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Bits & Pieces

Dear Friends,

In 1995 St. Paul's Lutheran Family dedicated a new building that was planned and designed to provide much needed space for our growing Sunday School program and to offer a larger and more easily set-up social space. The funds to construct this building were acquired by selling bonds to members of the congregation and to friends and family members interested in supporting this vision. We have a great deal for which to give thanks to Ron Morey. He provided us the vision and energy to first dream of this project and then to follow through to make this dream a reality. The initial financial commitments took place in the fall of 1994. The bonds sold at that time spanned a period lasting from 6 months to 19 years. In October of this year we will have completed our financial obligation of paying off those bonds and for the first time in 19 years we will be completely debt free.

I wish to thank all bond holders of the last 19 years for supporting our congregation in its building program. I also wish to thank all of you who have been such faithful financial stewards over the years and who made it possible to make all of our payments in a timely manner. The congregation has a great deal to celebrate when we retire this debt.

In the face of such good news you may believe I'm behaving a bit like a wet blanket when I make the next announcement. Anyone who has spent even a moment looking at the roof of the sanctuary must be aware of the critical situation we face in replacing the west facing portion of the sanctuary roof.

The council began several months ago to find an appropriate response to this situation. The first step is to understand the nature of the need. Is it enough to simply replace the west face? Would it be possible to use this opportunity to add insulation to the roof? What kind of product should we consider? The answers to these questions have proven a bit more difficult to get than we originally believed. The roof itself is made up of a product called "Super-Plank" that is about 3" thick. It is in turn supported at 14' intervals by the beams you see when in the sanctuary.

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We will probably need to do an engineering survey to find out whether the current construction will support any additional weight imposed by the insulation we might add.

Because we are unsure of the scope of the project at this time we are obviously unable to provide a reliable estimate of the costs. We know that the bottom end of the estimates come in at about \$19,000. The top end estimates are high enough that the costs preclude a reasonable payback time and therefore will not be considered.

Is there any good news in any of this? I believe so. During all the years we paid our mortgage we never made a big point about it being a burden. The financial gifts that come in Sunday after Sunday, month after month, have covered all of our financial needs. I anticipate that the gifts provided in the future will continue unaffected by the payoff of our mortgage and I believe we'll be able to cover the costs of any reasonable decision the council makes about the roof. Information about the various options and costs will be made to the congregation as they become available.

Now, back to paying off the mortgage. You can anticipate our Harvest Festival held the first Sunday in November (All Saints Sunday) will include a celebration. We will not have a mortgage, per se, to burn but I'm sure we'll find a way to commemorate the end of this debt. Look for the information in upcoming newsletters. One thing for sure; it will be a time when we will say with a full heart, "Thanks be to God." And thanks to every one of you!



Midweek Communion Services and Potluck Suppers

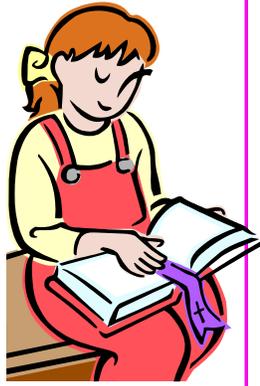
Wednesday evenings

June 19, 26 and July 3:

July 31st*, August 7 and 14

Vacation Bible School!

VBS will be in July this summer. The dates are July 22-26 from 6-8 pm each evening. We appreciate your support and hope that several of you will consider helping us this year. Our theme is Tell it on the Mountain which will take the children on an expedition to the top of five mountains and teach them about God's might and grace.



Registration is open to all ages from Preschool through 6th grade. The children will have fun every evening as they sing songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks and more...Plus, they will learn about Jesus so that they can TELL everyone about him. We would like to encourage you to bring your children, grandchildren or just kids from the neighborhood if they don't have a church home.

I can use help with registration, publicity, games, crafts, story telling, song leading, decorating, set-up, clean-up and any other tasks that come up. Please give me a call or tell me at church if you are interested. My number is 883-7748.

A start-up meeting of volunteers or anyone interested in knowing more about our plan will be Saturday, June 8 at 10:00 am at the church. Please come and help make our VBS this summer a BIG success!

Renee Woslum,
VBS Director

Thank You!

On behalf of the rest of my sister's (Pat Newcomb) family, Cheryl and I would like to thank the St. Paul's congregation for your kindness during Pat's long illness. The visits, calls, cards, and helping hands when needed were of great comfort to her. We also thank you for your prayers. I'm sure they helped as she lived several years longer than any of her doctors expected. We are truly blessed to be associated with such a thoughtful and caring congregation.

