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**A Word from the Pastor ~**

**God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him! As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God! But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!** (Psalm 68:1-3 ESV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I love these kinds of Psalms – battle Psalms. Having been in the military for 20 years, I like it when the bad-guys get “schwacked” (technical military term for a direct hit on an enemy with lots of heavy ordinance). The Psalm above is about a schwacking, specifically Christ conquering his enemies. Oh, by the way - the enemies of Christ are also our enemies. So we want God to schwack these guys. But who are these dreaded enemies? St. Paul identifies them in his letter to the Ephesians: **For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.** (Ephes. 6:12 ESV) In short these enemies are Satan and the demonic forces. And by the way, they got schwacked when Jesus died on the cross, descended into hell, and rose again from the dead. **He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.** (Col. 2:15 ESV)

That's not all. Every Lord's Day in the Divine Service, Jesus continues to clobber the devil and his ilk. Through Word and Sacrament Jesus drops a sin-destroying 10 megaton A-bomb on Satan's head and his army. Schhhwwackkkk! Jesus

does this for you, because your enemies are His enemies.

Every Divine Service is a painful and humiliating defeat for Satan and the demonic horde. Every Divine Service Jesus forgives you your sin and the demons weep and run. When Christ-crucified for you is preached, the devil gets another devastating, tooth-breaking blow to the mouth. The roaring, satanic lion who prowls around looking for Christians to devour (1 Pet. 5:8) has had his teeth knocked out by the Lion of Judah (Rev. 5:5). In the words of Luther's battle hymn, “A Mighty Fortress”: *This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will, he can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.* (LSB 656, stz. 3)

You can't see or hear the spiritual battle that rages around us in the Divine Service. But the evil one can, and he is driven away from you by your victorious Savior Jesus Christ. Come to the battleground of the Divine Service where the Lord Jesus fights for you, and we are glad and sing with jubilation to Christ who saves us: **Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!** (Psalm 68:35 ESV)

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Anthony



## From the Parish Nurse ~

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

September is National Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness month. Blood cancers include Leukemia, Hodgkins Lymphoma, Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, and Myeloma. Every 4 minutes one person is diagnosed with a blood cancer.

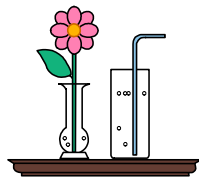
Signs/symptoms of acute leukemia may include easy bruising or bleeding (as a result of low platelet counts), paleness or easy fatigue (as a result of anemia), and recurrent minor infections or poor healing of minor cuts (because of an inadequate white cell count).

Signs/symptoms of Hodgkins Lymphoma may include painless swelling in lymph nodes in the neck, armpit, or groin, recurrent high fever, persistent cough, shortness of breath, night sweats, itching, and weight loss. To differentiate between both Hodgkins and Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, a lymph node biopsy needs to be done.

Myeloma is a cancer of plasma cells and has signs and symptoms of bone pain, bone fractures, anemia, numbness in hands and/or feet, and weakness. Treatment for blood cancers depends on the type of cancer that has been diagnosed and the extent of the disease.

It is important to have regular checkups. Report unusual symptoms or pain to your health care provider. Visit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society website for more information of diagnosis and treatment options. May God bless our health and the health of our loved ones.

In His Service,  
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## Human Care

Human care for area residents is provided by:

Community of Concern, 203 S Hwy 71

They provide groceries for eligible applicants who have an emergency need for food, 792-5150

Department of Human services, 608 N Court

Provides economics programs, cash welfare payments, food stamps, medical assistance, Medicare reimbursements, service programs, adoptions, child day care, child protective assessments, foster home licensing, 792-4391

Child Abuse Hotline, 1-800-362-2178

## Resident Feature *(taken from the July 2010 Carroll Health Center Newsletter)*

Our July resident feature, **Letha Grundmeier**, was born July 14, 1928 in Carroll. Her parents were Hugo and Anna C. Mergele Grundmeier. Letha is the youngest of six children. She had 4 brothers, Ralph, Harold and Rev. Russell who are all deceased, and Orren who resides in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. She has a sister, Marie Dion, who resides in Carroll.

Letha and her siblings graduated from Carroll High School. She did not further her education after school, but instead went to work. She worked for Heider Manufacturing Co for a year. In 1947 she began working as a secretary for the County Director of Relief for 11 years. She then was appointed to the position of Deputy Carroll County Auditor by Auditor Ed Murphy. She continued to work for the Auditor's office until 1990 when she retired.

When she wasn't working she enjoyed keeping busy with her needle work. Over the years, she made dozens of counted cross stitch pictures. She also kept busy with the various ladies groups such as her church's ladies circles.

As a child, Letha always enjoyed celebrating the Fourth of July. She and her family would watch the old time parade and then head to Graham Park for the fire works and homemade ice cream. Over the years Letha vacationed with family and friends. She made several trips to Colorado and Arizona.

Letha came to reside at CHC in January, 2008. She likes being able to visit with the staff and other residents.

**OF NOTE:** *Letha has been a life-long member of St. Paul, having been baptized by Pastor Mueller on January 13, 1935 and confirmed by Pastor Bleeke on April 12, 1942.*

**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.

**Unacceptable items: Toner tubes/cartridges, Epson printer cartridges, Cannon BCI cartridges, Remanufactured cartridges, refilled cartridges or new unopened cartridges. Any cartridge that DOES NOT have a metal print head is unacceptable.**

**Circle Dates—**

**Lydia:** Tuesday, Sept. 7, 7:00 p.m.  
East Room (Hostess & Topic  
Leader information not given  
to the church office)

**Rachel:** Wednesday, Sept. 8,  
1:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall,  
Marjorie Reinhart, hostess;  
Pastor, topic



**LWG Potluck & General Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 2**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**In the Fellowship Hall**



**LWML FALL RALLY**  
**Sunday, Sept. 12**  
**St. John's Lutheran, Audubon**  
**Registration—1:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting—2:00 p.m.**

**Presenter: Rev. Bradley Ketcham on Jamaica**

**RSVP to Carolyn Albertsen (712) 563-4035**



**A Big Thank You** to Shirley & Denis Schirck who provided the new sink, faucet & disposal for the church kitchen in loving memory of Shirley's mother, Ruby Groth. It is very much appreciated.

