

St. Paul Epistle—August 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 Christ,

Maybe you have heard these words: *"Where there is no vision, the people perish"* (Proverbs 29:18). These words of Scripture are often quoted and likewise often misquoted. You see, the Bible isn't speaking about the kind of organizational strategic planning for which many utilize this verse. The Bible is talking about a vision from God and from His Word. God is telling us that without His vision, apart from His Word, we will perish. Thus, the lesson in application is not about some organizational picture of a company's ideal future, but rather about God's ways as the only way to thrive.

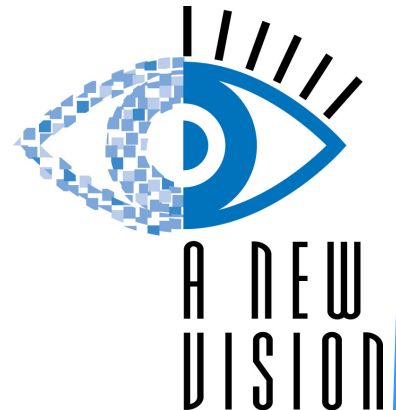
This verse is quite relevant to us as we begin the process of developing a 10-year vision for the Lord's mission and ministry at St. Paul. What we are seeking to develop is not our plan, but God's plan. *"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails"* (Proverbs 19:21). What we are seeking is not our will, but God's will.

"Father, not my will, but Thy will be done" (Luke 22:42). What we want to discover during our vision creation process is not our preferences on what St. Paul will look like 10 years from now, but the Lord's preferred future for what His church will look like 10 years from now here at St. Paul.

"Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that'" (James 4:15).

As we begin the vision development process for St. Paul this fall, your prayers are requested as we begin the steps to seek God's 10-year vision for our congregation. Your prayers are also requested each step of the way. Ask God to lead us and guide us. *"I know, O Lord, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to direct His steps"* (Jeremiah 10:23). *"The Lord has determined our path"* (Proverbs 20:24a).

Your partner in seeking and implementing God's plans and purposes,
Pastor Jenks



Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 3

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 10

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 17

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Sunday, August 24

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 31

Holy Communion

Only One Service

10:00 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.

Archivist Needed

Bill Lundquist is retiring as our archivist. He served as our archivist for 13 years and we thank him for this service.

For those who don't know what an archivist does: they collect material of a historical nature, preserve it and catalog it for future use. This includes scrapbooks of picture of members, confirmation pictures, pictorial directories, worship bulletins and informational data about our congregation. The material is archived in filing cabinets.

If you are interested in taking this important job, please let the office know.

Church Archives



Give-Aways Galore!

St. Paul Trading Post



Free to a Good Home

We are going to start a new feature in the monthly newsletter called “St. Paul Trading Post” to list items members have that they would like to give away. Members could also list things they are in need of to see if anyone in the church has that particular item that they would like to get rid of.

It will work like this:

~Members having an item they would like to list will submit the information to the office.

~Members who are interested in any of the items will contact the person directly.

~All items will only be listed for one month, but the lister can re-list for an additional month if they re-submit their request to the office.

Delivery will be worked out between the parties involved, no items can be dropped off at the church.

August Trading Post Ads:

FREE— Shelves and shelving units– various sizes. Contact Dennis Griffin- 232-8709



Education News

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER TO 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 6th grade.

We still need a few more volunteers to provide a meal on the first night, work registration and be “floaters” where needed. Please contact Carla Murphy (VBS Coordinator), Cindy Baas (Board of Education Chair) or see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.



****NEW THIS YEAR-- our first night is **FAMILY NIGHT**. We want all members of your family to join us for the whole evening starting with a meal at 5:20pm. Then, 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 and quilts 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.



Come to the Fall Kick-Off on Aug 27!!

Midweek and Confirmation classes resume on September 3rd at 4:30 pm.

Watch your mail for information and registration forms early in August.

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

August 10th

August 17th

Pre-School – 6th Grade / Preschool Gathering Area
 7th 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. 3rd, 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.

Save the Date: Sept 7 will be Rally Day. Bibles will be given out to 3 year olds and 3rd graders.

Needed: Sunday school helper for kind- 2nd grade. Come have fun with us on Sunday mornings.



