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Rally Weekend, September 6-7

The Sunday after Labor Day is called "Rally Day" in many congregations, marking the end of summer vacations and the beginning of fall programs.

The 5:00 Saturday service will be marking its third anniversary.

The Senior Choir will be back leading worship at both the 9 & 10:30 services on Sunday morning.

Following Sunday worship there will be a congregational picnic featuring barbecued chicken. The cost is only \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. No reservations are required.

For the picnic, many hands are needed to help prepare the food, serve it, and clean up afterward. If you are interested in helping out in some way, call the church office at 763-553-1239.

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St. Barnabas Receives Grant to Participate in 3-year Mission Planning Project

The St. Barnabas Church Council has accepted an invitation from Church Innovations to be one of eight Minnesota congregations in a project called "Partnership for Missional Church."

The purpose of this three-year effort is to help us better discern where and how God is calling our congregation to serve in the context of our local community.

Participation in this project would normally cost a congregation thousands of dollars. St. Barnabas is able to take part at no cost due to a grant that Church Innovations has received from the Bremer Foundation.

Church Innovations is a non-profit organization devoted to renewing the Church's focus on God's mission in the world. Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and wholly committed to following God's leading for every congregation, they provide research and consulting tools, products and processes that increase your church's capacities to experience God's renewal and transformation. More information can be found at www.churchinnovations.org.

The project will take place over the next three years and will include interviews within the congregation, assessment of "data" such as demographics and congregational history, and conversations with community partners.

The initial step is interviews with a representative sample of the congregation. At the end of August, Pat Ellison and Scott Hagley of Church Innovations came to St. Barnabas to train Listening Leaders (the interviewers) and the folks who will be working on the "data" using a program called "Church Future Finders." Interviews will begin in mid-

September. The number of interviews needed to gain meaningful information is surprisingly small (25-30), so don't be surprised if you don't get interviewed. Those who are interviewed are randomly selected. If you do get a call, please say yes! It only takes an hour.

Mary Whelan is coordinating the project for St. Barnabas and will be the primary liaison with Church Innovations. She will work with the pastors to communicate our progress to the congregation as we proceed. Initial reports will be available in early 2009. If you have questions or are just curious about the project, please see Pastor Chris, Pastor Wayne or Mary Whelan.

Church Begins at Home

Enclosed is a resource for personal/family devotions for the next four weeks. Pull the insert out to keep on your kitchen table, night stand, or wherever it will best be available to you.

Starting Dates for Education Programs

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Good Shepherd School

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Sr. High ReVamp

Grades 9-12 — Sunday, Sept. 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Ongoing groups:

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact **Ross Patton** (763-544-3617) or **Brenda Percy** (763-550-1759).

"Barney's Boys"

Men's study and fellowship group meets every other Saturday from 8-9:30 a.m. at Panera, Hwy 55 & County Road 24. Next meetings Sept. 13 & 27. For more information contact **Bob Murphey** at 763-475-2397 or bjmurphey@comcast.net.

Pastor's Class

Pastor Wayne leads a study each Tuesday morning from 9:15-10:30. The class is currently reviewing the ELCA draft statement on sexuality. New participants are welcome at any time.

JustWomen

Pastor Chris leads these studies:

- Thursday Morning, 9:30-11 a.m. - starts Sept. 11
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m. - starts Sept. 16.

Knitters & Crocheters

Work on your own project. All skill levels are welcome. They meet the 4th Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact **Mary Pestel** 763-559-9138. The next meeting is Sept. 24.

Quilters

First Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Next meeting October 3. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, call **Audrey Johnson** 763-559-4459.

Soup N'Bread

Soup N' Bread is a monthly lunch gathering of those "55 & better" on the 3rd Friday of the month. The next gathering will be Friday, September 19, at noon.

