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## A Word from the Pastor ~

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (Ephes. 1:15-23 ESV)*

As I write this newsletter, I have just finished preaching at the second funeral in a week of two beloved saints in Christ who died. Selma and Irma both died confessing Christ their Lord and God unto death. What a witness they were for family, members, medical staff, and all who knew them. In their deaths they both committed themselves into Christ's nail-pierced hands trusting His Easter victory over the grave. Even though they have died, yet do they live with the Triune God who created, redeemed, and sanctified them.

May their example be an encouragement to you in your Christian life. It is easy for the events of our times and the circumstances of life to get us down. Yet in the midst of all these signs of death is the victorious risen Christ who also is ascended such that He controls all things. At the same time He is with you,

and He works all things for your good. There is no detail in your life that He doesn't care about. Remember, as He has been Selma's and Irma's Lord and God in death, so He is your Lord and God in life. He will not fail you nor abandon you.

Later this month (Thursday 21 May 09) we will celebrate the Ascension of our Lord into heaven at the right hand of His Father. Yet His promise that "I am with you always until the end of the age" remains in effect. The Lord Jesus who ascended is the same Lord Jesus who is always with us. He is with us in body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar – the Lord's Supper.

As such, the Lord's Altar is where we gather until that day when He comes again to raise all the dead and bring us at last into the life of the world to come. This is the place where heaven and earth intersect. It is the place where we commune with all the saints including those in heaven. As such, Selma and Irma will be there also. And for that matter, so will all our beloved members who have gone before us.

So, I will see you in heaven this Sunday in the Lord's Supper.

Pastor Anthony



## From the Parish Nurse ~

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
May is Better Sleep Month. Anyone who has had trouble getting to sleep or waking up during the night knows that lack of sleep can affect them mentally and physically the next day. These are some suggestions in getting "better sleep".

1. Have a sleep schedule. Go to bed and get up at the same time everyday. This includes weekends. Irregular sleeping times will interfere with your biological clock. 7 to 9 hours of sleep per night is usually right for most people.
2. Be careful of what you eat or drink before going to bed. Wait three hours after dinner before going to sleep, especially after a heavy meal. Effects of caffeine last for about 8 hours. Avoid fluids for one hour before going to bed. An empty stomach may also interfere with sleep patterns. Foods with high levels of tryptophan such as milk, turkey, yogurt, ice cream, or peanuts help the body produce serotonin which promotes relaxation.
3. Keep the room dark.
4. Your sleeping position can contribute to sleeping well. Have a pillow that keeps your head and neck straight. Place a pillow between your knees if you sleep on your side or under your knees if you sleep on your back.
5. Maintain your mattress. Turn the mattress every few months. Replace it after 5-7 years of regular use.
6. Exercise during the day but not right before going to bed.
7. Don't nap more than 30 minutes during the day.
8. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Wear socks to bed or have an extra blanket by the bed during cold weather. Take a warm shower or bath before going to bed or put nightwear in the dryer to warm them. During warm weather, use a light blanket and don't drink hot fluids before going to bed.
9. If you sleep with the TV or music on, set the timer so make sure it goes off by the time you fall asleep.

See your health care provider if you have sleep disorders such as insomnia, obstructive sleep apnea, restless leg syndrome, narcolepsy, or symptoms of heartburn. May God provide you with the sleep and rest you need each day.

In His Service,  
Darlene Rueter, RN  
St. Paul Parish Nurse  
[rrueter2642@msn.com](mailto:rrueter2642@msn.com)

## Human Care

**Human care for area residents is provided by:**

**ST. ANTHONY HOME HEALTH AGENCY**  
318 S. Maple St., Suite 3, Carroll, Iowa 51401  
Phone: 712-794-5279 or 1-800-684-3020  
Email address: [stanthonyhospital.org](mailto:stanthonyhospital.org)  
Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Monday—Friday  
Nurses on call 24 hours, 7 days a week

### Services Provided:

- Skilled nursing & home care aides services
- Physical therapy, speech pathology, occupational therapy
- Home infusion therapy
- Public Health
- Hospice
- Private duty
- Resource management information & referral service for Seniors
- Medicare Certified—"People caring for people in the comfort of their homes"
- Home & Community based waiver:
  - Ill & Handicapped Waiver
  - AIDS Waiver
  - Frail & Elderly Waiver
  - MR Waiver

### HELPING THOSE IN NEED:

The Board of Human Care would like St. Paul members to know that we can help one another. If you have a special need, whether it would be furniture, appliances, clothing, or personal assistance with some difficulty you are having, please contact a Human Care board member. Connie Boeing #292-4073, Ryan Rueter (cell #830-6790) or Darlene Rueter 792-2642 can be contacted. The Board will make a request to other St. Paul members to help with that need. Confidentiality can be requested. Likewise, if you have something that may benefit another church member, whether it be household items or talent, notify us too. Together we can serve each other in love.

