

St. Paul Epistle—October 2014

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A Letter from Your Pastor

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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.

"Have you been saved?" People often ask that question. How do you answer? Hopefully, you answer 'yes.' You are saved because of what Jesus Christ did on the cross for you. You are saved because your Savior paid the price for all your sins. You are saved by all that Jesus did for you, not because of anything that you do. *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast"* (Ephesians 2:8-9).

This month, we are filled with anticipation for our Reformation Celebration on Sunday, October 26. We look forward to the wondrous celebration—outstanding organ music, beautiful brass, the Reformation message, the singing of "A Mighty Fortress." These are all special elements of our Reformation service. But what is the best part of our celebration? That we have the free gift of salvation! We have the promise of heaven! Our sins have been forgiven! We have been saved by God's grace! May God bless you with great joy as you celebrate the good news that you are saved, because of what your Heavenly Father has done for you through His Son.

Pastor Jenks



For by
GRACE
you have
been saved
through
FAITH ...
it is the gift
of **GOD** ...

Ephesians 2:8, NRSV

Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 5

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 12

LWML Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Sunday, October 19

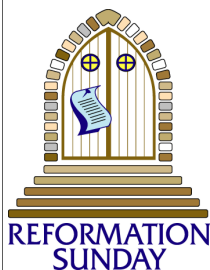
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Reformation Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Reformation Celebration!

This year our Reformation Sunday actually falls on Sunday, October 26! In order to hold our traditional worship service for Reformation, praise team/informal worship will be moved back from the 4th Sunday to the 3rd Sunday this month, October 19.

REFORMATION
SUNDAY

During worship services on Reformation Sunday, October 26, you will hear the mighty message of the Reformation, experience the moving music of our brass ensemble, and of course, sing your favorite Reformation hymn, Luther's renowned "A Mighty Fortress." On October 26 you are invited to wear "red for Reformation," as red is the liturgical color for Reformation Day. Join us as we celebrate Luther's clarion call to remember that we all are saved by God's grace, through faith, as the Scriptures proclaim! *Sola Gratia! Sola Fide! Sola Scriptura!*



For Men Only The Evangelism Committee is hosting a special speaker for the men of St. Paul and guests. Col. Jimmy Coy (Ret.) will be presenting "Men without Fear: Moving up in your walk". Col. Coy has written 7 books and has a heart for assisting men who are seeking to learn what God has planned for them and desire to carry it out.

Date: November 15, 2014;

Time: 8:00 to 8:30 am coffee and rolls; 8:30 to 12:00 pm Speaker.

Col. Coy will also speak to men and women during the Education Hour on Sunday, November 16th.

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!

Altar Flowers

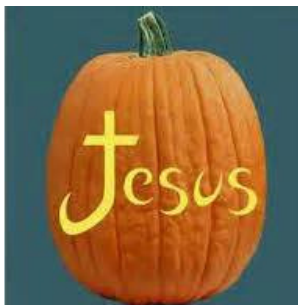
Flowers are symbolic of our joy in Christ as well as our human frailty. They are used almost universally to adorn the worship space. If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar shelf on a Sunday this next year, it is very simple to do. The 2014 Altar Flower Calendar is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Write your name on the Sunday you choose and include the occasion – birthday, anniversary, memorial, baptism, wedding, etc. You may provide a flower arrangement, potted plant, or garden flowers are all very acceptable. No large or prominent bows, please.



You may either make arrangements yourself or contact the flower coordinator (Athena Puck @ 515-460-4742) to help assist you. If you prefer to make arrangements yourself, the liner and wooden box, are located on the shelf outside the Sacristy need to be taken to a florist of your choice by Wednesday. We have 4 white plastic vases, also on the shelf by the Sacristy, which may be used as freestanding vases or the altar guild can place in the brass bowl vase. You may then take the flowers home to enjoy in your home. But it is very important that you return these white vases ASAP back to the Sacristy shelf when you are finished. You can also direct the flower coordinator to take them to a homebound, hospital, or hospice patient or be refrigerated at the church and used again the next Sunday if no one else is providing flowers for that Sunday.

The area florist may deliver flowers to the church on Friday mornings before noon. Otherwise you will need to make other arrangements to have them placed on the altar shelf before the 8:30 a.m. service on Sunday. If you have questions feel free to call Athena Puck, Flower Coordinator, at 515-460-4742.

October Conversational Dinners...we are planning a "Delightfully Spooky" evening for our October event. All friendly ghosts and goblins will gather on Sunday, October 12th at 6:00pm. Your "spooktacular" menu might include Jack-o-Lantern Burgers, Broccoli Boo Salad, or Graveyard Cake, let your imagination "go wild".



