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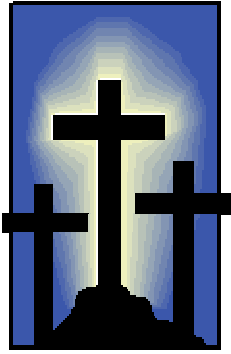
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SAINT PAUL 'S VOICE

February/March 2008

It's been great being with you the last two months. It looks like I may be around a bit longer, as Pastor Mel continues to heal. You all are a wonderful group of people. I still don't know all or even most of your names, so please continue to help me by reminding me. Thanks!

Pastor Mel and I have talked several times over the last two months, and we continue to work together to do what's best for St. Paul's. I'm not proposing any major changes, but one rather substantive change that's been batted around concerns the Prayer List that appears each week in the bulletin. It has become rather unwieldy and as a consequence has lost a lot of its inherent meaning, power, and value. Worship & Music, Pastor Mel, and I are considering some modest "improvements." If you have input in this area, please let us know.

Lent is upon us, being very early this year. The schedule is as follows:

- **Spaghetti Supper**, Friday night, February 1st.
- **Ash Wednesday**, February 6th at 7:00 PM.
- **Wednesday evenings**, beginning February 13th until Holy Week, Soup Supper at 6:00 PM, followed by a Dialog Service at 7:00 PM.
- **Maundy Thursday**, March 20th, Soup Supper at 6:00 PM, followed by a Dialog Service with the stripping of the altar.
- **Good Friday**, March 21st, there will be a service only at 7:00 PM.

I hope all of you will be with us on some or all of those occasions in order to help prepare for the greatest event in human history, the Resurrection of Our Lord. By the way, as soon as Pastor Mel is able, she will be doing the services.

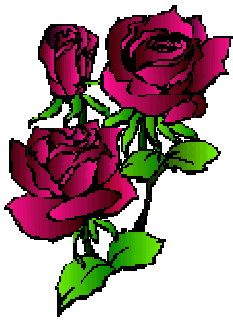
Thanks again for your graciousness and acceptance. May your worship and fellowship experiences at St. Paul's continue to lead you toward a fuller union with our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Blessings and peace to you all.

In Christ's Name,

Pastor Dave

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**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER
WE PRAY FOR:**

Members: Lois Armacost, Mary Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Ruth Bare, Maidie Brown, Mary Burk, Sue Bosley, Anne Durham, Bob Durham, Jr., Matilda Griffin, Dorothea Gross, Olan "Eli" Harris, Shirley Harris, Mildred Hasson, Matthew Jones, Jesse McGee, Mary Louise Miller, Pastor Mel Stricklin, Shari Underhill, Leslie Vink-Hood, George Walter, and all homebound members

Family & Friends: Genny Casper, Peter Hoffman, Esther Watson, Ann Stricklin, Jeffery Bevard, Candice Dorsey-Davis, Mary DeBord, Bill Wellien, Alice Hubbert, Emily Smith & family, Sarah O'Keefe, Bob Foster, Pat Gray, Melanie Martin, Ron Hill, Carol Graff, Ken Hasson, John Scharf, Rick Jones, Tonya, Darlene, Kim Mays, Jennifer, Louis Roser, Tammy Hill, Helen Flanagan, Wade Lease, Charles Sackman, Matthew Walker, Ruth Horner, Sheila Redding, Debbie Hahn, Kade, Rita Alexander, Brandon Peele, John McCubbin, Doug McGee, Deacon Richard Spies, Eleanor Zour, Terry Wolfe, John Latimer, Bill Peters, Jeff Yablan, Lauren Bryant, Jamie Lease, Lisa Van Lil, Paul Durham, Brian Lally, Clyde Utz, Doris Hoffman, Robert Sewell, Julia Wagner, Jim Howard, Russell Ball, Gail Woods, Donna Sabol, Andrew Shipton, Amy Mills, Thom, Erika Kinsler, Pastor Dick Michael, Mickey Derreth, Kinsler twins, Jeannie Bernhardt & family, David Oler, Becky Wait, Baby Conner Spencer, Braylynn, and those in broken relationships

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES: Family and friends of: Joseph Angelozzi.

May the promises of our resurrected Lord bring them comfort and peace.

THE PRAYER: Let us pray for those afflicted with chronic diseases, those cut off from family and loved ones, the homeless, and the sick and dying (names). Help us to be your hands and your heart. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Many things I have tried to grasp and have lost. That which I have placed in God's hands, I still have."

