

# St. Paul 's Letter

AUGUST 2011

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From the Pastor's Desk:

*And he told them many things in parables, saying ... Listen! ... The reason I speak to them in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing, they do not listen, nor do they understand. ... Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables, without a parable, he told them nothing.*  
Mt. 13: 3, 13, 34

Dear Sisters and Brothers of St. Paul Lutheran:

We continue hearing Jesus' teaching via the Gospel of Matthew this year. Northwestern University just completed presenting the fun (and pretty accurate) musical rendition of the Gospel according to the writer of Matthew – *Godspell*. Of course, many of you know that the words “gospel” and “godspell” are the same thing. One is olde English, but both mean: “good word!”

*Day by day, day by day  
O dear LORD, three things I pray:  
To see thee more clearly,  
Love thee more dearly,  
Follow thee more nearly – day by day!*

Much of the Good Word Jesus tells, lives, and gives is about faithfulness and fruitfulness. Bishop Miller, at the 2011 Metro Chicago Synod Assembly, gave a thought-provoking address including how he sees God's power marked by fruitfulness in our congregations:

Growth  
Generosity  
Courage  
Collaboration  
Inclusivity  
Justice  
Adaptability  
Reproduction

As we hear and respond to Jesus' teaching in the many parables, I will focus upon these marks. I will be working with the Council and the Mutual Ministry Team to encourage us ALL to be open to God's faithfulness and fruitfulness. Together, I pray we can both 1) celebrate how we already embody God's work in the world ; and 2) resolve to be “more open, engaged, intentional, and ready to recognize and receive God's fruitfulness.”

Sometimes, we get so paralyzed by the big picture, we forget that day-by-day discipleship is the only way the big picture paralysis abates. I look forward to finding, hearing, being open to, and sharing stories of fruitfulness – mark by mark; person by person; day by day – Good Word!

Grateful to be working in the vineyard with you,  
+ Pastor Betty

C o m e   G r o w   S e r v e

***PASTORAL COVERAGE - JULY 23RD THROUGH AUGUST 7TH***

During Pastor Betty's absence (for the service trip and vacation), Pastor Peg Otte from St. John's in Wilmette (she lives in Evanston) will provide emergency pastoral coverage. You may reach Pastor Peg via the church office or you may call her at 847.251.1730 (w) or 847-475-2347 (h). Of course, Pastor Betty may also be reached via her cell phone: 847-636-9846.

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

Oh! The Places You'll Go, by Dr. Seuss implores us to go on a journey. Summertime is a wonderful time for a journey. In fact, the more journeys we go on, the richer our lives become. It's a walk through the neighborhood, seeing and speaking with those you didn't see so much only months ago. It's a walk to the grocery store or to the library, or to the park, or along the beach or into the woods. It's a bike ride along a quiet path or weaving through a crowded street. It's the running into the water or the rowing of a boat. The journey may not be physical in nature; it could be sitting in a comfortable chair in the backyard or in the house with the windows open. That journey is a mental one, using the sounds of kids playing, smells of the budding flowers or of the outside cooking, or sights of nature all around.

It's meditative on some level and pure energy on another level. And God's work is present with us in all of these journeys. Not only God's work, but God's blessings. It's a wonderful gift to be given all of these markers on our journey, and it's also a wonderful gift to have God walking along side us as we journey through the good times and through the rough times. Knowing that we are not alone and that God speaks to us always gives us the confidence to continue our journey, regardless of the path we may be currently on.

As a Christian community, we are on a collective journey that is enriched by each of our individual journeys. By sharing our stories, gifts, successes, and struggles we are made richer and energized by knowing God is with us.

Enjoy your summer journeys and bring your God-filled adventure stories to Rally Day.

Reminds me of a song we sing together (with a nice base note line):

*I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
All along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

Blessings and Peace,  
Peter





## A VIEW FROM THE PEW

By Catherine McVey

### *Theological Perspectives from a family Garden of Eden*

I had every intention of going to church. At 10 o'clock I was dressed and checking my purse to make sure I had everything I needed, when an important phone call held me up. Ten became 10:20 but I still felt as if I should go to church despite my tardiness, when my 33-year-old son wandered into the back yard. He offered to stay and work in the

garden if I would buy him lunch. Of all my kids he is the only one who enjoys the dirt and the plants and, most of all, follows my directions. We spent the next few hours

digging, transplanting and weeding. We talked about everything and nothing, but it was a picture perfect day with beautiful, bright weather and wonderful company that will become a tiny memory-treasure to recall in the winter when it is dark and dreary. At one point I knew my child was an adult, because he looked at me and told me to go get some water and give him two jobs to do while I drank it. It's an odd feeling when that happens. Poignant almost.

