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LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF - Each year the Lutheran Women's Missionary League collects items for Lutheran World Relief through the middle of October. The following items are being collected.

Sewing Kits – 3 yards of 44" or 45" cotton or cotton-blend fabric (4 yards if 36"); no knits of 100% polyester; 1 package of needles for hand sewing; 1 spool of matching thread; 1 card of 6 or more ½" to 5/8" matching buttons.

School Kits – Spiral notebooks of ruled paper 8½ X 11", 150 count (no loose leaf); 1 blunt scissors; 1 pencil sharpener; a 30cm ruler; 6 new unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; 1 eraser 2 ½" long; 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons; 1 sturdy cloth bag 12" X 14" with cloth handles.

alth Kits – 1 hand towel, 1 washcloth (both dark colors recommended); 1 bath-size bar of soap (in original wrapping); 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging; 1 5-7 oz. squeeze tube of toothpaste with 1 year of shelf life remaining. 1 comb, wide tooth preferred; 1 metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached; 6 band-aids preferable ½" to ¾".

Soap – New bars of any brand soap in the original wrapping.

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(LWR) quilts when finished should measure 60" x 80". Please keep in mind that the purpose of a quilt is to provide warmth, so choose fabrics and filler material accordingly.

Layettees – 2 shirts; 2 gowns or sleepers; 2 receiving blankets; 4 cloth diapers; 1 sweater; 2 washcloths; 1 bath-size bar of gentle soap, (in its original wrapping); 2 diaper pins.

Soap – New bars of any brand soap in the original wrapping.

Clothing – Only light and medium-weight clothing; sweaters and sweatshirts in good condition for women, men, children and infants.

TRUNK-N-TREAT will take place on Sunday, October 31, 2010 from 6-8 p.m. on the new parking lot. You may decorate your trunk and provide candy. There will be games and hot chocolate will be available. Any questions, please call Jeanette Gindler at 667-6852.

THANK YOU, to all the volunteers that will be helping with St. Paul's Fish Fry and our annual Rummage Sale. **As always** thank you to all that help in and around St. Paul's church and school. We would like to extend thanks to Jesse James for his singing, our Praise Choir and to our Family Choir.

CHAPEL: Wednesday, October 6, we will have a teacher from Metro East Lutheran High School leading our chapel service. Chapel begins at 8:15 a.m. and takes place in the church sanctuary. You are invited and encouraged to attend.

BOX TOPS for education offer: watch the advertisement adds for bonus box tops when you buy General Mills Box Tops for Education Some of the featured products on sale include: Betty Crocker brownie and muffin mix, Bugle Snacks, Chex Snack Mix, Betty Crocker specialty potatoes, Fiber One Toaster Pastries, Betty Crocker Fruit snacks, Pillsbury Toaster Strudels, Toaster Scrambles, Pancakes, Pillsbury Grands biscuits, Yoplait Yogurt, General Mills cereals, including Total and Cheerios.

FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE – thank you to all who made individual and memorial donations for the improvements to St. Paul's Cemetery. Since the Cemetery is the property of our congregation, the improvements speak well of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in our community. We have numerous lots available for sale. If interested, contact one of the Cemetery Committee members: Dale Schnoecker Chairman (667-6368), Darwin Meier, Vice-Chairman (667-6626), and Jimmy Rood, Secretary (667-7859 or Bud Klaustermeier (667-2202) Treasurer.

"IDENTITY THEFT" is a free 50 minute educational workshop that helps you gain a better understanding how identity theft can occur. You'll also learn about steps you can take to help protect your identity and what you can do if identity theft happens to you. The workshop will be offered at St. Paul's Ministry Ctr on Oct. 17, 2010 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. It will be presented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representative Ken Kober. Refreshments will be served. This is open to everyone; to register call Adeline Amen (667-2549) or Leslie Jourdain (344-4488). For more info call Ken Kober (345-9369).

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VOTERS' MEETING is Sunday, October 17th immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service in the church sanctuary. The agenda and reports will be available in church during the month of October. As this meeting goes through the noon hour, there will be a **CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK** after the meeting in the Ministry Center gym. You are encouraged to attend the meeting and the potluck. Bring a dish to pass (meat dish, veggie dish, salad or desert). This is a great opportunity to spend time with your fellow members after taking care of the business of the church.

