



## CELEBRATING GOD'S WORK IN OUR MIDST

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM  
SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2003



### **Miki Anderson**

Baptized October 16, 1988  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Minnetonka

### **Jana Larson**

Baptized June 19, 1988  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Minnetonka

### **Keith Hassig**

Baptized November 1, 1987  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Minnetonka

### **Becca Tollefson**

Baptized April 10, 1988  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
Hopkins

*Let us give thanks to God for God's work in the lives of St. Paul's youth.  
Pray for Miki, Keith, Jana and Becca as they take on  
greater responsibility for their faith  
and the ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

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Jeremy Haug, Music Director Tim & Yuriko Mason, Missionaries in Japan  
All the Baptized, Ministers**

## COMMUNICATIONS --

**Intercongregation Communities Association (ICA)** needs people on the look out for land. They have outgrown their present facility at 3909 Williston Road. A task force has been formed to research possibilities for a new location. If you are aware of land at low or no cost, suitable for a new ICA building of about 6,000 square feet, please contact Annette M. Poeschel at 952-939-0729.

**Minnesota Public Radio** – “Speaking of Faith” airs on Fridays at 8:00 pm and Sundays at 1:00 pm on FM 91.1.

“Stories Behind the Story – Easter and Passover,” “Faith or Religion,” “Religious Perspectives on Cloning,” “Tolerance and Justice in Islam,” “The Seoul in Depression.” Website  
<http://www.speakingoffaith.org>.

**Emerald Crest Memory Loss Center**, St. Paul’s neighbor on Lake Street Extension, is offering a new opportunity for caregivers. This “service offers assistance and coaching for those caring for someone with a memory loss.” For more information, call 952-908-2215.

**Empty Bowls Fundraiser** for local foodshelves, March 18, 2003 – “Dear St. Paul’s – Thank you for mixing in your special ingredients to make our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser for our local food shelves a success. \$44,100 was raised including a \$25,440 challenge by business and civic leaders. Your continued support makes all the difference!” Gratefully, Barb Westmoreland.

**Intercongregation Communities Association:** “Thank you for your generous gift to ICA. We very much appreciate your donation of \$1,570 for foodshare. You Have Made A Difference!” Annette M. Poeschel, Director, ICA.

**Minnesota FoodShare March 2003 Campaign:** :”The ICA goal was 50,000 pounds of food and \$50,000. We did it, and more! Actual received 52,392 pounds of food and \$65,864.26. Thanks St. Paul’s and neighbors for this great response.

**Minneapolis Area Synod:** (from a letter from Heather Eeman Hammond, Bishop’s Associate for Stewardship) “Thanks to you and your recent offering of \$404.00 in mission support to the Minneapolis Area Synod, scores of previously unchurched people are coming together for worship in one of the newest faith communities in the ELCA.

“New Song Lutheran Church has been planted near Las Vegas, NE. The ELCA Division for Outreach and the Mission Founders program have contributed the start-up funds that are getting this congregation off the ground. New Song’s first worship was January 5, 2003. Already they are averaging more than 150 a Sunday in their rented hotel ballroom!

“Many partners have contributed to the birth of New Song Lutheran Church, including St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church of Minnetonka, Minnesota. Thank you for all this and all you do to build the Body of Christ at home and away.” Yours in Christ’s service, Heather E. Hammond.

## Outreach Ministry

Our two noontime worship services during Lent were attended by a total of 30 people. The worshippers ranged in age from 3 years to over 80. Most of them stayed to enjoy lunch and fellowship together. Around the table on Maundy Thursday we heard about each other's Easter traditions, while the 3 year old had us giggling when he tried to tickle our toes even though they were inside our shoes. Look for another noontime gathering coming up on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. We will worship with Holy Communion around Pentecost, then have lunch and fellowship. (If you'd like to bring a lunch item, let me know.)

In April, Pastor Bob and I visited several of our close neighboring organizations – Sojourners, West Junior High, and Emerald Crest. We felt welcomed by their leaders and gained a greater appreciation for their roles and service to this community. They seemed pleased of our interest and are willing to work with us to help and learn from each other. As a result of these contacts:

- Sojourners is planning to bring their message on abuse and the services they provide, to our Faith and Life Forum in the near future. Materials will be on the Narthex information rack as we receive them or for more details, please phone the Sojourner office at 952-933-7433.
- West Jr. High is inviting us to take part in their 1-mile walk/run to raise funds for books for Africa. It is called "Laps for Literacy" and takes place on May 17, beginning 10:00 a.m. at the school. Bring new or gently used books and \$1.00 each book (for mailing). Then enjoy the door prizes, food, and fun!
- At Emerald Crest, St. Paul's is already involved in their monthly worship and music for residents, along with periodic visits by our Sunday School and Confirmation groups. Emerald Crest staff also use our building for occasional meetings and some equipment at times. They appreciate our generosity, and hope we will extend it to helping at special events, like serving refreshments for 1-2 hours at their Mother's Tea on Sunday, May 4. Staff then has more time to be with residents and their families. If you can help, phone Jana at 952-933-9033, ext. 201.