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S GUILD**

**1/1/2010 – 8/14/2010**

	<u>BALANCE FWD</u>	<u>PLUS</u> <u>INCOME</u>	<u>MINUS</u> <u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Parish Nurse	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$0.00
Lydia Circle	35.39	76.00	90.00	21.39
Rachel Circle	30.00	63.30	0.00	93.30
Mites	0.00	217.60	217.60	0.00
Coins For Christ/Mites	0.00	98.27	98.27	0.00
Quarterlies	0.00	45.00	0.00	45.00
Social Ministry	124.28	0.00	0.00	124.28
Gifts of the Heart	650.00	50.00	650.00	50.00
New Christmas Deco	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>	<b>\$ 839.67</b>	<b>\$700.17</b>	<b>\$1,055.87</b>	<b>\$483.97</b>
General Fund	448.58	1,058.55	784.37	722.76
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,288.25</b>	<b>\$1,758.72</b>	<b>\$1,840.24</b>	<b>\$1,206.73</b>

## NOTES & NEWS

### Registration for Little Lamb Preschool

for the 2010-2011 school year has begun.

Students must be 3 by

September 15, 2010, and potty trained.

Three-year-old classes are Tuesday & Thursday,  
8 a.m.—11 a.m. Tuition is \$60 per month.

Four & Five-year-old classes are

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

From 8 a.m.—11 a.m. Tuition is free.

A \$15 Registration Fee must accompany all  
Registration forms and are available on the

Preschool bulletin board.

If you have any questions, contact

Durene Eisenbacher at 792-9455.



**Confirmation Parents & Students** for Grades 5-8 will meet Wednesday, September 1, at 6:00 p.m. All Parents and Students should attend this important meeting.

**Confirmation Classes** begin Wednesday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m.



**Sunday School Rally Day** is Sunday, Sept. 12. Sunday School Classes will resume for the school year at 10:30 a.m. that day. During the Worship Service, First Graders will be given My First Catechism books and Third Graders will receive Bibles.



**Christian Book Club** will meet Sunday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. in the East Room at Church. We will be discussing Indivisible by Kristen Heitzmann. Everyone is welcome.



**Men's Table Talk** will meet Saturday, September 11 from 8:30-10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited for breakfast and a time of fellowship.

### Attention Choir Members!

Fall is quickly approaching and so is our new choir season! For all current members and anyone who would like to join us—

Rehearsals begin: Wednesday, Sept. 8

Rehearsal time: 7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Anyone high school age and up who enjoys singing is welcome to join in the fun, fellowship and song. Come and be part of some of the special events leading up to our 125th in October 2011! Please feel free to contact me (Vicki Grundmeier—Director) if you have any questions. My home phone is 792-5818.

See you on the 8th!



### Attention Parents!

As your son or daughter goes off to or back to college for the 2010-11 school year or out into the work place, we ask that you give the church their new address and email address. We will keep in contact with them by emailing the monthly newsletter. Please email the information to [stpaul@stpaul-ia.com](mailto:stpaul@stpaul-ia.com) or put in the Secretary's drawer across from the church office or place in the offering plate. Thanks.



**LifeLight Bible Study** will begin again on Monday, Sept. 13, at 7:00 p.m. We will pick up where we left off with Lesson 7 of Bible Feasts.

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Pictures will be taken September 22 through September 25 for our new Pictorial Directory provided by Olan Mills. Scheduling of appointments may be done following the services on Saturday and Sunday now through September 12. You may also schedule your appointment online at [www.signup.olanmills.com](http://www.signup.olanmills.com)

There is no charge at all unless you order extra pictures. Just choose the pose you want to put in the Directory at the time of your setting and you will receive a free 8x10 of that pose and a copy of the church directory when completed. We would like 100% participation for our 125th Anniversary. If you have questions, contact Shari Toft or Jan Wess.



## Lutherans For Life

### Assisted Reproductive Technologies

Below is an excerpt from an article written by Dr. James Lamb of Lutherans for Life (LifeDate, Summer 2010). It is an excellent summary of the Christian response to Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART). The issues are complex and the heartache is very real for those who endure the frustrations of infertility while longing to have children. Whether you have personally experienced this or might have the opportunity to console someone who is experiencing this heartache, it behooves us to look to God's Words and not only to human ingenuity and medical advances when seeking answers regarding human life.

I pray that you will find this article beneficial and that if you wrestle personally with a past decision or the future possibility of using ART that you would avail yourself of counsel from myself or Pastor Anthony so that together we might listen to the One who is not only the author of life but also the One who has redeemed our lives—in Him, and only in Him will we find answers **for Life**.

