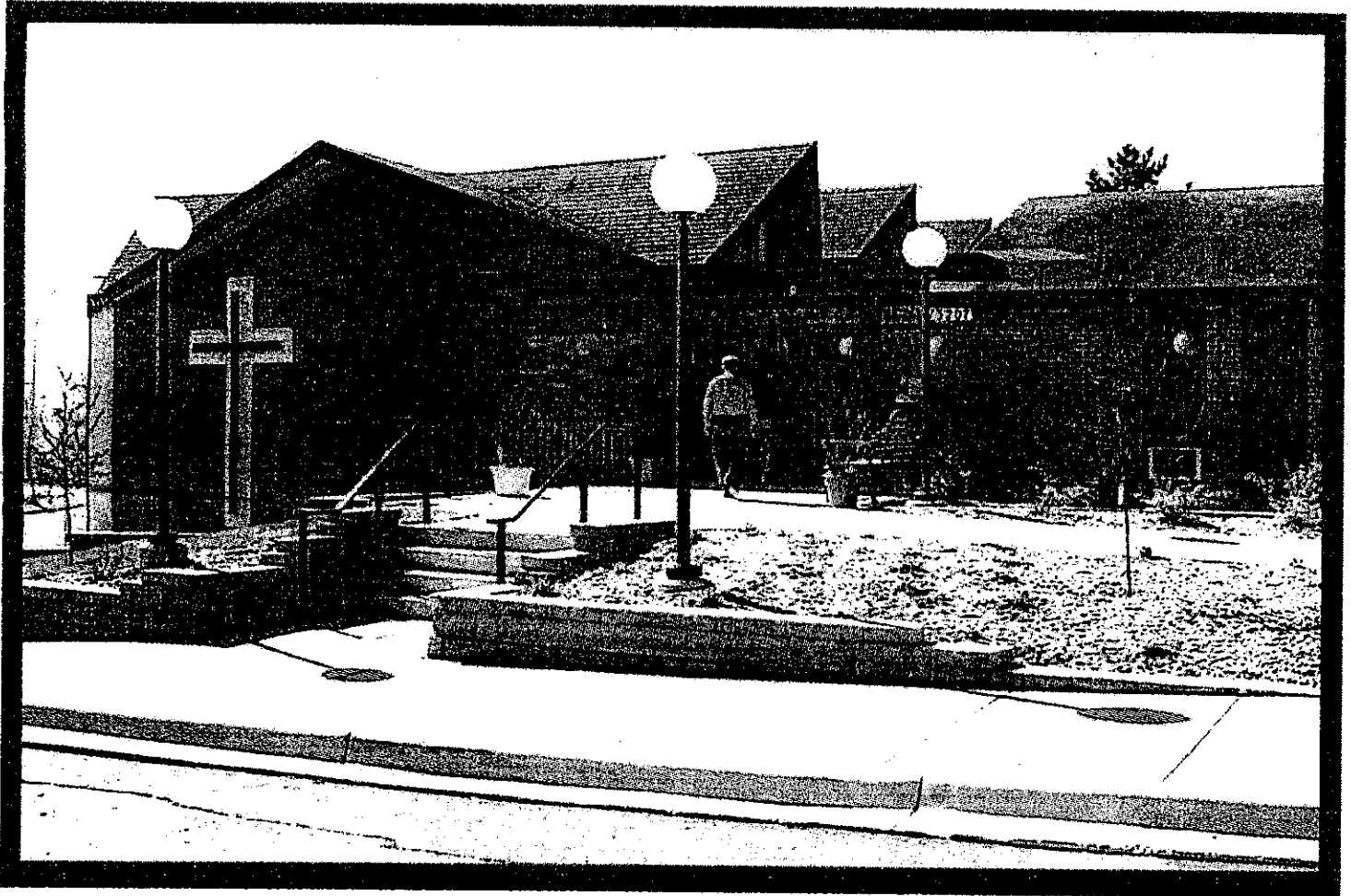


August 2007



St. Paul's Lutheran

# MESSENGER



*St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Minnetonka*

*Our mission is to be "an open and inviting church  
spreading the Good News of Christ."*

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*Glen Floe, Pastoral Care Minister*

*Vince Jacobson, Congregation President*

*Cindi Paulsen, Music Director*

*Linda Dundas, Secretary*

## President's Message

I have been given the privilege of representing you as your Council President. This privilege comes at a pivotal time in the life of our congregation when we have an opportunity to redefine our ministry and to select a new pastor to join us in this ministry.

