

St. Pauli News in Detail

October Happenings



Greeting and Ushering

Oct. 4	Ken Cedergren (substitute)
Oct. 11	Jim Kotz
Oct. 18	"Wing-It"
Oct. 25	David Lee

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: Shelley Mathson
(Oct. 4 & 18)

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October Milestones

Birthdays

Oct. 6	Pr. Carl Hansen
Oct. 15	Eileen Kotaska
Oct. 20	Jim Nelson
Oct. 22	Bob Gunstad
Oct. 29	Joan Nelson
Oct. 31	Jim Kotz



Anniversaries

Oct. 24	Andrew & Michele Halvorson
Oct. 25	Jim & Joan Nelson
Oct. 26	Myles & Kathy Alberg



Fall Cleaning

October 12-17

Everyone is definitely welcome!

The week of October 12-17 is designated for this year's annual Fall Cleaning. A list of tasks to be done will be posted on the kitchen counter.

Feel free to come at any time most convenient to your schedule and then check off those items you have completed on the list.

Please take note of the evening meetings scheduled during this week. No cleaning should take place during those times.

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Richard Geske has moved

Richard will be living at the nursing home below until the end of October, when he will be moving into a four-person home in Blaine. The phone number is for the front desk and is not his personal number.

Bethel Care Center
420 Marshall Ave
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 224-2368

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Trip to Fargo

The Sons of Norway Snorre Lodge is taking a bus to Fargo on Saturday, Oct. 24 to visit the Hjemkomst Museum. You can see Robert Asp's "Viking" ship that he sailed to Norway, the stave church, and other wonderful exhibits.

\$35 for the bus, lunch in Fargo, and the museum ticket is a steal! Contact Jan Strandlie to make your reservation.

Minutes of the WELCA

August 26, 2015

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met on August 26, 2015 at 7 pm with seven members present, and guest speaker Melora Bergee.

President Faye Auchenpaugh opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

The secretary's reports for June and July were approved as read. It was suggested that WELCA minutes be published in the monthly newsletter after they are approved. The secretary agreed to type the minutes and forward them to Faye each month.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read: Checking account balance \$939.98; Savings Account balance \$2,758.04; Certificate of Deposit balance \$5,979.79.

Education Report: No news to report.

Stewardship Report: The fall pick-up date for Lutheran World Relief shipment is Saturday, November 7 from 8 am – 12 noon at 604 N. Atlantic. There should be a supply of school kits and baby care kits ready by that time. Faye will place a notice in the newsletter regarding the dates and any items needed.

Council Report: No report as Church Council did not meet in August.

Faye shared information she received regarding prayer shawls and prayer blankets, as a potential future project for WELCA.

Old Business: Faye reported that she confirmed that it is permissible for us to continue to use china dinnerware for funerals, rather than switching to paper products, as was discussed at the previous WELCA meeting. A thank you note from Larry Hurst was shared. Discussion was held on the status of the old church piano in storage, and the potential of using the lumber for a fireplace mantel/trim. This topic will be discussed by the Church Council and should be submitted to the Council for budget consideration at the Annual Meeting.

New Business: Faye shared some potential names for the newly merged Circle, effective in January 2016. These included names of women who were active members in St. Pauli in years past - Louise, Lydia, Anna and Hannah. Members were asked to bring their own suggestions for a new name to the September WELCA meeting and the group will vote on or select the most desirable name.

Sharon Bugge and Cindy Cedergren agreed to serve on a nominating committee to for a new slate of officers for 2016.

Faye shared information about Kari Torkelson being awarded the Mary Magdalene Award at the Northwest Minnesota Synodical Women's Convention in Moorhead. Registration for six members from St. Pauli to attend the convention on Sept. 12 was submitted by the Treasurer. Faye reviewed the schedule and agenda for the convention.

The Fall Cluster 2 Gathering is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19 at First Lutheran Church in Middle River. A gathering fee of \$25 and a \$10 unit fee was approved. It was also approved to submit a \$100 donation toward a special offering for Phebe Hospital in Liberia, a project supported by the Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization.

Fall Supper Co-Chairperson Jan Strandlie presented information and concerns from herself and co-chair Shirley Johnson, about the continuance of the annual fall supper. Due to the fact that it is becoming more difficult each year to find enough workers to help out and bring food from home, WELCA members in attendance agreed it was time to discontinue hosting this large an event. It was noted that the fall supper has provided a presence in the community, has brought the entire congregation working together, and has raised money to enable WELCA to give generously to several local and national charities each year. An official motion was made, seconded, and approved to discontinue hosting the traditional fall supper as in the past. Several alternatives were discussed as potential ways to fulfill the purpose that the fall supper has provided. The use of Thrivent Action Cards was explained by Jan Strandlie. Further discussion will continue at the September meeting.

