



8:00AM Sunday Forum

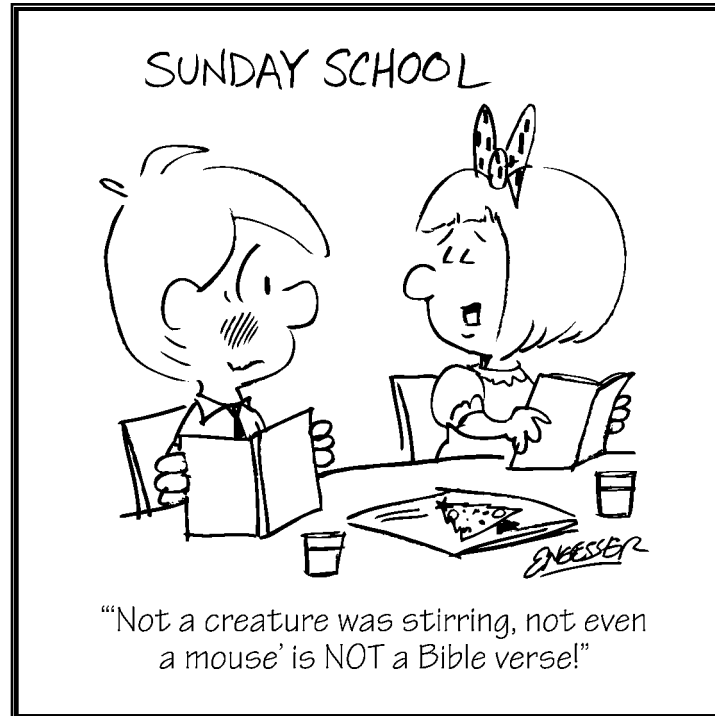
9:00AM Worship Service
with Holy Communion

10:20AM Opening for Sunday School
(Sanctuary)

10:30AM Confirmation in the Sanctuary
Sunday School, Club 5-6 in the Classrooms

*Holy Communion is celebrated
every week at both services.*

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**“FROM OUR HEARTS”
FALL FESTIVAL
CRAFT AND BAKE SALE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6
10AM—6:30PM**

**QUILT AND COOKIE RAFFLES
AND
CHICKEN DINNER—4-6:30PM**

Mark you calendars NOW. Reserve this date for a fun shopping day. There will be a great variety of baked items for sale. You may be a winner at our “cookie raffle” or buy a ticket for the “quilt raffle” (chosen on Sunday, November 7th). You might be a lucky winner. Also, “A Taste of Heaven” Cook-books will be on sale, a gift for that special person! Invite a friend to join you. Free coffee available while you shop. *More info in this Newsletter!!!*

**All
Saints’**

We celebrate
All Saints’ Day
on
**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 7**

remembering those in our congregation who have passed away since all Saints’ Day, 2009.

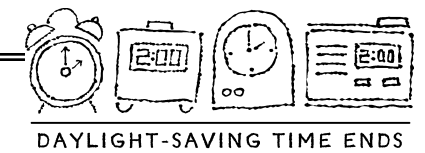
Robert Howard Crawford
April 30, 1938—November 30, 2009

Beatrice Irene Gabrick
October 1, 1917—August 13, 2010

We also remember those given Christian burial from St. Paul Lutheran Church:

Merlin Keith Stick, Father of Sandy Berry

And finally, we pray for the families who have lost loved ones both family members and friends this past year!



SUNDAY MORNING, November 7th AT 2AM

“Fall Back” ...move your clocks 1 hour back!

You will be very early for church if you forget, but you can always attend the Sunday Forum!

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Music: Jeanne Richards,

Upcoming Worship



8:00am

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.

