

# St. Pauli News in Detail



## Church Services

Still no sign of church services beginning anytime soon. Minnesota Department of Health and Synod guidelines say no social gatherings for anyone aged 65 and over, which includes at least half of our average Sunday worship attendees.

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## WELCA makes donations on behalf of congregation

Each year, we hold three potluck meals after services and the donations are earmarked for a charity that benefits our local community: Hospice of the Red River Valley, Lutheran Social Services for senior meals, and Violence Intervention Project.

WELCA makes a \$200.00 donation to the charity, even if the freewill offerings do not add up to that total (which they rarely do). If offerings total more than \$200.00, WELCA sends in that amount.

We held a potluck after our Annual Meeting the first Sunday in February and WELCA sent \$200.00 to Hospice. Even though we are no longer holding potlucks and have no congregational offerings, the WELCA ladies voted at their August meeting to donate \$200.00 to both Lutheran Social Services and Violence Intervention Project on your behalf.

Thank you, WELCA, for your caring and giving!

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## Food Shelf

Please remember our brothers and sisters who are in need of daily sustenance. August and October are our months to donate to the local Food Shelf. If you haven't already given your donation for August, please do so as soon as possible. Envelopes may be placed in Gary Iverson's mailbox at the church or mailed to his attention at the church address (PO Box 944, Thief River Falls 56701).

## Milestones

### Birthdays:

September 1	Deb Ernst
September 12	Nancy Jensen
September 15	Cindy Cedergren
September 16	Sally Torkelson
September 17	Bruce Mathson
September 19	Wally Torkelson
September 26	Marisa Benson

Anniversaries: None that we are aware of.

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## Stewardship

WELCA's Stewardship Projects are gearing up for the fall shipment to Lutheran World Relief. We are collecting **good/used or new** items for Baby Care Kits. The following items are requested if you wish to donate to the kits:

- Sleepers (with no feet) or Sleeping Gowns (knit pants and top can be substituted for a sleeper)
- Receiving blankets (can be knitted, crocheted or flannel)
- Sweaters/Sweatshirts/Light Jackets (no heavy winter coats)
- Baby/Toddler Socks
- Hand Towels
- Bath Size Bar Soap
- Cloth Diapers (or flannel material for sewing diapers)
- Baby Shirts (pullover or button)—No "onesies" (unless they are cut off and hemmed already); no religious, military, patriotic symbols, no camouflage

**Sizes preferred are 6-24 months.**

**Please—no stained, dirty or worn out items.**

If you wish to donate any of these items, please deliver them to the basement of the church by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you're interested in learning more about this project, go to: [lwr.org/get-involved/build-kits-of-care/baby-care-kits](http://lwr.org/get-involved/build-kits-of-care/baby-care-kits).

An item list is also found in the St. Pauli Handbook, pg. 18.

# In Memoriam



## Mildred Rondorf

May 2, 1927 – June 23, 2020

*Mildred was Marie Iverson's sister and she was married to Eugene Rondorf's brother.*

Mildred Rondorf of Thief River Falls passed away on Tuesday June 23, 2020 at the age of 93.

Mildred Benston was born May 2, 1927 in Thief River Falls, MN, the daughter of Clarence and Hilma (Olson) Benston. She was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith. She attended Hyawatha Country School, Knox Elementary School, and was a graduate of Lincoln High School, Thief River Falls.

After graduating, she worked as a housekeeper for area families. Mildred loved going to dances and it was at a dance at Valhall where she met Alvin Rondorf – the love of her life.

The couple married October 14, 1950. Together they had two sons, Roger and Ronald. Mildred and Alvin ran a dairy farm and did some grain farming. Mildred raised laying hens and would sell eggs to her customers in town.

Mildred and Alvin loved the old-time dances and Saturday nights were spent burning up the dance floor at the Eagles Club.

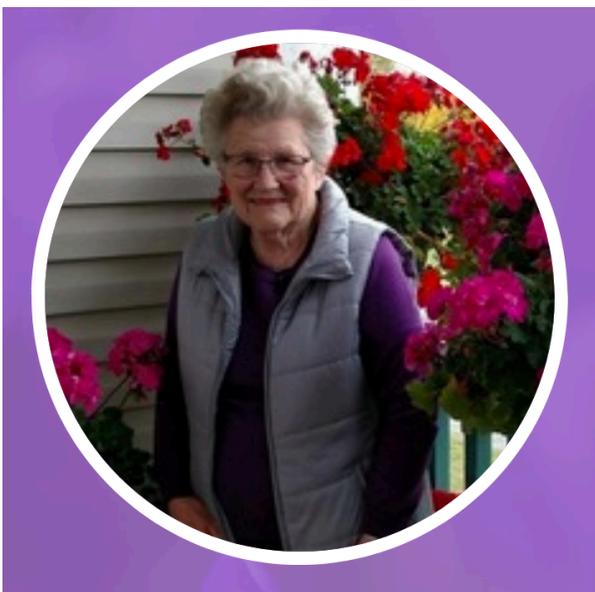
Mildred was a lifelong member of Redeemer Lutheran Church and had been a resident of Valley Assisted Living for the last 5 years of her life.

Mildred is survived by a son: Ronald (Jodie) Rondorf of Thief River Falls; daughter-in-law: Joetta Rondorf of Red Lake Falls; grandchildren: Justin Rondorf of Fargo, ND, Andy (Vicki) Rondorf of Monticello, MN, Janet (Tylor) Lindstrom of Strandquist, MN, Lee (Jaclyn) Rondorf of Red Lake Falls, MN, John Rondorf of Montgomery, MN, Adam Rondorf of Red Lake Falls, MN; great-grandchildren: Madalyn, Brady, and Owen Rondorf of Monticello, MN, Ayla and Ashlyn Lindstrom of Strandquist, MN, Akayla Rondorf of Fargo, ND, Kendra Rondorf of Red Lake Falls, MN, Jeremiah, Gabriel, and Lillian Rondorf of Montgomery, MN; sister, Clarice Sorteberg of Thief River Falls, MN; and several nieces and nephews.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents Clarence and Hilma, her husband Alvin, her son Roger, her sister Marie Iverson, and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 27, 2020, at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, with Rev. Darrel Cory officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery, St. Hilaire, MN.