The Divine Drama Offered on Wed. Evenings

Last year on Wednesday evenings, David Lindblom taught the first half of *The Divine Drama*, a 16-session overview of the Bible. This year he will teach the 14-session second half, entitled "Our Narrative", which will look at topics such as the sacraments, the Apostle's Creed, prayer, and Christian ethics.

The class meets on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:00 beginning September 10. The cost for materials is \$14.

St. Barnabas' Wednesday evening schedule features a Community Meal (starting Sept. 17) from 5:30-6:00, making it convenient for one to have dinner at church and then go to the class.

The Divine Drama is offered at the same time as Navigator Confirmation, so parents of Navigators might find this to be a great opportunity to refresh their understanding of Lutheran teaching while their son or daughter is at confirmation.

The timing of this class also works great for those who sing in Senior Choir — dinner, class, and rehearsal all in one evening.

A registration sheet for *The Divine Drama* is at the Welcome Center. For more information, call David Lindblom at 763-559-2659.



JustWomen Offerings For Fall

JustWomen is a study and fellowship opportunity just for women, exploring God's call to justice in our world.

This fall *JustWomen* will be exploring the Old Testament through a Bible study called: *Life in the Promised Land: God's People from Generation to Generation*. This series focuses on God's promise of the land and God's expectations for life there. The course will help:

- enhance our understanding of the faithfulness of God in spite of our rebellion
- wrestle with the roles we are called to play as God's people in the world
- identify ways in which we can witness to the faithfulness of God by passing on the traditions from generation to generation.

This 6-session study is a great way to get your feet wet and give *JustWomen* a try. All adult women of St. Barnabas are welcome, as are friends, sisters, moms and co-workers!

JustWomen meets at two different times each week:

- Each Thursday morning from 9:30-11:00 am beginning Sept. 11. Free childcare is provided. (We follow the Wayzata Public School district calendar.)
- The first, third (and fifth!) Tuesday evening from 7-8:30 pm beginning September 16. No childcare provided for this session.

For more information please contact Pastor Chris. Sign up is at the Welcome Center or by email: chrish@stbarnabaslutheran.org

Pastor's Class Resumes Study of ELCA Draft Sexuality Statement

Pastor Wayne leads a study each Tuesday morning from 9:15-10:30. The group is currently reviewing the ELCA draft social statement on sexuality.

The Minneapolis Area Synod will host two hearings on the draft on October 9, 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., at Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. A representative of the task force will be present and comments at the hearings will be summarized by a synod representative. Both reports will be shared with the whole task force as they consider how to revise the draft and craft the Proposed Statement on Human Sexuality for 2009.

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion group gets together on the third Thursday evening of each month of the school year and once during the summer to discuss a novel. New participants (both women and men) are always welcome. One can come on a regular basis or just for a single time. Just contact the host for the evening to let them know you are coming.

Next Photo Directory Sessions September 12-13

The first two picture taking days for the new photo directory have come and gone. The photographers will be back on **September 12 & 13** to take more photos of our member families.

To sign up or to change your appointment times for photographs, go on the internet to www.signup.olanmills.com. The first screen has "schedule new", which takes you to the sign up page to fill out and then to pick an appointment time. You need the church phone number, 763-553-1239 or contact **#30374**. You may also call **1-800-866-2263** and the customer service will help you make an appointment.

We are looking for volunteers to sit in the narthex on the picture days as greeters. The greeters will help with the sign in for the photographers and help members find their way. If you can be a greeter on either Sept. 12 or 13, please contact Julie Hoyme or sign up at the Welcome Center.

September 18: *The Birth House* by Ami McKay
Host: Laurie Robarge 763-478-6868

SAIL "Starting" Class Offered Sept. 21

SAIL is a 4-part discipleship series for the adults of St. Barnabas. The series is based on the premise that "growing congregations are comprised of growing individuals." Our goal is not to simply "make members" for St. Barnabas, but to "make disciples" of Jesus Christ. Each of the four segments is a 4-hour experience to help us grow in our faith.

