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A Letter from your Pastor

Members of St. Paul,

In the July edition of the Epistle I often write about the wonderful freedoms we enjoy in America and about the greatest freedom of all, the freedom from sin's penalty won for us by Jesus' victory at the cross of Calvary and the empty tomb. However, life is full of surprises, isn't it? So this July, I will not write about that (after all, you will hear more about that at our July 3rd service of prayers for our nation at 10 a.m.—remember there is only one worship service that day).

This July, I would like to focus your attention on the special spiritual growth event that 11 youth from our church, together with thousands of Lutheran youth from across America, will attend in New Orleans this July -- our LCMS National Youth Gathering. This gathering happens only once every 3 years. The theme for this year's National Youth Gathering is "In Christ Alone."

How does our being connected to Christ impact our daily lives? How is who we are shaped by our relationship with Jesus? Our youth will reflect on this theme in three areas: identity, community and humility. Our youth will explore their relationship with Jesus via extensive Bible study and discussion time during the LCMS National Youth Gathering. While at the National Youth Gathering our youth will also experience worship, fellowship, service to those in need, and other Christian growth opportunities. When the youth return from this event, our 11 youth will share a "mission report" during worship services at St. Paul on Sunday, July 24.

I would like to thank everyone in our congregation for your support, generous financial gifts and faithful prayers for those participating in this spiritual journey. Please continue to pray for Jaden Ask, Kaitlyn Cook, Kylie Cook, Caleb

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Donavon, Trent Dougan, Joshua Folkmann, Ben Gebhart, Alex Highby, Matthew Latuska, Jordan Vetter, and Kaitlin Wegner, as they make this trip. Ask the Lord to bless these youth as they learn more about their Lord, His Word, and His plan for their lives. Please also pray for adult leaders Wendy Donavon, Becky Jackson, Alan Vetter, Lisa Wilson, and Thomas Wilson as they work to guide and oversee our youth. Please pray that the leaders may reflect the love and wisdom of our Lord Jesus to our youth. May God bless our youth and their adult leaders as they journey to New Orleans to "*grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*" (2 Peter 3:18)!

In Jesus,

Pastor Jenks

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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.

Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 3
Holy Communion
Only One Service
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 10
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
(Installation of Officers)



Sunday, July 17
Holy Communion
(Outdoor Service at
10:30 am at Moore
Park)
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 24
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 31
Holy Communion
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Reminder:
July 3 – Only one worship service at 10 a.m., with no Education Hour today.

Thank you so much for the June 19 surprise celebration in recognition of my 25 years in the pastoral ministry of the LCMS. I am grateful for the special reception with treats and cake. Lori and I are deeply touched by your amazing generous gifts of appreciation. Thank you for your gifts, kind cards, and warm words of congratulations. We are deeply honored to serve Jesus with such wonderful people as you. It's hard to believe two and a half decades have passed since I was ordained by my father on Father's Day 1991 at my home congregation, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Minot, North Dakota. Thank you all for making this St. Paul a home church that is just as great as what I experienced when I was being shaped and led to enter the pastoral ministry. With gratitude, Pastor and Lori Jenks



Thank You!

There are no words that can properly express our sincere appreciation for all the support we have received during Tom's leukemia journey. The cards, letters, emails and phone calls have been wonderful. Most of all, the prayers that have been lifted up on his behalf have made such an impact on us. Our God is a GREAT GOD! We wish you all God's Blessings each and every day and Thank you for your support.

Tom and Cindy Baas

Join Us For This Special Event!!

Outdoor Church Service and Picnic

Sunday, July 17, 10:30 am

Moore Memorial Park,

Big Bluestem Shelter

3050 Northridge Parkway



COME ONE AND ALL to a potluck immediately following our annual outdoor church service.

Last name beginning with the letters A-K, please provide a vegetable/salad and a dessert*.

Last name beginning with the letters L-Z, please provide a main dish*.

*Please remember to bring serving utensils for your dishes, as well as chairs for the church service.

Drinks and table service will be provided.

Septoberfest - September 16, 17 and 18, 2016

SEPTOBERFEST IS GETTING CLOSER

The Septoberfest board is hard at work brain storming with ideas for a fun event and how we can involve everyone at church, in the neighborhood and anyone we can get to come and have some fun.