We not only have a talented and committed church council, but our entire congregation is committed to our mission and to our church family. This is truly a community of faithful individuals who care deeply about one another and about the work of our church.

I am also in the enviable position of not only being preceded by the exceptional leadership of Phil Eckhert, but of also having Phil available as a council member to help my transition into this role go smoothly.

Along with great opportunities come great challenges. One of our greatest challenges is to prayerfully consider who we are, where we are, and to gain the discernment to learn where the Lord wants to lead us. We have already benefited from a great deal of diligent work involving an amazingly large part of the congregation, started over a year ago with cottage meetings, followed by an intense effort by our Transition Team, and now being carried forward by our Search Committee. I have been very impressed as I have observed our teams doing this work, diligently going back to recorded results of cottage meetings, survey results and many other resources, and doing their best to incorporate the "voice of the congregation" into their work products.

It may seem like this process is taking a long time, but there is more work than you can imagine without being right in the middle of it, and it is so very important to get it right. We are working closely with the Reverend Heather Hammond from the ELCA Synod and she has applauded the quality of our efforts as well as the speed at which we are proceeding.

So, I am off and running as your Council President. I will do my best to earn the confidence you bequeathed upon me.

Please keep your Search Committee, your church council, and our entire congregation in your prayers as we go through this period of great opportunity and challenge.

*Vince Jacobson*

# COUNCIL NEWS

## St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

### Congregation Council

President – Vince Jacobson  
and Property Liaison

Vice President – Mary Hromatka  
and Community Service &  
Children's Liaison

Secretary – Darla Gilbertson  
and Worship & Music Liaison

Audit, Finance, & Stewardship Liaison –  
Phil Eckhert

Fellowship Liaison – Carolyn Carpenter

Youth Liaison – Brita Moe

Ryan Foss  
Jan Guetschow

### Assisting Council

Associate Treasurer – John Falk

Financial Secretary – Ray Olson

Pastoral Care Minister – Pastor Glen Floe

### St. Paul's 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

## Notes from July Council Meeting

St. Paul's Council met on Tuesday, July 10. New Council President, Vince Jacobson updated the Council on plans for Marilyn Woods' memorial service on July 14.

The Search Committee reported to the Council that they will meet again on July 11 to discuss the congregation's profile, to write a job description for the new pastor, to discuss the results of the congregation's survey regarding social interests, and to meet again with Heather Hammond from the Synod.

The Treasurer's report indicated that giving has been good this summer, and the Council would like to thank everyone for keeping current with their pledges. The Council was reminded, however, that expenses will increase significantly once we have a full-time pastor, and we need to plan accordingly.

Rachel Larson has generously volunteered to oversee this year's "National Night Out" block party on August 7. The Council felt that last year's event was fun and successful in spite of the rainy weather, and it was/is a great way to be part of our neighboring communities.

There will be a Council workshop in September to equip the Council members for the tasks ahead and to do some long-term planning for the year. Our present Ministry Teams were discussed and may be restructured at this workshop. Until then the following Ministry Team liaisons have been assigned:

Audit, Finance, Stewardship – Phil Eckhert  
Children's – Mary Hromatka  
Community Service – Mary Hromatka  
Fellowship – Carolyn Carpenter  
Property – Vince Jacobson  
Worship & Music – Darla Gilbertson  
Youth – Britta Moe

We hope to have research results for updating our phone system by our August meeting so that we can proceed ASAP with that project.

Respectfully submitted,

*Darla Gilbertson*

St. Paul's congregation is pleased to send you this newsletter. However, if you prefer not to receive it, please call the church office at 952-938-4683.

**REMINDER: September newsletter items are due in the office Wednesday, August 15.**

# ACTION ALERTS

## Search Committee Report

After developing a Congregation Profile and a job description, the Search Committee is now drafting interview questions. The profile and job description submitted to the Minneapolis Area Synod in July provided guidelines about who our congregation is and what we are seeking in a pastor

We will receive candidate resumes around August 1st. The names will come from several sources. Some candidates notify the Synod of their interest in a new position. The Synod approaches others about openings. In addition, members of our congregation are urged to share candidate suggestions. We will submit those and the Synod will follow-up to determine individual interest and availability. Upon receiving the resumes, the Search Committee will screen applicants and begin interviews as soon as possible.

