

Our Ministry Together

“Lutheran Doctrine Does Make a Difference”

by Pastor Mark Becker



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22. All mid-week Lenten worship, from Ash Wednesday through Maundy Thursday will include 11:30 a.m. worship, with lunch following, and a 7 p.m. worship with supper preceding from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The theme of our 2012 Lenten worship services will be “Lutheran Doctrines That Make A Difference”, which will be a great way for us to think about the blessings of our Lutheran perspective. I am so glad to be Lutheran, because our doctrines (or teachings) are like the white lines on a highway. They help to keep us out of the gutters and ditches of harmful theology that can lead to harmful living. These are important parameters to consider, things that make a difference, to keep us faithful as Christians to the Biblical witness. That is the function of theological doctrine.

But fear not, for it is all down to earth and very applicable to life. On Ash Wednesday, when we receive the ashes marked on our foreheads in the sign of the cross, we are reminded of the saving power of our baptism as we also face the fact that “we are dust, and to dust we shall return”. Therefore, the Lutheran doctrine that makes a difference then is the Doctrine of Baptism. During Lent we will focus on other doctrines such as: Saved by Grace through Faith; The Word; The Holy Trinity; Simultaneously Saint and Sinner; The Priesthood of All Believers; and the Doctrine of Holy Communion (on Maundy Thursday). This will be a good time to consider anew why Lutheran doctrine helps us as Christians- good for confirmation students and good for all ages.

Confirmation students are required to attend Lenten services in place of the Wednesday classes, and attendance will be monitored by the

purple Lenten sermon notes that are turned in. We want the students to have the rich experience of mid-week worship during the Lenten season. Hopefully it will be a nurturing experience of Christian community that will be something they remember warmly and might choose to do as adults. Families are asked to attend with their students.

The worship services for Lenten mid-week worship will be the beloved Holden Evening Prayer service at 7 p.m.. A version of that same service will be used for the 11:30 a.m. worship as well. Come and observe the season of Lent with your faith community.



Lenten Mid-week Worship Begins Ash Wednesday, February 22

Time: 11:30 AM and 7 PM

(Lunch follows morning worship and supper precedes evening worship, with serving from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.)

Theme: Lutheran Doctrines That Make a Difference

- February 22** - The Doctrine of “Baptism” (Ash Wednesday)
- February 29** - The Doctrine of “The Word”
- March 7** - The Doctrine of “Saved by Grace through Faith”
- March 14** - The Doctrine of “The Holy Trinity”
- March 21** - The Doctrine of “Simultaneously Saint and Sinner”
- March 28** - The Doctrine of “The Priesthood of All Believers”
- April 5** - The Doctrine of “Holy Communion”
(Maundy Thursday)



INTERN PASTOR TIM MAYBEE

Church is...

Church is a community in which we help one another listen, with expectation, to the voice of God. These words from Pastor Becker’s January 15th sermon could not have come at a better time. The day that Pastor Becker shared these words with our church community was the same day that the “Who Is My Neighbor?” group held our first meeting. This group is committed to listening for the voice of God in our community. We meet once every month for Bible study, to discuss what God is up to in Stillwater and in our lives, and to theologically interpret information we have gathered through one-to-one meetings and online demographic research. Our aim in this ongoing conversation is to be church together; to help one another listen, with expectation, to the voice of God.

Before any of our meetings began, the congregation received and completed a survey. The following are the quantitative results of the survey that was distributed on January 8th. Following each table will be a short analysis and an example or two of how we might interpret this data theologically to answer: “what is God up to in this community?” and “what is God calling us to be and do?”

How long have you been a part of St. Paul Lutheran Church?

