



8:00AM Sunday Forum

9:00AM Worship Service
with Holy Communion

10:15AM Faith Development Hour

Holy Communion is celebrated each week

Church Website: www.sharingchristслоve.org

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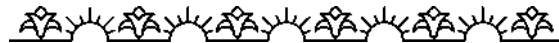
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**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
SPONSORS A
Pancake Breakfast at
Applebee's in Forest Lake**

Your Church Council will be sponsoring a fund raising Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's in Forest Lake on **Saturday, May 14**. Proceeds will go to our Scholarship Fund and other special appeals.

Mark your calendars now! We will need about 20 people to help out that morning and perhaps even more importantly, we need everyone to sell tickets to their family, friends and neighbors. The more tickets sold, the more money we earn!

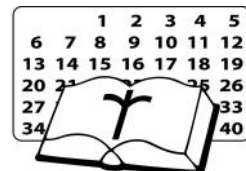
Tickets are available Sunday mornings in the narthex. Talk to Kathie Marabella for additional information.



On Sunday, May 1st at the 9:00am service 13 of our youth who have completed all requirements will be confirmed. Congratulations to....

- Brandon Arm**
- Casey Drexler**
- Matthew Edwards**
- Kayla Forga**
- Luke Gilbert**
- Kyle Graeve**
- Peter Jasmer**
- Joel Johnson**
- Miranda McGlade**
- Lindsey Rudquist**
- Hayley Stanina**
- Ashly Westerman**
- Mitchell Umland**

May God bless you and guide you!



CALL COMMITTEE

UPDATE:

Our call committee is continuing interviewing a permanent pastor for our church. All interviews have gone very well which is a blessing for our congregation but will still require much discernment and prayer for both the team and candidates. We hope to have all first interviews completed by the end of April. Please continue your prayers for our church and our team during this time.

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Church Staff

Rev. Jim Mericle, Pastor
Janet Nutter, Children's Ministry
Kim Olson, Office Administrator

Parish Nurse: Karen Carlson,
Custodians: Cindy Gruett,
Bill Oswald, Jerry Nelson
Music: Jeanne Richards,

Upcoming Worship



Sunday noun: the first day of the week
Forum noun: a public meeting or lecture involving audience discussion

Youth and Adults of all ages are welcome
 Relax, bring your coffee cup, and join us for informal discussion and learning in the Library at 8:00 am.

May 1: Denominations ... Pulling Together – Coming Apart?

We will use The Lutheran magazine study guide to start our discussion about why denominations still matter.

May 8: Happy Mother's Day! No Sunday Forum

May 15: Gift of Water / Gift of Life

St. Paul Partners, Tanzania Water Development Partners, produced this 21-minute DVD filmed in Tanzania. After viewing, we will talk about what we have seen.

May 22: Hunger

Join the conversation with Pastor Jim about the ELCA World Hunger mission, a program that uses multiple strategies—relief, development, education, and advocacy—to address the root causes of hunger and poverty. ELCA World Hunger responds to neighbors around the corner and around the world.

Sunday Forum concludes May 22 until Fall.



PARTICIPANTS FOR MAY — 9:00AM SERVICES

ate	Assistants	Readers	Acolytes	Ushers	Greeters
May 1	Confirmands, Carissa	Confirmands	Megan K, Sam L, Ben M	Shelby Miller	Doug and Pat Miska
May 8	Jan B, Rod, Arlie	Zella O	Jerrold L, Shelby M, Sierra N	Dale B Dave H	Marshall and Michelle Ihfe
May 15	Zella, Jan T, Sheila	Deb R	Sammy P, Brandon R, Kaylee S	Edward's Family	Tyler and Joanna Kroschel
May 22	Claudia, Jerry, Neil	Noah S	Lydia B, Katie B, Michael J	Johnson Family	Jerry & Claudia Nelson
May 29 No Communion	None	Eileen	Kaylee D	Byron and Kim	Dave and Fran Nordhausen
June 5 Grad Recog.	Grads, Kathie M	Grad	Megan K, Sam L, Ben M	Grads	Angie Olson Jon & Rosie Quale

