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SAINT PAUL'S VOICE August/September 2007

Many places in the Bible we are told to witness the Good News. We are to go out and share the story of Jesus as our Savior to others. Yet often times we fail to do this. Sometimes we hesitate because we don't want people to think we are religious fanatics. It makes me wonder what God thinks of us when we don't share the Good News. Also, I wonder who needs to have the same hope we have, because of our faith in Jesus, and who struggle through life without that hope and love only because they haven't been told.

I read an article in the July 2007 issue of the Lutheran magazine. It talked about a gentle way of sharing one's faith. This evangelism tip was written by Ginny Williams of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in San Diego, California. She stated that one of the ways she shares her faith is to post her church bulletin in her work cubicle. She said the brightness of the bulletins draws people to notice them. Occasionally someone will ask her about her church and this starts conversations about faith. She also noted that it allows her to invite them to join her at church. Then she stated that even if they don't see the inside of each other's house of worship, they have opened the door to sharing God's love for them.

In this day and age, when religion is almost a taboo topic, I find this gentle way of sharing a wonderful form of witnessing without brow beating someone to listen to our own faith journey. Could we find some little ways of sharing our faith with others? Do we wear our crosses around our neck as a faith statement or a fashion statement? Do we have a cross in our home so that when visitors come they see it on display? Do we live a life that tells others how much Jesus means to us?

Hopefully, these suggestions will help you think of gentle ways to proclaim the Good News. If you do, would you share it with others so that more people will be touched by the faith and love that we have for our Jesus?

Love in Christ,

Pastor Mel Strucklin



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

MEMBERS: Lois Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Mary Burk, Sue Bosley, Bud Boose, Matilda Griffin, Dorothea Gross, Olan "Eli" Harris, Shari Harris, Mildred Hasson, Lois Hogarty, Matthew Jones, Jesse McGee, Leslie Vink-Hood, Steve Utz, George Walter, and all homebound members.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: : Jenny Casper, Peter Hoffman, Esther Watson, Ann Stricklin, Jeffrey Beverd, Candice Dorsey-Davis, Mary DeBord, Bill Wellien, Alice Hubbert, Emily Smith & family, Sarah O'Keefe, Bob Foster, Pat Gray, Ryan Mahoney, Melanie Martin, Ron Hill, Carol Graff, Ken Hasson, John Scharf, Rick Jones, Tonya, Tara, Darlene, Kim Mays, Jennifer, Louis Roser, Violet O'Brien, Tammy Hill, Charity Porbin & baby, Helen Flanagan, Wade Leese, Richard Landes, Charles Sackman, Matthew Walker, Flo, Roy Braly, Karin Littlefield, Wilma Yingling, Ruth Horner, Tracey Headley, Chris Buckley, Sheila Redding, Debbie Hahn, Kade, Rita Alexander, Bud Cole, Brandon Peele, John McCubbin, Doug McGee, Georgia Winiecki, Deacon Richard Spies, Eleanor Zour, Joanne Zour, Garry Zour, Terry Wolfe, Tom Botts, Sharon Stonesifer, John Latimer, Bill Peters, Franklyn Miller, Edith Phillips, Jeff Yablan, Lauren Bryant, Joyce Rhoten, Pastor Gene Alexander, Jamie Lease, Lisa Van Lil, Paul Durham, Brian Lally, Clyde Utz, Steve Hannon, Doris Hoffman, Keith Williams, Robert Sewell, Julia Wagner, Jim Howard and those in broken relationships, and all those we now name in our hearts.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES: Family and friends of: Robert Baker, Grandville Merryman, and Dick Reisinger.

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

THE PRAYER: We pray, O' God, that you keep watch over all your children who are ill especially (names). Answer their cries for help and increase their strength. May they know the presence of Jesus in their lives. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Your profession is not what brings home your paycheck. Your profession is what you were put on earth to do. With such passion and such intensity that it becomes a spiritual calling.

Virgil

When I admire the wonder of a sunset or the beauty of the moon, my soul expands in worship of the Creator.

Mahatma Gandhi

The Christian should be an alleluia from head to foot.

St. Augustine

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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. In Jesus' parable of the lost sheep, how many sheep were in the field?
2. Which epistle says, "We were as sheep going astray?"
3. An earthquake at Philippi eventually led to the release of two Christians from prison there. Who were they?
4. What prophet suffered from a hot east wind after his shade plant was eaten by a worm?
5. What name is the Sea of Galilee called in the Gospel of John?

