

GOOD NEWS JUNE, 2012

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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT:

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known;
As we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our
Faith through studying God's Word and
Worshipping God.*



PRICE INCREASE!

Inspirational Greeting Cards on sale in the church office will increase to 35¢ each effective June 1, 2012.

GIVE A GIFT THAT LASTS: THE ENDOWMENT

FROM THE PASTOR



The information and story for this article is taken and adapted from the May - June 1996 issue of "Emphasis" and part is borrowed from a friend's newsletter.

Father's Day was conceived by Mrs. Jon Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Washington while she was attending a Mother's Day church service in 1910. Friends encouraged Mrs. Dodd to share her ideas with the Reverend Conrad Bluhm, president of the Spokane Ministerial Association. The Association reviewed and approved the idea, and the local YMCA gave it extensive publicity.

Mrs. Dodd pressed for national recognition for her idea of a Father's Day. She had suggested June fifth as the day to honor the fathers of our country. This was the date of her father's birthday, and she wanted to honor him for the splendid job he had done in raising his six motherless children. In 1936, a national Father's Day Committee was formed in New York City. The third Sunday in June was selected as the date for the observance. In 1971, a congressional endorsement and a presidential proclamation made Father's Day a nationally accepted commemoration.

Fathers don't always realize how important it is for them to spend time with their children. When he was a boy, Henry Brooks Adams was proud of his father, Charles Francis Adams, who was the ambassador to Great Britain. One day young Henry Adams made this entry in his diary: "Went fishing with my father. The most glorious day of my life."

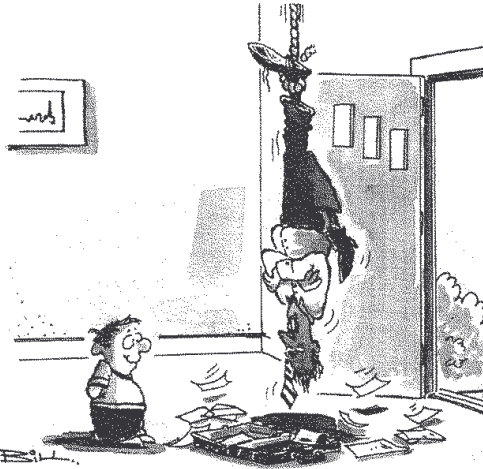
Henry grew up and became an historian, a philosopher, and a Pulitzer Prize winner for his book, The Education of Henry Adams. Yet, that day spent with his father was so memorable to him that he was making references to it thirty years later. How sad it is then to contrast what Charles Francis Adams, the father, wrote in his diary on that same significant date: "Went fishing with my son. A day wasted."

Think about how such misplaced priorities can affect a child.

It's been said that until a boy (or a girl) is 14 years old, they do what the father says; after that they do what the father does. Fathers!! Dads!!! Father Figures!!! Did you do and what you do NOT do has an impact on your child.

May God have mercy on our souls as we all, fathers, mothers, grandparents, aunts and uncles pay attention to our responsibilities. And thanks be to God for the help that God sends to us.

Your Pastor,
Tim W Muehlbrad



"Well, now that you've arrested my attention, does this have anything to do with that 'Quality-Time' thing Pastor Frecker was preaching on last Sunday?"

