



# Newsletter

SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE  
WITH THE WORLD

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**Sunday  
Worship Services**  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



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### Holy Week Worship Opportunities

- Palm Sunday Service* with Procession of Palms March 28<sup>th</sup> 8am and 10:30am
- Holy Monday Stations of the Cross* March 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9pm (Come and allow yourself 45mins for a prayerful and meditative walk through the Stations of the Cross.)
- Holy Tuesday Service of Word and Prayer* March 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Marva Solt Preaching
- Holy Wednesday Service of Healing and Laying on of Hands* March 31<sup>st</sup> 12noon and 6:30pm
- Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion and the Stripping the Altar* April 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm
- Good Friday Meditative Prayer* April 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-5pm and 6:30pm *Service of the Cross*
- Holy Saturday* April 3<sup>rd</sup> Children's Activities from 10-12noon and Vigil of Easter Service 8pm held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Pastor Kevin preaching and Presiding.



### Easter Worship

*The Festival of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ at 8am and 10:30am  
Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.*

## PASTORS AND CHURCH COUNCIL

### PASTORAL PONDERINGS:

#### Easter Sunday we will pray together as one body in Christ:

*Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people*  
 On “God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.”

We have journeyed for forty days and forty nights in our Lenten pilgrimage and now we once again come to celebrate and rejoice in the resurrection promise that he is not here, he has been raised. As we shout, “Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!” But is our Easter celebration only to be had on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>?

No! Easter encompasses more than just one Sunday in our church year. The Easter season is filled with fifty days of proclamation and rejoicing. The explosive force of the resurrection is too vast to be contained within a celebration of one day. It is no mistake that Easter in its fullness consists of fifty days. This is based on the great Jewish festival of fifty days that begin with the opening of the harvest season two days after the start of Passover and extended until what came to be called the Day of Pentecost. “Easter is not one closing day at the end of a lengthy period of Lent. Easter is one extended rejoicing in the resurrection that more than exceeds in length the Lenten disciplines. The first day of the season, Easter Day, is the opening of a protracted celebration, even as the Resurrection is itself the opening to a vast new reality” (Stookey, 56).

Over these next fifty days, we will hear and see the proclamation of the resurrection story and meet characters along the way. From the tomb of scared women, to Thomas who questions the nail pierced hands, to hearts that burn within us. As we walk from an ashen Lenten walk to singing the praises of an open grave, we sing loudly “Alleluia!” For we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and he has indeed become the Lord of our lives.

Rejoice always! Pastor Kevin Strickland

#### **Parish Nursing!**

As a pastor of the Church, the fundamental orientation of my pastoral ministry has always been rooted in a commitment to make a caring response to human need. And there has ALWAYS been plenty of that kind of need to go around:

- the need for comfort and presence in both institutional and non-institutional settings;

- the need for crisis-intervention in instances of disrupted marriage, parent -
- child relationships, personal struggles and critical incidents in personal health;
- the need for prayer and spiritual nurture in crises of faith; and
- the need for proclaiming the Gospel of God’s Grace in a variety of settings and in a variety of ways.

Like most pastors, I often feel as though there are more of these needs that are NOT being addressed than there are those which ARE being met! That’s harder to avoid in larger congregations -- and it tends to “register” with me in an acute way following the emphasized need for pastoral visitations that fill the Lenten Season and Holy Week. I have great concern for the ways in which people experience the Church in this regard, -- and I often struggle with feelings of both frustration and failure.

Those who are ‘students of the Church’ (i.e. people who devote their lives to studying and understanding the sociology of the Church’s life . . . like Lyle Schaller) indicate that a pastor can really only provide a comprehensive kind of care for about 100 people. And yet, even based upon that kind of a ratio, the frequency of crises that impact those “100 people” typically results in focusing only on the most critical of needs.

The “answer” or “solution” to this dilemma . . . or at least, an appropriate response . . . is for a congregation to more fully live out its life as the Body of Christ! When the Church functions in that way, congregational members truly become involved in a life of caring for each other – and they act on that compassionate concern to which we are Called in Baptism – a “stewardship of pastoral-care”.

Your congregation has been preparing to provide a special ministry which is designed to assist in helping to fulfill that Calling! In many places, it is called a “Parish Nursing Program” – and we hope to engage all of those who would like to become involved in a partnership of providing for ministry-needs as health-care professionals. This program will be profiled in detail in future newsletter articles.

