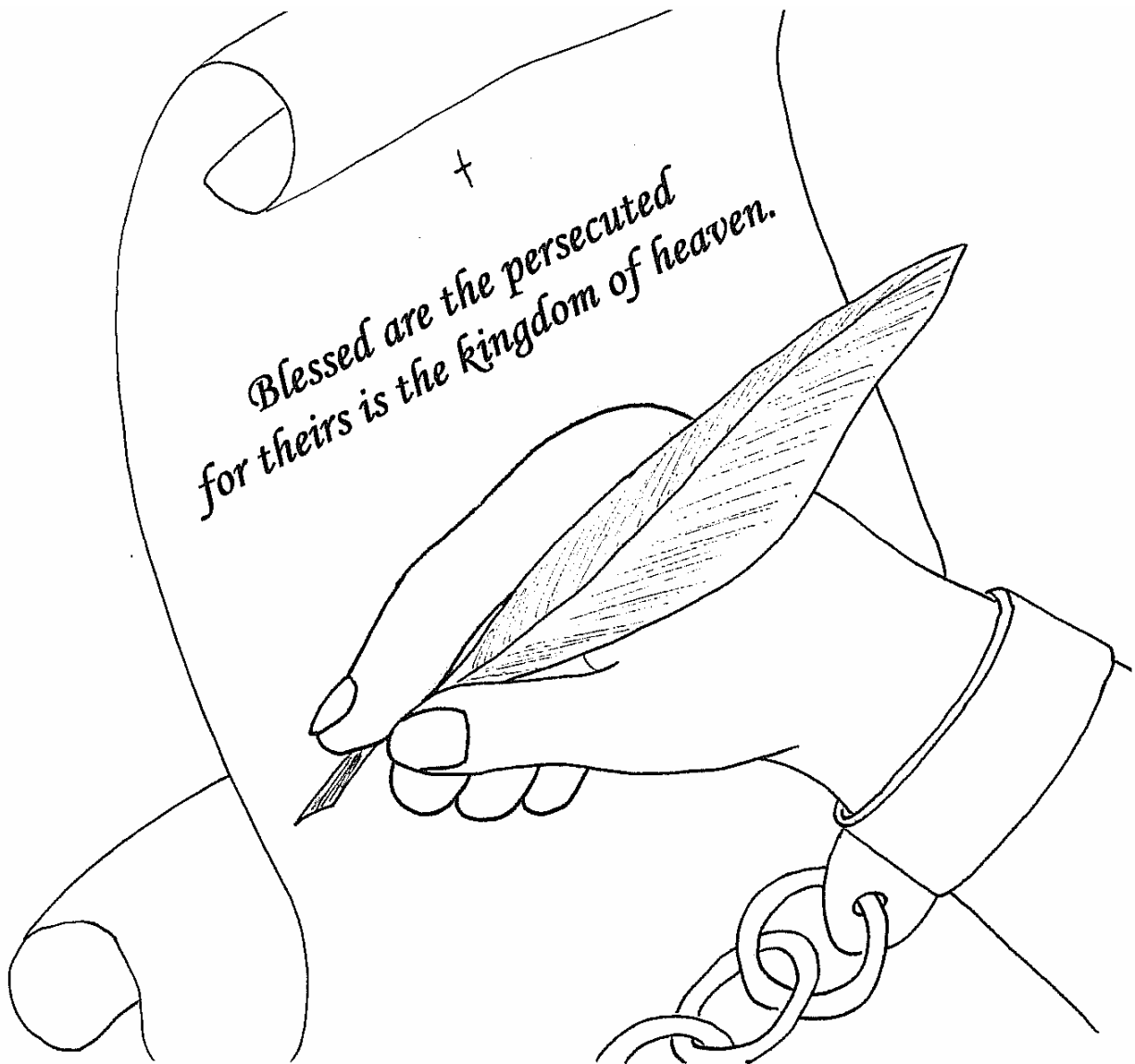


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An RIC congregation of the ELCA

MISSION STATEMENT

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WORSHIP TIMES

You are invited to join us regularly on Sunday mornings for 9:30 AM worship followed by refreshments. Please check the enclosed calendar for days and times of Christian education and events.

Also, an interactive calendar is available on our website:

www.saintpaulslutheran.org.

Just click the "Calendar" button at the top of the webpage and click the time for event details.

