

St. Pauli News in Detail



Greeting and Ushering

- Feb. 2 Arlo Rude
- Feb. 9 Barb Smith
- Feb. 16 Wahna Smith
- Feb. 23 Mike Stickler

Cleaning: Clean *prior* to your Sunday to usher. Don't forget to check the wastebasket in the pastor's office.

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 (1st and 3rd Sundays):
Evie Johnson

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February Milestones



Birthdays

- Feb. 18 Pastor Mary Hansen
- Feb. 20 Gary Iverson
- Feb. 25 Arlo Rude
- Feb. 26 Evie Johnson
- Feb. 27 Edna Rondorf

Anniversaries

None that the editor is aware of

BASKETS OF PROMISE



This Lenten season, our congregation will again take part in LWR's Baskets of Promise appeal. Each Sunday in Lent, we will collect items to form LWR Personal Care Kits that help impoverished people stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

- March 9: Bar of Soap (4 or 5 oz. in original wrapper)
- March 16: Bath Towel (lightweight, max. size 27" x 52", dark color preferred)
- March 23: Toothbrush (adult size, in original packaging)
- March 30: Comb
- April 6: Nail Clipper (metal, attached file optional)
- April 13: Bar of Soap

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Join the Quilting!

The WELCA ladies will quilt again this month and are hoping the weather will be milder and more will be able to join in on this afternoon of fellowship and fun while making quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

You certainly don't have to be a seamstress or quilter to join the group. There is something for everyone to do and the conversation flows freely. Even if you can't come until after work, do so. After all, we don't eat supper until 6:00 pm! And that is followed by the regular WELCA meeting at 7:00 pm.

In Memoriam



BLAKE TORKELSON

Blake Anton Torkelson of St. Hilaire, 19, passed away Tuesday January 7, 2014 due to an accident while working on his truck.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, January 11th at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Thief River Falls with Father Rick Lambert presiding. Visitation was held on Friday, January 10th at St. Bernard's Catholic Church.

Blake Anton Torkelson was born on July 25, 1994 in Thief River Falls, the son of Brett Anton and Danita Ann (Miller) Torkelson. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Bernard's Catholic Church.

Blake attended Challenger Elementary School, Franklin Middle School and graduated from Lincoln High School on May 24, 2013. While in school, Blake enjoyed playing hockey, football, and running sprints and pole vaulting in track.

After he turned 16 and started driving, Blake turned his focus to the outdoors and the freedoms that it provided him. He loved hunting of any sort, whether it was waterfowl, deer, coyote or the occasional squirrel in the back yard, and he also enjoyed ice fishing. He loved to do these things with either his family or friends or on his own.

On November 6, 1998, Blake was blessed with a sister, Kora, whom he dearly loved and adored...and tormented and beat her up just to prove his love to her. Along the way he also taught Kora the tricks and trades of hunting and motorcycle riding. She was always his helping hand.

Blake had a personality that was strictly his own and felt that life should always be fun. He was the class clown; he enjoyed the attention of having fun at school while making people laugh, which more often than not came ahead of class work. Blake always had a smirk on his face whether he was in trouble or not.

In addition to his fun personality, Blake was hard working and dedicated in everything he put his mind to, whether it was in working on the farm, his vehicles, four-wheeler, snowmobile, building a deer stand or helping anybody in need. While in his younger years, Blake spent many summers working at his Uncle Terry's pheasant preserve in Bejou.

Blake started working at Erl's while in high school. Upon graduation, he immediately started working with Bergstrom Electric as an apprentice, taking schooling and working toward his journeyman electrician. He was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his parents, Brett and Danita Torkelson; sister, Kora Torkelson; grandparents, Craig and Sally Torkelson and Bob and Phyllis Miller all of Thief River Falls; aunts and uncles, Darren (Cassandra) Torkelson of Thief River Falls, Darcy (Brad) Nelson of Lakeville, MN, Diane (Jim) Retka of Thief River Falls, Dawn (Brad) Woodward of Warroad, MN, Darrel (Julie) Miller of Cummings, ND, Dana (Loren) Haagenson of Moorhead, MN, Darla Prickett of Thief River Falls; cousins, Lydia, Tim (Christine), Travis, Brady, Carsen, Erin, Steph, Derek, Zach, Ryan, Kelsey, Josh, Gannon, Colton, Tatum, Emily, Alyssa, Elizabeth, Brea and Carli; special friend, Lexi Hjelseth; dog, Mazzy; and many other relatives and friends.