For Community Information
 Please call the office, 651.462.5212
 Or check the Kiosk for Information

- ◆ **Older Adults...Household Chores Overwhelming YOU?** ESR East Suburban Resources a non-profit agency can help. They employ adults with disabilities for housekeeping, light home maintenance, yard work, etc. Call ESR 651.351.0190. There are no fees,
- ◆ **Walk, Run, Talk, Fun! Walkers Welcome at Wyoming Elementary.** Walk in a safe environment. Register for a morning or evening session and you can walk throughout the school year. ID badges will be given and must be worn while walking. Cost is \$15 annually. See the flyer on the kiosk. Call 651.982.8110.
- ◆ **Haven Center in North Branch and Cambridge** offers counseling, therapy and coaching. For more information see the flyer on the Kiosk.

LAKES FREE CHURCH IN LINDSTROM

THE SHARING SHOP CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Friday, May 20th, 9am-Noon and 5-7pm
 Saturday, May 21, 9am-Noon

The outreach team has gathered gently used spring and summer clothing for men, women, and children to be given away. One free bag per shopper. Additional bags \$1 or a work credit.

29620 Olinda Trail, 1 mile S. of Hwy 8, N. of the High School



Need help with groceries?

The next "FARE FOR ALL" food distribution is

WEDNESDAY, May 25, 4-6PM

At Forest Lake VFW (near Target) www.fareforall.org

Or

RUBY'S PANTRY, Saturday, May 14th at Forest Hills UMC beginning at 8:15am (doors open at 7am). A \$15.00 donation is suggested.

Are Your Ducks in A Row?



Parmly LifePoints is hosting a free seminar on estate planning, May 18th from 10:30am-1:00pm. Area experts will present information on legal, financial and spiritual planning for the future. Seating is limited. Please RSVP by May 11 to Becky Fredell, 651.214.1957. Lunch is included.

SPRING LUNCHEON AND "500" CARD PARTY MONDAY, MAY 2ND AT NOON

Tickets are \$8 and available at the door.

Come for Lunch...Join the Fun!

Church of St. John the Baptist
 Hwy. 61, Hugo

Sponsored by St. John the Baptist Council of Catholic Women



Wyoming UMC has partnered with New Pathways, Inc. in Cambridge, MN. New Pathways helps homeless families get back on their feet by helping them find jobs, affordable housing, develop job skills and parenting skills that will enable them to succeed and thrive.

During the day, families go to work, school, or the New Pathways Center where they work on their plan to get back into a home of their own. In the evenings and overnight, a network of churches and their volunteers provide meals and private sleeping accommodations at churches, in a friendly, safe and encouraging environment.

Wyoming UMC hosts families two times a year for a week at a time. Our next hosting time will be Sunday, May 15 – Sunday, May 22, and there are several ways to get involved with us in this great service program.

If you are interested in getting involved, you are encouraged to attend the **Volunteer Training on May 4th at 6:30pm at the Methodist Church.** Contact Karen Carlson for more info, she will be the coordinator between St. Paul Lutheran and Wyoming UMC.

With Faith,
 Ande Armstrong, Wyoming UMC

CAMP TRIUMPH is a grief camp for youth between the ages of 8-18 who experienced the death of a parent, sibling, or significant other. The camp will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22 at Camp Ojiketa in Chisago City. This will be a traditional camp experience, but will focus on coping skills for children. Staffed by social workers, teachers, nurses and specially-trained counselors the weekend is designed to offer campers many opportunities to find support. If interested, please call Fairview Lakes Home Caring, 651.257.8850.

We remember in our prayers.....



Congratulations to **Dave and Mary Haselbauer** following the birth of a grandson. Joe and wife, Coral, had a baby boy on April 18th. Lincoln Joseph came into the world weighing 8lbs. 8oz.

