

# St. Pauli News in Detail



## Greeting and Ushering

August 2	Neil Bugge
August 9	Ken Cedergren
August 16	
August 23	Craig Folkedahl
August 30	Bryan Grove

**Altar Preparation:** Virginia Anderson

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## Church "Picnic" Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

Dr. Kari Torkelson will show photos and speak of her optometry missions to Jamaica and Ecuador, so the worship service will be held indoors. (Pastor Carl Hansen will be conducting services at Trinity that day.)

In light of the services being held indoors, the "picnic" will also be held indoors in the church basement. There will be no hot dogs or hamburgers provided. Instead, the meal will be completely potluck.

**Worship Services at 10:30 am  
followed by Potluck Picnic**

**Both will be held indoors.**

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## Organ to Give Away

Our Baldwin organ, which was replaced this year, is available to anyone interested, at no cost. We will advertise locally in addition to this newsletter announcement.

Anyone interested, please contact Arlo Rude or another Council member.

Recipients will be responsible for transporting the organ.



## Teachers Needed!

Every year at this time, we put out a call for Sunday School teachers. You need not teach every Sunday, and this sharing of your time and talents does not have an age limit. In fact, our students can benefit from the wisdom of our seniors.

Please contact Kari Torkelson, Val Torstveit or Heidi Haugen if this is a ministry you think you can do – even if it is only two or three times a year.

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## Special Speaker for August 26<sup>th</sup> WELCA meeting



Melora Bergee, new director of the recently reinstated "Little Brother/Little Sister" program, will be our guest speaker. You may recall that we donated to this program last December from the profits of our Fall Supper.

We would like to have full attendance, if possible, at our August 26<sup>th</sup> WELCA meeting at 7:00 pm. Everyone in the congregation is invited to come to this meeting as well.

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## August Milestones



### Birthdays

August 6	Chad Torstveit
August 11	Dennis McCollough
August 15	Cindy Cedergren
August 17	Faye Auchenpaugh

### Anniversaries

August 1	Jim & Sue Kotz
August 3	Ken & Cindy Cedergren



# In Memoriam



*Meribeth "Merf" Dicken, age 71, died peacefully on Friday, July 3, 2015 at her home with her loving daughter, Staci, at her side.*

Meribeth Lenore Folkdedahl was born on May 21, 1944 in Columbia, South Carolina the daughter of Sigurd and Bonnie (Williams) Folkedahl.

She was baptized and confirmed at St. Pauli Lutheran Church and was a current member.

Meribeth has been lovingly known as "Merf" for most of her life (although most St. Pauli members always called her Meribeth). She attended Washington District 221 country school through the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, then attended and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1961. Following high school, Merf moved to Grand Forks, ND and worked at the International House of Pancakes.

In 1965, she was united in marriage to Winston Reay and to this union three children were born: Scott, Staci and Brett.

Merf was a people person and loved visiting and planning get togethers with family, friends and people she knew through work. She was instrumental in getting people together to share good food and conversation. She especially enjoyed spending time with her large extended family. If you became part of her family through a relationship or previous marriage, then you were considered part of her family forever. She also remained close to her family overseas in England and visited them often.

She worked at Hugo's deli for 26 years, and also thought of them as her second family. She was a caring and tolerant person, and many people who shopped at Hugo's would stop by and chat with Merf – for advice, a laugh, or even a hug. Merf was vivacious, outgoing and full of energy. She loved traveling with her daughter, friends and family to interesting places including Alaska, Hawaii and even Cuba. And she was up for trying anything new. She loved adventure and anything that involved speed. She liked to drive and was a habitual speeder with a lead foot (which drove her boyfriend crazy). It wasn't unusual to see a speeding ticket in her glove box.

When she was younger, she often drove in the powder puff races at local stock car racing events. She enjoyed go-cart racing, tubing at the lake, parasailing, helicopter rides, and she even tried skydiving. She loved life, family and friends. She will be missed by many.

In June 1994, Merf married her best friend, William "Billy" Dicken, and she embraced Billy's children and grandchildren as her own.

