

St. Pauli News in Detail



LWR Shipments

This year, we have had the support of every group and person in the congregation.

Thank you to everyone who either brought items during Lent for the Personal Care Kits, or donated money toward the purchase of items.

Thank you to the WELCA ladies who have donated items or money for sewing kits and baby care/layette kits, and those who had great fun sewing on two separate days in the church basement, making eleven quilts during that time.

Thanks go to the Sunday School children who assembled 15 Personal Care Kits from items purchased through the Christmas Program offering.

A special thank you to the confirmation students who hand tied six "Linus blankets" for local distribution.

All efforts are greatly appreciated. Here is the total of what our early May shipment.

Quilts:	11
Personal Care Kits (includes the 15 Sunday School kits)	35
Sewing Kits	15
Baby Care or Layette Kits	15
Linus blankets for local use	6

Miriam Circle Meeting Date Changed

Due to conflicts with the planned meeting date,
Miriam Circle will meet

Tuesday, May 19th
at the home of Sue Kotz, hostess



Greeting and Ushering

May 3	Arlo Rude
May 10	Barb Smith
May 17	Wahna Smith
May 24	Mike Stickler
May 31	Jim Strandlie

Sunday Service:

- Light altar candles before service and put out flames after church.
- Act as Greeters and hand out bulletins.
- Usher for offering and communion.
- Tidy up pews after church to make it ready for the next Sunday's services.

Altar Preparation: Tammy Haugen
(1st and 3rd Sundays)

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May Milestones

Birthdays

May 3	Barb Smith
May 6	Ruby (Alberg) Engelstad
May 8	Inez Mathson Shelley Mathson
May 13	Jodie Torkelson
May 15	Tammy Haugen
May 18	Becky Stickler
May 21	Virginia Anderson Meribeth Dicken

Anniversaries

May 7	Craig & Sally Torkelson (1966)
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Minutes of the Church Council

March 19, 2015

The St. Pauli Church Council held its regular meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 7 p.m. at St. Pauli Church.

Members present: Arlo Rude, Andrew Halvorson, Cindy Cedergren, Kathy Alberg 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 February 16th meeting and the special congregational meeting on March 8th were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. Balances as of 2/28/15 were reported as follows:

February General Fund Income:	\$ 2,985.58
February General Fund Expenses:	(\$ 4,054.81)
Checking Account Balance:	\$ 18,860.09
Investor Savings:	35,841.73
Edward Jones Investment Accounts:	41,970.43
Memorial Fund Balance:	11,245.54
Mission Grant Fund:	1,000.95
St. Pauli Cemetery Association:	\$ 21,515.13

Pastor's Report: Pastor Hansen was pleased with the overall participation at all the congregations he had visited so far in the round robin Lenten services. The music leadership and congregational singing was outstanding.

The 2015 Assembly of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod will be held on May 16-17 at Concordia College in Moorhead. The congregation is entitled to send two lay delegates. Pastor Hansen will be attending the May 16 session.

He is looking at the possibility of offering First Communion preparation sessions after Easter and before the end of school. The past year's session during the Sunday School hour worked well.

He is tentatively planning a vacation this summer that would necessitate pulpit supply for August 2 and 9.

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

New Members or Interest in Membership: Discussion was held on a potential transfer.

Reports:

- WELCA - a light breakfast will be served following the 7 am Easter Worship Service.
- Board of Education – No report
- Men's Group – Does not meet

Project List for 2015: Rude reported that the MIDI Sequencer for the organ was received. He will work with the organist to proceed with the recording process. Other projects on the list were reviewed.

New Business: A 3-month agreement was reached with Pastor Hansen for April-June 2015. Motion was made by Cedergren, seconded by Halvorson to accept the agreement. Motion carried.

The Lord's Prayer was prayed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alberg and seconded by Halvorson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cedergren
St. Pauli Church Council Secretary

Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Congregation

12 December 1922

St. Pauli congregation held its annual meeting in the church on Dec. 11, 1922.

The meeting was opened by Pastor Grimsrud with hymn song and prayer. Thereafter the report of the secretary was read and accepted.

And then the school committee reported that they had had a month of school. It was proposed and supported to request that the Ladies Aid should consider the

matter of the religion school and if possible arrange for a term in the summer.