At this early point, I want to invite each member at St. Paul’s to begin giving prayerful support to this kind of a ministry opportunity! Please don’t hesitate to speak with me or Pastor Kevin or Jacqueline Conzemius (Serving Ministries Team Leader) about the program at any time.

**+Pastor Krogmann** Associate Pastor for Discipleship

## Presidents Message

Council has selected Carolyn Speck to be chair the constitution and bylaws review revision team. Working with her will be Gene Frye, John Beck, Pastor Kevin and Marsha Bryant. Their task will be to make recommended updates and changes to these documents to be in compliance with all aspects of our church government and revisions to the way we are structured and operate. This is a process that needs to be done every ten years or so. Their report will be presented to council no later than October of this year. Once council has accepted the recommended revisions it will go to the congregation to vote on at our November congregation meeting. The constitution then must be reviewed by the Synod office and come back to the congregation for a final vote at our January 2011 congregation meeting before it becomes our official document.

Having a current updated constitution and bylaws is very helpful to council in the operation of our church. I thank these individuals for their willingness to serve on this team.

As outlined at our congregation meeting in February we are restructuring some of our staff job descriptions and staff rolls. The office

secretary job has been filled by Linda Lunsford who is working Monday thru Friday from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. Council has hired Marsha Bryant as our part-time Volunteer Ministries Coordinator. She will be working 10 to 15 hours per week. We are excited about the opportunities this new position brings to our church. I feel these two part time positions will work well as we work to communicate and involve more people in the life and mission of St. Paul. We are also keeping our total payroll expense below what was approved in our 2010 spending plan. Bob Block was appointed as chairman of the Minister of Faith Formation Task Force. He will be putting together a team to look at staffing needs in 2011 as called for in our Long Range Master Plan and as Pastor Krogmann's contract with us ends. This team will create a job description, recommended salary package, etc. This is just the first step of many as we look to the future ministry needs of St. Paul. Congregation action would be required as part of our 2011 spending plan for any additional staff person.

Thank you all for your support and work in the ministry of this church. Tom Sims President 982-4981 [sims51@charter.net](mailto:sims51@charter.net)

## SUPPORTING/GROWING MINISTRIES

### Message From Your Financial Secretary

Envelope Reminders:

- Please make sure the \$ amount you write on the envelope matches the cash or amount on your check in the envelope.
- If you enclose a check, please write the check number on the envelope preferably in the top left corner.
- If you use a pew envelope, please write your name or envelope number on the envelope as well as the \$ amount enclosed.
- If you put a loose check in the offering plate, please put your envelope number on the check.

The tellers thank you for your help. If you have any questions, contact Herb Perry at 423-884-6317 or e-mail me at [hpcp2@tds.net](mailto:hpcp2@tds.net).

### Introduction to Background Check

will be held on May 2 at 9:15 a.m. in the church library.

### Earth Day

April 22, 2010 is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day. In appreciation of the people who take care of our church's earth, as well as maintain the many other resources of St. Paul, we would like to recognize the Property Committee members and all of the many helpers at both services on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Climate Change and Health – A Reflection**  
**Written by Elizabeth McGurk**  
**Specialist, Climate, Energy and Green**  
**Buildings**  
**National Council of Churches Eco-justice**  
**Program**

*Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.*

- Isaiah 53: 4-5

Christ calls each of us to love one another as he has loved us (John 15:12). Yet, many of our brothers and sisters are suffering adverse health impacts due to our world's changing climate. According to the World Health Organization, (WHO) climate change is already responsible for 140,000 deaths each year; these numbers will only grow larger if climate change is not addressed.

As temperatures continue to rise, extreme heat waves will become more common. The most vulnerable in our communities--children, older adults, and those living in poverty--are particularly susceptible to heat related illness and even death. As temperatures rise, so will ozone levels in the lower atmosphere, resulting in diminished air quality and aggravating cardiovascular and respiratory conditions like asthma and emphysema. While lower air quality will impact the health of all of God's children, communities of color will be disproportionately impacted. African Americans suffer from asthma at a 36 percent higher rate than white Americans; indigenous people and Latinos also have higher asthma rates.

