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*A Message from  
Interim Pastor Jim Goldsmith*

Dear Friends in Christ,

The election results are in ... and **we have a Call Committee!** Last Sunday, September 27th, the congregation met between worship services and elected six committee members and two alternates. The members are:

Traci Angel • Carol Arneson

Louise Griffith • Glenn Laursen

Jean Opperman • Tom Snodgrass

Alternates: Sandy Danforth • Judy McPhail

Bishop Mark Holmerud has been advised that a Call Committee has been elected. Vice President Linda Wilson will arrange for the committee members to get together, elect a chairperson and begin to organize their work. Please pray for the committee members as they work on the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) that is required for the call process. They will also be asking for **your** input at points along the way.

**Next month, November**, is a traditional time for considering the many gifts that God has given to us – and how we use those gifts of time, talent and money to support ourselves, our families, and God's work through our congregation and out into the world.

The theme for November here will be "**Caretakers of Thanksgiving.**" Our focus will not only be on the joy of Thanksgiving Day, but also on all of the opportunities God gives us to be thankful for our blessings – and to bless others as well. More to come...

Looking even farther ahead, **do you have a favorite memory or experience from a past Christmas or Advent season?** One of my favorites is the time when my Uncle John came tapping on the bathroom window in the middle of the night...

**What if we were to share those stories with each other in the form of an Advent devotional booklet?** One story or memory for each day of the Advent season, helping us all to prepare for the joyous celebration of our Savior's birth. I'll tell you the rest of my Uncle John story – if you will share a story with the rest of us!

Was your first Advent calendar special? Did you get coal in your stocking one Christmas? Did special guests come to your house, or did your family travel somewhere? Was there a special gift that you remember with great fondness? Whatever it might be, please share it with us! It can't be **too** long of a story, but we will all be blessed by its retelling.

All you have to do is write down the memory or story and get it to me or to Renee in the church office. We will do all of the arranging and formatting to make a nice Advent gift for our whole congregation. If you can, please submit yours in electronic form (in the body of an email or as an attached word processing file) – but that's not an absolute requirement... In fact, I'm even willing to come visit and write down your story for you, as you tell it! Just let me know.

Yours, in Christ,

## **President's Corner**

Exciting things keep happening at Congregation Council meetings! I hope at least some of you are smiling when you read that because many of you know how long and tedious council meetings can be. Our last meeting in September was, however, especially productive and a number of important decisions were made.

First, the council approved a plan developed by the Finance Committee to distribute benevolence offerings throughout the year. At our most recent annual meeting this past June, the congregation approved a budget that included a new formula for distributing benevolence to a variety of charitable organizations. Previously, St. Paul's used a system that based such distributions on a percentage of the overall budget, but this fiscal year we will be basing these payments on a percentage of unrestricted income donated each month. Because the amounts donated can vary widely, the Finance Committee developed a spreadsheet to evenly space our benevolence payments equally throughout the year. I would like to especially thank Jere Schultz and the Finance Committee for their work on this issue.

Next, the council decided to replace the old Risograph machine in the office and lease a new color copier from High Sierra Business Systems of Carson City and Reno. The old Risograph had become too difficult to maintain, especially given that fact that the company that services the machine is based in Salt Lake City. The new lease agreement will cost approximately \$205 per month for 60 months and our total copier costs for the year will be somewhere in the vicinity of \$3,700, including all parts, labor, and supplies such as toner. This figure, of course, exceeds what we have budgeted for office supplies and equipment, so the council will be looking for places in the budget to save money as the year goes along.

The council also approved a new payroll services agreement with Wells Fargo Bank which will now handle the payments to our staff. The first checks have already been written and our treasurer, Gloria Randle, reports that the new system is working well. In addition, the council appointed a special group from within the Finance Committee to begin developing a policy and procedure manual for the finance secretary and treasurer. Nothing like this currently exists and members of the committee feel that, when completed, it will be a useful tool. Work will begin soon.

In other news, the council appointed three new members to the Worship Life Committee: Joan and Jere Schultz, and Judy McPhail. The council sincerely appreciates their willingness to serve St. Paul's in this way. The Congregation Council also began a discussion concerning the shortage of storage areas in our church building as well as which group within the church should be responsible for the various rooms of the building. No action was taken as it was felt that there should be further discussion by the various interest groups before the October council meeting.

