

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

Consider the Lilies

Flowers are everywhere. Most of us needn't look far to see a flower growing. We have them in boxes on our decks or on the porch. We have a bed of them adorning our yard. Flowers and summer go together. We take pride in the flowers we grow from seeds and nurture to full bloom. But in the fields and along the roadside there are beautiful wild flowers that grow and bloom without any help from us. They blanket the fields in colors only God can create.

Flowers are comforting and pleasing. A gift of flowers is cherished at a time of sadness. Flowers are given by lovers. Sometimes they are given as an offer toward reconciliation. Sometimes they are given as a sign not to fret or worry.

In Luke 12:27 we read: ***Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.***

Jesus saw a special message in the flowers. Their glory and the wonder of the way they grew surpassed the splendor of King Solomon. How much more splendid has He made us who are clothed in His righteousness and love. If He takes care of the lilies of the field, how much more will He take care of you and me. How beautiful are we whom He has created.

Portals of Prayer



I Love A Parade

On Saturday, August 8, St. Paul's will again have a float in the Gaylord Eggstravaganza Parade. The float itself is quite attractive---a well-built model of the church.

It is important for us to have a strong presence in the parade for the following reasons:

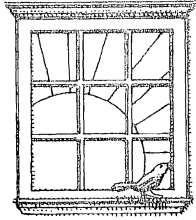
1. We are a vital part of the Gaylord community.
2. We want people to know that we are an active, dedicated congregation serving our Lord and this community in a variety of ways.
3. We use the parade as another opportunity to invite people to come to St. Paul's to hear the word of the Lord and to learn more about the new and abundant life in Christ.

All of our members can be a part of St. Paul's participation in the parade. You can help decorate the Float on Friday evening, August 7 at the Fraudienst farm, ride the float or walk in the parade, donate candy for the walkers and riders to distribute to the crowd, and everyone can cheer loudly from the sidelines. I love the excitement of a parade. We all love a parade. Come and participate!



Worship Attendance

July 5	<u>30</u>	July 6	<u>31</u>
12	<u>31</u>	13	<u>44</u>
19	<u>75</u>	20	<u>25</u>
26	<u>30</u>	27	<u>18</u>



To St. Paul's Church Women

Thank you so much for the blanket! It will come in very handy at college.
Thanks again, **Bethany Trout**

Transfer requested for Cindy (Telthoester) Larson to Trinity Lutheran Church, Waconia. Cindy and Adam were married in April and are living in Waconia and have decided to make Trinity their home church.

25th Quilt Auction was a Success!

It was a cool day on the shores of Green Lake, which made for a perfect incentive to buy a quilt! The two day event was very well attended and had a variety of quilts, silent auction items, crafts and food to choose from. Two records were broken Saturday; coldest quilt auction in history and an astonishing 240 items for the live auction. The event raised \$59,364.

God's Work, Our Hands

The offering from the Synod Assembly was \$25,795.45. That means **Prisoners of Hope** Lutheran Congregation in Appleton, **Peace** Lutheran Church in Slidell, LA and the SW MN Synod fund for Leadership Support will each be receiving a check for \$8,598.48. **WOW!!** Also...an offering of \$10,492.50 was received for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. These offerings reflect the generous spirit of the congregations of the SW MN Synod as we work together to be a part of **God's Work, Our Hands**. The Synod Council sent a gift of \$1000 to Shepherd of the Hills Church, Swift Falls, to be used for the post-tornado clean up from the July 16 storm.

The 2009 Churchwide Assembly will gather August 17-23 at the Minneapolis Convention Center to vote on:

1. a proposed social statement on human sexuality, a recommendation on ELCA ministry policies.
2. a proposal for full communion with the United Methodist Church.
3. funding proposals for HIV/AIDS and malaria work
4. Elections of an ELCA vice president, and other Board and committee members.

They are expecting about 2,000 to attend the convention, which includes 1,045 voting members, volunteers, staff and visitors.

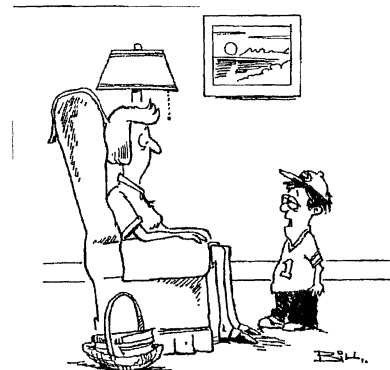
The last time the Churchwide Assembly met in Minneapolis was in 1995. Pastor Paulson was a delegate for the MN Valley Conference.

You'd never recognize Grandma

Where did the grandma of yesterday go,
The grandma who took all the kids to the show,
Who stopped by to chat, and before we could ask it
Had tackled the laundry that spilled from the basket,
Who offered to mend and to make the girls' dresses,
And pitched in to help clean up toddler-made messes,
Who came on the run when the kids needed sitting,
And brought along storybooks, cookies and knitting?

Today's grandma knows how to run a computer,
She watches the market and buys stocks that suit her,
She dons a pink smock for the hospital lobby,
Has taken up skydiving, just for a hobby,
She's gone back to college to get a degree,
And zips around town in her bright yellow Z.

Grandma's still here, and there's no one to match her,
But call before eight, or you simply won't catch her!



"Before I tell you what happened, Mom, remember...The Lord will never give you more than you can handle."

August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2 8:30 am Worship with Communion	3 7:00 pm Summer Evening Service	4	5 7:00 pm Missional Planning Team	6 11:30 am Church Women's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 1:30 pm Oak Terrace Communion	7 UCC's Pie and Ice Cream Social 7:00 pm Float Decorating at M. Frauendienst's	8 12:00 pm Gaylord Parade
9 8:30 am Worship 6:30 pm Church Council	10 9:00 am Naomi Circle 7:00 pm Summer Evening Service	11	12	13 5:00 pm Website Training Session at Pro Growth Bank	14	15
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