For the past 14 years, Merf had a special relationship with Wayne Kruse. The couple enjoyed playing bingo, dancing, and traveling to visit with relatives and friends, Again, Merf embraced Wayne's siblings, children and grandchildren as her own.

Survivors include her loving children: Staci Reay of Thief River Falls and Brett (Becky) Reay and their children, Samuel and Lucinda, of Grand Forks, ND; Billy's daughter, Lisa Dicken and her son, Austin; Billy's daughter-in-law, Tammy Dicken and her children, William, Alexandra, Daniel and granddaughter, Brynley; Billy Jr.'s special friend, Kari Iverson and her children, Lainey and Shea, all of Thief River Falls; siblings, Dian Wilde, Craig (special friend, Laureen Halvorson) Folkedahl, Deborah (Leon) Hams, Jonathon (Darlene) Folkedahl, Mark (Connie) Folkedahl, Bruce (Connie) Folkedahl; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by husband, William Dicken; son, Scott Reay; Billy's son, William Dicken; parents, Sigurd and Bonnie Folkedahl; sister-in-law, Nancy Folkedahl; grandparents, Orva and Elsie Williams, Hover and Gurina Folkedahl.

Visitation was held from 5 – 8 pm on Thursday, July 9, 2015, at Zion Lutheran Church, with a 7 pm prayer service and visitation one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 am, Friday, July 10, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, with Pastor Carl Hansen officiating. Burial followed at St. Pauli Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Pennington County Humane Society.

***May God Bless the Memory of Meribeth Dicken.***

# In Memoriam



*JoAnn Hurst, age 71, passed away Sunday, June 14, 2015 at Sanford Hospital, Fargo, ND, with her loving family at her side.*

JoAnn Iverson was born on February 17, 1944 in Grand Forks, ND, the daughter of Irving and Dorothy (Czapiewski) Iverson. She was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith in Oslo, MN. JoAnn attended Oslo Grade School and graduated from Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls, MN with the class of 1962.

Following high school, she moved to Everett, WA and worked for the WT Grant Department Store. In the spring of 1963, JoAnn returned to make her home in Grand Forks, ND and went to work for Osco Drug.

On a blind date, JoAnn met her future husband, Larry Hurst, and the couple were married October 11, 1963 in Grand Forks. The couple made their home in various communities throughout the years and were the proud parents of three sons: Darin, James and Derik.

For the past 29 years, they have made their home in Thief River Falls. JoAnn worked at Hartz Grocery for a short time and then went to work for her sister at Carol's Café.

She enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening, playing solitaire, and especially loved taking care of her children as they were growing. She always enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren.

JoAnn was a member of St. Pauli Lutheran Church, VFW Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary.

JoAnn is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Larry; sons, Darin (Roberta) Hurst, James (Jessica) Hurst, all of Thief River Falls, and Derik (Candy) Hurst of Chisholm, MN; eight grandchildren: Derek, Kyle, Tyler, Jameson, Addyson, Dalton, Stormy and Belle; sisters: Nancy Harris, Cheryl (George) Brook; brother, Alan (Tammy) Iverson; brother-in-law, John Larson; sister-in-law, Carol Iverson; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

JoAnn is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Iver Iverson; infant sister, LeeAnn; and sister, Carol Larson.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at St. Pauli Lutheran Church with Rev. Terri Cuppett officiating. Burial was at St. Pauli Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 5:00 – 8:00 pm with a 7:00 pm prayer service on Friday, June 19, 2015 at St. Pauli Church. Visitation was also held from 1:00 – 2:00 pm on Saturday at the church.

*St. Pauli remembers JoAnn for her hard work and dedication. She was always willing to prepare food for the Fall Supper even as her health was failing, and continued to roll herself for many years while experiencing severe pain in her arms.*

*JoAnn was a true "Worker for the Lord."*

***May God Bless the Memory of JoAnn Hurst.***

# Minutes of the Church Council

May 21, 2015

The St. Pauli Church Council held its regular meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 7 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Members present: Arlo Rude, Cindy Cedergren, Kathy Alberg, Pastor Carl Hansen. Absent: Andrew Halvorson.