The business meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer, sharing of Prayer Partners, and Table Grace. Next meeting is scheduled for September 23, with Kathy Alberg serving as hostess.

Program: An informative presentation was provided by Melora Bergee, Coordinator of the Little Brother Little Sister program, to which WELCA provided a donation this year. She explained the process, goals, and the needs of the program, and addressed many questions from the WELCA members in attendance. WELCA presented Melora with another donation of \$100 to be used toward the program, as a thank you for presenting to the group.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Cedergren, WELCA Secretary

Minutes of the St. Pauli Board of Education Meeting

July 19, 2015

Board Members Present: Kari Torkelson, Val Torstveit, Heidi Haugen

Other attendees: Chad Torstveit, Arlo Rude, Gary Iverson

1. Sunday School Calendar

- Start Date-September 13, 2015
- End Date-May 8, 2016
- Dates there will be NO Sunday School
 - October 18, 2015
 - November 29, 2015
 - December 27, 2015
 - January 3, 2016
 - March 27, 2016
- Date of Christmas Program
 - December 20, 2015 during the 10:30am worship service
 - December 19, 2015 will be a practice day with pizza
- Dates to sing during the church service
 - November 22, 2015
 - March 20, 2016

2. Curriculum

- Continue using Whirl from Augsburg Fortress
 - There is an option for about \$150/year to have access to all of this information if we had an internet connection at the church which may become a possibility. For now, Kari T. will order Fall and Winter materials and DVD's.

3. Confirmation-Gary Iverson

J.D.
Devin
Dacian
Ali

4. Students and class sizes

- New Students

5. Teachers

PreK-K

Heidi Haugen
Elsa
Kjerste
Lydia

Grades 1-2

Michelle Halvorson
Annika
Gabe

Grades 3-4

Team Teaching
Siri
Rylan
Lainey

Grades 5-6

Chad & Val Torstveit
Mason
Dawson
Noah
Blaine

6. Other

- There was discussion about considering outings for the Sunday School such as bowling and summer camps
- Another idea was to have a fall workday where the Sunday School would help with yard work or other chores for members of the congregation who might need some help
- Announcements will go in the bulletin and church newsletter to ask for teachers for the 3rd and 4th grade class.
- Siri H. is the only 3rd grader and will receive a Bible at the Christmas program
- The checking balance is \$1879.03
- Kari T. will take care of the events for Rally Sunday

Submitted by
Kari Torkelson
Board of Education Member

NOTE: The Church Council has not met since June so there are no minutes to include in this newsletter.

Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Congregation

7 July 1924

St. Pauli congregation held a special meeting in the church on July 7, 1924.

The meeting was opened by Pastor Grimsrud with hymn song and prayer. Then he informed about the reason for this meeting, namely to discuss what there ought to be done about the church building. It was proposed and

supported that the secretary should look up the Storm and Fire Insurance policies. Knute Finstad said that the old Hamar Ladies Aid had one hundred dollars that they wanted to give to have the church interior repaired. Chairman Pastor Grimstad suggested that we should accept this offer with gratitude.

Then it was proposed and supported to paint the church twice and to put a handrail on the entrance stairs and put new panes of glass in the windows, where necessary, and to buy screens for the basement windows.

It was proposed and supported that the trustees should see to it that this work was done.

Proposed and supported to apply to the youths' club to ask if they would help to pay for this work.

On proposal the meeting was ended.

Olaf Snetting, Secretary

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8 December 1924

St. Pauli congregation held its annual meeting in the church on Dec. 8, 1924.

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

Then the following officials were elected:

As secretary: O. J. Snetting, one year

As treasurer: T. Stene, one year

As trustee: Ed Vigen, three years

As apportionments committee, the following were elected:

Ole Pederson, Kornelius Oien, Joe Torstveit

As sexton, the same as before: Joe Torstveit

As school committee, the same as before, namely:

Ole Odegaard, Ole Valsvig and Nils Nelson.

Thereafter a committee of three men was elected to collect to the different accounts, namely Ole Pederson, Emil Thune, Helge Helgeson.

Then was proposed and supported that Martin Knutson was free from paying his share in the pastor's salary as long as he is away. And that Mrs. Austad was free from paying her share the next year. And that Martin Helgeson and family had their share reduced by half.

