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A Letter from your Pastor

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

One day at the cafeteria of a Christian high school there were shiny red apples, big and juicy. Next to the apple basket the cafeteria staff had posted a sign which said, "Please take only one apple. And remember, God is watching you." Further down the cafeteria line there was a tray of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies. Next to the cookie tray was a note that a student had placed there. "Take as many cookies as you want, because God is back there watching the apples."

We all know on the surface that this theology is wrong. We all know that God is omnipresent. However, sometimes people wonder whether God really is watching over all people in all places. Trying and tragic events and circumstances cause people to question God's presence. This is why we need to hear and rehear

God's precious promises, which reassure us of His presence and His concern for us.

"The Lord will watch over your coming and going, both now and forevermore" (Psalm 121:8).

"I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Joshua 1:5).

"Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future'" (Jeremiah 29:11).

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken, nor my covenant of peace be removed,' says the Lord, who has compassion on you" (Isaiah 54:10).

"For I am convinced that nei-

ther death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

Does God really care? You bet He does! Is God really watching over you everywhere? You bet He is! Is God still with you during the tumultuous times in life? Yes indeed, just as He has promised you through Jesus Christ. When you begin to wonder, page through the Scriptures and ponder God's wonderful promises in His Word. "Do not be discouraged and do not be afraid, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

Your friend in Christ,
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, August 7

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 14

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Sunday, August 21

Holy Communion

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, August 28

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Septoberfest ---Friday, Sept. 16, Saturday Sept. 17, Sunday Sept. 18

HELP NEEDED

We need your help:

>Someone to design an eye catching flyer for Septoberfest to hang on various bulletin boards around Ames. See Karen Griffin for details.

>Someone to decorate a bean bag board with paint, etc. See Ron Coy for details.

>People to sign up to help and participate with games, etc. Sign-up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

>Pray for a beautiful day and many participants in our fun events.

This a great time to share our Christian faith with friends, relatives and neighbors of St Paul. Ice cream, games, root beer, bingo, barbecue pork and chicken, Bible Trivia, Pop Corn, Higher Power Singers, Free Sunday Dinner, Movie Night, Hot Dogs, Sunday Church in a Tent, Bounce Houses and more added every week!



SEPTOBERFEST

Human Care

HOPE Ministries is in need of "The Summer Six" for the shelters for homeless men, women and children. The Summer Six are tooth paste, toilet paper, paper towels, men's Deodorant and men's razors. Also HE (high efficiency) laundry soap. Place your donations in the HOPE box and they will be delivered . Thank you and I know the collection center will say "God Bless You".



Evangelism

We have a wonderful outreach here at St. Paul with our preschool.

One of the best ways we can support our preschool's families is through prayer. We would like to have a church family praying regularly for each preschool family. That's it!!! Just pray! Please sign up on the bulletin board and a preschool family will be given to you to include in your prayers.



Education and Youth

Midweek Kickoff for Grades 1-8

Come one and come all to the kick off of our Midweek Program on August 31 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall and get excited for another great year. Fifth and six graders will be in Confirmation I (required) and Seventh and eighth graders are in Confirmation II (required). Students in the first grade through fourth grade are welcome to attend and grow in their Christian faith. Come and get your questions answered and meet & thank the wonderful teachers who will volunteer their time in both Midweek and Sunday School this year. Usually the 2nd Wednesday of the month the LYF meets with a supper and some type of fellowship event. We are always looking for ideas of different events the kids would like to do. So if your child has any ideas, please bring them to the kick-off party.



We NEED you. **We are looking for you!**
Can you HELP?

There is an old saying that it takes a village to raise a child. The Board of Education is very happy to be a part of the village you have chosen for your child. But it takes also takes a village to run all the elements you want for the Christian education of your child. Please consider volunteering a small part of your time to a little piece of the many things we do at St. Paul for the children and youth. It could be as easy as taking event posters with you on your errand runs and putting them up where you are already going. After all, many hands make lite work! There is always room to serve on the board if you are interested. Please watch for volunteer opportunities or ask a board member how you can contribute. If you have questions about serving, please contact Breanna Wetzler at 507-841-1964.

VBS 2016– Barnyard Roundup

Thanks to all the volunteers who have made this year's VBS a success. Watch for pictures in next month's Epistle.



