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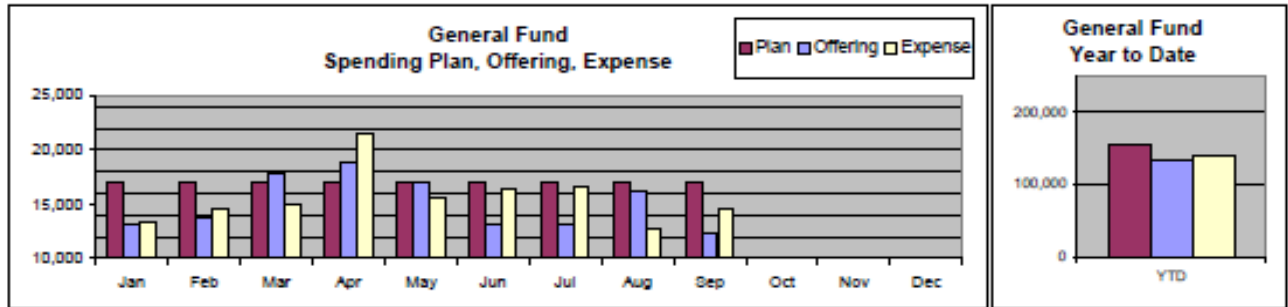
**THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATION MEETING
ON NOVEMBER 15TH FOLLOWING THE SERVICE
TO VOTE ON THE 2010 SPENDING PLAN.**

**PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING
THIS IMPORTANT MEETING**

Treasurer's Report

St Paul Lutheran Church Statement of Revenue and Expense with Spending Plan

September 2009	September				Year to Date			Year to Date	
	General Fund	Spending Plan	+/- of Plan Rec'd-Spent	% of Plan Rec'd-Spent	General Fund to Date	Total Plan to Date	% of Plan Rec'd-Spent	Restricted Fund	Total Funds to Date
Support and Revenue									
Contributions	12,302	17,113	(4,811)	72%	136,537	154,016	89%		136,537
Designated/Restricted								22,132	22,132
Total Assets	12,302	17,113	(4,811)	72%	136,537	154,016	89%	22,132	168,889
Expenses									
Designated/Restricted		0				0		30,228	30,228
Congregational Council		0			884	0		0	0
Benevolence	700	2,600	(1,900)	27%	18,200	24,100	76%	0	18,200
Church Mortgage	568	580	(12)	0%	5,100	5,220	98%	0	5,100
Committee - Christian Education	162	237	(76)	68%	2,421	3,488	69%	0	2,421
Committee - Fellowship	114	79	36	144%	743	1,018	73%	0	743
Committee - Staff Support	0	0	0	0%	0	30	0%	0	0
Committee - Outreach	51	146	(96)	35%	1,062	1,873	57%	0	1,062
Committee - Property	1,177	167	1,010	706%	1,629	1,500	109%	0	1,629
Committee - Resource	0	0	0	0%	0	600	0%	0	0
Committee - Stewardship	0	0	0	0%	0	100	0%	0	0
Committee - Worship & Music	352	308	46	114%	2,065	3,508	59%	0	2,065
Insurance	0	301	(301)	0%	3,062	3,210	95%	0	3,062
Building Operation	1,867	1,841	28	101%	17,589	17,497	101%	0	17,589
Office Operation	311	384	(73)	81%	3,744	3,454	108%	0	3,744
Parish Communications	69	185	(118)	37%	1,490	1,715	87%	0	1,490
Payroll	9,171	9,102	69	101%	81,780	81,923	100%	0	81,780
Total Expenses	14,641	16,830	(1,389)	81%	138,771	148,234	94%	30,228	168,118
Excess of Support and Revenue Over Expenses	(2,240)	1,183	(3,422)		(3,235)	4,782		(8,096)	(10,447)



NEWS FROM THE CHAPEL: Schola Cantorum is recruiting for it's Latin Complines during Advent. If you are interested in singing, contact Chaplain Riegel (304-680-5388; Chaplain@LutheranMountaineer.org).

What does it mean to be Lutheran? Rediscover our Lutheran roots in a study on Tuesday evenings. We will be using the book *Lutheran Identity*. Please see Pastor Brian if you are interested, so he can get some books ordered.



BOOK DISCUSSION: On Saturday, November 21st, 10:00 AM, a group will be meeting to discuss the book, *The Shack*. Get a copy, start reading and join us. If you have any questions, see Pastor Brian.

HELP WANTED: We are still looking for a Worship Assistant Coordinator. This person schedules worship assistants and sends out postcards as reminders. If you are interested you can talk with Sally Leonard or Pastor Brian. Thanks!

Chocolate!!!!!!!

Support the **St. Paul Youth Group** and **Lutheran World Relief** by buying **fair exchange** chocolate. The youth will be selling individual chocolate bars for **\$1.50 per bar**. Gift boxes and bulk packages of chocolate are available for order through the youth group.