Right around lunchtime my twenty-year-old son showed up and the two boys spent the next hour insulting each other while we ate our meal on the deck. I thought about church, about prayer and communion. As we communed with each other I said a short prayer that my two sons would always love one another just as they did at this moment, arguing and throwing fries at each other, despite the age difference, their temperaments and their interests. At one point Mike told Sean to stop making fun of him, and Sean said, "listen Mike, I will kill anyone who makes fun of you, but you are my little brother and I can pound on you all I want!" Blessed be God given brotherly love.

The boys left and I continued in the garden, planting new annuals, trimming perennials, yanking weeds and watering. My youngest daughter Anna called, just to chat. I sat for a moment in my rocking chair on the deck while she told me stories about her roommates and her job. I wonder sometimes about what her apartment looks like, I think she lives with 40 other girls. We hung up after a long conversation about mascara, Kate Middleton and the upcoming Harry Potter movie.

Finally, Sarah and my new grandson showed up unexpectedly. I spent an hour with Jake planting petunias and geraniums while his exhausted mother took a nap. I showed Jake the yard and gave his toes a tickle with the sprinkler. Then we rocked on the deck and sang dirty Irish drinking songs, just as I did with his mother. Again, I thought of church. I thought of wisdom and matriarchs and generations. I recalled that my great grandmother's favorite flower was the pansy, also known as Hearts Ease, which seems such a sad name, but maybe it is that sorrow can be eased and healed by love and faith. Or grace and gardens. Janis Johnson once gave me a beautiful pansy pin, for no reason other than she remembered me telling her that as a little girl I had planted pansies with my grandma.

After Sarah and Jake left I cleaned up my tools and put everything away. I made a list of what still needed to be done over the next few days, not a list such as "create the beasts that walk on the earth, create the stars" but my own list for my own small green creation. I took a shower, put on clean clothes and sat on the deck for another hour watching the fireflies come out. As I rocked I considered my very Old Testament sort of day. My garden and my deck are beautiful. Carefully tended, nurtured and a place that brings my family together on many occasions. Interesting that so many bible stories involve gardens, seeds, soil and trees. And water. Especially water. After my Sunday, despite missing church, I felt I had spent an entire day with God, and my soul felt deeply and completely nourished. I surmise that God probably cleaned up after his long day of work, and that it was his habit to spend the evening walking in the garden. So I rocked awhile longer, watching the fireflies, secure in the knowledge that I had been about my Father's business this day.

## MESSAGE BY BARBARA GAZZOLO

Worship 24 July, 2011



Most every day we pray the Lord's prayer. We begin saying Our father in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven....We ask each day for God's kingdom to come.....But do we think what we are asking for? What after all is the Kingdom of God? I have come to see it as a number of things.

Our Gospel today is from Matthew, and there's a theme in the Gospel of Matthew, a discouraging theme that the dominion of God, the Kingdom of God, may not appear to be succeeding in our world. We don't need Matthew to tell us that. Our world gets settled in one place, then there's

trouble elsewhere....Leaders. political, even spiritual leaders fall short. Governors go to jail. Church leaders mute their prophetic voices, cowed by the power of money and influence. Billionaires buy government favor and our Supreme court doesn't check them. Children go homeless and hungry while others can't buy enough stuff. Pure bred dogs have the best medicine and the poor lack decent care. A recent survey states that white people have 20 times the money blacks do. Matthew reflected the frustration we feel, yet we must faithfully continue to work to make God's will prevail. We're God's hands here.

Today Jesus describes the role we have in realizing God's Kingdom. In today's Gospel from Matthew Jesus gives us parables about the kingdom...the mustard seed, yeast, hidden treasure and a net of fish. He challenges us to puzzle out the meaning of his story and make his teaching our own.

Today's parables address OUR role in helping bring in the kingdom of God here on earth. The mustard seed, for example. We have long interpreted this parable to mean that from a small thing great and beautiful things may come. Actually mustard not only came from a tiny seed, mustard was seen as a weed. How did a lowly plant become part of God's plan? I choose to see in it that God can use us all, weeds and flowers, in his kingdom building. Small, imperfect hands do God's work in our world. The mustard seed, that tiny weed, affirms the work of ALL God's children in our world.