POINSETTIA SIGN-UPS ARE COMING - it's almost time for Christmas. Once again, members and friends of St. Paul's are welcome to help decorate the church with beautiful poinsettia plants. Look for more information forthcoming. You may take your plants home on Christmas morning after worship.

THRIVENT, SOUTH MADISON COUNTY IL CHAPTER picnic and election is next Sunday, Oct. 3rd from 1-4 p.m. The picnic will be held at the Edwardsville Township Park located at 6368 Center Grove Rd. The Waterloo German Band will be providing entertainment. This is for all members of Thrivent and their families.

IT'S SAUSAGE SUPPER TIME! Family Style Pork Sausage Dinner at Marine United Church of Christ on Sunday, November 7th - 11 am to 5:30 pm All you can eat - Adults is \$8.00, children 4 - 10 is \$3.00, Age 3 and under is free, all carry outs \$8.00. **St. Paul's Sausage Supper will be Sunday, March 6th, 2011.** Please mark your calendars!

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP, this year is **NOV. 25**. Most things in life don't last very long. There is one thing you can be sure of — God's love. It will never end. It will always supply all we need. We will be rejoicing in God's love at our Thanksgiving Eve worship this year. Worship is at 7 p.m. on Wednesday,

November 25. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

SID JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING is the weekend of October 9-11 (Columbus Day weekend). It takes place at Camp Wartburg and is open to all students in grades 6-8. Pastor Schuessler and Rachael Schuessler will be going as counselors for our junior high youth.

SID PASTOR'S CONFERENCE is Monday and Tuesday, October 4-5 at Pere Marquette State Park. Pastor and Penny will be attending this conference.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE will be Sunday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar. Practices for children in Kindergarten through grade 8 will be held on the following Saturdays from 9-10:30 a.m. November 20, December 4 and December 11. Children who are between the ages of 3 and 5 and who are not currently attending Kindergarten, should attend the December 11 practice only. Participation notes will be distributed by the Sunday School teachers in the near future. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Susan Lilienkamp, (223-1575) Program Director, with Mrs. Lauren McLaughlin and Mrs. Laura Thomas assisting.

"AND I SAID, SEND ME" ... "Our Remembrance of God's Guidance In Taking His Plan To His People" ... is the title of an exciting book by Betty Schirmer. She and her husband Bert Schirmer (former Interim Pastor at St. Paul's Troy). Bert and Betty became part of the mission with their lives." On the back cover of the book there is a personal testimony to God's wisdom and promises as He led two of His messengers to minister in Siberia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, former republics in the communist regime of the USSR. A copy of the book is available at church along with order forms to purchase copies.

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TICKETS ARE ON SALE in the narthex for the Mother/Daughter/Friend Dinner, which is Tuesday, Oct. 19th at 6:30 pm. If you should have any questions call Grace Cottingham (667-6552) or Mary Ann Miller (667-4922).

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY (YABS) meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. We are studying the Gospel of John. Meg Schlemmer serves as the Bible study leader. The study is for those ages 18-30ish. It will help you to grow in your faith in God and in your relationship with others. It meets in the Old Church Office.

A CORD OF THREE STRANDS (Couples Group) gathers at Darwin and Edna Meier's house on Sunday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m. We are currently between studies and invite other couples to come and join the group. The purpose of CTS is help married couples to grow stronger in their marriage relationship, to provide support for couples and to assist couples to grow in faith in Christ. CTS is open to all couples of the congregation. For more information, contact Pastor or Penny Schuessler. (667-1112)

YOUTH HAYRIDE is Sunday, October. 17th at 5-8 p.m. at Ted and Debbie Flath's house. This is open to all youth of our congregation. Guys need to bring drinks. Gals are to bring snacks (cookies, brownies, etc.).

YOUTH LOCK-IN: Our annual Youth Lock-in will be Friday, Nov. 5th to Saturday, Nov. 6th. It begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 8:00 a.m. Youth need to bring soda to drink, snacks to eat, sleeping bag and Bible. Adult volunteers to help out are needed. Contact Pastor if you can help for any of the Lock-in. Thank you.

