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President's Corner

By the time many of you read this, much of what I am about to describe to you may be old news. However, for those of you who missed the Sunday service and question and answer session with Pastor Jose Luis from the Sierra Pacific Synod on August 17, I want to update you all on several important matters that were decided upon at the August 12 church council meeting. The first concerns the selection of an interim pastor. The council is diligently working toward resolving this issue as soon as possible. We have been met with two individuals who have expressed interest in the position, however, at the time I am writing this article, more information is needed before we can make a final decision. Please understand that this is a critical time for our congregation and we wish to avoid making a rash decision.

Secondly, you probably have heard that we have some serious structural problems with the flooring in the sanctuary as evidenced by the plywood floor behind the altar. When this problem first became apparent, there was discussion that perhaps we could wait a few years to build up savings within the budget and then deal with it. However, at the August 12 meeting the council received a repair design report from Henderson Engineers along with a report from the Property Committee detailing other repairs needed throughout the church which indicated the situation is serious and that it would not be prudent to wait. As a result, the council decided to seek a second mortgage in the amount of \$200,000 so as to resolve the issue. This was not a decision that was made lightly. We realize that the congregation just paid off the mortgage for the addition within the last year, but these structural issues present a serious liability problem that needed to be addressed. The decision will, of course, increase our budget for 2014-2015 which is included with this newsletter. At this point, the amount budgeted is only an estimate as the loan has not yet been secured.

With regard to the proposed 2014-2015 budget, the council has decided to eliminate all raises for staff and place the matter of making the Bell Choir Director a staff position with a salary of \$1,800 a year before the congregation at the September 21 meeting. This means that when considering the new budget, members will first have a choice between Budget A and Budget B. Under Budget A, there will be no raises and the Bell Choir Director will continue to be a volunteer position at no expense (cont)

Under Budget B, there will be no raises except the Bell Choir Director's position which will be funded at \$1,800 a year which increases the budget accordingly. In addition, the council is proposing that the decision between Budget A and Budget B be by the way of a secret ballot so that members who are hesitant to publicly vote their true feelings are able to vote without being pressured by one side or another. This action will require a vote by the congregation to temporarily suspend the rules because our Constitution and By-Laws require all decisions made at the Congregational meeting to be made by open vote. Once a decision is made as to which budget is being considered, a second vote will be taken on whether or not to ratify that budget. If that budget (A or B), is then not approved, the Finance Committee and the Council will have to come up with yet another budget proposal for your consideration. Obviously, the budget is an important matter, so I hoping that you mark your calendar so you can attend the meeting following our 9:00 a.m. worship service on September 21.

Finally, at it's September meeting, the church council will be considering some changes to the continuing resolutions section of our Constitution and By-Laws that govern the various standing committees (Chapter 13). Over time, the duties, responsibilities, and even the names of some committees have changed. For example, one committee has split, into two separate committees. For several committees, Finance, Stewardship, Christian Education, and Property, the duties and responsibilities are spelled out in great detail. However, for others, Outreach, Wellness, and Worship Life, the constitution provides little guidance. These problems need to be addressed as we move forward in the interim. If you are at all interested in these suggested changes, please plan on attending the September 9 meeting of the council at 6:00 pm.

I truly believe that the best way for St. Paul's to move forward during this uncertain time is communicate with each other as fully as possible. Please, if you have any questions at all concerning these issues, or any other issues, do not hesitate to contact me at 882-3021.

Blessings to you, Ken Elverum—Council President

WELCA NEWS

WELCA met on August 25, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for their annual "Taco Salad Supper." At this event, elections were held for the new 2024-2015 officers. They are:

Co-Presidents -Carol Kalleras & Charlotte Lacombe

Vice-President-Carr Sandell

Secretary-Sharon Melsheimer

Treasurer-Andrea Knudson

Please watch for a schedule to be posted soon on the WELCA board listing upcoming events for this year. We look forward to all ladies of St. Paul's to join us for our many worthwhile events that we sponsor each year.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Are you a volunteer?

Do you provide a service to others by volunteering in the community? We would appreciate hearing about your efforts to improve the community and provide God's gift of love along the way.

