

APRIL 2007



St. Paul's Lutheran

# MESSENGER

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## ***HOLY WEEK***

April 1 – April 8

### ***Palm/Passion Sunday***

9:30 AM – Holy Communion

### ***Maundy Thursday***

7:00 PM – Holy Communion

### ***Good Friday***

7:00 PM – Holy Communion

### ***Easter Sunday***

***The Resurrection of our Lord***

10:00 AM – Holy Communion

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**Glen Floe**, Pastoral Care Minister

**Phil Eckhert**, Congregation President

**Cindi Paulsen**, Music Director

**Linda Dundas**, Secretary

# COUNCIL NEWS

St. Paul's Council meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Congregation members are welcome to attend and/or submit items for the agenda by contacting one of the Council members.

## **March 13, 2007 Council Meeting Minutes**

Those present: Darla Gilbertson, Glen Floe, Kris Jacobson, Phil Eckhert, Jenni MacNaughton, Bernie Johnson and Ryan Foss.

Call to Order by Phil and Devotions were led by Jenni. Additions to agenda included after hours church voicemail and formal approval of liturgy and hymn licensing.

**Life Line Screening.** Visitor Deborah Rucinski from Life Line Screening came to give a presentation. Life Line Screening is a company that runs a mobile health screening at local churches, libraries, VFWs, Fire Departments, etc. They run 4 tests (Stroke/Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease and Osteoporosis Screening). They are requesting to use the church fellowship hall on **Thursday, May 24 from 8 am – 5 pm** for these screenings. The church would receive certificates for 8 free screenings and \$50.00 for electricity. Pastor Floe and Bernie will check on the company and report back. We will make a decision at the April meeting regarding the building use request.

**Transition/Search committee activities.** We reviewed our last joint council/transition/search committee meeting with Pastor Heather Hammond. We also heard about an exciting joint venture with a few students from Luther Seminary. The students will be interviewing 9-12 members of the church. The students will write a report along with some census/demographic data for our area and **present their findings at church on April 22 at 10:50 am** in the fellowship hall.

**Pastor Floe's update.** He has been busy visiting a few ill congregants, preaching twice a month and working on bulletins and newsletters with Linda. Pastor Floe has also agreed to work with us in a similar capacity until we call a new pastor.

**Marilyn Woods** has requested that someone temporarily take over her council term until she is able to return. Darla Gilbertson agreed to this. Ryan moved that Darla be appointed to Marilyn's term until she is able to return. Bernie seconded and the motion passed.

**St. Paul's is looking for Synod Assembly representatives for Friday, June 1 through Saturday, June 2.** The Synod Assembly is being held at Gustavus College in St. Peter, MN. Ryan Foss will make an announcement on Sunday, March 18. We are allowed to send 2 delegates. The Synod Assembly will be electing or reelecting a bishop at this meeting.

**Spring Congregation Meeting.** Council set the date for **Sunday June 3, 2007 at 10:45 am.** This meeting will consist of reports from the end of our program year and an update on transition /search committee activities.

**Sun Sailor advertising** was reviewed. We agreed to not advertise in either the Sun Sailor or the Star Tribune for their special Easter Worship Directory. We also agreed to discontinue our weekly advertising in the Sun Sailor Worship directory.

**Church's voicemail.** Council has set up a rotational schedule for checking the voicemail every night and also twice a day on the weekends. This will ensure that any emergencies, illnesses or deaths are dealt with in a timely manner.

**All inclusive bulletin.** The Worship and Music Committee has requested that council approve a budget request for \$1,092 for 2 licenses giving us the rights to print all inclusive Sunday bulletins.

1.) The onelicense.net license allows us to print words and music to most hymns in the ELW, WOV and LBW worship books in our bulletins. This license costs \$105 per year.

