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### *A Message from*

### *Interim Pastor Jim Goldsmith*

Dear Friends in Christ,

The past few months of construction and change have been busy and challenging. Even though we're not quite done yet – a new parking lot and lighting are coming! – the next few months will also be full of activity and challenges that will not require hammers and heavy equipment.

When I joined you as Interim Pastor last October, I “guesstimated” that it would be time to choose a **Call Committee** sometime in the summer of 2015. It's a bit late but that time has come! A special Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 27th, between worship services – 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. The only agenda item for that meeting will be the election of a six-member Call Committee. If you are interested in serving St. Paul's in this way please contact Ken Elverum or Linda Wilson. And if you would like to know more about what a Call Committee does these days, I will offer an overview of the committee and call process during the adult Sunday School hour on September 20th.

Kristine Sandmeier came to me with an intriguing idea – what if we organized ourselves to perform many acts of kindness within the congregation and our community? This could be an opportunity to make St. Paul's more visible and be a blessing to many people. With the support of the Congregation Council, **A Season of 100 Kindnesses** came to be. Please see the article elsewhere in this newsletter – and be

part of our “holy host” going forth to do good in the next few months!



One of the important – and fun! – activities of an interim ministry transition is to review and better **understand a church's history**. We will be doing this on Saturday, October 3rd, with the expert help of Pastor David and Gloria Baker. Please sign up for this valuable experience! More information is available in this newsletter. Did I mention the free lunch? That's right!

A growing tradition in the Carson City religious community is an annual **Labor Day Picnic**. The 7th annual affair will take place on the Labor Day holiday – Monday, September 7th – at St. Peter's Episcopal Church from 4 to 6 p.m. It's a potluck, so bring along a good Lutheran dish to share, and enjoy the fellowship of the interfaith crowd. There will be a short program and some music. This is also a benefit for F.I.S.H. – please bring nonperishable food and/or personal care items to donate. See you there!

Thanks again for all of the love and support that you have given to me and Karen – we are blessed to be part of St. Paul's Lutheran Family!

Yours, in Christ, Pastor Jim

## President's Corner

As I sat down to write this message, I couldn't help but think about how August is sometimes referred to as the "Dog Days of Summer." It is usually hot and the days just seem to be something to be endured until the cooler weather of autumn finally brings relief. Most organizations such as ours do not attempt to schedule many activities in August as people are trying to get in one last vacation trip or long weekend before summer ends. September is when things start happening again – a new school year begins, college and professional football games return to our television screens, and many other activities resume that have been on hold while people were away enjoying the summer.

St. Paul's, I think, is no different in that regard. We will be celebrating the end of summer with a church picnic on September 13th, Sunday school is about to start, and we will be electing a Call Committee at the end of the month. The repairs to the church have been completed and new carpet and flooring has been installed and it is great to be back worshipping in the sanctuary again. The last major project to repair the parking lot and install new lighting will begin soon and we hope to be hiring a new church musician in the coming weeks. The Transition Team is busy preparing for our History Day in October and the Special Committee for Constitutional Revisions is continuing to work diligently to reconcile the differences in the two proposals adopted last June. As you can see, there is a lot happening around St. Paul's as we move into the new church year. With your prayers, I am confident that all will go smoothly and well.

Yours in Christ,  
Ken Elverum  
Congregation Council President

## **A REQUEST from the Wellness Committee**

The Carson City School District / Children In Transition Program provides assistance to marginal children in Carson City. They try to provide clothes and school supplies so that all children can attend school with heads held high.



Can you provide some assistance? Critical items are listed below and you may leave them in the baskets at church.

- ◆ Clothing: Socks, underwear, coats and shoes for boys and girls, all sizes.
- ◆ Basic school supplies: glue sticks, scissors, pens, pencils, colored pencils, hand-held pencil sharpener, pink erasers, water based markers, white glue, highlighters, composition notebooks, binders, pocket folders, rulers.
- ◆ If you prefer to donate cash, place in an envelope marked CC School District.
- ◆ Checks are payable to: CC Children in Transition Program.
- ◆ Note: Include your name to receive an IRS receipt.