CHURCH COUNCIL



MAY 2012 COUNCIL MEETING

- **Treasurer** – A discussion was held concerning the remaining balance due on the various projects (\$25,000 for the A/C + electrical), the balances in the bank accounts, and the need to paint the Mother's Day Out/Sunday School room. It was determined that with only \$15,000 in the Building Fund & as of meeting date \$39,000 in the Operating Account, balances due for the A/C and electrical would come from both the Building & Operating Account. Painting of the Mother's Day Out/Nursery would come from the Operating Fund. Other projects that need to be done such as the AC register size (that deliver air) and ceiling repair are put on hold until the A/C project is completed. All members agreed that Mike Percer has done an excellent job. Clem informed the council that he will require a building inspector come in and provide documentation that all the work is code compliant before final checks are released.
- **Stewardship** – Clem has met with OF Bolting concerning the chicken barbeque. How many chickens needed to be ordered was discussed since they would need to be ordered by the middle of June. Last year we ordered 1,000 and could have used an additional 100. Beans will again be made by Wade Bolting and German potatoes will be served instead of potato salad.
- **Youth** – Senior recognition will be May 20 as well as New Member recognition. A coffee and punch reception will be held.
- **Worship** – Beverly spoke with the NALC Dean and stated that supply pastors are scarce. We will have a Service of the Word and Lay Worship Service on the Sundays that Pastor Tim is on vacation.
- **Social Concerns** – The blood drive on Sunday was successful, with 13 donors. The blood bank requested another drive in July because they are at a critical stage in need of blood at the bank. As for the senior service at the

2012 Council Members

Don Wieland – President - 564-3677
Kristin Schustereit – Secretary - 649-0946
Kim Hahn - Parish Ed - 564-3630
Clemens Waskow-Stewardship - 275-6620
Beverly Bruns – Worship - 564-9115
Anna Foerster-Christian Life - 564-9541
Martha Geffert – Evangelism – 564-3326
Mark Lincke – Property – 772-6738
Sandra Heil -Social Concerns - 564-3780
Tina Boehm – Youth – 564-2994

Yorktown Fire Department the council has agreed to help out. An article will be placed in the newsletter to begin collecting school supplies and Nordheim School will be included this year.

- **Property** –The plumber fixed sewer smell in the Fellowship Hall, there were traps that were being missed in the drains. Don stated he looked at the entrance doors of the sanctuary and agrees with Mark that they need to be restained/refinished.
- **Parish Education** – The committee is working on VBS which will be held June 25 – 29.
- **Christian Life** –Cookie receptions will again be held this summer with each council committee hosting the receptions as follows: June 3 – Parish Ed/Youth; June 24 – Social Concerns; July 8 – Kim/Tina/Anna/Kristin; July 22 – Property; August 12 – Social Concerns/Cemetery; and August 19 – Stewardship/President/Secretary
- **Outreach/Evangelism** –Martha has sent out a questionnaire to our graduating senior and will write an article in recognition of him.
- **Cemetery** – With more and more questions regarding cremated remains, it was noted that two sets of ashes can be in one cemetery plot. It was noted that this is becoming more and more popular with the cost of funerals. There was some discussion about the cost to pave and curb the roads to the cemetery noting how expensive this might be.

NEW BUSINESS - A motion was approved to accept Frank & Holly Fischer as new members and Pastor Tim’s vacation was approved.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Note: A full copy of the minutes may be obtained from the church office.

The Endowment Committee would like to thank Ervin & Lorene Schley for their generous donation to the Endowment Fund.



GERNEAL FUND	YTD 2012	APR 2012
Income	104,259.33	33,927.18
Expenses	(85,078.01)	(22,827.98)
NET	19,181.32	11,099.20

BUILDING FUND	YTD 2012	APR 2012
Income	20,110.44	7,123.32
Expense	(100,640.48)	(27,626.52)
NET	(80,530.04)	(20,503.20)



The school year is over and the students are looking forward to fun in the sun! It isn’t too soon to start thinking about school supplies for next year. The stores will begin to put their supplies on sale as early as June. As the sales begin, pick up pens, pencils, rulers, glue sticks, folders with pockets, construction paper, notebook paper, and scissors. We’ll post a more complete list in next month’s newsletter, along with details for collection. We will be including Nordheim in the drive this year. Happy Shopping!

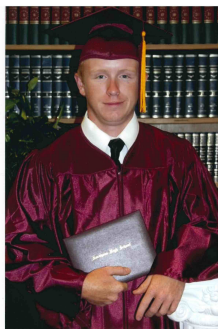
The winner

A father of five won a toy in a raffle. He gathered his young children to ask who should get the present.

