

October 2008



St. Paul's Lutheran

# MESSENGER

DEAR LORD  
BE GOOD TO ME  
THE SEAS ARE  
WIDE AND SO  
MY BOAT IS SO  
SO SMALL



## Children's Defense Fund

Join us for Children's Sabbath - October 12

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

### Remembering Bernice

I recently attended my Aunt Bernice's funeral in Illinois. As so often happens at funerals, I was humbled by recollections from her life and stories about the impact that her life had on so many others. It is especially humbling and encouraging when, as in the case of Bernice, it is obvious that she was at peace and prepared to join her Lord.

During the service, Bernice's daughter prayed a prayer written by Mother Teresa:

*Dear Jesus, help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Thy spirit and love. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others.*

What wonderful imagery, spreading the fragrance of the Lord and being a radiance of his light. It is a stunning reminder of the work of the Holy Spirit. It also seems to weave together things that are going on in our congregation

- Last month's article reflected on "seeing God". When this prayer is answered and one's countenance literally exudes God's fragrance and radiance, how could anyone help but see God in them? I know that many people saw God in Bernice's life.
- In the Agora Mission Awareness Training on Wednesday evenings, one of the objectives is to "fan the sparks to make God's light within us shine brightly". There's that radiance again ...
- In Transformational Ministry one of the objectives is to be transformed, and to spread the transformation to those around us. "*Penetrate and possess my whole being ...*". You can't be more transformed than that.
- It seems as if more and more of my thoughts and conversations surround the importance of

trying to hear God's voice, see what God is up to and determine how that must affect what I do in my life. This prayer asks God to eliminate the middle man and take over completely.

One of the things my life needs is a constant reminder of God's presence because it is so easy to attribute my successes to my own actions, to completely ignore any admonitions, and to ultimately take God for granted. This prayer encourages me that God's presence could be taken to a whole new level, and it speaks directly to the constant reminder that I need, "*Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine.*"

Wow, this is a **BOLD** prayer. The more I consider it, the more I wonder if I have the courage to have it answered.

I find it fitting that Bernice left me with a spiritual challenge, and I'm sure she would want me to share it. Please join me in praying this prayer throughout the month of October.

Blessings,  
Vince Jacobson

### St. Paul's Congregation Council

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Associate Treasurer – Bernie Johnson

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Each council member is liaison to a ministry team and will write an article regarding their team. This month's feature is by Vince Jacobson.

## Featured Ministry Team PROPERTY

Like so many ministry teams at St. Paul's, it seems as if the property ministry "just happens". We are blessed with a small group of dedicated members called the Handy People, who love the Lord, are passionate about our facility, and enjoy serving with their hands. The Handy People have been meeting weekly and do, well, whatever is on the "To Do List". No project is too small or too big.

At this time, the Handy People are Roger Ramsden, Darold Hanson, and John Riggle, but it's not a private society. Everyone is welcome to join and share both the fellowship and the service. Please thank them for their invaluable service.

In addition to the Handy People, members sometimes come together for other property projects. This year's primary example, the patio project is simply amazing. A dedicated group of members has donated many of their Saturdays this summer to transforming the mud behind the church into a beautiful place that offers expanded opportunities for meditation and worship. The people involved, both in manual labor and in feeding the troops are too numerous to mention here, but I do want to lift up the Hromatka-Bonner's and Glyde Burdick for "making it happen", and to Mike Mikulay for leading the effort and coordinating with the Boy Scouts and all their helping hands.

The property ministry team itself is Bernie Johnson and Vince Jacobson. We serve as points of contact for property issues.

Like several other ministry teams, we do not meet as a team on a regular basis, and do not do very much longer term planning. The council is currently looking for ways to more effectively do the meeting and planning part for several ministry teams, and intend to improve our effectiveness in this area over the coming year.

If you would like to be a part of any of the property ministry, please contact Vince Jacobson.

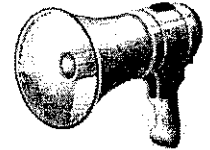
## CRIME ALERT

Minnetonka Chief of Police, Mark Raquet

Two neighboring churches have been burglarized in September and others earlier this summer. Help protect your house of worship. Be on the watch for suspicious activity and report it to 911 or call the "Confidential Crime Line" at 952-935-8000 if you do not want to be identified. Suspects have forced their way in through a door or window by breaking glass, usually on a Sunday evening. Another reported that suspicious individuals could hide in the building following Sunday worship until it is vacant and proceed with the burglary then.

It is recommended all valuable items be marked for identification and a sign be posted stating no cash is kept on the premises. Items often stolen can be audio/visual equipment, computers, and precious metal religious ceremonial objects.

