

# St. Pauli News in Detail



## LWR Shipments

Once again, 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 school kits and baby care/layette kits, and those who had great fun sewing on two separate days in the church basement, making 15 quilts during that time. One of those quilts is being donated to a local family who lost their home to fire.

A special thank you to the Sunday School children who assembled 12 Personal Care Kits.

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

Quilts:	14 (see above)
Personal Care Kits:	33 (includes the 12 Sunday School kits)
School Kits:	7
Baby Care or Layette Kits	12

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## Congratulations to Craig and Sally Torkelson



Craig and Sally will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 7<sup>th</sup>!



## Greeting and Ushering

May 1	Marc Haugen
May 8	Gary Iverson
May 15	Evie Johnson
May 22	Jim Kotz
May 29	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:** Virginia Anderson  
(1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### Anniversaries

May 7	Craig & Sally Torkelson
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# Minutes of the Church Council

March 17, 2016

The St. Pauli Church Council held its regular meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2015 at 7 p.m. at St. Pauli Church.

Members present: Arlo Rude, Cindy Cedergren, Kathy Alberg, Gary Iverson 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 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was provided by Ruse and after he amended the January and February reports, they were approved. He noted that the amount listed for the Memorial Fund was listed incorrectly in those reports.

## General Fund

Checking Account Balance as of 2/1/16:	\$30,414.31
February Income:	\$ 6,464.00
February Expenses:	(\$ 4,042.62)
Checking Account Balance as of 2/29/16:	\$18,860.09

## Balances as of 2/29/16

Investor Savings:	\$35,907.58
Edward Jones Investment Accounts:	40,393.25
Memorial Fund Balance:	11,291.83
Mission Grant Fund:	1,001.98

Rude also provided a St. Pauli Cemetery Association checking account report, which included all donations for 2015. 2015 donations totaled \$6,370. Expenses totaled \$857.05, but \$840.00 of that total was reimbursed from the church general fund. Checking account balance as of 12/31/15 was \$26,788.08.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Hansen stated that from his perspective and that of his pastoral colleagues, they were pleased with congregational participation in the Wednesday Lenten Series on Faith Practices. He stated he used to be reluctant to participate in round robins because of relatively poor attendance. That was definitely not the case among the ELCA congregations in and around TRF. He hopes and anticipates that we will continue with these kinds of series in the future. The use of Holden Evening Prayer (which was actually written as an Advent service) really enhances congregational participation in making a joyful noise to the Lord.

It was wonderful to see the new chair lift in action at worship on March 16. One of the most important things that any congregation does is to make worship accessible and welcoming for all people. He is delighted that this is the kind of spirit we have at St. Pauli.

Pastor Hansen heartily supports the proposal to match member gifts for flood relief (through Lutheran Disaster Relief) up to \$500. Caring for those in special need is a vital ministry of all of God's people.

Pastor Hansen reported he continues to be blessed by the two pastors' Bible Study groups that he attends each week one in Thief River Falls and one in Crookston. Input from a variety of pastors helps us all keep our eyes on who and what is truly important as Christians.

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

New Members or Interest in Membership: Pastor Hansen contacted a family who may be potential members.

## Reports:

- 1) WELCA: Items for personal care kits are being collected from the congregation through March 20. Easter breakfast is planned for 9 am following services.
- 2) Board of Education: Confirmation classes will resume on March 30, following a break during Lent.

Old Business: Rude reported that the church's insurance deductible is \$500, not \$1,000 as originally reported.

## New Business:

- 1) Change in Food Shelf Month for 2017: It was recommended that in order to maximize the funds given to the Food Shelf, the church should consider changing one of their designated months to March, instead of April. Typically, matching funds from other sources are higher in the month of March. There was no objection to making that change starting in 2017. December can remain as the other designated month.
- 2) Donation to ELCA Disaster Relief: In response to a request to congregations from the ELCA Disaster Relief Organization, Rude made a recommendation to seek donations from the congregation over the next few weeks, and for the Council to approve matching the donations, up to \$500 from the general fund. Motion was made by Iverson, seconded by Cedergren. Motion carried. Notices will be included in the bulletins and monthly newsletter, with a cut-off date of April 10.
- 3) Financial Review: Rude reported he had gone through the checking account for 2015. He will prepare a report on this findings and email it to the Council.
- 4) Fireplace Installation: On a related topic, Rude reviewed the system needed for draining the water system in case of heat loss due to a major winter storm.

