



LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) Sunday is observed once a year to publicize this organization of our church with the hope that it may encourage other women to join us in "serving the Lord with gladness." This year we are observing it on Sunday, October 2.

The goals of the LWML are

- to draw women closer to the Lord through Bible study and to encourage them in their faith walk with devotions at the monthly meetings,
- to provide the opportunity for Christian fellowship, and
- to encourage women to use their God-given talents in sharing God's love at St. Paul Lutheran and in outreach to Waseca and the world.

We participate in charitable endeavors by service projects and with financial support. In addition to serving funeral luncheons, we have sing-a-longs to uplift the elderly at the local elderly care facilities two times a year. We remember our shut-ins at Valentine's Day and Thanksgiving with cards and treats. We remember our secret-sister-shut-ins in prayer and with a monthly card. We provide linen baptismal napkins for newly baptized members. The flower guild sees to the placement and care of the altar flowers. The altar guild launders acolyte robes and dry cleans altar cloths. Some ladies share their time and make quilts for Lutheran World Relief, fire victims, and flood victims. Each fall we gather school supplies for the Neighborhood Service Center. For the past few years, we have provided an Advent calendar, wreath/candleholder/candles and a Christmas storybook for the young families of our congregation. With profits from our Christmas bazaar, we support many mission projects, other charitable causes, and remember our church workers with a gift of thanks for their service.

The women of LCMS congregations in our area get together in the spring and fall for a rally to hear a mission speaker, to support a mission project with our gifts, and to enjoy Christian fellowship. At the Spring Rally, we donated money for a mission project for African agricultural projects. This summer we gathered socks for the homeless shelters in the Twin Cities. We also prepared health kits for Global Health Ministries. Our Fall Rally ingathering will be items for the Neighborhood Service Center.

You may wonder about the name of our LWML organization at St. Paul Lutheran Church—Cotta Guild. It is named after Ursula Cotta, who was the wife of a wealthy merchant in Eisenach, Germany, at the time that Martin Luther was studying there. He went door-to-door singing for his meals until Mrs. Cotta offered him a home and provided him with meals. Her kindness to Martin Luther was a blessing to her, to Martin Luther, and ultimately to us. One of the projects of Cotta Guild is to give financial support to the seminaries, donations to the food co-op for seminary students at Fort Wayne, and donations to the Seminary Guild at St. Louis, which provides books and other needful things to seminary students there—in effect, aiding needy seminary students, as Ursula Cotta did years ago.

We welcome all women of St. Paul Lutheran to join us at Cotta Guild to "serve the Lord with gladness." We meet the second Thursday of each month, usually at 7:00 PM.

# Owatonna Conference LWML Fall Rally

Saturday, October 1, 2011

St. Paul Lutheran Church

*Theme: "Little Pennies=Mighty Mites"*

Speaker: Pastor Armand Boehme

"The Mighty Mites in Kazakhstan"

Registration: 9:00-9:30 AM

Cost: \$6, includes noon luncheon

"Gifts from the Heart": Non-perishable items for the Waseca Neighborhood Service Center for those in need.

*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.*

*Matthew 9:37, 38*

**Cotta Guild** is observing LWML Sunday, October 2, by handing out brochures about LWML and the mission work it does. We are giving all of our congregation members the opportunity to support these mission projects with a donation through a door offering. May God bless our gifts to spread His Word of Salvation.

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Cotta Guild will meet Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 7:00 PM.  
Please bring a food item for the Neighborhood Service Center.  
We will be finalizing our plans for hosting the Owatonna Conference LWML Fall Rally on Saturday, October 1, from 9:00 AM through lunch time at St. Paul Lutheran.  
The nominating committee for our November election will be appointed.  
The Christian Life Chairman will have a devotion. All ladies are welcome to join us for an evening of Christian fellowship.  
Let's join the quilters on Saturday, September 10, at 9:00 AM, followed by lunch out.

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Cotta Guild-August 11, 2011

We gathered at 6:00 pm for a potluck. Pastor Zimmer led us in the common table prayer. After our potluck, Cindy opened our meeting with prayer followed by a devotion. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Several ladies had birthdays in the month of August. Happy Birthday was sung to them.

Cindy thanked Lila and Kathy's circles for working the Spittler and Matz funerals. The new flower cooler is up and running. We were given \$200 credit for some scratches.

The LWML Fall Rally is October 1. A list of jobs needing to be filled was passed around. We also need each circle to donate a 9 x 13 coffee cake and one large quick bread.

Vivian Bohmbach will take the school supplies and bingo food to the Neighborhood Service Center. A new kitchen rug for in front of the sink was approved and Linda Seifert will purchase it.

LWML Sunday will be observed Oct. 2. A door offering was approved. Kathy Flogstad motioned altar flowers for Oct. 2 and it was approved. Judie Waters will collect from the west door, Barb Denn from the north door and Kathy Flogstad from the east door. LWML bulletins were approved by the Elders and Cotta Guild. Linda Seifert's motioned four packs of Mustard Seed devotions for handouts.