Regarding that the following members of the congregation have not paid towards the pastor's salary for three years, namely Peter Nelson, Oscar Seeland, Tollef Erickson and Hans Fredrikson. It was decided as follows: they pay the same part of the pastor's salary as before for the coming year. What they owe is cancelled; but if they do not pay in the following year, they will be regarded as removed from the list of members.

Then was proposed and supported to allow \$375.00 for the expenses of the congregation.

On proposal the meeting was ended.

Olaf Snetting, Secretary

Historic Minutes of the Young People's Society and Luther League

3 July 1927

The St. Pauli Young People's Society held its last meeting July 3, 1927.

The meeting was called to order by Hilmer Finstad.

The following program was rendered.

Song by audience, hymn no. 8.

Song by Gust Gustafson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ahlberg and Helen Wiken.

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

The following program committee was elected for the next meeting: Clara Oien, Anna Valsvick and Gust Gustafson.

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

Song by audience, hymn no. 181

The meeting adjourned.

Lunch was served by Mrs. H. Torstveit and Mrs. Halvor Wiken. The proceeds were \$20.00.

Oscar Odegaard, Secretary

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2 May 1954

On May 2, 1954, the dedication of the illuminated cross and the unveiling of the picture was held. The Luther League helped to arrange the program, but this was not counted as a regular meeting. Mothers of the Luther League members served a dinner at the church. A freewill offering was also held.

Proceeds: \$32.10

Pat Torkelson, Secretary

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23 May 1954

The St. Pauli Luther League held its monthly meeting at the church on May 23, 1954.

The program was titled, "The Challenge of the Cross." Doris Belange led us in scripture and prayer.

Since this was noted as 4-H Sunday, the Rocksbury 4-H helped to supply the program in the form of a play. Throughout this program, several hymns were sung by the congregation. A duet was sung by Connie Alberg and Elinor Gustafson. Wahna Torkelson and Mrs. Clarence Weckwerth also sang two numbers.

The secretary's report was then read by Beverly Rolandson in the absence of the secretary. It was approved as read.

There was no business to be discussed.

The meeting closed with the table blessing and Lord's Prayer.

Servers were: Mrs. Edwin Hanson, Mrs. Mons Engelstad, Mrs. Paul Engelstad and Mrs. Clarence Arneson.

Proceeds: \$14.80

Pat Torkelson, Secretary

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Annual Meeting 1965

The Annual Meeting of the LCW was held at the Gust Gustafson home Thursday afternoon, December 9.

Meeting opened with the hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Scripture and prayer: Mrs. Clayton Mathson.

A thank you was read from the Bjorge family.

Group chairmen as follows: Esther – Mrs. Melvin Torkelson, Ruth – Mrs. Jesse Skaaren, Lydia – Mrs. Melvin Torstveit.

The annual report for 1964 was read by Mrs. Verdeen Grove in the absence of the secretary. Report approved.

Treasurer's report by Mrs. Orville Rolandson approved.

Charities report by Mrs. Alma Mathson approved.

Stewardship by Mrs. Eugene Rondorf approved.

Education report read and approved.

Motion made by Mrs. Herman Rude, seconded by Mrs. Sig Folkedahl, to take the money from the Christmas program lunch and send to Ephphatha Mission.

Motion made to set aside an hour a day for prayer for Mrs. Winter.

Installation of new officers by Alma Mathson.

Hymn: first verse of "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee."
Installation.

Last verse of "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"

Business adjourned.

Program opened with the hymn "The Happy Christmas Comes Once More."

Scripture and prayer by Mrs. Sig Folkedahl.

Program, "Gifts for a King," was presented.

Hymn, "O How Shall I Receive Thee?"

Reader: Mrs. Wallace Torkelson

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

Reader: Mrs. Wallace Torkelson

Duet: "Away in a Manger," Mrs. James Johnson and Mrs. Clayton Mathson.

Reader: Mrs. Wallace Torkelson

Hymn: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

Reader: Mrs. Wallace Torkelson

Hymn: "The First Noel"

Reader: Mrs. Wallace Torkelson

Hymn: "Joy to the World"

Reader: Mrs. Wallace Torkelson

Hymn: "Silent Night"

Offering Meditation: Mrs. Herman Rude

The Lord's Prayer was prayed and table blessing sung.

General serving.

Mrs. Norman Nelson, Secretary

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10 January 1966

The Executive Board met at the Alfred Longren home in Thief River Falls on January 10th.

