

St. Paul Epistle—September 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,

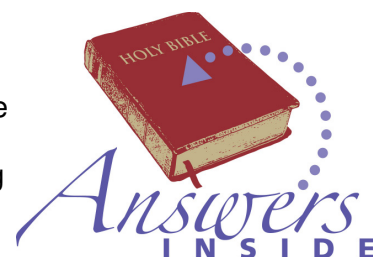
Summer has gone. It's time to get back to the books! Here at St. Paul, the coming of fall means that it is time to get back to the book above all books, God's book, the Bible. It's time for our fall Bible studies to begin! Whether you attend the Monday night men's study or women's study, the Sunday morning parents' study, the Sunday morning adult education hour or the Wednesday morning Bible study, I pray we will all devote ourselves to God's Word, heeding His command, "*Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*" (2 Peter 3:18).

This fall, back by popular demand, our Sunday morning adult Bible study will again experience the popular "potluck" approach. We will cover different topics from week to week, rather than having one extended study. You never know what will pop up for our discussion topic. This format will make it very easy for you to come when you are able to do so! One week's discussion will not hinge on the discussion of a prior session. Each week we will have a one-time one-session lesson. I hope you will join us on Sundays for Bible study before or after you worship. In Bible study, we have the chance to explore God's Word in a more interactive manner than during worship, with time for discussion and questions.

Over the past few years our Wednesday morning Bible study has been working through the Pentateuch (the first 5 books of the Bible, written by Moses). This fall, our Wednesday morning group will dig into Deuteronomy as we conclude our Pentateuch program. In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses delivers his farewell addresses to the people of Israel, prior to his death and the transfer of leadership to Moses' aide Joshua. Moses leads the people in a renewal of the covenant and reiterates God's commands to His people and God's promises to His people. The book concludes with Moses' blessings for the twelve tribes and his burial by the Lord.

When facing temptation, Jesus said, "*It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God'*" (Matthew 4:4). May the Lord bless us as we study the Word of God, so that we may be equipped to face the temptations and complexities of life.

In Jesus Christ,
Pastor Jenks



Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 7

Education Rally Day

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 14

Fall Faith Festival

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

11:00 service in tent,

12:00 church potluck



Sunday, September 21

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 28

New Member Welcome

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.

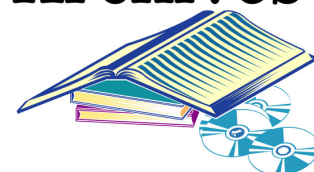
Archivist Needed

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 pictures 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



Need Help?

Congregational Care Cards are now available and have been placed in the pews. If you or someone you know from the congregation needs meals provided due to illness or surgery, or if someone needs a visit or transportation provided, please fill out the card in the pew rack, place it in the offering plate, and either an elder or Human Care Board member will take action to help out. Thank you!

Conversational Dinners



Bright moon overhead, roasting hotdogs around the fire pit, S'mores for dessert...what could be better than this? Sounds like an Iowa perfect evening... and you are invited to the home of Will and Gretchen Zitterich, Sunday, September 21st as we roast and toast a new season of Conversational Dinners. An old fashioned wiener roast, complete with all the fixings, will begin at 6:30. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish to share, drinks of their choice, and sticks to roast hotdogs and marshmallows with. Dessert is always the best part of a wiener roast and we will have S'mores, but if dessert is your thing, by all means...bring dessert!!!

Please RSVP to Ellen Sander by Friday, September 19th. 515-292-3574 or druellen@hotmail.com

FYI...Conversational Dinners is open to all adult singles or couples at St. Paul Lutheran. Dinner events are held monthly, September through April. We sometimes meet as groups of 8 or 10 for a pot-luck dinner, beginning at 6:00 and usually ending by 9:00. Other times we may meet as a group, such as attending a Christmas concert or enjoying a Mystery Dinner co-hosted by the Women of St. Paul with our own St. Paul Players as our talented cast. There are no dues, no long term commitment, no committees to serve on, ONLY a great opportunity to enjoy an evening with fellow Christians and to share a great Sunday night dinner.

If you haven't attended a Conversational Dinner, now is the time to give it a try!!! Come and join us on September 21st.

Drue and Ellen Sander
Druellen@hotmail.com



New Member Welcome Sunday is September 28.

Please join us during the coffee hour to welcome:

Steve & Cindy Armstrong;

Dave & Dianna Bangs;

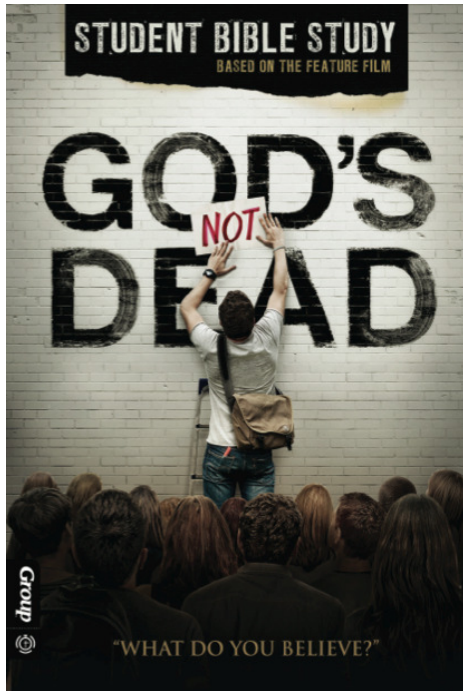
Tim Turnbull, Kameron and Ashton;

Bill & Heather Robinson, Kelsey, Logan and Lindsey.