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## Goldie (Finstad) Lamberson

December 14, 1926 – July 7, 2020

*Goldie was baptized and confirmed at St. Pauli.*

Goldie Lamberson passed away on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 surrounded by her loving family at the Thief River Care Center. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Goldie Ann Finstad was born December 14, 1926, daughter of Helmer and Mildred (Huseby) Finstad in Wyandotte Township, Pennington County, near Hazel. She was baptized at St. Pauli on April 3, 1927 by Rev. D. G. Jacobson with Mr. and Mrs. Carl (Louise) Alberg and Mr. and Mrs. Emil (Gertie) Thune as sponsors. She was confirmed at St. Pauli by Rev. M. L. Dahle on November 22, 1939 (class photo below).

She went to country school and graduated from Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls, MN.

On October 18, 1944 she was united in marriage to Tilmer Loren Breiland at St. Pauli Lutheran Church. To this union five children were born Carol, Kathy, Barb, Dale and Ron. During the years the children were growing up she worked on the family farm, and served as Scout Leader, 4-H Leader and was an active member of Rocksbury Homemakers Group, Redeemer Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, MN. In 1979 she was divorced from Tim and worked for a short period of time at Arctic Cat.

On December 1, 1984 she was united in marriage to Howard Lamberson at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Since that time, she lived at Warren, MN. The couple enjoyed traveling the country together. She was a member of the homemaker club in Warren and was a regular volunteer at the Sr. Dining Site, an officer in Sr. Club and a volunteer driver for Social Services. They moved to Summerfield in Thief River Falls in 2013.

Goldie is survived by her loving children Kathy (Chuck) Carlson of Thief River Falls, MN, Barbara (Clyde) Sorenson of Thief River Falls, MN, Dale (Debra) Breiland of Lake Bronson, MN, Ronald (Josephine) Breiland of Gilbert, AZ; Son-in-law Glen Iverson of Goodridge, MN step-daughters Donna (Michael) Olson of Boulder, CO, Jane (Keith) Garman of Boulder, CO; grandchildren Rick Poppenhagen, Peggy (Rick) Kezar, Tim (Lisa) Poppenhagen, Wayne (Rhianna) Iverson, Ryan (Julie) Iverson, Todd (Heidi) Carlson, Matthew (Katrina) Carlson, Sunny (Ryan) Wilde, Carla (Troy) Schoenberg, Cami (Derek) Dahlstrom, Derek (Heidi) Sorenson, Philip Breiland, Joseph Breiland: step-grandchildren Brenden (Lindsey) Olson and Morgan Olson; great-grandchildren Kallie, Kory, Jenna, Evan, Wyatt, Colton, Tanner, Thomas, Nicholas, Grant, Maddie, Karleen, Marlow, Remmy, Tegan, Levi, Austin, Carter, Alexis, Mya, Sydney, Peyton, Paisley, Lola, Rowan: brother Rueben (Peggy) Finstad of Camp Douglas, WI; sisters-in-law Helen Dowden of Carmel, IN, Audrey Breiland of Thief River Falls, MN: along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Goldie is preceded in death by her husband Howard, parents Helmer and Mildred, daughter Carol Iverson, grandson Troy Carlson, step-daughter Mary Lamberson; father of her children Tim Breiland; brothers Kenneth (Doris) Finstad, Vernon (Mardella) Finstad, Lloyd Finstad, Edward (Phyllis) Finstad, Ferdie Finstad; in-laws Clarence (Mae) Breiland, Kenneth Breiland, Evelyn (Vern) Bloom, Paul Dowden; nephews Wendell, Brian and Steve; niece Cheryl;



#### **St. Pauli Confirmation Class, November 22, 1939**

Back row: Shirley Johnson, LaVerne Lian, Fern Bremseth, Edward Finstad, Carol Bremseth

Front row: Rev. Dahle, Alton Bremseth, Cleo Alberg, Goldie Finstad, Edna Iverson, Margaret Robertson, Clayton Mathson

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### **Adeline (Iverson) Farnes**

1924- July 8, 2020

*Adeline was baptized and confirmed at St. Pauli.*

*She was a sister to Edna Rondorf and aunt to Gary Iverson.*

Adeline L. Farnes, 95, of Andover, MN and formerly of Bemidji, passed away peacefully on July 8, 2020. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The daughter of Anna and Iver Iverson, Adeline grew up on their farm outside of Thief River Falls. She was baptized at St. Pauli Lutheran Church on April 5, 1924 with Mr. and Mrs. Ole Odegaard, Casper Iverson and Hilda Torstveit as sponsors.

She trained to become an RN at Deaconess School of Nursing in Grand Forks, ND, and later received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Minnesota. She spent many years as a nurse and later taught the LPN program in Thief River Falls.

Adeline shared a love of the outdoors with her husband Bob, and especially enjoyed birdwatching and gardening. She treasured her family and friends. Her faith sustained her, and she was active in her congregations at Zion Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, and First Lutheran, Bemidji. We will love and miss her forever.

Adeline was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, and siblings, Clara Wagner and Harley Iverson.

Adeline is survived by her son, Richard; daughter, Rochelle (Steven) Poore; grandson, David Poore; sisters, Edna Rondorf and Gail (Gary) Fitch; as well as many loving nieces and nephews.



**St. Pauli Confirmation Class  
1937-38**

Back Row L-R: Ragna Torkelson, Harley Iverson, Annette Bondley, Rev. Dahle, Gladys Nelson, Oscar Torkelson, Theresa Stene

Front L-R: Glen Thune, Pearl Nelson, Armand Lian, Adeline Iverson, Stanley Alberg

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**Geraldine (Torkelson) Guerard**

August 16, 1933 – August 13, 2020

*Geri was baptized and confirmed at St. Pauli. She was a sister to Wally Torkelson, Wahna Smith, Faye Auchenpaugh and Ivette Garrett, and aunt to Shelley Mathson, Marisa Benson and Kari Torkelson.*

Geraldine "Geri" Guerard, South Milwaukee, WI, formerly of Thief River Falls, MN, passed away peacefully at the age of 86 on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at Sanford Hospice House, Fargo, ND.

