

# St. Paul PULSE

*A Community of Christ, Helping, Reaching out, Inviting, and Serving Together.*

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October 2009

## **Bridges of Jones County Crop Walk 2009**

By Pastor Gene Schipper

On Sunday, October 11, at 2p.m. walkers from Jones County will make the trek between the historic Hale bridge and the 1887 Dam bridge raising funds for hungry children and families.

All can participate in making the 2009 walk even better than the past two years. We can all **PRAY** for the success of the walk and **PRAY** for the lives of those in the United States and other parts of the world whose lives are very, very, vulnerable to hunger and disease. We can **SPONSOR** with our money- self or someone who is walking. We can **WALK** on October 11.

Many of us walk everyday for the purpose of physical fitness. The **CROP** walk is an opportunity to walk for self and for others.

St. Paul Lutheran Church did a wonderful fantastic job with the Tour de Revs creative projects to "multiply the dollars." I thought to myself, "can we bring this business of raising funds for poverty and hunger up again so soon?" In my self talk, my first answer was no, we cannot. It would not be right to do so. But the Holy Spirit would not let me let it go. He gave me these reasons:

\*Christ died to give us life. He died for all and his love for us and for all people is ever so great.

\*God has a BIG heart for the hungry, the widow, the poor, the vulnerable among us. 2,100 verses in the Bible give witness to this.

\*God continues to bless us each day, each week, each month with what we need to live and for most of us even thrive beyond measure.

\*Hunger takes no vacation even if I may not want to hear about it for awhile.

\*25% of the income returns to our county.

\*Rev. David Beckman, head of Bread for the World, reports that 35 years ago, 1 out of every 3 people in the world was hungry. Today it is 1 in 6. Let's keep the momentum going in the right direction.

I invite you to: Step up to the plate. Get on board for the 2009 Bridges of Jones County **CROP** walk.

## **QUILT TYING**

No experience necessary! Women, Men & Youth are welcome. We will meet Thursday, October 1st and Thursday, October 8th at 7 p.m. in the church basement. Completed quilts will be shipped on October 17 through Lutheran World Relief to benefit those in need. Questions? Contact Virginia Danielson at 462-4625.

### **OFFICE STAFF:**

**Pastor:**  
William Nielsen  
**Secretary:**  
Paula Hartman

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday-Friday**  
8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
&  
1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.



It's about the kids.... That's my new way of thinking. It's always been about the kids... but now more than ever I believe that everything we do should be about helping the kids in their faith journeys. For so many years the Church, all denominations, all congregations, have pushed activities at the kids hoping they would finally get it and be healthy, contributing parts of society. Though that works for some kids, and while they participate they seem to get it, soon after those experiences the concept gets lost in the array of other things occupying their time.

I believe our work with the kids will bring our families closer together. It's about the kids, but it's about the kids in family. Every family wants to be closer. Though it may seem impossible, the kids want someone to love them, the adults want their kids more a part of their family, and both really want to be part of a society that is accepting and loving. It's about the kids.... And it's about the family. The place the kids should count on for giving them the love and nurturing they long for is the congregation. It's not possible in an atmosphere of education where the primary goal is to teach. It's not in the sports arena where the goal is to win. Only through faithful nurturing will our children learn the valuable lessons and life skills to function in healthy ways. And only with the support of family, friends and loving neighbors will they grow into productive and caring adults. Without us they will likely not get what it takes to truly succeed.

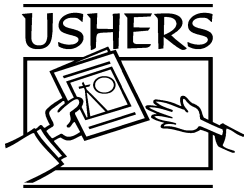
So this means we in the church must be intentional about caring for our kids and the family. We must find ways to make what we do in the church relevant for faith and nurturing, and what we do in the church must be different from what we have done for too many years. It isn't enough to gather together at worship and think we are making a difference. We need to be in the home with our kids. They need us in their daily lives. We can teach them through love how to live with one another.

