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ANNUAL RALLY DAY WORSHIP & PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

Sunday School Kick-off and Teacher Installation

Fall... it's a time for new beginnings—a new school year, a new crispness in the air, a new landscape as tree leaves begin to change color and autumn flowers bloom.

At St. Stephen the Martyr we are celebrating fall with our annual Rally Day Service and Picnic. Help us kick off a new Sunday School year—experience worship and enjoy great food and fun family activities

There will be one indoor worship service at 9:30 A.M.

Indoor picnic following worship
Family Activities

A Sign-up for the meal is on bulletin board outside the church office

Hamburgers, brats, hot dogs and beverages will be provided!
Please bring a dish to pass

(Free-will donations to defray the cost of food are gratefully accepted.)

Please remember to bring your supplies for school bags for needy children worldwide.

HELPERS ARE NEEDED—A SIGN UP IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD



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PASTOR GAIL'S COMPUTER NOTES...

"RALLY DAYS ARE COMING!"

What was that again? "Rally Days"—plural?! Yes, that idea comes from member John Rech, Sr., and I like it! As we look forward to the coming year of active ministry at St. Stephen the Martyr Church, let's think bigger than just one day!

For sure, I hope that you and your family will come and worship the living Lord on Sunday, Sept. 7 (one service INDOORS this year at 9:30 a.m.) There will be a great deal of excitement as we introduce our returning and new Sunday School staff and as we greet all our dear children, including little ones who will attend S.S. for the very first time! Praise God for that! And praise God for our new Music Director Bill Bravener! Sept. 7th will be his first Sunday with us, as he accompanies worship and directs the Senior Choir.

And then we all get to enjoy a delicious picnic in the Fellowship Hall. If you haven't signed up to attend and bring your favorite tasty dish, call the church office or just come! (Don't forget the tasty dish!) BUT HOW ABOUT RALLYING ALL YEAR LONG?! Webster's Dictionary says "to rally" means: "To gather and organize or inspire anew; to find renewed strength or vigor; to come together for common action or effort."

Ask yourself this question: "What does my church membership inspire me to do and to be?" and then ask yourself this: "How could my membership at SSM be more meaningful?"

Worship is the center and core of everything we do together as Christians, and thank God for our regular and special opportunities to hear the Word, receive the Sacrament, and pray for the needs of the world. Perhaps your worship would be enhanced by being more involved in worship: as an usher, reader, choir member, communion preparer or server. You might use your gifts and talents this way.

Perhaps you might consider working with our junior high or high school youth, or helping with Sunday School. As we all know, leaders and teachers grow in faith and knowledge more than their students as they engage in prayerful learning.

Are you interested in Bible Study? There are several that meet now, and later in the year, there will be more, as we involve our congregation in the ELCA's "Bible-Book of Faith" program. This is exciting!

Stewardship, Evangelism, Music and Worship & Fellowship Committees could use a few more members.

Are you passionate about any of these, or are other areas of ministry beckoning you? Search your heart, ask God to guide you and consider deepening your church life at SSM this coming year.

Let's RALLY for our own growth in faith and joy in discipleship!

See you on all the Rally Days we get to spend together.

Your partner in the Gospel,
Pastor Gail

Stewardship

Next Stewardship Meeting is
September 2nd at 7:00 pm.

What is a Steward?

One definition states that a steward is a person who manages the affairs of a household or an estate for the owner.

In the Christian sense — a steward is the manager of the affairs of God on earth.

God has made each of us a steward — and has given us abilities and talents that are unique. We should use these abilities and talents to serve God.

Everything we have — time, talents, health, property, environment, relationships, the Good News of the Gospel, is given to us by God.

A Christian steward serves God out of love and gratitude for these gifts knowing that it's not how much we have but what we do with what we have that is important.

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." I Peter 4:10

From Stewardship & You, Channing Bete



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 27-28 - ThankOffering Services - Women of the ELCA

October 3-4 - Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Convention @ St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & LOOSE ENDS CRAFTING

September's Bible study will meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month, September 10 @ 9:00 a.m. September 24 @ 10:15 am. All ladies are invited as we study the following Sunday's Scripture texts.

