

# St. Paul Epistle—June 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

Friends in the Lord,

Not that long ago I preached a sermon in which I briefly discussed around six of Christ's twelve disciples. I made a few comments about each man, sharing a few sentences about his personality and how God used him for ministry. Many people commented to me that they wanted to hear more. You asked for it, you got it!

This summer my special sermon series will be on the 12 Disciples. Each week we will remember a different man and the role he played in God's plan. As we remember how God used such different men from a variety of backgrounds to accomplish His work, we are reminded this is also the way God works today in His church. Each of us has a different background and different abilities, but God unites us in His ministry.

There are some of the 12 disciples about whom we know a great deal, while there are others about whom the Scriptures reveal very little. Yet all of them were used by Jesus to accomplish His mission. Join us this summer as we remember the twelve disciples and, at the same time, reflect on our calling to be disciples of Jesus to the world around us. As Jesus says, "*This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples*" (John 15:8).

In Jesus Christ, the One we follow as His disciples,  
Pastor Jenks

## *Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, June 1*

*Holy Communion*

*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*

*Sunday, June 8*

*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*

*Sunday, June 15*

*Holy Communion*

*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*



### June WORSHIP

*Sunday, June 22*

*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*

*Sunday, June 29*

*Holy Communion*

*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*



**Are you an adult who has never been confirmed?** Would you like to learn more about the core beliefs of the Christian church, drawn from Scriptures? Would you like to dig deeper into the foundations of our faith and the teachings which come from Christ? We are working to make plans for a new adult confirmation class. The class would involve workbook lessons you complete at home and group discussions with Pastor and other participants in the class. You may attend the class simply to review the material and to refresh your faith, or you may attend with a goal of being confirmed. If you are an adult who has an interest in this, please speak to Pastor Jenks very soon.

## **Help our preschool raise funds for some special projects!**

The Preschool board would like to provide the workers for a food booth at the Farm Progress Show, which is on August 26, 27, 28 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). Jimmy's BBQ will again provide the food. We will need the support of the congregation to make this happen, as we will need 35 volunteers for each day. There is something that almost anyone from the congregation can help with. It is not difficult to take money or hand out tickets for food. We could use younger people to help unload pop from the semi.

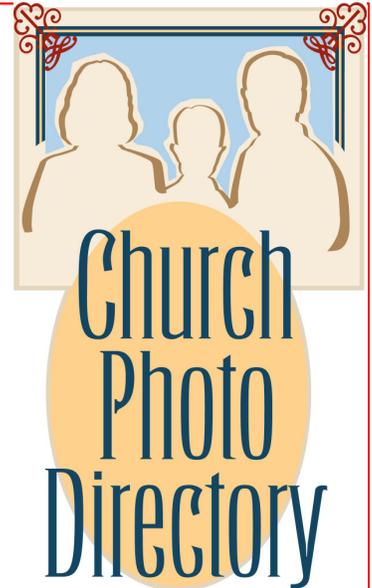
We would use the funds for: 1) more outlets in the preschool classrooms, as we cannot use extension cords because of fire code. 2) we have ordered a new three person swing set for the playground, but would like more money for a fire truck, and possibly other new equipment 3) picnic tables for the kids to eat outside and 4) child size furniture, such as couches, for the classrooms.

## Board of Evangelism News

The evangelism committee has sent money to both Julie Lutz, Missionary in Papua New Guinea, and David Fiala, missionary in Slovakia. We continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to reach into the hearts of the dis-believers, to learn about our Lord and believe in Him as their Savior.

We have contracted with Lifetouch, the company that has purchased Olan Mills, to put together a new photo church directory.

Photos will be taken September 16th- 20th. Please let us know as soon as possible if these dates aren't workable for you, so we can schedule another time to get your photo taken.



## MGMC Hope Run for Hospice

Please join me in remembering our church family members that have passed on to glory. I am walking in the MGMC Hope run for Hospice on June 14 in honor of Dave Cavanaugh, Elaine West, Bill Stoner, Lew Hippen and Fran Newton. Please visit my home page <http://getmeregistered.com/homepage.php?id=7074> to help raise funds for IFHH.

Many of our members have been served by Homeward Hospice and the IFHH. Last year pastor Jenks won the award for the largest fundraiser. Let's do it again! I appreciate your support by cheering us on, walking with me or a monetary gift (tax deductible). Thank you. Gretchen Zitterich



## Education News

### VBS – “Weird Animals – Where Jesus’ Love is One-of-a-Kind” - Aug. 3-6

God filled the world with a lot of crazy creatures...including you! When kids feel weird, different, or lost in a crowd—nothing compares to the extraordinary love of Jesus. Mark your calendars for Aug 3-6 for this fun-filled event. Planning is just beginning by the Board of Education and our volunteer coordinator, BUT we need a committee and helpers to take kids through this one-of-a-kind adventure!



New this year we are having VBS for 4 days and beginning on Sunday night with a family night. Families will be able to enjoy a meal, a craft, songs and a Bible story together! The remaining nights, will be the family meals first but then kids will break up into groups and do activities as we have in the past.

