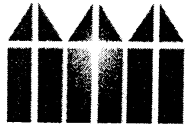
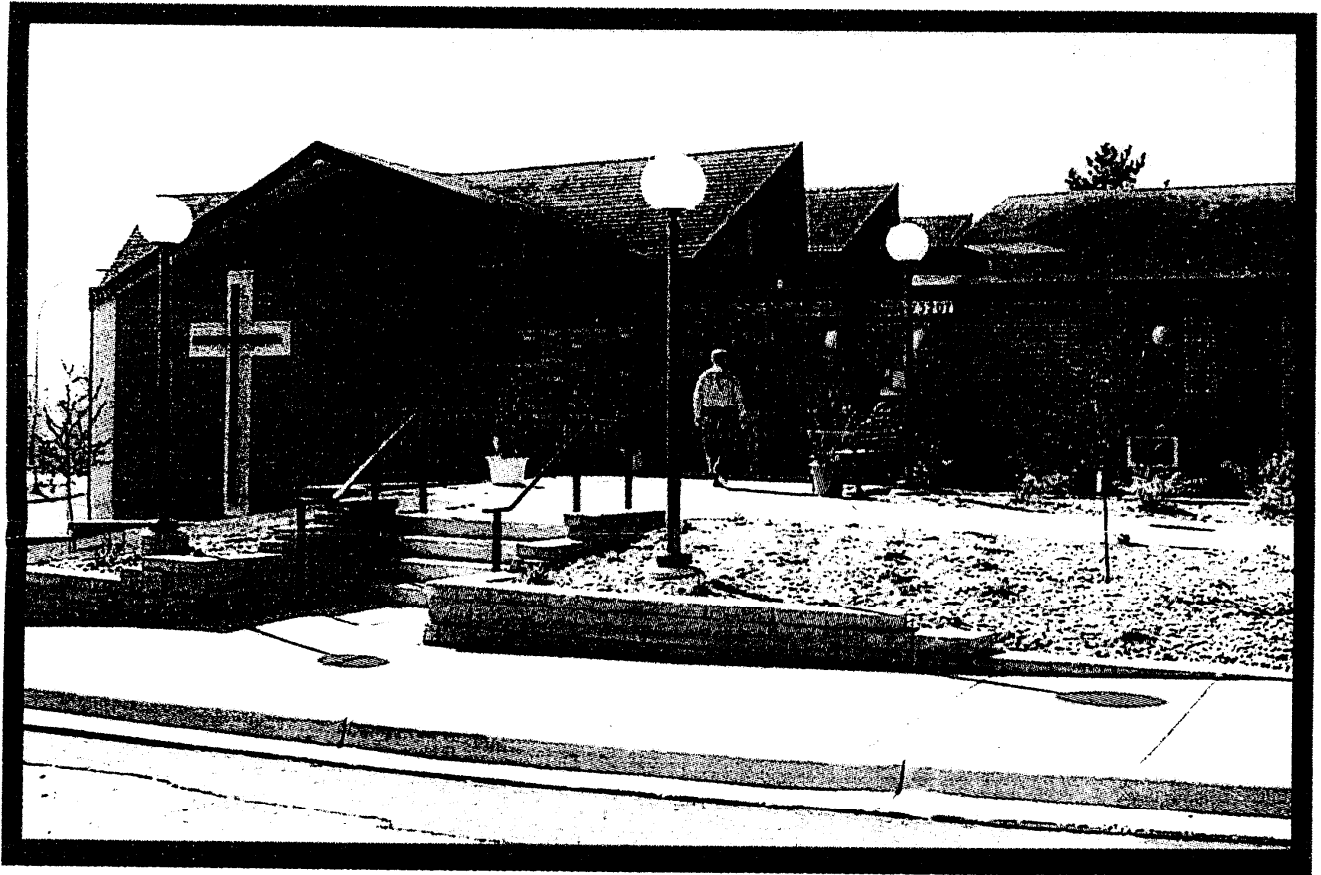


February 2007



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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Phil Eckhert, *Congregation President*

Linda Dundas, *Secretary*

Cindi Paulsen, *Music Director*



Dear people of God:

Grace and peace from the God who loves you:

It has been my honor to be called to serve you for these next few weeks until your Interim Pastor arrives. I am supposed to be retired, but I am serving as Visitation Pastor at Oak Knoll Lutheran Church part time, and now with you. Please feel free to call me if there is a need for a Pastor at any time.