Furthermore, as the Earth's climate changes and warm and tropical regions expand, malaria, dengue fever and Lyme disease carried by mosquitoes and other warm weather pests will also spread, infecting people in new parts of the world for longer periods of time. The WHO reports that malaria already kills close to one million people every year, most of whom are African children under five years old. Additionally, two billion more people may be exposed to dengue fever as a result of climate change.

Climate change is also likely to lead to an increase in the frequency and intensity of natural disasters including hurricanes, droughts and sea level rise. Extreme weather events disrupt the ability of communities to provide effective medical care. Heavy flooding can compromise water quality and increase the risk of contracting waterborne diseases. The same is true for areas affected by severe drought, where lack of access to fresh water supplies force people to consume contaminated water.

God's Creation and communities in the Arctic are already feeling the direct impacts of climate change. As the ice melts, dangerous industrial pollutants that have been carried up to the poles by wind and trapped in the ice end up in water and water vapor. Eventually, these toxic materials settle in to the bodies of those living in the Arctic. Indigenous communities are particularly susceptible because they receive a large percentage of their nourishment from the local environment. The health impacts of these exposures, ranging from infertility to cancer, can make it harder for indigenous communities and God's creatures to cope with the other hazards of climate change.

The real impacts of climate change on the health of communities around the world serve as proof that we have not lived up to Christ's call to love our neighbors as Christ loves us. During this Lenten season, let us repent for our contributions to the sickness of our neighbors, and open our hearts to Christ's healing, so that we might discover how to love as Christ loves.

A Prayer for the Journey

God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Healing God, our neighbors are sick and hurting. Their air is becoming increasingly polluted and many cannot breathe. Sources of water and food that provide physical, cultural, and spiritual sustenance are no longer healthy and sustaining. Heat and disease spread as a result of our sinfulness and careless regard for your Creation. Forgive us God, and bind up our brokenness as you bind up the wounds of your most vulnerable children. Renew our spirits so that we may begin the work of healing your Creation and your people.

Amen.

## PROCLAIMING MINISTRIES



### St. Paul's Website

St. Paul has a new and improved church website. Please check it out at [www.stpaulmaryville.org](http://www.stpaulmaryville.org). You will see a whole new look. We encourage you to

use the church website to stay connected to the day-to-day happenings of the congregation. We express much thanks to Sue Tyler for taking this tremendous task on and doing such a great job with it. Set the church website as your homepage. That way, every time you click onto the internet, you will be automatically connected to the St. Paul webpage.

## WORSHIP MINISTRIES

### Worship and Music



#### Sunday, April 4 –Easter Sunday

8:00 and 10:30 Services with special music. Breakfast served between Services.

**Attention Instrumentalists:** Practice Will be Sat, April 3, at 1:00 p.m, in the church sanctuary.

#### Easter Season

White is the color of light, gladness, purity, and joy in Christ and is the liturgical color for *the fifty days of Easter*.

#### New Lenten Paraments

The beautiful altar and lectern paraments that have been in place for the Season of Lent have been given by anonymous donors. Fabric for a fair linen was also a gift. Thank you!

#### Urgent Plea For Ushers

The 10:30 Service needs to add ushers to their roster so no one rotates too frequently for duty. Duties of handing out bulletins with a greeting and a smile; helping with the offering; and a few other duties all completed during the time you are at church. *No other meetings to attend*. If you are not serving your church in any other way, this

is an excellent place for you. Please contact Denny Mansmith, any usher or call the church office to volunteer. Thank you!

#### Children's Church

**April 11, and the first Sunday of each month following** is a new component to the 10:30 service called "**Children's Church**".

#### This is for children ages 4-8.

This consists of their own time of lessons, activities, snacks and a restroom break. Following the children's sermon the children will have the option to proceed to fellowship hall or a classroom for their own worship time, and will return to the sanctuary during the hymn of the day following the message. This allows the children to be with their parents in the sanctuary during the confessions and Bible readings, and again for the prayers, communion and the closing of the service. Children's Church activities may consist of Bible stories, movies, crafts or games. Activities will be worship related and will provide children with a connection to worship that is easily understood.