The first segment, *Starting*, is a refresher class for current members of St. Barnabas as well as introduction for people considering membership at St. Barnabas. Pastor Wayne gives an overview of the Bible, discusses our worship practices, and

leads a study of St. Barnabas' mission statement.

Starting will offered on **Sunday, September 21 from 3:30-7:30 p.m.** Dinner is provided. Child care will be provided if requested.

St. Barnabas will receive new members on Sunday, September 28. Those who are becoming members or who are considering becoming members of St. Barnabas are invited to attend this *Starting* class.

For more information, contact Pastor Chris or Pastor Wayne (553-1239). There is a sign up sheet on the Welcome Center.



- ◆ STARTING
- ◆ ASPIRING
- ◆ I'VE BEEN BLESSED
- ◆ LEADING THRU SERVICE

JustGifts Market Set for December 6 & 7 Opportunities to Help are Available

The fifth annual *JustGifts* Market is set for December 6 & 7, 2008 at St. Barnabas. This is an opportunity to learn about mission projects in many countries and do some Christmas shopping for fair trade handcrafts or a *JustGift* that will help to improve someone's life.

A group has begun planning the market and would welcome help. Opportunities include

- Preparing a display, perhaps as a family project
- Helping with publicity by inviting friends, personally or by email
- Working with the financial aspects, especially the accounting

- Helping to set up the market – unpacking handcraft items, room arrangement and decoration
- Helping at the Market on December 6 & 7.

If you would like more information about helping, please talk with one of the committee members: Ann Dybvig, Sally Lundeen-Hoff, Kim Moen, Barbara Root, Laurie Sanderson, Carol Talus, Sarah Berg or Lois Troemel — or sign up at the Welcome Center.

ELCA Responds to Hurricanes

Due to the destruction caused by Hurricane Gustaf and the impending arrival of Hurricanes Hannah, Ike and Josephine, St. Barnabas' September "Gift of Love" will be designated for Lutheran Disaster Response.

Lutheran Disaster Response coordinators have been busy this summer with the June floods in Iowa and Wisconsin. In addition to volunteer management, Lutheran Disaster Response provides

- emotional and spiritual care for those whose lives are disrupted by natural disasters and care for caregivers;
- hardship grants to Lutherans and others who need assistance for expenses such as housing;
- child care and any health-related needs not covered under insurance or FEMA grants;
- support for Lutheran churches serving as shelter and distribution centers on behalf of the Red Cross;
- long-term rebuilding of homes and communities; and care for the special needs of children through Camp Noah, a week-long day camp for children who have experienced disaster.

You can find out more about the great job LDR does at www.elca.org.

Blood Drive — Saturday, Oct. 4

The Memorial Blood Center is bringing its Bloodmobile to St. Barnabas on **Saturday, October 4**, from 9-1:00. A pancake breakfast is provided free of charge for all who come to donate.

Sign-up for appointments at church this weekend or by calling Connie Cook, 763-557-7064.



Regency Point Community Dinners Continue

The next dinner at Regency Pointe, a local apartment complex at 3300 Harbor Lane, is September 25. We have a dedicated crew that prepares the meal, we need folks to volunteer to come and eat this meal, socializing with the guests at Regency Pointe. This is an excellent service project for adults and youth to do together. Members that have already done this have found it to be a rewarding activity. Sign up at the Welcome Center. For more information, contact **Carolyn Mueller** at 763-519-0515.

Volunteers Sought for Evening Host & Sunday Office Host

Evening Host

An Evening Host sits in the main office from 6-8:00 on evenings when there are meetings, greeting groups as they arrive, answering phones.

This could be a high school student needing service hours or any adult who has a free evening.

Sunday Office Host

These volunteers would take a 1½ hour shift (10:15-11:45 shift still needed) sitting in the main office, answering the phone and receiving items that people may drop off for staff on Sunday morning. This could be a regular job or something one does once a month. This job can be done by high school youth or adults.