Pastor Licht

*...LFL opposes any ART that inherently involves the destruction of human embryos or subjects them to hurt or harm. Such actions are clearly forbidden in the Fifth Commandment, "You shall not murder." Thus we oppose in vitro fertilization where embryos are graded and the little boys and girls who do not "make the grade" are destroyed. We oppose preimplantation genetic diagnosis and the subsequent discarding of "unwanted" embryos. We oppose the freezing of these little ones because of the harm it can do and because, as Dr. Weise states, "You cannot parent a frozen embryo."*

*The other issue involved in ART is marriage. LFL would oppose the use of donor eggs or donor sperm as this clearly violates the one flesh union of marriage. There seems to be less clarity when it comes to couples using in vitro fertilization with their own eggs and sperm. If all of the concerns above have been dealt with, that is, a minimum number of*

*the wife's eggs are fertilized with the husband's sperm, none are graded or tested, and all are implanted, is it permissible for the Christian couple to use in vitro?*

*It comes down to how one defines the one flesh union. I cannot find consensus on this issue. Some would say that the above scenario is acceptable and using the couple's own egg and sperm does not violate the one flesh principle. Others would argue that one flesh union must include the actual physical act of intercourse. Still others would say that a third party is introduced into the union because a lab technician must bring the sperm and eggs together in a Petri dish. LFL has not weighed in on the theological issue of precisely defining the one flesh union.*

*I refer our readers to an article on in vitro fertilization written by Dr. Richard Eyer. You can find it online at: [www.lutheransforlife.org/Life\\_Issue\\_Info/Bioethics\\_and\\_Creation/in\\_vitro.htm](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/Life_Issue_Info/Bioethics_and_Creation/in_vitro.htm). (The article is also available in a brochure. Item LFL1002T at [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org))...*

### Life and Liberty ~

Marriage, religious freedom, and life itself are under attack. What does this mean and how are we to respond? Two events sponsored by Lutherans For Life of Iowa will be held in September with Guest Speaker, Bob Morrison, who will address these questions and show how to

- Defend life and liberty
- Be a servant in two kingdoms
- Honor God the Creator and Redeemer of life

**Saturday, September 11**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Iowa Falls, IA**  
**4:30 & 7:30 p.m.**

**Free will offering includes barbeque and salad bar.**



**Sunday, September 12**  
**Lutherans For Life of Iowa Conference**  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
**Ankeny, IA**  
**2:00 p.m.**

Questions? Call Linda at 641.373.0964 or Mary at 641.751.6429 or email [lindabartlett@mchsi.com](mailto:lindabartlett@mchsi.com) or [eebrandt@iowatelecom.net](mailto:eebrandt@iowatelecom.net)

## Harrison addresses election, future challenges

By James H. Heine

HOUSTON -- On Tuesday, July 13, Rev. Matthew C. Harrison was elected president of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. On Friday, July 16, *Reporter* sat down with Harrison to talk about his election and his vision for the future of the Synod. The following is an edited version of that conversation.

### **What is your reaction to your election? You will now serve as the 13th president of the Synod. (Dr. C.F.W. Walther having served in the office twice.)**

It was a profound combination of joy and sorrow, of hope and also a great sense of my own unworthiness and sinfulness. To stand in front of that great body, a body that directs the future of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, which is, humanly speaking, the most significant force on the globe for confessional Lutheranism and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments, was very, very humbling.

Many times I've been on the losing side of elections, and I've served a lot of time as a board minority; so I actually thought about the people who have been supporters of President Kieschnick, and I just knew that a lot of people would be very sorrowful. And I had actually -- I took a little time off before the convention and was reading my Bible quite intensely -- I would come to passages where the Lord gives promises, like where the Lord gave the promise to the apostles to give them the words to speak -- I prayed those passages and prayed for wisdom and the Lord's guidance in being able to speak whatever the circumstance demanded.

It was an awesome moment. Just before the election, I was prepared to put my hand quietly around my dear wife and unobtrusively walk out of the convention hall with her and open the door into the Houston heat and into the next chapter of my life. We fully expected that could be the reality, and that would have been OK. The Lord blesses.

So to have a stunning -- it always takes a couple of seconds when you begin to discern mentally, see visually the results, and then to be able to discern before anybody says anything -- to see that result was extraordinary. I just stood up and was overcome with a flood of emotion.

My sons began crying, and then I thought of how this would be for President Kieschnick, who is certainly the most capable chairman of a convention we've ever had in the Missouri Synod. For him to have the dignity and strength to continue despite this was just an extraordinary thing, and I am in awe of his ability.

I didn't want to say anything in my remarks that would

be in any way divisive. I really believe that -- recognizing the healing that we need to have -- working toward healing is something that has to begin in each one of us, including me, as president of the Synod.

### **What is your assessment of the convention and of the restructuring it has mandated?**

This is the great irony lost on no one. I was not in favor of the changes. I was not in favor of what I believed was too much authority moving to the president, with the elimination of the program boards. That's the deep irony of all this. The profound restructuring propositions passed. I did not request this authority, and then I end up getting elected. It is a very humbling reality.

I can only think, "Oh, the depths of the wisdom of the knowledge of God. How unsearchable His judgments and His paths beyond tracing out."

### **Going forward, what will be your biggest challenges?**

The initial enormous challenge will be to adjust the structure and the staffing of the International Center. I think I know how the International Center works, which is a profound advantage. I know the financial issues of the IC. I know Synod finances are extremely complex, and it took me, frankly, five or six years to figure out how they actually worked.

I'm very familiar with the internal policies and programs and how the programs function. We have some tremendous staff. They know how the International Center works. So it is going to be a daunting task moving forward, trying to care for people when the Synod has virtually mandated the reduction of staff at the IC. To try to do that in a responsible Christian way while taking care of people is a daunting task.

I've always handled every vocation I've had pastorally. I'm a pastor at heart. That's who I am. That's where I live. And what does a pastor do? A pastor listens. A pastor visits. A pastor makes decisions slowly. I learned long ago as a young pastor never to make a decision without sleeping on it. In the midst of emotional and challenging circumstances, one should always sleep on things, because they always look different in the morning.

