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Bits & Pieces

Dear Friends,

After a long period when few changes took place in our worship space and in our liturgy we are about to encounter a veritable whirlwind of change. Ever since Trinity Sunday we have had the same liturgy in place and we have used the same paraments. Now, within a seven week period we will see the colors of our paraments move from green to red to white, back to green for two weeks, then to white and finally the blue of Advent. (Be sure to thank our Altar Guild participants!) All of that occurs because while we are still in the season of Pentecost until the end of November, the feast days of Reformation Sunday (October 28) and the Sunday of All Saints (the first Sunday in November) take precedence. In a similar way the last Sunday of the season of Pentecost, Christ the King, uses white. From then, it is seven days to the first Sunday of Advent when we use blue. The liturgies we use during this time will not be in quite the same flux but the routine we've become used to will be left behind for awhile.

Another part of our routine for this time of the year will also change. If you remember, we began to consider about two years ago the change in timing of our annual meeting and elections. No late November- early December congregational meeting takes place this year. No buzz about the upcoming budget. All of those take place this coming spring. But there is one event that will remain the same.

Last year we held a stewardship event on the first Sunday in November in which all of the members were asked to reflect upon the grace of God and the role that grace plays in their lives. I don't believe that grace and stewardship are often perceived as belonging together. But the stewardship committee has been working very hard for the last couple of years to show just how strongly stewardship is tied not to guilt but to grace. For much too long the manner in which most stewardship has been presented has come from the direction of what one should do or give. The committee believes that if we would but consider for a moment what God has done for us through our Savior Jesus Christ, what God has done and continues to do for us, we could move from guilt to gratitude.

Congregation members will soon receive a letter from me. That letter will invite us to make a written promise which may then be brought to church on Sunday, November 4. During the latter part

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of each service the promises will be collected with others and offered as a whole offering and burnt. This act gives each of us an opportunity to intentionally offer ourselves, and what we call ours, to God. Such an action has the capacity to help us recognize anew God's grace, love and generosity in our lives.

Peace,



Scripture Readers Needed

Scripture readers are needed for the 10:30 service (or whenever Pastor needs us). We even give you what to read...what a deal! All you have to do is call Hope Chowanski, at home 841-9279 or on her cell 720-9397, and sign up. She will call quarterly, and you usually only need to read once every three months. We send you a copy of the readings before Sunday so you can practice. Hope to hear from you soon.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is looking for new members for next year. Each member serves on a team of two or more for one month of the year. Some of the responsibilities are setting up for communion, washing the communion vessels afterward and caring for small lines. "On the job training" is provided. Please contact Mary DeFelice at 882-0916 for more information or to say "I'll help, sign me up."

Heavenly Hand Bells



The Heavenly Hand Bells are looking for subs. If you can read music and can attend the Monday night practice, please call Darlene Lacugna. Her number is 265-0247.

L.E.E. Group

LEE Group will be having a speaker at their meeting on the 1st of November. Everyone is invited to come, bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship. Thanks for all you are doing. Madaline Yoho, President

WELCA

Thank you to all who participated in and attended our Taco luncheon held on Sept 22nd as well as our short meeting that followed. During the meeting we scheduled our monthly meetings, fundraisers and events for the year. We also discussed ways of providing more help within our community.

Our first project, working in conjunction with Betty Razor, will be providing Thanksgiving for three less fortunate families within our community. If you are able and want to help, we will welcome your support. Please bring your non-perishable items to church **AFTER November 3rd** and put them on the two designated tables set up in the NW corner of Friendship Hall. A list of suggested items will be posted on the WELCA bulletin board soon. If you wish to donate money, please make your checks out to WELCA and in the memo part of your check write PTF. We will also be providing Christmas Baskets for three less fortunate families but will be collecting those non-perishable items **AFTER Thanksgiving**. More information will be given at a later date.

Many people have mentioned they would attend more of the WELCA meetings if they were scheduled during the day, especially during the winter months. We have decided to try and have them during the day on Saturdays to accommodate those people who do not like to drive at night and for those who find it difficult to attend during the week.

Please mark your calendars with the following upcoming meetings and special events, all are scheduled on Saturdays with the exception of the Chili Cook-off. We look forward in your attendance.