Thereafter the report of the treasurer was read and accepted. Then the following were elected: as secretary Olaf Snetting for one year, as treasurer Tobias Stene one year, as trustee Carl Alberg 3 years. As sexton the same as before Joe Torstveit. As apportionments committee were elected: Ole Odegard, Martin Mathson, Edward Vigen.

Then it was decided to allow four hundred dollars for the expenses of the congregation. Then a committee of three men was elected for the different accounts, namely: Ole Pederson, Emil Thune and Alfred Helgeson.

Then it was decided to have a day for ornamentation of graves. The time was to be decided on later.

On proposal the meeting was ended.

Olaf Snetting, Secretary

Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Young People's Society

May 15, 1927

The St. Pauli Young People's Society held its first annual business meeting at the church on Sunday evening, May 15, 1927. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Gust Gustafson.

Song by Audience.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted as read.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President	Mr. C. Oien
Vice President	Mr. Carl Finstad
Secretary	Mr. Oscar Odegaard
Treasurer	Mr. Joseph Torstveit

The program committee for the next meeting were appointed as follows:

Margaret Lokken
Helge Helgerson
Helen Wiken

Motion was made and seconded that the next meeting be held in two weeks.

Speech by Rev. Jacobson.

Song by Audience.

The meeting adjourned.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Carl Finstad and Miss Marie Oien.

The proceeds were \$16.70.

Oscar Odegaard, Secretary

Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Luther League

28 March 1954

The St. Pauli Luther League met at the church on March 28.

The program opened with the congregation singing the hymn, "Oh, Jesus, I have Promised."

Scripture and prayer was given by Doris Belange.

The topic for the program was "Am I Good?" Those taking part were: Betty Rude, Connie Alberg, Bev Rolandson and Wahna Torkelson.

Another hymn was sung by the congregation, "Now Thank We All Our God."

The business meeting opened with the secretary's report which was read and approved.

There was no old business to be taken up.

President Doris Belange read a letter from the Bible Camp, asking for a donation to be used for improvements to the camp. A motion was then made and seconded that we send \$15.00 to the Bible Camp.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and Table Blessing.

Servers were Theo. Bjorge, Edwin Nelson, Joe Belange and Herman Rude families.

Proceeds: \$12.15

Signed: Pat Torkelson, Secretary

A young boy had just gotten his driver's permit and inquired of his father, an evangelist, if they could discuss his use of the car. His father said, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, get your hair cut and we'll talk about the car." Well, the boy thought about that for a moment and decided that he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks they went into the study, where his father said, "Son, I've been real proud. You brought your grades up, and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, and participating a lot more in the Bible study groups. But, I'm real disappointed, since you haven't gotten your hair cut." The young man paused a moment, and then said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair and there's even a strong argument that Jesus had long hair."

To this his father replied, "Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"

Sunday School thanks the congregation

The Sunday School would like to thank the congregation for the support given to the Sunday School. Kari Torkelson, Heidi Haugen and Val Torstveit have all done dual duty by serving on the Board of Education and teaching. Other teachers we want to thank are Faye Auchenpaugh, Andrew and Michele Halvorson, Gary Iverson (confirmation class), Kari Iverson, Evie Johnson, Wahna Smith and Chad Torstveit.

Because of the congregation's generous offering given at the Christmas program, the Sunday School was able to donate dollars to the ELCA Good Gifts program.

These dollars were enough to purchase a share in an oxen plow team, three goats, three bunches of chicks (ten in each bunch), and three pigs.

Sunday School students also prepared personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief, as shown in the photos here.

Students are Aleshia Abeyta; Lainey Dicken; Dacian Grove; Siri, Annika and Kjersti Halvorson; Devin, Dawson and Mason Haugen; Gabe and Noah Haugen; and Rylan and Blaine Torstveit.





To keep you informed regarding County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 3, also named Center Street, on which many of you travel often, County Engineer Mike Flaagan was contacted to get accurate details on the construction projects affecting this particular road.

There are two separate projects to keep in mind this summer: one on the east side of St. Hilaire that is already evident from the installation of new poles on the south side of the road, and the second to the west of St. Hilaire:

1. Shoulder widening and overlay from Hwy 32 to CSAH 17 (what we call the “airport road”)
 - a. Starting June 1st with 25 working days
 - b. The road will be open to traffic with flagging operations
 - c. There are some culvert replacements that will only allow one lane of traffic during installation

2. An overlay on CSAH 3 from the Polk County line west of St. Hilaire to Hwy. 32.
 - a. Starting June 1 with 25 working days.
 - b. Pilot car during construction

No detours and no work on the bridge.

