

THE

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WELCOME TO THE ST PAUL
LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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**Knowing Jesus, Telling about Jesus,
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STAFF SUPPORT

TEAM

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VACATION TIME.....

Many families will vacation or do some traveling in the next few weeks before school starts and before all the church activities begin this Fall. Have safe travels whether it is near or far. While away, visit another church, pray together and enjoy the time away as a family.

"Lord, make us mindful of the joy your grace can be to us while we are away. Grant us the gift of your presence."

WALK TO KIDUGALA

JOIN IN ON THE WALKING OR BIKING!

FILL OUT A PLEDGE CARD AND SEE HOW MANY MILES YOU CAN WALK!

The Walk Team has set dates for two more walking/biking dates! Watch for more details.

- **WALK EACH SUNDAY AT 9:15 AM FROM THE CHURCH TO TREYNOR EAST PARK.**
- **AUGUST 29-8:00 A.M.—MEET IN COUNCIL BLUFFS TO WALK ACROSS BOB KERREY BRIDGE AND THE CONAGRA TRAIL.**
- **SEPTEMBER 13-1:30 P.M.—MEET AT TASTIE FREEZE IN COUNCIL BLUFFS FOR BIKE RIDE TO MINEOLA AND BACK.**

A brochure is available with more details on the purpose of the "Walk to Kidugala" and where the donations will be going. They are placed in the church entry and the church office.



Grab your tennis shoes and support these projects!

- Pray for this mission project
- Support the Kdugala Health Clinic
- Support Mission Travelers from St Paul
- Keep track of walking miles
- Watch for up coming dates
- Pledge cards available for walkers
- Turn walking miles in to church office

8698 miles

- 207 miles walked

= 8491 miles left

THANK YOU.....

St Paul:

Thank you for the graduation book and CD of songs. It will be nice to listen to when I go to college. It was very thoughtful of you to think of me at graduation.

Scott Plumb

St Paul members & community:

Thank you to those that have been walking and keeping track of miles walked. Also, thanks to those who have pledged an amount to help with the mission project of "Walking to Kidugala". Keep walking! We appreciate all the support.

BAPTISMS....

Congratulations to Lane William Eitmann, son of Chad and Jenny Eitmann, on his baptism Sunday, June 28. His sponsors are Tim & Christy Clausen and Kris & Rhea Eitmann. May Lane be blessed as he grows to know Jesus.

CONGRATULATIONS.....

Our blessings to Roger & Carol Hansen on the birth of a grand daughter. Dan & Jenni Hansen had a baby girl, Alisyn JoAnn, born June 28 in Shenandoah.

OUR SYMPATHY.....

We extend our sympathy to Rod & Sheryl Henderson on the loss of Rod's brother Robbie. His funeral was held at Wheeler Grove church on Wednesday, July 1. We pray that God's presence will comfort the Henderson family.

St Paul this and that....

Thank You! Please take time to read the thank you letters posted on the bulletin board from the following:

- MOHM Place—feeding the homeless
- Open Door Mission—taking care of homeless

Volunteers are needed! Let us know what area you enjoy or a ministry that would interest you!

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

There is Sunday morning fellowship with coffee, juice & goodies between 9:15-10:15 a.m. The August schedule is:

8/02 Betty Schmidt

8/09 Denise Wilson

8/16 Denise Keay

8/23 Marilyn & Randi Schroeder

8/30 Janice Gronstal

SMALL GROUPS

There are several small groups available for you to be a part of and encourage you to participate in one of the following:

- 12:00 pm-Monday's-Deb Schmidt, leader
- 7:00 pm-Tuesday's-Pastor Norris, leader
- 7:00 pm-1st & 3rd Monday's Tracy Flathers, leader



ENJOY THE SUMMER!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

- Tower Talk deadline is 15th of each month
- Staff meeting-Wednesday's at 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday Worship—8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday school off for the summer months!
- Holy Communion every Sunday
- Aug 5-6; 8th grade Confirmation Class-Mission Trip
- Church Council— August 13 & 27, 7:00 p.m.
- Budget Requests Due August 20
- July Stewardship Mission-Lutheran Campus Ministry
- August 28-Oakland Bingo
- Quilting: - August 31, (9:00-12:00 and 7:00-9:00)
- Small Groups-Off for summer months
- August 29-8:00 am; Walk Bob Kerrey Bridge/ConAgra

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE!

The Tower Talk is on the website! Go to stpaultreynor.org
Check it out and let us know what you think!

ST PAUL PRAYER CHAIN

-Here for you -

To request the

Prayer Chain, please

Contact:

Madelyn Parker 487-3767

If Madelyn is unavailable, the church office is available to take requests during the office hours (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) at 712-487-3880. This is a network for any prayer requests.



