

St. Pauli News in Detail



Greeting and Ushering

August 4 Wally Torkelson
 August 11 Chad Torstveit
 August 18 Val Torstveit
 August 25 Myles Alberg

Clean church **FOR** your Sunday.

Vacuum carpet and floors, clean pews, clean bathroom, dust, empty wastebaskets, ALWAYS take out garbage.

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: Cindy Cedergren

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Renovation Projects

Life is as busy at St. Pauli Church this summer as it has been for the last couple of years.

- The sanctuary and narthex have been painted.
- An epoxy coating is being applied over the floor tiles in the sanctuary. No longer will the ladies need to get on their hands and knees to wax the floor twice a year!
- New red carpeting is being laid in the narthex and sanctuary. The decision was made to continue with a carpet runner up the aisle rather than carpet the entire sanctuary. This was done to preserve the wonderful acoustics in our building.



No worship services
August 11th
due to church renovations

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Church Picnic

August 18, 2013

10:30 am Worship Services

11:30 am Potluck Picnic

(Grilled Burgers will be furnished)

We are having our summer picnic this year on August 18th, which will leave the sanctuary unoccupied while the new carpeting is being installed.

Pastor Carl will not be here, but Jim and Jan Strandlie will give their report on the Synod conference held this past June. We invite everyone to take part in our lay worship and have fellowship with us.

Tents will be erected so you won't have to bake in the sun. In case of rain, we will meet in the basement. We hope to see you!

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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



Blessings



Baptism of Emmett Michael Linden

Emmett Michael Linden was baptized during worship services on Sunday, June 30, 2013,. Emmett is the son of Kasey Iverson and Daniel Linden, and the grandson of Missy Iverson and Milan Iverson.

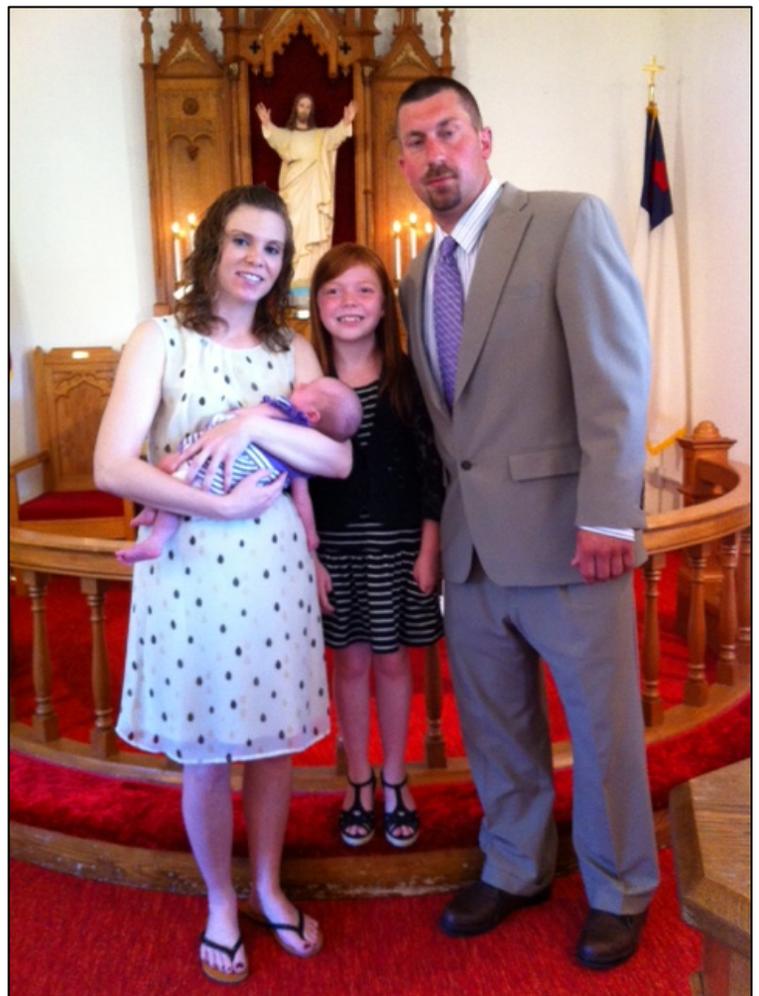
Birth of Shea Marie Kleinwachter

Shea Marie Kleinwachter was born June 6, 2013. Her middle name is in memory of her great-grandmother, Marie Iverson. Welcoming Shea Marie to their family are parents Kari Iverson and Mark Kleinwachter and big sister Lainey Dicken.

