

BAGGING GROCERIES

The High School Youth will be bagging groceries at Buffalo Cub on Sunday, March 16th from about 10:00 to 6:00pm. They youth is asked to attend early service that Sunday so we can leave right after 1st service. We will be carpooling from the church and will be leaving around 9:15. The money raised will be used for our mission trip to Lutheran Island Camp in Henning, MN this summer. Come shop at Cub that day to support our youth.

COME ENJOY

The High School Youth will be serving their Famous Easter Breakfast again this year. We will be having pancakes, egg bake, sausage, coffee cakes, milk, orange juice and coffee. The breakfast will be served from 7:30 – 9:00am. They money raised will go for the youth going on the Lutheran Island Camp, Henning, Mn.

The Youth will help put new siding on the camp's Chapel, build a new and improved Challenge Course, do maintenance on the Boardwalk Trail around the perimeter of the island, build new decks for cabins and update a 70-year old boat house at the Camp. We will also spend one day at a near by nursing home.

COFFEE CAKE & EGGS NEEDED

In the fellowship hall you will find a sign up sheets for the Easter breakfast. We are in need of eggs and coffee cakes for the breakfast. If you are able to help out with this, please sign your name to the sheet.

SHARING AND CARING HANDS

The youth will be going to Sharing and Caring Hands on Sunday April 6th. They will be meeting at the church at 6:45am going to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Minneapolis at 8:00 and then going to Sharing and Caring Hands to make and serve breakfast to the homeless and then clean up. They will be stopping for lunch on the way home and will be back to the church around 2:00.

NEWSLETTER FOR

March 16th, 2008
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Sunday, March 16th

8:00 Worship w/ Com

9:15 Youth/SS

9:15 Thrivent Giving Plus Seminar

9:15 Share and Care Ministry

10:30 Worship w/ Com

Monday, March 17th

6:30 Choir Practice

7:00 SPIRIT Grp. (Kohls)

Wednesday, March 19th

3:30 Confirmation

NO WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

7:00 Handbell Choir

Thursday, March 20th

7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship w/ Com

Friday, March 21st

NO SCHOOL

7:00 Good Friday Worship

Sunday, March 23rd

6:30 Easter Sunrise Worship w/ Com

7:30 – 9:00 Easter Breakfast

10:30 Easter Worship

ATTENDANCE FOR:

Wednesday, March 5th – 117

Sunday, March 9th

1st – 88

2nd – 214

B.C. – 38

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
\$7,716.93	\$480.00	\$135.00
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:
\$73,262.09	\$3,470.00	\$4,405.00
Below needs: (YTD)	Below needs: (YTD)	below needs: (YTD)
(-\$15,757.91)	(-\$7,260.00)	(-\$3,525.00)

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers this week we lift before the Lord:

Wayne & Andrea Houser – Praying the family will stay out of the hospital in 2008

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

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

Richard Mielke – Hospice care at St. Mary's in Winsted.

Leonard Stern – Recovering at Elim from knee surgery after a recent fall.

Ken Ketcher – Back home following successful shoulder surgery

Lillian Mueller–Prayer of thanks, Lillian has returned home from hospital

Alicia Christianson (Friend of Laura Lodin) inoperable brain tumor, having bad headaches and tumor is growing.

Alicia Christianson's 2 month old son born with medical complications, had surgery on March 13 for intestine blockage and complications.

"YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!"

We are attempting to create alumni and former confirmand lists for CCLS (Since 1949) and St. Paul Lutheran Church. The CCLS Foundation has formed an Historical Committee that has went through a number of records to find the names of all students whom may of attended CCLS, Graduates and Confirmands of St. Paul's. There is a table in the fellowship hall for you to help us find as many current addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Your help is needed in preparing ourselves for our 60th Anniversary which is in 2009.

TODAY

CHARITABLE GIVING SEMINAR

The CCLS Foundation is excited to put on a Charitable Giving Seminar on March 16th during bible study hour. Thrivent will address estate tax, giving plus, charitable contribution, how to receive tax benefits, and life income options in leaving your legacy. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this very informational seminar.

INTERNET SAFETY AND PROTECTING YOUR CHILDREN

PARENTS: Have you wondered what My Space and FaceBook are all about? What are children who have MySpace and FaceBook accounts doing when they are online? Should I allow my child to have a MySpace or FaceBook account?

