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NEWSLETTER



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN FAMILY (ELCA) MISSION STATEMENT

St. Paul's Lutheran Family's highest priority is to proclaim the good news of God's love for all people through the incarnation, death, and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Baptized into the family of Christ we commit ourselves to love and care for one another and to provide a safe home in which we celebrate God's love for us. In the midst of our sorrow and pain, we also embrace laughter, fellowship, work, and love for this family of God.



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Bits & Pieces

Dear Friends,

My guess is that the first thing you'll notice about this newsletter is that it has two calendars. Elizabeth and I will not be back in time to get a proper newsletter out when we return so the decision was made to combine the September and October publications.

In a recent conversation with Nellie I have heard some encouraging news. The medications she is on to address the pain she experiences have been refined so that she is now able to field phone calls to her home and even to have visits. She would appreciate a phone call first.

St. Paul's had a good time on August 26. The single 9:00 a.m. service brought all of us an opportunity to experience a greater appreciation for our whole "family". Outdoor games provided an outlet for the younger (and some not so younger) set while the indoor games provided a number of opportunities for people to gab while they gamed. For those of you who missed the outdoor activity best described as "find the cherry" you'll just have to wait for the pictures. Lots of laughter with that one. Thanks to all of the musicians who made the Chicago Folk Service such a joy. I've heard from several members who were introduced to this service for the first time on the 26th indicate how much energy it brought to worship. Conversations about future use are already taking place.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Lin Nary for all of the work she did for this newsletter. She did the lion's share of the work on this and saved me a lot of effort. Thank you very much Lin. You are a blessing.

Peace,



L.E.E. Group

Welcome back!!! We pray that you had a vacation filled with happy memories. A new year will begin for the LEE Group Thursday, September 6 at 11:30 a.m. It will be a potluck luncheon. I am pleased to announce that we have a new full corps of officers. I'm looking forward to greeting all of you.

Sincerely,
Madaline Yoho, President

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Birthdays

September

2 Katelin Elverum
2 Joan Yeskie
3 Carol Kalleres
3 Judy Webster
4 Lindsay Chowanski
4 Lyn McComb
5 Ashley Renteria
6 Westley Luterick
7 Candy Trenoweth
8 Brian Hillenbrand
9 Kathie Lunz
9 Caroll Massie
9 Justin Snowden
10 Larry Lunz
10 Sharon Melsheimer
11 Marilyn Hall
12 Kathy Gagnon
13 Sandee Gagnier
13 Renee Woslum
14 Don Logie
14 Nathan Miller
15 Theresa Williams
17 Marcia Manley
18 Mak Azadi
20 Lyndsey Snowden
21 Jane Johns
22 Jennifer Coughlin
27 Pat Higgins
27 Jere Schultz
29 Cheryl Ewing
30 Ella Davis
30 Karen Gould

October

1 Eileen Cannady
1 Deelany Grant
2 Dennis Moltz
4 Bev Steinert
5 Alice Hamilton
6 Debbie Hanson
9 Betty Thoreson
12 Russell Jevne
12 Dawn Muller
12 Justin Stevens
13 Wayne Opperman
14 Zachary Higgins
14 Chelsea Johnson
15 Caleb Gesick
15 Steve Hendricks
17 Anita Enders
17 Harry Fowler
17 Barbara Magee
18 Betty Razor
18 Roy Trenoweth
19 Jack Lofaro
20 Carol Arneson
20 Sophie Hood
21 Allen Marsh
23 Tommy Howell
(Townsend)
25 Ashle Overlock
26 Kim Esenarro
26 Danny Hutson
26 Joseph Neiman
26 Eve Sorter
27 Nik Marsh
27 Peggy Saville
28 Ghita Heath
29 Maxine Bowton
29 Dee Coughlin
29 Wendi Lunz
30 Tim Higgins
30 Rannin Somers



The Gifts He Gave

“The gifts He gave were . . . to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.” Eph. 4:11-13.