Pumpkin decorating will be part of the evening, the "boo-tiful" or bewitchingly ghoulish" creations will be displayed at St. Paul for all to see. Please respond to Drue and Ellen Sander at druellen@hotmail.com and let us know if you plan to attend or would like to be a host for our "spooky" night...and remember -- No tricks, just treats.



Education News

New Sunday School Mission Project

The Sunday School will be directing offerings from September through December to the purchase of mittens and hats for needy children. The children can also bring NEW hats and mittens in as offerings as well.



St. Paul Lutheran Church Trunk or Treat

Organized by the Board of Education

Sunday, October 26, 2014

2:00 - 3:30 pm



The community is invited to this *third annual* FREE event to trick or treat while enjoying family-friendly crafts, games, and snacks.

You can help by:

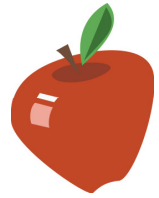
1. Hosting a trunk (please provide pre-packaged treats or give aways)
2. Donating small candy or trinkets to hand out (candy must be prepackaged)
3. Volunteering at the event

Sign up to help on the bulletin board. Please contact the church office with questions.

Need ideas? Google "Trunk or Treat" or ask Board of Ed members.

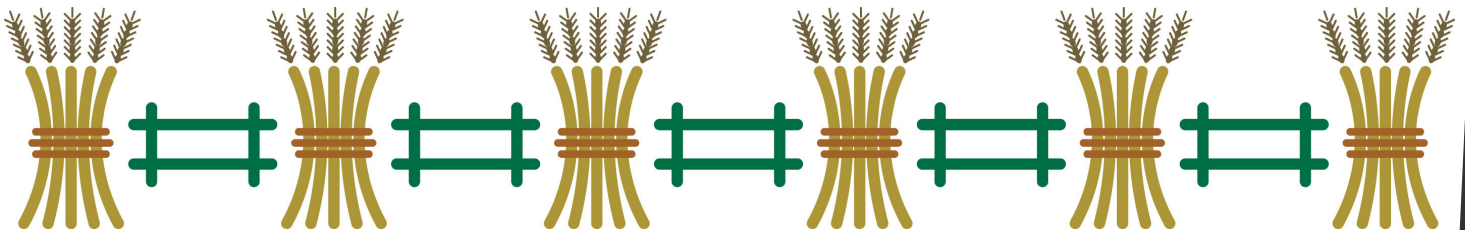
Youth News

Hey Youth --It's Apple Orchard Time!



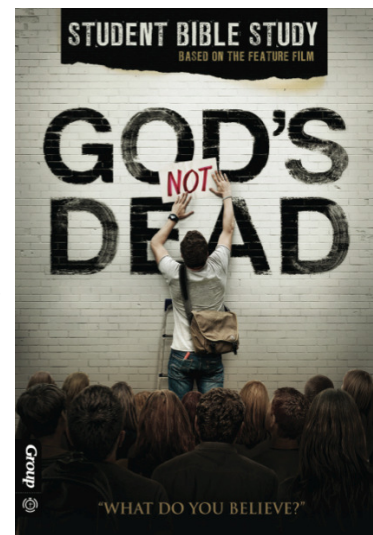
The youth LYF activity (grades 1-12) for October will be a visit to the Center Grove Orchards in Cambridge on Wednesday the 8th of October. There are no mid-week classes, but folks will meet at the church at 4:30 and depart for the Orchard soon after. Parents should be at the church at 8:00 p.m. to pick up their youth after the event. A bag lunch will be provided and admission to the activity is provided by the Youth Board. If you want snacks, etc. you'll need to bring extra cash. Parental permission slips need to be filled out ahead of time. More in-

formation will be provided as the time draws closer. In the past, this has been a favorite activity for the year. I hope you will make plans to participate in the fun.



High School Sunday Morning Small Group

High School Youth: Can you stand up for your faith? This fall 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 preview the movie "God's Not Dead" and follow up 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.



Human Care News

Bethesda Food Pantry

Sunday, October 19, 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."



Younkers Coupon Books

Younkers Coupon Books are for sale now!!! They are \$5 to purchase but have a \$10 coupon in the book. See any Human Care Board member (Carol Folkmann, Reiny Friedrich, Al Latuska, Brian Weber, Nancy Wiebel), or Karen Griffin to purchase your book.

All proceeds will go to Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance to help provide healthy food vouchers, gas vouchers, and rent or utility assistance to persons living in Story County. If you don't care to purchase a book but would like to donate to Good Neighbor, that would be appreciated as well.



