



The Voice

June 2008

Well Done Thou Good and Faithful Servant...Matthew 25:21

With these words of Jesus, Christians have encouraged each other for generations. We all sin. We all need forgiveness. Thanks be to God that He has sent his son Jesus to be the means whereby our sins are forgiven. Knowing that our sins are forgiven and that Jesus has prepared a place for us (John 14:3), we can do our best to share the love of God with our neighbors and beyond. Knowing that we are not alone because Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit (Acts 2), we can strive each day to do all things through Christ who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13). Knowing that the days are short and that even one chance to confess "Jesus as Lord" may happen because of what you do or say, like the thief on the cross (Luke 23:42), we can do good to everyone everyday, especially to those of the household of faith.

We are blessed to have Pastor Al in our midst, a faithful servant who for these many years has lived in and shared the promises of God with us. In a unanimous vote at the semi-annual congregational meeting on May 4, 2008, the members chose to bestow the title of Pastor Emeritus of St. John's Lutheran Church on Pastor Al. This honor means that he will be recognized both now and forever as a pastor of this congregation. The congregation will have a chance to acknowledge Pastor Al's faithful service at both the 8:00 and 9:30 worship services on Sunday, June 8, which is also our 104th Anniversary Service.

Pastor Al will preach at both services and cake and coffee will follow each service in his honor. Don't miss this opportunity to recognize all

the blessings God has given us through Pastor Al and his wife, Karen.

Things will be changing at the church beginning June 16. Due to a generous donation of \$10, 000 from Don Frenning and his wife Dottie, we will tear down the wall between the

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Tending the flock for 103 years

Old Fashioned Service

Mark your calendar for June 8 as we celebrate the 104th anniversary of St. John's Lutheran Church in Stacy. This will be Dress-up/Old Fashioned Sunday. On that day we will bestow the title of Pastor Emeritus of St. John's Lutheran Church on Pastor Al.

Vacation Bible Camp/ Confirmation Camp

All 3rd graders and older are welcome to go to Vermilion River Camp for Vacation Bible Camp. Due to Jenny's wedding celebration on June 15, we will leave on Sunday, June 8, at 1:00 PM and return on Wednesday, June 11, at 5:00 PM. Cost is \$75 per student (fuel prices are higher) and includes all food, transportation, and lodging. All incoming confirmation students will leave Tuesday, June 10, at 7:00 AM and return Wednesday, June 11, at 5:00 PM. Cost for two days is \$50. Pick up a "what to bring list" in the narthex. Ice cream will once again be the reward for memorizing Bible verses - Sweet!

Who's Who at St. John's for 2008/2009

Special thanks to all who worshiped at the semi-annual meeting. At the May 12 church council meeting, it was determined that the following people will be serving the Lord in these positions:

President/Personnel	Lyle Johnson
Vice President	Cindy Erickson
Secretary	Nancy Nelson
Treas./Finance	Linda Hubbard
Adult Education	TBD
Christian Education	TBD
Christian Outreach	TBD
Evangelism	Leo Byrne
Property	Doug Weekes
	Tony Erickson
School Board	Cindy Erickson
Stewardship	Roxanne Berg
Worship & Music	TBD
Youth	Jamie Cooper

Thanks to Linda Dilts, John Hall, and Linda Miller, who served on council this past year and are not returning. May God bless our new council as they endeavor to serve God and others in this exciting year.

Additional Council Member Needed

One additional council member is needed. The outgoing council was hoping to lure Linda Miller back onto council for one more year, but she deserves a break after doing a wonderful job. One at large member is needed to fill the 12th spot on the council for 2008-2009. If you are interested in serving the Lord on the second Monday evenings for the next year please call the office or speak with one of the pastors.

Monthly Healing Service

The next Prayer and Healing Service will be after the 9:30 Worship Service on June 1 in the Fireside room. This will be an anointed time of prayer and intercession. If you are troubled about anything or need to feel the love of God in a special way for your circumstance, please come *confess your sins to one another, pray for one another, and be healed* (James 5:16) in Jesus' name. The service will begin in the fireside room ten minutes after the conclusion of the 9:30 service. All Lay Shepherds are encouraged to attend.

Senior Sunday

Seniors, 70 years of age or older, please call the office at 462-5115 or Linnea Kment at 464-7490 if you would like an invitation to the Senior Sunday Potluck sponsored by the Christian Outreach Committee on July 17 following the 9:30 AM service. Present your invitation at the Christian Outreach table to receive your corsage/boutonniere. You can also register for a small door prize to be given during the potluck. This potluck will honor the senior members of St. John's.

Mississippi River Cruise/Lunch

Join Pastor Ed for a narrated cruise of the Mississippi River. Bus leaves St. John's at 9:45 AM and returns at 5:00 PM on Thursday, June 5.

