

# St. Paul Epistle—July 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,

As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day, we think about the freedoms we have in our country. I'm sure you've heard the saying "Freedom isn't free, it comes at a price." This month we remember the founders of our nation and the sacrifices they made for our freedom. This month we remember the men and women who have died so that our American freedoms might live. This month we remember our military members currently serving and currently sacrificing so that the freedoms we enjoy in our country can continue.

Freedom involves sacrifice. That's true in our nation, and it's also true of our salvation. Jesus Christ had to pay a price to set us free from Satan. The price was Christ's life, His blood, offered on the cross to pay the cost of our sins. *"You were bought at a price"* (1 Corinthians 6:20). *"But now you have had every stain washed off: now you have been set apart as holy: now you have been pronounced **free** from guilt; in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and through the Spirit of our God"* (1 Corinthians 6:11).

This month, our nation sets aside a special day to give thanks for the freedoms we have in this country and to remember those who sacrificed so we might be free. Once a year we celebrate Independence Day. Yet the freedoms we celebrate on that day are enjoyed by us every day. So, too, do we enjoy the blessings of spiritual freedom each day of life. Do you remember the price paid by Christ as He fought for your freedom from sin, Satan and death?

Join us each Sunday as we celebrate our freedom in Jesus. Join us regularly as we praise God for setting us free from sin and giving us salvation through Christ our Savior. *"To Him who loves us and has **freed** us from our sins by His blood"*—to Him be the glory and praise always! (Rev. 1:5) Please note that on Independence Day week-end, there will be only one worship service at 10 a.m., on July 6.

In Christ,  
Pastor Jenks

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

*Sunday, July 6*

*Holy Communion*

*10:00 a.m.*

*(Only One Service )*

*Sunday, July 13*

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



*Sunday, July 20*

*Holy Communion*

*10:30 at Moore Park*

*Only One Service!*

*Sunday, July 27*

*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

A note of thanks to Nicole Gebhart and Lowell Highby, and Lori and Pastor Jenks for their help with the development of the website, to Julie Coy for her help throughout the year on several projects, and to those who helped Evangelism serve meals. We would also like to thank Karen Griffin for her guidance and support for the 4th of July Parade in the years past.

We are looking into a youth event that would include fishing, however, liability concerns are being checked into.



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.

## Blood Drive

The St. Paul blood drive will be **Tuesday, July 15 from 3-6:30 pm** in the blood mobile (here in our parking lot). This is sponsored by the Human Care Board. Those willing to donate can sign up on Sundays, July 6th and 13th before and after the services. Past donors can also expect calls asking to donate again.



## Education News

### TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE AND MAKE TRACKS TO VBS! WEIRD ANIMALS- WHERE JESUS' LOVE IS ONE-OF-A-KIND



Weird Animals VBS will be held **Sunday**, Aug. 3 through **Wednesday**, Aug. 6 from 6-8:15pm with an optional family meal at 5:20pm. VBS is for kids ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. It's not too late to register!

Kids will also participate in a hands-on mission project that will let our kids show God's love by providing health kits for the homeless.

**At Weird Animals VBS, kids will discover that Jesus' love is one-of-a-kind.** Weird Animals is a habitat filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear and



touch! Sciency-fun gizmos, team-building groups (called zoo crews) and cool Bible songs at Sing and Play Stampede are just a few of the

standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we will help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life-what we call God Sightings and through the KidVid Cinema!

\*\*\*\*NEW THIS YEAR-- our first night (SUNDAY) is FAMILY NIGHT. We want all members of your family to join us for the whole even-  
ing starting



with a meal at 5:20pm (a free-will offering basket will be available). After the meal, we will do an opening in the sanctuary, some songs and a short Bible story lesson and then go back to the Fellowship Hall to assemble the Health Kits as a big group. The rest of the nights, we encourage kids to bring offering money or additional items to fill our suitcases for more kits to be assembled at a later time by our Sunday School.

To register, see the form inside this issue of the Epistle. Please feel free to make copies as needed. It is one copy per student attending. Additional copies are available at the VBS display. Each family who registers before July 20 (extended from July 1) will receive a free "Sing and Play Stampede" Music CD.



We also still need volunteers in various areas to make this community outreach event happen. Please contact Carla Murphy (VBS Coordinator) or Cindy Baas (Board of Education Chair) or see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.



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



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

**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

Our Sunday School children are collecting various items and cash needed to make health kits for the homeless all during the summer. Please place donations in the basket marked “Health Kits” in the narthex.



As a family project for VBS, on Sunday, Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>, participants will be assembling the kits. We hope to be able to make 75 kits that night. The health kits will go to local shelters in Ames, Des Moines and beyond.

**Items needed include:**

**toothbrushes, tooth paste, washcloths, nylon body scrubbers, body wash, shampoo, razors, combs, band aids, and 16” x 25” dish towels.**

**NEEDED: Sunday School Teachers for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class.**

If you are interested please see any Board of Ed. member. We would like to have two teachers again this year if possible.