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Jim and Jan Strandlie to be honored as “Arts Advocates of the Year” for Northwest Minnesota



Come to the reception and program in the Imperial Room at the Ralph Engelstad Arena on Monday, May 4th, when Jim and Strandlie will be presented the “Arts Advocate of the Year” award by the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council.

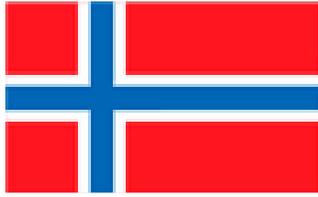
An advocate is someone who works to bring arts into their area, community, school, etc. They talk positively about the arts and drum up funding, and serve on boards. They buy art and attend concerts but even more importantly they are not afraid to speak up about the importance of art to school boards, city councils, and government officials.

Jim and Jan certainly live up to this definition. They have been instrumental in community theater – Alaska, Warroad, Middle River, and Thief River Falls – in addition to role playing at Pioneer Village, their radio show “Root Cellar” and being the founders of Norwegian Heritage Day in Thief River Falls.

Monday, May 4th

**4:15 p.m. – Hors d’oeuvres
5:00 p.m. – Awards Program**

Imperial Room, Ralph Engelstad Arena



Norwegian Heritage Week
Sponsored by Sons of Norway
Snørre Lodge #70, Thief River Falls, MN



May 12-18, 2015

Tuesday, May 12

“In Their Own Words” *

Solveig Tweet Zempel, author, professor, researcher, St. Olaf College

7:00 p.m. – NCTC, Room 201/203

Admission: \$2.50 Refreshments provided

Wednesday, May 13

Syttende Mai Dinner

5-7 p.m. – Zion Lutheran Church Adults: \$12; age 10 & under \$5

Norwegian Movie Night – “Making of the movie Frozen”

Video & presentation on significance of Norwegian setting, costumes, music & more

8:00 p.m. – Eagles Hall Free Admission

Thursday, May 4

“Old Time Dance” with Texas Connection

8:00 – 11:30 p.m. – Eagles Hall – Admission: \$5.00, including lunch

Friday, May 15

“Sister” – musical & comedy trio *

Minnesota Scandinavian sisters

7:00 p.m. – Lincoln High School Auditorium Admission: \$5.00

Saturday, May 16

“Vikings in the Attic”

Eric Dregni, author of “In Cod We Trust” – 11:00 a.m.

Morning coffee at 10:00 a.m. – TRF Public Library Free admission

Sunday, May 17 – HURRA FOR SYTTENDE MAI

1:00 p.m. – **Movie: “Frozen”** LHS Auditorium

Children are encouraged to dress in their “Frozen” costumes; sing “Let It Go”

Followed by Children’s Parade to Floyd B. Olson Park.

Monday, May 18

Syttende Mai Open House – Scandinavian treats, coffee & music

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Northern State Bank

Killingberg Orchestra (from Norway) – on Cathy’s Radio Show (live broadcast)

6:00 p.m. – Concert/Dance NCTC Commons Admission: \$5.00

Scandinavian exhibit – TRF Public Library all of May



* These events are funded, in part, by a grant from the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council and the Minnesota arts and cultural heritage fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

Norwegian Woman Sets 60-hour Organ Concert Record

Reprinted from the Sons of Norway April *Viking* E-Post



To mark her 60th birthday, Norwegian organist Nina Irslinger decided to set a world record in organ playing. Again.

Back in 2009, Irslinger had set the world record for playing a 36 hour organ concert, but in 2011 she was outplayed by rival organist Jacqueline Sadler of Canada, who played hymns for 40 hours and 36 minutes. So, this time, Irslinger set out to regain the record with a nice, round number: her age.

On Saturday morning, March 28th, she started playing at 9 a.m. and finished her 60th hour at 10 p.m. on Monday night, March 30th- her birthday.

The former organist of the church in Horten on the Oslo Fjord, Irslinger took a seat behind the organ at Trefoldighetskirken (Trinity Church) in Arendal, where she lives and teaches music.

