

St. Paul Beatrice Newsletter
Feb. 2012

Notes From Pr. Irmer

Time like an ever rolling stream, Soon
 bears us all away;
 We fly forgotten as a dream
 Dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,
 Our Hope for Years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while troubles last
 And our eternal home!

This hymn that we often sing on New Year's Eve alerts us to the fact that time doesn't stand still; but that no matter what happens as time passes, we are still God's children, under His care.

The passage of time in 2012 leads us very soon into the Lenten season. Though it appears elsewhere in this newsletter, here is some information you should know:

Date		Service Theme	A.M. Soup	Supper
February	22	Ash Wednesday		
February	29	Jesus pronounces His sentence	Naomi	Stewardship
March	6	The Father pronounces sentence	Lydia/Mary	Elders
March	13	The High Priest sentences	Elizabeth	Trustees
March	20	Pilate sentences	Eunice	Bd. of Ed.
March	27	The Holy Spirit's sentence	Evangelism	Ruth
April	3	Maundy Thursday		
April	4	Good Friday		
April	6	Easter Sunday		

The particularly penitential atmosphere of Ash Wednesday and Holy Week do not lend themselves well to the light-hearted socializing surrounding the special meals. You will be receiving service information again when your elder calls you. We are currently planning to have our elders contact all members by telephone on the evening of Tuesday, February 14. Once again we ask that you please make sure the church office has your current phone numbers. If your primary number has changed to a cell phone, please contact us with that number.

May God bless our Lenten preparations for the joyous celebration of Easter.

Pr. Irmer

BULLETINS RECEIVED

Helen Burger	Zion Lutheran Church - 12/24. 12/25 Kearney, NE
Duane & Alyce Delozier	St Mark Lutheran Church- 1/8 Omaha, NE
Olga Franzen	St. Peter's Lutheran Church-1/15 Wymore, NE
Floice Meyer	Lutheran Church of the Master- 1/8 Omaha, NE
Dorothy Nickels	Holy Savior Lutheran Church 12/18, 1/15 Lincoln NE
Delores Rahe	Holy Cross 12/11, Beatrice, NE Zion Lutheran 12/24, Pickrell NE
Lawrence & Norma Sohl	Southwood Lutheran Church 12/24 Lincoln, NE
Doretta & Lyndon Wiegand	Zion Lutheran Church- 12/25 Harbine, NE
Arvid & Althea Wiest	Hope Lutheran Church & School 1/15 Shawnee, KS
Leola Wollenburg	First Trinity Lutheran Church 12/24

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls concerns and prayers of my many church friends! Your kindness is very much appreciated. May Gods healing be a Blessing that I continue to be thankful for, Alyce Delozier.

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls, food, visits over the past month. I had the surgery last Thursday and spent Christmas in the hospital and came home Monday, Dec. 26th. I received the biopsy reports late yesterday (Thursday) and the ovary mass was benign, but the kidney mass was cancer. Since the kidney mass was all enclosed within the kidney and they removed the kidney, Dr Wiebusch said I am cancer free. God does listen to prayers and they are answered - Praise God for all his goodness and mercy. Again, words cannot adequately convey my thankfulness to God and to all of you. Also, thank you, Pastor Irmer for your prayers, visit and phone calls. Darlene Scheideler.

I want to thank Pastor Irmer for the prayers and especially my family for the wonderful party, and all who sent cards, phone calls I received for my 90th birthday. God has truly blessed me, for which I'm very thankful. God's blessings to all. Adaline Dorn.

Save the Date: February 19 will be the annual LYF Soup Luncheon. Profits will be for youth to attend the 2013 National Youth Gathering in San Antonio. The youth would appreciate your support!

LADIES, mark your calendars! Saturday morning, February 18, at 9:00 a.m. LWML is hosting a "South of the Border" breakfast — (not in Mexico) its at St. Paul's Church basement. More info coming!! Plan now to come.

