

St. Paul Epistle—April 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.



Dear friends in the Lord:

Every Sunday is special, because every time we are in the Lord's house we are strengthened through God's Word and Sacrament. Every time we are in God's house, we hear the good news of forgiveness through Jesus pronounced. However, this month in our services we have some extra special happenings. Come share these special celebrations with us!

April 5 – Easter Sunday! – Join us for the special joy of celebrating Christ's victory over the grave. Jesus' victory over death means that we too shall live, even though we die. Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7:30 a.m. Easter Late Service will be at 10 a.m. Easter breakfast will be served between services. Please join us as we celebrate that Christ has risen! *"...He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things...and that He must be killed, and on the third day be raised to life"* (Matthew 16:21).

April 26 – Youth Sunday! - Once each year, our youth share their talents by leading the worship services. As our youth use their gifts of music and speaking, the Bible's message comes to life in a special way. Come celebrate the youth of our church! *"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity"* (1 Timothy 4:12).

Because Youth Sunday will be on the 4th Sunday of the month, when our praise team usually provides the music for worship, the praise team will be switched to the 2nd Sunday in April, and will provide music on April 12.

"Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, for He is our God" (Psalm 95:6-7a).

In Jesus, Pastor Jenks

He Is RISEN INDEED!



Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion

7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 3

Good Friday

7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

Holy Communion

7:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 12

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 19

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

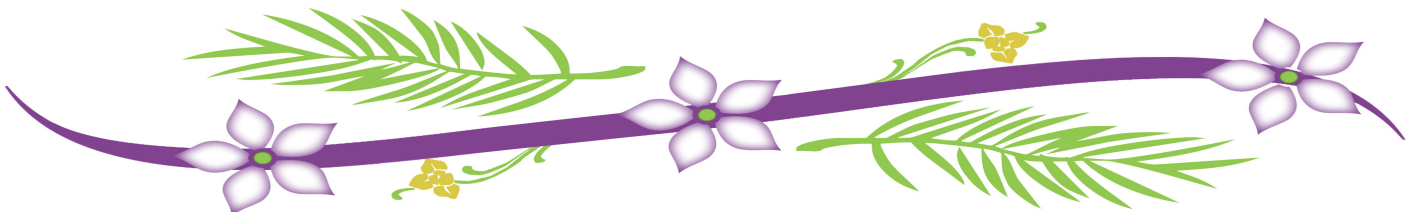
Sunday, April 26

Youth Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



EASTER PROCESSION. Our celebration of Christ's resurrection will soon be here. Would you like to praise the Lord as part of the Easter Procession on April 5 at the 7:30 am service? The furnishings of the chancel are removed during the Maundy Thursday service. 36 men, women and children are needed to bring in the lilies, communion ware, paraments, and candles in this glorious Easter service. If you want to be a part of this please contact Gretchen Zitterich @232-1765 or gzitterich@mchsi.com or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Your assignments will be posted by Maundy Thursday. If you can assist in organizing the procession this year please notify Gretchen as she will not be here for Easter. Thank you.



HOLY SATURDAY – PRAYER VIGIL

All members (youth and adults) are encouraged to participate in the annual Easter Prayer Vigil on **Saturday, April 4th**, in the church sanctuary. The vigil begins promptly at 6:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Special personal prayer requests and meditation materials will be available to aid you during your vigil period.



Before then, you are encouraged to submit personal prayer requests—these can be made using the cards found next to the signup board. These requests will be sorted among the time slots and prayers will be said on your behalf. This time of private meditation allows an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice Christ made on your behalf, and to contemplate this astounding love for you.

SAFE Training

On Sunday, April 12, a SAFE training session will be offered at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary of the church. All volunteers (adults and teenagers) at St. Paul who work with our children and/or youth need to become SAFE certified by completing a SAFE application and attending a SAFE training session. New members at St. Paul or anyone who may help with summer Sunday School or VBS is encouraged to attend this April 12 session. Our goal at St. Paul is to have all our members SAFE certified. SAFE applications will be available at the training or by contacting Ardy Ulrichson, 292-5575 or aulrichson@mchsi.com.