## Ready, Set, Recycle!"

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) of Iowa will host the 2015 National Convention in Des Moines! You can help our Guild earn funds to cover expenses by being a part of our "Ready, Set, Recycle" campaign. Bring the following recyclable items to church and place them in the box in the cloakroom off the Narthex or call Barb Brockelsby at 790-9592:

- Empty inkjet printer cartridges
- Empty laser printer cartridges
- Used cell phones
- Laptops, including power cords
- Palm Pilots (PDAs)

Please leave in original boxes if possible or place in plastic zip-lock bags. Thank you for your help.



### Circle Dates—

**Lydia:** Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 p.m.  
East Room, Jan Hoff, hostess;  
Deb Schmidt, topic

**Rachel:** Wednesday, May 13, 1:30 p.m.,  
Fellowship Hall, Florence Fricke,  
hostess; Pastor, topic



### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S GUILD 1/1/09 – 4/17/09

	<u>BALANCE FWD</u>	<u>PLUS INCOME</u>	<u>MINUS EXPENSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Parish Nurse	\$ 10.91	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$10.91
Lydia Circle	93.39	49.00	45.00	97.39
Rachel Circle	140.00	20.00	0.00	160.00
Mites	0.00	112.37	112.37	0.00
Coins For Christ/Mites	(58.50)	38.11	0.00	(20.39)
Quarterlies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social Ministry	124.28	0.00	0.00	124.28
Gifts of the Heart	30.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
Hurricane Ike	55.00	0.00	0.00	55.00
<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>	<b>\$ 395.08</b>	<b>\$ 219.48</b>	<b>\$157.37</b>	<b>\$457.19</b>
General Fund	248.14	412.00	350.00	310.14
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 643.22</b>	<b>\$631.48</b>	<b>\$507.37</b>	<b>\$767.33</b>

## LWML exceeds mission goal for 2007-09 biennium

The LWML has exceeded its 2007-09 mission goal of \$1.7 million by \$75,730.17, according to President Janice Wendorf. "In the midst of these uncertain times, God's people have responded and supported the mission goal of the LWML for the 2007-09 biennium," Wendorf said. "Thanks to all the districts and individuals who have sent special offerings and gifts." Among contributions received by the March 31 deadline was an anonymous "memorial" gift of \$100,000. Funds for the mission goal come from the LWML's 40 districts, which receive "mite box" and other contributions from members, and pass along one-fourth of those monies to the national LWML for distribution to mission projects worldwide. LWML districts use 75% of what they receive for local mission-related projects. Although final reports are not yet available, the auxiliary's 250,000 members nationwide have likely raised a total of more than \$6.5 million during the 2007-09 biennium, according to the LWML office in St. Louis. The next LWML convention, June 25-28 in Portland OR, will adopt a new mission goal for the 2009-11 biennium and choose new projects to receive funding. For more information about the LWML or its upcoming convention, visit the organization's website at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) or call 800-252-5965.

This month, our last before the convention, let us lift up in prayer the Host Committee and Convention Programming Committee as they finalize all the details for the June 25-28 gathering. Let us pray for the LWML President Jan Wendorf as she prepares to chair the convention and for the speakers and proclaimers. Let us pray that each of our hearts will be open to new experiences and friendships. As final preparations are made, we give thanks for the opportunities this convention presents for each attendee.

## Statement re: Iowa Supreme Court Ruling on Same-Sex "Marriage"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Crucified and Risen Savior, Jesus, this Holy week.

Like many of you, we were saddened and offended by Iowa Supreme Court ruling regarding "same sex marriage" and the response of the leaders of the Iowa Legislature ruling out any effort to overturn the decision or even discuss it.

