



# The Lutheran Visitor

May 2011

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## Celebrate St. Paul Preschool With Us on May 22

As was announced on Sunday, March 13 in worship:

After 46 years of ministry to and with children and parents of our community, the St. Paul Preschool will be closing its doors.



St. Paul Lutheran Preschool's board voted on February 6, 2011 to close the preschool effective May 28, 2011. St. Paul's congregation council voted to acknowledge this decision on March 3.

This decision was made after much prayer and deliberation. While there is sadness as the preschool's time comes to an end, we also want to celebrate what God has done through this ministry.

Since 1965 St. Paul Lutheran Preschool has raised up strong, educated children of faith. From a dedicated staff of loving Christian teachers and parents these children have learned to trust God. Because of this ministry, children and (now) adults are well-equipped to go into the world, to proclaim Christ through word and deed and to face the joys and challenges life brings them.

On Sunday, May 22 we will celebrate the preschool's long, joyful ministry during worship at 9:30 a.m. Prior to worship we will enjoy a coffee and breakfast pastry reception with St. Paul people and all of our Preschool friends, 8-9 a.m. in the Parlor.

Please plan to join us on that day and give thanks to God for the Spirit's work in this place.

In Christ,  
Pastor Jennifer

### Romans

A new Brown Bag Bible Study starts Thursday, May 12. We'll study Romans and the class will start at noon-1:15p.m. Bring your lunch. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Pastor Jennifer.

### Preschool Photos and Memorabilia Sought

Do you have photographs or other memorabilia from your time with the St. Paul Lutheran Preschool? We are trying to gather pictures, fliers and programs from across the years of the preschool's ministry. We want to borrow these for our celebration on May 22. Please contact the church office if you can help.





### Sunday School is Doing a Diaper Drive

The Sunday School diaper drive will come to a close on Mothers Day, Sunday, May 8. 1 in 3 mothers in the United States struggle to provide enough diapers for their babies. We will be here Saturday, accepting diapers from 9:00 a.m. until noon (tell your friends, co-workers and neighbors), and again on Sunday. Donations of money to purchase diapers are also welcome.

### God of the little things

Little things matter. When God gets involved in the minutiae of life, unmistakably intervening in the smallest details of our day-to-day dilemmas, it means he cares enough to bother with what's bothering us. The God who created the vast universe works through life's circumstances to bring about his good purposes. That's big.

We know, too, that if God is involved in our everyday lives, he's also working on the more complicated situations — the big things. He might just be working behind the scenes.

When troubles come and God seems not to notice, think of times when he's intervened. Recount and revel in them. Rest assured in God's perfect plan for big and small. "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28, NRSV).

### Holy Communion

Kathleen Korstanje, daughter of Doug and Susan Nicholas Korstanje, celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 21, 2011. May Kathleen be filled with the power of His endless life, now and forever.



Thank you to all of our church family who reached out to us with calls and cards of support. The untimely death of our niece, Catherine, was a terrible tragedy. And to be followed so closely by the death of Jim's father was such a sorrow. Thanks to all of you for helping us bear this burden.

With love,

*Jim and Frances Case*



The middle school Sunday School class will be serving lemonade in front of the church on Sunday, May 1. We will be accepting donations for the Little Victories animal shelter, collecting dog and cat food as well as accepting monetary donations. All proceeds will go toward helping God's most vulnerable creatures. Donations will be collected for the entire month of May.

*Barbara Garnett and  
Sunday School Class*



**Church Women United** cordially invites Christian women of all denominations to bring a friend and join us in ecumenical celebration for

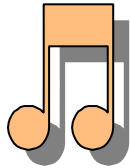
2011 May Friendship Day  
Friday, May 6 at Woodlands Retirement Community  
One Bradley Foster Drive  
Worship Program at 11:00 am  
Lunch (\$6 per person) at 12 noon  
Please RSVP Delores Johnson at 304-522-7824  
or Martha Casey at 304-522-0526

### Special dates

- Christian Family Week, May 2-8, 2011
- National Day of Prayer, May 5, 2011
- Mother's Day, May 8, 2011
- Armed Forces Day, May 21, 2011
- Memorial Day, May 30, 2011

### Cellist Performance

Dr. Karen A. Becker, daughter of David and Carolyn Becker, will present special music at the 9:30 am service at St. Paul on May 8. Karen is an associate professor of music at the University of Nebraska –Lincoln and is principal cellist in the Lincoln Symphony. We look forward to her special music presentation.



*With Sympathy*

Our Christian Sympathy to Bob Tucker and family on the death of Bob's nephew, Greg. May the love of God comfort all who mourn.

### Council Representatives

The following members are your church council representatives. If you have questions about the workings of the church or committees, please contact one of these representatives with your questions and/or comments.

