

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Volunteers continue to provide valuable assistance to those in SE Minnesota who were affected by the flood waters in August 2007. At the present time, the Lutheran Disaster Response Coordinator indicates that he desperately needs a Bonded Electrical Contractor. If you know of someone who qualifies and who would be willing to volunteer his/her services in Rushford, MN, please contact Rolf Wangberg at (507) 864-4215. Thank you.

2ND ANNUAL PANFISH ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT

It is once again time for our annual St. Paul's Ice Fishing Tournament. Bring your bait, poles and a lot of hot chocolate for a day of fun and fishing.

Where: Lake Waconia

Date: February 9th

Time: 8:00am – Noon

Rules will be delivered immediately after the contest, so I can alter them as needed. Just kidding, rules are available after church services until February 3rd. No sign up needed, just come out to the lake by 8:00.

NEWSLETTER FOR

January 27th, 2008

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Sunday, January 27th

8:00 Worship

9:15 SS / Youth

9:15 Voters Meeting

10:30 Worship/ Praise Band

Monday, January 28th

NO SCHOOL

6:30 Choir Practice

Tuesday, January 29th

7:00 SPIRIT Grp. (Steinborn)

Wednesday, January 30th

3:30 Confirmation

6:30 Worship

Thursday, January 31st

7:00 Handbell Choir

7:00 Adult instruction

Saturday, February 2nd

7:30 SPIRIT Grp. (Roy)

8:00 Trustees Meeting / Work Day

9:30 Prayer Shawl

Sunday, February 3rd

8:00 Worship w/ Com

9:15 Bible Class/youth/SS

10:30 Worship w/ Com

5:00 High school Youth Super Bowl Party

ATTENDANCE FOR:

Wednesday, January 16th – 30

Sunday, January 20th

1st – 108, Com – 83

2nd – 142, Com - ?

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts

The challenge we have set for ourselves to support
the mission of bringing people into Christ's love:

Received this Week

| Unified | School | Building |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| \$5,002.41 | \$160.00 | \$215.00 |
| Needs per week | needs per week | needs per week |
| \$8,902.00 | \$1073.00 | \$793.00 |
| Received to date: | Received to date: | Received to date: |
| \$19,604.96 | \$575.00 | \$1,545.00 |
| Below needs: (YTD) | Below needs: (YTD) | below needs: (YTD) |
| (\$-7,101.04) | (\$-2,644.00) | (\$-834.00) |

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers this week we lift before the Lord:

Andrew Kuhnau - Recovering from pneumonia.

Helen Korinta - Upcoming shoulder surgery.

Mae Vorderbruggen - Recovering from knee surgery at ELIM.

Wayne & Andrea Houser - Various health issues and family concerns.

Wilfred Bauer (Mary Lobitz's stepfather) - Complications following heart surgery.

Chris Markuson (Elaine Wadding's son) - Being treated for cancer.

Leona Grivelli (Pat Florek's godmother) - Receiving Hospice care.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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| January 27 th | Angela Wandersee |
| January 28 th | Gunnar Berg |
| | Nicholas Riley |
| January 29 th | Andrea Houser |
| January 31 st | Shirley Hilk |
| February 1 st | Ross Nelson |
| | Karen Bloomdahl |
| | Ryan Hecksel |
| | Joey Reinke |

SUPER BOWL PARTY

The high school youth will be going over to the Greenhagen home for the Super Bowl on February 3rd. If you are interested in coming to the party, please bring a dish to share. Watch upcoming newsletter for more information on times. A BIG thank you to the Greenhagen family for hosting the party for our High School Youth.

SOUP SUPPER

Wednesday, February 6th the High school youth will be serving at our Ash Wednesday soup supper. The High School Youth group is asked to be at the church at 5:30 with a dessert or pan of bars to serve that evening.

After 2nd service on February 24th, the High School Youth will be going to Maple Grove for a fun day of tubing, Cross Country and Down Hill Skiing. We will be leaving right after 2nd service and will be stopping for lunch on our way. Any questions call Chris Krentz at 952-955-5097.

TREASURER NEEDED

The high school youth is looking for a treasurer. It will not take a lot of your time; it is basically making checks out for mission trips, making deposits if we have a special event that raised money, and reconciling the bank statement. If you are interested in this and would like to volunteer your time, please call Chris Krentz at 952-955-5097.

COMING TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

On Sunday, February 10th children from Trinity First Lutheran School will be coming to share the Good News of Christ through their music. On Sunday, February 3rd the Principal, Sarah Wippich, of Trinity First Lutheran School will be here to share some information about the mission school. She will be speaking at the end of first service and at the beginning of late service and will also be sharing a little more at bible class that day. Everyone is welcome. Below is a letter that Sarah has written to share about the school.

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I bring you greetings from Trinity First Lutheran School. We have had a most enjoyable (if challenging) first semester and are excited for the rest of the school year! You are a group of Christians who acknowledge the importance and impact of Christian education. You understand the work and sacrifice involved and the eternal effects of such work. You are a joy to the Kingdom. As such, it is an honor to share with you our school ministry in Minneapolis. We are humbled by your care and encouraged by your support.