2.) The sundaysandseasons.com license offered by Augsburg Fortresses allows us to print liturgy from the ELW, WOV and LBW worship books in our Sunday bulletins. It also gives us access to Augsburg Fortress' worship planning website. The cost is \$329 per year for 3 years. This is a reduced rate because of our

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purchase of the new ELW worship books. All 3 years must be paid for upfront to receive the special rate. After 3 years the annual rate will jump to \$439.00. Darla moved to approve this request. Phil seconded and the request was approved.

**New building key policy.** Council reviewed the building key policy drafted by Ryan. Keys are to be given to any member who requests one or to leaders of organizations that use the building on a regular basis. Keys will be signed out by the secretary when a Key Policy request form is completed and returned to the church office. Jenni moved to accept the key policy. Ryan seconded and the council approved.

**Garage Sale leader needed.** We are looking for someone to volunteer to lead the garage sale this summer. We also have use of a garage or two to store items for the garage sale. Please contact Jan Guetschow at 952-935-0050 if you can help lead or if you need a place to store your donations.

Pastor Floe closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting ended at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jenni MacNaughton*

**Report on St. Paul's Research**  
You are invited!

**Sunday, April 22 at 10:50 AM**

St Paul's is engaged in an exciting joint venture with a few students from Luther Seminary. The students will be interviewing 9-12 members of St. Paul's Church. The students will write a report along with gathering some census /demographic data for our area. They will present their findings at church on April 22 at 10:50 am in the fellowship hall. Please join us to discover who we are as a congregation and what we have to offer our community.

## St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

### Congregation Council

President – Phil Eckhert  
and Outreach Ministry Liaison

Vice President – Jenni MacNaughton  
and Worship & Music Liaison

Secretary – Jan Guetschow  
and Fellowship Liaison

Treasurer – Eric Campbell  
and Stewardship, Finance &  
Audit Liaison

Children & Youth Liaison – Katie  
Campbell & Carl Peaslee

Community Service Liaison – Ryan Foss

Faith & Life Liaison – Darla Gilbertson  
and Staff Support Liaison

Property Liaison – Bernie Johnson

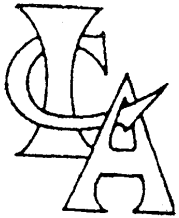
### Assisting Council

Associate Treasurer – John Falk  
Financial Secretary – Ray Olson  
Pastoral Care Minister – Pastor Glen Floe

### Search Committee

1. Sheri Brenden
2. Phil Eckhert, ex-officio
3. Lisa Foss
4. Bob Guetschow
5. Kris Jacobson
6. Regina Johnson
7. Ruth Johnson
8. Tom Larson
9. Beth Miklay
10. Bill Schwitzer
11. Pat Tollefson

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## ICA Food Shelf Move Is Underway!

**This is a Community  
Unity Project!**

### MINNETONKA—ICA

(Intercongregation Communities Association)

**has a new home—12990 St. David Road, Minnetonka, MN 55305.** ICA has moved from the historic House of Hope on Williston Road to their new facility at The ICA Center at St. David. **Services from the new facility began on March 20.** Telephone and fax numbers remain the same.

Spearheading the move were three Boy Scouts, all of whom are working on projects for their Eagle Scout Award. One scout organized the move from the Excelsior site to 12990 St. David Road, which took place the first weekend in March. It was delayed due to the March 1 and 2 snowstorm. A second scout organized the dismantling and reassembling of our non-foods room. This room holds the personal hygiene items and detergents that cannot be in the same area as the food. A third scout organized the later move from the Williston site to The new ICA Center at St. David.

Last year, another Eagle project a Boy Scout organized was a tremendous non-food drive last December to supply paper products and hygiene products for distribution. The contributions of these Scouts and their fellow Scouts is greatly appreciated by ICA.

“The St. David location will allow all our services to be located under one roof, enabling us to increase our efficiency immeasurably and better serve families in crisis in a confidential, dignified and safe environment,” said Annette Marie Poeschel, ICA’s executive director. “We’re very grateful to the Episcopal Parish of St. David, our 34 partner congregations, and all the businesses, organizations, and individuals in our seven communities that are making this new facility a reality! Our dream has come true. Thanks to all staff, board members and

volunteers who join together to make a difference!”