Prayer List: Geri Vorthmann, Delores Schorsch, Aurelia Bruning, Fred Hansen, Martha Hansen, Edith Von Weihe, Marie Eyberg, Tony Allen, Lori Cry, Alex Mass, Shelia Bentley, Larry Von Weihe, Thurleen Hotze, Karen Sperry, John Sealock

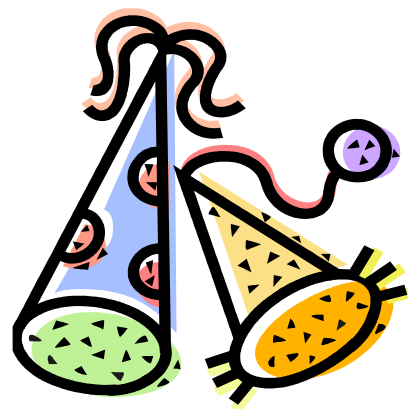
The article "GOD'S BELOVED SERVANT, WE THANK YOU" written by Janice Gronstal will be off for the summer months. We thank her for doing this writing once a month for the newsletter and will look forward to it again starting in September.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S!

Russ Miller August 1
Gene Young August 1
Layne Young August 1
Cathy Grell August 2
Hannah Frank August 3
Cody Buresh August 4
Julie Kudron August 4
Alaina Schwartz August 4
Jan Young August 6
Wilma Bothe August 7
Dawson Goss August 7
Paul Black August 8
Bonnie Mathews August 8
Austin Frain August 9
Dennis Lownes August 9
Zachery Saylor August 9
Tanner Frain August 10
Jodi Jacobsen August 10
Kyle Schroeder August 10
Nicholas Smith August 10
Reese Frank August 12
Jessica Pote August 12
Curtis Chambers August 13
Emily Kudron August 13
Colton Claussen August 14
Kamryn Gillespie August 14
Jay Myers August 14
Collin Stover August 14
Chris Goos August 15

Michael Stroud August 15
Jessica Clark August 16
Kaylee Dyke August 16
Karen Swalwell August 16
Ruby Bentley August 17
Brian Fahrenkrug August 17
Sharon Husz August 17
Larry Von Weihe August 18
Marie Eyberg August 19
Dave Huskey August 20
James Husz August 20
Julie Spring August 20
Nathan Molde August 21
Jacob Weis August 21
John Schweer August 22
Nate Lunn August 23
Rebecca Andersen August 24
Mark Rath August 24
Niles Vorthmann August 24
Kevin Falk August 25
Carleane Husz August 25
Karen Vorthmann August 25
Rachel Dyke August 26
Julie Sealock August 26
Maisy Wasenius August 26
Shelby Andersen August 27
Chad Eitmann August 27
Lynell Vorthmann August 27
Harry Von Weihe August 28
Curtiss Husz August 29

Alexander Stone August 29
Amy Owens August 30
Natalie Fahrenkrug August 31
John Jackson August 31
Michael Mass August 31



DATES IN SEPTEMBER!

- 9/2 Cell Group Kick-Off
- 9/3 Final Budget Set
- 9/7 Office Closed
- 9/8 First day of Preschool
- 9/13 Sunday school begins
- 9/27 Pastor/Youth Ministry Appreciation Sunday

YOUTH NEWS.....

- **CONFIRMATION:** The incoming freshman students will be going to Open Door Mission on August 5-6 to work with children/families attending VBS and serve a meal on Wednesday evening. The Rite of Confirmation is November 1, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.
- **JR LUTHERANS:** The 2nd -4th grade students will meet again in September!
- **WOW:** The 5th-6th grade students will meet again in September
- **SPY:** SPY Outreach Team meets on Sunday, August 23 at 11:45 am. The Impact Team will meet on Sunday, August 23 at 4:00 pm. Cell Group Leaders Training is set for Wednesday, August 26 at 6:30 pm. Cell Group Kick-Off is set for Wednesday, September 2. Any questions with youth activities, please contact Denise Wilson, Youth Minister 487-3119 or the church office 487-3880.

Ice Cream Social Successful!

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A big **THANK YOU** to all who helped with this year's ice cream social by providing food, helping hands and giving hearts. This event would not have been a success without **YOU!** There was over \$2300 raised for the "Walk to Kidugala" fund. It is great to see so many St Paul families and community attend the Ice Cream Social. Over 300 were served. Thanks again for a successful event at St Paul. We appreciate the participation.

Council Minutes

The regular meeting of the St. Paul Lutheran Church Council was held on Thursday, July 9, 2009.

PRESENT: President Frank Maguire, Vice President Kirk Vorthmann, Secretary Dianna Smith, Jim Karr, Patty Walter, Susan Goos, and Pastor Norris. **ABSENT:** Treasurer John Swalwell

DEVOTIONS: Mark 6:35-44 was read by Pastor Norris and opened up for reflection and responses.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Frank Maguire. Consent items were passed by measure of voice vote. The Consent Items on the agenda were: Approval of the minutes, Youth Leaders Report, Pastor's Report, Treasurer's Report & Other Written Reports, Approval of Bills, Transfer/Release Membership, and Evaluation of Past Activities.

