

# St. Paul Epistle - September 2015

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## A Letter from Your Pastor

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### Our Mission is:

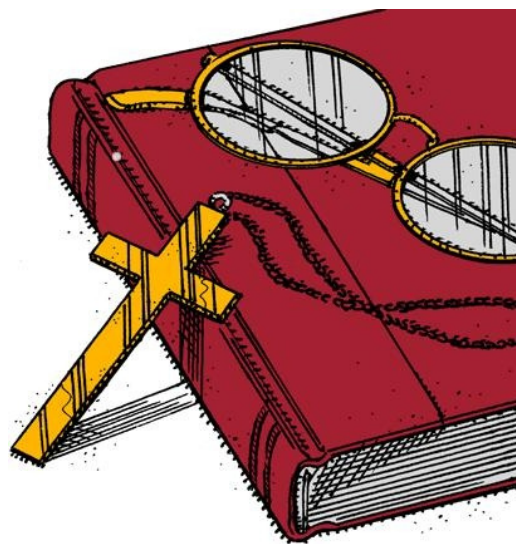
- To Know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
- To Grow in faith through His Sacraments and Word, and
- To Go share His Gospel with love in our community and world.



Where do you turn in Scripture to discover who Jesus is and what Jesus has done for you? Usually we turn first to the Gospels. Perhaps next you turn to what the apostles preached about Jesus in Acts, or what Paul wrote about Jesus in his Epistles. But do you ever consider the book of Hebrews as a treasure trove of insight into Jesus Christ and His role in your life?

Hebrews paints a picture of the person and work of Jesus. Hebrews tells us of Jesus' work as mediator of the New Covenant, which had been promised and foretold under the Old Covenant. Hebrews reminds us that Jesus is our Great High Priest, the final revelation of God's grace. Hebrews reassures us that Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice, covering our sins with His blood, so that we can have confidence in our faith. Hebrews does all this and more through a wondrously rich and deep theological discussion and exposition.

Do you want to know more about Jesus? Then come explore Hebrews with us! We will be digging into the book of Hebrews at our Sunday morning adult Bible study this fall, starting on September 13. Come to our sessions on Sundays from 9:45-10:45 a.m.



Let us keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Hebrews 12:2

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

*Sunday, September 6*

*One Service Only*

*Holy Communion*

*10:00 a.m.*

*Sunday, September 13*

*Education Rally Day*

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



*Sunday, September 20*

*Septoerfest*

*Holy Communion*

*8:30 (Inside)*

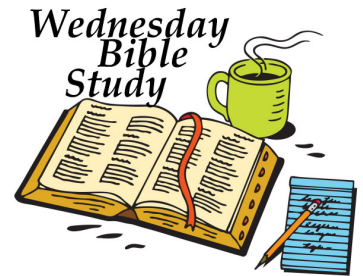
*& 11:00 a.m. (In Tent)*

*Sunday, September 27*

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

### **New Wednesday Morning Bible Study Starts September 9**

Why does God allow suffering? How do we cope with hard times in life? Where is the Lord's hand when hardships make God's plan hard to understand? These questions and others like them are explored in the book of Job, part of the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament. This fall our Wednesday morning Bible study will explore the purpose of life's struggles as we work through the book of Job. As we remember how God used the hardships in Job's life, we will be able to see how God is present in our struggles. We will meet Wednesday mornings in the fellowship hall from 10:30-11:30 a.m., starting on September 9. All are invited to attend. To prepare for our first session, read chapters 1-3 of Job.



**West Coatroom** There are several boxes, old posters, and other things related to some of our past church events in the west coatroom. Please check to see if any of these items belong to your board/group so they can be moved to a storage area in the basement. There are also lost and found items including glasses, toys, and coats that are in the west coatroom. Please check them over to see if any of these items belong to you. Thanks!



## SEPTOBERFEST UPDATE

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

The fun weekend 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 **7:00 pm** 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 **exercises at 7:30 am** on the church lawn. After a good workout, we will make smoothies or you can make your own.