OFFICE HOURS

The office is lightly staffed. Regular office hours are 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. Please call before coming in case of unexpected closure. Phone: 952-938-4683, Fax: 952-938-1141, email:

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Please notify the church office when you notify the Post Office you will be temporarily away.

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 or e-mail us at stpauls@saintpaulslutheran.org.

We are moving toward "going green" in the future. The newsletter is available on our website. Save paper and postage; view it online.

PARTNER CONGREGATION

Iglesia Vida Abundante en Cristo, (Abundant Life in Christ), provides a worship service in Spanish at St. Paul's on Sunday 1:00 – 3:00 pm and Friday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm. All are welcome.

MISSION AFFILIATES

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)
Intercongregation Communities Association (ICA)
Lutherans Concerned/North America (RIC)
Lutheran Social Services (LLS)
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AUXILIARY BUILDING USE

St. Paul's encourages use of its facility by outside entities such that it will support our mission statement. Examples would be the 12 Step anonymous programs, local neighborhood organizations, and other congregations. Please contact us at 952-938-4683 for more information if interested.

COUNCIL NEWS

St. Paul's Church Council meets at 7:00 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Congregation members are welcome to attend and/or submit items for the agenda by contacting one of the council members.

Council Meeting Highlights

October 13, 2009

Gathering

Council President Vince Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Present were Vince Jacobson, Pr. Louise Mollick, Carolyn Carpenter, Mary Hromatka, Kathy Powers, Jeanne Moe and Mike Mikulay.

Jeanne offered the opening prayer.

Council minutes for September were approved.

Reports

- Pastor Louise presented the Pastor's Report on membership concerns. She presented several creative networking possibilities which she has been working on and they were discussed. Thanksgiving Eve services will be held at St. Paul's this year and it is as yet unclear which congregations will be cooperating with us in addition to Bet Shalom, Mizpah, and Vida Abundante en Cristo.
- A report from the Worship and Music Team was provided.
- The Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday night, December 5. A notice has been put on the bulletin board and there will be publicity in the newsletter and bulletins.
- The Finance Report and the Stewardship Report were presented by our Treasurer. Questions were asked and there was discussion. Mary moved to authorize the selling of our securities and also authorized borrowing from the Youth Funds for cash flow. The motion was seconded by Jeanne and passed. There was further discussion regarding next year's proposed budget.

Continuing Business

- The Church Facilities Policy was corrected and discussed. A motion was made by Mary to adopt the policy with the understanding that it is a work in progress. Kathy seconded the motion and it passed. The Marriage brochure was likewise corrected and discussed. Mike made the motion to adopt it and Mary seconded it. The motion was also passed

New Business

- A unanimous email vote had been taken in the last month to authorize Jenni MacNaughton to make a job offer for the Music Director and Worship Accompanist positions. Mike made a motion to record that as a unanimous vote. Mary seconded the motion and it was passed.
- There was intentional discussion regarding where St. Paul's is going from here and how we will get there.
- The October Potluck Brunch on October 25 will not be a congregational meeting format but rather will be a discussion of our financial issues. Pastor Louise and Mary will make phone assignments so that everyone will receive a telephone call urging attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Disclaimer

Highlights are provided for the purpose of timely dissemination of information only. The above is not official meeting minutes and is subject to correction and/or change.

Recycling?

Cell Phones: We have a drop box above the mailboxes in the office to recycle cell phones (*please, no accessories including charge cords, manuals, cases, etc.*)

Cartridges: Office Depot will give us \$3 credit we can use toward office supplies for each ink and toner cartridge we bring in to recycle.

Water bottles: ICA can use your gently used water bottles for liquid dish detergent dispersion. Drop box is in our entryway.

Thank you for recycling with St. Paul's.

Treasurer's Report for September 2009

by Mike Mikulay, Council Treasurer

As reported previously, the congregation is on track to use up most of its cash reserves by year-end.

Year-to-date receipts are unfavorable to budget, but due to continued close management, expenses are favorable to budget.

