

St. Pauli News in Detail

October Happenings



Greeting and Ushering

Oct. 2	Myles Albert
Oct. 9	Faye Auchenpaugh
Oct. 16	"Wing-It"
Oct. 23	Corey Berg
Oct. 30	Neil Bugge

Sunday Service:

- Light altar candles before service and put out flames after church.
- Act as Greeters and hand out bulletins.
- Usher for offering and communion.
- Tidy up pews after church to make it ready for the next Sunday's services.

Altar Preparation: Shelley Mathson
(Oct. 2 & 16)

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October Milestones

Birthdays

Oct. 6	Pr. Carl Hansen
Oct. 15	Eileen Kotaska
Oct. 20	Jim Nelson
Oct. 22	Bob Gunstad
Oct. 29	Joan Nelson
Oct. 31	Jim Kotz

Anniversaries

Oct. 24	Andrew & Michele Halvorson
Oct. 25	Jim & Joan Nelson
Oct. 26	Myles & Kathy Alberg



Fall Group Cleaning

October 11
6:30 – 9:00 pm

Everyone is definitely welcome!

The week of October 10-15 is designated for this year's annual Fall Cleaning. It has become too much for the ladies to handle alone, so we have set aside one evening when EVERYONE, men and women, are encouraged to come and do their part.

At the end of the evening, we will gather for hot cider and donuts from the Paradise Café in Strathcona. If you haven't tasted them yet, you are in for a treat!

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Richard Geske's new address

Richard Geske
2473 Idaho Avenue
Maplewood, MN 55119
(651) 748-2855

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An Afternoon with Marilyn Hagerty

"How I Went Viral"

Sunday, October 16th
2:00 pm

In place of the Fall Supper, we will again have a program for the community, this year featuring Marilyn Hagerty. Marilyn has been a *Grand Forks Herald* columnist for years and received international attention after reviewing the new Olive Garden restaurant in Grand Forks. Freewill Offering, homemade pie and coffee served.

Please give generously so that we can continue our tradition of donating all proceeds to local, national and international worthy causes.

In Memoriam



Erling Lundeen was married to Melba Gustafson, who was baptized and confirmed at St. Pauli. Their wedding ceremony also took place at our church on January 2, 1955 and was the first marriage to be performed by the newly-ordained Rev. Eldon Person.

Erling Lundeen, age 86, of Spicer, went home to be with his Father on Tuesday, August 2, at Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar. His faith always showed him The Way and he followed it.

Memorial services were held on Sunday, August 7, at Faith Lutheran Church in Spicer. Interment was in the Faith Lutheran Columbarium. Military honors were provided by Robert Ihlang, American Legion Post #537 of New London.

Erling LeRoy Lundeen was born on February 16, 1930, near Oklee, Minnesota, the son of Emil and Luella (Urdahl) Lundeen. He grew up in that area, attended District 52 School and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1947. He continued his education by attending Coyne Electrical College in Chicago for one year, and then returned home and worked for Larson Brothers Radio as a repair person. Erling joined the Air Force in 1950 and served during the Korean Conflict, returning home in 1954.

On January 2, 1955, Erling was married to Melba G. Gustafson and they made their home in the Goodridge, Minnesota area. They farmed there for thirteen years and during that time Erling also attended Northland Junior College for two years and worked at Hartz Wholesale Warehouse. In 1968, he became the Assistant Director of Lutherdale Bible Camp in Elkhorn, WI and in 1976 Erling took the position of Property Manager at the Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer. He held that position until his retirement in 1995.

In 1992, he and others took up the effort to rebuild and reopen Camp House in Brimson, MN. Rebuilding took ten years, but Camp House reopened in 2001, and Erling and Melba helped run the camp until 2013. Erling was very active in the ELCA at the local, state and national levels. He loved being with his family and friends, was a former member of the Willmar Gideons, the Spicer Lions and enjoyed fishing and the outdoors.

He is survived by his wife, Melba of Spicer; four children: Lana Ferry of Sturgeon Bay, WI; Kathy (and Bill) Neil of Downs, IL; Karen (and Ernie) Watson of Spicer; Mark (and Judy) Lundeen of Spicer; and Maria Zanella (AFS student) from Italy. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren, besides other relatives and friends.

Erling was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother: Merle Lundeen.

