

Dear Congregation Members:

I would like to thank each and every member who attended the Congregational Meeting on January 30th. It was great to see so many in attendance. This was a very important meeting for St. Paul and I appreciate all those who attended, asked questions, suggested ideas and were truly concerned about the future of St. Paul. As a committee, this will be very helpful to us in making decisions for the future of St. Paul. The mutual ministry committee has since met with Pastor Brewer regarding his comments and future plans. I believe we all came away from that meeting with a better understanding of what Pastor's hopes are for St. Paul and his part in them as well as what we are hoping to see happen for our future. We also have an upcoming meeting planned with the committee at English Lutheran Church as well as with the Synod. As promised at the Congregational Meeting, we will be updating everyone on these meetings. Our commitment has and will continue to be on making the decision that is in the best interest for the future of St. Paul.

As you can see from the reports a great deal of time, talent and treasures were given to St. Paul this year. Many hours were spent updating Strobel Hall, replacing the boiler system and certainly being able

WILLING WORKERS

Have you started your Spring cleaning? Now is the time to start collecting items for our indoor Yard sale June 2, 3, and 4, 2011. You can start bringing in items May 23rd. We will have areas marked for you to put your boxes of items. In May we will have sign up sheets for times for workers to sort, display and work the sale. This can not be done by a few people. We need everyone to help. All the money we make goes to purchase needed items for our church buildings, remodel areas that need improvement, and any other items Council and Willing Workers see that we need to make both buildings better.

The Willing Workers will hold a Smothered Chicken Dinner April 14, 2011. Sheets will be sent around for items we need and for helpers. If you can't donate or help, please plan to attend. This is one of our best dinners. We will remind you in the April Newsletter.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Every Sunday during our prayers, we pray for those who are in a time of need or who have lost a loved one. Please let us know when someone you care

to meet our financial obligations this year. I applaud all of you for your part in making all of this happen.

We have been receiving many of the surveys that were mailed out the early part of February. It was great to see many of you take the time to respond and answer some of our questions as to what we can do to reach out to not only the members of St. Paul, but possibly new members in the future. If you haven't completed your survey, it is still not too late to do so.

The Lenten Season will be starting in the next few weeks. As always we will be having church service on Ash Wednesday. We are also planning to have a weekly Wednesday night potluck dinner along with Bible study. Why not make the commitment to attend this weekly dinner and Bible Study.

Sincerely

Linda A. Flora
Council President

about needs those extra special prayers. Please keep us informed as to how that person is doing. When you feel it is appropriate to remove a name, which you have added, please let the office know.



Bonnie Landgraf, Marie Teets, Sue Kirbyson, Shelia Zeigler, Lauren Zebra, Judy Kercovich, Marie Kneiss, Mrs. Laslovic, Bill Troibilino, Landon Brewer, Denise Doliveira, Tootie Smith, Jon Coyne, Erin Roman, Bill Loveridge, Greg Boros, Justin Steinbach, Kirk Hines, Mickey Conley, Callie Shen, Thelma Davison, Jesse Davenport, Shawn O'Donnell, Scott Johnson, Lee Johnson, Bob McPharlin, Hap Williamson, Virginia Cipro, Margaret Cumberland, Ron Schuette, Mike Devine Marge Paul, Dick James, Bernie Brittner, Dee Goelz, Dan Fleck, Sara Nielsen and Marlene Scheidlemantle.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

**CAITLIN CIPRO
MISSION TRIP TO THE SUDAN**

I would like to thank everyone that has assisted with our Sunday School program this year. It has been a pleasure to be with your children each Sunday, to watch them grow both physically and in faith.

I will be stepping down as Sunday school director at the end of May. Elizabeth Muthler will be taking over as our new Sunday school director in the fall. I am sure that the program will take off under her direction. I will continue to teach, as will our present teachers. Hopefully more people will step up to assist, our children benefit from a greater selection in teaching styles. Thank you Elizabeth for taking over, we all look forward to working with you!

CAMP LUTHERLYN

March is Lutherlyn's month on the synodical calendar of causes. The emphasis this March will be for campership gifts to help children who need financial aid to come to camp. Last summer camperships enabled many young people to be engaged in faith formation, to grow into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, begin great friendships, build lasting memories, spend time outdoors away from TV and computers and have a lot of fun! Without this assistance, they would not have had this opportunity.

If you would like to make a gift, there are forms available in the narthex or you can make a donation from their website at www.lutherlyn.com. They need our financial support and prayers to help them continue to build a solid foundation of faith under the lives of the children they serve.

Caitlin would like to express her gratitude to the Sunday School for their donation of \$435.00 given to her Mission Trip. She is very thankful for this generous donation.

She will be leaving on April 26 to Mundri, Sudan with other students and professors from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine. They will be working with Four Corners Ministry and their partner in Sudan, the Sudan Strategic Christian Advocacy. She needs to raise \$3800 to enable her to go on this mission trip and will appreciate any donations made in her name. If you have not already made a donation, and would like to do so donations are to be made to **Four Corners Ministries, P.O. Box 161, Wedowee, AL 36278** with Caitlin's name in the memo line of the check to ensure it is applied to her account. Donations can also be made online at www.4cornersministries.org The group name for the trip is Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine and there will be a place on the form for Caitlin's name.

Donations are also needed for the children of the area: coloring books, soccer balls, blowing bubbles, etc. A box will be in the narthex for any donations of these items.

Caitlin will be home the last week of August and will share with the congregation pictures and her experiences on her mission trip at that time.

Thank you again for all your support.



Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. -Psalm 119:105

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