

## Associate Pastor's Report- 2007

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are now well into our 2008 ministries here at St. Paul. God is good and always faithful. God continues to lead us by the power of the Holy Spirit to be disciples and servants in this place and time.

2007 was a year of many and various worship opportunities, growth in faith and learning and service to our living Lord, and Christian fellowship. We continued to hold our Mission and Vision Statements before us here at St. Paul. Raising up faithful disciples was and is our goal, as we try to move away from a membership church model. Hopefully, you have attended a cottage meeting to learn more about how each of us can live our daily lives as Jesus' disciples in all facets of our life together. This involves prayerful discernment and the joyful offering of our time, talents and treasure. How else can ministry take place? How else can a congregation exist? Our Lord calls us to do all of these things with a thankful heart, not for our congregation's benefit alone, but for the sake of the mission and ministry of the whole Church. God sends us out "to make disciples of all nations..." This is an ongoing commission and challenge for us individually and collectively as a congregation. On a scale of one to ten, how do you think you are doing? How do you think we are doing?

Enclosed in this packet of reports you will read about many of the ways we are serving as Jesus' disciples here at St. Paul. My thanks to all with whom I serve. We are a team. When each of us shares what God has so graciously given to us to the glory of God, we do make a difference. Each is an important and valuable part of the body of Christ. We depend on one another. We support and encourage one another. We laugh and cry with one another. We pray for one another. We love one another, as God loves us.

May 2008 be a year of further discovery, growth, shared experiences of worship and service and fun, as together, we love and serve God and our neighbor as disciples.  
"Come, come, come Holy Spirit come." Amen.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Pastor Linda Hanus