It's about the kids means to me we must learn new ways to share the good news of Jesus with each other. It means lifting up significant events during our journey, enriching one another with the Word of God, and leading by example how to BE lifelong Christians. It means surrounding our kids with adults who care. Who wants to be a part of something that doesn't feel that way? Our kids are very clear in their absence that they don't get what they need when they come to church, and that ISN'T relevant worship. What they are missing is a surrounding of adults who want to help kids be relevant, who want to love them, who want to make a difference. You are one of those adults, right? You want the kids to succeed. You want them to feel loved. You want them to be contributing adults. You want them... but stop wanting them to be like you. We weren't like our parents, and they weren't like their parents. Stop wanting our kids to be like us. Let's meet them where they are.... Learn from them.

I would like us to develop new ideas about ministry for families. I would like us to change our emphasis from Sunday morning to every morning, from 1 hour to every hour. I would like us to redesign ministry so we become clusters of the faithful supporting one another in small groups of people. I would like us find ways to hang out with one another, to teach and learn from one another, and to really show kids and families they matter. Mentoring, partnering, teaching, whatever it takes, I would like that to happen. We can make a difference; after all, it is about the kids... and families.

Through Christ,

*Pastor Bill*

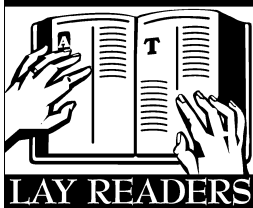


**USHERS**

Saturday 6:00 p.m.  
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Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
 Denny & Deb Oltmann

Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
 Chris & Jordan Wilson



**LAY READERS**

Saturday 6:00 p.m.  
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 10 Not Available  
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Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
 4 Cheri Francik  
 11 Virginia Danielson  
 18 Becky Paulson  
 25 Jill Darrow

Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
 4 Dennis Hansen  
 11 Chris Wilson  
 18 Ralph Andresen  
 25 Marcy Pate



**Communion  
 Prep./Cleanup**

Saturday 6:00 p.m.  
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 17 Not Available  
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Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
 4 Anne Nielsen/  
 Norma Brady  
 11 David/Jane Ortgies  
 18 Paul/Verna Lewison  
 25 Dona Stender/  
 Karen Biere

Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
 4 Bob/Janice Goodyear  
 11 Jeff/Barb Switzer  
 18 Merlyn/Marlaine Wilken  
 25 Barb Kleis/  
 Sarah Andresen

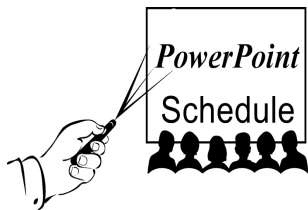


**COMMUNION  
 ASSISTANTS**

Saturday 6:00 p.m.  
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Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
 4 Russ/Jean Postel  
 11 David/Jane Ortgies  
 18 Paul/Verna Lewison  
 25 Wayne/Becky Embree

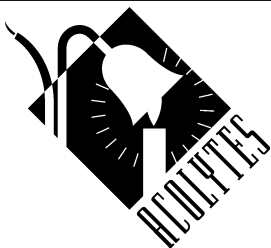
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
 4 Gary/Carlene Vavricek  
 11 Kent/Lori Reynolds  
 18 Aaron/Deb Zumbach  
 25 Sharon Weideman/  
 Sarah Andresen



**PowerPoint  
 Schedule**

Saturday 6:00 p.m.  
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 17 Not Available  
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Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
 4 Kiana Secrist  
 11 Kayla Zumbach  
 18 Jordan Wilson  
 25 Todd Nielsen



**ACTIVITIES**

Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
 4 Dallas Miller  
 11 Dallas Norton  
 18 Logan Elliot  
 25 Aaron Gearhart

Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
 4 Alaina Elliot  
 11 Jenna Wilson  
 18 Kylee Secrist  
 25 Chase Haker



**Coffee  
 Hour**

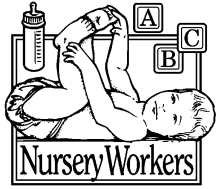
Coffee  
 4 Matea Behnke  
 11 Colby Toenjes  
 18 Tyler Zumbach  
 25 Logan Elliot

Doughnuts  
 4 Alec Countryman  
 11 Dallin Holub  
 18 Emily Christianson  
 25 Daniel Carpenter



- 4 Dave & Rhonda Michels
- 11 Serge & Paula Sisler
- 18 Edna Roeglin
- 25 Brady & Barrie Reynolds

We still have Sunday, November 29th available for altar flowers.