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	
Receipts	\$125,463	\$127,347	\$1,884 unfavorable
Expenses	\$143,348	\$149,342	\$5,994 favorable
Net Receipts	(\$17,885)	(\$21,995)	\$4,110 favorable

Highlights regarding year-to-date receipts and expenses include:

- Offerings are \$6,443 unfavorable to budget. Pledged offerings are \$8,315 unfavorable to budget while non-pledged offerings (members/visitors who did not pledge) are \$3,112 favorable to budget.
- Expenses for Office Supplies, Utilities, and Committees/Ministry Teams combined are \$5,540 favorable to budget. The remaining expenses for Salaries, Benefits, Mortgage, Benevolence to ELCA, and Insurance are each close to budget.

Balance Sheet at the end of September:

	September 30, 2009
Operating Funds	(\$1,998.31)
Youth Funds	\$3,904.24
Total Checking/Savings	\$1,905.93
Securities at Scottrade at cost basis	\$14,033.36
GRAND TOTAL	\$15,939.29

Note 1: Operating Funds = Total Checking/Savings – Youth Funds. The Youth Funds are "restricted."

Note 2: The market value of Securities at the end of September was about **\$14,766**.

At its meeting on October 13, the Council authorized borrowing from the existing Youth Funds or selling securities to cover operating expenses.

Call me at 952.933.9068 if you have any questions.



November is Stewardship Month

We are planning to convene **cottage meetings** again this year to provide members an opportunity to receive information about the financial health of our congregation and the needs of our ministries for the coming year. The meetings will also be an opportunity for members to connect with one another on a variety of other important issues as we prepare for 2010.

Meetings are scheduled for **7:00 PM** Monday, November 9; Thursday, November 12; Saturday November 14; Thursday, November 19 and at **1:00 PM** Wednesday, November 18. Sign-up sheets with locations are on the counter in the narthex. **Those that don't sign-up will be called so pick your time and date before its filled!!!**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Who do we think we are?

I had the privilege of attending the Minneapolis Synod Assembly this year. During a discussion of proposed resolutions, someone presented a case something like, "If we welcome non-repentant sinners into our congregations and allow them to continue non-repentant, we will be putting their mortal souls at risk." The statement seemed to originate from scripture, deep conviction, and a concern for saving souls. I recall thinking that this was an interesting and provocative approach while simultaneously feeling vaguely offended. There was a lot going on and the assembly soon moved to the next topic. The entire imagery was pushed into some hidden corner of my memory.

I confess that I am very focused and intensely on task. I rarely find (or schedule) time to be quiet, listen, and reflect. Now it is four months since the Synod Assembly and I am traveling ... a three hour flight. When I fly, I am usually able to get an exit row seat where I dutifully pull out my computer and work for much of the flight. On this flight, I was unable to get an exit row seat. Since my forearms are too long to access the keyboard in a normal coach seat, computer work was out of the question. When I don't work on a plane, I usually engage my unsuspecting travel mates and attempt to share faith stories with them. Alas, my two nearest travel mates were not only dedicated workers, but they both had substantially shorter forearms than me and were able to use their computers just fine (after a couple of very brief faith stories). This left me with a perfect opportunity to quiet myself and listen.

Within a matter of minutes, images from the Synod Assembly came flying back to me in vivid color with Dolby sound, and they refused to leave me for the entire duration of the flight.

It didn't take long to figure out the source of my confusion at the Synod Assembly. The statement was made in the context of human sexuality and I made the mistake of interpreting it in that context. In reality the context was more like an example application of the approach, and like most "position"

statements, the statement said as much about the speaker as the intended content. The statement was about exclusion; excluding unrepentant sinners.

So here is the proposal as I hear it. We participate in Jesus' ministry by welcoming people and inviting them to meet Him. Jesus is all about redeeming sinners, and we are challenged to introduce our fellow sinners to Him. But if these "other" sinners don't meet certain criteria, we should protect them by keeping away from places where Jesus will see them and become angry.

Let's think about this. First, we need to establish criteria to identify those that Jesus would want to exclude. If we study scripture we quickly see that Jesus wants to exclude ... **NOBODY**, hmmm.

OK, let's say we are concerned about keeping Jesus from becoming angry. When I study scripture, the most common thing that I see making Jesus angry is when people who claim the name of God (that would be **US**) damage God's name by doing things that exclude others. The anger is clearly directed at the excluder rather than the excludee.