Geraldine Mae Torkelson was born August 16, 1933 in Thief River Falls at the farm home of her parents, Melvin and Helen (Wiken) Torkelson as the little sister of two older brothers, Marion and Wallace. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Pauli Lutheran Church in rural Thief River Falls.

As the oldest daughter of what would become nine children in the family, Geri was a great source of help to her mother, keeping house and caring for her younger sisters and brothers. There were also gardens to tend, berries to pick, canning to be done, clothes to be washed and mended, lunch to bring out to the fields, and other numerous

chores – all done without the help of electricity. This meant wood to split, fires to tend, and cooking and baking all done with a wood cookstove even in the midst of summer heat.



Her parents rented various farms until the mid-1940s, which meant that Geri and her siblings attended several one-room schools –Smiley, Rosehill, Washington—and then Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls. Her lifelong friend, Doreen (Weiner-Haugen) Dargon, a classmate from Smiley school days, recalls that Geri could run like the wind.

When she was nine or ten, Geri contracted scarlet fever that turned into rheumatic fever. After spending several days in the hospital, her parents set up a bed for her in the living room and it was here she spent the next several months, carried outdoors when the weather was nice to sit in the sun and enjoy the fresh air. She ended up missing most of a school year and was held back a grade to give her time to catch up on her studies.

As a teenager, she made up for this lost time and celebrated life and health by going to dances around the area. In the summer between her junior and senior year of high school, she worked in South Milwaukee where her older brother Marion was living. At the shoe factory she dyed the edges of soles but found it didn't pay enough to pay for room and board, so she went to Ida's Restaurant where meals were included!

It was at Ida's where she met the love of her life, Theodore Leon "Ted" Guerard, who was home on leave from the Air Force. At the urging of a friend, Ted came into the restaurant and asked Geri out for a date. She refused. He said, "I'm not leaving until you say yes." After at least fifteen cups of coffee, she finally agreed. He was serious in his courtship, driving to Thief River Falls for Christmas that year and driving up again for her graduation from Lincoln High School in 1952. It didn't hurt that he was handsome and an excellent dancer to boot.

They were married on June 21, 1953 and settled in South Milwaukee. Geri's years of helping her mother raise younger siblings paid off because she and Ted had eight children: Vicki, Kayla, Jan, Mitch, Nadine "DeeDee," Todd, Linnae and Tyler.

Geri was an excellent housekeeper and also refinished and reupholstered furniture, crocheted, tatted, and sewed quilts. After the children were grown, she worked until retirement in the office at Kohl's department store near their home.

Ted passed away in 1996 and two years later Geri bought a home in Mesa, AZ. She loved spending six months a year there where she danced at least three times a week. Still an outstanding dancer, she was never at a loss for partners. In fact, one year she and a partner won the Wisconsin Polka Dance Contest.

After a series of strokes left her with serious memory loss, she spent her last winter at Mesa in 2018, yet remained optimistic and upbeat, always saying, "I am so blessed. My memory is shot, but I can still walk and talk."

Geri suffered a serious brain hemorrhage on August 7, 2020 while staying with her sister Faye on the home farm near Thief River Falls. She had been so happy to be see her brothers and sisters, visit with her friend Doreen, and be at the farm where she grew up for what she guessed would be her last time. After being airlifted to Fargo, ND, doctors determined that surgery had a limited chance for success and her children decided that she should be allowed to pass away peacefully, which she did under the care of staff at Sanford Hospice House with three of her children at her side.

Left to mourn her passing are her children: Vicki (Rodney) Ivkovic, Big Bend, WI; Kayla Pizzo, Hales Corners, WI; Jan (Rick) Dinkelman, Beaumont, TX; Mitch (Virginia) Guerard, Greendale, WI; Nadine (Dennis) Lynch, Beaumont, TX; Todd (Renee) Guerard, Nederland, TX; and Linnae (Robert) Lecher, Pewaukee, WI. Grandchildren: Jason Gonzales, Jerod Hughes, Ty and Aleena Dinkelman, Alexandra Guerard, Jade Guerard; and great granddaughter Justine Schumaker. Brothers: Wallace and Marvin Torkelson of Thief River Falls. Sisters: Wahna Smith, Faye Auchenpaugh and Ivette Garrett, all of Thief River Falls, and Pamela (Kevin) Kittridge, Maplewood, MN; sister-in-law Terri Torkelson; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Helen Torkelson; husband, Theodore Guerard; brothers, Francis Marion Torkelson and Willis Torkelson; and son, Tyler.

A private family service with Pastor Carl Hansen officiating was held outdoors at her home farm, Sunday, August 16, 2020 on what would have been her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday. A graveside service was held in Cudahy, WI on Friday, August 21, 2020.

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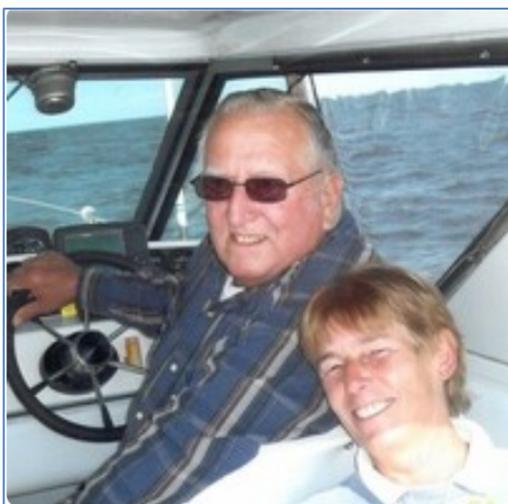
## Leslie Swanson

January 25, 1944 – August 20, 2020

*Leslie was brother to Skip Swanson and Sharon Bugge.*

Leslie Swanson, 76 of Thief River Falls, MN passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

Leslie Floyd Swanson was born on January 25, 1944 to George and Katherine (Anton) Swanson. Leslie died on August 20, at the age of 76, with his children by his side. Les was united in marriage to Bernadette Swedenburg on November 1, 1963. They spent their lives together enjoying each other's company and raising their family. Bernie was the love of his life and they are once again together, right where Leslie wanted to be.



