



**FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**8:00AM** Sunday Forum

**9:00AM** Worship Service with Holy Communion

**10:15AM** Sunday School

*Holy Communion is celebrated every week.*

Church Website: [www.sharingchristслоve.org](http://www.sharingchristслоve.org)

“Like it? I got it for a Psalm.”

**St. Paul Lutheran's Annual:**


**FALL FESTIVAL**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12**  
**10AM-6PM**

**Food      *Crafts*      **Raffles****

*Chicken Dinner*      **Silent Auction**

**See page 5 for more specific information**

*See you there!*



**We celebrate All Saints' Day on**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

remembering those in our congregation who have passed away since all Saints' Day, 2010.

**Royce Dean Zaudtke**  
 March 19, 1948—November 26, 2010

**Vera J. Lee Rieck**  
 June 13, 1921—December 7, 2010

**Donald Burton Livgard**  
 September 13, 1941—January 20, 2011

**Hannah L.H. Norwig**  
 June 19, 1991—March 19, 2011

**We pray for the families who have lost loved ones both family members and friends this past year!**



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**

**SUNDAY MORNING, November 6th 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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**Church Staff**

Rev. Renee Patterson, Pastor  
 Allyson Thiele, Office Administrator  
 Janet Nutter, Director of Children's Ministry  
 Carissa McGlade, Youth Coordinator  
 Patti Lichtscheidl, Preschool Director

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

# Upcoming Worship



8:00am

November 6 — All Saints' Sunday  
 8:00am Sunday Forum  
 9:00am ELW Communion Service  
 10:15am Sunday School  
 Operation Christmas Child

November 13 — Pentecost 22  
 8:00am Sunday Forum  
 9:00am Celebration Communion Service  
 10:30am Sunday School

November 20 — Christ the King  
 8:00am Sunday Forum  
 9:00am ELW Communion Service  
 10:15am Sunday School

November 27 — Advent 1  
 8:00am Sunday Forum  
 9:00am Celebration Communion Service  
 10:15am Sunday School

December 4 — Advent 2  
 8:00am Sunday Forum  
 9:00am ELW Communion Service  
 10:15am Sunday School



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 6 Macedonia Project Update**  
 Shirley Zierke will give an update on our participation in the Macedonia Project, a 17-month journey that includes 18 churches in the St. Paul and Minneapolis Synods. We are five months into the project already! She will be sharing details about the project as well as key insights from the team as they are learning a new approach to stewardship development that will change the culture of giving and generosity in our congregation.

**November 13 Stepping Out in Faith**  
 Pastor Mona will lead a discussion about our two+ year transition towards renewal and a new peak of growth in ministry. Our continuing challenge is to step out in faith.

**November 20 Shopping: Christian Explorations of Daily Living**  
 What a topic just before Black Friday! Shopping asks us to chose our values and weigh the good in everyday terms. It also brings us instantly into contact with people all over the world who have grown and harvested our food or crafted the clothes and other items we choose to buy. Can shopping be a Christian act? Can it be a sinful one? This discussion will be based on The Compass Series book.

November 27 **Happy Thanksgiving – No Sunday Forum**

## PARTICIPANTS FOR NOVEMBER — 9:00AM SERVICES

Date	Assistants	Readers	Acolytes	Ushers	Greeters
Nov. 6 Daylight ends	Claudia, Shirley, Rod	Jerry N	Lucas B, Lydia B, Katie B	Jerry Nelson Byron Olson	Marshall & Michelle Ihfe
Nov. 13	Carissa M	Dave N	Kaylee D, Nathan G, Hunter H	Johnson Family	Hazel Korlin Ty & Joanna K
Nov. 20	Zella, Arlie, Jan T	Hiedi O	Michael J, Megan K, Ben M	Dave Haselbauer Dale Brainard	Valdie & Carolin Magstadt
Nov. 23 Thanks Eve	Shirley Z	Zella O, Methodist	Jerrold L, Shelby M, Sammy P		Tom & Paulette Miller (Methodist)
Nov. 27 Advent 1	Jan B	Arlie P	Ron R, Brandon R, Mitch Y	Confirmation Students	Timo & Diane Ma- honen
Dec. 4	Sheila B, Neil G, Rod J	Eileen R	Lucas B, Lydia B, Katie B		Doug & Pat Miska

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


- ♦ **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.
- ♦ For “Community Services”, check with the church office!