Blake is preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Anton and Ellen Torkelson, Pat and Della Conely, Ervin and Florence Miller, and Loran and Mary McCollum.

*Blake was an amazing son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and friend.
He was dearly loved and will be truly missed by everyone he has touched.*

In Memoriam



William “Billy” Dicken of Thief River Falls, age 44, passed away on Wednesday January 8, 2014 at Essentia Health in Fargo, ND.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 11th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, with Reverend John Voelker, PhD officiating.

Visitation and Prayer Services were held on Friday, January 10th at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls.

William Aldon Dicken was born on November 17, 1969 to Marie Lynn (Olson) and William Allen Dicken in Thief River Falls. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1988.

Billy studied welding at AVTI and received his truck driving certificate from East Grand Forks Technical College.

Billy was united in marriage to Tami Canfield on June 8, 1991, and they had three children: William Allen, Alexandra Michelle, and Daniel James. Later on he spent many happy years with Kari Iverson, and together they had Lainey Joy.

Billy worked for Robson Honeybee Farms in Thief River Falls, was a welder for Mayo Manufacturing in East Grand Forks, drove truck for Paul Aslakson Trucking out of Grand Forks, and was a milk pasteurizer at Dean Foods in Thief River Falls.

He enjoyed sports, sports and more sports. He played Prowler football, baseball, and hockey in high school, and played hockey for the Pioneers at Northland College.

Billy also enjoyed watching his children participate in their activities. He liked hunting, fishing and bingo on Saturday afternoons. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. No matter what, he always had a great sense of humor and a big heart.

Billy is survived by his mother and step-father, Marie and Tom Numedahl, Brainerd, MN; step-mother and partner, Merf Dicken, Thief River Falls and Wayne Kruse, St. Hilaire. Children: William Allen, Alexandra Michelle, Daniel James and their mother Tami, all of Thief River Falls, and Lainey Joy and her mother, Kari Iverson, of St. Hilaire, MN. Sister, Lisa Dicken of Thief River Falls; step-siblings: Staci Reay of Thief River Falls, Brett (Becky) Reay of Valley City, ND, Tim (Kristi) Numedahl of Thief River Falls, Dawn (Dusty) Niles of Sonoma, CA, and Chad (Crystal) Numedahl of Lafayette, CA. Nephew and God-son Austin William Lawrence of Thief River Falls; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his father, William Allen Dicken, maternal and paternal grandparents, and step-brother, Scott Reay.

In Memoriam



LOIS NELSON

Lois M. Nelson, age 80, died Sunday, January 26, 2014 at the Thief River Care Center, Thief River Falls, MN.

Funeral Services were held at 10:30 am, Saturday, February 1, 2014 at Johnson Funeral Service, with Reverend Carl Hansen officiating. Burial was at Silverton Lutheran Cemetery, Thief River Falls.

Lois Muriel Nelson was born on December 13, 1933 to Norton and Olga (Hegrenes) Nelson at the farm home in Smiley Township. She was baptized on May 10, 1934 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls.

She grew up on the family farm. As a child of God, she was born with a learning disability. Lois never attended school but always wanted to go to school, so she was really happy to be able to attend

the DAC both in Park Rapids, MN for a short time and in Thief River Falls for several years.

When her Mother could no longer care for her she lived for a couple years with her brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Barb, across the road from the farm. Lois would go for visits and short stays to both of her sisters. She then lived at Hanson Home and Oakwood Home in Thief River Falls, and Northwood Home in Red Lake Falls. On December 27, 2013, Lois moved to Thief River Care Center in Thief River Falls.

Lois was fun loving, thoughtful of others. Her favorite saying was, "Do you like me? I like you." Lois made many friends and loved to talk to everyone. She liked to yodel and sometimes would sing parts of songs. She loved to be where the action was so she could visit and ask questions of staff.