To train for the musical marathon, Irslinger practiced 8 hours a day in the weeks leading up to the big show. Facing this challenge made her want to run away, but she decided to go for it. Each hour of the concert, she allowed herself a 5 minute food and bathroom break. Overnight, she pooled her 5 minute breaks to indulge in a 35-minute nap. Healthcare professionals were on hand, but Irslinger remained strong throughout.

To keep things interesting, she accompanied several guest musicians, both professional and amateur soloists and groups from all over Sørlandet- southern Norway. She didn't stick to a strictly sacred repertoire, either. Pop, rock and folk songs were in the mix and Irslinger says she found it liberating to be able to play a variety of styles despite the church setting. This included songs from The Beatles, Prince, and The Bee Gees along with classical pieces and sacred hymns.

Despite the ongoing concert, the church held its Sunday morning services – the first time that music has been played throughout an entire sermon. Pastor Asta Ledaal declared her enthusiastic support of the attempt and said that there is room in the church for all humans and all art forms.

Irslinger's biggest challenge proved to be lack of sleep. Toward the end, she was shaky and worried about being able to finish. Getting up Monday morning after just a catnap was brutal. At one point, she almost fainted. By the end, she was clearly exhausted, but thanks to her determination and incredible focus, the music in the last hour sounded as good as it did in the first hour, according to Pastor Ledaal.

Upon completing her last song in front of a packed sanctuary, cheers erupted and Irslinger was carried up the aisle to the altar, where the pastor raised a champagne toast to her accomplishment.

Asked how she was doing seconds after her last triumphant chords, she gasped, "I'm overwhelmed. I'm simply overwhelmed." She was grateful that so many people came to watch and that everyone sang along during the finale. Her goal was to involve as many people as possible, especially youth musicians. The entire world record attempt was broadcast on Agderposten TV and monitored by a representative from Guinness World Records.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.
If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it.
He sends you flowers every spring.
He sends you a sunrise every morning,

Face it, friend – He is crazy about you!

100th Anniversary of the Sinking of the Lusitania

(from History.com)

On May 7, 1915, less than a year after World War I erupted across Europe, a German U-boat torpedoed and sank the RMS Lusitania, a British ocean liner en route from New York to Liverpool, England. Of the more than 1,900 passengers and crewmembers on board, more than 1,100 perished, including more than 120 Americans. Nearly two years would pass before the United States formally entered World War I, but the sinking of the Lusitania played a significant role in turning public opinion against Germany, both in the United States and abroad.

PRELUDE TO LUSITANIA: GERMANY ANNOUNCES UNRESTRICTED SUBMARINE WARFARE

When World War I erupted in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson pledged neutrality for the United States, a position that the vast majority of Americans favored. Britain, however, was one of America's closest trading partners, and tensions soon arose between the United States and Germany over the latter's attempted quarantine of the British Isles. Several U.S. ships traveling to Britain were damaged or sunk by German mines, and in February 1915 Germany announced unrestricted submarine warfare in the waters around Britain.

The Lusitania made its maiden voyage in 1907. When it was sunk in 1915, the ocean liner was on the return leg of its 101st round trip voyage across the Atlantic.

In early May 1915, several New York newspapers published a warning by the German Embassy in Washington, D.C., that Americans traveling on British or Allied ships in war zones did so at their own risk. The announcement was placed on the same page as an advertisement of the imminent sailing of the Lusitania liner from New York back to Liverpool. The sinkings of merchant ships off the south coast of Ireland prompted the British Admiralty to warn the Lusitania to avoid the area or take simple evasive action, such as zigzagging to confuse U-boats plotting the vessel's course.

The captain of the Lusitania ignored the British Admiralty's recommendations due to fog and the vagueness of the message, and the fog cleared and at 2:12 p.m. on May 7 the 32,000-ton ship was hit by an exploding torpedo on its starboard side. The torpedo blast was followed by a larger explosion, probably of the ship's boilers, and the ship sank off the south coast of Ireland in less than 20 minutes.

The Lusitania was carrying about 173 tons of war munitions for Britain, which the Germans cited as further justification for the attack. The United States eventually protested the action, and Germany apologized and pledged to end unrestricted submarine warfare. However, in November of that same year a U-boat sank an Italian liner without warning, killing more than 270 people, including more than 25 Americans. Public opinion in the United States began to turn irrevocably against Germany.

AMERICA ENTERS WORLD WAR I

On January 31, 1917, Germany, determined to win its war of attrition against the Allies, announced it would resume unrestricted warfare in war-zone waters. Three days later,

the United States broke diplomatic relations with Germany, and just hours after that the American ship Housatonic was sunk by a German U-boat.