Les thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors. He spent countless hours on Lake of the Woods fishing for walleyes. Les would spend hours in the boat putting whoever was with him “on the fish.” In his younger days, he enjoyed spending time at Lake Buzzle. Leslie also enjoyed deer season. You never heard him complain about it being too cold or wet. He enjoyed the early mornings in his stand and the evening at home with a hot meal and his home full of his children and grandchildren.

Les was an avid woodworker and tinkerer. Many of his projects can be seen in his home and in the homes of his children. As life slowed down, he enjoyed making quilts and sharing them with those whom he loved. Les also enjoyed a quick trip to the casino, never spending much money, but almost always leaving just a bit “ahead.” He also enjoyed scratch cards. There always seemed to be a winner or two laying around the house. Another favorite pastime was to go to rummage sales. Les loved to find treasures!

Les retired from United Parcel Service where he worked for his adult career as a fleet mechanic. When he wasn't working at UPS, he could be found working side by side with brother Skippy, building and remodeling houses. Leslie was also a volunteer firefighter with the Thief River Falls Fire Department. He loved being able to assist his community in this capacity.

Les is survived by his children Tim Swanson of Thief River Falls, MN, Tonie (Mike) Scheef of Warroad MN, Travis (Kristen) Swanson of Gwinner, ND, and Stefanie (Dennis) Youngberg of Askov, MN, ten grandchildren, Alicia(Tyler Davis ) Dykes, Zachary (Travis) Swanson , Devin Scheef, Danae (Conner) Riley , Danica (Logan) Neumiller, Dylan Swanson, Aydan Swanson, Keagan Swanson, Reace Youngberg and Shaw Youngberg. Two great grandchildren, Colin Dykes and Harper Davis. Sisters, Lillian Richards and Sharon Bugge; brother Oliver (Skip) Swanson, along with many nieces, nephews, brother and sister in-laws.

Les is preceded in death by his parents George and Katherine Swanson, his loving wife Bernadette. His brothers and sisters, Eleanor, Chester, Donnie, Dennis, Clifford, Leonard, and brother and sister in-laws.

The gathering time for family and friends will be held from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM with a 5:00 PM wake service on Sunday, August 23, 2020 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 AM on Monday, August 24, 2020 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Thief River Falls, MN with Father Rick Lambert presiding. Burial will be at St. Bernard's Cemetery in Thief River Falls.

A special thank you to Denise, Skippy and Tim. Their steadfast love for Les was apparent, especially after the death of Bernadette. There was seldom, if ever a day, that he was not visited by them. Leslie's story will live on in his family. He taught his children to work hard, to enjoy life and to say, “I love you.” This is a legacy worth leaving behind.

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***God Bless the Memory  
of these Dear Departed Souls***

# Minutes of the Church Council

February 20, 2020

The St. Pauli Church Council met on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Board Members present: Virginia Anderson, Wade Benson, Craig Folkedahl, Ivette Garrett, Erin Rondorf, and Pastor Carl Hansen.

The meeting was called to order by President Garrett. Pastor Carl opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.

Secretary's Report: **M/S/C** (Garrett/Anderson) to approve the January 2020 secretary's report with the correction note regarding bathroom remodel.

Treasurer's Report: **M/S/C** (Garrett/Folkedahl) to postpone the treasurer's report to March meeting. Benson received data in February from previous treasurer.

## Pastor's Report:

- 1) It's good to be back home and sharing in the ministry at St. Pauli. As I indicated in my elongated sermon on February 2, the two congregations I have enjoyed the most in my almost 53 years of ministry are Little Norway and St. Pauli. It is a privilege to serve the Lord with you.
- 2) Gabe Haugen and Macie Cervantes will receive their First Communion at worship on Sunday, March 1. Macie and Gabe are each selecting a communion hymn which the congregation will sing at worship. The theme of the day will be God's gift of Holy Communion.
- 3) The theme for this year's Wednesday evening Lenten Services is "Thy Will Be Done." On the night of his betrayal, Jesus prayed to the Heavenly Father, "Not as I will, but as you will." The following Biblical characters will focus on an aspect of God's work among us: Moses, Mary, Paul, David and Jesus.
- 4) The Conference 2 Assembly will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Thief River Falls, at 7pm on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 5) I will be presiding at the wedding of my granddaughter

Megan Burrier and Korey Hanson on September 5<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Lutheran, Thief River Falls. Plans for that weekend include a 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for my son Kevin.

Reports of members in sickness or distress: It was reported that Larry Hurst is feeling good pain-wise. Jim Rondorf is healing well from his hand surgery and Sue Kotz has broken her wrist.

New members or interest in membership: No report given.

## Reports:

- 1) WELCA: There will be quilting February 23-25. All are welcome to join. On Giving Hearts day, WELCA donated \$200 to Pathways Bible Camp that was matched.
- 2) Board of Education: N/A.
- 3) Other: N/A.

## Old Business:

- 1) Pastor Renewal contract – will begin 6-month terms.
- 2) Carpet on Entry Step – delayed in the fall due to weather but will be completed this spring.
- 3) Phone – St. Pauli will resume paying the bill (previously paid by WELCA) budgeted at \$300.
- 4) Smart TV – a purchase of \$500 was approved at the annual meeting. Will be revisited.
- 5) Bathroom Remodel -- \$1,000 was approved at the annual meeting.
- 6) Budget amendment actions – add special projects to the budget.

## New Business:

- 1) Key to post office box for treasurer – key was provided from Arlo Rude to Wade Benson.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**M/S/C** (Anderson/Garrett) to adjourn at 8:02pm.

Erin Rondorf, Secretary

## March 22 and 23, 2020

The St. Pauli Church Council met via email on March 22 and 23, 2020.

