

OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

930 31st Ave N, St. Cloud, MN 56303

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St. Peter's Mission Statement

We, the Christian community of St. Peter's Parish, nourished and strengthened by the Word and Eucharist, dedicate ourselves to making the presence of God alive in our time.

St. Paul's Mission Statement

We are a believing community called together by the Word of God, proclaiming Jesus as Lord. God's Word calls us to be welcoming, serving, compassionate, and open to diversity. Our purpose as a Christian people is to facilitate the reign of God through worship, service to others, companionship and education.

Father Alan Wielinski, Pastor

St. Peter—(320)252-2113 Ext 2 or St. Paul—(320)251-4831 Ext 213

Combined Staff Positions

Deacons

Bill Ritchie 252-0211
David Lindmeier 251-4831 Ext. 205

Director of Faith Formation

Geralyn Nathe-Evans 251-4831 Ext 212

Faith Formation (Preschool—Primary)

Laurie Mullin 252-8043

Youth Minister/Confirmation

Beth Neville 253-8650

Human Resource, Terry Sakry 251-4831 Ext 211

SPPM School Principal, Sharon Bichler 251-4737 (Primary School)

Assistant Principal, Mary Cheryl Opatz 251-5295 (Middle School)

Trustees

St. Peter—Mike Woods & Diane Hageman
St. Paul—Mary Ellen Keymer & Steve Mareck

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St. Peter—Paul Radkowski 252-2113 Ext 3
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Parish Administrator—St. Paul

Terry Sakry 251-4831 Ext 211

Bookkeepers

St. Peter—Colleen Henderson 252-2113 Ext 8
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St. Peter—Marge Laudenbach 252-2113 Ext 0
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Maintenance

St. Peter—Carl Zabinski, Dan Weirens 252-2113
St. Paul—Gredo Goldenstein, Pat Applegate,
Neil Goldenstein 251-4831

Office Hours

St. Peter, Monday—Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
St. Paul, Tuesday—Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Parish Nurse Ministry

St. Peter—Connie Moline, Bea Gazett,
Marva Jorgensen 252-2113 Ext 5
St. Paul—Dee Hanisch 251-0608
St. Paul—Claire Stock 252-4597

BeFrienders

St. Peter—Bill & Linda Ritchie 252-0211
St. Paul—Dorothy Randall 654-8485
St. Paul—Mary Spoden 252-3921

Prayer Lines

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St. Paul—Dianne Janorschke 252-4911

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St. Cloud Diocese www.stclouddiocese.org

September 20, 2009 • Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." - Mk 9:36-37

Liturgy Intentions

Mon, Sept 21	8:15 am SPE	Word/Communion
Tues, Sept 22	8:15 am SPE	Eileen Goerger
	5:30 pm SPE	Adoration
Wed, Sept 23	8:15 am SPA	Adella Rademacher
Thurs. Sept 24	8:15 am SPE	Edward Patyk
Fri, Sept 25	8:15 am SPA	Frances Clinton
Sat, Sept 26	8:15 am SPE	Word/Communion
	2:00 pm SPA	Wedding: Julie Kremer & Rick Reisdorf
	4:30 pm SPE	Elmer Otte
Sun, Sept 27	7:30 am SPA	For the People
	9:00 am SPA	Urban Gregory (Ann)
	10:30 am SPE	Steve Mareck

From Fr. Alan...

This weekend after our liturgies we are invited to make a spiritual commitment as a part of the Forty Days For Life campaign. If you don't have the time to sign up...we can still all be united in this Lenten-like desert experience of prayer and fasting...that each of us cherishes ever more deeply the gift of life God has given to us as well as to all others...that we offer our prayer in a most humble spirit, mindful of those in our midst who bear scars from a personal experience of an abortion and those too who have been wounded by any pseudo "pro-life" tactics and attitudes that promote condemnation and intolerance rather than healing and forgiveness.....that we fast from any such condemnatory practices....that we pray for success in all efforts to promote chastity and loving, responsible use of the gift of sexuality... that we prayerfully remember all parents who are challenged in bringing forth and nurturing the gift of life God has given them... and that we ponder the significance of Jesus setting the little child before us in the Gospel this weekend as a very special Kingdom sign and symbol.

