

St. Pauli News in Detail



Greeting and Ushering

April 2 Craig Torkelson
 April 8 Volunteers
 April 16 Wally Torkelson
 April 23 Chad Torstveit

Altar Preparation: Cindy Cedergren

Spring Cleaning

April 4th

We need your help! None of us is getting any younger, so we would appreciate people of all ages to come out for this night of cleaning. Yes, cleaning, but also conversation and fun. Root beer floats at the end!

There is a task checklist on the kitchen serving counter. When a task is completed, it is checked off.

This is a congregational effort. We volunteer to do this in lieu of hiring a professional, so please do your part.

Spring Conference Gathering

“Making the Best of Whatever God has Given You”

Saturday, April 29th

Trinity Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls

Featured Speaker: Katie DeMarais from Gary, MN.
 Presenter: April Johnson, International Adoption.

Registration begins at 8:30 am with morning coffee and program at 9:00 am. Cost is \$8.00 per person, which includes morning coffee and lunch.



BLANKET SUNDAY

April 30th

Blankets and quilts for Lutheran World Relief and our local area will be placed on and around our altar ring for blessing prior to shipment.

This is also our Potluck Sunday.
Freewill offering for Violence Intervention Project

Birthday Party!

SHIRLEY JOHNSON

Saturday, April 15th

2:00 – 4:00 pm
at Valley Home

We will all want to help Shirley celebrate her 90th birthday. We will also get to visit with family members and friends.

NO GIFTS PLEASE

April Milestones

Birthdays

April 3	Eunice Grove
April 5	Annika Halvorson
April 18	Shirley Johnson

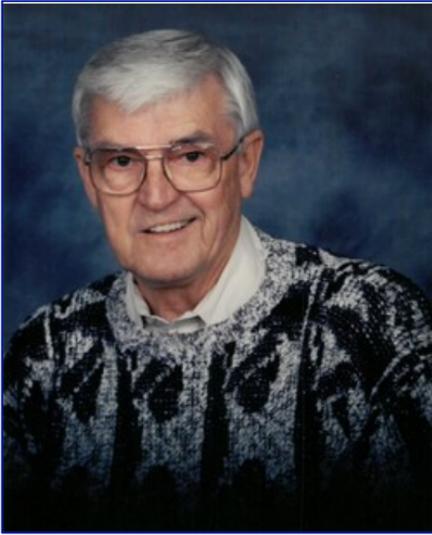
Anniversaries

(None that we know of)



In Memoriam

Arnold "Arne" Engelstad



Arnold "Arne" Engelstad, 89, of Thief River Falls, MN died peacefully on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at Minnesota Greenleaf with his loving family at his side.

The funeral service to celebrate Arne's life was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN with Pastor Matty Towse officiating. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery in Thief River Falls, MN. Military honors were provided by the Ecklund-Holmstrom American Legion Post 117, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2793 and Minnesota Army National Guard Honor Guard.

Arnold Larness Engelstad was born on December 19, 1927 in Thief River Falls, the son of Paul M. and Olive M. (Larness) Engelstad. He was baptized into the Christian faith and confirmed on May 28, 1944 at St. Pauli Lutheran Church. Arne attended Rose Hill Country School in Rocksbury Township, Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls and the Agriculture College in Crookston, MN. In his youth, Arne was a spelling bee champion.

On October 25, 1950 Arne entered into service with the United States Army and did his basic training at Camp McCoy in Wisconsin. He was stationed in Bremerhaven, Germany and was Honorably Discharged on October 6, 1952.

On March 26, 1951 Arne was united in marriage to Jacqueline "Jakki" Shetler at First Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls. After Jakki's passing in 1988, Arne never remarried because he felt he had already found "the best!" Four sons were born to this union: Mark, Michael, Mitchell and Murray. These four sons carry his legacy, each distinct, each walking his own path, none of them an exact copy of Arne, but each carrying a piece of him with them.

They made their home on the farm of the Engelstad Family in Rocksbury Township, the farm homesteaded by his grandfather Peder Engelstad in 1883. Throughout his life, farming was Arne's passion. He was fortunate to farm alongside of five generations of Engelstads, from his grandfather down to his grandsons. He farmed with oxen and horses all the way to auto steer, GPS-directed tractors.

