



Dear Friends, The "Building Addition Proposal", a rectangular building 108' by 54', is outlined by metal stakes and white towels in the north parking lot. Take a look! See drawings in the office. Make suggestions to Brian Hale 356-4009 (work #).

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 let the bid for the stain glass door panels. It will have 2 symbols; one of the Trinity, the other the Martin Luther Seal. It will come in at more than \$1000 and less than \$2000 adding the several pieces needed to accomplish the task (i.e. new diffusing outside glass, plexiglass inside and a plaque to explain the symbols) There are some memorial accounts that added together could cover the costs. Some of you have expressed a desire to give a gift. This might be one where the more smaller gifts the better. Your call. Let us know in the office. Thanks!

The WORLD HUNGER basket is out each Sunday for your offerings. A recent mailing invites our Prayers and gifts for the Middle East and southern Africa. The greatest need in the Middle East is health care and peace. There is a major famine in southern Africa affecting 13 million children, women and men. Zimbabwe is clearly having one of the worst food crises in 50 years! In Malawi, some parents have no choice but to feed tree bark and roots to children. \$20-30 helps feed a child for a month! Everything you give will go directly to health care or food. Please indicate any preferences for where you want the money sent, or we will divide monies 1/4 ME and 3/4 Africa. Thanks.

We have learned of many prayer requests these summer weeks. Please continue to uphold our Prayer Concerns people in your daily prayers. Be creative. Focus on a different one each day. If you know who these people are and meet them at worship or wherever, remind them that they are in your prayers. Send them a note telling them you prayed for them today, or whenever. A few words said or written are a prayer in themselves. If you're with them somewhere, pray with/for them before you each go your own way.

God continue to work through all that you do and all that you are for each other! Pastor John



This week our group of fourteen youth and four adults begins our mission journey to Alabama. As I've prepared for this trip I've been asking myself "what does it mean to be a missionary?" I've mulled it over and come up with these thoughts:

A missionary is not someone who "makes" someone into something else, nor is a missionary a "fixer of people". Rather, a missionary serves God and others, and lets God change hearts.

A missionary doesn't "bring God" to a place. God is already there! What a missionary does is serve as a visible sign that God cares.

A missionary is someone who listens, not just speaks. We don't go down to Alabama in order to simply speak and do things. We also go so we can invite someone else to tell their life's story. The world is full of people who are not interested in anyone else. The missionary offers an eager ear.

A missionary is someone who seeks to learn as well as to teach. Understands that all people - children, adults, rich, poor - have something to share that's worth knowing. The missionary shows respect for others by learning from them.

We go to Alabama to do certain things: a little painting, some child care, perhaps. There is, however, something far greater that we do. We show respect for these folks by going to spend time with them. That, in and of itself, is worthwhile.

I remember hearing the story of a mission group that went far from home to do some work on some houses in a poor neighborhood in an inner city. The woman who lived in one of the homes they worked on, upon inspecting their work, kept saying "I can't believe it. I can't believe it."

"Is there something wrong?" the leader wanted to know. "Are you happy with our work? Is it hard to believe it's the same house?"

"No", the woman said. "I can't believe that you came all this way to help me."

A missionary is someone who, sometimes, goes a long way to show that the invisible God is never far away. Pastor Kip

Keep us in your prayers! We're in Bayou La Batre, Alabama on a mission trip: Linda Anderson, Julia Doll, Ryan Driscoll, Aaron Flemke, Cassie Foss, Nathan Grant, Christy Haakenson, Amanda Lund, Ashley Maxson, Becky Jo Page, Kyle Roers, Nathan Strandell, Jessica Tewart, Heather Wohl - Youth Leaders Pastor Kip, Adam and Tricha Himlie, Jane Anderson - we return Aug 3!

Youth Opportunities

August 10-11 HS Canoe Trip

Sign up soon so you can, so we'll know how many canoes to order and how much food to bring! This trip is open to all students going into 9th grade (that means you, former 8th graders!) through graduating seniors. Cost is \$50 sign up on bulletin board.