Last weekend GERALYN set before us the vision of our two parishes growing together as one community of lifelong disciple-learners, brought together and sent forth each weekend at the Eucharistic liturgy. The Gospel reminded us that the cross...sacrifice, courage and suffering... will always be a part of discipleship. As we continue to shape and form our programs with the vision set before us, we need to embrace the challenges that are a part of creating something new. Let us continue to dialogue and faithfully discern the best path for our community!

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, parishioners and visitors made a return to the Lord of the following gifts in the Sunday offering:

St. Peter (9/13/09)

Adult Regular	\$8,381.00
Children	\$0.00
Plate	\$213.97
Electronic	\$1,717.50

Total Contributions\$10,312.47
 Amount needed per Sunday to meet budget...**\$10,800.00**

St. Paul

Adult (9/13/09)	\$8,455.00
Adult (9/06/09)	\$2,122.00
Youth	\$5.05
Children	\$18.90
Electronic	\$3,483.07

Total Regular Contributions\$14,084.02
 Amount needed per Sunday to meet budget**\$14,300.00**
 Maintenance..... \$91.00
 Summer Collection..... \$200.00

The Parish Directories Have Arrived!

Directories will be distributed after the weekend's masses on **September 19/20 and September 26/27** in the Gathering Area at St. Paul's and the south hallway (East Entrance—Door #4) at St. Peter's. Parishioners who had a photo taken or submitted will receive a complimentary copy. **Your directory will be available only at the church where you are a registered member. Please do not call the parish offices to pick up your directory.** There are a limited number of directories available for purchase at \$10 per directory.

Thank you to all who participated in making this first twinned parish directory possible.

Mary Dee Sandey and Barb Kunze,
 Parish Directory Co-chairs

*The Churches of
 Saint Peter & Saint Paul
 One Community of Faith
 Lifelong Faith Formation*

Announcements

Wedding Banns

St. Paul—Banns III: Julie Kremer & Rick Reisdorf

St. Peter—Banns: I Melonie Kahlhamer & Jason Brown

St. Peter's Christian Women—October 1, 2009

6:40 PM Rosary

7:00 PM Mass & Enrollment of New Members

Speaker: Stearns County Health Representative --H1N1 Flu

Please bring a "Thinking of You" card to share with your prayer partner, to be drawn that evening. Questions or additional information, please call Doris at 251-5547 and leave a message. Thank you.

St. Paul's Worn-A-Bit Sale — October 15-16th

Watch the bulletin for more details!

**St. Peter's and St. Paul's
Senior Citizen Outing with Fr. Al Stangl
Wednesday, September 30, 2009, 1-5 PM**



We will be visiting Cold Spring, Minnesota

The Spiritual—Grasshopper Chapel

The Spirits—Touring the Brewery

The Physical—The Bakery

There is NO COST for the bus.

1 PM pickup at St. Paul's

1:10 PM pickup at St. Peter's



The bus holds 54 passengers. First come first serve. For reservations call Judy at 251-4831 ext. 201.



BEFRIENDER
MINISTRY

Please join us at the 8:15 AM Mass on September 22. Tom Jacobs and Rosie Menke will be commissioned and sent out in the name of St. Peter's community to be a listening presence through the BeFriender Ministry. They have spent almost one year in prayer and preparation for their ministry. Come and celebrate with them!

Coffee and rolls will be served after Mass in St. Peter's Narthex meeting room.

If you have questions about the BeFriender Ministry, are interested in becoming a BeFriender Minister, or know someone who might benefit from a BeFriender, please call Bill and Linda Ritchie at 252-0211.

St. Paul's Christian Women—Come join us for the fall meeting of St. Paul's Christian Women on Oct 11th at 2:00 pm in the Dining Room. Our speaker is one of our parishioners, Betsy Mahowald. Betsy is very involved With Hands Across the World. This organization helps immigrants with assimilating to their new environment. Betsy is a passionate supporter of the organization and will be an informative guest speaker. We will have a short business meeting after the presentation. Refreshments will be provided.

