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A Letter from your Pastor

Friends in Christ – This month we have some extra special celebrations.

February 7 – Transfiguration Sunday/Team Sunday

-- Remember how Peter, James and John witnessed Jesus transfigured on the mountain? Peter wanted to stay on the mountaintop; he even volunteered to build booths there. However, Jesus had to come down from the mountain, as He had work to do. Likewise, Jesus had work for Peter, James and John to do after Christ finished His work of winning our salvation. This special Sunday, hosted by your Board of Education, will remind everyone in our congregation that we are all part of God's team at St. Paul – the same team as those mountain men. You are invited to wear your favorite team shirt today (options include a sports team's shirt or a religious shirt/St. Paul shirt indi-

cating you are on God's team). *"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it"* (1 Corinthians 12:27).

February 21 – Loyalty Sunday

-- How did Christ show His loyalty to us? He went to the cross for us. How do we show our loyalty to Jesus? We serve Him by using the blessings He has bestowed in the work of His kingdom. This Sunday will be hosted by the Board of Stewardship and will remind us of the abundant blessings we have been given through Jesus and the ongoing opportunities to use those blessings to the glory of God. *"Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness"* (2 Corinthians 10:10).

February 28 – Preschool Sunday -- Our Synod encourages each congregation to

February 2016

designate a Sunday to give thanks for its Lutheran school. Join us as we celebrate Preschool Sunday! Our preschool children will attend the 11:00 service to sing praises to our Savior. You will have an opportunity to welcome the children and their families. It is a joy to hear the Lord's little lambs share the message of Jesus' love! *"From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise"* (Psalm 8:2).

You are warmly invited to attend these special worship opportunities and also our Wednesday evening Lenten worship services described elsewhere in this newsletter.

Your pastor and worship officiant,

Pastor Jenks

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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.

Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 7

Team Sunday

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Wednesday, February 10

Ash Wednesday Service

Holy Communion

7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 14

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 17

Lent II - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 21

Loyalty Sunday

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 24

Lent III - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 28

Preschool Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Lenten Suppers and Services

Lenten Services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 10

This month we again begin the season of Lent. Services of reflection will be held each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Our theme this Lent will be "Places of the Passion." Come with us to the places where Christ encountered the events of His earthly ministry's

unfolding, from the upper room to the Garden of Gethsemane, from the courtyard of Pilate to the execution site known as Golgotha.

Our Wednesday evening Lenten services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 10. Our Ash Wednesday service will include the imposition of ashes and the celebration of the

Lord's Supper. Come worship with us this Lent as we remember Christ's suffering and sacrifice to bring us God's love and forgiveness.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Mortgage Update by Drue Sander, Treasurer

LET'S BURN THE MORTGAGE IN 2016 – At the request of the Board of Directors, I'm giving St. Paul members an update on our mortgage loan and our goal to retire that debt this year. On January 1, 2016 our principal balance is \$30,621.82. All praise and thanks to the Lord, we have come a long way. Now as our Vision Planning Team works to develop our action plans for the years ahead,

let's close the books, so to speak, on the efforts of our successful last strategic planning process by retiring our remaining debt. We ask that you accept this challenge and prayerfully consider using the Building Fund Envelopes in your packets to make an extra gift in the months ahead, to help accomplish this goal. Let's celebrate being debt free as we begin our new fiscal year in July 2016.



NOTICE - Iowa District West is discontinuing publishing the Harvest magazine. They will continue to publish IDW pages in The Lutheran Witness. If you would like to sign up to receive The Lutheran Witness, please see the directions below.

It's Lutheran Witness Renewal Time!

The current list is posted on the bulletin board. **Feb. 21 is the last day for ordering.**

If you want to continue to get the magazine, mark an OK next to your name and put your check for \$22.01 in the office mailbox. This price includes the insert from Iowa District West.

If you want to start getting the magazine, add your name to the blank form and put your check for \$22.01 in the office mailbox. This price includes the insert from Iowa District West.

If you want to stop getting the magazine, just cross your name off the list.