Lois is survived by her brother, Dennis (Barb) Nelson of Thief River Falls; sisters, Sharon (Phil) Busch of Akeley, MN and Nelda Carpenter of New Hope, MN; brother-in-law, Robert Bronsdon; nieces and nephews, Jon (Cathy Whitehouse) Bronsdon, Lynn (Rex) Cattanach, Jennifer Bronsdon, Kurt Nelson, Keith (Laurie) Nelson, Dana (Shari Fix) Busch, Darin (Sandy Dostal) Busch, Dean Busch, Lisa (Terry) Pertile, Stacy (Doug) Cashman, Scott (Kathy) Carpenter; 11 great nieces and nephews; 1 great great nephew; aunts, Doris Senstad and Hazel Odin; many cousins and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Norton and Olga Nelson; her sister, Jean Bronsdon; many aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Accompanist:	Faye Auchenpaugh
Congregational Hymns:	"Jesus Loves Me", "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
Phil Busch, Soloist:	"Children Of The Heavenly Father"
Casketbearers:	Jon Bronsdon, Kurt Nelson, Keith Nelson, Dana Busch, Darin Busch, Dean Busch, Ben Nelson
Honorary Casketbearers:	All of the caregivers and staff at Hanson Home, Oakwood Home, Northwood Home & Thief River Care Center

Angels Among Us

Blake Torkelson's sister Kora has played varsity girls hockey since she was in the 7th grade. Lincoln High School canceled the girls' hockey game the week of Blake's tragic accident out of respect for his family; after all, Blake had played hockey, Kora is a 9th grader there, and their mother Danita works in the front office.

The following Tuesday, they were scheduled to play Warroad, on Warroad's home turf. Coming into this match, the LHS girls had no game losses but were still struggling with the loss of Blake while the family members were trying to put their best faces on everything through these very difficult times.

The Prowler girls played sluggishly during the first period and had no shots on goal, while the LHS goalie fended off Warroad's many shots on goal and managed to keep the score at 0-0 at the end of the period, keeping them in the game.

During the second period, Warroad scored two goals and could sense the victory coming their way – elated that they would be able to knock off the Prowler girls and stop their winning streak. Before the second period ended, Emily Bergland scored an unassisted goal for TRF, making it 2-1 with Warroad leading going into the third period.

When the third and final period began, the Prowler girls seemed to be recovering and a second score was made – with Kora getting the assist – that tied the game 2-2.

With just over 65 seconds remaining in the game, Kora got the puck on a breakaway in center ice and skated furiously toward the Warroad goalie. She faked her out at the last minute and scored unassisted on a backward flip of the puck into the net. The crowd went wild! And there wasn't a dry eye on the side of the TRF fans.

Perhaps there *are* angels among us...

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Chad Torstveit's 4-H Poultry Team Gets National Exposure

Reprinted from the January 4, 2014 edition of "The Watch."

The Pennington County 4-H Senior Poultry Project Bowl Team competed November 20-21 at the 2013 National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville.

Team members included Kristin Farris, Highland 4-H Club; Alisha Mosloff and Cassidy Stenvik, both of Sanders 4-H Club; and an independent member of 4-H. The team qualified for the National Conference at the Minnesota State 4-H Project Bowl contest in April 2013.

The annual conference allows 4-Hers from all over the country to compete in educational events that help them learn to make and defend decisions, speak publicly, and gain poultry-related skills. It includes five separate competitive events. Pennington County Senior Poultry Bowl Team competed in the Avian Bowl contest, which is a double-elimination round robin tournament in which the contestants are required to answer questions regarding poultry science, poultry meat, and egg production, and information about the poultry industries. A total of 157 senior 4-Hers, representing 26 states, competed in the Poultry and Egg Conference. Thirteen teams, including Pennington County, competed in the Avian Bowl.

Other events included the poultry judging contest, where participants are required to judge ready-to-cook chicken and turkey carcasses, live production hens and market eggs. In the chicken and turkey barbecue contests, participants barbecued three chicken halves or two turkey fillets and gave an oral presentation on the corresponding poultry industry. In the egg preparation demonstration contest, participants prepared an egg dish and gave an oral presentation on the nutritional value and versatility of eggs.

A poultry careers workshop was also held at the conference, exposing the 4-Hers to hands-on information from poultry food industry personnel and the participants were given pertinent information about career and educational opportunities in poultry industries. This year, Tracy McKinney spoke about her job as flock advisor with Perdue Farms. Dr. Carey Ritz from the University of Georgia discussed the career opportunities available in the poultry industry and how to pursue a college program that will give students diverse experiences in poultry to develop successful careers.

Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting

(approved February 2, 2014)

January 27, 2013

The St. Pauli Annual Meeting was held Sunday, January 27, 2013, following 10:30 am worship services. Council President Arlo Rude called the meeting to order at 11:30 am with 23 members present. Rude asked for additions to the agenda. There were no additions and the agenda was considered approved as printed.

Secretary's Report: In Jodie Torkelson's absence, Arlo Rude read the report printed in the meeting packet. Remove the word 'composite' from the sentence "The composite rails and balusters have deteriorated" and the Cemetery Association balance as of 12/31/11 as changed to \$2,513.93 to correct an error noted. Wally Torkelson made motion to accept after the above changes were made. Skip Swanson seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rude presented the treasurer's report for 2012. Income and other deposits totaled \$50,369.63. Operational expenses totaled \$29,074.78. Other one-time expenses: new base for pulpit \$275.00, steeple repairs \$1,383.08, basement repair and supplies \$3,257.85, rain gutters \$875.00, shelving in the storage building \$171.70.

There was a positive cash flow of \$15,332.23.

Income and Other Deposits:	\$ 50,369.63
Operational Expenses:	-29,074.78

General Fund balances as of 12/31/12:

Checking account:	\$ 30,785.25
Investor savings account:	20,394.35
Value of investments:	<u>34,113.57</u>
Total General Fund balance:	\$ 85,293.17

Special Funds and Accounts (Memorial Fund) balances as of 12/31/12:

Investor Savings account:	\$ 4,770.65
Certificate of Deposit:	<u>14,970.27</u>
Total Memorial Fund:	\$ 19,740.92

Total General Fund, Special Funds and Accounts as of 12/31/12:	\$105,034.09
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St. Pauli Cemetery Association balance as of 12/31/12:	\$ 5,334.92
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Faye Auchenpaugh made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read. Wahna Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Carl Hansen, interim pastor, reported that it is a real pleasure to be with our congregation and he is delighted to be able to serve and is happy to be of pastoral assistance for any special needs. He is happy to see the increase in our Sunday School and is working on setting up a first communion prior to Easter. He also reported that Redeemer chose

not to be in a round robin for Lenten services, so he will be happy to serve our congregation for the services. The materials have already been purchased.

Faye Auchenpaugh asked about transfers in and out, etc. Arlo Rude will get the information to be put in the newsletter.

Board of Education and Sunday School Report: Jan Strandlie commented on our increase in attendance and also thanked everyone involved for the wonderful Christmas program. We are in need of another teacher for grades 3 and 4. Valarie Torstveit prepared the Sunday School financial report. The balance in the checking account as of 12/31/12 is \$1,354.24. The Sunday School is checking on and is interested in the Heifer Project as a charity to donate to. Jim Strandlie made a motion to accept the reports. Cindy Cedergren seconded. Motion carried.

WELCA Report: Prepared by Cindy Cedergren.

Total income:	\$ 10,611.26
Total expenses:	-9,656.30

Checking account balance as of 12/31/12:	\$ 1,941.32
Savings account balance as of 12/31/12:	\$ 2,751.19
Certificate of Deposit:	\$ 5,927.29

Evie Johnson made a motion to accept the report as presented. Jan Strandlie seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: Arlo Rude reported that someone had suggested a small light in the steeple and he feels he can do that. That, along with the rest of the repairs will cost another approximately \$1,500.00 to complete.

Basement remodel went over budget by \$2,007.85. There were repairs and as usual unexpected expenses. Wally Torkelson made a motion to approve the additions to the budget. Jim Strandlie seconded. Motion carried.

Partnership with Zion will be put on hold for now. We are very happy with Pastor Hansen. Hymnal purchases went very well. We now have four books for every pew.

New Business:

Use of funds: Faye Auchenpaugh suggested looking into moving some funds from CDs to another investment for better interest. Myles Alberg said be careful, some of the others are very risky where with a CD you never lose the principal even if you don't gain much interest. The council will look into this.

Donation to Cemetery Association: Wally Torkelson suggested making a donation to the St. Pauli Cemetery Association. Jim Strandlie made a motion to donate \$1,500.00 to the cemetery association from the general fund. Wahna Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Jim Strandlie suggested we leave any other donations and amounts to the discretion of the council.