**The schedule for serving for Lenten Services
(Morning meals are served at the conclusion of Matins)
(Evening meals begin at 5:00 p.m.)**

- Feb. 29 Stewardship serving evening meal
 Naomi Circle serving at noon & furnishing cookies/bars for both
- March 7 Elders serving evening meal
 Lydia/Mary Circle serving at noon & furnishing cookies/bars for both
- March 14 Trustees serving evening meal
 Elizabeth Circle serving at noon & furnishing cookies/bars for both
- March 21 Board of Education serving evening meal
 Eunice Circle serving at noon & furnishing cookies/bars for both
- March 28 Evangelism Board serving evening meal
 Ruth Circle serving at noon & furnishing cookies/bars for both

2011 Summary of Activities

Dorcas—The Dorcas Society of St. Paul Lutheran Church is a woman's organization which provides a variety of services to the congregation, LCMS, and

the community. Meetings are held monthly for transaction of business, Bible study and fellowship. In the beginning of year, 2011 there were 22 members. Dorcas members were grieved by the loss of one member, Eleanor Kinzie.

Activities and services which occur on a routine bases are: serving special dinners and funerals, providing baptismal napkins, visiting the sick and shut-ins, sending special occasion cards to congregation members, maintain a card and gift boutique, providing devotional books for high school graduates, offer scholarships to youth to attend Camp Luther.

In the year 2011 Dorcas' activities included: planned and served eleven special meals, redecorated the downstairs (small) bathroom with the help of the trustees and individual congregation members, contributed to the shampooing of the downstairs carpet, cleaned and redecorated the church kitchen, assisted in the payment cost of the Portals of Pray, assumed the cost of My Devotions.

Donations of funds were made to the following: Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Joplin, MO.

Special Occasion: October 27—Fall Luncheon, Hosted guest from St. Paul and other congregations in our circuit, Guest speaker was the Rev. James Fandrey, Executive Director of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation and former pastor of St. Paul.

Officers for the year 2011 were: President, Carline Mencl, Vice President, Lois Podendorf, Secretary, Winifred Ellis, Treasurer, Marge Hartig.

Officers who will serve for the year 2012: President, Carline Mencl, Vice president, Louise Braun, Secretary, Winifred Ellis, Treasurer, Marge Hartig. There was a disciple named Tabitha (which when translated is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor. Acts 9:36.

Ladies Aid—Our meetings are held 4 times a year. We have a topic led by Pastor Irmer, followed by our business meeting. Our officer's are President, Mary Ann Stohs, Vice President, Wilma Moon, Secretary, Doretta Wiegand, Treasurer, Loretta Mohling.

We quilt on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and invite anyone to come spend an afternoon with us. We finished thirteen quilts. A Christmas party was held on December 6th.

St. Paul's Ladies Aid gave \$500.00 to St. Paul's budget, \$500.00 to Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Chumley & family, they lost their house to fires in Texas and \$200.00 to Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

LWML—The Lutheran Women Missionary League has had an active year this year: here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, the Beatrice Zone, the District Retreat and the National Convention. As we attend and participate in the various areas of the LWML we are enabled to share God's love to others whether it is through our Mite offerings for missions, or encouraging those around us daily.

Locally here at St. Paul Lutheran we have 5 circles that are a part of the LWML: Elizabeth Circle that meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM, the Lydia/Mary Circle that meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2:00 PM, Eunice Circle that meets the 2nd Friday at 1:30 PM, the Naomi Circle that meets the 2nd Wednesday at 1:30 and the Ruth Circle that meets the 1st Thursday after the 1st Tuesday.

We have hosted the following for ladies of our congregation and friends:

- February 5 we hosted the Valentine Breakfast titled "Around the World Breakfast Buffet" with the theme of 'Loving Others'.
- May 5: we hosted the Mother Daughter Salad Dinner and our theme "Mothers and Mentors".
- August 4, we had our Circle of Light for the ladies of the LWML. This brings us to fellowship and encouragement of the year to come and its activities that the LWML will be involved in.
- October we shared our LWML with the congregation as we recognized the LWML Sunday by sharing with others and encouraging their involvement.
- November 7 we hosted the Holiday Open House for the ladies of the congregations and their friends. Our theme was 'Look to the Manger'
- Our circles provided and served cookies for the fellowship meals before the Lenten and Advent worship services.

