

CALL TO SERVICE



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■ Pastor's Message



I want to thank
Carter Cate
for so eloquently
reminding all of
us Christians
what we should
be so thankful for.

THANK YOU,
JESUS!

THANK YOU
FOR
GOD'S WORD!

In Christ,
Pastor Fast

Dear Pastor Fast
In church today I
heard you say Jesus
13 times today. Thank you
for God's word
from: Carter
Cate

■ Circle Meetings

Eve - Katie - Naomi - Clara - Anna Circles

No August Meeting

Leah • August 12

9:00 a.m., Holiday Inn

■ St. Paul Seniors

St. Paul Seniors does not have a regularly-schedule meeting date for an August meeting. Watch future bulletin announcements for upcoming activities.

■ Ham Supper News

The annual Ham Supper will be held on Wednesday, September 22. Ticket sales will begin at 4:30 p.m. with immediate seating. If you are willing to volunteer on Tuesday, September 21, or on Wednesday, September 22, please notify Avis Wagner at 235-9089. Tuesday helpers will place tables and chairs in the gym. Wednesday workers are needed in the kitchen. **Workers with children under the age of five years may wish to take advantage of free day care for your children while you work.** This service will be available at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 22. It will be supervised by our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Shoen. **You will need to register your children with Kathy Eyerly (238-1802) so that enough supervision is provided.**

If you have any Cool Whip or margarine containers to use for leftovers, please place them in the cupboard by the LWML freezer. Space is needed in the LWML refrigerator for the Ham Supper supplies. Individuals or groups that have unlabeled refrigerated items should label or remove them. The Ways and Means Committee will be cleaning the freezer and refrigerator on Wednesday, September 15th. Any items not labeled will be discarded.

■ LWML Monthly Get-Together

The monthly meeting of LWML will be Thursday, August 5th in the church basement at 7:00 p.m. Members-at-Large will be hosting. You are invited to join the LWML group in Bible study, mission topics and fellowship.

■ Charity Club Dates

- August 10 & 11 – Activity Days
- August 24 – 2:00 p.m., Meeting, Lounge

If the weather is questionable, or if for some other reason, you are wondering whether church services will be held or not, please call the church office (238-9491) before leaving home and listen to the answering machine.

If services are cancelled, an announcement will be made in place of the standard message.

If you do not hear a message cancelling services, then they will go on as scheduled.

■ Worship & Bible Study Opportunities ■



Summer Worship Schedule

Now through (and including) September 5th

8:00 A.M. SUNDAYS:

Adult Bible Class, Church Basement

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5:30 P.M. SATURDAYS and 9:00 A.M. SUNDAYS:

Worship Services

■ Narthex Remodeling Complete

The narthex project looks great! Thanks to all the volunteers and contributors who had any part in this undertaking! As we continue to spruce up around the church, we remind people that you can help keep things in order by simply picking up the area around you in the pew or when you are about your business in the building. We also request that all posters, etc. be brought to the church office to be placed.



In addition, the pews will be refinished soon, so now is a good time to remind gum chewers to put your discarded gum in the trash (use a corner of your bulletin if necessary) and NOT under the pews, etc. A few seconds of caring for YOUR church property will save many hours of volunteers' time later! Thank you!

■ Welcome Center

To complement our new narthex addition, a committee of volunteers has been gathering ideas to work on a new "Welcome Center" area that would make our building more clutter-free and user friendly for our members and visitors alike.

Preliminary plans allow for posters and printed materials to be located in one general area in the corridor connecting the church and school, making a consistent area for restocking supplies such as church and school newsletters, Portals of Prayer booklets, and so forth.



■ Coming Soon: A New Way To Help SPL Church

As you may know, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is launching a new charitable grant program and benefit of membership called Thrivent ChoiceSM. Our congregation is enrolled to receive gifts from Thrivent ChoiceSM. We appreciate your consideration and hope you choose to help direct Choice DollarsSM to bless our ministry.

Thrivent Financial will mail letters to eligible members this summer regarding the opportunity to help direct Choice DollarsSM. If you have any questions about Thrivent ChoiceSM or the benefits of working with Thrivent Financial, please contact Scott Fuhrman, Financial Consultant, at 507-235-9877.