Education and Youth

Fall Sunday School Offerings Surpass Goal – TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

This fall our Sunday school children collected offerings in support of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation's **PEOPLE NEEDING GOD – sharing the Gospel with the kids of Papua New Guinea**. LHF works to translate a Bible Stories book as well as the Catechism for children of PNG. For \$5 a book can be shared with a child of PNG. We targeted a goal of \$575, enough to match our roster of 115 kids from 3 years – 12th grade. **We surpassed our goal by collecting \$601.35 in offerings – enough to support the purchasing of 120 books for children in the country of Papua New Guinea!**

This Spring the St. Paul Sunday School children will be collecting cash donations to support the **ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN**.



The Orphan Grain Train is a 501c3 Nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan

Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us.

Since 1992, Orphan Grain Train's 22 regional locations have delivered more than 10 million meals and 2,505 shipments of humanitarian aid to needy people in 25 states and 64 countries on 5 continents. An additional 330 semi-loads of hay and forage products were delivered in 2002-03 to drought-stricken farmers in the Midwest during Operation Hay and Grain Lift. In 2014, Orphan Grain Train built a mobile chapel with help from a grant funded by LCMS Disaster Relief division for St. John's Lutheran Church in Pilger, NE after their church was demolished by a F4 tornado.

The mission of Orphan Grain Train is uniquely dependent upon dedicated volunteers, many of whom have given numerous years of service for the sake of others. Since 1992, more than 3.5 million hours have been volunteered!

Orphan Grain Train is a recognized service organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). Many shipments have been in cooperation with Lutheran Hour Ministries, LCMS World Mission, LCMS World Relief, and other Christian ministries.

Education and Youth

MINI OLYMPICS AT ST. PAUL

On Wednesday, January 13 LYF was supposed to go to Perfect Games, but due to a scheduling conflict we had to change plans last minute. So, since 2016 is the year of the Olympics, we decided to hold our own mini version of the Olympics in the Fellowship Hall! (See pictures on the next page.)

We ate pizza and then had a "light" ceremony to begin our games. We had 26 youth in grades 1-8 divide into teams. We had the "Butter Flies", the "Swaggers", the "Bee's", the "6 Mustachateers" and the "Mike Hawk" team.

Teams competed in the Scooter Race, Putt Putt Golf, Bean Bag Toss, Paper Airplane Archery, Bounce-Off game and Finger Football. Two teams tried Volleyball, but we had equipment issues so we had to cancel that event.

All went home with various prizes including certificates for DQ ice cream and knowledge knowing we are all winners in Christ!

COME BE "COOL" WITH US

All youth in grades 1-12 are invited to join us ice skating on Sunday, February 28.



You do not need to know how to skate to come have fun. There are other youth who can help you learn. The Board of Youth will pay for admission and skate rental for our St. Paul Youth but you will need your own money for any concessions. Friends are welcome to come with you but must also sign a permission form and will need to pay their own way. We will leave the church at 1:30 pm and carpool to the Ames Ice Arena. We will Not be returning to the church so parents will need to pick up their child(ren) at the ice arena at 4pm.

YOUTH TO TEAM UP WITH HUMAN CARE

On Feb. 3 we plan to visit more church shut-ins we didn't get to visit in November. Youth will join members of Human Care on this event to make cards and cookies.

Hey Youth – It's time to think about going to summer camp at Camp Okoboji!

Jr. High Week – July 10-16 : Campers who have completed 6th-8th grades. Meet new friends, engage in Bible study, crafts, music, and recreation such as archery, 9 square and gaga ball. Cost: \$310 before June 10.

Concordia Cub Week - July 17-23: For campers who have completed 3rd-6th grades. Events include archery, canoeing, gaga pit, ultimate Frisbee, 4-way soccer, and cabin challenge times. Cost: \$330 before June 10.

Youth Week - July 24-30: Campers who have completed 8th-12th grades experience in depth Bible study, team building, sports, crafts, music and more! Cost: \$320 if before June 24.

The Board of Youth has funds set aside to help finance any St. Paul youth attending any of these camps. For more information, please contact Carla Murphy.