Stewardship & Social Justice

Stewardship Message:**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues to turn society's idea of greatness upside down. He teaches that true greatness lies in being a servant to others; a good steward of our relationships. We want success, but Jesus redefines our notion of greatness and success. How do we define success: Is our notion of success the same as what Jesus teaches?

Have you remembered to leave a bequest to your parish? If you haven't, please consider doing so. Your gift of faith will help preserve our Catholic heritage. Please contact Father Alan or Terry Sakry at either parish for more information.

Choose Life—When abortion claimed the lives of both her unborn grandchild and her daughter, Mrs. Eileen Smith said she and her husband Tom experienced a "baptism of fire" into the pro-life movement. She vowed that she would tell Laura's story in the hope that at least one woman would choose life after hearing it.... Since then, she has heard about several...young women who have turned away from abortion after hearing about Laura's death. *NRL News, May, 2008*



For those who speak up on behalf of the unborn, the disabled, and the frail elderly, we pray.

Christians throughout the St. Cloud Diocese are invited to take part in the national **40 Days for Life** effort from September 23 through November 1. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the Planned Parenthood facility in St. Cloud during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Jan Hoelscher 253-1779 or Sue Rice 656-0909 or Carole Thibault at 656-9759. Sign-up for prayer vigils at Planned Parenthood will be after masses on September 19/20. You may register at any time during the 40 days. All are welcome!!

Second Harvest Heartland sends a thank you for your recent donation of \$305.00. Your gift translates into \$2,745 worth of food for those in our community who are hungry.

Old Pictures Needed...

St. Paul's Christian Women Bazaar, "Christmas Remembered" will be on November 14th.

We are looking to present a brief history of the Bazaar; how it began, changes over the years, etc. If anyone has any pictures or interesting tidbits to share please call Sue Rice at 656-0909.

Faith Formation

Thank you to all who picked up their Faith Formation handbook this past weekend. Letters of information for Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation that were not picked up have been mailed to your homes. Please contact the Faith Formation office if you have not received the materials. (Handbooks with registration information is located in St. Paul's Gathering Space or St. Peter's in the racks by the youth office.)

Our goal is to support a process that supports life long faith formation with a central focus of liturgy and scripture. We appreciate your support in this transition as we honor the Liturgical Year and readings to grow in faith together.

"Why Catholic" fall discussion groups for adults will begin in October. To sign up you can use the faith formation registration form available with the handbooks, in the gathering places or at the parish offices. This one form will be used for all of faith formation annually. Please complete the form and return it to either parish office as soon as possible. Fees are a suggested amount that will help to defray total cost, everyone is welcome regardless of ability to pay. For those who would like to make an additional donation as part of their stewardship to our parishes, we are most grateful.

Gerelyn, Beth, Laurie and Fr. Alan in conversation with our Liturgists, Paul and Laurie continue to meet and explore how to best serve the faith formation community of St. Peter and St. Paul's as one united community of learners. You will find in the handbook a calendar of major gatherings through December. Your insights and choices are important as we seek to follow the call of our faith tradition to create a model that will provide us the opportunities to honor the stories and gifts of all within the content of our Tradition and the Gospel call. We are now working to prepare leadership to serve our community of learners.

In September and October we will gather leadership adults and youth with the focus of understanding our call to community and prayer. If you are willing and interested in a leadership, facilitator or catechist role, please contact the Faith Formation Offices.

Our Whole Parish Process of Formation will begin gatherings for all in November-All Saints will be our focus as we learn about the Saints as well as come to understand that we are all called to be saints and work towards building the kingdom of God. If you are interested in becoming involved in the planning process or leadership for faith formation, please contact Gerelyn at 251-4831 extension 212, Beth at 251-4831 extension 202 or Laurie at 252-8043.

Dates to note:

- ◇ September 21-Confirmation Team Leadership, contact Beth for details
- ◇ September 28- 6:30pm Leadership meeting
- ◇ September 30-6:30pm Parents and children in grades 2 and up for First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation

Senior High Youth Rally is set for Sunday, November 1st at St. John's University. Forms are available at both parishes for all 9th-12th graders, so come and join us for a wonderful gathering of 400 other youth from across our diocese who can't wait to meet you!