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 News

Bethesda Food Pantry

Sunday, August 17, 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 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."



Serving



OTHERS

Helping those in Need

The tubs under the east coat rack look a little empty sometimes and I am sure we all have something we could put in there: Here is a list of items we can take to the people who really need them or will send them on to those who need it.

Items for HOPE ministries: Shoes -any condition but please bind/tie together; Purses and leather belts; Socks and underwear for all ages. (No one wants used underwear and appreciates new undies).

Homeless shelter: Lighter bath towels; Personnel items for everyone; winter coats and gloves (needed later in the fall).

Bethesda Food Pantry: Groceries! (If you have something you can't use, bring it to share). Checks are always welcome, just put in the box with the cross on it - we check it weekly.

Orphan grain train: Christian reading material. Sunday school material, Bibles, hymnals, devotional books, Bible studies, etc.

Story County or future mission trips: School supplies are always in big demand especially back packs.

Lion's Club: Eyeglasses. (Box is located on top of the coatrack).

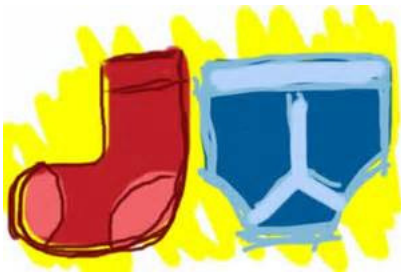
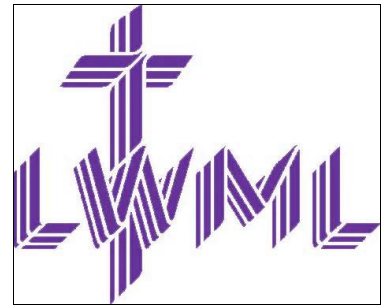
Riverside Manor: Small trinkets/items for Bingo prizes. (Box located on shelf of WEST coatrack).

Old Cell Phones and Ink Cartridges for LWML: Bring us your old cell phones (with charger) and home and/or office ink cartridges and place them in the container in the fellowship hall.

Thank you for all you bring to the collection corner, it is all used and appreciated.

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

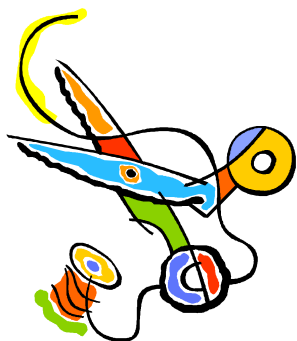
family get a new cell phone recently?? Please bring us your old cell phones (and charger). **What happens to your ink cartridges at your place of work?** Can you bring them and place them in the container in the fellowship hall? We appreciate them all!



Women of St. Paul

Family Service Meetings in August

We will meet to quilt on August 14th and 28th -- no meeting, just quilting. The program books for the new year, beginning in September, will be out this month. A copy of the booklet will be put in the box of those who have attended previously. If you are interested in receiving a booklet, contact Marilyn Hagemoser.

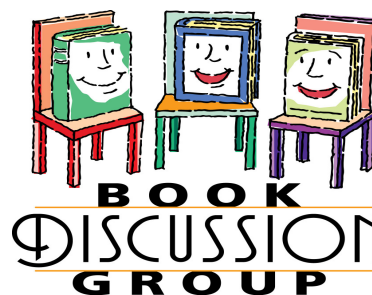


Fabrics Needed

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”

Below is a list of the books we will be reading and discussing in the future. Our book club is not just for women, men are invited to join us also.



Date	Hostess	Book
September 11, 2014	Tanny Latuska	<i>So Shines the Night</i> By Tracy Higley
November 13, 2014	Carol Folkmann	<i>The Last Sin Eater</i> By Francine Rivers
January 8, 2015	Adele Knop	<i>A Winter Dream: A Novel</i> By Richard Paul Evans
April 16, 2015	Shirley Tice	<i>The Red Tent</i> By Anita Diamant

FANTASY FOOTBALL ANYONE?

Football season is nearly here. Let's start the first ever St. Paul FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE. It's Easy, It's Free, and it's FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. FIRST TIMERS WELCOME.

You will need a computer with internet access, an E-mail address, and an account on CBSSportsline.com (the account is also free). We will do an electronic draft so you can put as much or as little effort into it as you want. You don't even need to be present for the draft.