President Garrett made a motion to have an email conference meeting. If we have a motion, a second, and concurrence on the two proposed topics, the meeting would be adjourned. This was seconded by Rondorf.

- 1) Wade Benson motioned to continue to pay Pastor Hansen as if we were holding regularly scheduled worship services. We would pay Pastor Carl for any Sunday service he was unable to conduct due to these extraordinary circumstances. For the month of March, that would be last Sunday, today, and the 29<sup>th</sup> for a total of \$750. This seems entirely appropriate for these unusual circumstances not under his control. This was seconded by Folkedahl.

- 2) Food Shelf month is March and comes with a matching donation for the month. Without church services and regularly offerings, this will be difficult to collect. Benson proposed sending email or using the phone trees to contact members and ask them to send their check donations to PO Box 944 (the church address) or even drop them in the Benson mail slot at the church (if they have a key). He would then write the pass-through check for receipt no later than March 31 and our donation would receive the matching funds. This was seconded by Folkedahl.

The meeting was adjourned on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Erin Rondorf, Secretary

## April 2020

The St. Pauli Church Council met via email due to social distancing recommendations.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted by President Garrett.

Secretary's Report: **M/S/C** (Benson/Folkedahl) to approve the March secretary's report shared with the Council via email.

Treasurer's Report: **M/S/C** (Anderson/Folkedahl) to approve the treasurer's report for March, which was shared with the Council via email.

### Pastor's Report:

- 1) I am planning to prepare a sermon each week, which will be emailed to St. Pauli's mailing list on Friday or Saturday. Normally, I will preach on one or more of the texts appointed for the particular Sunday in the church year. Feel free to call me (218-689-0170) with questions, prayer concerns, or just to chat.
- 2) All of you are in my prayers.

Reports of members in sickness or distress: None.

New members or interest in membership: No report given.

### Reports:

- 1) WELCA: Lutheran World Relief spring pick-up has been cancelled and will take place this fall.
- 2) Board of Education: N/A

### Old Business:

- 1) Pastor Agreement per March 22-23 council meeting until church services commence (Anderson/Folkedahl).
- 2) 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – consider cancelling/postponing until 2021. Considering we could have a poor turnout with Covid-19 that may be present into the summer months. (Anderson/Garrett)
- 3) Carpet on front step – still needing to be done.

### New Business:

- 1) Front door – Anderson would like to repaint the front door sometime when the weather warms up.
- 2) Flower beds need a lot of work in the spring being the fall weather did not permit working in them much.

Erin Rondorf, Secretary

## May 21, 2020

The St. Pauli Church Council met on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 7:00pm at St. Pauli Church. Board Members present: Virginia Anderson, Wade Benson, Craig Folkedahl, Ivette Garrett, Erin Rondorf and Pastor Carl Hansen.

The meeting was called to order by President Garrett. Pastor Carl opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.

Secretary's Report: Previous months' reports will be emailed to the council for review and approval.

Treasurer's Report: **M/S/C** (Folkedahl/Anderson) to approve the report as emailed/presented on May 5<sup>th</sup> to the council.

### Pastor's Report:

- 1) Synod Assembly has been cancelled for 2020.
- 2) Pastor Carl shared that Arlen Hermanson has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.
- 3) Pastor Ron Warnes has been placed in Hospice care with stage 4 cancer.
- 4) Information is listed on the NW MN Synod website regarding returning to services. IN the meantime, emailed sermons will continue. Sadly, sharing in joyful noise and singing together is one way to spread the virus and must be considered.

Reports of members in sickness or distress: Prayers for Gavin Bugge (grandson of Sharon and Neil Bugge). He has had two extensive treatments so far.

New Members or Interested in Membership: No report given.

### Reports:

- 1) WELCA – Lutheran World Relief pick-up will be in November. Two graduation quilts are ready for our upcoming graduates, Josie Cervantes and Devin Haugen.

- 2) Board of Education – Gary Iverson and Lainey Dicken have continued confirmation. All parents have access to the Sunday School curriculum for our Sunday School students.
- 3) Other – n/a

### Old Business:

- 1) Secretary's reports that have not been approved, if any. Erin to review all records and email and advise at June meeting.
- 2) Carpet on Entry Step – Five Star Flooring should be able to install carpet.
- 3) 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – delay until 2021. Also plans for a cookbook. Submissions instructions to be included in newsletter.
- 4) Bathroom Remodel – on hold for now.

### New Business:

- 1) Monday zoom meetings for congregation presidents – Zoom meetings are being hosted by the Synod. Garrett will be listening and logging on if we have an issue to bring forward.
- 2) Church plans to hold services in the future – the NW MN Synod has advised a plan. St. Pauli falls into Stage 3, due to the average age of our members when it comes time to safely return to worship together. There will be evolving guidance on the subject.
- 3) Mowing – the previous service we have used will not be mowing this year. We have budgeted \$60 per mowing for the church yard. Rondorf to contact a new prospect.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**M/S/C** (Folkedahl/Benson) to adjourn.

Erin Rondorf, Secretary

**St. Pauli Treasurer's Monthly Report  
June 2020**

Checking Account	
Balance End of May 2020:	\$13,456.28
June Revenue:	\$3,050.38
June Expenses:	(\$2,004.91)
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Checking Account Balance End of June 2020:	\$14,501.75

Other Account Balances End of June 2020:	
Education Fund	\$799.68
Edward Jones	\$69,624.93
Memorial Fund	\$12,468.55
Mission Grant	\$3,431.03
Savings	\$36,529.21
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<b>Total Account Balances End of June 2020:</b>	<b>\$137,355.15</b>

Cemetery Association Fund	
Balance End of Jun 2020:	\$58,793.01

**St. Pauli Treasurer's Monthly Report  
July 2020**

Checking Account	
Balance End of June 2020:	\$14,501.75
July Revenue:	\$1,450.00
July Expenses:	(\$1,935.94)
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Checking Account Balance End of July 2020:	\$14,015.81

Other Account Balances End of July 2020:	
Education Fund	\$799.75
Edward Jones	\$70,771.25
Memorial Fund	\$12,468.76
Mission Grant	\$3,431.32
Savings	\$36,536.97
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<b>Total Account Balances End of July 2020:</b>	<b>\$138,023.86</b>

Cemetery Association Fund	
Balance End of July 2020:	\$58,855.03

**WELCA Minutes  
February 6, 2020**

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met on February 6, 2020, after quilting, with six members present.

