

Dear Friends,
The **Building Addition Task Force** has created a preliminary drawing of the possible addition. See fellowship hall bulletin board for what is suggested. They are trying to

finish their work and call a congregation meeting on a Sunday in early October to vote to continue the process.

If we've gotten **your E-mail addresses. Thanks!** We'll send announcements of our activities and someday the newsletter. saintpaulpi@yahoo.com

We have received a large gift for the **stain glass door panels.** We are grateful. We will keep you posted as thing progress on the sanctuary door.

World Hunger gifts for the "Stand with Africa" appeal will be ongoing for the next couple years.

Prayerfully consider a generous gift for food and medicine. Women and children benefit the most.

We have had **2 requests** from people we know for gifts. **Trevor Schwirtz** is going on a mission trip to Brazil with the faith witness group he has been working with for over a year. Each student has to raise over \$1,000. If you would give a gift stop in office for details. **Daniel Corzo**, from Colombia may possibly start college at Augustana College, Souix Falls, SD in January, 2003. If you would give a gift of any size, check in the office for details. We thought this might be the best way to support them.

By the time you see this, **Mary and I** will be 7 days into our 10 trip to see Kathryn in Sarajevo, Bosnia. Pray for us that we might learn from others about their adventures they live in a more difficult part of this world. Kathryn met some of these people through "Women Waging Peace", a group started by one of her teachers 3 years ago. WWP brings 40 women from war torn countries around the globe to Boston each year for a 2 week seminar. They are given a laptop computer and an e-mail address so that when they return home they can continue to network for peace. Several of you prayed for many of the women who were in the second group of 40.

The new "dinners for 8" groups are meeting. We ask each person to pray for the others in their group. **Pray for each other** during these summer months while many of us are away from each other. Pray that God grant others as much excitement as they can stand.

God bless your prayers. Pastor John



We came back with joy, enthusiasm, and the sense of a job well done! Our **Alabama Mission group** returned on August 3rd. We look forward to sharing some stories

with you.

Our work consisted of different tasks: We participated with two other church groups in painting three houses. The owners of the home were elderly people who expressed great appreciation for our work and made us feel very welcome.

We also volunteered our time to help out at a Kids Club which met in the afternoons. Our young people provided music, drama, crafts, and lessons for children, ranging from age three to age twelve. Most of these kids were very poor and came from difficult home lives. We felt blessed to be able to give these kids a respite from life's troubles and provide them with some fun activities.

Our group also assisted some senior citizens and worked at a thrift shop. The experience for our young people was very rewarding and reminded us that we are very fortunate and that **we can** make a difference in someone's life, even in the little things we do.

We thank you for your financial support and prayers. Your money was well spent. For those of you who supported us through the purchase of stock certificates, we are intending on serving you a meal and offering you a presentation. The presentation will take place in September. Stay tuned for details.

Pastor Kip

National Youth Gathering meeting at Lands Lutheran in Zumbrota on August 20th at 7



PM. All youth, parents, and interested adult leaders are encouraged to attend. The meeting will provide more detail on what to expect in Atlanta in 2003.

Speaking of which.....**We are now accepting registrations for the Atlanta trip.** The cost for each youth is \$200. The **deadline for registering is September 15th.....\$100 reserves your spot.** With the additional \$100 due in November. Check out the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for pictures of the last Youth Gathering in St. Louis.

Wanting a Good Book!

by Jule McCullough

Be Not Afraid

Overcoming the Fear of Death

By Johan Christopher Arnold



Johan Arnold filled this book with accounts of many people's deaths and how they and their families handled the experience. Death is a subject most of us like to steer clear of, but all of us will have to face. The author tries to make death a little less fearsome. For Christians death is the beginning of a new and wondrous life.

Financial Issues

Thank you for your continued gifts for the on going programs at work through Saint Paul Lutheran. Your gifts are appreciated and needed greatly. The **July offering was \$17,996.02. Expenses were \$20,100.90.**



Our current shortfall through July is \$8,776.30. Summer offerings sometimes fall behind our monthly expenses. As we return from vacations and activities we look at catching up financially before year end. The next financial statement is mailed after the 3rd quarter (end of September). A number of members have selected the "*Electronic Transfer*" option offered free through Lutheran Brotherhood as their primary offering choice. Forms available in the church office. Shares of appreciated stock are also offering option. **Call Marlow McGowan at 356-4092** for any questions about your current contributions or information on stock options and electronic transfers.

DidJaKnow..... Come and explore vocations and the call to lay and ordained ministry at the **Ventures in Vocation** conference on Oct 13-14 at Luther Seminary in St.Paul. Check this web site - www.luthersem.edu/admissions/ventures/ for more information.

Rally Day

- by Lynn Ness

"Partnering with Families to help children to become fully developed followers of Christ."