First Time:	0
< 1 Year:	2
< 5 Years:	5
> 5 Years:	39
> 20 Years:	95

In conversation with the “Who Is My Neighbor?” group and with others, these first numbers are not all that surprising. We are a well established church and many of our fellow St. Paul-ers have deep roots in Stillwater and in our church. This is a wonderful asset. In terms of being church together, we may want to consider more deeply the idea of partnering established pillars of this community with people who have been here for shorter amounts of time. This idea brings to mind the partnership of Samuel and Eli in 1Samuel 3. The older prophet, Eli, and younger Samuel are paired together. In the process they help one another listen to the voice of God. How might this apply to us? Still, this data may also reveal a potential challenge of which we should be aware. Negatively, churches that have

more established membership may be tempted to close off to outsiders. Awareness of this potential challenge will hopefully drive us to more openness and a more hospitable and welcoming community.

What brought you to St. Paul Lutheran Church?

Family:	75
Friend:	18
Advert.:	2
Other:	39

This also seems to many to be a rather predictable result. Much of what we learned affirms what we know, and it is always good to know that we do see ourselves clearly. As Anne Lamott writes, “the soul rejoices in hearing what it already knows.” Now, I don’t necessarily see this as saying that we have somehow failed in the advertising realm. I think what this more deeply affirms is that all the advertising in the world does not compare with relationships. Moreover, most of those who marked the “Other” category wrote of coming to be involved here through a marriage partner or through knowing another person. Talk about what is happening at church. Tell somebody that they are loved by God and that there is a community here to help remind them of that. Remember, never once in the gospels does Jesus send out fliers or a flashy commercial, he sends people to get to know people (Luke 10).

Do you live in Stillwater?

Yes:	102
No:	34

This is notable. Not every church in this part of Minnesota can boast of such a localized membership. We are close to one another in proximity. My prayer is that we grow closer and closer to one another in the bonds of faith and the neighborly relationship that grows out of Christ’s love. Don’t wait for a formal program to do this. Get to know each other. Share your lives together. Go get breakfast after church. The relationships you make here might just help deepen your faith.

God is doing so much in this community. In the coming months, through parish visitor articles, adult forums, temple talks and other means we will continue to share what we learn as we help each other listen for the voice of God. If you would like to join us in this conversation, let me know or simply come to our next meeting on February 19th immediately following second service.



**FROM OUR PARISH NURSE,
KATHY**

♥ FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH ♥

When you think of the month of February, most of us think of Valentine's Day or "Hearts". Here is a little trivia question: How many times is the word "heart" used in the Bible? The answers: KJV = 762 times plus an additional 114 if you include hearts
NIV = 541 times plus an additional 205 if you include hearts
NLT = 350 times plus an additional 208 if you include hearts

One more serious note, let's talk about heart disease. It is the number one health problem facing both men and women today. The most common type is coronary artery disease or blockages in the blood vessels of the heart leading to a heart attack. A few other heart conditions include heart failure, heart valve disease and heart arrhythmias.

Some symptoms of heart disease, depending on the type, can be chest pain, shortness of breath, fatigue, swelling in the hands and feet or lightheadedness or fainting spells. Prevention is the key for heart disease. If you have high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or diabetes, follow a healthy diet and maintain a healthy weight.

Sodium (salt) is necessary for cellular activity, but too much can cause high blood pressure and heart disease. The American Heart Association recommends limiting salt intake to below 2,300 mg per day for normal, and 1500 mg and below a day for anyone with risk factors for high blood pressure

1 teaspoon of salt is 2300 mg, which is the recommended, but it is the hidden salt in processed foods, which is used to preserve them.

A point to take away from this, watch how much you sprinkle that salt container and read labels on your food products. Get your blood pressure taken often if you are at risk. Watch the announcements for blood pressure checks on Sundays, or you can make an appointment with me in my office on Wednesdays.

Kathy

References: Lakeview Hospital Health Winter 2012



**Minister of Children's &
Youth**

Shannon McCabe

**Shannon will be on vacation
from February 5th-11th**



**Bible Camp Sunday
learn about 2012 camp**

February 5th! Come see and hear all about Camp Wapogasset and this year's camping opportunities!