**Need help with groceries?**  
 The next “FARE FOR ALL”  
 food distribution is  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 4-6PM**  
 At Forest Lake VFW (near Target)  
[www.fareforall.org](http://www.fareforall.org)  
 Or  
**RUBY'S PANTRY,**  
 North Branch: 2nd Sat. of the month (Nov. 12) 10-11:30am  
 39404 Grand Ave.  
 Forest Hills UMC: 3rd Sat of month, (Nov. 19) 8-11:00am  
 Forest Lake  
 Cost per family \$15.00

**Need Help With Your House or Yard work?**  
 Adults 55+ or disabled living in the Forest Lake area can hire youth (from the Youth Service Bureau or FLAS Community Ed.) to help with chores such as cleaning out your garage, raking leaves or shoveling snow. This is a great way to get affordable help and connect with a youth in the community. Contact Tovah Marek 651.464.3685 or to-  
 vah.marek@ysvblakesarea.org or Andria Sterbentz at 651.982.8328 or asterbentz@flaschools.org

**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.**




**Calling all RINGERS!!**

I would like to get Bells started again in our church. I am looking for anyone who has played bells in the past and anyone who hasn't! That's everyone! You do not have to be able to read music, just be able to count. We have to have a minimum number of people and the more the merrier! The more people we have the fewer bells each person has to play. Please let me know. Either call me 651-462-8084 or email me [njalbee@aol.com](mailto:njalbee@aol.com). Hope you will consider this opportunity to make music! And if you'd like to direct, let me know, I would rather play.

Thanks. Janelle Albee

**Volunteer Opportunities at Fairview Lakes Medical Center**  
 This is a great way to serve the community by providing way-finding and hospitality for patients, families and visitors, cashiering, valet parking, hand massage, pet therapy and supporting special events. For more information contact Jane Denovchek 651.982.7774 or apply at [www.fairview.org/lake/volunteer](http://www.fairview.org/lake/volunteer).



**ALLUMINUM RECYCLE BIN**  
 We now have a place for all your unwanted aluminum cans and misc. aluminum items. The “can cage” is down by the shed, at least for now. Thanks!

**We remember in our prayers.....**



Congratulations to **Erica and Jeremy Karger-Gatzow** on the birth of their twins: **Alma June** born at 8:08 AM 7lbs 1 1/2 oz 20 inches long. Lots of dark hair! **Otis James** born at 8:09 AM 7lbs 8 oz 21 inches long. Some light brown hair. Congratulations also to grandparents **Neil and Judy Gatzow**.

Our deepest sympathy to **Janelle Albee** and family following the death of her mother, Erleyne, on Monday, October 24. We also remember the **Rich Mayville family**. Rich's sister, Judy, passed away on Monday as well, after a short battle with breast cancer.

We keep in our prayers: Keith Messer, **Kathie Marabella's** father who is at the U Hospital, still undiagnosed; **Andrew Fashner**, recovering from surgery; **Logan Gilbert** recovering from surgery; **Arnie Zoeller** with health issues; **Arnie Rudenick** is struggling with another bout of depression; **Janelle Albee's** dad, Carl **Bill and Zella's** niece, Kim, suffering from colon issue and who may need surgery; **Parris Oswald's** grandmother, Collette, in rehab for a double stroke; **Pat Crawford** with a kidney disorder; **Katie Edward's** cousin Dean Turner, suffering with MS; the parents of **Kathie Marabella, Donna Mayville** and **Janelle Albee**; **Darlene Petrey**; **Bill Oswald's** brother, Dick; **Debbie Zaudtke's** daughter, Dana; **Arnie Zoeller** We continue prayers for **Tony Wicklander's** who has Bechet's Disease.

