

St. Paul Epistle - July 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,

It has almost become a custom here at St. Paul that on the Sunday closest to Independence Day, we hold a special worship service to thank God for our nation and for the freedoms we have in our country. In July, as Americans, we remember the founders of our nation and the sacrifices they made for our freedom. We remember those who continue to live and die for freedom. As Christians, we also remember the One who lived, died and rose to win the ultimate freedom for us! Jesus Christ had to pay a price to set us free from Satan. The price was Christ's life, His blood, offered on the cross to pay the cost of our sins. *"You were bought at a price"* (1 Corinthians 6:20). *"But now you have had every stain washed off: now you have been set apart as holy: now you have been pronounced **free** from guilt; in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and through the Spirit of our God"* (1 Corinthians 6:11).

This month, we again set aside a special Sunday to thank God for the freedoms we have in this nation. Sunday, July 5, we will lift our prayers and praise to the Lord for His blessings in America. **Please note there will be only one service, at 10 a.m., on July 5.** Join us as we thank God for the tremendous freedoms we are blessed with in our country, as we pray for God to guide and bless America, and as we praise the Lord for the eternal freedom we have because of Jesus.

In Christ,
Pastor Jenks



Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 5
Holy Communion
One Service at
10:00 a.m.



Sunday, July 19
Holy Communion
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 12
8:30 (at church) &
11:00 a.m. (at Moore Park)

Sunday, July 26
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Important Notes

July 5 – Only one worship service at 10 a.m., with no Education Hour today

July 12 – 11:00 a.m. service outdoors at Moore Park, followed by annual church picnic

August 26 – Midweek and LYF Orientation

Sept. 2 – First day of Midweek Classes



Lost and Found There are several lost and found items including glasses, toys, and coats that are in the west coatroom lost and found. Please check them over to see if any of the items belong to you. Thanks!



**Don't Take
 a Vacation
 from Church**



SEPTEMBERFEST

SEPTEMBERFEST, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, September 18,19,20

Get ready for a big weekend of fun and fellowship celebrating our joy in Jesus! Things start on Friday night with a family movie night outside in the tent.

Saturday will have all day events for everyone. Invite everyone you know to come. We need everyone's help to make this event a success. This is a good way to make new friends and have fun helping, too. We especially need volunteers for the tailgate 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.

On Sunday the 8:30 a.m. service will be inside and the 11:00 a.m. service will be outside in the tent. Invite everyone you know to come to church and stay for a catered, free dinner after church. Those at the 8:30 a.m. church service are encouraged to come back and eat. There are many things planned and more to information to come!



Septoberfest Special Musical Performance!

Saturday, September 19, Higher Power, the very popular Gospel singers, will be at St. Paul at 7 pm inside the church.

Be prepared for a busy, yet fun weekend for everyone.

Stewardship News

"Stewardship...that's about budgets and fund-raising. Right?" Few biblical teachings are more misunderstood than stewardship. In Christ, God calls us to see stewardship as the very essence of faith and life. It is all-encompassing. It flavors and penetrates the whole loaf of life, not just one slice. The miracle-the mystery of Christ's grace-is that He continues to give redeemed people the honor, the trust, of being instruments of His hope and blessing.

The stewardship we exercise at work, at home, in the community, and in the church is really a stewardship from God. In each of these arenas we are privileged to demonstrate and live out the fact that we have been placed here by God to live and act as a manager, a trustee, for Him. It is a life-directing discovery to realize that God really trusts us to make decisions, to manage things, to take care of people and things for Him.

Dennis Dobberke, Chair, Board of Stewardship

Youth News

Summer Campers at Camp Okoboji

This year Camp Okoboji is celebrating it's 75th year and we have two youth who will be a part of it! The camp theme is G.E.M.S. -God's Eternal Mercy Saves. The theme verse is "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end," Lamentations 3:22.

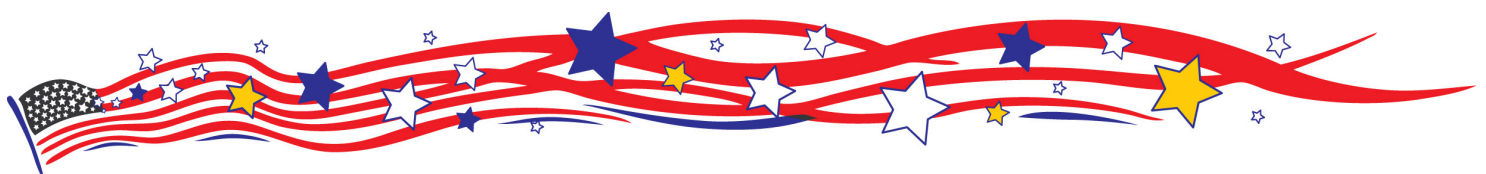
Please pray for Erin Murphy who will be attending Jr. High Week July 5-11 and then JoLyn Ask and Erin Murphy who will be attending Concordia Cub Week July 12-18.

