

September/October  
2009 No. 3

# The Messenger

*The newsletter of First Saint Paul's  
Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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First Saint Paul's takes you to Germany for a day...

## Oktoberfest 2009 26 September

Mark your calendars for this year's Oktoberfest, Saturday, 26 September, 5 - 10 PM. This is truly the best event of the year and features a live band with sing-alongs, beer garden, brats and other German food, silent auction, and of course lots of fun and fellowship. So be sure to invite your friends and neighbors!

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$20 per adult, \$15 per senior, and \$10 per child, beginning on Sunday, 30 August and continuing on Sundays in September after the 8:30 & 11 AM services of worship or at the Church Office during the week, 8:30 AM - 4 PM. Tickets will be available at the door for \$25 per adult or senior. FREE Parking is available at the Franklin School lot located at 240 W. Goethe (2 blocks west of the church).



The Oktoberfest Committee needs items for the silent auction. Should you or someone you know be able to contribute an auction item, please contact Jill Stemmerman at 312.786.0736. In the past, we have offered such items as tickets to sporting events (Cubs, Bears, Bulls), spa packages, antiques, and even vacation packages. Silent auction donations can be dropped off at the church office with your name, brief description of the item, and estimated value. Thank you for your generosity.

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## FIRST SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*First Saint Paul's,  
established in 1846, is the oldest  
Lutheran Church in Chicago.  
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
was founded when historic meetings  
were held here in 1847.*

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## SERVICES OF WORSHIP

**Sunday**  
8:30 & 11 AM

**Wednesday Spoken Eucharist**  
7 AM

## HOLY EUCHARIST

First & Third Sundays  
8:30 AM  
Second & Fourth Sundays  
11 AM  
Fifth Sunday  
8:30 & 11 AM

## ELECTED CHURCH OFFICERS

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Sandy Wilborn

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Jen Masengarb  
Paul Meynen  
Taiwo Ogunyankin  
Paul Rehmer

## COMMITTEE/GROUPS CHAIRS/CONTACTS

### Altar Guild

Sandy Lawrence

### Communications

Amy Hendricksen (Contact)

### Communion Assistant Coordinator

Jody Lucey

### Community Meals

Lisa Richards

Sandy Wilborn

### Concordia Cemetery

John Stodden

### Fellowship/Hospitality

Roseann Hubbard

### Finance

Judy Mason

### Human Resources Committee

Susan Rosborough

### Landscape Committee

Walter Heintzen

### Liturgical Arts

Darlene Fahrenkrog

### Lutheran Home

Susan Rosborough

### Near North Singles

Vacant

### Wunder's Cemetery

Rev. Delayne Pauling



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## A WORD FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

Dear Members and Friends of First Saint Paul's:

The summer is quickly coming to an end and I hope you have had an opportunity to find time to enjoy some of the beautiful days we have been given this season. It's been a short one this year, June having been cold and rainy. So I encourage you to "seize the day" in these remaining weeks of August and September and take some time to enjoy the beauty of God's creation. And if you can't afford to get away, there's no city like Chicago in the summertime. Taking a stroll or bike ride along our beautiful lakeshore can be a blessing to our spirit as well as our body.

First Saint Paul's is a congregation in transition. You have undergone considerable change these past several months. I especially admire our members who are in leadership positions who have been grappling with difficult and sensitive issues as they attempt to lead the congregation and prepare you for your next permanent pastor. It is so much easier to ignore issues rather than deal with them. That's human nature. But I am thankful that your leaders have been thoughtful and responsive to my leadership during this time as I try to help First Saint Paul's take on some of these difficult tasks.

Although we have people of divergent views on various issues, we as a congregation are coming together more and more. We realize the importance of working and pulling together if our congregation is going to survive in this secular, anti-Christian culture. We don't have the choice but to lay aside our personal desires and interests for the sake of Christ's mission and the greater good of the congregation as a whole. We must pray for and trust our elected officers to continue to seek the wisdom of God's will in all things as they try to fulfil their respective offices.

Now as we begin the search for a resident pastor, we lift up the Call Committee and the Elders in our prayers. We entrust them with the authority to act on our behalf in working through all the tasks and steps that lead to the calling of the new pastor. May the Holy Spirit of God guide and direct them as they work together in their critical role. May God work through them and through the Voters Assembly in the coming months to accomplish his will among us.