Education and Youth



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Women of St. Paul & Family Service Group

To all the ladies of the Boone Zone LWML Societies and the ladies of the church societies of Ogden

The LWML Societies of
Zion Lutheran Church, Ogden, Iowa
(319 Elm Street)
invite all of you
to their 16th annual

Salad Supper and Dessert Bar
Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6:30 pm

The program will be "WANTED: "Workers in God's Harvest Field"

We look forward to seeing many of you for an evening of fine food and fellowship!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

February 11: Quilters will meet from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. We will be working on lap robes for Hospice House as well as on quilts.



February 25: We begin at 10 a.m., break for lunch, then meet at 1 p.m. for our devotion, meeting, and dessert. Hope you can join us for one or both times -- remember your sack lunch.

Thank you to my St. Paul family for all the prayers, thoughts and well wishes when I had surgery & was in the hospital. Thanks be God, I am now fully recovered!

Michelle Flynn



Ash Wednesday Soup & Pie Supper

LWML/WOSP will be hosting the Ash Wednesday Lenten SOUP & PIE SUPPER on February 10th at 5:45 P.M. Please note the time change as the Board of Directors has given the OK to begin 15 minutes earlier than in the past. This first supper is always well received and attended. Serving earlier will give all a chance to participate (we will serve all who attend) and will also give the kitchen help time to clear the kitchen and finish clean-up so they can attend the service at the beginning. Please be thinking about what you can bring to the supper. The sign-up sheet has already been posted.



Women of St. Paul

LWML Mite Update:

National- (as of 12/31/15)

Mission Goal for 2015-2017 Biennium: \$2,000,000

Amount Received: \$661,719.06

For more information about the LWML visit the website at lwml.org.



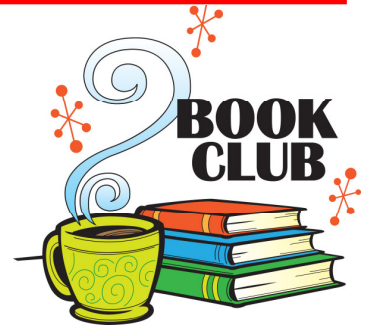
Do you know what is going on in the Iowa West District of the LWML?

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”

Everyone is invited to join us. We will meet on Thursday, Feb 25th (new date) at Pam Hagen's home at 7 p.m. to discuss *The Veritas Conflict* by Shaunti Feldhahn. Barnes and Noble describes this book: “Claire Rivers races to the mailbox to receive a letter of acceptance to Harvard University while a heavenly battle rages. In this fast-paced, suspenseful novel, the ageless war for the hearts and minds of students on our college campuses is revealed. Conflict between unseen evil and angelic forces reflects their battle for victorious living amidst confused messages. When Claire and her roommate encounter attacks on their faith, a deeper mystery -- involving Harvard's Christian heritage, the pull of money, and a dark plan for societal corruption -- unfolds around them. Will they succumb to temptation and destruction? What has become of Harvard's founding motto: Veritas, Christo et Ecclesiae -- "Truth for Christ and the Church"? Can Claire -- with other praying students and their parents -- counteract the forces of humanism and relativism ... and what will it cost them to do so?” WOW... sounds like a great book to curl up with on a cold winter night! **At our April meeting we will be choosing books for the next year, so start compiling your list of suggestions.**



Date	Hostess	Book
Feb 25, 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

Stewardship

Nine-year-old Brent was in second grade when most children his age were fourth-graders.

Brent was big for his years, a clumsy fellow, and learning was always a struggle, but Brent was also a kindly soul, a gentle boy, a child who would always defend the underdog. Wishing to give their boy self-confidence, his parents encouraged him to audition for the Sunday school Christmas service.

Brent wanted to be a shepherd, but he was given the role of the innkeeper.

The teacher in charge of casting figured Brent's size would lend believability to the role when he had to refuse a room to Mary, Joseph and the soon-to-born Jesus. Brent's parents helped with his lines, and Brent learned to be firm as he told Joseph, "There was no room in the inn."

The night of the service, no one was more caught up in the story than Brent. That's why, when Joseph knocked on the painted cardboard door of the makeshift inn, Brent was ready. He flung the door open and asked menacingly, "What do you want?"

"We seek lodging," Joseph replied.

"Seek it elsewhere," Brent said in a firm and deep voice.

"There's no room in the inn."

