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FROM THE PASTOR

In the early spring our congregation met to discuss the possibility of hiring someone to work with the youth and their families here at St. Paul's. The task of writing a job description was given to the Education Committee. Research of churches in Cheyenne and within the Rocky Mountain Synod was completed. The committee met and came up with "Guidelines for a Director of Youth and Family Ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church." The first task they faced was coming up with a purpose: "*The Purpose of the Director of Youth and Family Ministries is to work, encourage, inspire and nurture youth and their families in the Christian Faith.*"

A complete job description was written and taken before our Executive Committee and the Congregation Council. A Hiring Committee was set up and included: Judy Adams, Rocky Edmonds, Susan Delicath, Alex Kenton, Elisha Williams, Laura Schmidt (non-voting member) and Pastor Schmidt. This committee met and came up with questions that they each found important to know about our candidate and his/her personal and job related experiences. Three candidates were interviewed and the job was offered and accepted by: Patti Riesland. Patti was interviewed by our own Janis Fiechtner.

Note:

At this point in the original Epistle mailed to each household you would find Patti's history. It is a story worth reading but contains enough personal history that the church webmaster felt it would be unwise to post this personal information on a very public website. Please refer to your mailed epistle for the entire story or contact the church office for a copy.

I am looking forward to working with Patti. She brings a new energy with her, and to St. Paul's.

Patti will be teaching the Junior High during VBS and spending time getting to know the youth and their families. As someone said this past Sunday our youth program is in a rebuilding stage. What an exciting time to be a part of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Come, welcome Patti to our congregational family.

Walking in God's Amazing Grace,
Pastor Schmidt

COMMUNITY CORNER

MACARONI & CHEESE

We are the Macaroni and Cheese Church! NEEDS Inc. has begun a new program called the "I Can." Area churches are being asked to pick one food item to donate to stock the shelves at NEEDS. You can bring your Macaroni and Cheese anytime and leave them in the NEEDS box near the coat rack.

NOTE: We have been filling the containers every two weeks. NEEDS has told us that amount of mac & cheese is gone in a day. Thanks for your continued support!

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Peter Bergene's Eagle Scout project is to assemble 1000 soup kits for NEEDS, Inc. He received donations of 1000 pounds of beans, 1000 cans of chicken. The congregation at St. Paul's was asked to help with the purchase of spices for the soup. Congregational members were very generous the first Sunday Peter explained his project. The 1000 kits of soup will provide a meal for 4-6,000 people, depending on the size of each family.

Helping Peter is in addition to being the "mac & cheese" for NEEDS. Thanks to everyone who has helped in both of these areas.

NEEDS Operation Back to School

The Wyoming Tribune Eagle recently featured an article about Operation Back to School through NEEDS, Inc. It stated: "From elementary to college-level students, the program has provided school supplies to thousands of low-income young people who may not have been able to afford it otherwise." St. Paul's will once again gather donations of school supplies. What are some items you could donate? **crayons (24-count), glue sticks, Elmer's white glue, No. 2 pencils, washable markers (8-count), fiskars type scissors, pocket folders, large erasers, composition notebooks, 3 ring binders, colored pencils, loose leaf wide ruled notebook paper, pencil pouch, spiral notebooks, highlighters.** Bring your supplies to church and place in the box marked school supplies.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Each year, on or around Super Bowl Sunday, the Souper Bowl of Caring unites young people across the nation to collect money and food in the fight against hunger and poverty. Each organization that participates gives 100% of the money it collects directly to the local charity of its choice. This year our young people chose the Laramie County Centralized Pharmacy and gave a donation of \$265.56.

QUILT AND BIBLE STUDY

We are excited to offer another Quilt and Bible Study that will start either in August or September. This study is titled "Reflections Of", which is known in the Bible as Fruits of the Spirit. The study booklet can be seen in the narthex, starting May 30th. You can contact Beth Sims at 635-5478 or bsims@millect.com for more information.

COFFEE HOUR NEWS

Something new is going on this summer. To join the single service Sunday schedule is the "No Host" Coffee Hour. During the summer months many people are busy with vacations and different schedules. We are having a "no host" coffee hour this summer. If you can and feel the pull to bring cookies, please do. If you are at the church early, feel free to start a pot of coffee or two. As good Christian people, we can all pitch in and help prepare, supply and clean up as necessary. Please help make this summer schedule a good one.

