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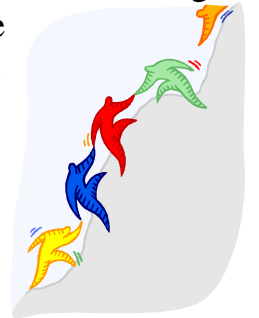


As everyone knows, I like and use technology. However computer problems of late at home have been a challenge. Failing components replaced with a defective part brought on even more problems. Fortunately other parts were available to rig together a functioning though degraded system. It was a reminder, you need to function despite problems. Technology is not the goal just a tool that you use.

Our first task as Christians is to live the love we know and grow ever more in the way of Jesus. The task is to convince ourselves, those around us and the world that it is possible to live that way, showing the world that love. We use all the gifts that God has given us in our own talents and time and combine with others to accomplish that goal.

We are never without the means to do that. When our usual methods are not available, we need to seek other ways. That can mean walking into new territories. That can mean trying a traditional way again. When using technology, it means having backup systems and finding temporary alternatives. What it always means is going forward.

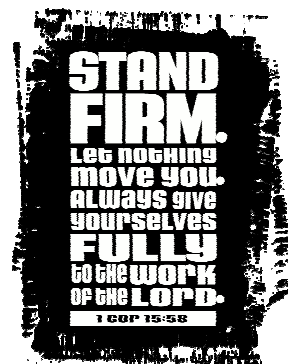
The world needs to know Christ's love. And we are uniquely called to bring it to our place and time. We also are uniquely equipped as a community to bring it to the world and help build God's Kingdom here and now. Each and every one of us is needed and used in that task.



This is Lent when we are often called to ask ourselves: How am I doing? It might be the time to ask: what am I letting get in the way of my growing as a Christian? What different tool or technique or method do I need to use to be a builder with God of this new creation?

Blessings on a thoughtful and productive Lent.

Pastor Tom Orth



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE
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Below is the report on our giving to the general fund as compared to the expenditures from the general fund.

PASTORAL ACTS

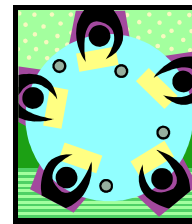


Funerals

ILENE WERTH joined our Lord in eternity January 4, 2012. A private prayer gathering will be held in the near future with family members.

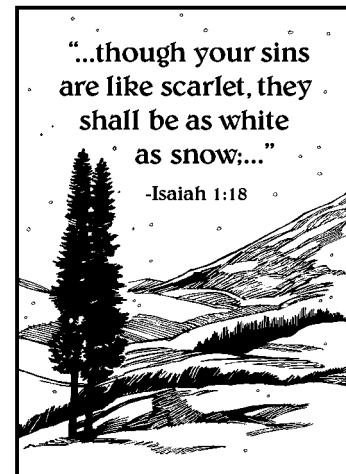
MYRA HASSE joined our Lord in eternity January 11, 2012. Her funeral service will take place in May at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

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**Committee Chairs and Group Leaders
meet with Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee of Council has invited Committee Chairs and Leaders of groups in the church to a meeting on Thursday February 9th at 7 PM in the Dining Room. We want to hear how things are going, the desires of the groups and talk about resources for the work of the committees and groups. This year's Executive Committee is Owen Werth Council Chair, Gail Williams Vice Chair, Jim Kucharek Secretary, Bernie Wagner Treasurer and Andrea Dutcher at large member.



"...though your sins
are like scarlet, they
shall be as white
as snow:..."

-Isaiah 1:18



Lenten Services – 11 AM at St. Paul & in the evening shared with a variety of churches

Our observance of Lent this year begins on February 22nd with Ash Wednesday and the imposition of ashes. This year we will be having the traditional 11 AM service. In the weeks after Ash Wednesday (February 29 - March 28), there will be a luncheon following the 11 AM service. The theme is “Christ in the Strangest Places.”

This year we will again be joining with other churches for the evening services. The 6 are: First Congregational UCC, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Grace Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal, and St. Bernard for rotating Lenten services. There is a soup and salad supper at the host church starting at 6 PM with the service following at 7 PM.

The evening schedule is:

- February 22 - Ash Wednesday at Grace Lutheran
- February 29 at St. Bernard
- March 7 at First Presbyterian
- March 14 at St. Paul
- March 21 at First United Methodist
- March 28 at First Congregational UCC
- April 5 - Maundy Thursday at Trinity Episcopal
- April 6 - Good Friday Tre Ore at First Presbyterian (12:00 – 3:00 p.m.)
- April 6 – Good Friday Tenebrae at St. Paul
- April 7 – Saturday – no services

This is a wonderful opportunity to share Lent with our friends and neighbors at other churches in the community. We will experience their hospitality and share ours with them as we worship together and prepare for God’s great gift to us.

The community Good Friday Tre Ore service will be at First Presbyterian this year. It begins at noon and goes until 3 PM. This is a come and go service, you are invited to attend when you are able and stay for as long as you want. It is a powerful experience to be together with so many.