It is time to begin collecting clean, gently used winter coats, and new hats and gloves. Items will go to HOPE Ministries or the Bethesda clothing bank.

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.

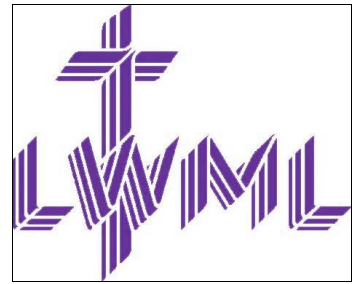
If you are interested in taking this important job, please let the office know.

Church Archives



LWML National Convention News

Don't stop planting and harvesting the Word of God! "Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until He comes and showers righteousness upon you." (Hosea 10:12) Bring others to be nurtured and nourished at the 36th Biennial LWML Convention in Des Moines, IA, June 25-28, 2015. President Kay reminds us that this will be a gathering place where sisters and brothers in Christ will join in the rich traditions of worshipping, selecting mission grants, electing new officers, participating in servant activities and the Mission Pledge Walk. More details can be found at <http://idwlcms.org/lwmlnews.php> and <http://www.lwml-ied.org/>. Download the Call for Workers and Convention Shirt order forms from your district website or from the church office and share them with others.



Romans 8:28 *"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."*



All women are invited to 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.

Stewardship News

According to the (LCMS definition) Christian Stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing life and all of life's resources for God's purposes.

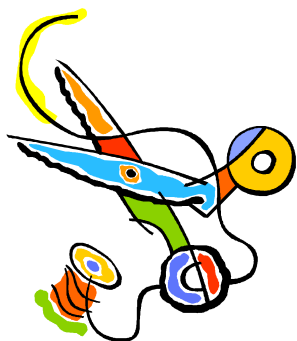
"As Christians, we realize that all we have comes from God's bountiful hand. It is so easy to forget that all-encompassing truth and sometimes we find ourselves beginning to believe that we are responsible for the things that we enjoy, or that somehow the blessings which come into our lives "just happen" or come from nowhere. Believers in Christ however, realize that God owns everything and God provides gifts to all. According to the Scripture God even owns our money. "The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine," declares the Lord Almighty" (Haggai 2:8). He gives the seed, rain, health, life, strength, riches, grace and eternal life. He most importantly gives us the ability to acquire wealth as he says in Deuteronomy 8:18, " And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives power to get wealth."

Stewardship Board

Women of St. Paul

Family Service Meetings in October

We will be quilting on Thursday, October 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Thursday, October 23, 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. Oct 12 is the last day to bring them. Any items you donate can be put in the Quilters Box. If you have questions, contact Marilyn Hagemoser at 232-2807.

On October 14 we will be visiting Perry Lutheran home. We will leave the church at 1:00 pm. We will also need several cakes to take along. Look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

“Book to Know to Help You Grow”

Curl up with one of the exciting books below and come join the Book club for discussion. Everyone is welcome.



Date	Hostess	Book
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

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:

Color printer HP Deskjet 6940 and several printer cartridges— contact the church office.

Printer cartridges –HP 45 and HP 78— contact the church office.

St. Paul Lutheran Church has a Facebook page where pictures of events are posted. Check it out at www.facebook.com.

St. Paul Lutheran Church has a Twitter handle:

@SaintPaulAmes

LERT Trailer

We have been working on the inside of the trailer and are currently working to finish the shelves and cabinets at the front. The logos have been put on the outside and as soon as I get some pictures I will send them out to everyone. Since the decals have been applied, the trailer could be used for parades or events at your congregations. One part of the decals had to be changed: seems someone left the “r” out of a couple “Trinity” congregations, so we are correcting that problem. The list of the congregations in the circuit will be applied as soon as they have been received.



We have already receiving several items for the trailer. You can check the District website to find out what we have and what we still need. We have someone planning on donating a generator and when that comes through I will let everyone know.

With all the work of preparing the trailer, we need your help. The cash reserves we had on hand have been depleted, but there is plenty left to be done. Please encourage your congregations to conduct offerings or fundraisers for this effort. All moneys should be sent to: LERT trailer, % Lynn Menz, 807 W South St, Jefferson, IA 50129.

If anyone wishes to donate and wants tax credit for it, have them give through their congregation and then the congregation can forward the gift to Lynn.