It was noted that RV anti-freeze could be kept on hand for such an emergency. He also reported that the cement on the west wall is not in strong enough condition to be cut into. An electric unit may be another option. The committee to discuss the fireplace has not yet contacted Rude to meet.

Next regular meeting date: April 21, 2016. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cedergren  
St. Pauli Church Council Secretary

## Minutes of Special Meeting of the Church Council

April 3, 2016

The Council held a brief meeting following worship services on Sunday, April 3, 2016, starting at approximately 11:35 am.

Members present: Arlo Rude, Gary Iverson, Kathy Alberg, Cindy Cedergren and Pastor Hansen.

Rude called this meeting to report on the progress of the financial review of church records for 2015.

Rude reported that Evie Johnson had completed the annual audit of the records for 2015, following amendments made by Rude.

The Council needs to schedule a special congregational meeting to have the financial reports approved and to proceed with electing a Treasurer. Council members

suggested various members who may consider filling the position, and Rude agreed to make the contacts.

Setting the date for the congregational meeting was postponed until the Council meets on April 21 in hopes of having an interested candidate for the Treasurer position by that date.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cedergren  
St. Pauli Church Council Secretary

## WELCA Minutes

March 23, 2016

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met on March 23, 2016 at 7 pm with seven members present.

President Faye Auchenpaugh opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

The Secretary's Report for February was approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read:

Income	\$ 50.00
Expenses	(\$ 142.06)
Checking account balance	\$ 1,920.86
Savings account balance	\$ 2,759.64
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 5,988.83

Stewardship Report: More quilts will be tied following tonight's meeting.

Education Report: Education Secretaries were reminded they are in charge of the program for the May WELCA meeting.

Old Business: Plans were finalized for the Easter breakfast. Kathy Alberg will provide 4 dozen cinnamon rolls. Sharon Bugge, Cindy Cedergren, and Faye Auchenpaugh will handle the serving and cleanup.

New Business: The Spring Cluster Gathering is scheduled for Sat, April 16 at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Holt. Details will be included in the newsletter and upcoming bulletins. The \$10 gathering fee and \$25 unit offering were approved for payment.

Lutheran World Relief pick up dates are set for May 6 in Roseau (12 noon-3 pm); May 7 in Thief River Falls (8 am – 12 noon) at 604 N. Atlantic Ave.

The Synodical Women's Convention is set for Sept. 16-17 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Perham. More details will be shared at future meetings. Members discussed the Mary Magdalene Award nominations.

Spring cleaning is set for April 11-16. Lydia Circle members plan to start cleaning on April 9, following their monthly meeting, to be held at the church.

April 24<sup>th</sup> is Blanket Sunday, with potluck following, with serving by Lydia Circle Group H-Z.

Prayer partners were shared, offering taken, followed by the Lord's Prayer and Table Grace. Hostess was Faye Auchenpaugh.

Next meeting is April 27, with Deone Cerny serving as

hostess. Stewardship projects will be finalized and prepared for shipping.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. Quilting followed the

meeting, with four members participating.

Cindy Cedergren, WELCA Secretary

## ***Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Ladies Aid***

### **24 March 1966**

The regular meeting of the LCW was held at the Walter Wiskow home Thursday afternoon, March 24. Ruth group as hostesses.

Meeting opened with the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

Scripture taken from 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:3-9 and prayer by Pastor Winter.

Secretary's report read and approved. Treasurer's report read and approved.