And then there are a raft of appointments the president has to make. We have to make appointments of people who are well-qualified to serve and have a heart for the church and her life.

The financial challenges are daunting. The Synod right now, if you take the Concordia University System combined debt plus the internal borrowing, the Synod's about \$45 million in debt, essentially, and so we have to proceed and figure out how we cope with that debt.

I think there are bright, shining areas in the Synod's life, many, many bright, shining areas. I think our seminaries are bright, shining lights in our church. So I look forward to

engaging the panoply of issues we face.

Missouri has a unique position in world leadership. So we'll get the restructuring done, take a deep breath and set our face toward the future and the mission of Christ and begin working on a way to have profound discussion -- theological discussion -- about the church's life, and also, in the midst of that, to move forward in mission and mercy.

**How do you believe the national church can best serve the local congregation, and what implications might the 2010 Synod convention's actions have for the local congregation, if any?**

I believe in good, old bread-and-butter Missouri Synod Lutheranism, where the common folks are. That kind of Lutheranism is decidedly, proudly conservative, and at the same time, it's decidedly and lovingly flexible and sees an opportunity and runs with that opportunity. A local congregation doesn't need bureaucracy to get its work done, or to get its permission to go do its work. That's the great thing about the Missouri Synod. It's both the challenge and the blessing.

My job is not to herd anybody. It'd be like herding cats anyway. I think a priority in the international office would be to use the resources the Synod sends in the most effective way, in a way that the people know and see that their resources are being used wisely, in ways that make them proud to be part of this body.

From LCMS World Relief and Human Care, a fundamental principle I've learned to operate with -- and we've all learned together -- is that we exist to increase local capacity. Local decisions are made locally. Local people, whether they're in Sri Lanka or Nigeria or Honduras, local people have the solutions to their local issues.

What a church can do is come alongside, make the collective capacity available -- and the Missouri Synod has unbelievable collective capacity. It can bring that capacity alongside and stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the people who actually get things done, the people on the ground.

**Church relations: How will you approach that issue in the next couple of years? There are a lot of questions about our brothers and sisters in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and whether we can work effectively with them in externals.**

It is a hard issue. It will be difficult to move to resolution in any way, shape or form, because people are deeply invested, and it's complex. On the positive side, I've served on the inter-Lutheran boards. I've spent more time with ELCA leadership and ELCA people than, I think, virtually anybody else in the Synod over the last 10 years. We know the agencies. LCMS World

Relief has 120 Recognized Service Organizations, 100 of which are inter-Lutheran. We know the constitutional issues they face; we know the representation, Missouri/ELCA, on those organizations.

I know the ELCA leadership at the inter-Lutheran intersection. I know many personally and have known them very well. There is not an immediate one-size-fits-all answer to this question. It's going to be nuanced.

It's going to be virtually impossible to do anything with Higgins Road [the ELCA's headquarters] -- that is, direct joint administration of an AIDs task force or those kinds of issues. Higgins Road is deeply and ideologically committed to their stand on the issues that separate us, and unless the ELCA is willing and able to bring something new to the table, it's just going to be very difficult.

On the other hand, a ministry such as LWR Baltimore -- where our friend John Nunes is doing his best to navigate some difficult waters and be faithful in an inter-Lutheran organization -- I think our emphasis has to be on these independent Lutheran entities and how we relate to them.

**Who is Matt Harrison and how did he get here?**

I'm a guy who had a very humble childhood, growing up in a very inauspicious home in a very common, rural-rooted Iowa family.

Through a number of experiences, the Lord grabbed my heart for the Gospel and has taken me on the most adventuresome and wild ride one could ever imagine. I've been all over the world and seen everything.

I'm profoundly thankful for my wife of 29 years. I've been married since I was 19. We grew up together.

I'm the dad of two boys. So this triennium is going to be an intense challenge because I've got two boys in high school. And I'm certainly concerned that they continue to love Jesus and their church. I'm not going to sacrifice my boys on the altar of service to the Church.

And I would just say: My garage is messy, and I need to get home and clean it up.

**Anything else?**

It's kind of interesting: Jesus sees the multitudes, and they are harassed like sheep without a shepherd, and He doesn't say go, feed them. He doesn't say go, do this, or act, or make a plan or anything else.

You know what the first thing He says the Church should do? Pray. Pray that the Lord of the harvest sends workers. It was LCMS President Schwan of the 19th century who commented, "Be careful when you pray for mission, because soon the Lord will get the financial resources for sending workers from you. Then be doubly careful to 'pray the Lord of the harvest' because if you do, you may well end up the very worker the Lord sends!"

### Westwood Knolls Happenings *(Taken from the July 2010 Carroll Health Center Newsletter)*

The month of June always seems to be busy for people. It is the beginning of baseball and softball games, swimming, golfing, grilling, and gardening. Here at Westwood, we also take advantage of the summer days. We took a country drive around Lake View and enjoyed an ice cream cone along the way. We enjoyed golf cart rides to see the flowers.....

While summer is the time for getting outside, we continue to have our favorite indoor activities. **Harriet Schonberger** shared her beautiful dolls and played the piano with us one afternoon, and the Knobbe's led a sing-a-long another.....

If we are ever in short demand for entertainment, our tenant feature this month always is ready to provide some musical entertainment on his harmonica or the keyboard. **Ray Berndt** was born May 1, 1919 to Carl and Elsa Hapenfelt Berndt in Denison. He has one older sibling.

When he was younger, he enjoyed playing cards with his buddies. It was at this card game that he met Alberta "**Birdie**" Carlson. Ray told his friends, "She's the gal for me." They were married in 1939 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Denison. The couple has a daughter, Donna, who resides in Urbandale.