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU THANK YOU, THANK YOU

TO THOSE WHO DONATE AND ASSIST AT OUR FLEA MARKETS

We thank you for all the hard work you do each month. The funds raised go to various projects like the Park Fund, Outreach Committee sandwich making, the SPY youth group and to current expenses. Enough funds have been raised to get our playground equipment. Now we will try to raise funds to have a pavilion in our park area. We thank Sarah Morris for heading up the Flea Market and to Shirley and Bill for heading up all the indoor sales. Our youth group needs to be thanked for holding car washes during some of these events. More hot dogs, hamburgers, and rolls are needed. Please consider donating. Saturday, August 18 and September 15 will be our next two events.

FROM PASTOR MEL:

Again, I would like to thank everyone for their concern, cards, prayers, flowers, and patience as I continue to heal from my head injury sustained in a car accident April 22. I am currently getting therapy twice a week with some exercises to do at home to improve my balance. I have improved some but, am still not back to where I need to be. My work effort is limited. I thank those who share in the tasks until I get through this healing process which is very, very s-l-o-w.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We thank all those who helped make our Vacation Bible School a success. There were approximately 20 children who attended. Besides doing crafts, learning music, and doing Bible Study, this year there was a new science area. The children loved this new way of learning. We thank the children for presenting their newly learned music at the Sunday worship service on July 22. We especially thank Carol Hilgartner who once again headed up and coordinated the event.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA

1. A hundred (Matthew 18:12-14) 2. I Peter (2:25) 3. Paul and Silas (Acts 16:25-27) 4. Jonah (4:8) 5. The Sea of Tiberias (John 6:1).

A man had been shipwrecked on a remote island in the Pacific, and was alone for 20 years. When a ship finally arrived, his rescuers were impressed with the three buildings he had built and asked him about them.

"Well," the man replied, "this is my house, and that building over there is my church. It's a wonderful church and I hate to leave it."

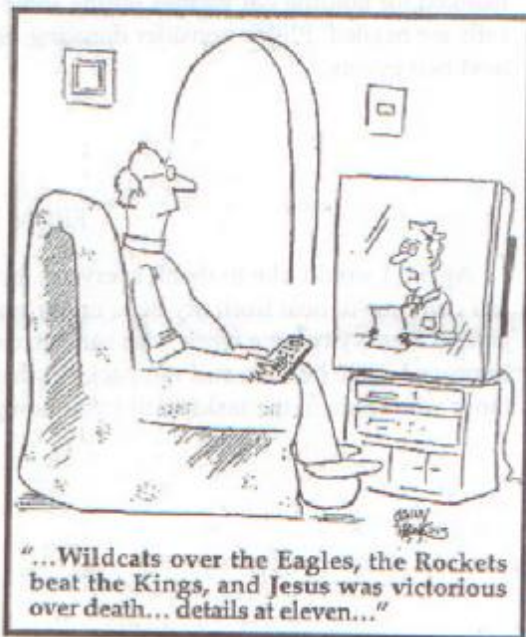
"And what is the third building yonder?" a rescuer asked.

"Oh, that is the church I used to go to," the man replied.

— via Palmer Stiles
Melbourne, FL

A small boy told a Sunday school teacher:
"When you die, God takes care of you like your parents did when you were alive — only God doesn't yell at you all the time."

— via Rev. Dennis R. Fakes
Lodi, CA



BASKET BINGO BASKETS THAT ARE ANXIOUSLY WAITING FOR SPONSORS

SWEETHEART BASKET set with liner and protector-\$49 (this basket will be paired up with Hostess Pottery Bundle for a Raffle)

HOSTESS POTTERY BUNDLE-\$49

SMALL WALL POCKET BASKET in Classic (light) Brown with a Sage liner and Protector-\$55

SPIN ORGANIZER-Classic Brown with Protector (no liner)-\$69

11" ROUND KEEPING BASKET in Bold Red with Sunflower liner-\$59-This is a beautiful Basket!

Plus 4 new baskets...

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Property Committee Report

July 19, 2007

The church has had a number of maintenance repairs and upgrades in the last few years. Because of these expenses, the Shilke Building Fund and Meushaw Building Fund have spent far more than they have received and are in need of replenishment.

In 2003, the basement floor tile had to be removed and abated due to age and asbestos. The cost was approximately \$20,000. More recently, a leak developed in the office roof and new shingles and flashing were purchased for about \$1800. This year the parsonage windows and trim had deteriorated and were wrapped in aluminum for \$3300. We also had the fuel oil tank removed at a cost of just over \$3000. The carpet needed to be re-laid and glued for \$3200. Termite and water damage to the wainscoting and window in the sanctuary was renovated and a yearly contract was secured for termite baiting and inspections. These and other repairs have drawn heavily on the financial reserve of the Building Funds and we may not be capable of completing some of the other maintenance needs which we currently face.