While the Search Committee is meeting frequently to avoid delay in the process, there are many necessary steps including at least two interviews, reference checks, church visits, background checks conducted through the Synod, at least two weeks notice for a congregational meeting to issue a call, and then time for the candidate to give sufficient notice of his/her resignation. A rough timeline provided to us by Heather Hammond of the Minneapolis Area Synod projects a new pastor by Jan. 1, 2008.

In light of our interest in rebuilding our congregation and changing our ministry focus, Pastor Mork of the Synod office spoke to both the council and Search Committee about transformational ministry. This provides support in the form of conferences and coaching to churches undergoing major redevelopment and transformation. It also offers candidates screened for specific skills important in renewing a congregation's spiritual energy and strengthening its mission leadership. Both the council and Search Committee want to explore this concept more while continuing to keep the call process moving.

**We seek the congregation's help in three ways:**

1. Pray for the Search Committee so that we might discern who best can lead our congregation to

serve God's direction in our community. Pray for thoughtful judgment and open hearts.

2. Submit names of people that you think should be considered as possible candidates. Co-chairs Tom Larson and Sheri Brenden will gladly accept your suggestions.

3. Listen and learn about "transformational ministry" in the coming weeks and weigh how that may fit with our church's future.

## Directory Updates

Ella & Solveig Anderson have moved.

Please send mail to:

c/o The Wellstead of Rogers #209  
20500 South Diamond Lake Rd.  
Rogers, Minnesota 55374-4515

Phone # pending.

Please correct Vince Jacobson's e-mail address to: [Vince@tdkt.org](mailto:Vince@tdkt.org).

Rachel & Tom Larson's e-mail address has changed to: [TRLarson80@comcast.net](mailto:TRLarson80@comcast.net)

Annette Madson's e-mail address has changed to: [nettedbud@comcast.net](mailto:nettedbud@comcast.net)

Please remove Marilyn Woods.



## Moving or Away?

Please, please notify the church office if you move or are temporarily away. Call 952-938-4683 or email updates to [secretary@saintpaulslutheran.org](mailto:secretary@saintpaulslutheran.org). **St. Paul's newsletter is bulk mail and is not forwarded.** Each month newsletters are returned at a cost to us because people are away and have stopped or forwarded their mail delivery. Thank you for your help!

## Another great Tri-Congregation Vacation Bible School – YES!

Led by  
energetic  
counselors  
from .....



This year's Day Camp met at Mizpah United Church of Christ in Hopkins from Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We again enlisted Luther Point Bible Camp (LPBC) counselors to help lead us. They provided three awesome college age adults, Molly, Ryan & Christine, who lead us daily in songs, skits, games, crafts and bible study.

**Thirty-six children ages 4 through 12 years old participated.** Breakfast, snack and lunch were served each day to more than 50 people. **At least 30 people volunteered their time and energy** throughout the week as staff, shepherds, food preparers and servers. **Countless others donated food so that the hungry would be fed.**

The theme was "Listen! God is Calling!" Over the course of the week we learned that we are called to be loved, to gratitude, to faith, to love and to share. For the second year in a row we offered a church family night during the week for all ages to come together. This year's theme was "Family, Faith & Floats". We also continued our tradition of concluding our week with a Tri-Congregational Sunday worship service.

I would be remiss not to mention the five amazing Christian women who had met with me regularly since January to plan and coordinate this week long camp. Our church was represented by Sheri Brenden and Lisa Foss. Mizpah's team was made up of Pat Blomgren and Betsy Ferguson. And Hopkins United Methodist Church provided Teresa Van Batavia. Some of us have been working together for years and it has truly been a blessing to come together in the name of Jesus to create this special event for our children.

Due to the wonderful experience we have had in the past two years working with LPBC, **it has already been decided that we will offer this day camp program again next year.** We look forward to working with our brothers and sisters from

Hopkins United Methodist Church and Mizpah United Church of Christ; and we hope to host another three wonderful camp counselors. **Thank you all for your commitment to this program through your donations of time, talents and prayers.**

Your sister in Christ,  
Darcie Rodman

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## The Funny Side of Parenting –

It was snowing heavily and blowing to the point that visibility was almost zero after the mom picked up her young daughter from daycare. She made her way to her car and wondered how she was going to make it home.