There will be something for all ages and lots of fun and food and most importantly fellowship with friends and neighbors.

The bounce houses and tent will be back.. There will be bingo, popcorn, root beer, balloons and games in the tent. Saturday after the concert everyone is invited to come out to the tent for fancy desserts and beverages to be served by candle light and music (could be dancing too).

Sunday morning we will have another trivia match and an old fashion hymn sing before the outdoor 11:00 am church service and catered dinner.

Are you all practicing your bean bag throw for the Saturday afternoon competition?

We have a busy weekend planned and we will need help, please. If you would like to help with any particular event please tell a committee member.

The preschool will plan the Friday night movie event and the WOSP are helping with the Saturday and Sunday food.

We need some youth to help with games and will have special rewards for those who help.

We appreciate all the help we get and plan to have a fun week end.



Education and Youth

**Thank You St. Paul Sunday School
Children and your families!
ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN
Spring 2016 Sunday School Offerings
\$681.18**



We are looking for you!

The Board of Education is looking for parents that might be interested in

**We NEED you.
Can you HELP?**

joining our Kingdom Workers Team! We have a lot of fun planning educational events for the youth (Trunk or Treat, Easter Egg Hunt and VBS!) and would love to get more parents involved in this process. There is not a large amount of time to be committed to the Team and we are always flexible! If you have questions we encourage you to contact Thomas Wilson: tjwilson32@gmail.com or 515-570-9088. Or, if you can, catch him in between services!

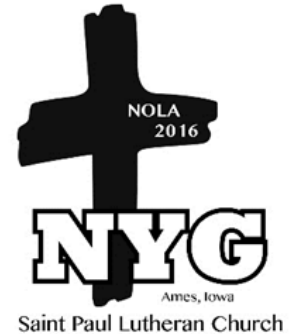
Education and Youth

Pray for our youth going to camp and youth and chaperones traveling on the National Youth Gathering!



Youth attending Camp Okoboji Jr. High week July 10-16: Erin Murphy. Youth attending Cub Week at Camp Okoboji July 17-23: Jessie Ask, JoLyn Ask, Ty Choate, Daniel Murphy and Eayon Phipps.

Youth and chaperones attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 16-20: Jaden Ask, Kaitlyn Cook, Kylie Cook, Caleb Donavon, Trent Dougan, Joshua Folkmann, Ben Gebhart, Alex Highby, Matthew Latuska, Jordan Vetter, Kaitlin Wegner, Wendy Donavon, Becky Jackson, Alan Vetter, Lisa Wilson, Thomas Wilson



VBS 2016– Barnyard Roundup

VBS will be [July 31-Aug 3](#) in the evenings. The theme is “Barnyard Roundup — Jesus Gathers Us Together.” Through the 4 nights at VBS, children will explore concepts of the words from Psalm 23: The Lord is our Shepherd. Through these lessons and special music kids will learn to step out in faith, being confident in Jesus’ love for them. VBS is for preschool through 6th grade aged students. Registration forms as well as online registration (new this year) will be available in late June.

VBS requires volunteers and helpers of all ages. We need to “roundup” people to set up, take down the decorations, people to be group escorts, be Bible story leaders, help with registrations, provide meals before VBS starts, provide props or decorations and more! Look for more info in the bulletin and through emails. A sign up sheet will be out soon.

VBS Barnyard Wish List (to borrow and/or donate)

Wooden Rocking Chairs (3-4), Green tarps, Wooden wagons, Wheel barrows, Toy riding tractors, Yard windmill, Empty feed bags/sacks, Larger boxes to cover as straw bales, Plastic or paper sunflowers, Metal wash tubs, buckets and watering cans, Barnyard animals –any type – wooden, garden statues, stuffed toys, etc.

Some churches are willing to share resources and decorations. If anyone knows of another church in Ames or nearby that is doing this theme, or if you have questions about VBS, please contact Carla Murphy.



Stewardship

“What is Biblical Stewardship?”