President Jan Strandlie called the meeting to order and led in devotions and prayer.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Checking balance as of December 31, 2019:	\$ 895.26
January WELCA offering	50.00
Hugo's	(17.26)
Century Link	(24.71)
Balance as of January 31, 2020:	\$ 903.29
Savings balance as of January 31, 2020:	\$ 871.92
CD:	<u>\$6,098.78</u>
Total Funds:	\$7,872.99

Jan read correspondence – thank you notes and letters from Autism Society, Northland Rescue Mission, TRF Area Community Fund, and Salvation Army.

Jan thanked everyone for working on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Fourteen quilts were made on the two days this week. We have five women on February 5 and six women on February 6. Add this to the nine made in January for a total of 23.

Old Business:

The remodeling project on the church restroom was approved for \$1500 at the annual meeting.

We will continue to collect items for Northland Rescue's Bags of Blessings.

It was also decided at the annual meeting that the church will start paying the phone bill.

New Business:

Jan read a letter from Pathways Bible Camp that donations received on February 13 will be matched. Virginia made a motion to donate \$200. Wahna seconded the motion.

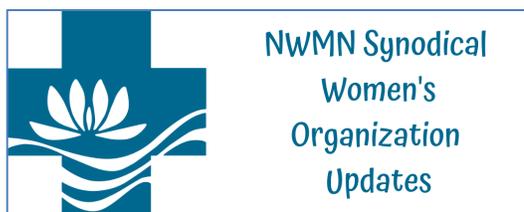
Ash Wednesday is February 26. No coffee served. Lenten services: March 4, Mary Group serves; March 11, Lydia A-F; March 18, Lydia G-Z; March 25, Mary; April 1, Lydia A-F.

WELCA will not meet in March due to Lent. Lydia Circle meets Saturday, February 8.

Prayer partners exchanged, offering collected. Lord's Prayer prayed.

Sharon Bugge, Secretary

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The SWO Board voted to postpone all events in 2020, including the convention and the fall gatherings. The Triennial Convention has been rescheduled to NEXT summer, August 2021.

## Letter from the Thief River Falls Area Food Shelf

June 30, 2020—

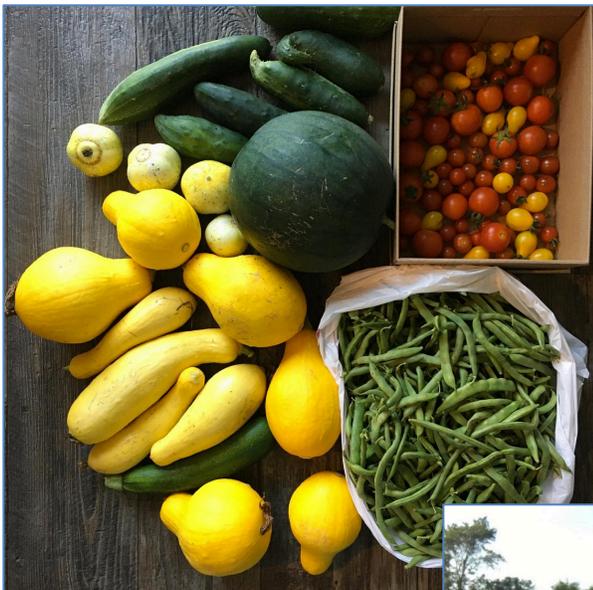
The past three months have been very difficult for everyone with the COVID-19 pandemic. Many changes occurred at our food shelf to maintain assisting those in need in our area. With health and safety information changing for us all on an hour-by-hour basis, we have had to incorporate a drive-through method of distribution. Clients register in their vehicles, go over a list of available groceries, and pop their trunks to be loaded, reducing physical contact with our volunteers and the people who use our service. We have teamed up with volunteers and the Knights of Columbus to deliver food to seniors and those most vulnerable to the virus. This process will continue until otherwise instructed by our state leaders.

We need to maintain some normalcy at the food shelf, so area gardeners are working to get this season's fruits and vegetables planted. The garden at the food shelf will not only be for our clients, but for anyone who wants garden produce and is unable to garden. This is a community project, not just a food shelf project! You can help from home this summer with your garden. Consider planting a row for the food shelf with any produce you would like to share. Contact the food shelf if you need assistance weeding or picking the items you wish to donate. Our "Buckets of Love" senior and youth programs will again be held this season. This project will thrive as it did the last two spring and summer seasons, as state restrictions are gradually lifted. Our "Hope for Hygiene" event is postponed with the date yet to be determined.

Lastly, I want to send a huge "thank you" and "air" hugs out to all of you for stepping up and helping the way you have, whether it is with time, money, or public support. Our community truly takes care of more than just their own. We help many! Those of us who get the gift of knowing each other are blessed. The Board of Directors and I thank you.

Sincerely,  
Alecia Hunt, Executive Director

**Editor's Note:** The garden referred to was started by our very own Jean Nelson Marquis. Below is a selfie and a couple of other photos of produce picked that Jean took recently. You are welcome to come and see the gardens for yourself. She is talented!



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## It All Started With An Acorn

“The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.”  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Emerson’s quote was taken to heart by the late Dorothy Hanson, former kindergarten teacher at Northrup School. Each fall, Dorothy planted acorns in her classroom so students could help nurture and witness a “mighty oak in the making.”

Every spring, Dorothy would purchase SWCD trees. Former District Technician Gary Lane was curious about her annual purchase. After a few questions, he discovered she was giving them to her students and admired her idea. Gary asked the SWCD board to provide the trees free of charge. The board went one step further and donated trees to ALL kindergarten students in the county; thus, the beginning of the SWCD Arbor Day Program. Every year since then, our staff has made kindergarten classroom visits and distributed trees.