Pray for those recovering: **Judy Gatzow**, hospitalized at the U for a tear in her esophagus; **Janelle Albee's** dad, Carl, from a blood infection, mom, Erylne, in a memory care facility; **Darlene Petrey**; **Bill Oswald's** brother, Dick; **Kelly Schuder's** aunt and uncle with serious health problems; **Debbie Zaudtke's** daughter, Dana; **Kathie Marabella's** parents, Keith and Lucy Messer; **Pat Miska's** brothers, Melvin and Ken Geisler. We continue prayers for **Tony Wicklander's** health issues related to Bechet's Disease.

We pray for those with cancer, **Bill Coppersmith**, who has had a stem cell transplant; Heather Temte, daughter-in-law of **Mike and Sue Temte** diagnosed with Renal Cell Carcinoma; **Shirley Anderson** and **Maureen Sausen's** niece, Cindy Jerve, 59, who has ovarian cancer; **Eileen Ramse's** niece, Cheryl Bartn, breast cancer; **Rod Jasmer's** Goddaughter, Caroline, 7, in treatment for brain cancer; **Lois Rustad's** niece, Sharon Klein, with cancer of the lung, brain and bone; **Karen Rozeske's** cousin, Laurel Shannon; **Jean Enrooth's** sister, Roxanne Ostendorf; **Leann McGowan's** sister, Karen Johnson; **Pat Miska's** aunt, Pat Brant and Pat Brant's daughter-in-law, Joanne Brant; **Neal Albee's** cousin, Mike Albee, diagnosed with lung cancer.

We remember those in health care facilities: **Gene Thompson** a resident in Parmly's Margaret's House Memory Care Facility in Chisago City.

For the health and safety of all service men and women, especially **Andy Brant**, nephew of Jerry and Claudia Nelson, who is in Afghanistan. All others serving in war torn countries.

+ MEMORIALS +

In Memory of Hannah Norwig
Gifts were given by:
Andy and Sue Norwig
Dale and Jan Brainard
Ron and Karen Rozeske

In Memory of Skip Humphrey
Gifts were given by
Larry and Darlene Petrey

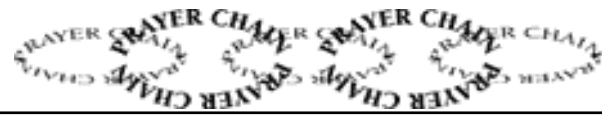
In Memory of Laurie England
A gift was given by Larry and Darlene Petrey



We received a thank you from Family Pathways Food Pantry for our donation during the month of March for Minnesota FoodShare.

Thank you to the Outreach Team and especially Jan Taylor for the wonderful dessert fellowship that followed each Lenten midweek service.

*My sincere thanks to everyone at St. Paul Lutheran for their prayers, cards, phone calls and visits following my recent surgery. Thanks to the Prayer Team, KeenAgers for their gifts and to the Care Ministry for the Easter basket of goodies. Loving thanks to Lois Rustad and Pat Crawford for their home care given to me. My ongoing thanks to my Lord for His healing, comfort and strength.
God is good!!!
Dee Wilkinson*



Please call Janelle Albee at 651.462.8084 or email her at njalbee@aol.com to place requests on the prayer chain. Requests are kept confidential unless otherwise stated by the person requesting the prayer. You may also call the church office, 651.462.5212.



**CEMETERY SERVICES
MONDAY, MAY 30TH**

**9:00am Stacy Lent
10:15am Wyoming Methodist
10:30am St. Paul Lutheran
11:00am Linwood**



Have you been unable to make it to church and communion? Would you simply like a personal visit from someone in the St. Paul Lutheran family? A member of the SPL Visitation Team would be happy to visit you and give you communion, if you desire. We use elements that have been consecrated at the previous Sunday service and a short liturgy. We will also pray with you. Please call the church office, 651.462.5212, if you would like a visit.



