

ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 7, 2010 [saintpaulslutheran.org]

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Please read our "Welcome Statement" on the back cover. Our mission is "to be an open and inviting church spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ". You are invited to return and join us regularly on Sunday mornings for 9:30 AM worship followed by refreshments and Adult Forum.

RIC free film screening offered 7:00 PM Friday & Saturday, March 12 & 13 in the sanctuary of Richfield United Methodist Church, 5835 Lyndale Ave. South, Minneapolis. Filmmaker Anne P. Brown will introduce the 45 minute documentary, *Incompatible with Christian Teaching*, and lead a follow-up discussion and Q & A session. Rated PG13.

Next Sunday we receive into membership Kadie & Shelly Schweiger, Steve Dulac, Bill Donoho and Eric Reishus. Plan to attend and celebrate this event!

March 14, next Sunday, Daylight Savings Time begins. Turn clocks ahead one hour.

National Lutheran Choir to record the 2nd volume of the beloved "*Hymns We Love to Sing*" CD series on Sunday, March 14, 4:00 PM, at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Bloomington. Come be a part of it. Tickets \$20/Adult; \$10/Student. Also, read about a member of the choir in the *Metro Lutheran*, page 3. Be sure to take a copy home today.

Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers and "Prayers around the Cross" are every Wednesday through March 24 at 6:00 PM and 6:45 PM respectively. Confirmation class and choir rehearsal will follow worship. All are on the lower level. **We still need people to sign-up to bring food.** The sign-up sheet is on the office door. Thank you!

Friday Coffee House Hours – Come join Pr. Louise in fellowship, 10:00 AM to Noon. Beginning with March, coffee house locations will only change monthly. **March** we will meet at The Depot, 9451 Excelsior Blvd, Hopkins. See you there?

Empty Bowls Event – Tuesday, March 16 from 11 AM – 7:00 PM at the Hopkins Center for the Arts, 1111 Mainstreet. 12th Annual Fundraiser for local food shelves.

PFLAG'S third Sunday monthly program & support meets March 21 at Mayflower Church, 106 E. Diamond Lake Rd., Minneapolis. Program begins at 2:00 PM with support sessions from 3:45 – 5:00 PM. Topic: Transgender/Gender Non-conforming 101: An Exploration of Gender and Gender Identity in American culture.

Mount Olive Lutheran to host Hymn Festival on Palm Sunday, sponsored by and for the benefit of the *Metro Lutheran*, (a free will offering will be collected). This festival is in tribute to the late Dr. Paul Manz, modern founder of the hymn festival; featuring organist David Cherwien and representatives of a number of Lutheran college choirs. The festival begins at 4:00 PM on Sunday, March 28th.

REMINDERS:

- ✓ **Child Logan Updates**– Check out Logan's progress at www.caringbridge.com and visit: LoganSwedberg. *The family is very grateful for your on-going prayers!*
- ✓ **Recycling with St. Paul's** – this is our ongoing fundraiser. Recycle cell phones (no accessories please) and ink/toner cartridges by leaving them in the office.
- ✓ **St. Paul's Prayer Line** – is activated by calling Maxine Rieman between 10:00 am and 8:00 pm at 952-238-8516, cell 763-807-7682, or calling the church office.
- ✓ **West Metro Grief Support Group** meets at Union Congregational United Church of Christ, 3700 Alabama Ave. South, St. Louis Park, 9:30 – 11:30 am, Saturdays.

PRAYERS –



- ✚ For care of God's creation,
- ✚ for our war torn world, that peace may prevail,
- ✚ for the hungry, the homeless and the afflicted, especially earthquake victims in Chili and Haiti,
- ✚ for those suffering due to economic crisis,
- ✚ for our President, Barack Obama, his advisors, and all leaders of nations,
- ✚ for our bishops Mark Hanson and Craig Johnson and all leaders of the church,
- ✚ for Heather Hammond who will be serving as interim at All Saints Lutheran Church of Minnetonka beginning March 15,
- ✚ for our congregation and the congregation of Vida Abundante en Cristo as we partner in ministry,
- ✚ for our companion relationship with the people of Mount Olive Lutheran Church,
- ✚ for Lutheran Social Service's GrandFamily Connections,
- ✚ for the Haitian orphanage our coffee dollars will benefit and for all children,
- ✚ for Child Logan as he recovers from another surgery and remains in the hospital,
- ✚ for Wanda Bryant, Lillian Rand, John & Shirley Riggle, Lisa Salvatore, Ken Smith, Rob Stoneberger, Sally Thayer, Will Todd, Barb Titus, Brian (Boo) Wallace, and Irma Wilde,
- ✚ in thanksgiving for the new employment opportunity for Mike Mikulay and for Eric and Diane Reishus' new granddaughter, Lila Grace and
- ✚ for God's guidance as we live into becoming more welcoming to all people.