In closing, this will be my last message to you for a little while. As some of you know, Kay and I have been accepted as volunteer national park rangers in Guadalupe Mountains National Park in Texas. Specifically, we will be the trail rangers this autumn in McKittrick Canyon, walking the six-mile trail daily and supervising visitors who have traveled to see the spectacular fall colors located there. The job lasts until the end of November after which we hope to visit both our daughter, Katie, and our son, Patrick, who live in Texas. Since we retired we have enjoyed traveling to various national parks and to see our children and grandchildren, and this opportunity allows us to do both. I know that St. Paul's is entering an important phase in the process of calling our new pastor, but I am confident that with the leadership of Pastor Jim and Vice President Linda Wilson, who will be filling in for me while I am gone, the process will go smoothly. We will be thinking of and praying for you while we are away. Please have a wonderful fall and we will see you in December.

***Ken Elverum, Council President***

# A SEASON OF 100 KINDNESSES

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN FAMILY  
CARSON CITY, NV

**A Season of 100 Kindnesses** is underway! This new effort to create name recognition in the community and to work together as a congregation to spread kindness has already met with success. A new bulletin board will be placed in the entry space soon to share more information, pictures, etc. One hint – one of the first Kindnesses involved friends of a canine persuasion...

Our goal still is to complete at least 100 Kindnesses by the end of December. These Kindnesses will be passed on to the residents of our community, including the members of St. Paul's congregation, by members of our church family. Once a Kindness has been completed a numbered informational handout – with information on this project and about the church – will be presented to the recipient of that particular Kindness. While performing the Kindness church volunteers may be wearing a t-shirt imprinted with the **100 Kindnesses** logo.

A reminder of some sample Kindnesses:

- ◆ Small yard work projects
- ◆ Small home repairs
- ◆ Helping load groceries
- ◆ Helping pump gas
- ◆ Shoveling snow (Snow? What's that?)
- ◆ Providing groceries

More information is coming; watch for it!

Kristine Sandmeier,  
100 Kindnesses Coordinator

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

We are excited about our Youth Group Kick Off meeting held on October 17th! Youth Group meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 6:00-8:00 p.m. All youth that are in 7th through 12th grades are welcome to join!



October just crept up on us and now it is here. Consequently, we are getting ready for a Safe Halloween Night. The Youth Group will be putting on this great event. The group is in need of some help ... we need candy, craft supplies and helpers! Kids of all ages are welcome to come join us for the night!!! If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Traci Angel at 721-5495. Please remember that our youth would love to see church members stop by and see what they are up to, so keep us in mind and stop by the church.

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

- ◆ A **Free Legal Aid Fair** is being offered on Saturday, October 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Sierra Room of the Carson City Community Center. There is more information on a flyer that is on the bulletin board.
- ◆ The Nevada Rural Housing Authority is holding a **2015 Landlord Informational Workshop** at several locations and times around the state, including Carson City on October 23rd. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

**Upcoming events for WELCA  
Mark your calendar and plan to come!**



**Tuesday, October 20 – 6:30 p.m.** – Program for the congregation – Who lives in a watershed? What is it and what is its place in our community? Learn about how we impact and are affected by the watershed, floods, weather and climate change.

Speakers from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection will present the program. Dessert will be served following the presentation.



**Sunday, November 15 – 2:00 p.m.** – Congregation and community are invited to hear a panel of women who have served in the military. Panelists will be Hazel Ryland, Connie Bisbee, Caroll Massie and Kim Neiman. Come and hear about their experiences in serving their country. Refreshments will be served following the program.



*Please remember that all women of St. Paul's are welcome to attend WELCA meetings and events. Please consider joining us!! It is a great opportunity to meet women you may not have had the chance to spend time with before.*



**START THINKING  
RUMMAGE SALE!!!**

As you move from summer clothes to those you'll wear during the fall and winter – if you have things that you might not want to wear next year, why not box them up for St. Paul's Rummage Sale to be held in March of 2016? Whenever you are contacted by another charity for your "extras," think that they could be sold at St. Paul's Rummage Sale! *Remember – this is an annual event supported by all of the members of St. Paul's.*



**LEE GROUP (M)EATS AGAIN!**

The LEE Group (*aka: Lutheran Eager Eaters*) will meet in Friendship Hall for a potluck luncheon on Thursday, October 1, starting at 11:30 am. LEE is a social group of folks who meet for lunch on the first Thursday of each month (except July and August). **EVERYONE** is welcome!! So, please bring a dish to share (casserole, veggies, salad, dessert, rolls, etc.) and plan to join us. Try it ... we think you'll like it!