If you would like more information, or are interested in helping lead Children's Church on an occasional basis, please contact Jenna Burts at 865-964-0709, or Valari Burts at 865-919-5080. *All volunteers will have to go through the risk management screening before working with children.*



# FAITH ALIVE

WEDNESDAY'S at St. Paul Lutheran Church 2010

**APRIL 7,14,21,28**

**4:30-4:45pm Welcome and Registration**

**4:45-5:15pm Cradle-4yrs old (Nursery) [Need a volunteer]**

**K5-5<sup>th</sup> grade** Recreation and play outside or games in fellowship hall

**JR and SR High** Recreation and play outside or games in fellowship hall

**5:30-6:15pm Dinner**

**6:15-7pm Creative Play**

**Adults and SR High:** There will be opportunities for painting, poetry, prayerful doodling, tissue paper stain glass, and more. Sign-up will be needed only if you are interested in painting. Please look for information to come in the Sunday bulletins and weekly SPEN's.

**JR High:** *"Arts and Faith: What do they have to do with me?"*

April 7<sup>th</sup>: *"Where I'm from"* poems (Pastor Kevin)

April 14<sup>th</sup>: Wood Turning (Pastor Krogmann)

April 21<sup>st</sup>: Clay and Creation (Pastor Kevin)

April 28<sup>th</sup>: WIGIAT (Where is God in all this?) banner (Pastor

Kevin)

**K5-5<sup>th</sup> grade:** *"Arts and Faith: Experiencing God through different forms"*

April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>: God speaks through Signs (Jean Beck)

April 21<sup>st</sup>: God speaks through Music (Kris Ziama)

April 28<sup>th</sup>: God speaks through Dance (Jenna Burts and Valari

Burts)

**Cradle-4yrs old:**

**7pm Choir Practice**

## Meals for April

**April 7th** – Potato and Salad Bar, Cheesecake

**April 14th** – Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Marcy's Magic Bars

**April 21st** – Greek Salad, Baked Chicken, Rice Pilaf and Lemon Cookies

**April 28th** – Asian Night

**May 5th** – TBA, will be voted on

**May 12th** – Closing Celebration – BBQ Pork, Hot Dogs, Pasta Salad, Chips, Soda, Bring your favorite dessert

## DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

#### April Calendar of Events:

April 3, Confirmation – Easter Activities – 10:00 to 12:00

April 4, Easter Sunday – Children decorate cross with flowers – no classes

April 10, Confirmation class – Day of Service, 9:00 to 2:00

April 12, VBS Planning – 7:00 – 8:30

#### Sunday School News:

All children, preschool through Grade 6, are invited to bring flowers to help decorate the cross, located near the entrance to our driveway. Sunday School teachers will help coordinate this activity. A reminder, there will be no S.S. classes held on Easter Sunday.

Presently the cross is covered with a purple cloth, which represents Christ's suffering and our need for repentance. On Maundy Thursday this will be replaced with a black cloth to represent Christ's death on the cross. On Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and show this by placing flowers on the cross. This activity will take place between worship services – time will be announced.

**Flowers for the Easter Cross:** Bring your flowers to church on Easter morning – containers will be provided to keep them moist.

#### Adult Bible Study News:

Lectionary Bible Study, *"Daily Discipleship – Christ invites you to follow him . . . daily"*

This class meets in the Cry Room at 9:30. This Bible study is designed for small groups and does not require preparation by the participants. Grab a cup of coffee and join us as we study God's Word.

#### Confirmation News:

Pastor Kevin has activities planned for the Confirmation class for 2 events in April. The class will meet at church on April 3 to help with Children's Easter Activities from 10:00 to 12:00. The class will meet again on April 10 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at church for a Day of Service. More information regarding the service projects will be announced closer to the day.

#### Vacation Bible School:

Join us to make plans for VBS which will be held June 27 to July 1. Volunteering for VBS is a great way to get acquainted with other members of our congregation. Come and join the fun and fellowship.

## SERVING MINISTRIES

### Fragrance Allergies

"Fragrance Allergies are becoming more and more common and has become an ADA issue. We have a number of members who experience breathing problems when exposed to fragrances found in perfumes, soaps and other cosmetics. The best way to show compassion to these brothers and sisters is to make St. Paul a "Fragrance Free" Zone. Your support by avoiding scented products when you come to church will go a long way towards making St. Paul a place where everyone is healthy and happy."