VBS

Vacation Bible School is August 4-8. We are looking for a VBS coordinator. Please see Pastor Ed. We are always looking for Sunday School teachers and helpers. If you are interested for the following year, please contact Lynnette Nadeau, Chris Rath, or Teresa Humble. We are looking forward to Rally Day in September.

Successful Fundraisers

The Stewardship Committee wishes to thank all who participated in the two very successful church fundraisers. The Annual Dinner grossed \$1,946.58 and had expenses of \$93.08 leaving us with a profit of \$1,853.50. This amount will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans with \$1,600.00. The total amount that will go toward the General Fund is \$3,453.50. We did better than last year by \$119.50. WOW! The second event was the Annual Spring Garage Sale which was held on May 1-3, 2008. Thanks to many volunteers, even some new and non-members, we raised over \$3,000. Even in this difficult economy God blessed our efforts. Mark your calendars for our fall two-day garage sale scheduled for August 22-23.

Summer Worship Hours

Summer Worship hours will be at 8:00 and 9:30 AM beginning May 25. Contemporary Services will be June 1, 22 and July 13, 20 and Aug 10, 17 at the 9:30 AM service.

Pastor Chris Preaches/ Final Bible Study

Pastor Chris has preached for us several times during his chaplaincy internship. Please come to hear his final sermon and his final Bible Study after the worship services on June 29.

GRADUATES

Please help us recognize all our members who are graduating (from colleges, vo-techs, or graduate schools), advancing in their military service, or receiving promotions. We will include them all with our high school graduates in our prayer of thanksgiving on Sunday, June 8. Please let us know of any graduates that we should honor.

Take Stock in our Youth

Please consider helping our youth attend the Reach Workcamp in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, this summer. Gas is much higher than last year. Stock certificates are \$10 each and each one is good for a Rally Day Spaghetti Dinner served by the Workcampers on September 7, 2008. Please invest in our youth so that they may serve others in Jesus' name. Please include the following kids in your prayers: [Matt Humble](#), [Kim Humble](#), [Valerie Weekes](#), [Megan Johnson](#), [Brett Johnson](#), [Joseph Johnson](#), [Jamie Cooper](#), [Taylor Olson](#), [Amber Bachman](#), and [Tyler Cosgrove](#).

Sanctuary Committee

The Sanctuary Committee, a sub-committee of the Worship & Music Committee, will have their next meeting on Monday, June 2, at 7:00 PM. Anyone who is interested in the design of our new sanctuary is welcome to come.

Going Places?

Please pick up a Vermilion River Camp brochure on the table in the narthex. Day trips are planned until December as senior citizens and retired people travel together in Jesus' name. Some longer trips to the Canadian Rockies, the Panama Canal, South Padre Island, Texas and Oberammergau, Germany are listed as well. With the price of fuel so high, travel together with VRC.

Teachers

Thanks to all of you who participated in Sunday School this year. Superintendents were Lynnette Nadeau and Chris Rath; Preschool and Kindergarten - Heidi Johnson and Kim Humble; 1st and 2nd Grades - Chris Rath and Tammi Bachman; 3rd and 4th Grades - Chris Frost, Matt Humble, and Brett Johnson; 5th and 6th Grades - Lynnette Nadeau and Teresa Humble; additional helpers - Megan Johnson, Amber Bachman, Valerie Weekes, Taylor Olson, Brad Frost, Ashley Olson and Sean Wood. A big thanks to the teachers and helpers. **A Teacher Appreciation Dinner is scheduled with Pastor Ed on June 23 at 6:00 PM.** Please meet at the church. Vacation Bible School is August 4-8. We are looking for a VBS coordinator, please see Pastor Ed. We are always looking for Sunday School teachers and helpers. If you are interested for the following year, please contact Lynnette Nadeau, Chris Rath, or Teresa Humble.

Thanks to Lynne Graber for playing the music all year.

Thanks go to our St. John's Academy and Little Angel teachers and aids: Donna Keacher, Dawn Ash, Deb Hoppe, Beth Borlaug, Linnea Kment, and Rose Katzmark.

Thanks also to our Faithweaver teachers: Mike and Tammy Bachman, Kelly Hess, Pastor Ed and Joanne Wheatley.

Choirs

Thank you to all members and directors of our choirs. Your music and dedication was fantastic. We will have a potluck on Sunday, June 8, at 10:30 AM for the Senior Choir, Bell Choir, and the Contemporary Choir.

Office Computer

Special thanks to Nathan Berg for volunteering to set up our new office computer.

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old narthex and the sanctuary and install "THE BEAM." The steel girder was purchased nearly eight years ago for about \$9,000. One man who attended a wedding here last summer offered to purchase it for \$30,000. How awesome that God provided that beam long ago to be used now. We will be worshipping in the new narthex on Sunday, June 22, and Sunday, June 29. We hope to be back in the newly expanded sanctuary for our worship services on July 6. Please pray for the safety of the workers and volunteers.