Hunting, card playing, snowmobiling, and camaraderie with family and friends at the Hunting Camps at Fourtown, MN were his favorite hobbies in his adult life. In his younger years he enjoyed bowling and softball. After he retired, Arne transitioned to golf and would go with anybody who was available. He enjoyed going out for meals with family and friends at various restaurants and was a regular for burgers on Saturday at table 17 at the Legion. Using laughter and good humor with anyone who would listen, whether a stranger at Hugo's or a customer at Dee's Kitchen, Arne loved to visit.

In 1962 Arne and his brother Jim were recognized as Outstanding Young Farmers by the Chamber of Commerce. Arne was also a member of the Pennington County Crop Improvement Association. He was a long time member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls.

Survivors include four sons Mark (Allyson) Engelstad of Thief River Falls and children Zachary (Megan) Engelstad, Rachel (Benny) Carpenter, Alicia Engelstad, Frannie (Dustin), Tobias (Shanice) & Morgan Mann; Mike (Jodi) Engelstad of Columbus, IN and children Steven (Leah) Engelstad and Jakki (Matty) Towse; Mitch (Renae) Engelstad of Thief River Falls and children Chastity (Mike) Lewis, Ethan (Erin) Mattson, Corey (Amanda) Jasper, Chenni (Corey) Lancto and Aubrey Jasper; Murray (Cheryl) Engelstad of Thief River Falls and children Anthony (Shelby) Hendricks, Arron (Lindsay) Hendricks, Melissa (Sukarno) Hendricks, Lyndsey (Josh) Engelstad, Matthew Larson and Kory Engelstad; 27 great-grandchildren: Trajan, Kateri, Emzy, Vladimir, Guineveur, Eleanor, Alex, Aiydin, Isaac, Payton, Max, Zoe, Avery, Violet, Declan, Cohen, Carly, Marcus, Cody, Keaton, Jason, Lorena, Breanna, Summer, Jackson, Harrison, Nora; and many other relatives and friends.



He is preceded in death by his wife Jakki; parents Paul and Ollie; grandson Matthew; and siblings Earl, Morris, Blanche, James and Peter.

Photo of St. Pauli Adult Confirmation May 28, 1944

Back row: Arnold Engelstad, Paul Engelstad, Rev. Skibsrud, Mons Engelstad. Middle row: Mrs. Mons (Olga) Engelstad, Iva Lee Engelstad, Mrs. Paul (Ollie) Engelstad. Front row: Mrs. Edwin (Valborg) Hanson, Mrs. Clarence (Eloise) Arneson, Mrs. Harvey (Myrtle) Thune.

God Bless the Memory of Arne Engelstad!



In Memoriam

Dennis Arne Hanson, Sr.

Dennis Hanson of Thief River Falls, MN, passed away at the age of 81 on Friday, March 17, 2017 at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND, with his family at his side.

Funeral Services were held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at St. Pauli Lutheran Church with Rev. Terri Cuppett officiating. Burial followed at Valle Cemetery, rural Grygla, MN.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM with a 7:00 PM prayer service at Johnson Funeral Service, Thief River Falls, MN, and also one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the church.

Dennis Arne Hanson Sr. was born on August 27, 1935 in Rocksbury Township, Pennington County, MN, the son of Manuel H. Hanson and Anna S. (Arne) Hanson. He was baptized on November 14, 1935 at St. Pauli Lutheran Church and later confirmed at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Grygla, MN, on June 11, 1950. Dennis attended school in Warren, MN.

In 1958 Dennis enlisted in the United States Navy and received an honorable discharge.

In 1958 Dennis was united in marriage to Janice Sturre. Janice passed away in August of 1971. Dennis was re-married in 1978 to Dorothy Raich. Dorothy passed away in June of 2010.

Dennis worked in the Iron Ore Mines on the Iron Range until retirement. He also farmed, logged, drove semi, and dealt Blackjack.

Dennis had many interests – deer hunting, being in the outdoors, gardening, playing cards, playing pool, snowmobiling – racing – crashing – repairing – repeat as needed. He also enjoyed watching all sports and tinkering with his Ford tractors. Dennis was a member of the American Legion and the United Steelworkers.