The afternoon gets busy at **3 pm** with events for all ages. **Games, inflatables and contests** for all ages just like an old time celebration. Then at 5 pm 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 Singers** 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 by Hickory Park for all will be held after church. We will be giving out tickets for the Sunday Dinner.

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.



# SEPTOBERFEST

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.

### 1st Annual Bags Tournament!

There will be a bags tournament on Saturday September 19 starting at 3:00 PM. Get a partner and sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Winners will receive a yet to be determine prize.



# St. Paul Lutheran Preschool September 2015 News



## St. Paul Lutheran Preschool Welcomes New Preschool Teacher to the 4-Year-Old Lion Class

Here are a few words from Sandy:

"My name is Sandy VanNostrand and I will be teaching in the Lion class this year. I am a two-time graduate of Iowa State, the first time in 2008 with a Bachelor's in Child, Adult, and Family Service and the second time in 2011 with a Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education. I am licensed by the state of Iowa to teach children in pre-kindergarten to third grade in general and special education, as well as teach reading in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. My favorite age to work with is pre-school, and I have spent the last three years teaching preschool in Huxley."

"I think the best part of teaching preschoolers is their eagerness to learn and explore. So many concepts are new to them, yet they are so persistent in everything they attempt. Their excitement and happiness are contagious! As they begin to understand more about their emotions and how the world works, it is a wonderful time to build their love for Jesus. I believe that this foundation to their faith is just as critical as building a foundation for reading, math, and social skills."

We welcome Sandy to St. Paul Lutheran Preschool! Sandy and her husband Greg are members here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. They have one adorable daughter—Amelia.

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."  
Psalm 118:1



## Septoberfest 2015 Host Family Movie Night

On Friday, September 18th we welcome all families to join us for "Under the Stars Movie Night" at 6:45 p.m. This event is extra special because the movie is going to be held under a great BIG tent outside. Please arrive at 6:45 p.m. for grilled hot dogs & all the fixings, popcorn, a delicious drink and a special treat. Don't forget to bring your blankets, sleeping bags, pillows and/or lawn chairs as you kick back, relax, and watch a fun-filled movie.



What movie will be shown? All the children get to vote on which movie will be viewed on the large screen. The movie with the most votes will be shown. What if it rains? Don't worry. The movie will be moved inside with all the delicious refreshments and your soft comfortable things to sit on. You won't want to miss this FUN night!

## September Events



September 8—Preschool Open House

September 18—"Under the Stars Movie Night"

September 21—Preschool Picture Day

September 25—St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon



# Youth News



## Youth --

Let's get back to nature and enjoy God's creation! All youth in grades 1-12 are invited to our first youth event on Wednesday, Sept. 9. We will meet at the church at 5:30 pm after midweek and carpool to McFarland Park for a nature hike, a nature scavenger hunt and a bonfire for hot dogs and s'mores. Look for permission forms available in the lobby.



### St. Paul Youth Show Talents at the State Fair

Congratulations to 3 of our youth who were chosen to be participants at the State Fair. Erin Barnes and Katie Barnes had exhibits in the Ag Building, Katie also gave an educational presentation and had a working display in the 4H Building. Erin Murphy performed with the Irish Performance Dance Team at the Susan Knapp Amphitheater.

### Attention Youth

If you have a special event (play/musical, concert, etc) or sport that you are participating in, please let the Bd of Youth know so we can recognize you and possibly attend to show our support!

### **We now have leaders for Sr. LYF activities!**

They are Thomas and Lisa Wilson. So high school youth, if there are any activities you would like to do as a group this year, please let them know or Carla Murphy, the Board of Youth Chair.

## 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.

We now have registration and more information 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.



# Stewardship News

## THE PRACTICE OF STEWARDSHIP: A SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

Our society tells us that what we have belongs to us, to use as we wish. The Bible tells us that everything belongs to God, and we are the stewards, or managers, of that which God has entrusted to us. The practice of Christian stewardship begins with hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is the power of the Holy Spirit working through Word and Sacrament that changes our hearts and wills so that we become the generous children of God.

The practice of Christian stewardship continues by providing opportunities for people to live out their faithful and joyful response to the Good News of Jesus. Stewardship is everything that we do after we say, "I believe".