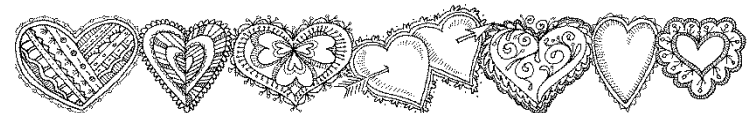
**Wapo Sunday (February
5th)**

Sunday school and youth forum students will have the opportunity to hear all about Camp Wapo from Mike Johnson on Sunday,

**30 Hour Famine Registration forms are due on
Sunday, February 5th!**

Please turn them in to Shannon's mailbox in the office. See below for details on the 30 Hour Famine.

**There will not be youth group on Wednesday,
February 8th and there will not be youth group or
confirmation on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd.**



Valentine's Day Sunday (February 12th)

Sunday school and Youth Forum students will get the wonderful opportunity to show love for others on Sunday, February 12th. We will be making Valentine's Day cards and sharing them with people we love!

**Youth gathering meeting Wednesday,
February 15th at 7:50 PM, after youth group**

The participants going to New Orleans will be having a group meeting on Wednesday February 15th, at 7:50pm in the Youth Room. All are invited to youth group prior to the meeting. (Youth group runs from 6 pm-7:45 pm)

**Kids Against Hunger is Sunday, February 19th
10 a.m. - 12 Noon**

All Sunday school and Youth Forum students are invited to participate in Kids Against Hunger on Sunday, February 19th. There will be a pizza party back here at SPLC following the food pack. We will be looking for a few lucky parents/volunteers to donate pop for the pizza party. Please sign up by **Sunday, February 5th**. The sign-up sheet is located on the welcome table outside of the sanctuary. Transportation is not provided, please arrange your own rides to and from Anderson Corp. (located in the old St. Croix mall).

**Youth worship service 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday,
February 19th** There will be an all-youth worship service at 7 p.m. on Sunday, February 19th. All youth, 7th-12th grade, are invited to come for a Vespers-style worship service. We need volunteers to play for it, please contact Shannon if you are interested and she will send you the music for the event.

30 hour famine Friday, February 24th & 25th

Junior high students are invited to participate in the 30 Hour Famine at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Stillwater. We will be fasting for 30 hours, learning about hunger in the world, doing service around Stillwater and of course having fun! Senior high students are also needed to be Senior High Leaders for this event. Several churches in the area will be participating, so come & join all of your friends for an event that will have a major impact on your life! Forms are due in to Shannon by Sunday, February 5th. (Turn them into her mailbox or the church office.)

**Lent youth group starting Wednesday,
February 29th** All of the Wednesdays during Lent will feature a short Youth Group from 7:45 PM until 8:50 PM. All youth, 7th-12th grade, can join in the fun!

**SPECIAL EVENTS COMING UP IN
FEBRUARY . . .**



**SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE SPONSORING
AFRICAN SUNDAY**

There will be new sounds and activities at St. Paul Lutheran Church on February 12. The Social Concerns committee invites you to a Sunday with an African theme. Worship will be led by Pastor Becker and Intern Maybee. Intern Tim will share in his sermon his experiences from time spent in Africa. The Gathering Space will be filled with displays and projects which will show what is being done to improve the lives of the Tanzanian Christians by all of the sponsoring congregations of the St. Paul Synod. This is also the Sunday for the ethnic potluck, which follows the second service.

The adult forum presentation will be given by Tom and Beth Hansen, who have spent time as synod representatives in Tanzania. Roger and Jean Schwartz will also present information on the project they have worked with in drilling wells in Tanzania.

The congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church has been providing excellent support to our Mgama partnership and the Social Concerns committee wants this presentation to show how God has been working through your gifts and interest. Please plan to be a part of the activities. Special participation is needed for the collection of a noisy offering which will be taken in addition to our regular offering. This offering will be in support of the Companion Village Project which assists the Tanzanians in improved farming practices to increase food production. More detailed information will be available on the 12th. Start saving those noisy coins now, however, for this special offering. Please plan to spend February 12th with us.

The Social Concerns committee



You are invited to the fellowship and meals connected with the Lenten worship season. Beginning with the Ash Wednesday, February 22, and continuing each Wednesday before Holy Week and then on Thursday of Holy Week, April 5th, you are encouraged to attend worship at 11:30 a.m. with lunch following or supper from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. with worship beginning at 7 p.m.