SENIOR ADULTS: you are invited on Sunday October 24th at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have games and treats. Remember this is Halloween week so come and join us for the

"games and treats"? This is for ALL seniors; couples or singles.

REMINDER: Also don't forget to sign up for our December adventure on Dec 22nd to go see "Away in the Basement" which is a program of the Church Basement Ladies. We have reservations for 16 however we can get more tickets if more people want to go. We have 15 people signed up as of now. We can possibly get more tickets but don't wait until the last minute as these tickets go fast.

FISH FRY is coming soon...our next Fish Fry will be Friday, **Oct. 29th at 4 pm** at Troy VFW. This is a fundraiser for our school. Please join in lots of fun & relaxation!

SCHOOL PICTURES will be taken the week of October 12 -15. Watch for more specific information closer to that week. Students will **NOT** be required to dress in their uniform for pictures. Clothing should still be appropriate for a Lutheran school setting—not too short, too low or too tight, nothing see-through, etc.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: Please mark your calendar for parent/teacher conferences on October 21 from 3:15-7:30 p.m. You will receive an appointment slip with the time you are scheduled to meet with your child's teacher. If you absolutely cannot make the time indicated, please contact Ms. Craig to re-schedule.

FALL AND WINTER YOUTH CALENDAR

- October 17th: hayride 5-8 p.m. at Ted Flath's home; Guys – drinks and Girls – snacks.
 - October 24th: Open gym/movie; Guys – drinks and Girls – snacks.
 - November 5th: 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. the next morning – youth lock in
 - November 21st: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Regular meeting Guys – snacks and Girls – drinks.
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- November 28th: noon after 10:30 a.m. services – Christmas decorating in the church.
- December 5th: 6 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Christmas Party at Amber Moore's.
- December 12th – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling. Meet in the church parking lot.
- January 9th: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Regular meeting/possible snow ball fight? Weather permitting.

ON SATURDAY:

- October 2 at 6:00 p.m. **Acolyte:** Luke Emmons; **Elders:** Sam Italiano and Darrell Wittenberg; **Ushers:** Brion Boeshans, Kevin Campe, Sam Italiano and Seth Schaefer; **Greeters:** Connie Chrusciel and Donna Ponce; **Organist:** Jo White; **Altar Guild:** Sheryl and Amber Moore.

ON SUNDAY:

- October 3 at 8:00 a.m. **Acolyte:** Colin Brannon; **Elders:** Alan Kilzer and Roy Massey; **Ushers:** Ted Flath, Lonnie Meier, Dale Schnoeker and Matt Schuessler; **Greeters:** Penny and Rachael Schuessler; **Altar Guild:** Sheryl and Amber Moore; **Organist:** Jo White.

ON SUNDAY:

- October 3 at 10:30 a.m. **Acolyte:** Casey Harlow; **Ushers:** Ted Fedder, Colin McLaughlin, Curtis Moore and Mark Schlemmer; **Greeters:** Meg and Hannah Schlemmer; **Organist:** Jo White; **Bulletin Collator:** Debbie Wittenberg & family; **Flowers:** In Honor of their Wedding anniversary by Brion & Janet Boeshans.

ON SATURDAY:

- October 9 at 6:00 p.m. **Acolyte:** Abbi Meseke; **Elders:** Glenn Buske and Sam Italiano; **Greeters:** Ed & Darilyn Johnson; **Ushers:** Brion Boeshans, Kevin Campe, Sam Italiano and Seth Schaefer; **Organist:** Jo White; **Altar Guild:** Adeline Amen and Debbie Flath.

ON SUNDAY:

- October 10 at 8:00 a.m. **Acolyte:** JR Walls; **Ushers:** Mike Hampton, Dale Schnoeker, Joe Werre and Karla Werre; **Greeters:** Howard & Carolyn Oakley; **Organist:** Jo White.