The Easter Services will be April 8th at 7 a.m., 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.



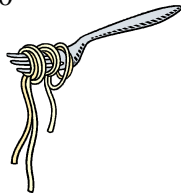
Boy Scouts Troop 92 will have their

Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, February 3 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Come enjoy delicious spaghetti & meat sauce, fresh baked bread, large fresh salad bar, beverage and homemade dessert.

Adults - \$9.00, Child (under 10) - \$5.00,
Family - \$25.00



February Catechism Classes

Please note that the Catechism classes for February will be held at Grace Lutheran Church from 2:40 – 5:00 p.m. They will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 8 & 15. **REMINDER:** If there is NO school – there is NO catechism.

Deadline Reminders:



The *church newsletter* deadline is always the 15th of each month. The *bulletin deadline* for the weekly bulletins is Wednesday. Please get your items to the

church office by these deadlines so they are sure to get published.

Also, before you finalize your group’s schedule it needs to be checked through the church office so we can check the church calendar and make sure your dates are available. *Thank you.*



Start saving your treasures for St. Paul Lutheran Church’s Garage Sale. The date will be Friday, May 25, 2012. This will be a “no clothes, no stuffed furniture, no mattresses” garage sale. All other treasures need to be clean and in working condition. If they were priced it would be helpful. If you need help storing or having your items picked up, please call Barb Spragg at 379-4949.



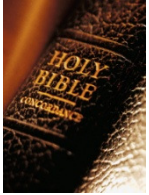
Year-end contribution statements are available in the narthex.



Fellowship Committee Working

A new Fellowship Committee is planning activities for 2012 with a mix of traditional ones and some new ideas for us to do together, both whole church activities and for smaller groups. We are looking for more ideas, small and large, on ways for people to share some fun together. The committee’s job will be to support ideas and activities. A number of activities already go on during the year with many people involved. We want to supplement those with new and different ideas. Anyone interested in building up the fellowship of St. Paul Lutheran Church by helping make projects and activities happen is needed. Contact us with your ideas and interest. **THANKS.**

Rod Borchard, Denise Hoeksema, Gail & Arlene Williams, Dennis Dziesinski & Tina Chrzan



“How Lutherans Interpret the Bible.”

Special Adult CE series on Sunday Mornings for Lent

During Lent, the Adult Christian Education Class on Sunday mornings will be a special series, *“How Lutherans Interpret the Bible.”* A DVD presentation from Trinity Lutheran Seminary New Testament professor Mark Allan Powell will begin each session with time for class member discussion of the material wrapping up the class. His presentations are structured so you can join in as often as you are able. You are invited to join us for this 7 part series in the Lounge around 10:15 AM on Sunday mornings beginning February 19th (actually the Sunday before Lent begins and we’ll wrap up on Palm Sunday.)

Religions Study – about our diverse religious world today



Beginning in February, the Religions study group will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings of each month at 7 PM in the Multi-purpose Room. Join us as we continue our exploration of the religious diversity of our world today. We will look initially at the Abrahamic faiths of Christianity – Islam – Judaism. Often times in learning the distinctiveness of other faith traditions we also understand our own more as well as the similarities. We have videos to show as well as written studies. Bring your questions and curiosity as we learn together.

Our second program on January 4th had 25 in attendance including 7 from the community. For more information see any of the Religions Study Committee – *Janice Boboltz, Pat Cornelius, Leslie Kirchoff, Mollie Skiba, Pastor Tom Orth*



VOLUNTEER JOBS

If you would like to volunteer your time and talents to help out your church, please see the list outside the church office or on the bulletin board in the Narthex. They have various jobs that need to be done around the church. Please check it out and sign up. If you have any questions please call Gary Spragg at 379-4949 or the church office at 356-1658.

KEYS AVAILABLE



Keys for the picnic grounds and guideline usage policy will be available by mid February at the church office.



NEEDED

We are collecting ink and toner cartridges to recycle. If you have one to donate, please leave it in the box in the Narthex. Thank you.



If you are here for evening meetings please be sure the doors are locked when you leave. *Thank you.*



Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. *Galatians 6:2*



CABIN FEVER COOK-IN

Date: Saturday, February 18th

Where: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Time: Immediately following the 5:30 p.m. service

Details: We will again feature our special "TONY BURGERS" complete with onions; chips, Dave's famous baked beans, pickles and ice cream/cookies by Jeff. While you wait to be served and after dinner, you will enjoy the "Magical World" of Ron Lemke at your table side and also you will again be entertained by the return engagement of juggling by Pastor Tom and Austin Hawks. Come and enjoy the fellowship of an evening at St. Paul's.

A free will offering will be taken to cover our costs; any additional funds will be donated to the ***Brant Werth Memorial Boiler Fund.***

SEE YOU THERE!

NOTE: Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex. This will give us an idea of how much food to prepare. Thank you.

Plan now to attend and bring a friend!