The youth will be selling chocolate bars and taking orders on **Nov. 8, 15, and, 22**. If you make an order, the chocolate will arrive in time for Christmas presents

Youth Group meeting: Nov. 8th 5-7 pm

Dinner provided



Agenda: Chocolate sale, shut-in baskets, and more

News from Council

The St. Paul Congregational Council met Sunday, October 11th and would like to share the following highlights with you:

- The money being held for repayment of the bond has been invested in a CD with Centra Bank with a 3.25% interest rate.
- The congregational meeting on the spending plan for 2010 will be held November 15th immediately following the service.



Sunday School News

The theme of our Christmas program this year is "Savior of the Nations, Come." The program is a service of lessons and carols which will be led by the children and which will replace the usual Sunday service on December 20th (we will still have Communion).

Following the service we will have a light meal of finger foods, after which the Sunday School will go caroling at the homes of our homebound members.

Members of the congregation are asked to bring finger foods for the meal. You may choose to bring cookies and sweets, or items like fruit, cheese and crackers, etc. We are also in need of clothing from other countries for the children to wear during the service. So if you have something from your native or ancestral land or people, even a hat, it would be wonderful if you could lend it to us for the day. Children's sizes and small adult sizes are needed.

Don't forget to keep saving coins in the Give A Care cans. The money will be used to purchase animals from the Heifer Project.

FROM THE PIECEMAKERS: Some good and not so good news from the Piecemakers. One of our quilters has been on an extended leave spending time with her sister in Minnesota. She has just returned as I am writing this letter and we are very glad. One main knotter has had cataract surgery and made a good recovery. One of our summer helpers was in a very serious car accident and will not be able to help us anymore, she is at Healthsouth and in need of a lot of prayer. Never the less we finished our quota of making the promised quilts and therefore received our second installment of \$200 from Thrivent, thanks to Kay taking care of that for us. On the bright side, we have a lady from India helping us with knotting some of the quilts now. We provide her with transportation and have taught her some new skills. We really enjoy having her here, but she will be leaving this month to return to her home. We can use more help and welcome any of you to help us, there is not shortage of work or supplies. Mrs. Failinger from Wisconsin had her 50th wedding anniversary and we sent her flowers which she enjoyed very much. She is making more quilts tops for us. Thank you everyone for supporting us. Without you we could not accomplish our mission and a big thank you to our little quilting group for being so loyal.



Thanksgiving Basket Program

Another opportunity for members and friends of St Paul Lutheran Church to help local families in need

Our Goal – 30 Baskets

15 – Scott's Run Settlement House & 15 – Rock Forge Neighborhood House

Both Rock Forge and Scott's Run have many families applying for food for Thanksgiving.

Three ways you can help

1. **Donate purchased food**

a. Purchase items from the list below in quantities of 15 or 16, and then deliver it to the church sometime on or before Sunday the 16th of November

b. Very Important – please reply by email or phone no later than the 14th of November if you choose to purchase food; monetary donations will be used to purchase food that is not donated or perishables

c. **Donate money**

d. Place cash or a check in an envelope that has Thanksgiving Baskets written on it and then place it in the offering plate on or before the 15th of November

e. **Donate time**

f. Shop for food using donated money to complete the list below

g. Help separate and pack the food for distribution

Deliver the food to Scott's Run or Rock Forge

Food List

<u>Item</u>	<u>Minimum amounts</u>
\$15 gift cards	(Kroger, Giant Eagle or Aldi's for turkeys)
Potatoes	5 pound bag or 2 or 3 boxes instant potatoes
Dressing	2 boxes or 1 large bag
Dinner Rolls	1 dozen
Noodles	1 large bag
Onions	1 bag
Green beans	2 cans
Carrots	2 cans
Applesauce	1 jar
Gravy	1 or 2 jars
Dessert	(pie, cake or cookie mix)
Cranberry Sauce	1 small can
Sweet Potatoes	1 large can

Extra, optional, items that families are thankful for are nuts, pumpkin pie mix, canned milk, sugar, pie crust mix, jell-o, 1 pound of butter, eggs, disposable turkey pans, dishwashing liquid

Timeline

• **Through November 22nd**

o Bring Food Donations to the church or donate money through the offering

o **Sunday November 22nd**

o After Church - Organize food

o Sunday Afternoon (@ 1:00pm) Shop for the remaining food / perishables using donated money

o Sunday Late Afternoon (@ 4:00pm) - Complete baskets, prepare for deliver

o **Monday November 23rd**

Deliver food to Rock Forger and Scotts Run - we need delivery help

Please contact Dave Stiles at 304-284-0190 or dave.stiles@gmail.com

Thank you!!!!