Karina Berzins, Training and Education Coordinator from the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force will discuss the dangers of Social Networking Sites like MySpace and FaceBook and what to watch out for when using them. Learn tips that will help you keep your children safe while online. Join us on April 1 - 7:00 PM in Mayer Lutheran High School's Fine Arts Center.

LUTHERAN WITNESS

There is no better way than The Lutheran Witness to keep up on what's new in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

The flagship magazine of the LCMS, *The Lutheran Witness* offers Synodical news, reports from Lutherans around the world, features, columns, Q&A's, a Bible study, and so much more. This is the premier magazine for Lutherans who want to be informed and stay informed!

A monthly publication, *The Lutheran Witness* speaks directly about what's important to today's Lutherans: Christian life, missions and ministries, and people of faith.

If you are interested in ordering the magazine or if you are already getting The Lutheran Witness and would like to continue, please get a payment to the church by April 15th. It is \$16.32 a year, make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

JR. HIGH YOUTH WATCHING A MOVIE

The Jr. High youth will be watching an edited addition of The Passion of the Christ on March 16th and 30th and after viewing the movie we will have an extended bible study on the movie. If you do not want your 7th or 8th grade youth to see this movie or if you have any questions about the movie, call Bonnie Roy at 612-916-2885 before the 16th of March.

THANK YOU

We want to thank all the parents who helped with the pork chop dinner on Sunday. As youth directors, it was so nice to see all the support. A big thank you to Steve and Diane Neddermeyer for the many extra hours they worked to help plan the dinner. Also, the many items they donated so the youth could get even more money towards their trip.

Thank you again!!!

Chris Krentz and Linda Schmidt

SOUTHEASTERN MINNESOTA STILL NEEDS YOU

August 19-20, 2007, the rains came to southeastern Minnesota. Some towns, like Rushford, Stockton, and Minnesota City, were especially hard hit. While we haven't heard much about ongoing need-the work is not nearly done, and many people remain disheartened along with being financially and emotionally stretched.

There is some good news. Rushford has had the most continuous help, much of it due to St. Mark's Lutheran church and Pastor Merlin Stephan. They were generous to offer their church basement and parsonage basement (both damaged in the flood) to house volunteers. Lutheran Disaster Relief came and helped build the dormitories, and have been coordinating the work of volunteers who come to help. Nearly 400 homes have been mudded, cleaned, and rebuilt. Work is continuing at a pretty steady pace, thanks to church volunteers, people of God from as far away as Georgia, Florida, and Indiana.

A "Work Week" has been set aside specifically for volunteers from the LCMS and their friends April 15 to 20, (Tuesday-Saturday) 2008. Housing in local churches will be made available for those who want to serve several days or you can also serve just one day (it is about 2 1/4 hours from the Twin Cities). We will be partnering with Grace Lutheran in Stockton and with Lutheran Disaster Relief projects. Outdoor work will be available for youth groups (weather dependent). We are also welcome to stay and worship on Sunday in Stockton or Rushford, showing our support for the congregations of these small communities. Join us to rebuild homes and lives, and to reflect Christ's love and mercy for those who are still in great need of encouragement.

Please keep in mind, our call is not simply to restore belongings and repair houses-it is to share the love of God through His Son Jesus the Savior. We also want to connect the people with the local congregation, so they know they have a place to go for encouragement and prayer and relationships with others who care.

What skills are needed during the Work Week April 15-20? There is a need for both skilled and unskilled workers. There will be rebuilding and if the weather permits, there will be outdoor clean-up. Volunteers are needed to talk with and encourage the residents and to help prepare meals for volunteers. Praying with and for homeowners is also very important. This has been a discouraging time for many and they can use some optimism and hope.

For more information, or to register individually or as a group, contact Vicki Strong, who is coordinating disaster relief work for LCMS Minnesota North and South Districts, strongv@woodburylutheran.org <<mailto:strongv@woodburylutheran.org>>. You may also go to Woodbury Lutheran's website www.woodburylutheran.org <<http://www.woodburylutheran.org/>>, or call Vicki at 651.730.5049 (home) or 651.208.4353 (cell).