I want to commend you for the spirit and commitment you show for the church and its ministry. I have found everyone to have a good spirit and to be very positive. There is a tendency to get down and discouraged at a time like this, especially when things drag on and it seems as though nothing is happening. It is a time for patience. Everyone wants new leadership on board immediately. But some of the waiting is something that is out of everyone's control. It just plain takes time. One of the passages of Scripture that I must read over and over again is *Ecclesiastes 3*, which says there is a right time for everything, under heaven,..and it lists a whole catalogue of happenings, one of which should say, a time for new leadership. I can understand what some of you might be feeling. Patience is not one of my virtues and gifts.

Please remember the words of St. Paul, in *I Corinthians 12*. St. Paul writes that we are the Body of Christ and in that Body, the church is to properly minister; she needs the help of every single member. Each and every one of you counts. You are all important, and equal in the life and ministry of St. Paul's. You are needed. When someone is missing or not contributing, the church cannot fully function. It would be like trying to walk with only one leg. If you feel you are not able to do anything else, please pray for your church. That is probably the greatest gift you can do. And then read over and over again, this great chapter from *I Corinthians 12*.

I'll see you in church.

Greet me with your name, and I'll try to remember you.

Pastor Glen Floe

Pastor Floe can be reached on his cell phone at **612-801-1291**,

at his Oak Knoll Lutheran office **952-546-5433**, or

by e-mail at apastor@oaklutheran.org.

**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

Faith & Life Liaison – Marilyn Woods
and Staff Support Liaison

Community Service Liaison – Ryan Foss

Children & Youth Liaison – Katie
Campbell & Carl Peaslee

Property Liaison – Bernie Johnson

Assisting Council

Pastoral Care Minister – Pastor Glen Floe

Financial Secretary – Ray Olson

Associate Treasurer – John Falk

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 Mikulay
10. Bill Schweitzer
11. Pat Tollefson

**St. Paul's Congregation
2006 Annual Report**

is available at church on the entryway table.
Please pick your copy up on Sunday.



**Quick Reference
Church Directory**

An updated church directory is included in the Annual Report. Please notify the church office about any changes or corrections. The quick reference directory should be placed in the back of your picture directory.



Directory Update

New e-mail address for Bill Schweitzer:
wschweitzer@comcast.net



Stay in touch!

Did you know that St. Paul's weekly announcements and lessons are posted on St. Paul's website? Stay in touch with what is happening at church by visiting www.saintpaulslutheran.org.



Moving or Away?

Please, please notify the church office if you move or are temporarily away. Newsletters are returned each month at a cost to us because people are away and have stopped their mail delivery. Call or e-mail updates to secretary@saintpaulslutheran.org.

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: March newsletter items are due in the office Thursday, February 15.

COUNCIL NEWS

St. Paul's Council meets at 7:00 PM, the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Congregation members are welcome to attend and/or submit items for the agenda by contacting one of the Council members.

Highlights of January's meeting:

St. Paul's Council met on Tuesday evening January 9th, 2007. Pastor Floe, our Pastoral Care Minister was in attendance, as were several members of the Transition Team. Congregation President Phil Eckert welcomed and thanked everyone for their successful work these past months.

He noted that Eric Campbell has led the Stewardship/Treasury/Budget Team with good results, which has St. Paul's in a very good position to move forward. We have had excellent membership involvement over these four difficult and somewhat uncomfortable months. Pastor Bob's final service had more than 100 people in attendance and his thoughtfulness and support was recognized. Phil was thanked for his leadership.