The Loose Ends Bake & Craft Sale is

December 1st & 2nd this year.

On September 10th, following the 9 a.m. Bible study the Loose Ends Group will begin preparing for the annual Loose Ends Bake & Craft Sale. We will begin working on simple, but fun craft projects. Please join us...come when you can and stay as long as you are able. Lunch will be ordered in. Call Carole Ropel (262-523-4130) or Diane Moraza (414-281-8677) with any questions.

Thankofferings.....Gifts of Gratitude

You have been reading and hearing about the Thankoffering Services that will be held at St. Stephen the Martyr on September 27 and 28. At those services you will see many of the women of SSM serving as Greeters, Readers and Ushers, you'll see them setting-up communion and serving communion. Although this is not uncommon, it will be "special" on this weekend. You'll see the quilts made by the Piece Makers on display, along with the school bags sewn by the ladies of Loose Ends and the Human Concerns Committee. And let's not forget to be aware of the time devoted by other Women of the ELCA at SSM as Sunday School teachers, Council members, Committee members, the work of the Son Shine ladies, the Loose Ends Bake & Craft Sale participants, Choir members, Bible Study participants and the beautiful handiwork done by the Knit Wits. And the list goes on..... Take a moment and say a prayer of thanks for these many women that are actively participating in the work of our Lord. And let's not forget the work of those in the past and pray for inspiration and blessing for the women of the future.

If you are able, use the brightly colored, special envelope that you will receive to make a "Thankoffering" that will help to support the resources and continuing activities and benevolence projects of the Women of the ELCA churchwide. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to St. Stephen the Martyr and mark "Thankoffering" on the memo line. You will also want to include your name and envelope number on the reverse side of the special envelope so that your gift is properly recorded.

Thank you from the Women of the ELCA at St. Stephen the Martyr

Women: It's Your Last Opportunity to Register

There is still time to register for the Women of the ELCA-Greater Milwaukee Convention being held on October 3-4 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa. If you can't attend on both days (cost-\$75) consider attending only on Saturday. Our day begins with worship at 8:15 a.m., and includes speakers, workshops and a luncheon. K. C. Williams and Arlene Skwierawski will end our day with a program entitled "Energized to Serve". The cost for Saturday only is \$45. Perhaps Friday, late afternoon and evening, will better fit your time schedule. Registration begins at 4 p.m. with the Banquet at 6 p.m. The cost for Friday is only \$35. You'll meet the Bishop's Representative, Pastor Sue Ruehle, you'll hear from some of our SWO Committees and there will be a presentation called "Looking Good" presented by Catherine's Stores, who specialize in women's clothing. We will close the evening with a Taize Meditation.

Bring an in-kind gift of socks, large size diapers, underwear, 24 pack crayons, 8 pack of fat markers or pocket folders that will be donated to Lutheran Social Services Foster Care Kids program. Or gifts for their mentors of movie cards, gas card or entertainment cards will also be appreciated. The worship offerings will be divided between the Women of the ELCA and Habitat for Humanity.

Registration forms are posted on the kiosk. Note that registrations will be accepted through September 20th.



Fellowship

Please call Shelly Rosenstock at
769-7067 if you are interested in helping on the Fellowship Committee.

RALLY DAY IS ALMOST HERE

Sunday, September 7, 2007

Join us for the beginning of Sunday Church School and to kick off the fall season. There are many opportunities to play an active part. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please sign up on the bulletin board soon!

FIRST FRIDAY POT-LUCK MEETS SEPT. 5TH

All are welcome to share food and fellowship on Friday, Sept. 5th at 6:00 p.m. for a good old-fashioned Pot-luck in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a hearty entrée, a salad, or a dessert. Coffee, tea and soda will be provided. There is no charge! Come, bring a fellow member, a neighbor, a friend, and also bring a joke or a funny story, or 'what you did on your summer vacation'!

All are welcome, especially those who live alone.

Sign up on the bulletin board near the office.

Sue Jarchow & Pastor Gail Brodersen-Heins

Fit & Faithful

Want to begin reading the Bible more regularly? Not sure where or how to start or how to fit this into your schedule? Consider joining Fit and Faithful for online Bible study and conversation!