ON SUNDAY:

- October 10 at 10:30 a.m. **Acolyte:** Ashley Criley; **Elders:** Ray Cottingham and Mark Schlemmer; **Ushers:** Keith Jackson, Josh Rose, Roger Taylor and Scott Taylor; **Greeters:** Fran Busekrus and Jackie Jackson; **Organist:** Jo White; **Bulletin Collator:** Ruth Brewer; **Bulletin Sponsor:** In Honor of Howard Oakley's 85th Birthday; **Altar Guild:** Adeline Amen and Debbie Flath.

ON SATURDAY:

- October 16 at 6:00 p.m. **Acolyte:** Elaine Fitzgerald; **Elders:** Sam Italiano and Tom Unger; **Ushers:** Brion Boeshans, Kevin Campe, Sam Italiano and Seth Schaefer; **Greeters:** Larry & Kathy Brokering; **Altar Guild:** Donna Hughes and Ted Fedder; **Pianist:** Tim Wittenberg.

ON SUNDAY:

- October 17 at 8:00 a.m. **Acolyte:** Colin Brannon; **Elders:** Ted Flath and Joe Werre; **Ushers:** Alan Kilzer, Lonnie Meier, Dale Schnoeker and Matt Schuessler; **Greeter:** Bonnie Levo; **Altar Guild:** Donna Hughes and Ted Fedder; **Organist:** Claudia Loethen.

ON SUNDAY:

- October 17 at 10:30 a.m. **Acolyte:** Jacob Niebruegge; **Ushers:** Philip Carder, Curtis Moore, Josh Rose and Tim Wittenberg; **Greeters:** Ruth Schmitt and Jean Schultze; **Organist:** Claudia Loethen; **Bulletin Collator:** Grace Cottingham; **Bulletin Sponsor:** In Honor of Todd & Sheryl Moore's Wedding Anniversary.

ON SATURDAY:

- October 23 at 6:00 p.m. **Acolyte:** John Jasaitis; **Elders:** Sam Italiano and Glenn Gindler; **Ushers:** Brion Boeshans, Kevin Campe, Jack Fincham and Seth Schaefer; **Greeters:** Shirley & Jim Rood; **Pianist:** Tim Wittenberg; **Altar Guild:** Mary Ann Bonneville and Verona Meier.

ON SUNDAY:

- October 24 at 8:00 a.m. **Acolyte:** Sydney Gavlick; **Ushers:** Alan Kilzer, Dale Schnoeker, Joe Werre and Karla Werre; **Greeter:** Jean Schultz; **Organist:** Jeanette Gindler.

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- **October 24 at 10:30 a.m.** Acolyte: Casey Harlow; Ushers: Jason Kesterson, Kyle Sipes, Tony Sipes and Tim Wittenberg; Elders: Glenn Buske and Darrell Wittenberg; Greeters: Ruth Englehart and Maxine Flath; Organist: Yvonne Rieger; Bulletin Collator: Lynn Van Winkel; Bulletin Sponsor: By the Fincham Family; Altar Guild: Mary Ann Bonneville and Verona Meier.

- **ON SATURDAY:**

- **October 30 at 6:00 p.m.** Acolyte: John Jasaitis; Elders: Sam Italiano and Tom Unger; Ushers: Brion Boeshans, Kevin Campe, Sam Italiano and Seth Schaefer; Greeters: Nancy & Bud Klaustermeier; Altar Guild: Karen Kilzer and Yvonne Thomas; Organist: Jo White.

- **ON SUNDAY:**

- **October 31 at 8:00 a.m.** Acolyte: JR Walls; Elders: Roy Massey and Greg Reynolds; Ushers: Ted Flath, Mike Hampton, Dale Schnoeker and Matt Schuessler; Greeter: Shirley Schnoeker; Organist: Claudia Loethen; Altar Guild: Karen Kilzer and Yvonne Thomas; Flowers: In Honor of their 21st Wedding Anniversary by Joe & Karla Werre.

- **ON SUNDAY:**

- **October 31 at 10:30 a.m.** Acolyte: Josh Ponce; Ushers: Ted Fedder, Colin McLaughlin, Josh Rose and Mark Schlemmer; Greeters: Nancy and Addy Reynolds; Organist: Claudia Loethen; Bulletin Collator: Kelly Felax.
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