May God Bless,  
Betty Razor

### **Offering Counters**



**Volunteers are needed to be counters** after both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am services.

*Please consider signing up on the sheet in the hallway. Training is provided.*

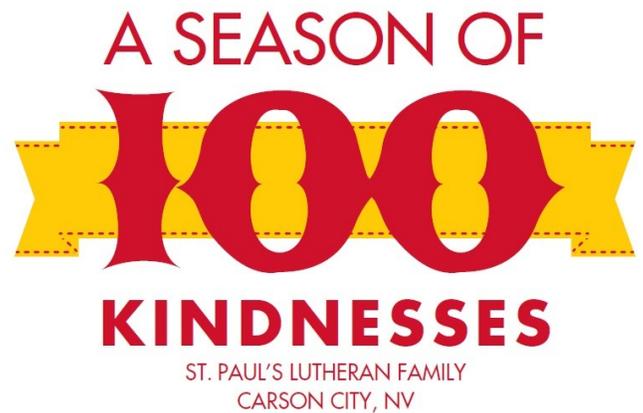
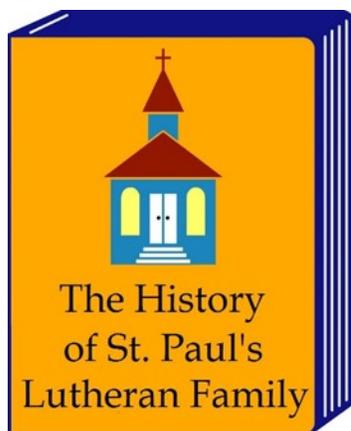


**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd**  
**9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

This will be a FUN and informative event for St. Paul's Lutheran Family! We will gather in groups according to the year in which we joined the congregation; then each group will create a timeline for ALL of the major events that they recall through the years. When the timelines are complete we will all have an opportunity to see what each group has remembered... *or maybe forgotten*. The day will conclude with a very Lutheran question: **What does this mean for St. Paul's and its future?**

Pastor David Baker and Gloria Baker from Penn Valley, California, will guide us through the entire event. David has served as a parish pastor, assistant to the bishop, interim bishop and cruise ship chaplain. Gloria is a talented teacher and analyst; she and David have led this workshop event many times.

Please put your name(s) on the sign-up sheet in the hallway so that we can have enough food for everyone. **LUNCH WILL BE CATERED!!!**



**A Season of 100 Kindnesses** is a new effort to create name recognition in the community and to work together as a congregation to spread kindness in the community!

The goal of this project is to complete at least 100 Kindnesses beginning in September and finishing in 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.

Donations of time, as well as money, may be requested for each Kindness through sign-up sheets and verbal requests. 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.

Sample Kindnesses:

- ◆ Small yard work projects
- ◆ Small home repairs
- ◆ Helping load groceries
- ◆ Helping pump gas
- ◆ Shoveling snow (Snow? What's that?)
- ◆ Providing groceries
- ◆ .....and 100 other great suggestions provided by the kind members of St. Paul's Lutheran Family!

More information will be available soon...

Kristine Sandmeier,  
100 Kindnesses Coordinator



**WELCA  
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St. Paul's  
Lutheran Family

**Capital City Circles Initiative  
Orientation and Friendship Building  
Opportunity**

The Capital City Circles Initiative is a non-profit organization whose mission is to elevate people out of poverty by intentionally creating relationships across class lines and empowering people in poverty to chart their own course toward self-sufficiency. CCCI is excited to invite you to attend the Orientation and Friendship Building Opportunity on Tuesday, September 15th from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided from 11:30 – Noon.

If you would like to attend, call Brenda or David at 883-6506. Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 8th. ***There is no charge for participation.***

Brenda Silis, Program Manager of Circles, is going to be the guest speaker at the September 24th meeting of WELCA. If you aren't able to attend the above opportunity, plan to come and hear all about this important organization at that time.

There is additional information on the WELCA bulletin board.

***NOTE: 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.***

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

**Thursday, September 24 – Kickoff meeting**

– **5:30 p.m.** – Taco salads are on the menu – see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board to see what you might contribute. The program will feature Tommy Townsend's report on ComputerCorps Camp and a presentation by Brenda Silis from Capital City Circles Initiative. Come and enjoy the start of another interesting year of women celebrating with women.



**Tuesday, October 20 – 6:30 p.m. – Program for the congregation – a speaker from Nature Conservancy, River Fork Ranch, Genoa will discuss Conservancy for Future Generations.** Refreshments will be served following the presentation.

**Sunday, November 15 – 2 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.



Women's Ministry

# COMMITTEE NEWS

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Committee members have agreed that coffee hour will return to its regular time, after the 10:30 a.m. service, on Sunday, September 6, 2015. A new sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

The Annual Summer Picnic and Sunday School Kick-Off will be held after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, September 13th. The event will be celebrated with a True Potluck Lunch (i.e. general sign-up for menu items), as well as indoor and outdoor games coordinated by the Fellowship and Education Committees.

A BIG Thank-you to Kay Elverum and the committee for all the great meals provided and coordinated during the Mid-week suppers & services.

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee is working on an invitation to families and children in our community to join the start of Sunday School this month.

The ice cream social has been cancelled due to too many other things going on at the same time within the church.

We will be working on the upcoming stewardship drive with Pastor Jim in the fall.

Along with the Fellowship Committee we thank everyone who helped make the Sunday brunch so successful on August 16th after the re-dedication of our Sanctuary.

