

# St. Paul Monthly Messenger

## July 2009

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
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*The July Messenger  
is sponsored in  
memory of  
Jeanne Jaruzel's  
birthday, from her  
husband, Jim.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer is a time when things tend to slow down around St. Paul Lutheran, but not this year. The convention of the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod will end on the 1st and lead us into the new month. Our fellow Lutherans will have gathered to discuss and decide the ways we want to reach the state and world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Most of us will kick off the month by celebrating our precious independence as Americans. This is a valuable freedom, but we also celebrate the freedom that Jesus Christ accomplished for us. Jesus said, "Everyone who sins is a slave to sin"

(John 8:34). Through his death and resurrection we have been declared free. Our debt, as a result of sin, has been cancelled. "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (v.36). This freedom is precious. July will be a time to celebrate what we enjoy as Americans and as Christians.

We have many other things occurring. We will host our Vacation Bible School starting the 13<sup>th</sup>. St. Paul Lutheran as part of the Millington Ministerial Alliance will be hosting a "Celebration of Community" on the 16<sup>th</sup> at the United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited as we plan to share God's blessings during these stressful times. We are planning a low-cost or no-cost event to encourage our community through food, fellowship and games, a Biblical devotion and potential assistance for those needing auto repairs and simple health screening. Jesus taught that we should love our neighbors as ourselves. The area churches want to be the leaders in the community for helping others. As the month ends we will celebrate the completion of the Activities Center. Rejoice! Praise God! Soon we will be using this newest tool for ministry. We hope to have a dedication ceremony in early August. Finally, we have been praying that God would guide Rev. Kirk Abatelli as he considers the divine call as Associate Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran. The official paper work has not been received, but he has spoken to me and a few other leaders to inform us that God led him to accept the call. He thought he would need to stay at his current church until the end of July. We will discuss the installation service and look for a potential date in August.

Along with some excellent help from members, hospital and shut-in visits will be maintained during the Summer. I will take a brief vacation as well as continue working on a variety of ideas for the Fall.

- Prepare a 3 year cycle Adult Bible Class curriculum so communicant members can intentionally grow as a disciple of Christ.
- Assist others in preparing and providing additional Adult Bible Class topics for the Fall (ex. Living your Strengths and a Crown Financial Stewardship study). We will need hosts and leaders for these additional Bible Studies.
- Research and develop with the Associate Pastor a more intentional Religious curriculum as it leads to Confirmation.
- Formulate ways to provide leadership development for those who are serving the congregation (faculty, staff, and laity serving on boards and committees).

Please keep your home church in your prayers this Summer. Ask God to use you this Summer to reach out to our own members as well as build relationships with people who do not know Jesus or regularly worship Him. Ask God to give us wisdom, so that we will be doing now those things that will enable a bountiful harvest of souls in the Fall and on the Last Day.

Remember, you matter to God and you matter to me,

Pastor Bruner  
1 John 4:10-11



# July Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



- (1)Ill, Sherry
- (1)Keinath, Dwight
- (1)Licavolill, Thomas
- (1)Wolfer, Mark
- (2)Ames, Robert
- (2)Bleuer, Sue
- (2)Edler, David
- (2)Edler, Wendy
- (2)Koch, Joyce
- (2)Rohn, Katherine
- (2)Schmandt, Qwilleran
- (2)Weber, Sandra
- (2)Wolverton, Ashley
- (3)Daniel, Jerrie
- (3)Saeger, Arthur
- (3)Scarborough, Dianne
- (4)Carnet, Austin
- (4)Singer, Kent
- (4)Smith, Barbara
- (5)Coon, Raymond
- (5)White, Beverly
- (6)Fisher, Marie
- (6)Kolaja, Richard
- (6)Maxson, Leslie
- (6)Rush, David
- (6)Singer, Aaron
- (6)Singer, Timothy
- (7)Aulbert, Morgan
- (7)Binder, Justin
- (7)Boerneke, Jeffrey
- (7)Daenzer, Connor
- (7)Myers, Richard
- (7)Osborn, Virginia
- (7)Sergent, Heather
- (7)Shufelt, Joseph
- (8)Baker, Wendy
- (8)France, Amy
- (8)Paquette, Mark
- (8)Petzold, Karen
- (8)Piar, Kirk
- (8)Rohde, Richard
- (9)Atkins, Judith
- (9)Casto, Ethan
- (9)Howe, Angela
- (9)Keinath, Jenelle
- (9)Kennard, Amy
- (9)O'Dell, Ashley
- (9)Reinert, Darwin
- (9)Reinert, Erna
- (9)Zeck, Darrell
- (10)Jensen, Kenneth
- (10)Keinath, Aaron
- (10)Keinath, John
- (10)Meier, Brian