Iverson Lineage Baptized at St. Pauli

Harley, great grandfather (1923)
Milan, grandfather (January 12, 1958)
Kasey, mother (November 13, 1988)
Ariana Irene Linden, sister (August 23, 2009)
Kelly and Kari, uncle and aunt (July 29, 1984)
Lainey Joy Dicken, cousin (March 26, 2006)

Emmett's great-great-grandmother, Caroline Stene Iverson Odegaard, was baptized April 1, 1861 at Follebu Church, Gausdal, Oppland, Norway (about 8 miles north of Lillehammer). The Follebu stone church was built in the early Middle Ages (around 1250), so the building was over 600 years old when Caroline was baptized. It is still standing and the congregation is active.



Minutes of the Church Council

May 16, 2013

The St. Pauli Church Council held its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at St. Pauli Church.

Members present: Pastor Carl Hansen, Arlo Rude, Evie Johnson, Kathy Alberg and Barb Nelson.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Arlo Rude at 7:00 pm. Pastor Hansen opened by leading us in prayer.

Agenda was presented by Rude. Nelson made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Johnson, motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Alberg noted corrections as follows: The estimate to strip and wax the floor was given by Scott from Steam Magic, not Jerod from Paint and Glass. Johnson made a motion to accept after corrections. Alberg seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses \$16,198.36
(includes \$15,303.14 transferred to Investor Savings from Checking)

Income: \$ 3,020.00

Balances as of April 30, 2013:

Checking account: \$12,258.26
Investor savings: 35,709.90
Memorial fund: 19,742.50
Edward Jones investment: 36,800.40

TOTAL: \$104,511.06

Cemetery Association: \$11,420.13

Nelson made a motion to accept, seconded by Alberg, motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

Inez Mathson is having surgery on May 20. Keep her in our prayers.

Sunday May 5, 2013 was a great day. Three young men received First Communion and the Sunday School sang "Zaccheus was a Wee Little Man." They did a great job.

Pastor Hansen will attend one day (June 8th) of the NW Synod assembly in Moorhead, MN.

Pastor Hansen will be out of town June 2, 2013. Also August 13, 2013.

Rude will meet with Pastor Hansen to renew our contract for another three months.

WELCA: No report.

Board of Education: No report.

Men's Group: Not active.

Other Reports: Rude has installed some shelving in the broom closet and will be putting a cabinet in the southeast corner of the basement to hold microphones and other supplies for the sound system.

Old Business: Flooring: Total cost of flooring and painting is approximately \$9,914.74. We will need to have a special congregational meeting for the additional funds as only \$5,600 was approved for this project at the annual meeting. Nelson made a motion to call a special meeting for the purpose of a final decision and additional funds for the flooring and painting improvements to the sanctuary and narthex. Johnson seconded the motion. Carried. The meeting will be held on Sunday, June 16, 2013 following the 10:30am services.

New Business: Use of Memorial Funds: It was suggested we look into purchasing a Paschal Candle. This would be used for baptisms, confirmations, funerals and Easter season. The estimated cost would be \$800-\$900. We have received \$130 for the Memorial fund and \$125 to the cemetery fund from the Emily Loken family.