But the crux of the position presented seems to be the intention to protect certain classes of people from Jesus' wrath by keeping them from being surrounded by a community of believers long enough that Jesus notices they are there. **WHO DO WE THINK WE ARE?** Here some questions this brought to mind:

- If I am a sinner invited to be in relationship with Jesus, how do I determine which other sinners should not be invited?
- If Jesus is the source of salvation, how can a soul be saved by exclusion from his presence?
- How arrogant is it to presume that we can imagine the limits of Jesus' love?

Do you find it revealing that the **US** (organized religious community) of Jesus time were angry with Jesus for failing to exclude a "more egregious class of sinners". It seems as if some things never change.

I see the position presented as fitting in a category of stuff that happens when people use their own

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knowledge rather than seeking discernment of God's will. When on this path, we get ourselves into trouble by trying to out-God God. Let's face it, **we** don't save anyone. Jesus' work is continuous and ongoing, and we are privileged to participate in it in certain small ways.

Having thought through this, here is behavior that I would recommend. If you meet someone and know nothing about them, introduce them to Jesus and welcome them to a community of believers. If you are concerned about someone's soul being at risk, introduce them to Jesus and welcome them to a community of believers. If you want to know what people to exclude, take a serious look at who Jesus' excluded. If you don't want to make Jesus angry, avoid doing the things that scripture says made him angry.

Pray for the discernment and guidance of the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus' example of welcoming and healing.

Blessings,
Vince Jacobson



Walking the Talk of Welcome

*A half-day workshop on welcoming
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people
into our congregations*

As fall arrives, we make the final turn in the church year, approaching the end of the Season of Ordinary Time. With the decisions made at the 2009 Churchwide Assembly it may feel especially true that we are at the end of ordinary time!

A decade ago – in 1999 – both the Minneapolis and St. Paul Area Synods became Reconciling in Christ (RIC) synods, choosing to be explicit in affirming the welcome extended to LGBT persons of faith. Every year since then, the Joint Synod Committee for Inclusivity and the Twin Cities chapter of Lutherans Concerned/North America (LCNA) have partnered in offering a workshop about “walking the talk of welcome.”

This year, while we rejoice in the recent decisions made by the ELCA, we know that LGBT persons still cannot take for granted that they will be welcomed in any particular Lutheran congregation. Our work – and our workshop – remain as important as ever.

We hope you will join us for the “2009 Walking the Talk of Welcome” workshop on **Saturday morning, November 7, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 3901 Chicago Ave. South, Minneapolis.** (Registration brochure is available in the office.) The workshop introduces a range of ways to become more welcoming and encourages congregations to participate in LC/NA's RIC program.

- We'll discuss biblical issues regarding homosexuality because even in light of ELCA policy changes, these concerns will continue to be paramount in Lutheran parishes.
- We'll share how many RIC congregations discover that being intentional in their welcome to LGBT persons translates into a welcome that is felt by *many* others, including friends and families of LGBT persons, those who are divorced, persons of color, persons with disabilities, and more.
- We'll review some resources available to help you gracefully engage members in your own church in constructive conversations around welcoming LGBT persons. (Note that the focus of our workshops is simply on “welcome”; we're happy to identify resources to facilitate conversation around rostering and blessing same-gender couples, but that's not our focus on Saturday.)

This year, especially, presents an opportunity for evangelism and outreach to those persons (gay and straight, young and old, families and single) who have left church because of the prior ELCA policy. This is a moment to invite these persons to re-claim their place in the Body of Christ. “Walking the Talk of Welcome” can help in making that invitation. We hope your church will be represented at this year's workshop!

In the reconciling spirit of Christ,
*The Joint Synod Committee for Inclusivity
& Lutherans Concerned/Twin Cities*

www.msp-synod-inclusivity.org/id3.html

Agora Discipleship Academy

The Agora Discipleship Academy has recently started its 2009 – 2010 season. This is my second year experiencing the joy and blessings of this unique opportunity.

My heart swelled with joy as I reconnected with my brothers and sisters in Christ from many nations who are now living and worshipping in Minnesota. The relationships that were built over last year remain rich and alive, and are now renewed, freshened, and expanded. The first session felt like “coming home”.

One of the wondrous experiences within Discipleship Academy is the Acts 2 like experience of gathered believers each hearing the same Word in the perspective of their own culture. It seems as if every session leaves me with an enriched understanding of scripture entirely due to someone sharing that scripture in the imagery of their own culture. Fresh insights abound when discussing shepherd parables with someone who has a personal relationship with a shepherd who lives very much like the shepherds of biblical times. Fresh insights abound when discussing how the Apostles went into peoples homes, with someone whose culture has welcoming practices very much like those of biblical times.