The practice of Christian stewardship involves the way we devote our time and energy in daily life to God by serving others. As we are faithful in our vocations (family, citizen, job, member of a congregation, friend, etc.), we serve God with our activities of daily living, some of which occur within the congregation, but most of which occur outside of our congregation.

As people who have received all things as gifts from God, including personal talents, skills, interests, and the ability and desire to develop these, we should, in service and praise to God, share a portion of what we have been given with others.

*1 Corinthians 12:4-7 "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in every person for the good of all."*

St. Paul Stewardship Team



# Human Care News

## Bethesda Food Pantry

**Sunday, September 20th, 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 east 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



**Conversational Dinners** - an evening of fellowship and food for the adult members of St. Paul, singles or couples, Come and see what you are missing...

**Conversational Dinners "Season Opener".** Tail Gate Party .... Away Game...

Our 2015 Season Opener is an "away game" in Webster City. Kick off is set for Sunday, September 13th at 5:30pm.

Alberta and Phil Voge are hosting our "Tail Gate Opener", so make plans to travel North to Webster City and enjoy the first "game of the season". Mark your calendars now....full "game plan" will be available September 1st. It's game on! Contact Coach Ellen Sander ([druellen@hotmail.com](mailto:druellen@hotmail.com) or 292-3574) if you have a question.

**We are sponsoring an "Undie Sunday"** on the same Sunday as we collect food items for Bethesda (**Sept. 20th**). The undies are for children and adults - any sizes - in new condition! The undies will be delivered to Bethesda to be distributed through their clothing pantry.



## Serving



## OTHERS

## Helping those in Need

**Items for HOPE ministries:** Shoes -any condition but please bind/tie together; Purses and leather belts; Socks and underwear for all ages. (No one wants used underwear and appreciates new undies).

**Bethesda Food Pantry:** Groceries! (If you have something you can't use, bring it to share). Checks are always welcome, just put in the box with the cross on it - we check it weekly. Monetary donations allow the food pantry to buy what they need at a greatly reduced cost.

**Lion's Club:** Eyeglasses. (Box is located on top of the coatrack).

**Riverside Manor:** Small trinkets/items for Bingo prizes. (Box located on shelf of WEST coatrack).

**Old Cell Phones and Ink Cartridges for LWML:** Bring us your old cell phones (with charger) and home and/or office ink cartridges and place them in the container on the cart outside the east fellowship hall doors.

Thank you for all you bring to the collection corner in the EAST entryway, it is all used and appreciated.

# Women of St. Paul

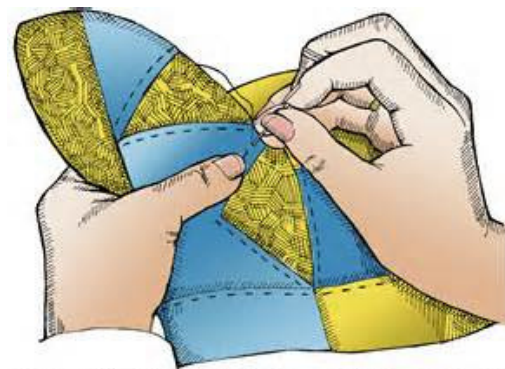
## Family Service Quilting Group

We will meet Thursday, September 10 and 24, and continue to make 60x80" quilts for Lutheran Family Service. Starting time for both dates is 10 a.m., with a break for lunch at noon (remember your sack lunch). On the 10th, we will quilt until

2 p.m. On the 24th, we will have our monthly meeting at 1 p.m. which includes a devotion and a dessert, also ending around 2 p.m.

Newcomers are always welcome especially as winter approaches and our snow birds depart. Sewing skills are not required. It is helpful to be able to put a pin into fabric, tie a knot, and use a scissors -- but this is not a requirement as we can provide training.

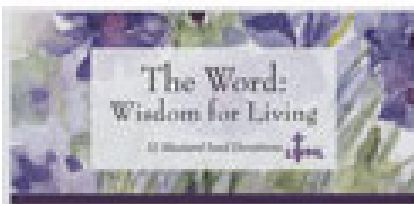
We like fabric, and should you choose to cut it into squares for us, that is fantastic. We use 11x11-inch squares, and occasionally, 9.5 x 9.5 squares. Gently used sheets and bedding are also useful. These items can be put into the "Quilter's" box.