I was talking to a friend lamenting the state of our world, and she said I can't let that bother me, I just do what little I CAN do. If all of us imperfect little mustard seeds do what little we can do in our particular worlds, Jesus tells us good things can happen. We may be small. We may be a bit of a weed, but we matter in the whole scheme of things and cannot lose heart. The mustard seed parable calls every one of us to kingdom building. All hands on deck.

The yeast parable should really be called the leaven parable, for it was leaven not yeast that Jesus spoke of. When we think of yeast we think of tidy packets to be mixed with warm water, but leaven, of which Jesus spoke, is not tidy. Leaven is really just a rotting, molding lump of bread, which quietly achieves wonders. The leaven may be the unseen daily struggle of weary father and mother to support, protect and guide their young. Leaven may be the single woman determinedly rearing her young to have a better life. Leaven may be all the daily, homely, uncelebrated labors of people who seek to serve God with what they have been given, in the worlds in which they find themselves. Leaven is unseen. Leaven is uncelebrated. Leaven may be what Luther called the ministry of the laity, as each man, woman and child dedicates the day to serving God. It is leaven that will chop onions, set tables, serve hungry people after church and yes, clean up afterwards. Leaven is the homely, unglamorous work of love that in its unseen way builds God's kingdom among us.

The Jews refer to building God's kingdom on earth as tikkum olan, as mending the earth. To mend the earth is a very old teaching of the Jewish faith. As the folk from Eyanston's masjid, its new mosque, work with us today to serve the homeless after church, they mend our earth in the same spirit. Our faiths call all us to mend the earth. If the earth is to be redeemed, if God's Kingdom is to come here, we surely must stop our quarreling, and work together as children of God.

The parables today speak to you and to me about the role the faithful play in bringing the kingdom of God on earth, For we must be God's hands in this...our work may be hidden and unacknowledged. Our work may seem small and unworthy. We may feel our voices and hands have no effect. And yes, the condition of the world continues to be discouraging, but in both the yeast and the mustard parables, we are assured that all of God's

children have a real role to play if God's Kingdom is to come on earth. Yet discipleship can be costly. Look at Bonhoeffer, look at Gandhi, look at King. Disciples must be prepared to go the mile. And the cost of discipleship is the meaning of the parable of the treasure and the pearl.

What more can be said about the kingdom of God on earth...what more than that all God's children are called to work for justice and mercy here. What more than that we must continue to trust that God is at work in very strange and unseen ways to effect his will? What more than that discipling can cost us something, even a great deal? I think that's what the Gospel gives us today.

But what about the kingdom of heaven? Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven...We have used this term heaven forever to describe a place or a time in which a loving God prevails. While I think Jesus is pointing to the Kingdom of God on earth in these parables, we also think of the Kingdom of God as heaven. We see it as a perfect setting where love and goodness abound. We see it as a reward for living a Godly life. We dare to hope that we will see once more the people we have loved who have died. We may see heaven as going home to join the one that first gave us life. Heaven is the hope of each Christian facing death. Unfortunately we cannot realize or experience it and come back to tell the story. It is a hope in our hearts that some day somehow all will be well, all manner of things will be well. The Kingdom of heaven is a hope.

But insight suggested to me this week that there is yet another kingdom of God, another kingdom of God beyond earth and heaven. That kingdom lies within each of us. It is ours and ours alone to claim and nurture. It begins with the small God-given spirit within us. What Tillich calls the spirit with the little s. In some people that spirit withers. In some people that spirit changes little and doesn't grow, but in some the spirit that God put in us grows and changes, and that I believe is the Kingdom of God within each of us. The God-given spirit within us Luther called the Little Christ in us. Its growth is the process of sanctification.

James Fowler has written a classic on the growth of spirituality. Fowler describes six stages of spiritual development. It has become popular to speak of being spiritual rather than religious. Many have come to think being spiritual is in some way finer, more worthy. I find it better to be both, for the religious practice that we share here feeds the inner growth, with questions, with community, with the opportunity for joint service to God. For example we couldn't feed one hundred people each Sunday all by our meditating selves. Being spiritual or religious is not necessarily a choice. Not an either or. They go well together. Even as I study the faiths of the world and seek in their teachings our common hopes, teachings and practice, my taproot is and always will be Christian, and it is fed in this church.