Kris Jacobson, Carolyn Carpenter and Darcie Rodman, of the Transition Team, reviewed the work they had done in interviewing Pastor Floe, and then presented recommendations for members to serve on a Search Committee. Members named had been previously suggested, then contacted, and all volunteered to serve. The Search Committee, the Council and the Transition Planning Committee will meet with Heather Hammond of the Synod to plan the next steps

The Council approved nominating the following members to the Congregation to serve on the Search Committee: Pat Tollefson, Kris Jacobson, Beth Mikulay, Lisa Foss, Regina Johnson, Sherri Brendan, Tom Larson, Bob Guetschow, Bill Schwitzer, & Ruth Johnson. .

The Treasurer's Report was very encouraging. St. Paul's closed 2006 without an operating deficit. We are in a good position for 2007, but will have to be careful as we go into '08 and '09. The budget for 2007 will be

presented at the Congregation Meeting on January 21st.

The agenda for that meeting was reviewed. The candidates for St. Paul's 2007 – 2010 Council agreed to serve and will be voted on. The meeting will be held immediately following the service, with refreshments downstairs. There will not be Sunday School, but there will be a nursery.

Pastor Floe asked that we keep him informed of any members needing visits.

The request for extending St. Paul's secretarial office hours to 20 per week was approved. This will enable Linda Dundas to qualify for self-pay health insurance through the ELCA and stay within St. Paul's budget.

The Council recommended that the Sunday service bulletin be all-inclusive. The surveys seem to indicate this preference. A final decision will be made at the Congregation Meeting.

A discussion was held about keys to our building. A policy will be written and brought back to the Council. A doorbell at the right side of the main entrance has been installed. The church will be locked as a precautionary measure when only one person is in the building.

The Lenten service schedule was reviewed. Tuesday, January 16 will be All Ministries Night. Kris Jacobson will design a "welcoming card" for our visitors.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Guetschow

St. Paul's regularly scheduled office hours
are now
Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM,
excluding federal holidays.

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COUNCIL NEWS

Winter Congregation Meeting January 21, 2007

St. Paul's Winter Congregation Meeting adopted the proposed 2007 operating budget, appointed new Council members for terms beginning in June 2007, adopted the Charge to the Search Committee and appointed Search Committee members, and answered many questions about the transition process for St. Paul's.

The meeting began following the Sunday service. Hot cinnamon rolls were served with fresh fruit in the Fellowship Hall. Approximately 50 people were in attendance. The Annual Report of the Congregation was distributed. Additional copies are available on the church entryway table.

A Nominating Committee had met and developed candidates for Council membership and the Search Committee. The three candidates for the Council with terms beginning in June and lasting three years will be Carolyn Carpenter, Vince Jacobson, and Mary Hromatka. Jan Guetschow's term will be extended one year to balance the terms. The Youth Representative will be Britta Moe.

With very good discussion about the process of a Call, including the differences between Interim and Transitional pastors, the following charge to the Search Committee was approved: To lead St. Paul's efforts to prepare for and secure a new pastor, including but not limited to, the following activities:

- 1) Work with the Church Council and Transition Planning Committee in establishing strategic directions, priorities, and ministries as part of the future of St. Paul's.
- 2) Work in collaboration with the Minneapolis Area Synod to understand Synod requirements and process for calling a new pastor.

- 3) Prepare and implement a "call process" for St. Paul's that is consistent with (a) St. Paul's goals, strategic directions and priorities established by the Church Council and its Constitution; and (b) the "call process" established by the Minneapolis Area Synod.
- 4) Ensure timely, ongoing communications with the Church Council and members regarding plans, progress, results, and issues associated with development and implementation of the call process.

The Congregation also appointed the following members to serve on the Search Committee: Pat Tollefson, Kris Jacobson, Bob Guetschow, Tom Larson, Sheri Brenden, Regina Johnson, Beth Mikulay, Ruth Johnson, Bill Schwitzer, Lisa Foss and Phil Eckhart, ex-officio.