## Community Alert!



Welsh Construction has proposed building another office building on the old Fingerhut campus at 4400 Baker Rd. where they just finished dividing the large Fingerhut, later Petters Group, building into two. These two buildings are already 91% occupied. The proposed additional building will be up to five stories, 125,000 sq. feet (slightly less than the first two combined) and be located where the south parking lot is now.

An advisory community meeting was held at Minnetonka City Hall Thursday night, September 11 regarding the impact of traffic issues from such a facility. Some possibilities include widening Baker Rd., adding turn lanes, installing traffic lights or stop signs, and providing a pedestrian/bike trail through the congested area.

Attendees expressed concern that the neighborhood notification area for this project was/is too small, as is the study area itself. The Baker Rd corridor study is limited to Excelsior Blvd north to the intersection of Lake St. Extension. It does not take into consideration Lake St. Extension itself or anything further north on Baker Road. This will impact St. Paul's. *Continued on next page*

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Minnnetonka's City Planner invites any interested party to attend the next meeting tentatively scheduled for 6:30 pm, Tuesday, October 7 in the basement of Minnetonka City Hall. **Anyone who can, please attend this next meeting.**

For updates visit <http://www.eminnetonka.com>, click on "community development", then click on "projects" in the text and scroll down to "Barker Rd. Corridor Study". Thanks for your involvement.

### Directory Changes

Please make the following changes:

- Delete – Crossley, Chris & Mary
- New address – Dick & Shirlee Waltz  
901 Feltl Court #406  
Hopkins, MN 55343-3912  
Phone # remains the same.

### Is Your Marriage Due For a Tune-up?

Is your timing off? Does your marriage lack spark? Attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend makes your marriage run like new. Through practical exercises and presentations in a relaxed atmosphere, you'll have meaningful conversations and gain a deeper understanding of yourself and your spouse.

Couples spend two nights in a comfortable hotel and enjoy five delicious meals from Friday at 7:00 pm to Sunday at 5:00 pm. Four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, offer a series of presentations followed by questions the couples discuss in the privacy of their hotel room. It's great for couples who already have a good marriage and want to enrich their marriage, but it also does wonders for those marriages that have lost their luster through years of child rearing and work obligations.

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are October 24-26 in Duluth and November 21-23 in Brooklyn Center. It's best to register one month in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahan at 763-651-1575 or visit [www.godlovesmarriage.org](http://www.godlovesmarriage.org).

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### All are invited to our last "Book Talk" for 2008

The next book, *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder, will be discussed on **Tuesday, October 21** at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. Hope to see you there and enjoy! You can find the upcoming title at the Hennepin County Library.

# SPECIAL THANKS

- A HUGE thank you goes out to everyone who participated in the Patio/Rain Garden project, the Pray for Peace room and 9/11 Vigil. We are so blessed to have such a generous and talented congregation. We are grateful to the Boy Scouts of Troop 207, Raymond Mestad's work toward Eagle Scout rank, and Girl Scout Troop 11212, Nora Bonner's work for her Silver Award. Everyone who fed the hungry workers and brought friends to help. Additional thanks to the Handy People who stayed on to finish the walkway, lay the engraved bricks, and install the Peace Pole. All will enjoy this wonderful addition to our facility.

*The family of St. Paul's*

- Dear Servers from St. Paul's  
At a recent "community meeting" (residents with Staff) a number of the residents commented that they really enjoyed the delicious food that is served here. Thanks to all of you for preparing and serving dinner. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

*Maryellen Skan  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Our Saviour's Housing*

- Dear Pastor Louise,  
We thank you and your congregation members for their generous donation of 67 pounds of food during September.

*Cathy Maes  
Executive Director, ICA*

- Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
On behalf of Bishop Hanson, the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, thank you for your recent gifts given through your synod to World Hunger between May and July 2008. Gifts like yours make a real difference in the world as the ELCA works to spread the Gospel, build and nurture the faith lives of others, reach out to the unchurched, provide education opportunities and much more.

## Needed . . .

St. Paul's Sunday school needs a new or gently used TV and DVD player for use during the year. Please contact the church office if you have those items to donate. *Lisa Foss*

## Children's Sabbath is coming soon!

### *What is Children's Sabbath?*

Sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, the National observance of Children's Sabbaths is an annual, multi-faith holiday that celebrates children as sacred gifts of the Divine, and provides the opportunity for communities of faith to renew and live out their moral responsibility to care, protect, and advocate for all children.

Through the service of worship, educational programs, and congregational activities, you can affirm what your place of worship already does with and for children while challenging members to take new actions and commit to new efforts to meet the needs of children in your community, state, and our nation.