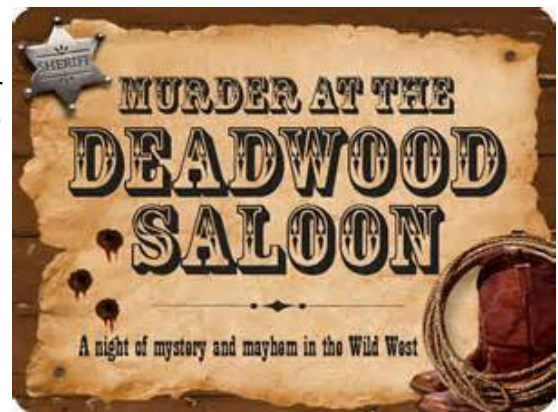
A Murder, A Mystery, A Fantastic Dinner,...all add up to a great evening!!!

Make your reservations now!!!! Tickets are now available for our Murder Mystery Dinner "Murder at the Deadwood Saloon". On April 11th, The likes of Mitch Maverick, Montgomery Money, Sally Starr, Black Barbara and others have all arrived in Deadwood to test their poker skills in the biggest poker game West of the Mississippi. The whole town has turned out for the Celebration Party where the poker winner is set to receive the "the biggest poker Jack pot" ever given out. Suddenly the lights go out, a shot rings out, and there is a dead body in the floor.

Get in on the fun, examine the clues, and help us solve the "Murder at the Deadwood Saloon", featuring our St. Paul Players. So put on your best western duds, hitch up the buckboard, and plan to arrive at the saloon after 5:15. Our Chuck Wagon Chef Duane Fass is putting on "a mouth watering" spread" beginning at 5:30.

Tickets are \$25.00/couple and \$12.50/single. The young Cowgirls and Cowboys at St Paul will be hustling the grub at the saloon, saving their money to "go to the Big City" for the youth doin's in 2016.

The sign up sheet is at the Murder Mystery Display in the Narthex. Or contact Vicki Roach vickielroach2014@gmail.com or Ellen Sander, druellen@hotmail.com



Education News



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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. Contact Cindy Baas to volunteer.

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



Adventureland

Get Your Discounted Tickets for Family Days at Adventureland

Family Days are April 25-26 and May 2-3. These are special "substance free" promotional days at Adventureland. Tickets are good for one day of your choice of April 25 or 26 or May 2 or 3. This event gives families a chance to enjoy rides and games with families/friends from our church. Cost is \$20 per person which is half the normal price and children under 3yrs. are free! Sign up for tickets on the bulletin board to reserve your tickets for fun! (Your family can also invite friends.)



Youth News

Youth Calendar

April: Youth Sunday is April 26 (both services)

May: Youth picnic & games May 13

Youth Sunday April 26

Youth Sunday in April - this is your time to let God's light shine through you! We will need all available youth to participate in the special Youth Sunday on April 26. YOUTH- Please contact Wayne Hagemoser or Carla Murphy as they are planning and need to know who is available. Thank you.

LYF "CHILLED OUT" ICE SKATING

On Sunday, February 22, we had 18 St. Paul youth, 3 friends and 4 adults ice skate at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena. A fun time was had by all whether they had skated before or if it was their first time. While some ended up with a few bumps or blisters, our youth did a great job helping each other while having fun!



JoLyn & Kylie



Isaac, Evan & Daniel



Tracy





Holy Week

	Apr 2 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thurs- day	Apr 3 7:00 p.m. Good Friday
Organist	Mary Nelson	Mary Nelson
Elder	Paul Knop	Tom Baas
Acolyte	Jaden Ask	
Lector	Reiny Friedrich	Tanny Latuska
Ushers	Reiny & Maureen Friedrich, Steve & Marlene Johnson	Greg & Ben Gebhart, Wayne & Marilyn Hagemoser
Greeters	Dick & Karen Ross, Caitlyn Chellew	Geri Schulz, Connie Buss
Offering Counters	Tom & Cindy Baas	Tom & Cindy Baas
Power Point	Julie Coy	Cindy Baas
Sound- board	Thomas Wilson	Tom Baas
Collate bulletins	Jerry Schradle & Elsie Baumann	Jerry Schradle & Elsie Baumann

Easter Sunday, April 5

*Easter Sunday Worship service
with Holy Communion
7:30 & 10:00 am*



**Join Us For
Breakfast**

***Easter Breakfast
8:30 am***

Board of Evangelism News



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: April 11, 2015;

Time: 8:00 to 8:30 am coffee and rolls; 8:30 to 11:30 am Speaker.