We learn a lot about culture and Christianity, and how they are intertwined. Each culture simultaneously enriches and inhibits the Christian life. By coming together and sharing our cultures, we are able to nurture those things from all cultures that make us stronger and become alert to those things from our own culture that we may have assumed were “the only way”.

The academy does a unique job of bringing Christians from many nations together, with strong and committed spiritual leaders, growing in relationship at brothers and sisters in Christ and learning discipleship skills. It is hard to imagine even attempting such a feat, but Agora does it well. I strongly recommend that if you think you would benefit from such an experience, you should drop in as a visitor some Saturday morning to experience it in person.

Blessings,
Vince Jacobson

Census 2010

On Monday, November 9 at 7 PM **Secretary of State Mark Ritchie will speak about Census 2010 at the SouthShore Community Center, 5735 Country Club Drive in Shorewood.** The League of Women Voters South Tonka, Wayzata/Plymouth and Eastern Carver County invite you to come learn about the census and why it is so important to all of us.

On April 1, 2010, the US Census Bureau will make an official count of the population of the United State. As an official partner of the US Census Bureau, the League of Women Voters is working to make this an accurate and complete count. LWV is doing this by giving people in groups that have been under reported in the past information about the census. These groups include immigrant and minority communities. Locally, LWV South Tonka hopes to reach these communities by talking with clients at ICA Foodshelf during February and giving them and ResourceWest (formerly Hopkins Minnetonka Family Resource Center) flyers about the census.

The census forms will arrive in the mail in February and March. Most people will receive the simple census form; 10 questions about each resident that will take only 10 minutes to fill out. But the importance of these forms can hardly be overstated. More than \$300 billion in federal funds will be distributed annually on the basis of the data collected and it will also determine legislative boundaries and representation. Minnesota could lose a representative to the US Congress if enough people fail to respond.

Everyone should be counted, citizens and non-citizens. The fact that the census is confidential should reassure people concerned about revealing information to a government body. The law doesn't allow respondents' names to be connected to their responses for 72 years, even for other government agencies.

There are a number of things you can do to inform people about Census 2010. Attend Secretary of State Ritchie's talk at SouthShore Community Center, Shorewood on November 9 and find out!!!



Special Days in November

Three out of the five Sundays in November are very special days:

- **All Saints** is celebrated on **November 1**. This is the day to walk among the saints on earth and among those generations who have gone before. It is a day to sense our place in the history of the faithful, embracing our own place among the faithful. In our worship we will take time to remember those beloved who have died. Our tears will be wiped away as we give thanks for all that they have given us and taught us through the years.
- **November 22** we celebrate the **Feast of Christ the King** even though Jesus the Christ is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness. In our worship we will move through each season of the church year lifting up images of the One who rules over all time and all creation.
- The season of Advent begins on **November 29, the first Sunday of Advent**. We prepare for the coming of Christ, the One who faithfully keeps on appearing and reappearing in spite of our unfaithfulness.

Make a personal commitment to attend worship each and every Sunday for your own sake and for the sake of the whole community, which is sorely diminished without your presence.

Interfaith Worship Service

You are cordially invited to worship together with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thanksgiving Eve
November 25, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
13207 Lake St. Extension
Minnetonka

Offering – for community needs

Bet Shalom, Mizpah UCC,
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
 and Vida Abundante en Cristo

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 – 11:30 AM
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
13207 Lake St. Extension
Minnetonka, MN 55305

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| Nov. 7 | Recognizing Depression
Susan Obremski, M.A. |
| Nov. 14 | Wellness During Grief
Phylis Bruce, RN |
| Nov. 21 | The Holidays & Your Grief
Brends DeMotte, MSW, LICSW |
| Nov. 28 | To Touch a Grieving Heart - Video |

