



Dear Friends,

I hope you worshiped Sunday Oct 30 or Nov 13, **heard our Confirmands** talk about their Biblical characters and their

own relationship with God (8:15) or heard them say “Yes” to the promises of baptism (10:30). They made it clear why we do that kind of mission in addition to away from Pine Island mission.

I hope you worshiped Nov 5 or 6, **saw the video and heard the Baja group** talk about the experience. They made it clear why we do that kind of mission in addition to our local mission.

Both are key parts to the mission we have through Saint Paul Lutheran Church. When we realize **we are the church**, the body of Christ, we see the difference between being a congregation member and being a disciple who seeks to follow Jesus. Disciples use all resources: time, talent + treasure to accomplish the mission. That’s why Baja 2011 worked better than Baja 2008. That’s why more Confirmands each year speak about their relationship to God. Using words to tell our relationship with God teaches us the mission God has for us: God’s Work - our words and hands!

Kathryn’s installation online – [PIHS Class of ’95]: <http://www.nccusa.org/news/111107lohreinstalled.html>
Last Saturday, I quoted her speech – “I was not there, but we were there”. Words between the pictures explain the quote. The event was a meeting with NCC staff person ELCA Pastor Anne Tiemeyer + Leymah Gbowee that included the signing of her new book, **Mighty Be Our Powers: How Sisterhood, Prayer, and Sex Changed a Nation at War**. She learned she was 1 of 3 to receive the Nobel Peace Prize the same day as the NCC event. Ann was there with Leymah representing us who are part of the NCC. Mon. night Leymah told her story on the Jon Stewart TV Show.

Liberian civil war tore apart her life claiming the lives of relatives and friends. Years of fighting shattered her girlhood dreams. As a young mother trapped in a nightmare of domestic abuse, she found the courage to turn her bitterness into action. She realized that women suffer most during conflicts and the power of women working together can create an unstoppable force. She organized the Liberian Mass Action for Peace, a coalition of Christian and Muslim women who sat for months in public protest, confronting Liberia’s ruthless president and rebel warlords, and even held a sex strike. Leymah + an army of women, led Liberia to peace. So she became an international leader who changed history for the better.

You take part in missions like hers thru SPLC. Your **generous gifts are needed** this year’s end **as much as ever**. God bless all you do in mission. Pastor John

Dear Friends,

This Saturday, November 19, the “Down Home Bluegrass Group”, including our own Randy Hinzmann, will be leading



worship. This will be a good old “hymn sing” type event. If you enjoy this type of music, you won’t want to miss it. The Saturday worship service begins at 5:30, but we’ll start warming up at 5:25 or so. Come join us.

Please remember to give thanks this year for all the ways that God has blessed you. We offer you two opportunities to worship this Thanksgiving. On Sunday, November 20 at 4 pm the ecumenical Thanksgiving service will take place at St. Michael’s Catholic Church. Our own congregation’s Thanksgiving service will be on Wednesday, November 23 at 7 pm. Please remember: The offering at our ecumenical service will go to the ministerial fund in our community.

Advent Affair is a Sunday afternoon event that runs two consecutive Sundays. It is **designed for families to help them prepare for Christmas with some intergenerational activities**. Activities include some child friendly crafts, music, food and fellowship. Advent Affair will take place on Sun., December 4 and 11.

We will be selling **Christmas Trees** again this year. We’ll be picking them up on the Friday morning after Thanksgiving and should have them in place by the afternoon. All proceeds will help fund youth the 2012 Youth Gathering trip to New Orleans.

Our youth will also be hosting a **Christmas Cookie Walk** on Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11. The Cookie Walk will be open from 11 am - 6:30 pm on Saturday, and again between services on Sunday and after second service. Please note the sign up that will be going around, requesting donations for the cookie walk. We are also asking you to consider offering up copies of your recipe if you are willing. We often have people asking for such things. Thanks for helping.

Thanks for all who signed up for the **lock in for Friday, November 18**. Please note that the **7th and 8th grade dance prior to the lock in has been postponed** until a later date. Those who were planning to go to the dance should come to the church at 6 pm instead. Thanks.

