



**Dear Friends,** May 26 was the first Creation Story text. Shirley Schreder's children's sermon connected the 7th day of creation when God rested from the work of creation with remembering those

who have served our country and now are at rest with God. **"Eternal Rest"** is that after death relationship with God. The other "rest" is **"Sabbath Rest"**. Remember the Sabbath Day means getting in touch with your creator. There is no reference to "Saint Mattress". Nor does it say, "Remember the Sabbath Day" to take a snooze.

Getting in touch with our creator means Worship. We are created in the image of God and are given the role of dominion. Dominion means to rule over creation like God rules over us. Our responsibility is to make it possible for all of God's creation to give God thanks and praise. How? By staying in touch with God's Word and regularly gathering with others in worship. If we need sleep because we don't get enough rest that is another issue: taking care of the temple God has given us to live in.

**Thank you** for attending our first Wednesday summer supper and worship. As children continue to worship on Wednesday, we will include a children's sermon. We are looking at how to use a different preaching focus than the previous Sunday. The suppers start again June 19, after VBS.

The **prayer service for the Helder Family** was June 5. Father Kampa and Deacon Kuebler took the lead, Pastor Ruth and I read a scripture. There were hymns and prayers. I told the Helder's on your behalf, "that you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. That's what brings us together for these services. You are members of Saint Michael's parish, yet on account of the body of Christ, you are also one of our families. What affects you affects us all. You have been in our prayers this past month and we will continue to pray for you."

Father Kampa is retiring. He is 70 and his South Minneapolis brother has failing health. His apartment will be upstairs from his brothers. Father Dennis ministry at Saint Michael's and in Pine Island has been excellent. He is an incredibly fine ecumenical presence. We will miss him. God bless him.

**God go with you during these days. Pastor John**



**Thank you** to all who participated in the our Cheesefest activities. We had "delicious" pies to serve and a good number of workers to serve them. A special thank you to

**Bruce's** for donating the ice cream and to **Beth Roers** for making the phone calls for volunteers. Well Done! **The Pie stand and parade work were great fundraiser -- we earned \$1150!** Most of this money will go toward the National Youth Gathering in 2003. Some of it will go toward the Alabama Mission trip this Summer.

A few of you have asked about the **Alabama Mission trip** - We leave July 25th for Bayou La Batre, a small town on the Gulf Coast. The town's commerce mainly comes from fishing activities and boat building. White, African American, and Vietnamese people share residences there.

*"Where exactly are these kids going and what are they doing?"* Well, here it is:

**The following young people and four adults** - 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 Tewalt, Heather Wohl, Pastor Kip, Adam and Tricha Himlie, Jane Anderson **will travel to Bayou La Batre, Alabama.** The mission project is coordinated by YouthWorks, an organization based out of Minneapolis. YouthWorks has a permanent Summer mission there. **Our work will most likely consist of three activities: Painting houses, working with small children at a children's center, and visiting senior citizens.**

These activities will be helpful to the residents, undoubtedly, but will also do much for our kids because it will expose our young people to a part of the country they have never seen and to a level of poverty most have never experienced.

We hope to have quite a story to tell upon our return. We look forward to sharing it with you.

**Pastor Kip**



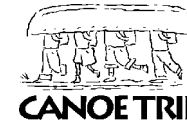
Youth Mission Project

#### UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

**June 30th:** Alabama Group carwash at Wal Mart in North Rochester 1-4 PM  
**July 16th:** Alabama Pool Party  
**Aug 10-11:** Canoe trip  
**Aug 20th:** Synod National Youth Gathering Meeting - 7p.m. at Lands Lutheran near Zumbrota

### Up North Canoe Trip

**Canoe Trip: Aug. 10-11**



We are planning a high school canoe trip to take place on the **St. Croix River, August 10-11th.** This trip will be led by renowned explorers and trailblazers Jim Tewalt and David Grant. The **cost is \$50** and is open to all students entering the 9th grade - graduating seniors. Register in the church office.

### National Youth Gathering

The National Youth Gathering will be held in Atlanta, GA from July 23-27th in 2003. Plans are underway and the registration deadline for this trip is **September 15th, 2002!** The registration fee is \$200 - with \$100 due Sept 15th and an additional \$100 due in November. Please consider joining the Youth Gathering 2003! Talk with Pastor Kip.

**DidJaKnow.....** The Beginning Experience of Rochester, is having **Coping With Grief Support Group** sessions for individuals recovering from the loss of their spouse through Divorce, Separation, or Death. This program allows a safe place to ventilate feelings with others who have experienced the same loss. Sessions begin Tuesday, July 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 3rd Ave SE, Rochester, MN. For more information, contact: Jerry Madsen 507-289-6053, Janna Kjome 507-292-1453, Kenley Schmidt 507-281-3512 or Sandy Schaefer 507-634-6634.

### They're are off to Camp!

The Special Gift Committee and WELCA awarded the following students Camp Scholarships:

- Camp Ajawah** - Linda Anderson
- Good Earth** - Jessica Bjugan
- Camp Victory** - Megin Mensing
- Camp Onomia** - Laura Larson, Megan Nading, Kelly Sather, Bricelyn Sigrist, Cassie Torkelson
- Sugar Creek** - Ashley Eyre, Jenny Hanson, Megan Hoeft, Jennifer Kelly, Darin Lund, David Lund, Ashley Maxson, Laura Strandell, Nathan Strandell, Rachel Thompson, Amanda Vahlsing, Billy Woodward, Hillary Zwart, Nicholas Zwart

Donations or Memorial to the Campership Fund are always welcome to continue this church camp opportunity to the young people from our church.