- 4 Michele Lubben
- 11 Need Volunteer
- 18 Sarah Andresen
- 25 Shelby Hollett



Collin Lee Cashner, son of Ben & Angie Cashner was baptized here at St. Paul on Sunday, September 20th by Pastor Bill Nielsen. Sponsors were Robin Schrader, Catharine Cashner, Andrea Ricklefs and Tia Soupene.

## Women's Circles

### Martha Circle

Wednesday, October 14, 9:30 a.m.  
Hostess: Lenore Frederick  
Bible Study: Lenore Frederick

### Mary Circle

Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 p.m.  
Hostess: Nancy Hart (at church)  
Bible Study: Cheri Francik

### Sarah Circle

Wednesday, October 14, 1:30 p.m.  
Hostess: Verna Fiedler  
Bible Study: Patsy Oltmann



God sees us, picks us out of the dirt, cleans us off, takes the yucky material out of us by forgiving us, puts a smile on our faces and places a shining light within us for others to see. Jesus said: "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16, NRSV).



## COMMUNION

**BREAD:**  
Elaine Stigen



- \*JEREMY FALL\*
- \*ALLEN GILBERT\*
- \*GAIL ORTGIES SIMS\*
- \*TIM SPROSTEN\*
- \*RICKY ULFERTS\*

If you know of any changes, please notify the church office at 462-4841



Congratulations to Pam Perdios & Wayne Oltman who were married on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at the Oltman farm by Pastor Bill Nielsen.

## OCTOBER WORK GROUP

Chairperson: Bob & Betty Hora

Co-Chairpersons: Rosie Austin

Mark & LuAnn McWilliams

Carl & Mary Achenbach  
Carol Atwood  
Keith & Darcy Austin  
Gary & Sandra Capron  
Bill & Carol Crump  
Helen Ehlt  
Brian Farr  
Larry & Barb Farr  
Georgia & L.D. Henderson  
Dennis & Connie Hinrichs  
Nick & Kathy Nachtrieb  
Tom & Cathy Soppe  
Marla Spinler  
Marilou Vernon  
Lisa Williams



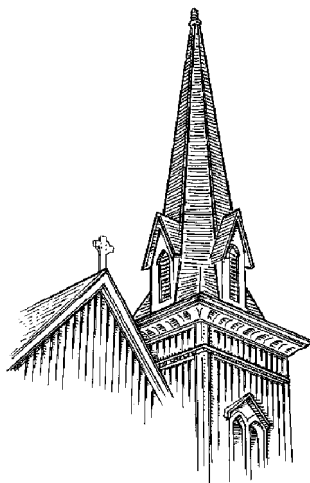
*A few duties include: taking care of the nursery; (wipe off crib & little table, pick up and straighten room) over-see kitchen (\*Launder towels on counter, check & clean refrigerators & stoves when needed) keep supplies stocked (paper towels, dish soap in kitchen, Kleenex for bathroom, plastic wrap & baggies).*

*\*It will be very important that Work Groups select someone to check on the kitchen.*