■ The Lighter Side

You think English is easy? Can you read these right the first time?

- * The bandage was wound around the wound.
- * The farm was used to produce produce.
- * When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- * We must polish the Polish furniture.
- * He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- * The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.

Some reasons why dogs are better than kids:

- * Dogs never resist nap time.
- * You don't need to get extra phone lines for dogs.
- * Dogs don't care if the peas have been touched by the smashed potatoes.
- * Average cost of sending a dog to school: \$42.
- * Your dog is not embarrassed if you sing in public.

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Torrential rainstorms had knocked down power lines all over the city, and the electric company was dispatching repairmen left and right. When one lineman called a long-time customer to ask her exact address, he was told, "I'm at Post Office Box 99."

The weary lineman replied, "Ma'am, I'll be coming to you in a truck, not an envelope."

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Advice from an old farmer and others:

- * Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- * Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in.
- * If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.

■ No August LLL Meeting

The LLL will not be meeting in August. Watch subsequent bulletins and newsletters for future meeting dates and times.

■ 64th Regular Convention Election Results

At the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod Convention held July 10-17 in Houston, TX, the following officers were elected:

- President – Rev. Matthew C. Harrison*
- 1st Vice President – Rev. Herbert C. Mueller, Jr.*
- 2nd Vice President – Rev. John C. Wohlrabe, Jr.*
- 3rd Vice President – Rev. Paul L. Maier
- 4th Vice President – Rev. Daniel Preus*
- 5th Vice President – Rev. Scott R. Murray*

(* = candidate was nominated by SPL, Fairmont)

Other preliminary information available at the time of this writing shows that Rev. Raymond L. Hartwig has been re-elected as secretary. The Board of Directors offices will be held by Ordained Ministers Victor J. Belton and Michael L. Kumm, and Laypersons Warren Puck, James W. Carter, Jr., Ed Everts, and Keith Frndak. More information on the convention can be found at www.lcms.org.



Newly-elected LCMS President Matthew C. Harrison takes time to pose with newly-moustached Neal Breitbarth at the LCMS Convention in Houston.

■ Harvest Table

The "Harvest Table" is back. It is located in the front upstairs hallway (between the church and school). If you have surplus vegetables, fruits, etc. to share with others in our congregation, please bring them to the "Harvest Table." Thanks!



■ SPL School News

The first day of school at St. Paul Lutheran will be Monday, August 30th. We welcome our new school secretary, Mackenzie Geiger! She and her husband, Steve, moved to Fairmont this summer from Prior Lake, MN. Steve attended St. Paul Lutheran School when he lived in Fairmont. They will have a daughter attending our 2nd grade and a son attending our pre-kindergarten.



Bell Choir Seeking Ringers and Director

Bell choir is looking for bell ringers and a director. If you would like more information, please leave your name and contact information with the church secretary. A member of the bell choir will then contact you.

High School Youth News

Pastor's Youth Night takes a break for the summer months and will return Sunday, September 12th, but that does not mean we won't be busy.

* The High School Youth are scheduled to work at the **Fairstand** on Sunday, August 22nd.

* As of newsletter deadline time, the "lock-in" rumored to be in August has not been finalized. Watch weekly bulletins for updated information on any High School Youth happenings.

Attention: College Students

If you will be heading off to college soon, please let the church office know your college address, phone, email, etc. before you leave. It's quick and easy ... just drop an email at stpaulft@frontiernet.net. Thanks!

Under God's Grace

*A Bright Future – A Renewed Church – A Missional Church
Defined by and led by the beauty of God's saving presence in Jesus Christ.*

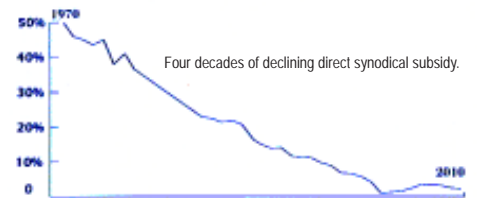
**YOUR SEMINARIES –
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO and
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN
are uniquely equipped and strategically positioned to be renewal
agents for outreach to the lost and the equipping of the faithful.**

Uniquely Equipped:

- Two distinguished, faithful and missional faculties
- Well formed graduates – men for the pastoral office and women for deaconess service – who offer their lives for Christ and His Church
- Two award-winning and historic campuses – Fort Wayne & St. Louis
- We also come to you via the internet (itunes.csl.edu; www.ctsfw.edu)
- We listen to the Church and support its agencies – Board of Mission Services (BFMS), Commission on Theological and Church Relations (CTCR), etc.