Autumn is around the corner; it is a season of release: the trees release their leaves to nourish the next generation of trees. Plants release their seeds to the wind in order to replenish the earth. God asks us to release fear as we look to the future of First Saint Paul's and its ministry. In this time of autumn transition our Lord asks us to release grudges, selfishness and judgments. He asks us to prepare for a new chapter in the life of our congregation by releasing all clinging to things, ideas, and preconceptions that are unfruitful and to offer up from ourselves the gifts of compassion and generosity as we work together and live in this community of faith.

Christ is the first fruit of creation, the first of the harvest. Baptized into his life, death and resurrection, may we bear such fruit for his kingdom today.

Sincerely in our Lord Jesus,  
Pastor Paul W. Krause



MAY GRACE AND PEACE  
BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE.

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## RECOMMENDATION TO THE VOTERS ASSEMBLY

To be presented at the Voters Assembly meeting of 20 September, 2009 at 9:45 AM.

The Board of Trustees and Board of Elders, after extensive consideration of the needs and financial position of the church, recommend that the townhouse be put on the market and sold as soon as it is practical. Proceeds from the sale of the property should be placed in an investment account. Only interest from this account may be used for operating expenses. Principal from this account may be used for only two purposes: 1) capital improvements and repairs on the church building, or 2) a loan to a new pastor to help him purchase a home in the community.

### RATIONALE:

1. We continue to run significant budget deficits, despite the fact that we are functioning in this budget year with only a half-time pastor's salary. Current projections suggest at least a \$30,000 operating deficit for the year.
2. Several years of recent budget deficits have been covered by "cash reserves," but that fund—at our current rate of expenditure—will be depleted by January, 2011, leaving us with no contingency fund.
3. Recent budget deficits have also resulted in about \$200,000 of deferred maintenance costs on the church building. Our "Preserving God's House" initiative has only raised about \$35,000 toward the cost of these needed repairs.
4. Keeping the townhouse—even for its current uses—would require investment of additional funds for repairs to the townhouse.
5. Selling the townhouse would eliminate \$29,000 in mortgage payments and \$9,000 in utilities, insurance, and security costs from our annual budget. Under our current salary agreement, we would have to pay \$18,000 additional salary to Dcs. Nunes (the money she currently pays us for "rent" of the townhouse), but it would result in a net \$20,000 annual savings for the church. This money could help fund the salary of the new pastor.
6. Although the deaconess currently resides in the townhouse, she has expressed a willingness to rent housing elsewhere. She has even indicated that, in some ways, she would prefer to live elsewhere.
7. One reason for purchasing the townhouse was the belief that it might serve as a parsonage for a future pastor. However, the current trend is for LCMS pastors *not* to live in parsonages. Most clergy prefer to buy their own homes and build equity, rather than being long-term renters from a congregation.
8. We might have an easier time getting a new pastor to accept our call if we set aside a portion of the proceeds from the townhouse as a possible loan to the next pastor. This might help him purchase a residence in the community.
9. When the "Townhouse Workstudy Group" investigated other possible uses for the townhouse, they determined that using the building as a daycare facility was not practical, given difficulties in obtaining licensure.
10. Many of the educational functions that once took place at the townhouse—especially Sunday school classes—are no longer being held there.



# September

WEDNESDAY	2	7 AM 12:30 PM	SPOKEN EUCHARIST BIBLE STUDY
SATURDAY	5	9 AM	COMMUNITY MEALS TEAM #1
SUNDAY	6	8:30 & 11 AM 4:30 & 6 PM	SERVICES OF WORSHIP ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
MONDAY	7	ALL DAY 7 PM	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
WEDNESDAY	9	7 AM 12:30 PM 7:30 PM	SPOKEN EUCHARIST BIBLE STUDY CHOIR REHEARSAL
THURSDAY	10	7:30 PM	NEW MEMBERS CLASS
SATURDAY	12	9 AM 11 AM	COMMUNITY MEALS TEAM #2 FOOT CLINIC
SUNDAY	13	8:30 & 11 AM 12:15 PM 4:30 & 6 PM	SERVICES OF WORSHIP (INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS & SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS) OKTOBERFEST '09 COMMITTEE ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
MONDAY	14	7 PM 7 PM	CHURCH COUNCIL ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
WEDNESDAY	16	7 AM 12:30 PM 7:30 PM	SPOKEN EUCHARIST BIBLE STUDY CHOIR REHEARSAL
THURSDAY	17	12 NN 7:30 PM	50+ LUNCHEON GROUP NEW MEMBERS CLASS
SATURDAY	19	9 AM 4 PM	COMMUNITY MEALS TEAM #3 ORDINATION CEREMONY FOR DAVID VOSS
SUNDAY	20	8:30 & 11 AM 9:45 AM 4:30 & 6 PM	SERVICES OF WORSHIP (BACKPACK BLESSING) VOTERS' ASSEMBLY ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
MONDAY	21	4:30 PM 7 PM	CONFIRMATION CLASS ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
WEDNESDAY	23	7 AM 12:30 PM 7:30 PM	SPOKEN EUCHARIST BIBLE STUDY CHOIR REHEARSAL
THURSDAY	24	4:15 PM 7:30 PM	SACRED SPACE INTERNATIONAL TOUR NEW MEMBERS CLASS
SATURDAY	26	9 AM 5-10 PM	COMMUNITY MEALS TEAM #4 OKTOBERFEST 2009
SUNDAY	27	8:30 & 11 AM 4:30 & 6 PM	SERVICES OF WORSHIP ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
MONDAY	28	4:30 PM 7 PM	CONFIRMATION CLASS ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
WEDNESDAY	30	7 AM 7:30 PM	SPOKEN EUCHARIST CHOIR REHEARSAL