Dear Friends in Christ:

What a glorious Easter Day we had to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. For one day at least, God's handiwork shined through. We had very good attendance at our Easter services with nearly 90 more people attending than last year, and more importantly, we made lots of joyful noises to the Lord with the flute music of Janelle Albee, the piano and organ styling's of Jeanne Richards and Sheila Byl, the beautiful rendition of "Were you there?" by Becky Zierke, the lovely songs of the Adult and Children's Choirs and the special edition of the Joyful Noise Bell Choir. Thanks to all our musicians, singers, ringers and directors for the music throughout Holy Week.

Of course, there are so many others who make these special services just that largely behind the scenes – our altar guild, ushers, acolytes, readers, custodians, tech team, sanctuary and narthex decorators, counters, Easter breakfast team, office staff and more that enable all this activity to happen so we can worship God and express our joy in being one of God's children. Thanks to all of you for your commitment and service!!!!

As we look forward now to May, there will be several more special opportunities to worship and shine. On May 1, we will celebrate the affirmation of faith from 13 of our confirmands. The next week, May 8th, is Mother's Day and also the return of the Puppets one more time before summer. The following weekend is not only fishing opener but our Applebee's Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday morning the 14th and then on the 15th we will have one of you preaching as I return to Hosanna Lutheran for their Confirmation service. May 22nd finds us welcoming new members into the congregation along with highlighting the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and finally May 29th will ease us into summer with a lovely service.

Finally, during the month of May, it is the council's hope that we can complete our tax debt obligation and be clear of any further IRS actions by having one last effort at raising the rest of what we owe according to our settlement we agreed to last November. We had hoped for a further reduction as well but that is very unlikely as all penalties have already been waived by the IRS and the IRS is satisfied with the agreement that was made. As of this printing, we owe about \$86,000 for the settlement, some tax adjustments from 2006-2008 that I have worked on and the tax attorney's fees. We have raised about \$60,000 of this amount which leaves \$26,000 to pay off. At its last meeting, the Church Council committed to raise one half of that amount amongst themselves and challenge the congregation to raise the rest by June 15th. Can we do that? I know we can with God's help. This will remove a huge burden that has been on this congregation and free us to move forward in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and serving in his name throughout our community and beyond. Our president, Shirley Zierke will be sharing more about this on May 8th, but I wanted to let each of you know now so you can begin to pray about it and consider how you can help us cut up the last of our tax debt and celebrate a resurrection of our own!

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Jim



PASTORAL CONCERNS: Since the inception of the Privacy Act, hospitals no longer call us to let us know when a member is admitted, so we are asking you to CALL AND LET US KNOW!!! Also, if you have concerns or wish to talk to Pastor Jim, please call the church office, 651.462.5212.

Youth & Children's News



St. Paul Lutheran Scholarship Applications to ELCA Colleges Due June 1! Forms are available in the church office.

Mission Trip Updates

Tuesday, May 24th, 6:30pm: Mission Trip Meeting

for students and parents

ALL Mission Trip PAPERWORK must be into Carissa by JUNE 26th

Mother's Day
Plant Sale May 8th



Come and purchase some of your first flowers of the year! All proceeds will go towards a scholarship fund for children's and youth ministries, to help children and youth attend Bible Camps, Mission Trips and other ministry opportunities through St. Paul Lutheran Church.

A WONDERFUL YEAR FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL !

As the Sunday School Year draws to a close, I want to once again thank the congregation for their support. Anything I ask for, you provide it to me, from egg cartons to volunteering. Our Parents are truly a blessing to work with, and to the children of St Paul Lutheran. It has been another wonderful year of Faith Development and Fellowship with our children. It is so fun to see them grow and develop, but it's even greater to see them grow and develop in their Faith, and I'm honored to be a part of it.

