

July 2017 Epistle

Mark your calendars!
Installation of Pastor
Dana Jackson

July 9th, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

**Pastor Susan Miller, assistant to
Bishop Delzer, will also be with
us.**

**Church picnic, with the famous
“Hager Heights Chicken” will
follow the service.**

**Come help us celebrate this
wonderful day with Pastor Dana
and our St. Paul’s family!!!**



Dear Members and Friends,

In the church year this is called Ordinary Time. It is the long stretch of weeks, indeed months, between Pentecost and Advent. During this time, on Sundays, our scripture often focuses on the lives of the disciples and the early church. It is a good time to reflect on how God meets us in our everyday lives, our ordinary lives.

When the youth go on mission trips, at the end of each day, we share "God sightings." We try to answer the question, "How did you see God at work today?" It is a good question to ask any day. How has God worked through you today? Or did you see God work through someone else today?

It is too easy to go through every, ordinary day and forget to look for and see God's grace at work. Most of us do not experience God with visions of angels and trumpets blaring. But if we are not attentive, we will miss those moments when God works quietly and anonymously through ordinary actions of kindness and mercy.

Look for those moments. See them. Celebrate them. Give thanks for them, and my guess is you will feel closer to God and to others as a result.

Yours on the journey,
Pastor Schlauderaff



Please hold the following students and chaperones in your prayers as they travel on the 2017 Mission Trip to New Bern, North Carolina:

Jill Christianson, Kaleb DeWall, Amanda DeWall, Brooke DeWall, Wade DeWall, Emma Drazkowski, Emma Flemke, Dan Flemke, Noah Guth, Lexi Johnson, Trevor Lindquist, Jenny Patton, Dylan Marik, Logan Storing, Pastor Kristen, and Hunter Whitmore.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

From June 8, 2017

A complete copy of the minutes is posted on the kiosk.

Encourage Ministry Team – Community Meal was served by St. Paul's on Sunday, June 11th.

Give Ministry Team – Asking other teams to bring initiatives to their August meeting. Bob Haseley has agreed to join the Give Team.

Invite Ministry Team – Plans are being made for Pastor Dana's installation on July 9th. New directory planning has started and dates for picture taking have been set.

Leadership Team - Pharm property progress was discussed. Procedures for memorial fund requests were written up.

Serve Ministry Team – Hail damage from storm on May 16th was discussed. Insurance adjuster will submit report on what damages there are to the roof and other areas.

Study Ministry Team – Met with the LEAD team and started discussion on bridge program to bring Sunday School, Confirmation, and Senior Citizens together.

Youth Ministry Team - Youth are planning their last Mission Trip fundraiser for June 24th: a Carwash to be held in St. Paul's parking lot from 9 to 3. Youth leave on the Mission trip on July 21st.

Worship Ministry Team – Carpet and paint for choir room discussed. Carpet to match hallway and be purchased from River City Flooring.

Unfinished Business – Hail damage. Waiting on Insurance Adjusters report.

New Business – Continuing plans for the installation of Pastor Dana on July 9th.

There will NOT be Team Meetings/Council in July!!

Next team meetings: August 10, 2017

Hello Knit for Kids Friend,
Thank you for the beautiful handmade items you have made for the children in our country and around the world. We received your wonderful gift and appreciate all the love and effort that went into making it. Your items were received and entered into our database in May. So far in 2017, we have shipped your handmade items to Armenia, Burundi, Chicago Storehouse, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Lesotho, Malawi, Mongolia, Pacific Northwest Storehouse, Rwanda, Somalia, Swaziland and Zambia. Thank you for supporting the Knit for Kids program!!! Blessings to you,
Knit for Kids



Dear People of God at St. Paul Lutheran Church,
Your gift of \$200.00 to the ministry of the SE MN Synod is a great blessing to our walk together. Thank you! Your designated gift supports initiatives designed to identify 35 new ministry leaders by the end of 2019. With many pastors eligible to retire in the next several years, this work is critical to ensure that communities of faith have ministers capable of leading them into this changing world. Without generous supporters like you, this would not be possible. Thank you for joining me in responding to the Spirit's call.
In Christ,
Bishop Steve Delzer

Thank You
for your Kindness

A heartfelt thank you to all of you who provided meals, sent cards, called, visited, or sent well wishes and prayers during my recovery from my fall while on vacation. I am so blessed to have all of you as friends!!!
Sincerely,
Sue Ottman



A note of thanks!

On Sunday, June 4th, Pastor Kristen and the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church had a recognition for Jack and myself for seven years of serving as visitation pastors. We are grateful for the quilts that were presented to us as they were made by the quilting group. The choir sang some very meaningful selections about friendship, including, "What a friend we have in Jesus". As we have visited so many people in care centers and in private homes, these people have also become good friends. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to do so as we have developed true friendships. Thank you for giving us this opportunity.

