

"Come and See" a Good News Letter



Glocal Mission Gathering

GLOCAL MISSION GATHERING COMING HERE!

The Glocal Mission Gathering will be Friday, Sept. 30, 2 p.m. through Saturday, Oct. 1, 5 p.m., including Friday dinner and Saturday luncheon, here at St. Paul's. The ELCA is bringing the world of mission here to inspire and challenge congregations in service locally and around the world. Please register by Sept. 26, the cost is \$35.

Helpers are still needed, please contact Pr. Sally Fahrenthold to see where. People who register receive the event notebook and the two meals. Helpers can attend the large group sessions held in the sanctuary and also the workshops as space is available.



Yard Sale October 6-7

Come to St. Paul's Yard Sale!!! The sale will be 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday Oct. 6 and Friday Oct. 7 and will benefit both St. Paul's GoZones! After-School program for kids and our English classes for adults. Shoppers will find lots of amazing and useful things to buy.

We also offer a wonderful Sloppy Joe Lunch at the sale (available to eat on-site or carry out) beginning at 10:30 a.m.

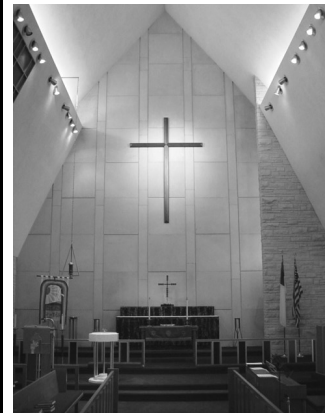
Thanks for the early donations. It is best to bring items you are donating after the Glocal Mission Gathering (on Sunday Oct. 2 or Monday Oct. 3) because you can put them in the Narthex or the upstairs coat closet. Pre-pricing is much appreciated! Earlier donations need to go in the room to the right of the stage and be marked yard sale.

In addition to the need for donations, we also need helpers for the sale. Help is needed with pricing before the sale, making brownies and sloppy joe mix, putting items out the day of the sale, and with selling both yard sale items and sloppy joe lunches. Please contact Donna in the church office or sign the chart in the entryway if you can help. Thanks so much for your contributions!!!



Special points of interest:

- ◆ **Crop Walk**
October 9
- ◆ **Community**
Breakfast
Growing



Sunday School
8:30 am

Worship 9:30 am

1st and 3rd Sundays
are traditional worship,
2nd and 4th Sundays are
contemporary.

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Council Positions

President Steve Schweitzer
(2009-2012)
Vice President Amy Morgan
(2009-2012)
Secretary Darrell Isham (2010
-2013)
Treasurer Barb Hanstedt
(2010-2013)

At Large

Elaine Harvey (2011-2014)
Randy Isham (2009-2012)
Judy McDiffett (2011-2014)

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Outreach: Elaine Harvey
Stewardship: Elaine Harvey,
Barb Hanstedt
Worship and Music: Darrell
Isham
Finance: Barb Hanstedt
Property: Randy Isham
Kid's Kingdom: Steve
Schweitzer, Judy McDiffett
Gift of Marriage: Steve
Schweitzer, Judy McDiffett
Christian Education: Amy
Morgan
GoZones! After-School: Elaine
Harvey
ESOL School: Elaine Harvey
Partners for Wichita: Amy
Morgan
Memorials: Randy Isham

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Office Administrator - Donna
Embree
Kid's Kingdom Director - Dixie
Learned
Daycare Staff - Maria Persson
English School - Leon Rausch
Organist - Frances Sloan
Custodian - Cinty So

St. Paul's Discipleship

Practices: Worship
Weekly, Pray Daily,
Spiritual Reading,
Mentoring, Discipleship
Groups, Congregational
Support

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Friends;

As I write this we are leaning into the GLOCAL Mission event that is being held here on September 30 and October 1. This has been a great joy to plan and we look forward to the inspiration and energy that will out of the event. Join Us!

For the past several months I have been putting together a workshop called, "Simply Blessed for Mission". The workshop is designed to facilitate living a life that is "Simply Blessed."

There are several reasons for offering this workshop at this time. The first reason is to create a common understanding of life and ministry in our context. A second reason is that the Simply Blessed life is a life of freedom, joy and grace. It is the only way to live. The third reason is that St. Paul's will be entering into a process of planning and promising to take the next step forward beginning next year. We believe that the "Simply Blessed for Mission" workshop will create the foundation for this process.

