



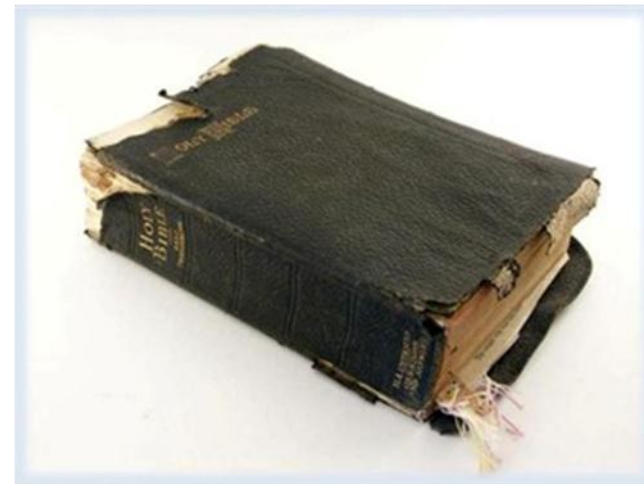
8:00AM Sunday Forum

9:00AM Worship Service
with Holy Communion

10:15AM Sunday School

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

Church Website: www.sharingchristsllove.org



The Bible -
Did you know that when you carry "the Bible", Satan has a headache, when you open it, he collapses, when he sees you reading it, he loses his strength, AND when you stand on the Word of God, Satan can't hurt you!

Submitted by Rosie Quale

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— BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS —

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST AT 10:00AM

Festivities, including pet adoption from "Rescue Tails" will continue until 3pm.

— *A word from your new Office Administrator:*

Hello to the people of St. Paul Lutheran. My name is Allyson Thiele and I will be the new Office Administrator. I am excited about my new position and realize I have big shoes to fill in taking over for Kim. I covet your prayers during this transitional period.

I will give you a little background: I am not a native Minnesotan. I grew up in western New York and graduated from The Ohio State University. My husband, Dan, and I were transferred (via his job) to Minnesota in 1995 and we settled in Columbus. We have four children ages 16 to 9 and when I am not cooking and washing clothes at home, or working, I put on my "taxi" hat and run the kids to their sports practices or games. God has blessed me with a full life and a new job to which I am truly thankful.

I look forward to meeting you so please stop in and introduce yourself. I will try my best to remember names and faces. See you soon. Allyson

— TANZANIAN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD —

with special guest: Pastor Tom Nielsen, just returning from Tanzania

— ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL —

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12—10AM-6PM

Chicken dinner served from 4-6pm (*details on page 5*)

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Church Staff

Rev. Renee Patterson, Pastor
Kim Olson, 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

October 2 — Pentecost 16
 8:00am Sunday Forum
 9:00am ELW Communion Service
 10:15am Sunday School

October 9 — Pentecost 17
 8:00am Sunday Forum
 9:00am Celebration Communion Service
 10:30am Sunday School

October 16 — Pentecost 18
 8:00am Sunday Forum
 9:00am ELW Communion Service
 10:15am Sunday School

October 23 — Pentecost 19 Tanzanian Sunday
 Special Guest: Pastor Tom Nielsen
 8:00am Sunday Forum
 9:00am Celebration Communion Service
 10:15am Sunday School

October 30 — Reformation Sunday
 8:00am Sunday Forum
 9:00am
 10:15am Sunday School



PARTICIPANTS FOR OCTOBER — 9:00AM SERVICES

Date	Assistants	Readers	Acolytes	Ushers	Greeters
Oct 2	Sheila B, Neil G, Rod	Heidi K	Shelby M, Sammy P, Brandon R		Lyle & Mona Engel Betty Grant
Oct 9	Kathie	Lisa L	Kaylee S, Lydia B, Katie B		Steve and Carole England
Oct 16	Claudia, Zella, Jan T	Julie L	Kaylee D, Michael J, Megan K		Neil and Judy Gatzow
Oct 23	Arlie	Valdie M	Sam L, Ben M, Jerrod L		Dave & Mary Haselbauer
Oct 30	Jan B, Carissa, Zella	Kathie M	Shelby M, Sammy P, Brandon R		Cindy Gruett Barb Hastings
Nov. 6	Kathie, Shirley, Rod	Jerry N	Kaylee, Lydia B, Katie B		Marshall & Michelle Ihfe

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.

October 2 Too Busy Not to Pray
 Have you taken time to talk with God today? Are our schedules ever "too busy" to do this? Join us in the discussion.

October 9 Too Busy Not to Pray
 Have you taken time to talk with God today? The discussion continues ...