Wayne and Cheryl Kinder



June

B i r t h d a y s

4 Marilyn Brandvold
4 John Gould
4 Jennifer Russell
7 Virginia Williams
8 Stephen Johns
8 Loretta Williams
10 Mackade Chambers
10 Karin Randle
11 Tom Maruca
12 Tim Thunder
13 Brynn Anna Russell
14 Syrena Chowanski
14 Kristina Yeskie
15 Gerald Brandvold
15 Jay Olshen
17 June Bennet-Hansen
17 Feryl Fitzgerald
18 Rebekah McGee
18 Claire Marie VanDyck
20 April Renee Thunder
21 Ellie Week
21 Joycie King
22 Bob Stevens
23 Mathew Boggs
23 Travis Brooks
23 Louise Griffith
24 Isabella Anderson
24 Wayne Kinder
24 Brian Reeder
25 Alexander Anderson
26 Michael Gould
26 Ronald Johns
27 Tom Gesick
27 Charlotte LaCombe
27 Pat Weigel
28 Vicki Hamilton
28 Paula House
28 Shirley O'Neill
29 Markus Adams
29 Ann Kauf
30 Hank Doll
30 Sharon Olshen

WELCA

By Linda Wilson, President

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! KUDOS to Traci Trenoweth and the youth group for a spectacular Mother's Day luncheon. It was a Hawaiian theme. I didn't see any grass skirts but did see everyone in their colorful attire to fit the theme and the youth group passed out leis to all the mothers. The menu was DELICIOUS! It consisted of Pulled Pork sandwiches, a nice green salad, a macaroni salad, veggies and dip, spam, a huge assortment of fruit and a yummy custard/pudding dessert, tea, water etc. We all relaxed and enjoyed the fellowship of friends and family.



Our next WELCA meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st @ 11a.m. Refreshments, iced tea and lemonade, will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be provided on the WELCA bulletin board if you would

like to bring a light fingerfood item or dessert item to share. I will give my annual report, we will be electing new officers and will be distributing our annual benevolence. If you are going to be asking WELCA to donate to a worthy organization please be prepared to give the name and address where the gift is to be sent. I realize this is a very busy time for everyone who has children/grandchildren/great grandchildren graduating so we will try and get our business done as quickly as possible. Please mark your calendar to attend this very important meeting. Participation is greatly needed and appreciated.

The office was notified by our volunteer Bell Choir director Darlene Lacugna that she and Chuck are taking a year's hiatus from the Heavenly Handbells. Each of them faces some significant health issues. Please keep both of them in your prayers during this time as they find ways to mend in body and spirit.



We welcomed David Anderson and Sidney Johnson into the roles of Adult Membership of St. Paul's Lutheran Family on May 26 as they confirmed the baptismal vows made for them when they were infants. When next you see them please welcome them!

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The suppers begin at 6:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall, with the worship service on the back patio at 7:00. For the suppers the basics are provided by the Outreach team. Please bring a salad, side dish, fruit, or dessert to share. And please bring your friends and family as we celebrate God's abundance, our love for one another, and the beautiful summer evenings.

*Yes, there is indeed a three week break in July,

Congratulations to all of you graduates! Whether from High School, Community College, College or University our best wishes for your future. And may God bless the gifts you have acquired.



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

Anticipated income for the month (4 Sundays) is \$17,680
Income received for the month was \$15,388
Actual Expenses for the month were \$16,323
Anticipated YTD (year-to-date) Income - which is 44 weeks is \$194,496
YTD Income has been \$188,125
YTD Actual Expenses were \$169,756
YTD Income was short of meeting Budget by 3.3%
YTD Income exceeded Expenses by 10.8%

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.

White Water Rafting

The date for our customary June white-water raft trip comes a little later this year than it usually does.



Rather than the second Tuesday of June we will be traveling to the California Gold Country on June 25th. We have now offered this opportunity for adventure for better than 20 years. People generally come back refreshed from this time on the American River where we work and play together.

For families or individuals unfamiliar with this trip I offer the following information. Cost is approximately \$95 per person. This trip starts a few miles north of Coloma, California and finishes at Folsom Lake where a bus provided by WWE (Whitewater Excitement) picks us up for the trip back to our starting point. A great lunch is provided as part of this trip. Ages? Kids from 10-14 are very welcome but should be accompanied by an older family member. On the other end of the scale we have had individuals in their 70's participate.

One note; this is not an amusement park ride. While the guides do their best to provide everyone a safe and enjoyable trip the vagaries of the river can cause an occasional unintentional visit into the river. Everyone is provided a flotation device and helmet for safety purposes.

Personally, I love going on this trip for we leave the cares of everyday responsibilities behind and focus at least for a bit on working together while on a beautiful stretch of the American River. More information is available at your request. As has become traditional, we join with members of St. Peter Episcopal Church for this trip. Now, let me see; is it my turn to pull Jeff into the river or is it his turn to pull me in?

Come join us for a great time.
Stan

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

St. Paul's Lutheran Family Annual Meeting

On June 2 we meet to consider and vote on the budget proposed by our church council and to elect new council members. We have a single communion service on June 2 beginning at 9:00 a.m. We hope that choosing this time will encourage the populations from both our early and late services to come and participate at this meeting. We will begin immediately after our single service held that morning and expect to start at approximately 10:30 a.m.



Coffee hour refreshments will be provided by St. Paul's Council. Please come and be a part of our deliberations.



Summer's coming . . .

Beginning Sunday, June 16, and continuing through mid-August there will be an early bird coffee hour immediately following the 8:00 a.m. service. This will conclude by 10:00 a.m. and is not intended to replace the regular coffee hour that generally follow the second service. Of course, folks from both services are welcome.