*Hosting for October: Doris Howell, Marla Johnson, and Vicki Hamilton. For more information, please call Doug Thunder (883-1548) or Nellie Revelle (224-0161).*

# COMMITTEE NEWS

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Our weekly coffee hour has returned to its regular time after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. A new sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please add YOUR name to help out!



## WORSHIP LIFE COMMITTEE

The committee met between worship services on August 30th. We discussed special services for the fall and holidays, and the “all-in-one” bulletin that was used during the month of August. We decided to resume use of that type of bulletin in early October. The Congregation Council approved a new copier to help streamline this task.

If you have any comments or suggestions, why not join us for our next meeting? Watch the bulletin for announcements!

Judy McPhail and Joan Schultz  
Co-Chairpersons

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Christian Education committee met just before Sunday School began on Sunday, September 20. We have made some important new changes in Sunday School this year with regard to our goal to keep the energy going throughout the year and keep the children coming back to Sunday School. For instance, our Sunday School Opening each week is being led by the confirmation class, with help from Traci Angel and Ashle Overlock from the Youth group. During VBS, the youth volunteers led some of our music and were always able to fill the kids with energy for their studies and other activities. Also, Kristine Sandmeier is teaching part of the confirmation curriculum for 7th-9th graders during the Sunday School hour to keep our connection to the older kids.

Christian Education is an important part of our life here at St. Paul's. Please help us keep the energy going. If you would like to volunteer, we would love to have you!

Renee Woslum,  
Sunday School Superintendent

## WELLNESS COMMITTEE

The Wellness Committee is a wonderful resource to us as they have their eyes and ears open to collect as much information as they can for our benefit, such as:

- ◆ Needed by Advocates Against Domestic Violence – cleaning supplies, kitchen supplies, laundry supplies
- ◆ Needed by Students in Transition – shoes, socks, underwear, coats (all child sizes)
- ◆ Help Wanted – someone with proper qualifications to take members' blood pressure once a month on Sundays
- ◆ There are numerous exercise opportunities in town: Cancer Center, Carson Tahoe Cardiology, and the Senior Center on Roop Street

A BIG thank you – to whoever donated girls socks, \$5 Rewards card from Famous Footwear, some change and several boxes of pens, pencils and crayons. If you would like to receive a receipt for your donations, or help in other ways, please call Betty Razor at 841-2208.

## COMMITTEE NEWS (cont.)

### STRUCTURAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE



We are in the home stretch in completing the final projects of our building and property improvements. The trees have been trimmed throughout the landscape and work has begun on the parking lot restoration and parking lot lighting enhancements.

Parking lot work began **Monday, September 29th** to restore the surface areas and construct bases for new light poles. The greatest disruption will be during weekdays – groups using our church facilities may have to park in the unpaved area when the main lot is barricaded off during the repairs. One of the first steps will be to remove the old light poles, so those groups conducting evening meetings will have less light than usual. We are attempting to set up some form of temporary lighting but we encourage members attending evening meetings to bring flashlights to safely access the facility. The contractor will attempt to restore the parking area enough to conduct Sunday worship services and currently estimates the parking area to be completely repaired in time for the Scandinavian Festival on October 10th. However, the lack of lighting will linger until the new poles are erected during the week of **November 2nd**.

**PLEASE be patient while this important work is done, make safe choices while the workers and heavy equipment are on site, and help one another to work around the construction situation.**

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee will be meeting on October 27th at 4 pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to meet our insurance representative from Church Mutual Insurance.

Gloria Randle, Chairperson

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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- October 2 – Sandy Tucker
  - October 2 – Dennis Moltz
  - October 4 – Bev Steinert
  - October 6 – Debbie Hanson
  - October 9 – Betty Thoreson
  - October 12 – Justin Stevens
  - October 13 – Wayne Opperman
  - October 15 – Caleb Gesick
  - October 17 – Anita Enders
  - October 17 – Barbara Halvorson-Magee
  - October 18 – Deanna Kojder
  - October 18 – Betty Razor
  - October 18 – Roy Trenoweth
  - October 19 – Jack Lofaro
  - October 20 – Carol Arneson
  - October 21 – Allen Marsh
  - October 23 – David Van Koningsveld
  - October 23 – Tommy Townsend
  - October 24 – Leonard Frederick
  - October 25 – Ashle Overlock
  - October 26 – Kim Esenarro
  - October 26 – Joseph Neiman
  - October 27 – Peggy Saville
  - October 29 – Maxine Bowton
  - October 29 – Dee Coughlin