We pray for those with cancer, **Jean Enrooth's** sister, Roxanne who has been battling cancer for 2 years. **Ron Rozeske's** brother, Mike, recently diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer; **Julie Coozenoy's** friend, Karen, with stage 4 ovarian cancer; **Steve and Julie Ohmann's** friends David Rehnke and his sister Brenda Rehnke; Heather Temte, daughter-in-law of **Mike and Sue Temte**; **Eileen Ramse's** niece, Cheryl Bartz; **Lois Rustad's** niece, Sharon Klein; **Karen Rozeske's** cousin, Laurel Shannon; **Leann McGowan's** sister, Karen Johnson; **Pat Miska's** cousin's wife, Joanne Brant; **Neal Albee's** cousin, Mike Albee.

We remember those in health care facilities, **Gene Thompson** a resident of Margaret's House Memory Care Facility in Chisago City. For the health and safety of all service men and women, especially **Andy Brant**, who is in Afghanistan. All others serving in war torn countries.



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.

**+ PASTORAL ACTS +**



The Baptism of  
**Piper Lynn Pederson**, daughter of Mike and Jorita  
October 16, 2011

**Thank you**

**Thank you Jan T. from Arnie Z. !!!**

**St. Paul Lutheran,**  
**Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl that was given to Piper on her baptism. We use it when we rock her and she seems a bit fussy. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful and caring church family. Thanks again.**

**The Pederson's,**  
**Mike, Jorita, Tucker and Piper**

**Thank you to everyone in the congregation that helped make my retirement party such a fun time. To all of you that attended and offered their heartfelt wishes, gave me wonderful retirement cards and gifts, thank you so very much.**

**The scrapbook that Shirley started and many of you contributed to, amazes me. The gift from the congregation, a beautiful cross with both Byron's and my birthstone and the birthstones of our 9 grandchildren was incredible and I will cherish forever.**

**It was a wonderful party and a great ending!!! Thank you.**

**Kim Olson**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Thank you to all who have been taken time to create prayer shawls. They have been given out to people with special needs and we try to give them at baptisms.

At this time we have a need for shawls, so if you are interested, please contact Karen Carlson, 651.462.5310 for further information.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am filled with joy as I write this letter after an energy filled Sunday morning! It was Tanzania Sunday and I truly felt God's Spirit moving among us as we celebrated His goodness along with our Tanzanian brothers and sisters on the other side of the globe. God is up to something in the world today! He is moving among us in great and mighty ways.

***<sup>8</sup>God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others. 2 Corinthians 9:8***

The messages of society often are negative and play on our fears, but we have an awesome God that calls us to see things through His eyes. We who are Christian know a **different** reality—one that **celebrates** the Incarnate God—the God who is continuously redeeming the world. It is important for us to live in the reality of this Good News. In the midst of the financial concerns, the message of the Gospel is one of God's abundant blessings; which is why we are one of the congregations that is participating in the Macedonia Project.

What is the Macedonia Project? The Macedonia Project is a new ELCA approach to stewardship development that is seeking to change the culture of giving and generosity in congregations. The ELCA Macedonia Project is a two-year initiative to help congregations grow in their stewardship practices, and in their capacity to be generous in their mission support. The project is largely supported by a Thrivent grant with participation being made possible through invitation by our synod.

The Congregational Cohort Model includes 20 healthy, high potential congregations from the Minneapolis Area and Saint Paul Area Synods which began the 17-month process in June 2011. This has been a great opportunity for us to partner with other churches in this encouraging initiative that is centered on how we are called to be better stewards in God's world. We have been invited to participate in this project because we share some common characteristics with this diverse group of congregations. We are a congregation that has demonstrated strong leadership, a commitment to mission beyond themselves and an openness to change and growth.

I am excited that we have been invited to take part in this important initiative that seeks to bring a more holistic approach to our understanding of what God is calling us to be in the world. We are a people of God seeking to share Christ's love with JOY! It is who we are, pure and simple.

Too excited!  
Pastor Renee

**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 Renee please call the church office, 651.462.5212.**

# Sunday School News

## Upcoming Events for CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:

### SPLASH Classes in November:

SPLASH K- Nov 2 6:00-7:30 "Worship"

SPLASH 1- Nov 16 6:00-7:30 "Learning to Pray"

Parents are encouraged to stay for all of these classes, but are **REQUIRED** to stay for the "My Bible" Class, the kids definitely need the assistance in that class. If your child did **NOT** attend a class when they were in a particular grade, they are **VERY** welcome to attend any of the classes that they might have missed.

