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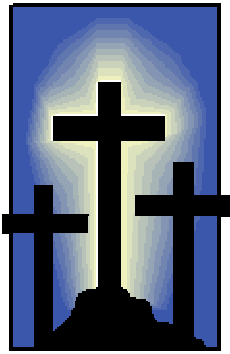
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SAINT PAUL 'S VOICE

February/March 2009

We have just celebrated the birth of the Christ-child. God has come in human form. Yes, Christmas is a warm and fuzzy event. But, let us remember that Christ did not remain a baby. He grew as every child does and when he was old enough, we read how he engaged in spirited dialogue with the rabbis in the Temple.

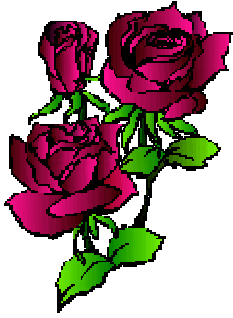
Later, Jesus, as a young man, learns carpentry from his father and one could see him at work in that carpenter's shop. Still later, when he was about thirty years of age, he would begin his ministry of preaching and teaching, healing and casting out demons. This thirty-year old Jesus had quite a dramatic impact on people who heard him. Many were drawn to him, so much so that they would eventually give their lives for him. Others grew so angry at him for his interpretations of the sacred word they would not rest until he was crucified and dead and buried. Few people seemed to be neutral. You either loved him or hated him.

My prayer is that we love Jesus and heed his teachings, look for the miracles that occur today, and bring God's kingdom to the rest of the world, for many know him not. May we be instruments for the Lord so that lives may be changed.

We are now nearing the Lenten season where we spend time reflecting on our sins and sacrificing for the good of others. We need to repent, turn our lives around. Then as we prepare for the celebration of the resurrection of our crucified Jesus, may our hearts be filled with the love that Jesus gave to us by dying for our sins. May God's love show in all our words and actions.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Mel Strucklin



THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

WE PRAY FOR:

MEMBERS: Lois Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Kim Boose, Bud Boose, Mary Burk, Sue Bosley, Matilda Griffin, Olan “Eli” Harris, Shirley Harris, Mildred Hasson, Matthew Jones, Oneida Jones, Heather Lord, Jesse McGee, Mary Louise Miller, Sara Moore, Bill Stratton, Shari Underhill, Leslie Vink-Hood, George Walter, Lorraine Walter, and all homebound members.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Genny Casper, Esther Watson, Carol Graff, Debbie Hahn, Bill Peters, Jim Howard, Clyde Utz, Braylynn, Casimer Gorecki, Joyce Rhoten, Pastor Gene Alexander, Bishop Jerry Knoche, Ex Officio Bishop Mocko, Pastor Andrea Hagan-Arendt, Linwood Roberts, Troy Gourley, Jessica McGee, Becky Nouwood, Harry Thomas, Raj Williams, Mary Albright, Harold Edris, Heidi Delehanty, Claude Steger, Pete and Ellen, Pastor Dick Michael, Pete Jaeger, Jean Herrin, the Wissel twins, Ann Smith, Chip Smith, and those in broken relationships.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOSED LOVED ONES: family and friends of Dorothea Gross, Ann Stricklin, John Foster, Ryan Mahoney, James Flater, Janet Masilek, June Heiss, and Betty McCombs,

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

THE PRAYER: Dear precious Lord, you know that which troubles all people. Stay near those who face trials in life due to unemployment, discord, grief, and illness, especially (names). Bring them relief from their struggles. Hear us, O God. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Blessed is the [person] who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us wordy evidence of the fact.

George Eliot

Never lose a chance of saying a kind word.

William Makepeace Thackeray

It is Christmas every time we allow Jesus to love others through us.

Blessed Mother Teresa

God is not glorified in any transaction upon earth so much as in the conversion of a sinner.

Archibald Alexander

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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Who was with Jesus at the Transfiguration?
 2. What was Peter's original name?
 3. Who said to Jesus, "My Lord and my God"?
 4. Who criticized the woman who anointed Jesus feet?
 5. Who preached at Pentecost?
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President's Message

Happy New Year from your 2009 Council members, I look forward to getting to know everyone better as we work through the many challenges and opportunities facing St. Paul's in these tough economic times. I am new to the position of Council President, although I am not new to St. Paul's, I will need your help and guidance along the way to do a good job. I would like to thank everyone for giving me this opportunity to serve as your Council President.

The Council has set several goals for 2009,

Increase our Visibility by updating St. Paul's Website, with 2009 calendar of events, by adding a separate screen for Flea Market information, also adding a separate screen for SPY events and pictures.

Add our Website address to sign out front.

Pavilion, Park Committee is to begin the first phase of this project.

Stripe the church parking area.