We may be discouraged much of the time with our world, with our wars, with the apparent triumph of sin and greed, with the unmet needs of millions of innocent people...It is discouraging. Yet Jesus calls us today to mend our world, bring in a kingdom of God on earth whether or not it seems to us that it is happening. It may be that the people of this world are just too enmeshed in sin's delusions to ever realize a mended world, but what does change and it really does, is the spirit of each one who seeks to do God's work here. As we work for a better, more loving and just world here, something is happening in our own lives. Grace and Anna Cable are with Pastor Betty working to make life better for others. Our volunteers today in the soup kitchen, volunteers from the Evanston masjid, or mosque, volunteers from New Foundation of Hope in Chicago, volunteers from the Bahai, the Unity temple and the Unitarians as well as St. Paul's are feeding hungry people, and feeding their spirit as well. The people will get hungry again, but the volunteers feeding them find a new kind of hunger.....a hunger to give and serve, which is the true core of human spirituality. As we seek to serve the ever needy kingdom of God on earth, the kingdom within, our God given spirit within, awakens and grows.

James Fowler describes the six stages of faith, taking us from the innocence of a child, through the reassuring forms of religious institutions. The fourth stage of spiritual growth seems to many to be a backsliding, but it is in fact a time of questioning and exploration. It may have been one of the stages described by St. John of the Cross as the Dark Night of the Soul. The fifth stage of spiritual growth is seldom reached before middle age. It is the point when people begin to realize the limits of logic and start to accept the paradoxes of life, begin to see life as a mystery. For some very few, there is a sixth stage, people who live their lives to the full in service of others without any real worries or doubts, the ultimate point of the faith journey. The kingdom within us grows as we learn to give and serve God's people and God's kingdom on earth, while entrusting our all to our God.

Thy kingdom come.....a kingdom of mercy and justice on earth...may it come....a kingdom of heaven where our spirits may rest and abide, may we know it one day....the kingdom within that grows as we give and love one another. May we claim it with each day's choice. Amen



## AUGUST MISSION

Following our pattern, we turn our hearts, prayers, and gifts to those far away after focusing upon our own ministries. Since July's focus was our Soup Kitchen, we ask you to consider a "stretch" gift on behalf of those who are suffering from extreme drought in Africa. Both ELCA International Disaster Response and the Lutheran World Relief need our gifts in order to ensure:

God's Work. Our Hands.

Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya and other countries in the Horn of Africa and the East Africa region are experiencing the worst drought in 60 years. Two years of sporadic rain – and the driest year since 1951 – have resulted in severely reduced access to drinking water and major crop and livestock loss. The UN estimates that 10 million people are at risk, including 2 million malnourished children. 500,000 of these children face imminent life-threatening conditions. Thousands upon thousands of people are leaving their homes in order to meet their basic need of food and water.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Intergenerational Rally Day** - September 11th @ 9:30 am

**Special Worship Service** - September 11th @ 10:30 am

**Confirmation Kick-off** - September 14th

## CHOIR KICK-OFF

The choir will resume singing for worship on Sunday, September 11. We will meet at 9:40 on the 11th to prepare for the service.

Our first Wednesday rehearsal will be on September 14. We will begin fifteen minutes earlier than in the past, at 7:15 p.m. and then finish by 8:45 p.m.

## SUMMER FUN!

### ST. PAUL'S BLOCK PARTY – WHO'S INTERESTED??

We are planning a block party with our UMC neighbors, Emanuel, on **Sunday, August 28th**. A small committee of dedicated party-planners is needed to meet with our neighbors in June & July to plan all the details. Please see Pastor Betty if you wish to help - food, music, dancing, kids' games, etc.

See pg. 12 for more info!

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**



**Anastasia Polda  
Rita Lasich  
Nick Ovington  
Kathleen Williams  
Barbara Gazzolo  
Bill Kastilahn  
Diane DiFrancesco**

*For privacy purposes, we no longer list the actual birth days in our Newsletters. Please contact the church office with your questions or concerns*

***COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST***



8/7 Lisette Pohl  
8/14 Pastor Betty Landis



8/21 & 2/28 are open dates for any volunteers willing to contribute treats. Please see the calendar on bulletin board and sign up for the available dates in August, as well as in upcoming months. **Thanks!**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Adult Sunday School** - is on break until September 18th!

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**Kids' Sunday School** - is on break until September 18th!

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**Men's Monday Breakfast**- is on break until September!

