

# You Otto Know

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church



- Special points of interest:
- Orphan Grain Train fills a need
  - Pastor's Library
  - Coupon myths dispelled

### Where was last month's issue?

There was no You Otto Know in January. There were no submissions for the last newsletter so one was not done. This newsletter is for the congregation and depends on submissions from all the group and boards. Newsletter submissions are due in on the 21st of each month. No late submissions will be used. Please email your article to saintpaulsoffice@att.net or turn it in to the office. There is a file folder outside the office. Please place all papers in there. Ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

### LUTHERAN HOUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday February 6

Look for information on the bulletin board on how we  
**BRING CHRIST TO THE NATIONS AND THE NATIONS TO THE CHURCH**

### ANGELFOOD MINISTRIES

Help is needed. We need order takers, Pick up people and help with distribution day. Please consider giving of your time to this worthwhile organization. Jobs are 1 day a month. This program helps our community and helps to spread God's Love. St. Paul's receives a small portion of what is paid. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex

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### February Birthdays *Happy Birthday!*

Ben Weibrecht 3rd	Richard Hogan III 4th	Alexis Schaub 4th
Rick Smith 4th	Ed Mangelsdorf 5th	Jeff Weibrecht 9th
Ray Karcher 12th	Melbert Steffens 17th	Vicki Wallen 19th
Alex Aiello 24th	Clay Ehlmann 26th	James Lorenz 27th



## Message from Pastor Schultz

The process of Mission Revitalization is proceeding with Dr. Stuart Brassie from the district as our leader. Our next task is to develop a mission statement. This statement is a summary of the congregation's fundamental reason for existence. The task force is currently looking at the mission statements of other congregations and recording words or phrases that fit our situation at St. Paul's. The task force will then bring these ideas to the congregation and the congregation will work together to develop our mission statement. Even though a date hasn't been set for this one day event, I expect that it will take place in March or April. In preparation for this event, I would like you to study what scripture has to say about the work of the church.

Matthew 28:18-20: <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

John 17:20-21: <sup>20</sup> "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 13:34-35: <sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Acts 2:43-47: <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Other larger sections that you might study on your own include Psalm 96, Matthew 25, Mark 10, John 15, Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4.

Blessed to be a Blessing,

*Pastor Schultz*



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## The Pastor's Library

Here it is, a new year and I still haven't finished "The Fire and the Staff: Lutheran Theology in Practice". I found it hard to find time to read in November and December due to all of the preparations for Christmas. I did take time for a couple hours of pleasure reading and read one of my all time favorite books, "A Christmas Carol". The reading of this book helps me to get into the Christmas spirit which I have found somewhat difficult while serving as a pastor. I have an assigned book to read for my PALS group which will be meeting in a few weeks so that will be the next item on the reading list. The book is titled "Why Men Hate Going to Church". I am looking forward to what it has to say about a serious problem in the Church. Read anything good lately? I would like to hear about what you are reading and maybe share that information with the church.

*Stewardship is about transformation not transaction.*

A speaker once summarized stewardship using this phrase, "You have it, we need it, so give it." Such an attempt to motivate God's stewards to give does great injustice to Biblical stewardship. Titus 2:11-14 gives a much better description of Christian stewardship.

**11**For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, **12** training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, **13** waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, **14** who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. (ESV)

Biblical stewardship is about transformation not transaction. It is about the heart of the steward, not the desire to get something in return for one's management. The temptation we continually face is to view life as a series of transactions. Much of what we do on a daily basis is about exchanging money for goods and services. When we approach our life of stewardship (managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes) with a transactional mindset we make a grave mistake.

Scott Rodin, writing in *Revolution in Generosity*, describes the difference between transformation and transaction.

"It is easy, and desperately wrong, to reduce giving to the transaction of exchanging money, time, and talents for good will and the contented feeling of having given generously. The focus of this lie is in the idea that we are able to make our giving another transaction where we 'buy' the peace of mind and contentment we desire. We mix in with this the biblical commands on stewardship and create a distorted picture that confuses sacrificial giving out of love and gratitude with a purchase of peace of mind. We can believe the lie that we can buy God's favor, compensate God and the church for our lack of obedience and discipleship, and atone through occasional generosity for the greed and self-centeredness that permeates the rest of our lives. Against this background, the holistic transformation of the godly steward to true generosity stands in radical relief" (page 106).

It is good for us to examine the motives we have as we steward all that God has entrusted to us. St. Paul tells Titus and us that it is God's grace in Christ that motivates us to be "zealous for good works." We give because He first gave Himself to us and for us. We give because our hearts are transformed by the Holy Spirit as He works through Word and Sacrament. We give with no strings attached. We give with no desire for anything in return. As Jesus instructs the disciples in Matthew 10:8b, "Freely you have received, freely give." (Modified version of StewardCAST for December 2010)



# Schedules for February

## Sound Board

6<sup>th</sup> Michael Carver  
 13<sup>th</sup> Ben Weibrecht  
 20<sup>th</sup> Jason Nahlik  
 27<sup>th</sup> Michael Carver

## Acolytes

6<sup>th</sup> Joey Frank / Becca Schultz  
 13<sup>th</sup> Eva Aiello /Kayla Benson  
 20<sup>th</sup> Jason Nahlik / Jacob Vogel  
 27<sup>th</sup> Allie Warren/ Jessica Vogel