Confirmation Team Training night on Monday, October 5th at 6:30 pm in St. Peter's Narthex meeting room.

Confirmation Preparation for 2009/2010 on Wednesday, October 7th at 6:30-8:00pm in St. Peter's Parish Hall. This is for all candidates, parents and mentors! See you there!

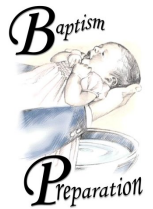
Adult Bible Study — Join us as we discover the complete storyline of the Holy Bible. Jeff Cavin's Bible Timeline is 24 week bible study starting Tuesday, September 8 from 6:30-8:30 PM or Wednesday mornings 9:00-11:00 AM. For more information call Beverly or Michael Schmitt 230-4520...Paula or David Tholl 255-0021.



Join us for **Bible Study—Book of Mathew** on Tuesdays from 1—3:00 PM (24 weeks) in the St. Paul's Community Room, starting September 22. For more information, Contact Steve or Trese Mareck at 743-4188.

St. Paul's & St. Peter's

Baptism Prep Session is now being offered by both parishes together, for parents preparing for the Baptism of their first child. Our next class will be on Tuesday, September 29, 6:30 PM at St. Peter's in the church. Please call St. Peter's Parish Office to register.



The Options Group

You may contact any members of the Options Group to respectfully share any concerns or ideas you may have regarding specific areas of Faith Formation.

Pre-Kindergarten:	Laurie Mullin (252-8043) Mary Cheryl Opatz (252-5275) Sharon Bichler (251-4737)
Elementary:	
Junior High:	
Senior High & Youth:	Beth Neville (253-8650) Sean Zadoo (259-6765)
Adult:	Mary Ellen Keymer (253-2576) Gerelyn Nathe-Evans (251-4831)
Evangelization:	Father Alan Wielinski (252-2113)
Social Justice:	Kevin LaNave (259-5480) Kris Boyle (259-4719)

WHAT IS CONSTANT IN CHANGING TIMES?

Come and wonder, probe, doubt, ask... Explore questions of faith, life, church through RCIA. Will you join us? Call either parish office.

The St. Peter's and St. Paul's RCIA Team

Pastoral Ministry

HEALTH News: H1N1 Update

Almost every day we hear about the H1N1 Influenza. The virus is spreading in our community. In an effort to prevent exposure we have provided hand sanitizer at all our entrances at St. Peter's. We encourage you to;

- ◇ Use the sanitizer as you enter the church
- ◇ Refrain from receiving from the cup if you have any symptoms of illness
- ◇ Stay home if you are feeling sick
- ◇ Greet others with a smile and avoid touch
- ◇ Avoid using the missalettes or song books to catch your sneeze. Please use your elbow

The only flu vaccine available at this time is for the seasonal flu. It is advisable to have that vaccine as soon as possible. A schedule of the current flu shot clinics is posted on our bulletin boards and St. Peter's and St. Paul's web site. Beyond that we must all practice good common sense and eat a healthy diet and get enough rest.

Blood pressures will be taken after all masses next weekend.

St. Paul's - Dee Hanisch, Claire Stock
 St. Peter's - Connie Moline, Bea Gazett, Marva Jorgensen



Parish Events & News

Important Meeting for St. Paul's BeFrienders

We have some required criteria for the next upcoming year. Please plan to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, September 22 at 4:00 PM in the Community Room.



Extra! Extra! Read All About It . . . in your *St. Cloud Visitor*!!! In the *My Thoughts* section, St. Paul's youth was featured. In next week's issue, St. Peter's youth will be featured. Be sure to check out what our youth have to share with us!

Are you interested in serving as a St. Peter's lector, sacristan, usher, gift bearer, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or slide advancer? Please contact Paul at 252-2113 x3 for more information.

St. Paul's Holiday Bazaar will be held on November 14 from 9 AM to 1 PM. We are in need of raffle donations, crafters and gift baskets. If you are able to help in any way contact:

- Robyn Gerding at 654-8046 (raffle donations)
- Mary Croat at 252-7861 (crafters)
- Sue Sovada at 654-8424 (gift baskets)

Waitresses Needed for St. Paul's Holiday Bazaar on November 14. Please call Mary Zupanc at 252-3043.