Thanks for all your prayers and support.
Rev. Stephen Ude



October 2014 Service Roster

	Oct 5 8:30	Oct 5 11:00	Oct 12 8:30 <i>LWML Sunday</i>	Oct 12 11:00	Oct 19 8:30	Oct 19 11:00	Oct 26 8:30	Oct 26 11:00
Organ-ist	Marcy Suntken		Mary Nelson		Praise Team		Mary Nelson	
Elders	Steve Vollstedt	Tom Baas →						
Lectors	Ron Juelfs	Nick Schieffer	Ron Juelfs	Nick Schieffer	Mark Swenson	Nick Schieffer	Mark Swenson	Nick Schieffer
Aco-lytes	Jaden Ask	Tracy Gillen			Isaac Harris	Abby Tibben		
Ushers	Eric Phipps, Ron Coy, Wayne & Marilyn Hagemoser	Scott & Brenda Dryer, Becky Jackson, Thelma Voetberg	Eric Phipps, Ron Coy, Dennis & Joyce Dobberke	Scott & Brenda Dryer, Becky Jackson, Thelma Voetberg	Eric Phipps, Ron Coy, Dennis & Joyce Dobberke	Scott & Brenda Dryer, Becky Jackson, Thelma Voetberg	Eric Phipps, Ron Coy, Wayne & Marilyn Hagemoser	Scott & Brenda Dryer, Becky Jackson, Thelma Voetberg
Greet-ers	Vic & Geri Schulz, Merle & Marcy Suntken	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Nick Schieffer, Gretchen Zitterich →						
Coffee Fellow-ship	Dave & Judi Charlson		WOSP		Tom & Judy Peter			
Altar Flowers			Alice Buck					
Offering Coun-ters	Larry & Nancy Wiebel →							
Power Point	Julie Coy	Cindy Baas	Connie Hand	Cindy Baas	Julie Coy	Doug Litwiller	Julie Coy	Cindy Baas
Sound Board	Thomas Wilson	Tom Baas	Thomas Wilson	Tom Baas	Harry Mundt	Greg VanNostrand	Thomas Wilson	Tom Baas
Altar Guild	Judy Peter, Pat Thiede,	Connie Buss, Karen Belz						
Video Record-er	Jerry Schradle →							
Collate Bulle-tins	Al Latuska & Mike Lindell →							

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). Gently used CLEAN coats, new hats and gloves.

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.

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



St. Paul Lutheran Preschool October 2014



Don't Forget to come to Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 26 from 2-3:30 p.m. in St. Paul's parking lot.

Important October Dates

October 23: No School—Professional Day
October 30: Lion Class Fall Party-10:45 a.m.
October 31: Lamb Class Fall Party -10:30 a.m.

Fieldtrips for October

Lamb Class: Black's Heritage Farm
Lion Class: DeMoss Farm

God is pure light,
undimmed by darkness
of any kind.

1 John 1:5

Twenty-five preschoolers received a children's Bible on Bible Presentation Day, September 15 and 16th. Parents and Grandparents were invited to come to the chapel service led by Pastor Jenks. The young children were so happy to get a Bible of their very own. They ran up to get them!



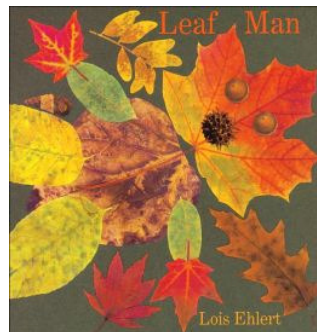
"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."
Psalm 119:105

Fall is a time to make...caramel apples, an owl craft, an Halloween costume, apple pie, a leaf book....

Go on a Nature Walk and see God's creativity.

Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert

Summary: In this "eye-catching picture book" a Leaf Man made from fallen leaves flies through the skies on a breeze, observing fields of fall vegetables, prairies at harvest time, and other autumn scenes, all made almost entirely from leaves. Never see leaves the same way again!



2 Great Fall Picture Books



Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper

Summary: Three friends get in a fight while making pumpkin soup because Duck wants to be Head Cook. Duck runs off in a huff, so Cat and Pig try to make the soup without him. Yuck! In the end the three realize that working together is best.

Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Muffins

One of our favorite preschool recipes!

3/4 cup white sugar
1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 eggs
3/4 cup canned pumpkin
1/4 cup water
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips



DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F . Grease and flour muffin pan or use paper liners. 2. Mix sugar, oil, eggs. Add pumpkin and water. In separate bowl mix together the baking flour, baking soda, baking powder, spices and salt. Add wet mixture and stir in chocolate chips. 3. Fill muffin cups 2/3 full with batter. Bake in preheated oven for 20 to 25 minutes