St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry is a ministry of caring that has given shawls to recipients literally around the globe. Each shawl is lovingly created as a symbol of love, peace, shelter and spiritual sustenance. We have given shawls to over 30 loved ones who are suffering, grieving, recovering and rejoicing. Additionally, we donated almost 20 shawls to Goodsoil for voting members of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly to wear as reminders that the prayers of the faithful were with them as critical decisions were made. Now we have another ambitious request. Darcie Rodman, who coordinates the West Metro Grief Support Group with generosity and grace, has asked that we create a shawl for each person who is attending that group during this time that we are hosting them. **We will need about 25 shawls completed for presentation at the Service of Remembrance on December 19.** If any of you who knit, crochet, or sew would like create a gift of hope, healing, and comfort, it would be greatly appreciated. Time and again the creation and presentation of a prayer shawl, like all acts of generosity, enriches the giver as well as the receiver. Make this ministry a part of your life and see what a difference it makes! Knit and crochet patterns are available at the church. If you are sewing, the dimensions of a finished rectangular shawl are approximately 32" x 60". There is no right or wrong way to make one – the only requirement is loving care and prayer!

Lutheran World Relief Fair Trade Fair

St. Paul's will be hosting a LWR Fair Trade Fair on **Sundays November 1 and November 8**, right after worship. Come and browse the fairly traded handcrafts from around the world. Every sale benefits the artisans who create these products, and you have the opportunity to find unique items and gifts! There also is a catalog available for even more handcraft selections.

- § Connect to our global community!
- § Enjoy beautiful handcrafts!
- § Help our brothers and sisters work their way out of poverty!



Family Ministry's Night Out

St. Paul's Youth and Family Ministry is excited to announce a new format for our gatherings this year. To try to better meet the busy schedules of our families', we will hold a once-a-month family gathering to which ALL families are invited. The third Thursday of every month will include a potluck pasta dinner and focus on the young children in our congregation (ages 0 – sixth grade), though everyone is welcome to attend. Families are invited to attend together, as this ministry is meant to help encourage a faithful dialogue between parents and children. We are asking that each family unit take the responsibility for organizing and planning one month's gathering which might include game night, Bible trivia, movies, baking or whatever else your families can think up! We ask that there be a short devotion or Bible study as part of the evening and we offer plenty of resources for you to use to plan.

The next family gathering will be Thursday, November 19 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. We're looking for families to sign-up. So far, it's been great!! A sign-up poster is in the narthex. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Foss, 952-401-8044 or lisaefoss@gmail.com.

MORE FACILITY USE CHANGES

- We welcome a new weekly group starting Wednesday, November 4 at 6 – 9:30 **AM**. Fireside Business Networking International is an entrepreneurial support group of 60 – 75 that advance their business strategies through networking, collaborating, and education. Please take note: Our parking lot will be at overflow capacity at that time.
- West Metro Grief Support is meeting at St. Paul's for 4th quarter 2009 from October 1 through December 19, 9:30 – 11:30 AM every Saturday morning in the Fellowship Hall.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Hopkins Lodge # 17

joined us last month in facility use of our Fellowship Hall on Thursdays 7 – 9:00 PM. Some have asked who these "Odd Fellows are." Their mission is to improve and elevate the Character of Mankind. In 18th century England, it was odd to find people organized for the purpose of giving aid to those in need and pursuing projects for the benefit of all mankind. Those who belonged to such an organization were called "Odd Fellows." Today, the Odd Fellows is a worldwide fraternal Order having over 10,000 lodges in 25 countries. They are actively involved in a variety of civic and philanthropic efforts on a local, national and international level. The corresponding Order for women is called Rebekahs.

The Order at Work:

- provides over \$775 million in relief projects annually.
- The Education Foundation provides substantial loans and grants to students.
- SOS Children's Village provides a caring home for orphaned children in Cambodia.
- Living Legacy focuses on planting trees and enhancing our environment.
- The Arthritis Foundation
- Visual Research Foundation supports vision care and research through Wilmer Eye Institute.
- United Nations pilgrimage for Youth.
- Annually sponsor a float in the Rose Parade.

St. Paul's is blessed to have them in our building.

Sunday Bible Readings

[Can be used for bulletin cover design inspiration]

October 4 – Time after Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 11 - Time after Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 18 – Time after Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 25 – Reformation Sunday

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

November 1 – All Saints Day

Isaiah 25:6-9 *or* Wisdom 3:1-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

November 8 – Time after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 15 – Time after Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 22 – Christ the King Sunday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

November 26 – Thanksgiving

Joel 2:21-27
Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-33

November 29 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36



Prayer & Bible Study

- † **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.
- † **New: Brown Bag Bible Study** with Pr. Louise is being offered Tuesdays at Noon in our Library starting Oct. 6th. Hope you can make it for this refreshing gathering.
- † **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.
- † **New: Faith Conversation** is a new opportunity for learning and fellowship this fall on Wednesdays nights at 6:00 pm in the library starting October 7th before choir practice.
- † **Other prayer resources** are available at www.elca.org/prayer.