Dennis is survived by his children, Dennis Jr. (Wendy) Hanson of Albany, MN; Sheri (Ken) Soring of Cohasset, MN; Shelly (Dale) Laine of South St. Paul, MN; and Dennis R. Hanson of Grand Rapids, MN; grandchildren, Jessica, Holli, Christopher, and Tyler Hanson; Leslie and Janelle Soring; Brett (Molly) and Dan (Celia) Runquist; Breanna Laine, Tabitha, Bennett, Olivia, and Julia Hanson; great-grandchildren, Hunter and Mason Runquist, and AvaMae Laine; brothers, DuWayne, Harvey, Lyle, Roger, and Richard Hanson; many nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his son, Todd J. Hanson; his parents, Manuel and Anna Hanson; brothers, Dale and Harry Hanson; and sister, Margie Adamson.



Special Music: Ken and Leslie Soring *"On the Other Side"* & *"Go Rest High On That Mountain"*

Accompanist: Phyllis Dalager

Special Recorded Music: *"I'll Fly Away"*

Casketbearers: Brett Runquist, Dan Runquist, Christopher Hanson, Tyler Hanson, Bennett Hanson, John Halsa

Honorary Casketbearers: *Dennis' Brothers:* Harry Hanson, DuWayne Hanson, Harvey Hanson, Dale Hanson, Lyle Hanson, Roger Hanson, Richard Hanson. *Dennis' Son:* Todd Hanson

God Bless the Memory of Dennis Hanson!

Minutes of the Church Council

February 16, 2017

The St. Pauli Church Council held its monthly meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 7 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Members present: Arlo Rude, Larry Hurst, Gary Iverson, Faye Auchenpaugh and Pastor Carl Hansen. Member absent: Staci Reay. The meeting was called to order by Arlo Rude. Pastor Hansen opened with prayer.

Selection of 2017 Chairperson: M/S/C (Hurst/Iverson) to select Arlo Rude as Chairman for 2017.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the January 12, 2017 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Staci Reay, Rude presented the treasurer's report as compiled by Gale Schmitz, CPA. The figures for January expenses for Mileage and Pastor compensation need to be reversed. M/S/C (Iverson/Hurst) to approve the treasurer's report with the stipulation that the expense accounts are clarified with the accountant.

Checking Account Balance of 12/31/16	\$ 18,588.14
January Income	2,692.00
January Expenses	\$ (2,781.28)
Balance as of 1/31/17	\$ 18,498.86
Investor Savings Account	\$ 35,980.05
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 20,000.00
Edward D. Jones Investment Fund	\$ 43,101.57
Memorial Fund	\$ 11,293.04
Mission Grant Fund	\$ 2,023.70
Total Church Funds	\$ 130,897.22

Pastor's Report: While he had a wonderful time with family in Texas and Nebraska, it is a joy to be home and sharing in Christ's ministry with the people of St. Pauli.

Pastor Carl attended the 8:30 am services at Trinity in Thief River Falls on February 13th to hear his granddaughter play clarinet. He appreciates the flexibility to be able to do these kinds of things.

This year's Wednesday Lenten services will focus on biblical characters from the Old Testament. Many of these sermons will deal with biblical passages that are not included in our three-year cycle of Bible readings for Sunday services. The schedule is as follows:

- March 1, Ash Wednesday with Holy Communion, Pastor Carl Hansen
- March 8, "Solomon," Pastor Gary Graf, Bethany, Red Lake Falls
- March 15, "Esther," Pastor Kristin Ostercamp, Goodridge Lutheran Parish
- March 22, "Elijah," Pastor Jonathan Dodson, Plummer Parish

- March 29, "Judah & Joseph," Pastor Carl Hansen, St. Pauli
- April 5, "Ruth & Naomi," Pastor Ale Tulu, Zion

All Wednesday Lenten services and the April 13 Good Friday Tenebrae services will begin at 7:00 pm.

A reminder that Daylight Savings Time resumes on Sunday, March 12.

The Northwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly will be held at Concordia College, Moorhead, beginning on Friday, June 9, at 7:00 pm and concluding Saturday, June 10, at 3:00 pm. As a part of the Assembly, various pastors and lay workers will be recognized for their service. Pastor Carl will be recognized on the 50th anniversary of his ordination into the ministry of Word and Sacrament, which took place at Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Iowa on May 23, 1967.

