

St. Paul Epistle - June 2015

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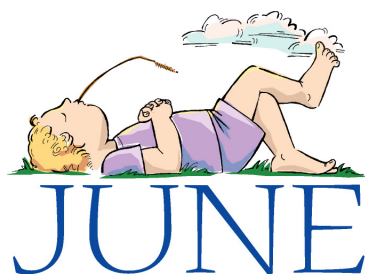
A Letter from Your Pastor

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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 the Lord,

Last summer I preached a sermon series on Christ's twelve disciples. Each week we focused on a different disciple. We learned a great deal about how the Lord used these men to carry out His mission.

This summer, we turn our attention to the women. Each week this summer we will remember a different woman in the Bible and the role she played in God's plan. We will hear about women from both the Old Testament and the New Testament. As we remember how God used such different women from a variety of backgrounds to accomplish His work, we also will be reminded that this is the way God works today in His church. Each of us has a different background and different abilities, but God unites us in His ministry.

There are some women in the Bible about whom we know a great deal, while there are other women about whom the Scriptures reveal very little. Yet all of these women were used by God to accomplish His mission. At the same time as we remember women from the past and how the Lord used them to have an impact, we will reflect on our calling to follow the Lord and to serve Him in our lives today. Join us

this summer as we remember women in the Bible. *"Whoever renders service should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ"* (1 Peter 4:11).

In Jesus Christ, the One who saved us and the One we serve,
Pastor Jenks



Summer Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

This summer, as in other recent years, the Sunday morning adult Bible study will meet every Sunday in June, will take a break for the month of July, and will meet again every Sunday in August. Like other recent summers, this summer we will feast on a "potluck" of subjects. Some sessions will be led by pastor while other sessions will be led by lay members. Join us in June and August for special summer adult Bible studies from 9:45-10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, June 7

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 14

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Sunday, June 21

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 28

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



LERT (Lutheran Emergency Response Team) workers from Boone and Sac Circuits who helped at Lake City after the tornado.

Boone Zone LERT Trailer in Lake City, IA

Lake City Disaster Relief

Sunday evening, a buzz of activity began when Pastor Roger Carlisle called and asked if I was ready to 'hit the road' because there was a tornado on the ground in the Lake City area. That began a flurry of phone calls and decisions. The decision was made that the Sac Circuit LERT (Lutheran Emergency Response Team) would leave for Lake City at 8:30 AM on Monday.

Later, the decision was for the Boone Circuit LERT trailer to make its maiden voyage. Pictured on the previous page is part of our super group. Another 15 were working at various other sites. The people wearing the bright yellow vests identified the wearer as an LCMS volunteer. Our two LERT trailers were parked a block south of the school, making a very visible statement of Lutherans helping a community hit by this tornado. Most of our volunteer work was done in this area.

Upon arriving, we all registered with the disaster center and then began cutting trees and picking up debris. Very quickly word came of a woman on an oxygen breather, but she had no electricity to keep her machine working. So 'Generator One' (two generators were generously donated to the Boone Circuit trailer) was brought to her house where we set it up to run her breathing machine, refrigerator and a heater.

Then while stopping for lunch, I noticed a mother with a down syndrome son (age 6). She was at the community center to plug his breathing machine into the generator there. I asked if she would like a generator. With a look of confusion and disbelief, she said, "yes, of course. Without this machine, my son can easily get pneumonia." So 'Generator Two' was taken to her home. It turned out that these people were fellow Lutherans. Both households were very appreciative of the help received through our LERT trailer. What an experience!



Thanks to each and every one who worked at the Lake City tornado and for the support and donations, from individuals and churches, that made the LERT trailers possible. The Lord is truly blessing our efforts.

Ellie Menz



Youth News

Youth Let It Shine

Youth Sunday was April 26. It was an opportunity for our youth to be up front serving as leaders within our church and to let some of their talents shine. "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 Tim. 4:12).

The theme for the day was "Reflecting God's Light". We had several youth do just that!

Bulletin covers were created by: Katie Barnes, Evan Buttery, Ally Donavon, Daniel Murphy and Maddie Weber. Ensemble and music were: Ben Gebhart, Isaac Harris, Donovan Jenks, Erin Murphy, Abby Tibben (vocal solo too), and Jakob Tibben. Sermon testimonials were given by Caleb Donavon, Josh Folkmann and Matthew Latuska, with a Jr. Youth testimonial given by Ally Donavon.

The children's message was given by Kaitlyn Cook, Kylie Cook, Kaitlin Wegner and Josh Folkmann. Various other youth greeted members as they came in the doors, served as ushers, sang songs and gave readings. We thank ALL our youth and those adults who helped make this a day a day to Reflect HIS Light!