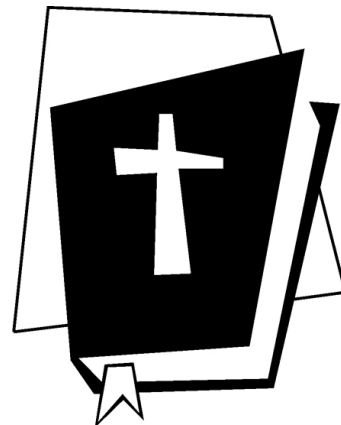
## Home as church

An interesting thing is happening to me these days. I am transforming into a Christian. What a scary statement that is. After all I've been a pastor for 12 years and thought I was a Christian all my life. But I am beginning to see things in very different ways. I've been listening to people who say they can worship God outside the church walls. I've heard people say their experiences in worship aren't relevant. I've thought about the logic of keeping church only for Sunday mornings (or Saturday night). Unfortunately we have been working so hard at doing what we do that we have missed the most important part... doing what God wants us to do. So besides looking at our mission statement, enhancing our focus to PRAYER< PROCLAMATION >SERVICE... we will also be looking at making home church too. I hope we are ready, life might look a bit different, but unless we try some new things we may never know how good life can be. Are you up for the challenge? Are you ready for the transformation? Hold on.... here we go!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



## The One Year Bible

The initial interest in The One Year Bible was amazing! There were 15 people interested in purchasing this Bible after only one week! Because of the interest I am considering using the texts from the Bible during 2010.



This would do a few things; help us to walk through the Bible together, focus our worship on what we are doing outside the worship time, give us areas of conversation before and after Sunday morning services, give us a tool to use with our families (making home as church), and directing our faith. During the rest of 2009 we will be offering this Bible in two different ways. We will continue to take orders for the Bible, both the soft cover and large print editions, and will have some for immediate purchase. Until otherwise noted, the cost for each Bible is \$14. For those of you not familiar with a One Year Bible, the Bible is broken up into 365 parts, one part for each day of the year, which makes this Bible quite easy to read.

Wouldn't it be amazing if we finished 2010 with our congregation reading the Bible together?

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## HELPING HANDS & WILLING PEOPLE NEEDED

People with cars are needed – If you have it within your heart and would be willing to give someone a ride to Church either on an ongoing basis or when needed – then Please add your name, address (for routing purposes) and phone number # and check the service that best fits you. Cut out this form and drop in the collection plate or drop off to or call Paula in the church office at 462-4841. Thank you.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ SUNDAY 8:00 SERVICE

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

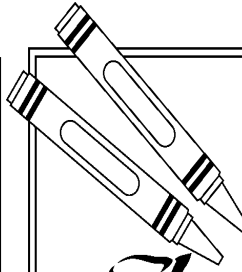
\_\_\_\_\_ SUNDAY 10:30 SERVICE

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

# SEPTEMBER

## CLIPS

- **Cost saving measures**— moving forward & getting congregational response (how & when?) The next **Open Discussion meeting will be September 20th at 9:15 a.m.** Brian Lubben will briefly explain changes in the financial information presented in the weekly bulletin. The meeting will be a brainstorming session to generate thoughts/ideas for increasing revenue, decreasing expenses, and on additional ways to donate time, talent and resources to the church. Council will review/discuss the ideas offered by the congregation and determine what actions will be taken. Temple talks will take place after that process.
- **Organization/Activation of Stewardship and Evangelism Committees.** Discussion on the focus/responsibilities/activities of each group/committee. Pastor Bill will look for information and resource materials to use in identifying/developing committees.
- **Review/Critique of Family Camp** (positives, negatives) discussed Council members observations/suggestions.
- **Church Property:** Doug Fairbanks will work with this committee to fix the window in the boiler room, fix the window behind the elevator, and research cost estimates to move Pastor's office.