**Parents & Students---watch for the next edition of the new St. Paul “SPY” newsletter.**

In the newsletter you will read all kinds of information about what is going on with our youth and Sunday School plus important dates to remember.

## Human Care

### Bethesda Food Pantry ~ New Date

**Sunday, July 27, is Bethesda Food Bank Sunday.**

Food items for the summer food bank are granola bars, fruit snacks and anything children can eat at home by themselves when they are not in school and need lunches.

Please bring items and place in the tub in the east entry-way. 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."



## CHURCH SERVICE & PICNIC SUNDAY, JULY 20, 10:30 AM

(Only one service this Sunday)

**MOORE MEMORIAL PARK,  
BIG BLUESTEM SHELTER  
3050 NORTHRIDGE PARKWAY**

**CHURCH SERVICE  
WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

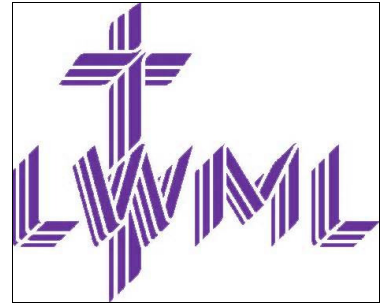
**POTLUCK DINNER  
FOLLOWING SERVICE  
BRING A MAIN DISH &  
A SIDE DISH TO SHARE**

**TABLE SERVICE AND DRINKS  
PROVIDED**



## LWML National Convention News

- ♦ The Heartland needs you! “Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap” is the theme for the 36th Biennial LWML Convention in **Des Moines, IA, June 25-28, 2015**. Meet some of the team of leaders who are gearing up to serve at this event. Find out what needs there are from the Host Committee Convention Chairman, Marilyn Schroeder. Complete and send in the Call for Workers form to Jan Steffen, Personnel Data Management Chairman. Kathryn Sprecher as Communications Coordinator will keep you well informed of Convention progress. Check out your district’s websites (<http://idwlcms.org/lwmlnews.php> or <http://www.lwml-ied.org/>) for all the latest updates and downloads for the 2015 convention. Don’t forget to order your “Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap” Convention shirt – it is a convention fundraiser to help defray costs.
- ♦ Matthew 6:26 “Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?”



### Socks and Undies

We will be collecting adult socks and underwear for HOPE Ministries in Des Moines for the upcoming LWML Boone Zone Fall Rally. Place them in the bin marked LWML.

## WANTED: Old Cell Phones and Ink Cartridges

**The next national 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 convention. Did someone in your

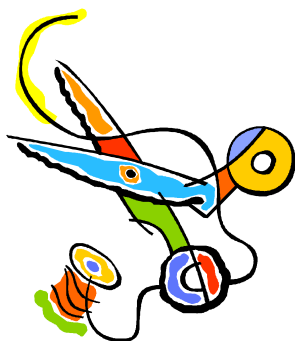
family get a new cell phone recently?? Please bring us your old cell phones (and charger). **What happens to your ink cartridges at your place of work?** Can you bring them and place them in the container in the fellowship hall? We appreciate them all!



# Women of St. Paul

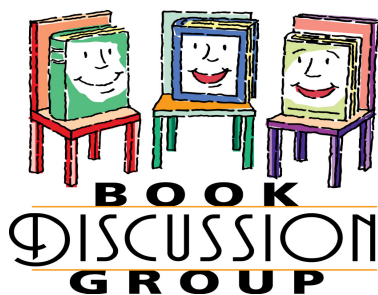
## Family Service Meetings in July

Family Service will meet to quilt on the second and fourth Thursdays in July -- the 10th and 24th. We meet at 10 a.m., break for lunch at noon (bring a sack lunch), and finish around 2 p.m. We're always looking for people to join us. You don't have to know how to sew, but it is helpful if you can tie a knot or stick a pin in fabric -- but we can teach you.



### Fabrics Needed

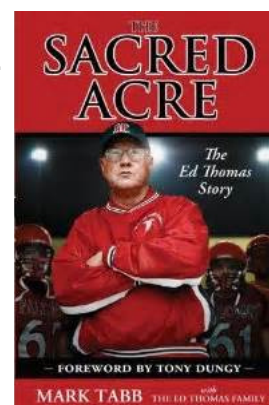
Please remember that the quilters need gently used sheets and blankets. They make wonderful backings and middles for our quilts, and you know that fabrics are always welcome for making quilt tops.



### "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.





## Vision Steering Committee

The St. Paul Board of Directors and the Board of Elders have begun a strategic planning effort to help determine or guide the future direction of our congregation for the next 10 years. To help guide the process and focus on our Vision for the future a Vision Steering Committee has been established. The Vision Steering Committee will use the next 12 months to complete this mission and will include and involve all the members of our congregation.