Student Loan Approval was discussed. There were suggestions received for a couple of small changes to the loan application. Kirk motioned to accept the revised loan application. Patty seconded. Approved by voice vote. Five students were approved for a loan of \$500.00 each. Those five students are Isaac Schmidt, Sam Schmidt, Morgan Vorthmann, Lindsay Wilson, and Josh Lambert.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The first item of unfinished business was a review of the Visa bill. Charges looked to be acceptable. It was agreed that the council would not need to review the bill every month.

The second item of unfinished business was a review of the plans for the suggested playground. Patty motioned to approve the plans, with the okay to start whenever the preschool is ready. Seconded by Susan.

NEW BUSINESS: The first item of new business was budget development. The deadline for budget requests is set for August 20th so that the council can take a cursory look at the budget items at the August 27th meeting with the regular budget planning meeting scheduled for September 3rd. A line by line look at the existing budget was done to determine who would be responsible for which items.

The second item of new business was a discussion of how many members would need to be replaced on the existing Facility Needs Team and who may be interested in taking their place. Contact will be made with each of the people on the list to see if they would like to join the team.

The third item of new business was to set a date for Pastor Appreciation month. Since October already has a full schedule, September 27th was chosen to appreciate both the Pastor and Youth Minister.

The next regular meeting of the council was set for August 13 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Smith

SPY HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Cell Groups - We are having leader training for all cell group leaders on Wednesday, August 26th at 6:30pm at the church. We will kickoff cell groups on Wednesday, September 2nd and they will start meeting every Wednesday evening on September 9th. If you are interested in helping with cell groups this school year or have any questions about cell groups, please contact Denise Wilson.

Outreach Team – WATER FUN!! Please note that we have changed our summer water fun activity to be Friday, July 31st, from 7pm to 10pm at the Green Meadows Private Pool in Co. Bluffs on ParkView just off of Franklin and Cloverdale. We will roast hot dogs and smores and from 8 to 10pm we will have the pool all to ourselves! A parent/insurance authorization form needs to be on file with Denise to attend this event – one will be sent in the mail to all youth this week along with more details of this event. The cost is \$2 - please call or text Denise if you want to sign up to go or if you would like to be an adult driver.

Impact Team - SPY served at Mohm's Place on Sunday, June 28th. The youth were given a tour of the new facility which is much bigger than the old Mohm's and the new facility also includes a sleeping area for homeless men and a transitional living area for them to work towards moving out on their own. The youth then helped prepare and serve the evening meal to over 90 people and then cleaned up the kitchen and dining area.

On Sunday, July 19th, we went to the Micah House for a tour of their facilities. One to two parent families are allowed to stay for 30 days and served three meals a day. They also have two rooms that can house 2 single women in each room. As we helped serve the meal, the children staying there were very excited to have young people serving them and we were able to visit and play with the children after cleaning up the kitchen area. We hope to go back and serve again and to plan some games to play with the children.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, July 31st, 7pm to 10pm – Swimming, Food and Fellowship at Green Meadows

Sunday, Aug. 23rd, 11:45am – Outreach Team Meeting

Sunday, Aug. 23rd, 4pm – Impact Team Meeting

Weds, Aug. 26th, 6:30pm – Cell Group leaders training

Weds. Sept. 2nd, 7pm – Cell Group Kickoff

Weds. Sept. 9th, 7pm – Weekly Cell Groups begin meeting in host homes

From the Pastor's Desk...

Small Group Ministry Team Makes Plans For Fall

A new Small Group Ministry team has been formed and has begun making plans for encouraging small group participation this fall. Beginning September 13, Pastor Norris is planning to do a sermon series on the book of James. The Small Group Ministry team is suggesting that as small groups start meeting this fall, that they consider using a study focusing on James. Samples of materials on James will be available for people to look at to make sure the material fit their group. A couple of choices will be offered.

Most people have a high regard for the Bible, in theory at least. Yet, I recently heard about one survey that found that in a given year only 6% of the members in an average congregation participated in any kind of Bible study and that only about half had *ever* participated in a study of the Bible.

If the Bible is to have any real impact on our lives, we need to be reading the Word and learning from it on a regular basis. Small groups are an excellent place for this to happen.

During the sermon series (and probably after it is finished), I plan to lead a larger group study of James during the Sunday school hour. The study will take place in the church fellowship hall. I am looking forward to what we can discover in this somewhat neglected book for the Bible.

