

# St. Paul Epistle - August 2015

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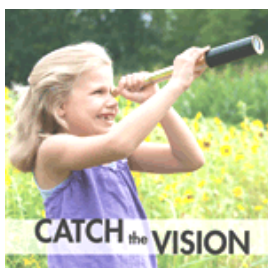
## A Letter from Your Pastor

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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,

During the past year our congregation, with much prayer and with God's guidance, worked through the process of developing a 10-year vision for the Lord's mission and ministry at St. Paul. This vision plan focuses our attention on 3 main goals, which were approved by our voters at their annual meeting in May:

- Reach out to our communities to provide Christian nurture and growth opportunities for families with children and youth.
- Disciples all of our members to be active in living out their faith in Jesus Christ in their daily lives in their communities, workplaces, neighborhoods and homes.
- Conduct a thorough assessment of our current facilities to determine their impact on successfully achieving our ministry goals, and make recommendations for changes over the next decade and beyond.

Now, to ask a good Lutheran question, what does this mean? It means that as we continue to serve our Savior, we want to devote more intentionality to the three items listed. Part of this will fall on the Board of Directors and various Kingdom Worker boards. Part of this will fall on the vice chair of the congregation, since the plan approved by the voters appointed the congregation's vice chair as overseer of the vision implementation process – or, as he has been called elsewhere, Vision Implementation Person (VIP).

However, another key part of this process is YOU! Your ideas are important. Your actions are significant. If you are willing to be involved in the implementation of any of the 3 listed goals, please let the vice chair of the congregation or me know. If you have any ideas about how we can implement the 3 goals listed above, please let me or the vice chair of the congregation know as well.

Maybe you remember these words from Scripture: "*Where there is no vision, the people perish*" (Proverbs 29:18). God is telling us that without His vision, apart from His Word, we will perish. As we continue implementation of the newly developed vision for St. Paul, your prayers are requested! Ask God to lead us and guide us. "*I know, O Lord, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to direct His steps*" (Jeremiah 10:23). "*The Lord has determined our path*" (Proverbs 20:24a).

Your partner in seeking and implementing God's plans and purposes,  
Pastor Jenks



## *Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, August 2*  
*Holy Communion*  
*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*

*Sunday, August 9*  
*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*

*Sunday, August 16*  
*Holy Communion*  
*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*



*Sunday, August 23*  
*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*

*Sunday, August 30*  
*Holy Communion*  
*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*

### **S.A.F.E. (Safe and Friendly Environment)**

To ensure that St. Paul Lutheran Church provides a safe and friendly environment for our children, youth, and dependent adults, the Board of Directors has approved the SAFE Policy and Procedures.



All individuals (paid or volunteer, adult, or teenage) who work with children, youth, and/or dependent adults at St. Paul must attend training sessions to inform them about the SAFE Policy and Procedures.

The S.A.F.E. (Safe and Friendly Environment) Applications can now be accessed on the St. Paul web site. Adult and Youth application forms can be downloaded to print and then manually filled out and mailed. Please Return completed applications to: the church office.

## SEPTOBERFEST UPDATE

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



The fun week-end will begin, Friday, Sept 18 with the showing of a **movie** in the tent. We will have hot dogs, popcorn and pop just like at the theatre. The movie will be announced later. The fun begins at 6:45 and you may bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Everyone is invited. Bring the whole family, friends and neighbors.



Saturday gets an early start with sunrise **exercise** on the church lawn. After a good workout, we will make smoothies or you will make your own.



The afternoon gets busy at 2 pm with events for all ages. **Games, inflatables, crafts and contests** for all ages just like an old time celebration. Then at 5 you are all invited to relax a little with grilled **brats, burgers** and all the fixings from the **tailgate party** in the parking lot.

At 6:20 pm, we will have a short **devotion** in the sanctuary before we listen to our own **St Paul Quartet** (Kevin Dougan, Steve Wilcken, Eric Phipps, and Denny Ingwersen) and at 7 pm "**Higher Power**" will share their gospel music with us.



To end the fun day, we will gather in the tent for a **dessert social**.

Sunday will be a special day with regular church service inside at 8:30, Sunday school for the children and fun trivia for the adults in the tent. The 11 o'clock service will be outside in the tent and a free catered dinner for all will be held after church.

We have a busy fun weekend planned and one more fun thing is the pie baking contest for Sunday. Get your best pie recipe and bring a pie to be used for dessert and voted on. We will crown the winner of the best pie voted on by the dinner guests.



Practice your yodeling, get your Heritage costumes ready and anything that will make this a special, fun day. How about a polka? Maybe our dancers can perform a polka for everyone.