The Vision Steering Committee members are: Will Zitterich, chair of the committee, Drue Sanders and Chris Hand, vice chairs, Pastor Jenks, Pastor Gerken (from the District, as an advisor), Lisa and Thomas Wilson, Nancy and Larry Wiebel, Linda and Dick Peterson, Jan and Kent Ziebell, Judy and Tom Peter, Carol and Keith Folkmann, and Carla and John Murphy.

In the next month the committee will prepare the congregation for this process and prepare our minds and hearts for God's revelation of His will for our congregation future. This fall the members of our congregation will help confirm or affirm our mission statement, define the values that are important to St Paul, and discern where God is calling our congregation to go and focus in ministry.

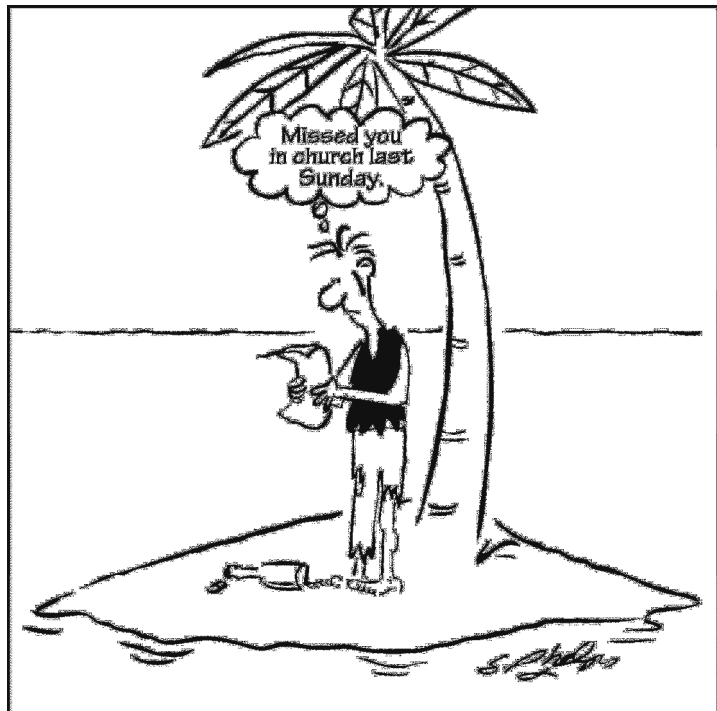
In the spring of 2015, the Steering Committee will draw up a plan to identify the route for achieving our Vision with specific steps and strategies to achieve that Vision. Later in the spring the costs to implement the plan will be added to complete the long range plan for our congregation. This Vision or Long Range plan to guide our congregation for the next 10 years will be presented to the congregation at the annual voter's meeting in May 2015.

Please pray for this Vision Steering Committee as they strive to help us focus on what God wants us to do with His church and not get overshadowed by what we personally want for our church's future.

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has a Twitter handle:*

*@SaintPaulAmes*

*St. Paul Lutheran Church  
has a Facebook page  
where pictures of events  
are posted. Check it out  
at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).*



# First Summer Camp Held Ever at St. Paul Lutheran Preschool for 3-6-Year-Olds on June 9-13!



Each day we went on an adventure at our campsite with our friends and camp counselors—Mrs. Jenks and Mrs. Brause. We went on a scavenger hunt, a rock hunt, and fishing. The snacks at the canteen were delicious, the games were fun, the stories were entertaining, and our Bible devotions were meaningful. We had a great time being outdoors in God's beautiful creation at Camping Adventure!

## July 2014 Service Roster

	<b>July 6 10:00</b>	<b>July 13 8:30</b>	<b>July 13 11:00</b>	<b>July 20 10:30 at Moore Park</b>	<b>July 27 8:30</b>	<b>July 27 11:00</b>
Organist	Marcy Suntken	Emily Erickson		Marcy Suntken	Praise Team	
Elders	Tom Baas	Tom Baas	Jeff Cook →			
Lectors	Claudia Biddle	Claudia Biddle	Dawn Schulte	Linda Peterson	Linda Peterson	Dawn Schulte
Acolytes	Alex Highby			Ben Gebhart		
Ushers	Dave & Judy Charlson, Dick Peterson, Tanny Latuska	Dave & Judy Charlson, Dick Peterson, Tanny Latuska	Steve & Marlene Johnson, Denny & Shirley Tice →			
Greeters	Dennis & Karen Griffin, Claudia Biddle	Dennis & Karen Griffin, Claudia Biddle	Kevin & Rita Dougan, Tom & Beth Henriksen →			
Coffee Fellowship				church picnic		
Altar Flowers		Bob & Barbara Folkmann				
Offering Counters	Tom & Judy Peter	Steve & Marlene Johnson		Tom & Judy Peter	Steve & Marlene Johnson	
Power Point	Cindy Baas	Cindy Baas	Doug Litwiller →			
Sound Board	Tom Baas	Tom Baas	Tom Peter →			
Altar Guild	Pat Thiede, Geri Schulz, Sharron Martin, Gretchen Zitterich →					
Video Recorder	Harry Mundt →					
Collate Bulletins	Tom & Judy Peter →					