The meeting was called to order by Arlo Rude.

Pastor Hansen opened with prayer.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the April 16, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** No Treasurer's report was available.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Hansen reported on the NW MN Synod Assembly he attended at Concordia College in Moorhead. Next year's assembly will be at the same location on May 20-21 (Fri. evening and Saturday).

Ale Abeyta, Dawson Haugen, Blaine Torstveit, and Dacian Grove have or will have completed their first communion preparation. Pastor Hansen recommended May 31 for their First Communion.

Pastor Hansen accepted an invitation to preach at Trinity Lutheran Church (his home church) on July 26 and August 9, while Pastor Voelker is presenting a paper at a conference in Oxford, England, during his time in Europe.

Pastor Hansen reported that he continues to attend pastor's Bible studies in Thief River Falls (Tues. noon) and in Crookston (Thursday mornings). He finds each group stimulating at both a professional and personal level.

Pastor Hansen shared excerpts from the book "The Road to Character" by David Brooks, a political and cultural columnist for the New York Times. Brooks is an extremely perceptive observer of what's happening in American culture, as well as what is happening in public affairs. The book is superb and probes the current cultural climate and how we got to this point. It is helpful in thinking about how we serve as a congregation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Reports of Members in sickness or distress:** Council members shared prayer concerns of members.

**New Members or Interest in Membership:** Corey Berg, Nicole Axdahl, and Easton Berg became new members on May 17<sup>th</sup> when Easton was baptized at St. Pauli. At the time of the meeting, the Council chairperson was awaiting the official transfer documents from Nicole's current church in Warren; Corey transferred from Zion Lutheran Church in TRF. A motion was made by Alberg, seconded by Rude, to accept the transfers. Motion carried.

## Reports:

- WELCA – Next meeting is Wed, May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Board of Education – Board will meet in mid-summer to plan next year's Sunday School plans. The Board ordered two new Bibles; 1 Spark Bible for review purposes.
- Men's Group – Does not meet.

## Old Business:

Report on Projects for 2015: Kathy Alberg reported the additional lava rock has been placed in the flower beds. Ron and Virginia Anderson will provide peat to be added to the soil.

## New Business:

- Agreement with Pastor: A motion was made by Rude, seconded by Alberg, to accept a 3-month agreement with Pastor Hansen. Motion carried.
- Lift for Handicapped Accessibility: Arlo Rude reported he is researching the options available to provide handicapped accessibility for the church. He has contacted the building inspector and will share more information with the Council as it becomes available.
- Certificate Template: Arlo Rude created a template to use when issuing Certificates of Baptism and other certificates as needed.

The Lord's Prayer was prayed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Cedergren  
St. Pauli Church Council Secretary

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June 17, 2015

The St. Pauli Church Council held its regular meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the church. Members present: Arlo Rude, Cindy Cedergren, Kathy Alberg, Ron Anderson, Andrew Halvorson, and Pastor Carl Hansen.

The meeting was called to order by Arlo Rude. Pastor Hansen opened with prayer.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the May 21, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Halvorson presented treasurer's reports for the months of April and May, as follows:

<b>April:</b>	General Fund Expenses	\$ 4,554.33
	General Fund Income	5,504.00
	Checking Account Balance	\$ 17,766.31
	Investor Savings	\$ 35,853.71
	Edward Jones Investments	\$ 42,441.48
	Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 11,265.75
	Mission Grant Fund	\$ 1,001.12
	St. Pauli Cemetery Association	\$ 25,170.13

<b>May:</b>	General Fund Expenses	\$ 2,802.95
	General Fund Income	3,037.68
	Checking Account Balance	\$ 20,723.99
	Investor Savings	\$ 35,859.80
	Edward Jones Investments	\$ 42,441.48
	Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 11,265.86
	Mission Grant Fund	\$ 1,001.21
	St. Pauli Cemetery Association	\$ 25,235.13