When asked what was the most interesting thing to ever happen to him, Ray shared when General Eisenhower let him take a picture of him on the back of the train when he was visiting Denison. Another fond memory was when he and Birdie vacationed in Colorado.

Over the years Ray has enjoyed various hobbies. His favorite hobby is working on the spinning wheel and weaving with a loom.

**OF NOTE:** *Ray and Birdie have the honor of being married the longest of our members here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, having celebrated their 71st Wedding Anniversary on April 16, 2010.*

### St. Paul Lutheran Church Member Milestones

The oldest member of St. Paul is **Amelia Vetter** who celebrated her 101st Birthday on June 1, 2010. She became a member of St. Paul when she and her husband transferred from Zion Lutheran, Arcadia, on May 12, 1977.



### 125th Anniversary A year and a half of Celebration Sharing the One Thing Needful

Upcoming Anniversary Events planned:

- August 29, Noon—4 p.m., Congregational Picnic, Northwest Park Shelter House. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and buns will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and your own table service and beverage for your family. Games available for all along with the park play equipment. Please all come and enjoy!!
- September 12, Sunday School Rally Day
- Sept. 22-25—Pictures taken by Olan Mills (see additional information on page 4 of this newsletter)
- October 31, 4:30-6:30 Harvest Dinner; 7:00 p.m. Circuit Reformation Service
- November 7, Special All Saints Day Service
- December 1, 6:00 p.m. Special Christmas Choir Cantata
- Feb. 20, 2011—Hymn Fest
- October 8 & 9, 2011—125th Anniversary Celebration Weekend

### Anniversary Trivia Questions

*Answers to last month's questions:*

*In what language were the first worship services conducted?* German

*What was the cost of the stained glass windows for our current church?* \$6,600.00

*Rev. A.J. Mueller received what gift from the congregation?* Ford Touring Car

*Whose garage now sits where the first church building of this congregation once stood?* Harvey Fleshner's garage

September questions (look for the answers in our History Timeline in the Fellowship Hall and in our next Newsletter)

1. When was our Sunday School addition dedicated?
2. What year was the first year confirmation class was taught in English?

**Edna Wenck** has been a member of St. Paul the longest—94 years. She was baptized by Pastor A.J. Mueller on March 12, 1916. Her sister, **Florence Fricke**, follows next (93 years) having been baptized by Pastor Mueller on Sept. 2, 1917. Both were confirmed by Pastor Mueller on April 13, 1930 (80 years ago). Both are life-long members of St. Paul.

## St. Paul Lutheran Voters' Meeting July 11, 2010

**Call to order**—1:30 p.m. -- 17 attended

**Devotions**—Good Samaritan—Who is my neighbor?

**Secretary's report**—approved

**Treasurer's report**—approved—Brian Widdel explained 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter

### Board reports

**Elders**—No Report

**Education**—Aaron Pook

- Confirmation and midweek classes concluded on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Cody Davis was confirmed on May 3.
- Sunday School celebrated the end of the year with a carnival on May 16.
- Little Lamb Preschool concluded classes on May 28<sup>th</sup>. There are currently 8 students registered for next fall.
- VBS will be held July 12-16. The theme is "Sharing the One Thing Needful." We currently have 78 students enrolled and 22 people committed to helping. VBS offerings will go to the Mission Outpost. There will also be opportunities to donate food, clothing, and health items for local needs.

**Trustees**—No official report. However Darlene Rueter said that Ryan Rueter is working with the insurance company about the cracked windows.

**Finance**—Brian Widdel for Lowell Stammer

- General Fund needed in June was \$21,407.48; received \$17,520.16; shortage \$3,887.32 for month; shortage \$9,009.89 YTD.
- Special Missions needed in June was \$692.32; received \$820.50; surplus of \$128.18 for June; shortage of \$193.08 YTD.

**Evangelism**—No report.

**Older Adult Ministry**—Pearl Kurth for Jan Hoff

- Monthly, attend Lutheran communion service at Carroll Health Center.
- Assist with devotional services at Mallard View, the Manor, and St. Anthony Nursing Home, as assigned by the Carroll Ministerial Association..
- Send hand crafted birthday cards to nursing home residents and shut-ins. Made 25 new cards to replenish the supply.
- Check hearing aid units regularly.
- Update the magazine rack next to the East Room.
- Bring prizes and assist with bingo at the Carroll Health Center occasionally.

**Human Care**—Darlene Rueter

- Item of the Month for the Community of Concern Food Pantry—congregation has generously participated.
- Adult Sunday morning Bible Class bought case of 24 Bibles for the Mission Outpost.
- The Good Samaritan Door Offering in April brought in \$147 for the Outpost.
- Copies of the fire emergency and evacuation plan and the tornado emergency response plan have been laminated and put by the sound system and the Sunday School Office.
- Looking for someone to organize a parking-lot sale at St. Paul, with proceeds to go to human care needs.
- Sent birthday cards to incarcerated members.

**Youth**—Ralph von Qualen

- Youth are leaving for New Orleans National Youth Gathering on July 16.

**Pastoral Report**—Pastor Licht

1 confirmation

Cody Lee Davis

1 transfer out

Joseph Eisenbacher to Memorial Lutheran, Ames, IA. Pastor Licht moved to accept transfer,

Jerry Frehse seconded, approved.