Pastor Kip

Upcoming Youth Events

Fri., Nov. 18 - Lock-in grades 6-9

Fri., Nov. 25 - Christmas trees go on sale

Sat., Dec. 10: 11am - 6:30pm Cookie Walk

Sun., Dec. 11: 9:30 am Cookie Walk



Kitchen Cleaning: Each month's service group leaders should *check kitchen for used towels to wash periodically*; **please clean kitchen end of month.**

Service groups for:

November – Group II – Joanne Sanborn & Pat Walter

Next WELCA meeting – Tuesday, December 13 - noon potluck

Thank You, Thank You!

We had a great day for our Homespun Fun Bazaar. Thank you to all persons who contributed, demonstrated, worked, helped or had anything to do with making this event a success.

We made some changes for this year's event and now is the time to discuss and do a wrap-up of the day's events. We need to decide if this is an event we want to continue as a congregation for next year. Do we need to make changes, and are there other ways to accomplish the same results? Our WELCA group will meet on December 13 to talk about and wrap-up the details of Homespun Fun. We will also be deciding which mission projects our bazaar profits will be given to so it is important that we have your input. Join us that day to share your thoughts, ideas and suggestions.



Thanksgiving Week

Sunday, November 20 is the *Community Thanksgiving Service* at **4:00 p.m.**, hosted by St.

Michael's Catholic Church in Pine Island. This service is sponsored by the Area Ministerial Association.

Our own Thanksgiving service is **Wednesday night, Nov. 23 at 7:00 p.m.** with Holy Communion. We will be receiving items for the local food shelf, and cash donations are also accepted. Please see related article for Food Shelf needs. ***The office will be closed on November 24 and 25.***

Education

We have a first grade teacher! Thanks to all our volunteers that help make our Sunday School Program successful.

We again served around 60 people (Confirmants and parents) at the confirmation banquet for our 9th graders. **THANK YOU** to all for your help with set up, serving and clean up – we really appreciate it. Also, thanks to all who brought food for the banquet. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Sunday November 27th (Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend) Tracy and Laura will be showing a movie for the kids. Teachers, if you are going to be out of town and cannot make it that Sunday, don't worry about a substitute, we will be doing something with the whole group.

The kids have started working on the Christmas program songs during their Sunday School music time. Remember we will have two Saturday practices for the first grade through 6th grade group. These will be Saturday December 10th and Saturday December 17th from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. The 3 year old to Kindergarten group will practice during their Sunday School time.



We will be going to the classrooms soon to assign some parts. We have some speaking parts and we will also see who wants to be shepherds, angels and stars. If your child is chosen for a speaking part, we need to know that they will be available for both practices.

The program for both groups will be Sunday December 18th. The 3 year olds to kindergarten group will sing during 10:30 service and the 1st grade through 6th grade will perform at 2:00 that afternoon.

Christmas Trees are Coming!



Once again our youth will be selling Christmas trees for a fund raiser. Check our lot later in the day on **Friday, November 25th** to get your perfect tree!

Medicare Insurance Options, Financial help (over 60), Energy Assistance, or Long-term Care

Saint Paul Lutheran Church - Room A - 9am - noon

Thursdays, Nov. 17 & December 7.

Drop in or call 507-722-1599 to have Pat Kimble help you with your forms, or answer any questions.

**Our 2011 mission is at risk.
Thanks for your generosity that
helps us do all we can do!**



Sharing Shelf Needs

Following is a list of some needed items for the PI Sharing Shelves:

TUNA
HAMBURGER HELPER
SOUP
CRACKERS (SALTINE OR GRAHAM)
JELLY
PANCAKE MIX
CAKE MIXES
MACARONI AND CHEESE
BOXED POTATOES
BARS OF SOAP
SHAMPOO
TOOTHPASTE
TOOTH BRUSHES
TOILET TISSUE

Cash is always welcome also. Please make checks out to Saint Paul Lutheran Church, with "Sharing Shelves" in the memo. **Once again, we will be taking your donations at our Thanksgiving Eve service on November 23 at 7:00pm.**

Dedication Weekend

As Thanksgiving approaches, come join in a celebration and dedication of our many gifts!

Who? All God's children!

What? A Dedication to God of Ourselves, our Time, our Offerings.

When? During worship – Saturday November 19 at 5:30 pm, and Sunday November 20 at 8:15 am and 10:30 am.

Why? To help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them.