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**Wednesday Bible Study** - August 17 @ 10:00am

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**Confirmation Group Meeting** - August 24

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**Coming This Fall: Children of Abraham - Christians Study Islam/the Qur'an** - Tuesday evenings, September 27th through November 1st @ St. Paul's (See pg. 8 for more information!)

# Children of Abraham: Christians Study Islam and the Qur'an

Tuesday evenings 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.,  
September 27th - November 1st, 2011  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
1004 Greenwood St., Evanston, IL 60201

More than one-third of the world's human population is either Christian or Muslim. Because the 1.5 billion Muslims are as diverse as the 2 billion Christians, understanding Islam and Muslims can be both a demanding and a fulfilling endeavor.

Together we:

- Explore current issues
- Compare Bible and Qur'an texts
- And on Nov. 1, celebrate with Muslim and Jewish neighbors, Abraham's near-sacrifice of his son remembered by the three traditions; the Muslim Eid Al-Adha; and the Christian All Saints Day.

This first series is designed for Christians, however, all are welcome and especially encouraged to attend the final celebration on November 1.



**Dr. Carol Schersten LaHurd**, interfaith lecturer and adjunct professor at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago teaches and facilitates, with area Muslim community leaders as guest lecturers.

Cost: \$20.00 person (includes the paperback book by John Kaltner, *Islam: What Non-Muslims Should Know*)

Please RSVP (with phone number and e-mail address) by September 13th: [office@stpaulsevanston.org](mailto:office@stpaulsevanston.org) or 847-475-3403 (late registrations will be accepted)



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 LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
of THEOLOGY at CHICAGO

## Elise Anderson to Spend a Year in South Africa

*Dear Family and Friends, Near and Far,*

As many of you know I will be spending a year in South Africa! I am going on this adventure with the Young Adults in Global Missions program through the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. I am one of 12 young adults going to South Africa this next year and I will be living in Bishopstowe, South Africa and living and working in the Kenosis Community. The Kenosis Community seeks to: live as a Christian community and to accept and respect one another despite different cultures and backgrounds; to serve God by serving one another, different churches, as well as the Pietermaritzburg/Bishopstowe community; and to serve the sick and needy and those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS with a special focus on vulnerable children. Among other things, in the Kenosis Community I will serve alongside volunteers from Germany and South Africa while receiving a tremendous cultural learning opportunity, growing in faith, and learning about the cross-section between contemporary Christianity and social justice.

A very important part of this year-long trip for me is support from people back home in the states. The most important kind of support is first and foremost positive thoughts and prayers (and maybe a letter here or

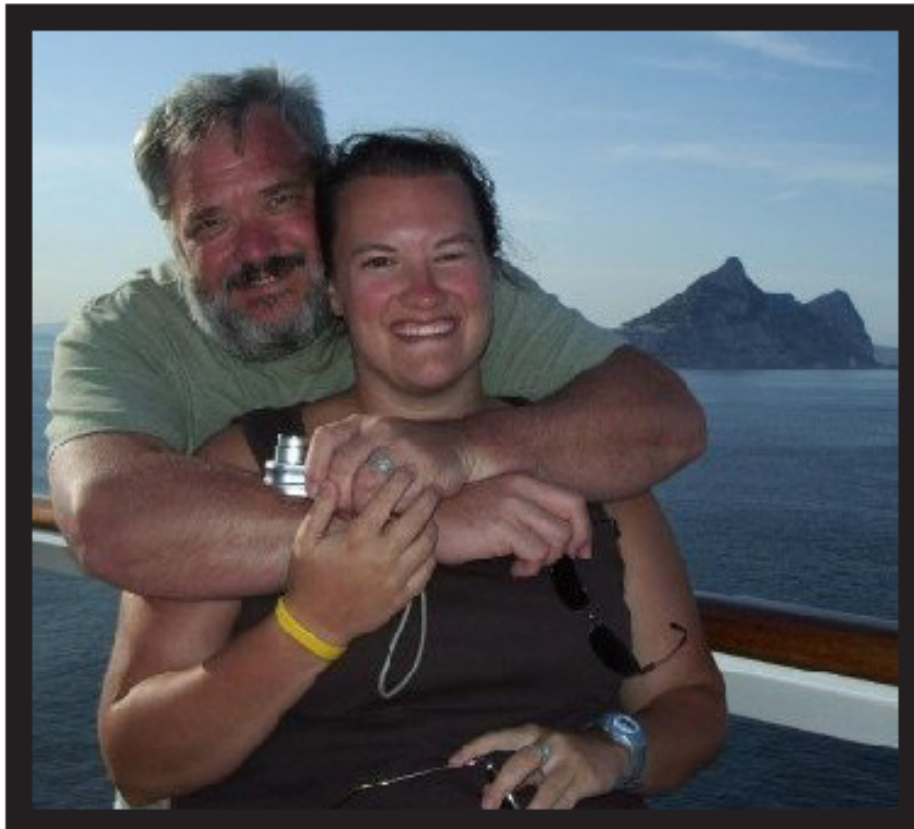
there :). Another kind of support is the financial side. The ELCA is gracious enough to fund over 50% of the cost of our year abroad and the rest is up to us! So, my goal with this letter is to not only inform you of my year abroad but also to ask for any support that you are willing to give, whether it is your thoughts and prayers over the next year or any kind of donation you are capable of making.