Linda Seifert's circle is next in line to serve. Our next meeting will be September 8, at 7:00 pm.

A motion was made to adjourn. Bingo followed with the food going to the Neighborhood Service Center.

Kathy Flogstad  
Public Relations

## **Bible Reading Schedule**

When Christ commissioned the Apostles to evangelize the world, He said that they should make disciples in all nations by means of baptizing and by teaching them everything He had commanded them to teach (Matthew 28:18-20). As the education programs of the church and state gear up again, note how God's Word speaks about teaching in our Bible Reading Schedule this month (Ezekiel 44:23; Daniel 1:4; Luke 11:1; 12:12). God's Word teaches a Christian life-style different from the sinful life-style of the world (Daniel 3 & 6). A Christian life-style is one of hearing God's Word, confessing one's sins to God, and believing that for the sake of Christ we will be forgiven (Daniel 9:1-19; Psalm 111). It is a life lived knowing that by God's grace in Christ one will rise from death to eternal life in heaven. (Ezekiel 37; Revelation 21-22)

### **SEPTEMBER:**

1. Ezekiel 15,16; Psalm 70; Revelation 6
2. Ezekiel 17,18,19; Rev. 7
3. Ezekiel 20,21; Psalm 111; Revelation 8
4. Ezekiel 22,23,24; Rev. 9
5. Ezekiel 25,26,27,28; Rev. 10
6. Ezekiel 29,30,31,32; Rev. 11
7. II Kings 25; II Chron. 36; Jeremiah 40,41; Revelation 12
8. Jeremiah 42,43,44; Psalm 48; Revelation 13
9. Lamentations 1,2; Obadiah; Revelation 14
10. Lamentations 3,4,5; Rev. 15
11. Daniel 1,2; Psalm 87; Rev. 16
12. Daniel 3,4; Psalm 81; Rev. 17
13. Ezekiel 33,34,35; Rev. 18
14. Ezekiel 36,37; Psalm 110; Revelation 19
15. Ezekiel 38,39; Psalm 145; Revelation 20
16. Ezekiel 40,41; Psalm 128; Revelation 21
17. Ezekiel 42,43,44; Rev. 22
18. Ezekiel 45,46; Luke 1
19. Ezekiel 47,48; Luke 2
20. Daniel 5,6; Psalm 130; Luke 3
21. Daniel 7,8; Psalm 137; Luke 4
22. Daniel 9,10; Psalm 123; Luke 5
23. Daniel 11,12; Luke 6
24. Ezra 1; Psalm 84,85; Luke 7
25. Ezra 2,3; Luke 8
26. Ezra 4; Psalm 113,127; Luke 9
27. Haggai 1,2; Psalm 129; Luke 10
28. Zechariah 1,2,3; Luke 11
29. Zechariah 4,5,6; Luke 12
30. Zechariah 7,8,9; Luke 13

## **St. Paul Lutheran Little Lambs Childcare**

September is just around the corner. Where did the summer go? We are relieved to have some much cooler days than what we had there for awhile. We have been able to play outside, go for walks, and go to the park or library without becoming overly hot. In August we finished up our summer theme of “Down on the Farm” by talking about pigs, ducks, geese and farm pets. We also finished learning the alphabet and will begin again next month. Pastor Zimmer has been helping us learn the story of the “The Lost Son” and teaching us a new song. In September we will be learning about the following things:

### Bible Stories

God’s Wonderful Creation

Adam and Eve

### Monthly Themes

*Off to School*

*Grandparent’s Day*

*Families*

*I Am Special*

*We pick **Apples** in the **Fall***

*The color Red*

*The letter A*

*The shape circle*

*The number 1*

**Little Lambs continues to have full time daycare openings for children ages 6 months thru Kindergarten. Please have anyone you know who is interested give us a call or stop in and see us.** There are some new products that you can cut off UPC labels for the Campbell’s labels fundraiser. Check your Glad and Emerald products. Also some of the news stand magazines such as People, TIME, etc. have labels to cut off. Just a Reminder: If you are saving empty ink cartridges for Little Lambs, we do not receive a payment for Epson cartridges. I do, however, send them in for recycling purposes.

Here is our “wish” list for those of you who would like to donate to Little Lambs.

Snack Crackers

Cheese Crackers

Graham Crackers

Cinnamon graham crackers

Dawn dish detergent

Styrofoam plates

Small size paper plates

Aluminum foil

Chocolate graham crackers

Creamy Peanut Butter

Grape Jelly

Cookies

*A friend accepts you just as you are—and so does God, in Christ.*

*A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17*

## **Sunday School News:**

Sunday, September 11 is the first Sunday for Sunday School and Bible Study classes. Classes begin at 10:20am, immediately following Fellowship time in the Parish Hall.