Our group has been "meeting" for over 5 years sharing ideas, thoughts and questions through e-mail. Currently we are reading 2 Corinthians. The passage for the week (usually a chapter) is sent to all group members early in the week via email. Members read, reflect and write their comments to the group moderator (Julie Starks) who sends these comments on to the group once a day. Reflections can be just a few sentences or a few paragraphs. They can be individual musings or references to study materials found in our own homes or online.

Please join us by sending an email to jastarks@earthlink.net. Everyone is welcome and you may join in on the conversation at any time!

Family Ministry News

UPCOMING EVENTS		
September 7	9:30 AM	Rally Day
September 7	7:00 PM	Planning Meeting
September 21	7:00 PM	Revolutions!
TBD		Service Project

Fast Start to Fall

Back to school time is also time to look ahead for youth and family ministries. All students who are in grades 7 through 12 are welcome and encouraged to grow in faith by joining us for our fun ministry events this year. There will be a planning meeting in the fellowship hall on Sunday, September 7th at 7 p.m. All middle school and high school students, their parents, and adults in our congregation who would like to make a positive impact on the lives of our youth . . . you are invited to share your ideas, prayers, and dreams for our ministry this year. Our first event is already planned, our monthly REVOLUTION! But everything we do after that will be up to you!

A Special 'Thank You' . . .

Our congregational mission trip was amazing! God worked miracles every day. Our 21 missionaries faced many challenges, but Jesus provided a way every time to surpass all obstacles for service in God's Kingdom. Your prayers and support played a huge role, not only in this faith adventure but also in preparing for future mission trips. By now, you may be wondering how much the congregation raised through the M & M Minis tubes. (Drum roll, please) . . . Over \$770!!! That's quite a chunk of change. Thank you!

3-4-5 TO PASSING ON THE FAITH

(from Frogs without Legs Can't Hear by David W. Anderson & Paul Hill)

A.A.A. Adults

My last article is about being AAA Adults. This is similar to the philosophy of the AAA Road Service; providing needed services to members such as towing, insurance and directions for the journey. We need to provide the same type of 'service' to our young people as they begin to develop their Christian faith journey. Youth need people inside & outside their families to be a positive influence on their lives. Helping to protect them in a crash, finding them when they are lost, and being with them to guide them using the map God gave us: his word.

The three AAA points are Authentic, Available, and Affirming. Being Authentic is not trying to show them

that we are perfect but that we, as Christians, still have our faults and weaknesses. Authentic people know that they need to have integrity and godly character and to show their need to improve. They know they need forgiveness and are willing and able to forgive others. They make moral and ethical decisions based on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Available adults are just that, Available. We need to be there to listen to the youth when they need to talk. We lose so much valuable conversation time to other activities outside of the family. We need to take time and go to them—ask and listen about things going on in their lives.

And then we come to Affirming. To affirm means to support or encourage. Our youth need to see in us that we honestly care about them and what they are doing. We need to take the time to lift them up and show them that we want to see them do well in life. They are given enough negative things in their young lives, we don't need to be another one.

Until next time, peace be with you.,

Tim Falksen

Contact our Discipleship Coach, Kevan Penvose: 414-258-0858 stillerz7@yahoo.com

Music & Worship

Please check your mailbox for the next set of schedules for the Fall and mid-Winter season. The schedules are a very important part of the Music and Worship at St. Stephen the Martyr. If you find that you can not attend a service assigned to you, please contact the coordinator of the schedule or please switch with another member. Also, please let Lynda Shadd, Office Administrator, know for bulletin information. The Music and Worship committee thanks everyone in advance for their service to SSM.

Readers: Bob DeFrank 761-2165

Greeters: John Rech 546-1576

Communion set up and serving: Cathy Peterson 325-6628 or Sue Jarchow 421-9031

Ushers: Bob Rasmussen 421-5170

The new fall season starts off with Rally Day on Sunday, September 7, 2008. This worship service begins at 9:30 am and will be held inside in the Sanctuary. There will be communion by intinction and the installation of the Sunday school teachers and aides.

