

St. Paul Epistle—February 2014

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Our Mission is:

- To Know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
- To Grow in faith through His Sacraments and Word, and
- To Go share His Gospel with love in our community and world.

A Message from Pastor Jenks

Members of St. Paul,

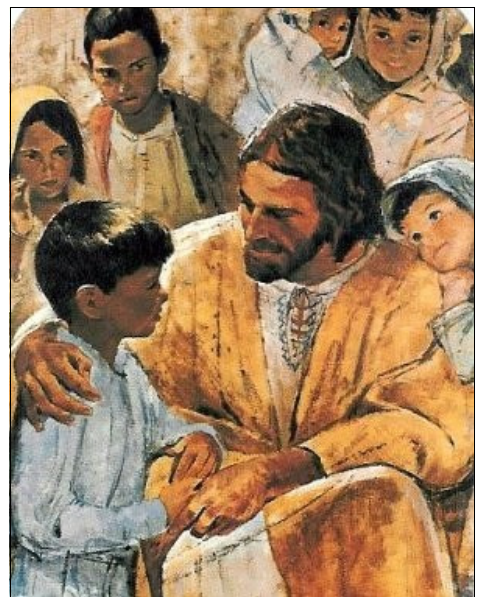
Do you remember what happened when Jesus' disciples tried to deter the parents from bringing their children to Jesus? The Bible tells us Jesus was indignant. He said, *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these"* (Matthew 19:14).

Here at St. Paul we welcome children in many ways. For example, we have Sunday School and Midweek classes where children learn about the Lord and grow through His Word. We have youth activities for Christian service and fellowship. I share a children's message during the worship services so the children can hear the Lord's Word in a way which connects at their level. Our preschool reaches out to children and families through a Bible-based Christ-centered early childhood education program.

Each year, our Synod encourages each congregation to designate a Sunday to emphasize and give thanks for its Lutheran school. Here at St. Paul we will celebrate Preschool Sunday on February 9. Our preschool children will attend the 11:00 service to sing praises to our Savior. You will have an opportunity to welcome the children and their families. It is always a joyful experience to hear the Lord's little lambs share the message of how much Jesus loves us!

"From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise" (Psalm 8:2).

In Jesus, Pastor Jenks



Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 2

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 9

Preschool Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Sunday, February 16

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 23

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Printed Bulletins

The Board of Elders has been monitoring the bulletins we print and distribute at each worship service. We are seeing an ongoing decrease in the number of bulletins requested now that we have the new AV system up and running and the worship service is being projected onto the screen. We are pleased to see this and will begin reducing the number of bulletins printed.

Beginning in February our ushers will offer those who come to worship the choice of either a full bulletin with service order plus announcement insert, OR an announcement insert only.

The decreased usage of paper serves as a way we are acting as good stewards of the resources in God's creation and helps reduce the number of trees destroyed. In addition, the decreased paper usage offers a lower monetary expenditure for printing costs.

We are very excited about our new AV abilities and truly appreciate your input and patience as we move forward with the implementation.

Thank you,
Board of Elders





It's Lutheran Witness Renewal Time!

The current list is posted on the bulletin board.

If you want to continue to get the magazine, mark an OK next to your name and put your check for \$21.65 (put Lutheran Witness on the memo line) in the office mailbox. This price includes the insert from Iowa District West.

If you want to start getting the magazine, add your name to the blank form and put your check for \$21.65 (put Lutheran Witness on the memo line) in the office mailbox. This price includes the insert from Iowa District West.

If you want to stop getting the magazine, just cross your name off the list.

Place your order before February 23rd with the church office.

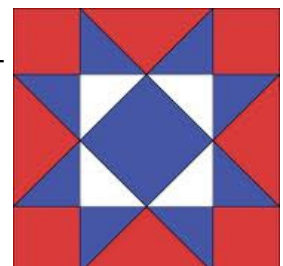
Are you enjoying our services on the new screen?

You can help make these a success! We need more people to run the Power Points and sound board. Neither is difficult, but training is required. If you are able to help, contact Chris Hand or the office.