On February 22nd, Congress passed a \$250 million arms appropriations bill intended to make the United States ready for war. In late March, Germany sank four more U.S. merchant ships, and on April 2nd President Wilson appeared before Congress and called for a declaration of war against Germany. On April 4th, the Senate voted to declare war, and two days later the House of Representatives endorsed the declaration. With that, America entered World War I.

The Lusitania was not a re-run of the Titanic

(from pbs.org on Erik Larson's new book "Dead Wake")

The Titanic took just over three hours to sink; the Lusitania sank in 18 minutes. The tragedy of the Titanic was the ship's devastating lack of lifeboats. The Lusitania, on the other hand, had more than enough lifeboats, but the German torpedo hit it in such a way that it rendered most of them useless.

The Lusitania took on water and tilted sharply to one side, rendering some lifeboats useless and putting others far out of reach. Some survivors recalled having to jump to reach the lifeboats. The Lusitania sank long before help could arrive, even though it was just hours from Ireland.

The British knew more than they acknowledged about the threat to the Lusitania. Did the British allow the Lusitania to be torpedoed in order to bring the United States into World War I? Larson's research didn't uncover any solid proof of the conspiracy, but it didn't rule it out, either.

Early in the war, the British came into possession of three German codebooks. This allowed them to decipher and translate countless intercepted German messages, both naval and diplomatic. The Germans had no idea anyone was listening.

"The thing about German submarine commanders," said Larson, "[is that] they were 'garrulous'; they liked using their wireless, they liked chatting over the wireless." The British deciphering operation, called Room 40, thus knew the exact location of the U-20 submarine and how close it was to the Lusitania. Despite this, they never issued an explicit warning to the ship. The sinking did ultimately sway Americans' feelings towards the war, which the U.S. entered two years later.

The story of the Lusitania offers an unlikely villain. The U-boat commander responsible for firing on the Lusitania was Walther Schwieger. "I wanted him to be this classic villain," said Larson. "I'd love a monocle, I'd love a scar, but what I got was a nice 30-year-old guy — handsome, charismatic, beloved by his crew, well-liked throughout the submarine service. One of his friends, a fellow submarine commander, said of him: 'He couldn't have hurt a fly.'" Schwieger even stopped his submarine once, after sinking a freighter, to save a dachshund struggling in the wreckage.

“The Best Sermons are Lived, Not Preached”

After you finish reading the bulk of these, you will understand that good is better than evil. And, if one can find a reason to be happy, that should take precedence over an excuse to be unhappy.

1. Today, I interviewed my grandmother for part of a research paper I'm working on for my Psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said, "Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile."

2. Today, I asked my mentor – a very successful business man in his 70s – what his top 3 tips are for success. He smiled and said, "Read something no one else is reading, think something no one else is thinking, and do something no one else is doing."

3. Today, after a 72 hour shift at the fire station, a woman ran up to me at the grocery store and gave me a hug. When I tensed up, she realized I didn't recognize her. She let go with tears of joy in her eyes and the most sincere smile and said, "On 9/11/2001, you carried me out of the World Trade Center."

4. Today, after I watched my dog get run over by a car, I sat on the side of the road holding him and crying. And just before he died, he licked the tears off my face.

5. Today at 7am, I woke up feeling ill, but decided I needed the money, so I went into work. At 3pm I got laid off. On my drive home I got a flat tire. When I went into the trunk for the spare, it was flat too. A man in a BMW pulled over, gave me a ride, we chatted, and then he offered me a job. I start tomorrow.

6. Today, as my father, three brothers, and two sisters stood around my mother's hospital bed, my mother uttered her last coherent words before she died. She simply said, "I feel so loved right now. We should have gotten together like this more often."

7. Today, I kissed my dad on the forehead as he passed away in a small hospital bed. About 5 seconds after he passed, I realized it was the first time I had given him a kiss since I was a little boy.

8. Today, in the cutest voice, my 8-year-old daughter asked me to start recycling. I chuckled and asked, "Why?" She replied, "So you can help me save the planet." I chuckled again and asked, "And why do you want to save the planet?" "Because that's where I keep all my stuff," she said.

9. Today, when I witnessed a 27-year-old breast cancer patient laughing hysterically at her 2-year-old daughter's antics, I suddenly realized that I need to stop complaining about my life and start celebrating it again.