Eric Campbell presented the Treasurer's year-end report for 2006, which indicated a surplus of \$206, and the proposed 2007 operating budget. St. Paul's has done well this past year, but will need to be careful in the year to come. We need to consider our benevolent giving. We will need to give more of our time. Special thanks were given to John Falk and Ray Olson for the fabulous job they have done. The recommended operating budget for 2007 was approved.

Also discussed was the inclusive Sunday bulletin. A majority liked them. Rey Lindquist proposed a fundraiser, matched by Thrivent, for the ICA. This proposal will be discussed at the February Council meeting. A \$710 gift was made to the ELCA's Maritime Ministries in honor of Pastor Bob and Nancy Bjornlund; special thanks was given to the "food team" that serves Our Saviour's Shelter once a month, and those who drive for Dinner at Your Door. Special thanks were given to Phil Eckhart, Church Council President and to Linda Dundas, church Secretary.

Pastor Floe invited St. Paul's seniors to attend a Valentine's Lunch at Oak Knoll Lutheran on Wednesday, February 7th at 11:30 AM. Cost is \$8. Reservations are required. The deadline is Sunday, February 4.

Caring Youth

Recognition

City of Golden Valley

7800 Golden Valley Rd
Golden Valley, MN 55427
763.593.8000
www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us

City of Hopkins

1010 1st Street S
Hopkins, MN 55343
952.935.8474
www.hopkinsmn.com

City of Minnetonka

14600 Minnetonka Blvd
Minnetonka, MN 55345
952.939.8200
www.eminnetonka.com

Hopkins District 270

1001 Highway 7
Hopkins, MN 55305
952.988.4080
www.hopkins.k12.mn.us

Minnetonka District 276

4585 Vine Hill Rd
Minnetonka, MN 55331
952.401.6800
www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us

January 19, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

Each year, the cities of Golden Valley, Hopkins, and Minnetonka, and the Hopkins and Minnetonka school districts host a Caring Youth Recognition event to honor the caring contributions of area young people.

Last year, 24 young people were honored for their volunteerism in a wide variety of organizations, including libraries, schools, theaters, churches, food shelves and medical clinics.

If you know a young person who shows an ongoing awareness of others through volunteering or other activities, then please consider nominating him or her for a 2007 Caring Youth award. Students may only be nominated by the organization they are serving, and the nominee must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- be in grades 7 through 12;
- live in Golden Valley, Hopkins, or Minnetonka;
- attend school in Hopkins or Minnetonka; and/or
- volunteer in Golden Valley, Hopkins, or Minnetonka. *Volunteer work must be unpaid and not a requirement for a class or co-curricular program.*

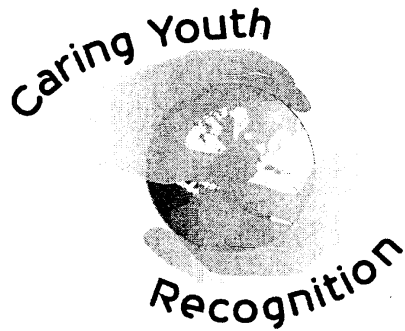
If you know of a young person who would qualify, please complete the enclosed nomination form and return it no later than Friday, Feb. 9, 2007, to Jacque Larson, City of Minnetonka, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, MN 55345. For more information call (952) 939-8207.

If your nominee is selected, you and the nominee will be notified and sent more detailed information about the event, which is set for Thursday, March 22, 2007, at the Minnetonka Community Center. Thank you for giving our young people an opportunity to be recognized.

Caring Youth Recognition Committee

Jacque Larson
Community Relations Manager
City of Minnetonka
(952) 939-8207

Enclosure: Nomination Form



Nomination Form
(please, one individual per organization)

Recipient's name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Nominating organization: _____

Phone(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Contact: _____

Contact's signature: _____

What is your relationship, if any, to the nominee? _____

Why are you nominating the youth to receive this recognition? Please include a 100-word summary paragraph for publication purposes. Use back of this sheet if necessary.

Please return by February 9, 2007, to Jacque Larson, Community Relations Manager, City of Minnetonka, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka, MN 55345.