The Simply Blessed for Mission event takes time, four hours to be exact. I am offering the Simply Blessed Workshop on Sundays during the Sunday School hour (8:15-9:15) on October 16, 23, 30 and November 6. (the earlier time is to provide a full hour of work time). On the same dates we will hold the workshop after church, at 11:00-12:00. We will also have mid-week Wednesday sessions on October 12, 19, 26 and November 2nd. Finally, we will offer a single 4 hour sessions on October 23rd from 1-5. You may register for a workshop via email, phone or a Sunday signup sheet. We will also be providing child care for those who express a need during the workshop.

If I were a military commander I would make this workshop mandatory. Since I am a pastor, I simply encourage you to take a look at your schedule and see which of these workshops works best for you. It would be easy to have the thought, "I don't have time." Such a thought would be unfortunate. Not enough time to be simply blessed? Join me in working together toward our "Simply Blessed Mission."

Dear friends, my daughter Heidi is deeply involved with Ballet Magnificat from Jackson, Mississippi. Ballet Mag is coming to Wichita next month. I invite you to join me in their expression of the gospel in dance. Information is below.

—Pastor Dave

You will not want to miss Ballet Magnificat!, America's premier Christian ballet company, performing on Sunday, October 16th at the First Evangelical Free Church, 1825 N. Woodlawn. Ballet Magnificat! will be performing *The Arrival* and *Deliver Us!* guaranteed to captivate the audience with a kaleidoscope of movement, lights and sound. Call 316-681-0664 for more information. Ballet Magnificat! delivers unique, life changing performances of hope and truth that you and your family will not want to miss!



Sunday Bible Readings

October 2
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15 (14, 15)
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

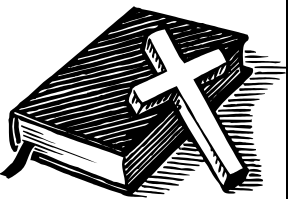
October 9
Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23 (5)
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 16
Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] (7)
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 23
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1(2)
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

October 30
Micah 3:5-12
Psalm 43 (3)
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

Reformation Day
October 31
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46 (7)
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36



Upcoming Events

Crop Walk

CROP Walk at 2 p.m. Sunday Oct. 9.

Mark your calendars to be a CROP Walker this year. Pick up your walker packet from our Recruiter, Wendell Forsse. The walk is at the Sedgwick County Park at 2 p.m. but you want to arrive at least by 1:30 to sign in.

And, check out cropwalkwichita.org for information and to give on-line if you would like to give to St. Paul's team by credit card, or if you can walk and want to invite friends to donate on-line. If you want to write a check, write it to CWS/CROP. Elaine Harvey will sponsor anyone who would like to walk.

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. Church World Service partners with various faith-based hunger relief agencies including Lutheran World Relief. ¼ of the money raised goes to local hunger agencies and St. Paul's Community Breakfast is one of the local recipients. This year we are also collecting jars of peanut butter to distribute to the local recipients.



Home Bible Study

Check the bulletin for the October date. The group normally meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month. They are currently reading *The Good and Beautiful Community* by James Bryan Smith.

Women's Mission Group

St. Paul's Women's Mission Group will next meet at 10 a.m. Saturday Nov. 5.

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> Glocal Mission Gathering
<i>2</i> Sunday School 8:30, Worship 9:30	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Bible Study 1pm	<i>5</i> Choir Practice 7:30	<i>6</i> Yard Sale and Lunch 7:30-5pm Property Commit- tee 6pm	<i>7</i> Yard Sale and Lunch 7:30-5pm Quilters 9:30	<i>8</i> Community Breakfast St. Paul's Team 8:00- 9:30
<i>9</i> Sunday School 8:30, Worship 9:30 Crop Walk 2pm	<i>10</i> Outreach Com- mittee 5:20	<i>11</i> Bible Study 1pm Kids Kingdom Board 6 pm	<i>12</i> Choir Practice 7:30	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> Quilters 9:30	<i>15</i> Community Breakfast Refor- mation Team 8:00 -9:30 Wedding Recep- tion 4-10
<i>16</i> Simply Blessed Worshop 8:15 and 11 Sunday School 8:30, Worship 9:30	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> Bible Study 1pm Council Meeting 6pm	<i>19</i> Choir Practice 7:30	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> Quilters 9:30	<i>22</i> Community Breakfast Nustar Team 8:00-9:30 Spay/Neuter KS Meeting FH 11-3
<i>23</i> Simply Blessed Worshop 8:15 and 11 and 1-5 Sunday School 8:30, Worship 9:30	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Bible Study 1pm	<i>26</i> Choir Practice 7:30	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> Quilters 9:30	<i>29</i> Community Breakfast Gloria Dei Team 8:00- 9:30 Beyond Filling the Gap 8:30- 12:30
<i>30</i> Simply Blessed Worshop 8:15 and 11 Sunday School 8:30, Worship 9:30	<i>31</i> PFW Board of Directors 6pm					