THE GREEN CORNER

Climate Countdown

The world starts negotiating the future to fix global warming in December at Copenhagen and if you're interested in behind-the-scenes reporting of the most important issue of our age (even surpassing the Wall-Street bailout by taxpayers), you might want to visit MotherJones.com. The editors of Mother Jones (November & December/09) have decided to grab heartstrings to motivate readers on the most important story of our time by featuring beautiful children's pictures (checkout our green bulletin board next to the church office). They hope to stimulate public consciousness by emphasizing the human catastrophic toll of a problem whose worst effects are decades away. It's time to 'stop the dithering' and 'give our kids a chance.' As they said, the problem is difficult to solve because it's hard to get worked up over some future environmental problem, but if we stop to consider the specifics, then reality sinks in, and action follows. Without the public's drastic action by the time their children reach their middle age 'The Southwest will have become a dust bowl, 30 percent of the planet's species will be extinct; 200 million people will have become climate refugees.' What confronting future generations should confront us with a profound sense of dread and guilt which is probably why so many are postponing the need to be concerned. After all, there are more important issues like a global recession and keeping a roof over one's children rather than some glacier meltdown. The glacier melt will be an improvement because the oil reserves will then become accessible and we'll be liberated from foreign oil dependency.

But climate change isn't only an environmental issue. It's a massive and technological challenge to force the transformation of our economy, whether we take the lead and invest in sustainable energy or deny reality to invest in the 'nuclear energy solution to clean air.'

Thomas Friedman's latest book [Hot, Flat and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution—and How It Can Renew America](#) is worth reading considering the need and urgency for leadership in new technology. If one isn't into in-depth reading and more interested in summary positions on the green debate, then [Scientific American Earth 3.0](#) gives solutions for sustainable progress. For a second look at Nuclear Fission as the solution, it questions the market sense of investment in nuclear. (Short summaries on Friedman and alternative energy sources, visit www.SciAmEarth3.com).

Mother Jones is also forging a collaboration of organizations working together on possible solutions to save our ecosystem, and if you wish your beautiful child to be featured on its front cover or to send to friends, senators, President Obama, also go to motherjones.com/climatecover.

Are you interested in sub-prime Nuclear Loans and why our government is so generous with nuclear subsidies? Read 'Bad Reactors, rethinking your opposition to nuclear power? Rethink again' by Mariah Blake in [The Washington Monthly](#) (Jan/Feb 09).



Prayer, Praise, and Thanksgiving

The Prayer List for St. Paul

In The Small Catechism, Martin Luther writes: The Second Commandment: You are not to misuse the name of your God. What is this? Answer: We are to fear and love God, so that we do not curse, swear, practice magic, lie, or deceive using God's name, but instead use that very name in every time of need to call on, pray to, praise, and give thanks to God.

Following this command to call on God's name in every situation, we list her intercessions to be lifted up in the midst of our congregation's worship.

**Person for whom
we intercede:**

Alana Mears
Vernon Dalton
Rose Dalton
Betty Kelso
Ami Schon
Ann Cloonon
William Davis
William Davis Family
Suzanne Roh
Milan Roh and family
Deb Myer
Sone Armstrong
Scottie Sneckenberger
Margaret Laughlin
Pastor Brian Bennett
Louise Paulson
Scott Nelson
Virginia Whitcomb Family
Skip McCulla
Irene Hellyer
Aaron Sampson

For what we are praying:

Advanced Lyme Disease
Bell's Palsy
Illness
Illness/Surgery
Mother undergoing surgery
Illness
Died/entered the church at rest
Comfort in midst of grief
Died/entered the church at rest
Comfort in midst of grief
Lower back surgery
Ear surgery to restore hearing
Illness/surgery
Nursing home—back injury
Gastritis, ulcer
Post concussion syndrome
Liver problems
Comfort in midst of grief
Stroke Recovery

Deployed in Afghanistan (Army)

Names will remain on the list that for one month. At that time they will be removed and it will be necessary for you to re-enter their information in the notebook that is in the narthex. If you become aware of anyone that can be removed prior to that time, please notify the church office.

SERVING ST. PAUL November 2009	LAY ASSISTANTS	LECTORS	ACOLYTE-CRUCIFER	USHERS	NURSERY WORKERS	COUNTERS
1st 10:00 AM	M. Haas	S. Kirkpatrick	M. McCulla AJ Bartlett	G & K Kullman L & L Paulson	McCulla Family	P. Cushing LA Hartley
8th 10:00 AM	S. Woodruff	E. Melby	K. Smith A Grosso	E. Graham C. Henry T & F Potter	J. Graham Ford-Werntz Family	D. Borrelli R. Zay
15th 10:00 AM	J. Lee	T. Potter	J. Borelli E. Graham	P. Smith S. Lynch B & J Schreiman	E. Stiles E. Sampson	C. Henry S. Gabbert
22nd 10:00 AM	M. Sampson	S. Rizzo	E. Stiles E. Stiles	K. Powell L. Springer J & S McCulla	A Grosso S. Hollar	L. Paulson C. Toffle
24th Thanksgiving Service 7:00 PM	M. Haas	S. McEwuen	Custer	S. McEwuen C. Custer		
27th 10:00 AM	D. Borrelli		M. McCulla AJ Bartlett	S. Armstrong S. Bartlett E & C Melby	S. Rizzo	K. Powell L Springer

If you are unable to serve, please find your own replacement. Thank you.

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Monthly Planner

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