A letter was read from Mrs. Gillie concerning the conference to be held at the Zion Church in Thief River Falls on April 14. Pastor Winter asked if part of the money we took in serving at Consumers could be given toward the Synodical Budget. No discussion on this matter.

It was brought up that we should get a carpet for the aisle in church. Motion made and seconded that Mrs. Herman Rude and Mrs. Anton Torkelson should check and see how much a runner would cost.

As many members as could should meet March 31 at the Anton Torkelson home to make bandages for overseas.

Next meeting will be at the Melvin Torkelson home Thursday evening, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Melvin Torkelson and Mrs. Arnold Helgeland as hostesses.

Business meeting adjourned.

Program with Mrs. Herman Rude in charge.

Hymn – "Hail to the Brightness," verses 1 and 2  
Reading on World Mission – Mrs. Jesse Skaaren

Last 2 verses of "Hail to the Brightness"

Hymn – "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Devotions – Mrs. Verdeen Grove

Poem – Mrs. Gust Gustafson

Reading on Lent – Mrs. Clayton Mathson

Hymn – "Rock of Ages"

Reading on Lent – Mrs. Wallace Torkelson

Hymn – "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

Reading of a hymn – Mrs. Herman Rude

Worship Meditation – Mrs. Walter Wiskow

Lord's Prayer prayed and Table Blessing sung.

\$10.00 to be given to the Scholarship Fund brought up after the meeting.

Mrs. Norman Nelson, Secretary

## ***Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Young People's Society & Luther League***

### **13 May 1928**

The St. Pauli Young People's Society held its last meeting at the church on Sunday evening, May 13, 1928. The meeting was called to order by President Hilmer Finstad.

The following program was rendered.

Hymn by Audience – No. 4

Recitation – Vernon Finstad

Recitation – Anna Stene

Son by Carl Ahlberg and Vernon Finstad

Recitation – Minnie Stene

Reading – Mr. T. Stene

The following program committee was appointed: Beatrice Lokken, Anna Torstveit and Morris Odegaard.

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

The meeting adjourned by singing hymn no. 241.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Hilmer Finstad and Mrs. M. Lokken. The proceeds were \$12.25.

Oscar Odegaard, Secretary

### **22 September 1954**

On Wednesday evening, September 22, a joint Luther League was held with St. Hilaire at the St. Pauli church. The program for the evening was entitled "Teenomania."

Servers were: Mrs. Gust Gustafson, Mrs. Willie Jorgenson, Mrs. Clarence Weckwerth and Hannah Nelson. Proceeds: \$7.50

### **26 October 1954**

On Tuesday evening, October 26, a joint Luther League was held with St. Hilaire at the St. Hilaire church. The program for the evening was "Bible Study." After lunch, games were played.

### **26 November 1954**

On Friday evening, November 26, a joint meeting was held at the St. Hilaire church. St. Hilaire put on the program for the evening. Lunch was served and games were played.

Signed: Pat Torkelson, Secretary



*A Mother*

comes with all different names

*Aunts*

who love, worry and play

*Teachers*

who help you, guide you and set your aim

*Sisters*

who listen, cry and put your worries at bay

*Grandmas*

with warm cookies, hugs and prayers so you'll never stray

Yes, a Mother does come with all kinds of names

*Thank You*

to all women for being a mother to someone's child,  
but most importantly to

*His Child*

-Jenelle McBride



## Chair Lift is installed and Evie takes the first ride!

The congregation voted at our 2016 Annual Meeting to purchase a chair lift for the stairs leading from the front doors to the narthex.

Arlo Rude and Myles Alberg did the installation and Evie Johnson was the first to ride. As Pastor Carl said in a recent report to the Council, "One of the most important things that any congregation does is to make worship accessible and welcoming for all people." Evie's healing from her terrible knee and ankle breaks has been a very, very long process and we are so delighted she is now able to join us again in worship. What a blessing!