"Please, good innkeeper," Joseph pleaded, "This is my wife, Mary. She is with child and is very tired. She needs a place to rest."

There was a long pause as Brent looked down at Mary. The teacher in charge of the service was prepared and whispered Brent's line: "No! Be gone!" Brent remained silent. In the best of acting tradition, the couple playing Mary and Joseph turned and began to slowly move into the darkness.

Seeing this, Brent called out, "Don't go! You can have *my* room."

Most people, when they hear that story, smile and are glad to see the kindness and compassion of this most special young man. They approve of what he did. But I wonder how many of us are ready to emulate Brent? How many would say and do what Brent did for the pretend parents of the Christ Child?

Each day we all receive requests for donations from needy causes. Some of them are good causes and some just look good. It is impossible for us to respond to all of them. Our purses and pockets are not deep enough to meet all of these needs.

But that doesn't mean we

should ignore all of those needs.

We who have been blessed by the Savior's sacrifice need to remember that He entered this world to help the spiritual beggars of this world: us. We were helpless sinners: people who had no chance of escaping the terrible punishment that awaited us. But Jesus came and gave Himself to pay the price for our forgiveness and salvation.

Now we *unworthies*, who have been blessed by His largesse, ought to do our best to help others. It's our way of saying "thanks" and honoring the Savior who gave so much for us. *(Jesus said) "And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'" Matthew 25:40*

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, in appreciation for the Savior's gift to me, I ask my heart be opened to those who are unfortunate. Although I may not be able to help everyone, let me reach out to someone. In Jesus' Name I ask it. Amen.

By Pastor Ken Klaus, Speaker Emeritus of **The Lutheran Hour**

February 2016 Service Roster

	Feb 7 8:30	Feb 7 11:00	Feb 14 8:30	Feb 14 11:00	Feb 21 8:30	Feb 21 11:00	Feb 28 8:30	Feb 28 11:00
Organist	Ellen Sander		Mary Nelson		Zach Heilman		Praise Team	
Elders	Phil Voge	Mark Swenson →						
Lectors	Reiny Friedrich	Gretchen Zitterich	Reiny Friedrich	Gretchen Zitterich	Jerry Schradle	Gretchen Zitterich	Jerry Schradle	Wayne Hagemoser
Acolytes	Katie Barnes	Morgan Tupper			Erin Murphy	Rori Olson		
Greeters	Reiny & Maureen Friedrich, Katie Friedrich	Kevin & Rita Dougan, Doug & Jill Litwiller →						
Ushers	Harry & Pam Mundt, Jerry Schradle, Vic Schulz	David Pietsch, Larry Wiebel, Ellen Sander, Becky Jackson →						
Coffee Fellowship								
Coffee Time Greeter	Tanny Latuska →							
Altar Flowers								
Offering Counters	Matt & Sandra Pflug →							
Power Point	Julie Coy	Doug Litwiller →						
Sound Board	Greg Van Nostrand	Charles Ellis →						
Altar Guild	Sharron Martin, Connie Buss,	Jan Ziebell, Karen Belz →						
Video Recorder	Steve Wilcken →							
Collate Bulletins	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke →							

Lent Services Roster

	Feb 10 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday	Feb 17 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Lent 2	Feb 24 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Lent 3
Organist	Mary Nelson	Ellen Sander	Mary Nelson
Elder	Greg Gebhart	Steve Johnson	Phil Voge
Acolyte	Hannah Fritz		
Lector	Marilyn Hagemoser	Becky Jackson	Steve Johnson
Ushers	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Ron Coy, David Pietsch	Scott & Brenda Dryer, Becky Jackson, Matthew Latuska	Steve & Marlene Johnson, Vic Schulz, Nick Schieffer
Greeters	Wayne & Marilyn Hagemoser	Tom & Beth Henriksen	Paul & Adele Knop
Offering Counters	Matt & Sandra Pflug	Matt & Sandra Pflug	Matt & Sandra Pflug
Power Point	Julie Coy	Greg VanNostrand	Linda Naeve
Sound- board	Harry Mundt	John Murphy	John Murphy
Collate bulletins	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke



Blessed
is the
one who
trusts
in you!