QUILTING GROUP

## The History of Mustard Seed Devotional Packets

The seed of the mustard plant is among the smallest of seeds, yet from this small seed grows a large bush. Jesus used the analogy of a mustard seed to show how something small and seemingly inconsequential can have a powerful impact.



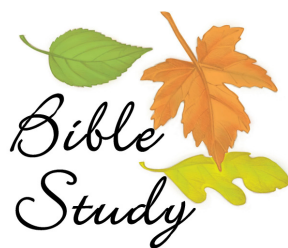
In 1971 the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) developed a new series of short personal Bible studies called Mustard Seeds. These individual leaflets were designed initially to help women working outside the home share their faith during coffee breaks and lunch hour discussions. Over the years the LWML developed numerous

Mustard Seeds packets, all on different topics.

Mustard Seeds packets are used both for personal Bible study and as an evangelism or witness tool. The newest packets in this series include a devotional text, clear Gospel message and include the complete text of quoted scripture. With these additions to a time honored product, the LWML hopes that Mustard Seeds continue to be a strong, vibrant tool for Christian growth and Gospel sharing.

Order Mustard seed packets from [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

## Women of St. Paul



### Women's fall Bible study:

Sept 14, the women's Bible study group will begin a new study on 1 & 2 Thessalonians

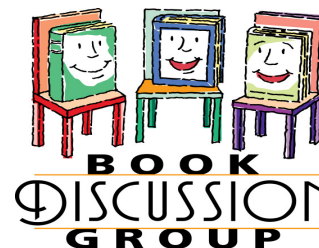
titled "Children of the Day" by Beth Moore. We will meet every Monday from 5:45 to 7:00 pm in the youth room. Books will be \$10. "You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness." 1 Thessalonians 5:5

**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 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. This book is an eye-opener into the Muslim culture and why it is so hard to reach them with the gospel. Everyone should read it!



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

## September 2015 Service Roster

	<b>Sept 6 10:00- only one service</b>	<b>Sept 13 8:30</b>	<b>Sept 13 11:00</b>	<b>Sept 20 8:30</b>	<b>Sept 20 11:00</b>	<b>Sept 27 8:30</b>	<b>Sept 27 11:00</b>
Organist	LaDonna Osborn	Ellen Sander		Mary Nelson		Praise Team	
Elders	Steve Johnson	Steve Johnson	Matt Weiss →				
Lectors	Linda Peterson	Linda Peterson	Becky Jackson	David Hagan	Becky Jackson	David Hagan	Becky Jackson
Acolytes	Morgan Tupper			Tracy Gillen	Jaden Ask		
Greeters	Sharron Martin, Paul & Adele Knop	Sharron Martin, Paul & Adele Knop	Steve & Marlene Johnson, Doug & Jill Litwiller →				
Ushers	Tom & Cindy Baas, Matt & Sandra Pflug	Tom & Cindy Baas, Dean & Ardy Ulrichson	Greg & Ben Gebhart, Becky Jackson, Matthew Latuska	Tom & Cindy Baas, Matt & Sandra Pflug	Greg & Ben Gebhart, Becky Jackson, Matthew Latuska	Tom & Cindy Baas, Matt & Sandra Pflug	Greg & Ben Gebhart, Becky Jackson, Matthew Latuska
Coffee Fellowship	No coffee today						
Coffee Time		Ron Belz →					
Altar Flowers							
Offering Counters	Greg & Nicole Gebhart →						
Power Point	Linda Naeve	Julie Coy	Linda Naeve	Julie Coy	Linda Naeve	Julie Coy	Linda Naeve
Sound Board	Harry Mundt	Harry Mundt	Denny Ingwersen	Harry Mundt	Greg Van-Nostrand	Harry Mundt	Denny Ingwersen
Altar Guild	Becky Juelfs, Geri Schulz, Gretchen Zitterich →						
Video Recorder	John Murphy →						
Collate Bulletins	Joyce Stoner & Sharron Martin →						