May God Bless the Memory of Erling Lundeen



In Memoriam



Melvin Edward Vigen was baptized at St. Pauli Church on April 15, 1928. Sponsors were his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Moe, and his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Nelson. He was a first cousin of Helen Wiken Torkelson and Clayton Mathson.

Melvin Edward Vigen was born on April 1, 1928 – the 3rd of 4 children born to Edward Vigen and Martha Moe. He was the first in the family to be born in a hospital: Mercy Hospital in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Mel's parents were farmers and spoke Norwegian at home, so when his older brothers Oscar and Bert went to school, they had to learn English. His brothers did not want Mel to be unprepared, so they made sure that he and his younger sister Gladys learned English before starting school.

Mel started at a country school, a one-room building with grades one through eight and a single teacher. He learned arithmetic very well because he sat with the older students. From second grade on, he attended city schools.

In the 9th grade, Mel took a correspondence course in radios. He fixed peoples radios in order to pay for extracurricular activities. Mel was a member of the high school band for 4 years, chorus for one year, boys' octet one year, intramural basketball two years and a member of the FFA chapter two years.

In 1946, Mel graduated as valedictorian from Lincoln High School. Upon graduation, he entered Augsburg College, a Lutheran college in Minneapolis. He was interested in engineering since math and science came easy for him. Electrical engineering was especially appealing since he had learned about electricity when it arrived on the family farm in 1941.

After one year at Augsburg, he transferred to the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks which was much closer to the family farm. During his visits home, Mel sometimes filled in for the Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls. He gave several sermons before graduating from college with a degree in electrical engineering.

Mel was in Air Force ROTC in college and upon graduation in 1951 he received his commission as a 2nd lieutenant in the armament division. He was first assigned to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX and was eventually based at Scott Air Force Base in St. Louis, IL. It was here that Marjorie Mace met Mel while she was visiting her brother Floyd (also stationed at the same base). Mel achieved the rank of captain.

After his Air Force Service, Mel and Marjorie were married on July 25, 1953 and he began work as an electrical engineer. Mel held various jobs in electrical engineering. He started out with Liquidometer in South Bend, Indiana. Collins Radio brought him to Dallas, Texas and he eventually retired from Rockwell Collins. He continued to work after retirement, accepting a position at Bell Helicopter where he worked on various military and civilian helicopters until a second retirement. Even after two retirements, he continued to work as a consultant with Bell until age 80.

Mel and Marjorie had 7 children: Linda, Laura, Mark, David, Gary, Dianna, and Julie. In his spare time Mel enjoyed woodworking, photography, working on computers and attending grandchildren's activities. He and Marjorie were blessed with 15 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Mel passed away on September 26, 2016 at Baylor Scott & White Hospital in Irving. He was preceded in death by his wife Marjorie, daughter Dianna, grandson Sean, his parents, and brothers Oscar and Bert. He is survived by daughters Linda Arthur and husband Tom of Salem, SC; Laura Price and husband Jeff of Irving, TX; Julie Vigen of Irving; sons Mark Vigen and David Vigen of Irving; Gary Vigen and wife Glenda of Grand Prairie, TX; and sister Gladys Hallstrom of Thief River Falls, MN.

The family received friends on Wednesday, September 28th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial was Thursday, September 29, 11:30 am, at Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church. Burial: DFW National Cemetery.



May God Bless the Memory of Melvin Vigen

Minutes of the Church Council

August 18, 2016

The St. Pauli Church Council held its regular meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 7 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Members present: Arlo Rude, Cindy Cedergren, Gary Iverson, and Pastor Carl Hansen.

The meeting was called to order by Arlo Rude. Pastor Hansen opened with prayer.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the July 26, 2016 and the August 8, 2016 special meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. An updated 2016 budget was also reviewed. Rude will research other possibilities in which to invest the Edward D. Jones funds, for better growth.

Checking Account Balance as of 7/1/16:	\$ 10,796.93
July Income	2,286.00
July Expenses	(1,144.05)
Balance as of 7/31/16:	\$ 11,938.88

Certificates of Deposit Purchased 6/15/16:	\$ 20,000.00
Investor Savings Balance 7/31/16:	\$ 35,943.79
Edward D. Jones Balance 7/31/16:	\$ 43,438.40
Memorial Fund Savings Account & Certificate of Deposit Balance 7/31/16:	\$ 11,292.38
Mission Grant Fund Balance 7/31/16:	\$ 2,022.68

Total Church Funds: \$ 124,636.13

Pastor's Report: Pastor Hansen stated that Lutheran Disaster Relief is currently inviting contributions to assist with flood relief in Louisiana. The extent of the devastation is incredible. Please keep all those affected in your prayers.