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Hansen reminded the Council that he will conduct worship and preach at Trinity Church on July 26 and August 9. He will also be presiding at a wedding at Trinity on August 15. Pastor Hansen shared the following highlights from the NW MN Synod Assembly:

- 1) The formal conclusion of the ELCA Malaria Campaign in the synod was marked by a presentation of a giant check of \$327,000+ that reflected the synod's surpassing of its \$225,000 goal for the campaign (with at least 67% of the synod's congregations participating).
- 2) The synod hunger table honored Little Norway Lutheran Church, rural Fertile, with the Holy Mackerel Award (for the highest per-member giving to ELCA Hunger).
- 3) Bemidji area ELCA churches shared the Holy Cow Award for their creative ways of supporting the Bemidji Area Food Shelf.
- 4) A resolution was passed revising the current 10-conference structure to move toward a new structure with 24 clusters of geographically-close congregations and ministry agencies, eight conferences, and an open-ended number of networks defined by common interests and affinities. St. Pauli will be a part of the Thief River Falls Conference.
- 5) Next year's Synod Assembly will be held at Concordia College, beginning the evening of Friday, May 20 and concluding Sat. evening, May 21. St. Pauli is entitled to send two lay representatives, plus the pastor.

Pastor Hansen encouraged the Council and members of St. Pauli to keep him posted on illness, hospitalizations or special needs of members of the congregation.

**Reports of Members in sickness or distress:** Council members shared prayer concerns of members.

**New Members or Interest in Membership:** No report.

**Reports:**

- a. WELCA - Cedergren relayed several items that had been brought up at recent WELCA meetings for the Council to address, including: 1) When the toe kick wood on the altar rail is refinished, it is suggested that the kneeling cushion around the altar be reupholstered during the same timeframe. 2) The assignment and responsibilities for ushers and candlelighters for the Christmas Eve services and the lighting of the Advent Candle; 3) Light on the pulpit; 4) Input from WELCA members on Easter Sunday service times. These items will be discussed at future Council meetings.
- b. Board of Education – No report
- c. Other Reports - It was noted that Joan Nelson and Sharon Bugge planted new annuals around the church. Ron and Virginia Anderson delivered peat and planted two peony plants in memory of Virginia's siblings, Ralph and Carol.

**Old Business:**

- 1) An updated project list for 2015 was reviewed.
- 2) God's Work, God's Hands Project Ideas: Cedergren relayed an idea that was mentioned at a recent Circle meeting regarding the Area Food Shelf. Discussion was held.

**New Business:**

- 1) Hurst Funeral: Funeral services for St. Pauli member JoAnn Hurst are scheduled for Saturday, June 20, and a prayer service on Friday, June 19, with both services held at the church. St. Pauli WELCA will serve the lunch on Saturday.
- 2) Summer Congregational Picnic: After a brief discussion it was decided to change the date of the picnic from August 16 to August 9, since Pastor Hansen is not available to preach on August 9. Kari Torkelson will be asked to present a program on her recent mission trips.
- 3) Organ to give away: A Baldwin organ, which was replaced this year, is available to anyone interested, at no cost. A notice will be placed in the next newsletter and advertised locally. Recipients would be responsible for transporting the organ.

The Lord's Prayer was prayed. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Cedergren  
St. Pauli Church Council Secretary

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**Fourth St. Pauli Confirmation Class**

**August 14, 1904**  
**Rev. Iver T. Aastad**

Ulrik Erickson	Tilda Hestekind
Albert Odegaard	Mabel Odegaard
Lillian Hostvet	Alva Fredrikson
Gunder Hostvet	Johan Wilson

*We have limited genealogy for the fourth group of confirmands on St. Pauli's website: [historicstpauli.org](http://historicstpauli.org), and none for either Gunder Hostvet and Johan Wilson. Information that is available on our site and elsewhere is included on the following pages.*

## **ULRIK ERICKSON**

Was born 12 January 1889 in Minnesota to Tollef and Kari (Dakkon?) Erickson. (St. Pauli confirmation records show his name spelled 'Ulrik.' However, later documents have it spelled 'Uldrick'.)