- **meeting 11 AM November 17, 2012 Guest Speaker from Care Flight-Refreshments will be served**
- **meeting 11 AM December 8, 2012 refreshments will be served**
- **meeting January TBD Bible Study with Ruth Hanusa-Refreshments**
- **Chili Cook-off February 9, 2013 Also... Entertainment and Silent Auction- This will be an evening event**
- **Rummage Sale April 20, 2013 Save your gently used items for this event**
- **Mother's Day May 11, 2013 Details coming**
- **Meeting 11 AM June 1, 2013 Benevolence distribution and Election of Officers for 2013-2014**

Bring your family and friends to our next meeting being held on Saturday November 17th @11:00 AM. We will have a guest speaker from CARE FLIGHT who will give a nice presentation and have handouts to give to attendees. We will also have refreshments.

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!"

Blessings to you and your families this Thanksgiving and always,

Linda Wilson, WELCA President

Financial Secretary's Report

(Aug.1 through Sept. 30, 2012)

- The approved Budget for this period (9 Sundays) is \$39,780.
- Income received for this 9 week period was \$36,948.
- Actual Expenses for the same period were \$37,361.
- YTD (year-to-date) Budget - which is 14 weeks is \$61,880.
- YTD Income received was \$55,190.
- YTD Actual Expenses were \$53,364.
- YTD Income was short of meeting Budget by 10.8%%
- YTD Income exceeded Expenses by 3.4%

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Kinder, Co-Financial Secretary

Sunday School

We are well into our new program year and have been working with our new curriculum. This year we have also split the kids (by age group) into two classes. The younger ones, ages 3-8 are in our elementary group with Shelly Stevens leading the class. Then the older kids, ages 9-12 are now being lead by Mary Burgeson. I am assisting Shelly and Sandy Tucker is helping Mary. We are finding this useful for the kids and a different learning experience for all.

The older class has already practiced and prepared a play telling the story of Bartemeus, the blind man and how Jesus healed him. This play was then presented to the younger class. They did an amazing job, it was a great learning experience and we hope to present other short plays telling the stories of Jesus and his life.

The Sunday School will take part in the Stewardship Sunday ceremony at the end of the first service on Sunday, Nov. 4 at about 8:45 am. Parents, please watch for a letter in the mail to come and explain this event.

We have began practicing songs for our Christmas program which will be in December. The title of the program is: "Light a Candle" We hope you will plan to come and see our presentation. More information will follow.

Our thanks goes out to all of our "Sunday School Angels" for their help each week in our mission to provide the best possible education for our children.

Renee Woslum,

Superintendent



Youth News

Youth Group meets the first and third Sundays of the month at 5:00 pm. In Friendship Hall. All youth are invited to join the fun. For more information, contact Traci Tren Trenoweth at 775-721-5495.

Message from the Council President

We are well into fall now and the temperatures are finally beginning to drop and the trees change color. I, for one, am looking forward to **not** having to mow my lawn for a few months. There are some benefits to cooler weather. One other noticeable difference around St Paul's is that with the fall season, coffee hours have switched from after the 8:00 service to after the 10:30 service. On behalf of the council I would like to extend a thank you to all of you who have signed up to host a coffee hour or plan to do so in the coming months. It is really one of the special things we do at St Paul's. Lutherans have always seemed to enjoy lively conversation and a good cup of coffee, not to mention cookies and other treats.

However, please remember that the members who have volunteered to host a coffee hour have volunteered an hour of their time after church, not the entire afternoon. There have been occasions recently when the conversations have extended well beyond an hour. That is great. But some of our volunteers, having already finished serving and cleaning up, get impatient waiting for the last conversation to end and have left the building thinking others will lock it behind them. Who can blame them? The problem is that sometimes the last person out of the building does not lock it, perhaps thinking that, because they did not host the coffee hour, it was the responsibility of someone else to lock up. As a result, there have been several occasions when our building has been left unlocked with no one there for extended periods. Please, if you volunteer to host a coffee hour, announce (when you are ready to leave) that coffee hour is over and, if anyone chooses to stay beyond that time, that they are responsible for locking up. Don't be bashful. The security of our building may depend on it.

On a different topic, we have a second resignation from the church council. Earlier, Kathryn Opperman resigned due to time conflicts and her school schedule and more recently, Kim Van Dyck has resigned because her husband has taken a position in Kentucky. Consequently, we have two vacancies on the council. If you are at all interested in serving St Paul's in this way, please contact me or Pastor Stan.

Yours in prayer,

Ken Elverum, Council President

Neighborhood Holiday Christmas Faire

Saturday November 10th

By the United Methodist Women from 9 a.m. To 2 p.m.

