

OBITUARIES

Paul Larson

The Reverend Doctor Paul Larson passed away on Nov. 2, 2012 after a three year battle with brain cancer at the age of 78. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9 at the Wight, Comes & Sogn Funeral Chapel in Watertown. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012 at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer.



LARSON

Paul Myron Larson was born Sept. 27, 1934 to Joseph and Galena (Raaen) Larson in Sisseton. Paul spent his formative years on his parents farm in Sisseton. He graduated from Sisseton High School in 1952, and went on to study at Concordia College, Moorhead, graduating with Class of 1956. The years in Sisseton and Moorhead grew his faith and love of community and country. He studied at Luther Seminary in Saint Paul, MN, earned his Bachelor of Theology degree in 1960 and became an ordained minister. While attending school there he had met Constance Ann Weaver, who was in nurses training at Bethesda. They married on May 31, 1958 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN, then served a parish in Long Island, NY. The couple had a great interest in serving the church as missionaries, and when Paul learned that there was a shortage of doctors on the mission field, he felt called to begin a new chapter in their lives. While serving parishes near Meckling, Paul earned his Bachelor of Science in Medicine

from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion. He did his internship in Sioux Falls, SD. They moved to Denver, CO where he earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Colorado, then completed residency in Fargo, ND.

In 1968 Paul and Connie served in Madagascar through the ELCA for six years. Paul served two mission hospitals, Manambaro and Ejeda. He loved, and was loved by the Malagasy people and made lifelong friends with missionary families as well. Paul and family returned to the United States while he earned his Urology degree from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, WI. Then they returned to Madagascar for two more years. When their term in Madagascar was over, Paul and Connie settled in Watertown. He established a urology practice and worked as a physician for the hospitals there. He served as chief of staff for two years at Prairie Lakes Hospital and was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

Connie and Paul spent many wonderful years on Harmony Hill, and in 1989 returned to Madagascar for another year. They made several more mission trips to both Madagascar, Cameroon, and Nicaragua. They were very involved with the South Dakota Synod and as members of the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. Paul served on many boards, including the hunger task force and global missions.

Paul and Connie both had a passion for serving Global Health Ministries, and organization that collects medical supplies to send to mission hospitals around the globe. He served six years on the board of directors. He spent countless hours speaking at churches, collecting and organizing donated supplies,

and even more hours driving back and forth to the Global Health warehouse in Fridley, MN. Paul never really "retired". Just prior to retirement age, he started another urology clinic, called "The Water Works," in Pierre. Paul did not abandon his call to be a pastor, either. He served parishes in Hayes, Bergen, Castlewood, and filled in for many others. When he returned to Watertown, he began working for VA hospitals in Fargo and in North Carolina.

Paul's interests and hobbies included pheasant/duck hunting, fishing, raising animals, gardening, painting, writing, singing, literature and the arts. He also had his pilot's license. Paul was involved in the Kampeska Corral, barbershop quartets, the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, Rotary, Karing Kapers, Ducks Unlimited, Lutherans Outdoors, and was an active member of Lutheran Church Our Redeemer, where he sang tenor in the choir.

He loved his deep roots in family and his Norwegian heritage. Paul and Connie both were members of Sons of Norway in Brookings for many years. For their 50th anniversary, their kids sent them on a trip to Norway, which they loved. He was a wonderful father, grandfather, pastor, doctor, and friend. He will be sorely missed.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Galen Larson.

He is survived by his daughter, Robin Larson and her sons, Donovan and Sergey; his son, Bryan Larson and his children, Mark and Sara Larson, Kevin Larson; his granddaughter, Morgan Larson; and his daughter, Lorna Larson. Arrangements by Wight, Comes & Sogn Funeral Chapel, www.wcsfc.com.

ROMNEY

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Opponents say such funding decisions should be left to the governor and the Legislature.

Incentive grant plan fails
South Dakota voters also rejected Gov. Dennis Daugaard's plan to give incentive grants to large construction projects.

The Republican-controlled Legislature passed a bill last year at the governor's urging to provide grants to companies to get them to expand or relocate to South Dakota.

The state Democratic party, however, said the estimated \$16 million a year in grants would be better used to help fund schools. It gathered enough signatures to put the measure on the ballot for a public vote.

The grants would have been paid for with 22 percent of the receipts from the contractor's excise tax.

South Dakota for years has had a program that refunds construction taxes for large industrial projects, but it expires at the end of this year.

Governor's ed reform measure rejected

South Dakota voters have rejected Gov. Dennis Daugaard's plan to give bonuses to top teachers, phase out tenure and recruit candidates for critical teaching jobs.

The Legislature approved the Republican governor's proposal earlier this year, but the state's main teachers union, the South Dakota Education Association, collected enough signatures to put the measure on the ballot for a public vote.

Daugaard argues the measure will improve student achievement. But opponents contend it could hurt the quality of education because teachers might stop collaborating to help students as they compete for bonus money.

The plan would have given annual \$5,000 bonuses to the top 20 percent of teachers in each school district and provided scholarships and bonuses to recruit teachers in critical fields.