Col. Coy will also speak to men and women during the Education Hour on Sunday, April 12th. See the bulletin board for more information.

Questions? Contact Ron Coy, 233-5097.

Human Care News

March Good Neighbor News

Report from Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance

On March 10, GNEA board met at the Good Neighbor office at 613 Clark Ave. February was a slower month than usual; this is normal for Good Neighbor. For the last eight months Good Neighbor has provided rent and/or utilities assistance 240 households and 3,268 Healthy Food vouchers to 817 households. The agency has also distributed 141 gas vouchers in the same period of time. For FY 15/16, ASSET funding to GNEA will increase 2.31% for emergency rent/utilities program and 2.25% for the Healthy Food vouchers program. ACCESS (the local domestic violence shelter) will be doing improvements to the three upstairs rooms at the office for outreach staff to conduct counseling and case management with clients.

Mike Fritz was contacted by a representative of "Raising Readers" if Good Neighbor could be an established site for distributing books. The facilities would be used as a site in which young readers of clients could obtain free books. As of the March meeting, this program had not been approved by the board or Raising Readers program.

The next board meeting will be held on April 22 at noon at the Good Neighbor Office at 613 Clark Ave. The date for the Choir Concert fundraiser will be November 8 and will be held at Collegiate Presbyterian Church.

Submitted by Steve J. Hanlin board representative for First United Methodist Church



Bethesda Food Pantry

Sunday, April 19th, 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 Trading Post



April Trading Post Ads:

> Charles Ellis is in search of a number of shepherd's hooks with one or more hooks on them. So if you have any you would like to give away or to get them out of your way look him up or call him at 515-708-8574



Stewardship News

Titus 2: 11-15 gives a wonderful summary of the foundation for Christian stewardship. "11 For the Grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. 15 Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you."

The Gospel motivates the Christian steward. The Law instructs the Christian steward. (Taken from the LCMS website.)



Time For Summer Camp!

Now is the time to think about summer camps!!

AT CAMP OKOBOJI THEY HAVE YOUTH CAMPS FOR ALL AGES!

Hey youth – did you know the Board of Youth can help assist you with registration fees to attend summer camps at Camp Okoboji?

This year Camp Okoboji is celebrating it's 75th year and you can be a part of it! Check out the list of camps below with even more on the camp website at www.campokoboji.org.



Girls' Volleyball Camp – June 7-13. For Girls who completed 4th-8th grade. Cost: \$325. At Volleyball Camp you will be coached by trained professionals based out of Wichita KS who will bring campers to a new skill level.

Girls Basketball Camp - June 7-13. For girls who have completed 4th-12th grade. Cost:\$325. At Okoboji Girls' Basketball Camp, professional coaches teach basketball handling and drills to meet the skill levels of the different age groups.

Jr High Week - July 5 – 11. For youth completing 6th-8th grades. Cost: \$310. Meet new friends as you engage in Bible study, crafts, music, and recreation with the return of archery, 9 square and gaga ball. Junior High Week is led by Professional Church Workers who have a love for 6th-8th grade ministry.

Concordia Cub Week - July 12 -18. Week-long camp designed for children who have completed 3rd-6th grades. Cost: \$330. Campers enjoy, games, crafts, Bible studies and night devotions by the lake. Events returning will include archery, canoeing, gaga pit, ultimate Frisbee, 4-way soccer, and cabin challenges.

Youth Week - July 19 -25. Youth Week is a Christ-centered week for 8th-12th graders who engage in sports, music, a topic relating to present day life situations, and faith building events which develop character and positive relationships and more! Cost: \$320.

NOTE: All camps have deadlines for registrations so check out the website for more details. If you need help with fees, just write a letter of request to the St. Paul Board of Youth and we will contact you with how we can help. It's that easy!

Women of St. Paul

Family Service Circle Meetings in April



FAMILY SERVICE CIRCLE:

Family Service Circle: We will meet on Thursday, April 9, to quilt from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and on Thursday, April 23, when we will quilt from 10 a.m. until noon. At 1 p.m. we will have a devotion, brief meeting, and a dessert. Since the first of the year, we have been focusing on making lap robes for local nursing homes. We have lots of fabric in our storage room and can always use people to help sort fabric and cut squares as well as assemble quilts. We hope you can join us -- bring a sack lunch for noon.