If you would like more information about either of these tasks, please contact **Julie Hoyme** at 763-553-1239 or jhoyme@stbarnabaslutheran.org

What Kind of Crazy Congregation Doesn't Offer Sunday School?



Promises parents make at the baptism of their child:

In Christian love you have presented these children for Holy Baptism. You should

- *faithfully bring them to the services of God's house, and*
- *teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments.*
- *As they grow in years you should place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and*
- *provide for their instruction in the Christian faith,*

that living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

This fall St. Barnabas begins its fifteenth year of offering Christian Education at the non-traditional times of Wednesday after school (Lighthouse Confirmation for grades 3-5) and Saturday morning (Good Shepherd School for age 3-grade 2). This is a fairly radical practice for those who have never experienced anything other than Sunday School on Sunday morning, so it may be helpful to once again recount the rationale behind this schedule.

In May, 1993, a group of St. Barnabas members gathered to evaluate our education program and identify how we could do a better job of helping our children grow in their faith and worship life. We spent the evening formulating a "faith development" goal -- that is, we tried to envision what we want our children's faith life to look like when they are 25 and 45 and 65 years old.

Our starting point was the charge given to parents when they bring their children to be baptized. Next we looked at the confirmation vows our young people make when they affirm their baptism. We also read with great interest an article in the *Star Tribune* of 5/15/93 entitled "For kids to keep faith, parents need to set example". The article summarizes a study published in the March, 1993 issue of *Review of Religious Research*. Finally, we read results of a similar study by the Lutheran Leadership Institute which asked the question "What makes children grow up to regularly worship in a church as adults?" The answer their research pointed to — **"worshipping regularly in a church as children."**

After discussing this information, the group came up with the following goal statement:

St. Barnabas' goal for the faith development of its members is that they will be so well rooted in the gospel that:

- *they are life-long participants in worship*
- *they know the content of the Christian faith, and*
- *they can express this faith to others.*

Now that we knew where we were going, we could map out a way to get there. It was obvious that if our primary goal was to grow Christians who will be life-long worshipers, our primary concern would be to teach our children to worship by having them participate in worship every week. We explored three options:

Option 1: Have a separate education hour

St. Barnabas does not have the space necessary for all the children we have to make this option possible.

Option 2: Have education concurrent with worship and families attend both each Sunday

A second option, offered by many congregations, is to have Sunday School sessions concurrent with worship, with the expectation that parents and children would attend both. St. Barnabas tried this option and most families succumbed to the temptation of having the kids attend Sunday School while the parents worshipped. If our primary concern is to have our children regularly take part in the worship life of the church, this is not a desirable option.

Option 3: Provide education at a time other than Sunday morning

St. Barnabas chose to develop a third option, providing Christian education at some time during the week other than Sunday morning, thereby making worship on Sunday morning the priority for all ages.

Among the advantages we see this option having are:

- 1) It directly addresses the first aspect of our goal about helping our children to become lifelong participants in worship. We teach our children how to worship by having them actively participate in worship on a weekly basis. It is here that they learn the liturgy, the hymns, and the prayers that will sustain them throughout their lives.
- 2) It prepares the children for worship. St. Barnabas uses a lectionary-based curriculum which means that the lesson the children study on Wednesday and Saturday is based on the same Bible story they will hear on Sunday morning. This reinforces the learning, and several parents have related stories of their child turning to them at worship and whispering "I know this story!"
- 3) Our experience has shown that overall attendance is better on Wednesday and Saturday than when classes were offered only on Sunday.

An unexpected "plus" we have discovered is that several parents use the time during Lighthouse Confirmation on Wednesdays and Good Shepherd School on Saturday mornings to run errands (Cub Foods and Target are both close by) or to enjoy supper or breakfast together at a local restaurant.

