

ST. PAUL'S MESSENGER

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Pastor William Nelsen

Gaylord, MN.

June, 2010

'PROCLAIMING CHRIST, UPLIFTING PEOPLE AT THE CROSSROADS'

**Your job may be small, but it is no less important.
The jigsaw puzzle without its tiniest piece is not complete.**

In the May 27 issue of the Gaylord Hub, Pastor Bill wrote an article entitled "Church and Home." It contains a message that is very important to all the members and families of St. Paul's, so we are repeating here in the monthly newsletter.

Church and Home

Many readers of this column will remember a time when the church and the home were close, active partners in the Christian faith, when the practices of church extended regularly into the home through family devotions, prayer, Bible reading and discussions of faith. Yet today, as many families are caught up in the busyness and pressures of modern society, the home plays a much smaller role in this partnership.

In fact, many families have adopted the philosophy that the church should do all the work of passing along the faith to the next generation. The most obvious practices of this belief are when families are not involved at all in the life of a congregation, or when one or both of the parents drop off their children at the church for Sunday School, but don't attend worship services themselves, except on rare and special occasions. This practice runs counter to the words of Deuteronomy 6 where families are instructed as follows: "Remember (these words of the Lord) to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise." Recent studies by the Search Institute of Minneapolis and by the University of North Carolina have verified that parents, more than peers or media, still provide the strongest, most important and lasting influences on the character and beliefs of their children.

We need to recapture the role of the family in passing on faith, values, and the formation of character. Martin Luther wrote his Small Catechism not for churches but for use in the home. David Anderson of Vibrant Faith Ministries calls the home "the domestic expression of the church." To be sure the church needs to do its part through valuable, inviting programs for youth and younger families and providing good resources for use in the home. But families must commit themselves to doing their part by reading the Bible at home, holding family devotions, talking about the faith, being actively involved in the total life of a congregation, and expressing their faith by volunteering as a family for church and community service activities. For the sake of God's greater family and our whole society we need to return to an active partnership between church and home.

Pastor Bill Nelsen

St. Paul's and Trinity Lutheran Church

May Worship Attendance

May	2	61
	9	67
	16	59
	23	63
	30	36 Memorial Day

Thank You

Dear members of the Naomi Circle:

Just a quick note to “Thank-You” for your recent monetary donation of \$50.00 to Sibley County **Faith in Action**. This certainly will help to support and expand our services and education. We will pay it forward to the elderly and disabled in Sibley County.

Thanks again!

Tami Stadtherr

Dear Ones of Naomi Circle:

Thank you so much for your gift of \$50.00 to the ministry of **Shalom Hill Farm!** The gift will be a blessing to those who come through our doors in the months to come. Rev. Margaret Yackel-Juleen

Dear Friends of Naomi Circle:

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$100.00 for the Quilt Auction. Your contribution is truly a blessing to **GLLM**, especially as we prepare for another summer of spreading the Gospel. We greatly appreciate your generosity!

Jane Drodofsky, Director of Green Lake Bible Camp

The Naomi Circle also gave Lutheran Social Services **\$100.00**, but to date have not received a response from them.

Happy Occasions

1. Branton Wibstad was confirmed on May 16.
2. Camden Reed Honl was baptized May 23.
3. Bert Honl, Randy Korson, Justin Korson, Jim Suedbeck and Melissia Pate (associate Member) joined our church family May 23.
4. Graduation Day for Chelsea Gerholz....6-6

Lutheran Woman Today Summer Bible Study

In the June and July/August issues, LWT readers will be treated to an engaging new Bible Study on prayer. "Pray Always" is a three session study written by the Rev. Gladys Moore. The Naomi Circle meets the 2nd Wednesday at 10:00 pm.

The Rural Evangelizing Workshop was held at St. Paul's on May 8. The workshop was lead by Pastor Larry Strenge, Director for Evangelical Mission.

The workshop included:

1. understanding importance of prayer as a foundation.
2. learning relationship building skills...one to ones.
3. experience doorway evangelizing 101.

Attending from St. Paul's were MaryBeth Egesdal,

Cindy Gerholz, Melissa Pate, Mike Sprandel, Gloria Tabbert, Marlys Telthoester, and Pastor Bill.

Salad Luncheon May 7, 2010

\$1,351.00 tickets and donations

- \$211.58 supplies, ads, food

\$1,139.42

A 'Special Thanks' to all who worked, brought salads, desserts, etc., gave donations of cash and attended our 'Salad Luncheon.' For the guests who came to the Luncheon, it was a time of fellowship, relaxing, meeting new people and of course, plenty food to eat.

See you at the Luncheon in 2011, the Friday before Mother's Day.

Excuses, Excuses

A student was asked why he didn't have his essay.

His answer was: "I got mugged on the way to school. I offered him my money, my watch and my penknife---but all he wanted was my essay.

The annual Joint Outdoor Worship Service will be held at the City Park **July 18**.

More details to follow.

4-11-10 \$629.98 Balance on Hand

Income

4-11 110.00

4-18 740.00

4-25 707.00

5-2 1,345.00

5-9 875.00

\$3,777.00 Offerings

4-27 50.00 Grochow Baptism

5-3 25.00 Borman Mem. Service

5-9 25.00 Girl Scout

5-9 55.21 Fuel Fund

\$155.21

\$3,932.21 Monthly Income+++++++

5-9 \$4,562.19 Total Income

\$26.27 Balance on Hand 5-9-2010

Expenses

4-13 106.87 M. Sprandel (Mtg.)

4-17 200.00 SW MN Synod—missions

4-17 100.00 W. Hunger

4-23 28.58 Jacob-Meidl (worship)

4-25 1,092.00 Pastor

4-25 32.41 Pastor (room)

4-27 288.60 Melissa Pate

4-30 427.05 Board of Pension

5-4 59.08 Qwest

5-5 179.65 Pastor (auto allow.)

5-8 50.00 Faith Builders

5-9 69.86 City of Gaylord

5-9 636.00 Frauendienst—snow removal

5-9 1,155.75 Church Mutual Ins.

5-9 54.86 X Energy

5-9 55.21 CenterPoint

\$4,535.92