By St. Peter's Episcopal Church from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

On Division Street between Musser and Telegraph

There will be a soup lunch at the United Methodist Church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prepared and served by the Methodist Men.

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5 Nancy Watkins
6 Philip Martineau
9 Heather Johnson Brown
9 Irene McComb
9 Bruce Pfeiffer
9 Matthew Pollard
10 Jennifer Bailey
11 Lynn Speidel
12 Ron Gutzman
12 Vera Logie
12 Chris Martin
14 Brian Anderson
15 June McIntyre
16 Joshua Esenarro
16 Doug Thunder
18 Dan O'Neill
18 Todd Russell
18 Linda Wilson
19 Bryan Chowanski
19 Mollie Dickens
24 David McComb
25 Kainnan Hamilton
25 Rick Hanson
25 Judy McGee
26 Teresa Enders
26 Frank Furnari
26 Harold Hanson
26 Glenn Laursen
27 Seth Carr
28 Stevie Butterfield
29 Karen Hone
29 Tom Rutter

Dear St. Paul's Family and Friends,

Thank you so very much for all your prayers, cards and calls during my surgery and recovery. It was very comforting to be reminded that you were out there for me.

Hugs and Huge Thanks!! Pat Weigel

THANK YOU

Craftique

Annual Craftique open house is **Saturday Nov. 3rd** here at the church from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. They will have crafts for all seasons, many unique, hand crafted items by local artisans.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Upcoming elections—for new chapter leaders

Have you ever said to yourself? “I wish I could do something to help.” Thrivent gives us an opportunity each year to do this by giving a few hours a month to serve on our leadership board. You can make a positive impact in our community by getting involved. It is not as hard as you think, just step up even if it is just for one year. You can also accept a position with a friend and share the duties.

This year’s elections will be Sunday, Nov. 18 after both services. We are in need of two regular board members, a Records director and Congregation Advocate director (required) but we will be glad to have others who would like to help us as there are other alternate positions that can be filled

St. Paul’s has benefited for years from the funds that have been supplemented from Thrivent. We need to fill the board each year so please don’t hesitate as you can meet new people and I am sure you will enjoy it!

Renee Woslum

Thrivent Carson City Chapter – V.P.

Austin's House

This facility provides emergency shelter and care for a child in crisis between ages birth-18 who must be removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. They are located at the border of Carson City and Carson Valley.

Many of these kids need the utmost love, attention and care. This is their annual drive; please consider donating . Mail a donation to: Austin’s House, P.O. Box 784, Minden, NV 89423. Check out the web site at: www.austinshouse.org.

From one pumpkin to another!

A woman was asked by a coworker, "What is it like to be a Christian?" The coworker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin." God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."



Thanks to Betty Razor for this.



Annual Coat Drive

Oct 22nd - Nov. 30th

The weather is changing and the kids need a warm coat. Please consider donating one for a child in need. It must be either new or clean and gently used.

Ages pre K - 12th grade, appropriate please (no adult coats)

You may leave in the baskets at church or deliver to the Advocate: Peggy Sweetland, 604 W Musser, at McKinney-Venton Building, in back parking area.

Also needed are new socks, shoe laces and underwear, for ages preK-12th grade, both boys and girls.

Earthquake Guide for Motorists

Most of us are familiar with the techniques of responding to a quake while indoors, but how should one respond is an earthquake occurs while driving. Given the amount of time we spend traveling, we should be prepared for a major emergency. Here are a few safety guideline:

- Gradually decrease speed
- Pull to the side of the road when it is safe to do so
- So not stop on or under bridges or against walls
- Avoid parking near trees, downed power line, and buildings
- Stop the car and keep your seatbelt fastened
- Remain in your car till the shaking stops; keep that in mind as aftershock do occur
- Turn on your car radio and listen for advisories
- if driving on the freeway and it is safe to do so, exit at the first opportunity

Keep in your vehicle:

- First aid kit, bottled water
- Non-perishable food (energy bars)
- Blanket/sleeping bag, flashlight
- Fire extinguisher
- Tissue and pre-moistened towels
- Extra shoes, coat
- sealable plastic bags
- gloves and toiletries

Christmas Poinsettia Program 2012

Cost this year will be \$11.00. Deadline for orders is Monday, December 17th. Order sheets will be in the church bulletin on Sunday, Dec. 9th and Sunday, Dec. 16th.

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