November 7—All Saints' Sunday
 8:00am Sunday Forum
 9:00am ELW w/Communion
 10:20am Sunday School Opening
 10:30-11:20am Faith Development Hour

November 14—Pentecost 25
 8:00am Sunday Forum
 9:00am Celebration Service w/Communion
 10:20am Sunday School Opening
 10:30-11:20am Faith Development Hour

November 21—Christ the King Sunday
 8:00am Sunday Forum
 9:00am ELW w/Communion
 10:20am Sunday School
 10:30am Faith Development Hour
 10:30am No Confirmation/Guide Huddle

November 28—Advent 1, Greening of the Sanctuary
 8:00am Sunday Forum
 9:00am Celebration Service w/Communion
Confirmation Students/Parents Participate in the Greening of the Sanctuary, No Workshop
 10:20am Sunday School
 10:30am Faith Development Hour

November 7—Golden Years Can Truly Sparkle
 Robin Rinke from Ebenezer, Meadows Campus will be here to share the Ebenezer philosophy of how to "make the golden years sparkle". She will talk about their programs and activities designed to keep seniors connected to the community and to each other.

November 14—Safe 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.

November 21—12 Ordinary Men – Part 2 The Apostles ... what were their names? What kind of lives did they lead before and after they became disciples of our Lord? Lois Rustad will continue the discussion on these 12 ordinary men.

November 28—Thanksgiving Weekend
 No Sunday Forum session

PARTICIPANTS FOR NOVEMBER — 9:00AM SERVICES

Date	Assistants	Readers	Acolytes	Ushers	Greeters
Nov 7 9:00am	Claudia, Jerry, Arne R,	Andy S	Brandon A, Sam L, Jerrod L	Edward's Family	Mal and Bonnie Syverson
Nov 14 9:00am	Jan B, Dale B, Rod J	Laura W	Shelby M, Sierra N, Ashly W	Mitch Young Byron Olson	Brian and Rita Young
Nov 21 9:00am	Neil, Kathie, Jan T	Cheryl G	Sammy P, Kaylee S, Hayley S	Andy Norwig Meghan K Kaylee Dwyer	Russ and Rose Adair
Nov 24 Thanksgiving Eve	Arlie, Zella, Fran N	Eileen R	Katie B, Casey D, Kaylee D	Kirk and Kyle Graeve	Shirley Anderson and Pat Crawford
Nov 28 9:00am	Jan B, Neil, Shirley	Lois R	Joel J, Michael J, Megan K	Dave Schuder John Peterson	Bill and Elly Coppersmith
Dec 5 9:00am	Kathie, Carissa, Rod	Linda A	Sam L, Ben M, Miranda M		Jesse & Kathie Eliason

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, but donations are welcome.
- ◆ **Seasons Cycle—So Do Marriages.** A Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you new tools to weather the changes. The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter is October 22-24 in Duluth, November 19-21 in Brooklyn Center. Please register in advance, Dick and Judy Dehnel, 952.432.3105 or Pete and Phyllis McMahon, 763.561.1575 or the website www.godlovesmarriage.org.
- ◆ **Walk, Run, Talk, Fun! Walkers Welcome at Wyoming Elementary.** Avoid snow, ice, rain and traffic. Walk in a safe environment. Register for a morning or evening session and you can walk am or pm 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 offer counseling, therapy and coaching.** For more information see the flyer on the Kiosk.
- ◆ **Annual Kroppkakor Supper, Bake and Craft sale, Scandinavian Folk Music, Thursday, October 28th—4-7:30pm** at Spring Lake Lutheran Church, North Branch (4 miles west of North Branch).
- ◆ **ADVENT VESPERS AT CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,** downtown Minneapolis on Friday, December 3rd, 5:00 and 8:00 pm and Saturday, December 4th 2:00, 5:00 and 8:00pm. Tickets \$10/person or \$25/family. Order online beginning November 1 at www.augsburg.edu/vespers

ANNUAL FALL COMMUNITY DINNER...TURKEY WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS
Thursday, October 28, 4:00-7:30pm Dine in (freewill offering) or Take Out (\$10)
WYOMING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 5459 E. Viking Blvd., Wyoming
Proceeds donated to The Refuge Network and Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau.