2 deaths

Gilbert Klindt

Helen Brookbank

**Mission In Mercy Outpost Report**—225 4<sup>th</sup> Street—Thomas Plaza...775-2262 (July YTD written report)

- Met or far exceeded measurable objectives in all areas. Many people have helped and been helped.
- Open approximately 53 hours per week, including 9 – 5:30 daily, numerous help-group meetings
  - Monday—5:30 AA, 7:00 OA
  - Tuesday—6:30 ESL
  - Wednesday—4:30 Bible Study, 5:30 AA, 7:00 Single Moms with Monica Pate as hostess
  - Thursday—5:00 Alanon teen, 5:30 Alanon, 6:30 ESL
  - Friday—8:00 a.m. Women's AA
  - Saturday –10:00 AA, Noon NA
  - Sunday—11:45 Message, Music & Muffins
- Helped domestic abuse victim with relocation issues and needs.
- Moved furniture for handicapped man.
- Helped three homeless people with temporary lodging.
- Provided rides for several people.
- Piano was given to the outpost by Pastor Vogel to be used for prayer services beginning July 18.
- Pastor Omolo and his wife, from the Lutheran Seminary in Kenya, visited the outpost with Pastor Miller.
- Did not receive grant from IDW LWML as hoped. Other funding sources will be sought.
- Forming a pickup truck squad to help with requests to move people's possessions.

**Anniversary Committee Report**—Vicki Grundmeier

- Thanks to all who helped make the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church building a success.
- VBS theme is the anniversary theme “Sharing the One Thing Needful—Yesterday – Today – Forever”
- Congregational Picnic August 29
- Special anniversary-related activity for Rally Day in September
- Circuit Reformation dinner in October.
- A picture directory will be made this fall.
- The stained glass windows will be featured in a special music service.
- The old communion rail (from before remodeling) is being transformed into a crucifix.

**Old Business**

1. Authorized President Schmidt to establish a scholarship investment committee.
2. Jerry Frehse moved to give 50% of available scholarship funds each to Drew Bayless and Adam Onken. Ralph seconded; motion defeated.
3. Aaron Pooch moved to disburse available scholarship funds to Drew Bayless and Adam Onken as need is shown by their requests; Marvin Toft seconded; carried.

**New Business**

1. Changed next voters' meeting to October 17 to position it after the October council meeting. On October 17 Ralph von Qualen will present Fan Into Flame to the voters.
2. President Schmidt read the list of items that were moved from the old safe deposit box to the new one at CCSB. The key is in the safe. A note is in Donna's file that says the key is in the safe. This should eliminate hunting for the key again.
3. There is a locked section within the church safe for which a key cannot be found. Earlier at the council meeting Brian Widdel moved to drill out the locked section of the safe and authorize two people to purge the safe, keeping a list of contents left in the safe and those removed from the safe; Ralph von Qualen seconded; approved. At the voters' meeting Darlene Rueter moved that the appointed committee be authorized to dispose of obsolete materials from the safe and also from storage files in the sacristy and elsewhere in the church; Marvin Toft seconded; approved.
4. Announced that the ditch cleaning award will be placed on the time line.
5. The Swan Lake Christmas display needs repair. It is stored at the Don Meyers farm. Aaron Pooch and Jerry Frehse volunteered to fix it and prepare it to be displayed again.
6. Reviewed 2011 ballot. Need 2 elders and also chairpersons for the Board of Finance, the Board of Education, and the Board of Youth. Names of people who may be willing to serve were suggested. Darlene Rueter is willing to remain as chairman of the Board of Human Care.

**Adjourned** 2:30 p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer

Shari Toft, Secretary



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9-1 Cheri Onken  
 9-2 Lynette Licht  
 9-3 Elle Helmkamp  
 9-3 Jeff Hoffman  
 9-4 Bruce Warnke  
 9-5 Kenneth Beckman  
 9-5 Tricia Niceswanger  
 9-5 Nate Puck  
 9-5 Sarah Taylor  
 9-8 Jeromie Kramer  
 9-8 Daru Ross  
 9-9 Cheryl Becker  
 9-9 Mark Harmening  
 9-10 Todd Grundmeier  
 9-11 Ann Danner  
 9-12 Jeff Charlton  
 9-12 Katie Naberhaus  
 9-13 Ruth Brownlee  
 9-13 John Meyer  
 9-14 Macie Bock  
 9-15 Trish Titus  
 9-16 Noah Henson  
 9-16 Alek Sinnard  
 9-16 Shay Sinnard  
 9-17 Mike Dryden  
 9-17 Doris Sterns  
 9-18 Thomas Quandt  
 9-18 Ron Throckmorton  
 9-19 Katelyn Coffman  
 9-19 Jaggar Jacobs  
 9-20 Angie Dern  
 9-20 Cindy Naberhaus  
 9-22 Connor Howard  
 9-22 Emma Kuhlmann  
 9-22 Amy Niceswanger  
 9-24 Jaedyn Lloyd  
 9-26 Kandi Quandt  
 9-27 Cindy Buck  
 9-27 Tammy Fagan  
 9-28 Tyler Anderson  
 9-28 Michael Dentlinger  
 9-28 Devan Dryden  
 9-28 Lillian Sosa  
 9-30 Gaye Beckman

### SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

9-1 Brian & Kari Miller  
 9-2 Leo & Viola Petersen  
 9-3 Jason & Nicole Heuton  
 9-4 Ralph & Sharon von Qualen  
 9-5 Terry & Diane Jensen  
 9-9 Arlo & Lois Buck – **54 yrs**  
 9-10 Pastor & Sue Anthony  
 9-11 Doug & Nichole Olberding  
 9-13 Nathan & Belinda Richards  
 9-14 James & Jeanette Bender  
 9-15 Todd & Stephanie Buse  
 9-15 Robert & Betty Grundmeier-  
**55 yrs.**  
 9-16 John & Barb Brockelsby  
 9-17 Rick & LaVonne Richardson  
 9-22 Joel & Misty Thooft  
 9-25 Keith & Lynda Schirck  
 9-26 Ron & Patty Throckmorton  
 9-30 Mark & Penny Harmening  
 9-30 Adam & Jill Schweers

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.