Following the worship service, there will be the SSM Rally Day picnic, held in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the office for any assistance in the set-up, serving, and cleanup. Signup if you will be in attendance and also if you would bring a dish to serve.

On September 27th and 28th, there will be a WELCA Thank-Offering Service. At all services, women of SSM will be the greeters, ushers, communion assistants, and lay readers.

New candle snuffers have been purchased. A new holder is being made to store them in the sanctuary.

Submitted Faithfully,

Cathy and Sue

MANY THANKS

The Music and Worship Committee would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Music Director Search Committee, which included the following SSM Members: Pastor Gail, Jay Chadwick, Penny Dowling, Karen Hoffman, Dick Kroll, Karen Rasmussen, Kelly Sachse, Denise Sanders, Eric Sanders, and Rose Van Evera-Kress.

These members were involved in the interviewing and selecting prospective candidates for the position. We appreciate their hard work and time.

Christopher Owen's New Address:

1937 Fremont Ave S

Apartment #1

Minneapolis, MN 55408

Greetings From Our New Music Director

Greetings from Bill Bravener, your new Music Director! I look forward to meeting you and especially worshipping with you. Please know that all are welcome to participate in Senior Choir and/or Handbell Choir. The rehearsal schedule is listed on the monthly calendar. Choir rehearsals begin September 3rd. Please contact me if you have any questions about our choirs.

I was born and raised in Fredericksburg, Iowa, which is about 60 miles west of Prairie du Chien, WI on Hwy 18. I am a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa with a BA degree in music education. My

major performance areas were piano and organ. My work experiences include serving as a middle and high school vocal music director, a community college continuing education coordinator, and a church musician—both part-time and full-time. The full-time positions were at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran in Watertown, WI and Calvary Lutheran in Brookfield. While serving at Immanuel, I had the honor of being on staff with Pastor Rich Heins and Pastor Gail Brodersen-Heins. Now Pastor Gail and I get to work together again! God works in great and marvelous ways!

In 1998 and 1999 I attended the Lay School of Ministry sponsored by the South Central Synod ELCA. The course work included: Hebrew Bible, New Testament, Faith Formation, Christian Ethics, Church History, Systematic Theology, Worship and Programmatic Ministries. At the same time I completed the ELCA candidacy process which included an internship at Immanuel Lutheran and Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown. I was commissioned as an Associate in Ministry on April 2, 2000. although it was tough to be a student again, this course work provides a helpful foundation for worship planning and leading worship. I look forward to sharing the Gospel with you in word and in music.

I hold memberships in the American Guild of Organists, the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, and American Guild of English Handbell Ringers and Choristers Guild where I serve as secretary/treasurer of the Greater Milwaukee Chapter. I am also a staff accompanist at Carroll University in Waukesha.

My mother, Margaret, is 100 years old and lives in the home where I grew up. You will probably see her at worship sometime soon. I have one sister, Sandy, who lives in Cedar Rapids, IA. She and I have traveled with some SSM members on two recent trips to Germany. My hobbies include travel and photography.

That's probably way more information than you ever wanted to know about me! Please know that the most important aspect about serving as your music director is that we will have opportunities to share together in worship. I look forward to seeing you at worship.

- Bill Bravener

Human concerns

Next meeting is September 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Call Shirley Lieske with questions: 761-0734

SCHOOL BAGS FOR KIDS

Keep those school accessories coming! Thank you for your generous donations thus far. The items needed for each bag are listed below.

- Pads or notebooks of ruled paper (8 1/2 x 11—150-200 sheets per notebook)
- One blunt scissors (safety with imbedded steel blades work well)
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- Six new pencils with erasers -unsharpened
- 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors
- One box of 16, or 24 crayons
- One cloth bag approximately 12" x 14" with cloth handles—to be sewn by Loose Ends

MT. MERU COFFEE PROJECT

Attention Coffee Drinkers! We have several kinds of Mt. Meru Coffee available in the narthex. We have bean, drip, regular or decaf. Try a bag soon and enjoy! The cost is \$8.00 per 12 oz. bag. Give it a try! Doing Justice Never Tasted So Good!