Today there are voices telling us that we must learn to "accept" the changes that are taking place in society. The reality is, society no longer values the church's role, is suspicious of our views, and considers us irrelevant. Society has lost its moral foundation upon which to base any decisions regarding true and false, good and evil, right and wrong.

As Lutheran Christians we have a duty and an unprecedented opportunity to speak to society the will of God as revealed to us in His Holy Word for this is the only solid foundation upon which a civilized society can stand. The Law of God declares that homophile behavior is intrinsically sinful (Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Rom.1:24-27). The Gospel declares that Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world (1 John 2:2) and that Christ, who knew no sin, was made to be our sin so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21). The church's proper evangelical work is to proclaim the reconciliation of the sinner to God in the death of Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 5:18-19).

Therefore, we cannot be silent regarding the Supreme Court's ruling, but must faithfully and publicly speak against it. For we are "a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that 'we' may declare the praises of him who called 'us' out of darkness into his wonderful light." I Peter 2:9

We will continue to define marriage as God has, "a lifelong union of one man and one woman." We will celebrate His gift to us and defend marriage as Martin Luther reminds us in his

explanation of the sixth commandment, "*We* should fear and love God so that *we* lead a sexually pure and decent life in what *we* say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other."

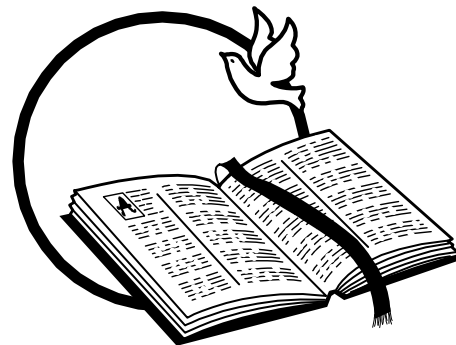
We encourage our pastors and congregations to minister to homosexuals and their families with love and concern, calling for repentance and offering forgiveness in the Good News of Jesus Christ when there is repentance.

We encourage an "in depth" study of the Bible passages cited so that all of our people might be informed by God's Word.

We urge all of God's people to pray for our elected leaders, our legislature, our judges that our God will grant them wisdom and understanding so that they might govern us according to His will so that our nation, our state, our communities, and all people might be truly blessed.

Your Servants in Christ,  
Dr. Paul G. Sieveking, President  
Iowa District West, LCMS

Dr. Gary M. Arp, President  
Iowa District East, LCMS





## Lutherans For Life



### Confirmation—May 3, 2009

### Never Give Up!

The need to Bring Good News to Life grows each day. So many people, many in Lutheran pews, become more and more influenced by a life-devaluing and callous society. Perhaps you've seen the latest AP story on how the economy is increasing the number of abortions. Abortion is a cost-cutting measure. From the article:

"This was a desired pregnancy--she had been getting prenatal care--but they re-evaluated expenses and decided not to continue."

And listen to the casual tone:

"A lot of women who never thought they'd need help are turning to us" [National Network of Abortion Funds], Poggi said. "They're telling us, 'I've already put off paying my rent, my electric bill. I'm cutting back on my food.' They've run through all the options."

Let's see, ways to survive in a bad economy: Cut back on paying rent, use less electricity and food, and, oh yes, kill your baby.

This is the culture in which Christ's people live. This is the culture that influences them. This is why what we do is VITALLY important. In all of our planning and meetings and discussions about what to do and who we reach, never forget that the fundamental issue is the value of human life. No one else on the planet has a message like we do that upholds that value. No one else has a God who was conceived in a womb and who died on a cross.

Thanks for bringing that Good News to life!  
Thanks for not giving up! Nothing can prevail against that message. Never give up!

Jim Lamb

Lutherans For Life

Confirmation Sunday is May 3, 2009. Examination Sunday for the Confirmands was Sunday, April 26. Those being confirmed and receiving their first communion on May 3 are:

Casey Howard	Brooke Wagner
Jessica Karstens	Joey White
Rebecca Luft	Jordan White
Leah Widdel	

Please remember these Confirmands in your prayers as they come before the Lord and the church to renew their baptismal vows and to make profession of faith and commitment to the Lord Jesus.

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### High School Graduation May 24, 2009

Congratulations to the following students who will graduate from Carroll High School on Sunday, May 24, 2009 ~

Jeremy Carter	Michaela Mohr
Logan Lehrkamp	Miranda Raymond
Kylie Licht	Andrew Stanzyk
Elyse Titus	

The graduates will be given special recognition during our 9:00 worship service on May 24. We pray that God will continue to richly bless these graduates as they move to new horizons. We urge them to remain faithful to Him who has made them His children.

