

# MAY 2016

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## A Letter from your Pastor

### Confirmation Sunday

*"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have" (1 Peter 3:15). "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven" (Matthew 10:32).*

Confirmation Sunday is a very special occasion when we publicly profess our faith before others as we explain the reason for the hope which we have.

This year at St. Paul we will hold the Rite of Confirmation during the 11:00 a.m. service on May 1. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation group consists of five students this year: Jaden Ask, Tracy

Gillen, Isaac Harris, Abby Tibben and Morgan Tupper. As is our custom, during the 11:00 service each confirmand will share a personal faith statement, explaining the important role that Jesus plays in his or her life. Please pray for our 5 youth as they are confirmed and publicly acknowledge Jesus.

In the past, in some congregations, the pastor would be the one who would select the special

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confirmation passage for each confirmand. My tradition has always been to allow the confirmands to select their own Bible passages, as this will ensure the passages are ones that the confirmands personally find meaningful. Come hear the specific verses chosen by our confirmands to guide them in their faith!

In Jesus,  
Pastor Jenks



## Confirmation Sunday

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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, May 1*

*Confirmation Sunday*

*Holy Communion*

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

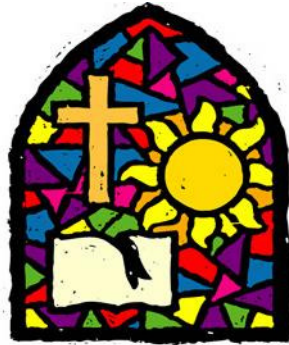
*Sunday, May 8*

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

*Sunday, May 15*

*Holy Communion*

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



### *Worship Schedule for May*

*Sunday, May 22*

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

*Sunday, May 29*

*Holy Communion*

*Only one service*

*10:00 a.m.*

### **Septoberfest - September 16, 17 and 18, 2016**

We will be celebrating our faith again this year with 3 days of fun and activities for all ages. Many things will be the same as last year but we have some new exciting ideas and will need everyone's help. The biggest help we can have is for you to spread the news of this event and tell people to save the dates now.

Here are a couple of our new ideas: John Murphy and Eric Phipps are organizing a barbeque cook off for Saturday. You will receive the meat to cook and we will serve it for the Saturday evening meal. A winner will be selected by a group of expert judges. We will begin Saturday with a walk/run for all ages, for either single runners or a whole family. The place will be announced later but reserve the date. There will be a fee to participate, canned goods or a monetary donation for the food pantry. Everyone will receive a T-shirt. This should be a great way to promote St. Paul with a really big group.

HIGHER POWER is returning again and we want the opening acts for them to be St. Paul Talent. We want singers, dancers, musicians, or even a juggler to submit an application. The forms will be on the bulletin board and must be turned in by May 31st.

Start practicing your bag skills (AKA bean bag toss) and we will need several boards. If you have a board we can use, please tell John Murphy.

There will be new and exciting ways to attract people to our church and get their curiosity up to come and see what and where all the excitement is.

This is a great day for kids of all ages but especially the younger children as we will have the bounce houses, balloon lady, games and contests, water balloons and more.

We will still have the tail gate party on Saturday afternoon and catered dinner on Sunday and another pie contest, too. Plan now to be here and attend our fun week-end and worship God on Sunday morning with all your friends at St. Paul and the new ones you are all inviting.



## **SEPTEBERFEST**

## Dinner and a Movie

We thank you....everyone who attended the Dinner and a Movie on April 9th, thank you for your support. Our selected movie "Woodlawn" was a touchdown hit, except for a couple mushy scenes, as a couple of younger members of our tailgate crowd pointed out.

After we loaded our plates with sliders, wings, salsa, and pie, thanks to the culinary skill of Duane Faas, we settled in to watch the feature event.

Thanks again for your support, as we were able to give our youth a nice donation for their trip to New Orleans this summer.

We also want to thank Lisa and Thomas Wilson and all of the youth who helped serve and made some pretty awesome root beer floats for us to enjoy.



**The 2016 flower chart** is now posted on the bulletin board.

Please sign up to provide flowers for our upcoming worship services. Include the reason or dedication on the chart.

Thank you.