She saw a snow plow go by and decided to follow it. That way she would not get stuck in a snow drift. As she followed the snow plow, she was feeling very smug as they continued and she was not having any problem with blizzard conditions.

After an hour had passed, she was somewhat surprised when the snow plow stopped and the driver got out and came back to her car and signaled for her to roll down her window.

The snow plow driver wanted to know if she was all right as she had been following him for a long time.

She said that she was fine and told him of her desire to not get stuck in the blizzard.

The driver replied that it was ok with him and she could continue if she wanted, but he was done with the Wal-Mart parking lot and was going over to Sears next. ☺

### Free & easy help for *Metro Lutheran*

When you do an internet search, go to [www.GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com). In the donor line, type in "Metro Lutheran Newspaper" and confirm. Each time you use GoodSearch (powered by Yahoo) you'll be donating a small amount to *Metro Lutheran*. With many friends using the search engine, specifying Metro Lutheran, the contributions will add up. **Thank you.**



## School Supplies are Needed for Low Income Children in Our Area!

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### Most Needed Items:

Backpacks • Pocket Folders (plain colors) • Fiskar Scissors • Pink Erasers  
Scientific Calculators • Glue Sticks

New Socks (Boys & Girls sizes: 9-11; 10-13)

New Underwear (Boys & Girls all sizes; Men and Women all sizes)

*Cash Donations appreciated to help purchase needed items*

Three ring zippered binders • Rulers - 12 in. with metric measurements • Crayons - 24 pack box  
Magic Markers (water based, non-permanent) • Pencil boxes/Zippered pencil pouches  
Colored pencils - box of 12 or 24 • Spiral notebooks (wide & college lined)  
Loose Leaf Paper (wide and college lined) • Ballpoint pens, blue or black ink • Three ring notebooks  
Highlighters • Kleenex (large box) • Toothbrush, toothpaste

*Additional items: Paper towels, dry erase markers, deck of cards,  
Ziploc bags (sandwich, quart, gallon), healthy snacks, spiral sketch books.*

**Volunteer opportunities for groups and individuals. Call us at 952-988-5350.**

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## Please bring your donations by August 15th to:

*Hopkins Minnetonka Family Resource Center*

915 Mainstreet • 952-988-5350

9:00 am-4:30 pm

*A special project of the Hopkins Minnetonka Family Resource Center*

# CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

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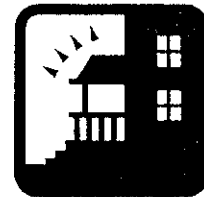
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### St. Paul's family campout is August 3 -5

Thanks to Dean Bonner, a group campsite has been reserved at Wild River State Park for St. Paul's family weekend. Wild River is about 1 hour north of the Twin Cities. A headcount sign-up sheet is on the entryway table. Please contact Dean Bonner at 952-593-5956 for needed details. **Come for the weekend, the day, the afternoon, whatever fits into your family's schedule!** We will be canoeing on the St. Croix on Saturday and camping for the weekend. All of St. Paul's family is welcome and invited. Hope to see you there!

### National Night Out Tuesday, August 7



Leave your porch light on and come to St. Paul's National Night Out block party anytime between 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Come out and support this community event with your neighbors! There will be a light supper and a visit from our local Minnetonka police or fire department. We will also be collecting food donations for the ICA food shelf. Hope to see you there!

### 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Lutheran Night @ the Twins Tuesday, August 21 - 7:10 p.m.



There is a new way to order your Lutheran Night tickets this year. All ticket orders 24 or less can call 1-800-338-9467 to order your discounted tickets right over the phone with a credit card. Your discount code is Lutheran Night ticket OFFER (valid only for this night). All groups of 25 or more can send an order form (form available in the church office). The order deadline to have your tickets mailed back to you is August 14. All orders received after August 14, will be held at the Main Box office (west side of stadium) at the WILL CALL window named Lutheran Night. Picture ID required

*No discount purchases on game day.*

**\$1.00 from every ticket sold from the Lutheran Night program will go to "Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity" to help MN families.**

