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A Letter from your Pastor

Friends in the Lord,
The Bible has a great deal to say about how we treat one another and how we interact with one another as fellow members of the body of Christ. This summer, our worship series led by Pastor Jenks will focus on these interactions and interpersonal relations in the Christian community.

Some people grow lettuce in their home gardens. What kind of "let us" grows in our church's garden? *"Let us exalt His name together"* (Psalm 95:6). *"Let us encourage one another and build one another up"* (1 Thessalonians 5:11). *"Let us serve one another in love"* (Galatians 5:13). *"Let us be devoted to one another and live in harmony with one another"* (1 Peter 3:8; Romans 12:10).

Using these passages and many others, this summer the sermons and children's sermons will focus on our lives together in Christ. What does **Life in Christ** look like? To know, we look to what Jesus says in the Scriptures.

May the Lord bless us through His Word as we hear the good news of Jesus Christ and as we are reminded of the new lives Jesus equips us to lead through His Holy Spirit in us.

In Jesus Christ, the One who was so devoted to you that He died and rose for you,

Pastor Jenks



June 2016

Summer Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

This summer, as in other recent years, the Sunday morning adult Bible study will meet every Sunday in June, will take a break for the month of July, and will meet again every Sunday in August. Like other recent summers, this summer we will feast on a "potluck" of subjects. Sessions will be led by a number of lay members who have expressed an interest in leading their fellow members into the Word of God. Join us in June and August for special summer adult Bible studies from 9:45-10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

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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, June 5

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 12

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Sunday, June 19

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 26

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



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.

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.

NEW UPDATE- We need to know the number of bean bag boards available for the "bean bag" tournament. If you have a bean bag set that we can use, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

We also are in need of several canopy shade covers to use on Saturday and Sunday. If you have one or more that we can borrow, please let Karen Griffin or John Murphy know.



Outdoor Church Service & Picnic

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Sunday, July 17, 10:30 am

Moore Memorial Park,

Big Bluestem Shelter

3050 Northridge Parkway



COME ONE AND ALL to a potluck immediately following our annual outdoor church service.

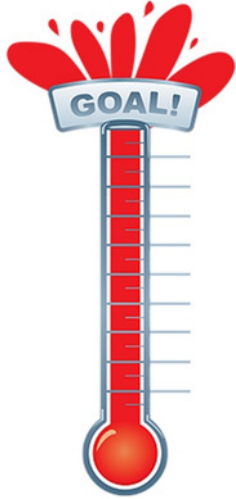
Last name beginning with the letters A-K, please provide a vegetable/salad and a dessert.*

Last name beginning with the letters L-Z, please provide a main dish.*

**Please remember to bring serving utensils for your dishes, as well as chairs for the church service.
Drinks and table service will be provided.*

Education and Youth

FULLY FUNDED!



Ok, we know that you have been watching the National Youth Gathering “Money Indicator” in the narthex, we are sure you have been wondering, “Do they have money?”, “Are they needing more?”. Well the answer is: WE ARE FULLY FUNDED!

The “Journey” fundraiser was one of many fundraisers this year. Our goal of \$5,000 was just a portion of the money we needed to raise this last year. And even though we fell short of our goal for this fundraiser, through the blessing of Jesus Christ and support of our congregation through the Super Bowl Sub and Bake Sale, meals, and Easter Breakfast we have reached our overall fundraising goal for this year’s trip! Praise the Lord for all the blessings he has bestowed upon us and this congregation!

The eleven youth and five adult leaders will be leaving “Bright eyed and bushy tailed” at 6:00 AM from Des Moines on Friday, July 15th, heading to New Orleans, LA. We will have four fun packed days of digging deep into God’s word, giving back to the community and building strong relationships with each other and God as we “Grow Our Faith Down South”. We will arrive back in Iowa on Thursday, July 21st!

Please keep all of the participants in your prayers as we embark on this awesome adventure!

It’s a Wrap!

Another year has come to an end for the Sunday School at St. Paul. The Board of Education would like to thank all the parents that brought their children to attend Sunday School and learn about Christ in their lives. We also would like to thank ALL the Sunday School teachers and substitutes for their time in preparing the lessons and teaching the youth that God Loves Them!

We are embarking on a new year in the fall that will bring some amazing changes. We hope that all parents and youth join us again next year! Have a GREAT Summer!



We are looking for you!

The Board of Education is looking for parents that

We NEED you.
Can you HELP?

might be interested in joining our Kingdom Workers Team! We have a lot of fun planning educational events for the youth (Trunk or Treat, Easter Egg Hunt and VBS!) and would love to get more parents involved in this process. There is not a large amount of time to be committed to the Team and we are always flexible! If you have questions we encourage you to contact Thomas Wilson: tjwilson32@gmail.com or 515-570-9088. Or, if you can, catch him in between services!

Education and Youth

END OF YEAR YOUTH EVENT

On May 11 LYF held its last event until fall. We had a potluck meal in the Fellowship hall and played games and had relay races with friends and family members. (See photos on page 6)

We will start activities again in August with the midweek/LYF kick off meal and meeting. If any youth or youth families have any ideas for an event or activity for the 2016-17 term, please contact Carla Murphy so we can start organizing our activity schedule.

SUMMER TIME = CAMP!

There is still time to sign up for summer camps at Camp Okoboji. Go to the camp website

campokoboji.org to learn more about their various camps and programs and then contact the Board of Youth for possible funding.