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## Praying Through The Church

**BECAUSE WE ARE A CHURCH FAMILY**, a community of faith, we have a concern for one another, a concern that is expressed on Sunday mornings, as we pray for members of our church family 'by name.'

**WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER** remembering the words of St. Paul the Apostle to Timothy, "I urge, then first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone..." and the promise

of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

**WE ALSO ENCOURAGE** members and friends of the congregation to make their prayer requests, births, illnesses, deaths, anniversaries, special occasions for intercession or thanksgiving, known to the pastor, preferably before the Sunday morning services, but in cases of emergency, right up to service time.

**THE FOLLOWING FRIENDS & MEMBERS** of our church family will be remembered in the services of worship during August and September. The non-member spouses of members are also listed, and even though not 'officially' members of our congregation, they are certainly included in our concern.

**6 September** – John Nuechterlein; Deaconess Brenna Nunes and Naomi; Tim O'Neill; Mary Occhipinti and Anthony; Brad & Andrea Oertel; Kofo & Taiwo Ogunyankin, Tobi and Kemi; Eric & Lura Ophelan; Greg & Eva Oreskovich, Gabriel and Lukas

**13 September** – Dick & Betty Parker; Rev. Delayne H. Pauling; Desiree Paulius; Helen Pedersen; Marjorie Pedersen; Nada Pedersen; Daniel Perschbacher; Helen J. Petersen; Bobby Phillips; Erin Polczynski; Keeley Polczynski

**20 September** – Grant & Margaret Pothast, Morgan, Jake and Taylor; Mary Jo Puls; Viola Raasch; Chris & Connie Rademacher; Janette Ramirez; Renee Ramsey & Steve Green, Nicholas and Kiely; Owen & Liz Ranta and Max;

**27 September** – Ambrose Ratcliff; Paul Rehmer; Russell Reisenleiter; Jo Rae Reister; Barbara Reitz; Craig Richmond; Jennifer Riederer; Sherrie & Jeffrey Rodgers, Cole and Kayleigh; David Rogner; Susan Rosborough

**4 October** – Dawn Roscoe; Janine Rose; Charles & Lisa Rowe; Kristine Rull; Sinikka Russell; Sharon Rybolt; Brad & Emily Salmon and Greta; John & Beverly Sands; Janice Schaffrick; Mark Schaper; Dan Schedler

**11 October** – Daniel Schiessl; Susan Schifferdecker; Karen Schikschnus; Dan Schlemmer; Jennifer Schmidt; Bryan Schneider; Tamara Schulz; Mamie Scott; Loveeta Scott; Jan Seefeldt; Joni Seidel-Burnett

**18 October** – Shari Sekenske; Robert Shafis; Jeffrey & Melanie Shank and Claire; Liza & David Sharp; Michael Siebert; Eden Simmer; Billy Smith; Mike & Rosemary Snyder; Wynter Spears; Sara Stann

**25 October** – Linda Stawicki; Lisa Steele; James Stefanski; John & Mary Steiger; Brian Steiling; James Stephanou; Robert Stevens; John & Valerie Stodden; John Stokes & Linda Strothman; Andrea Stoughtenborough; Wilma Strauss