Some individual THANK YOUS:

Steve Lundgren and Mitch Umland for being the "sound" and "support" behind all of our programs. No matter what crazy slide show or movie on the go plan that I came up with this year, they were happy to help out, and I'm truly thankful.

Kim Olson for helping out in so many ways- being a sounding board, helping with projects, having the answers...thanks!!

Heidi Klecker, Lisa Landherr and Jenny Gilbert for their musical talent and willingness to step in and help, even when I don't ask for it. They are always there, and I LOVE it! I rely on their abilities so much. I love the talent that God has given you, and has let me borrow!

My Children's Ministry Team for always being supportive and being the first to stand up and volunteer!

All Parents who have taught and volunteered this year! The kids benefit so much from hearing these lessons in different ways and from different people. I know you know how much fun and rewarding volunteering can be!!

Looking Ahead:

- ◆ Wednesday June 15th, Pickle Night
- ◆ M-F August 8-12 Vacation Bible School-registration forms are available in the Narthex or on the Website. I'll be looking for volunteers!!

This Mission of the Month

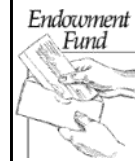
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Scholarships!

For VBS, Mission, Retreats, etc.

Supporting our kids in mission or education is very important. If you would like to help, please memo your envelope or check as "Mission of the Month"

Thank you!



MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

The St. Paul Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund is used to support ministries of all shapes, sizes and locations. Your support is appreciated and we encourage congregation members to remember the fund while writing their Last Will and Testaments. In addition, the fund does accept donations throughout the year from interested givers. If you have any questions, please ask Chris Kuehn or Jerry Nelson for more information.



**POSITIONS OPEN
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
ON THE JOB TRAINING
GREAT BENEFITS**

Mark your calendar! The annual spring clean-up at the church has been scheduled for Saturday, May 21st. We will have projects for everyone and every skill level. We have grounds to clean up, both at the church and cemetery and flower beds that need cleaning in preparation for new plantings. We have leaves to rake, brush to pick-up and winter damage to fix on the lawns. There are also windows to wash, both in and out, and kitchen equipment that needs to be cleaned and sorted. Bring your favorite tools, and at least one friend and join us Saturday, May 21st. We will provide hot dogs and drinks. Develop lasting friendships. Be an **ACTIVE** partner of **YOUR** church. Start time is 9am, but come when you can and stay as long as you can. In keeping with biblical traditions, those who come last will be paid the same as those who arrive first.



2011

High School Grads

The following youth members of St. Paul Lutheran are graduating high school seniors and will be honored on Sunday, June 5th with special recognition at the 9:00am service (Sanctuary). A letter will be sent the first part of May. We request pictures from each of our grads, including a baby, elementary school, and HS senior picture.

Jacob Albee
Carmen Boerboom
Erica Jasmer
Randy Kelber
Riley McGuinness
Joshua Mitchell
Jeromy Post
Genna Temte

Note: If we missed any high school seniors, please let us know, we want to include everyone!

Also, if you have a college grad or are an adult who has received a additional degree, we would like to know about it. Call the office with information, 462.5212. Thanks!

☆☆☆☆
ReACH For the STArS!

Adults 55+

Classes are on
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
10:30-11:30am
Cost: \$1.00



Did You Know?

Yesterday we visited some friends in a rather affluent section of Mesa. Such elegant homes, so tastefully decorated with artwork and furnishings. Such great visits with good friends, and such a fun day.

But why, then, could I barely stand to drive back into our humble park and into our lowly park model? *Oh, poor me.*

If you have ever had this experience as well, you may know the feeling. Envy, Self-pity. Feeling *less than*. Pervading your thoughts like cancer. Attacking your satisfaction and well-being.

It is an awful place to be.

As I crawled into bed at the end of the day, I said my prayers, as usual. Intercessions for friends with serious illnesses. Family members who are grieving the loss of loved ones. A friend who lost her job. Troops fighting for freedom, separated from their families. The longer I prayed, the more trivial these negative feelings became.