Lower Level Reserved	\$20.00
Upper Club Reserved	\$15.00

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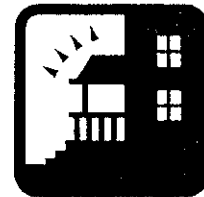
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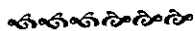
Peacefully passed away in her son's home on Thursday, June 28 after a courageous battle with lung cancer. She was born March 22, 1938 in Hibbing, MN. Her parents moved to Merville, IA where she was raised and graduated from High School. Marilyn



attended Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Nebraska where she was accepted into the Mayo Clinic School of Physical Therapy in Rochester. She graduated in 1961 with a BS in Biology and Post Graduate Certificate in Physical Therapy. She worked for years helping others in various facilities on the Iron Range and eventually worked her way to the Twin Cities, retiring from Methodist Hospital rehabilitation department in 2001. However, Marilyn continued to work after retirement at Struthers Parkinson's' Center and started the Wings Program at Circus Juventas for disabled children. She was an inspiration to many and will be missed by all.

Memorial services were held at St. Paul's, Minnetonka, Saturday, July 14 at 5:00 p.m. and United Methodist Church, Merville, IA, Sunday, July 15 at 2:00 p.m. Interment was in Merville, near her parents.

The family is setting up a scholarship fund in Marilyn's name for future Physical Therapists. Please check for updates about the scholarship fund. at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/marilynwoods](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/marilynwoods).



Thank you from the family of Marilyn Woods for honoring our mother and sister with your stories, love, prayers, and support. Thank you to the Jacobson's for the precious keepsake, coordinating the event, and making audio/video available in the overflow seating area. Many thanks to all the others that welcomed us and whose helping hands provided for our needs.

### Dr. George Eckhert

father to Phil Eckhert, passed away Friday, June 29. Services were held in Canandaigua, New York on Friday, July 6. Please keep the Eckhert family in your prayers.

### Curt Olson

father to past member Marci Anderson, passed away Friday, June 29. Services were held in Cottage Grove, MN on Friday, July 6. Please keep the Olson and Anderson family in your prayers.

Lord in your mercy,  
hear our prayer



✠ That the nations and leaders of the world would act responsibly and intentionally to enhance the lives of their citizens,

✠ in thanksgiving for the gift of the Holy Spirit,

✠ for those faithful servants witnessing God's love in Christ,

✠ for those healing and recovering, especially Solveig Anderson, Shirley Schaller and child Logan,

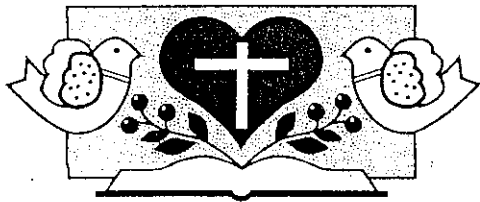
✠ for Ella Anderson, Linda Dundas, Laura Eggert, John Falk, Jim Krueger, and Ken Smith; may they be given hope and peace,

✠ for the people and ministry of St. Paul's, that we be open to discerning and faithfully responding to God's call.

# EDUCATION & SUPPORT

## Renewing Your Congregation for God's Mission

The Unit for Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission – ELCA has designed a renewal process called **Transformational Ministry** that may bring new life to congregations. Transformational ministry is an intense process that involves the whole congregation and this training prepares leaders for guiding their congregations into a new future. Members of St. Paul's Search Committee are hoping to attend this Synod recommended training event. Region 3's **training experience is planned for Thursday, September 17, at 7:00 pm thru 12:00 Noon Sunday, September 30. Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 24.**



### Sunday Bible Readings

**August 5** – 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 Eccl. 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23  
 Psalm 49:1-11  
 Colossians 3:1-11  
 Luke 12:13-21

**August 12** – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 Genesis 15:1-6  
 Psalm 33:12-22  
 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
 Luke 12:32-40

**August 19** – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 Jeremiah 23:23-29  
 Psalm 82  
 Hebrews 11:29-12:2  
 Luke 12:49-56

**August 26** – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 Isaiah 58:9b-14  
 Psalm 103:1-8  
 Hebrews 12:18-29  
 Luke 13:10-17

## Tuesday Grief Support Group

West Metro Grief Support Coalition invites all persons experiencing grief due to a death. Grief support groups offer hope and healing through education, listening, sharing, prayer and fellowship.