School News

October 10th—Marathon—With the onset of autumn comes our annual fall fundraiser, the MARATHON. Kick-off is just a few weeks away, so please get ready to give your much appreciated support!

Eighty some Campus Ministers were commissioned last Friday at our Middle School Mass. These ambassadors of Christ are sent forth to be witnesses to their faith and serve in the school, parish and larger community. If they can be of support to you or your family in prayer or action please give us a call at 251-5295.

SPPM is always looking for volunteers, if you are interested in volunteering at the school please contact either school office. We can always use tutors, coaches, lunchroom helpers, library volunteers, etc. Make a difference in the life of a child today!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

**TODAY, Sunday,
 September 20
 Serving from
 8:30-11 AM**

Prepared and served by
 the men from St. Paul's Parish.

Menu: Pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, hash browns, rolls, muffins and beverages.

Cost: Adults \$7.00
 Ages 13-18 \$5.00
 Ages 6-12 \$4.00
 Ages 5 & Under FREE

Everyone is invited! Bring a friend!

Parish Events & News

St. Barbara's Mission Group will be having their Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 17th in St. Peter's Parish Center. Please watch future bulletins for details.

CHS/SJP/SPPM GIRLS SWIM & DIVE Fundraiser Breakfast

Sunday, September 27 from 8:00 AM—Noon
St. Anthony's Church
2405 1st Street North—St. Cloud

Menu: Scrambled Egg Cheese Bake, Wild Rice Sausage, Hash Browns and Pancakes, Assorted Muffins and Coffee Cakes, Coffee, Milk & Juice.

13 to 100 y/o: \$6.50
Children 4-12: \$4.00
3 y/o & Under: FREE

"CASH DONATIONS ARE WELCOME!!!"



St. Peter's Parish Breakfast
Sunday, October 11, 2009
8:00AM to 12:30PM
IN THE PARISH CENTER
930 – 31st Avenue North
St. Cloud, MN 56303



Menu includes: Ham, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Pancakes with Fruit Toppings, Freshly Baked Caramel Rolls, Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Juice & Milk

Adults--\$6.50
Children (ages 6-12)--\$3.00
Children (under 6)—Free

Next Breakfast--November 8, 2009
Everyone Welcome!

Volunteers are needed to help with the breakfasts. If you are available to help out, please call Dave Kahlhamer at 230-1230.

Prayer Corner

Please Pray For...all who have received a prayer blanket, that they may receive healing of body, mind and spirit.

Family Members in the Armed Forces

All Powerful God, you always show mercy toward those who love you and are never far from those who see you. Be with our men and women as they serve our nation in war. Shelter them with your protection by day, give them the light of your grace by night and bring them home in safety. We ask this in Your Holy Name. Amen.

If you have a family member in the armed service, your parish family would like to know. Please call the Parish Offices of St. Paul's (251-4831) or St. Peter's (252-2113).

Electronic Contribution may be one way to keep your giving consistent. When you are away for a weekend your gift will be there. It is a way that at year end you meet the goals you set at the beginning of the year for what you plan to give to your Parish. We want to thank all the families who already participate in electronic contribution, it truly helps us meet our monthly obligations. Please consider this as a way your family might help our parishes receive regular and consistent offerings from you. If your family is interested, please clip the form below and return it to the Parish Office.

St. Paul's or St. Peter's Electronic Contribution

Envelope Number # _____
Contribution Amount \$ _____ Monthly
St. Paul's Contribution to be taken out on the **1st or 15th** of the month or you may **Split** the amount given between the 1st and the 15th **(CIRCLE ONE)**
St. Peter's Contribution are taken out on the **10th** of each month.
Name on account _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please accept my ongoing contribution from my:
(Please check one)
____ Checking Account-**Attach a voided check**
____ Savings Account-**Attach a savings deposit slip**

I authorize the **Church of St. Paul** **Church of St. Peter** **(circle one)** to process debit entries to my account **EFFECTIVE DATE** _____. I have attached a voided check or savings deposit slip. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization.

