

St. Paul Epistle—February 2015

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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.



Friends in Christ – Every Sunday is special, as we gather in God's house to be fed by the Lord through His Word and Sacrament, and to offer God our worship and praise. This month, however, we have some extra special celebrations.

February 1 – Team Sunday -- This fun annual event hosted by your Board of Education reminds everyone in our congregation that we are all part of God's team at St. Paul. The Lord uses each one of us as we work together to accomplish His mission. *"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it"* (1 Corinthians 12:27). You are invited to wear your favorite team shirt today (options include a sports team's shirt or a religious shirt/St. Paul shirt indicating you are on God's team).

February 15 – Transfiguration Sunday – Remember how Jesus was transfigured on the mountain? Remember how Peter, James and John saw Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus? Remember how Moses and Elijah spoke to Jesus about His upcoming "departure," the death He soon would suffer? Come experience this mountaintop experience and remember how God is with you in the valleys in your life, just as He was with Jesus as He walked through the valley of the shadow of death for you.

February 22 – Preschool Sunday -- Each year, our Synod encourages each congregation to designate a Sunday to give thanks for its Lutheran school. Join us as we celebrate Preschool Sunday! Our preschool children will attend the 11:00 service to sing praises to our Savior. You will have an opportunity to welcome the children and their families. It is always a joy to hear the Lord's little lambs share the message of how much Jesus loves us! *"From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise"* (Psalm 8:2).

You are warmly invited to attend these special worship opportunities and also our Wednesday evening Lenten worship services described elsewhere in this newsletter.

Your pastor and worship officiant, Pastor Jenks

Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 1

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 8

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 15

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

*Worship
the
Father
in
spirit
and
truth.*
John 4:23

Wednesday, February 18

*Ash Wednesday service
with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.*

Sunday, February 22

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

Wednesday, February 25

*Lenten service
7:00 p.m.*

Lenten Services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18

This month we again begin the season of Lent.

Services of reflection will be held each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Our Ash Wednesday service will include the imposition of ashes and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Come worship with us

this Lent as we remember Christ's suffering and sacrifice to bring us God's love and forgiveness. Our focus this year will be on the "The Crucified King." Join us as we ponder with wonder how the King of all creation willingly entered into His creation to be taunted, tormented and tortured by those He created so that He might die and rise for us, to win us back from sin and Satan and make us His new creation.

Lent



Jesus said, *"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant...For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom"* (Mark 10:43-45).

Your congregation is looking for volunteers to sign up to provide and serve a Wednesday evening Lenten supper on March 4, 11, 18 or 25. Suppers are served at 6:00 prior to the 7:00 Lenten worship services. Please consider signing up your family or group of families to provide and serve a supper.

As we think of Jesus, who came to serve us and to sacrifice His life for us, what a great way to serve others and to give like Christ did! To sign up to provide and serve a Lenten supper, please contact the church office.



February 25 Lenten Dinner from Hickory Park

The members of Trustees board and Evangelism board would like to invite you to the Lenten dinner on Feb 25th. We will have a salad, Hickory park sandwiches (make your own), and ice cream with a choice of toppings. **We will have a sign up sheet to get an idea how much meat to buy.** We are hoping for a great turn out.

John Murphy and Ron Coy, Board Chairs

Conversational Dinners

Let's Dance...if you like to swing your partner, do the twist, or even break into a foxtrot...plan to be at the February 15th Conversational Dinner Valentine's Party. The tunes begin to spin at 6:00 and the music stops at 9:00. Rick & Julie Muselman (who taught our dance class) are spinning the tunes, so all of you Dance class attendees, here is your chance to show us what you learned. We will be charging \$10 a couple to cover expenses. More details will be coming, but put the date on your calendar and get ready to show us your stuff on the dance floor.



Education News

Our Children Need YOU!

1. Please give prayerful consideration to becoming either a Sunday School teacher or Midweek teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. You may tag-team with another person so you only teach for ½ of the year. Midweek begins at 4:30 and is over at 5:30 on Wednesdays. This is a great opportunity to share your love of Christ with our young members.
2. It's time to be thinking about VBS. If you are willing to help with it, please see one of the Board of Education members (Cindy Baas, Thomas Wilson, Breanna Wetzler, Brenda Dryer, Pat Thiede, or Steve Wilcken). Dates have not been confirmed yet but will be soon.