Then I started counting my blessings. And counted. And counted. And counted. Blessings are gifts. Bestowed on us, not earned.

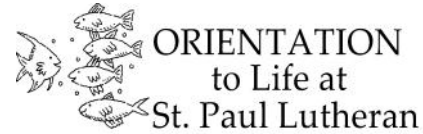
I guess our negative thoughts and feelings are what they are. They come. But recognize them for what they truly are: *transient* and *fleeting*.

And if they ever come for you...start counting.

It is a new day today and I am content and happy. And *still* counting.



Carol Bisek



**Tuesday, May 10, 6-8:00pm
and
Wednesday, May 18, 6-8:00pm**

Are you interested in becoming a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church? On Tuesday, May 10th and Wednesday, May 18, there will be an orientation time from 6-8:00pm where church membership will be explored. Childcare will be available if needed, so please call the church office by May 3rd. Letters will be mailed to those who have indicated interest in membership. However, don't be shy, call and let us know you're coming, 462.5212. Thanks!

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Jim:
Monday, Tuesday 10am-2pm
Friday, 9am-Noon (by appointment)

Kim:
Tuesday-Thursday 8am-4pm

In case of an emergency and you need to reach someone immediately, you may call Pastor Jim at home 651.982.9900 or at his cell phone, 651.249.6261, or Kim, 651.257.2049. You may also leave a message at the church, 462.5212 and someone will return your call as soon as possible.



**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF FAIR
TRADE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE**

Need Coffee? Need Chocolate?

Buy these products in the narthex each Sunday and know you'll be helping poor farmers around the world at the same time.

In addition, 5% of all sales goes back to Lutheran World Relief for their development products.

**Coffee is \$5.25/\$6
Chocolate bars \$1.75**

Hot Cocoa Mix and Baking Cocoa may be ordered, contact Mary Haselbauer, 433.3413.



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
ON MAY 8TH**

**to all mothers and those
who unselfishly mentor to
children!**

Mother's Day

St. Paul Lutheran Council Meeting Tuesday, April 19, 2011

Finance Report

Judy Gatzow presented bank balance sheets for the general fund for March, Reconciliation summary and preschool checking and savings. There was discussion concerning our Synod Benevolence and it was suggested to give \$208.00 a month.

Motion was made and approved to approve payment of \$208 for the Synod Benevolence a month.

March 31st checking account balance was \$13,312.42.

It was mentioned that the new counter sheets were in place.

Jerry mentioned the audit team needs two more people.

There was discussion concerning Pastor Mericle's Board of Pension Information they will check into it.

It was discussed to have a bulletin insert to reflect current budget information.

Pastor Mericle suggested that we have a World Hunger Mission of the Month.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer's Report

Pastors Report

Pastor Jim reported there was an attendance above 150 for worship services

He discussed the services for Holy Week.

His current membership roll includes 352 active, 136 inactive, 37 attended.

Pastor commented there will be a New Member class in May

Children, Youth & Family Faith Development Ministry Team

Pre-School - Discussed upcoming preschool for fall and was down because Wyoming Elementary has added a new preschool program. Last day of school will be May 25th and graduation is Thursday night May 26th.

Youth - Pastor mentioned the youth had a retreat on April 9-10 with 14 confirmation students & 24 from Hosanna attending. They also had a 30 hour fasting.

There will be 14 that are being confirmed on May 1 at the 9:00 service.

Children's Ministry - Janet mentioned Sunday April 17th was the last day of Sunday school.

The 5th Graders will have their First Communion at the Maundy Thursday Service.

She discussed the summer events for the children which include June 15th Pickle Night, August 8-12 Vacation bible School, and the community night out.

The St. Paul Lutheran T-Shirt's will be going on sale May 1.

She mentioned they will also be selling Mother's Day flowers.

Sunday Forum - Kathie mentioned the Book of Faith Lenten Journey: Seven Wonders of the Word will be completed on Palm Sunday and it was well received.