Scripture taken from Collosions 3:14-17 and prayer by Mrs. Bjorge.

We made out our Serving Schedule and Bible Study for the coming year.

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Eugene Rondorf, Mrs. Sig Folkedahl, Mrs. Orville Rolandson.

It was decided to have our luncheon July 10th with the Esther group and part of the Ruth group as hostesses, and October 9th with the Lydia group and remaining Ruth group as hostesses.

It was decided we have our Bake Sales in May and September. Dates to be set later on.

Church cleaning for this year will be the Lydia group. Spring cleaning by all members.

It was decided we send a 50th wedding anniversary card to the Snettings for February 2nd.

Officers present were Mrs. Theo Bjorge, Mrs. Clayton Mathson, Mrs. Lyle Bjorge, Mrs. Herman Rude, Mrs. Anton Torkelson, Mrs. Melvin Torkelson, Mrs. Jesse Skaaren and Mrs. Norman Nelson.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Bjorge and Agnes Longren.

Mrs. Norman Nelson, Secretary

PASTOR CARL'S SERMON – July 12, 2015: Amos 7:7-15

Have you heard any good sermons lately? That question appeared on the cover of "The Lutheran" magazine several years ago. My experience has been that "fire and brimstone" sermons tend to generate a more favorable response than any other kind of preaching. And along with that, I've heard many people say they wish that we would have more prophets like Israel had in Bible times. And, indeed, the prophets often preached fire and brimstone sermons.

I love the prophets. I love to preach on prophetic texts. And I particularly love the prophet Amos. I love the way that Amos blasts away in colorful, biting images. But my love of the prophets is tempered by a bit of edginess. I'm edgy about two things. First, I'm edgy that the prophet may be getting a little too close to my life. Second, while people say they love the prophets, a little bit of prophecy can go a long way. The prophets get personal and uncomfortable real fast. And when that happens, the messenger had better watch out and remember what happened to John the Baptist.

I would like to invite you to listen with me to Amos. Amos prophesied to the people of a prosperous country. Crops were good. Beautiful new buildings were being built. Business was booming. Churches were full, as were the offering plates. Things seemed to be going great as this country moved toward the celebration of its bicentennial.

But beneath the surface, Amos perceived some other things happening. He saw that this nation was sowing the seeds of its own destruction. He boldly and colorfully identified who was sowing the seeds and exactly what they were sowing.

Now Amos was an equal opportunity prophet. No matter who you were or are, he has something to say to you. As you listen to what he said to people 2,700 years ago, think of what God might be saying to you and me through Amos today.

To government officials and judges, Amos said this: *"For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins – You who afflict the righteous and take a bribe. And push aside the needy at the gate."* The city gate, in bible times, was the place where the people came to transact public business and where the poor would come to ask for assistance. The picture that Amos paints is that of a government system that is controlled by bribery and corruption. A government that runs for the comfort and convenience of its own officials, while telling the poor and needy to get lost.

But lest those in business say, "That's right, it's all the fault of the government and poor, listen to what Amos says to elevator operators and grain traders. *"Hear this, you that trample on the needy and bring to ruin the poor of the land saying 'When will the new moon be over, so that we may sell grain; and the Sabbath so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances. Buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals. And selling them the sweepings of the wheat.'"* In other words, I hate Sunday!! Let's get all this religious stuff over with so that I can get back to work and tilt the scale in my favor and add some trash to the wheat to boost my profits. And in the meantime I'll squeeze those poor folks for every last cent I can get out of them, and then I will sell them into slavery.

Now by this time you might suppose that the clergy would be cheering this word. But listen to what Amos says about

worship. *"I hate, I despise your festivals and take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them... Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melodies of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream."* Hate worship? No offerings? No hymns??? Why??? Because your worship is a show. Until Sunday controls Monday, rather than Monday controlling Sunday, your worship is a sham.

Most of us who live in Northwestern Minnesota feel that we deserve a really good summer with lots of recreational opportunities, after enduring our interminable winters. Listen to Amos as he rains on our parade: *"I will tear down the winter house as well as the summer house."* That's a tough word to hear as we head out for the lake.

All pastors know that the women of the church make a huge difference in how well a congregation functions. Amos didn't seem to appreciate that. This is what he says: *"Hear this word, you cows of Bashan who are on Mount Samaria. Who oppress the poor. Who crush the needy. Who say to their husbands, 'Bring something to drink.' The Lord has shown by his holiness: The time is surely coming upon you, when they will take you away with hooks. Even the last of you with fishhooks."* Amos is calling the wealthy women of his day well-upholstered cows who demand that their husbands provide them with every comfort, including a well-stocked liquor cabinet. Their comfort is #1 and the poor and needy can go fend for themselves. Amos pictures the consequences of their attitudes and behavior as leading to their exile or death – carried out on fishhooks.