His last place of residence was Birchdale in Koochiching County. His World War I Draft Registration Card states he is employed as a laborer on his father's farm, that he is deaf in one ear, and that he is of short height, medium build, dark blue eyes, and light hair.

## **ALBERT ODEGAARD**

Albert was the son of Andrew (Anders) A. Odegaard and Marit A. Kolstad, both born in Ostre Slidre, Valdres, Norway.

## **MABEL ODEGAARD**

Mabel Caroline Odegaard was the brother of Albert Odegaard and was born 13 January 1891 to Andrew (Anders) A. Odegaard and Marit A. Kolstad.

She married Iver H. Iverson in 1909 and to this union was born a daughter, Clara Marie, in 1912. Mabel passed away on 17 June 1916 and is buried at St. Pauli Cemetery.

### **Notes:**

If you have been reading the Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Congregation over the past three years, you will have noticed that Albert and Mabel's father A.A. Odegaard played a large role in the early years of the church. The following is reprinted from a portion of an article in the 1976 Pennington County History book. It was written by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Odegaard.

"My great-great-grandfather (name not given) came to America at the age of 70 and homesteaded near Hawley.

My great-grandfather, Peter Olson, married Anna Gutumn in Norway, but she passed away there and shortly afterward he came to America. He worked as a farm laborer and lived with (his son and family) the Ole Petersons until he died at 85 years of age. (Note: Peter Olson died 12 September 1920 and is buried at St. Pauli Cemetery.) Of seven children, three came to America.

Grandfather Ole Peterson was born in Norway in 1861 and came to America at age 20. He worked as a farm laborer and finally after carefully saving his money, took a homestead in 1883 in northern Minnesota. This section in River Falls Township later became the town of Hazel.

He married Sarah Hestekind (Anna 'Annie Sarah' Andersdatter Hestekind, born in Etnedal, Valdres, Norway). They had four children, but three died and the only survivor was Amanda, my mother.

These oldtimers really toiled for a living; they cleared the small fields for seeding, had water and mosquitoes to contend with, walked the cow from Hawley to the homestead in Hazel and built log houses.

About 1903 when the Soo Line Railroad came through, a land agent wanted grandfather to sell land for a town, so this was done and land was plotted to streets and avenues

such as North Central, Minnesota, 1<sup>st</sup> and Main, which would become Hazel.

Dad gave up farming, went to selling woolen goods, and in 1908 jointed a partnership including Ole Peterson, Ole Odegaard and Paul Borgie, and built the Hazel Mercantile Store. Hazel grew rapidly for a number of years, then declined until today is nothing.

During those early years, Dad was manager of the Winton Nichols Lumberyard, of Hanson Barzen Elevator, Soo Line depot agent, postmaster and 1915 when Citizens Bank was built, Paul Borgie became the assistant cashier. Father continued in the store, retired at age 70 and passed away at 83. Mother and father were active in social and religious affairs. Dad liked fishing and hunting.

Grandfather Anders A. Odegaard was born in Ostre Slidre, Valdres, Norway in 1857, grandmother born in 1863. They left for America in 1886 with other relatives, landing in New York Harbor on July 3, 1886, got off the boat on July 4, 1886, continued the way west and came to St. Hilaire.

In December 1889, Anders filed a preemption on land in Rocksbury Township. This farm has since remained in the family. There were 12 children in this family. Two died as infants and only one, Ole, my father was born in Norway in 1885 and came here. Others were born in America.

Anders Odegaard was a charter member of St. Pauli Lutheran Church and served as "cloaker" (sic). Norwegian was the language used. Anders was a well built man, stern in his ways, and needed to be with such a large family.

My father, Ole, had his early schooling as did the rest of the family. Five brothers went to Cheerville School. They walked two miles with no road, short term and only a chance for an eighth grade finish. Dad worked hard for the new school built in Hazel. Later I attended high school in St. Hilaire and finished in 1931 from Concordia College.