She mentioned there will be no Forum on Easter or Mother's Day. The Last session will be May 22.

Global Missions Report

Kathie mentioned that Fran & Dave Nordhausen, Claudia & Jerry Nelson attended the "Walk for Water" fundraising event at the Target Field on April 16th.

Bega Kwa Bega has a new website...<http://begakwabega.org> if anyone is interested.

She also mentioned June 12 will include a sending service for Pastor Tom Nielsen before he leaves for TZ.

Carol England, Fran and Dave Nordhausen plan to attend "Global" Mission Gathering on June 10-11.

There is a trip for 2012 underway, possibly January 21 to February 15th.

Congregational Life/Missions

Zella Oswald mentioned that the Wednesday dessert fellowship was very successful following the service and they had a number of volunteers that helped.

Easter care packages were very successful again. It was a joint venture with the Visitation Team.

Property, Building and Grounds Report:

Jerry Nelson mentioned that there will be a clean-up day on May 21st.

He mentioned at a later date they will see the needs on the roof.

Jerry discussed the possibility for a new lawn mower and we have donations to purchase one.

Motion was made, and unanimously approved to accept the purchase of a Toro Tractor, bagger & accessories.

SPRRT

Cheryl Glassel reported they continue to work on revising the job descriptions for all the current staff members. Custodian, Church Organist, Choir Accompanist, Office Administrator have been presented to the council for approval. Working on Preschool.

After all job descriptions are complete, they will begin working on the job performance and evaluation procedures and forms.

Worship, Arts and Music Report:

Pastor Mentioned Confirmation will be held on May 1st during the service.

Pastor Jim discussed that there will be one outdoor service on the fourth Sunday of the month at 9:00am.

Old Business

The Applebee's Fund Raiser for Saturday May 14th was discussed.

The Custodian, Church Organist and Choir Accompanist and Office Administrator were presented to the council.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept all three job descriptions.

New Business

Mike Temte discussed the property markers.

Mike Temte mentioned leaving the Puppet's trailer on the church property.

The current IRS situation was discussed and there will be a presentation on May 8th by Shirley Zierke, during the service.

Respectfully submitted by Zella Oswald



**AFRICAN TEAM
MINISTRIES'
WONDERFUL HANDMADE
ITEMS FOR SALE**

Sundays, May 15 and 22

Through this craft display and your purchases you help make possible an educational impact on the life of Ugandan orphans. Your help will allow some to look to the future with hope.

Your gifts also support the AIDS Education and Prevention program, preparing peer educators for visits to households to encourage good personal health choices. The program is a cooperative effort between the Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania and Bishop Alpha Mhamed, Diocese of the Rift Valley, Tanzania, and has been approved by the Lutheran House of Bishops as a national program reaching 5 dioceses each year.

Handcrafted items will be on display and for sale on two Sunday mornings, May 15th and 22nd. Please check out these items, many of which are one of a kind!!!



DEADLINE:
Newsletter Articles

NOON,
Wednesday,
May 18th

Newsletter Mailed Wednesday,
May 25th at 10am



KEENAGERS

This group of retired members, meet the first Monday of each month! There are no dues, no officers, but a great time of fellowship and fun.

**Meet Monday, May 2nd
12:30pm for a potluck lunch!**
This will be the final get-together until September 12th

All Retired and Seniors Citizens Welcome!



**WYOMING LIONS TO HOST
ANNUAL
ROGER BOSMAN
SENIOR
SPRING FLING**

**April 30th at St. Paul Lutheran Church
Brunch, free blood pressure checks,
gifts for all seniors from local merchants.**

Doors open at 10:00 am

**Free for Senior Citizens 62+
62 and younger \$5.00**

**Come join the fun...a great meal,
entertainment and prizes.**

Call Joanne Wheatley with questions, 462.5060



**All God's
Children
Preschool
Registration**

All God's Children Preschool will be accepting registrations for the 2011-2012 school year beginning February 1st. Redeem the coupon below and get 50% off your registration fee.