Education News



The Board of Education congratulates our confirmands on their confirmation on May 3rd.

The Board of Education is always looking for more members—we are doing some exciting things!

Save the Date!

Wed., August 26 –Midweek & LYF Kick off event. (look for more info in August)

Congratulations to our graduate on her graduation from South Hamilton High School on May 24th.



Needed—7th & 8th grade Sunday school teacher and 1st & 2nd grade Midweek teacher. Please give prayerful consideration to this opportunity.

Education & Youth News



SAVE THE DATE: July 19-22 for VBS

This year's theme is "CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE". We will be celebrating all kinds of things. Watch for more details. Watch for volunteering opportunities. We cannot do this without tons of help. This is a perfect time to "Celebrate God's Love" with our children.



All Food, Fun and Games

The Youth had their end-of-the-year picnic and games on May 13. It was held at Moore Park in the Coneflower Shelter. We grilled hot dogs, played games, hiked and ate smores! It was a fun way to end our events and break for summer. We hope all youth and their families have a safe and fun summer and we look forward to September when we start our next new events and adventures!

Stewardship News

There continues to be much confusion about Christian stewardship. There are many who equate it solely with the giving of money to the church. If the word “stewardship” is mentioned it means money for budgets, buildings, salaries, etc. Allowing stewardship to be thought of in this way is a tragic mistake.

Christian stewardship begins with the grace of God in Christ. We are Christians because of what Christ has done for us on the cross. We do not find favor with God because of what we do. Stewardship (what I do as God’s child) is not the cause of salvation, but a response to it. Christian stewardship is the response of the believer to what God has done for them in the life, death & resurrection of Jesus Christ. Christian stewardship is the free & joyous activity of the child of God and God’s family, the Church, in managing all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.

Christian stewardship impacts our relationship with God, with our neighbors, with ourselves and with all of creation. To limit it to issues related to finance misleads and robs the Christian steward of the right, full and fruitful life that God intends for His children (John 10:10; Titus 2:11-15).

Is the way I am investing the time God allots for me, the abilities God gives me, the resources God entrusts to me, and my very life pleasing to God??



SEPTOBERFEST

**SEPTOBERFEST, Friday, Saturday,
Sunday, September 18,19,20**

Get ready for a big weekend of fun celebrating our joy in Jesus! Friday night, family movie night outside in the tent. Saturday all day for everyone at church and in the area, tell everyone you know to come. We need everyone's help, too. This is a good way to make new friends and have fun helping, too. We especially need volunteers for the tail gate party

to go along with the grilled meat. Any type of side dish that you can serve from your trunk. There will be sign up sheets for this soon.

Sunday will be as special as every Sunday is to us. Regular church at 8:30 am and outside in the tent at 11.00 am. Invite everyone you know to come to church and stay for a catered, free dinner after church. Those at the 8:30 am church service are encouraged to come back and eat. There are more things planned and more to come.



Human Care News

Church Picnic & Outdoor Worship



Church Service & Picnic
Sunday, July 12, 11:00 am
(8:30 service held at church)
Moore Memorial Park,
Big Bluestem Shelter
3050 Northridge Parkway

COME ONE AND ALL to a potluck immediately following our annual outdoor church service.

Last names beginning with the letters **A-K**, please provide a main dish*.

Last names beginning with the letters **L-Z**, please provide a vegetable/salad **and** a dessert*.

*Please remember to bring serving utensils for your dishes, as well as chairs for the church service. Drinks and table service will be provided.

****The Board of Human Care is looking for someone who has a golf cart to assist individuals needing help in getting up to the shelter. If you have a golf cart and can help us out, please contact the church office. Thank you!**



Report from Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance

On April 21, GNEA board met at the Good Neighbor office at 613 Clark Ave. For the last nine months Good Neighbor has provided rent and/or utilities assistance 268 households (28 in March) and 3,536 Healthy Food vouchers (268 in March) to 884 households (67 in March). The agency has also distributed 153 gas vouchers (12 in March) in the same period of time. For FY 15/16, the city of Nevada gave \$1,546.00 for rent and utility assistance for Nevada residents. The FEMA award for FY 15-16 will be \$4,500.00 which is level with this year.



ACCESS (the local domestic violence shelter) has been preparing the upstairs rooms by removing wallpaper and painting for occupancy no later than June 30 of this year.

Construction of the wheelchair ramp is underway, although they have been some delays on days when trenching and electric work for ACCESS is being carried out. With most of the exterior ACCESS work being completed, Good Neighbor is hopeful the ramp will be finished by May.

The next board meeting will be held on May 19 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



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May 13, 2015

Dear Congregations and Pastors of Iowa District West,

In April, a letter was sent to each congregation informing them of Iowa District West President, Rev. Paul Sieveking's upcoming retirement Monday evening of the June District Convention.