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### College Graduation ~

If a member of your family is graduating from college this spring, please call Donna at 792-4354 or email her at [stpaul@stpaul-ia.com](mailto:stpaul@stpaul-ia.com). We would like to recognize them in the May 24 bulletin.





## MAY BIRTHDAYS

5-1	Ray Berndt	Age 90
5-1	April Marquardt	
5-2	Lois Rungee	
5-4	Joshua Blezek	
5-4	Russell Hansen	
5-4	Mickey Orcutt	
5-4	Deb Henry	
5-4	Faith Johnson	
5-5	Camryn Schable	
5-6	Gabrielle Howard	
5-6	Keith Schirck	
5-7	Pastor Licht	
5-7	Jared Mohr	
5-7	Janet Mosman	
5-7	Trevor Toft	
5-8	Zander Richards	
5-9	Kaleb Johnson	
5-10	Koty Langford	
5-10	Taylor Mohr	
5-11	Kody Brinker	
5-11	Pearl Kurth	
5-12	Shirley Johnson	
5-12	Michael Woodhouse	
5-13	Darlene Rueter	
5-13	Ruthana Witt	
5-14	Terry Jensen	
5-15	Alexander Bayliss	
5-15	Gary Carter	
5-15	Connie Dentlinger	
5-15	Cassia Onken	
5-16	Milda Malone	
5-16	Verlene Nappe	
5-17	Dylan Gottsch	
5-17	Angie Johnson	
5-17	Camron Schweers	
5-18	Lisa Nelson	
5-19	LoAnna Meiers	
5-19	Lucas Smith	
5-19	Elizabeth Vorsten	
5-20	Cindy Beck	
5-20	Lowell Stammer	
5-22	Ed Holstein	Age 90
5-22	Misty Thooft	
5-22	Eric Niceswanger	
5-23	Mia Nagl	
5-24	Kurt Rohrbeck	
5-24	Ardith Sporleder	
5-25	Pam Stanzyk	
5-26	Shari Oleson	
5-26	Logian Schagt	
5-27	Tara Raymond	

5-27	Clayton Dohse
5-27	Danielle Dryden
5-29	Bernice Bliss
5-29	Kim Renning
5-30	Violet Boell
5-30	Brian Warnke
5-30	Leah Widdel
5-31	Steve Erickson
5-31	Jerry Frehse
5-31	Amber Jenkins



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5-1	Don & Shari Oleson
5-2	Troy & Lisa Auen
5-3	Jim & Tami Biggerstaff
5-4	Steve & Cindy Erickson
5-5	Dale & Bonnie Berns – 52 yrs
5-5	Michael & Amber Jenkins
5-10	Jason & Kelly Beckman
5-16	Lon & Janet Mosman
5-26	Ron & Angie Johnson
5-27	Mike & Jackie Dryden

Please call the church office at 792-4354 if any of the above information is incorrect or if your birthday or anniversary is omitted. Thanks.



## MARCH ATTENDANCE

	Saturday	Sunday	Total
3/1	68	130	198
3/8	89	91	180
3/15	67	147	214
3/22	72	135	207
3/29	97	133	230
<b>Avg.</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>206</b>

Sunday School Avg.: 26  
Bible Class Avg.: 27  
Total Communed: 788

## OFFICIAL ACTS

### BAPTISM

Cody Micael Stotts, infant son of Matt & Lisa Stotts  
Jason D. Smith, infant son of Jeanine Campbell & Austin Smith

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Joyce Paulson

### DEATHS

Selma Kastle  
Irma Sundermann

### TRANSFER OUT

Tom Sullivan & Ella to Good Shepherd Lutheran, East Ridge, TN  
Danny & Kacey Beyer to Gloria Dei Lutheran, Urbandale, IA

### RELEASED AT OWN REQUEST

Brad & Shannon Wilkins, Carter, Cailey & Carson

### REMOVED BY ACTION OF VOTERS' ASSEMBLY 4/19/09

Tina Linn, Tristan & Jordyn  
Wendy Cullinan



## TREASURER'S REPORT March 2009

### Budget & Non-Budget Figures

Bal. on Hand 2/28/09	\$ 5,451.98
Mar. Receipts	37,353.90
Mar. Disbursements	<u>45,069.80</u>
Bal. on Hand 3/31/09	(\$2,263.92)