Save the Date:

August 26 – Midweek & LYF kick off event. Plan now to attend to help plan and learn about LYF for the 2015-16 year! Youth bring your event ideas!

WANTED: SR. LYF LEADERS

The Board of Youth are seeking 1-2 people to act as Leaders for our Sr. LYF for 2015-16. This person(s) would help plan and oversee activities designed for our youth in 9-12 grades with the help of the Board of Youth. If interested or for more information, please contact Carla Murphy.



Education News

Children's Missions



Sunday School Mission Project Final Report:

Fall offerings.....we collected \$585.59 + mitten/scarfs/hats for needy people in the Ames area. We calculated that our children's efforts resulted in the purchase or donation of more than 150 important winter weather items!

This Spring our Sunday School children directed their offerings to Camp Okoboji for the purchase of recreational items. They donated \$474.54 since Christmas. The Camp needs a kayak so our hope is that we have raised enough to support this effort! Thank you St. Paul parents and children for helping to support this important Iowa District West mission!



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 every evening from 6-8:30 p.m. 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.

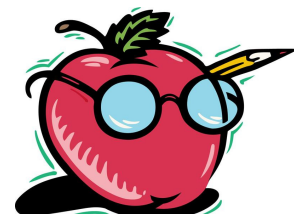
We need lots of helpers! Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help or provide a meal.

Save the Date!

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

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

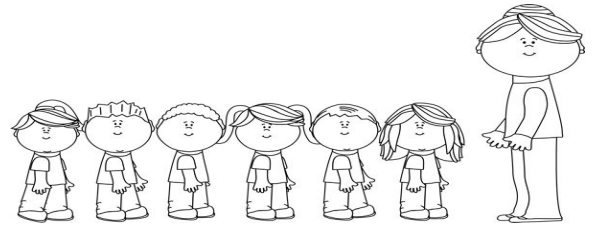
Needed—7th & 8th grade Sunday school teacher and 1st & 2nd grade Midweek teacher. Please give prayerful consideration to this opportunity.



Teacher Needed

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool

Employment Opportunities



Do you like working with preschoolers? St. Paul Lutheran Preschool has job opportunities available for the upcoming school year, 2015-2016!

4 –Year-Old Lead Teacher Opening

- Beginning either September 2015 or February 2016 depending on the applicant's availability
- A Bachelor or Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education is preferred

The 4-year-old teacher works 21 hours a week from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Responsibilities include: planning the weekly schedule, teaching during class time, cleaning up the classroom, documenting the progress of children, helping other staff to keep the bathroom clean, taking classes as required by DHS, and participating in yearly activities which include: Christmas Program, Preschool Sunday, and Parent-Teacher conferences.

The work package includes: weekly paid hours, 4 days of paid vacation at both Christmas and Spring Break, and 4 days of paid teacher/family sick leave. Hourly wage depends on education and experience.

If interested in any of these positions please email, mail, or bring your resume to:



Lori Jenks
St. Paul Lutheran Preschool
610 15th Street, Ames, IA 50010
education@saintpaulames.org

Questions regarding these positions can be directed to Lori Jenks at (515) 233-1914 or at the email address above.

Do you know anyone who would be a great new employee at St. Paul Lutheran Preschool? If so, please share this page with them. Thank you.

3–Year-Old Teacher Aide Opening

- 2 days a week (Mondays and Thursdays) beginning September 2015
- Some Early Childhood Education or related experience preferred

The 3-year-old teacher aide works 3 hours a day on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:45 am—Noon.

Responsibilities include: helping children in the daily schedule, cleaning up the classroom, helping other staff to keep the bathroom clean, taking classes as required by DHS, and participating in yearly activities which include the Christmas Program and Preschool Sunday.

The work package includes: weekly paid hours, 2 days of paid vacation at both Christmas and Spring Break, and 2 days of paid teacher/family sick leave. Hourly wage depends on education and experience.

Before Preschool Care Staff Opening

- 4 mornings a week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 7:15 am—9:00 am beginning in September 2015
- Childcare experience preferred

Responsibilities include: opening the building, watching and interacting with preschoolers before school starts, rotating toys available for play throughout the year, keeping areas clean, communicating with families and staff, and taking classes as required by DHS.

The work package includes: weekly paid hours, 2 days of paid vacation at both Christmas and Spring Break, and 2 days of paid teacher/ family sick leave. Hourly wage depends on education and experience.

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool is a great place to work, providing the opportunity to engage with many wonderful families and children in the community. Thank you for your interest!

Human Care News

Bethesda Food Pantry

Sunday, July 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".



FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Two New Opportunities where we can make a MAJOR difference in the lives of others:

1. Vietnam Veterans of America, initiated by the Story County Chapter. They are starting a duffel bag outreach. They are looking for donations of items to put in a duffel bag that will be distributed in various ways in Story and surrounding counties to homeless veterans.