# St. Paul Lutheran Preschool May News!

## Ending Preschool Year with a BIG Celebration!

As another preschool year concludes we will celebrate the year with a festive party! On Friday, May 27th from 8:45–11:45 the preschoolers will “JUMP for JOY!” as we celebrate outside with games, snacks, friends, craft, Bible story, and a bounce house! Last year we ended the preschool year this way and the children had so much fun we decided to do it again.

We had a very successful year here at preschool! The children worked hard to learn the preschool concepts they needed to know for the next school year. One teacher commented, “It is such a joy to see them grow from September to May in all areas of their lives.” Another teacher said, “Their faiths are alive and full of God’s love!”

We thank all the people who have made this a successful preschool year! If it wasn’t for our faithful God, helpful parents, sweet preschoolers, loving teachers, thoughtful pastor, caring preschool board, hard-working trustees, welcoming secretaries, thoughtful janitor, diligent prayer partners, kind Thrivent “Choice Dollar” members, and encouraging congregation, we wouldn’t end the school year with such great success!

## Additional Staff Needed at St. Paul Lutheran Preschool

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool is hiring a preschool teacher and teacher aid for the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants for teacher should love working with preschoolers. Please send letters of interest and resumes to St. Paul Lutheran Preschool, 610 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Ames, IA 50010 or e-mail to [education@saintpaulames.org](mailto:education@saintpaulames.org)



## New Classroom Added to St. Paul Lutheran Preschool

With growth at SPLP we will be adding an additional classroom for the students. If you would like to give a gift or memorial to the preschool to purchase tables, chairs, cubbies, shelves, sink, carpet, tile, bulletin board, etc., please talk with Lori Jenks at 233-1914 or [education@saintpaulames.org](mailto:education@saintpaulames.org). Thank you!



A special thank you to the trustees who installed a new bench into the playground area. The trustees put cement down and secured the bench into the cement. The bench will be enjoyed by preschoolers who want to sit and rest a few minutes while enjoying the beautiful outdoors. Also many families from the neighborhood enjoy the playground and this will give parents and place to sit and watch their children and also enjoy the beautiful outdoors.

## Important Dates:

- 05/12 Lion Class and Monday/Thursday Lamb Class CY Ride Fieldtrip
- 05/13 Tuesday/Friday Lamb Class Fieldtrip to Reiman Gardens
- 05/19 Lamb Graduation Party
- 05/20 Lion Graduation Party
- 05/27 Preschool Celebration

## Education and Youth

### Youth Sunday Brought Many Together as a Team for JESUS!

On April 10<sup>th</sup> many youth participated in the Youth Sunday Services. They served as greeters, ushers, readers, children's message leaders, sang in the children's choir, and 12 youth used their music talents in the youth ensemble. Kiley Dougan had a piano solo and covers for the bulletins were created by Maddie Weber, Evan and Estan Buttery, Kylie Taylor, Kelsey Robinson, Jessie Ask, Jackson and Preston Stensland. The theme for the day was "It's All About Team JESUS". The youth presented a great message using the 2012 movie 'The Avengers' and the Bible story of Jonathan's army from 1 Samuel 14 to show that we too have individual talents or "powers", but if we want to be a force for God's Kingdom on earth, we must work together as a team.

The Board of Youth would like to thank all who participated and also parents for their support. We also would like to thank Pastor Jenks, Ellen Sander for playing Piano, Steve and Seana Wilcken for helping with the choir, and Wayne Hagemoser for being the music director.

One more Youth Sunday picture may be seen on page 10.



Children's Choir



## Education and Youth

### END OF YEAR YOUTH EVENT

Reserve May 11 at 5pm for our end-of-year meal and event. Look for details and info via emails and announcements.

#### SHARE THE FUN of Adventureland

Let's all join in on "Sharing the Fun" of Adventureland during their substance-free weekends. St. Paul members and preschool families who sign up in advance will receive a discount on tickets of only \$22 each. Ticket holders will have their choice of attending one of the following dates: May 30, May 1, May 7 or May 8. Look for a sign up sheet soon.



#### Camp Okoboji Summer Camp Updates

So far, we have 1 youth (Erin Murphy) attending Jr. Youth Week July 10-16. We have 4 youth (Jessie and JoLyn Ask, Daniel Murphy and Eayon Phipps) attending Cub Week July 17-23. The Board of Youth has funds available for anyone wishing to go to a camp this summer at Okoboji. Registrations are still open. If interested, please contact Carla Murphy, Board of Youth Chair.