“Who’s the most obedient?” Dad asked. “Who never talks back to Mom? Who does everything she says?”

Five small voices answered in unison, “Okay, Dad, you get the toy.”





St. Paul is proud to recognize our graduating High School Senior for 2012, Mitchell Saunders. Mitchell is the son of Christie Saunders and the late Jeffrey Saunders. A graduate of Nordheim High School, Mitchell received the honor Grand Champion Welder 2012 in FFA. He plans to attend Welding School.



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11



Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting Resurrection Lutheran Church in supporting its ministry and mission in Corpus Christi. We thank God for you and others who have offered us their support and kept us in their prayers!

God Bless,

Pastor Marilyn Larson

Special Thanks to Norma Barber for laundering all the linens for the Month of April.



A gift for the Endowment Fund was given in memory of husband Julius by Jean Gohmert.

Women of St. Paul

"As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more"

June 5 – Bible Study Groups:

FAITH – 9:00 a.m.

Study Leader – Beverly Feller

Hostess – Janice Curry

GRACE – 9:00 a.m.

Study Leader – Luellen Smiley

Hostess – Judy Taylor

JOY – 2:30 p.m. in the Church Library

Study Leader – Jean Herwig

June 19 – Nursing Home Party

Grace – Program

Faith – 2 cakes

Joy – 1 cake & gifts

June 20 – Please Note: Do-Day at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Trust in the Lord and live one day at a time.

Janet Lambrecht, News Coordinator



Everyone that brings food to pot luck meals, funeral receptions, etc. appreciates the table that is outside the door to the Fellowship Hall. Thanks Wayne Smith for making us this wonderful table!

A beverage dispenser (unbreakable w/ removable ice cone, 3.5 gallon) was donated by Mike and Mary Ressman. A very pretty and much needed item for our Fellowship Hall. Thanks so much.





Things are looking up as we enter June. VBS will be June 25 - 29 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Many registration forms have been coming in. If your child or grandchild would like to

participate please return the form as soon as possible so that they are insured a VBS shirt. If you would like to volunteer your time at VBS please contact Tina Boehm or Kim Hahn.

Many thanks go out to everyone who has helped with taking a cloud from our kite to purchase supplies for VBS. Looking forward to seeing everyone at "Sky VBS 2012" where "Everything is Possible with God"! Thank you for your support.

Tine Boehm & Kim Hahn

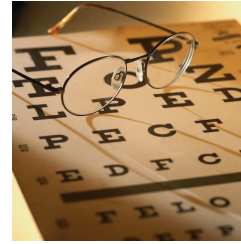
Like father, like child

As we celebrate Father's Day, we likely see traits in our dads (or other father figures) that we hope to be known for ourselves: integrity, gentleness, a great sense of humor, a love of learning, and a humble spirit.

Amy Grant's song "Father's Eyes" tells of a young girl who wants nothing more than for others to recognize her father — and her heavenly Father — in her. "When people look inside my life, I want to hear them say, 'She's got her father's eyes.'"

What characteristics of God your Father are reflected in your eyes, heart and life? And what godly qualities would you like to cultivate?

May others see our heavenly Father in us!



Seasons of Wholeness Message "Vision"

"Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in distress." Psalm 31:9

More than one million Americans at or over age 40 are currently blind. Vision Impairment creates problems for an additional 2.4 million. As Baby Boomers age, these numbers are expected to double. That means this is a problem for all of us. Blindness and visual impairment from many eye diseases and disorders can be reduced when detected and treated early. The leading causes of vision blindness and visual impairment include:

➤ Diabetic Retinopathy: This common complication of diabetes affects and impairs vision in nearly half of all diabetics to some degree over their lifetime. Blood vessels of the retina can breakdown become blocked or leak. Effective treatment includes laser surgery and some medications. Diabetics require annual dilated eye exams.

➤ Age-Related Macular Degeneration: This is the most common cause of legal blindness and vision impairment in older Americans because it damages central vision. There is no generally accepted treatment, but laser therapies may reduce the risk of further vision loss.