### *Is the Children's Sabbath the same thing as Children's Day, Youth Sunday, or Children's Service?*

Though there are some similarities to these days, Children's Sabbath is unique in two ways. First it focuses attention on the urgent problems facing children across our nation and provides a call and support to respond to improve children's lives. Second, Children's Sabbath is an intergenerational event drawing on the leadership and involvement of all ages, because its message is that each of us, no matter our age, has a role to play in nurturing and protecting children and working for justice.

Our sacred texts, teachings, and traditions all agree that children are God's beloved and how we treat children is how we treat the Divine. As religious communities and people of faith have long been sources of hope, healing and wholeness; it is now time for us all to recommit and respond to the urgent task of ensuring that our nation is a place where all children can live out their God-given potential.

To learn more, visit:

[www.childrensdefense.org/Childrens\\_Sabbaths](http://www.childrensdefense.org/Childrens_Sabbaths).

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Minnetonka  
will celebrate Children's Sabbath  
9:30 A.M., October 12<sup>th</sup>  
in response to Dr. King's call  
to end poverty in America.  
PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Minneapolis Area Synod-ELCA**  
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August 2008

St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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Dear friends at St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church,

We've received your recent Mission Support offering of \$375.00 and 55% of it is on the way to our churchwide partners in Chicago, the home base for an amazing array of ministries. Part of your offering supports **leadership development**. The **Vocation and Education Unit** exists to organize the development and support of faithful and courageous leaders whose vocations serve God's mission in the world. The things on the Vocation and Education Unit's "to-do list" include:

1 <sup>st</sup> Call Assignment Process	The Joseph Sittler Archives
Background Checks	<i>Lutheran Partners Magazine</i>
Book of Faith Initiative	Leadership Support
Candidacy	Ministry in Daily Life
Chaplaincy, Pastoral Counseling, and	Multicultural Leadership Development
Clinical Education	Outdoor Ministry
Colleges and Universities	People and Places Online
Diaconal Ministry Community	Prevention Clergy Sexual Misconduct
Disability Ministries	Schools and Early Childhood Ministries
Deaconess Community of the ELCA	SELECT Multimedia Resources
Faith and Wisdom — Life Long Learning	Seminaries
First Call Theological Education	Theological Education
Interim Ministry	Vocation
Lutheran Campus Ministry	Young Adult Ministries
Ministerial Health and Wellness	Youth Gathering
The Hein Fry Lecture Series	Youth Ministries

If you have been touched by a pastor or a Bible camp experience or if you know someone who has been blessed by the education offered at an ELCA college, it's a sign the Mission Support (benevolence) offerings of the church in the past are at work today. By your offering this month, you help to cultivate leaders for many years to come. Thank you!

In Christ's Service,



Heather Hammond, Bishop's Associate

For more information, visit:

<http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Organization/Vocation-and-Education.aspx>

## Sunday Bible Readings

### October 5 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7  
 Psalm 80:7-15  
 Philippians 3:4b-14  
 Matthew 21:33-46

### October 12 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 25:1-9  
 Psalm 23  
 Philippians 4:1-9  
 Matthew 22:1-14

### October 19 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7  
 Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]  
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
 Matthew 22:15-22

### October 26 – Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
 Psalm 46  
 Romans 3:19-28  
 John 8:31-36

## Prayer & Bible Study

- † **Bible study with Pastor Louise** is held every other Saturday morning from 9:30 – 11:00 am in St. Paul's Library. Please check the monthly calendar for exact dates.
- † **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.
- † **ELCA radio ministry, *Grace Matters***, is on Sundays at 6:30 a.m. KSTP 1500 AM and 10:30 p.m. WFMP 107.1 FM.
- † **Daily devotional booklet, *Christ in Our Home***, is available on the entryway table.
- † **ELCA online Bible study, *Daily Discipleship*** is based on the lectionary and online at [www.elca.org/evangelism/daily-discipleship](http://www.elca.org/evangelism/daily-discipleship).
- † **Other prayer resources** are available at [www.elca.org/prayer](http://www.elca.org/prayer).

