

St. Paul's Lutheran Church July, 2009 'Newsletter'

A man just returned from Paris was asked his impression of the French art galleries. "They have the finest collection of frames that I have ever seen," he said.

Fascinated by the ornate, glittering frames, he had missed the masterpieces! So often our lives leave the same impression. We surround ourselves with luxuries. We possess everything that money can buy. People get an impression of what we have, rather than of what we are. Do people see what you own, or are they impressed by the one who owns you? Every one of us is meant to be a living witness for God, and people should know how much we love Him. Man is rich only if his soul is rich.

A little girl who had been reading the Beatitudes was asked which one she would like most to fulfill. "I would rather be pure in heart," she answered. She went on to explain why: "If I could be pure in heart, I would have all the other good qualities Jesus talks about in these verses."

What a different world it would be, if all of us sought to be pure in heart. Then, much of our fellow men's suffering would disappear as we faced our obligations to them. Your neighbor next door may be passing through a severe crisis, a kind word or a gentle touch of the hand may determine the destiny of his soul. You may be the only one having the opportunity to help them. When people see you, will they see only a picture frame?

Support Our Youth



Four of our youth from St. Paul's and Trinity (Brianna Hahn, Lindsey Karau, Kyle Wiest and Todd Pioske) will be journeying with Margie and me to New Orleans this month. We will leave on Tuesday, July 21 and return on Monday, July 27. Our youth will join with 35,000 other Lutheran youth from around the nation. They will participate in exciting worship opportunities, Bible Study, faith discussions, and hear inspirational speakers. They will also be involved in a meaningful service project to help New Orleans people still suffering from the results of Hurricane Katrina. This will be a lasting spiritual experience for them. You can help them in a variety of ways.

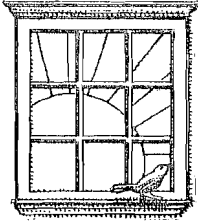
1. **Pray for them, for safety on the journey, and for their experiences in worship, study and service.**
2. **You can help them by stopping by the fundraiser at Jerry's Food on July 8.**
3. **By helping with the bake sale for them at the Joint Outdoor Worship Service on July 19.**
4. **By hiring them to help with chores and projects around your house or farm. (see the poster in the church narthex and the announcements in the Sunday bulletins for contact information.)**

Our youth are our future at St. Paul's. We will be continuing to address how we can improve our outreach and service to youth in our congregation and community, as we complete our missional planning over the summer. We look forward to involving more youth and families with children of varying ages in our Sunday School and Lutheran Youth Organization programs.

Pastor Bill

Worship Attendance

May 31	<u>66</u>	June 1	<u>57</u>
June 7	<u>63</u>	8	<u>18</u>
14	<u>26</u>	15	<u>27</u>
21	<u>33</u>	22	<u>12</u>
28	<u>26</u>	29	<u>23</u>



To the members of St. Paul's

We would like to thank you for sending us as voting members to the Southwest MN Synod Assembly at Gustavus June 12-14. It was a time of great learning and spiritual renewal. We appreciate the opportunity.

Mike and Jodi Sprandel

In 2010 the Synod Assembly will be held at Redwood Falls in April 17-18.

To the Church Women of St. Paul's
Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$50.00. Your financial backing enables GLLM and our ministry to remain a strong influence to both youth and adults. Thank you for supporting our annual 'quilt auction.' Your contribution is truly a blessing to GLLM and we greatly appreciate your generosity.

Sincerely, David Eliason
Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

25th Annual Quilt Auction at Green Lake

It's time to celebrate! Not only will we be celebrating the Silver Anniversary of the Quilt Auction we will also be rejoicing over reaching \$1 Million in Quilt Sales. The Quilt Review will take place Friday, July 17 from 5:30-8:30 pm and Sat., July 18th, 8:30-10:30 am. The Quilt Auction will begin at 11:30 am. Many, many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. If you would like to volunteer your time, make crafts or bring baked goods... call 320-796-2181.

1. Again this year, \$1.00 from every ticket sold from Lutheran night at the Twins game will go to Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity. Sign up by the end of this month. First come, first served.



Honor Roll

"A" Grade 12	Bethany Trout
10	Katie Bauer
"B" Grade 12	Lance Messner
9	Sonja Sprandel



"Jesus Justice Jazz" is the Youth's Gathering theme. Planning of the Gathering was based on Philippians 2. The 36,000 ELCA youth attending the gathering will assemble school kits to be placed on the desks of 13,500 children in New Orleans this fall. Because of the ongoing hurricanes in this area, many children are at risk and living in poverty.

A woman standing in front of a magnificent cathedral heard someone behind her say, "Didn't we do a fine piece of work here?" She turned and saw a man in working clothes. Obviously he was not the architect or the contractor, and he seem so insignificant that she wondered what job he had done.

"Sir, what did you do to help erect this building?" she asked. "I mixed mortar for two years," was his cheerful reply. The world today needs cheerful, patient, diligent mortar mixers in every area of life. It may not be the easiest task. Mixing the mortar is one of the dirtiest, most disagreeable jobs in constructing a building. But no building could ever be constructed without this kind of help!

"I am only one, but yet I am one; I cannot do everything, and yet I can do something. Because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.

Outdoor Worship

On July 19 we will have the opportunity to enjoy God's creation by having worship outside (weather permitting) at 10:00 am at the Gaylord Park. Bring your own lawn chairs and dress casual. Trinity will be the host this year. The Youth will be having a bake sale to help pay for their trip to New Orleans.

July

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2 1:30 pm Oak Terrace Communion	3	4 ★ Happy ★ ★ Birthday ★ ★ AMERICA! ★
5 8:30 am Worship with Communion	6 7:00 pm Summer Evening Service	7	8 11-1:00 pm 5-7:00 pm Youth Fund Raiser at Jerry's Food Lot	9	10	11
12 8:30 am Worship	13 9:00 am Naomi Circle 7:00 pm Summer Evening Service	14	15	16	17 5:30-8:30 pm Quilt Review at GLBC	18 11:30 am Quilt Auction
19 10:00 am Joint Outdoor Service at Gaylord Park. <i>Youth Bake Sale</i>	20 7:00 pm Summer Evening Service	21 National Lutheran Youth Gathering at New Orleans	22 Youth Gathering	23 Youth Gathering	24 Youth Gathering	25 Youth Gathering
26 8:30 am Worship Youth Gathering	27 7:00 pm Summer Evening Service Return from Youth Gathering	28	29 4:00-7:00 pm Ice Cream Social at American Lutheran Church	30	31	

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