More information to come. Deadline to join will be sometime in late August. Watch the bulletin board for the sign up sheet and more details. Let's Get Hot For Jesus!!

Please contact John Murphy for details

MURPHYJ@ALMACO.COM

Cell# 515 451 2860

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I am available for group or one on one questions.





St. Paul Lutheran Preschool

August 2014 News

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool held two summer camps this past June for children ages 3-6. The reviews from parents and children that came to the camp were great! Parents said, "My daughter is so excited to come each day!"; "Thank you for providing a fun-loving place my preschooler can learn, be safe, and grow!"; "What super activities you have planned for the children!"; "If I would have known he was going to have this much fun I would have signed him up for both camp weeks." Children said, "This is the best snack ever!"; "Can we stay longer?"; "I love camp!"; "I wish I could come to camp every day."

Preschool is filling up fast! We have a few more openings left. If you have a friend or neighbor who is looking for a preschool please share with them about our preschool—St. Paul Lutheran Preschool.

The preschool is in need of some **towels**. We have spills from our sensory table or need to dry off the play ground equipment when it gets wet. If you have

gently used towel that you would like to share please bring them to the preschool. Thank you for your help.



What are preschoolers looking forward to when preschool begins in September?

Making New Friends



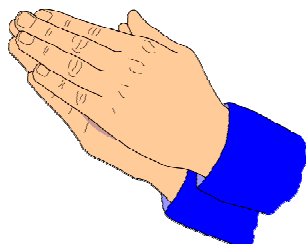
Playing



Learning about God's Creation



Learning About Prayer



Singing Songs



Learning their ABC'S



Youth News



HEY YOUTH!

We want YOUR input on activities and events YOU want to do this next year. Come to the Kick off meeting on Aug 27 with your ideas in hand, or feel free to contact Wayne Hagemoser or Carla Murphy with your ideas. Youth Group is for YOU --our youth, and we can only make it fun and eventful with your help. Be creative as all ideas are welcome (however, we may not get to do all of them). We want you to make this group your own!

We already plan to go to the apple orchard, go bowling, and have a movie night, as those seem to be well attended in the past.

ATTENTION YOUTH PARENTS OR YOUNG MEMBERS:

The Youth Board is in need of a few committee members to help us plan and organize youth activities. We meet at Kingdom Workers meetings the first Monday of the month (unless otherwise noted) for an hour and then help at activities once a month. So, TIME commitment is very LITTLE, but very BIG in helping our YOUTH GROW in CHRIST and FELLOWSHIP. Please see Wayne Hagemoser or Carla Murphy for more info.



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resume on September 3rd.**



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Vision Steering Committee

The Vision Steering Committee has begun the process for the development of a 10-year plan for the future of our congregation. One of the beginning steps in developing a strategic plan for St. Paul's future is gaining information about the vicinity around our church. We have invited our neighbors to activities such as free garage sales and concerts, to come to our church, and to consider it as a future church home for them. But we really have not actually gone out into the vicinity around our church to gain an understanding of how our church can help the neighbors or meet their church needs.

To better understand the nature of the surrounding community and our neighbors we will ask our members to volunteer as teams to make a prayer walk into the area surrounding our church. Each prayer walk team will write down what they see and the general character of the area. The Vision Steering Committee will use this information to lead the congregation in developing the draft of our 10-year plan for the future. Each prayer walk team will begin at the church with a prayer asking God to guide our walk and to give us insight as to the needs of our neighbors. We won't be knocking on doors, but will be open to talking to those outside their homes to tell them about St. Paul and ask them how our church could help them.



The prayers walks will begin in the fellowship hall during the education hour on August 24th with a brief time of prayer. Each team will be assigned a small one or two block area to conduct their prayer walk. The time of the prayer walk will be very short, approximately 30 minutes. Each team will come back to the fellowship hall where, as a large group, we will discuss the observations and conclusions.

I hope each of you will consider being part of a prayer walk team. It will be a non-confrontational and short walk. The information gained by each team will be valuable to the Vision Steering Committee and the congregation in the formation of the 10-year future vision plan.

Will Zitterich,
Chair of the Vision Steering Committee

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