

From the desk of Pastor Rohde:

Freddy and the Lord stood by to observe a baseball game. The Lord's team was playing Satan's team. The Lord's team was at bat with the score tied at zero to zero. It was the bottom of the ninth inning with two outs. Freddy and the Lord watch as a batter stepped up to the plate named, **Love**. **Love** swung at the first pitch and hit a single, because "**Love never fails.**"

The next batter was named, **Faith**. **Faith** also got a single because **Faith** works with **Love**.

The next batter up was named, **Godly Wisdom**. Satan wound up and threw the first pitch. **Godly Wisdom** looked it over and let it pass. "Ball one!" the umpire cried out. Three more pitches and **Godly Wisdom** walked because he never swings at what Satan throws.

The bases were now loaded. The Lord turned to Freddy and told him He was now going to bring in His star player. Up to the plate stepped **Grace**. Freddy said to the Lord, "He sure doesn't look like much!"

Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw **Grace**. Thinking he had won the game, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch. To the shock of everyone, except the Lord, **Grace** hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen! Satan, however, was not worried. His center fielder let very few balls get by him. He went up for the ball, but it went right through his glove, hit him on the head and sent him crashing to the ground. The crowd went wild as the ball went over the fence for a home run.

The Lord's tem won!

The Lord then asked Freddy if he knew why **Love**, **Faith**, and **Godly Wisdom** could get on base but couldn't win the game. Freddy responded by saying he did not know why.

The Lord explained, "If your love, faith, and godly wisdom had won the game, you would think you had done it by yourself. **Love**, **faith**, and **Godly Wisdom** will get you on base, but only My **Grace** can get you home: "For by **Grace** you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

The U in Jesus

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God stuck U in the name of His Son.

And each time U pray, you'll see it's true,
You can't spell out Jesus and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why He came.

And His great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crucified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold trumpet blew,
And this word resurrection is spelled with a U.

When Jesus left earth at His upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.

"Go into the world and tell them it's true
That I love them all-Just like I love U."

It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know, but it all starts with U.

Don't forget Jesus when U plan for our vacation,
Or travel this summer.

Jesus will never forget U.

Our church needs your monetary contributions this summer as much as during the rest of the year.

U are the church!

Stewardship Board

St. Paul's Lutheran School Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance

The following students at St. Paul's Lutheran School have earned **Honor Roll** status for the Fourth Quarter of the 2008-2009 school year:

Eighth Grade: Matthew Fox, Jamie Hughes, Paul Wonnacott

Seventh Grade: (none)

Sixth Grade: Hannah Boonzaayer, Madysen LaVine, Riley Schmidt, Luke Wonnacott

Fifth Grade: Geena Keck

Fourth Grade: Ellen Fox, Jessica Hughes, Katie Wonnacott

The following students have had **perfect attendance** for the Fourth Quarter of the 2008-2009 school year:

Kindergarten: Brody Beasley, Brody Ecenbarger, Jessica Hochstetler, Ashton Shively

First Grade: Beck Brurok

Second Grade: Anna Leeper, Sarah Leeper*, Hannah Rowe

Third Grade: Miranda Aguayo, David Hochstetler, Desi Jones

Fourth Grade: Ellen Fox, Hunter Garner, Jessica Hughes*, Cordall Schoning*

Fifth Grade: (none)

Sixth Grade: Garrett Fox*, Krenten Hueni, Riley Schmidt

Seventh Grade: Kevin Woodyard*

Eighth Grade: Matthew Fox, Jamie Hughes*, Randa Jones, Brittany Sahlhoff*

* - indicates perfect attendance for the whole year.

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A Note of Correspondence

Dear Saints at St. Paul's,

Thank you for all your prayers and support during this final school year.

Tomorrow Vincent graduates! May 22!

He received a call to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Sebastopol, CA. It's a lovely town 10 minutes west of Santa Rosa and 1 hour north of San Francisco. We are so thrilled to be going back to our home state! We are looking at a date in early August for his ordination date.

You have been a wonderful blessing to us and we wish you all many blessings tenfold!

In Christ,
Vincent, Erica, and Tino Shaw

St. Paul's Choir DVD/CD

St. Paul's Adult Choir recently traveled to Fort Wayne to tape songs for the weekly program - *Worship for Shut-Ins*.

Those hymns and anthems have been turned into a DVD (also an audio CD) that is being made available to St. Paul's members.

The songs include:

- I Have Set the Lord Always Before Me
- God Bless Our Native Land (LSB 965)
- Come, Holy Ghost (LSB 497)
- Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness (TLH 371)
- On Eagles' Wings (LSB 727)
- Before You, Lord, We Bow (LSB 966)
- When Morning Gilds the Skies (LSB 807)
- Come To Calvary's Holy Mountain (LSB 435)
- With the Lord Begin Your Task (LSB 869)

The songs the choir taped in 2007 for *Worship for Shut-Ins* will also be included on the audio CD. The DVD of the 2007 taping is also available again.

If you would like a copy of either or both DVDs or the audio CD, please fill out the 'order form' below and give it to Ken Eichinger or take it to the church office. The listed costs below are for materials only. If you wish to donate more, those funds will be used for choir-related items. Please make your checks payable to Ken Eichinger.

- 2007 video DVD \$4.00**
- 2009 video DVD \$4.00**
- '07 & '09 audio CD \$3.00**

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Seminary Food Co-op Blueberry Picking

The Marshall County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be hosting a Blueberry-Picking Project for the Concordia Theological Seminary (Fort Wayne) Food Co-op. The picking will be held at **Pertic's Blueberry Patch** west off US 31 in Lapaz on



Saturday, July 18 from 10:00 A.M. until noon. All are welcome to pick – you don't need to be a Thrivent member to participate. There will be a ***picnic lunch following*** at the John and Nancy Gutknecht home on Tyler Road (near LaVille HS) just west of US 31.

All you need to bring is your enthusiasm, some sunscreen, a hat, and some water to drink. The berries will be paid for by Thrivent and sent to Fort Wayne with the seminary families for the Food Co-op.

Families with children are welcome. It only takes two hours to pick lots of berries and then we'll all enjoy a delicious picnic lunch together. **Please sign up** on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office so we have an idea of who and how many will be attending. **Thank you.**

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VBS Information

VBS is fast approaching! Don't miss Gadget's garage this summer. We have full evenings of songs, games, snacks and LOTS OF FUN planned for everyone. VBS begins on **Sun.**, July 19th and runs through Thurs. July 23rd. We will start at 6:00 each evening and be finished at 8:30. Enroll with the church office (Don't forget to bring a friend.) or call Angie Hughes at [546-4934](tel:546-4934) to volunteer. See you in the garage!

PTL NEWS

We thank God for all of his tremendous blessings! St. Paul's PTL has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Indiana District of the LCMS. This, along money in our own Playground Fund, will be used for playground improvements. PTL will continue to add monies to the Playground Fund, as these improvements are quite costly. All improvements, and supporting documentation, must be completed by **June** of 2010. The PTL established a Playground Committee approximately a year ago. This team is currently working on the improvement plan.

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