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1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 15 – Time after Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 22 – Christ the King Sunday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

November 26 – Thanksgiving

Joel 2:21-27
Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-33

November 29 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

December 6 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

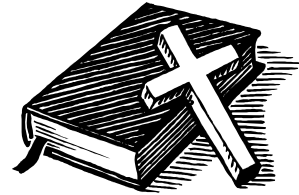
Malachi 3:1-4 *or* Baruch 5:1-9
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

December 13 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

December 20 – 4th Sunday in Advent

Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:46b-55 *or* Psalm 80:1-7
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]



Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Prayer & Bible Study

- † **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.
- † **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.
- † **New: Faith Conversation** is a new opportunity for learning and fellowship this fall on Wednesdays nights at 6:00 pm in the library starting October 7th before choir practice.
- † **Other prayer resources** are available at www.elca.org/prayer.

MEMBER NEWS

Special thanks

- to Darrin Schlumberger, the estate representative of Solveig and Ella Anderson for remembering St. Paul's with such a generous and gracious gift that helps provide for the needs of our church and congregation
- I'm not sure who to thank but on Sunday Sept. 20th one of your members, female with a disabled husband (?), not only gave directions to a car full of senior citizens but actually led them in her vehicle to the parking lot of Chapel View Care Center in Hopkins. My mother (88) is a resident at CVCC and her sister (78) from CA was coming with friends from ST. Paul to visit. They missed the 5th Ave. turn and happened upon your church parking lot as members were leaving. This wonderful person was so kind to do this. She turned a very stressful time into a joyous event. On behalf of our family I thank you very much for nurturing such people in your congregation.
Mary Broman

November Service Team

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Campbell – Eric, Deb, Kristen
Eckhert/Brenden – Phil, Sheri, Emma
& Carl Peaslee, Sarah Eckhert
Gilbertson - Roger, Darla
Hanning – Elsie
Johnson – Regina
Larson – Tom, Rachel
Madson – Annette, John
Mikulay – Mike★, Beth
Pfaendtner - Kathy, Olivia, Helene, & Luke
Powers – Tom, Kathy★, Jack, Nick
Riggle – John, Shirley
Schwitzer – Bill
Streater – Kim, Dylan, John
Thompson – Ruth
Smith – Kay, Ken, Michael

December Service Team

★church council member

Anderson – Doug, Terri, Cory, Sammi
Bonner/Hromatka - Dean, Mary★, Nora
Eggert – Laura
Erickson – Muriel
Falk – Grace, Ron
Hanson – Darold, Diane
Jacobson – Vince★, Kris
Lindquist – Rey, Lois
Ramsden – Roger, Joyce
Rieman – Maxine
Schaller – Shirley
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Haily, Kelsey, Riley
Smith – Lorraine
Tollefson – Paul, Pat
Uden – Jim, Nancy



1 Wanda Nelson
3 Sarah Eckhert
4 John Riggle
11 Ron Falk
12 Rebecca Tollefson
16 Paul Tollefson
18 Jim Uden
23 Bill Schwitzer,
Joshua Schmitz
27 Shirlee Waltz
28 Megan Wolfe
30 Jack Powers

Anniversaries:

15 Mike & Beth Mikulay
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We at St. Paul's are committed to welcoming you . . .

- If you are lesbian, gay, bisexual, intersexual, transgendered or straight.
- If you are seven, seventeen, forty-seven or one hundred and seven.
- If you are black, brown, red, yellow, white or any shade in between.
- If you are broken, healed or in recovery.
- If you are rich, poor, or somewhere in between.
- If you are able-bodied, disabled or differently-abled.
- If you have a strong faith, have doubts about your faith or aren't sure you have any faith at all.
- If you have accepted Christ's love, question Christ's love or don't know if you are loved.
- If you are looking for a church home, have never had a church home or need a place to find peace.

**We are committed to welcoming everyone, living as a reconciling people
in our life together and in our outreach to the community.**