There have been several instances recently where the church doors have been found unlocked in the morning. Anyone using the building is asked to make sure all doors are locked and secure when you are leaving. Note: When the front door is locked, please remember to shut off the automatic door opener.

The Joyful Noize Chorale is looking for a pianist to accompany the choir during rehearsals and when the choir sings during services. The choir rehearses every Sunday at 11:00 A.M. from September to May. Generally, the choir sings at both services once a month in church, and a little more during the Christmas and Easter seasons. If you would be interested in accompanying our choir please contact Laura Sutton at 635-9347 or email her at lsutton@bresnan.net.

Soren Kierkegaard Study

St. Paul's will be hosting a study on October 3, 10 and 17 at 2:00 p.m. that will last approx 2hrs. This series of Bible studies examines the aesthetic and philosophical works of the great Christian Danish Philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard, from his first book, Either/Or to his "Attack Upon Christendom." (NOT upon Christianity, but rather the State sponsored religion in Denmark during the 19th Century.)

The study will bring us, stage by stage, through three Existential Spheres of Existence: The Aesthetic, the Ethical and the Religious. It is a rich and complex journey which Kierkegaard illustrates to us in a series of pseudonyms and fictional characters.

At the same time, it will be a serious study which examines epistemology, actuality, reality, transcendence, immutability, dialectics, logic and many other philosophical concepts which formed the basis of the philosophical school of thought called Existentialism. Please join us! If you are interested in attending the study, please contact either the study leader Ross Bagne or Pastor Schmidt. The study is limited to 12 people.

PIE SOCIAL

Mark your calendar for the annual Pie Social on August 29 following the worship service. The Women's Ministry Team is hosting this fun and delicious event to raise money to send St. Paul's women to the Rocky Mountain Synod's Women of the ELCA fall gathering.

We hope you will all come with your taste buds ready for some delicious pie or other desserts. We encourage anyone who would like to share, to bring a pie or two to the Fellowship Hall before the worship service. We could also use a few helping hands in serving and cleaning up afterwards. Please contact Regina 637-8458 with questions or offers of help. Thanks for your help and support of the Women's Ministry Team and Women of the ELCA.

DISCUSSION EVENING

In response to a suggestion from the Parish Relations Committee, the Congregation Council has scheduled a venue to allow interested St. Paul's members to exchange information and options concerning the ELCA Churchwide Assembly vote on sexuality. This opportunity will be on Wednesday, October 13, beginning at 6:30pm. Members are encouraged to read the article in the *Lutheran*, April 2010, titled "Sexuality Issue Causes Division, Sadness and Hope". This is certainly an issue where the mutual ministry and love of each of us for one another as Christians is of prime concern and needs to be very readily apparent. Agreeing to disagree and to respect, love, and support each other is exceedingly important.

August Worship Services (9:30am)

Aug 1	Holy Communion	ELW 2
Aug 8	Worship	Service of the Word
Aug 15	Holy Communion	ELW 2
Aug 22	Worship	Service of the Word
Aug 29	Worship	Service of the Word

MUSICAL NOTES:

If you would be willing to share your musical talent for worship this summer, please contact Wendy Crowe, Director of Music, at 221-5677. Consider joining one of the choir opportunities in the fall.

LET THE CHOIR BEGIN!

Calling all Cantate Choir members and prospective members! Cantate Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, August 26, at 7:00pm. Our standard practice time is about one hour, and we sing two Sundays a month at both 8:30 and 11:00 services. Please join us to help lead the congregation in music for our worship services!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's time for Vacation Bible School! Come learn all about Joseph and his incredible journey from prison to palace! There will be awesome music, incredible crafts, entertaining games and lessons about Joseph from Joseph himself! Bring your friends to join in the excitement.

VBS runs from Sunday, August 8 until Thursday, August 12 from 5:30-8:00 pm nightly. There are classes for all ages (including adults)! Our new Director of Youth and Family Ministry, Patti Reisland, will be leading the Jr. High class.

You can still register by contacting Laura Schmidt at roblausch@yahoo.com or complete a registration form found in the yellow bucket at the welcome center.