October 16 There are no homeless in Wyoming. True or False?
 Ande Armstrong from United Methodist in Wyoming will join us to talk about their program hosting guests at their church. How might we offer support?

October 23 Tanzanian Sunday
 We will focus our discussion on Tanzania ... especially our brothers and sisters at Mtera.

October 30 Reformation Sunday! Martin Luther and Wittenberg
 An afternoon in Wittenberg, Germany - pictures and information about the city where Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the Castle Church door to start the Protestant Reformation. Dave and Fran Nordhausen will have just returned from their visit to this historical city.

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, OCTOBER 26, 4-6PM
 At Forest Lake VFW (near Target)
www.fareforall.org
 Or

RUBY'S PANTRY,
 North Branch: 2nd Sat. of the month (Oct. 8) 10-11:30am
 39404 Grand Ave.
 Forest Hills UMC: 3rd Sat of month, (Oct. 15) 8-11:00am
 Forest Lake
 Cost per family \$15.00

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

SATURDAY, October 15 at 3pm: "Do, Re, Mi... & Ewe", a musical comedy about a women's empowerment retreat. Also featuring 3 Nice Girls Quartet.
 Immanuel Church, 9511 Broadway, Forest Lake, 651.269.3375


Reformation Sunday, October 30th at 3pm: Monroe Crossing will be in concert at Immanuel Lutheran, Almelund. Audiences will hear classic bluegrass, bluegrass gospel and heartfelt originals. Call Immanuel Lutheran at 651.583.2340 for info or tickets.

More info on the kiosk for both events!

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. Hope you will consider this opportunity to make music! And if you'd like to direct, let me know, I would rather play.



COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011
8AM—7PM
ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH,
FOREST LAKE

If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment, please call Donna, 651.433.2955 or Patti, 651.433.3684.
 Walk-ins are welcome.
 Please remember to bring some form of ID.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Discover the full potential of your marriage by attending the October 14-16 Marriage Encounter weekend in Duluth, and November 18-20 in Brooklyn Center. Please register several weeks in advance. For more info, contact Dick and Judy Dehnel at 952.432.3105, Pete and Phyllis McMahon at 763.561.1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org

We remember in our prayers.....



Our deepest sympathy to **Karen Chapin** and her family following the death of her mother, Luella Johnson on Friday, September 16th. She was 94.

Congratulations to **Don and Elodee Hudon** on the birth of their first grandchild, David, born Thursday, September 22nd. David had some breathing problems, but these have been resolved. and he and his parents, Mark and Meghan, were expected to go home on Sunday.

Congratulations to **John and Hiedi Ohr** on the birth of a healthy baby girl, Rayna Elizabeth on Monday, September 26th.

We keep in our prayers: **Dale Brainard** who will have surgery on Friday, September 30th; **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; **Mike and Karen Reedquist**, recovering at Regions following a motorcycle accident (an SUV pulled out in front of them); **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** health issues related to Bechet's Disease.

We pray for those with cancer, **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; **Rod Jasmer's** Goddaughter, Caroline, 7; **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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINIISTRY

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.

Perhaps some interested women would like to join others in this ministry at Craft Night, Friday, October 28th from 5pm to midnight. Please let Karen Carlson know if this is something you want to do and she will make arrangements.

+ PASTORAL ACTS +

**The Baptisms of
Hunter Thomas, Chancelor Quinn and Lorelai Paige
Children of Timothy and Tara Russell
On September 11, 2011**

**Joseph Thomas, son of
Thomas and Tricia Zak
September 18, 2011**



Thank you

Thank you St. Paul Lutheran members for the visits, prayers and phone calls when I was in the hospital and Parmly.

**Thanks again,
Arnie Zoeller**

Thank you, Cheryl Glassel, for donating the wooden file cabinet that our organist, Jeanne, uses to store her many, many books and sheets of music. We appreciate your gifts very much!

St. Paul Lutheran

I'd like to thank all of you (Church Council) for choosing me to be one of the scholarship recipients. It really does mean a lot to me that the church supports my endeavors at higher learning and furthering my faith. I just wanted everyone to know how grateful I am for the scholarship. I love it here at Luther College.

**Sincerely,
Jake Albee**

What a joy to see the beautiful baptismal banners You gals did a fabulous job in a short time. Karen what a lovely stole you make for Pastor Renee. It really make our opening year very special. We had wonderful fellowship and lots of laughter, as we did honor to God.