VBS 2016– Barnyard Roundup

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 Shepherd. Through these lessons and special music kids will learn to step out in faith, being confident in Jesus’ love for them. VBS is for preschool through 6th grade aged students. Registration forms as well as online registration (new this year) will be available in late June.

VBS requires volunteers and helpers of all ages. We need to “roundup” people to set up, take down the decorations, people to be group escorts, be Bible story leaders, help with registrations, provide meals before VBS starts, provide props or decorations and more! Look for more info in the bulletin and through emails. A sign up sheet will be 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.

Some churches are willing to share resources and decorations. If anyone knows of another church in Ames or nearby that is doing this theme, or if you have questions about VBS, please contact Carla Murphy.

Stewardship

Stewardship is a Gift

Everything we have been given is a gift. Everything. This includes the car you're driving, the house you live in, the job you have and the family you were born into. God was purposeful in placing you in this time and in these circumstances.

The dictionary tells us a steward is "a person who manages another's property or financial affairs." In the parable of the talents, a man asks three servants to steward his property. Each one responds to this call according to his character. Two servants increase their master's investment, bringing him greater wealth and honor, and the master rewards them for their faithfulness. But one servant acts foolishly and hides the master's money. He is rebuked and punished. The little he was entrusted with is taken back, and he is abandoned.

Stewardship takes the idea that everything we have is a gift to its logical conclusion. If all that I am and all that I have is from God, then how should I care for and use it? Psalm 24:1 says, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it." Therefore, I ought to consider why God gave me what I have and use it to those ends. We have been given body, knowledge, resources and relationships, not to squander as we wish, but to glorify God. "For in him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

How do I spend wealth so it honors God? How do I steward friendships? How do I take care of the body He gave me to be His temple? How do I use knowledge and education in the best way possible? We do all of these things by seeking God's will in every decision, reading his Word and listening to the Holy Spirit. We do this by acting generously and obediently, ethically and morally.

New Spring Church Devotional

Photos from May 11 LYF event.



Women of St. Paul & Family Service Group

FAMILY SERVICE ~ Family Service Quilting Dates:

June 9: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a Thrivent Action Team event. Wear your T-shirt and remember your lunch.

June 23: There is no Family Service meeting in June, so we will be quilting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a sack lunch.



Thank You- On May 12th, a representative from Orphan Grain Train stopped at St. Paul and picked up 35 beautiful quilts. Thank you to those who have donated gently used sheets, blankets, and other linens, as well as fabrics for use in quilts. Also, thanks to Thrivent for providing funds through their Action Teams that have enabled us to purchase fabrics for quilts. These quilts will go to locations within the U.S. as well as to other nations depending upon where they are needed. With areas devastated by tornadoes, fires, floods, and war, there must be a tremendous need for these items.



Come Join Us

WE ARE PACKING OUR BAGS and NEED YOUR BAGS TOO!

Several of our women will be attending the Iowa District West LWML convention in Okoboji June 22-24. One of the events we participate in to raise money for the Mission Mite Goal for Iowa West District is the "Purse Auction". This event was very popular at the last convention and raised over \$700. We bring gently used purses, totes, and wallets (clutches) for a silent auction. It's a Win-Win for all as we love to bring home a new addition (or two or three) to our wardrobe!



Please sort through your purses and give one (or more) to the cause of mission grants for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. There will be luggage in the narthex ready and waiting for your additions!

Ingathering is yarn. So look through those craft closets and donate that yarn.

If anyone would still like to register to attend the convention, it's not too late! Registration forms are on the LWML bulletin board in the fellowship hall east wall.



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.

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. The 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

June 2016 Service Roster

	June 5 8:30	June 5 11:00	June 12 8:30	June 12 11:00	June 19 8:30	June 19 11:00	June 26 8:30	June 26 11:00
Organist	LaDonna Osborn		Mary Nelson		LaDonna Osborn		Praise Team	
Elders	Mark Swenson	Phil Voge	Mark Swenson	Phil Voge	Phil Voge	Mark Swenson	Phil Voge	Mark Swenson
Lectors	Pam Mundt	Wendy Donavon	Pam Mundt	Caleb Donavon	Phil Voge	Wendy Donavon	Phil Voge	Caleb Donavon
Acolytes	Abby Tibben	Morgan Tupper			Katie Barnes	Hannah Fritz		
Greeters	Merle & Marcy Suntken, Kent & Jan Ziebell	Judy Peter, Judi Charlson	→					
Ushers	Thomas & Lisa Wilson, Steve Vollstedt, Mike West	Scott & Brenda Dryer, Wendy & Caleb Donavon	→					
Coffee Fellowship	Dennis & Karen Griffin							
Coffee Time Greeter	Lisa Wilson	→						
Altar Flowers								
Offering Counters	Merle & Marcy Suntken	→						
Power Point	Linda Naeve	Becky Jackson	Linda Naeve	Becky Jackson	Becky Jackson	Stephanie Mandernach	Linda Naeve	Stephanie Mandernach
Sound Board	Harry Mundt	Charles Ellis	Harry Mundt	Charles Ellis	John Murphy	Jordan Mandernach	John Murphy	Jordan Mandernach
Altar Guild	Geri Schulz, Karen Belz	Becky Juelfs	→					
Video Recorder	Steve Wilcken	→						
Collate Bulletins	Merle & Marcy Suntken	→						