We will be participating in the following offerings:

BLANKETS: We will be making soft, warm blankets to send to Operation Kid to Kid (which is part of Compassion International). The blankets will later be sent to kids in Africa!

CAN GOODS: Help build a pyramid of can goods for NEEDS, Inc. Bring any type of can goods and let's see how big of a pyramid we can build together!

MALARIA INITIATIVE: Your monetary offering will be given to the Malaria Initiative of the Rocky Mountain Synod. More information about the Malaria Initiative will be sent home on the first night of VBS.

Together We Can Make a Difference!

T - SHIRT

Middle Schoolers are invited to design the t-shirt for the Middle School Youth Gathering that will take place January 2011. Just think, 1000 people wearing a shirt YOU designed!

What are the guidelines?

Your design must include the following:

*The theme: "Heroes by Faith" – Bible heroes and current day heroes.

*The verses "Hebrews 11" & "Philippians 2:4-11" are to inspire your design AND actually be included somewhere in your design.

*The front "pocket" design needs to have January 14-16, 2011 RMS Middle School Youth Gathering (or MSYG) and the ELCA logo.

*Send computer generated design to pblovinlutheran@yahoo.com or mail hard copy to Kayla Aspeslagh at 506 Via Appia Way, Louisville, CO 80027.

*Please include your name and contact info. Deadline: October 1, 2010.

*If you have any questions contact Kayla at pblovinlutheran@yahoo.com or 303-726-7944.

RALLY DAY

Rally Day is coming Sept 12th (back to Sunday school & 2 services) and that also brings the church picnic. We will be at one of the city parks this year. The Fellowship Committee will have posters in the church with all the details. Circle that date on your calendar so you can come enjoy all the fun.

THANK YOU:

Thank you from the Bishop family and Gianna's extended family for all the prayers and concern for Karissa and Gianna. The prayers helped us a lot.

Dear Brothers & Sisters at St. Paul's: I would like to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me and the members of Christ the beautiful flower arrangement. As brothers and sisters in Christ, it is a wonderful thing when we lovingly support and welcome the ministry of our sister churches. I look forward to getting to know the pastor and members of St. Paul's. Hopefully we can find some way to join together in meeting the needs of our community and sharing the amazing love of Christ with them.

Be Blessed, Pastor Karen O'Malia

Friends at St. Paul's: Thank you for the check we just received from you for our campus ministry program.

We have 8-10 students staying around Laramie for the summer, so we are doing special things for them.

You help to make that happen. Janice, our present intern, finishes up August 1, and our next intern, Cole Bentley, will arrive 3 weeks later.

Thanks, Ralph Rohr, Trinity Laramie

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S

AUGUST

- August 7 wedding
- August 8-12 Vacation Bible School
- August 14 wedding
- August 26 Cantate Choir begins
- August 28 baptism
- August 29 Pie Social
- August 29- Sept 4 CIHN hosting

SEPTEMBER

- September 10 Jesus' Little Sprouts resumes
- September 12 Rally Day/Blessing of Back Packs
New Member Sunday
Joyful Noize Chorale begins
- September 15 Confirmation Class begins
- September 19 Hayride at Repshire Ranch

OCTOBER

- October 1 Jesus' Little Sprouts at Children's Village
- October 3 Blessing of the Animals, 1:00pm
- October 3, 10, 17 Soren Kierkegaard study, 2pm
- October 10 WMT ThankOffering worship
- October 16 Gifts of the World Bazaar
- October 17-23 CIHN hosting
- October 23 Fall Festival/Trick or Trunk
Fall Work Day (morning)
- October 30 Photo judging in Fellowship Hall

NOVEMBER

- November 6 Photography mini-convention
- November 19-21 Sr. High Gathering
- November 20 WMT evening vespers, dinner,
Advent wreath making
- November 24 Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social
sponsored by Youth for Nat'l Youth
Gathering

DECEMBER

December 12-18 CIHN hosting

December tba Confirmation class caroling to Home
Care Ministry—open to all youth and
congregational members

As you can see, St. Paul's is a busy place. Please contact Judy in the office if your group or committee would like to schedule an event. (There are events already scheduled in May and August 2011.)