Unless otherwise noted, GoZones After School meets Tuesdays-Thursdays, 4:15-5:45; ESOL classes meet Mondays-Thursdays 9-30-12:00

St. Paul's Ministries

ESOL Teachers Needed

Contact Leon Rausch at 263-0810 if you can help people in St. Paul's ESOL classes improve their English. Volunteers can be scheduled for one day a week or two days or all 4 days as they have time available and can volunteer for a semester at a time. All the instruction is in English so proficiency in a language besides English is not needed. Regular Class hours are Monday – Thurs. from 9:30 a.m. – noon.

Discipleship Opportunities



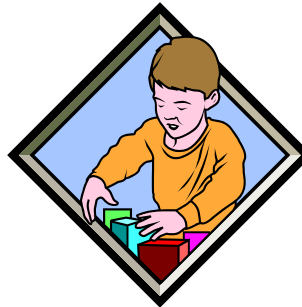
Sunday School Youth and Adult Sunday School has gotten off to a great start!

Thanks to those who brought food for the Rally Day Picnic on the Porch and who helped with the setup and cleanup. Youth classes are using the Spark materials which have Bible lessons matching the readings for the Sunday. Youth meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Adults meet in Room 2 also at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday Bible Study Group – meets at 1 p.m. each Tuesday at Reflection Ridge at 21st St. N. and Tyler and studies the Sunday lessons for each week. Pastor Fulton is the leader.

Home Bible Study Group – meets in homes, and occasionally at church approximately the 3rd Sunday of each month. The group chooses the study and is currently studying *The Centered Life* by Jack Fortin. A potluck supper precedes the study. Contact Betty Ladwig for details.

Young Families Home Bible Study Group – this group meets in homes and occasionally at church usually monthly and class members take turns leading the Bible study, the group is currently studying a Bonhoeffer book. Contact Julianne Kallman for details.



Kid's Kingdom Corner

These are some of the happenings at Kid's Kingdom:

"Back to School" theme. We have lots of new faces so we working on a letter each week and working hard on learning how to write our names. We are practicing the right formation.

Also with a school theme we did a science unit with apples. We had fun doing all kinds of fun projects and using our five senses in our exploring.

Thanks to all those that have continued to take a "Helping Hand" and provide much needed items for Kid's Kingdom. If you would like to grab another "hand" to provide items, we would love your help. There are some new items we are needing just listed so check it out next time at church!

Place your donation in the blue container on the fellowship table in the hall. Thanks again for your help with this project.

We are VERY excited to have our new students joining us at Kid's Kingdom. Please continue to share the word of our great facility in the "Heart of the City." We would love to see more wonderful faces J.

We appreciate all the love and support that our congregation continues to share with this ministry. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue to help children .

Dixie Learned, Director

Ministry Support

St. Paul's Youth Ministries

Kid's Kingdom Learning Center

Director Dixie Learned

M-F 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.
For ages 3-6. Call 263-2433 for information and fees

GoZones! After-School

For grades K-5. Call 263-0810 to enroll

St. Paul's Adult Community Ministries

GoZones! English School

Coordinator Leon Rausch

M-Th 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. For Adults. Call 263-0810 for information.

Free Community Breakfast

Coordinator Elaine Harvey

Call 263-0810. Most Saturdays 8-9:30 a.m.

Gift of Marriage

Coordinator Pastor Fulton

Call 263-0810.

Church Office Hours

8-4:30 Monday and Wednesday

8-12 Friday

Please submit articles for the weekly bulletin to the office by 5pm Wednesdays.



Community Breakfast Grows!