FIRE

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said. "It was probably within a half-hour to an hour of taking the office building. It was starting to come into the breezeway that's between them, but they got that out."

When a new bailer building is constructed, it probably won't be in the same place as the old one, Iverson said.

"In our future plans, we planned on moving the building anyway, so if we have to move it, maybe we should move it to a place where we won't have to worry about it," he said.

Until then, the landfill is still being used, albeit without the

bailer.

"Right now, it's the old-fashioned way of what we used to do," Iverson said. "We haul it up ourselves. Our dozer is equipped to pack garbage. It's not the best way, but it can handle it."

It will take "at least a year" before the landfill gets back to where it was, he said.

"If we decide to go with the bailer and stuff, that's going to take six to seven months to get a bailer. ... They're pretty expensive, so they usually don't build them until they have an order," he said.

Iverson extended his thanks to the fire departments from Wakonda, Volin, Gayville and Vermillion for their aid in extinguishing the blaze.

PULPIT REFLECTIONS

What is Worship?

**By Tony Armbrust
Pastor at Faith Fellowship
of the Open Bible**

Worship is far more than just a service, or a time to put in our spiritual obligation each month. Worship is a time to make a connection with God. To align ourselves and our churches with Heaven so that the king of glory can come into to our midst.

Psalm 24:7-9 says, "Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in."

When we take our focus off of ourselves and put it onto God, we align our lives with God for that moment. We also come into unity with other

worshippers who have learned how to worship in spirit and in truth as Jesus states in John chapter four. Jesus is still searching for such as these who have learned pure worship before him.

When the alignment with heaven happens, we connect with the unhindered worship of heaven with the angels and living creatures around God's throne, the power of Heaven is able to flow from God's heavenly throne to our lives and churches.

When we have learned this kind of worship God's power comes in and miracles start to happen, people get delivered from disease, sickness, depression, fear, rejection and more. For we are changed from glory to glory by the presence of God.

David knew this secret and that is why he desired to get the

Ark of the Covenant to himself in Jerusalem. He knew that the blessing followed the Ark of God's presence for he saw it in the Life of Obed-Edom.

Psalm 100:1-5 reads, "Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands. Serve the Lord with gladness, Come before his presence with singing (3) now that the Lord, he is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of his pasture."

(We were made to worship, not for our own purposes. For him, and through him, and to him. In worship you find where you belong.)

4) Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise, Be thankful to him, and bless his name, (5) For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endures to all generations."

FSA NOTES

**By Keith L. Zanter
Clay County FSA Office**

Acreege reports for perennial forage and fall seeded crops due Nov. 15.

In an effort to streamline program administration between FSA, Crop Insurance, RMA and other USDA agencies, a new fall acreage reporting deadline of Nov.15 has been established for perennial forage and fall seeded crops. Producers who planted fall seeded crops (winter wheat, rye, etc.) or who have alfalfa, grass hay, pasture or other perennial forage must certify acres and location of these crops to FSA by Nov. 15, 2012.

Producers who do not file a report by the Nov. 15 deadline will be subject to a late filed reporting fee. Since this is a new requirement, the late fee will be

waived for the 2013 crop year until June 30, 2013. However, the acreage report will still be considered late causing additional work for both producer and office - please contact the office for an appointment.

The reporting deadline for all other 2013 crops will remain July 15, 2013.

Farm Stored or Warehouse Stored Grain Loans

We would like to remind producers of the interim financing provided by obtaining commodity loans with Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) for eligible harvested production. The CCC nine month marketing assistance loan provides financing allowing producers to store production for later marketing.

The 2012 marketing assistance loans are available for

producers who share in the risk of producing the eligible crop and maintain beneficial interest in the eligible crop through the duration of the loan.

The county commodity loan rates are based on each commodity's national loan rate, which was established in the 2008 Farm Bill, and vary by county based on the average prices and production of the county where the commodity is stored. If you have other commodities that you are interested in obtaining a loan, please contact the office for those loan rates. Interest rate for November is 1.125 percent.

To better serve you, please contact our office prior to obtaining a corn and/or soybean commodity loan. To schedule an appointment with the Clay County FSA office, call (605) 624-7060 #2.

FOOD

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regular citizens who made donations.

"People were really generous," Peschong said.

"I want them to know how much we appreciate their help during this super-busy year," Berglin added.

Despite the success of the campaign, the Coyoteopolly students said they do have plans to

make a few changes next year, possibilities including the placement of bags and the design of the bags themselves.

"One of the big things is how we count the food," Heier said. "It's kind of just, 'Well, let's count it,' and there's not real system to it. Now that the food drive is over, that's something we're going to do - develop a standard operating procedure for counting the food items, counting the monetary donations."

This will make it easier to tell the community how much was

raised, he said, as the number of items received is not always indicative of the size of those items.

"We feel it's not fair to the community if there isn't a standard way of counting it," he said.

These issues aside, Berglin said she is very happy with how the campaign turned out, and wanted to make sure everyone - volunteers and donors alike - knew that.

"Thank you, Vermillion," she said.

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