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

October 4 – 10:30 am – Renee Woslum  
and Roger Moellendorf

October 11 – 8:00 am – Bill Sandell and  
Hannelore Hanke

October 18 – 10:30 am – Linda Wilson and  
Judy McPhail

October 25 – 8:00 am –  
Jean Opperman  
and Bill Sandell



### GREETERS (10:30 a.m.)

October 4 – Judy McPhail

October 11 – Mary Neumann

October 18 – Evelyn Luterick

October 25 – Mary Neumann

### READERS – 8:00 a.m.

October 4 – Tom Snodgrass

October 11– Vera Logie

October 18 – Gloria Randle

October 25 – Bob Larson



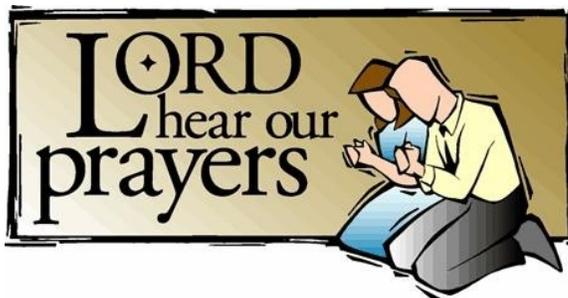
### READERS – 10:30 a.m.

October 4 – Judy McPhail

October 11– Linda Wilson

October 18 – Holly McPhail

October 25 – Andrea Knudson



### **SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:**

Jerry, Brandon (Luterick), Ike (Moellendorf), Heather (Johnson Brown), Samuel (Weirton and Osterhold), Peter (Elverum), Tim (Gridley), Sarah (McGee), Olivia (Lesperance), Jason (Coleman), Tom, Michael, Justin

### **FIREFIGHTERS/PEACE OFFICERS:**

Andy (Steyn), Brian (Hillenbrand), Tina (Sherman), Mark (Dickens), John (Gould)

### **CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:**

Jennifer, Bev, John, Harry, Peggy S., Roy T., Susan, Michael, Julie, Eileen, James, Helen, Greg, George, Carroll, Norman, Joe, Tom, Sandy T., Angelo, Julia, Colin, Harold, Don W.

### **THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:**

**Jane Johns** (severe back pain); **Debbie**; **Sher** (acute leukemia); **Pastor David Bringman**, his family and the members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Alameda (in hospice care); **Jenna Harrell** (David Harrell's granddaughter, recurrence of cancer); **Ellen Harrell** (undergoing medical tests); **Jere Schultz** (preparing for surgery); **Margarita Del Real** (recovering from surgery); **Cassie Cortes** (recovering from surgery); **Jane Del Real** (very ill); **Betty Ray Lesch** (Kevan Lesch's mother, recovering from surgery and pneumonia); **Bill Massie** (recovering from abdominal surgery)



**Volunteers are needed to be counters** after each worship service. *Training is provided; please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.*

**The last good thing that may happen in a person's life is a hospice volunteer.**



**Caring people make a difference.**

Offering Local training and local support. Call a coordinator to learn how you can become a Saint Mary's Hospice Volunteer

Janine Robinson  
775-770-3602

Dawn Madrid  
775-770-6117



**St. Paul's Lutheran Family Leadership**

- President – Ken Elverum – 882-3021
- Vice President – Linda Wilson – 246-1543
- Secretary – Roger Moellendorf – 315-5295
- Treasurer – Gloria Randle – 884-3253
- Financial Sec'y – Kevan Lesch – 267-0115
- Stewardship Committee – Nathan Miller, Council Liaison – 883-3194; Judy Lowther, Chair – 882-5683
- Christian Education Committee – Renee Woslum, Council Liaison – 883-7748; Chair (vacant)
- Structural Property Committee – Bill Sandell, Council Liaison – 246-5439; Chair (vacant)
- Coordinating Design Committee – Tom Gesick, Council Liaison – 443-8744; Jean Russell, Chair – 882-6710
- Fellowship Committee – Bill Sandell, Council Liaison – 246-5439; Kay Elverum, Chair – 882-3021
- Wellness Committee – Jean Opperman, Council Liaison – 885-0899; Betty Razor, Chair – 841-2208
- Worship Life Committee – Gloria Randle, Council Liaison – 884-3253; Judy McPhail, Co-Chair – 841-7620 – Joan Schultz, Co-Chair – 883-6833
- Youth Ministry Committee – Tom Gesick, Council Liaison – 443-8744; Traci Angel, Youth Director – 721-5495
- Finance Committee – Gloria Randle, Treasurer – 884-3253
- Interim Pastor – Rev. Jim Goldsmith – 707-845-1174