President Pastor Jennifer Obermueller  
 Vice President (Lay president) Wilma Anderson-Cain  
 Secretary Bonnie Conger  
 Treasurer Ernie Golder

#### Council Committees

Christian Education Christine Vickers  
 Stewardship/Finance Tim Conzett  
 Social Ministry and Fellowship Teams  
 Property Ron Dennis (Chair)  
 Earl Arentz  
 Worship & Music Bill Jennings  
 Evangelism Frances Case

New members: Linda Schneider  
 Bonnie Conger  
 Mary Lou Fricke  
 David Stuart

### A child's perspective



A group of second-graders was quizzed about what ingredients their mothers are made of. One child said, "God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world, and one dab of mean."

To the question "What does your mom do in her spare time?" one youngster said, "Mothers don't do spare time."

When the children were asked "Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?" one child replied, "God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me."

### Magazine Subscriptions

Several members have asked why they are no longer receiving The Lutheran Magazine and Word in Season.

Due to necessary budget reductions in 2011, these items among many others, were cut.

If you are interested in a personal subscription to either magazine, you can place your order through Augsburg Fortress at 1-800-328-4648 or contact the office and they will place your order.

We have been able to receive a limited number of copies which will be located in the Narthex.

"Don't knock the weather; nine-tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while."  
 -Kin Hubbard

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## May Worship Assistants

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Acolytes	Heath Wade	Kathleen Korstanje	Jacob Simpkins	Ethan Arneson	Zoe May
Sacristan	Jon Anderson-Cain	Trey Bell	Zakare Garnett	Trey Bell	Jon Anderson-Cain
Assisting Minister	Frances Case	Steve Golder	Bill White	Keith Wellman	David Stuart
Communion Deacon	Bill Korstanje	Traditional	Wilma Anderson	Frances Case	Mary Lou Fricke
Reader	Mary Lou Fricke	David Vickers	Steve Golder	Doug Korstanje	James May
Nursery	Doug & Susan Korstanje	Debbie & Elizabeth Arentz	Sally Pettit	Christine and Ryan Vickers	James & Jill May
Altar Flowers	Tom & Sally Pettit	Jeannie Riley	Rick & Chris Eid	Open	Julia Sullivan

Ushers: Neil and Ruthann Arneson, John and Mona Romans

Altar Guild: Cindy Jones and Kathie Cunningham

### Prayer Requests

Let us pray for our friends and family members  
 LaDonna; Mikah; Olivia; Susan; Eddie; Mary; Karen; Marissa; Beverly; John; Rex; Niza; Kris; Tim and son; Chris and family; Ryan and her family; Jeri; all victims of natural disasters; those involved in disaster relief; for the military, especially Tim and Brian; and for church council.

Please notify the church office (304)525-9630 or e-mail [stpchurch@frontier.com](mailto:stpchurch@frontier.com) if a name needs to be added or removed.



### Look who is celebrating a birthday this month!!



- 1 Amy Dowis
- 1 Starla Kisling
- 1 Elizabeth Pettit
- 1 Rebecca Pettit
- 8 Joel Jones
- 10 Creigh Pemberton
- 13 Tim Conzett
- 19 Beverley Pofahl
- 19 Janice Pettit
- 25 Joseph Williams
- 30 Julia Sullivan

CRIDLIN PANTRY  
 FOOD ITEM  
 48 cans  
 chicken noodle soup



The May Sanctuary Lamp is placed to the glory of God  
 by Carl and Anna Mummert



Enjoying life!

# May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Worship including Communion 10:45 am Sunday School 2:00 pm Mother/ Daughter Tea For Girl Scouts	2	3 9:30 am Quilting	4 9:00 am Pre- school Trip 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm CCC 7:00 pm Choir	5 National Day of Prayer	6	7
8 Mother's Day 9:30 am Worship including Communion 10:45 am Sunday School 	9 Writers Group	10 9:30 am Quilting  Girl Scouts	11 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm CCC 7:00 pm Choir	12 12 noon-1:15 pm Brown Bag Bible Study on Romans	13	14
15 9:30 am Worship including Communion 10:45 am Sunday School	16	17 9:30 am Quilting	18 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm CCC <b>7:00 pm Choir</b> (final choir rehearsal until fall)	19 12 noon-1:15 pm Brown Bag Bible Study on Romans	20	21 Armed Forces Day 
22 8:00 am Preschool Breakfast 9:30 am Worship including Communion 10:45 am Sunday School	23	24 9:30 am Quilting  Girl Scouts	25 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm CCC	26 12 noon-1:15 pm Brown Bag Bible Study on Romans	27 Closing of Preschool	28
29 9:30 am Worship including Communion 10:45 am Sunday School	30 Memorial Day 	31 9:30 am Quilting				

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**The Mission of St. Paul Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
is to celebrate and proclaim to all  
the saving grace of Jesus Christ  
through word and deed.**