We are always aware that this Wednesday/Saturday schedule is impossible for some families even if they would like to take part (i.e., distance, work schedule, blended family situation where child is with other parent on class day). For families with children in grades 3-5 who cannot come on Wednesday, we are able to provide Bible story books and other

materials which parents can do together with their children at home. (If you look back at the baptismal vows on the opposite page, you see how appropriate this is, for parents are intended to be the primary teachers of the faith for their children.)

It is possible that some parents have a different goal for Christian education than the goal St. Barnabas has set forth. If a parent's goal is simply to make sure their son or daughter receives some "moral training" or exposure to religious education, the expectation that they are to worship together with their children on a regular basis may be more than they anticipated. But it is not St. Barnabas' goal to give moral training. Our congregational goal (and we hope each parent's goal) is to grow Christian men and women, to do our best to help our children become mature Christians who are life-long participants in worship. Worshiping regularly with their parents in their formative years is the major factor in achieving that goal.

It takes an extra effort for parents to bring their children to worship and education each week, but we are confident that the long-term result — having them become life-long participants in worship — is well worth the effort.

A "Family Sunday School" Option

There is a small but dedicated group of families with children age 3-grade 2 who have made the commitment to worship at 9:00 and then share responsibility for leading a class for the kids at 10:15. This year the parents who are not teaching are going to have a small group Bible study during this time.

If you have kids this age and would like more information about this option, please contact Rose Umland at 763-553-1239 or rumland@stbarnabaslutheran.org.

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Jim Parks Teaching for ELCA in Slovakia

Pastor Jim Parks has embarked on a new adventure in retirement. For the next eleven months he will be volunteering through the ELCA's Global Mission Department to serve as an English teacher in a Lutheran High School in Kocise (pronunciation "co-sheet'-say"), Slovakia.

Jim traveled to Bratislava, the capital, on August 16 for a one-week orientation with other new teachers where they began learning the Slovak language, cultural and historical background, medical-emergency info, how to teach English language learners, etc. He reports feeling pretty overloaded at first, but it is getting better.

Last Saturday, he and another new teacher and her friend drove to Kocise. He is sharing a flat with Lynda and Susan, and can receive mail there at:

James Parks
Jesenskeho 1
040 01 Kosice
Slovakia

Jim's email is: jameswayneparks@yahoo.com

Orientation with the teachers in his school has been all this week. The students come next Tuesday for a worship service, and classes begin on Wednesday. His term will go through June 30, when they end their school year.

Rose Ann will make a couple of longer trips there to check up on her husband, and all three of their kids are planning trips to see him and some of the surrounding Eastern Europe areas. He should be home again sometime in July 2009.

If anyone at St. Barnabas has some experience with Skype and can help Rose Ann get it set up for Jim, she'd really appreciate it! Give her a call at 763-476-7959.

Wednesday Evening Schedule

St. Barnabas families will again have the option of having dinner together at St. Barnabas on Wednesdays this year. The new schedule, which begins in full Sept. 17, looks like this: (times overlap because groups meet in different parts of the building)

4:00-5:45

Lighthouse Confirmation
for grades 3-5 (kids will receive a healthy snack when they arrive)

5:30-6:00

Community Dinner
A meal will be available for all adults and kids. It will start out with simply pizza, but may evolve into other menus if volunteers are interested in taking charge of this ministry. Talk with Dennis Manson or Pastor Chris if you are interested in helping with this important food ministry.

5:45-6:45

Handbell Choir
in Gardenview Room

6:00-7:15

Navigator Confirmation
Led by Pastor Chris & Dennis Manson, will have large group in the Student Center on the lower level.

6:00-7:00

Divine Drama
David Lindblom leads this adult study. See page 2 for full information.

7-8:30

Senior Choir

Choir Notes

Jeff Whitmill



Carole Booth Pastels on Display

The first art exhibition of the coming season is a collection of pastel paintings by Vadnois Heights' artist Carole Booth. Carole's art will spruce up the Gardenview Gallery during the month of September.