#### VBS 2016

SAVE THE DATE: VBS will be July 31-Aug 3 in the evenings. The theme is "Barnyard Roundup -Jesus Gathers Us Together." Through the 4 nights at VBS, children will explore concepts of the words from Psalm 23: The Lord is our Shepard, Bible accounts including feeding of the 5000, the parable of the sower and Jesus appearing to Mary. Through these lessons, kids will learn to step out in faith being confident in Jesus' love for them.

VBS requires volunteers and helpers. We need people to set up, take down the decorations, people to be group escorts, help with the preschool groups, be bible story leaders, help with registrations, provide meals before VBS starts, provide props or decorations and more! Look for more info and sign ups out soon.

#### VBS Barnyard Wish List (to borrow and/or donate)

Wooden Rocking Chairs (3-4), Green tarps, Wooden wagons, Wheel barrows, Toy riding tractors, Yard windmill, Empty feed bags/sacks, Larger boxes to cover as straw bales, Plastic or paper sunflowers, Metal wash tubs, buckets and watering cans, Barnyard animals –any type – wooden, garden statues, stuffed toys, etc.

If anyone knows of another church in Ames or nearby that is doing this theme, please contact Carla Murphy or Thomas Wilson since some churches are willing to share resources and props. Any other questions or more information please contact Carla Murphy.



## Stewardship



## THANK-YOU !

*As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

*1 Peter 4:10-11*

The St. Paul Stewardship Board members would like to say “Thank-You” for your support of our recent Stewardship Emphasis on our Time & Talent and Loyalty Sundays. The generous response certainly reflects the many blessings we have continued to receive from God and our willingness to give back to God with our Time, Talents, & Treasures.

You can see in the table below that the number of Time & Talent forms and financial pledge cards continues to increase and the total value of the financial pledges has made a significant increase.

Year	# Cards	Total \$	Change	T&T Forms
2015/2016	69	\$241,172.00	10.9%	129
2016/2017	71	\$309,432.00	28.3%	145

May God continue to bless you and His church family at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

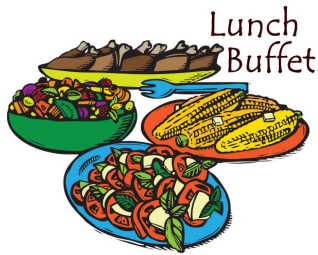
*Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.*

*2 Corinthians 9:6-11*

## Women of St. Paul & Family Service Group

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

FAMILY SERVICE POTLUCK - Thursday May 26, is our annual Family Service potluck starting at noon. There will be lots of good food and fellowship so if your schedule permits, plan to attend. No need to bring any-



thing -- food is provided. Please RSVP Marilyn Hagemoser at 232-2807 or at [wayneh@iastate.edu](mailto:wayneh@iastate.edu) if you can attend.

### FAMILY SERVICE

Thursday, May 12, we will have another Thrivent Action Team event -- we will be quilting from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with a break at noon for lunch (bring your sack lunch). Wear your T-shirts (if you don't have one, we have some available). We will be cutting fabric into squares, sewing, and pressing them before they are combined into quilts and ready for the quilt frame. We can use help in all areas. Hope to see you there.



**THE TIME IS NOW.** . . . . to get your Registrations filled out and sent in for the 37th Biennial LWML Iowa West District Convention, "Generations of Grace". You can find copies of the registration on the bulletin board in the back of the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please ask a fellow Women's Ministry Board member or contact the office.

We can set up car pooling rides when time gets closer, but the registration deadline draws near very fast! **Check out the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.**

**There will be a purse auction** -- so find those gently used purses for donating and then bring home a 'new-to-you' purse when you make a donation to Mites for Mission!

Sandy Van Nostrand has been selected as a YOUNG WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE from the Boone Zone at the Okoboji Convention! A very good reason to go!

Plus we always have lots of fun Speakers and great Thanksgiving and Praise to our God for sending us our Lord and Savior!

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US IN THIS MOUNTAINTOP EXPERIENCE!!!!!!



**Thank you!** Dave Charlson made beautiful prayer crosses for the confirmands. What a wonderful keepsake for them to remember the day of their confirmation.