Do you know the school district relies on volunteers in many ways to share their expertise with the students? Something as simple as reading to the children for a couple of hours a week or assisting them with math or science. There are many roles available for short periods. Contact Betty Razor for more information on volunteering.

If you wish, please donate to the food baskets in the front lobby at church. These items are transferred to Food for the Poor. Some of the items accepted are: non-perishables like Mac & cheese, tuna, cans of fruit, Ramen noodles, soups, cereals and smaller items for kid's school lunches.

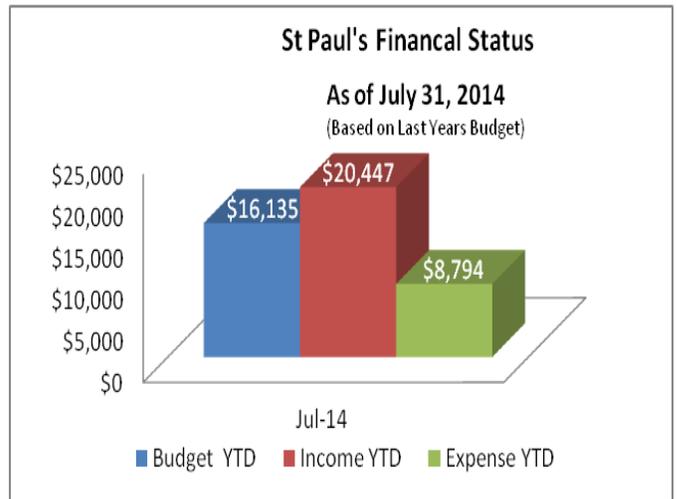
If you would like to have communion at home please contact the church office at 882-3020. Renee will then make sure one of our Eucharistic ministers are contacted to come out to your home.

◆ Betty Razor & Audrey Stroub



September Birthdays

- 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 Hillebrand
- 9-Kathie Lunz
- 9-Carroll Massie
- 10-Larry Lunz
- 10-Sharon Melsheimer
- 12-Kathy Gagnon
- 13-Sandee Gagnier
- 13-Renee Woslum
- 14-Don Logie
- 14-Nathan Miller
- 15-Theresa Williams
- 15-Marcia Manley
- 18-Mark Azadi
- 19-Jim Rud
- 21-Jane Johns
- 22-Jennifer Coughlin
- 27-Pat Higgins
- 27-Jere Schultz
- 30-Ella Davis
- 30-Karen Gould



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PLEASE NOTE!
There will be a Congregation meeting Sunday, September 21, 2014 after the 9:00 service. A copy of the final budget is included in the newsletter for your review. Please plan to come and participate.

Thanks,

Louise Griffith, Treasurer

Property News update

This is an update on the progress for fixing the church. We have the outlay of the work that needs to be done and are in the process of contacting the “contractors board” to make sure the firms we contact are insured and bonded etc., and can do the work of fixing “dry rot” problems. In the meantime, we are getting bids on taking down the very large Russian olive tree on the north side of the church, which is damaging the fence and is a great possible liability to St. Paul’s.

Thanks, The Property committee

Sunday School News

The first day of **Sunday School** is Sunday, Sept. 7 starting at 9:00 a.m. We will welcome back or students from the summer break and have a new roster of teachers to teach the different grade levels. Sandy Tucker will be teaching the Preschool through 2nd graders, Susan Misner will be teaching the 3rd -4th graders, Carr Sandell will be teaching the 5th-6th graders and Hope Chowanski will be teaching the 7th- 8th graders. The teachers will have some new curriculum to begin with and will be looking forward to getting the kids moving down some different avenues of learning.

Blessings, Renee Woslum —Sunday School Director

. BELL CHOIR RESUMES

The Heavenly Bell Choir will start it's seventh year, and practices will begin on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 6 pm in Sorlein Hall and each Monday thereafter. If you are interested in learning to play bells, you must call me first and set up a free private lesson. Right now we have a full eleven member choir but we can always use “subs” who can read music. If you have any questions, please call me anytime. We also welcome visitors to our Monday night practices to just watch, listen and enjoy.