Significantly Challenged – Despite the desire of the Synod leadership to do so, the budget of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod can no longer support as it once did.

Thanks to our gracious God for congregations and individual members of The Lutheran



Church–Missouri Synod who have stepped forward to support our mission. About 1,600 congregations and some 27,000 individuals have seen and acted upon the need for both seminaries to continue the precious work of providing pastors, deaconesses, graduate programs and ministry resources. Still, there remains a significant gap between gifts and budget requirements. We trust additional congregations and individuals will also act upon this need and that through their sacrificial offerings the Gospel will continue to go forth to the generations of our children and grandchildren.

Your Invitation – We invite you to invest in this bright future, in a renewed church, in a missional church by investing in your historic seminaries.

- First, by praying for the vision and mission of the seminaries that God would form caring servants of Christ to teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all.
- Second, by identifying and recommending the most gifted young men and women to become our students.
- Thirdly, by investing in our capacity to serve you with ever greater excellence. Your gifts and support are essential in view of the decline of direct synodical subsidy over the decades.

Your Investment – We invite you to invest with us in the future of our church by investing in its future servant leaders. Your prayers and support, under God's grace, can open up new missions, new vision, and bless with real renewal.

A Bright Future – A Renewed Church – A Missional Church

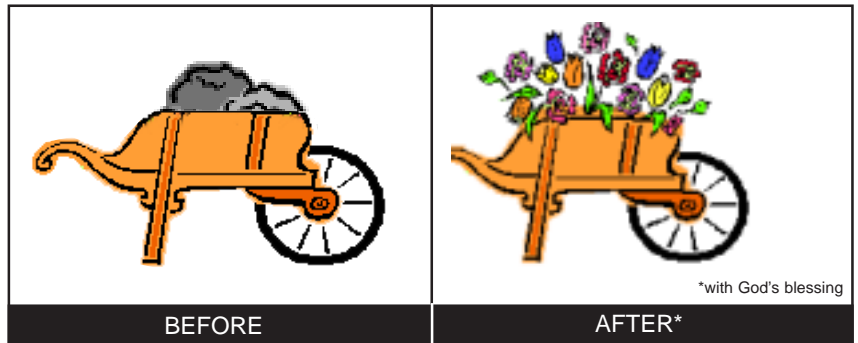
God bless each of you,
Yours, in Christ,
President Dale A. Meyer
President Dean O. Wenthe

■ "Picking Rocks" Program

The Stewardship Committee has implemented a "rock-picking" program to remove our budget deficit! Donations over and above your regular giving can be put in an envelope marked "Rock Picking" and placed in the offering plate or turned in to the church secretary's office. Rocks are being removed from the wheelbarrow located near the elevator as gifts are received.

The more rocks removed, the better the seeds will grow. Check out the progress each week!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far to this endeavor! Also, a big thank you to our Stewardship Committee Chairman Jim Utermarck and the Stewardship Board for their dedication to St. Paul Lutheran Church!



■ Stewardship Corner

"Who needs August?"

What do you do when you are in a *"waiting room?"* Browse through some magazines, read a book, day dream or do some people watching? We often find ourselves in *"waiting rooms"* of various kinds. We might be in a real *"waiting room"* or we might be in a *"waiting room"* of our own making. When we are in a *"waiting room"* our lives seem like they are put on hold. We have finished what we were doing and we're waiting to get on to the next project or activity. So, *"waiting"* can be pretty boring.

August is perhaps the most boring month of the year. The early summer crops have been harvested. The crops planted in the spring are now growing and corn and soybean farmers are watching and waiting. Summer vacations are winding down. Even children are getting bored with summer and looking forward to the start of a new school year. Imagine that! Many people might be tempted to say *"let's just get August over so we can go on to better and bigger things."*

Life is sometimes like that. We often find ourselves *"in between."* We may have just finished one project and are waiting to take on the next one. When someone asks us what we're doing we may answer *"just waiting."* In the Bible the terms *"wait or waiting"* can mean many things. Some of these include: *"wait quietly, wait and watch, wait patiently, wait impatiently or wait with hope and expectation."*


The bottom line is that God has given us each day as an opportunity to rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24 NIV) and use it in the best way we can to bring honor to God and blessings to others. Since each day is a gift from God there is really no such thing as *"a useless, boring day"* unless we choose to make it that!