Grandparents' Day Sale

Interfaith-Southwest Neighborhood will have Their Grandparents' Day Mum Plant Sale at our church after services on Sept. 6th and 7th.

We are a sponsoring congregation and support Southwest Interfaith's work of providing services to older adults in our community through volunteers and financial contributions. Southwest Interfaith volunteers assist older adults by providing transportation, help with shopping, friendly visits and minor household chores, thus enabling older adults to remain in their own homes longer.

Brochures and information about Southwest Interfaith will be available along with beautiful mum plants

to take to grandparents or any older friends or relatives.

The Interfaith-Southwest representatives from your congregation are:

Bob Lieske @ 761-0734 or

Shirley Deveck, 421-7342

Thank you for promoting this worthy fundraiser for the older adults in our area.

KNIT WITS begins again on September 8th, 6:30 p.m.

Join us whether you know how to knit or crochet—we will teach you! We will make caps and other items for cancer patients and for sale at the December Bake & Craft Sale.

Aluminum Cans Needed!

SSM's Aluminum Can Collection has continued to provide extra money for SSM kitchen items and gifts to ELCA World Hunger.

Please leave donations of cans at the side door of the garage. And remember, aluminum drink cans only. Keep those cans coming! Thanks for all the help!

THE STAFF OF LIFE— SSM FOOD PANTRY

...because hunger never takes a break...

All food pantry donations for the month of September will go toward the CROP Walk on October 12th. Donations of canned goods and cereals are acceptable.

"The LORD upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind, and lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous." Psalm 146

Bread for the World

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.

God's grace in Jesus Christ moves us to help our neighbors, whether they live in the next house, the next state or the next continent by changing policies, programs and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, we provide help and opportunity far beyond the communities where we live.

In October members of SSM will be asked to write to their congressional representative to help the 35 million Americans, including 17 million children, who aren't getting enough nutritious food to eat.

Please pray for this organization and their mission. - Barb Czerwinski

PICK & SAVE "WE CARE"

St. Stephen the Martyr is still part of the Pick & Save "We Care" program. We want to thank everyone who helps us by naming SSM as a recipient of funds by using their advantage card at Pick & Save.

Please join us in earning money for distribution to causes that help the poor, needy and homeless. Just stop by the customer service desk at a Pick & Save store and designate SSM #813560 as the recipient of the rebate. We just received a check from Pick & Save for \$179.31. The rebate is 1% of the tape total.

So far this year we have helped the Racine Community Health Center, Joy House and our 2 food pantries. Help us help others, Human Concerns

PROPERTY

Property Committee News

GARBAGE REMOVAL:

We are looking for a few volunteers to be substitutes in helping with trash removal in the event of regulars being on vacation.

SNOW TEAM:

The Property Committee is looking for three teams of 2 persons each to help with snow-shoveling at SSM this winter.

Please call Jim Arneson if you would like to volunteer your time for either of these needs: 414-281-2987.

OTHER NOTES

HELP US KEEP OUR RECORDS UP TO DATE!

Are you moving? Do you have an address, phone number e-mail or status change, a new addition in your family? Don't forget to contact your church to report any changes for your family records. Would you like to receive the Martyr Monthly in your church mailbox, instead of by mail? Let Lynda know in the office and she will make the change for you.

A BIG THANKS FROM BOB BROWNELL

Summer is the time that tasks like lawn mowing, stripping and waxing floors, and cleaning carpets need to get done, when Sunday School and APL School are taking a break.

This year I had some volunteers I would like to thank in getting these important jobs done: John Drover, Bruce Falksen and John Timothy. Thanks also to Bob Soderstrom for the use of his vacuum when we had the flooding in the basement. Thanks for everything!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Sept. 3rd & 17th @ 8 a.m.

Men's Bible Study meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. We welcome all men of SSM (and invite your friends!).

This fall we will continue our study of the Holy Spirit based on scripture readings and led by Pastor Paul Bauman.

Please join us for thought-provoking and poignant discussion and fellowship!
Doughnuts and coffee are served.