### Worship in Times of Public Health Concern

During this period of increased concern about passing flu along with the peace, we must use common sense and take intentional action to prevent the spread of pathogens while continuing to gather around the means of grace. Hand sanitizer will be placed in each pew for your use. It is also perfectly appropriate to share God's peace with one another without a handshake or a hug. If you are feeling ill, you are encouraged to remain at home and be assured that you are in our prayers.

## SERVING MINISTRIES

Calling ALL Adults, Families and 6th – 12th graders  
to join hands for a Lutherock Camp Cleanup Weekend

Would you like to combine the joy of  
volunteerism with a great camp  
experience?



**Sign up NOW to participate in a  
VOLUNTEER WORK WEEKEND**  
At Lutherock April 30<sup>th</sup> -May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.



Projects typically include general cleaning, clearing hiking trails, painting, clean up and preparing cabins and platform tents for summer camp. YOU can make a difference and have a great weekend at the same time.

Lutherock will provide two nights lodging and all meals on Saturday. Each person participating will need to pay for his or her meals in route (Friday dinner and Sunday breakfast) and bring a snack to share. Adult worker/volunteers who are willing to help provide transportation are needed. Although there is no charge for this event, a suggested donation of \$25 per person will be accepted and used as a gift to Lutherock from our group. Contact Chris Mallette for additional information.

**Don't miss this opportunity to be part of this great experience! A commitment is needed by Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the latest to reserve your spot, however signing up earlier will assist in planning the event. Contact Chris Mallette at 984-5396, e-mail [malletteac@gmail.com](mailto:malletteac@gmail.com) or sign up on the poster located in the youth area.**

*Lutherock, part of Lutheridge-Lutherock Ministries outdoor ministries affiliated with the ELCA and supported by the Southeast Synod, provides adventure-based outdoor ministry on Sugar Mountain near Boone, NC. Surrounded by the natural beauty of the mountains, the 450 acre site offers adventure-based programming and a number of lodging options for summer camp as well as year-round retreats. In conjunction with Lutheridge, located near Asheville, in Arden, NC, and the new Lutheranch site in Georgia, the mission of LLMI is to provide programs, times and places apart where all people can experience a Christ-centered community and grow in relationship to God and God's creation.*

## Saint Paul Parish Nurse Program

Serving Ministries Team is in the process of kicking off a new Parish Nurse Program at Saint Paul. A group of 8 nurses, healthcare personnel, and interested members met on Sunday, March 14 to discuss a Parish Nurse Program. Promoting a healthy life style was the focus of the meeting and as a result of this group discussion, several health-related programs will be started this spring.

**Monthly blood pressure checks** will be offered after the 10:30 service on the second Sunday of the month, starting April 11. We will provide a basic health information sheet to track your heart rate and blood pressure on a monthly basis. Nursing personnel or physicians will be available to check your blood pressure for you starting in April.

### Resurrection Walking: Rise up and Walk!

Bring your walking shoes and water bottles and join us at the church as we start walking the Greenbelt. All age groups are welcome to participate and there will be various "speeds" of participation and ability levels, but the goal is to get out of the house and move. Starting April 6 we will meet at the church at 5:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a 30 minute walk on the Greenbelt trail. Organized walking will be cancelled if it is raining at the time, but you may wish to go "walking and singing in the rain" on your own. Denice Birdwell, Anne Sims and Kris Zimmer will be coordinating the walks. Spring is almost here and the weather is warming up, so let's get out there and get into the habit of taking care of our bodies and walking for our health.

**Newsletter articles:** In the future we plan on bringing health information to the congregation via monthly newsletter articles.

**Our involvement with Good Neighbors, the Community Food Connection and Family Promise are just some of the ways St. Paul serves in our community.** *"...the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of*

*you: to do what is right to live mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."* Micah 6:8



"Welcome Home" will have a special meaning at St. Paul during the week of April 11-18. Our church will become

"home" to the **Family Promise** guests during this time, with our Sunday School rooms serving as bedrooms, and Richardson Hall serving as family room and dining room. Volunteers from Our Lady of Fatima will join St. Paul members providing meals, doing laundry, and hosting throughout the week. If you'd like to serve in this life-changing ministry or just learn more contact Laura Mallette or Karin Bell.