### Actual Budget Figures for March

Actual Mar. Budget Rects	\$22,245.90
Actual Mar. Budget Disb	<u>29,053.94</u>
Shortage for March	(\$6,808.04)

### African Missions/International Students/Hispanic Ministry/LBT

Total Needed for 2009	\$9,000.00
Received by 4/19/09	2,591.92

### Carillon Replacement

Needed:	\$15,000.00
Received by 4/19/09	3,925.00

### Fellowship Hall Flooring

Needed:	\$40,000.00
Received by 4/19/09	1,975.00

## Worship Assistants for May

### LECTORS:

May 2	Pastor
May 3	Pastor
May 9	Pastor
May 10	Sharon von Qualen
May 16	Pastor
May 17	Pastor
May 23	Pastor
May 24	Jerry Frehse
May 30	Pastor
May 31	Pastor

### GREETERS:

May 2	Jerry & Doris Wilson
May 3	Randy & Pam Stanzyk
May 9	Bob & Betty Grundmeier
May 10	Vicki Grundmeier
May 16	Ken & Rosemary Beckman
May 17	Duane & Jewel Proctor
May 23	Doug & Gaye Beckman
May 24	Ina Rae Nieland
May 30	John & Donna Spaen
May 31	Ryan & Darlene Rueter

### ACOLYTES: (Sunday Only)

May 3	Paige Licht
May 10	Dalton Helmkamp
May 17	Mason Millard
May 24	Maddie Pate
May 31	Hannah Clausen

### ALTAR GUILD:

Shirley Sunderman, chairman  
Jan Wess  
Ethel Petersen  
Sheri Davis  
Kyle Halbur  
Connie Stammer

### ELDERS:

May 2	Joe Eisenbacher
May 3	Jerry Frehse
May 9/10	Mike Janssen
May 16/17	Scott Bauck
May 23/24	Jeff Hoffman
May 30/31	Larry Bayless

### SATURDAY USHERS:

Doug Beckman  
Bonnie Dryden  
Bob Grundmeier  
John Spaen

### SUNDAY USHERS:

Pam Stanzyk  
Ryan Rueter  
Jay Woodhouse

### HIGH SCHOOL USHERS:

May 3	Zach Schroeder Heather Schwarte
May 10	Shelby White Desiree Davis
May 17	Sean Erickson Kelsey Fagan
May 24	Andrew Karstens Megan Schroeder
May 31	Cole Schwarte Frank Venteicher

### THE LUTHERAN HOUR

The Lutheran Hour may be heard on Sundays on the following radio stations in our area:  
KAYL, 990 AM, Storm Lake,  
10 am  
KDSN, 107.1 FM, Denison,  
6:30 am  
KDSN, 1530 AM, Denison,  
10:30 am

Also available 24 hours/day on the Internet @ [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org)  
Speaker: Rev. Ken Klaus

**May 3—*Who Is Narrow-Minded?***  
The world rejects the exclusive claims of Christ. But what if He IS the only way of salvation? (Acts 4:12)

**May 10—*This Is Love***  
Does your mother love you? Jesus loves you more! Has your mother sacrificed for you? Jesus died and rose to redeem you from sin and eternal death! (1 John 4:10)

**May 17—*Not What You Know But Whom You Know***  
Meet Jesus, the best and truest of friends, the most sacrificing and caring of friends. (John 15:15)

**May 24—*To Be Announced***  
Guest Speaker: Chaplain Eric Erkinen, assoc. director of LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces.

**May 31—*Not What They Seem***  
Things are not always what they seem to be. That's especially true of Christ and His Church (John 15:26-27)

**The Passion Play of Oberammergau, 2010:** Pastor Michael Awe of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tilden, NE, who served his vicarage at St. John Lutheran, Charter Oak & helped with the vacancy at St. Paul, Ute, invites you to join him and his wife, Suzy, on an exciting 11-day Alpine Tour, May 22-June 1, 2010. Enjoy the picturesque vistas of Switzerland, Austria, & Southern Germany and experience the famous Oberammergau Passion Play. Leave from Omaha and fly to Frankfurt, Germany. Cost is \$4099 which includes most meals, first class accommodations & round trip airfare from Omaha. Contact Pastor Awe at 402-368-9929 or 402-368-5690 or email [The1Rev@cableone.net](mailto:The1Rev@cableone.net)

## ***Around the Church***

### **Sunday School Notes:**

The last day of Sunday School for the summer is May 17. There will be a Carnival that day to end the school year.