In the near future, we will need to replace the roof shingles over the church sanctuary and overflow area. The parking lot will need to be resurfaced also. In the very near future, we plan to repair and upgrade the gutter system for the church and have requested bids. We have also asked for estimates to repaint some interior and exterior areas of the church and parsonage. At this time, the Building Fund reserves are less than \$14,000 and will be exhausted before some of these projects can be completed.

I am asking for additional donations from the members and friends of St. Paul's to please help replenish these funds as a part of your regular offering to the church. There are now special envelopes marked "Building Fund" in the pews and many of you have begun to use them. I thank everyone for their past and present support and I hope that the maintenance of our church building can remain a priority so that our stewardship will prepare it for future generations.

Yours in Christ,

Richard Harris

Celebrations for August & September

August Birthdays

2 Daniel Binebrink
Jay Kiessling
5 Ann Durham, Jr.
8 Sara Utz
Cheyenne Kelly
10 Ashley Durham
John Hogarty
12 Spencer Bauerlien
13 Cassandra Harris
15 Patti Graff
Oneida Jones
16 Matilda Griffin
18 Dorthy Jean Seaks
21 Christy Headly
Bill Lally
22 Jesse McGee
Steve Utz
24 Kimberly Hale
25 Jennifer Windesheim
27 Barbara Quesenberry
John Shickman
28 Judy Clark
Claudia McGee
30 Teri Hoffman
Natalie Bucci

August Anniversaries

1 Glen & Marie Burk
2 Jay & Diana Kiessling
5 Mark & Donna Headley
10 Bob & Sarah Morris

September Birthdays

1 Debbie Hogarty
Reid Windesheim
3 Lois Armacost
4 Ernest Clark
Cindy Durham
5 Josh Durham
Jennifer Hann

7 Carrie Armacost
Steve Armacost
8 Megan Knauff
Stephanie Knauff
10 Brian Knauff
James McGee
Natale Wickline
Tim Brown
12 Dorthea Gross
13 Katie Binebrink
15 Sandy Baber
16 Katie Graff
Wade Hilgartner
17 Laura Bauerlien
Mary Ann Hoffman
19 Bob Bare
Jack Sweisford
20 Chris Hale
21 Jeff Armacost
Ruth Bare

23 Meg Jones
24 Mary Letts
Olan Harris
25 Kaye Hancock
19 Samuel Jones
Michael Hoffman
22 Denise McGee
Daniel Harris III
Helen Hoffman
Marie Burk
Michael Tracey, Jr.

September Anniversaries

6 Gus & Jenny Siperko
7 John & Lois Hogarty
13 Bill & Linda Hale
16 Steve & Barb Utz
18 John & Debbie Hogarty
Bill & Mary Jane Peters
19 Spencer & Laura Bauerlien
24 Lee & Ruth Hardesty
28 Brian & Michele Robins

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
5 845am -- Worship Shared Ministry Picnic 230pm Set-up 400pm Picnic	6	7 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300pm -- 430pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00pm --Park Committee	8 730 pm AA	9	10	11 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
12 845am -- Worship Second Offering Interfaith Housing	13	14 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm -- 430pm Pastor's Office Hours 700pm- Council	15 6:45pm -- Healing Service @ St. Paul's 730 pm AA	16	17	18 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours 8:00am -- 2:00pm Flea Market
19 845am -- Worship Fellowship after Worship 115pm- Longview Nursing Home Service	20 Pastor's Vacation	21 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours Pastor's Vacation	22 10:30am Lead Worship @Carroll Lutheran Village 730 pm AA Pastor's Vacation	23 Pastor's Vacation	24 Pastor's Vacation	25 Pastor's Vacation
26 845am -- Worship Pastor's Vacation	27 Pastor's Vacation	28 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours Pastor's Vacation	29 Pastor's Vacation	30 Pastor's Vacation	31 Pastor's Vacation	

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Pastor's Vacation
2 900am – Worship Food Collection Sunday Pastor's Vacation	3 Pastor's Vacation	4 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours Pastor's Vacation	5 Pastor's Vacation 730 pm AA	6	7	8 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
9 900am – Worship Rally Day	10 130pm- Worship & Music	11 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00pm - Council	12 730 pm AA	13	14	15 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours 8:00am – 2:00pm Flea Market
16 900am – Worship Second Offering: Seminary Students Install Sunday School Teachers 115pm- Longview Nursing Home Service	17	18 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	19 6:45pm – Healing Service @ St. Paul's 730 pm AA	20	21	22 12:00 pm - 1:30pm Pastor's Office Hours 930-1130am – Shared Ministry workshop
23 900am – Worship 12:15 pm - Confirmation	24	25 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	26	27	28	29
30 900am- Worship						