November 6th is "Operation Christmas Child"- We are collecting items to go in our shoeboxes. Items can be left in the Collection Box in the Narthex. Gift Suggestions include: School Supplies: pens, crayons, writing pads, calculators (solar), small coloring books

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, yo-yos, Slinkies, jump ropes


Hygiene Items: toothbrush and paste, soap (bar) washcloth

Children will also be asked to donate some of their Halloween candy.

NO: war toys, chocolate or food, liquids or lotions, used items

Please pick up a few extra items on your next shopping trip....THANKS!

November 13th is "Children of Christ" Sunday, where the Children will assist Pastor Renee in leading the Worship Service. Be sure to be here for this special day!



**VISITATION TEAM**


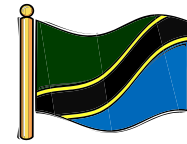
Have you been unable to make it to church and communion? Would you simply like a personal visit from someone in the St. Paul Lutheran family? A member of the SPL Visitation Team would be happy to visit you and give you communion, if you desire. We use elements that have been consecrated at the previous 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.




**SOARING SPIRITS — SINGING SONGS**

**Adult Choir has rehearsal on Monday evenings from 7-8pm.**  
**All are welcome to join choir for part of the year or longer.**  
**We normally sing two Sundays a month; have a January break;**  
**and sing through April.**

**You'll be warmly welcomed. Come, join in the fun!**  
**Arne Ranta, 651.462.1969**

## Bega Kwa Bega Fall Festival

The Bega Kwa Bega Fall Festival, an annual event celebrating the partnership between the St. Paul Area Synod and the Iringa Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania will take place on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 12:30 at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, 1669 Arcade St. North St. Paul. Rev. Blastone Gavile, assistant to the Bishop of the Iringa Diocese will preach during worship and Rev. Lusungu Msigwa, the Diocese companion liaison, will present during an educational session.

Everyone is invited to accompany members of the Global Mission Team to the festival to learn more and strengthen our connection with our brothers and sisters in Tanzania. Contact Fran Nordhausen at 426-2398 if you are interested and would like to car pool.

### **Did you know?**

Our local Christian radio station (KTIS) sponsors a campaign called the "Drive Through Difference". This campaign encourages you to pay for the person's order in the car behind yours as you're going through a fast-food or coffee-shop drive-through—a random act of kindness.

I did this once. I only had time to very briefly see the reaction on the driver's face as she pulled up to the window to pay for her order and was told the charge had been paid. She looked into the back of my car as I pulled away, her eyes wide with astonishment.

I hope it made a difference in her day. I hope it touched her heart. But if it did, it surely paled in comparison to the feeling I received. It changed MY day.

So did I *bless*, or was I *blessed*?

Yesterday was laundry day for me. Living in a condominium, ten units on our floor share a washer and dryer in a common laundry room. It's kept neat and clean by all of us, and often serves as a great visiting place. We have no set schedule, no reservations; it's more or less "first-come, first-served."

Yesterday as I carried in my basket of laundry, this note was posted on the lid of the washer:

**HAVE A BEAUTIFUL DAY!  
 GOD BLESS YOU!  
 (THIS LOAD IS PAID FOR)**

I floated through my loads of laundry with a warm, fuzzy feeling in my heart. It changed my day. I don't know who the giver was. I have a suspicion but I won't ruin it by asking.

Those little random acts of kindness pack a lot of power in their punch. I urge you to try it sometime. Something as simple as a load of laundry.

So, what is your conclusion? Do you think my kind neighbor *blessed*? Or was she *blessed*?