The story doesn’t end there. Dorothy passed away in 2005. At Dorothy’s funeral visitation, her daughter Katherine learned the SWCD was still donating trees to kindergartners. Later that year, Katherine contacted the SWCD regarding her desire to pay for future trees in her mom’s honor. The paperwork was completed to establish a fund, and the next spring Katherine accompanied Barb Molskness to the classrooms. They also helped plant a tree at Challenger Elementary School in Dorothy’s memory.

Over the years, thousands of trees have been distributed to kindergarten students in Pennington County. Some have grown to be special additions in beautiful yards. **Just think...this all began with a teacher planting an acorn!**



## ***In every grain of sand there is a story of the earth.***

Portions of the following are by Janet Spencer in *Tidbits*

Sand is a loose, fragmented, naturally occurring material consisting of very small particles of decomposed rocks, corals, or shells.

- The largest sand grain is about the width of a nickel. Any bigger than that and it's called gravel. The smallest grain of sand is about 0.124 mm which can still be felt as grit between the fingers. Any smaller and it's called silt. Silt becomes dust when airborne. Silt feels like flour when rubbed between the fingers. So, do you have sand? You probably do, in your kitchen pantry. Since sand is defined as any material made up of grains within a specific size range, sugar and salt typically qualify.
- There are two types of sand. If it's made out of quartz or other minerals, it's called mineral sand. If it's made out of the shells and skeletons of marine animals, it's called biogenic sand.
- Oxygen is the most common element in Earth's crust, and it is bound up with other elements to form solid minerals. The second most common element is silicon. Oxygen and silicon together form quartz, the common form of silica. About 70% of all sand on earth is composed of quartz.
- All rock deteriorates. It deteriorates because of plant roots that pry it apart, wind action, rain and ice, glacial grinding, rivers and waves.
- The composition of mineral sand is highly variable, depending on the local conditions.
- There are green sand beaches in Hawaii, caused by the igneous mineral olivine.
- When hot lava rolls into the cold ocean, it cools quickly and forms basalt and obsidian, which deteriorate over time through wave action to form black sand beaches.
- White sands found in warm coastal areas are eroded limestone made of coral and shell fragments.
- The bright white dunes of White Sands National Monument in New Mexico are formed from gypsum. Gypsum is used in a variety of products from drywall to toothpaste. It is unusual to find gypsum sand because gypsum dissolves in water like sugar in coffee.
- Many sands have iron impurities within the quartz crystals, giving a deep yellow color.
- One of the biggest components of biogenic sand is the single-celled organism called *foraminifera*, usually referred to as *forams*. They have been around for 550 million years. Their shells sink after they die, and some beaches are made up almost entirely of crushed foram shells.
- Forams are a type of protozoa. They are not considered animals because they do not have bodies that are divided up into multiple cells. However, they are also not quite plants because they don't photosynthesize like plants and algae.
- Parrot fish are responsible for creating some of the world's finest sand beaches. They nibble on algae and polyps that cover coral skeletons. They digest the soft matter, then defecate the ground-up coral. A large parrot fish can grow up to 4 feet long, weigh 100 lbs, and live 40 years. Such a fish can generate a ton of sand-sized coral pellets every year.

- Another type of sand is called an *oolith* (pronounced oh-u-lith) from the Greek words meaning "egg stone," because that is what they look like. They are composed of grains of sand made of calcium carbonate (limestone) that collect a coating of minerals as they soak in warm shallow water.
- With time, pressure and heat, deposits of sand become sandstone or limestone. Through tectonic forces, the stone is exposed to the elements where it is weathered down into sand again. Experts estimate that any particular grain of sand may have, over the past 4.5 billion years, been through as many as six cycles of being first sand and then stone.
- Sand is used in the manufacture of bricks, mortar, glass, silicon chips, and concrete, among other things. Humans use more concrete than any other building material.
- The recipe for concrete is 75% sand and gravel; 15% water; and 10% cement, which is cooked from limestone and clay and acts as the glue through chemical reactions. Impurities such as salt will ruin the quality of the concrete, so beach sand cannot be used. Desert sand is too fine to use. River sand is the best for concrete. It is mined from riverbeds and flood plains. Many rivers have been utterly depleted of their sand deposits, which take eons to replenish.



Credit: Michael Parsen, Wisconsin Geological and Natural

- At a mine in northwestern Wisconsin, heavy machinery harvests the white sand used for hydraulic fracturing. Descending a few dozen feet into the open pit mine, visitors enter a monochromatic world that looks like a desert planet from *Star Wars*. On all sides, walls of nearly pure quartz sandstone rise up, the sparkly tan of raw cane sugar, layered with bands of different shades. Loose sand sits in small piles at the base of the cliffs; in the distance, larger piles are being loaded into huge yellow dump trucks that can move 70 tons of the stuff at a time.

But they're not digging for valuable ores or precious metals buried beneath all this sand. This is a sand mine, and there are dozens like it in western Wisconsin. This state, and others in the Midwest, have some of the best sand in the world.

Sand has been mined here for over a century. It's used for glass, casting in foundries, even playgrounds and golf course sand traps. But in the last 10 to 15 years, the industry has exploded because this sand has specific characteristics. It is pure — almost entirely quartz, or silicon

dioxide — and the particles are round. This combination makes Wisconsin sand ideal for use in another extractive industry: hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, in the quest for natural gas and oil.

There are other sources of sand across the country, most notably in Texas, whose sand is often referred to as “Texas brown sand” in contrast with the “northern white sand” mainly from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois. The darker color of the Texas sand is due to impurities — minerals besides quartz — which render it weaker than the purer sand.

Some companies use Texas brown sand because it’s closer to the wells where fracking is occurring, thus saving money on transportation while still getting sufficient results in less demanding mines. But in terms of purity and crush strength, Wisconsin’s sand is hard to beat.