- (10)Mullin, Margaret
- (10)Petzold, Nicole
- (10)Rodammer, Dennis
- (10)Wilson, Nancy
- (11)Figgins, Jacob
- (11)Higgins, Dale
- (11)Mohr, Muriel
- (11)Petzold, Karen
- (11)Weiss, Norman
- (11)Wilkie, Stacy
- (11)Wilson, Caden
- (12)Bodeis, Bridgette
- (12)Ferguson, Jean
- (12)Guelette, Christopher
- (12)Petzold, Shirley
- (12)Simmons, Laura
- (12)Sutton, Jeffery
- (12)White, Kristie
- (13)Badgley, Hannah
- (13)Bruner, Lydia
- (13)Hoard, Kathryn
- (13)Kaiser, Elijah
- (13)Paquette, Madalynn
- (13)Schuler, Lenora
- (13)Sherman, Gabrielle
- (14)Coleman, Barton
- (14)Jaruzel, Andrew
- (14)Petzold, Patricia
- (15)Benish, Daryl
- (15)Butterfield, Megan
- (15)Keinath, Leon
- (15)Titworth, Connie
- (15)Torrey, Erik
- (15)Wood, Cassandra
- (16)Ames, Kelly
- (16)Harry, Mindy
- (16)Pease, Robin
- (16)Rodammer, Dwight
- (16)Saeger, Patricia
- (16)Shaffer, Brooke
- (17)Compaore, Fatima
- (17)Shaffer, Dennis
- (17)Turner, Amanda
- (18)Ackerman, Jennifer
- (18)Daenzer, Benjamin
- (18)DuRussel, Erik
- (18)Hecht, Neil
- (18)Kelly, Susan
- (18)Roth, Renae
- (18)Wolfer, Brianne
- (18)Wolfer, Samantha
- (19)Alberts, Alexis
- (19)Bentley, Brian
- (19)Holmes, Bret

- (19)Wolfer, Sally
- (20)Burns, Brianna
- (20)Carsten, David
- (20)Clouse, Kevin
- (20)Cobanovich, Velva
- (20)Decker, McKenna
- (20)Rude, Barbara
- (21)Okorowski, Nathaniel
- (21)Pennington, Brian
- (21)Rosencrants, Viola
- (21)Sherman, Laura
- (22)Allen, Jessica
- (22)Henderson, Linda
- (22)Keinath, Larry
- (22)Ley, Addison
- (22)Petzold, Shirley
- (22)Radisovich, Walter
- (22)Ratza, Avery
- (22)Rodemsky, Arlene
- (22)Wilson, Chaise
- (22)Wirsing, Hunter
- (23)Anderson, Lindsey
- (23)Rodammer, Dayna
- (23)Weber, Brianna
- (23)Woodward, Ryan
- (24)Alberts, Michele
- (24)Erickson, Stephanie
- (24)Simmons, Tamara
- (24)Steepe, Justin
- (25)McCurdy, Kristie
- (25)Reyna, Tyler
- (25)Schmidt, Hilda
- (25)Walz, David
- (25)Wisenschach, Reagan
- (25)Ziegler, Eileen
- (26)Holmes, Seth
- (26)Johnson, Ronald
- (26)Kralik, Cindy
- (26)List, Frederick
- (26)Mallard, Jilee
- (26)Maschke, Nicholas
- (26)Platt, Jeffrey
- (26)Wendt, Lola
- (27)Hibbard, Michael
- (27)Higgins, Dusty
- (27)Ketels, Isabel
- (27)Knoll, Aaron
- (27)Osborn, Donna
- (27)Petzold, Robert
- (27)Rohn, Dean
- (27)Sebert, Diane
- (27)Shoens, Lane
- (28)Brow, Mikayla
- (28)Daenzer, David