Rude also suggested we buy or have built a table for the narthex to replace the lecturn. A table would give more room for the guest book, bulletins, etc.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Nelson, Secretary

Green Hymnals to be given away

(Names written inside, number available, and donor, if listed)

Raynard Nelson (12)	Otto Johnson (1) by his wife Hilda	Mons Engelstad (6)	Anna Iverson (1)
Gerald Yonke (1) by his family	Mr. and Mrs. Peder Thune (5)	Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Hanson (4)	
Valberg Hanson (1)	Melvin Torstveit (2)	Ruth Stroberg (1)	Anna Loken (2)
Marie Gustafson (2)	Ole Lian (1) by Hildur	Gertie Thune (1)	Oscar Borgie (2)

If you would like any of these, please contact Faye at (218) 681-3410 or auchenpaugh@gmail.com

Second Confirmation Class at St. Pauli

August 11, 1901

Rev. Iver T. Aastad

Albert Hestekind
Gulborg (Goldie) Hostvet
Tilda Thune
Wilhelm (Willie) Erickson

The following historical information is available on our website: historicstpauli.org. If anyone has information to add to this or other genealogy on our site, please email Marisa (Johnson) Benson at marisa@alumni.duke.edu.

ALBERT HESTEKIND

Albert Hestekind was born 5 January 1886 in Polk (now Pennington) County, Minnesota, the son of Ole Andersson Hestekind Pladsen, born 21 October 1852 in Hestkinn Nordre, Etnedalen, Oppland, Norway, and Gunhild Halvorsdatter, both 29 May 1850 in Vestehestkinn, Etnedal, Oppland, Norway. Albert died on 7 September 1907, just six years after being confirmed. He is buried at St. Pauli Cemetery.

One of Albert's sisters was Gina, who married John Peter (Pete) Nelson. They were the parents of Gladys, who married Horace Dalager. Another sister Tilda (Tillie) married Paul Borgie and they were the parents of Paul, Axel, Perry, Bob, Grace and Hazel. Son Paul ("Bud") moved back to the Hazel area in 1987 and bought the farm where Elinor & Walt Wiskow and Jana & Dana Loken lived, and where Jeff and Stacy Davidson now reside.

GULDBERG (GOLDIE) HOSTVET

Guldberg (Goldie) Anderson Hostvet was born September 1884 in Norway. Her father was Ludwig Anderson, born in 1861 in Vermeland, Sweden; her mother was Lena (Lina) Gunderson (Bakken), born 30 October 1859 in Solør, Grue, Hedmark, Norway. She married Christ Sukke on 13 July 1905 in Thief River Falls and died around 1973 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Goldie and Christ had a daughter named Cecilia.

From a letter written by Goldie's daughter, Cecilia, on 23 February 2007:

"My father, Christopher Sukke, went to my mother's home at the sheep ranch to purchase a cow. That's where he first saw my mother. Goldie and Chris became engaged. It was then that my father heard of good farming land up for homesteading in what is now Saskatchewan...Chris built two homes, one for his father and family on the quarter section his father claimed and another house for himself and future bride on his own quarter section. In 1905, Chris went back to Thief River Falls and he and Goldie were married on July 13, 1905. Of course, they went back to Canada and he soon proved up both his own and his father's homesteads."

The story of Goldie's parents, Ludwig Anderson and Lina Gunders Bakken, is a tragic one. From Melvin Torkelson's memoir *Life on the Fraction*, "Right adjoining John Dahl was his brother, Ludwig Anderson (two brothers with a different name again). Then a few winters later, his yoke of oxen came home from St. Hilaire late in the night with him dragging underneath the sleigh bun by the rope lines; dead, of course. No inquest was held. It could have been murder, but those days a dead man – well, he was just a DEAD MAN."

From the 1976 Pennington County History, Vol. 1, submitted by Mrs. Kenneth (Helen) Bakke (Editor's note: Helen Bakke was the granddaughter of Ludwig and Lina and step-granddaughter of Halvor Hostvet): "Ludvig and Lina Anderson came to Smiley Township on the border of Rocksbury Township in 1885. The property is now owned by Harley Iverson. (Editor's note: Now owned by Gary Iverson)

Ludvig Anderson was born in Värmland, Sweden in 1861. Lina Gunders Bakken was born in Grue, Solar, Norway up on the Glommen River on October 20, 1859. They were married in Norway in 1884. In the spring of 1885, when hundreds of people were leaving Norway to come to the U.S., they sailed to this new country. In homemade wooden trunks their belongings were packed. Food for the long ocean trip was stored in metal-lined wooden boxes. This was flat-brod, dried fish and meat, cheese, dried prunes, tins of molasses and anything that could be kept without spoiling.