To discover what the Bible says about stewardship, we start with the very first verse: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). As the Creator, God has absolute rights of ownership over all things, and to miss starting here is like misaligning the top button on our shirt or blouse—nothing else will ever line up. Nothing else in the Bible, including the doctrine of stewardship, will make any sense or have any true relevance if we miss the fact that God is the Creator and has full rights of ownership. It is through our ability to fully grasp this and imbed it in our hearts that the doctrine of stewardship is understood.

More often than not, when we think of good stewardship, we think of how we manage our finances and our faithfulness in paying God’s tithes and offerings. But as we’re beginning to see, it’s much more than that. In fact, it’s more than just the management of our time, our possessions, our environment, or our health. Stewardship is our obedient witness to God’s sovereignty. It’s what motivates the follower of Christ to move into action, doing deeds that manifest his belief in Him. Paul’s stewardship involved proclaiming that which was entrusted to him—the gospel truth.

Stewardship defines our practical obedience in the administration of everything under our control, everything entrusted to us. It is the consecration of one’s self and possessions to God’s service. Stewardship acknowledges in practice that we do not have the right of control over ourselves or our property—God has that control. It means as stewards of God we are managers of that which belongs to God, and we are under His constant authority as we administer His affairs. Faithful stewardship means that we fully acknowledge we are not our own but belong to Christ, the Lord, who gave Himself for us.

The ultimate question, then, is this: Am I the lord of my life, or is Christ the Lord of my life? In essence, stewardship expresses our total obedience to God and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Women of St. Paul & Family Service Group

FAMILY SERVICE ~ Family Service Quilting Dates:

July 14th: Quilters will meet from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 14th. Bring a sack lunch and join us. This will be a Thrivent Action Team event so wear your T-shirts. If you don't have one, we'll provide you with one so please come.



July 28th: Mark your calendar to come and quilt on Thursday, July 28th from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and join the quilters in this worthwhile cause.

FAMILY SERVICE QUILTERS made 114 quilts for the Orphan Grain Train and 32 lap robes for Hospice House/nursing homes during the past fiscal year. Thanks to everyone who supplied gently-used sheets and other bedding as well as fabric for our use. We are grateful to Thrivent for the materials supplied through their Action Team events that have allowed us to continue to support these worth-while causes. This next fiscal year, Judi Charlson and Irene Holthaus will co-chair Family Service and Michelle Flynn will continue as secretary. During the summer months, the group will meet at 11 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month -- which for July are the 14th and 28th -- and we are always delighted and look forward to having new people join us.



Later this fall you will be hearing the laughter, chatter, and singing of an "American Heritage Girls" troop meeting here at St Paul. For the next several months we will have a series of articles in the Epistle to introduce you to American Heritage Girls (AHG).

American Heritage Girls is a scouting program similar to "Girl Scouts." AHG is a Christ centered ministry, promoting leadership and character building to girls ages 5 through 18. American Heritage Girls was founded over twenty years ago to honor God... through the love of families...for the love of children. AHG offers a strong service program, teaching girls to "love one another as I have loved you" while practicing servant skills in preparation for their future in God's will.

American Heritage Girls will serve as an outreach ministry by also reaching unchurched girls and strengthening each girl's relationship with God through troop experiences. As a result of a strong badge program, the girls feel a sense of accomplishment, a sense of confidence, a sense of community, and a sense of pride in America.

AHG is approved by the LCMS. St Paul's Board of Directors has decided to charter this group and asks for your prayerful support as the process of building this troop begins. The Women's Ministry Team has decided to play a role in this sponsorship also. If you are a girl entering kindergarten through high school, or a volunteer looking to love and serve girls 5-18, you could be a part of American Heritage Girls. Watch and listen for more information to come. If you would like to be involved, please talk to Gretchen Zitterich.

Women of St. Paul

LWML Mite Update:

National- (as of 5/31/16)

Mission Goal for 2015-2017

Biennium: \$2,000,000

Amount Received: \$1,147,701.21

Amount Needed: \$ 852,298.79

For more information about the LWML visit the website at lwml.org.