Currently the ELCA is 600 pastors short of an adequate supply (nationally). Over the next five years, it is estimated that at the current rates of pastoral retirement and ordination of new pastors, the shortage will grow by another 400. He noted that the pastoral shortage will be felt more directly in Northwest Minnesota than in the Twin Cities.

He reported that the seminary from which he graduated (The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia) is in the process of merging with the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Plans and processes are underway for the tuition of all full-time students to be covered by donations.

Reports of Members in sickness or distress: Council members shared prayer concerns of members.

New Members or Interest in Membership: No report.

Reports:

- 1) **WELCA:** Cedergren reported that WELCA is planning a fall event on October 23, with Marilyn Hagerty as a guest speaker. (Date was later changed to Oct. 16, since the previous date fell on MEA week-end.)

- 2) **Board of Education:** Iverson reported that the Board had recently met and set the schedule for the year, starting with Rally Sunday on Sept. 18. They are still in need of a teacher for Grades 2-3 and a music leader for the opening sessions. They also need someone to direct the Sunday School Christmas program scheduled for Dec. 18.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1) Next meeting with Black River Lutheran Church: In response to a request from Black River to meet with St. Pauli representatives in a separate meeting, Rude contacted their council president to indicate St. Pauli Council would be willing to meet with them. He suggested after Labor Day, and may be attended by Pastor Hansen, Rude, Iverson, and Faye Auchenpaugh.
- 2) Congregational Meeting: Based on council members' schedules, October 2 was selected for the meeting. This date will be announced at two services and included in the bulletin. Rude may also email a notice to members. Tentative agenda items will include:
 - a) 2015 Year-end financial report
 - b) Hire an accounting firm for bookkeeping and reports
 - c) IRS Non-profit status and filings
 - d) Need to complete the revised Constitution and Bylaws
 - e) Fireplace for basement - committee report
 - f) Internet service
- 3) Confirmation Class: Discussion was held on whether to have two separate confirmation classes, for 6th and 7th graders, or combine into one. Iverson stated he was most comfortable teaching only 7th graders this year. The Council supported that plan. In a related topic, it was noted that the Board of Education needs to keep written records of the Sunday School attendees, years completed, first communion instruction, etc.
- 4) Constitution and Bylaws: Rude distributed a copy of the current documents (dated 1994) and stated they need to be reviewed, revised if necessary, and sent to the Synod office, in addition to the IRS and the State of Minnesota. He asked council members to review the documents before the next meeting and be prepared to make revisions as needed.

Next regular meeting date: September 15, 2016 (later changed to Sept. 19)

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cedergren
St. Pauli Church Council Secretary

St. Pauli Cemetery Association Board of Directors Meeting

July 26, 2016

The St. Pauli Cemetery Association Board of Directors met on July 26, 2016 at 8:35 p.m. at St. Pauli Church with the following members present: Arlo Rude, Kathy Alberg, Gary Iverson, and Cindy Cedergren.

Chairman Arlo Rude opened the meeting. The agenda was approved as printed.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the June 16, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: No report was provided.

Old Business:

- 1) Tree planting: The planting of Douglas Fir trees is recommended for either spring or fall. Larry Hurst prefers to dig them up in the spring.
- 2) Project Review: No changes made.
- 3) Operations Policies: The Board received another copy of the Draft Operation Policies and Fees document and discussion was held on whether or not to establish perpetual care fees, in addition to the plot fee. Cedergren reported the following information on fees charged in some of the area cemeteries:
 - a) Greenwood Cemetery in Thief River Falls has a variety of charges in their rate chart online, with

the lowest rate for a single grave (with marker only) \$320, plus \$80 perpetual care fee.

- b) City of St. Hilaire Cemetery charges \$200 per gravesite; currently no perpetual care fee.
- c) Calvary Church cemetery charges \$250 per gravesite; currently no perpetual care fee.

Discussion was held. No decisions were made on the fees. Cedergren will share this document with the new Sexton, Bruce Mathson, and ask for his feedback, particularly on the fee structure.