This letter is a reminder that any letters or cards to be included in the "Book of Memories," highlighting the special relationships President Sieveking has built during his ministry in IDW, need to be mailed to: Iowa District West, Attn.: Jill Davis, 409 Kenyon Road, Suite B, Fort Dodge, IA, 50501, by **May 31, 2015**.

As mentioned in the previous letter, there will be a special program honoring President Sieveking on Monday evening (6/22) of the Convention at Camp. The event will include a barbeque banquet beginning at 6:30pm, followed by a brief presentation and ice cream social. Attached please find a bulletin insert that we ask you to share for any interested members/church workers who would like to attend the barbeque. Please note that the deadline to register is June 1.

Please feel free to contact any one of us with questions or suggestion you may have for the retirement celebration.

In His Service,

1st Vice President Steve Turner

2nd Vice President Roger Carlisle

Jill Davis, Secretary to President Sieveking

Bethesda Food Pantry

Sunday, June 21, is Bethesda Food Bank Sunday. Please bring items and place in the tub in the east entry-way. 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".

Women of St. Paul

Family Service will quilt on June 11 & 25 beginning at 10 a.m. All are welcome. Bring your sack lunch for our noon break.

**Fellowship
for Quilters**



Women's summer Bible study:

For the summer the women's Bible study group will meet on the **2nd and 4th Mondays at 5:45 pm** in the Youth room. We will not be doing a continuous series, but stand alone topics, so come when you are able.



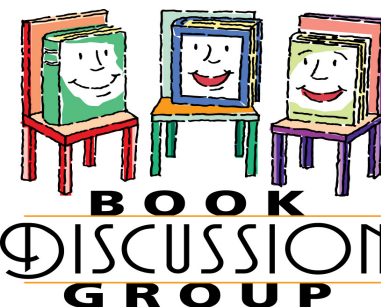
Do you know what is going on in the Iowa West District of the LWML? The LWML IWD eNews is sent to all women of the congregation who have email. If you do not have email, a copy is printed and placed on the LWML bulletin board at the east end of the fellowship hall. You may read it and replace it when you are finished.



"Book to Know to Help You Grow"

Books have been chosen for the next year. Everyone is invited to join us.

Please Note: We usually meet on the 2nd Thursday, but in July our meeting will be the 2nd Tuesday.



Date	Hostess	Book
July 14, 2015 Tuesday	Judy Charlson	<i>Orphan Train</i> By Christina Baker Kline
Sept 10, 2015 Thursday	Tanny Latuska	<i>Seeking Allah: Finding Jesus</i> By Nabeel Qureshi
Nov 12, 2015 Thursday	Karen Griffin	<i>Women of Christmas</i> By Liz Curtis Higgs
Feb 11, 2016 Thursday	Pam Hagen	<i>The Veritas Conflict</i> By Shaunti Feldhahn
April 14 2016 Thursday	Thelma Voetberg	<i>The Sign Painter</i> By Davis Bunn

June 2015 Service Roster

	June 7 8:30	June 7 11:00	June 14 8:30	June 14 11:00	June 21 8:30	June 21 11:00	June 28 8:30	June 28 11:00
Organist	Mary Nelson		Ellen Sander		TBA		Praise Team	
Elders	Phil Voge	Tom Henriksen →						
Lectors	Paul Knop	Larry Wiebel	Paul Knop	Larry Wiebel	Judy Peter	Larry Wiebel	Tom Peter	Larry Wiebel
Acolytes	Tracy Gillen	Isaac Harris			Kaitlin Wegner	Abby Tibben		
Greeters	Paul & Adele Knop, Dick & Karen Ross	Thelma Voetberg, Larry & Nancy Wiebel →						
Ushers	David Pietsch, Harry & Pam Mundt,	Vickie Roach, Tom Peter, Thomas & Lisa Wilson →						
Coffee Fellowship	Suntkens, Charlsons		Denny & Shirley Tice		Tanny Latuska Judy Peter		Johnsons, Walkers	
Altar Flowers					Brad Tibben Family			
Offering Counters	Merle & Marcy Suntken →							
Power Point	Judy Peter	Greg Van-Nostrand	Linda Naeve	Linda Naeve	Connie Lastine	Connie Lastine	Connie Lastine	Connie Lastine
Sound Board	Denny Ingwersen	Denny Ingwersen	Wes Lastine	Wes Lastine	Denny Ingwersen	Denny Ingwersen	Wes Lastine	Wes Lastine
Altar Guild	Becky Juelfs, Jan Ziebell,	Judy Peter, Linda & Dick Peterson →						
Video Recorder	Steve Wilcken →							
Collate Bulletins	Merle & Marcy Suntken →							