FANTASY FOOTBALL ANYONE?

Football season is nearly here. We are continuing our St. Paul FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE. It's Easy, It's Free, and it's FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. FIRST TIMERS WELCOME. You will need a computer with internet access and an E-mail address. We will do an electronic draft so you can put as much or as little effort into it as you want. You don't even need to be present for the draft. More information to come. Deadline to join will be

sometime in late August. Watch the bulletin board for the sign up sheet and more details.

Let's Get Hot For Jesus!!

Please contact John Murphy for details at Cell # 515-451-2860 or home # 515-450- 5180.

Women of St. Paul

Report on the District LWML convention by Gretchen Zitterich

I was not sure what I was getting into going to Camp Okoboji. The last time I went to “camp” I was 30 years younger, tended 8 first grade Brownie scouts, swatted mosquitos all day, and there was no beautiful lake. The word “primitive” comes to mind. However, being outdoors, next to nature, singing, laughter, and comradery did come to mind and lured me to the district LWML convention.

Inspiration came from God’s word, speakers, pastors, and sisters in Christ. Celebrating the 70th year of Iowa West District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League is a milestone. When the LWML was started the objective was to maintain and advance a greater mission consciousness among women of the LCMS and to gather funds for mission projects sponsored by our Synod. The founder’s plan continues today. The theme “Generations of Grace” certainly brought to mind what our fore-mothers experienced, the courage and trust they had, and passed on to us. What a testament to God’s faithfulness. Ps. 100:5 says “...His faithfulness continues throughout all generations.”



It was wonderful to meet 15 new YWR’s...Young Women Representatives. St Paul’s Sandy Van Nostrand represented our Boone Zone. Brenda Dryer, the new Young Women’s Leader, introduced Breanna Wetzel, who spoke on her experience as a YWR rep for the district at the National convention last year.

Many inspirational speakers presented and inspired us, along with devotions, Bible study, and entertainment. Dr. Lamb reminded us that “life issues” are a mission field. God gives life value because He created, redeemed and called us. We can serve those who are in need with love, support and care, educate those around us with the issues of life, be a witness by sharing God’s love, and pray. Dr. Robert Roegner, pastoral counselor for LWML, reminded us that since the LWML was begun 75 years ago over 100 million in mites has been distributed to mission projects throughout the world.

One of these missions is the Hispanic Ministry in Des Moines. Rev Lincon Guerra and his wife Noemi Guerra gave testimony in music and word about this growing ministry through ESL classes, celebrations, and activities they hold in the Hispanic neighborhoods in Des Moines. We learned about Mercy Meals in Sioux City. 154,000 meals were assembled by volunteers and distributed through LCMS Orphan Grain Train; all due to a \$20,000 district grant from your mites. “Not Normal” Gary Thies inspired us with the miracles that have come out of Mission Central over the last 24 years. There were many other wonderful speakers and events.

We helped with servant events that may make a small miracle happen in someone’s life. With my minimal skills and poor eyesight, I sat at one of 14 sewing machines donated and learned to make a cute diaper out of a T-shirt to be sent to Haiti! I soon moved on to something I could better handle...using Christmas cards to make books telling the story of Jesus. We also cut, pasted, and assembled Christian coloring books. IOWAY director Ellie Menz is always full of ideas. Did you know that IOWAY stands for Individual Outreach With Adults and Youth?

Thank you to our women who gave used purses to raise money for Mite Mission projects. Your 70 purses joined hundreds of others and brought in \$3,284.00. It was a fun way to raise money. To be sure, I did my part.

Our Mission statement: Appreciating God’s gift of salvation and the Christian commitment of those who have gone before us, may Lutheran women today be motivated by Word and Sacrament to work in His kingdom, and joyfully pass our faith heritage and passion for acts of Mercy to future generations.

Women of St. Paul & Family Service Group



AMERICAN
HERITAGE GIRLS™
FAITH | SERVICE | FUN

American Heritage Girls Troop IA2016 Approaches Launch

Are you ready to see your daughter's or granddaughter's dreams take flight? American Heritage girls allows girls to experience new challenges, serve others, and make new friends, all in a safe faith filled environment.

In last month's Epistle you learned that St Paul is chartering a new group for girls in the community and in St Paul as an outreach ministry.

Mission: "Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country"

Vision: American Heritage Girls is the premier national character development organization for young women that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement.

Inclusion Policy: All biological girls of any color, creed, race, national origin and socioeconomic status who agree to live according to the standards of the AHG Oath and the AHG Creed are invited to be members of American Heritage Girls.

Each American Heritage Girl learns the Oath and Creed as soon as she is able, and recites them with her Troop at Troop meetings.

American Heritage Girls Oath: I promise to love God,
cherish my family,
honor my country,
and serve in my community.

American Heritage Girls Creed: As an American Heritage Girl, I promise to be: **Compassionate** - Understanding others in fellowship, empathy, kindness, and caring. Respect others' opinions and emotions. **Helpful** - Willingly serve others. **Honest** - Always tell the truth and keep my promise. **Loyal** - True to God, family, friends, community and country. **Perseverant** - Continuing to strive toward a goal despite obstacles. **Pure** - Keep my mind and body pure. **Resourceful** - Wisely use my time, materials and talents. **Respectful** - Honor my country, be obedient to those in authority and courteous to all. **Responsible** - Accountable for my own actions. Reliable in all situations. **Reverent** - Faithful and honoring to God. Respectful to the beliefs of others.

On July 24th an informational meeting was held at St. Paul. The board is nearly complete. Gretchen Zitterich is the St Paul Representative on the Board. Lori Jenks is the Troop Shepherd. Kara Warne is the Troop coordinator, Jen De Boest and Jessica Bennett are Troop Vice Coordinators, and Sunny Adcock is treasurer. Information on the national organization can be found at www.Americanheritagegirls.org. Please pray for the successful start-up and growth of this ministry. Please prayerfully consider ways in which you can support this troop and its mission.

Women of St. Paul

LWML Mite Update:



National- (as of 6/3016)

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

Amount Received: \$1,198,305.26

Amount Needed: \$ 801,694.74

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.

FAMILY SERVICE ~ Family Service Quilting Dates:

August 11th: Quilters will meet from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 11th. Bring a sack lunch and join us. This will be a Thrivent Action Team event so wear your T-shirts. If you don't have one, we'll provide you with one so please come.

August 25th: Mark your calendar to come and quilt on Thursday, August 25th from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and join the quilters in this worthwhile cause.



“Book to Know to Help You Grow”

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. The review from Barnes & Noble says “Did Columbus believe that God called him west to undiscovered lands? Does American democracy owe its inception to the handful of Pilgrims that settled at Plymouth? If, indeed, there was a specific, divine call upon this nation, is it still valid today? *The Light and the Glory* answers these questions and many more for history buffs. As readers look at their nation's history from God's point of view, they will begin to have an idea of how much we owe to a very few--and how much is still at stake. Now revised and expanded for the first time in more than thirty years, *The Light and the Glory* is poised to show new readers just how special their country is.”



Date	Hostess	Book
Sept 8, 2016	Tanny Latuska	“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

August 2016 Service Roster

	Aug 7 8:30	Aug 7 11:00	Aug 14 8:30	Aug 14 11:00	Aug 21 8:30	Aug 21 11:00	Aug 28 8:30	Aug 28 11:00
Organist	LaDonna Osborn		Ellen Sander		Mary Nelson		Praise Team	
Elders	Jon Buss	Reiny Friedrich →						
Lectors	Claudia Biddle	Brenda Dryer	Inez Smith	Brenda Dryer	Pam Mundt	Wendy Donavon	Pam Mundt	Wendy Donavon
Acolytes	Isaac Harris	Abby Tibben			Morgan Tupper	Katie Barnes		
Greeters	Vic & Geri Schulz, Harry & Pam Mundt	Tom & Beth Henriksen, Bob & Marilyn Walker	→					
Ushers	Merle & Marcy Suntken, Dean & Ardy Ulrichson	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Lori Jenks, Steve Vollstedt	→					
Coffee Fellowship								
Coffee Time Greeter	Geri Schulz →							
Altar Flowers								
Offering Counters	Paul & Adele Knop →							
Power Point	Linda Naeve	Stephanie Mandernach →						
Sound Board	Harry Mundt	Jorden Mandernach →						
Altar Guild	Judy Peter, Ladonna Osborn	Sharron Martin →						
Video Recorder	Tom Peter →							
Collate Bulletins	Dick & Linda Peterson →							