- (28)Leach, Alicia
- (28)Leach, Chelsea
- (28)Newcomer, Christa
- (28)Russell, David
- (29)Bowman, Blake
- (29)DeOrnellas, Anthony
- (29)Kern, Michael
- (29)Petzold, Larry
- (29)Petzold, Philip
- (29)Reinert, Glen
- (29)Yorke, Amy
- (29)Zeck, Elizabeth
- (30)Ames, Ryan
- (30)Daenzer, Bethany
- (30)Goodhue, Sierra
- (30)Rueger, Alexandra
- (30)Schmandt, Hans
- (30)Sebert, Sherry
- (30)Wittum, Bonnie
- (30)Wolverton, Randy
- (31)Wells, Constance

## CELEBRATE

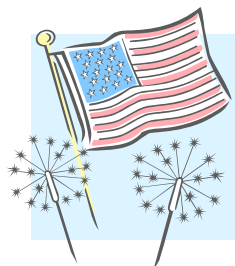
**If your name does not appear on your birthday month, please call the church office so we can update our records. Thanks.**

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**July**  
**2009**




**If you listen to me whisper now,  
I won't have to shout later.**

**- God**

*Listen and hear my voice;  
pay attention and hear  
what I say.  
Isaiah 28:23*

# Calendar of Events

**Summer Scrapbooking** Wed., July 8th from 9AM-7PM in the Projects Room. Please bring a dish to pass and join the fun, food and fellowship. No need to pre-register.

 **Music Social** Sun., July 12th between services in the Parish Hall. Join us for coffee, refreshments and entertainment. Please call Les Maxson 871-2264 if you would be willing to provide entertainment. Thank you.



**Vacation Bible School (Son Rock Kids Camp) will be July 13th - 17th, 2009**, and is a fun adventure for all children 3 years old through 8th grade. Please fill out the registration forms (located in the Narthex) for the children in your life and turn them in to the school or church office. We are always looking for caring adults to teach or help in the classroom, work with children in crafts, help as snack specialists or be in charge of nursery. High school students are needed everywhere as volunteers too, so please call Angie Zeck at 795-9129 with your preference. Thank you in advance for your consideration to reach out to children in this special summer ministry.

**St. Paul Lutheran and community churches will host the first "Celebration of Community"**



**Thursday, July 16th at 6PM  
at the United Methodist Church**

Please join us as we see how we can help one another through words of encouragement and physical support.

**Free:** Food, fellowship, games, devotional, the Gratitude Steel Band, blood pressure checks, auto mechanic diagnosis and labor for small repairs and maintenance (appointments can be made)

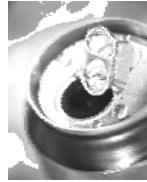
Bring your lawn chairs to enjoy the entertainment.

If you would like to bring a dessert, please contact Pastor Bruner 871-4581.

Be a neighbor and help one another in these hard economic times.

Donations accepted - Supplemented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

**Messenger/Calendar Deadline  
Mon., July 20th**



Please continue to **save your can tabs** – they go to the American Legion for small area hospitals to buy equipment and are very much appreciated. Drop boxes are located outside the offices.

## Send Out Cards

We have a resource available through the church that will enable you to mail out personally created cards (or postcards). The card, including postage, will only cost you \$1.04 each or a postcard for about half that cost. You can send cards for any occasion. There are sample cards or you can create your own. You can choose your own font styles, input digital pictures and many other options. For more information about our SendOutCards.com ministry talk to Pastor Bruner or contact the office.