Midweek Lenten Service Schedule

(Non Tri-congregational event this year)

February 21, Ash Wednesday

7:00 pm – Worship service led by Pastor Floe

February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28

6:00 pm – Soup Supper

7:00 pm – Holden Evening Prayer

April 4, Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm – Holy Communion

April 6, Good Friday

7:00 pm – Worship

Thanks From ICA - Thanks to all, ICA did reach the housing fundraiser goal of \$193,000 on January 3 when the mail was delivered. The checks were generous on Wednesday, plus our on-line donations were terrific the week before.

Special thanks to John Kokesh. His dedication (sleeping 47 nights in the tent in 2006) and determination is greatly appreciated!

We are thrilled with your response and our clients will greatly benefit from your generosity!

Sincerely,

Annette M. Poeschel

ICA Executive Director

2006 Cash contributions from St. Paul's: \$2,277
2006 lbs. of food: 269

Special Thanks to:

❖ Glyde Burdick for attending the Thrivent meeting to learn about plans for Habitat for Humanity building projects this summer. These projects will be in our area and members of St. Pauls will be invited to join in the building teams.

❖ See or know of someone doing something you appreciate for St. Paul's? Please tell the office. A drop box is available on the entryway table for submissions.

❖ **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO SUBMIT THANK YOUS FOR THE THANK YOU COLUMN.**



Plan for ST PAUL'S Spring GARAGE SALE now!

We will need a Chairperson, but meanwhile we have had part of a garage offered as storage for items you HAVE to get out of the house NOW. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to help, please give Jan Guetschow a call at 952-935-0050.

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	Gert Nelson
2	Sandra Lubarski
3	John Tuttle
5	Bode Lubarski
7	Cassidy Streater
12	Sami Anderson
12	Craig Smith
14	Eric Campbell
16	Elsie Hanning
18	Lorraine Smith
21	Peter Tollefson
22	Mike Mikulay
24	Marion Helmer
25	Jeanne Moe
26	Bernie Johnson
27	Joyce Reynolds
28	Wyatt Lubarski

Anniversaries

2	Ray & Jean Olson
4	Dean Bonner & Mary Hromatka
6	John & Shirley Riggle
9	Bill & Barb Wolf
28	Tom & Kim Streater
28	Phil Eckhert & Sheri Brenden



Marilyn Woods Helpers

The newly formed cleaning crew is growing and will be assisting Marilyn Woods in preparing her house for sale this month. Please call Jan Guetschow at 952-935-0050 to help with driving, cleaning, cooking or other requests. You will be scheduled as needed.

Thanks to so many who have already volunteered.



† Child Logan update:

Logan Swedberg has been included in St. Paul's prayers since his birth, 6 yrs ago. Logan was born with multiple birth complications and has had several surgeries. He will be having another surgery on Friday, February 2. Your prayers for Logan, his family, and great grandmother, Virginia Rustad are requested.

Ruth Nielson Lee



Peacefully passed away Wednesday morning, January 24, 2007 at the age of 84. She was born June 21, 1922 in Racine, Wisconsin, daughter of John & Dagmar Nielsen. Ruth was a beloved wife of Charles for 59 ¾ years, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, neighbor and golf partner, gracious hostess and proud Dane.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Monday, January 29, at 10:30 AM with internment at Groveland Cemetery (Hwy 101 and Minnetonka Blvd.) following the service. Memorials preferred to Elder Homestead or St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Merciful and loving God, send forth upon us your love and hear us as we pray:

- † for those who are lying on beds of illness, especially Marilyn Woods, Irma Wilde, Ken Smith, John Falk, Robbie Adelman, child Logan, Jim Krueger, and those loved ones we name in our hearts,
- † for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones; Charles Lee and
- † family at the death of Ruth Lee; Pat Tollefson's family at the death of Oscar Henderson, and that all may find hope in the promise of life eternal through Jesus Christ,
- † for the homeless, unemployed, and underemployed,
- † for those who are victims of abuse,
- † for St. Pauls Lutheran Church as she seeks new leadership.
- † Spirit of God, move among the leaders as they seek new ways to minister and to bring your love to this community,
- † for all families that they might live together in love and peace,
- † for those who are defending our country against war and violence,
- † In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Sunday Bible Readings

February 4 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

February 11 – 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

February 18 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]

February 25 – 1st Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-30

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.
- † *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.