### **Weekday Confirmation Classes:**

The last day for Weekday Confirmation Classes will be Wednesday, May 6. Plans are to clean the roadside ditch along Hwy 71 beginning at 6:00 p.m. We will finish by 7:30.

### **Vacation Bible School:**

Volunteer teachers and helpers are needed for Vacation Bible School this summer. The dates are July 13-17, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Contact Cari Pooch at 792-2152 to volunteer.

## ***Ascension Service***

***Thursday, May 21  
7:00 p.m.***

***Immanuel Lutheran  
Lidderdale***

***A communion celebration for  
all members of the Carroll Circuit  
Lutheran Churches***

## **Scholarship Opportunity ~**

The International Student Ministry at Memorial Lutheran Church in Ames is offering two \$500 scholarships to incoming Lutheran freshman men and women to Iowa State University in Fall 2009. These scholarships will provide an opportunity for young men and women to become a part of the mission field that is present even in the heart of Iowa. Applications are available from Donna in the church office or if you have questions, contact ISU student Joe Eisenbacher at 712-292-9754 or email [bacher@iastate.edu](mailto:bacher@iastate.edu)

## **ME, A PASTOR? Me, a Deaconess?**

If you have found yourself asking this question or have ever considered studying to be a pastor, now is the time to do something about it! Rev. Tom Zimmerman of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, is going to be here at St. Paul, on Tuesday, May 5, from 3-7 p.m. Come and explore the possibility of entering the ministry. Men of all ages are invited, as are their wives, children, or fiancées. Women interested in the deaconess program are also invited along with their families. Conferences are individual and informal. Reservations are not needed.

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Quarterly Meeting, April 19, 2009

**Call to order:** President Dale Schmidt called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Attendance:** 15

**Devotion:** Pastor Licht, using Portals of Prayer for April 19, 2009

**Secretary's Minutes:** approved

**Treasurer's Report:** copies handed out; no questions

**Board Reports:**

**Elders**—(Larry Bayless for Mike Janssen)

- Options were explored for finding additional organists. Jan Hoff, Tami Biggerstaff, and John Panning are currently playing for services.
- Confirmation students, parents, and both pastors met in January.
- Elders are actively contacting members who have not attended St. Paul Lutheran church in over a year, urging them to return to congregational worship. The new mailbox system is

helpful in identifying members for personal visits.

**Christian Education**—(Aaron Poock)

- Confirmation and midweek classes—April 29 is last day
- Confirmation examination is April 26; confirmation service is May 3
- Sunday School—30 to 40 students attend on a weekly basis
- Sunday School last day is May 17 with a carnival celebration
- The Soup Supper February 22 served 135 people; \$900 included \$300 by Thrivent
- Lenten Supper of sloppy Joes made an \$80 profit.
- Little Lamb Preschool has 9 students enrolled; last day will be May 14
- Preschool hosted a Lenten supper which brought in \$595, including matching funds from Thrivent.
- Preschool field trip to Swan Lake in late April followed by a Preschool Celebration open to families on May 3 at 2:00.
- The Board hosted an Easter egg hunt on April 4<sup>th</sup>; 9 children attend for craft, video, and egg hunt.
- ESV study Bible is ordered for the library; encourage members to order before October.

**Trustees**—(Brian Widdel for Marvin Toft)

- The parsonage basement has been waterproofed by Thrasher's Basement Systems, Inc. Some outside work still needs to be completed as weather permits.
- The parsonage has had some additional plumbing and electrical work done.
- Randy Stanzyk cleaned up the tree limbs after the Palm Sunday storm.
- Need cement work at two church entries
- Church and lawn cleanup need to be scheduled

**Finance**—(Brian Widdel for Lowell Stammer)

- General funds received as of March 30<sup>th</sup>--\$58673.80; needed \$67,923.32; shortage of \$9249.51.
- Special Missions Funds received as of March 30<sup>th</sup>--\$2,250.04; shortage of \$59.12
- Helene Stanzyk is replacing Florence Fricke who has retired from the Finance

Board.

