

VOICE OF THE SAINTS

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
& Lighthouse Preschool
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July, 2011

Dear Friends in Christ,

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace ..." [1 Peter 4:10].

"Fred Somebody, Thomas Everybody, Peter Anybody, and Joe Nobody were neighbors, but they were not like you and me. There were odd people and most difficult to understand. The way they lived was a shame. All four belonged to the same church, but you would not have enjoyed worshipping with them.

Everybody went fishing on Sunday or stayed home to visit with friends.

Anybody wanted to worship but was afraid Somebody wouldn't speak to him. So guess who went to church – uh, huh – Nobody.

Really, Nobody was the only decent one of the four. Nobody did the visitation. Nobody worked on the church building.

Once they needed a Sunday school teacher. Everybody thought Anybody would do it, and Anybody thought Somebody would do it. And you know who did it? That's exactly right ... Nobody.

It happened that a fifth neighbor (an unbeliever) moved into the area. Everybody thought Somebody should try to win him for Christ. Anybody could have made an effort. You probably know who finally won him: Nobody.

"This little parable brings to focus again the fact that each of us is personally responsible for God's work. If we leave it

for somebody or everybody or anybody, nobody will do it. Let's work till Jesus Comes." (from the Faith Prayer and Tract League).

Our Lord has called us out of the darkness of sin and into His marvelous light in Christ who is the Light of the world. We have been rescued from sin, death, and hell! We are now in a relationship with our heavenly Father because Jesus, the Son of God, has "called us by name," and we are His! We are children of God through faith in Christ Jesus – saved in time and for eternity!

Volunteer

While we walk this earth, our gracious God has chosen to give gifts to each of us. With and through these gifts He calls us to serve, that is, to use these gifts to His glory and for the service of our neighbor, in service to our Lord's Church, in service to those around us who need what we can do to help! Therefore, our motivation to serve is our new life in Christ! Think again of Paul's words to the Christians at Corinth, ***"For the love of Christ controls us ..."*** [2 Cor. 5:14]. Another Bible translation says, "... the love of Christ COMPELS us..."

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Remember dear friends, the proper motivation to serve in any way in this world is Christ Jesus, who save us and who reigns within us!

Let's think about our own local congregation. Are we too often like the four in the parable? We think anybody could do it, and at least somebody should. But who finally gets the work done? In the Church we are called by our Lord to serve. This service is done with our TIME, with our ENERGY, with our ZEAL, with our Holy Spirit-guided FAITH and ENTHUSIASM, and with the intent that we simply serve, that God is glorified and our “neighbors” (fellow Christians) are benefited!



And when we see a need, do we assume “Somebody” will take care of it. What if “Nobody” else sees the need and you don't act to get it done? Well, it may not get done at all. And when we have agreed, as Christian volunteers, to serve, we need to remember that responsibility and go “get it done!” to the glory of God, and for the benefit of our fellow Christians!

God help us to serve, faithfully, joyfully, and lovingly, with our TIME, our ENERGY, our ZEAL, our FAITH, and our ENTHUSIASM!

In Christ, whom we serve, and to His glory,

Pastor Anderson



The Reverend Timothy A. Koch will be Installed and ordained as pastor of Concordia and Immanuel Lutheran, Cresbard and Wecota on Sunday, July 3rd At 5:00 PM. A reception will follow the service. Everyone is Invited to Attend.



A prayer for an

Independence Day Celebration

Lord God Almighty, in whose name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn; Grant we beseech thee, that we and all the people of this land may have the grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

“Ultimate Safety Deposit Box”

Dear Friend in Christ,

In the summer of 1993, a terrible flood devastated parts of the Midwest. As part of that horrendous event, at least two banks were totally flooded. On the surface, this may not seem that unusual. After all, many other businesses up and down the “Mighty Mississippi” and along its tributaries were also flooded. What is unusual about the banks that were flooded is the fact that their safety deposit boxes were also submerged in water. In several instances, the boxes contents were completely ruined by the muddy water that sat in them for several weeks.

Those safety deposit boxes were silent testimonials to the accuracy of Jesus’ words when He said that we are store up treasure in heaven, There it is safe, secure from destruction of moth, rust, theft, and even floods. In fact, one author described our “heavenly bank account” as the “ultimate safety deposit box.”

Your financial support of St. Paul’s Evangelical Church during the past ninety days has utilized that “ultimate safety deposit box.” By giving in response to the Lord’s direction in your life and for His glory, you have stored up treasure in heaven where it is secure and where it pays eternal dividends. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for your financial support of this ministry and for being part of this fellowship. As we come to this mid-point in the calendar year and mark the close of another quarter, may our Lord give you a fresh sense of appreciation from Himself for what you are doing for His sake.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Roberta L. Adolphsen
Board of Stewardship Chair

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Just a Reminder: The Quarterly Voter’s Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 10th at 11:30 AM.

Board Chairmen: Please have your report for the Voter’s Meeting in to the church office by July 6th.

**Church Council Meeting
June 23, 2011**

- Meeting called to order by President Howard Anderson
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- Motion to approve minutes of May meeting
 - Motion by Scott Meier
 - Second by Betty Ochsner
 - Motion carried
- Treasurer's Report
 - Preschool utilities will be checked into
 - Motion to approve Scott Meier
 - Seconded by Dennis Stoebner
 - Motion carries
- Board Minutes were reviewed
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The following boards did not meet in June: Board of Elders, Board of Trustees, Board of Evangelism and Board of Stewardship.

Board of Education and Youth: The board met on Wednesday, June 1st to decorate the gym for Vacation Bible School.