The Senior Choir swings into action on Rally Sunday with presentations at both services of *With a Voice of Singing* by English composer Martin Shaw.

Shaw, born in 1875, studied at the Royal College of Music, where his classmates included Ralph Vaughan Williams (with whom he later collaborated on *The English Hymnal* of 1906) and Gustav Holst. He served as a church organist for eight years, then was bitten by the theatre bug and took to conducting all over Europe. He spent five years conducting for famed dancer Isadora Duncan.

In 1908 Shaw returned to the organ loft and struck up a fruitful relationship with cleric/liturgist Percy Dearmer. Together they powered the revival and spread of traditional English music forms, culminating in *The Oxford Book of Carols*.

With a Voice of Singing combines the simplicity of English folk tunes with celebratory texts of praise drawn from Isaiah 48:20 and Psalm 66:1-2 to produce one of the all-time great anthems of praise.

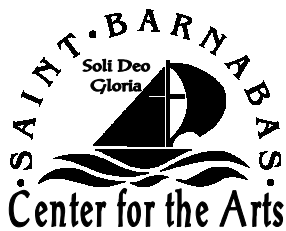
On Sept. 14 the Choir sings a Russian anthem, *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*, by Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov. Ippolitov-Ivanov was a student of Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, one of the great Russian composers of the late nineteenth century.

Ippolitov-Ivanov was professor (later director) at the Moscow Conservatory, conductor of the Russian Choral Society, a couple of opera companies and the Bolshoi Theatre. He died in 1935.

Bless the Lord, O My Soul is a beautiful chorale in pristine Russian style - rhythms and harmonies are simple, and the full choral texture throughout is simply sublime.

Handbell Choir

The Handbell Choir is again at full strength. Welcome aboard, new members! Our veterans will do everything they can to help you feel at home from the start. Handbell rehearsals begin Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. in the Gardenview West Room. Come ready to ring — we're kicking into high gear, right from the start!



Start signing up now for
the Fall Semester

Lessons offered for youth & adults in
Piano, Organ, Voice, Guitar,
Winds, Strings & Percussion

Music Together® classes for
children
8 months-age 5

Jeff Whitmill, director
www.stbarnabaslutheran.org/sbca/
763-553-3083

St. Barnabas Center for the Arts Begins Third Year

Registration is now underway for music lessons and Music Together classes at St. Barnabas Center for the Arts (SBCA):



SBCA Music Lessons
(both private and ensembles and for both youth and adults) begin the week of Monday, September 8. Our schedules are already filling nicely, so

don't wait to register. You can do this online at www.stbarnabaslutheran.org/sbca/registration.lasso or by filling out the form by the SBCA display in the narthex. If you do the latter, just turn it in to Jeff Whitmill or drop it by the church office. Those who have been enrolled in a previous term need not re-register — just e-mail

(sbca@stbarnabaslutheran.org) or call Jeff (763-553-3083) and let him know you'll be back. The fall term ends December 20.

Music Together sessions for families with children ages infant through 5 years old begin the week of September 22. This is a program in which a parent or grandparent participates with the child in the class.

Registration is available online at

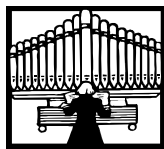
<http://www.familymusiccenter.com/classes.htm>
For more information, call Angela Barberg, Director, at (763) 529-2240.



The best advertising for the Center for the Arts is "word of mouth."

Mention to your neighbors and co-workers that St. Barnabas has this great new arts ministry.

September SBCA Concerts



Lunchtime Organ Recital Series

Thursday, Sept. 11, 12:30 p.m.

Mark Fideldy, organist at Eternal Hope Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park

The St. Barnabas Center for the Arts Organ Recital Series offers lunch time concerts on the second Thursday of each month, from 12:30-1:00. A simple lunch is served prior to each recital from 11:30-12:15. Please RSVP for the lunch, 763-553-1239.