MARY BETH CARLSON
FREE HOLIDAY CONCERT
 For
 Chisago County and Forest Lake Area
ANONYMOUS SANTA BENEFIT

Friday, November 12
 6:30 Dessert and Coffee
 7:30pm Concert
 at
 St. Paul Lutheran Church
 Wyoming, MN

No admission, however a free-will offering will be taken benefitting the Anonymous Santa Program.
 For additional information, call 651.583.3181 or email to a.santa2008@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
 WITH
 MARY HALL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 7:30PM
 Come and hear music from Mary's new Christmas CD
 Freewill Offering

AND BEFORE THE CONCERT...
 Come for the
 CHILI COOKOFF
 6:15-7:15pm

LOCAL UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ November 21: First Lutheran, Rush City 11am-1pm Potato Sausage Dinner
- ◆ December 4: Elim Lutheran, Scandia 10am-Noon, coffee break, bake & craft sales
- ◆ December 4: Spring Lake Lutheran, North Branch 7:30pm Christmas concert, Mystery Mountain Boys.
- ◆ December 5: Immanuel Lutheran, Almelund 11am brunch, bake sale, quilt raffle
- ◆ December 7: Faith Lutheran, Forest Lake 3:30-7:00pm Lutefisk Supper



Need help with groceries?

The next "FARE FOR ALL" food distribution is WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 4-6PM

At Forest Lake VFW (near Target) www.fareforall.org
 Or
RUBY'S PANTRY, Saturday, November 13th at Forest Hills UMC beginning at 8:15 (doors open at 7am). A \$15.00 donation is suggested.

We remember in our prayers.....

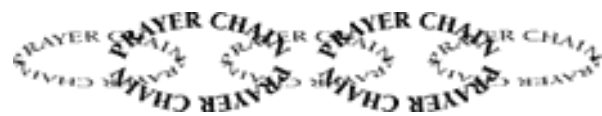


We remember those recovering: **Pastor Mona Anderson**, recovering from pacemaker surgery followed by complications; **Rod Jasmer's** Goddaughter, Caroline, just 7 years old, in treatment for brain cancer; **Shirley Anderson's** grandson Sid and girlfriend, Julie, who lost one of their twin daughters at birth; **Carol Bisek's** sister, Judy Eberhard with several health issues; **Jesse and Kathie Eliason's** daughter, Christine Hincly who had eye surgery; **Kelly Schuder's** aunt and uncle with health problems; **Steve and Carol England's** infant granddaughter, Lillyanna; **Allison Mericle Sundman**, home and back to work, however, memory loss continues to be a problem. Allison's baby seems to be fine and is due in late March. **Brian Fashner's** sister, Mary who continues to recover from yet another surgery; **Darlene Petrey, Royce and Debbie Zaudtke's** daughter, Dana Moszer. **Janelle Albee's** parents, aunt and uncle, **Kathie Marabella's** parents, Keith and Lucy Messer and sister, Lisa, **Pat Miska's** brothers Melvin and Ken Geisler; We continue prayers for **Tony Wicklander's** health issues related to Bechet's Disease. We also include **Mal Syverson** who has an ongoing health issue, not curable, that includes constant pain.

We pray for those with cancer, **Cindy Gruett's** niece, Francine Peterson (in her early 40's) diagnosed with breast cancer; **Karen Rozeske's** cousin, Laurel Shannon, breast cancer; **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; **Kim Mix's** cousin's daughter, Holly, diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, Ed Andler, nephew of **Jesse and Kathie Eliason** who has stage 4 non-hotchkins lymphoma, **Neal Albee's** cousin, Mike Albee, diagnosed with lung cancer, and all others unknown to us.

We remember those in health care facilities: **Vera Rieck** at Meadows on Fairview in Memory Care, and **Gene Thompson** a resident in Parmly's Margaret's House Memory Care Facility in Chisago City.

We pray for the health and safety of all service men and women. Especially Justin Johnson, son-in-law of Phil and Audrey Carlson. Justin's wife, Traci, is expecting their 4th child in February.