Spiritual gifts are something I grew up hearing about a lot. Unfortunately, when you hear about something a lot, it sometimes becomes a thing that you don't often think much about, or that doesn't have a whole lot of deep meaning to you. Curiously, I never thought of myself as having a spiritual gift. Even when I was told we all have a gift that God has given us, I had no clue what my gift could be. I thought of those with spiritual gifts as being giants of the church who do large, grand and amazing things. Not little ole' me who has never done a large, grand or amazing thing in my life. How wrong was I? Even having all the information and knowledge regarding spiritual gifts right in front of me, I still didn't get it.

It is very clear that God does give each of us a gift. “**To each** is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good” 1 Cor. 12:7. The thing is, He doesn't give it to us as a bonus, something that adds a little sparkle to our Christian life should we decide to use it. He gives us a gift that He **expects** us to use, and that is **necessary** for us to use to achieve maturity in our walk with Him, so that we can be measured “to the full stature of Christ.” The gift we have been given isn't always given to us fully formed and easy to use. We very often have to train, to gain education, and yes, to work very hard before we are able to use that gift to its full capacity.

We have been given the opportunity over the past year in worship service to hear about many groups and organizations with which we can be involved and use our gifts. I encourage each of you to take the opportunity to use your gift, whatever it is, and to possibly try doing something new to see if you have a gift that has so far been undiscovered. If you take the time and effort to develop your gift you will see amazing growth in your spiritual walk. You will be blessed not only in your own life, but you will be a great blessing to the rest of the body of Christ, so that we all “come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity.”

In His Service, Shawna Lynch

**Choir Practice begins Wednesday,
September 5th, at 6:30pm.**

If you would like to join us, we would love to have you! You don't need experience and you don't have to read music to participate. We practice every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and sing for 2nd service the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month, and for first service on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Come lift your voice in praise!



Bells Are Ringing !

The Heavenly Handbells are looking forward to resuming Monday night rehearsals at 6 PM on September 10, 2012.



We are so lucky to have eleven ringers plus one precious substitute. Each ringer is responsible for ringing two or more bells. Not every one can make it to every Monday's rehearsal and that's when we use our substitute.

Please let me know if you would like to ring bells occasionally on Monday; we really need another substitute. We do "on the job" training.

Financial Secretary's Report

(July 1 through July 31, 2012)

The approved budget for this period (5 Sundays) is \$22,101. To meet this budget we need **\$4420** per week. YTD (year-to-date), which is 5 weeks, we have received \$18,742. Actual expenses for the same period were \$16,003. Income was short of meeting budget by 15.2%. Income exceeded expenses by 14.7% .

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.

WELCA REMINDER! REMINDER! REMINDER!

By President Linda Wilson

Our first WELCA meeting will be Saturday Sept 22nd. at 11:30a.m. This will be a Taco luncheon. Bring your husbands, friends, neighbors etc. ALL are welcome in attending the luncheon. I regret that my speaker had to cancel but he assured me he will come to our next scheduled meeting.

I will need a count of people attending to assure I have enough Taco meat and Tortillas so I will have a sign-up sheet posted on the St Paul's WELCA bulletin board for attendees. There will also be a column for other taco ingredients you would like to bring and share with others.

PLEASE! PLEASE! REMEMBER...

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN FAMILY TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS.

In Appreciation...

Many thanks for all of your prayers, cards, love and support during this difficult time. I am working every day to get my legs working again. Time and patience are the main ingredients to my recovery. My heart is touched by your kindness. I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful family and friends.

Sincerely, Nellie Revelle

Sunday School...

On Sunday, Aug. 26, 2012, we will have a registration table at the "Summer Fun Sunday" picnic. Please stop by and pick up a registration for your child or grandchildren to attend Sunday school this year. We would like to ask you to register even if they were with us last year so we can update our files.

St. Paul's Sunday School will be starting our new year on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012 with Rally Day. Traditionally, on Rally Day we have a casual, get-to-know-you time with the children meeting at 9:15 in Friendship Hall. We will then go on a tour around the church visiting the sanctuary and various other areas so they are familiar with these surroundings. We feel it's important and helps the children, especially anyone new to get to know St. Paul's. We will walk through the garden and talk about this special area we have at our church making sure they know the significance of the memorials placed there and can respect the meaning of garden to our church.