10. Today, a boy in a wheelchair saw me desperately struggling on crutches with my broken leg and offered to carry my backpack and books for me. He helped me all the way across campus to my class and as he was leaving he said, "I hope you feel better soon."

11. Today, I was feeling down because the results of a biopsy came back malignant. When I got home, I opened an e-mail that said, "Thinking of you today. If you need me, I'm a phone call away." It was from a high school friend I hadn't seen in 10 years.

12. Today, I was traveling in Kenya and I met a refugee from Zimbabwe. He said he hadn't eaten anything in over 3 days and looked extremely skinny and unhealthy. Then my friend offered him the rest of the sandwich he was eating. The first thing the man said was, "We can share it."

The Back Page

The Blondes are Back!

DISNEYLAND: Two blondes are going to Disneyland. They are driving on the Interstate when they see the sign that says "Disneyland LEFT."

They start crying, turn around and go home.

FLORIDA OR MOON: Two blondes living in Oklahoma are sitting on a bench talking, and one blonde says to the other, "Which do you think is farther away, Florida or the moon?"

The other blonde turns and says 'Helloooooo, can you see Florida?'

CAR TROUBLE: A blonde pushes her BMW into a gas station. She tells the mechanic it died. After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly.

She says, "What's the story?" He replies, "Just crap in the carburetor." She asks, "How often do I have to do that?"

SPEEDING TICKET: A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he can see her license.

She replies in a huff, "I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you take my license away, and now today you expect me to show it to you?"

AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE: A gorgeous young redhead goes into the doctor's office and says that her body hurts wherever she touches it. "Impossible!" says the doctor. "Show me."

The redhead takes her finger, pushes on her left shoulder and screams, then she pushes her elbow and screams even more. She pushes her knee and screams; likewise she pushes her ankle and screams. Everywhere she touches makes her scream.

The doctor says, "You're not really a redhead, are you?"

"Well, no," she says, "I'm actually a blonde."

"I thought so," the doctor says. "Your finger is broken."

KNITTING: A highway patrolman pulls alongside a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing at the car, he is astounded to see that the blonde behind the wheel is knitting!

Realizing that she is oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the trooper cranks down his window, turns on his bullhorn and yells, "PULL OVER!"

"NO!" the blonde yelled back, "IT'S A CARDIGAN!"

IN A VACUUM: A blonde is playing Trivial Pursuit one night. It is her turn.

She rolls the dice and she lands on Science & Nature.

Her question is, "If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?"

She thinks for a time and then asks, "Is it on or off?"

BLONDE ON TIME: A girl is visiting her blonde friend, who has acquired two new dogs, and asks her what their names are.

The blonde responds by saying that one is named Rolex and one is named Timex.

Her friend says, 'Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?'

'Helllooooo. . .,' answers the blonde. 'They're watch dogs.'

DRIVING: "I got a compliment on my driving today," says a blonde to her friend.

There was a note left on my windshield. It said, "Parking fine."

FLYING: A blonde is taking helicopter lessons. The instructor says, "I'll radio you every 1,000 feet to see how you're doing."

At 1,000 feet, the instructor radios her and says she is doing great.

At 2,000 feet, he says she is still doing well.

Right before she gets to 3,000 feet, the propeller stops, and she twirls to the ground.

The instructor runs to where she has crash landed and pulls her out of the helicopter. "What went wrong?"

The blonde says, "At 2,500 feet, I started to get cold, so I turned the big fan off."

EARNING MONEY: A blonde, wanting to earn some money, decides to hire herself out as a handyman-type and starts canvassing a wealthy neighborhood. She goes to the front door of the first house and asks the owner if he has any jobs for her to do.

"Well, you can paint my porch. How much do you charge?"

The blonde says, "How about 50 dollars?"

The man agrees and tells her that the paint and other materials she might need are in the garage.

The man's wife, inside the house, hears the conversation and says to her husband, "Does she realize the porch goes all the way around the house?"

The man replies, "She should. She was standing on it."

A short time later, the blonde comes to the door to collect her money.

"You're finished already?" he asked.

"Yes," the blonde answers, "and I had paint left over, so I gave it two coats."

Impressed, the man reaches in his pocket for the \$50.

"And, by the way," the blonde adds. "It's not a Porch, it's a Ferrari."