Please prayerfully consider helping.....we have the following positions we need to fill. Most positions have a group manual/guide book to help with the program listed.

- **A Co-coordinator** -help our coordinator order materials, help recruit volunteers for positions as well as set up/clean up, get donations if needed, work with all volunteers, oversee week-long event, etc.
- **One-of-a-Kind Bible Adventures Leader** -teach/act out the day's Bible lesson to rotating groups
- **Sing and Play Stampede Leader** – lead the music with DVD at opening and closing
- **Ozzy's Preschool Park** -teacher/main leader for contained preschool classroom
- **KidVid Cinema Leader** -lead and discuss the daily movie
- **Imagination Station Leader** -lead experiments related to the daily stories
- **Zoo-Crew Helpers** -each leader needs helpers to assist with position

**Critter Cafe** --groups to provide and serve meals for approximately 75 people (families and volunteers) before VBS each night.

### Get your FREE VBS music cd!

For each family that registers for VBS **before July 1<sup>st</sup>**, they will get one FREE cd that will contain all the VBS songs for “**Weird Animals – Where Jesus’ Love is One-of-a-Kind.**” Registration forms will be available soon in the entry way brochure rack by the clock. Once completed, please turn in to VBS coordinator Carla Murphy or the church office mailboxes. Your cd will be placed in your member mailbox.

**“Celebrating God’s Wonderful Creation”**  
*2014 Summer Christian Education Hour*



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....**

**June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**June 15<sup>th</sup>**

**July 13<sup>th</sup>**

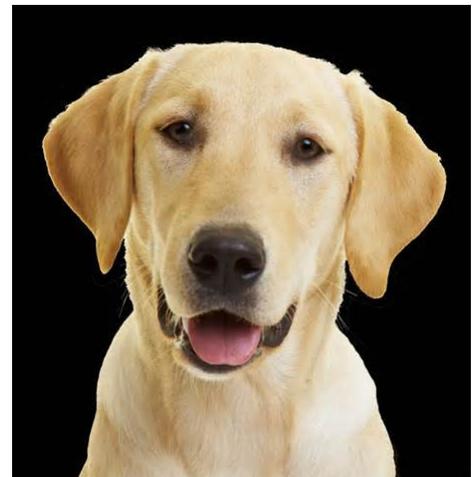
**August 10<sup>th</sup>**

**August 17<sup>th</sup>**

Pre-School – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade / Preschool Gathering Area  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Adult / Fellowship Hall

**WOW!**

**A big thank you to the children of St. Paul who supported the COMFORT DOG program of Lutheran Church Charities with \$517.75 in offerings this Spring!**



## Human Care



**A Special Festival of Music Concert** will be held June 1 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church. A free will offering will be taken to benefit Good Neighbor. See the bulletin board for the poster and details.

### Bethesda Food Pantry

**Sunday, June 15, is Bethesda Food Bank Sunday.**

Please bring items and place in the tub in the east entryway. Cash donations are also welcome and allow the food pantry to buy what they need at a greatly reduced price. You may place your check in the offering plate as long as it is marked "Bethesda Food Pantry."



## SPECIAL SPEAKER JUNE 22ND!

Join us on June 22, during the Bible study hour (9:45-10:45 am), as Russ Krube will be sharing stories and photos about his work at the Casa de Niños children's home in Tepic, Mexico. Russ has been dedicated to helping these children since 1989.

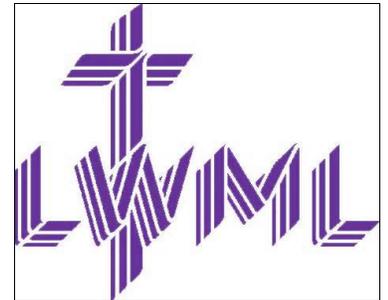
You can learn more at

<http://russellalan.blogspot.com/>



## Iowa West District LWML Convention News

- ◆ **Date - June 19-21, 2014**
- ◆ **The registration form is in the IWD eNews and in the Harvest**
- ◆ **The Ingathering will be items for “Phil’s Friends” - comfort items for cancer patients. The list includes:** Fleece blankets; Bibles; Christian CDs; Journals – For Men and Women; Thick, fuzzy women's socks; Packaged Tea; Word Search, Puzzle, and Game Books; Non--flavored chap stick; Bandanas or warm hats; Men’s Baseball Hats; Travel Sized lotion; \$5 gift cards from Panera, Dairy Queen, or Starbucks; Playing cards (standard cards, Uno, etc.); Biotene mouthwash--travel size. **Place items in the tub marked LWML**
- ◆ **All other convention information is in the IDW eNews. Contact the office if you did not get a copy.**



## WANTED: Old Cell Phones and Ink Cartridges

**The next LWML convention will be in Des Moines, June 25-28, 2015.**

Over 3000 women gathered in Pittsburgh in 2013, and over 6000 attended in Peoria in 2011. We expect Des Moines to be one of the largest conventions in recent years. We are collecting old cell phones and ink cartridges for recycling to help defray the cost of hosting this conven-

tion. Did someone in your family get a new cell phone recently?? Please bring us your old cell phones (and charger). **What happens to your ink cartridges at your place of work?** Can you bring them and place them in the container in the fellowship hall? We appreciate them all!