Emerald Crest, too, is open to bringing us education on dementia to make us more aware of ways to help and understand those with this debilitating disease. For people with dementia who still live at home, they offer respite care and in-home assessment.

These visits made Pastor Bob and I feel a closer tie with St. Paul's immediate community. We hope to keep contact with them active and open and to encourage the congregation to take part.

Dorothy Swanson



**For our guests and not-yet-members**, we invite your questions and comments about your time with us and how we might meet your needs. Phone Dorothy Swanson at 952-938-4683, or email us at [stpauls@saintpaulslutheran.org](mailto:stpauls@saintpaulslutheran.org).

### **Opportunities to help our neighbors –**

+ Sunday, May 4, Emerald Crest needs help serving at Mother's Tea for 1-2 hours. Phone Jana at 952-933-9033, ext 201 for details.

+Saturday, May 17, West Junior invites us to their 1 mile run/walk called "Laps for Literacy," beginning 10:00 a.m. at the school. Bring new or gently used books and \$1.00 each book for postage. There will be door prizes, food and fun also!

Have questions about St. Paul's or the Lutheran Church? Check out our website at [www.saintpaulslutheran.org](http://www.saintpaulslutheran.org), email us through it, or phone us at 952-938-4683.

## PASTA AND GAME NIGHT – May 17, 2003

**Volunteers are needed to help make Pasta & Game night a special celebration.** If you can help with plans, food, or clean-up, please let Carolyn Carpenter, Jeanne Olson, Jim Gay for details.

## FUTURE PLANS

Would you like to spend a summer evening at a local bandstand with some of your St. Paul's neighbors listening to *music in the park*? This informal outing is in the planning stage. If you are interested, see Chuck Rudolph for details.

**Stroke Wise in a Day – Saturday, May 10**, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at Minnetonka Community Center. Stroke survivors, caregivers and friends won't want to miss this chance to learn more about stroke care and health at Park Nicollet's third annual event. For more information, call, 952-993-6789.

## BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE IN MAY!!

**May 3** – Solveig Anderson, Muriel Erickson

**May 8** – Richard Moe, James Gay, **May 10** – Dick Wener

**May 11** – Will Skrogstad, **May 12** – Kristi Gay, **May 13** – Ryan Foss,

**May 16** – Nancy Bjornlund, **May 20** – Karen Hopp, **May 22** – Nora Bonner,

**May 23** – Marci Anderson, **May 24** – Becky Mikulay, **May 25** – Jan Guetschow,

**May 27** – Jon Tollefson, Ashleigh Norris, **May 29** – Clarita Knapp,

**May 30** – Nancy MacNaughton, Carol Hoyhyta

## ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

**May 6**, Jerry and Jennie Kyseth, **May 27**, Ken and Anne Englert,

**May 30**, Christopher and Mary Jo Crossley



## Prayer Line – Have a prayer request?

Call a Prayer Line co-chair: Yvonne Olson, 952-938-8993 or Betty Mattick, 952-938-6486

## Newsletter Items Due

**May 15**

Send submissions to [stpauls@saintpaulslutheran.org](mailto:stpauls@saintpaulslutheran.org) and to [tanyaj@usfamily.net](mailto:tanyaj@usfamily.net) or put items in the newsletter folder in the library.

## God of Resurrection Life, Hear our prayer:

- + That the 50 days of Easter will renew your gift of faith in our lives and call forth from us a faithful witness to the creation of Christ in word and deed.
- + For children Logan, Dylan and Samuel; for Ernie Hendrickson, Dick Waltz, Erick Campbell and Rose Mikulay.
- + For those affirming their Baptismal Covenant – Miki Anderson, Keith Hassig, Jana Larson and Becca Tollefson.
- + For our Tri-congregation work with Hopkins United Methodist Church and Mizpah United Church of Christ.
- + That we would respond generously to help the people of Iraq as they rebuild their nation.
- + For those on active military duty, Todd Kyseth and Bryan Nowak
- + For the Building Task Force as they continue their “Opening the Doors Wider” work.
- + That here at St. Paul’s and throughout the ELCA we will be faithful in reaching out with Christ.
- + For the Congregation Council, Ministry Team and organization leaders and staff as they prepare reports and recommendations for the June 22 Congregation meeting.