➤ Cataract: This is the clouding of the lens of the eye and usually appears with advancing age but can be linked to smoking, diabetes, and excessive exposure to sunlight. Surgical treatment can eliminate vision loss by replacing the eye's lens.

➤ Glaucoma: Vision loss is caused by gradual damage to the optic nerve which carries visual information from the eye to the brain. Vision loss is not noticed until significant nerve damage has occurred so screenings are important for early diagnosis when it can be controlled. Any vision loss cannot be restored.

"Look, I have seen all this with my own eyes and heard it with my own ears, and now I understand." Job 13:1

Not all vision problems occur in junior high or after age 60. One in 20 preschoolers has vision problems that often go undetected because most children do not know what they should be seeing. Newborns are tested at birth for general eye health but it is

important to test children at well-child visits from the age of 3-10 for visual acuity and alignment. As a parent look for signs of poor vision such as rubbing the eyes, tilting the head to see better, holding books very close to the eyes, sitting close to the TV, complaining of headaches, or not noticing signs or items in the distance. Poor vision can lead to poor school performance or even behavior problems because of the frustration with their vision. Take advantage of school vision screenings or see a professional. Vision is too important to ignore.

“I do not know whether he is a sinner” the man replied. ‘But know this; I was blind, and now I can see!’” John 9:25

There are many tools that can help people with vision problems. For daily activities, there are magnifying glasses in various strengths in the form of eyeglasses, Hand-held devices, full-page magnifiers, or devices for long distance. Search out large print items like books, newspapers, playing cards, telephones, and clocks. For those with some vision, be sure the living space is well-lit to increase visibility and safety. Search the American for the Blind for other assistive devices or contact your local Lions Club organization.

We have a responsibility to care for our eyesight. God has given us our body and the resources to care for it. In 1 Corinthians 3:16 Paul tells us, *“You yourselves are God’s temple and ...God’s spirit lives in you.”* In verse 9 he says, *“You are God’s field, God’s building.”* By seeing our eye doctor regularly for visual exams and following our doctor’s advice, we become good stewards of our bodies. We use the resources God has given us so become the extraordinary servants He intends us to be.

Your Wesley Nurse,
Kathy Frels

Reference:
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International parish Nurse Resource center; St. Louis, Mo. Centers for Disease control-www.cdc.gov.

A FATHER'S LOVE

In all that you do, a dad’s love plays a part.
There’s always a place for him deep in your heart.
And each year that passes, you’re even more glad,
More grateful and proud just to call him your dad!



Dear Members of St. Paul,

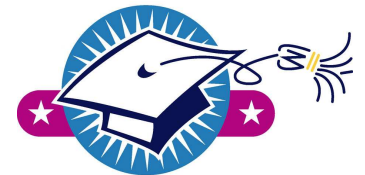
On behalf of Cross Trails Ministry, we would like to thank you for your very generous gift to Cross Trails Ministry. Without the support of generous congregations like yours, we would not be able to continue the ministry that we provide to individuals, families, groups and our partnering congregations.

Your gift will help us to minister to thousands of people in 2012 in our summer camp, retreat and expedition programs. Congregational gifts enable us to offer outstanding programs, maintain the day to day operations, provide camperships, and continually update our facilities.

All of the amazing opportunities we offer could not happen without congregations like yours who believe in this ministry. Thanks for your prayers, support, and partnership! We are truly grateful!

Once again, thank you for your generous gift!
Yours in Christ, Deanna & Erick Christensen, Co-Executive Directors

CONGRATULATIONS to Mitchell Saunders our 2012 graduating senior who received a \$300 scholarship from St. Paul Lutheran Church.