6-11-10

To: St. Paul Lutheran Church  
 From: LCMS World Relief & Human Care

We thank God for you and your gift of \$45.00 to Veterans Of The Cross. You are truly the salt of the earth. Nothing we raise funds for generates passion like Veterans Of The Cross. We are doing what we can to push the system to change, but in the meantime many individuals need assistance. And you've made it possible for us to provide it.

—Rev. Matthew Harrison  
 Executive Director

### JUNE ATTENDANCE

	Saturday	Sunday	Total
6/6	62	114	176
6/13	49	96	145
6/20	151	90	241
6/27	85	75	160
<b>Avg.</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>181</b>

Bible Class Avg.: 17  
 Total Communed: 608  
 Pastoral Care Visits for June: 80

### JULY ATTENDANCE

	Saturday	Sunday	Total
7/4	69	64	133
7/11	74	78	152
7/18	55	132	187
7/25	52	91	143
<b>Avg.</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>154</b>

Bible Class Avg.: 24  
 Total Communed: 490  
 Pastoral Care Visits for June: 70

### OFFICIAL ACTS

#### Transfer Out

Kevin & Traci Batcher, Krystal, Ethan and Ryder to Trinity Lutheran, West Allis, WI

#### Deaths

Bernice Bliss  
 Dale Huebner  
 Ed Holstein

**Prayer Chain** requests may be made by calling Neoma Hagge at 792-2475.



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### Camp Okobojo Schedule ~

Sept. 19-21—IDW Outdoor Education  
 Sept. 24-26—Boomers & Beyond  
 Oct. 1-3—Fall Volunteer Weekend  
 Oct. 3—Camp Benefit Brunch  
 Nov. 19-21—C.H.A.O.S.  
 Dec. 39-Jan. 1—FREEZE



For more information or to register online, go to [www.campokobojo.org](http://www.campokobojo.org) or call 712-337-3325

**Boomers & Beyond Retreat**, Sept. 24-26. The Theme: Leaving a Living Legacy. For ages 50 and older and entering into Third Age of Life. Brochures are on the cabinet in the Narthex or go the Camp website [www.campokobojo.org](http://www.campokobojo.org) for more information.

### Junior Youth Gathering "Out Loud"

Sixth, Seventh & Eighth Graders, are you ready to get loud? Are you ready to live your faith in Jesus out loud? What does it mean to live Out Loud? St. Paul had an idea, Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation" and we know that for the rest of St. Paul's life he lived it Out Loud. This is the theme for the 2010 Junior High Youth Gathering on October 30-31 at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines. It is going to be an action-packed, fun-filled weekend. Come and find out what it means to live our life and our faith Out Loud. Pastor Luke Timm of Living Faith in Clive is the presenter.

If you've been to this Gathering before, tell other people! If you haven't, what are you waiting for? The deadline to register is Sept. 24, so don't wait. Registration is \$115 but financial aid for special family circumstances is available from IDW. To find out more, log onto [www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org). Come and join us!!



### 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.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

Speaker: Rev. Ken Klaus

#### Sept. 5—*Choose Life*

Many today believe we live in a world where nothing is absolutely wrong or right all the time. But why do they only feel that way about spiritual and moral values? (Deuteronomy 30:15-20)

#### Sept. 12—*Looking for the Lost*

God wants you, but He wants you on His terms. The divine Shepherd is searching for His lost sheep, but that search will not go on forever. (Luke 15:1-7)

#### Sept. 19—*Serve One Master*

We have gone from serving one Master to serving two masters: God and ourselves—and we are well on our way to kicking God out of the picture altogether. (Luke 16:1-13)

#### Sept. 26—*The Savior Takes a Sinner Home*

Guest Speaker: Rev. Armin Oldsen  
 Presenting a classic Lutheran Hour message by the Rev. Armin Oldsen, originally broadcast in 1952. (Luke 23:43)

### *Music with Mom* *Early Childhood Music* *and Movement Classes*

Music and movement classes for young children help to develop social skills such as stopping, starting, following directions; as well as music skills such as loud and soft, high and low, rhythm and pitch. Give your child this foundation of music. Classes start the week of September 13. For more information or to enroll, please call:

Tami Biggerstaff, 792-3749

## Worship Assistants for September

### LECTORS: (Sunday Only)

Sept. 5 Pastor  
 Sept. 12 Ralph von Qualen  
 Sept. 19 Pastor  
 Sept. 26 Marv Toft

### GREETERS:

Sept. 4 Pat Beck  
 Sept. 5 Ryan & Darlene Rueter

Sept. 11 Bob & Betty Grundmeier  
 Sept. 12 Tracy & Cheri Onken

Sept. 18 Bonnie Dryden  
 Sept. 19 Randy & Pam Stanzyk

Sept. 25 Arlo Jochims  
 Sept. 26 Jeff & Janet Hoffman

### ELDERS:

Sept. 4/5 Jerry Frehse  
 Sept. 11/12 Larry Bayless  
 Sept. 18/19 Joe Eisenbacher  
 Sept. 25/26 Tracy Onken

### ACOLYTES:

Sept. 5 Maddie Pate  
 Sept. 12 Justin Thooft  
 Sept. 19 Jamie White  
 Sept. 26 Tyler Harmening

### 5-8 GRADE USHERS:

Sept. 5 Bryce Widdel  
 Sept. 12 Kyler Brinker  
 Sept. 19 Breanna Quandt  
 Sept. 26 Michael Woodhouse

### ALTAR GUILD:

Marilyn Dryden, chairperson  
 Ethel Petersen  
 Mary Brockman  
 Darlene Ott  
 Lynette Licht

### SATURDAY USHERS:

Doug Beckman  
 Bonnie Dryden  
 Bob Grundmeier  
 John Spaen

### SUNDAY USHERS:

Jeff & Janet Hoffman  
 Courtney Hoffman

### Thank You to our Newsletter Assistants

A big Thank You to **Joanne Becker** for helping assemble the Monthly Newsletter for many, many years. She has decided to "retire." A big Thank You also to **Florence Fricke** who has helped during the last year and who has also decided to "retire." We truly appreciate their help. **Helene Stanzyk** began helping with this Newsletter and joins **Della Peters** and **Larry Bayless**, our veteran assistants. Thank you all very much!!