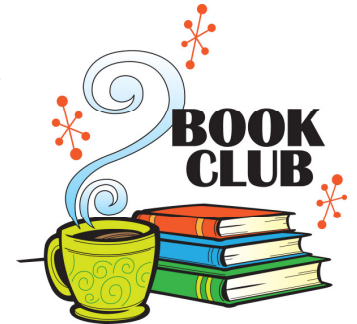


Do you know what is going on in the Iowa West District of the LWML? The LWML IWD eNews is sent to all women of the congregation who have email. If you do not have email, a copy is printed and placed on the LWML bulletin board at the east end of the fellowship hall. You may read it and replace it when you are finished.

To view pictures from the recent LWML IWD Convention go to:
www.facebook.com/LWML-Iowa-West-District

“Book to Know to Help You Grow”

WOW! On July 14 we will discuss “Band of Sisters” by Cathy Gohlke. The Barnes & Noble’s review: “Maureen O’Reilly and her younger sister flee Ireland in hope of claiming the life promised to their father over twenty years before. After surviving the rigors of Ellis Island, Maureen learns that their benefactor, Colonel Wakefield, has died. His family, refusing to own his Civil War debt, casts her out. Alone, impoverished, and in danger of deportation, Maureen connives to obtain employment in a prominent department store. But she soon discovers that the elegant facade hides a secret that threatens every vulnerable woman in the city.”



MEN– Our group is not just for women. The book chosen for September, “The Light and the Glory” is rich with our nation’s history and would be of interest to both men and women.

Date	Hostess	Book
July 14, 2016	Carol Folkmann	“Band of Sisters” by Cathy Gohlke
Sept 8, 2016	Thelma Voetberg	“The Light and the Glory” by Peter Marshall and David Manuel
Nov 10, 2016	Lori Jenks	“Snow Day: A Novel” by Billy Coffey
Feb 9, 2017	Adele Knop	“Her Mother’s Hope” by Francine Rivers
April 27, 2017	Shirley Tice	“Miracle at the Higher Grounds Café” by Max Lucado

July 2016 Service Roster

	July 3 10:00	July 10 8:30	July 10 11:00	July 17 8:30	July 17 10:30 at park	July 24 8:30	July 24 11:00	July 31 8:30	July 31 11:00
Organist	LaDonna Osborn	Mary Nelson		LaDonna Osborn		Praise Team		Ellen Sander	
Elders	Greg Gebhart	Greg Gebhart	Paul Knop	→					
Lectors	Tanny Latuska	Tanny Latuska	Doug Litwiller	Judi Charlson	Doug Litwiller	Judi Charlson	Doug Litwiller	Claudia Biddle	Doug Litwiller
Acolytes	Erin Murphy			Aurora Olson	NEEDED			Jaden Ask	Tracy Gillen
Greeters	Dennis & Karen Griffin, Ron & Karen Belz	Dennis & Karen Griffin, Ron & Karen Belz	Carol Vollstedt, Kris Ellis	→					
Ushers	Dave & Judy Charlson, John Murphy, Clare Tweedt	Dave & Judy Charlson, John Murphy, Clare Tweedt	Steve & Marlene Johnson, Vickie Roach, Greg Gebhart	Dave & Judy Charlson, John Murphy, Clare Tweedt	Steve & Marlene Johnson, Denny & Shirley Tice	Dave & Judy Charlson, John Murphy, Clare Tweedt	Steve & Marlene Johnson, Thomas & Lisa Wilson	Dave & Judy Charlson, John Murphy, Clare Tweedt	Steve & Marlene Johnson, Denny & Shirley Tice
Coffee Fellowship	No Coffee today								
Coffee Time Greeter	No Coffee today	Karen Belz	→	No Coffee today					
Altar Flowers									
Offering Counters	Steve & Marlene Johnson	→							
Power Point	Michele Flynn	Michele Flynn	Michele Flynn	Cindy Baas		Michele Flynn	Michele Flynn	Lisa Wilson	Lisa Wilson
Sound Board	Tom Peter	Tom Peter	Greg Van-Nostrand	Charles Ellis		Tom Peter	Greg Van-Nostrand	Thomas Wilson	Thomas Wilson
Altar Guild	Beth Henriksen, Judy Peter	Becky Juelfs	→						
Video Recorder	Harry Mundt	→							
Collate Bulletins	Mike & Amber Giese	→							