**All God's Children Preschool
50% Off Coupon
Register your child by June 1, 2011
And
Receive 50% off the registration fee.
Call 651-462-6832 for more
information**

DID YOU NOTICE THE LAWN SIGNS?

In the narthex there are signs that we are asking members and non-members to take and put in their yards to advertise All God's Children Preschool. We are hoping to increase our enrollment for 2011-2012.



Mtera Tanzania

Have you ever thought about worshipping in a church with cement pews for 3 hours and never noticing that much time has passed? The church is full of spontaneous excitement for the Word of God, with singing and dancing. Windows are open and warm (hot) air blows through like the Spirit surrounding all of us. We are one – the children of God. Join in on a visit to Mtera Lutheran in late January, early February 2012.

Besides meeting the people of our sister congregation, you'll see what the St Paul Area Synod and churches like our church, St Paul Lutheran, are doing in the Iringa area of Tanzania. Visit a hospital developed with the help of two doctors and many other medical professionals from the Twin Cities and St Paul Area Synod churches. Visit the University where many pastors and other professionals have gone to teach for a 3 month period and decided to keep going back. Meet people of the Iringa Diocese that work together with us to form Bega Kwa Bega (shoulder to shoulder). Visit an orphanage, a creative craft and art center for the blind and possibly a cooking school ran by nuns. You will also go on safari and experience the magnificent Africa and all its wildlife.

Pray and see what God is calling you to do. You will come home with far more in your heart than when you left with. See God's work in action!! More information will be coming soon. If you are interested please speak with either Fran Nordhausen or Carole England.

Excerpts of a letter from Pastor Lufyagile at Mtera in Tanzania

We send many greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ and I thank God everyday because when we pray, we get answers. I say thanks for our God. Thank you for sending us money. We have no good word to say, but God bless you and your work. God will keep you in his hand. Many greetings to our brothers and sisters in Wyoming. I remember you day by day.. I wish you a good Easter. Thank you, God bless you, Asante Sana, Pastor Lufyagila

After many requests for the recipe, Georgia Burg has agreed to share:

Pear Custard Bars

Crust:
1/2 cup butter, softened
1/3 cup sugar
3/4 c flour
1/4 tsp. vanilla extract
2/3 cup chopped macadamia nuts

Filling:
1—8oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup sugar
1 egg
1/2 tsp vanilla
1 (15 1/4 oz.) can pear halves, drained
1 tsp sugar combined with 1 tsp cinnamon

Cream butter and sugar together, then beat in flour and vanilla until combined. Stir in the nuts. Press into a 8" square baking pan. Bake in a preheated oven @ 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on wire rack. Increase oven heat to 375 degrees. Beat cream cheese until smooth, add sugar, egg and vanilla and beat until combined. Pour over crust. Cut pear halves into 1/8 inch slices and arrange in a single layer over the filling. Sprinkle the combined sugar and cinnamon over the pear slices. Bake at 375 degrees for 28-30 minutes. Cool on a wire rack and refrigerate for 2 hours before cutting or serving. Store in the refrigerator.

Note: I find, working with this recipe, greasing the baking pan before pressing in the crust mixture helps to remove the finished product from the baking pan much easier. Because of allergies, I have made the crust without the macadamia nuts, or substituted chopped walnuts. Both have worked well.

You are Invited to attend

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 5th
Lakeside Park Gazebo
Forest Lake

*For more information, please call
Diane, 464.2319 or Holly, 464.7480*



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Schedules and registration forms are on the table by the office.

Also

**Upcoming Event
9th Annual Luther Point Scramble
(4 person scramble)**

9am Check-in and practice
10am "Shotgun Start" Tee Time
BBQ following
\$10,000 cash prize for a hole-in-one.
Lots of other prizes and tons of fun!

Income from this event will be used for camperships.