## Women of St. Paul

### ATTENTION LWML IWD CONVENTION ATTENDEES:

***Are you ready for some fun at convention?***

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund is sponsoring a purse auction at the LWML district convention this summer with proceeds going to Mites for Missions.

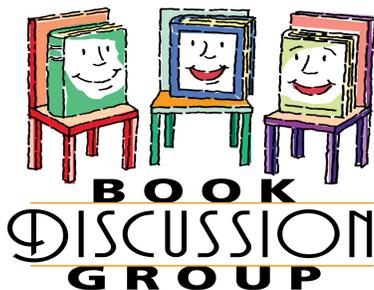
So, clean out those closets and bring those purses to convention you aren't using anymore. (Your purse will be someone's else's treasure) .

A sheet will be in front of each purse and the highest bidder will win. The times of bidding will depend on how many purses are brought to bid on. They will then pay for the purse they won. The LCEF committee is adding a little incentive where if you brought purses, you will receive an auction dollar and also if you are LCEF investors then you will receive \$1 auction money. You will be able to use this to offset what you bid. So, if you bid \$10 and received \$2 in auction dollars, you would only pay \$8 for the purse!

***So, join the fun in rounding up those old purses you don't use and bring to the convention so we can get some mite dollars!***



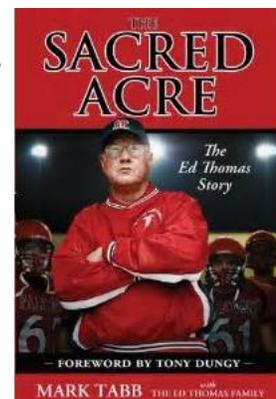
~ If you are not going to convention but would like to donate a purse, please place it in the LWML tub along with the items for "Phil's Friends".



### "Book to Know"

On July 15 we will meet at the home of Julie Coy to discuss "The Sacred Acre" by Mark Tabb. The Barnes & Noble description of the book follows. "On a Sunday in May 2008, an F-5 tornado struck the town of Parkersburg, Iowa, killing eight people and destroying 250 homes and businesses within 34 seconds. The next day, Parkersburg's beloved football coach, Ed Thomas, made a stunning prediction: "God willing, we will play our first home game here on this field this season." One hundred days later, the home team scored a victory on the field they dubbed "The Sacred Acre," serving as a galvanizing point for the town to band together and rebuild. But just as Parkersburg was recovering, another devastating tragedy struck. While working with a group of football and volleyball players early one morning, one of Ed's former students walked in and gunned him down point blank. Ed Thomas was 58. The murder of this hometown hero spread across national news headlines. Ed's community and family reeled from shock. Yet the story doesn't end here. What happened next proves that even a double tragedy is no match for faith, love ... and the power of forgiveness."

You won't want to miss this one.



## Here is a list to help someone coping with cancer, illness, or helpful for everyone in general. Gretchen Zitterich.

1. Pray
2. Go to bed on time.
3. Get up on time so you can start the day unrushed.
4. Say No to projects that won't fit into your time schedule, or that will compromise your mental health.
5. Delegate tasks to capable others.
6. Simplify and unclutter your life.
7. Less is more. (Although one is often not enough, two are often too many.)
8. Allow extra time to do things and to get to places.
9. Pace yourself. Spread out big changes and difficult projects over time; don't lump the hard things all together.
10. Take one day at a time.
11. Separate worries from concerns. If a situation is a concern, find out what God would have you do and let go of the anxiety. If you can't do anything about a situation, forget it.
12. Live within your budget;
- 13.. Have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.
14. K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut). This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.
15. Do something for the Kid in You every day.
16. Carry a spiritually enlightening book with you to read while waiting in line.
17. Get enough rest.
18. Eat right.
19. Get organized so everything has its place.
20. Listen to a tape while driving that can help improve your quality of life.
21. Write down thoughts and inspirations.
22. Every day, find time to be alone.
23. Having problems? Talk to God on the spot. Try to nip small problems in the bud. Don't wait until it's time to go to bed to try and pray.
24. Make friends with Godly people.
25. Keep a folder of favorite scriptures on hand.
26. Remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is often a good 'Thank you Jesus .'
27. Laugh.
28. Laugh some more!
29. Take your work seriously, but not yourself at all.
30. Develop a forgiving attitude (most people are doing the best they can).
31. Be kind to unkind people (they probably need it the most).
32. Sit on your ego.
33. Talk less; listen more.
34. Slow down.
35. Remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the universe.
36. Every night before bed, think of one thing you're grateful for that you've never been grateful for before. **GOD HAS A WAY OF TURNING THINGS AROUND FOR YOU.**  
'If God is for us, who can be against us?' (Romans 8:31)