## BLANKET SUNDAY

### LWR QUILTS REACH By Nikki Massie, LWR's Staff Writer EARTHQUAKE SHAKEN NEPAL

It took years for Kamal Bahadur Gurung to build a house for his family in the Lamjung district of Nepal. But it took just moment for April 2015's devastating earthquake to nearly destroy it. Thankfully, he, his wife, children and mother are all safe. Now the family faces the long journey to recovery.

The devastating earthquake that struck Nepal destroyed more than a half-million homes, claimed thousands of lives and left many people in need of humanitarian aid.

LWR has worked in Nepal since 2009 and was able to quickly mobilize to reach out to people in need after the earthquake struck. Initial assistance included the provision of 100 water filtration units, 1,000 personal care kits and the distribution of 9,240 LWR quilts.

Nicole Hark, LWR's deputy regional director for Asia and the Middle East, says, "Quilts are highly sought-after resources after a disaster." Because quilts are such a highly requested resource, LWR partners with the United Nations Humanitarian Resource Depot (UNHRD) – a network of international warehouses that hold humanitarian supplies in various locations so they can be quickly deployed following an emergency. The shipment to Nepal came from the UNHRD warehouse in Dubai and arrived in Nepal in May.

"We focused on very remote communities," says Umer Khan, LWR's senior director for emergency operations. These communities are hours away from the nearest hub and often not even accessible by roads, making it harder for emergency responders to reach out with help.

Your gifts of quilts and kits make such a difference to families around the world! Following disasters like the Nepal earthquake, you provide items that bring comfort and promote good health – and perhaps even more than that – you provide items that let people in their darkest hour know that they are not alone. Thank You!





To keep you informed regarding road work in our vicinity, lights will be installed on 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE (County Road 20) at the intersection with Center Street at Hazel and at the intersection with Highway 59. This is the road on which St. Paul Church is located.

This information was presented at the Pennington County Association of Townships annual meeting in March by Mike Stennes in the absence of Mike Flaagan, county engineer. Stennes said he was “not permitted to take any questions or give any answers,” so it is not known, but it is assumed, these lights will be similar to those at the intersection of Center Street and Highway 59.

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## READER PICKS

All three books this month are recommended by Jan Strandlie.

***The Devil in the White City; Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America*** by Erik Larson. Chicago, Illinois, budding (but boring and dirty) U.S. industrial city on the banks of Lake Michigan, makes a bid to host the 1893 World’s Fair and vows to outdo Paris which had come up with the incredible Eiffel Tower for their extravaganza a few years prior. Jan is amazed at the research by Larson and how he could weave the facts of what went into this architectural undertaking with the story of the grisly acts of a cunning serial killer, all happening at the same time. It’s a unique story of an actual piece of the history of America that reads like a novel.

***The Bean Trees*** by Barbara Kingsolver (author of *The Poisonwood Bible*, one of Jan’s all-time favorite novels). It’s mid-1970’s probably, and Missy is determined to get herself out of Pittman County, Kentucky, change her name, and make a new life for herself. While this is a sad story of poverty and disenchantment, it is so cleverly written and brings the characters to life in such a way that you can “see” them and just know you’ve met these people. And, if you’re reading it in public, you might look around to see who has heard you laugh out loud!

***Katherine*** by Anya Seton is a historical novel about a true love story of Old England between a married (however, not by choice) young woman and John of Gaunt, the Duke of Lancaster, son of the king. The results of this love affair created some of the royal family that we know today. It is history that comes alive by placing you in that setting and making you feel the emotion. Jan says she first read this book at age 16 and then reread it again about 40 years later...with a completely different perspective, and loved it just the same.

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## Spring

by Martin Taylor

*Mr. Taylor says, “This is my first poem. I’ve never written anything before but thought I would try.”*

One of four siblings,  
the youngest of course.  
Or am I the oldest?  
Not really sure.

I bring new life  
and herald the warmth,  
but hay fever, too,  
is in my source.

Autumn has color  
but tinged with decay.  
Some call her Fall.  
I think she's OK.



Not like my bother,  
cold in his breath.  
Winter his name,  
in darkness brings death.

Summer's the one  
that gets all the glory,  
but brush fires and sunburn  
are in her story.