## Official Acts

### Births:

06.02.09 Colin Joseph Alejos  
07.23.09 Reese Marie Branagan

### Confirmation:

06.21.09 Anthony Occhipinti

### Marriage:

06.06.09 Susan Jacobs &  
Gavin Morgan  
06.27.09 Jenny Pearson &  
Robert Miles  
07.25.09 Brooke Larson &  
Joel Moore

### Deaths:

05.27.09 Marjorie Aiello  
07.13.09 Earl Bailey



## Our Church Family



## LCMS YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY WEBSITE LAUNCH

[www.lcmsYoungAdultMinistry.org](http://www.lcmsYoungAdultMinistry.org) is up and running! We are a movement of LCMS young adults reaching out to our peers with the love and light of Christ. We know that no top down institutional program is going to impact the heart of a young adult like a community of believers living out the love of Christ in their daily interactions ... ready, willing and able to be servant leaders who point our friends, communities and world to the love of Christ in relatable, relevant, real ways.

At this site you will find:

- monthly article blogs written by young adults about their ministry, culture, and faith
- information about the LEAD LCMS Young Adult Servant Event
- young adult ministry and culture book reviews
- twitter feeds on the activity of the Young Adult Ministry Advisory Committee

It is the goal of the LCMS Young Adult Ministry Advisory Committee to:

- Enable congregations to build a culture where young adults are able to fully participate in the life of the church.
- Enable young adults to become an integral part of the church community, living out their faith in a global context.

It is our prayer that this site will help accomplish those goals! Please join this on-line community by reading the monthly article blogs and spreading the word!



## NEAR NORTH SINGLES EVENTS

The fall calendar of events including restaurant meals, museum tours, and sporting events will be coming out soon. Keep your eye on the Sunday Bulletin for more information.



Are you interested in becoming a member of First Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, the oldest Lutheran church in Chicago? Classes are Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:30 PM beginning 10 September continuing through 15 October. Those who attend will have the option of becoming members on Reformation Sunday, 25 October. Pastor Krause and Deaconess Nunes will team teach this group. We look forward to getting to know you better and letting you know more about Lutheran faith traditions, First Saint Paul's and life in the city. Interested participants are invited to write their names and contact information on the bulletin board so that Deaconess Brenna Nunes can contact you.

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Saint Paul's Lutheran Church and you already hold membership at another LC-MS Congregation, you may transfer your membership by asking your home congregation to send a letter of transfer to the First Saint Paul's church office. Please contact Pastor Krause and inform him of your intent to join the congregation. Then save the date and plan to attend the **New Members Orientation Meeting set for Thursday, 22 October at 7:30 PM**. You can be received into membership with those from the New Member Class on Reformation Sunday.

## SUPPORT WUNDER'S CEMETERY

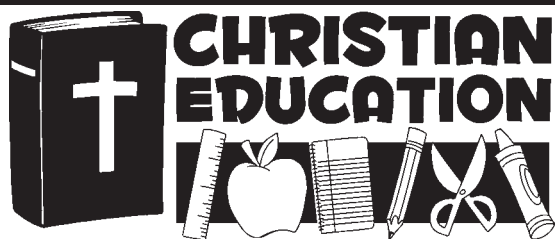
Help celebrate Wunder's Cemetery's 150th year and support the continuation and preservation of this historic place by purchasing drawing tickets to win a 1.50 carat black diamond pendant. To date, 83 drawing tickets have been sold. Tickets are \$25 each/5 for \$100 or you can *buy-it-now* for \$1,500. We have collected approximately \$10,100 toward our goal of \$26,000. Proceeds will be used to purchase a new tractor needed for the care and maintenance of the cemetery. The drawing for the diamond pendant will be held on **All Saints Day, 1 November 2009** (need not be present to win). See any Wunder's Board Member or contact Karla Lewis/Best Friends by phone at 312.269.9999; or by email at [karla@bestfriendsdiamonds.com](mailto:karla@bestfriendsdiamonds.com), for more details. Monies collected are being matched four to one! Thank you for your support.