Summer 2011 has been a time for large numbers of neighbors coming to eat breakfast at St. Paul's on Saturday mornings. St. Paul's last two breakfasts have had nearly 200 attend. Our turn is the 2nd Saturday and so we next serve on Oct. 9. We have seen a lot of regular guests and a lot of new faces with some new young families attending. Guests walk to the breakfast from the Drop-In center on N. Market where the Union Rescue Mission bus stops, from near by apartments and some have slept out. We continue to see more women attend. In September we had youth and sponsors from Ascension Lutheran Church assist and in August some Boy Scouts. There are lots of duty stations in our breakfast operation, pancake flippers, egg crackers and scramblers, tableware wrappers, coffee pourers, coffee makers, dish washers, floor moppers and more. Besides helpers to shop, setup, cook, serve and do cleanup, the breakfast ministry of our church needs funds to purchase supplies like pancake mix in bulk, eggs, ham (or sausage), paper goods, bread, salt and pepper, salsa, coffee, juice and fruit. We appreciate those who donate funds and these items! We have had really good donations of clothing the last two months which helped a lot of people, sturdy men's clothing is always needed including under-wear, and in colder months caps and gloves. We also need funds for bus tickets we offer to guests who need them. Contact Elaine Harvey for information for more information. Breakfast hosts in October will be St. Paul's, Reformation, NuStar and Gloria Dei.



Filling the Gap

A Forum "Beyond Filling the Gap: Childhood Hunger in the Wichita Area" will be held here at St. Paul's on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 9-12:30 p.m.

This is an opportunity for congregations to have new insights on an important issue in our community. Together, we are a caring community. All of St. Paul's members are invited along with Wichita area mission leaders, pastors, and all who are interested throughout the community. Presentations, resources, group discussions, and ideas to increase our awareness of children at risk of hunger in our community...

In August, the Partners for Wichita spearheaded "Filling the Gap Lunches for Kids" before school started was a great success, serving about 3,000 meals – with the help of 110 volunteers and gifts of 30 congregations. Generous contributions from many people made this possible. Thank you!

Church Family News



October Birthdays

- 10/13 Evan Wessel
- 10/13 Jeannene Schweitzer
- 10/16 Lois Hays
- 10/16 Rochelle Lester
- 10/18 Jim Kyhkynen
- 10/20 Chantel Kinder
- 10/20 Thomas Stoddard
- 10/22 Nina Morris-Looney
- 10/24 Christian Acker
- 10/26 Christine Engber Torrente
- 10/28 Steve Schweitzer
- 10/28 Jennifer Gray Fulton

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Terry Perkins and Emily Houtz married at St. Paul's on September 17.

Condolences

Condolences to the family and friends of the Rev. Charles Fisch who died August 27 and whose funeral was at St. Paul's.

Cleanup Thanks 2011

Thanks to those who have been working in various ways to keep St. Paul's building and property looking good, including those who have done extra projects to polish up the church ahead of the Glocal Mission Gathering and those who have mowed the grass and cared for the flower beds all summer.

Ice Cream Social Thanks

Thanks to all who brought wonderful Ice Cream and salads and sandwiches and deserts for the Ice Cream Social. \$230 was raised for St. Paul's ESOL Program which will be partially matched by the NW Sedgwick County Thrivent Chapter.

Thanks and Thanks!

Our heartfelt thanks to Gordon Prieb and Wendell Forsse who have been our regular offering counters for quite a few years and have now announced their retirement. They have been outstanding examples of faithful service.

Altar Flowers

Please sign the Altar Flower chart if you would like to purchase and dedicate altar flowers on a special Sunday. They are \$62.50 for two vases. If you want a special dedication message please contact the office early in the week. Please contact Betty Ladwig if you can help deliver altar flowers to shut-in and hospitalized people

Sunday Hospitality

Thanks to all the people who have been supplying treats for After-Church Coffee. If you would like to bring refreshments you can sign up for a Sunday on the chart outside the library or contact Amy Morgan. Thanks to Wendell Forsse who gets the coffee pot going before worship. Other ways to help besides being a host include purchasing coffee and sugar and helping the hosts with cleaning up afterwards.