Just for **KIDS**

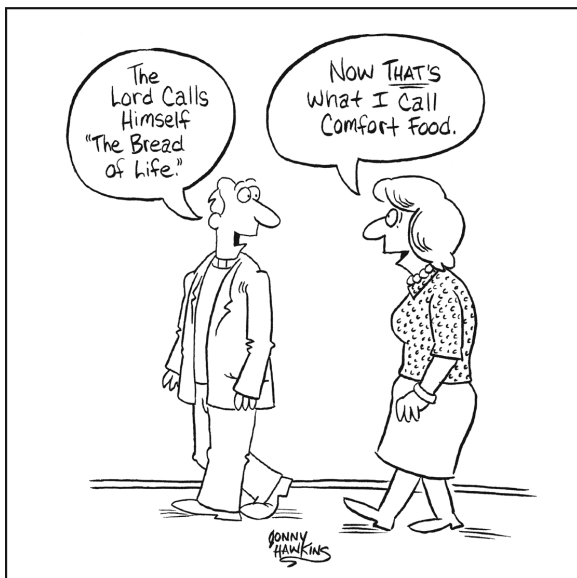
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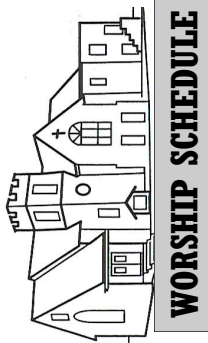
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>October 11th</b>            8 a.m. Service:  <i>St. Paul Ringers I ring</i>            10:30 a.m. Service:  <i>St. Paul Ringers II ring</i></p>			<p>5:30 p.m. All month            St. Paul Ringers I            6 p.m. All month            St. Paul Ringers II                         v</p>	<p>1            7 p.m. Quilt Tying            (church basement)</p>	2	<p>3            6 p.m. Praise Service</p>
<p>4 8 a.m. Traditional Service            9 a.m. Coffee Hour            9:15 a.m. Sunday School            9:30 a.m. Adult S. School            10:30 a.m. Praise Service            2 p.m. St. Paul Orientation            4 p.m. Got a Tick? Class</p>	<p>5            1 p.m. Quilting</p>	<p>6            8 p.m. AA</p>	<p>7 6:45 a.m. Good Guys            8 a.m. L.M.M.            5:45 p.m. Praise Band            6:30 p.m. Executive Mtg.            6:30 p.m. 7th Confirmation            7 p.m. Celebration Singers            (See Above)</p>	<p>8            3:15 p.m. Girl Scouts            7 p.m. Quilt Tying            (church basement)</p>	9	<p>10            6 p.m. Praise Service</p>
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**Saturday:**  
6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship

**Sunday:**  
8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:00 a.m. Fellowship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship



## **BIRTHDAYS**

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| 1 Todd Nielsen, Marge Snyder   | 14 Anne Nielsen   |
| 2 Mary Hamre, Randy Kray   | 15 Barb Farr, Lawrence Ricklefs, Darel Secrist                |
| 3 Suzanne Dirks, Darcy Jacobs  | 18 Jim Albrecht, Bev Beener                                   |
| 4 Jamie Austin, Wesley Meyer, Marla Spinler                                | 22 Louis Burrack, Kristi Fortune, Edna Roeglin,<br>Jeff Smith |
| 5 Drew Patnode   | 23 Kaylee Reinhardt, Ashtyn Weber                             |
| 6 Chris Kray, Denise Whitmore  | 24 Tysen Gravel, Susan Tapken                                 |
| 7 Austin Holub, Ann Tiedt  | 25 Pattianne Hulshizer  |
| 8 Dale Atwood, Hannah Michels,<br>Kinsey Stiffler                          | 26 Angie Hinrichs   |
| 9 Amanda Christensen, Gary French,<br>Patsy Hardersen, Judy Swartzendruber | 27 Bob Algoe, Ben Cashner, Dianna Easterly,<br>Eric Lode      |
| 10 John Capron, Jim Hankemeier, Helen Schoon,<br>Kevin Theilen             | 28 Darla Algoe, Tyler Engelbart                               |
| 11 Lacey Smith, Kory Stiffler  | 29 Grant Lubben, Karen Smith                                  |
| 12 Eric Kula, Neva Nachtrieb   | 30 Arnie Andreesen, Madyleine Moenck,<br>Ken Shover           |
| 13 Mary Achenbach, Debbie Davis,<br>Kaylee Fairbanks, John Minzenmeyer     | 31 Kandace Reinhardt, Angie Thomas                            |