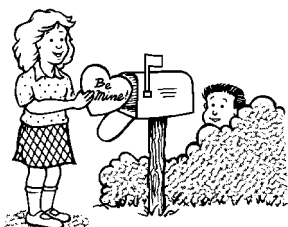
The December Council Minutes were amended in this paragraph with the underlined phrase.

5. **Interim Extension:** Gail W. explained to the Council that our Interim contract with Pastor Tom that was from January 2011 to January 2012, and recommended a proposal from Personnel Committee for continuation of Pastor Tom's benefits. Paul Kieliszewski explained about the proposal, including that this is subject to a 30 day notice to terminate from either party pending acceptance of a new Pastor, *and for a 6 month extension of the current terms which would be \$15,000 salary and \$10,000 housing allowance (for the 6 months) along with the other benefits agreed upon. Andrea D. motioned to accept the proposal and seconded by Sue K. All in favor, non-opposed.



FLOWER FUND

We would like to establish a flower fund for altar flowers. In case we do not have flowers assigned for a certain Sunday, we would be able to use the money in the fund for flowers. If you would like to donate to this fund or if you have any questions, call the church office at 356-1658 or Lori at 356-4753.



FEBRUARY

News from Boy Scout Troop 92

Did you know...?



1986... Brochures delivered during the BSA's National Donor Awareness Good Turn, explain the importance of organ and tissue donation as a way of saving lives.

1987...The 16th World Scout Jamboree, "Bring the World Together," is held in Sydney, Australia.

February 22nd marks the birthday of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Scout Movement. Coincidentally, Baden-Powell, who was born in 1857, and his wife, Olave Baden-Powell, born in 1889, shared the same birthday.

Nearly all National Scout Associations throughout the world celebrate this day as "Founder's Day."

Baden-Powell was born in Paddington, London. He was the eighth of ten children of the Reverend Baden Powell, a Professor at Oxford University. Baden-Powell's father died when he was 3 years old, and left the family not too well off. (To be continued in next month's newsletter...)

February 2012 Calendar for Troop 92:

Feb. 3rd: Spaghetti Dinner (come and enjoy a delicious dinner, which includes a huge salad bar, garlic bread and dessert). The Scouts are selling tickets now!!!

Feb. 5th: Scout Sunday

Feb. 9th: Round table at 7:00 p.m. at Spratt Church

Feb. 12th: Troop leaders meeting at 1:00 p.m. at Dennis Johnson's house

Feb. 13th: Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Dennis Johnson's house

Feb. 18th: Klondike Derby, all day event, to be held at Phelps Collins Air Base.

Feb. 19th: Troop swim at Alpena Plaza Pool, 4-6 p.m.

February brings us "Valentine's Day!" Make a point of telling someone you love how much you care about him or her! Troop 92 wishes all of you a sweet and loving "Valentine's Day!"

Mary Cook, 356-9433

Committee Member of Troop 92



OUR SERVICE FOR FEBRUARY 2012 IS

SHELTER INC. OF ALPENA

FOR THE KIDS

DIAPERS sizes 3 to 6 - BABY WIPES

PULL - UPS size MEDIUM - SIPPY CUPS with LIDS

FOR THE MOMS

FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

HAIR CUT CERTIFICATES - HAIR DYE PRODUCTS

FOR THE HOME

TALL KITCHEN TRASH BAGS

LAUNDRY DETERGENT - PAPER TOWELS - TOILET PAPER

LIQUID DISH SOAP - DISHWASHER DETERGENT

BLEACH - GENERAL CLEANING SUPPLIES

If you have any questions or suggestions for future activities call Irene Haselhuhn
at 595-2640

February Service Schedule

Date & Service	Assisting Minister	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes
February 4 & 5				
5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur	Elaine Kingsbury	Lorna Litzner Gary Spragg	
9:00 a.m.	Arnie Kindt	Boy Scouts	Don Kirschner, Bill Welk Richard & Maryanna Miller	
February 11 & 12				
5:30 p.m.	Lorna Litzner	Gary Gray	Dennis Dziesinski Emil Newhouse	
9:00 a.m.	Mark Moll	Bob Leavesley	Ken Johnson, Don Smith Ryan Panknin Helen Ellenberger	
February 18 & 19				
5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur	Myra Gapske	Lorna Litzner Barb Williams	
9:00 a.m.	Don Smith		Brian Chrzan, Ryan Panknin Dennis Dziesinski Paul Kieliszewski	
February 25 & 26				
5:30 p.m.		Carol Kindt	Emil Newhouse Barb Williams	
9:00 a.m.	Dana Panknin		Don Smith, Ryan Panknin Ken Johnson Helen Ellenberger	

If you are interested in serving as a lector call Iris Arthur at 354-2553

If you are interested in serving as an acolyte please contact Tami Moll at 358-1126

If you are interested in serving as an usher contact Lori Dziesinski at 354-5838

Altar Care for the month of February

All Services – Juliet Kieliszewski and Valerie Urban

If you are interested in serving on Altar Care call Carol Brooks at 340-0524