**Evangelism**—(No report--Adam Schweers)

- Hosted Lenten Supper March 4
- Hosted New Member brunch March 15 during Sunday School hour: 53 attended.
- Hosted meal April 3 before showing of "The Passion of the Christ" movie with bars and discussion following the movie. This was in collaboration with the Board of Education.
- ESL classes with Dani and Jackie Dryden are ongoing

**Stewardship and Family Life**--(No report--Tyler Dern)

**Human Care**—(Darlene Rueter)

- Board contacted Community of Concern Food Pantry to see if St. Paul can assist them.
- Bulletin and newsletter announcements to ask members with needs to contact the board
- Carroll County Directory of Services information will be put in the church newsletter telling agency name, services provided, and contact numbers
- Looking at ways in which members can assist with prison ministry.
- Assisting Older Adult Ministry with transportation of members to and from church
- Facilitating congregational awareness of LCMS World Relief and Human Care ministries

**Youth**—(Ralph von Qualen)

- Flowers for the youth fund raiser are thriving and will be ready for purchase.

**Older Adult Ministry**—(Larry Bayless)

- Devotions held 1-2 times per month at Regency Park and St. Anthony Nursing homes
- Board assisted with Communion Service at Carroll Health Center monthly
- Board helps with bingo at the Carroll Health Center
- Hearing accessories are regularly checked and maintained
- Mail is taken to nursing home residents and shut-ins by board members

- Jan Hoff and her committee have put pictures on a digital DVD for our upcoming anniversary celebration.

#### **Pastor's Report:**

2 received by reaffirmation of faith, 2 high school confirmations, 1 baptism, 1 death; 3 households transferred out and 2 households released at own request--moved by Jerry Frehse, seconded by Joe Eisenbacher, approved.

#### **Old Businesses:**

- Joe Eisenbacher and Vicki Grundmeier are assembling a committee for celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> and 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of the church. Jan Hoff reported that 273 pictures have been put on the DVD and the photo albums will be re-organized for better viewing at the celebrations.
- Equipment to refresh the carillon system has been ordered and will be installed in May, at which time the condition of the outdoor speakers will be evaluated.

#### **New Businesses:**

- Elders presented two names for removal for membership; Larry Bayless moved for removal, Aaron Pock seconded; approved.
- Aaron Pock read a letter from Adam Onken thanking the congregation for past support for his seminary training and requesting consideration for the coming year.
  - Last year he received \$7,000, and this year's amount will be contingent on what he actually needs as well as interest available for distribution from the scholarship fund.
- Adam Pock moved and Larry Bayless seconded to use \$250 from the scholarship fund for continuing education for the parish nurse program; approved.
- May 16 was suggested as the date for building and grounds clean-up; 8:30 a. m.
- Ralph von Qualen explained the Amadu fund (see April council meeting minutes)
- Jerry Frehse shared about Camp Oko- boji's financial concerns. They had a general operating budget shortfall of

\$70,000 last year. They also replaced the old entry bridge with a culvert at a cost of \$35,000, replaced two cabins, and are building a fish-cleaning house. In order to help meet these expenses, facilitate debt reduction, and promote the outdoor ministry, Larry Bayless moved to put donation envelopes and information about Camp Oko- boji in the bulletins on May 2/3 and May 9/10, with the proceeds to be divided between Camp Oko- boji debt reduction and the Camp Oko- boji outdoor ministries. Brian Widdel seconded; motion carried.

**Next Quarterly meeting:** July 9 at 1:30

**Adjourned:** 2:25 p.m. with Lord's Prayer  
In Christ's Service,  
Shari Toft, Secretary



## **63<sup>rd</sup> Iowa-West District Convention of the Int. Lutheran Laymen's League**

Theme: "Live by the Spirit" Galatians 5:16

This will take place on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 9 am to 4:30 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in Sioux City, IA. Bruce Wurdeman, Director of Int. LLL US Ministries will be the speaker. His main topic will be about the new Men's network.

Orphan Grain Train will be there with their trailer taking donations. They will also be serving the noon meal which will be the Wisconsin Fish Boil.

Everyone is invited to the convention and the noon meal.  
Convention Pre-registration: \$15.00  
Convention Registration at the door: \$20.00  
Contact Steven Segebart 712-239-5847 for registration form.

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