



## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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July 2012

### From the Pastor's Desk:

“All who have walked with God have viewed prayer as the main business of their lives. The words of the gospel of Mark, ‘And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed,’ stand as a commentary on the life-style of Jesus (Mark 1:35). David’s desire for God broke the self-indulgent chains of sleep: ‘Early will I seek Thee’ (Ps. 63:1, KJV). When the apostles were tempted to invest their energies in other important and necessary tasks, they determined to give themselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the word (Acts 6:4). Martin Luther declares, ‘I have so much business I cannot get on without spending three hours daily in prayer.’ He held it as a spiritual axiom that ‘He that has prayed well has studied well.’ John Wesley says, ‘God does nothing but in answer to prayer,’ and backed up his conviction by devoting two hours daily to that sacred exercise.

For those explorers in the frontiers of faith, prayer was not little habit tacked onto the periphery of their lives; it was their lives. It was the most serious work of their most productive years.”

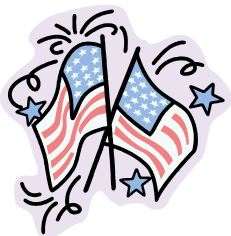
-Richard Foster

Celebration of Discipline



## JULY CALENDAR

<b>July 1</b>	9:30/10:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Worship
<b>July 4</b>		Independence Day
<b>July 8</b>	9:30/10:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Worship
<b>July 15</b>	9:30/10:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Worship
<b>July 22</b>	9:30/10:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Worship
<b>July 29</b>	9:30/10:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Worship



**WELCA IS NOW COLLECTING BOX TOPS** for Education and Campbell's Soup labels to be donated to the local schools. There will be an envelope on the bulletin board for you to drop them in.

Mother Daughter Brunch  
September 15, 2012 @11:00 a.m.

WELCA is planning a mother-daughter brunch for Saturday morning, September 15th to be held at the Old Pomaria School. Tickets will go on sale at a later date.

**Summer Worship Hours**  
**Sunday School 9:30**  
**Worship 10:30**  
through September 2nd  
(Labor Day Weekend)

**WELCA WILL BE COLLECTING ANY CELL PHONES** you are ready to donate to SISTERCARE in Columbia. SISTERCARE is the domestic violence shelter that serves Newberry County victims of domestic violence. They are able to take old cell phones, refurbish them (removing all your personal data), and give them to victims to use in case of an emergency call to 911 only.

### Altar Flowers for July:

July 1 Doris E. Richardson  
July 8 Becky Boland  
July 15 Martha Richardson  
July 22 Joyce & Shelia Bannister  
July 29 Chris Caston

### THANK YOU

I would like to thank the St. Paul congregation for the Bible and the cross. I know I will cherish the Bible and the cross for a long time  
—Whitney R.

The deadline for the August Newsletter is Thursday, July 26th at 9:00 a.m.

**Hospitalized:**  
Cheryl Kinard

## July Birthdays

July 1	Eddie Koon
	Emily Epting
July 2	Lindy Richardson
	Taylor Richardson
	Cindy Shealy
	Abigail Stiver
	Adam Angely
July 4	Nathan Wicker
July 5	Libby Counts
	Edwin Dowd
	Katie Perry
	John Wheeler
	Kaleb Boland
July 18	Wayne Boozer
July 19	Paul Werts
	Zachary Hentz
July 20	Clay Eaves, II
	Cannon Paul
July 22	Pam Shealy
	Brynn Herndon
July 24	Alberta Moates
	Freddie Wicker
July 26	Roy Bannister, Sr.
	Joseph Tarallo
July 27	Austin Summer
	Lynn Graham
July 28	Seasee Williams
July 30	Shelia Bannister
July 31	Kirby Richardson
	Tammy Wicker



## July Helpers

**Councilperson:** Edwin Dowd

**Ushers:** Glenn Lathrop  
Drew Perry  
Randall Koon  
Barry Werts

**Counting Committee:** Edwin Dowd  
Jimmy Scott

**Acolyte:** Tori Summer

**Crucifer:** Holly Richardson

**Torchbearers:** Erin Werts  
Keenan Boland

**Bannerbearer:** Abby Stiver

**Greeter:** Nikki Perry

**Communion Bread:** Donna/Dana Werts

**Altar Guild:** Cindy Huyck

**Grasscutting:**  
July 7 Wayne and Andrew Boozer  
July 14 Danny and Drew Ricard  
July 21 Edwin Dowd and Chad Boland  
July 28 Kenny Richardson and John Wheeler



**St. Paul Lutheran Congregational Council Minutes  
Sunday, May 6, 2012**

Devotions for May: John Wheeler      Devotions for June: Janna Richardson

A motion was made and passed to accept the May minutes as read.

August 26<sup>th</sup> will be the Council's September council meeting

**Absent:** Paul Werts

**Treasurer's Report:**

Dana Werts presented the Treasurer's report.

Operation Inasmuch donations have been dispersed.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemetery Committee: Carol Wicker presented the cemetery report.

Visioning Committee: Andrew Boozer presented the proposed mission statement with congregational priorities. It solidifies the mission.