As God's children by grace through faith in Jesus, we are also stewards or managers of all that God has entrusted to us—time, money, talents, skills, relationships, work and so much more. Good stewards seek to use all that they are and have according to the will of the Owner who is God. As St. Paul wrote to the Galatians: *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."* (Galatians 6:10 NIV) In this way, *"we let our lights shine before men, so that they may see our good works and praise our Father in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16 NIV)

So, fellow redeemed, there is really no such thing as a boring hour, day, week or month for us. Time is God's gift to us to use. With the Lord's blessing let's make the most of our time as well as all of life and life's resources.

■ Safe Summer Fun

Lutheran Hour Ministries wants to help your kids find Christ-centered fun on the web this summer. Go to www.JCPlayZone.com for a kid-safe website that offers a wealth of Bible stories, devotions, crafts, recipes, coloring pages, and much more to help them pass the time and grow in mind and spirit.



School
Playground
Work Day
Saturday, Aug. 28
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Hope to see you there!

AUGUST

BiRTHdaYs

Hannah Bergt 8/1
 Harold Bergt 8/1
 Ayden Lauzon 8/1
 Lois Olson 8/1
 Sharon Rasmussen 8/1
 Kendra Wannarka 8/1
 Eric Feely 8/2
 Angela Simmering 8/2
 Daniel Simmering 8/2
 Jackson Utermarck 8/2
 Nathan Kumm 8/3
 Danny Bicknase 8/4
 Marjean Breitbarth 8/4
 Megan Fuhrman 8/4
 Cheryl Kumm 8/4
 Robert True 8/4
 Alan Wohlrabe 8/4
 Alice Berggren 8/5
 Hannah Petschke 8/5
 Joselle DeLoss 8/6
 Daniel Nawrocki 8/6
 Erlene Milbrandt 8/7
 Delores Plumhoff 8/7
 Lisa Wedel 8/7
 Cameron Kabe 8/8
 Rosemary Lewis 8/8
 Levaria Wilde 8/8
 Wendy Yahnke 8/8
 Jakob Gerdts 8/9
 Diane Wedel 8/9
 Roger Carlson 8/10
 Darwin Cook 8/10
 Ryan Heckman 8/10
 Dorothy Laue 8/11
 Daniel Skow 8/11
 Joshua Austin 8/12
 Ryan Donnelly 8/13
 Dolores Eimers 8/13
 Joel Krause 8/13
 Garrett Smith 8/13
 Oliver Tordsen 8/13
 Richard Johnson 8/14
 Erich Kliewer 8/14
 Leo Mau 8/14
 Marie Morris 8/14
 Marvin Paskey 8/14

Robert Milow 8/15
 Donald Dahlke 8/16
 Elizabeth Huemoeller 8/16
 Donna Maday 8/16
 Troy Redenius 8/16
 Russell Stade 8/16
 Katherine Wilson 8/16
 Bennie Blom 8/17
 Dane Breitbarth 8/17
 Charlotte Cobb 8/17
 Darlene Lutz 8/17
 Roy Maschoff 8/17
 Angela Austin 8/18
 Lisa Behrens 8/18
 Alexander Skow 8/18
 Andrea Westcott 8/18
 Jason Harris 8/19
 Diane Schaefer 8/19
 Kathleen Eyerly 8/20
 Kerri Noreen 8/20
 Matthew Stusse 8/20
 Melissa Ackerman 8/21
 Jack Coleman 8/21
 Douglas Johnson 8/21
 Brian McFarland 8/21
 Jared Wedel 8/21
 Justin Wedel 8/21
 Cleo Meschke 8/22
 Roland Moeller 8/22
 Calvin Vaudt 8/22
 Terry Viesselman 8/22
 Kimberly White 8/22
 Elyse Kliewer 8/23
 Troy Meeker 8/23
 Greg Bents 8/24
 Brady Meyer 8/24
 Lorie Robson 8/24
 Katlin Williams 8/25
 Shirley Johnson 8/26
 Brent Prochnow 8/26
 Arlene Schulz 8/26
 Tom Taylor 8/26
 Jillayne Denton 8/27
 Mary Kitzerow 8/27
 Tanya Pomerence 8/27
 Nathan Schmidtke 8/27
 Meredith Wohlrabe 8/27

Merle Brinkman 8/28
 Richard Larson 8/28
 Maryl Lemke 8/28
 Stephanie Rosburg 8/28
 Allan Bassett 8/29
 Benjamin Byers 8/29
 Allon Chen 8/29
 Jeffrey Garbers 8/29
 Kathy Harley 8/29
 Scott Hoch 8/29
 Albert Newman 8/29
 Ryan Schmidtke 8/29
 Jan Bremer 8/31
 Joan Closs 8/31
 Melissa Johnson 8/31

Anniversaries

Anton & Janice Stadler 8/1
 Richard & Annette Larson 8/3
 Gary & Susan Stusse 8/3
 Jack & Henrietta Johnson 8/5
 Douglas & Kara Closs 8/6
 James & Anne Keithahn 8/6
 Brad & Kim Appel 8/7
 Harland & Phyllis Wedel 8/7
 James & Sara Utermarck 8/8
 Steve & Lori Pomerence 8/10
 Merle & Eileen Boesch 8/11
 Kevin & Kelly Hillmer 8/11
 Terry & Cindy Viesselman 8/11
 Randy & Carmen Deling 8/15
 John & Theresa Prochnow 8/15
 Tim & Lori Twitchell 8/16
 Walt & Darlain Anacker 8/18
 Jeff & Julie Laue 8/18
 Paul & Judi Sundholm 8/21
 William & Gloria Becker 8/24
 Merle & Marion Gieseke 8/24
 Kevin & Eileen Donnelly 8/25
 David & Cheryl Kumm 8/25
 Bruce & Michelle Eversman 8/28
 Donald & Ann Dahlke 8/29
 Jeffrey & Julie Zarling 8/29

August ■ This Month's Faithful Servants ■ 2010

ALTAR GUILD

July 31-August 1 LYDIA: Charlotte Malecha,
Jan Bremer, and Kathy Eyerly
August 7-8 KATIE I: Joan Luedtke, Sylvia Willard
August 14-15 KATIE II: Kay Groth, Jan Stadler
August 21-22 ANNA: Ronda Cone, Lois Johnson,
Lorraine Thomas, Karen Leiding
August 28-29 ESTHER: Carla Fast, Karen Garrison,
Sandy Kopeschka

GREETERS

August 1
9:00 a.m. Harold & Avis Wagner,
Floriene Nolte, Mary Schmitt

August 8
9:00 a.m. Linda Feely, Darlain Anacker,
Richard & Kathy Schultz

August 15
9:00 a.m. Darla Mae Grefe, Marj Donnelly,
Nathan & Amy Anders

August 22
9:00 a.m. Stella Stade, Ardis Meyenburg,
Dennis & Marianne Hagen

August 29
9:00 a.m. Dawn Waterbury, Lorraine Thomas,
Clarence & Marlene Dannhoff

USHERS

9:00 a.m. – Bruce Peymann, Rich Wolf, Doug Closs, Terry Leiding, Mervin Malo, Martin Meixell, Jacob Peymann, Logan Peymann, Chuck Schaefer, Nathan Schmidtke, Don Wohlrabe, Dale Ruschy, Larry Behrens, Nathan Behrens, Roger Fritz, Jim Glienke, Branch Johnson, Trent Liljenquist, Jacob Liljenquist, Rob True, Mark Westcott, Tom Westcott.

WORSHIP SERVICE ASSISTANTS

July 31-August 1

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Scott Fuhrman, David Gratz
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Richard Behrens, Gerald Bergt

August 7-8

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Neal Breitbarth, Jeff Eversman
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Roger Fritz, Scott Fuhrman

August 14-15

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. David Gratz, Robert Hall
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Chuck Northwick, Ken Simmering

August 21-22

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Larry Maday, Jim Harley
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Jim Hardt, Scott Fuhrman

August 28-29

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Larry Behrens, Scott Fuhrman
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Nathan Anders, Gerald Bergt

FUN BAGS

Refill bags anytime during the week after Sunday svc. listed below

August 1 Marianne Hagen
August 8 Lisa Rosburg
August 15 Lisa Wedel

August 22 Jill Denton
August 29 Lisa Rosburg

DEACONS

Meetings are 3rd Wednesday of the month ~ 8:00 p.m. Regular Meeting Time ~ 7:00 p.m. in Summer.
Below is a listing of the Council of Deacons. If you have a concern, you may contact any one of the following:

Name (Years)	Position	Telephone
Russ Luedtke (1)	Chairman	235-9297
Duane Rosburg (2)	Parish Min.	728-8244/920-9797
Peter Malecha (2)	Budget/Finance	235-9514
Richard Behrens (1)	Worship Ass't.	235-3714
Wade Krenz (3)	Evangelism	236-3423
David Gratz (3)	Calling Deacon	238-2975/236-4558

Name (Years)	Position	Telephone
Mark Westcott (3)		235-8169
Doug Closs (2)	Calling Deacon	235-5890
Neal Breitbarth (3)	School	236-6233
Jim Utermarck (1)	Stewardship	238-5457/236-3942
Terry Leiding (1)	Trustees	235-9355/236-6027
Justin Jobe (2)	Calling Deacon	238-9353/236-2276

Here Are Many Ways You Can Provide Additional Financial Support for St. Paul Lutheran School

GENERAL MILLS & BETTY CROCKER "BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION" PROGRAM

Each box top logo is worth 10¢ to our school! Collect Box Tops for Education logos from participating General Mills cereal, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Kleenex, Scott, Viva, Cottonelle, and Betty Crocker products. Turn these into the school office throughout the school year.

CAMPBELL'S "LABELS FOR EDUCATION" PROGRAM

Collect the UPS code from Campbell's soups, Franco-American, Pepperidge Farm, Swanson, and Prego food products. (Note: Front panel of the cans is no longer accepted!) We can order a variety of school equipment and supplies from their catalog with these labels. Turn labels into the school office or the plastic tub by the flower refrigerator in the church basement marked "Campbell's Labels."

"TRASH TO CASH" PROGRAM

Turn in empty laser and ink jet cartridges (found in printers at homes and businesses) to the school office. We cannot use toner cartridges from copiers and color laser cartridges. Ask your business to save their laser and ink jet cartridges for the school, also! We also receive cash back for used, workable cell phones that are sent in by our school.

"PROJECT A + REDEMPTION LABELS"

Clip and save "Project A + Redemption Labels" from Tyson Chicken products that feature the Project A + logo. Each label collected is worth 24¢ to our school. Turn them in to the school office any time during the school year, or the church secretary's office in the summer months.

TARGET'S "TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION" PROGRAM

If you shop at Target in Mankato or elsewhere, 1% of your Target Guest Card credit purchases can go to our school. Target Guest Card applications are available in the school office or at Target stores. If you already have a card, call 1-800-316-6142 to designate St. Paul Lutheran School, Fairmont (you can also do this at a Target store).

KEMPS "NICKELS FOR SCHOOLS" PROGRAM

Save specially-stickered caps from plastic gallons and half-gallons of Kemps white milk and skim chocolate milk or proof-of-purchase symbols from paper half-gallons of white milk, cottage cheese, and sour cream containers. Each is worth 5¢ to the school. Bring them to the school office, or the church office during the summer. We also save branded caps from Land-O-Lakes milk, chocolate milk, and orange juice. We receive 5¢ for each one turned in. Save "Milk Moola" and "Donuts to Dough" labels, etc. from Kwik Trip. If you have a Kwik Trip Card and designate the rewards to St. Paul Lutheran School, the school will receive the reward plus 10% of certain in-store purchases that you make.

"PIZZA RANCH WAGON" SYMBOLS

Save the "Pizza Ranch Wagon" symbols from your Pizza Ranch pizza and chicken boxes (it has the words "Pizza Ranch Wagons" above an oval with a drawing of a covered wagon). Turn these in to the school office. Pizza Ranch will donate 25¢ to the school for each Wagon collected!