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THURSDAY	1	7:30 PM	NEW MEMBERS CLASS
SATURDAY	3	9 AM	COMMUNITY MEALS TEAM #5
SUNDAY	4	8:30 & 11 AM 4:30 & 6 PM	SERVICES OF WORSHIP ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
MONDAY	5	4:30 PM 7 PM	CONFIRMATION CLASS ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
WEDNESDAY	7	7 AM 12:30 PM 7:30 PM	SPOKEN EUCHARIST BIBLE STUDY CHOIR REHEARSAL
THURSDAY	8	7:30 PM	NEW MEMBERS CLASS
SATURDAY	10	9 AM 11 AM	COMMUNITY MEALS TEAM #6 FOOT CLINIC
SUNDAY	11	8:30 & 11 AM 4:30 & 6 PM	SERVICES OF WORSHIP ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
MONDAY	12	ALL DAY 7 PM	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
WEDNESDAY	14	7 AM 12:30 PM 7:30 PM	SPOKEN EUCHARIST BIBLE STUDY CHOIR REHEARSAL
THURSDAY	15	12 NN 7:30 PM	50+ LUNCHEON GROUP NEW MEMBERS CLASS
SATURDAY	17	9 AM	COMMUNITY MEALS TEAM #1
SUNDAY	18	8:30 & 11 AM 4:30 & 6 PM	SERVICES OF WORSHIP ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
MONDAY	19	4:30 PM 6:30 PM 7 PM	CONFIRMATION CLASS WUNDER'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
WEDNESDAY	21	7 AM 12:30 PM 7:30 PM	SPOKEN EUCHARIST BIBLE STUDY CHOIR REHEARSAL
THURSDAY	22	7:30 PM	NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION
SATURDAY	24	9 AM	COMMUNITY MEALS TEAM #2
SUNDAY	25	8:30 & 11 AM 8:30 & 11 AM 9:45 AM 4:30 & 6 PM	REFORMATION SERVICES OF WORSHIP RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS REFORMATION BRUNCH ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
MONDAY	26	4:30 PM 7 PM	CONFIRMATION CLASS ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
WEDNESDAY	28	7 AM 12:30 PM 7:30 PM	SPOKEN EUCHARIST BIBLE STUDY CHOIR REHEARSAL
SATURDAY	31	9 AM	COMMUNITY MEALS #3

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October



**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** The group meets for lunch (bring your own sack lunch) at 12:30 PM each Wednesday followed by a study of Exodus. All are welcome to attend.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** for children 3 and older begins 13 September with story time, games, songs and side walk chalk. Join in the fun on opening day, 13 September, from 9:45-11 AM. These weekly classes explore Old and New Testament stories about God's grace and redemption. Help your children learn early in life that God's love for them is great, covers a multitude of sin, and is everlasting. Join us each week on the south side of Fellowship Hall. Please contact Deaconess Nunes with questions about enrollment.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will be 20 December at the 11 AM service of worship.

**TODDLIN' TO JESUS** for parents and their toddler's 0-3. Julie Friend will lead these classes which are designed to build up the necessary parenting skills related to Spiritual nurture and development of the young child. Attend these free classes and leave with songs about Jesus on your heart and lips.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** Monday afternoons starting 21 September from 4:30-5:45 PM. Pastor Krause and Deaconess Nunes will lead these classes. Other requirements include serving within the church community, memory work, and attending church and Sunday School. The two year Confirmation program at First Saint Paul's, are for children in sixth, seventh and eighth grades.



**GET THE MESSENGER ONLINE**

**DID YOU KNOW** that over 150 members and friends of First Saint Paul's receive *The Messenger* electronically?

That saves the Church money when it comes time to produce and mail the paper copy. However, we still mail out over 400 copies of *The Messenger*. If you have internet capability and would be willing to view *The Messenger* online, please notify the church office at [firstsaintpauls@yahoo.com](mailto:firstsaintpauls@yahoo.com). Simply send us an email with "email me" in the subject line. You'll then be added to our E-Messenger list and will receive an email when the current edition of our newsletter is available online. Thank you!

**Reformation Sunday  
25 October 2009  
Festival Services of Worship  
8:30 & 11 AM**

By the early 1500s, many people in Western Europe were growing increasingly dissatisfied with the Catholic Church. People began to boldly challenge the authority of the Catholic Church. Many found the Pope too involved with worldly matters, rather than with his own flocks of spiritual well-being. A German monk by the name of Martin Luther was particularly bothered by the selling of indulgences. Martin Luther was especially troubled because some church officials gave people the impression that they could buy their way into heaven. To express his growing concern of church corruption, Martin Luther wrote his famous 95 Theses, which called for a full reform of the Christian Church. In it, he stressed the following points:

- People could only win salvation by faith in God's forgiveness. The Church taught that faith, along with good works that were needed for salvation.
- The Pope is a false authority. The Bible is the one true authority.
- All people with faith in Christ were equal. People did not need priests and bishops to interpret the Bible for them. They could read it themselves and make up their own minds.

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther tacked his 95 Theses to the church door at Wittenberg, in Saxony, Germany. Luther invited other scholars to debate with him on the matter of church policies. Thanks to the printing press Luther's 95 Theses was reprinted throughout Germany, and soon he attracted many followers.