- There is such high demand for sand that an illegal worldwide sand market has exploded in recent years. A 2013 estimate valued the shady business at about \$16 million a month. India’s sand mafia (yes, it’s a thing) is notorious for using violence, bribery and coercion in the course of illegally collecting and selling the material.
- The process of digging up sand can also contaminate groundwater or drive it deeper underground. As a direct result of the practice, farmers in Sri Lanka are having difficulty finding clean water to grow crops.
- Sand dunes exist in deserts because there is no vegetation to hold the sand in place; there is little rain to keep the sand moist; and the wind blows all of the lightweight particles such as clay and organic matter away, leaving only sand and rocks.
- In the late 1600s and early 1700s, Antoine van Leeuwenhoek not only made the first microscope lenses out of melted sand, but was then the first person to examine sand underneath the microscopes he built.
- Let’s say you’re walking on the beach right below the high tide line on sand that is saturated with sea water. Every time you take a step, your footprint in the sand is surrounded by a halo of dry sand. Why? Because the weight of your footfall actually forces the grains of sand apart from each other, thereby opening up space for water to drain down into.
- The oldest known human footprints were found in South Africa. Some 117,000 years ago, a hard rain fell on sand. Then a small person walked across the damp sand, leaving three distinct footprints. Later, the wind rose and filled the footprints with loose sand. Successive layers of sand buried them, preserved them, and fossilized them until they were discovered in 1995.
- If you’re ever trapped in quicksand, the solution is to wiggle, thereby breaking the suction, and then to move very slowly. If you move too quickly, the sand hardens around you like cement.
- Dry sand acts like a liquid, but wet sand acts like a solid. Wet sand will remain as a solid, provided that the ratio of water to sand is somewhere between 1 part water to 99 parts sand, all the way up to 10 parts water, 90 parts sand. More than 10 parts water turns the mixture into a slurry, which is why you can’t build sandcastles under water.
- When two granular substances are mixed in the same container, such as sugar and sand, the action of pouring the mix out slowly will serve to separate the two items,

resulting in a layered pile. As the poured pile grows larger, the bigger, heavier grains (sand) will roll down the slope of the pile more energetically, while the lighter grains stay at the top of the pile. This is what gives sandstone its striped look: as different gradients of granules were swept by tides and currents, the grains were separated into similar piles.

- Sand sticks to you like nothing else because sand holds on to water, which in turn holds onto the moisture in your skin (or on your towel, beach bucket, and hair). If it really drives you crazy, use the old baby powder trick... it will help remove sand from sticky, sandy skin.
- The word “arena” comes from the Latin word meaning sand, due to the Roman habit of covering the ground in amphitheaters with sand to absorb spilled blood.
- The word “abacus” comes from the Phoenician word for sand: “abak.” The original abacus was a table covered with sand, which was used for drawing calculations.
- Experts study the microscopic makeup of sand samples and use this information in solving mysteries and crimes.
- Every day, the Earth is bombarded by cosmic rays. The cosmic rays affect grains of sand that are exposed to them by converting the nuclei of some of the silicon and oxygen atoms into new forms (isotopes). The longer a grain of sand is exposed to cosmic rays, the more it changes. These changes can be measured, giving an accurate timeline of how long the sand has been exposed to sunlight, or how long the sand had been buried and shielded from cosmic radiation. This technique is called *luminescence dating*.
- Luminescence dating techniques were used to find out the age of the Atacama Desert in Chile. It is one of the driest places on earth, but no one knew how old the desert was. Luminescence dating showed that grains of sand on the surface had been there for over 20 million years, even predating the rising of the Andes Mountains.
- In 1944 during World War II, several hydrogen balloons floated over the Pacific Ocean. One of them landed in Oregon, where it exploded, killing five. Investigators found the ballast containers that had steadied the balloon on its flight. The ballast was composed of sand. Examining the sand, they discovered that the mineral content and foram species were unique to a specific location in Japan. Surveillance revealed that there were several hydrogen production plants at that location. Those plants were then targeted and destroyed.
- In 2002 in Virginia, a pickup truck pulled over in a muddy, gravelly vacant lot next to the Shenandoah River. Another pickup truck pulled up; windows were rolled down; and a shot rang out. The driver of the first truck died. Police had a suspect, and when they saw him at a car wash hosing down his truck, they confiscated the truck and took it for forensic examination. The truck was splattered with mud and sand. Geological sleuthing showed that the only place where the exact makeup of that mud and sand occurred was in the lot where the murder had taken place. A conviction resulted.
- It is illegal to remove cactus from federal lands. Often, cactus rustlers will steal cactus from public lands, then make out a fake bill of sale from a local plant nursery. Sleuths are able to compare the sand trapped in the roots of the cactus to the place where they were supposedly purchased from and then identify the thieves.

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## Wise Advice from a Farmer's Wife



Whenever you return a borrowed pie pan,  
make sure it's got a warm pie in it.

Invite lots of folks to supper.  
You can always add more water to the soup.

There's no such thing as woman's work on a farm.  
There's just work.

Make home a happy place for the children.  
Everybody returns to their happy place.

Always keep a small light on  
in the kitchen window at night.

If your man gets his truck stuck in the field, don't go in after  
him. Throw him a rope and pull him out with the tractor.

Keep the kerosene lamp away from the milk cow's leg.

It's a whole lot easier to get breakfast from a chicken  
than a pig.

Always pat the chickens when you take their eggs.

It's easy to clean an empty house, but hard to live in one.

All children spill milk. Learn to smile and wipe it up.

Homemade is always better than store bought.

A tongue is like a knife.  
The sharper it is, the deeper it cuts.

A good neighbor always knows when to visit  
and when to leave.

A city dog wants to run out the door, but a country dog  
stays on the porch because he's not fenced in.

Always light birthday candles from the middle outward.

Nothing gets the frustrations out better than splitting wood.

The longer the dress hem, the more trusting the husband.

Enjoy doing your children's laundry.  
Someday they'll be gone.

You'll never catch a running chicken, but if you throw seed  
around the back door you'll have a skillet full by supper.

Biscuits brown better with a little butter brushed on them.

Check your shoelaces before running to help somebody.

Visit old people who can't get out. Someday you'll be one.

The softer you talk, the closer folks will listen.

The colder the outhouse, the warmer the bed.