The Small Group Ministry team would like to know which small groups are already planning to begin meeting this fall. If you are part of a small group that is planning to start meeting again this fall, please let the church office know and give us the name of a contact person for the group so the team knows where to send small group information.

The Small Group Ministry team is also looking for individuals who would be willing to host a new small group either in their home or at the church. If you are interested, please contact the church office about that as well.

New Facility Needs Team Being Formed

The church council has been working on creating a new Facility Needs team to continue working on plans that would address needs that have been identified by the congregation.

At this point, it looks as if there will be an even balance between those who served on the previous team and new members. Some members of the previous team have decided not to continue. When the team has been finalized, their names will be communicated to the congregation.

Jim Nord is planning to meet with the new team and the church council on Saturday, August 8 to help us plan the next steps we need to take.

I appreciate the work that the previous team did, but I do think it is time for new blood on the team. Our goal continues to be the same: to discern where God is leading our congregation.

Staff Support Committee

The Staff Support Committee is a committee established by the congregational constitution. The constitution specifies that the committee should be appointed jointly by the president, vice president and pastor. The term of office is for two years, with three persons appointed to the committee each successive year. Committee members are to hold no other office in the congregation during their term. (They may, however, service on one of the congregation's ministry teams.)

The bylaws of the constitution spell out the duties of the Staff Support Committee as follows:

- a. The Staff Support committee shall serve as a channel of communication between the congregation and Pastor and Youth minister.
- b. The Staff Support Committee shall assist the Pastor and Congregation Council in developing and overseeing personnel policies for all called and hired employees of this Congregation, review their job performance and compensation annually and make appropriate recommendations to the Congregation council.

At their most recent meeting, the staff support team once again reviewed these duties. As a channel of communication, they recognize that it is important for them to keep from getting in the middle of the communication between congregation members and members of the church staff. Rather they see their role as encouraging and facilitating direct communication between congregation members and church staff.

On The Blog

Probably the most fun thing that I've put up on my blog lately are a couple of short videos featuring my granddaughter, Anea. If anyone cares to take a look, just point your browser to thelisteningear.typepad.com.

Pastor Norris

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DATE	TIME	READERS	OR-	ALTAR FLOW-	TECHN	ACOLYTES
08/02/09	8:00 am	Richard Torneten	Ruby Bentley	Jeff & Laura Andersen		Michael Sietsema
	10:30 am	Praise Team	Deb Schmidt			Sadie Zeisler
08/09/09	8:00 am	Frank Maguire	Ruby Bentley	?????		Mattie Jacobsen
	10:30 am	Praise Team	Deb Schmidt		Jacob	Gracie Myers
08/16/09	8:00 am	Brandon Vorthmann	Megan Dreyer	?????		Emily Kudron
	10:30 am	Praise Team	Megan Dreyer			Jennifer Owens
08/23/09	8:00 am	Roger Vorthmann	Deb Schmidt	?????		Zachery Saylor
	10:30 am	Praise Team	Megan Dreyer			Jeffrey Schroeder
08/30/09	8:00 am	Bob Gronstal	Ruby Bentley	?????		Michael Sietsema
	10:30 am	Praise Team	Megan Dreyer		Jane	Sadie Zeisler

WELCOME TEAM FOR August 2009

8:00 a.m. Brandon Vorthmann, Lori Huddle

10:30 a.m. Kirk & Lynell Vorthmann

COUNCIL MEETING: August 13 & 27, 2009; 7:00 p.m.

BULLETIN BOARD DISPLAY: VBS/Preschool

MARY MARTHA: August 12, 2009; 1:30 p.m.

Host: Lillie Schneider

Devotions: Lucille Casson

Bible Study: Elmer Voss

Offering Prayer: Norma Voss

WEDDED BAND: August 23, 2009: 6:00 p.m.

Hosts: Dinner to be arranged

Devotions: Richard & LuEtta Vorthmann

Program: Local Artisan Tour/Paul Koch's Pottery by the Creek/Metal Artist

NOTES: Quilting Date: Monday, August 31, 9:00 am-12:00 noon & 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. All are welcome to take part in the quilting mission project.

ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED! Those interested in supplying altar flowers in the next few weeks, please sign the flower chart in the church entry.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1) 10:30 am Jim Nord 1:00 pm Jim Nord Basement rental
2) 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Fellowship/Walking 10:30 am Worship 1:00 pm SPY-Fun Plex Basement rental ?	3)	4) 7:00 pm Small Grp Ministry Team	5) 8:30 am Staff Confirmation class to Open Door Mis- sion	6) Confirmation class to Open Door Mis- sion	7)	8) 10:30 am Jim Nord 1:00 pm Jim Nord Basement rental
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16) 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Fellowship/Walking 10:30 am Worship	17) 5:30 pm Steward- ship Team	18)	19) 8:00 am Staff	20) Budget re- quests due	21)	22)
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