PSALM 84:12, ESV





*Now you are the body
of Christ, and each one
of you is a part of it.
1 Corinthians 12:27*

We are all on God's Team!

Sunday, February 7, 2016

Show your team spirit by coming to church
and Sunday School as a fan.

You can participate by:

1. Wearing your favorite team colors or jersey
(any sport, any team - high school, college or pro)
2. Wearing a St. Paul shirt



St. Paul Lutheran Preschool

February 2016 News



2016-2017 REGISTRATION at St. Paul Lutheran Preschool

- During the month of February St. Paul Lutheran Preschool church members and St Paul Lutheran Preschool families may be the first to sign-up their children for class.
- During the month of March preschool registration is open to all families in the community.
- As usual our classes are on a first come— first serve basis.
- BooSt Tuition Assistance Scholarships are available with the availability of the program.
- Also available for families is our **Before Preschool Care** for parents who need to drop off their children earlier than the beginning of the preschool day. Children can be dropped-off between 7:30 a.m.— 9:00 a.m. before their preschool day begins. The cost for Before Preschool Care is \$5/day.

More applications are on the table in front of the preschool office. Please share applications with family and friends of preschoolers. Also an Application for Enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year can be downloaded at www.saintpaulames.org/preschool. If you have any questions please contact Lori Jenks—Preschool Director at 233-1914 or education@saintpaulames.org.



Name of Class	Age by Sept. 15	Class Options	Time of Class
Lamb Class	3-Years-Old	1) Mondays/Thursday 2) Tuesdays/Fridays 3) Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays	9 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
Lion Class	4-and-5-Years Old	1) Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays 2) Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays	8:45 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.” 1 John 4:7



Sunday, February 28th is **St. Paul Lutheran Preschool Sunday**. Preschoolers will be singing during the 11:00 a.m. service. As we thank God for Christian Early Childhood Education here at St. Paul, we also thank God for the preschoolers who attend preschool in the Lamb and Lion Classes.

Application for Enrollment 2016-2017

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool

610 15th Street Ames, IA 50010

phone 515-233-1914 education@saintpaulames.org



Jesus said to them,
"Let the little children
come to me ...for the
kingdom of God
belongs to such as
these." Mark 10:14



Child Information	Name of Child (First, Middle, and Last)	Gender
Birth ____ / ____ / ____	Street Address (Address, City, Zip)	Phone

Parent Information	Mother	Father
Name		
Occupation		
Employer		
E-mail		
Daytime Phone		
Cell Phone		

Class Selection Please check the class for which you are applying. Registration Fee is \$35.00

Check One	Class	Meets	Time	Tuition (Non-Member)	Tuition (St. Paul Member)
<input type="checkbox"/>	3-Year-Old (Lamb)	Monday & Thursday	9:00 am - 11:30 am	\$100.00/month	\$95.00/month
<input type="checkbox"/>	3-Year-Old (Lamb)	Tuesday & Friday	9:00 am - 11:30 am	\$100.00/month	\$95.00/month
<input type="checkbox"/>	3-Year-Old (Lamb)	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri	9:00 am - 11:30 am	\$160.00/month	\$152.00/month
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 & 5-Year Olds (Lion)	Mon, Tues, & Thurs	8:45 am - 11:30 am	\$135.00/month	\$129.00/month
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 & 5-Year Olds (Lion)	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri	8:45 am—11:30 am	\$160.00/month	\$152.00/month

☐ **BEFORE PRESCHOOL CARE** Please also sign my child up for Before Preschool Care. Childcare is offered between 7:30 am - 9:00 a.m. each morning. The cost for this service is \$5.00 per morning. Please sign my child up for the following days each month ☐ MONDAYS ☐ TUESDAYS ☐ THURSDAYS ☐ FRIDAYS

To be accepted into a class the Application Form, the Registration Fee, and September's Tuition must be submitted together. If a parent decides to withdraw their child's application the Registration Fee and the September's Tuition are non-refundable. If there are no openings in the class the parent will receive their Registration Fee and September's Tuition back in full. You may apply for BooSt Area Tuition Assistance. Eligibility requirements must be met to receive scholarships.

Parent's Signature

Date of Signature

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool, Inc. admits students of any race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, and scholarship programs.