New Member Class to BEGIN Saturday Sept. 27th

All who would like to become members of St. Stephen the Martyr are invited to a 5-session class on Saturday afternoons, beginning Sat., Sept 27th at 3:30p.m. The class is one hour each time, and focuses on the Bible and how we understand it as Lutherans, worship and the Sacraments, our Lutheran heritage, and what it means to be a disciple in all areas of our lives.

A letter will be sent out to all who have expressed interest. If you know of someone desiring to join, please inform Pastor Gail or Lynda Shadd in the church office: 421-3543.

COUNCIL MINUTES

CONDENSED MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 12TH, 2008

(A complete set of Minutes can be found on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex)

All Council members were present except E. Arneson and E. Sanders. The Council's new youth members, Gunnar and Cody Raasch were also in attendance. Pastor Gail Brodersen-Heins and Kevan Penvose were absent. J. Miller led the devotion.

Approvals: The Secretary's minutes from the June 22nd meeting were reviewed with no corrections. The Financial Secretary's Report was reviewed. The Treasurer's Report was discussed. We are currently \$10,762 short in weekly offerings. J. Bugajski stated that a shortage is normal during the summer months, when attendance falls off. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Pastor's Time: President Muroni Gave a report to the Council in the Pastor's absence. Pastor is looking forward to working with B. Bravener once again and that he will be helping her with worship planning, Bible study opportunities, etc. The Synod Bishop will install him later this fall. She asked that members spread the word about the upcoming Rally Day picnic. She thanked S. Rosenstock and E. Arneson for recent well attended social events and also thanked J. and N. Bugajski and C. and R. Ropel for their help with Omar Mursal's reception. She presided at one wedding on July 26th, where C. Budzisz and A. Malueg were married.

Old Action Items:

Update on Building Foundation Work -J. Arneson reported that there were two estimates written to repair the leak in the basement foundation that was discovered during one of the heavier rainfalls this past spring. The estimates were both over \$12,000. The Council did not take any formal action on approving money to be spent on this project.

Music Director Update - J. Muroni stated that our new Music Director B. Bravener will start the first week of September.

New Action Items:

Background Check for Volunteers: J. Muroni stated that the Council needs to study the idea of having

background checks done on volunteers, especially those that work with children in the congregation. S. Lubus suggested that this be an item for discussion at the upcoming Council Fall Retreat.

Fall Retreat - The Council selected the weekend of October 10th and October 11th for the Church Council Retreat. Site location is pending.

Committee Reports:

Human Concerns - S. Lieske reported that her committee is organizing the school bag project and planning flu shots and blood pressure checks to members in the fall.

Stewardship C. Malinowki reported that Commitment Weekend is scheduled the 17th and 18th and her committee is considering two different themes - Walk with Jesus or Stories to Tell-Gifts to Share.

Fellowship - S. Rosenstock reported that Rally Day is planned for the first Sunday in September and will be indoors. Recent events such as the Ice Cream Social and the pre softball team pot-luck at Pastor Gail's house were both well attended.

Property: J. Arneson thanked those that helped spruce up the church in the spring clean up and especially thanked Andrea and Adam for helping with the wood chips. He is also looking for retired members during the winter months to help B. Brownell with the shoveling duties.

Music and Worship - S. Jarchow reported that new schedules for communion servers and ushers would be mailed shortly. There will be a special service on September 27th where Women of the ELCA will have their quilts and other gifts blessed. Two larger candlesnuffers have recently been purchased.

Family Ministries Report - In K. Penvose's absence, J. Muroi summarized his report for the Council. This summer he has focused on building personal relationships primarily through small group get-togethers and electronic communication. A total of 21 people attended the Mission Trip this year. In the fall the Bible Study program, REVOLUTION will continue. He also stated that recent teen events with Adoration Lutheran have been successful and that there is a strong need for more adult mentors to be involved in youth ministries, and he is especially looking for a adult leader as the Youth Ministry chairperson for the Council.

Rosy, Mursal, Barake Family Update - J. Bugajski reported that the reception for Omar was very well attended.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

The next Council meeting will be on September, 9th 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shellee Lubus,
Council Secretary