**Bless you all,
Cindy Gruett**



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.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Fall is in the air and while for some it might mean the end of something, namely summer, for me it is the sign of new beginnings; with our church programs moving back into full swing I thoroughly love all the energy this brings. Saying hello to new faces and experiencing renewed activity brings such a joy to my heart! This has been a whirlwind time of welcomes and fresh starts. I am thrilled to let you know what is happening at our church. Recently four young children were baptized into the faith, the Sunday School rooms are once again packed with children, the confirmation program had a great start and we are looking to launch an E-Newsletter to be sent out on a regular basis very soon. We are also looking forward to hosting a community Blessing of the Animals (did I mention that I have four dogs?) and an Adopt-a-Pet Event on Saturday October 1 from 10:00am-3:00pm. Please tell everyone that they are welcome to join us!

I am also excited to welcome Allyson Thiele, our new office administrator, in mid-October. Allyson brings with her a wealth of administrative knowledge, vibrant enthusiasm and a genuine faith in Jesus Christ. I have told her how amazingly hospitable you all are and that she will now be part of our family here. Please stop by and say hello as we welcome her into our faith community.

I continue to be amazed at how God is working among us bringing growth and renewal. This is never more apparent than in our Sunday morning worship where we have seen increased enthusiasm as the Holy Spirit continues to breathe new life into our body of faith. God has blessed this congregation with many gifts. Our dedicated staff and army of volunteers are constantly at work building God's Kingdom. As I have said before, God is most certainly up to something around here. And I am honored to be a part of His plan here at St. Paul Lutheran. My hope is that God will continue to propel us into the future that He already has waiting for us. If you have stories about how you see God working in our midst, I would love to hear about it. I am usually in the church office on Tue, Wed and Thur. Please feel free to contact me by phone, 651-462-5212, or email me at rpatter-son@sharingchristlove.org.

In His Peace,

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

Sunday School

The Sunday School year is well underway. We have new curriculum this year, and are really enjoying it. THANK YOU to all parents who have stepped up to teach so far this year. More are needed each week. Please consider giving of yourself and your time and sharing your love of the Lord with our children. There will be NO Sunday School MEA weekend, October 23.

SPLASH— Our Wednesday night Faith Development Program has special classes for each Grade!!

SPLASH 4- "Ten Commandments" October 5, 6-7:30pm
SPLASH 5/6— October 12 and 26, 6:30-8pm

Looking Ahead:

❖ Operations Christmas Child November 6

The Sunday School Children will once again be assembling boxes of Christmas Presents for Children around the world. Please pick up some extras on your next shopping trip. We are looking for new items such as: school supplies, personal care items, small toys!! Thank You. Many are bless by your generosity!

❖ Fall Festival November 12

We are looking forward to another wonderful Fall Festival. We again will be having a Bake Sale, Craft Sale, Silent Auction and Chicken Dinner. We will be looking for your homemade Baked Goods and Craft Items...We know that there are LOTS of talented folks out there! We are looking for someone to oversee the Craft and Silent Auction Areas...is God Calling you? Listen and give Pastor Renee or Janet a jingle!!



**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.

Women of the ELCA You are invited to the
NORTH CLUSTER GATHERING
at

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Almelund,
Located on Highway 95 between North Branch & Taylors Falls
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
beginning with registration at 8:30am. (concludes at
11:30am)



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



GLOBAL MISSIONS TEAM

Karibu (Welcome)

October 23 will be Tanzanian Sunday,
the annual celebration of our past, present and future
relationship with our sister parish in Mtera, TZ.

We have some special activities planned --

treats

auction of goods and crafts

processional offering that will support our ten students

pastor Tom Nielsen, just recently returned from Africa, will share the message

See you there!

Bega Kwa Bega Fall Festival

November 5 - Saturday
8:30 a.m. Registration; 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Celebrate, pray, and strengthen our connection with our brothers and sisters in Tanzania. Winning photos from *Sharing the Spirit: Tanzania Memories* photography contest will be announced and displayed in a slide show. Pastor Blastone Gavile, Assistant to the Bishop and Pastor Lusungu Msigwa, BKB/DIRA Liaison will be attending and presenting at the event. Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, 1669 Arcade St N., St Paul

Did you know?

While the national news reports of a month ago focused on the hurricane and flooding threats in New York City, with much ado about whether or not Mayor Bloomberg acted appropriately in closing the subway system, torrential flood waters were destroying homes and people's lives in upstate New York, and elsewhere on the east coast.

My cousin lives in South Cairo, upstate New York near the Catskill Mountains. Who would have predicted this area would ever be flooded? Certainly not its inhabitants. Neither would they be concerned with flood insurance.