Trinity First School is currently serving 86 children through the eighth grade. This number changes frequently because our student body is noted by its transitional ways. We serve many families who are in challenging situations or life-styles; many of them are running away from problems and some are seeking solutions. Either way, we feel blessed by each child that God brings to our doors. A majority, (nearly 70%) of our families, have no church home and have a limited knowledge of who their Savior really is. Our greatest joy comes to us each day when we share this message. Our school only exists through God's hand. Over 90% of our income comes from individuals, church groups and congregations. Our mission school is blessed greatly through the prayers of others and the loving donations of time, talent and resources. We do not know when or if resources will be available at the right time; we only know that God provides. We truly see God's hand at work daily!

Over 40% of our children receive support through our special education program sponsored by Lutheran Special Education Ministries. Over the last two decades we've seen God lead children who need extra support and love sent to our doors. It is a great joy to be able to offer this awesome program that allows them to feel success and achievement.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Our delicious soup suppers start again on Ash Wednesday, February 6th. We will be serving every Wednesday during Lent from 6 -7pm followed by our Lenten service at 7pm. Each week we will have a featured soup of the week and a secondary soup which will be chicken noodle. Our feathered soup for the first week will be Chilli with toppings. This is a free will offering and the proceeds will be going to the Houser family. Invite a friend or neighbor to the soup supper and then they can also hear the Good News of Jesus.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

We will be having a fun weekend of scrapbooking and fellowship here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Friday, February 22nd and Saturday February 23rd. The cost is \$5.00 and we will provide some breakfast munchies for Saturday, fixings for sandwiches Saturday noon and snacks. Bridgett Barfnecht (A Creative Memories Consultant) is offering a special deal for participants, 10% off and no shipping or 15% and no shipping on any orders \$75.00 or more. To take advantage of this great offer, call Bridgett Barfnecht at 612-723-2635 or e-mail her at Barfnecht@gmail.com by Monday, February 18th and let her know you are participating in the CCLS Scrapbooking weekend. We will have the items there for you on Friday. If you plan on attending this weekend of fun and fellowship, please RSVP to Andrea Salzer at 952-955-6435 or absalzer@aol.com

LWML CARDS

The LWML would like to remind you they have a variety of greeting cards for sale in cabinet in narthex. Single cards are 50¢ ea. Boxes of 12 are \$5.00. Please leave money in brown envelope. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's LWML.

The LWML has a table in the narthex and will be collecting Soup and Crackers for our local food shelf until “SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY”. If you would like to donate soup or crackers, please bring it in by Sunday, February 3rd. Thank you in advance for your donations.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped paint the CCLS gym last week- Justin Bonk, Ken Kirchenwitz, Willard Schuette, Jerry Gongoll, Ron Schmidt, Kevin Schroeder, Brian Salzer, Steve Neddermeyer, Marty Weber, and Mike Fisher. It sure looks great. I appreciate your help.

Stephen Steinborn

CHILI FEED

The 7th and 8th grade class from CCLS and their parents will be having a Chili Feed on February 24th to raise money for the Washington D.C. trip they will be taking in April. Everyone is invited for this tasty chili feed, we will be serving chili, bread, crackers, milk and dessert. The free will offering collected will be used to reduce the cost of the trip. We will be serving from 11:30 – 2:00pm. Invite family and friends to come and enjoy a warm bowl of chili.

OPEN HOUSE/ ACADEMY AWARDS OF LITERATURE

Christ Community Lutheran School of Watertown is having an Open House on Feb. 12th from 3:00-8:00pm for prospective parents and students. Families will be able to tour the building and talk with teachers. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Students in the school this year will also be having their award ceremonies for their Academy Awards for Literature that evening. The award program was devised by teacher Brenda Cox to get students excited about reading and literature. Displays made by students promoting their favorite books and literature will be present and shared with the community. The awards ceremony starts at 7:00pm.

Christ Community offers classes for students from preschool age through 8th grade. There are three preschool classes available for ages three, four and five. Kindergarten meets five days per week full time. CCLS also has an online grading/ communication system for families. CCLS offers a challenging curriculum while treating each student as a unique child of God. CCLS also offers smaller class sizes. It's Iowa Test Scores are exceptionally high.

Tuition assistance is available for eligible families. CCLS is located at 512 County Road 10 in Watertown. To find out more about CCLS, please contact the school office at 952-955-1419 or visit their web site at www.ccls.net

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Christ Community Lutheran School Kindergarten Round-up will be Feb. 26th at 6:30 pm. Parents and families interested in all day, every day kindergarten are welcome to attend. Cookies and punch will be served after the event in the school gym. Everyone is invited to come and find out how CCLS is Leading Children In Their Christian Faith Walk! CCLS is located at 512 County Road 10 in Watertown. For more information, contact the school office at 952-955-1419 or visit their website at www.ccls.net