They settled in northwestern Minnesota between the Red Lake Indian Reservation and Polk County. The Indians gave it the name 'Shoockaman.' It was called the 'Fraction.' It is now Pennington County.

Next to them lived John A. Dahl, an older brother of Ludvig who had come some years earlier and taken the name Dahl. He was one of the earliest settlers here. (Editor's note: John Dahl is Dolly Davidson's grandfather)

Nearly all the people around were Scandinavians. Sod houses were built in the beginning and, later, small log houses with sod roofs.

Leslie A. Anderson, now 88, is living in California. He is the only surviving child of Ludvig and Lina Anderson. He writes about the tragic death of his father when he was about 3 years old. The story isn't quite clear about what happened. He had gone to St. Hilaire in February with a team of oxen, had stopped to eat in a patch of hazel brush on the Alkali Flat east of Aubols. He was 29 years old then. Lina was left a widow with 4 children and expecting a fifth. Goldie was the oldest, born in Norway in 1884, Amanda born in 1886, Leslie born in 1887, and Edwin born in 1889. Lily came on June 1, 1890, about 4 months after her father's death.

Lina Anderson was married again, to Halvor Hostvet. Three children were born to them: Hilma who died at the age of 15; Hjalmar born in 1893, and Alfred born in 1895. Halvor was a good stepfather to the 5 children of Ludvig. A good-sized new home was built. It is still occupied by the Iverson family.

Goldie married Christ Sukke and moved to Saskatchewan, Canada, where she died about 3 years ago. She had one child, Cecilia, now Mrs. James Allen of San Diego, CA. Amanda went to California in the early 1900s with folks she worked for in Fargo and was mysteriously lost. Much searching was done to find her, but no clues ever turned up anything. Leslie never married. Edwin married Alice Benson in Anoka. She survives him; they had no children. Alfred was married, but had no children. His wife Flora Hostvet lives in Crookston. Lily married John Erickson in Thief River Falls. They had 8 children.

Money was scarce in those early days. Lina and Ludvig had 35 or 40 acres in grain on new land. The first harvests were cradled by hand with a cradle, which was an oversized scythe that had a basket of lines behind. Later, they hired a Mr. Viberg with his reaper, pulled by horses. The cut grain fell on the platform and was raked in even bundles and tied with a handful of long straws.

Halvor Hostvet soon after bought a new McCormick binder, the first one around that community. In the fall, at harvest time, men who had a team of horses drove across to western Minnesota and North Dakota to haul bundles for a little extra money.

Leslie once said when he was a little boy, he raised a half bushel of potatoes. His mother took them to town for him and sold them for 50 cents for which she bought a pair of overalls. The best men's overalls, Keystone, cost a dollar a pair. Men's good dress shoes were \$2.50 a pair. Winchester model 94 30-30 rifles sold for \$15.00.

Peter Vold was the census taker at the turn of the century – circa 1900. He lived by the schoolhouse where the sons of Jorgan and Britta Erickson went to school. Lily Hostvet became Mrs. John Erickson. Peter Vold carried a shotgun by the muzzle on his rounds, which almost dragged on the ground. It was the cause for much jest amongst the people.

The school teacher lived with the Braaten family. George Netteland taught school there and later became a school principal. His sister, Caroline, was the teacher when Leslie went to school. Kari Braaten was the midwife in the area in those days. George Netteland still lives in Thief River Falls."

TILDA THUNE

Was born March 1887 to Petter (Peder) A. Thune, born 14 March 1864 in Gudbrandsdalen, Norway, and Gro Tweeten, born 30 December 1862 in Telemarken, Norway.

From the Pennington County History book (1976): "Mr. Peter Thune was born in Gulbranddalen (sic), Norway. His mother died when Peter was young, so he was raised by his grandmother, growing up in Oslo, Norway.