Perry Lutheran Home Visit: On Tuesday, April 14, a group from St. Paul will travel to Perry Lutheran Home where we will sing songs with the residents and have a brief devotion. We will take five cakes with us. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board for those willing to bake a cake as well as for attendees. Watch for it.

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”

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.”

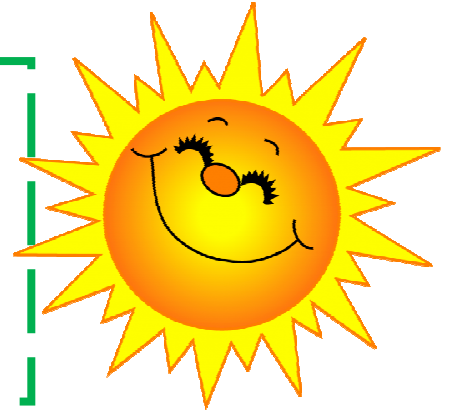


April 2015 Service Roster

	Apr 5 7:30 Easter	Apr 5 10:00 Easter	Apr 12 8:30	Apr 12 11:00	Apr 19 8:30	Apr 19 11:00	Apr 26 8:30	Apr 26 11:00
Organist	Mary Nelson		Praise Team		Mary Nelson		Ellen Sander	
Elders	Steve Vollstedt	Tom Baas →						
Lectors	Lowell Highby	Karen Ross	Lowell Highby	Karen Ross	Tanny Latuska	Karen Ross	Youth	Youth
Acolytes	Kaitlyn Cook	Ben Gebhart			Isaac Harris	Tracy Gillen		
Ushers	Tom & Judy Peter, Mike West,	Larry & Nancy Wiebel, Len Thiede, →					Youth	Youth
Greeters	Tanny Latuska, Stephanie & Kylie Taylor	Dick & Karen Ross, Denny & Shirley Tice →					Youth	Youth
Coffee Fellowship								
Altar Flowers	Easter lilies							
Offering Counters	Tom & Cindy Baas →							
Power Point	Harry Mundt	Cindy Baas	Harry Mundt	Linda Naeve	Harry Mundt	Cindy Baas	Harry Mundt	Cindy Baas
Sound Board	Thomas Wilson	Tom Baas	Wes Lastine	Greg Van Nostrand	Thomas Wilson	Tom Baas	Thomas Wilson	Tom Baas
Altar Guild	Karen Griffin, Becky Juelfs,	Karen Belz, Pat Thiede →						
Video Recorder	John Murphy →							
Collate Bulletins	Elsie Baumann & Jerry Schradle →							

St. Paul Preschool 2015 Summer Camp

610 15th Street, Ames, IA 50010



Come join other children ages 3-6 years old and Iowa State Licensed preschool teachers in Ames and the surrounding communities to create some sensational summer memories at summer camp. You won't want to miss these happy adventures!

Camp runs from Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon A snack is included each day. Registration is on a first-come, first serve- basis for 16 campers. Make check payable to St. Paul Lutheran Preschool. Questions please call Lori at 233-1914 or e-mail: education@saintpaulames.org.



June 8-12: **Summer Fun Camp** (cost \$80)



Do you like to enjoy the great outdoors in the summertime?
(CAMPING DAY)



Do you like to feel the wind in your hair as you ride your bike/trike?
(BIKE/TRIKE DAY)

Summer Camp Fun



Do you like to investigate using tools to see how you can make the BIGGEST bubble?
(BUBBLE DAY)



Do you like to kick, throw, pass, or catch balls? **(SPORTS DAY)**



Do you like to experiment with water?
(Water Explosion Day)

Rain or shine we will explore all the elements of SUMMER FUN through art, stories, games, music and hands-on experiences.

St. Paul Preschool

2015 Summer Camp

610 15th Street, Ames, IA 50010

Registration Form



Child's Name _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Mother's Name _____

Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Father's Name _____

Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Allergies: _____ Medications: _____

Additional Information: _____

Two persons to be called in case of an emergency and who are authorized to take your child from camp if neither parent can be reached.

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

I hereby authorize St. Paul Lutheran Preschool Programs to call 911 for an ambulance or physician appropriate to the situation in case of an emergency. I further authorize such appropriately qualified medical person(s) to administer appropriate treatment for my child.

Signed _____ Date _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy Holder's I. D. _____

Physician's Name _____ Phone _____