New Business:

- 1) Contact information posted at cemetery: Rude reported that we need to have Cemetery Association Board member contact information posted somewhere at the cemetery.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cedergren

St. Pauli Cemetery Association Board of Directors
Secretary

St. Pauli Cemetery Association Board of Directors Special Meeting

August 8, 2016

The St. Pauli Cemetery Association Board of Directors met for a special meeting on August 8, 2016 at 8:05 p.m. at St. Pauli Church with the following members present: Arlo Rude, Kathy Alberg, Gary Iverson, and Cindy Cedergren.

Chairman Arlo Rude opened the meeting.

No secretary or treasurer reports were prepared for this special meeting.

New Business:

- 1) Damage to the JoAnn Hurst monument – Rude reported on a recent incident in which this monument was damaged, apparently by a vehicle. The incident was reported to the Sheriff's department. Johnson Funeral Service has already made the repairs. Rude didn't expect the Board to be billed for this repair.

- 2) The Ole and Ingrid Vigen monument needs to be reset. Johnson Funeral Service recommended contacting Roger Porter from Warren. Rude made the contact and was quoted approximately \$150 to cement the foundation and reset the monument. Iverson made a motion to approve the repairs to be made at approximately \$150.00. Alberg seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cedergren

St. Pauli Cemetery Association Board of Directors
Secretary

WELCA MINUTES

July 27, 2016

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met on July 27, 2016 at 7 pm with eight members present.

President Faye Auchenpaugh opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. The secretary's report for June was approved as read.

The treasurer's report was approved as read:

Income	\$ 259.50
Expenses	\$ 799.40
Checking account balance	\$ 337.17
Savings Account balance	\$ 2,560.56
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 5,999.31

Stewardship Report: Discussion was held on purchasing school supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits. Virginia will research the option of purchasing backpacks from one of the websites recommended on the LWR website.

Education Report: No report.

Old Business: The Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) convention was discussed again. Deone Cerny made a motion to give the same amounts as last year for the following offerings taken at the convention: \$20 each to the Triennial offering, Unit Offering, Convention Expense Offering, and Bible Women Project. The motion also included that WELCA would cover the registration fee for anyone interested in attending the conference. Jan Strandlie seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion was also held on the individual donations of a new or gently used purse for the physical offering.

Individuals may select whatever personal items (on the suggested list) they wish to include in the purse. It was suggested these items be brought to the August meeting. The President will send out an email reminder.

A discussion was held on the suggestion to combine the WELCA and Lydia Circle meetings. The group thought this change would not be favorable and may diminish the communication and connections among members. It was decided to continue with the current plan and revisit the idea, if needed, at a later time.

Discussion on the fall event continued. More suggestions for a possible program were brought up: Verlyn Anderson, Art Lee, Marilyn Hagerty, and Pastor Ale Tulu. It was decided to ask Marilyn Hagerty to provide a program, tentatively Oct. 23. Other dates to consider are Oct. 16 or 30. We would serve pie and coffee. Thrivent funds may be available again.

New Business: The Congregational Picnic is scheduled for August 14. No particular group is designated to serve, so whoever is available to do so will handle it.

The meeting closed with prayer partners shared, Offering, the Lord's Prayer and Table Grace.

Next meeting is August 24, with Wahna Smith serving as hostess.

Following the business meeting, members of the Lydia Circle Group A-G provided a program with a theme of seasonings.

Cindy Cedergren
WELCA Secretary

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WELCA MINUTES

August 24, 2016

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met on August 24, 2016 at 7 pm with six members present. President Faye Auchenpaugh opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. The secretary's report for July was approved as read.

The treasurer's report was approved as read:

Income	\$ 55.00
Expenses	\$ 99.40
Checking account balance	\$ 292.77
Savings Account balance	\$ 2,561.00
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 5,999.31

Stewardship Report: Cindy Cedergren shared information on purchasing school bags from various sources approved by Lutheran World Relief. The best product (based on price and reviews) was from Oriental Trading Company. It was decided to order one dozen (smallest amount allowed) to see if we are pleased with the quality. The cost per bag is \$3.38, including shipping and tax. Kathy Alberg reported she is currently sewing 13 bags. The Lydia Circle Stewardship Fund reimbursed Kathy for the fabric, and reimbursed Virginia Anderson for purchasing a large quantity of items to include in the purse project. Individuals donated eight purses filled with

personal items to the Synodical Women's Convention physical offering, to be distributed to women's shelters.

Education Report: No report.