### TRI-CONGREGATION EVENTS PLANNED -

**Bonfire** – Wednesday, June 11, 7:00 – 9:00 pm at St. Paul’s

**Vacation Bible School** – Monday through Wednesday, July 14, 15, 16 at Hopkins United Methodist, 717 Highway 7

**Barbeque/Potluck** at Mizpah United Church of Christ, 412 Fifth Ave N., Hopkins, Sunday August 17 at noon.

### BOOK CLUB – SUMMER READING!!!

Start your summer reading early! *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving is the title of the next book club discussion (617 pages). This is a novel that inspired the 1988 Jim Carrey movie, *Simon Birch*, is a funny, moving and heartbreaking story about the friendship of 2 boys growing up together in New Hampshire. It is also about how we deal with our questions about God, religion and faith.

You will have plenty of time to finish before our book club gathering, which will be in late June. Watch the next newsletter for date and location.

**THANK YOU!** To **Jana and Tom Larson** for reading at the Tri-congregation Good Friday Service at Hopkins United Methodist Church, and to **Marci, Keir and Tait Anderson** for helping to lead worship at the Emerald Crest Cottages on April 23.

**A note from Tanya** – “*Bryan and I had the most wonderful experience this past weekend at Lutheran Marriage Encounter. If anyone is interested in attending a weekend and want more information, contact us by phone or e-mail ([tanyaj@usfamily.net](mailto:tanyaj@usfamily.net))*”. Tanya and Bryan.

## **THANK YOU-**

- St. Paul's Men in Ministry for work sorting food for the Intercongregation Communities Association (ICA) food shelf on Saturday, April 5.
- Tom and Rachel Larson, Anne Englert, Pat Tollefson and Beth Mikulay for their leadership at the Youth Lock-In and cosmic bowling on April 11 and 12.
- Confirmation Ministry youth who prepared and led an Easter egg hunt for the Sunday School children on April 13.
- To the Saal family who provided a baptismal celebration cake for the refreshment time on April 13 honoring newly baptized Marissa Fay Saal.
- Fellowship Ministry Team for organizing another enjoyable Palm Sunday Brunch.
- To all who helped with the Easter continental breakfast.
- Choir, altar care people, worship planners and leaders, meal preparers, Sunday School youth and teachers, staff, Stewardship Ministry Team and all who shared generously during Lent and Easter.
- Bernie and Ruth Johnson for the many ways you make St. Paul's a warm and welcoming place with flowers and plants.
- To the Handy People who continue to give St. Paul's building and grounds upkeep and improvement.

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE –**

Receipts through March, including the "Bust the Deficit" contributions, brought our year to date receipts up to \$165,092 (\$9,525 ahead of Budget for 10 months.) Expenses year to date totaled \$134,519 -- \$598 over budget for Operations and Committees but \$6,326 below our budgeted amount for the ELCA. Your Church Council will decide by May how much of the ELCA holdback will be paid based on expected financial results for the fiscal year.

Receipts received for the "Bust the Deficit" financial challenge amounted to \$10,565. Your Church Council thanks you for this most generous response. We have 1 month remaining in our church year – if you have fallen behind on your financial commitments for operations or Capital Appeal, please remember your church. If you have any questions regarding your financial giving for this church year, call Ray Olson (Financial Secretary) – 952-936-8612.

# **So! How are the children?**

## **Tips for helping our children during times of war**

- Keep your familiar routine.
- Limit media coverage being shown in the home.
- Listen and validate their ideas and feelings.
- Talk in terms of 'working for peace' in the world instead of 'waging war.'
- Create times of relaxation in the home when questions can be asked and feelings expressed.
- Be honest and simple with your answers.
- Be reassuring but don't make unrealistic promises.
- Don't air your fears and concerns to your children.
- Be a good model of how to handle fear, stress, and anxiety.



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### **LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!**

- **Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly** – May 1, 2, & 3, Minneapolis
- **Men in Ministry Saturday**, May 3, 8:30 am – Breakfast at Perkins on Highway 7
  - **Youth Sunday**, May 4, 9:30 am
  - **Service opportunity** – Mother's Tea, May 4, Emerald Crest
- **Super Big Fundraiser Day**, May 10, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm; garage sale, plant sale and pick up, bake sale, Tupperware fundraiser
  - **Women's Group** May 17, 9:30 am at Darcie Rodman's home
  - **West Jr. High 1 mile walk/run "Laps for Literacy"**, May 17
- **Affirmation of Baptism**, Sunday May 18, Miki Anderson, Keith Hassig, Jana Larson, and Becca Tollefson
  - **Tri-Congregation Bonfire**, June 11, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
  - **St. Paul's Annual Meeting**, Saturday, June 22, 10:45 am