Update the current phone system with various mailbox options for current church information.

New Church Directory with email addresses in two years.

There are many other very important items the Council will be working on as well as these goals; we have a very busy year ahead of us.

One of my personal goals is Communication; it is a very important and necessary element to make sure the congregation is aware of what their Council is doing. Your feedback is very important to me, so talk to me, or call (410-526-7598) or, email (sarah.r.morris@comcast.net) or send me a note by mail.

Sincerely,

Sarah Morris
Council President

THANK YOU, THANK YOU THANK YOU, THANK YOU

..... TO ALL THOSE WHO:

helped make our Hanging of the Greens social a big success. Also, to all those who decorated our church to make it beautiful for the Christmas season.

gave a presentation of the Christmas story during worship in December. Also to those who helped lead the children and to Wade Hilgartner who helped build the scenery.

gave us special music for our Christmas Eve service. They were Lisa, Paul, and Carol Kemp at the Family Christmas Eve Service and to Helen Kemp who sang to solos at our Candlelight Service. Especially our organist, Beth Hannon, who faithfully plays at our worship services and all our special services.

donate food items each month for NESAP's food pantry

led our Lessons and Carols Service, especially Sarah Morris for leading the worship and to Susan Fleming who gave a temple talk.

wished Pastor Mel a Merry Christmas with many cards, generous donations, and time off to be with her family. A big thanks to all.

sponsored poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary for our special Christmas services.

arrange for our fellowship each month, especially Gene Zepp and Oneida Jones and to all who bring delicious food to be shared.

Flea Market Schedule

April 18, 2008

May 23, 2008

June 20, 2008

July 18, 2008

August 15,

September 12, 2008

October 10, 2008

RAIN DATES ARE ONE WEEK LATER

The Lord's Laughter

From the *Joyful Noiseletter*, March 2009 edition

Eleventh Commandment: Thou shalt not weigh more than thy refrigerator.

It's maybe time to go on a Lenten diet when:

- on a recent Caribbean cruise, the captain ordered you to stay in the center of the ship.
- you have to rent a U-Haul to go on a picnic.
- People decide to follow you up on the next elevator
- You burn out a refrigerator bulb every two weeks.

Out of the mouths of God's kids:

"When she was five years old, my sister was attending Sunday mass with our parents. During the homily, she suddenly stood up and said in a rather loud voice, 'Tell the man we're going home!'

She's now a Benedictine nun in St. Joseph, MN.

Submitted by: Marilyn Schmidt

Montrose, MN

After a four-year-old girl's grandfather passed away, every time it would rain, she would go the window, pull the curtains closed, and exclaim: "Nobody look up in the sky! Grandpa's taking a shower!"

Submitted by: Janet Behning

Mesquite, TX

ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Peter, James, and John (Mark 9:2)
 2. Simon
 3. Thomas (John 20:28)
 4. Judas Iscariot (John 12: 3-5)
 5. Peter (Acts 2)
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday school students at St. Paul's were extremely busy during the last months of 2008.

The students delighted the congregation when they sang, "Older People Have So Much to Share", on November 12th. An extra treat was a duet sung by sisters Heather and Sophia Panagakos

On Friday, December 5th, both Sunday school students and SPY members met to make Christmas Cards for the men and women serving in the armed forces. A total of 52 cards were made and distributed to U.S. soldiers in Iraq and to a local veteran's hospital.



On Sunday, December 21st our students showed off their talents and performed a Christmas Play, "God is love – Christmas is proof".



St. Paul's students are always busy, but never too busy to keep our doors open

for new students. We have many more activities planned for the New Year. So, if you know of any child who may not be attending Sunday school, would you please tell their parents about us?

READ TO FEED – HEIFER PROJECT

Due to extenuating circumstances the Read To Feed event held by our youth was not held on January 24. It has been postponed until a later time. Announcements will be made as to when it is rescheduled.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

As you receive this newsletter our children will have put on a skit about "souper bowl". At the end of worship, February 1, they will be collecting money for "souper bowl". The money collected will go to "feeding the hungry" projects. So please be generous.

SPAGHETTI DINNER SOCIAL AND YOUTH LOCK-IN

Friday evening, February 13 at 6:30 there will be spaghetti dinner for everyone. Following the meal there will be fellowship and games. After that, the youth will be spending the night in the church for a sleep over (and additional games and videos). Please come out and enjoy a fun evening with all your St. Paul friends.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Our weekly Bible Study has resumed. We meet each Monday evening at 7 p.m. We will continue our studies of "Free in Christ to Serve the Neighbor". If we are not finished by February 23, we will stop for the Lenten season and resume after Easter.

NEW HYMNALS

Please help sponsor our new hymnals. See Carol Hunt for forms.