Welcome
Our *New*
Members

Education News



High School Sunday Morning Small Group

High School Youth: Can you stand up for your faith? This year during the Sunday education hour (9:45-10:45 am) the high school youth are invited to attend the High School Sunday Small Group discussion as we debate the existence of God. The group will pre-view the movie "God's Not Dead" and follow up the next 6-8 weeks examining the idea of persecution, responses to atheism, the importance of apologetics, the short-sightedness of mockers, and what it takes to be salt and light in your culture.

Please let Thomas or Lisa Wilson (515-570-9088) know if you will be attending so they can have materials for you! We hope to see ALL the high school youth there!

Midweek and Confirmation classes will resume on September 3rd.



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

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

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.

Youth News

HEY YOUTH!



Attention: Youth in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades

The Iowa District West Junior Youth Gathering will be in West Des Moines October 25-26, 2014. The cost is \$125. The theme is "Not Just Words". Music leaders are

Swen & Dean. This is a great experience for youth before attending a big national youth gathering. Let's get a group together to attend. All registration materials must be post-marked by September 20. Please contact Wayne Hagemoser at 232-2807 or wayneh@iastate.edu for further details.



National Youth Gathering Fall Kick-Off

Reminder: Youth and Parents interested in attending the 2016 National Youth Gathering. We will hold an information kick-off on **Wednesday, September 10th at 5:30 PM** in the fellowship hall. We will be discussing our fundraising goals for the 2014-2015 year and payment schedules. We encourage ALL parents and youth that are participating to attend! See you there!



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Human Care News

Bethesda Food Pantry

Sunday, September 21, 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."



FALL FAITH FESTIVAL POTLUCK



Potluck

Come one and all to the Fall Faith Festival potluck to be held immediately after our outdoor late service on September 14th.

Members whose last name begins with A - K, please bring a main dish to share.

Members whose last name begins L - Z, please bring a side dish or dessert.

Drinks will be served by our youth group.

****Bringing your own table service would be appreciated!****

Evangelism News



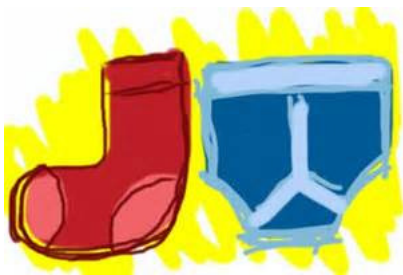
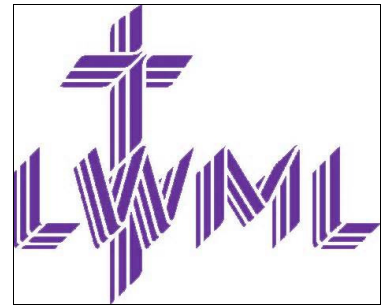
Come and Dance at St. Paul

Have you always wanted to learn how to dance? Or do you need to brush up on those dance steps you learned 30, 40 or 50 years ago? Well here is your solution. St. Paul Evangelism committee is sponsoring dance lessons right here at St. Paul. Lessons will begin on Sept 25 (7:00 pm – 8:15 pm) and run for 6 weeks (concluding on Oct 30). The cost will be \$65 per couple for the 6 week session. Lessons will include the merenge, east coast swing, fox trot, cha-cha, rumba and waltz. The instructors have a very basic, easy-to-follow method of teaching. They claim they can teach anyone to dance, even men who claim to have two left feet.

Look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. The class is limited to 20 couples. The first 12 to sign up will receive a \$10 discount. Questions? Contact Ron or Julie Coy at 233-5097.

LWML National Convention News

- ♦ Nourish yourself. Head to Des Moines for the 2015 LWML Convention. Did you get your special invitation from President Kay Kreklau at the District Convention? Did you hear that these special speakers are sowing the seed?
- ♦ Rev. Gregory Seltz, Lutheran Hour Ministries speaker since 2010, will be the opening worship Proclaimer on Thursday evening, June 25, 2015.
- ♦ Rev. Dr. James Lamb, Executive Director, Lutherans for Life, will serve as Keynote Speaker.
- ♦ Rev. Keith Piotter, Pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bettendorf, will be the Sunday Morning Proclaimer, June 28, 2015.
- ♦ Rev. Larry Miller and Rev. Mike Mattil, past LWML Pastoral Counselors, will lead the assembly in Bible Study.
- ♦ Mites in Action speakers will include Carly Hatcher, MOST Ministries; Rev. E. James Rivett, Prison Ministry; Rev. Jim Hetzner, Lutheran Church Charities (Comfort Dogs); and Rev. Dr. Tilahun Menedo, Concordia College, Selma, Alabama.
- ♦ Saturday Noon Interest luncheons will bring other speakers, such as Director of Mission Central Gary Theis, LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, Humorist Jan Struck and Songleader Dr. Dina Vendetti to share more information in a smaller setting.
- ♦ Please pray for our special guests and convention leaders as they prepare to help us in our planting and harvesting the Word of God.
- ♦ More details can be found at your LWML district website (<http://idwlcms.org/lwmlnews.php> or <http://www.lwml-ied.org/>). Download the Call for Workers and Convention Shirt order forms and share them with others.
- ♦ Proverbs 22:9 “He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.”



