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This publication is an effort to keep the congregation informed about church life happenings. Detailed weekly Church News is announced during Sunday Services and written in weekly church bulletins as well as emailed to folks who have given the Church Office their email addresses and who utilize Facebook. We hope you find these highlights informative and invite you to discover more in worship and through the many ministries St. Paul offers.

It has been an exciting fall and Christmas! I was blessed to be officially called by the congregation on 01 September 2013 (hard to believe but that now counts as last year!) and we have had a whirlwind of a beginning. We have revamped some of the spaces to be a little more welcoming and expressive of who we are. In the narthex, we have incorporated the 5 solas of Lutheran Tradition (Sola Scriptura, Sola Fide, Sola Gloria Dei, Sola Christus, Sola Gratia – if you don't know them, look them up – seriously! Lutherans have some cool ideas) The church has voted unanimously to become a Reconciling Congregation, officially extending its welcome to the LBGTQ community and we have also focused on missions, supporting the Plymouth Food Bank with a weekly food offering and monthly staffing; sending three boxes of needed supplies and \$400 to an orphan support ministry in Kazakhstan known as J127; helped over 19 people to have a joyous Christmas; and are currently looking to raise the funds needed to build a well in the African nation of Burkina Faso. For Lent, our focus will be on that well, and in learning about hunger issues (not games!) through the ELCA World Hunger ministry. Please join us for the Annual Meeting Feb 16, following service.



I hope that there has been enough in this letter to encourage you to come and worship again with your family of faith. We are always blessed knowing that where-ever two or three are gathered in his name, Jesus is there; yet, personally, I crave that crowd of witnesses and the joy of seeing the flow of disciples coming in their need to be fed, in order that they might then go out and feed the need of the world. Won't you join us as we are being reborn as disciples? And thanks be to God who sends his Spirit that we might truly be "Christ's Small Congregation with A Mighty Mission!"

In His Joy, ~ Pastor Lisa K. Watson-Barcia Cell—240-362-6467 [St Paul Events Below](#)—(sorry for lack of space)

Feb 2 – Sunday – Souper Bowl – Bring Canned Soups to Service 9 am, our Souperbowl food collection, **Feb 14** – Valentines Day, **Feb 16 Annual Meeting** following service, **Feb 16 – April 29th** - An end World Hunger Event – Buck-a-Chick, yes for one little dollar a chick will be delivered to a family in need to provide delicious protein from eggs – helping families escape hunger for good. Sponsored by the ELCA World Hunger, **March 4** – Shrove Tuesday Dinner & Talent Show starting at 6 pm, Donuts & Pancakes enjoy a meal and entertainment at St Paul, **Mar 5** – Ash Wednesday, NEW – Ashes on Main Street – noon, Service at 7 pm, **Mar 12, 19, 26 – April 2, 9, 16*** – Wednesday Lenten Services, potluck dinner at 6 pm, Service at 7 pm, * no pot luck dinner on the 16th. **Town wide Lenten Lunches 12:00 noon 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/01, 4/08**, check for updates for locations on our website : Stpaulterryville.org **April 17** - Maundy Thursday, 7 pm Service and traditional foot wash & communion **April 18** – Good Friday 7:30 pm Tenebrae Service, this is a memorable event, come join us, **April 20 – Easter Sunday** – Join the Celebration of our Savior Jesus Christ, We share in Christ the feast that frees us, our Services welcome All, services start at 8 and 10 am. Note: Easter – A Sunrise service is held at 6 am at the Congregational Church in Plymouth, Our Choir is restarting! See Jeff for details.