So, season of choice,  
who will win?  
The one with potential,  
of course; it's Spring!



SONS OF NORWAY SNORRE LODGE  
THIEF RIVER FALLS, MINN.

# Norwegian

## HERITAGE WEEK

MAY 16-21

Come and join us for our annual week-long celebration of Syttende Mai, Norway's Constitution Day!

### May Exhibits

- Memory Paintings by Swedish artist, Emily Lunde, courtesy of the North Dakota Museum of Art, at the Carnegie Library.
- Nisse Dolls made by Inez Mostue, and illustrated books written by Gretchen Beito, at the TRF Public Library.

### Monday, May 16

- "Gift of the Artist: The Memory Paintings of Emily Lunde," presented by Suzanne Kelley, North Dakota State Univ. Asst. Prof., 7 p.m., at the Eagles Club.

### Tuesday, May 17

- Syttende Mai Open House, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Northern State Bank.
- "An Evening with Edvard Grieg," presented by Coralie Bryant and Sara Breedlove, 7 p.m., in the Northland Community and Technical College (NCTC) Auditorium.

### Wednesday, May 18

- Syttende Mai Dinner, 5-7 p.m., at Zion Lutheran Church.
- Norwegian Movie Night, "Sweet Land," 8 p.m. in the Lincoln High School Auditorium.

### Thursday, May 19

- Children's Story read in Norwegian and Craft, 6:45 p.m., at the TRF Public Library.
- An 'Old Time Dance' with the Cathy Erickson Band, 7-11 p.m., at the Eagles Club.

### Friday, May 20

- Norwegian Wedding Folk Tales (and more), told by Odell Bjerkness, Concordia Prof. Emer., 7 p.m., in the NCTC Auditorium.

### Saturday, May 21

- "The Tiny Wish," "The Christmas Wish," and "The Reindeer Wish" books, presented by Lori Evert, Per Breiehagen and their daughter, Anya, 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., at the TRF Public Library.
- 'Norwegian Waffle Queen,' Stine Aasland, 2 p.m., at the Thief River Care Center. Waffles served, beginning at 11 a.m.



This program has been funded in part by a Legacy grant through the 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.

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# Northwest Regional Library Announces Return of TumbleBooks Library

## TUMBLE Book Library



The TumbleBooks Library collection of e-books and animated talking picture books has nearly 1,000 titles, with content appropriate for those in preK- 6<sup>th</sup> grade. It includes videos, playlists, books in languages other than English such as French and Spanish, graphic novels and math stories. To go along with the books are quizzes, educational games and puzzles which focus on both math and language skills. Each title has recommended reading levels for Grades, Lexile, and Accelerated Reader.

TumbleBooks are accessed through the Northwest Regional Library website either from within the library or from a personal computer/device at [www.nwrlib.org](http://www.nwrlib.org). A current library card is required to access the TumbleBooks Library from locations outside of the local library.

Northwest Regional Library website now offers

### Tumblebooks:

Animated, talking picture e-books  
which you can read or have read to you.

PreK-6th Grade

[www.nwrlib.org](http://www.nwrlib.org)

Sign in with your library card.

Northwest Regional Library System has branches located in Greenbush, Hallock, Red Lake Falls, Roseau, Thief River Falls, Warren, Warroad, and link sites in Grygla and Karlstad.

Between its return on March 21 and March 31, there were 252 views (checkouts). In the first 7 days of April: 106 views.

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## TRF Chamber of Commerce gives Faye Auchenpaugh “Honorary Member” Award

Reprinted from *The Times*, April 12, 2016

The 2016 honorary member award was presented to Faye Auchenpaugh during the Chamber’s annual banquet on Thursday, April 7. The recipient is determined by the Board of Directors and given to an individual who has made significant contributions to the community.

A native of the Thief River Falls area, Auchenpaugh moved away from the community for several years before returning in 1996.

Auchenpaugh is active in the Sons of Norway as treasurer, the Thief River Falls Downtown Development Association, organist and WELCA president at St. Pauli Lutheran Church, clerk for Smiley Township, board member for the Northwest Minnesota Foundation, board member for the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council, board member for the Northland College Foundation, and board member for the Thief River Falls Library.

Auchenpaugh has authored many grant proposals for smaller organizations, and, since 2000, she has brought approximately \$16 million to the region through various grants.

Auchenpaugh has served on the Pennington County Centennial Committee. She initiated the “Save the Carnegie” project. She led an effort to bring the “Barn Again” Smithsonian exhibit to Thief River Falls, and she is also working on a project aimed at saving a country school.

# The Back Page

**A young man** who was an avid golfer had some time to spare one afternoon. He figured if he played fast, he could get in a quick nine holes before he had to head home.

As he was about to tee off, an old gentleman shuffled onto the tee and asked if he could accompany the young man, as he was golfing alone. Unable to say no, the golfer allowed the old man to join him.

To his surprise, the old man played fairly quickly. Finally they reached the ninth fairway, and the young man saw a large pine tree right in front of his ball, directly between it and the green.

After several minutes of debating how to hit the shot, the old man finally said, "You know, when I was your age, I'd hit the ball right over that tree."

With that challenge placed before him, the young man swung hard, hit the ball smack into the top of the tree trunk, and it thudded back on the ground not a foot from where he'd started.

The old man offered only one more comment: "Of course, when I was your age, that pine tree was only 3 feet tall."

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**A mother** and her young son returned from the store and began putting away the groceries. The boy opened a box of animal crackers and spread them all over the table.

"What are you doing?" his mother asked.

"The box says you can't eat them if the seal is broken," the boy replied. "I'm looking for it."

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**A pizza delivery boy** arrived at a house to drop off an order. The customer asked, "What is your usual tip?"

"Well," replied the boy, "this is my first trip here, but the other guys say if I get a quarter out of you I'll be doing great."

"Is that so?" the customer snorted. "Well, just to show them how wrong they are, here's \$5."

"Thanks. I'll put this in my school fund."

"What are you studying?"

"Applied psychology."

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**A blonde** calls Delta Airlines and asks, "Can you tell me how long it'll take to fly from San Francisco to New York City?"

The agent replies, "Just a minute."

"Thank you," the blonde says, and hangs up.

**A little boy** went up to his father and asked: 'Dad, where did my intelligence come from?'

The father replied, "Well, son, you must have gotten it from your mother, 'cause I still have mine."

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"**Mr. Clark**, I have reviewed this case very carefully," the divorce court judge said, "and I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week."

"That's very fair, Your Honor," the husband said. "And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself."

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**A doctor** examining a woman who had been rushed to the Emergency Room took the husband aside and said, "I don't like the looks of your wife at all."

"Me neither, Doc," said the husband, "but she's a great cook and really good with the kids."

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**The graveside service** had just barely finished, when there was a massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance.

The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, "Well, she's there."

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## Remember Wash Day?

People who talk about a return to the good old days probably have forgotten or never knew about "wash day." The following summary list from one of *The Times'* exchange papers years ago sort of puts things back in perspective:

"Build a fire in back yard to heat a kettle of rain water. Set tubs so smoke won't blow in eyes if wind is pert. Shave one whole cake of lye soap in boiling water. Sort things, make three piles – one pile white, one pile colored, one pile work britches and rags.

Stir flour in cold water to smooth, then thin down with boiling water. Rub dirty spots on scrub board. Scrub hard, then boil. Rub colored but don't boil, just rinse and starch. Take white things out of kettle with broomstick handle, then rinse, blue and starch. Spread tea towels on grass. Hang old rags on fence. Pour rinse water in flower bed. Scrub porch with hot soapy water. Turn tubs upside down. Go put on a clean dress, smooth hair with side combs, brew a cup of tea, set and rest and rock a spell and count your blessings."

*And remember Mrs. Stewart's Bluing? Next month's newsletter will have an article on this product.*