Jazz@StBarney's

Saturday, Sept. 27, 7:00 p.m. — Just Friends Big Band

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Free popcorn, coffee and lemonade will be provided; soft drinks will be available for 50 cents.



Youth & Family Ministry News

Dennis Manson



High School ReVamp Begins

Sunday, Sept. 21, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

All 9-12 grade students are invited to the first ReVamp of the fall on Sunday evening, Sept. 21. We'll go to the Radisson Fitness Center in Plymouth at 7:00 to play Wallyball. Cost is \$5. After the game you'll get updates on current ministries (Our New House Groups and Leadership Team) including the 2009 Summer Mission Trip.

For more information, contact Dennis Manson at 763-553-1239. Check out the Sr. High website: www.stbarnabaslutheran.org/youth/highschool/

New this Fall: House Groups

What are house groups?

House groups are an intentional community that meet weekly, bi-weekly or monthly in order to form Christian relationships with people through Biblical discussion, service opportunities and fellowship.

Which group should I attend?

House groups are formed by grade, gender, current friendships, and/or by date and time available. We will happily welcome you and allow you to join any house group you choose. Or, if you'd like, we will help you find and/or create a group.

What are house groups like?

House groups meet from 45 minutes to an hour and a half and include five different elements: Bible Study, Announcements, Highs and Lows, Prayer, and Group Building. Bring your Bible and an open mind for some renewed time together!

If you have any questions regarding a house group or would like to find out how to form your own group, contact: Dennis Manson @ 763.553.1239

Leadership Team

The Leadership Team is a group of adults and students who meet once a month to help dream, plan, and lead various quarterly events throughout the year. We have two teams, High School and Middle School Leadership Teams. If you are interested in serving on either team, contact: Dennis Manson @ 763.553.1239

6th Grade Parent Orientation

Parents of students entering 6th Grade are invited to an orientation with Pastor Chris on Sunday, September 7 at 11:30 in the Gardenview Room. Hear how the exciting new changes we have incorporated into Navigators have enhanced this ministry, as well as the nuts & bolts of Navigators!

6th Grade Kick-off

Students entering 6th Grade are invited to the "6th Grade Kick-off" on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008 from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. with Rose and Dennis for an afternoon of fun!

We'll enjoy miniature golf, pizza, & getting a glimpse of what Navigator Confirmation is all about! Cost: \$20.00 (scholarship available)

For more information contact Dennis Manson at 763-553-1239 or dmanson@stbarnabaslutheran.org

Navigator News

- Navigator Confirmation (grades 6-8) begins Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 6:00-7:15 pm.
- Coffee Serving assignments for the year will be distributed on Sept. 10.
- Nursery Sign-ups will be on the bulletin board. Sign up for dates that work for you!
- **We are in need of two female small group leaders.**



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Carol Dennis
763-559-7852

Check out the St. Barnabas web site

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September Baptismal Anniversaries

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| 1 Jana Hawkins | 17 Bria Jones |
| Kristi Piero | 20 Solveig Foley |
| Barbara Sanders | 21 Dale Sanderson |
| John Silbaugh | Clayton Smith |
| 2 Olivia Fandrich | 23 Stephen Scalzo |
| 3 Abram Sanderson | 24 Anders Gilyard |
| 4 Casey Werstein | Clarke Sanders |
| 5 Hazel Edlund | Emily Umland |
| 6 Luz Sather | 25 Mason Bacso |
| 9 Emily Endorf | 27 Jessica Franklin |
| Kevin Lillie | 28 Maggie Harless |
| 11 Warren Hawkins | 29 Arlene Gummeson |
| Jeffrey Passolt | Julie Houghland |
| 12 Isabella Hembre Conditt | |
| 13 Lauri Sanderson | |
| Lisa Turnquist | |
| 15 Bill Palmer | |
| Emily Turnquist | |