Mrs. Peter Thune was born Gro Tweeten in Telemarken, Norway, where she grew to womanhood. They immigrated to the United States and they were both employed in Grafton, North Dakota, where they met and were married. They came to Smiley Township and homesteaded on a 160-acre farm. There they built their log home and also shared it with Lars Lokens, until Lokens got their home built on the land they had homesteaded. The woods were so thick where they built that our Mother would say, "Climb to the top of the roof to see if the wind is blowing." I can remember Mama telling about Dad going in to the harvest fields in the fall to earn extra money and she was left at home with the three oldest children and some Indians came by and she took them outside. They looked around and said, "Twins – Twins." Ole and Emil were twins.

When neighbors had babies, Mama would go and take care of them and then, when the delivery was completed, she came home and would cook rommegrot (cream mush) and sweet soup and take back the next day when she returned to visit them. Also, if a neighbor passed away, Mama would wash and dress them and take care of getting them ready for the burial.

Alma still has the big wooden trunk that has the date and rosemaling painting on the top that Mama brought all her possessions in from Norway and she can remember as a child how she would awake in the morning and see the lid of the trunk. Alma's first thought was "we have company staying over night." She had been moved from her bed to sleep in the trunk so that the company could have her bed.

Our Dad would cut cordwood and bring to Thief River Falls and sell for 50 cents to a dollar a cord. When he'd return home, it was so cold he'd have frozen icicles in his mustache and would sit by the wood stove and thaw them out. The children always knew he'd bring a small sack of hard candy for them.

Money was scarce but we were never in want, thanks to the good management of our parents. They raised vegetables, which were stored in the dirt cellar under the house. They also picked wild berries, made sauce and jams, canned the meat, smoked the ham, made dried beef, made primost (cheese), and pultost (cheese). When the children grew up and had dates, they didn't like the smell of pultost, so it was hidden in the cellar. Mother made lefse and flat bread. After threshing, Grandpa would take a load of wheat to Terrebonne by oxen (horses later), about 25 miles from home, to grind the wheat into flour. I remember having oxen and getting up very early to come to town. We left around five in the morning and did not get home until ten in the evening and spent only a few hours in town. To keep our feet warm, we would have big chunks of wood that were heated through by placing them in the oven and always stopped at the Peter Engelstad farm to get new chunks of wood and then picking them up on the way back again.

The first team of horses was bought from the Stenbergs (Martin Stenberg's parents) in Thief River Falls. One was called Kate and was older and easy to handle and was used to raise more horses. The other was named Dan and was much more frisky.

The only newspaper we had was the *Decorah Posten* (Norwegian language paper) and we all seemed to enjoy the paper and also the comics, Ole and Per.

Our Dad would walk to St. Hilarie and carry a hundred pound sack of flour home on his back. He would have to carry the cream and eggs to Hazel. When the men were busy in the fields, Mama would take the plow share and walk seven miles to St. Hilaire and have it sharpened and walk back.

At four o'clock on Christmas Eve, dinner was ready and we would all be dressed in our very best. This was our devotion and prayer time. The only work on Christmas Eve was to milk and take care of the cows. We always looked forward to New Year's Eve because we knew we would have Yule Bukker (crowds of costumed revelers) that would come. Mama always had a good lunch for them. Mrs. Austad would play the mouth organ and everyone would dance and we would have the best time in the one-room log house, that had the sleeping quarters upstairs. (Editor's note: This log house is still standing on the farm between Pribyls and Orville Nelson.)"

The 1900 census lists Petter (36), Groe (37), Emil (8), Ole (8), Gilla (7), August (3), Inga (1). Emigration date listed as 1887. Naturalization dates are 1893 or 1895. They obtained Land Grant #9431 from the Crookston Land Office on 1 August 1898 for 160 acres in Section 32 of what would become Smiley Township. (Editor's note: Alma was born in 1902. Tilda Thune was the aunt of Arlene Thune, who is a member of St. Pauli and is the daughter of Emil and Gertie Thune.)

WILHELM (WILLIE) ERICKSON

Born March 1886 in Minnesota, confirmed 11 August 1901 at St. Pauli Church.