We will be giving out tickets for the Sunday Dinner.

# SEPTOBERFEST

# Youth News

## Do you like to work with youth along with other members who like to do the same?

Do you want to serve your church and Lord in a way that benefits our young members? Then we have a position for YOU! We are searching for SR. LYF leaders to work with our Board to help get the 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders more involved or to be able to have separate activities from the other grades. LYF meets once a month. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Carla Murphy.

## LET'S KICK OFF THE YOUTH YEAR

Midweek/LYF Kick off will be **Aug. 25**. We encourage ALL youth and parents to attend this meal and meeting. For the LYF portion, you will meet the members of the Youth Board, we will discuss events we want to do, get input and ideas from the youth themselves, have youth and parents sign and turn in participation forms, and go over expectations of the year. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact Carla Murphy, Board of Youth Chair.

## Mark your Calendars now!

Our first LYF event will be Wed., Sept 9 after Midweek. This event will be for all grades. We will carpool to McFarland Park for a Scavenger Nature Hike and have a bonfire and cook hot dogs and S'mores. Look for more info as the event gets closer.

**SEPTEMBER**

## Youth please help at Septoberfest

If you are a youth in grade 7-12, we could use your help at the Septoberfest event.

We need youth to help primarily with games on Saturday, Sept. 19. If interested, please contact Carla Murphy or Karen Griffin.

We will be getting registration and more information in August to pass along, but please think about and prayerfully consider attending one of these special gatherings just for youth and their leaders. You will meet other youth within the District, have Bible studies, guest speakers, music, fellowship and more! If we have enough interested in attending, the Board of Youth can help with registration fees or any fundraising.

## FALL IOWA DISTRICT WEST YOUTH GATHERINGS IN DES MOINES

There are 2 youth gatherings this fall in Des Moines we are hoping to be able take some youth to.

The first is the IDW Jr. Youth Gathering "Searching" Oct. 24-25 at the Sheraton in Des Moines. It is \$125 per participant.

The second is the IDW Sr. Youth Gathering Nov. 20-22 at the Embassy Suites in downtown Des Moines. It is \$195 per participant (covers registration, 2 breakfasts, Sat. night banquet and 2 nights lodging). The theme is "Hello, My Name is.." based on 1 Peter 2:9-10.

# Education News

I would like to thank the Board of Education and members of St. Paul for thinking of me on my graduation with the gift of the quilt! I was able to display the quilt on my chair during my open house and many people commented how beautiful it was! I was proud to tell them that my church gave it to me. It is indeed a blessing that our family is part of such a wonderful congregation. I can't wait to begin the next chapter of my life at Iowa State University. Go Cyclones – Katie Dryer

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

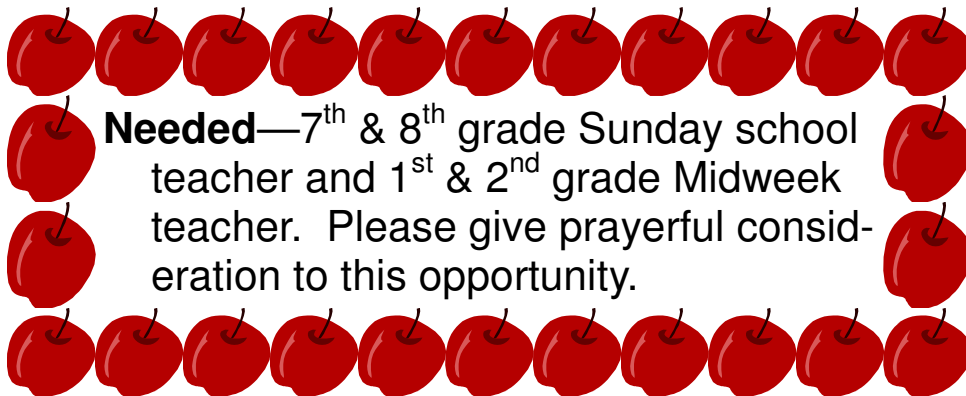
  
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Classes*



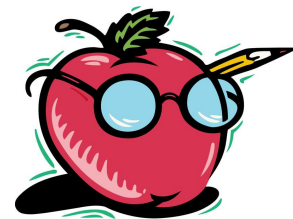
**Save the Dates!**

**Midweek & LYF Kick off event-  
Wed., August 26**

**Rally Day- Sunday, September 13**



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



**Teacher  
Needed**





# Stewardship News

## Stewardship Is More Than Giving Money!

The word *stewardship* comes from the Greek word *oikenomous*, which means somebody who manages a household. A person doesn't own the household but manages it. We are not the owners but have been trusted with resources and the care of everything God has provided...creation, gifts and talents, money, time, and the gospel; all to be used for the sake of God's purposes in the world.