We will then come back to Friendship Hall for a Bible story, a game or two, and a snack to round out the morning. This year we are going to install some new energy into our program with some new materials and new ideas. We want to create a lot of positive affects so the students in Sunday School will want to keep coming back and maybe bring a friend!

Our teachers and helpers will meet soon to review the new material and give their input and ideas. This meeting will be held on Saturday, August 25, 2012 9:30 am at the church. If you have any ideas or would like to join us please come to this meeting. We welcome anyone new to the group!

Renee Woslum, Superintendent

Vacation Bible School 2012

I know I have expressed this before but I can't seem to say it enough. Our VBS was fabulous! I am so pleased and blessed to have the wonderful volunteers that helped me to bring this fun, educational and all-around great time to St. Paul's this summer!

The enthusiasm and energy of the leaders was so great that the kids felt it and were just as energized. The leaders of the groups were Kathryn Opperman, Ashle Overlock, Jennifer Overlock, Linda Wilson, Fritz Steinle, Traci Trenoweth, with additional help from Jourdan, Natasha, and Julia. The wonderful crafts people were Hope Chowanski, Carroll Massie, and Betty Razor. These ladies were marvelous, creative and had the patience of saints to lead the kids in making all the neat crafts. Shelly Stevens was our leader in the Games area. Shelly did an absolute terrific job keeping the kids interested and energized with the creative games she used. Registration was handled by Dick and Judy Lowther and they were having fun with it as well as keeping it all together for us. (the groups, the count, etc) The snacks were a big job and Mary Burgeson and her crew made it happen. The snacks were related to the stories we had each night as well as fun and delicious. (Loved that Sunshine cake, yum!) Mary's helpers were Doris Howell, Sandy Tucker, Peggy Truttman, Betty Razor and Clay Woslum. They even went above and beyond putting together our dinner for Friday evening, hot dogs and all the goodies! I also must express my gratitude to Elizabeth for her terrific organization of the adult program. I

have handled both programs so I appreciate her kindness and abilities so much.

I was also able to help a little more by being the Bible story leader. This was part of our program and so I had all age groups from the youngest to the oldest group. I was glad that I had that opportunity as I was able to be at a more hands-on direct function with the kids. This meant a great deal to me.

Now we would like to invite everyone back to Sunday school and it will be starting in September for our new year of lessons and activity. Please join us! We will begin registration at our Summer Fun Sunday to be held on Sunday, August 26.

Renee Woslum, Director - VBS

Health Ministry News

Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS), in partnership with Carson City School District, is offering the seasonal flu vaccine again this year to children attending Carson City schools. There will be a team of CCHHS licensed nurses at each school during the week of September 17, 2012, to administer the flu vaccine. A parent packet will be sent home with each student early in September. The packet will contain important information regarding vaccine, the schedule for each clinic and a consent form.

Parents wanting their students to receive the flu vaccine must complete the questionnaire, sign the consent form and return the form to the student's teacher by September 11, 2012. Flu is more dangerous than the common cold for children. Due to children's immature immune systems, plus the way children play with each other, it is easier for them to get the flu. Children that have any type of chronic illness are at greater risk for developing the serious complications from the flu and can die. This year's flu vaccine contains protection from the H1N1 virus and two new viruses that are circulating this season; H3N2 and a B virus.

This year, due to the decreased funding that supports this program, a voluntary administration fee of \$10.00 is being requested to defray the costs of administering school-based flu vaccinations. However, NO child will be denied vaccination if unable to pay the fee.

Questions call Karen (775) 283-7905.

Did you know that one bad sunburn in childhood can double a person's odds of getting skin cancer later in life? Or that only one out of five people routinely wear sunscreen? Daily sun protection helps prevent skin cancer!

Be **AWARE!**

- Avoid unprotected exposure at any time,
- Wear sun-protective clothing,
- Apply strong sunscreen before exposure,
- Routinely check for skin changes and
- Educate others about the need for sun protection.