New Business: Thank you notes were read from the Synodical Women's Organization and Area Food Shelf. Rally Sunday is Sept. 18. The Mary Group will assist with serving potluck following worship services.

The Nominating Committee needs to meet before the September meeting to select a slate of officers for the September election.

Old Business: Fall Event: Marilyn Hagerty has been confirmed as our guest speaker on Oct. 23 (later changed to October 16th), at no cost. She needs a computer and projector to show a DVD (and someone to

operate it). Discussion was held on serving homemade pie and ice cream, and possibly selling whole and single servings of pie (in containers used for the fall supper).

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer, Prayer Partners, and Table Grace. Wahna Smith provided a dessert, and Kathy Alberg served it in Wahna's absence.

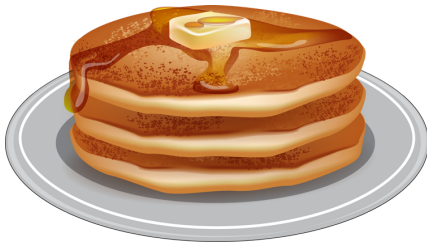
Next meeting is Sept. 28, with Kathy Alberg serving as hostess.

Cindy Cedergren
WELCA Secretary

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St. Hilaire Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 9th
9 am – 1 pm
St. Hilaire Community Center
Freewill Offering



Pancakes-sausage-eggs-beverages
Norskies hockey players will be signing autographs!

All proceeds used for Lions projects in the community.

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READER PICKS

“Boys in the Boat” by Daniel James Brown. Who thought that I would not only find a book about rowing fascinating and enjoyable, but that I would learn there is a LOT more to rowing than one would think. This true story of the nine Americans who went on to win Olympic Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics is a great read. – Faye Auchenpaugh (book is available at the library)

“Out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times – the improbable, intimate account of nine working-class boys from the American West who at the 1936 Olympics showed the world what true grit really meant. Daniel James Brown’s stirring book tells the story of the University of Washington’s 1936 eight-oar crew, a team that transformed the sport and grabbed the attention of millions of Americans. It was an unlikely quest from the start – a team composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, who first had to master the harsh physical and psychological demands of collegiate rowing and then defeat the East Coast’s elite teams that had long dominated the sport. The emotional heart of the story lies with Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who rows not only to regain his shattered self-regard but to find a real place for himself in the world. Plagued by personal demons, a devastating family history, and crushing poverty, Joe knows that a seat in the Washington freshman shell is his only option to remain in college. The crew is slowly assembled by an enigmatic and determined coach and mentored by a visionary, eccentric British boat designer, but it is the boys’ commitment to one another that makes them a winning team. Finally gaining the Olympic berth they long sought, they face their biggest challenge – rowing against the German and Italian crews under Adolf Hitler’s gaze and before Leni Riefenstahl’s cameras at the “Nazi Olympics” in Berlin 1936. Drawing on the boys’ own diaries and journals and their vivid memories of a once-in-a-lifetime shared dream, Daniel James Brown has created a portrait of an era, a celebration of remarkable achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary young man’s personal quest, all in this immensely satisfying book.”



You, Too, Can Have This Much Fun!

Join us for our Fall Group Cleaning
Tuesday, Oct. 11th

6:30 – 9:00 pm

Hot Cider and Paradise Café donuts

(Photos from 2016 Spring Cleaning)





St. Pauli Church

Presents

Marilyn Hagerty

"How I Went Viral"

Marilyn Hagerty has been with the Grand Forks Herald since 1957. She gained fame in March 2012 when her Olive Garden restaurant review was noticed by online news sources and she became an overnight sensation among both critics and admirers.

Sunday, October 16, 2016

2:00 p.m.

Freewill Offering

Homemade Pie and Coffee following program

Don't miss this chance to hear Marilyn Hagerty's story.

Q & A session following presentation.

Hagerty's book "Grand Forks: A History of American Dining in 128 Reviews" will be available for purchase.

Directions:

Drive three miles SE from Thief River Falls on Hwy. 59. Turn right on 170th Ave NE (Co Rd 20). Continue for three miles. The church will be on your right as you approach 110th Street NE (Co Rd 57).



Kai Robert Presents

A Sarpsborg Millennium Concert Tour with

Soloist Anette Lyche Brautaset & the Greåker Men's Choir

Join Snorre Lodge, Sons of Norway, for a once-in-a-lifetime concert at Northland Community & Technical College Auditorium, 1101 Hwy. #1 East, Thief River Falls. For more information, call 218.681.2116. Free will offering.