Board of Personnel: The board met on June 7th at 7:00 AM. The meeting was opened with the Lord's Prayer said in unison. Staff gave their reports. Dennis busy with yard work, processing bills, weddings, painting, etc. Beverly doing the advertising for the ladies tea that will be held on June 18th. She works with the money counters and calls members to see how they are doing. There is a private baptism on June 11 and a wedding on June 11th. Trudy handed out the Youth June Journal, discussed VBS – 35 children attending. Attendance is down from last year. She discussed Arts in the Park and Camp Minneboji. Trudy will be gone June 9 – June 22. David Swanhorst brought up the subject about how much St. Paul's charges for weddings. After some discussion, it was recommended that fee for weddings and the Shepherd Fund be put on the June Agenda for the Church Council meeting. Members present: David Swanhorst, Beverly Borchard, Betty Ochsner, Dennis Angerhofer, Trudy Schaunaman, Jon Mesmer and Howard Anderson.

Motion to approve David Swanhorst
Seconded by Roberta Adolphsen
Motion carries

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The next Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held on July 10 at 11:30 AM

OLD BUSINESS: Non

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NEW BUSINESS:

Fees for use of the church for weddings was discussed.

A Wedding Policy was drafted that states St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church charges a facility fee of \$350 for non-members and \$200 for members for the use of any area of the church for weddings. Such fees may be waived upon review by the elders.

If the LWML is asked to serve, there will be a serving charge determined by the LWML. This proposed policy will be put on the agenda for the July Voter's meeting.

Motion made by Paige Anderson

Seconded by Roger Huff

Motion carries

Discussed a way to store hearing devices so the wires don't get cracked or tangled up by wrapping the wires too tightly.

Shepherd Fund was discussed

A significant amount of time is spent fielding calls and visits by people requesting financial assistance. Discussion will continue next month when Pastor Anderson is present.

- **Pastor's Comments:** None as Pastor Anderson is at Camp Minneboji this week.

- **Memorial and gifts were noted with appreciation.**

Motion to accept David Swanhorst

Seconded by Scott Meier

Motion carries

Closed with Evening Prayer

Adjourned by President Howard Anderson at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Brenden

Members present: Dianne Brenden, Roberta Adolphsen, Roger Huff, Scott Meier, Dennis Stoebner, David Swanhorst, Jon Mesmer, Betty Ochsner, Paige Anderson and Howard Anderson.

Lutheran Women ' s Missionary League

The St. Paul ' s LWML met in the Fellowship Hall on June 9, 2011. There were 19 members present.

The Executive Committee served the noon lunch.

President Sally Kushman called the meeting to order with prayer. The LWML pledge was said in unison.

Gloria Anderson lead the opening devotion " Go and Make Disciples of All Nations " .

The minutes of the May meeting were presented. The Treasurer ' s Report was presented. After some discussion it was placed on file for audit.

Ione Shilman reported the Christian Literature Store has over \$180.00 in its account. Cards have been ordered, received and paid for.

Circle Reports: Good Cheer had their June meeting. Publicity Circle put the newsletter together and had their June meeting.

Old Business: Sally announced the menu for the upcoming Tea. They will serve chicken salad, lemon bars and chocolate covered strawberries. Posters have been distributed. Reservation will be taken by calling Arlowine Dahme and Beverly Borchard. The last order of chairs have arrived and are paid for. When taking a prayer shawl, please put in the note pad who it is for and who is taking it. There will be a speaker from Dakota Boys Ranch at our September meeting.

New Business: It is necessary to get a secretary to fill out the remaining year for Aline. Beverly Borchard made a motion to elect Sally. Evie Hauck seconded the motion. Motion carried. There was some discussion of the time and serving of our LWML meeting. Gloria made a motion we begin at 10:00 AM in September with coffee and a snack. Beverly second the motion. Motion carried. Beverly announced the VBS program would be at 8:30 this evening. Arlene Leppke wanted volunteers for bingo at Bethesda. Darlene Wahl will make cupcakes.

Gloria read a Mite Box devotion " Litany to our Response to God ' s Love " . The Lord ' s Prayer was prayed in unison. The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Aline Heidenreich

APPLYING BIBLE PRINCIPLES

“... if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come” (2 Cor. 5:17).

Christians should have a different outlook on life, including money and material possessions. They realize that they own nothing, that everything they have belongs to God, and that they are only managers and stewards of what God has entrusted to them.

Because of that, Christians should have a different attitude towards “things.”

That attitude demonstrates itself in many different ways. For example, Christians show mercy and give, in contrast to those who borrow and do not repay (Psalm 37:21). Christians should hold possessions with an open hand, and “refresh” others with their bounty (Proverbs 11:24-25). They are honest and demonstrate their faith by their work and integrity (1 Thes. 4:11-12). They give to those in need and thereby demonstrate to a watching world the love of God (1 John 3:17).

When this king of lifestyle is present in our lives, Jesus said that people will see our good works—our different attitude and perspective—and will glorify our heavenly Father (Matt. 5:16). And as we seek His kingdom first and foremost, we have His promise that He will provide what we need (Matt. 6:33).

As other observe you and your lifestyle, do they see any difference because of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? As they observe your relationship to “things,” especially to money, do they realize you are a manager, a steward, and not an owner? Or stated another way, is the manner in which you handle money and material possessions a testimony to your faith in Christ?



Church League Softball

St. Paul's team plays the following schedule:

Thursday, July 7 6:30 PM
North Complex, Field D

Monday, July 11 8:30 PM
South Complex, Field C

Monday, July 18 7:30 PM
South Complex, Field D

Monday, July 25 6:30 PM
South Complex, Field C

Monday, August 1 8:30 PM
South Complex, Field B

Monday, August 8 7:30 PM
Tie Breaker Games—Pairings TBA

August 12 & 13
Tournament

Make plans to stop out and watch the games.

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