Now it is time to welcome Pastor Dana Jackson as your new pastor, along with Pastor Kristen. It will be a great time for getting acquainted as she meets and greets the members here at St. Paul's. May God's blessings continue to radiate among you as you begin a new chapter of your time together.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving as one of your visitation pastors and for the recognition that you gave to us – including the ice cream social!! We also very much appreciate the donations to World Hunger in our honor. We both are most grateful for these donations to feed the hungry throughout the world.

~ Pastor Lynne Rigg

To the St. Paul congregation ~

Thank you for the quilt – I can't get it away from Diane – and for honoring Lynne and myself with your generous donations for World Hunger. It is a cause Diane and I have supported for many years. But most important, I am grateful that I have become a part of the St. Paul community.

~ Pastor Jack

On May 16th, a hail storm went thru Red Wing that caused damage to a lot of buildings and vehicles. St. Paul's sustained roof damage and damage to over 50 window screens! Our insurance adjuster has been here, along with Chandler Roofing, to assess the damage. He will be submitting a report to us as soon as he has it completed.

Council may need to call a short meeting following a Sunday worship service once we receive this report to discuss how we proceed.



It's All About Me! By Torin Callstrom

We are so excited to get to know Torin!!!



Torin is 7 years old and her favorite thing to do with her Mommy is to go swimming. She stated that she would like to be a swimming teacher when she grows up!

If Torin could be any animal, she would like to be a cheetah so that she could run really fast!!



She loves to draw with sidewalk chalk in the summer and then maybe enjoy her favorite food, pizza!

Teal is Torin's favorite color.



When asked what she loves best about herself? "I like the life I live!"

And we are so glad about that Torin!!!!

Thank you for sharing!!!



Thank you to all those who so generously donated to our Pentecost flowers this year:

Paul & Darlene Schade, Leona Haupt, Maggie & Jerry Sprick, Jeanne & Arnie Follstad, Margie and George Thoma, Elaine Jorgensen, LaVon Christian, Dorance & Sandy Halverson, Tom

& Bonnie Koester, Judy Levers, Kevin & Sue Hardy, Elaine Thomforde, Joyce Olson, Jeanie Simon, Roger & Donna Palmquist.

"Getting to Know You....."



Getting to Know All About You!"

Duane Lund's father, Carl, grew up on a farm in Stanley, Wi, where he hauled milke. Carl joined the Army and was killed by a sniper in 1945. Duane's mother, Amelia, was a country girl from Thorp, WI. After his dad passed away, Amelia remarried a man from Stanley and they made their living as dairy farmers.

Duane did all the housework and helped with the younger siblings as his mother was busy with farm chores. The kids played outside a lot and enjoyed "tag" and "hide and seek". Duane has one older brother, 4 younger half-sisters and 3 younger half-brothers.

Duane remembers learning how to drive tractors and the pick-up in the fields. His first car was a 1955 Chevrolet.

Christmas is Duane's favorite holiday. Duane has played Santa for the last 35 years and says he'll continue to do so until he is unable to walk anymore!

For the last 10 years, Duane has been a volunteer driver for Faith in Action and Meals on Wheels. He was also a valet parker at Mayo Health Systems in Red Wing. Duane was the construction manager for Habitat for Humanity for the last 5 years. He spends his days now taking care of Judy, his wife, who is handicapped. They enjoy going to play bingo.

When asked what he enjoys doing, Duane replies, "Working with volunteers!"

Thanks for sharing Duane!!!



Going on vacation this summer? Stop in the church office and set up automatic deduct for your offering so you never have to worry about getting your envelopes in!!! Quick and easy!



Street Construction!!!

It's street and road construction time!!! Due to the street construction project surrounding the County Building one block up from us, they have asked permission to use our parking lot until they have access to theirs once again. So if you drive by and see all the cars – that's what it's all about! We will notify them of funerals so that our lot will remain open on those days. The exit to Dakota St. off our parking lot may be closed at some point during construction, but our exit onto 4th St. should remain open.

Church Pictorial Directory!! Coming SOON to St. Paul's Lutheran!!

Plans are underway for a new church pictorial directory. To allow college students to be photographed with their families and also provide an optional time for farmers and others who are busier in the fall, two days have been reserved for early photos, August 15 – 16. The major photo times will be October 10 - 14 and October 17. Temple Talks will be given and brochures will be distributed in July to address specifics of the photo process. Exciting details of changes will also be shared at those times! Photos will be taken by Lifetouch Studios. There is no sitting fee. Just for participating, you will receive a FREE 8"X10" photo and a FREE church directory!