Beatrice Zone:

Carolyn Nelson is the Christian Life Chairperson for the Zone.

In April we hosted the Beatrice Zone Spring Workshop. The theme was 'Being with Jesus, Living on the Edge' based on the Bible passage Romans 12:2.

In October we attended the Zone Rally at Trinity Jansen where we assembled school kits for missions.

Nebraska District South: Carlyn Koenig served on the retreat committee that was held in York, September 8-9. The theme was Purpose Fully Gifted based on the Bible passage Romans 12:6. We had eight ladies in attendance.

National: We were blessed to have seven ladies attend the National Convention in Peoria, Illinois in June. This was very inspirational and rewarding for those who attended along with over 4000 attendees. The theme was “Being with Jesus, Living on the Edge”, based on the Bible passages Acts 4:13b and 20.

We invite ladies of our congregation to join us at anytime in any of the activities of LWML.

Carolyn Nelson
Secretary

**2012
ROSTER OF MEMBERS
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Beatrice, Nebraska**

ELDERS ASSIGNED TO FAMILIES

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| 1. 223-4207 | Alan Mentgen..... | Dale Adam thru Terry Brethouwer |
| 2. 223-5123 | David Doering | Lila Brolhorst thru Sarah Doyle |
| 3. 228-2424 | Robert Ankersen..... | Clair Duensing thru James Grupe |
| 4. 228-4465 | Jim Nelson | Sonia Grupe thru Adam Hopkins |
| 5. 228-0319 | Berri Easley | Hunter Hopkins thru Kevin Kimmerling |
| 6. 223-3904 | Ronald Meyer | Larry Kinzie thru Thelma Loemker |
| 7. 228-3085 | Martin D. Seckel, Jr. | J.D. Lofing thru Michelle Miller |
| 8. 228-2291 | Dick Tegtmeier | Vernon Minge thru James Pittman |
| 9. 754-4213 | Eldean Adam..... | Lois Podendorf thru Charlotte Roschewski |
| 10. 223-3177 | Rodney Aden..... | Charles Rose thru Abigail Stark |
| 11. 228-8885 | Eric Klaus..... | Steven Stark thru Kevin Weakland |
| 12. 688-4245 | Dennis Leners | Waddell Weber thru Chelsea Zutavern |

CHAIRMAN—Eldean Adam, 402-754-4213

February 17 due date for the March newsletter.

School News - February

As we move into February we find ourselves several weeks into the third quarter of the school year. It hardly seems possible that more than half of the school year is behind us. The third quarter began on January 9 with second quarter progress reports being sent home to parents on January 17.

Second semester of the school year we have one high school cadet aide again working in our school. She is Mackenzie Licht, a former St. Paul student.

B.E.A.R. (Be Excited About Reading) Fair began on January 26 and runs through February 8. Through this program magazine subscriptions are taken by the students of our school. The profits are used to get books, magazines, and others items for our school library. Anyone interested in subscribing through this program, please contact a St. Paul Lutheran School student or the school office.

National Lutheran Schools Week will be observed March 4-11 with the theme being "Securing Each Child's Future - Equipped" based on 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Many exciting events and activities are being planned for this week which include: students singing in church on March 11, Grandparents Day on Friday, March 9, and a roller skating party on Sunday, March 11, from 5:30-7:30 PM.

Thank you to all who are collecting SunMart cash register receipts for our school. We are working to reach our next goal of \$150,000. We also continue our collection of Box Tops for Education, Campbell's labels, and SunMart "Our Family" brand labels.

Kindergarten Open House will be held on Tuesday evening, February 28 at 7:00 PM for the 2012-2013 Kindergarten students and their parents. If you are interested in enrolling your child or know of prospective students for next school year, please contact the school office.

We are currently accepting applications for new students in Pre-School (age 3), Pre-Kindergarten (age 4), Kindergarten, and Grades 1-5 for next school year (2012-2013). If you are interested or know of someone interested in information about our school or want to enroll in St. Paul Lutheran School, please contact the school office.

Mr. Duensing
Principal