If you would like a loved one added to the prayer chain, not only for an illness or death, but also for a wonderfully exciting event, like the birth of a child, please call Janelle Albee at 651.462.8084 or email her at njalbee@aol.com Requests are kept confidential unless otherwise stated by the person requesting the prayer.

If for some reason you cannot reach Janelle, by phone or email, please call the church office and we can handle any prayer chain request from here!!!

Prayer Corner

PRAYER MINISTRY



What is prayer ministry?-It is an intentional response to the powerful gift of prayer that God has given the church. Matt. 18:19, James5:16. Prayer is communication with the head of the church-Jesus Christ. Eph. 1:22-23, 4:15-16, Col.1:18, 2:10, 19. It is through prayer that God gives us wisdom and revelation that we need for ministry. Eph. 1:17-19.

Here at St. Paul Lutheran, we offer those attending services the chance to seek prayer for themselves, concerns they have for others, or simply to share in giving thanks for God's blessings to them. Our purpose is to actively encourage and promote prayer within the life of the church-by being open to the working of the Holy Spirit. Our motive is obedience and love-we seek the very highest for those we minister to-respecting their dignity and freedom at all times. We pray that God's love, guidance, and healing power be released for the benefit of His people, and to His glory!

Expectations of the church from team members; Personal relationship with the Lord, willingness (desire) to pray with people, seek to be open and responsive to the Holy Spirit in prayer, available to pray at the end of services on a rotation basis (or if specifically asked by a church member), identified by name tags, commitment to participate in appropriate training, may be asked to step down for a time of renewal. Expectations of members from the church; Prayer support provided by the church, access to leadership for advice, guidance, support and encouragement, training as available and appropriate, periodic reviews of the prayer ministry, members may wish to or need to step down.

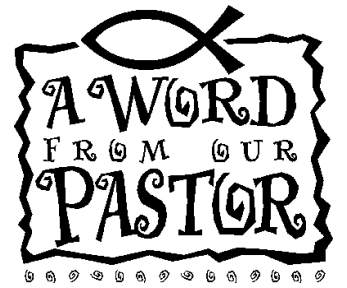
Process for praying with and for people following service is done in 2's. It is normally done in a seated position. When prayer is requested, anointing with oil will be offered, and the laying on of hands will be asked, the prayer team may also lay hands on each other. Strict confidentiality is maintained, no one will be subject to gossip. Safety or criminal concerns will be brought to leadership (pastor). We seek to ensure that our prayer ministry is always consistent with God's word. The prayer teams ending duty is a cleansing prayer. Praying in these ways for others is a form of loving your neighbor as yourself. It is a means of proclaiming the gospel. It is a form of serving.

Our prayer team prays prior to service in the sanctuary, and with pastor and service participants. We currently meet once a month and are attached to the outreach/in reach team.

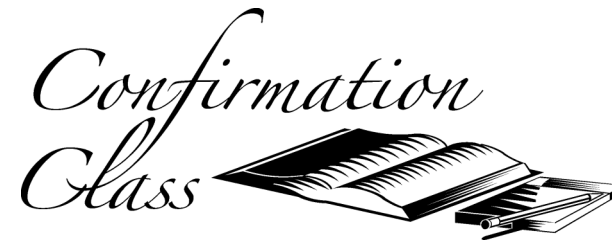
Marcia Smith
Prayer Team Coordinator
651.462.3664

THE PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

RETURNING IN DECEMBER



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 Mona, please call the church office, 651.462.5212.



Dates to Remember:

- Nov. 3 6:30p Small Group Fellowship
- Nov. 7 10:30a 4th Sunday Workshop
- Nov. 10 6:30p Small Group Service
- Nov. 14 10:30a 5th Sunday Workshop
- Nov. 17 6:30p Small Group Service
- Nov. 21 10:30a No Workshop / Guide Huddle
- Nov. 24 7:00p Thanksgiving Worship
- Nov. 28 9:00a Advent I—Greening of the Sanctuary


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Youth news

September 22nd was a busy evening for our confirmation youth.