### About ICA

ICA is a non-profit organization founded in 1971 in a home in Hopkins that began offering food and clothing. It is now serving families in need of emergency support in the communities of Minnetonka, Hopkins, Excelsior, Deephaven, Shorewood, Greenwood and Woodland and is governed by 34 congregations. Services have evolved over the years to include emergency food, emergency financial assistance for shelter, emergency transportation, and, where appropriate, referral to other helping agencies. With 300 volunteers and a new central location in Minnetonka, ICA is able to continue its mission and purpose-driven agenda to help its neighbors in need.



### Minnesota FoodShare Update

Week 2 donations for March Minnesota FoodShare increased by almost 3,000! That is good, but there is a ways to go to get to the goal of 100,000 combined dollars and pounds of food.

Week 2 7,637 lbs

Week 2 5,208 dollars

Total: 12,845                      Week 1 Total: 9,903

### Special Thanks from ICA

We wish to thank the members of St. Paul’s congregation for their generous donation of 37 pounds of food during the month of February. Our 34 member congregations play such an important part in assisting ICA in continuing our mission. There are many neighbors in need, and your support is invaluable to ICA and to the people we serve. God Bless.

*Annette Marie Paschel*

**April Acolytes**

4/1 Sammi Anderson  
4/8 Jack Powers  
4/15 Nora Bonner  
4/22 Sarah Eckhert  
4/29 Maggie Schmitz

**April Greeters**

4/1 Dick & Shirlee Waltz  
4/8 Bill Schwitzer  
4/15  
4/22 Muriel Erickson  
4/29

**April Nursery**

4/1  
4/8  
4/15  
4/22  
4/29

**April Money Counter – Mary Hromatka**

**April Announcements & Lock-up – Ryan Foss**

**April Service Team**

Bonner/Hromatka – Dean, Mary, Alyssa, Marla, Nora  
Eckhert/Brenden – Phil, Sheri, Carl & Emma Peaslee & Sarah Eckhert  
Foss – Ryan, Lisa, Kristian, Swyer  
Gilbertson – Roger, Darla  
Guetschow – Bob, Jan  
Johnson – Bernie, Ruth  
Larson – Tom, Rachel, Ben, Jana  
Lubarski – Bob, Sandy, Bode & Wyatt  
Moe – Rick, Jeanne, Erik, Kris, & Britta  
Rieman – Maxine  
Riggle – John, Shirley  
Rutzen – Doris  
Schaller – Shirley  
Siftar – Christine & Tessa  
Smith – Lorraine  
Schmitz – Joshua, Dawn  
Tollefson – Paul, Pat, Peter, Jon & Becca  
Waltz – Dick, Shirlee  
Winsor – Gary

**May Service Team**

Anderson – Doug, Terri, Michelle, Cory, & Samantha  
Bell – Lois  
Burdick – Glyde  
Crossley – Chris, Mary Jo, Laura & Claire  
Egert – Laura  
Erickson – Muriel  
Falk – Ron  
Gay – Jim, Kristi, Casey & Nathan  
Hanning – Elsie  
Hanson – Darold, Diane  
Hessevick – Connie  
Hoyhyta – Carol  
Jacobson – Vince, Kris  
Johnson – Regina  
Lindquist – Rey, Lois  
MacNaughton – Jenni  
Madson – John, Annette  
Olson – Ray, Jean  
Streater – Kim, Anne, Cassidy, Dylan & John  
Thompson – Ruth  
Uden – Jim, Nancy  
Wolfe – Bill, Barb  
Woods – Marilyn

**Special Thanks to**

**St. Paul's Snow Removal Calvary**

Roger Ramsden, Bernie & Ruth Johnson, Mike & Beth Mikulay, John Riggle, Bob & Jan Guetschow, and all others who helped during the winter snow storms that buried the church, especially those that blew, shoveled and dug out the morning church services were canceled. Your efforts were greatly appreciated! Thank you.