### TREASURER'S REPORT June & July 2010

#### Budget & Non-Budget Figures

Bal. on Hand 5/31/10	\$ 4,932.20
June Receipts	20,354.66
July Receipts	22,104.25
June Disbursements	26,055.47
July Disbursements	20,757.99
Loans from other funds	0.00
Bal. on Hand 7/31/10	\$ 577.65

#### Actual Budget Figures for June & July

Actual June Budget Rcts	\$18,495.16
Actual June Budget Disb	24,945.97
Shortage for June	(\$ 6,450.81)
Actual July Budget Rcts	\$20,981.25
Actual July Budget Disb.	19,242.99
Overage for July	\$ 1,738.26

#### Actual Budget Figures Year to Date

Needed Y-T-D	\$162,339.92
Actual Budg. Rcts Y-T-D	141,493.98
Shortage for Budg Y-T-D	(20,845.94)
Actual Budg Disb. Y-T-D	156,301.69
Actual Dollar Shortage Y-T-D	(14,807.71)
Scholarship Loan Balance	\$10,000.00

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

Total Needed for 2010	\$9,000.00
Received by 8/15/10	5,333.00

### **Electronic Giving**

A convenient, consistent way to help our church grow

### **Enjoy the convenience of electronic giving**

Our church offers electronic giving, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. If you are writing checks and preparing envelopes every week, you will especially appreciate electronic giving. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our church.

### **How to get started**

To set up electronic donations, simply contact the church office for an authorization form. Donations can be debited automatically from either a checking or savings account.

## Mission in Mercy Monthly Activity Report – August 2010

<u>Measurable Objectives:</u>	<u>2010 Goals</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Critical Events (Gospel Sharing)	250	31	295
Individuals in Bible Study	6	7	16
Attended Worship	12-24	2	21
Individuals Helped	110	218	1364
Other (Hispanic/ESL)	10	2	4

### Outpost Operations:

Sundays: **Prayer Service – 1145 am (started 18 Jul 10)**  
 Mondays: AA meeting – 530 pm  
 Tuesdays: ESL class – 630 pm  
 Wednesdays: Bible Study – 4 pm; AA meeting – 530 pm;  
 Single Mom's Group – 7 pm  
 Thursdays: Alanonteen meeting – 5 pm; Alanon meet-  
 ing – 530 pm; ESL class – 630 pm  
 Fridays: AA meeting – 8 am  
 Saturdays: AA meeting – 1030 am; NA meeting – 12 pm

16 Volunteers served in the outpost during the month of Jun. One was a new volunteer from Peace-Glidden.

### July Highlights:

Initiated new Sunday Prayer Service at 1145 with fellow-  
 ship and refreshments after the service

Helped battered spouse with move to Wall Lake

Provided rides for local resident to medical appointments

Connected family in crisis to Lutheran Family Services

Helped individual in need get settled in an apartment and  
 ministered to their spiritual needs

Gave ride for a patient from St. Anthony back to Okoboji

Working with Domestic Sexual Assault Outreach Center  
 (DSAOC) to address shelter needs and support

### New and Upcoming Happenings:

Presentation by Outpost Staff at the Iowa District West  
 Ablaze dinner in Bouton, IA on Sunday 22 Aug 10

Beginning a new Dual Recovery Support Group Meeting  
 on Mondays at 7 pm starting on 23 Aug 10

The Domestic Sexual Assault Outreach Center will hold a  
 support group meeting for victims at the outpost on Tues-

day 23 Sep 10 at 7 pm. Outpost staff will host with  
 coffee and refreshments.

Notice of change to outpost operating hours to Mon-  
 days through Thursdays from 10 am to 4 pm thus re-  
 ducing the daily need of volunteers from four to two.  
 Of note, the outpost will be closed on Fridays due to  
 very low activity, except for the scheduled AA meet-  
 ing at 8 am. Change is effective 16 Aug 10.

### Request for Help!

We are looking for more people to man the outpost  
 for three hour shifts, even once a month would be a  
 great help.

We can always use baked goods to serve to our visi-  
 tors and during our events.

*The focus of the Mission in Mercy Outpost continues  
 to be "Sharing the One Thing Needful – Christ".*

This report has been prepared and submitted by Rev.  
 David L. Anthony (775-2262).



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*A Christ-centered fellowship sharing the  
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**Worship with Holy Communion**  
**Saturday—5:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday—9:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School & Bible Classes**  
**Sunday—10:30 a.m.**

**Pastor David Anthony**

**Pastor Brian Licht**

## St. Paul's Epistle—September 2010

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**Teacher/Director:**  
**Durene Eisenbacher 792-9455**

**Church Office Secretary:**  
**Donna Spaen 792-4354**

### The Church Council—2010

<b>President:</b>	Dale Schmidt
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Ralph von Qualen
<b>Secretary:</b>	Shari Toft
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Brian Widdel
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<b>Family Life:</b>	Mike Janssen
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