In 1930 I married Thelma Evenson. We lived in Hazel until 1944. I served as high school principal at Goodridge, Newfolden and Strandquist. Later, I worked for Northrop King as territory manager until 1972 when I retired. We raised 3 sons and 2 daughters: Oscar Jr., Duane, Gary, Shirley and Mae.

Other sons of Ole Odegaard: Morris, born in 1911, operated the Feed Store and Hatchery, died in 1969. Walter has a barbershop in Devils Lake. Rueben lives in Pacuma, CA. Harvey operates a Singer Store in Flagstaff, AZ."

## **LILLIAN HOSTVET**

Lillien (Lily) Almeda Hostvet was born on 1 June 1890 in Smiley Township to Ludwig Anderson, born in 1861 in Vermeland, Sweden, and Lena (Lina) Gunderson (Bakken) born 30 October 1859 in Solør, Grue, Hedmark, Norway.

Lily married John Jorgansen Erickson and they had six children: Luella, Helen, Alice, Ernest, Russell and Bernie. She passed away on 28 July 1941 in Thief River Falls.

## **TILDA HESTEKIND**

Tilda (Tillie) Hestekind was born 29 June 1889 in Polk (now Pennington County) to Ole Andersson Hestekind Pladsen, born in Hestkinn Nordre, Oppland, Norway, and Gunhild Halvorsdatte, born 29 May 1850 in Vestehestkinn, Etnedal, Oppland, Norway. She was the sixth of seven children. All but the oldest, Anna (Bella) Hestekind, were born in America.

About 1916, Tillie married Paul Borgie and they had six children: Paul (Bud) Theodore, Axel, Perry, Robert (Bob), Grace and Hazel.

Many of you will remember her son, Paul (Bud), with all fondness, since he lived just south of St. Pauli Church for a number of years prior to his death. Paul's obituary follows herein and states that he died October 21, 2003 at Hillcrest Nursing Home in Red Lake Falls at the age of 85.

Funeral services for Paul Borgie were held at St. Pauli with Rev. Terri Cuppett officiating. Interment was in the St. Pauli Cemetery. Casket bearers included Bob Kraemer, Jeff Davidson, Eugene Borgie, Clayton Mathson, John Nyborg, and Mark Nyborg.

Paul Theodore Borgie was born October 31, 1917, in Hazel, the son of Paul and Tillie (Hestekind) Borgie. The family moved to Fargo, when Paul was 7 years old, where he attended Jefferson Elementary School. He worked for 3 years for his father at the George Borgie Grocery Store. He worked 2 years at the Menasha Wooden Works, in

Menasha, WI and then moved to Duluth. In 1941, he moved to California and spent 40 years as a Heavy Equipment Operator and Operating Engineer for the local 12. He lived in the San Fernando Valley.

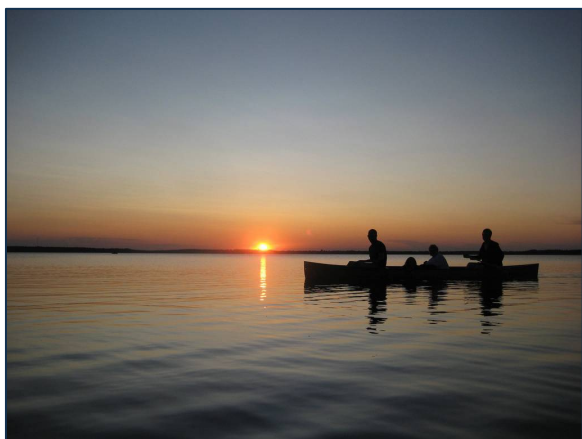
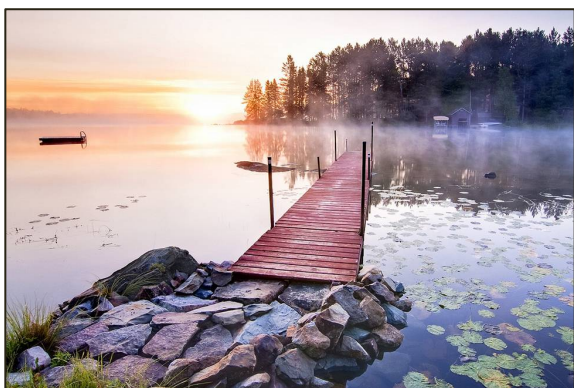
On June 26, 1946, Paul was united in marriage to Daisey C. Coffey at Los Angeles, CA. He moved to rural Thief River Falls in 1987, and lived there up until two years ago when he moved into the Sommerset residence.