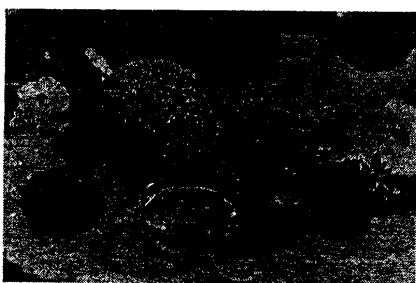
The monthly "Service Team Sign-up" calendar is posted on the office door for your convenience. Please check it weekly for remaining opportunities.

## April Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Eric Reynolds
- 6 Jana Larson
- 9 Lindsey Powers
- 11 Marcia Tuttle,  
Nancy Uden
- 12 Betty Mattick,  
Bob Bjornlund,  
Clint Hoyhyta
- 20 Roger Olson,  
Kathy Powers
- 22 Tracy Smith
- 25 Darla Gilbertson
- 26 Kris Jacobson
- 29 Darold Hanson
- 30 Roger Ramsden

### Anniversaries

- 4 Mel & Julie Laisy
- 8 Blyde Burdick & Lois Bell
- 15 Roger & Joyce Ramsden
- 25 Darold & Diane Hanson



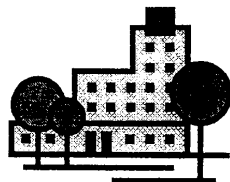
### **Palm Sunday Brunch Update**

Look for the sign-up sheet at church to reserve your place at **Stacy's Grille, Opus Marriott** in Minnetonka, on Palm Sunday, **April 1**. Join in the fun with this group from St. Paul's who will gather at **12:00 NOON** to enjoy a wonderful brunch. Everyone is welcome; reservations are required; cost is \$16.95 per person. Contact Carolyn Carpenter for reservations & details.  
952-476-4804



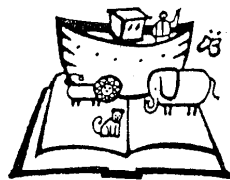
**St. Paul's Annual  
Garage Sale  
needs you.**

A Volunteer Coordinator/Activity Leader and/or organization committee is needed to bring this event to action. Please contact Jan Guestchow at 952-935-0050 for details. Storage space for items has already been offered. You can even pick the date.



### **Hospice Training Available**

**Methodist Hospital Hospice** will be holding training sessions this spring in April and May for those who are interested in hospice volunteering. The support and kindness that hospice volunteers give to our families and patients is invaluable in allowing people to remain at home and die at home, if that is their wish. Commitment is a maximum of 4 hours per week, and training is done in 4 sessions. If interested, please call Libby Swanson at 952-993-5381.



### **VBS is coming June 18 - 22**

A half-day of day camp is offered for **four and five year olds through children going into first through sixth grades this fall**. The cost of the weeklong program, including breakfast, snack, and lunch every day is \$30 per child and is due upon registration. Day Camp will be held at Mizpah United Church of Christ, 412 5th Ave N, Hopkins from 8:00 am until 12:30 pm, Monday - Friday. *Contact Mizpah UCC at 952-935-5509 for details.*



### **Cell Phone Collection continues ...**

Please donate your old cell phone to benefit St. Paul's. We will receive funds from Recycling Alliance for each donated phone. Please drop off your old cell phones in the church office on top of the mailboxes.



## TO ALL MY ANGELS



Dubbed, the "Angel with a Halo," I happen to be the richest boy in the world!

I realize that it is not me that is the angel, it is you.  
You are my angels, giving of all that has made this time in my life most extraordinary and most memorable.