But last month disaster struck and the area was all but wiped out by the unrelenting waters. And a month later, the rain is still falling. A nearby town doesn't even exist anymore. Roads to the surrounding areas are closed, washed away or not accessible due to the mud and falling trees. Trees have become so weakened by moisture, are turning brown, and falling. One fell on my cousin's car, as if she hadn't already suffered enough. Five feet of water in her house. Did you know refrigerators could float?

Cairo residents have lost everything. Homes, furniture, clothing, electric appliances, bedding, towels, toys, vehicles. Families are sleeping in gymnasium shelters. The area is depressed economically, and recovery appears a long way off.

A couple of weeks ago, an insert appeared from the ELCA in our Sunday bulletins, asking for funds for disaster relief. I saw a rather benign, generic plea, one of many, and discarded it.

Then I heard the story of Cairo, New York, and it became real. My cousin is okay and will recover, thanks to her foresight in purchasing adequate insurance. But 99 percent of the population is not as fortunate and the situation appears hopeless to them. They are trying to rescue anything that can be washed or salvaged. They have become overwhelmed and disoriented.

We all know the needs are great globally. Famine, tsunamis, hurricanes, flooding, malaria: all call for action. They are also great in our own nation. We talked about this at last week's Global Mission Team meeting.

Next time I get an appeal from the ELCA for disaster relief, I'll not likely throw it away. Although I'd prefer a more personal story or specific need, I know the needs are there and I will respond.

Perhaps a few dollars will reach South Cairo.



Carol Bisek



**MISSION OF THE MONTH:
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Want to give an extra gift in support of activities, supplies, scholarships, etc. for St. Paul Lutheran's children? Please memo your check or envelope "Children's Ministry"
Thank you!



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, October 3rd — Wild River State Park
Meet at church at noon to carpool to the park.
Hot dogs, buns, condiments, chips and paper products provided. Bring your own beverage and dish to pass!
Remember: **Meet at church at noon.**

Monday, November 7th — Special Guest Speaker:
Meg Schwanke from Family Pathways
Topic: Family Pathways Senior Services—
Social Respite for Memory Loaa

All Retired and Seniors Citizens Welcome!

OFFICE HOURS





Pastor Renee Patterson:
Tuesday—Thursday 9am-4pm
(please call first to be sure Pastor is in her office)

Kim:
Tuesday-Thursday 8am-4pm

In case of an emergency and you need to reach someone immediately, you may call Pastor Renee, cell, 651.271.6882 /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.

Confirmation Class



- Dates to Remember:**
- October 5—6:30pm Workshop #3
 - October 12—6:30pm Guide Huddle
 - October 14, 15, 16—Confirmation Retreat
 - October 19—No Confirmation, MEA
 - October 26—6:30pm Workshop #4
 - November 2—6:30pm Workshop #5
- 
- OCTOBER**

Check the website www.sharingchristlove.org for registrations and more information!

CALENDAR DATES FOR GRADES 7-12

Some dates to keep in mind or mark on your calendar are:

- ❖ **Fall Retreat** to Gustavus Adolphus College: 10/14-10/16. Meet at church at 5pm for departure.
- ❖ **Mission Trip** meeting on 10/26 @ 6pm right before confirmation.
- ❖ Also if you would like to 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,
October 19

Newsletter Mailed Wednesday,
October 26th at 10am

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**

Mark your calendars NOW!!!

**Plant 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.





CPR Puppets

CPR Puppets gearing up for an exciting season but we're short-handed (LITERALLY!) We are looking for puppeteers to join our crew! In general, we welcome anyone in 4th grade and up, however exceptions are made, so if you are not quite in 4th grade but want to join let us know! And if you are well beyond 4th grade that's okay too! Our members range in age from 2nd grade to retirement and beyond! ALL are welcome. If puppeteering is not for you, we could use help with sign holding, prop making, script organizing etc. Just ask!

- ❖ Junior High & Senior High youth – this is a great way to get service hours, make new friends and share God's message with others.
- ❖ Retired or Empty-nesters – are you looking for something fun, meaningful and rewarding? This might be for you! Children are not required!
- ❖ Families, this is one activity that you can ALL be involved in, spend some quality time together, and get to know other church families.

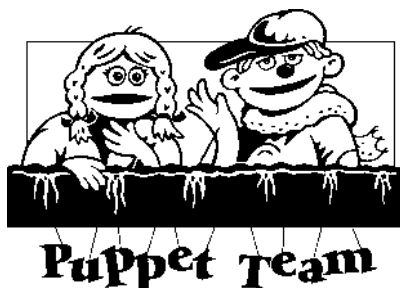
What's in it for you?