## USHER

### 7:30am

### 10:00am

6<sup>th</sup> Matthew Carver/Jerry Burchett

Elmer Held Jr./Bill Weeke

Jeff Nahlik/Jerry Vogelsang

13<sup>th</sup> Matthew Carver/Jerry Burchett

Virgil Benson/Justin Benson

Esther Carver/Mary Nahlik

20<sup>th</sup> Matthew Carver/Jerry Burchett

Jonathon Schultz/Michael Carver

Bill McClain/Gary Hagan

30<sup>th</sup> Matthew Carver/Jerry Burchett

Jason Schaub/Charlie Friedman

Katelyn Weibrecht/Fern Schuessler

## Greeter

### 7:30am

### 10:00am

6<sup>th</sup> Jerry & Roselyn Burchett

Colleen Schultz

13<sup>th</sup> Rich & Kim Hogan

Joan Warren

20<sup>th</sup> Jerry & Roselyn Burchett

Ginny Todd

30<sup>th</sup> Rich & Kim Hogan

Mary Nahlik

## Reader

### 7:30 am

### 10:00 am

6<sup>th</sup> Matthew Carver

Murel Warren

13<sup>th</sup> Amy Held

Ray Karcher

20<sup>th</sup> Matthew Carver

Nathan Aiello

30<sup>th</sup> Amy Held

Chris Aiello

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## Fun Facts

### About

## Valentine's Day

189 million red roses are sold in the us each year on Valentine's Day

3% of us will give Valentine's Day gifts to our pets.

35 million heart shaped boxes of candy will be sold on Valentine's Day.

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We're on the web!

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**Worship Services:**  
Sunday at 7:30 a.m.  
and 10:00 a.m.  
Holy Communion  
celebrated at both  
services.

**Bible Study & Sunday  
School:**  
Sunday 8:45 am. Bible  
Study & Sunday School

Adult Bible Class--  
Wednesday 10:00 am

### Are you on Facebook?

If so come join our group. It is St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Search for us and join. If you have comments to make or just want to keep updated on recent or upcoming events stop by. If you need help setting up an account with facebook (it is free by the way) or if you need help finding the group ask any of the youth or stop by the office.

## ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

The Missouri Illinois Division of Orphan Grain Train has shipped 2 40 ft. containers in the past month. One to Uganda loaded with school books, by kids for kids aid kits, hundreds of blankets, summer clothes, sports paraphernalia, used furniture, and many other usable items. These items will be distributed to the people of Uganda by our Lutheran Church organization in Africa. Many of the people in Africa sleep on bare ground. A blanket is a prize possession. The cost of this shipment is about \$14,000. The second shipment went to the Dominican republic and contained a new refrigerator and freezer that will go to the Lutheran School in the republic. Other items loaded were school desks with children's chairs, school books, Sunday School materials printed in Spanish, storage cabinets, file drawers, used office desks. Wheel chairs, walkers and other used materials in good condition. Donations to aid in the cost of these shipments would be greatly appreciated. Mail you check to, **Missouri Illinois Division, P.O. Box 29346, St. Louis MO 63126** or give the check to Arlie Ehlmann who works for the division and will deliver them in person.

## SUPER SAVERS

There are many myths about coupons out there. 1. Coupons are only for junk food..not true. There are many coupons for organic food, fresh produce, milk and of course household and personal care products. 2. You can get generics cheaper...not always true. By combining coupons with sale items you can almost always get name brand items for less money. 3. It will take too much time..lets look at it. If you spend 2 hrs per week clipping and organizing coupons and planning your shopping then save \$100 you have just paid yourself \$50 per hour. I think that is worth it, Don't you?

## Ladies Aid

This is a message from Our International LWML President, Janice Wendorf

“Our God, Our help in ages past  
Our hope for years to come  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.”

The start of a new year is often a time for remembering the past and anticipating the future. All of our remembrances rest in the hands of the Lord Almighty, our help in ages past. Whatever changes may occur in 2011, there is one thing that will never change: our eternal God. Rest in his almighty arms as you face this new year. It is my prayer that the mission of the LWML will assist you in your walk with the Lord, and that you will serve Him wherever He has placed you.

As our Ladies Aid begins in 2011 we can be motivated by President Janice's inspiring words. Our group may be small but we will try to serve our Lord to the best of our ability. We began the year on Feb 2nd with our first meeting at 11:00am. We have the potential of gaining 3 new members. Ruth Chapman, Jan Hunicutt and Leanne Kelley have said they would like to join us.

One of the ways we will become more active this year is by regular visits to our shut ins. A schedule will be set up to visit Henrietta Bender, Barbara Ann DeFlorian, and Jane Cline.

Please remember these ladies with cards, and letters.

Arlene Marschel will be collecting mites throughout the year to help with our LWML Mission Grants, as we serve the Lord in Gladness.

Laverne Ehlmann

### “Mites” Count our blessings for Valentine's Day

As we place our coins and dollars in our mite boxes (and envelopes) let us pray for the success of our Mission grants, that they point people to our Heavenly Father and His beloved Son, Jesus.

LWML President Janice Wendorf, tells us that since our LWML founding in 1942, we have collected more than \$90 million in Mites. God has truly blessed our efforts! Isn't it amazing, what together can be accomplished with prayer and a few coins collectively?

Pray for our LCMS Missionaries. Ask the Holy Spirit to bless them and their efforts.

Use your mite box (or envelope) as often as possible and bring your love offering for Jesus at the ingathering in February. (February 13th or 20th) Envelopes will be placed in your mailbox.

God Bless each mite for Jesus sake!

Arlene Marschel