Ages 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grades begin in the Sanctuary for opening and music. They end downstairs with class time. Classes are grouped with 2 grades meeting together: Preschool (ages 3 and 4), Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Each class has 2 teachers working as a team. Parents/guardians: please pick up your child from their teacher at the conclusion of Sunday school at 11:15am.

A Bible study for high school youth will meet in the Youth Room. Adult Bible study, led by Pastor Zimmer, will meet in the Parish Hall.

Sunday School Ministry offers many ways to help children and youth grow in faith and experience Jesus' love. Teaching, leading music, making phone calls, helping with the Children's Christmas Worship Service and the Easter breakfast, accounting offering monies... Contact Jen LaCroix, Sunday School Superintendent, to get involved in this rewarding ministry. [507-685-2656](tel:507-685-2656) or [jenlax@gmail.com](mailto:jenlax@gmail.com).

## **Sunday School Teachers Training Meeting**

Our first meeting of the Sunday School year will be held on Tuesday evening, September 6 in the Old Parish Hall and Kitchen. An informal meeting time of a light supper and picking up supplies and teacher materials will begin at 6pm. Teachers are welcome to bring their families/children, if needed. The formal meeting will begin with a devotion at 6:30pm, followed by Bible study on the upcoming lessons, and training for new teachers or those who wish to hone their skills. There will be materials and help available to decorate your room. We will conclude by 8pm. Please let Jen know how many family members will be coming so she can have supper available and activities for the kids. Looking forward to the start of a great year! Jen LaCroix, Sunday School Superintendent, home 685-2656, email [jenlax@gmail.com](mailto:jenlax@gmail.com).

COME TO OUR YOUTH EVENT on Sunday, September 11, 2011, starting at 5-7 pm.

We will need everyone there with their parents, too, as we are going to be planning the entire year's events and what we want to do as a youth group. Pastor Korb and Pastor Matthew will be hosting this night at Wilton Church. They will be serving a lunch after the planning meeting. Please don't miss this event as your input is needed and we would like to hear from everyone! Hope you all can make it and have fun as your new school year is about to begin! God Bless You and remember to save time for our youth gatherings, they are always a lot of fun. Debbie

**Nominating Committee Update**

The Nominating Committee for calling a pastor has submitted the documents to the District used in formulating a potential list of over twenty pastors. We expect to get that list near the end of September or early October. A few meetings will be promptly scheduled for the committee to go over the hundreds of pages of qualifications and narrow the field to five to seven names. That narrowed list will then be returned to the District, who will do a background check on each. That should take about a week. Then, God willing, we can schedule a congregational call meeting, hopefully by sometime in November. Your prayers and patience are appreciated.

Dan Gades, chairman

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**Lutheran Laymen’s League**

The Waseca Zone Lutheran Laymen’s League will hold its Fall Rally, Sunday, October 9, at 3:00 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Janesville. Cost of ticket is \$10.00. Pastors and wives will receive complimentary tickets. The guest speaker will be Rev. Eugene Bunkowske who will speak on his work in Africa.

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**Thank You**

Thank you to all for the prayers, visits, gifts of food, etc. that has been given to me since my surgery and recovery. Thank you also to Pastor Zimmer for his visits at the hospital and at home. Sincerely, Orval Proechel

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**From the Board of Stewardship**

|      | Budget Requested | Offerings   | Over/Shortfall | Year Over/Shortfall |
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| July | \$24,023.15      | \$16,476.67 | -\$7,546.48    | -\$39,357.06        |

**Psalm 25:1-10 (ESV)**

*[1] To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. [2] O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame let not my enemies exult over me. [3] Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. [4] Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.[5] Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. [6] Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. [7] Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! [8] Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. [9] He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. [10] All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Summer is nearly over and fall activities begin-Sunday School, the choirs, etc. Hearing the choirs singing at the morning services is so special. Thank you!

I spent a lot of time in the hospital at Mankato this past summer. My daughter has been a patient there for 28 days so far, and still there is no mention of a release date for her. Although her condition is improving slowly, the road is rough and rocky. Jesus said "Cast all your cares on Me, for I care for you." 1 Peter 5:7.

How awesome that we sinful human beings have a "big brother", who is the Lord Himself, and that He loves us so much that He was willing to die on the cross so that we human beings would be washed clean in His blood and could enter heaven and live with Him for all eternity.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the prayers you have sent to the throne of grace, our Fathers heard on Carols' behalf and mine as well. Our Lord hears and answers them all in His own time and for our good-and to His Glory.

Remember also to pray for all our brothers and sisters who are ill, or lonely, or are living alone, and feel left out of all the activities. Even though their health keeps them from participating in any events, a telephone call, a visit or a short note still keeps them involved and updated on whatever is going on in the family which is St. Paul Congregation.

May our Beautiful Savior send you His best blessings, now and always!

In Jesus Grasp,  
and His everlasting Love,

Your Sister in Christ,

MaeDean