The Board of Education would like to invite all the sewers and quilters to a **sewing party on February 22, 2014, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. As was started in 2013, **high school graduates in the congregation will receive a special quilt** from the church to always remember they are wrapped in God's love and our love. To get the task accom-

plished for this year's group, we invite those interested and able to attend to help in creating the finished product. People of all abilities are welcome to attend. Help is needed cutting, ironing, pinning, and of course sewing. All necessary materials and supplies will be provided. We look forward to seeing you and thank you in advance for your help and support in this project.



Education News

Sunday School Mission Projects

“HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS”

This Fall and Christmas St. Paul Sunday School children learned about various non-profit organizations in our community that need support and our prayers.

Following the Children's Christmas Service they voted to direct their Fall/Christmas Offerings to the Bethesda Food Bank. A check for **\$334.45** has been sent to this very worthwhile cause! Thank you children and your families for “Helping our Neighbors”.



Organized by the Board of Education
Sunday, February 2, 2014

We are all members of God's Team. Show your team spirit by coming to church and Sunday School as a fan.

You can participate by:

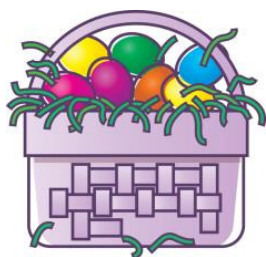
Wearing your favorite team colors or jersey (*any sport, any team - high school, college or pro*)

Wearing a St. Paul shirt

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.
1 Corinthians 12:27

Watch for More News

Easter is approaching so watch for details on the Palm Sunday egg hunt festivities.



“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

- *Proverbs 22:6*

Lutheran Church Charities Comfort dogs will be our spring mission project.

The LCC Comfort Dogs and their handlers minister to many hurting people; ranging from visits to nursing homes to visiting the hurting families of tragedy such as Sandy Hook. It costs \$58 per month to feed one dog. Let's see how many dogs we can feed! Each child in Sunday School will receive a business card for one of the dogs which will also include information about the dog's Facebook page so parents can help the child follow the dog's activities on Facebook if they desire.

Team Sunday



VBS

Mark your calendars!
VBS is August 4-8.



LYF News

The February LYF activity will be a game and movie night starting at 5:30pm on February 5th.



YOUTH SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 2014 "For God So Loved the World"



Mark Your Calendars – Sunday, April 27th / Both Services

All St. Paul children will be involved!

PRACTICE FOR GRADES 2ND – HIGH SCHOOL:

Wednesday, April 23rd / 5:30 – 7:00 pm (dinner will be served)

Super Bowl Subs and Sweet Goodies!



February 2– Sweets & Treats Sale

Bring your sweet tooth to purchase homemade baked goods from our youth. All proceeds go to helping our youth attend the next National Youth Gathering.

This is also the day to pick up your pre-ordered Super Subs from the youth.



Evangelism News



“Every Church’s member and pastor is part of the LERT.”

LERT needs you!

“..through love serve one another.” Galatians 5:13

If you are eager to help in times of natural disaster, or are a pastor who needs to be prepared and have certification to be on site if your members are affected – we need you!

Iowa District West has immediate need for LERT-certified volunteers to respond after natural disasters by giving spiritual comfort and emotional support while providing food, water, clean up, debris removal and helping with basic repairs. This is an opportunity to exercise your Christian faith and use your God-given gifts and talents to help others in need.

It's easy to become a trained Lutheran Early Response Team volunteer! Take this opportunity to join members throughout IDW in this unique Christ-centered mission. Attend the disaster orientation training event to become FEMA certified through LCMS World Relief and Human Care.

LERT TRAINING

Facilitator - Ellie Menz, IDW Disaster Response Coordinator

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2014

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

610 15TH ST

AMES, IOWA

9 AM - 12 PM

Registration begins at 8 AM

Light breakfast and lunch served

Register online at www.idwlcms.org or contact

Jill Davis at the IDW office: 515-576-7666

Please register by Monday, February 3 to help with a count for meals.
Late registrations and walk-ins are welcome.