-Martin Luther

"What if you could measure your age not by the weakness of your body, but by the radiance of your spirit?"

-Dr. R. Maurice Boyd

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Project Updates

Property Committee:

The repair and remounting of the church gutters have been completed. Two additional downspouts were installed to prevent overflowing which had occurred due to poor drainage. This project was completed by Brothers Services for a cost of \$3,560.00; much of which was donated to the church recently by friends and members.

The hatch in the bell cupola was secured to prevent water and birds from gaining access to the church attic.

The air-conditioning and heat systems were inspected and tested by Modern Comfort Systems and were deemed in good condition.

Repairing and repainting the wood sign in the park area by Woodland Signs was completed. The sign lettering was repainted with gold leaf and plastic signs were updated to reflect the church service times for summer and the rest of the year. This project was paid for from memorial funds. Solar floodlights will be installed to light the sign in the evenings.

Future projects include painting the trim around the roofline of the church, installing wrap on the porch of the parsonage, evaluating the roof and parking lot for possible repairs and upgrades and many smaller projects.

Park Committee:

The playground for the park has been started as of this writing. This is a custom designed playground and is being installed by a professional company who specializes in this field. They have been contracted to install the fabric, mulch and border after the playground is completed. Unfortunately there is a missing component which will not be available until the end of January but by the time you read this the installation should have been finished. This is a first class playground and should last for decades. We invite all members of the community to use the playground and hope that many people will enjoy having a quality playground in our neighborhood. Future projects for the playground include benches and a "spinner" for the older children. Future projects for the park include a pavilion and storage building for which we are actively fundraising this year and hope to complete as soon as possible. The pavilion will provide a space for outdoor services, picnics, theater and the flea market as well as other uses. The pavilion is planned for the space between the playground and the CSX train tracks. Our long term project for the park area is a building which would house the education, ministry and social activities; some of which are ongoing but need additional space to grow. The pavilion and playground are the first phases of this long range plan.

All of these projects are possible due to the generosity and caring of many friends and members of St. Paul's without whom they would not be possible. We have a beautiful church and we are acting as good stewards. The outreach to the community, which the playground and pavilion will provide, should help us to be active and important members of our town and hopefully will establish more of a partnership with our neighbors.

Shipton Family Update

Total Contribution: \$2,725



Pete & I wish to extend a deep, heartfelt "Thank You" to the many members of St. Paul's Church for their generous financial support of the Shipton family this holiday season. Once again, you've shown your amazing generosity. We are so grateful for your contributions. Although the donations were for Chrissy & her children, it feels like a gift to us. It is a blessing to be part of such a wonderful community. I know that Chrissy also appreciates the prayers and support that have been given. Her strength is amazing and truly reflects her faith.

Andrew is past the half way point of his chemotherapy treatment. When that regimen is completed in early February, he will begin six weeks of radiation. The doctors have adjusted his medication so that he recovers from the chemo treatment more quickly. He has lost all

of his hair and sometimes has issues associated with his treatment. Each round of chemo seems to bring on a new ailment. However, the tumor has shrunk by half since treatment began and the doctors are optimistic about his prognosis. Between treatments, Andrew attempts to complete school work. Chrissy is hoping to keep Andrew with his class and advance to 8th grade next year. In the meantime, Eric and Brad continue to do well in school. Jill, who goes to school with Sophia, is always happy to be in preschool and is doing quite well. Jessie will be three in April and loves all of the attention that she gets from everyone who stops by their house. Life is progressing one day at a time.

With love,

Pete and Heather Panagakos and family

Second Offerings 2008

January	NESAP
February	Alpha Pregnancy – baby bottles filled with coins
March	Carroll Hospice
April	Carroll Lutheran School
May	Carroll County Rape Crisis Services
June	Carroll Lutheran Village
July	Vacation Bible School
August	Interfaith Housing
September	Gettysburg Seminary Students
October	World Hunger
November	Farmers & hunters feeding the Hungry
December	St. Dymas
Lenten Wed. Evenings	½ directly to Mar-Lu-Ridge ½ Mar-Lu-Ridge Scholarships
Lenten & Christmas Envelopes	Benevolence
Christmas Eve Services Offerings	Current Expenses

SPY

Mark your calendars:

Lock-In: Meg Jones is planning the Lock-In for February 1st immediately following the church's spaghetti dinner. More details to follow.

Other SPY Events: If you are interested in planning a SPY event please let me know!

We are always looking for fun times for the kids. Some ideas are roller skating, bowling, and game night at church.

CARROLL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

This is a reminder that Carroll Lutheran School is holding its 7th Annual Kid's Clothing, Toy, Baby Equipment & Maternity Clothes Consignment Sale on

Saturday, February 9, 2008 from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Carroll County Agricultural Center (700 Agricultural Drive in Westminster). There will be a ½ price sale from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Consigners are needed. If you have items to consign please call 410-848-6195.

OUTREACH

Thanks to everyone who helped the Outreach Committee provide 3 adopted families with gifts this Christmas. We also mailed 4 goodie boxes to soldiers stationed in Afghanistan.

Upcoming projects:

Baby Bottle collections to benefit Alpha Pregnancy (Feb)

Easter bag delivery to Long View and our shut-ins (Mar)

Flea Market (April 19)

Blood Drive (April 26)

SANDWICH MAKING OUTREACH

The sandwiches are made for Westminster Rescue Mission & Carroll County Food Sunday at the church, the third Tuesday of every month, beginning at 8 a.m. This is an

important ministry of our church. Please come and help if you can!

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

The December meeting of the Council included several reports, new and old business.

Motions made and approved included: paying Pastor Mel 1/3 of her salary until she returns from disability leave; money was transferred from the Newsletter account to the Sexton fund so the church could be cleaned for Christmas; and Vivian Chenowith was nominated Vice President of the Council.

Old business discussions included: the amount of money raised for the Shipton Fund; the new red Hymnals available from Augsburg Fortress; the re-starting of the men's Bible study group; the condition of the ribbon pew bookmarks; the Thrivent Chapter business; and the possibility of having a sign installed alerting Dover Road drivers to be alert for children crossing the road in front of the church.

New business discussion included a list of second offerings and the possibility of having a Chocolate & Coffee fund raiser to benefit the church and Lutheran World Relief in the spring.



Ash Wednesday Service:

February 6, 7:00 pm

Soup Suppers:

Wednesdays, February 13 – March 12, 6:00 pm

Lenten Services:

Wednesdays, February 13 – March 12, 7:00 pm
(following Soup Suppers)

Maundy Thursday Service:

March 13, 7:00 pm following 6:00pm soup supper



From The Newsletter newsletter February 2008

http://newsletternewsletter.com/SearchCartoons/default.asp?issue_date=2/1/2008

Recent responses during the Children's Sermon:

Pastor Bare: What kinds of things will Santa be bringing you this year?

Sam Jones: Coal

Pastor Bare: (addressing the girls) Do you like wearing dresses?

Sam Jones: Would you?

Pastor Bare: What were your joys this past week?

Sam Jones: They fired Brian Billick

Celebrations for February & March





February Birthdays

1 John Hogarty Jr.
2 Suzi Lyons
3 Glenys Hunt
4 Maidie Brown
7 Jesse Headley
8 Calvin Armacost
9 Scott Boose
Derek Dubois
12 Mildred Hasson
Matthew Jones
14 Pat Graff
21 Amy Durham
23 Diana Hoffman
25 Ryan Armacost
27 Lynne Fuller








March Birthdays

5 Gladys Reed
6 Angie Henry
7 David Warren
9 Hazel Ashe
10 Carol Hunt
11 Bud Boose
13 Timothy Vink
15 Lori Baskette
17 Linda Hale
23 Allison Hogarty
26 Hope Hilgartner
Hannah Hilgartner
27 Helen Armacost
Carol Hilgartner
Ruth Walter
Gaige Dubois
29 Emily Benson
31 Alan Miller

February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 6:30pm Spagetti Supper/Bingo Night	2 930-1130am Council planning meeting
3 900am – Worship Youth Sunday Food Collection	4	5 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours	6 730 pm AA 700pm 	7	8	9
10 900am – Worship 1215 pm Confirmation	11	12 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 7:00pm – Council	13 730 pm AA 600pm 	14	15	16
17 900am – Worship Christmas Program Second Offering Carroll Hospice Fellowship after Worship	18	19 800am Sandwich Making 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours	20 730 pm AA 600pm 	21	22	23 930 am Shared Ministry Workshop
24 900am – Worship 1215 pm Confirmation	25	26	27 730 pm AA 600pm 	28	29	

March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 9:30am Fund Raising Workshop (1200 pm - 130pm) Pastor's Office Hours
2 900am – Worship Food Collection Youth Sunday	3	4 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours (300 pm – 430pm) Pastor's Office Hours	5 730 pm AA 600pm 	6	7	8 (1200 pm - 130pm) Pastor's Office Hours
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