The LWML Boone Zone fall rally will be at St. Paul Oct. 4 with registration beginning at 8:30. Our speaker will be from HOPE Ministries in Des Moines.

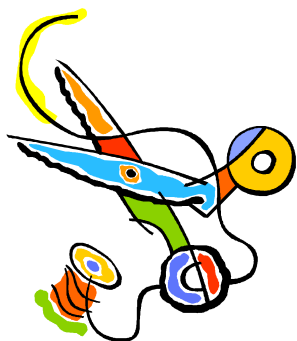
We will be collecting adult socks and underwear for HOPE Ministries. Place them in the bin marked LWML.

We are still collecting ink cartridges and cell phones. Place them in the box in the fellowship hall.

Women of St. Paul

Family Service Meetings in September

We will be quilting on Thursday, September 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Thursday, September 25, we will quilt from 10 a.m. until noon. At 1 p.m., we will have our monthly meeting including a devotion and a dessert. Plan to join us for quilting and fellowship. Bring a sack lunch for our noon break.



Fabrics Needed

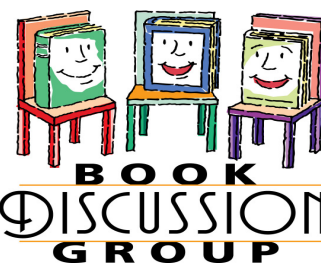
WANTED: USED JEANS AND FLANNEL SHIRTS OR FABRICS - A woman from Perry Lutheran Church is making quilts from jeans and flannel shirts for homeless veterans. She can use laundered jeans of any color, style, or condition. Our Family Service group is collecting these and will take them to Perry in October. Any items you donate can be put in the Quilters Box. If you have questions, contact Marilyn Hagemoser at 232-2807.

“Book to Know”

September 11 we will meet at the home of Tanny Latuska to discuss *So Shines the Night* by Tracy Higley.

Barnes and Noble describes the book: “In a city teetering at the brink of anarchy, Daria finds hope among people of The Way. She escaped a past of danger and found respite in beautiful

Ephesus, a trading center on the Aegean coast, serving as tutor to Lucas, the wealthy merchant who rescued her. But the darkness she fled has caught up with her. The high priests of Artemis once controlled the city, but a group of sorcerers are gaining power. And a strange group who call themselves followers of The Way further threaten the equilibrium. As Daria investigates Lucas’s exploits into the darker side of the city, her life is endangered, and she takes refuge in the strange group of believers. She’s drawn to Paul and his friends, even as she wrestles with their teachings. When authorities imprison Lucas for a brutal crime, Daria wonders if even Paul’s God can save him. Then she uncovers a shocking secret that could change everything—Lucas’s fate, her position in his household, and the outcome of the tension between pagans and Christians. But only if she survives long enough to divulge what she knows.”



Everyone is invited to join us.

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.

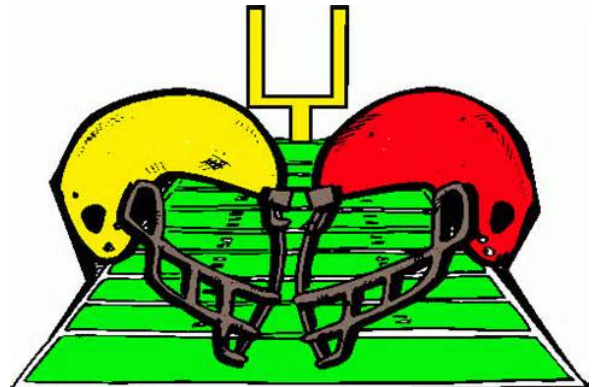
September Trading Post Ads:

Brother Laser B/W Printer; HP3100; Photo Smart Color Printer– Contact Bob Folkmann, 232-8689

22” Schwinn Frontier boys bike; Barrel Smoker– Contact Tom Peter, 232-1876

Fantasy Football!!

Sept. 1 is the last day to sign up for the first ever St. Paul league of fantasy football. It is free and will be fun for everyone!!! Sign up on the bulletin board or call the office. Questions? Contact John Murphy at 515-451-2860.



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; Personal 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. Monetary donations allow the food pantry to buy what they need at a greatly reduced cost.

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.

MUSIC News

St. Paul choir and bells begin practice on Sept. 9. New voices and ringers are encouraged to join us. Bells practice

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm; choir practices
Tuesdays at 7:30 pm. Talk to Mary Nelson with any questions or concerns.