Willie's father was Tollef Erickson, born 6 November 1860 in Norway. His mother was Kari Dakkon(?) born June 1851 in Norway.

Siblings:

1. Erick Erickson, born November 1881 in Norway
2. Carl T(ollef) Erickson, born 24 October 1883 in Minnesota
3. Uldrick Erickson, born 12 January 1889 in Minnesota
4. Inga Erickson, born 25 October 1895 in Minnesota
5. Henry Erickson, born 13 March 1896 in Minnesota

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Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Congregation

10 December 1906

St. Pauli Scandinavian Lutheran congregation held its 14th annual meeting in the church on December 9, 1907.

The meeting was opened by the chairman I. T. Aastad with reading from the scriptures and prayer. Whereupon the chairman declared the meeting opened and everyone free to speak.

The secretary read his report from the last annual meeting and the same was accepted unanimously without change.

After this the treasurer read his report which was accepted without changes.

Then were re-elected the same officials as before: secretary, treasurer and trustee, sexton with same salary as before were each re-elected. Unanimously accepted.

Proposed and supported to elect A. A. Odegaard, H. Fredrikson, H. Torstvet as religion school committee. The same committee were instructed to hold as much school as possible. Unanimously accepted.

Proposed and supported that the St. Pauli congregation accept the resignation of Pastor I. T. Aastad as he enters an association with the congregation of St. Hilaire. This was accepted.

Proposed and supported and unanimously accepted to appoint Pastor S. T. Palm to be the pastor of the congregation.

[The newspaper in Thief River Falls - The News - reported on 16 January 1908 that "In the past, Rev. I. T. Aastad has been in charge of the congregations at Red

Lake Falls, St. Hilaire, and Rocksbury [St. Pauli], as well as Thief River Falls and Silverton. The meeting [of the Norwegian Lutheran Synod Church] decided, in order that more services be held here [in Thief River Falls], that Rev. Aastad give up the three first named congregations. Services will be held in the local church [in Thief River Falls] every Sunday morning, services being in Norwegian and the evening services in English. Rev. S. T. Palm of Sandridge will in the future have charge of the Red Lake Falls, St. Hilaire, and Rocksbury [St. Pauli] congregations and will reside at St. Hilaire. It was also voted to increase the salary of Rev. Aastad."]

Proposed and supported to decide on a sum of ca. one hundred dollars as the pastor's salary for the coming year. Accepted.

Proposed and supported to elect a committee of three men: A. A. Odegaard, Christ Moe and Cornelius Oien to decide the pastor's salary which was accepted.

To be auditors of the accounts were re-elected A. A. Odegaard and Ole Pederson. To be the cemetery committee were re-elected the same as before and to build a bridge to the entrance.

After this the meeting was ended with the Lord's Prayer by the chairman.

Jacob Amundson, Congr. Secr.

The trustees of the congregation elected:
Hans Fredrickson 1909
A. A. Odegaard 1910
Ole Helgeson 1911

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Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Luther League

19 October 1952

The St. Pauli Luther League met at the church on October 19th.

The program consisted of a sermon in song by the congregation. The hymns sung were "Almost Persuaded," "My Jesus I Love Thee," "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," "Take My Life and Let It Be," and "When Jesus Comes in Glory."

Mrs. Gust Gustafson led in devotions.

Melba Gustafson gave a reading entitled "Christ at the Door."

The congregation sang "Now Thank We All Our God" followed by a short explanation of the song, read by Connie Alberg.

The business meeting opened with the secretary's report give and accepted.

President Fern Mathson told us about the Luther League convention which is to be held at Middle River October 26th.

The meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology.

Lunch was served by the following families: Gust Gustafson, Olaf Snetting, William Jorgenson, Clarence Weckwerth, and Hannah Nelson.

Proceeds: \$8.15

Signed: Connie Alberg

The Back Page



Shirley & Marcy

A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe.

So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. The neighbor said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the two kids walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?"

Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is."

The little girl said, "Well, who is she?"

"That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied, "and her daughter Marcy."

"Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?"

"Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mum makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life,' so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always!