- ◆ The 7th grade made 20 fleece blankets and donated them to the Northwoods Humane Society. I am sure the dogs and cats appreciate having something soft and cozy to lie upon in their cold, hard cemented floor kennels.
- ◆ Also, the 7th grade labeled 384 water bottles for Stagecoach Days in Wyoming. The label had St. Paul Lutheran Church and United Methodist Church printed on it.
- ◆ The 8th and 9th grade went on a food shelf scavenger hunt for 1 hour in the Wyoming community. Residents helped by donating 484 items. The team with the highest collection of non-perishable goods was 147 items. When the load was delivered to Family Pathways Food Shelf it weighed 453 pounds!

A big thank you to our youth and our youth leaders for making a difference for others in our communities.



MISSION OF THE MONTH:
ALL GOD'S CHILDREN PRESCHOOL

Donations for the preschool will be used to re-stock crayons, markers, paper, etc. Your gifts would be greatly appreciated.

Mission Fundraiser

Note: Special envelopes for the "Mission of the Month" are in the pew racks, or you may indicate on your envelope and check.



Puppet Ministry

CPR PUPPETS

Always looking for new faces

Need more info? Have questions?
Call Frank Edwards 462.5374 or
Neal Albee at 462.8084.





Sunday School News

November in Children's Ministries:

Operation Christmas Child November 14th

The children will once again be packaging up shoeboxes for children around the world. We need your donations of school supplies, personal items, small toys, etc. We are also looking for those who would like to sponsor a shoebox this year- shipping is \$7 per box.

Sunday School- Sunday Mornings 10:20-11:20

November and December's Sunday Schol Unit will be "Mary and Elizabeth's First Christmas", and preparing the Children for the Sunday School Christmas Program, which will be December 19th, 10:30...invite your family and friends!

SPLASH- St Paul Lutheran Active Spiritual Hour-Wednesday Evenings

November 3- SPLASH 1- Our 1st Graders will be "Learning to Pray".

November 17- SPLASH 2- Our 2nd Graders will explore the "Lord's Prayer".

Please sign up your children for these great evenings of Faith Development. If your child has not taken a class, they are free to take any class at any age!!

T-Shirt Sales

Children's Ministries is going to be selling St Paul Lutheran Church T-shirts in November- watch for signs and sign up. Orders and Payment will be taken in November, with shirts arriving before Christmas!

Thankful:

In this month of THANKFULNESS, I am thankful for the wonderful children of St Paul Lutheran who are a blessing to us all, and I am SUPER THANKFUL for the parents of those children who so willingly give of themselves on Sundays and Wednesdays to be a part of the Faith Development of these children that God has given to us!!

THANK YOU,
Janet Nutter

For Calendar:

W 11/3 SPLASH 1 6-7:30

S 11/7 Sunday School 10:20-11:20

W 11/10 SPLASH 5/6 6:30-8

S 11/14 Operation Christmas Child

W 11/17 SPLASH 2 6-7:30



Thanksgiving



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday

November 11th

Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to join the Bible Study which meets the second and the fourth Thursday of the month in the church library. (Thanksgiving is on the 4th Thursday this month). We are studying Paul's letter to the Romans using a study guide in the LUTHERAN WOMAN TODAY magazine, a publication of the ELCA. The magazine has other excellent articles in addition to the study and a subscription for one year (10 issues) is only \$12. The group meets from 6:30 to 8.

Call Fran at 426-2398 or Claudia at 674-6275 for more information.

Shop Locally....

NEED A CONFIRMATION,
GRADUATION, WEDDING OR
BIRTHDAY CARD?