Mission Statement: Deeply grounded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, St. Paul Lutheran Church is a congregation committed to faithful worship, forming disciples, strengthening families, and serving our local and global communities.

It defined the congregational priorities.

The council discussed the mission statement.

A motion was made and passed to accept the mission statement as written. The motion was made by Edwin Dowd and seconded by Becky Boland.

Bus/Tractor Committee: Dana Werts purchased the weed eater. It is located at Pastor Nichol's house if needed.

Building Committee: Wayne Boozer met with two men from Cannon Construction and reviewed plans. Young Schumpert is getting the plans from Otto. As the plan goes forward, an architect will be needed. They will come back and preserve all if possible of the seating area. The portico will be removed since the covered area to unload will be in that place. They are working toward a budget of \$600,000. As soon as they have a direction, the committee will meet with them and will look at additional quotes so that this is competitive. Rob Cochell has agreed to draw the mechanical drawings for the building for free. This will be at a savings of around \$7,000.

Social Ministry: They completed clothing drive. They mailed fifty bags. Stanley Shealy donated money to help mail the book bags.

Property Committee: Becky Boland with her assistants painted the Sunday School classrooms upstairs. The following people helped her paint the classrooms: Donna Dowd, Pastor Nichols, Lynn Nichols, Lindy Richardson, Julie Smith, Jennifer Summer, Austin Summer, Tori Summer, Chad Boland, Toby Smith, Gina Roberts, Becky Boland, Whitney Roberts, Kaleb Boland, Klara Boland, Kendal Boland, and Larry Dove.

The carpet needs to be removed from the Youth Sunday School room. The vacuum cleaner needs to be looked at. The Sunday School rooms upstairs need blinds.

A motion was made and passed to use Thrivent Choice funds to pay for the blinds. The motion was made by Wayne Boozer.

A motion was made and passed to have Whitaker take up the carpet and sand the floors. The money will come from property reserve. The motion was made by Edwin Dowd.

A donation from Edwin and Barbara Dowd was used to purchase additional materials for the rooms upstairs.

Evangelism Committee: Discussion was held about the jobs of the ushers as evangelists. The Councilperson of the month is in charge of providing direction to the ushers for that month. A discussion was held about the use of attendance books for the worship service. A motion was made and passed to table the discussion until the attendance books could be further investigated.

VBS: Brian Stiver presented information about VBS. He stated several grades still need teachers. Jimmy Richardson will help with fish fry. He has a friend who will be coming to help with frying the fish. Money will come from the general fund to help with the gas needed for the fish fry.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janna Richardson  
Church Council Secretary



Last fall I talked with a friend of mine about our jobs and getting older and adulthood when we met for lunch. He is a pastor. I was telling him about the journalism and how some weeks or days it seems more stressful than others as you wonder where the next stories will come from to meet the next deadline. More often than not, story ideas come in just in time and you can meet the deadline, though. I have been in Winnsboro working for a sister paper there, so that's why you've seen so little of my articles in the Newberry Observer. The first few weeks I had a few stories in reserve though about Drew, Tanner and Rhett. That helped as I got adjusted to the newsroom and the pace of the job.

My pastor friend last fall talked about his job and ministry. He had learned that it was a lot like the Israelites in the wilderness being fed by God's manna. Each day manna fell from heaven and it was enough for that day. They could not save it, though some tried. If any were saved for later, it became foul and maggot-filled. It was God's plan to take care of them each day but that plan also required them to have faith that he would provide. Some days they had greater faith than others. At other times they got whiney or complained or were flat out ungrateful for the manna and birds. After years, no doubt they got tired of the same kind of meal day after day. There were other times they even wished for a return to slavery or to die rather than continue to walk in faith that God could, and would, provide water from rocks or sweeten bitter water as they journeyed through the wilderness.

As I am writing this I am getting ready to head back to work again. I've had this job for about a month now and the deadlines have been met. My stamina has been solid most days, and good enough on others. It may not always happen in the ways I would expect or want. The news cycle can run to its own schedule rather than my own, after all. Yet, as I sit here and think about the circumstances behind the first of these columns I wrote in 2006, there definitely is a history of God providing and leading where he wants me to be. So, now it's time to get going again head off on the trail of other news stories... and keep praying for "manna: to be provided each day.



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That walk of faith holds true for all of us even though the means for how we provide for our lives can be different. For the nurse who works a double shift, somehow the stamina and extra patience come through so he or she can do that job. What about a parent having to spend sleepless nights with a newborn after giving of themselves at a full time job all week? There are so many ways that we can, at times, surprise ourselves with what we are capable of and achieve. Yet no matter what, we need to take time to say thank you to God from whom all good things flow who graces us with the abilities, gifts and opportunities to use them.

## CONTEMPORARY SERVICE



The Evangelism and Worship and Music Committees, along with the Church Council are excited to announce St. Paul will begin a Contemporary Service in October of this year! The details will come soon as we are forming the planning committee! Our Traditional Service will remain the same making the Contemporary Service the first service with Sunday School in between. If you have any ideas to share or questions, please see one of the Evangelism Committee Members.

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