SUBWAY CARDS

If you purchase Subway cards, 2% of your purchases can go to St. Paul Lutheran School. If you already have a card or when you purchase one, add our school's code (3TQF) to your card at www.subway.com or call 1-800-564-1343. Subway cards can be purchased at any Subway and are redeemed at full purchase price when you eat at Subway.

Although not a fundraiser, the school is also saving aluminum pop tabs which will be turned over to help support the Ronald McDonald House in the Twin Cities. Families receiving care at any Twin Cities area hospital are eligible to stay there provided their children are being treated for cancer or have other life-threatening illnesses and the family resides 45 miles or greater from the Twin Cities. Every year, more than 600 families stay there. The pop tab program has raised over \$700,000 for the Ronald McDonald House since its beginning in 1987.

We also appreciate your support by attending and purchasing items at our annual Silent Basket Auction and Pie/Ice Cream Social – held in the Spring.

Here Are Many Ways You Can Provide Additional Financial Support for St. Paul Lutheran School

THRIVENT CHOICESM – CHOICE DOLLARSSM

Coming soon: a new way to help St. Paul Lutheran School if you have insurance or investments in Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Please share this information with friends or relatives who also might qualify.

As you may know, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is launching a new charitable grant program and benefit of membership called Thrivent ChoiceSM. Choice DollarsSM will be designated to some Thrivent Financial members when that portion of the program launches this summer. (Thrivent Financial member eligibility will be based on fraternal benefit society product ownership and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership.)

As always, St. Paul Lutheran School is grateful for your consideration when you make charitable giving plans. If you are a Thrivent Financial member who learns you will be eligible to direct Choice DollarsSM (watch your mail for details from Thrivent Financial this summer), we ask you to consider our school as your help direct Thrivent Financial's charitable funds. (The former Thrivent Giving Plus program ended in December of 2009.)

■ Anna Keck Student Aid Fund Helps SPL Students

If you would like to help provide financial aid for families that need assistance with the tuition cost of attending St. Paul Lutheran School, please consider making a donation to the Anna Keck Student Aid Fund. Any amount would be gladly received and appreciated.

■ Newsletter Deadline

Newsletter announcements and calendar items for September will be due by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 23rd.

Reminder: Please notify the church secretary before the deadline if your Board, group, etc. changes its regularly-scheduled meeting time, so that the calendar and other notices will be correct.



Martin

Luther High School

2010-2011 School Year

Aug. 29 Back to school picnic & new school orientation
 Aug. 30 First day of school
 Oct. 3 Delegate meeting, 1:00 p.m.
 Oct. 15 7th & 8th grade visitation day
 Oct. 21-23 .. Fall rummage sale
 Nov. 8 Red Cross blood drive
 Nov. 13 Joyful Thanks fall benefit dinner (2009 Miss America, guest speaker/entertainer)
 Nov. 20 Drama production at Fairmont Opera House
 Dec. 5 MLHS Sunday
 Dec. 18 Christmas Concert at Fairmont Opera House
 Jan. 8 Generation to Generation antique auction
 Feb. 25 5th & 6th grade visitation day

Mar. 6-12 Lutheran Schools Week
 Mar. 13 Celebrating Lutheran Schools Dinner (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and Delegate meeting (1 p.m.)
 Apr. 4 Spring Break begins
 Apr. 7-9 Spring rummage sale
 Apt. 16 Oh! What a Knight dinner auction
 Apr. 17 Sacred Concert at St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont
 May 10 Red Cross blood drive
 May 21 Pops Concert
 May 29 Graduation Day, 2:00 p.m.
 June 18 Play It Again golf benefit
 June 19 Fathers' Day pork chop dinner; Delegate meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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*Your promise is well tried, and Your servant loves it.
~ Psalm 119:140*

August Newsletter

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
211 Budd Street
Fairmont, MN 56031

Email: stpaulft@frontiernet.net
Website: <http://stpaulsfairmont.org>

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CALL TO SERVICE

WORSHIP SERVICES

Holy Communion offered every Saturday & Sunday

SUMMER SCHEDULE (MEMORIAL DAY TO LABOR DAY)

Sunday Adult Bible Class • 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Worship Service at 5:30 p.m. • Sunday Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

PASTORS

Rev. Thomas E. Fast
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