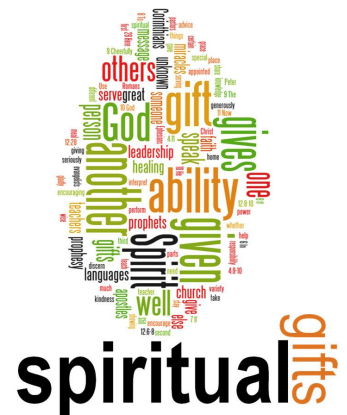
We might think of stewardship as fundraising to pay off the building and to cover the pastor's salary. But we should see that we are trustees of talents, gifts, time, treasure, and the culture and values in the society around us. As Christian stewards (servants to God and his people) we are often hesitant to embrace this mindset and behavior.

Some people define ministry by what they see the minister doing, which is proclaiming the Word of God and caring for people's souls. And that's tragic, because ministry is more than that. The word *ministry* in both Greek and Hebrew is the same word as *servant*. And servants are people who are at the disposal of another. And so once we replace the word *ministry* with the word *service*, we begin to see that stewardship is ministry in the sense that all of us, not just pastors, are responsible to do what God wants and are accountable to Him. Of course, we hope to do that in the power of the Spirit, with the anointing touch of God. But it's a service to God and to the world simultaneously. So, the word *ministry* points to the source and the ultimate goal, and the word *stewardship* implies the care of people, resources, gifts and talents, and the grace of God.

Stewardship is another way of talking about ministry, and it would revolutionize ministry if people could think of it in terms of stewardship—that we are accountable to God for what we do with what He has entrusted to us.

We can all be ministers in this sense!

***Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10***



# Human Care News

## Bethesda Food Pantry

**Sunday, August 16th, 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".



## BACKPACK DRIVE

The Board of Human Care is collecting new backpacks for children in need to use in the upcoming school year. There will be a collection bin at the front entrance of the church through the end of September. Thanks for your help with this drive!

## 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](http://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

## Report from Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance

On June 23, GNEA board met at the Good Neighbor office at 613 Clark Ave. To date through June 19, Good Neighbor has provided rent and/or utilities assistance to 337 households and 4,568 Healthy Food vouchers to 1,142 households. The agency has also distributed 220 gas vouchers in the same period of time. These totals will be very near the numbers in FY 13 – 14; which were rent/utilities 345 households, Healthy Food vouchers (HFVP) 4,720 to 1,180 households and 207 gas vouchers distributed.



M. Fritz will meet with PCI Academy to discuss possible reinstating the distribution of “Haircut Vouchers”. This program was discontinued earlier this year by PCI. This is a program which is not widely used, but is a good benefit for some clients.

The “Tuscan Dinner” which is a major fund raiser for the HFVP, will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church on Sunday August 23. A social time will start at 6:00 with dinner beginning at 6:30. The meal will be prepared by Terry Lowman (past owner of Lucullan’s Italian Grill). Tickets are \$35 and are available from your Faith Group representative or they can be purchased from Mike Fritz/ Good Neighbor office located at 613 Clark St. (phone – (515) 296-1449).

Another important date is November 8 at 2:00 for the Choir Concert fundraiser, which will be held at Collegiate Presbyterian Church.

The next board meeting will be held on August 18 at noon at the Good Neighbor Office at 613 Clark Ave.

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



**Conversational Dinners** - Just Looking Ahead!!! Summer is flying by and it's time to plan for the 2015 - 2016 Conversational Dinners. Please mark your calendars for our fall kick-off event on Sunday evening, September 13th. More details to follow. Let us know if you have an idea for an evening's event....thanks. See you in September.

## FANTASY FOOTBALL ANYONE?

It's time for the second annual St. Paul Fantasy Football league. It's for fun and it's for free. Winner gets bragging rights. Watch for more information to come. Sign up sheet will be posted soon. We can have a group get together to review league set up and general information meeting if it is desired.

Please contact John Murphy or the church office for details





# Women of St. Paul

**LWML Sunday is coming up in October.** The Women of St. Paul are looking for someone to Chair or Co-chair the organization of this service. If you are a good organizer and would like to help the WOSP with this event, please talk to Linda Peterson at 515-832-2472 or 515-835-1935.



## BACK TO SCHOOL - MISSION GRANT STORY

For many people, the season of autumn is their favorite. Fall reminds us of the beautiful sight of leaves changing colors and falling off the trees, harvest time of crops, apple cider, and enjoying being outside with nature in the mild and delightful temperatures.