Thank you, Board of Education



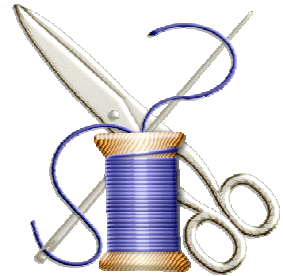
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Education News

The Board of Education would like to invite all the sewers and quilters to a sewing party on February 21, 2015, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. As was started in 2013, high school graduates in the congregation will receive a special quilt from the church to always remember they are wrapped in God's love and our love. To get the task accomplished for this year's group, we invite those interested and able to attend to help in creating the finished product. People of all abilities are welcome to attend. Help is needed cutting, ironing, pinning, and of course sewing. Materials and supplies will be available. Please contact Breanna Wetzler (brwetzler@gmail.com) if you plan to attend or have an extra sewing machine you would like to bring. We look forward to seeing you and thank you in advance for your help and support in this project.



St. Paul Lutheran Church Team Sunday

Organized by the Board of Education

Sunday, February 1, 2015

God's Team

We are all members of God's Team. Show your team spirit by coming to Church and Sunday School as a fan.

You can participate by:

1. Wearing your favorite team colors or jersey (*any sport, any team - high school, college or pro*)
2. Wearing a St. Paul shirt



*Now you are the body of Christ,
and each one of you is a part of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:27

Did you see the new writing on the wall??

Stewardship News

Christian stewardship begins with the understanding that all we have is God's and that "we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (1Tim. 6:7). Since all we have is God's, we use it for his purposes, which are expressed in the various vocations, or callings, that we have.

In one sense, all there is to say about stewardship is this: Live a godly, generous life in your vocations in church, home and society. Love God and serve your neighbor.

(LCMS Stewardship)

In February we will be receiving our Time and Talent booklets. Prayerfully consider what each of us can give back to God for all he has given us.



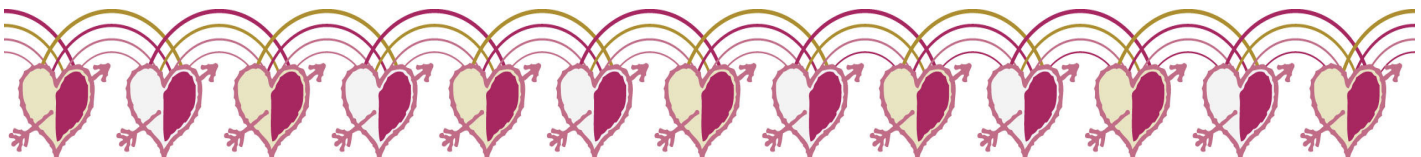
Human Care News



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

Bethesda Food Pantry

Sunday, February 15, 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."





St. Paul Lutheran Preschool

February 2015 News

Enrollment for 2015-2016 Begins this Month Sunday, February 1st 2015 is the first day to sign-up for preschool for the 2015-2016 preschool year. During the month of February St. Paul Lutheran Preschool church members and St Paul Lutheran Preschool families may be the first to sign-up their children for class.

Name of Class	Age by Sept. 15	Class Options	Time of Class
Lamb Class	3-Years-Old & Potty Trained	1) Mondays/Thursdays 2) Tuesdays/Fridays 3) Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays	9 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
Lion Class	4-and-5-Years Old	1) Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays 2) Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays	8:45 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Also available for families is our Before Preschool Care for parents who need to drop off their children earlier than the beginning of the preschool day. Children can be dropped-off between 7:30 a.m.— 9:00 a.m. before their preschool day begins. The cost for Before Preschool Care is \$5/day. Please call St. Paul Lutheran Preschool Director, Lori Jenks, to set up a tour or answer any questions at 233-1914 or education@saintpaulames.org

Sunday, February 22nd is **St. Paul Preschool Sunday** at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Preschoolers and their families are invited to come to the 11:00 a.m. service. As we thank God for Christian Early Childhood Education, we also thank God for the 37 unique preschool children's personalities God has made in the world. At the service the children will sing a few songs they have been practicing. St. Paul Lutheran Church thanks God for the wonderful opportunity to be able to share the good news of Jesus to preschoolers as they also learn about sharing and caring of friends, ABC's & 123's, and growing in the knowledge of His creation.

Human Care News

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!

Below is a card you can fill out and mail to the church if you have not been able to pick one up here at church.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE CARD

Do you or someone you know need assistance (e.g. meals, rides, etc.)?
Please place this card in the offering plate or give to an elder.

Name of person _____

Phone Number _____

For how long of a duration? _____

Type of assistance needed/Any additional pertinent information?



Youth News

Hey youth we need your vote!