Finally, we hear in today's Old Testament lesson, Amos went to the nation's sanctuary at Bethel. There he prophesied that King Jeroboam's dynasty will come to an end and the nation will fall. It will fall, Amos said, because all kinds of people – government leaders, business tycoons, clergy, men, women – the whole society has worked to make the rich richer and has trashed the poor. What's in it for me determines what I do, and too bad about you.

A generation after Amos prophesied, the Northern Kingdom was conquered by the Assyrian Empire, whose capital city Ninevah was right across the river from modern day Mosul, Iraq.

I love Amos. I am haunted by Amos. I find it impossible to read this powerful Word of God spoken through this utterly fearless prophet, and not see disturbing connections with our own time. The continually increasing gap between rich and poor in our own land. The pursuit of our own agendas, profits and leisure at the expense of everyone and everything that Almighty God tells us to value and hold dear. The sense that the purpose of the Christian faith is to help *me* get what *I* want, rather than to receive God's wonderful gifts of forgiveness of sins, life and salvation; and then report for duty in God's army, the Church of Jesus Christ.

Amos is an alarm bell ringing at maximum volume at 3 o'clock in the morning. It is time to get up and act on the basis of what God is saying to us, to the church, to this nation and to the world. *"Hate evil and love good, and establish justice at the gate. It may be that the Lord, the God of Hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph."* Amen.

In Memoriam



Harlan Rude, 74, of Cushing, MN died Sunday, September 13, 2015 at his home surrounded by his family. Harlan was the third oldest in the Rude family and was baptized and confirmed at St. Pauli Church.

Harlan was born May 17, 1941 in Thief River Falls, MN to Herman and Beatrice (Lokken) Rude. He graduated from Thief River Falls High School and went on to complete the Aviation Mechanics Program at Thief River Falls Vo-Tech.

Harlan was united in marriage to Kae Diehl on June 22, 1963 in Soudan, MN. They lived in Thief River Falls, where Harlan owned and operated Rude Electric.

Harlan and Kae moved to Ramsey, MN where he was Superintendent of Maintenance for the Anoka Hennepin School District until his retirement in November of 2004. They moved to Scandia Valley Township in 2006.

Harlan was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, woodworking, camping, golfing, having coffee with friends, the outdoors, spending time with his family, but especially loved the time he and Kae had together traveling in their RV.

Harlan is survived by his wife, Kae; children, Curtis (Heidi) Rude of Braham, MN, Kimberly (David) Bloss of Elk River, MN; siblings, Carol (James) Lambert of Thief River Falls, MN; Sharon (Kenny) Corriveau of Omaha, Nebraska; Larry (Cathy) Rude of Eveleth, MN; Charlene Schachner of Charlotte, NC; Arlo (Deborah) Rude of Thief River Falls, MN; LaDawn Olson of Thief River Falls, MN; Charlotte (Steve) Fillingsness of Omaha, Nebraska; David (Tamara) Rude, Candace (Larry) Tveitbakk of Omaha, Nebraska; and Timothy Rude; five grandchildren; three great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Beatrice; and one sister, Betty Kisch. Arrangements were entrusted to Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples, MN.

Memorial Services for Harlan were held at 11:00 am, Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Cushing, with Pastor Jean Megorden and Minister Bob Mueller officiating.

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Harlan was baptized at St. Pauli Church on August 14, 1941 with Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Snetting and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Arne as sponsors. He was confirmed in 1956 by Rev. Person. (SH indicates St. Hilaire church confirmand.)



Back row: Harlan Rude, Elvern Olson (SH), Eugene Weckwerth, Rev. Person, Dennis Swanson (SH), Alvin Chapman (SH), James Larson (SH)
Front row: Emily Lokken, Phyllis Johnson (SH), Kay Wik (SH), Sharon Johnson, Marie Walseth (SH)

May God Bless the Memory of Harlan Rude

The Back Page

Children Are Quick

TEACHER: Why are you late?

STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

(I Love this child)

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?*

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it.

Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand?

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mum is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's.

Did you copy his?

CLYDE : No, sir. It's the same dog.

(I want to adopt this kid!!!)

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?*

HAROLD: A teacher.