Growth of the congregation: Jim Strandlie suggested a committee to work on this. Jim Strandlie volunteered to be on the committee. Arlo Rude also agreed to be on the committee. Jim will get a third member to help find ways to increase our membership.

Liturgy Committee: Pastor Carl Hansen, Faye Auchenpaugh, Deone Cerny and Virginia Anderson will be on this committee to pick out a new liturgy from our hymnal to use for the next several months.

Carpeting for the Narthex and Sanctuary: Faye Auchenpaugh suggested replacing the tile also, since some of the tiles are broken. Arlo Rude said it can be done but we need to regroup and come up with a plan and estimates and come back to the congregation. Nothing will be done at this time.

Synod Assembly: June 7-9, 2013. Jim and Jan Strandlie volunteered to attend.

Budget: Proposed 2013 budget was presented by Arlo Rude. The changes presented were: elimination of website hosting expense since 2011 payment was for three-year contract. Increase \$40.00 for organists and tuning. Increase co-treasurer \$200.00. Increase cemetery mowing \$250.00. Cindy Cedergren wondered about a housing allowance for Pastor Hansen. He responded that wouldn't be necessary as it is covered by their pensions. Some discussion followed regarding Pastor's salary. Arlo Rude explained that an agreement was made with Pastor Hansen on the amount of his salary during a review done last September. Next September there will be another review with the council.

Virginia Anderson made a motion to add not to exceed \$5,600.00 to the budget for carpeting and new tile for

the narthex and sanctuary. Seconded by Jan Strandlie. Motion carried

Wally Torkelson made a motion to approve the budget with additions and subtractions as mentioned. Valarie Torstveit seconded. Motion carried.

Election of Officers: The nominating committee of Wally Torkelson and Arlo Rude presented the slate of officers for 2013:

Council members:

Wahna Smith, Arlo Rude, Kathy Alberg

Secretary: Barb Nelson

Co-Treasurers: Evie Johnson (council member)/

Bruce and Shelley Mathson

Board of Education:

Eunice Grove, Valarie Torstveit, Kari Torkelson

Church Recorder: Valarie Torstveit

Heat Caretaker: Myles Alberg

Cemetery Sexton: David Lee

Skip Swanson made a motion to approve the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the above. Cindy Cedergren seconded. Motion carried.

Arlo Rude thanked everyone for all the help and work for the remodeling and also thanked everyone who has helped or done anything at all for the church. Basically, thanks to all.

We prayed the Lord's Prayer and sang table grace, since a potluck lunch was being served following the meeting.

Evie Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Iverson seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Nelson, Church Council Secretary

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Minutes of Special Congregational Meeting

(approved February 2, 2014)

June 16, 2013

The special meeting of St. Pauli Congregation was held on Sunday, June 16, 2013 at St. Pauli Church. The meeting was called to order at 11:35 am by Chairman Arlo Rude. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the previously planned flooring to the sanctuary and narthex. Also the possible painting of same.

Several options were presented by the council, per attached addendum.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Jim Strandlie to go with option #3. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Wahna Smith made a motion to go with option #1 not to exceed \$12,000.00, allowing for any unforeseen problems. Motion was seconded by Barb Nelson. Motion carried. We will proceed with option #1.

Skip Swanson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Gary Iverson.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Nelson, Church Council Secretary

Minutes of Special Congregational Meeting

(approved February 2, 2014)

September 8, 2013

Special meeting of the St. Pauli Congregation was called to order by Council President Arlo Rude at 11:20 am. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and act on the recommendations of the Liturgy Task Group consisting of Virginia Anderson, Faye Auchenpaugh, Deone Cerny, and Pastor Carl Hanse.

The group had listened to several settings of the liturgy in the ELW. After listening, reviewing and discussing the various settings, the group unanimously recommended the following three things:

1. Introduce musical Setting 2 of the liturgy beginning on October 6 and continuing through October and November.
2. Introduce musical Setting 8 of the liturgy beginning with the season of Advent (December) and continuing through the season of Epiphany (March 2).