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## Financial Statement

	Actual Jan - June 09	Our Budget Jan - June 09
<i>Operating Account: Funds Available 01/01/09:</i>	<b>75,461</b>	
<i>How much we raised:</i>		
Worship contributions	159,056	192,500
Facility rental income	3,365	2,650
Investment Income	2,949	2,000
	165,370	197,150
<i>How much we Spent:</i>		
Administrative and Stewardship	7,543	8,630
Communications and Outreach	4,644	5,575
Education and Fellowship	3,297	4,563
Facility Expenses	55,403	52,150
Synodical Commitment	2,500	2,500
Music and Worship	2,629	3,675
Office Expenses	4,862	4,881
Personnel and Employee Benefits	116,249	16,418
Social Ministry	301	250
	197,427	198,641
<i>Operating Account: Funds Available 06/30/09:</i>	<b>43,404</b>	
<i>Designed Funds Balances 6/30/09:</i>		
Altar Guild Fund	2,641	
Angel Restoration Fund	1,355	
Christian Education Fund	8,788	
Christmas Concert Fund	7,689	
Community Meals	(5,120)	
Computer Fund	564	
Creche Fund	2,110	
Mission 2008 / 2009	1,798	
Liturgical Arts Fund	2,650	
Music Program Fund	14,123	
Oktoberfest	2,099	
Preserving God's House Capital Fund	35,953	
Sunday School & VBS Fund	2,415	
Youth Group Fund	1,098	
Other Restricted Funds	627	
<i>Total Funds 06/30/09:</i>	<b>122,194</b>	



## Financial Statement (continued)

### Properties less mortgage:

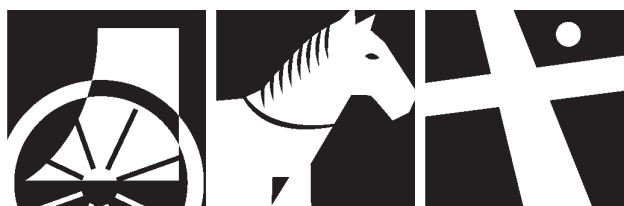
Land and Buildings - Church Property (Cost)	450,000
Land and Buildings - Parsonage (Cost)	656,600
Mortgage Payable - Church Extension Fund	(322,443)

Total Net Assets 06/30/09: **906,351**

### Other Contributions Received:

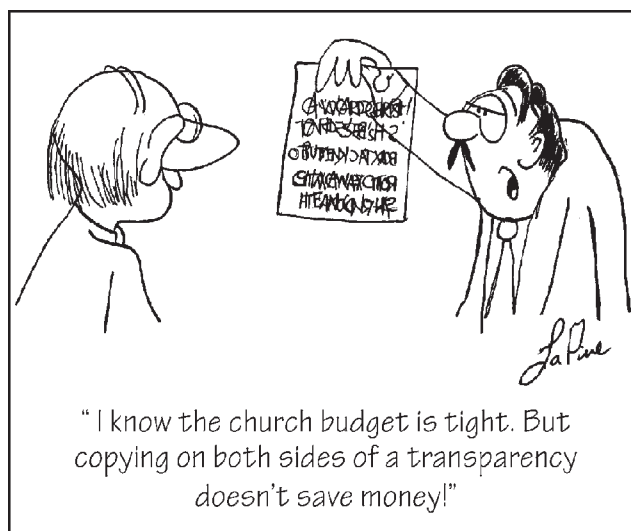
ABEK Community Development Project	1,062
Chicago Uptown Ministry	80
Christmas Concert Fund	200
Chicagoland Lutheran Education Fund	705
Community Meals	6,274
Lutheran Child & Family Services	88
Lutheran Church Charities	80
Lutheran World Relief	1,246
Music Program Fund	100
Preserving God's House Fund	2,470
Prison Ministry of Hope	836
Seasonal & Special Music	2,790
Synod/District Missions	55
Wunders Cemetery	1,742

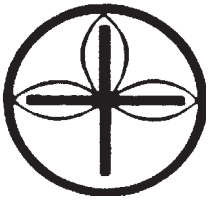
Total Other Contributions 06/30/09: **17,727**



Some trust in chariots  
and some in horses,  
but we trust in the name  
of the **LORD** our God.

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First Saint Paul's is pleased  
to announce the Ordination  
of one of our sons,  
David Voss,  
to the Holy Ministry on  
Saturday, 19 September  
at 4 PM.