We Ring to the Glory of God!

Darlene Lacugna (Ph# 265-0247)

YOUTH NEWS

We have had a great summer but are ready for a new year!! We are excited to start the NEW YEAR, and loving that we have new youth joining us!! We will be having our kick off meeting on September 7th!! The meeting will be from 12:30pm-2:30pm at the church and lunch will be provided. Parents of the youth are asked to join our meeting at 2:00pm. The youth group is made up of youth who are in the 7th through 12th grade. We are looking forward to fun filled year! If you know anyone that is interest or have any questions, please call Traci Angel at 721-5495.

Choir practice begins Wednesday, Sept 3rd, at 6 p.m.

Come join us in this “noble art” of music! You don’t need experience and you don’t have to read music to participate. We practice every Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm and sing for 2nd service the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month, and for the first service on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Come share the gift of music!

Shawna Lynch

L.E.E. Group

Interested in a FREE lunch with friends? St. Paul’s members, friends, and guests meet informally and socially on the first Thursday of each month (except July and August). We call ourselves the LEE GROUP and we’d like to have everyone join us. Give us a try as we are now planning our first meeting of the 2014-2015 season which will be on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.. Any questions? Contact Doug Thunder (883-1548) or Nellie Revelle (224-0161). Hope to see YOU at LEE.



Readers for September

- ♦ Sept. 7-Hope/Syrena Chowanski
- ♦ Sept. 14-Linda Wilson
- ♦ Sept. 21-Gloria Randle
- ♦ Sept. 28-Betty Razor

Communion Assistants for September

- ♦ Sept. 7—10:30 a.m. Linda Wilson
- ♦ Sept. 14—8:00 a.m. Bill Sandell
- ♦ Sept. 21 —9:00 a.m. Bob Larson
- ♦ Sept. 28—8:00 a.m. Ken Elverum

St. Mary's Hospice of Northern Nevada is in need of volunteers from the Carson City area, Volunteers will be trained in best practices for working with terminally ill patients and their families. No medical training is necessary. You may obtain more information from Janine Robinson, Volunteer coordinator of St. Mary's Hospice at 775-770-3602. (Andrea Knudson, a member of St. Paul's, is currently a volunteer and can answer your questions. 882-7061)

FOOD FOR THE POOR

A few weeks ago, Pastor John Handrich, our guest pastor gave his sermon on compassion and when there are so many needs out there in the world it can cause compassion burnout. He suggested finding one compassion helper to support. There have been many of you here at St. Paul's that have given regularly to Food for the Poor. My suggestion is that you would consider Food for the Poor as your helper to support. Food for the Poor is able to do many wonderful things for the poor in South America.

Please put them in your prayers and if you are able to give please consider this. Also remember a small amount can go a long way. Thanks from all of God's children in South America.

For more information, please take a brochure from the Food for the Poor basket on the counter in the Narthex.

Dave Harrell

Greeters for September

- ♦ Sept. 7-Susie Anderson
- ♦ Sept. 14-Evelyn Luterick
- ♦ Sept. 21-Helen Rutter
- ♦ Sept. 28-Judy McPhail

HELP WANTED!

The church council is looking for someone willing to share the job of custodian with our current custodian, Dick Lowther. Dick is looking to slow down a little and would like some help in keeping up our building. For further details, a copy of the custodian job description is available in the office. Dick is willing to train the individual and work out a schedule doing the work. If you are interested please contact our Parish Secretary, Renee Woslum, 882-3020, or Council President, Ken Elverum, 882-3021.

In addition, we are in need of someone to fill in for Renee in the office from time to time. Currently, we have a couple people who have indicated an interest to help out, but we would like to open this up to the congregation. Renee is willing to train anyone interested so she can take time off if needed. Please let Renee know of your willingness to serve by giving her a call in the office. Thanks!

THANK YOU!!!

Thanks to Jay "O" for fixing the drinking fountain. How many of you have been sprayed in the face by the "wild" spray? Jay has adjusted it so stop by and get a refreshing sip!