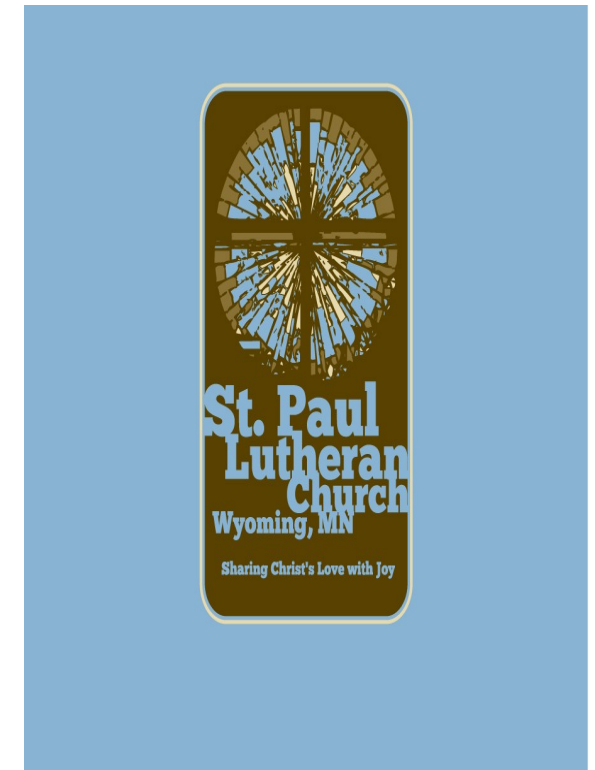
AGAPE CARD SHOP, located in the Library, has what you need. Cards for all occasions and only 50 cents per card.

☆☆☆☆☆
ReAch For the Stars!

Adults 55+

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

HERE IS THE DESIGN FOR THE T-SHIRTS THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WILL SELL AT THE "FROM OUR HEART" CRAFT SALE ON NOVEMBER 6TH! COST IS \$10.00



NOON,
Thursday,
November 25th

Newsletter Mailed Wednesday,
December 1st at 10am



YOU ARE INVITED TO A THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH AT 7:00PM

Worship will also include Holy Communion. Please bring canned foodS and other items for the foodshelf as part of your offering. Thank you!

Following the service there will be time for fellowship with coffee and goodies.



GREENING OF THE SANCTUARY

Sunday, November 28th

We are looking for 6 families to participate through readings and explanations of the "Hanging of the Greens". Are you interested? The idea is to have multi-faceted families, young, older, with and without children, etc. Please call the church office, don't hesitate... 651.462.5212.



Blood DRIVE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8AM-1PM

Sign Up Sheets for Donors and Volunteers will be in the narthex soon.



KEENAGERS

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

(If you choose, you may give \$1 each month for the Christmas party, flowers/gifts for hospitalized KeenAgers, etc.). We may have entertainment or a speaker, or just get together for a potluck lunch.

Next Meeting

Monday, November 8th

(Fairview Volunteers are here on November 1st) 12:30pm with a potluck lunch!

All Retired and Seniors Citizens Welcome!

MEALS ON WHEELS NEED 3 ADDITIONAL DRIVERS ONCE A MONTH FROM 11AM-12PM Meals are picked-up at Parmly Lakeview apartments. Can YOU help? Call Brandy Timmons, 257. 1193

Many of you have probably seen this before, but it's a great reminder: A woman was asked by her coworker, "What is it like to be a Christian?" The coworker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you. Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
A PROJECT OF SAMARITANS PURSE

God's Gathering is going to be doing Operation Christmas Child again this year on November 14th. We hope to package at least 50 boxes this year, and need your help!! We have quite a few school supplies, but are lacking in the "toys" and "hygiene items" areas. Please consider picking up some items (and maybe some wrapping paper?) for this great service to children next time you are at the store. We also are collecting offerings each week in God's Gathering to ship the boxes which are \$7 for each box. Please consider sponsoring a box or two. Thank you for your help with this project!

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.

St Paul Lutheran's "From Our Hearts" Fall Bake and Craft Sale And Community Furniture and Winter Coat Giveaway!

Saturday November 6th, 10am-7pm, Join Us for a day of Fellowship, Crafts and wonderful Food...tell your friends, bring your neighbors!!

The majority of the event will be the BAKE SALE and the CRAFT SALE, things that are handmade from YOUR heart!! The church is YOU and it needs YOU and YOUR creativity, YOUR time and YOUR talent....what can you do to help? Do you have furniture you no longer need? Winter coats, hats or mittens?