If you are able and willing to make a financial donation, you can make the check out to Incarnation Lutheran Church and write *YAGM – Anderson* in the memo line. Send it to:

Incarnation Lutheran Church  
3005 Devine Street  
Columbia SC, 29205

Any donation is welcome! If you are able to make a donation it is tax deductible! If all you are able to give is your thoughts and well wishes that means more to me than you know! Thank you all for everything and I will be sure to keep in contact throughout the year as well as when I am back home come August 2012!

Love, Elise



Frank and Elise pose on a cruise ship off the coast of Africa in 2006.

## Worship Assistants - AUGUST 2011

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Coordinator	Brigitte Bell	Nancy Hoffman	Marilyn Starenko	Brigitte Bell
Assisting Minister	Jeannine Reardon	Paula Ketcham	Miltoria Sangobiya	Luis Bell
Lector	Debbie Nelson	Diane DiFrancesco	Catherine McVey	Paula Ketcham
Communion Asst.	Ralph Starenko	Debbie Nelson	Brigitte Bell	Mary Prochotsky
	Marilyn Starenko	Joan Brandt	Louis Bell	Merritt Napravnik
Acolytes	Jonas Gonzales	Jonas Gonzales	Jonas Gonzales	Jonas Gonzales
Gift Bearers	Humphrey/Delmonico	Salisbury	Lasich	Wolf/Hewitt
	Family	Family	Family	Family
Greeter/Ushers	George Siegfried	Louis Bell	Merritt Napravnik	Joan Brandt
	Diane DiFrancesco	Mamie Ricketts	John Croft	Mamie Ricketts
Counters	George Siegfried	Sue Salisbury	David Lasich	Joan Brandt
	Louis Bell	Joan Brandt	Rita Lasich	Del Leppke
Nursery				

*If you are unable to assist, please find a substitute and let the church office know. Thank you.*

## CALENDAR - AUGUST 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> Julie & Jeannie preaching <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Fellowship <b>3:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <i>PB on Vacation</i>	<b>1</b> <i>PB on Vacation</i>	<b>2</b> <i>PB on Vacation</i>  <b>7:00 pm</b> Meditation Group	<b>3</b> <i>PB on Vacation</i>  <b>7:15 PM</b> AI Anon	<b>4</b> <i>PB on Vacation</i>	<b>5</b> <i>PB on Vacation</i>	<b>6</b> <i>PB on Vacation</i>
<b>7</b> Julie & Jeannie preaching <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Fellowship <b>3:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen- Serves St. Paul <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <i>PB on Vacation</i>	<b>8</b> <i>PB back</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>10 AM</b> Bible Study <b>7:15 PM</b> AI Anon	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> W & A Committee Meeting  <b>11 AM</b> PM counseling (PB)
<b>14</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Fellowship <b>12:00 PM</b> Planning Meeting <b>3:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Emmanuel <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>7:15 PM</b> AI Anon	<b>18</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Council Dinner <b>7:00 PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Fellowship <b>3:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>22</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Mutual Ministry @ PB's	<b>23</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Meditation Group	<b>24</b> Confirmation Group Leader's Meeting  <b>7:15 PM</b> AI Anon	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Outdoor Worship</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Fellowship <b>3:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting Block Party with Emmanuel Methodist	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>7:15 PM</b> AI Anon	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>



We will close Greenwood Street between Maple and Oak. Our Block Party will take place after the outdoor worship and in conjunction with Emmanuel!

We are inviting all of our neighbors. We will have food, games, music and bouncy house for the kids.

*More details are to come!*



Block Party  
St. Paul's & Emmanuel  
August 28, 11:45pm - 3pm