Fun, camaraderie, creative outlet, quality time with your family and/or church friends, sharing God's message in a fun and unique way.

OCTOBER rehearsal dates are: Sunday, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 3:00pm

Warm Fuzzies Guaranteed!

If you are interested contact us at cprpuppets@yahoo.com
Or talk to Frank Edwards, Neal Albee or Carrie Reed.



St. Paul Lutheran Council Meeting Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Pastor's Report

Pr. Renee reported she attended a Sustainable Youth Ministry Seminar. Reported we will host a community event on October 1: Blessing of the Animals and pet adoption day. The Fall Festival will be held on November 12 and the proceeds will be used for youth (Luther Point retreat?) and local outreach. Pr. Renee is sending a letter of introduction and invitation to church members who have not been to church recently. Reported she will be leading a new member class in October or November.

Finance Report

Judy Gatzow presented Statement of Financial Position and Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison.

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

General Fund checking account balance as of August 31: \$5,411.20. All invoices are current. Judy reported that the new computers are up and running. The Finance Team met Sept. 15 and is beginning preparation for the 2012 budget. A "first look" will be presented at the November Council meeting. 3Q contribution statements will be going out to the congregation around Oct. 15. Regards to the IRS; we are still waiting for all the monies to be appropriately applied.

Children, Youth & Family Faith Development Ministry Team

Pre-School – School has started; 22 children are attending. The calendar for 2011-2012 is published. A fund-raiser is being considered. A request for a scholarship has been received.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to provide a 50% scholarship to a family.

Youth Report – Confirmation has launched. A Retreat is scheduled for Oct 14-15 at Gustavus Adolphus College. **Children's Ministry** - Janet Nutter reported Sunday School began on Sept. 18. SPLASH starts September 21; the focus is on the Ten Commandments. The children will lead worship on Sunday, Nov. 13. **Sunday Forum** – Kathie Marabella reported the team has topics scheduled through the end of November. The team will meet again in October to plan for Advent.

Global Missions Report

Kathie Marabella reported the team is planning for TZ Sunday, Oct. 23. Pr. Tom Nielson, recently returned from TZ, will provide the message. African treats and an auction following the service are also planned. There is a St. Paul Partners fundraising dinner Oct. 1 at St. Mark's in N. St. Paul and the BegaKwaBega Fall Festival is Nov. 5 at Gustavus Adolphus in Maplewood. Fran and Pr. Renee have sent letters of introduction to Pr. Lufyagila in Mtera.

Congregational Life/Missions

A Ministry Fair will be held sometime in October. The team is preparing a proposal for the purchase of reusable name tags.

Property, Building and Grounds Report:

Jerry Nelson reported "we fix whatever we find". The property insurance renewed August 31. An appraisal report has been filed.

SPRRT

Cheryl Glassel reported the team is reviewing the Safety with Children policy. Janet Nutter will attend the Synod training.

Worship, Art and Music Ministry Report

Meeting was held September 14; music selection was assigned for October through December. Christmas Eve services will be at 3pm and 11pm with a 10am Christmas Day service. Puppets will be performing a new program on December 11. There will be Wednesday evening Advent Services.

Old Business

Stewardship Congregational Cohort (Macedonia Project): Shirley Zierke attended a cohort leader meeting on Aug. 25 at the Synod office. A cohort meeting will be hosted here next week. **Status on Bylaws and Constitution Changes:** Cheryl Glassel reported she attended the Synod training session and learned about formatting and combining the documents. She anticipates this process will take about a year to complete. **Status of Admin Replacement search:** Resumes were received and interviews have been completed. An offer has been extended and accepted; final approval is pending a background check.

New Business

Mission of the Month: Discussed the process of selection for the "MOM". The Council selected TZ for October and Operation Christmas Child for November.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm
Respectfully submitted by Kathie Marabella
Next regularly scheduled council meeting is October 18, 2011.

☆☆☆☆
ReACH For the Stars!

Adults 55+

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

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.

ANNUAL CLOTHING GIVEAWAY at "THE SHARING SHOP"

**Friday, October 21, 9am-Noon and 5-7pm
Saturday, October 22, 9am-Noon**

**Lakes Free Church, 29620 Olinda Trail, Lindstrom
(1 mile south of Hwy. 8, turn at the DQ in Lindstrom)**

These are gently used fall and winter clothing for men, women and children. Anyone in need is invited to come and shop. One free bag per shopper. Additional bags \$1.00 or work credit.