This year is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, which began when Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the church door at Wittenberg, Germany. We have received a 60 minute DVD from the ELCA celebrating this anniversary. Rick Steves, the well-known travel guru and ELCA member, hosts the documentary.

Auchenpaugh reported that many of our members will be gone in March and asked if the Lenten sermons could be videotaped so that these travellers could view them at a later date. Rude will arrange this.

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

New Members or Interest in Membership: There is a possibility of two new members. John and Shelly Cervantes and their family will be formally installed as members on February 26th.

Reports:

- 1) WELCA: No Lydia Circle meeting in March due to member absences. They have also asked that the large chair that once sat in the narthex be donated to anyone interested and removed from the basement. Auchenpaugh offered to take the chair. Rude suggested that perhaps two matching chairs should be purchased for the narthex to replace the mismatched wooden chairs. Auchenpaugh said she would bring the matter to WELCA.
- 2) Board of Education: Mason Haugen has prepared and is ready to receive first communion.

Old Business:

Rude distributed a document listing goals and projects for 2017. Items on the list include:

Continuing Projects: 1) Steeple repairs, 2) Constitution and Bylaws review, 3) Membership growth, 4) Landscaping,

5) Wall cabinet for basement south wall, 6) Repair damage to storage building door latch.

New Projects: 1) Basement northwest work area, 2) Applying for IRS nonprofit status.

Pastor Carl will view the Rick Steves' Reformation documentary and we will brainstorm ideas at our March meeting.

New Business:

1) 125 Year Celebration of the St. Paul Congregation will take place in 2020. We need to begin planning. Does the Synod have any history of our congregation?

2) Coffee and refreshments will be served following the Wednesday Lenten services (not Ash Wednesday or Good Friday services).

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

M/S/C (Hurst/Iverson) to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Faye Auchenpaugh
St. Pauli Church Council Secretary

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Minutes of the St. Pauli Cemetery Association

February 16, 2017

The St. Pauli Cemetery Association met on February 16, 2017 at 8:10 p.m. at St. Pauli Lutheran Church. Board members present: Arlo Rude, Larry Hurst, Gary Iverson and Faye Auchenpaugh. Absent: Staci Reay.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Election of Officers: **M/S/C** (Hurst/Iverson) that Arlo Rude be selected as President, Faye Auchenpaugh as secretary, Staci Reay as Treasurer for 2017.

Old Business:

Bryson Bray will mow again this year.

New Business:

Discussion regarding a survey of the cemetery property and a review of the quote of \$1,800 received from Widseth Smith Knolting. **M/S/C** (Hurst/Iverson) that we move forward with the survey.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Faye Auchenpaugh, Secretary
St. Pauli Cemetery Association Board of Directors

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I'm a Lutheran: Rick Steves

June 2, 2016

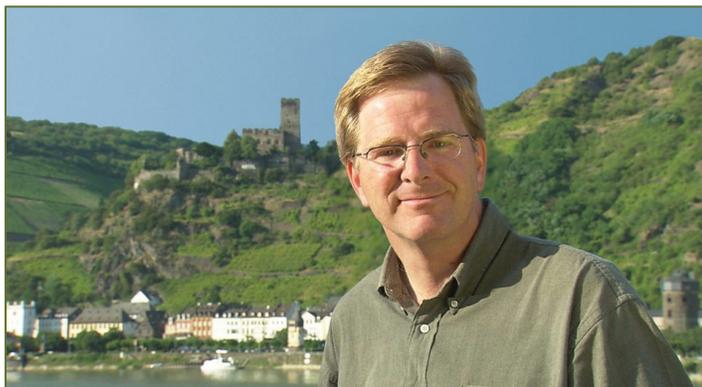


Photo courtesy of Rick Steves' Europe
Rick Steves along the Rhine River in Germany.

"I'm a Lutheran" is a monthly profile featuring ELCA members around the world. The profiles showcase ELCA members in all their diversity, connecting one another through individual faith stories as Lutherans.

Congregation: Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, Wash.

Occupation: Travel writer and TV host

I found my faith in my upbringing and in my need to not be alone.

My first experience with church was probably in a cry room during a long sermon.

On a pilgrimage through Martin Luther's land, I appreciated what a blessing it is to have the freedom to explore the word of God in my own language and how hard-earned that privilege was.