If you have any **gold** to turn in **for cash**, please call Kenny McKee 871-2666 to set up an appointment. 100% of the profit will be given to you and you can decide how much, if any, you would like to donate towards the Activity Center. Any amount can be turned in and they can be broken or just unused pieces you don't use anymore.

**Detroit Tiger Ticket** forms are in the narthex. Please return form to church office with checks made payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church by Wed., July 1<sup>st</sup>.

We are stocking up for the boxes for our college students and military parishioners (**C.A.M.P.**) Some examples of items needed: Sudoku books, gum, popcorn, etc. **Monetary contributions** are also appreciated. Please place in an envelope marked C.A.M.P and place in the offering plate or give to the church office. If questions, please call Lori Buchinger 652-2722 or Connie Singer 871-2544. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

Parents—Please let the church office know if you have a child in college or the military and give us the address so they can receive a package. Thank you!

*Have a Safe and Blessed  
Fourth of July!*



# Misc. / Memorials & Special Gifts

## JULY 2009 MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

IN HONOR OF Ken & Dorothy Platt 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Building Fund	\$20.00
IN HONOR OF Shirley L Petzold 50 years of membership Dorcas LWIM General Fund	\$50.00
THANK YOU for God's Ministry through Pastor Bruner General Fund	\$200.00
IN MEMORY OF Giles Whitton Building Fund	\$140.00
IN MEMORY OF Ron Edler Building Fund	\$10.00
IN MEMORY OF Arnold Higgins Activity Center	\$50.00
IN MEMORY OF Edward Simmons General Fund	\$170.00
Building Fund	50.00
To be designated by family	30.00

## Millington High School Honor Roll

### All A's

#### Seniors

Seth Sundberg

#### Juniors

Caleb Allard  
Alex Goodhue  
Andrew Maschke  
Heidi Petzold  
Alexis Reinert  
Samantha Wolfer

#### Sophomores

Jessica Harpst  
Cameron Wilson  
Emma Zeck

### B or Better

#### Seniors

Rachel Foley  
Stephanie Hanlin  
Ryan III  
Tyler Reinert  
Angelica Stohon

#### Juniors

Heidi Derscha  
Floyd Harsen  
Jennifer Herrick  
Evan Reinert

#### Sophomores

Ashleigh Devereaux  
Alyshia Fyke-Jolly  
Shelby Howay  
Kelsi McAlister  
Sadie Sargent  
Christopher Smith

#### Freshman

Tyler Auernhammer

## A Letter From God:

*This is God.*

*Today I will be handling all of your problems for you. I do not need your help. So, have a nice day. I love you.*

*P.S. And, remember. . .*

*If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it yourself! Kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box. I will get to it in MY TIME. All situations will be resolved, but in My Time, not yours.*

*Once the matter is placed in the box, do not hold onto it by worrying about it. Instead, focus on the wonderful things that are present in your life now.*

*If you find yourself stuck in traffic, don't despair—there are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege.*

*Should you have a bad day at work—think of the man who has been out of work for years.*

*Should you despair over a relationship gone bad—think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.*

*Should you grieve the passing of another weekend—think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed her children.*

*Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance—think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.*

*Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror—think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine.*

*Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what life is all about, asking what is my purpose. Be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.*

*Should you mind yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities, remember, things could be worse—you could be one of them.*

*Now you have a nice day.*

*GOD*

**Looking for a female roommate** for a SVSU or Delta College student to share a 2 bedroom ranch at Waterside Apartments 2 miles from SVSU. Cost is \$240.00 a month including heat and electric. Call Alicia McClenathen 989-823-7799 if interested.



# Spiritual News

## 9:45AM Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies



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† **Parables of Jesus** – meets in the Projects Room and is being team led by Ed & Mary White, Don & Kathy Rasmussen and Kim & Cindy Brown.

† **9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Study** – meets in the Youth Lounge with Laura Gleim.

The school office will be closed Thurs., July 2nd. The offices will be closed Fri., July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.

Worship services will be held in the pavilion July 4th & 5th (weather permitting).



Anyone is welcome to join Mrs. Weber on Fridays at 9AM to mark the Bibles with the Sunday readings.

