

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.

YOUTH PARENT MEETING

This 15 minute meeting is for all parents who have youth going to Henning, MN this summer on the mission trip. The meeting will be April 20th after 2nd service. The youth going to Henning are asked to attend with their parents.

12 YOUTH GOING TO JAMAICA

The 12 youth who are going to Jamaica is asked to keep Saturday, April 26th opened to earn money for their trip to Jamaica. This will be an easy fundraiser. More details to follow.

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.

"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.

NEWSLETTER FOR
March 23rd, 2008

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Sunday, March 23rd

6:30 Easter Sunrise Worship w/ Com

7:30 – 9:00 Easter Breakfast

9:30 Easter Worship

Monday, March 24th

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, March 26th

3:30 Confirmation

NO WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Thursday, March 27th

5:30 LWML Spaghetti Dinner at Church

6:30 LWML at Westwood

7:00 Handbell Choir

7:00 Faith Fundamentals

Friday, March 28th

NO SCHOOL

7:00 Good Friday Worship

Sunday, March 30th

8:00 Worship

9:15 Youth/SS/ B.C.

10:30 Worship

ATTENDANCE FOR:

Wednesday, March 12th – 128

Sunday, March 9th

1st – 155, Com – 120

2nd – 196, Com – 130

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
\$8,055.50	\$380.00	\$180.00
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:
\$81,317.59	\$3,850.00	\$4,585.00
Below needs: (YTD)	Below needs: (YTD)	below needs: (YTD)
(-\$16,604.41)	(-\$7,953.00)	(-\$4,138.00)

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.

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 for intestine blockage and complications.

Katy Kuhnau and Chrissy Tredray and family – Their aunt passed away suddenly this past week.

Mark Tredray and family – His mother passed away 1 year ago

Bob Johnson in Waconia Hospital

BIRTHDAY WISHES

March 25 th	Janet Mielke Randall Sicheneder Gerald Schubert Michael Mueller Austin Latzke
March 27 th	Kenneth Kirchenwitz Diane Neddermeyer Daniel Kirchenwitz Brandon Berwald
March 28 th	Vernon Richter Bridget Barfnecht Matthew Farber Jennifer Krentz

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.

A HUGE THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all who supported the soup suppers. Many people cheerfully served, cleaned up, and donated desserts. Many came faithfully every Wednesday night to eat. Thank you to all for their generosity. Profits were \$746.00 which will go to the Houser family. Thanks again

A BIGGER THANK YOU

An even bigger thank you needs to go out to Millie Mueller for all the hard work she puts into all the soup suppers every year. Millie takes it upon herself to get all the soups organized every Wednesday and picks up all the added extras such as bread, crackers, butter, milk, cheese for the chili and so on... Thank you Millie for a job well done, you do a great job of organizing this every year and people truly take pleasure in coming to eat the soups.

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.*

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).

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.

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 visits with the residents. If you can not make the supper at 5:30 you can meet us at Westwood at 6:30.

NEW BIBLES

The New International Version (NIV) Bibles that are in the pews have been given by Evelyn Minge in memory of her daughter, Carol (Minge) Lenz and her son, Charles H. L. Minge. They are for the congregation to use in and during church services.

GRAIN TRAIN

The mission of the grain train is as follows:

In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people, both far and near. Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed.

We will be collecting items again for the grain train, if you have clothing that is gently used, quilts, school supplies, baby items and would like to donate them to the grain train, please bring them to the church fellowship hall in the next couple of weeks. We will be collecting until the end of March. Any questions, call the church office at 952-955-1498.