 Carol Bisek

### *Chisago County and Forest Lake Area* **ANONYMOUS SANTA**

**You may bring your donated Christmas gifts beginning November 27th thru December 11th.**

**The Christmas Tree and individual "wish" tags will be available in the Narthex.**

**Any questions call the church office at 651.462.5212**

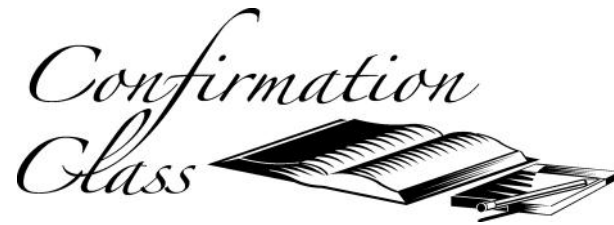


### **MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND**

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.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:  
Operation Christmas Child**

Pack a shoebox with school supplies, toys and hygiene items or drop individual items off in the Narthex. See "Sunday School News" (pg. 4) for great ideas. Monetary donations will go to cover the shipping cost associated with getting these boxes to children in war torn or famine ravaged areas of the world. Please note "Operation Christmas Child" in the memo of your check.



**Dates to Remember:**

- November 2—6:30pm Workshop #5
- November 9—6:30pm Small Group
- November 16—6:30pm Workshop 6
- November 23— No Class, Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 7pm
- November 30—6:30pm Workshop 7
- December 7—6:30pm Workshop 8

Check the website [www.sharingchristlove.org](http://www.sharingchristlove.org)

**ANNUAL**



Got plans for November 12th??? St. Paul Lutheran will be having their:

**ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12—10AM-6PM**

**Featured Attractions:**

- ❖ Delicious Chicken Dinner;
- ❖ Beautiful handmade crafts,
- ❖ Huge bake sale,
- ❖ Quilt and cookie raffles
- ❖ Silent auction
- ❖ PLUS homemade bread by Jim Carlson

**Fall Festival  
Silent Auction Ideas  
or Suggestions:**

- A weekend (or week) at your cabin
- A timeshare week opportunity
- Homemade dessert of the month
- Construction project services
- House cleaning services
- Automotive products and services
- Technology products or services
- Tickets to events, sporting or other
- Limited edition merchandise, prints or collector items

Use your imagination!

Mark your calendars NOW!!!

Plan to attend our festival for a wonderful and fun experience. Avoid the Christmas rush and do your gift shopping at our festival. Buy a gift for yourself or for someone special. There will be gifts for all ages.

If you are too tired or too busy to do your holiday baking, stop the bake sale and purchase your goodies from us! We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday, November 12th.



**KEENAGERS**



Our group of retired members, called the KeenAgers, 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.

**Monday, November 7th** — Special Guest Speaker:  
Meg Schwanke from Family Pathways  
Topic: Family Pathways Senior Services—  
Social Respite for Memory Loss  
Meet at 12:30 for a potluck.

All Retired and Seniors Citizens Welcome!

**Attention Grades 7—12**

- ❖ Join us to pack food for the **Feed My Starving Children** project on Friday, March 23rd sign-up with Carissa or Janet! We will depart from church at 5pm.

Thank you & God Bless,  
Carissa

**DEADLINE:**  
Newsletter Articles

NOON,  
Wednesday,  
November 23

Newsletter Mailed Wednesday,  
November 30 at 10am

Pastor Renee Patterson:  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday



Allyson Thiele:  
Tuesday-Thursday 9am-4pm  
Friday 9am - 12:00 noon

In case of an emergency and you need to reach someone immediately, you may call Pastor Renee, cell, 651.271.6882. You may also leave a message at the church, 462.5212 and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

Community  
Thanksgiving  
Worship



**YOU ARE INVITED TO A THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd AT 7:00PM**

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

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

**Scout's Spaghetti Dinner  
Saturday November 19 from 4:30 to 7:30  
At St. Paul Lutheran Church**



Don't Forget  
to Vote  
November 8th

**Service of Remembrance**

Sunday November 20, 5:00 pm, at Mattson's Funeral Home & Cremation Service. This service is dedicated to honoring the memory of loved ones who have died over the past year. Please R.S.V.P 651.464.3556 by Monday November

**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 Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 18, 2011**

**Review of Reports:**

**Pastor's Report**

Pastor discussed the blessing of the Animals. It raised money and resulted in two dogs finding homes. A great community event. Pastor mentioned sending a letter of welcome out to inactive members inviting them back. She also mentioned sending the third quarter giving statements out with a letter. Pastor discussed that attendance is up by 12% from last year comparing Labor Day through Oct 16 we are averaging 140 per service. Pastor Renee reported the Fall Festival is making progress. She mentioned Thanksgiving Service is co-opted with Pastor Lori for community service and we will host them here. Pastor mentioned that Kim's replacement, Allyson, started on Oct 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance Report**

No financial statements at this time since Judy is out of town. The Audit team has reached the final stage and is preparing its report. The budget/expenses to date were reviewed in preparation for a start on the budget for the coming year. They still continue to deal with the IRS.