- ◆ Bake Sale Questions or Donations? See Dee Wilkinson 651-462-3057 (Bring to church Friday November 5th)
- ◆ Craft Sale Questions or Donations? See Janet Nutter 763-226-6239 Or Zella Oswald 651-462-5065 (bring to church by Wednesday the 3rd)
- ◆ Jar and Basket Silent Auction Questions or Donations? See Ann Umland 763-464-1358 bring to church by Wednesday the 3rd

Any other Questions or to Volunteer your help: See Ruth Koehly 651-257-5863

Dates to Remember:

Friday November 5th
9am-8pm Bake Sale Items brought in
Noon-5pm Craft Sale Set-Up

Saturday November 6th
10am-7pm, Bake and Craft Sale
11am-3pm lunch in Fellowship Hall
4-6:30pm Chicken Dinner
6pm Cookie Raffle Drawing
7pm Jar and Basket Silent Auction Closes

Sunday November 7th
Bake and Craft Sale will continue Sunday Morning, until 10:30.
10:00am (after church) Quilt Raffle Drawing
10:30am-12 Noon Tear Down and Clean Up

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.

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Mona:
Tuesday—Thursday 9:30a-1:30p
Saturday: 9am—Noon
(please call ahead)

Kim:
Tuesday-Thursday 8am-4pm

In case of an emergency and you need to reach someone immediately, you may call Pastor Mona's cell, 651.353.0895 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.

October 19, 2010 Council Meeting Highlights

Special Presentation: Carissa McGlade and Jenny Gilbert presented an overview and proposal for a summer 2011 Youth Mission Trip to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan through agreement with Youth Works. There are currently 16 youth and 4 adults interested in the trip. More are expected to show interest. Outreach to United Methodist Church to participate in mission trip will be made if trip is approved by Council. Presentation indicated that all costs associated with the trips are expected to be borne by attendees with no additional outlay of Church funds expected. Council appreciated the excellent presentation and is supportive of the event.

Review of Reports:

Pastor's Report:

Pastor is proud of Children, Youth and Family Faith Development Team. There are many committed members and they are accomplishing many wonderful things.

It is important to reflect on pastoral needs during Pastor's absence. She is expected to be out of the office until November 7.

Shirley is making arrangements for visiting pastors for Sundays, Oct. 24 and 31.

Finance Report:

As of 9-30-2010, the checking account balance was \$7,626.00 and the savings account balance was \$15,000. There is \$4,500.00 in outstanding bills.

The IRS sent a payment schedule with a balance owed of \$97,584.00. Payments of \$2,000 are due on the 28th of each month. The payment for September was made.

No new information is available on the status of the insurance claim.

Faith Development Report:

DayBreak (from Luther Point) will lead Sunday Forum on October 31. They will also lead worship and a confirmation retreat in the afternoon.

The Preschool report was reviewed and had several suggestions for improved marketing and relationships with the Church. The Council agreed with the recommendations. However, the Preschool report also had a recommendation on financial oversight. The Council did not agree on those recommendations and will be following up on the issue.

The Sunday School report detailed a small net profit from 2010 VBS activities. A request was received to spend \$220 for 2011 VBS materials and a preschool project.

The T-shirt design was received and a recommendation was made and approved to start marking the purchase of a STPL T-Shirt.

The cost of the shirt will be \$10. Council recommends that the T-shirts be prepaid by buyers so that the product is managed well. Janet will work with the Congregational Life Team on marketing the T-Shirts.

There are currently 6 requests for Puppets to perform in the next 8 months. 1 is at STPL and the other 5 are at various area churches. The first performance will be on October 31 in Dresser, Wisc.

Sunday Forum has 5 regular planners but is looking for more participation from others. The forum board has been updated to reflect upcoming topics.

Global Missions Report:

Tanzanian Sunday went very well.

There are tentative discussions occurring on a 2011 trip to Tanzania. No decisions have been made.

Congregational Life Team Report:

Plans are underway for the Santa Anonymous program.

There are community concerts planned for November and December.