 **Serve the Lord with Gladness...Psalm 100:2**



## Women of St. Paul

### **LWML Mite Update:**



**National** - (as of 3/31/16)

Mission Goal for 2015-2017

Biennium: \$2,000,000

**Amount Received:** \$963,484.61

**Amount Needed:** \$ 1,036,515.39

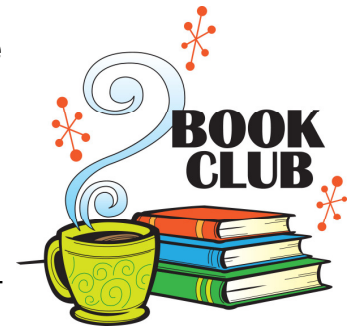
For more information about the LWML visit the website at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org).

**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.

**Purses, purses!** Look through your closet. Bring those new or gently used purses that you never use to be taken to Okoboji for the LWML Purse Auction. All proceeds will go toward Mites.

### **“Book to Know to Help You Grow”**

**WOW!** We had 14 in attendance in April for our discussion on “The Sign Painter” by Davis Bunn. We also chose the books for the next year, see the chart below. On July 14 we will discuss “Band of Sisters” by Cathy Gohlke. Barnes & Noble’s review: “Maureen O’Reilly and her younger sister flee Ireland in hope of claiming the life promised to their father over twenty years before. After surviving the rigors of Ellis Island, Maureen learns that their benefactor, Colonel Wakefield, has died. His family, refusing to own his Civil War debt, casts her out. Alone, impoverished, and in danger of deportation, Maureen connives to obtain employment in a prominent department store. But she soon discovers that the elegant facade hides a secret that threatens every vulnerable woman in the city.”



**MEN—** Our group is not just for women. The book chosen for September, “The Light and the Glory” is rich with our nation’s history and would be of interest to both men and women.

Date	Hostess	Book
July 14, 2016	Carol Folkmann	“Band of Sisters” by Cathy Gohlke
Sept 8, 2016	Thelma Voetberg	“The Light and the Glory” by Peter Marshall and David Manuel
Nov 10, 2016	Lori Jenks	“Snow Day: A Novel” by Billy Coffey
Feb 9, 2017	Adele Knop	“Her Mother’s Hope” by Francine Rivers
April 27, 2017	Shirley Tice	“Miracle at the Higher Grounds Café” by Max Lucado

## May 2016 Service Roster

	<b>May 1 8:30</b>	<b>May 1 11:00</b>	<b>May 8 8:30</b>	<b>May 8 11:00</b>	<b>May 15 8:30</b>	<b>May 15 11:00</b>	<b>May 22 8:30</b>	<b>May 22 11:00</b>	<b>May 29 10:00</b>
Organist	Mary Nelson		Mary Nelson		Emily Erickson		Praise Team		LaDonna Osborn
Elders	Chris Hand	Matt Weiss	→						Chris Hand
Lectors	Tanny Latuska	Thomas Wilson	Tanny Latuska	Thomas Wilson	Tanny Latuska	Sandy Van Nostrand	Alberta Voge	Sandy Van Nostrand	Alberta Voge
Acolytes	Hannah Fritz	Rori Olson			Jaden Ask	Tracy Gillen			Isaac Harris
Greeters	Dave & Judi Charlson, Dick & Karen Ross	Ron & Becky Juelfs, Wanda Schulte	→						Dave & Judi Charlson, Dick & Karen Ross
Ushers	Phil & Alberta Voge, Dick Peterson, David Pietsch	Denny & Shirley Tice, Larry Wiebel, Nick Schieffer	→						Phil & Alberta Voge, Dick Peterson, David Pietsch
Coffee Fellowship			Ellen & Drue Sander						No coffee today
Coffee Time Greeter	Judi Charlson	→							
Altar Flowers	Becky Venneman	Confirmation Flowers							
Offering Counters	Dennis & Karen Griffin	→							
Power Point	Becky Jackson	Doug Litwiller	→						Becky Jackson
Sound Board	Charles Ellis	Charles Ellis	→						Charles Ellis
Altar Guild	Sharron Martin, Geri Schulz,	Judy Peter, Pat Thiede	→						
Video Recorder	Merle Suntken	→							
Collate Bulletins	Jerry Schradle & Elsie Bauman	→							