I believe God loves his creation very much and loves each of us as his child.

Faithful travel is packing light but bringing Jesus along.

I pray few requests and lots of thanks. Life is so good, especially when we get out and explore.

I think travel can help people celebrate diversity, not be fearful, gain empathy for the rest of humanity, and appreciate the blessings of home and family when your trip is finally over.

I struggle with balance, thinking my work is more important than other dimensions of my being.

To stay centered amid my busy schedule, I start and end my day with a prayer and say to myself "life is good" a lot, which means to me, "praise God."

My favorite part of traveling is stretching my perspective, gaining a global perspective, better appreciating nature, learning, and then—through my work—equipping and inspiring others to learn from my travels and have more meaningful travels themselves.

An issue I'm fighting for is helping Americans not confuse risk and fear, and helping them get out and get to know our world. Then when they employ their desire to "be Christ-like," they'll do it knowing happiness and suffering are as real across the sea as they are across the street, and that every person on this planet is equally deserving and lovable in God's eyes.

Most people think God is to blame for dumb things people do in the name of organized religion. I cut organized religion lots of slack because I believe having a faith is nourishment for your soul and organized religion is to faith what a restaurant is to food. You need the nourishment—how you consume it (Thai, Italian, etc.) and the quality of the cooking is up to you. You can complain about the restaurant or the chef, but don't turn your back on the value—and necessity—of the ingredients.

My favorite church memory is going through stages of my life with the most important people in my world next to me in the pew and hiding the silly tears I shed when touched by my faith while sitting there.

I practice my faith on the road by knowing Jesus is with me and celebrating (or at least striving to celebrate) God's creation every step of the way.

My faith is challenged when I'm among people I respect who have no faith.

People are surprised when I get all excited about Martin Luther.

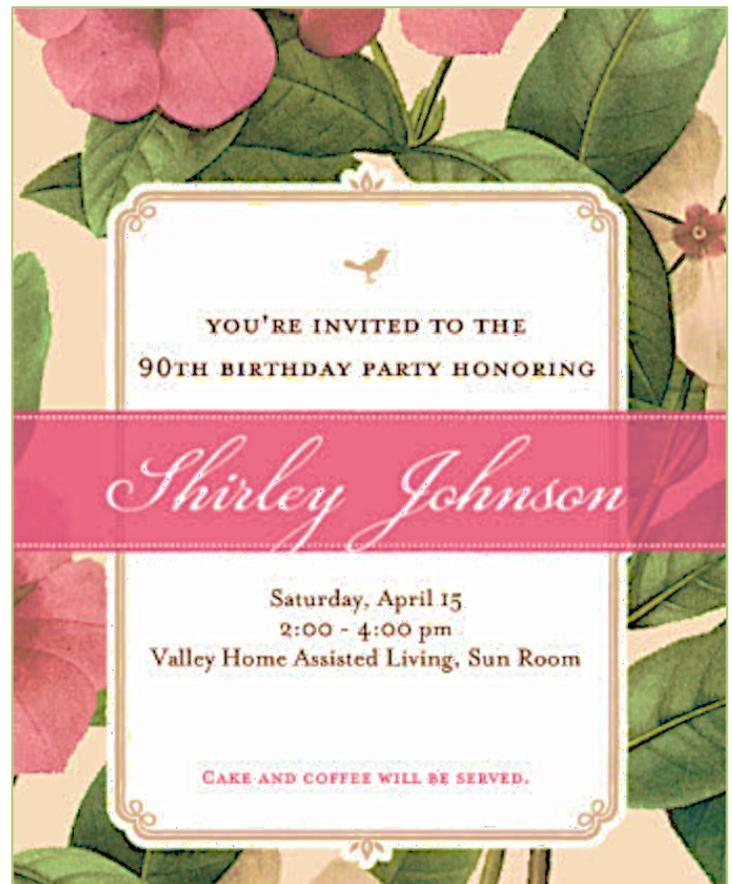
If I could change anything, I'd make the subdued "passing of the peace" in an American Lutheran church lively by injecting the fiesta-like energy I found in liberation theology churches in Central America.

My favorite place to be a "temporary local" is worshiping as a Christian in a mosque as Muslims worship and enjoying the fact that we are all "People of the Book" loving the same God.