Without the love that you have so freely given,  
Without the time that you have so freely shared,  
Without the prayers that you have so freely said,  
Without the care and support you have so generously  
Given my family and me,  
Without the strength of your spirit,  
Without the belief in dreams that come true,  
Without the help of my entire village of people,  
Animals, and the medical profession,  
I would not consider myself to be  
The richest boy in the world.



You have given me the determination to live life  
With a special tenderness and kindness  
That only an angel knows for sure.  
I wonder just what will challenge me next.  
I know that whatever it is,  
I will reflect on this time and know that everything is  
possible.  
I know of the promise of a new day, I am forever a rich boy.  
Thank you angel.



Before

After

Your friend,  
Logan

"You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."  
Kahlil Gibran

Thank you for all the support, prayers, gifts and dinners. Logan has surprised us all and continues to amaze us everyday. His strength is improving and he is able to move with no pain. He is excited to return to school and see everyone. It is so wonderful to be a "family" again!

We will update the website periodically;

[www.caringbridge.com](http://www.caringbridge.com) visit: [loganswedberg](http://loganswedberg)



## Sunday Bible Readings

### April 1 – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14-23:56  
or Luke 23:1-49

### April 5 – Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
ohn 13:1-17, 31b-35

### April 6 – Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25  
or Hebrews 4;14-16, 5;7-9  
John 18:1-19:42

### April 8 – Resurrection of Our Lord

Acts 10:34-43  
or Isaiah 65:17-25  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
or Acts 10:34-43  
Luke 24:1-12  
or John 20:1-18

### April 15 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:17-32  
Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150  
Revelation 1:4-8  
John 29:19-31

### April – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

### April 29 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30



## West Metro Grief Support moves to Tuesdays

**April 10, 4:30 – 6:30 pm**

Join us at: Aldersgate United Methodist church  
3801 Wooddale Avenue  
St. Louis Park, MN 55416-5197  
(952) 929-6725

*He will endure as long as the sun, as long  
as the moon, through all the generation.*

*He will be like rain falling on a mown field,  
like showers water the earth.*

Psalm 72:5,6

## Prayer & Bible Study Support Available

- † “St. Paul’s Prayer Line” is activated by calling the coordinator, Maxine Rieman at 952-238-8516, cell 763-807-7682, or calling the church office when she cannot be reached.
- † *Grace Matters*, ELCA radio ministry, Sundays at 6:30 am KSTP 1500 AM and 10:30 pm WFMP 107.1 FM.
- † Prayer resources are available at [www.elca.org/prayer](http://www.elca.org/prayer).
- † *Christ in Our Home* devotional booklets are available in the library.
- † *Daily Discipleship* is an ELCA online Bible study based on the lectionary and online at [www.elca.org/evangelism/dailydiscipleship](http://www.elca.org/evangelism/dailydiscipleship).





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 of April 1, 2007**



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

<b>Sunday, April 1</b>	<b>Palm Sunday, 9:30 am Holy Communion, Food Shelf Sunday, Noon Brunch at Stacy's Grille</b>
<b>Sunday, April 8</b>	<b>Easter Sunday, 10:00 am Holy Communion, Guest Sunday</b>
<b>Sunday, April 15</b>	<b>9:30 am Worship, Little Lambs, Newsletter info due</b>
<b>Sunday, April 22</b>	<b>9:30 am Holy Communion, 10:50 am Student Research Report</b>
<b>Sunday, April 29</b>	<b>9:30 am Worship</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 10</b>	<b>4:30 pm Grief Support Group moves, 7:00 pm Council meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday April 11, 18</b>	<b>5:30 pm Confirmation Class at Oak Knoll Lutheran Church</b>
<b>Thursday, April 5</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm Holy Communion</b>
<b>Thursday, April 19</b>	<b>6:30 pm Our Saviour's serving</b>
<b>Friday, April 6</b>	<b>Good Friday, 7:00 pm Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday, April 27</b>	<b>11:00 am Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Saturday, April 14</b>	<b>8:30 am Men's Breakfast</b>



**\*Tri-Congregation Vacation Bible School information enclosed.**