Our next meeting is September 10th at 11 a.m.

*Blessed*  
to Be a  
*Blessing*

## WORSHIP LIFE COMMITTEE

The Worship Life Committee is looking for members and a new chairperson. If you have always wanted to have a voice in planning our worship here at St. Paul's, now is your opportunity to be an active participant; please contact the office or Ken Elverum (882-3021). Our committee is an important part of our worship life here at St. Paul's. Please consider stepping up and helping out. Thanks!

The committee will be meeting between services on August 30th at 9:00 am. We will be discussing special worship services for the fall and holidays, as well as the "all-in-one" bulletin that has been used in worship during the month of August. Please join us!

## STRUCTURAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE

As you have noticed since last month the vinyl planks have been laid in the entrance, as well as the carpet in the Luther Room, Friendship Hall, the spare office and Evergreen Room. The Youth Group will be painting the Evergreen Room. We are also done with the storage container. One of the last things to do – and it's in process – is fixing our parking lot and installing new lighting for it. This may take some time to complete, so parking may have to be in the area south of the current parking lot, but we will keep you informed.

We are also going to prepare a "standard operating procedure" notebook. This is to outline how to operate certain functions within the church, and who to contact should problems arise. Thank you for your understanding.



**COMMITTEE NEWS (cont.)**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Our Vacation Bible School was a wonderful success and I need the help of the congregation to keep the momentum going for this year's Sunday School. If you have anyone in your family or neighborhood that you feel might benefit from sending their children here, please invite them. Sunday School will begin September 20th with Rally Day. Starting time is 9:00 am and classes continue until 10:15 am. Adult classes will also resume and meet with Pastor Jim.

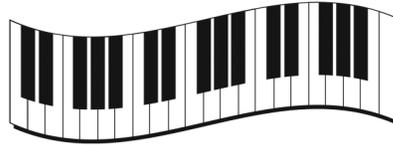
Volunteers are also needed to be substitute teachers and helpers. From time to time a teacher might need a Sunday off so you would be asked to fill in. Everything you need for class is provided and don't worry if you have never taught children. If you want to check us out just come and observe after we get started and see if Sunday School appeals to you. Try us out! Any questions, please call Renee in the office.



Christian Education is an important part of our life here at St. Paul's. Please help us keep the energy going.

Renee Woslum,  
Sunday School Superintendent

**Principal Musician**



We have two openings for musicians on our staff – a **principal**

**musician**, who plays for all worship services and serves as the choir accompanist, and an **adult choir director**. Job descriptions for both positions are available in the church office. The deadline for applying for the principal musician position is September 15; applications for the choir director position will be accepted until the position is filled.

Please contact Vice President Linda Wilson (246-1543) if you have any questions or to apply.



**Heavenly Handbells Resume!**

Summer is over and the Bell Choir will resume Monday practices starting on Monday, September 14, 2015. We have had several surgeries but we are still intact and moving forward. If you are interested in learning to play bells, call me. I will give you a free private lesson! (WOW!)



Darlene Lacugna – 265-0247

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

September 6 – 10:30 am – Linda Wilson  
and Jean Opperman

September 13th – 8:00 am – Bill Sandell  
and Jean Opperman

September 20th – 10:30 am – TBD

September 27th –  
8:00 am – Gloria  
Randle and TBD



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

September 6 – Judy McPhail

September 13th – Mary Neumann

September 20th – Judy Lowther

September 27th – Evelyn Luterick

### READERS – 8:00 a.m.

September 6 – Gloria Randle

September 13th – Vera Logie

September 20th – Caroll Massie

September 27th – TBD



### READERS – 10:30 a.m.

September 6 – Renee Woslum

September 13th – Linda Wilson

September 20th – Hope Chowanski

September 27th – Sarah Jevne

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 2 – Joan Yeskie

September 3 – Carol Kalleras

September 3 – Judy Webster

September 4 – Lindsay Chowanski



September 9 – Caroll Massie

September 10 – Sharon Melsheimer

September 13 – Renee Woslum

September 14 – Nathan Miller

September 17 – Marcia Manley

September 19 – Jim Rud

September 21 – Jane Johns

September 22 – Jennifer Coughlin

September 27 – Jere Schultz

September 30 – Karen Gould



# SEPTEMBER



**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

**FIREFIIGHTERS/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, Gloria S., Julie, Eileen, Debbie, James, Helen, Greg, Debbie, George, Bill M., Carroll M., Norman, Joe, Tom, Sandy T., Rich W., Shirley, Nita, Carol, Tammy, Angelo

**THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:**

**Julia Hall** (Judy McPhail's mother, end stage of pancreatic cancer); **Janice Ward** (Doris Howell's sister); **Dale Randle** (recuperating); **Jane Johns** (severe back pain); **Don Logie** (recuperating); **Leonard Frederick** (recuperating from surgery); **Don Warmuth** (Susan Misner's husband, right knee); **Harold Nolte** (recovering from an infection); **Debbie Revelle** (recovering from surgery); **Sher** (acute leukemia); **Pastor David Bringman**, his family and the members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Alameda (he has been diagnosed with liver cancer); **Jenna Harrell** (David Harrell's granddaughter, recurrence of cancer); **Ellen Harrell** (undergoing medical tests)



**Prayers Do Help!**

We want to thank all who prayed for Chuck during his long recovery from the surgical removal of a four-inch cyst from his kidney.