### New on the Church Web Site

The newsletter is now online! Check out the church web site at [www.Lutheransonline.com/10/SaintPaulLutheranELCA](http://www.Lutheransonline.com/10/SaintPaulLutheranELCA). Newsletter, daily devotional, link to the ELCA home page and also the Virtual store site.



The **Virtual Store** is a christian shopping option available through Augsburg. A % of all purchases are returned to the church as a credit for use on purchases at Augsburg.

Want to keep up on the news from the SE MN Synod...check their web site at - [www.semnsynod.org](http://www.semnsynod.org). Listing of up coming events and news from the SE MN Synod and Bishop Usgaard.

**Help up date our e-mail address.** Send us a note by e-mail and future committee meetings and announcements can be sent to you by e-mail!

## Thank You!

To all the dedicated volunteers involved in the "Lenten Dinners and Easter Breakfast" which raised \$943 for the Youth Fund. Lutheran Brotherhood matched an additional \$700 and AAL matched \$800 for a total of \$2443. Ron Taallerud Lutheran Brotherhood Communicator.

## Thanks to Children's' Choir

by Laurel Bettcher-Kann and Diane Webb

A big "THANK YOU" to the children for singing with the Children's Choir in the 2001-2002 choir season. Also another big thank-you to the moms, dads and grandparents who helped with crowd control as the kids arrived each Wednesdays after school! Choir members, we really appreciated your regular attendance at rehearsals and being there to sing at worship services this year. You're all wonderful singers and fun kids to work with and get to know.

**Thank you - Allison Anderson, Lauren Bartz, Taylor Bates, Cheyanne Bell, Alysha Bohanon, Annie Culbertson, Ashley Eyre, Jason Flemke, Jenny Hanson, Kara Harbaugh, Shelby Kann, Paul Kohner, Morgan Koschmeder, Kelly Krueger, Kurt Krueger, Austin McGee, Tiffany Morey, Megan Nading, Katey Nelson, Katelyn Pike, Nicole Pike, Katie Pleschourt, Rachel Pleschourt, Josh Torkelson, Amanda Vahlsing, Sara Wobig and Claire Woodward.**

We hope you'll be back to sing in the Children's Choir this fall.



## Chanhassen Dinner Theater

Make plans now for a fall outing to "Music Man" on **Sunday, Oct 6**. Tickets are \$40 per person and include - dinner, play and chartered bus trip from the church. **Reserve your seat by Aug 4** with a check payable to AAL Branch # 4448, our sponsor for this great fall outing. Sign up in the church office or contact Karel Titus - 356-4831. (Reservation for 50 people)



## Check Out this Book!

by Jule McCullough

*In the Footsteps of Jesus* - By Bruce Marchiano

How do I begin to tell you about a book that touched me so deeply? The author, Bruce Marchiano, tells of being cast in the role of Jesus as told in the book of Matthew. He went from Los Angeles half way around the world to Africa. His love of Jesus and the overwhelming experiences he encounters while portraying Him are told in this book. He believes in a Jesus filled with love and joy. Imagine Jesus looking at you with a huge smile on His face and a sparkle in His eyes. He loves you so much! Have the Kleenex handy.

## VBS Highlights!

**Education Notes** - by Lynn Ness

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



The VBS kids are real excited about one of our mission projects. The *Heifer Project* has a unique approach to World Hunger, it helps people help themselves. The purchase of a chicken would allow them to have eggs or more baby chicks. The purchase of a cow would provide milk. Not just for a day but for a much greater length of time. Due to the kids excitement in this project, we will be leaving this project **open until June 23rd**, other members who may want to participate are welcome to help out. One little boy is very excited that we are getting close to the purchase of a cow! He is keeping us posted daily. We are also collecting canned goods for the local sharing shelves, to help our community.

Your donation can be left in the offering plate, just specify "*Heifer Project*" on your envelope. Check the display to see the money needed to buy specific animals.

*By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8*

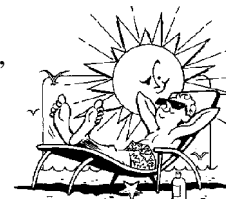
## Family Golf Outing

Mark the date.....**Sunday afternoon, August 11** for the *3rd Annual Saint Paul Golf Outing* at the Pine Island Golf Course. Again **Anne Maley** will head up this great family outing and cook - out. Watch for "Tee Times" and sign-up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.



## Meals on Wednesdays

Each Wednesday at 6 pm, before the 7p.m. worship service, a light meal will be served. Free will offering to cover the costs. Any \$\$ above cost will go to the National Youth Gathering Trip.



## SAINT PAUL NEWSLETTER

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### Address Service Requested

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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

**VBS - June 10-13 for 3 year olds - 5th grade**

June 14, 2002

## "Celebrate Summer With Christ"

Sunday Mornings - 8:15 and 10a.m.  
June 2 --- Sept 1

Wednesday Evening - 7p.m.  
Holden Worship  
June 5 --- August 28

A Light meal will be served each Wednesday  
Evening - Free Will Offering

## Opening for Office Assistant

A part-time-permanent position in the church office will open this fall. Good computer skills needed in MS Word, Calendar Program and membership records management. Flexible time, about 12-20 hours per week.

Application forms are available in the office.

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