BIRTHDAY WISHES

March 16 th	Walter Neumann Scott Bohler Heidi Vanderlinde
March 17 th	Daryl Schmidt Mackenzie Farber Dru Houser
March 18 th	Melvin Dykhuizen Brian Schuette
March 19 th	Jacqueline Swartzler Jennifer Fisher Sadie Berg
March 20 th	Patty Farber Sean Cavanaugh Breana Houser
March 21 st	Michele DuRand Jeremy Schurmann
March 22 nd	David Lenz Isaiah Wasser

PORK CHOP DINNER / SILENT AUCTION

The CCLS Pork Chop Dinner / Silent Auction is coming up on Friday, April 18th. If you have any new or handcrafted items to donate, you may drop them off at the school office or contact Wendy Schilling at 952-955-1419. There are also sign-up sheets at school for volunteer workers or you can contact Katie Kuhnau at 952-201-6750 if you would like to help at this event.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

March 11, 2008

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Church Council was called to order by President Brian Hilke.

Other members present, Scott Bohler, Paul Bennyhoff, Shannon Schneider, Tim Dressel, Dave Farber, Pastor Krentz, & Cindy Lynch. Pastor led us in opening prayer.

Minutes were approved as printed.

GENERAL TREASURER'S REPORT: Total Income \$28,567.43 Total Expenses \$36,801.96 Net Income -\$8234.53 Checkbook balance end of February \$1869.57 we are current with our LHS payment this year. We still owe LHS for last year. We made an additional payment to CCLS which makes us current for 2007.

SPECIAL FUNDS TREASURER REPORT: Checkbook balance \$8693.17; Building Fund \$3718.83, Air Conditioning \$1331.83, Music ministry \$2467.41, Playground equipment \$1175. Total amount received for Debt Reduction \$4276. An acoustic guitar and amp were purchased for the Praise band. There is only enough money to make one more payment for the addition. The balloon payment on the building addition is due in one year.

TELLER'S REPORT: Totals for February; Unified \$29,311.43; Building \$1610; School \$1805 Year to date totals: Unified \$56,610.12; Building \$3390; School \$2810.

ELDER'S REPORT: Membership changes: Chris Reinke transferred to St. Johns Chaska. Laurie Lyzhof & family transfer out. Pastor has requested off June 8 to attend his nieces graduation. Elders approved a rate change for substitute pastors to \$60.00 per service and \$50.00 for Bible Class plus mileage.

PASTORS REPORT: Pastor was in Florida on March 2 to preach at his Fathers 50 anniversary in the ministry.

CCLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: St. Peter's is putting together a proposal regarding their future, and what they will do regarding their connection with the school.

PARISH BOARD OF ED REPORT: Vacation Bible School program will

be "Friendship Trek.". They plan to have early registration to be sure they have enough material for all who attend. They are look for teachers & volunteers. May 18 is the last day for Sunday School. The closing program will take place during the Sunday School hour. A Lasagna dinner will be served following second service. Shannon Schneider was appointed to the Board. This will be ratified at the next Voter's Meeting.

LHS DELEGATE REPORT:

PARISH PLANNING AND FINANCE: Prime interest rate is at 6%, they continue to keep an eye on the interest rates to get the best rate when they refinance the addition.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to adjourn at 8:00, We closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Cindy Lynch acting Secretary

NEW LANGUAGES

Since July of 2003, 178,981 more people who speak 25 different languages, have the New Testament in their own language as a result of the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Dave and Donella Pearce, who are involved in this wonderful work, will give a visually-enhanced presentation about bringing God's Word to every precious soul for whom the blood of Jesus was shed. Sunday, March 30th, 10:00-11:10am, St. John's Lutheran Church, Plato, MN. All are welcome. *A free-will offering will be received.*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 19th – NO Wednesday Worship

Thursday, March 20th – 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship w/ Com

Friday, March 21st – 7:00pm Good Friday Worship

Sunday, March 23rd – Easter Sunday

6:30am Sunrise Worship w/ Com

7:30 – 9:00 Easter Breakfast

9:30am Easter Worship w/ Com

Wednesday, March 26th – NO Wednesday Worship

LWML MEETING AT WESTWOOD

The ladies from LWML will be meeting at the church on March 27th at 5:30pm for spaghetti supper and then heading over to westwood to entertain and visist with the residents.

MINNESOTA ABLAZE!

We are about 80 days away from the Minnesota Ablaze! conference, an event we are asking the Lord to bless so that it will be an exciting opportunity for **ALL** LCMS Lutherans throughout Minnesota to be energized and equipped for sharing the Good News of Jesus with those who do not yet know Him! The information below is details about the event. Go to www.mnablaze.org for lodging and meal packages.