Saturday 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.

Saturdays 9:30-11:30am

Hopkins United Methodist Church

717 Highway 7

Hopkins, MN 55305

(952) 938-8300

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
February 3	Sheri Vliet	The Range of Feeling during Grief
February 10	Sheri Vliet	Rebuilding after Loss
February 17	Video	To Touch a Grieving Heart
February 24	Judy Young, M.Ed	Why Do I Feel Like I'm Going Crazy?

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

February Acolytes

2/4 Nora Bonner
2/11 Sarah Eckhert
2/18 Maggie Schmitz
2/25 Michael Smith

February Greeters

2/4 Jan Guetschow
2/11
2/18 Muriel Erickson
2/25 Michael Smith

February Nursery

2/4
2/11
2/18
2/25

February Money Counter – Mary Hromatka

February Service Team

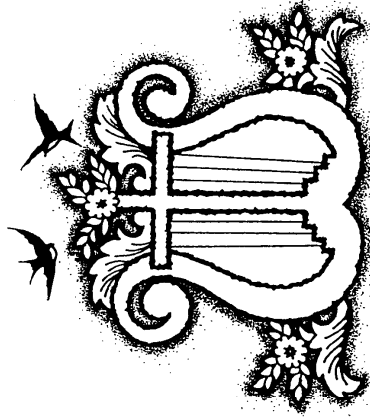
Anderson – Doug, Terri, Michelle,
Cory & Samantha
Bell – Lois
Burdick – Glyde
Crossley – Chris, Mary Jo, Laura &
Claire
Eggert – Laura
Erickson – Muriel
Falk – Ron
Gay – Jim, Kristi, Casey & Nathan
Hanning – Elsie
Hanson – Darold, Diane
Hessevick – Connie
Hoyhyta – Carol
Jacobson – Vince, Kris
Johnson – 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
Woods – Marilyn

February Announcements & Lock-up – Jan Guetschow

March Service Team

Campbell – Eric, Deb, Katie &
Kristen
Carpenter – Marshall, Carolyn
Dahl – Floyc
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
Rustad – Virginia
Saal – Greg, Lisa, Nicolas,
Alexander & Marissa
Schmitz – Matt, Shari, Maggie,
Heidi, Kelsey & Riley
Skrogstad – Will, Dawn, Joshua
Smith – Craig, Vicki
Tarr – Koko, Sam,

Saymanii, Laykpeawon
Paye – Florlime & Woanda
Tuttle – John, Marcia
Werner – Dick, Cindy, Bryce &
Bradley
Wilde - Irma



FOR YOU MAKE ME GLAD BY YOUR DEEDS,

O LORD;
I SING FOR JOY AT THE WORKS OF YOUR
HANDS.

P S A L M 9 2 : 4

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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LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!!

Sunday, February 4
Sunday, February 11
Sunday, February 18
Sunday, February 25

Food Shelf Sunday, 9:30 am – Holy Communion
 Bring a Guest Sunday, 9:30 am – Worship
 9:30 am – Holy Communion, Little Lambs
 9:30 am – Worship

Monday, February 19

President's Day, Office closed

Tuesday, February 13

7:00 pm – Council meeting

Wednesday, February 7
Wednesday, February 14
Wednesday, February 21
Wednesday, February 28

11:30 am – Oak Knoll Senior luncheon
 5:30 pm – Confirmation Ministry
 Ash Wednesday, 7:00 pm –Worship, no choir practice
 6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper, 7:00 pm - Holden Evening Prayer



Thursday, February 15

6:30 pm – Our Saviour's, **newsletter info. due in office**

Friday, February 23

11:00 am – Meals on Wheels

Saturday, February 10

8:30 am – Men's Breakfast