Help us make this directory complete! It won't be the same without YOU!! We want to make this a full representation of our church family. PLEASE plan on being a part of it!



Youth News!

Mission Trip 2017 – New Bern, North Carolina

Fundraisers are over... tools collected... we are ready to depart on our mission trip! Thank YOU for your support as we have fundraised our way through the year. This trip would not be possible without the backing of the congregation! We look forward to sharing pictures, stories and our experiences when we get back!

LEADERSHIP TEAM:

DAN JOHNSON, PRESIDENT; SHARON DUDEN, PRESIDENT-ELECT,
ELLIE TIEDEMANN, VICE PRESIDENT

KAREN BARRY, SECRETARY; BURT WILL, TREASURER

STAFF: Pastors – Dana Jackson &
Kristen Schlauderaff

Organist – Lynne Petersen

Director of Choirs – Jeanne Follstad

Directors of Children's Education – Jaimie Halvorson &
Emily Thoms

Secretaries – Linda Kuyath (Mon. – Wed. 8-4 pm);
& Sue Ottman (Thurs. & Friday 8 - 4 pm)

Wedding Coordinators – Betsy Ulvenes &
Marcia Anderson

Custodian – Randy Mickelson

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Our office hours are now back to normal!!

Welcome back Sue! We are so happy to have you back!!

A special thank you to Maggie Sprick for filling in every Thursday for the last 3 months! Thank you to all the other volunteers that helped in the office. It was greatly appreciated!!!

What is a Prayer Shawl?

Prayer Shawls are genuine gifts of love. As the tangled threads of our lives unravel bit by bit in various ways, countless circles of compassion are knitting it back together again, one stitch at a time. Shawl recipients will see more clearly that there is hope for tomorrow, that no one is ever completely alone, that someone out there cares enough to reach out to them. If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving a shawl, choose one from the display in the back of the church, sign the book, and deliver the shawl.

Thank you to all who have been making Prayer Shawls and bringing them in. The invitation to join the Prayer Shawl group from United Lutheran Church who meet the second Thursday of each month at Lynne Rigg's home (1845 Bohmbach Drive) is still open. They knit or crochet for about an hour and a half and have a short devotion followed by dessert. If you would be interested in joining this group, their next meeting will be July 13 at 7:00. Call Elaine Scharpen at 651-388-9512 or the church office at 651-388-7106 for more information.



The Merry Martha Quilters have had another busy and productive year.

We finished 156 quilts which were distributed as follows:

Craft Fair/Silent Auction	22
Texas Mission 2016	30
Christmas Project 2016	19
Youth Silent Auction	1
New members	6
Graduates 2016	4
Lynn Rigg & Jack Nordgaard – Thank you gifts	2
Good Earth Silent Auction	1
Lutheran World Relief	75
Finished but saved for next fall	34

In addition, we are always supplying the office with quilts so each baby that is baptized receives a quilt.

We had a very successful Craft Fair/Silent Auction in November and used the proceeds as follows:

- we donated \$1,500 to the building maintenance fund
- we donated \$250 to Lutheran World Relief for quilt shipping expenses
- the remainder will be used to fund our expenses of batting, thread, etc.

We are very grateful for all the donations of bed sheets, fabric, sewing machines, ironing boards, irons and other supplies that we have received in the last year. The quilts we make and donate are our way of serving God, but we also have a lot of fun doing it. We currently

have 15 active Tuesday morning participants. We are always eager to have more helpers, and sewing skills are not required. Please contact Elaine Scharpen (651)388-9512 or Maggie Sprick (715)594-3944 if you have questions or are interested in joining us when we get back together in the fall.



Dear St. Paul's,

Our family is so very excited to be with you! We have settled into our new home here in Red Wing and hopefully soon there will be no more boxes to unpack. Miriam and Eben attended the last few weeks of school at Sunnyside Elementary and have made some new friends. We are having fun exploring Red Wing and the kids enjoyed the Puppet Theater at the Sheldon. Summer is such a great time of the year and I really do believe it is the perfect time to come to you. You have been in my prayers and mind for these many months and I am happy to get to know you, your stories and all that you love about being church. I look forward to serving you alongside Pastor Kristen.

With Gratitude, Pastor Dana

Worship in the Park Schedule:

June 25, 8:00 a.m.

Hosting:	Preaching:	Hospitality:
First Lutheran	Pastor Arte Sharot	First Presbyterian

July 23, 8:00 a.m.

Hosting:	Preaching:	Hospitality:
Christ Episcopal	Pastor Justin Boeding or Pastor Karl Rydholm	St. Paul's

August 27, 8:00 a.m.

Hosting:	Preaching:	Hospitality:
St. Paul's	Pastor Greg Bolt or Pastor Heidi Bolt	St. Joseph's