**Children, Youth & Family Faith Development Ministry Team**

**Pre-School** – Patti Lichtscheidl reported that Preschool has been in process for one month and going well. They have an enrollment of 23 children.

On Oct 6<sup>th</sup> they went on a Pumpkin Patch fieldtrip and the kids and families enjoyed it very much. October is "fire safety Month" and they received a visit by the Wyoming Fire Department. She reported they had conferences on Oct 18<sup>th</sup>. Oct 27<sup>th</sup> they will have their Halloween Party.

**Youth Report** – Pastor Renee discussed the Confirmation Retreat at Gustavus Adolphus and 30 kids attended. Two that had not been regular attendees and two new ones. She mentioned it was a booming success.

**Children's Ministry** - Janet Nutter reports that the Sunday School year is off to a great start, with approximately 55 children. They have been using new SPARK curriculum, which is lectionary, just like Church services, they have been studying the parables. They are planning a "Children of Christ" Sunday, where the Children will lead Worship on a Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>.

Splash 4 spent time exploring the 10 commandments and recreating them to go with our own lives. Splash 5/6 has met twice and are using a curriculum that uses movie clips to explore our Bible points. Our conscience and our parents. This group is into a lot of good discussion and questions.

Janet discussed the Safeguarding God's Children class that she attended by the Synod and how she would like to implement it in our church sometime after the first of the year.

**Sunday Forum** – Kathie Marabella mentioned they are planning to use another **Book of Faith** study for advent – "Church in Waiting". She also mentioned they have a schedule set up to the end of January.

**Global Missions Report**

Kathie Marabella mentioned that she, Fran and Dave Nordhausen attended The St. Paul Partners fundraiser on Oct 1 at St. Mark's Lutheran. Kathie and Fran manned the registrations table.

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> is TZ Sunday and Pr. Tom Nielsen will deliver the message. Focus on education and how lives are transformed. There will be an auction following. There are photos from SPAS on display. Offerings will be used towards student support. The BegaKwaBega Fall Festival is Nov 5<sup>th</sup> at Gustavus Adolphus in Maplewood.

**Congregational Life/Missions**

Zella Oswald reported that the team planned Kim's retirement party for Oct 22.

They also discussed the Ministry fair to be held on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Property, Building and Grounds Report:**

Jerry Nelson mentioned with "Fire Prevention Week" they had the Fire Chief visit the building and give them any concerns including safety/emergency procedures. One suggestion was the purchase of an emergency response key lock box to be mounted to the exterior main entrance for immediate access to police units.

**Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the purchase of an emergency response key lock box.**

Jerry also suggested that we offer the use of our building by city emergency preparedness agencies during events that require the rapid evacuation and need of shelter for victims of disaster within the community.

Jerry mentioned they still have some patching on the roofs and they have a volunteer lined up. The cost will be materials needed, which are expected to be minimal.

**Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved to check further into the option of offering our building for disaster within the community.**

**SPRR**

Cheryl Glassel reported they are currently working on updating the church's policy on Safeguarding Our Children. Janet Nutter attended the class that was presented at the synod. No other reportable progress has been made on the updating of the Constitution and Bylaws.

**Worship, Art and Music Ministry Report**

Mike Temte reported Dec 11 the puppets will do part of the service. He also mentioned Dec 18<sup>th</sup> will be the children's program. Jean Richards is working on the advent speakers and music.

Pastor Renee mentioned the need of a hospitality leader.

**Old Business**

Shirley discussed the Stewardship Congregations Cohort (Macedonia Project).

No change of Status on Bylaws and Constitution changes.

Kim's retirement Party has been completed.

There was discussion on the Mission of the Month.

Volunteer appreciation for November was discussed.

**New Business**

Fall Stewardship and pledge cards were discussed.

Respectfully submitted by Zella Oswald