Worship, Art and Music Ministry Report:

Council reviewed a proposal for a local musical group to perform as needed. Council recommends keeping the information for later reference.

Old Business:

Pre-call Committee Update. It was determined that a larger team was needed to complete the tasks of this committee. Outreach to more congregational members will occur.

New Business

Discussion on November recognition recipient occurred.

Information is needed on ownership of the pop machine in the Youth room and the restocking process. Janet will contact Rick Enrooth for information.

Discussion occurred on holding a December (previously noted as November) Congregational meeting. Decision was made to hold it on December 12 with a potluck dinner. Topic of conversation will be the Constitution and Bylaws.

Kathie will contact Applebee's to make a reservation for a "Pancake Saturday" fund raiser event.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Johnson

A full copy of the Council meeting minutes is available in the Narthex.



Last week, I traveled to Kenya, Rwanda, Nigeria, and Ethiopia.....

Well, it was via a book I read, "*Say You're One of Them*" by Uwem Akpan. And it wasn't a particularly pleasant journey.

In Kenya, I met a family living together in a makeshift shanty. It is Christmas time, and the family was scrambling to find any scraps they could give as gifts. Prostitution was their teenage daughter's means of supporting them all. In Rwanda, a young brother and sister were dealing with their uncle's attempt to sell them into slavery. His profit? A shiny motorcycle and a false promise of riches. The brother escapes; the sister does not.

I met a busload of refugees fleeing from the religious persecution of Christians in the north of Nigeria, learning during the treacherous ride that the south was no better, and so they were enduring the horrible trip for nothing.

Then there were the childhood friends in Ethiopia who understood nothing about the Christian-Muslim conflict that forced them apart. Forbidden by their parents to see each other because of their differing religions, they develop a secret language that requires no words. They merely stand at their apartment windows which face each other, give themselves a squeeze with both arms and mouth the words, *hugzee, hugzee*: in this way, giving each other a hug.

The book was discussed at my Book Group session a few weeks ago. We all agreed that while it was a depressing book, it was worth reading for the eye-opening experience that it was. We talked about child slavery amidst the cocoa bean fields, and how rampant this and other crimes against children are, yet they are seldom talked about. Religious differences are at the core of the hatred in these countries, and they justify many heinous acts through religion.

Then on Sunday at church, I traveled, at least for an hour, to Tanzania, Africa. Oh, what a relief!

It was *Tanzanian Sunday*: a day set aside to honor and celebrate our mission partnership with Mtera Church in Iringa, Tanzania. How wonderful, after reading of the region's poverty and religious conflicts, to travel to Iringa during that hour and feel at one with them. They are a delightful, gracious and spiritual people from whom we can learn much.

During the service, the Mtera congregation sent their greetings to us. A Swahili Bible was presented to us from them, along with a beautiful wrap-around robe for our own Pastor Mona from Pastor Lufyagila at Mtera; and a "talking stick" (the person holding it is allowed to talk; it is then passed to the next person who wishes to speak). Music was played all through our service from a concert recorded by the Iringa choir when they toured here a few years ago.

We closed the service with the Lord's Prayer in Swahili, spoken by Kirby Smith, as the congregation prayed in English.

On many occasions during a service in Mtera, offerings of food, baking or garden produce are given. These are auctioned at the end of the service. And so we followed this custom, bringing our own offerings to the altar and then, following our service, bidding for jars of homemade jam, butternut squash, cookies, an African basket, a beaded purse, and so on. The proceeds, of course, went to our Mtera ministry.

There are bad things in the world. There is ongoing religious persecution. But there is much more good. People joined together in love and spirit.

One of the 33 miners rescued recently after being trapped for 69 days underground in Chile said, "*I met God. I met the devil. God won*"

It sums up how I felt after reading those stories in a book, true though they were; and then celebrating our spiritual partnership with our wonderful brothers and sisters in Mtera. God always wins.



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Thank you to everyone who helped make Tanzanian Sunday a success! We collected \$1939.75 for student scholarships and other projects at our partner parish, Mtera.

Tanzanian Mission Team