Have you heard the good news? The **Community Food Connection** (CFC) of Blount County will soon have the space it needs to adequately sort and store food, and serve groceries to Blount

County residents. This completely volunteer-run ministry of the Blount County Ecumenical Action Council provides groceries to our neighbors in need – serving close to 5000 people each month! Families can visit the Food Connection once every two weeks. A few months ago, while continuing to serve food from its 1600 square foot location on East Broadway, the CFC Board began the search for a new location. Following an article in the local paper the answer came in the form of 2350 square feet of donated space from local resident and supporter Bill Phillips. Volunteers have been busy this month with the installation of a cargo door and modifications to convert a porch into a client service area. And more good news: Due to generous donations from recent "shoebox" fundraising in the community, no money donated for food had to be used for the building modifications. The CFC will move into the new location at 311 Whitehead Dr on May 1. Now that's something to celebrate! *Suzanne Bielenberg coordinates monthly volunteers from St. Paul at the Community Food Connection.*



## Good Neighbors of Blount County

<http://www.goodneighborsbc.org/index.html>

If you're new to Blount County or St. Paul you might not know about this local non-profit. Like the Community Food Connection and Family Promise, Good Neighbors has its roots in the Blount County Ecumenical Action Council. The organization was designed to enable churches to work together to help lift our neighbors out of crisis. This is accomplished through volunteer advocates, referrals and information, and sometimes a small amount of financial assistance. Although Good Neighbors is a United Way organization and has administered a Federal Emergency Housing grant for the last three years, most of the financial assistance provided is made available through the generosity of local churches and individuals. The total financial assistance provided to neighbors in 2009 was \$91,878. Over half of the funds helped neighbors with housing expenses and about one-third of the funds were used to prevent utility disconnects. Smaller amounts went to help neighbors with transportation costs, prescription expenses and the cost of GED testing. Good Neighbors is grateful for the support of St. Paul Lutheran Church and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, as well as individual supporters of its mission. More information is available at the website [www.goodneighborsbc.org](http://www.goodneighborsbc.org). The following "Story of Hope" is an excerpt from the most recent issue of the Good Neighbor Newsletter "Neighbor News."

*Early in the month of January a young woman (single parent) came in asking for assistance with her utility bill. This young woman had been to see GN about 18 months ago and the counselor highly encouraged and urged this neighbor to pursue her GED. Great news! Not only has she accepted and achieved that goal, but this determined young woman is attending Pellissippi State and pursuing a career in nursing. Her family is trying to help in any way that they can but once in a while she gets a little behind. GN was able to congratulate, encourage and celebrate with her on her accomplishment and new goals as well as offer a small amount of assistance with her utility bill.*

## Family Promise Day Center Volunteers are needed for Sundays!

Because it has been so difficult to staff the Family Promise Center on Sunday a new scheduling system began in March. The coordinators will be responsible for recruiting volunteers from their congregations. Each host and support congregation team is on a rotating schedule working four Sundays a year (not coinciding with the week they are scheduled to host.)

Our first Sunday is May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The shifts are 11 am until 2 pm and 2 pm until 5 pm. (working a ½ shift is also possible). Two people are needed for each shift. Sundays are usually slow and easy. Duties include answering the phone and helping guests. Volunteers are invited to bring books, knitting, etc. Family Promise training is required. Anyone interested in Family Promise can get trained quickly and easily.

Contact Karin Bell 924-9016 for more information.

Thank you for supporting this growing ministry.

### Thank You

#### St. Paul Lutheran Church,

Thank you All so much for your hospitality, food, time, and efforts! You and Pastor Kevin did a wonderful job in service to God and your brothers and sisters of Conference 6. I thank you very much!

Pastor Michael Jannett  
Chair, Conference 6

**Dear Friends in Christ:** The family of Charles Marquardt sincerely appreciates the prayers and concern of the St Paul family regarding the passing of our brother Charles. It is most comforting to know that our extended Christian family is so supportive in our time of grief and sorrow. Sincerely: Delores, Marilyn and Bob.

### CPR Training

Saturday April 10th, from 9-12.

Cost is \$20.00. We have a Certified Trainer from the American Heart Association.

There is a sign up sheet on the Administrative board. Ushers, Sunday School teachers, and Kitchen Angels, please consider the importance of this activity. Interested church members are welcomed to join this group.