### A Word from our Stephen Ministry "Support"

To hold in position so as to keep from falling, sinking or slipping. To keep from failing or yielding during stress.

Support is something we all need. God gives us support through our Christian brothers and sisters. Let us all be sensitive to one another's needs and take the time to support each other through prayers, phone calls, friendly chats after church and even visits. Please remember that we have Stephen Ministers who are willing to give their support. "When I said, 'my foot is slipping', your love, O Lord, supports me." Psalm 94:18 If you or someone you know could benefit from the ministry of a Stephen Minister, please contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280, Laurel Woodward 871-4969 or Pastor Bruner 871-4581.

## Christian Radio Stations

WAKL 88.9 FM Flint  
WLKB 89.1 FM Bay City  
WSNL 600AM Flint  
WTAC 89.7 FM Burton  
WUGN 99.7 FM Midland

Personal offering quarterly statements are available upon request. Please contact the church office if you would like to receive yours.

**Increase Your Financial Flexibility** – Put the investment flexibility of the Michigan Church Extension Fund's *InvestFlex 2 + 2 Fixed Rate Note* to work for you. This unique investment tool allows 2 additions and 2 withdrawals to the fixed rate Note without penalty, and maintain the same rate and maturity date. *InvestFlex 2 + 2* has a 17 month maturity. Open an account with only a \$2,500 minimum investment. To invest or to learn more, visit us online at [www.mi-cef.org](http://www.mi-cef.org) or call 800-242-3944.

### "Lasting Legacies"

Retirement funds present new opportunities for giving to the church. You may want to name the church as the beneficiary of your individual retirement account or other retirement funds, in the event that you or other family members die before receiving all of the funds.

The "Future is Now" door offering totaled \$929.00. Thank you for your support of financial aid for professional church work students, mission starts in the U.S.A. and international ministries. Our church also pledges \$1,000 annually to each SPL member studying for church work. These funds need to be distributed by the end of July. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please put it in an envelope marked "Church Worker Fund" and place in the offering plate or bring it to the church office by Sun., July 12<sup>th</sup>. Any shortfall from memorials and designated gifts will come out of the General Fund. Thank you.

**T-shirts** designed by Wallace Petzold are being sold to raise money for the Activity Center. They cost \$5.00 to make and any amount donated above that will be given to the building fund. Samples are hanging outside the church office and can be ordered in any size. To order, call Page Kidd 871-6322 or Wallace Petzold 871-3558.

### Camp Concordia News

It's not too late to sign up for camp! 2 night mini-camps are also available. Go to [www.campconcordia.com](http://www.campconcordia.com) for more information and to fill out a registration form.

Beginning Deficit 5-1-09		(39,520.18)
May General Fund Income	104,574.51	
May General Fund Expenses	<u>95,983.87</u>	
May Balance		<u>8,590.64</u>
Ending Deficit 5-31-09		<u>(30,929.54)</u>
Missions (Budgeted & Non-Budgeted)		2,311.90
Building Fund		25,674.34
T.I.M.		1,770.00
VLHS		616.00



# July Schedule



## Acolytes

June	Time	Acolyte	Back Up
4 <sup>th</sup>	7:30PM	Nicholas Corrigan	Kyle Koch
5 <sup>th</sup>	8:30AM	Tyler Devereaux	Joel Keinath
5 <sup>th</sup>	11AM	Austin Weber	Jason Keinath
11 <sup>th</sup>	7:30PM	Kyle Koch	Nicholas Corrigan
12 <sup>th</sup>	8:30AM	Joel Keinath	Tyler Devereaux
12 <sup>th</sup>	11AM	Micah Petzold	Scott Anderson
18 <sup>th</sup>	7:30PM	Jason Smith	Hunter White
19 <sup>th</sup>	8:30AM	Richard Laplow	Dakota Bouck
19 <sup>th</sup>	11AM	Adam Knoll	Xachary Carlyon
25 <sup>th</sup>	7:30PM	Hunter White	Jason Smith
26 <sup>th</sup>	8:30AM	Dakota Bouck	Richard Laplow
26 <sup>th</sup>	11AM	Xachary Carlyon	Adam Knoll