Human Care

Bethesda Food Pantry— Special Need

Undies Sunday- February 9

The needy are in need of underwear. The children are especially in need of panties and boxer shorts. Many stores are lowering the price on last year's merchandise and now is a good time to get good buys. Please add some undies to your shopping cart and we will take them to Bethesda along with the food pantry items. Cash donations are always welcome and they can purchase what they need the most. Bring red or white items for the food pantry (or anything). Many people depend on the food pantries in Story County.



Murder Mystery Dinner

This event is being hosted by our LWML and Conversational Dinners and everyone is invited to join us for a **Murder Mystery Dinner**. "The Last Train From Paris" will leave the St. Paul station on Saturday, March 1st at 6:00 pm. **We need you!!!! We want the train to be full.**

Chef Faas will be preparing the meal for the dining cars. Watch the bulletin board for the sign up sheet so our chef knows how much to prepare. We still need a few St. Paul Players to complete the cast.

Contact Ellen Sander



(druellen@hotmail.com) if interested in being a member of the cast.



Women of St. Paul

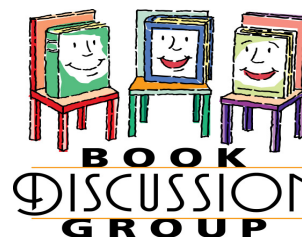
Family Service Circle Quilt Group

Family Service will quilt on Thursday, February 13, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with a noon break for lunch -- bring a sack lunch and join us.

On Thursday, February 27, we will have our monthly meeting beginning at 1 p.m. The meeting will include a devotion and a dessert. Hope to see you there.

Easter

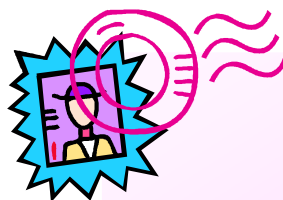
Yes, it's time to start thinking of Easter. We have someone who will organize the Easter breakfast but we need some creative people to handle the table decorations. If you have ideas or are willing to help, please contact Vickie Roach at 232-1241.



“Book to Know” We will meet on April 10th at the home of Karen Griffin to discuss **“Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption”** by Laura Hillenbrand. The Barnes & Noble website’s description of this book is: “On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane’s bombardier, who was struggling to a life raft and pulling himself aboard. So began one of the most extraordinary odysseys of the Second World War.” WOW, sounds so exciting, I can’t wait to get started!

**** This group is organized by the WOSP, but men are certainly welcome to join us.**

Old Cell Phones and
Ink Cartridges ~
Please continue to
save these to help
fund the 2015 LWML
National convention in
Des Moines.



**Please continue to
save commemorative
stamps for LWML. You may put
them in the secretary mailbox.**

February 2014 Service Roster

	Feb 2 8:30	Feb 2 11:00	Feb 9 8:30	Feb 9 11:00	Feb 16 8:30	Feb 16 11:00	Feb 23 8:30	Feb 23 11:00
Organist	Mary Nelson		Mary Nelson		Mary Nelson		Praise Team	
Elders	Brad Tibben	Greg Gebhart →						
Lectors	Claudia Biddle	Gretchen Zitterich	Adanga Biddle-Roush	Nicole Gebhart	Gretchen Zitterich	Steve Johnson	Pam Mundt	Jeromy Fritz
Acolytes	Jordan Vetter	Ben Gebhart			Mary Beth Coleman	Caleb Donavon		
Ushers	Dennis & Karen Griffin, Dean & Ardy Ulrichson	Drue & Ellen Sander, Vickie Roach, David Pietsch →						
Greeters	Katie & Maureen Friedrich, Jerry Schradle	Scott & Brenda Dryer, Kevin & Rita Dougan →						
Coffee Fellowship	Sharon Granzow		Ellen Sander, Marlene Johnson					
Altar Flowers								
Offering Counters	Tom & Cindy Baas →							
Power Point	Tom Baas	Julie Coy →						
Sound Board	Wes Lastine	Thomas Wilson →						
Altar Guild	Jan Ziebell, Karen Belz	Sharron Martin, Gretchen Zitterich →						
Video Recorder	Tom Peter →							
Collate Bulletins	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke →							