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Bits & Pieces

Dear Friends,

Warmer and longer days bring the promise of time spent at Lake Tahoe or the mountains. Promise, but not yet. This time of the year, when I was in school, provided some of my most difficult moments. I looked out of school windows and saw the promise of life outside as I gazed upon tree blossoms. At the same time I knew I had lots of end-of-school projects to complete and would still be spending a lot of time at the desk. Not all that much has changed for me. May proves to be a busy time as we complete the Easter season, prepare for the Synod Assembly (in Fresno this year) and then mark the end of confirmation classes for David Anderson and Sidney Johnson on May 26th (Trinity Sunday). On that day they confirm the confession made for them at their baptism when the words, "I believe in God . . ." were said for them. Now, they are offered the opportunity to say those words for themselves. Come, join us and celebrate with them!

I mentioned the Synod Assembly. Joan Schultz and Ken Elverum join me this year as voting members at the assembly and I want to thank them ahead of time for their willingness to travel that distance and participate in another expression of this church we call the ELCA. The meetings take place May 2 through 4 beginning before noon on the 2nd and getting out who knows when on Saturday. Budgetary concerns are likely to take up a considerable amount of discussion time. Please remember all of us in your prayers.

The next time you see Clay and Renee Woslum please thank them for organizing and staffing this year's Rummage Sale. The event garnered in excess of \$1800 dollars from sales plus an additional \$500 through Thrivent's matching funds program. Both Clay and Renee were busy for a number of days before the Saturday sale as were numerous other volunteers. These people organized the items into categories, priced the individual items, set up tables and clothes racks and (puff, puff, puff) brought furniture and bicycles and (do you get the idea yet?) did everything to make the sale a great success. A

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great big thank you to all of them! And you should have seen how quickly everything was picked up, cleaned up and put away! Awesome!

To enjoy some of that "promise" I mentioned earlier, consider coming along for the June Whitewater raft trip. This year it will take place on June 18th. I believe the cost remains substantially the same, about \$95 per participant. Hope to hear from you!

Finally, especially because it is so close to the end of May, don't forget the annual congregational meeting on June 2nd. In order to help encourage as much participation as possible we'll have but one service that day at 9:00 a.m. with the congregational meeting following immediately.

May the peace of God be with all of you,



Dear Church Family

Just a note to tell all of you, THANK YOU, for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during my long hospital/rehab stay. I'm much better now. All the good wishes surely made my healing move along.

God bless everyone of you.

Judy Lowther

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Peggy Saville

YTD, which is 35 weeks, we have received \$172,574.64 vs. budgeted amount of \$172,800. That is \$225.36 under budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Saville, Financial Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School is ending for the summer on Sunday, May 19. The children will be doing a presentation at the second service that day and our staff will host the coffee hour. A big thank you to everyone in my group for all the hard work and dedication to our St. Paul's children this year. I couldn't have accomplished the year without my great staff.

We also have been able to get some new people involved in teaching and just doing all the great extra things they do. These people are Diane Linebaugh teaching the 3rd/4th grade class, and Hope Chowanski for the great bulletin boards and other things she provides and accomplishes. Doris Howell coordinates all the snacks we provide for the children each week and keeps us reminded when it's our turn, etc.

We finish the year working on Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts. Mary Burgeson's older class is presenting a skit for us on Sunday, April 28. The kids do a great job with this and it's a wonderful learning tool for all.

A special thanks to Vicki Hamilton who helps with our openings and makes sure we learn new, neat songs appropriate for the time of year.

There is a new VBS date, July 22-26. Please make a note on your calendars.

Have great summer! See you in September with a new Sunday School program year. Please help us raise our attendance by bringing your children back and also other children who may need a church to attend. We love them!

Renee Woslum

WELCA

By Linda Wilson, President

A BIG Thank You to all who helped and participated in WELCA's Annual Rummage Sale, especially to Clay Woslum who volunteered to chair this event. Our community will benefit from your generosity.

Traci Trenoworth and the youth group have, again, volunteered to host our Mother's Day Tea this year. They have some special surprises in store for this special day. It will be held in Friendship Hall at St. Paul's Lutheran Family on Saturday, May 11th. I hope many of you and your families will join us as we honor our mothers on this special day.

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- 2 Rodger Steyn
- 4 Marilou Martineau
- 5 Eileen Scarbrough
- 6 Mary De Felice
- 8 Audrey Stroub
- 12 Jane Antila
- Janelle Henkle
- 13 Jeanetta Bernard
- David Harrell
- 14 Jean Opperman
- 15 Ellen Boone
- 18 Tom Snodgrass
- 19 Pat Fowler
- 20 Angelo DeFelice
- Lykira Fuentes
- Ed Sivertsen
- 29 Chuck Bailey
- 30 Elizabeth Doll
- Marla Hoole
- Daniel Neiman

Palm trees and sandy beaches might be far away, so the YOUTH GROUP is bringing the tropics to our WONDERFUL MOTHER'S!



Help us celebrate this special day!

We don't want Mothers to lift a finger! Ice **TEA**, lemons, and a touch of mint, we need you for our Mother's Day LUAU TEA! Come wearing your favorite Hawaiian shirt or grass skirt if you dare. It's sure to be a blast! We hope to see you at the church for our **Luau Lunch!**

When: **May 11th** Time: **Noon**

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Family

If you have any questions please call **Traci at 721-5495**