## Greeters

First Sunday	8:30AM 11:00AM	Shirley Petzold, Ken & Kathy III Les & Diane Maxson, Ron & Olga Nims,
Second Sunday	8:30AM 11:00AM	Russell & Sherry III & Rachel III LuAnn Licavoli, Jon & Frances Carnet
Third Sunday	8:30AM 11:00AM	Dianne Scarborough, Natalie Smith Rosie Horning, Linda Kester, Dale & Pam Hanlin
Fourth Sunday	8:30AM 11:00AM	Jim Bickel, Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel Evelyn Gregory, Anna Tuttle, Jon & Frances Carnet
Fifth Sunday	8:30AM 11:00AM	Donna Torrey Linda Kester, Steve & Nila Schmandt
Second Saturday	7:30PM	Bill Bleuer & Betty Bleuer

Greeter Subs – Denise Miller (871-2675), Sherry Sebert (871-3084)

## Ushers

7:30PM	Team C	Jeffrey Yorke, Captain	
8:30AM	Team C	Glenn Brown, Captain	Vic Reinert, Assistant
11:00AM	Team C	Mike Daenzer, Captain	Tim Brown, Assistant

**Thank you** to everyone who in any way volunteers their time to help with the worship services.  
Your servant heart is what makes St. Paul the church it is today.



# Youth News!

## Jr. LYF

We will be continuing our Youth Nights the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays during the month of July, from 5 - 7pm.

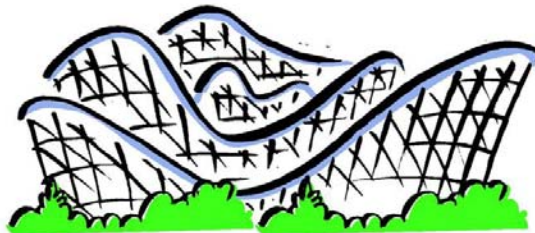
**Michigan's Adventure!** We will be going to Michigan's Adventure on Friday July, 24<sup>th</sup>. The estimated cost for the ticket and bus will be \$42.00/person. This is if we fill the bus (46 seats) and have at least 25 attending. You are responsible for your own meals. Sign up on the youth board in the narthex.



## LYF

We will be continuing our Youth Nights every Sunday evening in July from 5:30-8:30pm.

**Cedar Point!** The High School youth will be going to Cedar Point, Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. The estimated cost for the ticket and bus is \$56.99/ youth and \$59.00/chaperone. Again this depends on how full the bus is (46 seats) and have at least 15 attending. We would like to get a count by the Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. So if you are interested please sign up.



If you would like to take money from your LYF account to cover the cost of either of the trips or have any questions, please let Laura know A.S.A.P

## **St. Paul Lutheran Church Special Voters' Assembly Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2009**

- I. Call to Order** – Jeff Yorke called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
  - II. Opening Devotion** – Opened with Hymn LSB 497, and devotion and prayer.
  - III. Voting Process**
    - ◆ Voting process – Nine candidates were reviewed to extend a call for the Associate Pastor position. The candidates were: Pastor Abatelli, Pastor Barnes, Pastor DeVoise, Pastor Engel, Pastor Fisher, Pastor Foster, Pastor Haun, Pastor Kischnick, and Pastor Lett. Votes were cast and hymns were sung while the ballots were counted. The assembly voted on the candidates.
    - ◆ Since there was not a majority vote, it was decided to drop the 5 candidates with the least amount of votes.
    - ◆ Another Vote was taken and hymns were sung while the ballots were counted.
    - ◆ While ballots were being counted Pastor Bruner lead the group in hymns and prayer. Pastor Abatelli received a majority of the votes. It was moved and supported to cast a unanimous vote for Pastor Abatelli. Motion carried.
    - ◆ Pastor Abatelli was then contacted via telephone and confirmed he would consider the call.
    - ◆ It was moved and supported to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.
  - IV. Adjournment** - Meeting Adjourned @ 9:15 p.m.
-