A gift to the **Endowment Fund** is a gift to the **future.**

JUNE 2012 - SCRIPTURE READINGS & HYMNS



Sunday, June 3 – The Holy Trinity

Opening Hymn: “*Holy, Holy, Holy*” LBW #185

Hymn: “*Holy Spirit*” LBW #257

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm: Psalm 29

Second Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Hymn of the Day: “*O Spirit of the Living God*” LBW #388

Closing Hymn: “*He Leadeth Me*” LBW #501

Sunday, June 10 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Hymn: “*Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak*” LBW #403

First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

Hymn of the Day: “*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*” LBW #334

Communion Hymns: (1) “*O Savior, Precious Savior*”

LBW #514 (2) “*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*” LBW #506

(3) “*All Glory Be to God on High*” LBW #166

Closing Hymn: “*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*” LBW #315



Sunday, June 17 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Hymn: “*Praise To The Lord, the Almighty*” LBW #543

First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10[11-13] 14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Hymn of the Day: “*I Love Your Kingdom, Lord*” LBW #368

Communion Hymns: (1) “*Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand*”

LBW #351 (2) “*I Know That My Redeemer Lives!*” LBW #352 (3)

“*When Peace, like a River*” LBW #346

Closing Hymn: “*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*” LBW #535



Sunday, June 24 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Hymn: “*For All The Saints, O Lord*” LBW #176

Hymn: “*O Savior, Precious Savior*” LBW #514

First Lesson: Job 38:1-11

Psalm: 107:1-3, 23-32

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Hymn of the Day: “*Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast*” LBW #234

Closing Hymn: “*My Home Is Built on Nothing Less*” LBW #294



Memorial given in memory Allen Braun – Building

Roland & Gail Riedesel

Melvin Straube

Joyce M Lamprecht

Gracie & Manroy Wolpman

Memorial given in memory Elizabeth Childs – Building

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

Memorial given in memory Edwin Kelch – Building

Carl, Sharon & Callen Matejek

Memorial given in memory Lawrence Jendrzej – Building

Daisy Borgfeld

Memorial given in memory Charles Lassmann – Building

Byron & Barbara Cramer

Memorial given in memory Ken Mueller – Building

The Baylor University Family Circle of Friends

Memorial given in memory Joyce Rau – Building

Carl, Sharon & Callen Matejek

Daisy Borgfeld

Arlan & Penny Sievers

Memorial given in memory Bea Peyton – Building

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

Memorial given in memory Ruth Sauermilch – Radio

Dr. & Mrs. John Frels

Memorial given in memory Nunzio Serino – CEM

Dalton & Lyn Janssen

Memorial given in memory Vicki Stehling – Building

Steven & Debbie Kneese

Jay & Sandra Heil

James & Wanda Rohan family

Boyd & Pam Weise family

Dorothy Mayfield

**Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of May 21, 2012*



We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:

Ruth Sauermilch – who passed away May 21, 2012
with services on May 24, 2012.

May the power of the resurrection continue
to provide them assurance.

We welcome into our Family of Faith.....

Frank & Holly Fischer
1361 FM 237
Yorktown, TX

Mariah Lange
933 W Main
Yorktown, TX



David Schneider
1981 Reinecke Rd
Victoria, TX 77905

Verlie Yoast
138 Royal Oaks #2
Yorktown, TX

Michael & Denise Melanson & Austin
1240 Slickfield Rd
Yorktown, TX

Be sure to greet these new members and invite them into the ministry opportunities of our congregation.



DON'T FORGET GOD

Robert Brault said, "A vacation trip is one-third pleasure, fondly remembered, and two-thirds aggravation, entirely forgotten."

Much of the hassle involved with "getting away" comes from packing. What do we need? How can we save space? Where are the items we haven't used since the last vacation?

Inevitably, we forget something — sunscreen, umbrella, diapers. Vacationers miss these items almost immediately and quickly replace them. Do we also often "forget" the Bible at home? Do we leave our prayer and worship routines behind? Do we take a vacation from our faith?

We may not notice those missing "items" as quickly, but they're crucial nonetheless. God never schedules a "getaway" from us. This summer, take a vacation with God, not from God.

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