Authorized signature on my account _____ Date _____
ATTACH VOIDED CHECK OR SAVINGS DEPOSIT SLIP

Weekday Liturgies

St. Peter—Monday & Saturday—Word/Communion Service
 Tuesday & Thursday—Liturgy 8:15 AM
 St. Paul—Wednesday & Friday—Liturgy 8:15 AM

Weekend Liturgies—Effective May 2 through September 30

St. Peter—Saturday 4:30 PM & Sunday 10:30 AM
 St. Paul—Sunday 7:30 & 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Peter—Saturday 3:30 PM or by appointment
 St. Paul—By appointment

Interpreted Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

St. Paul—Third Sunday of the month at the 9:00 AM Liturgy

Baptism

Required sessions to prepare parents for baptism. All sessions begin at 6:30 PM. Call the Parish Office to register for a session or for scheduling a date. Prefer preparation before child is born.

Marriage

Please call either Parish Office to have the guidelines sent to you. You will need at least six months to complete the necessary marriage and wedding preparation. The marriage course must be completed three months prior to the wedding date.

New Parishioners

Being registered is part of Parish Life. Call the Parish Office for more information.

Hospital Visits

If you are a patient in the hospital desiring a visit from Fr. Alan or the parish nurses, please call either Parish Office.

Prayer Line

St. Peter—Kim Walz 251-2252
 St. Paul—Dianne Janorschke 252-4911 or 492-8748

Community News

Harvest for Hope —For the past 10 years the Diocese of St. Cloud has celebrated our unique partnership with the Diocese of Homa Bay, Kenya. This year we will again celebrate our wonderful relationship with Homa Bay, IN ADDITION to our MANY OTHER wonderful mission connections around the world, including our partnership with Maracay, Venezuela as well. Join us in this celebration of mission on Sunday, September 27th, 2009 at our 11th annual Harvest for Hope!



Harvest for Hope activities include:

A down-home Hog Roast meal with all the trimmings, Great old time Minnesota Music and Cultural Music, Silent Auction, Quilt Raffle, Craft Sale. Learn about diocesan partnerships and connections.

A Special Outdoor Multi-Cultural Liturgy with Bishop Kinney (at 4:00pm), and most importantly - meeting our missionaries & friends from Homa Bay, Kenya AND Maracay, Venezuela while raising funds for mission! It's fun & fellowship for the entire family!!!

This year's Harvest for Hope will be extra special as we expand our celebration to include all our diocesan mission connections. We will also be joined by special delegates from our partner diocese of Maracay, Venezuela, including their Bishop Rafael Conde. Join us in welcoming them to our diocese and celebrating our global solidarity with them, our brothers and sisters in Kenya, and all our global family!

Harvest for Hope is held at the Urban and Rosie Spanier Farm, County Road 175, Just 4.5 miles West of Spring Hill Call: (320) 987-3384 or (320) 251-1100 for more information.

Beginning Experience—is a program designed to facilitate the grief resolution process for adults who have suffered a loss through death, divorce, or separation, thereby enabling them to again love themselves, others and God. We accomplish this by offering quality grief resolution programs presented by trained peer ministers. These programs are designed to move grieving people through a transformational process to a new beginning in their lives. Those who attend the weekend should be beyond the initial feelings of anger and despair. To receive an application or for more information, call 1-888-565-0178 or write Beginning Experience at PO Box 7652, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

7th Annual Collegeville Colors at St. John's

Prep on Sunday, October 4, 1-5 pm. Guests will have the opportunity to hike the trails at St. John's, enjoy music, games, bouja and other great food. Pre-register by October 1 and receive \$2 discount/person. After that date, \$8 per person (\$32 maximum for immediate family). For more information call 363-3321. No pets, bikes or rollerblades allowed on trails.

Widowed Hope and General Bereavement Support Group

A peer group for widowed men and women or those who are grieving the loss of other loved ones meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 3:30—5 PM at the Catholic Charities Center for Life Transitions, 312 2nd Ave N, Sauk Rapids. Next meeting September 23. All faiths welcomed. No charge. Confidentiality respected. For more information call 529-0427.