The calendar may designate January 1 as the beginning of the New Year. For many of us, however, fall seems like the real start of a new year. There is a certain excitement following the summer and vacation time. Many of us are dictated by school schedules when it's a time to start fresh and embrace new changes.

Those changes can mean new schools, new teachers, perhaps making new friends due to a move, and new school clothes. Many of our societies are gearing up for their fall programming, zones are planning their fall rallies and events, retreats are being scheduled, and districts are

busy planning for their conventions in 2016. Adapting to these new changes is easier for some than for others. But all of us can be challenged to make one important resolution: to spend time in God's Word on a daily basis. In His Word our Lord reveals Himself and His will for our lives. His revelation informs our hearts, heads, and hands and transforms our lives and lifestyles.

Please continue to pray for your LWML, its members and leaders. Let us also pray for the 2015-2017 mission grants that were voted on just a short time ago at Des Moines. In Lamentations, we are reminded that God's compassions never fail; they are new every morning; great is [His] faithfulness! (Lamentations 3:21-23) Because of His new mercies and grace each day, we can be confident in facing any "new" beginnings in September.

## The LWML Retreat is coming up September 12 at Mission Central.

The registration form was sent out by email and there are also some on the bulletin board. We will want to send in our registration forms soon as space is limited. We will be posting a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for carpooling. We will for sure have one car going, maybe two!



## Women of St. Paul

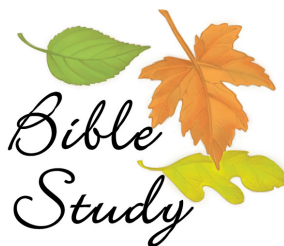
### Women's summer Bible study:



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.



**Women's fall Bible study:** Sept 14, the women's Bible study group will begin a new study on 1 & 2 Thessalonians titled "Children of the Day" by Beth Moore. We will meet every Monday from 5:45 to 7:00 pm in the youth room. Books will be \$10. "You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness." 1 Thessalonians 5:5

### "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 Thursday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, at Judi Charlson's home at 7 p.m. We are discussing *Seeking Allah: Finding Jesus* by Nabeel Qureshi.



Date	Hostess	Book
Sept 10, 2015 Thursday	Judi Charlson	<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

# August 2015 Service Roster

	Aug 2 8:30	Aug 2 11:00	Aug 9 8:30	Aug 9 11:00	Aug 16 8:30	Aug 16 11:00	Aug 23 8:30	Aug 23 11:00	Aug 30 8:30	Aug 30 11:00
Organist	Mary Nelson		Ellen Sander		LaDonna Osborn		Praise Team		LaDonna Osborn	
Elders			→							
Lectors	Dawn Schulte	Caitlyn Chellew	Adanga Biddle—Rousch	Caitlyn Chellew	Ron Juelfs	Matthew Latuska	Ron Juelfs	Matthew Latuska	Ron Juelfs	Matthew Latuska
Acolytes	Morgan Tupper	Ben Gebhart			Jordan Vetter	Tracy Gillen			Isaac Harris	Abby Tibben
Greeters	Claudia Biddle, Vic & Geri Schulz	Tom & Beth Henriksen, Becky Jackson, Matthew Latuska	→							
Ushers	Merle & Marcy Suntken, Dean & Ardy Ulrichson	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Denny & Shirley Tice	Merle & Marcy Suntken, Dave & Judi Charlson	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Denny & Shirley Tice	Merle & Marcy Suntken, Matt & Sandra Pflug	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Denny & Shirley Tice	Merle & Marcy Suntken, Dean & Ardy Ulrichson	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Denny & Shirley Tice	Merle & Marcy Suntken, Dean & Ardy Ulrichson	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Denny & Shirley Tice
Coffee Fellowship										
Altar Flowers						Tom & Judy Peter				
Offering Counters	Denny & Shirley Tice	→								
Power Point	Cindy Baas	Lisa Wilson	Cindy Baas	Lisa Wilson	Cindy Baas	Lisa Wilson	Connie Lastine	Lisa Wilson	Cindy Baas	Lisa Wilson
Sound Board	Tom Baas	Thomas Wilson	Tom Baas	Thomas Wilson	Tom Baas	Thomas Wilson	Wes Lastine	Greg Van-Nostrand	Tom Baas	Thomas Wilson
Altar Guild	Becky Juelfs, Sharron Martin	Jan Ziebell, Gretchen Zitterich	→							
Video Recorder	Tom Peter	→								
Collate Bulletins	Dick & Linda Peterson	→								