Wedding Anniversaries

- 10/10 Alex & Nikki Hansen
- 10/12 Ted and Joanne Hartenstein
- 10/11 Rich & Judy McDiffett
- 10/26 Jim & Tammy Randolph

Area 5 and Synod News

Area 5 Prayers: Praying Together in the Spirit

Partner Churches St. Paul's in Vladivostok and all our Area Ministry 5 churches

Oct. 2: Reformation, Wichita, Pr. Lowell Michelson; Pr. Kristin Neitzel, Marlene Hallstrom AIM

Oct. 9: Resurrection, Haysville, Pr. Elizabeth Cummings
Oct. 16: St. John, Wellington, Pr. Larry Blue

Oct. 23: St. Paul, Peabody, Pr. Bob Kloth

Oct. 30: St. Paul's, Wichita, Pr. David Fulton



Operation Holiday

Join a team to help with Operation Holiday

This year, Operation Holiday expects to help over 14,000 people stay warm and fed during the winter holidays. What we really need is your help... and we need special types of help. Distribution dates will be Dec. 15-17. In November volunteers will be needed to take applications of families applying for holiday gifts. In December help with distribution will be needed. Gifts such as food assistance for families, coats, blankets, gloves and scarves and toys for children help a lot of our area families in the holiday season. To be a part of this amazing project, contact Laveta, Operation Holiday Director or Sandi, Volunteer Coordinator or call 316-264-9303.

Help Needed

Directly and through partnerships the people of the ELCA are helping people challenged by disasters here in the United States and around the world. There are some areas of great need at this time and volunteers and funds are needed.

Horn of Africa

Lutheran World Relief is calling for help to alleviate famine in East Africa. Right now more than 11 million people are at risk of starvation. There is drought in Somalia and in Kenya where the refugees from Somalia have been streaming to and also in neighboring nations such as Tanzania where there are a number of Lutheran churches. The crisis in the Horn of Africa is worsening by the day. To respond to this crisis, and make a long-term impact on hunger in East Africa, LWR needs to raise \$2 million by the end of this year.

Volunteers Needed in North Dakota

There is now an all-call for volunteers from around the country. Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota has set-up a volunteer hotline, and anyone interested in helping should call **218-443-4970** to register. You can also visit www.lssnd.org to find volunteer registration forms and other important information about volunteering. A need is for people to help remove flood soaked house contents and strip soaked drywall out of houses before colder weather sets in.

Hurricane Irene

You can help by giving on-line or mailing a donation to ELCA Disaster Response, 39330 Treasury Center, Chicago, IL 60694-9300 or give by credit card by phone at 800-638-3522. Gifts to ELCA Disaster Response "U.S. Hurricane Relief" will be used entirely (100 percent) to provide the type of immediate and long-lasting support that is already underway.

<http://blogs.elca.org/disasterresponse> is a good source for really up to date reports of work to help people impacted by recent disasters.

Christ-Wichita calls a new pastor!

Pr. Chad Langdon will begin serving Christ - Wichita, with his first Sunday on Oct. 9. He previously served as Associate Pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in St. Charles, MO.

General News

Requests

Borrowing Tables

Please contact the church office to borrow tables or chairs as they may be needed for an event at church on a particular date or be already reserved for another need.

Tape on the walls and doors and ceilings

When you need to use tape on the walls or doors, please remove the tape and tape residue fully when you remove the items taped on. Tape takes the paint and varnish off some surfaces so we don't use it on the pews or ceiling tile. Tape works fine on windows.

Envelops

Recyclers, if you have any St. Paul's white offering envelopes with prior year dates on them they can be recycled into pew envelopes, just leave them in the church office. Thanks.

Are you Smarter than a Mole?

St. Paul's is in need of someone with the knowledge and wherewithal to get rid of moles. The Playground is one huge mole run and it may not be safe for children to play there.

Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief Pickup will be Tuesday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m. - noon, at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 2555 Hyacinth, Wichita. Many area congregations are sending quilts and kits to bring comfort and help around the world. St. Paul's Quilting group is sending 16 quilts and is also 26 sending health kits, filled with items children gave during Vacation Bible School and others. Cash donations toward the shopping costs area always helpful.



Please submit any information for the November Come and See by October 21. Submissions received later than October 21 may not be put in the newsletter. You can drop the information in the folder in the office or e-mail Donna at office.stpauls@sbcglobal.net. If you send an e-mail, please note "Newsletter" in the subject heading. Thank you for your contributions!



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