How? A few minutes will be taken during worship to complete 2012 commitment cards and Time and Talent sheets. Then during offering time everyone will take their forms and gifts to the communion rail for dedication.

A little more How and Where: To be good stewards of the environment and church finances, Commitment and Time & Talent forms are not being sent via mail. If you can't make it to church November 19 or 20, forms are available on the church website: www.saintpaulpi.org or call the friendly church office at 356-8925 and they will happily get forms to you.



2012 Council & Elected Com. Positions

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for positions coming open in 2012. Voting on candidates occurs at our Annual Meeting in January 2012. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Roy Larson, Karen Lenn, Mark Murray, Scott & Tina Culbertson, Ron Flemke, Sheri French, Dawn Haller, and Fred Knudsvig.

The following positions on the Congregation Council need candidates: **Adult Education** Chairperson, **Building & Grounds** Chairperson, and **Communications** Chairperson.

The following committees with elected members also need candidates: the **Audit Committee** will have 1 open position, the **Special Gifts Fund Committee** will have 3 open positions, and next year's **Nominating Committee** will have 3 open positions.

In addition, there is a need for candidates to be voting members at our assemblies. Four voting members plus 2 alternates are needed for the **SE MN Synod Assembly** (May 4-5) and 9 voting members plus 2 alternates are needed for the **Cannon River Conference Assembly** (Feb 12).

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact a Nominating Committee member.

Joe Jackson, Nominating Committee Convener



Sharing and Caring Tree

Once again we will participate in the local L.O.V.E. project, to give you an opportunity to share the Christmas spirit with ones less fortunate in and around our community. **Look for the**

Sharing Tree on Saturday, Nov. 26th and Sunday, Nov. 27. Our church gives clothing to the individuals; another church is responsible for the toys, food, etc... Please bring back to the church the wrapped article of clothing you purchase, with the "ornament" removed from the tree attached to the package, by *Sunday, Dec. 11th*. Questions? Call Juanita Morris at 356-4060.

Thank you to all those who helped with our fall cleanup! Many hands make light work . . .

NEWSLETTER

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Worship Schedule

Saturday Worship at 5:30pm

Potluck 1st Saturday of month following worship

Fall Sunday Worship - 8:15 & 10:30am

Coffee hour between services

Communion Served on 1st, 3rd and 5th weeks

Sunday School – Grades 1-7 - 9:30am

3-year-olds–Kindergarten - 10:30am

Confirmation – 7th grade – Sundays at 9:30am

7th and 8th grade - Wednesday at 3:30pm

November 15, 2011 - God's work. Our hands.

Memorials for July-Sept.

The following memorials were received in the months of July, August and September in memory of **Rosanne Dombrowski, Terri Exe, Dan Pralle, Bob Sather & Edna Stafford:**

\$200 – Christmas Decorations
\$365 - Communion
\$1733 – Library Chairs
\$10 – Senior Quilts
\$95 - Undesignated

Dedication Weekend & New Member Sunday

Saturday, Nov. 19 and Sunday, Nov. 20 will be our Dedication Services, where we ask you to fill in your Time and Talent Sheets, and your financial pledge for 2012 and dedicate them to the Lord. We will also be receiving new members at 10:30 worship on Nov. 20th, with a **potluck at 11:30**. Please join us!



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Happy Thanksgiving

Scrip Gift Cards

Get your Christmas shopping done and support our youth as they raise money to attend the Nat'l Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July, 2012. One of the easiest ways is by ordering gift cards. The next deadline for ordering will be



December 11. You will have your cards by worship the following weekend. Looking for some gift ideas? **NEW to Scrip: Buffalo Wild Wings!** Or how about Cabelas, Menards, Gander Mountain, Kohl's, Old Navy, Macy's, Joann Fabrics, Payless Shoes, or Bath and Body Works? Maybe Aeropostale, American Eagle, Best Buy or iTunes for your teens, or Kwik Trip, Greenway or SuperAmerica cards for those college students! You can give cards for restaurants, hotels, Amazon.com or Shutterfly. Over 500 retailers available! You can view the list at www.glscrip.com. You receive full face value of the card, and the mission project receives a percentage of the sale from the Great Lakes Scrip Center. Order forms are available in church narthex, or on our website: www.saintpaulpi.org.