## West Metro 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 9:30-11:30 a.m.**  
 Episcopal Parish of St. David  
 13000 Saint David's Road  
 Minnetonka, MN 55305-4120  
 (952) 935-3336



DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
September 2	Phil Eckhert	Personal Story
September 9	Brenda DeMotte MSW, LICSW	Myths of Grief
September 16	John Jelinek, CPA	Financial Matters
September 23	Kirk Rodman	Personal Story
September 30	Host Church	We remember our loved ones

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

**Phone Tree Instructions:** There are times when important events happen that everyone needs to be aware of before Sunday when it can be announced or before it can be included in the newsletter. The phone tree was included in the July newsletter and will be implemented when Jan Guestchow calls each name in Column A for a total of five calls. In turn, each person listed under Column A and notified by Jan will call their assigned individuals listed to the right of their name in Column B. Each person called in Column B will then call only those listed to the right of their name in Column C. Individuals in Column C need only to answer their phone to receive the alert and the phone tree is completed. *Please notify the church office if you are a member and do not have a copy of St. Paul's Phone Tree.*

**October Service Team**

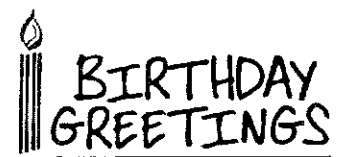
Anderson – Doug, Terri, Corry, Sammi  
 Campbell – Eric, Deb, Dristen  
 Crossley – Chris, Mary Jo, Laura, Claire  
 Erickson - Muriel  
 Foss – Ryan, Lisa, Kristian, Sawyer  
 Hessevick - Connie  
 Jacobson – Vince, Kris  
 Johnson – Bernie, Ruth  
 Johnson, Regina  
 Moe – Rick, Jeanne, Britta, Erik, Kris  
 Nelson – Steve, Wanda  
 Olson – Ray, Jean  
 Pfaendtner – Kathy, Olivia, Helene, Luke  
 Ramsden – Roger, Joyce  
 Rutzen – Doris  
 Thompson – Ruth  
 Uden – Jim, Nancy  
 Waltz – Dick, Shirlee

**November Service Team**

Carpenter – Marshall, Carolyn  
 Eckhert/Brenden – Phil, Sheri, Emma  
 & Carl Peaslee, Sarah Eckhert  
 Falk – Grace, Ron  
 Hanning – Elsie  
 Hanson – Darold, Diane  
 Larson – Tom, Rachel  
 MacNaughton – Jenni, Katie, Zach  
 Madson – Annette, John  
 Mikulay – Mike, Beth  
 Rodman/Rudolph - Darcie, Chuck, Peter  
 Schaller – Shirley  
 Schmitz – Matt, Shari, Maggie, Heidi,  
 Haily, Kelsey, Riley  
 Streater – Kim, Dylan, John

**As a new outreach effort, Pastor Louise will be available for fellowship on Fridays at local coffee houses, 10:00 am – Noon, in October. Please check the October calendar for specific locations and stop in.**

*Please continue to check the Service Team Calendar on the office door each week for available opportunities.*



- 3 Nicholas Powers,  
Lisa Saal
- 13 John Streater
- 18 Mary Copouls
- 19 Dylan Streater,  
Doris Rutzen
- 21 Kelsey Schmitz
- 25 Phil Eckhert
- 26 Jenni MacNaughton,  
Annette Madson
- 28 Sheri Brenden  
Greg Saal
  
- 31 Laura Eggert



**Happy Anniversary**

- 3 Matt & Shari Schmitz
- 18 Tom & Rachel Larson
- 24 Jim & Nancy Uden
- 25 Tom & Kathy Powers



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

<b>Sunday, all</b>	<b>9:30 am – Holy Communion, 10:50 pm – Christian Education</b>
<b>Sunday, October 5</b>	<b>Food Shelf Sunday</b>
<b>Sunday, October 12</b>	<b>Children's Sabbath</b>
<b>Sunday, October 26</b>	<b>Reformation Sunday</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 7</b>	<b>7:00 pm – Spong Discussion Group</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 14</b>	<b>7:00 pm – Council meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 21</b>	<b>7:00 pm – Worship &amp; Music meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday, all</b>	<b>6:30 pm at Oak Knoll – Confirmation classes &amp; Kerygma Bible Study</b>
	<b>7:30 pm – Choir rehearsal – anyone welcome to join</b>
<b>Wednesdays, 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Oct. 1, 8 – Agora training, Oct. 15, 22, 29 – Transformational Ministry</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 8</b>	<b>11:30 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>
<b>Thursday, October 2</b>	<b>11:30 am – Befrienders</b>
<b>Thursday, October 16</b>	<b>6:30 pm – Our Saviour's serving</b>
<b>Fridays, all</b>	<b>Pr. Louise's Coffee House hours – see calendar for specific locations</b>
<b>Friday, October 14</b>	<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Saturdays, all</b>	<b>9:30 am – Grief Support Group at St. David's Episcopal Church</b>
<b>Saturdays, alternating</b>	<b>8:30 am – Agora Discipleship Academy or 9:30 am – Bible Study</b>