National Youth Gathering in Atlanta, GA, -- July of 2003.

August 20 National Youth Gathering Meeting at Lands Lutheran - Zumbrota



September 15 Deadline for registration for National Youth Gathering. The registration fee is \$200 with a deposit of \$100 on 9/15/02. **Check out this web site for more info on the gathering: www.elca.org/gathering/home.html

Do You Need a Good Book!

by Jule McCullough

At Home in Mitford By Jan Karon

After reading the sixth book in the Mitford series, I decided to start at the beginning with book one in the series. I enjoy Jan Karon's sense of humor and her development of the unique characters in this series. This is the start of getting to know Father Tim, his take-control secretary, Emma, the young boy Dooley thrust into his care, and many other citizens of Mitford.

DidJaKnow..... the church has a good supply of cake pans and dishes that belong to some of YOU! Here are few names we found - Holst, Rueb, Kate Baker, T. Hanson, Urevig, Tom Brenny, J.A., Carol Bell, Bates, Susan Klopp, Carolyn Berg, Julie Ellis, Shanks, M. Meister, Friedrick. In addition to these we have a number of unmarked pans and dishes! Thank you for sharing food for church events!

Rally is Coming!

- by Lynn Ness

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



Rally Day -- September 8th, our Sunday School kickoff is just around the corner. 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). Mr. Jay's has been entertaining for more than 25 years with his unique combination of puppetry, magic, music and clowning skills. Mr. Jay's makes all of his own puppets and props and really enjoys what he does -- making people happy. He will do the children's message at each worship service. Come join us for a fun kick off to the new Sunday School year... we'll start with a little laughter!

Thanks for saying YES! The Sunday School Staff list is almost complete! You made it possible!

Notes to Remember

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

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

Chancel Choir / Praise Team

by Doug Strandell, director

It's hard to think of autumn when it is hot and humid, but the time has come to announce the starting dates for our music ensembles. The Chancel Choir and Praise Team groups begin practices on Wednesday, Sept 4.

Chancel Choir practice - 7-7:45p.m. / Praise Team practice - 8-8:45. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone that first night. Bring a friend if you can and all are welcome to join a music group to lead our congregation in song.



WELCA News

August Circle Meetings

Elizabeth -

Tuesday, Aug 6 at 1:30p.m.

Hostess - Elaine Glamm/Ella Reiter

Lydia - Wednesday, Aug 7 at 1:30p.m.

Bible Study Leader - Shirley Schreader

Hostess - Pat Anderson

Kitchen Cleaning -

July - Service Group VI - Pat Anderson / Lori Weis

Aug - Service Group V - Verona Kruse / Char Tewalt



Opening for Office Assistant

Part-time-permanent position in the church office for the Office Assistant. **Needed:** Good computer skills in MS Word, Calendar Program and Membership Records Management. About 12 hours per week, flexible day-time hours. **Application forms are available in the office and should be returned by Sunday, August 4.**

A Great Web Site?

Check out - www.semnsynod.org for news around the SE MN Synod; or www.elca.org for the latest ELCA news; www.jubilee-kids.org/ a children's site; www.globalgang.org.uk/games.html another children's site.

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Summer Worship Times - 8:15 and 10 a.m.

Mid-Week - Wednesday - 7p.m. (supper at 6p.m.)

Sunday School - Resumes - Sept 8

July 29, 2002

Bells Anyone?



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

Date Change for Family Golf Outing -

Sunday afternoon, August 18 for is now set for the *3rd Annual Saint Paul Golf Outing* at the Pine Island Golf Course. "Tee Times" sign-up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Join us this Fall!

Sunday, September 8, is New Member Sunday. If you or someone you know is interested in join 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. A New Member meeting is set for Thursday, September 5 at 7p.m.

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