FRIENDS OF THE VILLAGE 2009 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Each year the Friends of the Village auxiliary (FOV) touches the lives of Carroll Lutheran Village residents through generous gifts of time and care. Since 1981 the Auxiliary has generated enormous financial support, mostly through its fund raising events. Items such as a gazebo, a bus, medical carts and wheelchair scales are just a few of the many items purchased for the Village by the FOV. In addition, the FOV gives endowments to Carroll Lutheran Village, provides scholarship funding for employees, and has helped to support the building of the Wellness Center for use by all residents with their \$100,000 pledge.

The annual membership drive is one of the Auxiliary's fund raising events, with funds from the membership drive benefiting all residents of the Village. Please join the Friends of the Village Auxiliary. The levels of individual one year membership contributions are: Active - \$2, Contributing - \$5, Sustaining - \$10, or Patron - \$25. Life memberships are available for \$100. The Names of FOV Life members are displayed on a plaque in the administrative hallway of the Village.

Cash or checks are accepted.

Checks should be made out to Friends of the Village. A membership card will be returned to you. Please contact **Sara Singer** for membership information.

OUTREACH

Thanks to everyone who helped sell Sally Foster products. These proceeds fund the goodie bags we make for the homeless shelter in Westminster. Each year we adopt local families and put their Christmas wishes on our tree for distribution to the congregation. This year we helped 3

families and also sent "6" goodie packages to soldiers stationed in Afghanistan. Thanks to the congregation for helping us make Christmas a little happier for others. We'll be putting up our mittens and socks tree in January. These donations go to the Hannah More School in Reisterstown.

Upcoming Events:

April 5th - Delivery of Easter Bags to residents at Long View Nursing Home
May 5th - Spring Blood Drive

LENTEN SERVICES

Again this year, we will have weekly Lenten Services. Ash Wednesday Service will be February 25 at 7 p.m. that will include the imposition of ashes. There is no soup supper that evening. The rest of the Lenten season there will be soup supper at 6 p.m. with service at 7 p.m.

This year on Maundy Thursday, instead of a soup supper there will be a Seder meal. This is a feast commemorating the departure of the Israelites from Egypt which is celebrated on the eve of the first day of Passover. It is also when Jesus celebrated the first Lord's Supper saying as he broke the bread, "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me". As he passed the cup of wine he said, "Take and drink, this is my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Sunday school staff will be planning this meal. Because it is a 9 course meal, they will need about an hour and a half to serve it. The service then for that evening on Maundy Thursday will begin at 7:30. Please make note of this change.

On Good Friday there will be no meal. Service time will be at 7 p.m.

Please make plans to join us at our soup suppers and Lenten Services.



Ash Wednesday Service:
February 25, 7:00 pm
Soup Suppers:
Wednesdays, March 4 – April 2, 6:00 pm
Lenten Services:
Wednesdays, March 4 – April 2, 7:00 pm
(following Soup Suppers)
Maundy Thursday Service:
April 9, 7:30 pm following 6:00pm Seder

February & March Celebrations

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

March Anniversaries

February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 900am – Worship Souper Bowl Youth Sunday Food Collection	2 700pm- Bible Study	3 1000am-1200pm Treasurer’s Office Hours (300 pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours)	4 730 pm AA	5	6	7 (1200 pm - 130pm Pastor’s Office Hours)
8 900am – Worship Alpha Preganancy Baby Bottles 1215 pm Confirmation	9 700pm- Bible Study	10 1000am-1200pm Treasurer’s Office Hours (300 pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours) 7:00pm – Council	11 730 pm AA	12	13 6:30pm-Spagetti Supper/Social/ Youth Lock-in	14 (1200 pm - 130pm Pastor’s Office Hours)
15 900am – Worship Second Offering Christian Ed Fellowship after Worship	16 700pm- Bible Study	17 800am Sandwich Making 1000am-1200pm Treasurer’s Office Hours (300 pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours)	18 6:45pm- Healing Service- St. Paul’s 730 pm AA	19	20	21 930 am Shared Ministry Workshop (1200 pm - 130pm Pastor’s Office Hours)
22 900am – Worship 1215 pm Confirmation	23 700pm- Bible Study	24 1000am-1200pm Treasurer’s Office Hours (300 pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours)	25 730 pm AA 700pm 	26	27	28 (1200 pm - 130pm Pastor’s Office Hours)
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March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 900am – Worship Food Collection Youth Sunday	2 130pm - Worship & Music Committee	3 1000am-1200pm Treasurer’s Office Hours (300 pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours)	4 730 pm AA 600pm- Soup Supper 700pm- 	5	6	7 9:30am Fund Raising Workshop (1200 pm - 130pm Pastor’s Office Hours)
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