September Birthdays

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| 1 Vivian Foss | 12 Judith Donnell | 19 Pamela Kelzer | 26 Jack Ring |
| Parker Stephens | Bill Pool | Kevin Vickers | 27 Allan Arntson |
| 3 Jessica Franklin | 13 Peter Moen | 20 Valerie Cook | 28 Joseph Johnson |
| Julie Sohn | Owen Pole | Becky Johnson | Derek Nelson |
| 4 Mary Paustis | Alexander Whiteknight | Aaron Turnquist | Eric Talus |
| Terrie Silbaugh | 14 Caleb Manson | Timothy Walters | Matthew Titus |
| 5 Madelen Mackin | Bryan Talus | 21 Rachel Weaver | 29 Craig Dennis |
| Joseph Silbaugh | 15 Nancy Bachman | 22 Beth Andrews | Arlan Hagen |
| 6 Ashleigh Harless | Jack Schulz | 23 Charles Mikolich | Abigail |
| Mike Rasmussen | 16 Jessie Hermann | Craig Tangren | Redelsheimer |
| Liana Walsh | 17 Michele Herzog | Ellen Tangren | 30 Adam Morrison |
| Gregg Nafstad | Natalie Pole | Julia Whelan | Thomas Oelfke |
| 18 Leeanne Ortega | 8 Elisabeth Moen | 24 Kathryn Blake | Anna Piero |
| Beth Van Keuren | Barbara Zell | Sarah Hackl | |
| William Welshons | 9 Arlene Gummeson | Robert Weaver | |
| David Williams | 11 Mason Bacso | 25 Nicholas Silbaugh | |
| 26 Kyle Gambrel | Nora Davis | 19 Mark Anderson | |
| | | Meredith Johnson | |

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ST. BARNABAS IDENTITY STATEMENT

St. Barnabas Lutheran Church is a part of the Body of Christ and a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The source of our life together is the Word and Sacraments, celebrated in our worship.

We name ourselves after St. Barnabas, a New Testament apostle. He was called "Barnabas", meaning "son of encouragement", because he joyfully shared the "good news" of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He faithfully supported the work of the Church with his talents, prayers, and offerings.

MISSION STATEMENT

Sent by Jesus, we set our sails to be filled by God's Spirit, inspiring us to praise, grow and serve.

Barney's Blarney

Morris was working as a handyman if a New York synagogue and asked for a raise. He was turned down, so resigned and went over to the Catholic church to seek gainful employment.

As part of the interview, the priest asked him, "Where was Jesus born?" Morris answered, "Pittsburgh," and was told that he could not have the job.

He went over to the Baptist church, and the minister said Morris could have the job if he could answer one question, "Where was Jesus born?"

"Philadelphia," Morris answered, and was tossed out again.

Walking away, he ran into the Rabbi, who told him, "The board voted unanimously to approve your raise. Please come back."

Morris said, "I will come back only if you answer a question for me. Where was Jesus born?"

"Bethlehem," said the Rabbi.

Morris exclaimed, "I KNEW it was in Pennsylvania!"

The Marks of Discipleship

- Daily prayer
- Weekly worship
- Bible reading
- Service in and beyond the congregation
- Spiritual friendships
- Giving time, talents, and resources

Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19)

Changes coming for Crosswinds

Later this fall, *Crosswinds* will evolve to a weekly e-newsletter format and the print version of the *Crosswinds* newsletter will be produced just once a month. This will result in over \$1000 of annual savings in postage and paper, plus guarantee that news will be delivered to the majority of the congregation in a more timely manner than the postal service provides. The print version will be expanded to provide a full month's worth of news so that households that do not have access to e-mail will not miss out on upcoming events.

To make this as effective as possible, we need to verify that we have up-to-date e-mail addresses for all of our members. To help us with this, **please send an e-mail with the address you would like us to use** to Julie Hoyme at jhoyme@stbarnabaslutheran.org.

Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Thursday Morning Prayer
7:30 a.m.

Prayers for Healing
2nd Sundays at 7:00 p.m.