Snorre Lodge, Sons of Norway, cordially invites you to an astounding concert!

Wednesday, October 5, 7:30 p.m.

Trumpeter Kai Robert Johansen returns to celebrate his hometown's Millennium. Sarpsborg, Norway, turned 1000 this year and its celebratory music is a gift for you. Kai Robert is no stranger to the Midwest; this is his 13th tour. He has recorded 60 CDs, many of which have reached gold and platinum status. Joining him and making their American debuts are Anette Lyche Brautaset, a gifted classical and jazz soloist, and the Greåker Men's Choir. Sarpsborg is part of Norway's fifth largest urban center one hour southeast of Oslo.

SONS OF NORWAY SNORRE LODGE #70

Kai Robert Presents —A Sarpsborg Millenium Concert Tour **with Soloist Anette Lyche Brautaset and the Greåker Men's Choir**

Join Snorre Lodge of Sons of Norway Wednesday, October 5, 7:30 p.m. at Northland Community & Technical College Auditorium, 1101 Hwy. #1 East, Thief River Falls for an amazing and entertaining get-together as they welcome one of the Upper Midwest's favorite Norwegian entertainers, Kai Robert Johansen, trumpeter extraordinaire, and soloist Anette Lyche Brautaset and the Greåker Men's Choir from Sarpsborg, Norway in Østfold.

"I am thrilled to come back," said Kai Robert. "We have been very busy celebrating our 1000-year anniversary in Sarpsborg, my hometown, and soon I will return to the Midwest to share our celebration with you. I am bringing you my fellow artists who will not disappoint."

Kai Robert has been performing for more than 45 years and is the Midwest's most beloved Norwegian trumpeter. He has performed on radio and TV not only in Norway but throughout Europe and the United States. He has released 60 albums, several of which have reached gold and platinum status, and he has written several musical tributes to honor the Norwegian royal family. He also has received several Norwegian cultural awards for his work as a musician and a composer.

"I am always at home when in the Midwest," said Kai Robert. "The people are incredibly friendly, and it is always my pleasure to share the magnificent talent we cultivate in and around the community of Sarpsborg. This will be my twelfth visit to the Midwest and it won't be my last."

Anette Lyche Brautaset is making her American debut. "Not only is this my U.S. debut," Anette says, "but this is my first trip to the United States. I am very excited." Anette is well known in Sarpsborg for her beautiful presentation of hymns and her lovely interpretations of the works of Alf Prøysen and Erik Bye, venerable Norwegian music legends.

The 24-member Greåker Men's Choir, founded in 1933, also will perform. Director Hilde Everløff Andersen said "the boys" have been practicing energetically for their Midwest tour. The group is very excited to share Norwegian music with the Midwest and learn more about the Norwegian-American experience.

The program surely will share the vibrant musical history of Sarpsborg, a city founded in 1016 by the Viking King Olav Haraldsson, later known as Saint Olav. It is part of Norway's fifth largest urban area and is located just one hour southeast of Oslo.

For more information, call 218.681.2116. Free will offering.



"The thermometer has once again signaled the end of a growing season. The toughest trio in my garden agree; chard, parsley and kale finally succumbed this week. They will be missed. Another garden trio: mosquitoes, gnats, and aphids have also met their annual seasonal fate. They, however, will not be missed!

"These and other milestones signal the start of another season. One that finds us Minnesotans sharing our sunshine-produced summer harvests with friends and family as we celebrate our holiday traditions."

So states Tim Kenney, MN state director of the Master Gardener program.

The Back Page

*Cindy had this in our bulletin Sunday, September 20th last year.
I liked it so much that I saved it for this year's Fall newsletter.*

DAY BY DAY

I'm disenchanted now that Summer has returned to Fall,
Then I realize its beauty is the best of all.

Then when Autumn disappears to Winter's silver haze,
I miss the paintbrush of God's hand that made these rainbow days.

Then suddenly it's Spring again, a different kind of hue,
When colors burst from out the ground in moods of joy and blue.

When Summer once again appears, I'm so thankful and so gay,
That God has shared His all with me, His beauty, day by day.

The Seasons; Oh, how wonderful! They give each soul a lift.
How much my God must love me, to give me such a gift.

How We Are Like Pumpkins

God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you.

He cuts the top off and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.

Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.

Happy Halloween!