Interacting with different cultures has affected my faith by reminding me that this world is filled with billions of equally precious children of God.

I'm a Lutheran because it fits my personality—pack light; keep it simple; embrace life; celebrate diversity; jettison needless rules; stand up to authority when the truth needs a hand; and dance through the blessing of life on Earth like a child in God's eyes.

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NO GIFTS PLEASE



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, May 11: Old Time Dance, Cathy Erickson Band, Jeanne O'Neil providing dance instruction. Eagles Hall, 7:00 – 11:00 pm. Admission: \$7.50, which includes lunch.

Friday, May 12: Aliza Olson, amazing fiber artist, who raises her own animals for their wool and knows and uses historical spinning including nålbinding (used during the Viking-age of 793-1066 ACE in Scandinavia before knitting and crochet were known). This was an effective method for Vikings to use in creating sturdy, serviceable garments. Aliza will present the history and demonstrate the various forms. NCTC Auditorium, 7:00 pm. Admission: \$2.50.

Saturday, May 13: Lela Atwood Peterson, author of "Selma," the story of her grandmother. Lela's grandfather, Johan Sjoqvist, died before she was born. Lela knew her grandmother, although not well. Their visits were few and far between, but when Lela did sit at Selma's knee to hear stories of Sweden and to learn Swedish words, she recalls being mesmerized by her grandmother, hungry to know and understand and love her more deeply. Public Library, 10:00 am. Free admission.

Monday, May 15: Movie "The Vikings." Viking Prince Einar (Kirk Douglas) doesn't know it, but his most fearsome enemy, the slave Eric (Tony Curtis), is actually his half brother. Their feud only intensifies when Einar kidnaps Princess Morgana (Janet Leigh), the intended bride of the brutal King Aella (Frank Thring). Einar intends to make the beautiful girl his own. Unfortunately for him, Morgana has eyes only for Eric – leading to much bloodshed and the capture of their father, King Ragnar (Ernest Borgnine).

Ragnar Lodbrok or Lothbrok was a legendary Viking leader and hero of Old Norse poetry and sagas from the Viking age. According to this traditional literature, Ragnar distinguished himself by many raids against Francia and Anglo-Saxon England during the 9th century. NCTC Auditorium. Free admission.

Tuesday, May 16: "Theodora Cormontan: Forgotten Norwegian Composer," and her connection to Fosston, MN, presented by Bonnie and Michael Jorgensen. Bonnie is a professional pianist and Michael is a music professor at Gustavus Adolphus College. They are dedicated to sharing the life and music of Theodora Cormontan, believing that she deserves to be heard, appreciated, and remembered. They have performed Cormontan's music for St. Olaf College, Luther College, and numerous Norwegian-American organizations. NCTC Auditorium, 7:00 pm. Admission: \$2.50.

Wednesday, May 17: *Syttende Mai*. Scandinavian goodies served at Northern State Bank from 9:00-3:00. Syttende Mai dinner at Zion Lutheran Church, 5:00-7:00 pm.

Thursday and Friday, May 18-19: "Looney Lutherans" professional play brought by the Thief River Falls Area Community Theater. NCTC Auditorium.

Saturday, May 20: "Uff-Da Days" at Pioneer Village. Professional Viking re-enactors from the Twin Cities, Viking-era blacksmith, Scandinavian foods and more. PCHS members Free. All others pay daily fee.

The Back Page

THE LAMB OF GOD

Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God,
who takes away our sin,
He came the sinless Son of God
To cleanse our hearts within.

He hung upon the blood-stained cross
thinking of you and me,
Dying like some hardened criminal,
His body in agony.

His blood flowed down from the cross;
His body tormented with pain,
He cried out to His Heavenly Father,
But it seemed no answer came.

People stood and jeered at Him,
mocking to the end.
Who Jesus was and why He came,
They couldn't comprehend.

Their hearts were indifferent to the Lord;
their consciences grew ever cold.
His mother watched on - unable to bear it
As the sword pierced through her soul.

As you try to grasp this picture,
the pain that Christ went through,
Remember that day you were on His mind,
He endured it all for you.

Just so you could know His love
and forgiveness for your sins,
To know His resurrection power
And to have His life within.

He cares that much about your life,
He endured the cross for you.
Like those who jeered, or those who loved,
With Jesus - what will *you* do?

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