We will offer the usual menu of a selection of homemade soups, salad, fruit, rolls, beverages and, of course, desserts. This year we are encouraging any homebound members of the congregation to call and request a meal delivery. Delivery would occur after the noon meal. A call to order a meal should come to the church office and could be made as late as the morning of the lunch. The phone number of the church office is 651-439-5970. If you have any questions, please contact Adele Urhammer at 715-549-6497 or Jan Stevens at 651-439-3772.

We are again asking for donations of dessert. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the kiosk soon. The meals are offered at a free-will donation and we will have a special project which our profits support. Youth attending the Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer will be assisting with all evening meal preparation and clean-up as well as providing the evening meal on February 21st as a fund raiser for their expenses. The Social Concerns committee is looking forward to sharing this time with you.

SUPER HERO SUNDAY

Batman, Spiderman, Catwoman, Captain America; so many of our favorite



Superheroes are ordinary people called and equipped to do extraordinary things. Join us in doing something extraordinary this Lent. March is Valley Outreach's Minnesota FoodShare Month Campaign. As a church we'll be joining Valley Outreach in doing the extraordinary work of God by collecting different items every Sunday throughout the month of March. This

year's theme is "Be a Hero: Fight Hunger." Help us kick off this exciting campaign by joining us for **Superhero Sunday** on February 26. Come to church dressed up as your favorite superhero, and join us again at 2pm to watch Spiderman, and to learn more about how all Christians are ordinary people called and equipped by God to do extraordinary things. Be a Hero: Fight Hunger!

More Fellowship, Learning, and Outreach Opportunities at St. Paul Lutheran and in the community

Kids Against Hunger February 18 through 26, 2012

St. Paul Lutheran is participating again this year with Trinity Lutheran to package ½ million meals for the hungry. Neighbors from the St. Croix Valley will come together to package these meals including rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and seasoning. Hunger has become a major issue that is not going away on its own.

The meals will be distributed locally in the food shelves in Haiti, Sudan Refugees, and USA flood relief. This event provides us with the opportunity to bring some relief and comfort for the hungry and starving. We can help our hungry neighbors, and help end the tragedy of starvation that takes place every day in Haiti.

This year the packaging will be done at Andersen Windows Corporate Headquarters at the old St. Croix Mall location. Please watch for sign-up sheets during the months of January and February and it will be published in the weekly February bulletins.

We have scheduled the following times for St. Paul Lutheran to package these meals: Saturday, February 18, 2-4pm; Sunday, February 19, 10am-12pm; Tuesday, February 21, 12-2pm; Wednesday, February 22, 2-4pm; Friday, February 24, 6-8pm. The sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center in the Gathering Area.

If you have any questions, please contact Adele Urhammer (715-549-6497) or Jan Stevens (651-439-3772).



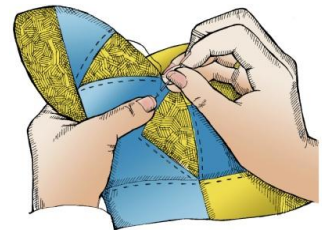
FOOD SHELF SUNDAY

FOOD SHELF SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

The first Sunday in February will again be Food Shelf Sunday when we encourage you to bring items for the Valley Outreach Food Shelf. We will focus our donations in February on all kinds of **TOMATO PRODUCTS** – spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, tomato paste, etc.

In January we focused our Food Shelf donations on “meal soups”. We delivered 100 pounds of “meal soups” (the kind you don’t add water to) to the Valley Outreach Food Shelf.

St. Paul Knitters The next scheduled meeting will be on Saturday, February 12, from 10 a.m. until noon. Come one and all to knit, crochet or learn to do these enjoyable crafts. We make prayer shawls, prayer squares, and baby items and cancer caps. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, talk with Kathy Palmer or Judy Clausen, who are the coordinators.



QUILTING GROUP

Our quilters meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in quilting – or learning how to quilt – you are welcome to come. They meet at 9 a.m. and some bring a lunch and stay until around 1 p.m. Others, stay for the morning. You are welcome to come and stay for whatever time works for you. It is a great time of mission and fellowship.

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP

The Men’s Fellowship Group extends an invitation to all men of all ages, members and friends to join other men of all ages for a monthly Fellowship Dinner and program.

Men’s Fellowship Group will meet on **Thursday, February 9th, at 6 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. A home cooked meal is served promptly at 6 p.m. Cost is \$5. If you are planning to attend this evening of fellowship, there will be a sign-up sheet on the kiosk or you can call the church office. please sign-up or call the church office by , Tuesday, February 7th , so we know how many to prepare for.

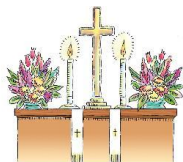
AGELESS GROUP

The Ageless Group will meet on Sunday, March 4th, at 11:45 p.m.in the Fellowship Hall. The Ageless Group will not be meeting in February but all Ageless Group regular participants are encouraged to come to the Ethnic Potluck lunch on Sunday, February 12th following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. There is no charge for this lunch and it will be great fun with a lot of food.

The Ageless Group is for anyone 55 and over – married or single – to get together for a meal on the first Sunday of each month. Cost is \$4. Call Lois Haase at 651-430-9066 or the church office by February 28th if you plan to attend the March lunch so we can let our chef, Tom Schwietz, know in advance how many to plan for.

Local Habitat for Humanity Work Day

Scheduled The Social Concerns committee is providing a work day on Saturday, February 11th, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1840 9th Street in White Bear Lake. We will not know exactly what we will be doing until about two weeks beforehand. In case you do not have a full day to volunteer at this site, you can work at any time during the above hours. We will be leaving at 8 a.m. from the church to share rides and bring your own lunch and snacks. There is a volunteer registration form that each worker needs to fill out or register online prior to the work day. These registration forms are available in the church office. If you do not have internet connection to register online, talk with Carol in the church office and she can help you. There is also a sign-up sheet on the Kiosk in the Gathering Area for you to sign up on so we know how many volunteers to expect . Thank you for volunteering you time!



Altar flowers in January

January 8: Altar flowers were given by Alice Powell and Jennifer Powell in memory of Stephen Powell

Altar flowers were also given in loving memory of Eric Vollmer, grandson and nephew – from Dorothy Vollmer and Kathy and Dennis Thibodeau

January 15: Altar flowers were given in loving memory of Dad's, William Schrade, birthday which is January 20th by Lorna Schrade and family.

Altar flowers were also given in memory of Gloria and Richard Sandahl from Janet and Jenna Jahnke

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED ON JANUARY 22

Nick Braun

913 South 3rd Street #1
Stillwater MN 55082

Mary Kay Drews

14830 58th Street N #408
Stillwater MN 55082
651-323-4217

Nate Hermanson

1701 Highland Drive
Hastings MN 55033
651-270-6330

Merritt and Bonnie Heaney

38404 Grand Avenue
North Branch MN 55056
651-336-7365

Shannon McCabe

400 3rd Street South
Stillwater MN 55082
651-353-3320



Jameson John Stabnow

Son of
Mark Stabnow and Annie Ries

January 7

Paul Melzer

And

Shannon Stephens

January 28

Carrie Mack

And

Court Melin



Recent Funerals

Dale Peter Krongard

12/20/1931 – 11/21/2011

Jim Graham

11/22/1921 – 1/5/2012





SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 8:15 a.m.** Traditional liturgical worship service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Forum and Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Alternative worship service with Holy Communion

EACH TUESDAY: 9:30 a.m. St. Paul Lutheran Walking Group
 10:30 a.m. Adaptive Yoga class

EACH WEDNESDAY:

- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Adaptive Yoga Class
 6 p.m. Confirmation classes
 6 p.m. Handbell choir rehearsal
 6 – 7:45 p.m. Youth Group for 10th graders and up
 7 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

FEBRUARY 2 Quilting Group starting at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

FEBRUARY 5 – Food Shelf Sunday

FEBRUARY 9: Men's Fellowship dinner

FEBRUARY 11: 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Group

FEBRUARY 12: African Sunday – Ethnic Potluck – Noisy Offering

FEBRUARY 13: Internship committee meeting 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 18: 2 – 4 p.m. Kids Against Hunger food packaging event

FEBRUARY 19: 10 a.m.–Noon Kids Against Hunger food packaging event

FEBRUARY 22 – ASH WEDNESDAY –

11:30 a.m. Ash Wednesday worship followed by Soup Lunch

2 – 4 p.m. Kids Against Hunger food packaging event

5:30 p.m. Soup Supper

7 p.m. Ask Wednesday worship

FEBRUARY 24: 6 – 8 p.m. Kids Against Hunger food packaging event

FEBRUARY 27: 7 p.m. Devotions and Dessert Women's Bible Study

FEBRUARY 28: 1:30 p.m. Sarah Circle Bible Study

FEBRUARY 29: 9 a.m. Eunice Circle Bible Study

11:30 a.m. Lenten worship followed by Soup Lunch

5:30 p.m. Soup Supper

7 p.m. Lenten worship

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER EVENTS: Check the monthly calendar for more events, dates and times.



February 5 - Robin's Nest Mission Trip -Jan Stevens and her granddaughter, Sarah, will share their Robin's Nest experience in Jamaica. They will show photos and tell the stories of their mission trip experience with Our Savior's Lutheran.

February 12 - Africa Mission Sunday - Pastor Tom and Beth Hanson will report in, having returned recently from Tanzania. They will share their experience, including news from our partner parish, Mgama.

February 19 and 26 - "Biblical Prophecy" taught by Dr. Mark Throntucit, Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Biblical Prophecy means different things to different people. Conservative preachers stress the prophetic message of repentance in their sermons, while preachers of a more liberal stripe point to the equally prominent message of peace, justice, and social reform. Adding to the confusion is the understanding, widespread among their parishioners, that the prophets are pointing forward to the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus, or the calamitous end of all civilization. Our class will examine several aspects of what prophecy is not, before turning to an examination of what the prophets, themselves, think they are doing.

February 19 - "What Prophecy is Not"

February 26 - "What the Prophets Are"

March Forum Series (Adult and Youth Forums Combined in the Fellowship Hall)

The four sessions of the combined Adult/Youth Forum during March will be a series entitled "Faith and the Theology of the Simpsons". Using segments of the television show "The Simpsons", Pastor Becker, Intern Pastor Maybee, and Minister of Children and Youth, Shannon McCabe will lead these interesting discussions. It may surprise you that "The Simpsons" are actually the only television family that goes to church and wrestles with spiritual issues.

Adult Inquiry Class **Thursdays, February 2, 9, and 16** **(7 – 9 PM)**

Pastor Becker will teach a three session class, bringing to life the Lutheran teachings that specifically help to define us as Christians in this world. Structured around the Lutheran slogan of “Word Alone, Grace Alone, and Faith Alone” we will try to think about the real things that our Lutheran perspective gives us as we consider the unique gift that we as Lutherans bring to the Christian community. Classes will meet in the Conference Room just inside the east (parking lot) entrance, and go from 7 – 9 PM (with a snack break). This will be a great time to look at faith as a Lutheran if: 1) you have never been a Lutheran Christian before; or 2) if you simply want to have a refresher class on confirmation studies. However, don't expect to memorize anything nor be bored. This is about life, and about how our Lutheran faith helps us to live confidently and faithfully in a broken world.



Andrew Lundborg was ordained into the office of the pastoral ministry on Saturday, January 22, at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Forest Lake. Andrew has accepted the call to Prince of Peace Lutheran in Roseville, Minnesota, and began his ministry on Monday, January 23. Pastor Becker participated in the ordination as Andrew requested by giving "Words of Encouragement and Advice".

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS **2ND ANNUAL LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE** **MINNESOTA WILD**

See the Wild on a special night honoring Lutherans with special discount seating. Tuesday, February 28, at 6:30 p.m. Upper level ends - \$22 (reg. price \$28); upper level sides - \$29 (reg. price \$48); lower level corners/ single attack - \$45 (reg. price \$81).

To order tickets go to:

<https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=wild&o=8618843&g=421> along with special offer code: Lutheran. Questions, contact Jason Stern 651-312-3460 or jstern@wild.com

FAITH AND FAMILY DAY WITH THE SWARM:

Sunday, February 12th, at 2 p.m. at the Excel Energy Center. Tickets are \$22, which is a 50% savings for lower level sideline seats. There are also \$17 tickets available. Anyone interested in ordering tickets can find order forms on the kiosk in the Gathering Space.

Lutheran Night with the Minnesota Twins 2012

The Minnesota Twins will soon start the third season of outdoor baseball at Target Field and are proud to host Lutheran Night 2012. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will sponsor two dates to choose from: Monday, July 30th and Tuesday, July 31st. Both games begin at 7:10 p.m. Both games will be against the Chicago White Sox! Ticket prices range from \$13. to \$28. Tickets are going fast, so don't miss your chance to catch the Twins in action. For more information, contact Landon Oldenburger at 612-659-3583 or by e-mail at landonoldenburger@twinsbaseball.com

Simply Giving Program

Electronic giving


Enjoy the convenience of electronic giving. Our church offers electronic giving, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. If you are writing checks and preparing envelopes every week, you will especially appreciate electronic giving. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our church. We have members that have been using this program for the past number of years. Some give weekly, some bi-weekly, some monthly – it doesn't matter. To set up electronic donations, simply check with the church office for an enrollment form and then leave the completed form with Carol. Donations can be debited automatically from either a checking or savings account. The Simply Giving Program is endorsed by Thrivent Financial Bank.

SHOW YOUR LOVE

Want to do something special for your spouse and show how much you care? Attend a Lutheran Marriage encounter Weekend and focus on just the two of you. Engaging presentations by both lay and clergy leaders give you tools and information while exercises and conversations with your spouse in the privacy of your hotel room revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The Spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekends in Minnesota are February 10-12 (think Valentines!) in Brooklyn Center; March 23-25 in Duluth; and May 4 – 6 in Walker. Please register several weeks in advance. For more information, contact Dick and Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, or Pete and Phyllis McMahon at 736-561-1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM OF NORTHERN IRELAND HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!

Open your heart and home for five weeks this summer to a 10 or 11 year old child from Northern Ireland. Over 4000 Catholic and Protestant boys and girls from Belfast and surrounding communities have experienced the hospitality of families like yours throughout the Program's 40 years of operation. Children selected to participate in the program this summer will arrive in the Twin Cities the end of June 2012 and depart with a lifetime of memories and friendships the beginning of August 2012. Call 651-405-1108 or check out our website at www.cjni.org to find out how your family can participate in this remarkable program.



Just for KIDS

Biblical Couples

Here are some couples found in the Bible. The husbands' names are given. Find the wives in the list. Use the verses to help.

Hannah	Rachel	Mary	Rebekah
Zipporah	Bathsheba	Sarah	Elizabeth
Drusilla	Priscilla	Sapphira	Eve

Adam +	Abraham +	Isaac +
Genesis 3:20	Genesis 17:15	Genesis 24:67
Jacob +	Moses +	Elkanah +
Genesis 29:28	Exodus 2:21	1 Samuel 1:8
David +	Joseph +	Zechariah +
2 Samuel 12:24	Matthew 1:18	Luke 1:5
Ananias +	Aquila +	Felix +
Acts 5:1	Acts 18:2	Acts 24:24

Answer: Adam & Eve; Abraham & Sarah; Isaac & Rebekah; Jacob & Rachel; Zechariah & Elizabeth; Ananias & Sapphira; Aquila & Priscilla; Felix & Drusilla; Moses & Zipporah; Elkanah & Hannah; David & Bathsheba; Joseph & Mary;