Why do it now? The builders are available because of the slow economy. Costs usually increase as time goes by. Don and Dottie have the funds now. The vote at the meeting was unanimous and we hope you will help us finish this project.

We are asking you, even in these tough economic times, to consider making a donation to help us complete several other tasks which will beautify our worship space. The north window by the garage was not replaced earlier because the equipment needed to lift the beam in place will enter the building by the window space. Now is the time to replace the carpet that was installed in 1980. The oak ceiling should be installed to match the existing sanctuary. Eugene Allquist has established a fund for that ceiling in memory of Katie Allquist, a former president of our congregation. Now is the time to finish this job. The audio, visual, and sound systems need to be improved for the expanded sanctuary. The new cry room may be installed where the old kitchen used to be. Please consider helping us get it done in Jesus' name.

This seems impossible to me at times, but I am mindful that all things are possible with God's help. Well done...May this greeting be the words which greet you in heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor Ed



The Building Fund

The building fund has never gone away; it just has been resting for several years. Here is a list of the funds we have to complete the sanctuary projects ahead of us. We have \$10,674 in the Building Funds to help install the Beam, (thanks to the gift from Don and Dottie Frenning). We are confident that this will purchase the concrete, set the beam, and build and remove the necessary walls. We also have \$3,486.75 in two funds to complete the oak ceiling of the old narthex. We are in need of funds to supplement the Building Fund to purchase new carpet and possibly build a sound proof nursery. This may be the best time ever to get quality work done at very favorable prices. Please consider making an extra gift so that we can finish God's House.

Nickelodeon Universe at MOA

Please join Pastor Ed as he treats our children to the new theme park at the Mall of America on Sunday, June 1. The cost for all Youth Choir members and Faithweaver Friends is \$5.00 per person for food and transportation. As a thank you for your faithful service, Pastor Ed will purchase your Universe pass.

Everyone else (even adults) are invited to come along for this fun event with the cost being \$20 per person. The bus will leave the church at 1:00 PM and return at 7:00 PM. Space is limited but the fun is not. Permission slips are required. Space is available on a first come basis. Please turn in your money to the office as soon as possible.

You've Got Mail

Dear St. John's Congregation:

Thank you so very much for allowing us the opportunity to use your church for our wedding service. We greatly appreciate it.

Corky and Barb

Altar and Pulpit Fund Established

Thanks to a gift from the family of Michael Valerius, a new fund has been established for the design and creation of a lightweight moveable altar and pulpit. Our current altar and pulpit have served us well for 28 years but both are heavy and not easy to move. Donations for this fund will be accepted by marking your envelope "Altar and Pulpit Fund." Thanks for your support.

Baptisms

We join with Bob Hogoboom and Nancy Parent-Hogoboom in the joy of baptizing their daughter, Conlee Jaclyn Hogoboom; Dean and Devon Riveness in the joy of baptizing their daughter, Kaiah Mary Riveness; Justin and Peggy Scholl in the joy of baptizing their daughter, Bella Lynn Scholl. In Holy Baptism, God claims each of us as a child of His own.

Wedding Celebration

Pastor Ed and Fritz would love to have you come to a wedding luncheon to celebration the marriage of Jenny Wheatley and Lee Fisher on Sunday, June 15, after the 9:30 service. Jenny and Lee will receive a blessing at the conclusion of the 9:30 service followed by the celebration. The Wheatley Family Day-care will perform at the luncheon.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Peterson-Waller American Legion and Auxiliary of Stacy will conduct Memorial Day services as follows on, Monday, May 26, 2008:

- 9:00 AM - Stacy Cemetary
- 9:45 AM - Wyoming Methodist Cemetary
- 10:15 AM - Wyoming Lutheran Cemetary
- 11:00 AM - Linwood Cemetary

Please join us in remembering those who gave their lives for us.

Brenda Borash Benefit

There will be a benefit dinner for Brenda (Houle) Borash, mother of Eric and Shane Bakke and two teenage sons, Brent and Jacob. She was diagnosed with Stage IIIB lung cancer (she is a non-smoker). She has undergone extensive surgery and is receiving chemotherapy. The benefit will be Saturday, May 24 at Lent Town Hall in Stacy. 4:00 - 7:00 PM.

Stacy Daze

Volunteers are needed to plan and participate in our Stacy Daze Float for this year's parade. This year the church and its schools, Little Angel Preschool and St. John's Academy, would like to work together on a unified float theme. We have been given 500 Disney storybooks to distribute during the parade. Come join us at 6 PM on June 19 as we dream up what to do. Contact Pastor Ed for more information.

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