Thanks also for praying for our daughter Susan; after six weeks of recovery from surgery she has returned to work. Thanks be to God!

Chuck and Darlene Lacugna

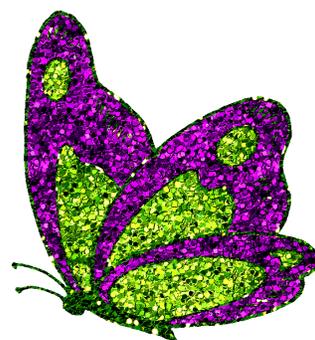
The Trenoweth / Angel family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for all the wonderful caring support we received after



Candy's passing. Thank you all for the kind words, cards, beautiful service, and most of all the support!! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

**LEE GROUP**

LEE Group (aka: Lutheran Eager Eaters) will meet in Friendship Hall for their monthly potluck luncheon on Thursday, September 3, starting at 11:30 am. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share: meat, casseroles, veggies, salad, bread, dessert, etc. This is a great social opportunity to meet new



folks and renew friendships. EVERYONE is invited to attend...so don't be shy...come, join the fun! The more the merrier!!



**THRIVENT  
FINANCIAL**

*Connecting faith & finances for good.™*

The Carson City chapter of Thrivent is following the pattern of the rest of the country in transitioning to “Thrivent Member Networks.” Our chapter will not continue to have a board beyond December 31, 2015. Between now and then, we will be moving to “Community Action Teams,” with any Thrivent member eligible to access a \$250 gift card from Thrivent as seed money to reach any charitable funding goal. This seed money is intended to be used for advertising signage, volunteer support, and any expense incurred in the effort to raise money for a charitable cause. Applications for the gift card are online at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com).



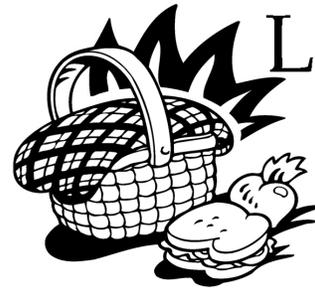
## Call Committee

A **CALL COMMITTEE** will be elected at a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday, September 27, 9:15–10:15 a.m. (between services). If you are interested in serving or wish to nominate someone else, please contact President Ken Elverum (882-3021) or Vice President Linda Wilson (246-1543).

## FLU SHOT Clinic



There will be a **Flu Vaccine Immunization Clinic** held here at St. Paul’s on Monday, September 28th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. This clinic is for St. Paul’s members and their families. The cost is \$25 or they will bill Medicaid, Medicare or most private insurance.



## Labor Day Interfaith Picnic

The **7th Annual Interfaith Labor Day Picnic** will be on Monday, September 7th at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. More information is available on a flyer posted on the bulletin board. A fun way to celebrate and connect with other people of faith!

### Debonair Young Cat Needs Temporary Home

My name is Charlie Chaplin. I am a 2-year-old male tuxedo cat and I need someone to take care of me from September 14th to December 15th while my owners do service work in another community. I am very shy, am most comfortable with women, and prefer to be the only pet. I could stay at your house or you could stay in my owners’ home if you have the proper references. My owners are willing to negotiate a caretaker’s fee. Please call Renee in the Church office if you are interested (775) 882-3020.



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

Well it has been a nice long hot summer! The youth group has been busy.....We want to give a big thank you to everyone that supports us throughout the year! It is with the help of you the wonderful members of the church that we are able to accomplish so much every year.



# Youth Group START-UP

We have had a great summer but are ready for a new year!! We must give a great big good bye to William as he heads off to University of North Texas! William we all wish you the very BEST on your new journey!!

We are excited to start the NEW YEAR with great new youth joining us!! We will be having our kick off meeting on September 17, 2015. The meeting will be from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the church and dinner will be provided. All youth that are in the 7th through 12th grade are welcome to join the youth group!! Parents of the youth are asked to join our meeting at 6:30pm. We are looking forward to a fun-filled year! If you know anyone that is interested or have any questions, please call Traci Angel at 721-5495.

## 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; Chair  
(vacant)  
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