Items needed:

bar soap, wash cloth, nail clippers, comb, shampoo, bandaids, tooth brush, tooth paste, small tissue packs, disposable razor, socks, undershirts (T shirts), underwear-boxers or briefs, bath towel, plastic poncho, note pad with pencil, baseball type cap or hat.

2. 'Takin' it to the Streets' outreach in Omaha Check it out at

www.takinittothestreetsomaha.org

Items needed: bar soap, wash cloth, nail clippers, comb, shampoo, bandaids, tooth brush, tooth paste, small tissue packs, disposable razor, socks, undershirts (T shirts), underwear-boxers or briefs, bath towel, plastic poncho, note pad with pencil, baseball type cap or hat.



Human Care News

Church Picnic & Outdoor Worship



Church Service & Picnic
Sunday, July 12, 11:00 am
(8:30 a.m. 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 May 19, GNEA board met at the Good Neighbor office at 613 Clark Ave. Through the month of April, Good Neighbor has provided rent and/or utilities assistance to 293 households (25 in April) and 4,136 Healthy Food vouchers (600 in April) to 1,034 households (150 in April). The agency has also distributed 172 gas vouchers (19 in April) in the same period of time. GNEA continues to see a lower demand of services in comparison to the same time period last year. Good Neighbor was selected as a recipient of the Northcrest Community Outreach funding and will receive the contribution later in May.



Construction of the wheelchair ramp is essentially completed and GNEA and the contractor hope to get approval from the City of Ames. There are several interior repairs that will need to be done after discovering that the bathroom upstairs has been leaking and caused some ceiling damage. But repairs will be minor.

A tentative date for the Italian Dinner has been set for Sunday August 23 at 6:00. The meal will be held at Universalist Fellowship church located at 1015 Hyland Ave. Tickets should be available from church representatives by August. The Choir Concert fundraiser will be November 8 at 2:00 and will be held at Collegiate Presbyterian Church.

The next board meeting will be held on June 23 at noon at the Good Neighbor Office at 613 Clark Ave.

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

St. Paul Trading Post



July Trading Post Ads:

>Please call Bud & Thelma Voetberg (292-8415) if you are interested in any of the following free items:

- 16 ft extension ladder (needs new cable)
- Nordic Track
- Brother Word Processor
- 6 ft tall dieffenbachia (live)

>Please contact the office if you can use floppy disks for a MAC.

Women of St. Paul

Family Service completed their lap robe project that they have been working on for the past few months and delivered 61 lap robes to local nursing homes here in Ames. **In July we will meet to quilt from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursdays, July 9th and July 23rd.** Bring a sack lunch for our lunch break. There is no meeting on the 4th Thursday during the summer. We are always happy to have new helpers -- join us if you can.



Women of St. Paul

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.

We will meet on a Tuesday, July 14th, at Judi Charlson's home at 7 p.m. We are discussing *The Orphan Train* by Christine Baker Kline.

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

July 2015 Service Roster

	July 5 10:00	July 12 8:30	July 12 11:00 Moore Park	July 19 8:30	July 19 11:00	July 26 8:30	July 26 11:00
Organist	LaDonna Osborn	Mary Nelson		LaDonna Osborn		Ellen Sander	
Elders	Steve Johnson	Steve Johnson	Steve Vollstedt →				
Lectors	Dawn Schulte	Dawn Schulte	Doug Litwiller	Judi Charlson	Doug Litwiller	Judi Charlson	Doug Litwiller
Acolytes	Jordan Vetter			Ben Gebhart	Kaitlyn Cook		
Greeters	Dennis & Karen Griffin, Ron & Karen Belz	Dennis & Karen Griffin, Ron & Karen Belz	Steve & Carol Vollstedt, Irene Holthaus →				
Ushers	Dave & Judi Charlson, Dick Peterson, Clare Tweedt	Dave & Judi Charlson, Dick Peterson, Clare Tweedt	Steve & Marlene Johnson, Thomas & Lisa Wilson →				
Coffee Fellowship	No Coffee Fellowship	No Coffee Fellowship		Dennis & Joyce Dobberke		Voetbergs, Thiedes, Ellen Sander	
Altar Flowers	Tom & Cindy Baas						
Offering Counters	Dick & Linda Peterson →						
Power Point	Judy Peter	Connie Lastine		Connie Lastine	Judy Peter	Connie Lastine	Judy Peter
Sound Board	Tom Peter	Wes Lastine		Wes Lastine	Tom Peter	Wes Lastine	Tom Peter
Altar Guild	Gretchen Zitterich, Pat Thiede,	Geri Schulz, Dick & Linda Peterson →					
Video Recorder	Harry Mundt →						
Collate Bulletins	Alice Buck, Pam Mundt, Gretchen Z. →						