Rally Day -- Sunday, September 8th, Sunday School kickoff with **Jim Jays, a Professional Family Entertainer** will bring the magic of laughter to children of **all** ages on Rally Day. Jim's special performance is at 9:30 in the sanctuary for **all the Sunday School children**, 3 year olds -- 7th grade (adults are welcome too). Come join us for a fun kick off to the new Sunday School year... we'll start with a little laughter!

Reminders Dates:

August 22, at 7:30p.m. - Sunday School Teacher orientation is in the fellowship hall.

August 25 - 3rd Grade Bible Orders Deadline

Sunday School Registration - all new students (those who did not attend last year) and all **3 year olds** (those 3 by Sept 1, 2002). Call the church office to register.

Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise. Proverbs 19:20

Children's Choir News

Laurel Bettcher-Kann will lead the Children's Choir this fall and will start practice on Wednesday at 3:15p.m. starting November 6. All children from Kindergarten through 4th grade are welcome.



Thank You!

Ron and Sue Flemke family for taking care of the flowers this summer and adding the two beautiful flower plantings by the main entrance.

Let the Music begin!

by Doug Strandell, director

The *Chancel Choir* (all voices welcome!) and *Praise Team* (contemporary vocal and instruments) groups begin practices on **Wednesday, Sept 4. Chancel Choir practice - 7-7:45p.m. / Praise Team practice - 8-8:45.** Bring a friend if you can and all are welcome to join a music group to lead our congregation in song. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone, **Wednesday, Sept 4!**



Bells Anyone?

Needed: Someone interested in directing a youth and/or adult bell choir. Please call the church office or contact Doug Strandell - 356-8458. Consider this position as we would love to have the Bell Choir active once again.

Messiah Outlook!

Pine Island Area People for the Arts will sponsor a community Messiah performance on December 8, 2002. Doug Strandell is directing and is looking for chorus members, soloists and instrumentalist. Rehearsals begin Sunday, November 3 at 4p.m. Please consider joining us for this Holiday Event! and will



Mission Work in Mexico!

An adult mission team from Saint Paul is traveling to an orphanage in the Baja Peninsula October 12-20th. We have room for 6 more people. If you want to be part of a mission team reaching out to do God's work, consider coming with us. Contact Karen Doll at 356-4719 for information.

Colombia -

Statistics of War

42 million people live in Colombia:

- C 64% live on less than \$2 a day
- C 2.3 million are internally displaced
- C 1.3 million have fled the country since 1996
- C 40,000 have been assassinated in the last decade for political views
- C 19 people die each day in Colombia's war: 5 in combat situations, 4 as innocent bystanders
- C More than 325 massacres occurred this year
- C One person is "disappeared" each day
- C 3000 were kidnapped last year, mostly women and children
- C 8000 are child soldiers between the ages of 10 and 13
- C 180 union leaders killed last year

The United States has spent almost \$2 billion funding the war in Colombia

Source: speeches made by member of SWR's Colombia delegation

Confirmation Class

Information - 8th and 9th Grade

Informational meetings are set for the 8th and 9th grade confirmation classes for parents and students come to one of the following sessions:

Wednesday - Aug 21 at 6:30p.m.

Sunday - Aug 25 at 9:30a.m.

Monday - Aug 26 at 7p.m.

Read the Gospel of Mark

The Celebration for the summer reading program "*Read the Gospel of Mark*" is set for Sunday, Aug 25. Call Pastor Kip when you have completed your booklet



A Great Web Site?

Check out the web site for more info on the National Youth Gathering:

www.elca.org/gathering/home.html

Deadline for registration for the *Gathering* is **September 15. The registration fee is \$200** with a deposit of \$100 on 9/15/02. Talk with Pastor Kip

Pine Island Area Historical Society - P.I.A.H.S.

Annual Ice Cream Social....make your own Sundaes!

Wednesday, August 21.

Ice Cream served at 8p.m. after worship.

Speaker Joyce Gustafson will talk on "*Remembering Doc McKaig*"

Free will offering supports the **P.I.A.H.S.**
Matching Funds by AAL Branch # 4448

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Summer Worship Times - 8:15 and 10 a.m.
Mid-Week - Wednesday - 7p.m. (supper at 6p.m.)
Last Wed worship is August 28!

Sunday School - Rally Day - Sept 8
Worship at 8:15 and 10:30a.m.

August 15, 2002

Bowling for Fun!

Church League

Join the fall 10 week Fun League starting Sunday, Sept 22 -- Nov 24, 6p.m. at the Pine Island Lanes. Cost \$7.50 per person, teams of four person are needed. Sign up now in the church office or call Karel Titus at 356-4831.

Join us this Fall!

New Member Sunday.....September 8. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Saint Paul Lutheran Church family contact the church office or fill in the "*interested in membership*" spot on the pew pads on Sunday morning. The New Member meeting is set for Thursday, September 5 at 7p.m.



Family Golf Outing

Sunday afternoon, August 18 -- the *3rd Annual Saint Paul Golf Outing* at the Pine Island Golf Course. Tee Times starting at 2p.m. **Anne Maley** will head up this great family outing and cook - out.

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