We want your input for the February event! We took a mini survey at the Perfect Games event in January but it was a close count so we would like your vote. Even if you gave us your input at Perfect Games, you may email and let us know what event/day works best for you.

The choices are Roller Skating at Spinning Wheels in Ogden on a Sunday from 2-4pm or Ice Skating at the Ames Ice Arena on a Saturday or Sunday from 2-4pm. Dates would be either February 15 or 21.

The Board of Youth will pay for any admission and skate rental fees. You would need to bring money for any concessions.

To "register" your vote, please call or email Carla Murphy at 450-5180 or cjm95@ameritech.net or text 451-2800 (or have a parent do it). Then look for announcements for the results. Deadline to submit your vote is February 8.

Big Time Bowling for LYF

We had 23 youth attend a night of pizza, bowling and arcade games at Perfect Games on January 14. Groups cheered each other on for strikes and spares and laughed together when someone threw a gutter ball into the other lane! (However the real competition came during laser tag games--just ask a youth who played about the scores!) Thank you to all the parents who helped with transportation for this event.

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Women of St. Paul

Family Service Meeting in February



Family Service:

Family Service will meet for quilting on February 12 and 26--join us at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch and prepare yourself for an enjoyable time.

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.

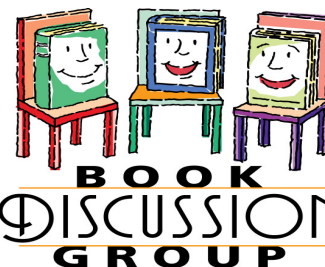


“Book to Know to Help You Grow”

Due to bad weather, the Book to Know group will meet on February 12th at Knop's to discuss “A Winter Dream: A Novel” by Richard Paul Evans.

Our next meeting will be **April 16th** at the home of Shirley Tice to discuss “*The Red Tent*” By Anita Diamant. We will also be choosing the books we will discuss for the coming year. Suggestions are most welcome.

The Barnes and Noble description of *The Red Tent* says: “Her name is Dinah. In the Bible, her life is only hinted at in a brief and violent detour within the more familiar chapters of the Book of Genesis. In *The Red Tent*, Anita Diamant brings this fascinating biblical character to vivid life. Told in Dinah's voice, the novel reveals the traditions and turmoils of ancient womanhood—the world of the red tent. It begins with the story of Dinah's mothers—Leah, Rachel, Zilpah, and Bilhah—the four wives of Jacob. They love Dinah and give her gifts that sustain her through a hard-working youth, a calling to midwifery, and a new home in a foreign land. Dinah's story reaches out from a remarkable period of early history and creates an intimate connection with the past.”



Date	Hostess	Book
April 16, 2015	Shirley Tice	<i>The Red Tent</i> By Anita Diamant

February 2014 Service Roster

	Feb 1 8:30	Feb 1 11:00	Feb 8 8:30	Feb 8 11:00	Feb 15 8:30	Feb 15 11:00	Feb 22 8:30	Feb 22 11:00
Organist	Mary Nelson		Mary Nelson		Mary Nelson		Praise Team	
Elders	Steve Vollstedt	Phil Voge	Paul Knop	Phil Voge	Jeff Cook	Phil Voge	Steve Johnson	Phil Voge
Lectors	Marilyn Hagemoser	Caitlyn Chellew	Marilyn Hagemoser	Caitlyn Chellew	Wayne Hagemoser	Caitlyn Chellew	Wayne Hagemoser	Caitlyn Chellew
Acolytes	Ben Gebhart	Jaden Ask			Tracy Gillen	Isaac Harris		
Ushers	Chris & Connie Hand, Jerry Schradle, Vic Schulz	Steve & Marlene Johnson, Nick Schieffer, Thelma Voetberg	→					
Greeters	Wayne & Marilyn Hagemoser, Tom & Cindy Baas	Caitlyn Chellew, Steve & Carol Vollstedt	→					
Coffee Fellowship	Tom & Judy Peter							
Altar Flowers								
Offering Counters	Mark & Janelle Swenson	→						
Power Point	Cindy Baas	Doug Litwiller	Cindy Baas	Doug Litwiller	Cindy Baas	Doug Litwiller	Julie Coy	Doug Litwiller
Sound Board	Tom Peter	Thomas Wilson	Tom Baas	Thomas Wilson	Tom Baas	Thomas Wilson	Harry Mundt	Greg Van Nostrand
Altar Guild	Karen Belz, Jan Ziebell, Sharron Martin	Sandy Townsend	→					
Video Recorder	Tom Peter	→						
Collate Bulletins	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke	→						