**Tuesdays 4:30-6:30pm**  
 Church of the Good Shepherd  
 145 Jersey Avenue South  
 Golden Valley, MN 55426  
 (763) 544-0416



DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
August 7	Brenda DeMotte MSW, LICSW	Myths of Grief
August 14	Brenda DeMotte MSW, LICSW	Gender Differences with Grief
August 21	Brenda DeMotte MSW, LICSW	Stress to Balance
August 28	John Jelinek, CPA	Financial Matters

For more information, please call the coalition coordinator, Darcie Rodman at (763) 546-4404

**August Acolytes**  
 8/5 Dylan Streater  
 8/12 Peter Rudolph  
 8/19 Sammi Anderson  
 8/26 Jack Powers

**August Lector**  
 8/5  
 8/12  
 8/19  
 8/26 Regina Johnson

**August Prayer Leader**  
 8/5  
 8/12  
 8/19 Regina Johnson  
 8/26

**August Service Team**

Anderson – Doug, Terri, Michelle,  
 Cory & Samantha  
 Bell – Lois  
 Burdick – Glyde  
 Crossley – Chris, Mary Jo, Laura &  
 Claire  
 Eggert – 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

**August Announcements & Lock-up – Council Member:**

8/5 Carolyn Carpenter  
 8/12 Britta Moe  
 8/19 Carolyn Carpenter  
 8/26

**August Greeters**

8/5 Muriel Erickson  
 8/12 Mary Kay Penterson  
 8/19 Carol Hoyhyta  
 8/26 Jeanne Moe

**August Money Counters**

8/5  
 8/12 Mary Hromatka  
 8/19 Mary Hromatka  
 8/26

**September Service Team**

Campbell – Eric, Deb, Katie &  
 Kristen  
 Carpenter – Marshall, Carolyn

Falk – John, Grace  
 Foster – Howard  
 Helmer – Julius, Marion  
 MacNaughton – Nancy  
 McGee – Linda, Mary, Tom  
 Mikulay – Mike, Beth, Rebecca,  
 Kate & Laura  
 Nelson – Steve, Wanda & Alex  
 Peterson – Mary Kay  
 Powers – Tom, Kathy, Dustin,  
 Lindsey, Nicholas & Jack  
 Ramsden – Roger  
 Rudolph/Rodman – Chuck, Darcie,  
 Peter  
 Saal – Greg, Lisa, Nicolas,  
 Alexander & Marissa  
 Schmitz – Matt, Shari, Maggie,  
 Heidi, Kelsey, Riley & Hally  
 Skrogstad – Will, Dawn, Joshua  
 Smith – Craig, Vicki  
 Tarr – Koko, Sam, Saymanii,  
 Laykpeawon, Paye –  
 Florkime & Woanda  
 Tuttle – John, Marcia  
 Werner – Dick, Cindy, Bryce &  
 Bradley  
 Wilde - Irma

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



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 of August 1, 2007**



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

**Sunday, August 5**  
**Sunday, August 12**  
**Sunday, August 19**  
**Sunday, August 26**

**9:30 am Holy Communion, Food Shelf Sunday, family camp**  
**9:30 am Outdoor Worship, Bring a Guest Sunday**  
**9:30 am Holy Communion**  
**9:30 am Worship**

**Monday, August 6, 20**

**Handy People**

**Tuesday, all**  
**Tuesday, August 7**  
**Tuesday, August 14**  
**Tuesday, August 21**

**4:30 – 6:30 pm Grief Support @ Church of the Good Shepherd**  
**5:30 – 7:30 pm National Night-out block party @ St. Paul's**  
**7:00 pm Council**  
**7:10 pm Lutheran Night @ the Twins**

**Wednesday, August 15**

**Office closed, newsletter info due, school supply donations due**

**Thursday, all**  
**Thursday, August 16**

**7:00 pm Local AA**  
**6:30 pm Our Saviour's serving**

**Friday, August 3**  
**Friday, August 24**

**Family camp-out at Wild River State Park**  
**11:00 am Meals on Wheels**

**Saturday, August 4**  
**Saturday, August 11**

**Family camp-out at Wild River State Park**  
**8:30 am Men's Summer Breakfast @ Hopkins Perkins**