For those times when we use recorded music for worship (e.g. Holden Evening Prayer in Lent, times when Faye is away), the group recommended the congregation purchase a Bose Acoustic Wave System 2 to play the CDs that we will be using in worship. This might also be used in conjunction with Sunday School children singing at worship, as well as on other occasions. Estimated cost: \$1,399.90 plus shipping. Includes a five CD player attachment.

After some discussion, Jan Strandlie made a motion to accept all of the recommendations with the cost of the Bose System to come out of the Memorial Fund. Seconded by Wahna Smith. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Nelson, Church Council Secretary

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Minutes of the Church Council

December 16, 2013

The St. Pauli Church Council held its monthly meeting on Monday, December 16, 2013 at the church.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Arlo Rude at 7:05 pm. Pastor Hansen opened with prayer.

Agenda was presented by Rude. Nelson made a motion to approve, seconded by Alberg. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's report was presented by Nelson. Johnson made a motion to accept, seconded by Alberg. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was presented by Johnson.

Income for November 2013: \$ 4,012.89

Expenses for November 2013: - 2,249.90

Account balances as of November 30, 2013:

Checking: \$ 7,657.02

Investment savings: 35,751.80

Memorial Fund: 18,354.34

Edward Jones: 37,739.54

TOTAL: \$ 99,502.69

St. Pauli Cemetery Association fund: \$ 13,275.13

Motion was made by Alberg to accept as presented, seconded by Nelson. Carried.

Pastor's Report: It is great to have Faye back after her surgery. She is continuing her recovery.

We are looking forward to receiving the Haugen family as members of St. Pauli next month.

Thank you for the prayers and support during Mary's hospitalization and medical appointments the last month.

Pastors Mary and Carl will be in Rochester for an appointment on December 20, 2013. They will be on vacation in Texas from December 26, 2013 until January 3, 2014. Pastor Carl plans to be here to conduct services on January 5, 2014.

Other Reports:

WELCA: No report

Board of Education: Sunday School Christmas program will be held on December 22, 103 at the 10:30 am service. Practice has started and seems to be going well.

Men's Group: Not active.

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Old Business: Budget: Rude has received some suggestions for changes and improvements. Some discussion followed. Final budget will be set up next council meeting.

New Business: Introduction of new members will be at the annual meeting. WELCA will present a gift to the adults and perhaps the Sunday School will give a gift to the children. Rude will check on this.

Pay annual payments to positions in church operations. Possible increases in salary will be discussed and final amounts set at the budget meeting. Possible increase of

organist to \$50.00 per Sunday. May also need to increase lawn mowing.

Rude is looking into the cost of replacing the organ with a new one. He will check with Faye and have her look also since she is the organist.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Nelson, Church Council Secretary

A CHILD'S EXPLANATION OF GOD

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said 'O.K.' And God did not let Jesus stay in the grave, but raised him from the dead.

His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did.

And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God! Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases.

And...that's why I believe in God.

The Back Page

You Know You're Lutheran When...

15. You make spaghetti at your house with the little macaroni noodles because they're not so messy then.
14. Folgers has you on their Christmas list.
13. Half of your congregation has last names ending in 'son.'
12. All of your relatives graduated from a school named Concordia.
11. The only mealtime prayer you know is "Come Lord Jesus."
10. All of your casserole dishes have your name on the bottom.
9. They have to rope off the last few pews in church so the front isn't empty.
8. Someone mentions red and green (in terms of Christmas), you immediately think of a recent change in hymnals.
7. You can't imagine a celebration without food.
6. While watching Star Wars you hear "May the force be with you" and you reply "And also with you."
5. At potlucks all the men have tableware and napkins in their shirt pockets so their full plates are easier to carry.
4. You are at a funeral of a family member who is Catholic, and you are the only one who says "for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen." after everyone else is done.
3. You sing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" while sitting down.
2. A midlife crisis is switching from the old liturgy to the new.
1. You arrive in church and start having a panic attack because someone else is sitting in your pew.

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Signal and U never
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Senior Pick-Up Line

A rather elderly gentleman (mid-eighties) walks into an upscale cocktail lounge. He is very well dressed, smelling slightly of an expensive aftershave, hair well groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel, shoes shined, no walker, etc. He presents a suave, well-looked-after image.

Seated at the bar is an elderly (70ish) fine looking lady. The gentleman walks over, sits alongside of her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says,

"So tell me, good looking, do I come here often?"