during my tenure.

Pastor Stan, thanks for putting up with all my questions and for taking the time to answer them. In past encounters with other pastors and clergy I have been brushed off. Thank you for being my Pastor and you will always be my Pastor. Enjoy your retirement, eat lots of chocolate and enjoy life as you travel, you earned it.

The trip to the Synod Assembly in May turned out to be a voting exercise for electing the Synod Bishop, Synod Vice President, Synod Council, and Resolutions 2014-1 thru 2014-6. All workshops were cancelled. The second part of this Synod Assembly, the budget and business portion, will be held in October via a video hook-up to Reno, Nevada, and two locations in California. This will effectively block the comingling of attendees to discuss in private the proposals being presented for voting, and what the effect will be on the different congregations around the Synod.

To those of you who attended the Congregational Meeting on June 8th to vote on our 2014/2015 budget and our three new council members, many thanks for being there. We don't have an approved budget, but we have three new council members. Congratulations to Bill Sandell, Bob Larson, Ken Elverum for stepping up to the plate during our congregation's upcoming transitional period with an Interim and later a Called Pastor.

And, finally, I hope that all of you who attended the Ace's ball game on June 6th had a good time. The weather was perfect. The fireworks show was great. Now, if only they (the Aces) had just won the game! But, you have to admit that the bottom of the ninth inning had us all on our feet. Thanks again for your support while I was a council member.

God Bless You All—Bill

Financial Secretary's Report

(May 1 through May 31, 2014)

The approved Budget for the month (4 Sundays) is \$16,130.

Income received for the month was \$13,620

Actual Expenses for the month were \$16,434.

YTD (year-to-date) Budget-which is 47 weeks is \$189,536

YTD income received was \$196,763

YTD actual expenses were \$195,389

YTD income exceeded Budget by 3.8%

YTD income exceeded expenses by 0.7%

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Kinder, Co-Financial Secretary

Thrivent News

Peggy Saville is retiring from the Carson City Thrivent Board, We appreciate and thank her for her years of service.

It is very important that we have adequate representation from St. Paul's Lutheran Family. We need a volunteer to serve on the board along with Oscar Anderson. If you are interested in more information about this seat or are willing to serve, please contact Oscar Anderson at 392-2947.

Also, the Carson City Chapter of Thrivent is sponsoring a trip to an ACES Ball game this summer. The date is July 18, 2014 for a 7:05 p.m. game.

There is additional information about the trip on the bulletin board going into Friendship Hall including a sheet to sign up if you are interested in going.

BUILDING NEWS!

We have gotten the results of the mold/air quality of our crawl space in the church and both are okay. Our problem is still the rotting of the floor and rim supports.

Our next step is to contact someone to do a layout of the work to be done, so when we contact contractors, they all know the extent of what needs to be accomplished. We are in contact with an engineer to do the layout, but have no timeline as to when it can be done as of yet.

The Property Mgmt committee will continue to give updates as we have them so everyone can know how the work is progressing and what will be next in our repair cycle that will affect us all here at St. Paul's.

Youth Group News

By Traci Angel

The 4th of JULY BBQ-

The BBQ will start at 6:30 p.m.! The youth group will be joining together with the young adult group. The groups 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.

Car Wash

The youth will be washing cars on July 26th from 9:00 am -2:00pm in our parking lot. Please stop by with your dirty cars and trucks. The youth will be more than happy to make them clean and sparkly. We look forward to seeing you and your vehicles on July 26th.!

RENT A YOUTH/GROUP

You can always rent the group or a few youth! We can help with yard work, cleaning. Pet sitting, cooking and even party planning! Please give our group a call if you need help!

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



Vacation Bible School

This year our program is scheduled for July 14-18. The theme will be Workshop of Wonders-Imagine & Build with God. This an exciting new program with lots of challenging activities for the kids.

So please watch for a sign-up sheet for volunteering to help to be posted soon. I will need volunteers in many capacities. If you are able to help the whole week or even just a couple days, any assistance will be appreciated. Please consider helping to make this one the best!

Also, please spread the word that we will have this great program to the children and parents in your neighborhoods and your grandchildren. We would love to branch out and involve more of our community in this wonderful ministry for kids.

Thanks for your support! Renee Woslum-Director



Communion Asst's July

- ◆ July 6—10:30am David Harrell
- ◆ July 13– 8:00am Jay Olshen
- ◆ July 20 –10:30am Linda Wilson
- ◆ July 27-8:00 am Joan Schultz

Greeters for JULY

- ◆ July 6 Evelyn Luterick
- ◆ July 13 Delores Sherman
- ◆ July 20 Evelyn Luterick
- ◆ July 27 Evelyn Luterick

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

If you are hosting an event or just putting chairs or tables aside to set-up for a meeting, etc. please don't block any of our EXIT doors. This is just to keep us all safe in case of any kind of emergency. Thanks!

Worship

Worship-Life is getting ready to choose the hymns for the next two mos. It was suggested

that if the congregation has hymns they would like chosen to let Cheryl Kinder, Chairman of the Worship-Life Committee, know. The committee will attempt to include the suggestions, but the congregation should be aware that they will be reviewed to see if they are appropriate for the lessons that will be used for the Sundays involved. A list of suggestions will be kept and reviewed to try and use them throughout the year.

*Thank
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Thanks!

A big Thank you to Rich Weigel for bringing in his scaffolding and changing light bulbs and fixtures in the Sanctuary & Friendship Hall with help from Clay Woslum.. We appreciate the extra work that was involved with this task!

VOLUNTEER COUNTERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for Counters for the summer months of July, & August. Two people are needed for each service and training is available. So, please don't be shy and step up. You don't have to make the commitment for every week, just when your schedule allows. Please call the office if you have questions. Thanks ahead!