Quarterly Report

Pastor Parish Relations

October 7, 2009

Pastor Parish Relations met October 7th with our newly acquired interim pastor. Pastor Linda Hanson started serving St. Paul's in August as a half-time pastor. Those present in addition to Pastor Linda were Jerry Wibe, Lynn Pelisek, Audrey Gibbons and Sidney Kirkpatrick.

St. Paul's had a meaningful "Saying Goodbye" party for Pastor Ken Reiter as he retired from the ministry of our church. Sidney Kirkpatrick (representative of Pastor Parish Relations) and Carolyn Douglas purchased a retirement gift for him in appreciation of his service to St. Paul's.

Jerry Wibe volunteered to serve on the Search Committee.

We asked Pastor Linda what our committee could do to help her with serving our church. Her biggest concern at the present is "time management." She wanted to know what we are hearing and what are St. Paul's priorities. Presently she is spending 30 to 35 hours per week instead of the contractual 20 hours. Besides preparing the worship service and attending meetings, she is teaching adult Sunday School and sharing the teaching of Confirmation with Peg Welter. We discussed a few ways to pare down the hours . . . committee structure, committee meetings, and PPR assisting with shut-in calls. Our committee will be working on ways to help.

The next scheduled PPR meeting will be the organizational meeting in January 2010.

Sidney Kirkpatrick
PPR chairperson