Paul loved to dance; he would dance five nights a week. He also loved old time movies and the actors and actresses and their Hollywood lives. He also liked to garden and would prune his plants so that his place looked like Disneyland.

He is survived by one daughter, Anita Ruth (Sam) Bell, Nevada City, CA; one son, David Borgie, San Fernando Valley, CA; 6 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; and one brother, Axel Borgie, Fargo, ND. He is also survived by his dancing partner of 11 years, Hazel Schultz. He was preceded in death by his wife, Daisey, his parents, two brothers, Perry and Bob, and a sister Grace.

## **ALVA FREDRICKSON**

Alva Fredrickson was born 9 April 1891 in Red Lake County (now Pennington) to Hans Fredriksen and Marie Gilbertson. She was baptized on 2 August 1891 at Hamar Lutheran Church, which later merged with St. Pauli. She had three siblings: Marie, Henry and John.



## **Wilderness**

The first few days we have  
slow mornings out on the lake,  
long afternoons to walk in the woods,  
evenings of leisurely innings of baseball  
unwinding over the radio.

But time moves faster as the days  
of the week accumulate behind us.  
Friday passes in a flash of ease,  
only now and again it seems the waves  
washing on shore have reached an ending.

At dinner I say, tomorrow morning  
it's back to real life; you sweep your hand  
through the last of the day and say  
there's nothing unreal about this.

But the scent of pine is faint on my skin,  
as if I had been a wilderness once,  
as we merge into traffic, as the lake  
falls farther away behind us.



**Saturday, August 8**

10 AM - 7 PM

*Fair Hills Resort, Detroit Lakes, MN*

Join men of all ages to celebrate men's ministry from generation to generation!

The day will include:

- guest speakers Doug Haugen with Lutheran Men in Mission and freelance writer/editor Vic Williams
- a goofy golf tournament
- enjoyment of resort amenities
- great food – lunch and dinner
- and foot stomping music

Cost:

\$40 per individual (Ages: confirmation to 110 years old)

\$100 for three individuals

\$20 for each additional person

Registration Deadline: August 3

For more information, contact Pr. Keith Zeh at [218-790-1764](tel:218-790-1764) or [zeh@cord.edu](mailto:zeh@cord.edu). Check Northern Lights and the website for more information!



St. Pauli Lutheran  
**Rally Sunday**



September 13, 2015  
9:15am-10:15am

Everyone is welcome to join the Rally Sunday Celebration  
-the kick off to the Sunday School year-

Invite your friends for songs,  
games, balloon release  
and snacks.

# The Back Page

This month we pick on witnesses and attorneys for some humor

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ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?  
WITNESS: July 18th.  
ATTORNEY: What year?  
WITNESS: Every year.

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ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?  
WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.  
ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?  
WITNESS: Forty-five years.

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ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?  
WITNESS: Yes.  
ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?  
WITNESS: I forget...  
ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

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ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?  
WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

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ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?  
WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ.

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ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?  
WITNESS: Are you [kidding] me?

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ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?  
WITNESS: Yes.  
ATTORNEY: How many were boys?  
WITNESS: None.  
ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?  
WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

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ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?  
WITNESS: By death..  
ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?  
WITNESS: Take a guess.

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ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?  
WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.  
ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?  
WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town, I'm going with male.

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ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?  
WITNESS: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

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ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?  
WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

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ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?  
WITNESS: Oral...

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ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?  
WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM.  
ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?  
WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

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And last:

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?  
WITNESS: No.  
ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?  
WITNESS: No.  
ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?  
WITNESS: No.  
ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?  
WITNESS: No.  
ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?  
WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.  
ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?  
WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing **law**.

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