# Ten Ideas for Everyday Outreach

*No elaborate planning necessary.*

**1. Pay attention to the people around you in your neighborhood or at work. Send up an arrow prayer as you walk by them.**

**2. Be mindful of those who serve you—bank tellers, grocery store clerks, fast food workers. Look them in the eye and tell them you appreciate their service.**

**3. Leave a note of encouragement on a coworker's desk or on the windshield of their car.**

**4. When you walk past a piece of trash on the ground, pick it up and throw it in a garbage can.**

**5. When someone says they're having a bad day, stop and ask if you can pray for them right there.**

**6. At the drive-thru, pay for the meal of the person behind you.**

**7. Stop and talk with a homeless person. Find out their story.**

**8. Before leaving a restaurant, jot a thank you note to your server and leave it on the table or call the manager over and explain how much you enjoyed the service.**

**9. Go out of your way to be friendly to a prickly person.**

**10. When you're talking with someone, give them the gift of your full attention.**



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helpful ideas  
at **Leading  
Outreach.com!**



## PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES



A series of interesting activities are coming up for the ladies of St. Paul. Watch the WELCA bulletin board (down the hall past Richardson Hall) for more details.

Each month WELCA sponsors two Bible studies for women. The daytime group meets the third Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. The evening group meets the second Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Women of St. Paul and visitors are welcome at either group.

April 17 at 2 p.m. WELCA will sponsor a "ladies tea" at church. More details to come. This is an annual event that is always enjoyable.



April 18 is the date for a spaghetti luncheon to benefit a graduate of Family Promise. (See separate article.) Of course, you will want to come and eat, but workers are also needed to help with the meal.

April 24 women of St. Paul will attend a gathering for Lutheran women of east Tennessee at Messiah Lutheran Church in Knoxville. Ladies who are interested in attending should meet at the church at 8 a.m. to carpool. This annual event is hosted by different congregations and has always been an interesting day.

Every woman who is a member of St. Paul is a member of WELCA and is invited to all of the group's activities.



### Spaghetti Luncheon April 18, 2010

You are all invited to a spaghetti luncheon after second service on April 18, sponsored by WELCA. The luncheon will benefit a graduate of Family Promise who has gotten back on her feet and wishes to enter into studies to become an LPN. In order to be accepted, she must have foot surgery. The free-will offering will help to pay her living expenses during the recovery. Come to Richardson Hall and have a delicious

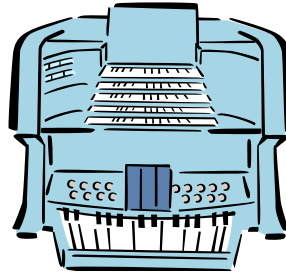
lunch and help a person in need at the same time!

### Fellowship News

Thank you to all who brought food, those who helped set-up and those who helped clean-up for our annual Lenten Soup Suppers. Wonderful soups and a variety of sandwiches were enjoyed by all.

### St. Paul Graduates

Graduation is just around the corner and we would like to recognize the graduates and parents. Please fill out a form about your graduate and return it to Jackie Kreider by April 30<sup>th</sup>. If available, include a picture which will be returned to you. I will try to put a form in your folder but if I miss someone, extra forms will be on the table by the Library.



### St. Paul Adult Ministry

April 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be going to the Tennessee Theater.

Come hear the Tennessee Theatre's own Mighty Wurlitzer Pipe Organ.

Listen to various tunes played by Dr. Bill Snyder,

house organist of the Tennessee Theatre since 1979. Mark Boling Trio will be the guest performers. Floyd Johnson (982-2237) is the sponsor. We will meet at the church at 10:30 to carpool to the theater, and eat lunch at a local restaurant after the performance.

April 20, we will have a speaker, Pastor Doebler who is a Chaplain at UT. We plan a 12:00pm Potluck and hope you all make it. Bob Block is the sponsor for this. Bring someone new, a friend or neighbor.

Reminder! The Lutheran Loungers meet for Breakfast at Cracker Barrel at 8:30 on the 1st Thursday. We had 20 last month, let's beat that record. Order what you like or just have coffee. There is always plenty of conversation.

In May, on the 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have a picnic at Sam Houston School House.

## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN IN MISSION SPRING RETREAT

April 23-25, 2010  
Lutheridge, Arden, NC

*"Come and follow me, and I will make you fish for people."* –Matthew 4:19

Open to all Men of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Bible Study, Games, Fellowship, Activities, Outings in Asheville, and Lakeside Worship.

Led by Pastor Kevin Strickland and MIM Executive Group.

Cost is \$80.00 per person (includes lodging and food for weekend) Friday night and Saturday nights meals are on your own.

Registration Deadline with payment due no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> to Mark Fisher.

Please make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church with Memo Line: MIM

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Car pooling: \_\_\_\_\_ If so, with whom? \_\_\_\_\_



**Young Adults Married  
or Single in their 20's  
and 30's**

Birdwell address is 3635 Hollybrook Road,  
Rockford, TN 37865

Call Kara Birdwell, YAMS Coordinator with  
questions (865) 803-6399

YAMS Cookout and Campfire at The Birdwell's

Saturday April 9th at 6:30 PM

Please bring a dish to share and BYOB

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, and Smores will be  
provided

# YAMS

## Young Adult Married or Single

YAMS is a Christian social networking and fellowship group which meets once a month for those in their 20s and 30s. We are very excited about YAMS this year and want you involved!

Please take the time to fill out this survey to help us determine the best times and activities for the group.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Would you be interested in joining YAMS?

YES  NO

2. If yes, what days/nights are better for you?

Friday Night  Saturday Night  Sunday Day

3. What activity would you most likely attend?

Dinner Out  
 Dinner at Someone's House  
 Activities such as Bowling, Laser Tag, Paintball, etc.  
 Sporting Events such as a watching a Smokies Game, UT Basketball game, etc.

4. Would you be interested in events that included your children?

Yes  No  1-2 times per year  N/A

5. Would you be interested in hosting an event at your house?

Yes  No

6. Please feel free to leave any comments, concerns, or ideas for activities

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**Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions. Please place the completed survey in Kara Birdwell's box or hand them into Kara or Pastor Kevin.**

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## APRIL 2010

### Birthdays

April 1	Jody Butler	April 15	Kristoffer Jakobsen
April 2	Jalilia Foster	April 16	Scott Bruch
April 2	Liz Glandon	April 16	Madeline Witt
April 3	Mary Frank	April 17	Erika Witt
April 3	Kim Box	April 18	Pamela Greider
April 3	Destiny Bailey	April 18	Kajler McMillion
April 4	Sally Ihlenfeld	April 19	Victor Medina
April 4	Dorine Keeble	April 21	Mo Brueckner
April 4	Jillian Bruch	April 22	Carter Brady
April 4	Jo Tollefson	April 25	Karin Bell
April 5	Jackie Wear	April 27	Gary Kinney
April 5	Sylvia Johnson	April 27	Greg Wyatt
April 5	Eric Conzemius	April 27	Sarah Geyer
April 6	René Zimmer	April 27	Grace Barnard
April 7	Tami Wyatt	April 29	Matthew Gunter
April 8	Gail Vollman	April 30	Floyd Johnson
April 10	Egan O'Brien		
April 13	Derrick Keeble		
April 15	Kaila Tedford		
April 15	Malick Bailey		

### Wedding Anniversaries

April 4	Jan & Erika Hanes
April 8	Eric & Marva Solt
April 18	Greg & Leigh Caldwell



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Church Office Hours : 9:00 am—3:00pm  
Monday—Friday

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### Dates of Interest

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| <b>April 1st</b>           | <b>Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm</b>                    |
| <b>April 2nd</b>           | <b>Prayer and Meditation 3:00 pm</b>                      |
|                            | <b>Good Friday Service 6:30 pm</b>                        |
| <b>April 3rd</b>           | <b>Easter Vigil 8 pm at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church</b> |
| <b>April 4th</b>           | <b>Easter Worship</b>                                     |
| <b>April 5th</b>           | <b>SPAM going to the Tennessee Theater</b>                |
| <b>April 9th</b>           | <b>YAMS Cookout and Campfire</b>                          |
| <b>April 10th</b>          | <b>CPR Training</b>                                       |
| <b>April 17th</b>          | <b>Ladies Tea</b>   |
| <b>April 18th</b>          | <b>Spaghetti Luncheon</b>                                 |
| <b>April 30th -May 2nd</b> | <b>Volunteer Work Weekend At Lutherock</b>                |