

# SEPTEMBER 2016

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## A Letter from your Pastor

On many college campuses, professors have taken part in what is known as a "Last Lecture." When a professor has a chance to share parting words, what does she or he say? What message is given utmost importance?

After His resurrection, just before His ascension, Jesus shared His parting words with His disciples. What did Jesus say? *"Go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all things that I have passed on to you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age"* (Matthew 28:19-20).

These are our marching orders from our Lord and

Savior. Yet too often, we won't take the field and march. Maybe that's because we need some guidance and direction. That's where our friend and mission partner Pastor Greg Finke comes in. Pastor Finke has shared a great book with us titled "Joining Jesus on His Mission." In this book we find insight on how to live out a missional lifestyle each day, sharing Jesus' love in simple ways in what we do and say.



This fall we are joining Jesus on His mission by studying this helpful book during our Sunday morning adult Bible study. All members are encouraged to buy the book and read it. Copies are available from the church office for just \$10. Come to our Bible study discussion sessions on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Let's encourage one another to take the field with Jesus!

Your partner on the journey,

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, September 4*

*Only One Service -*

*Labor Day Weekend*

*Holy Communion*

*10:00 a.m.*



*Sunday, September 18*

*Holy Communion*

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

*Sunday, September 11*

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

*Sunday, September 25*

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

### **Septoerfest 2016 Friday, Sept. 16,**

### **Saturday Sept. 17, Sunday Sept. 18**

#### **Friday-**

6:45 pm Movie night in the fellowship hall, movie, hot dogs, popcorn and more. For everyone--all ages.

#### **Saturday-**

2 pm- Bag board contest sign up please, couples, parent and child and pairs. Rules posted on sign up sheet.

3 pm Kids fun starts, Bounce houses, balloons, games and prizes, Adult Bingo in the tent

5 pm Tailgate supper for everyone --friends and neighbors of St. Paul, with pork loin and all the sides dishes brought by you to share

6:30 pm Devotion in the sanctuary and music by the Rock Solid quartet

7 pm music by HIGHER POWER quartet

8 pm Dessert in the tent.

#### **Sunday-**

8:30 am Church service in the sanctuary

9:45 am Education hour, Sunday school for children, Bible trivia for adults and an old fashion hymn sing

11 am Church in the tent followed by a free catered dinner from Hickory Park for all. Also a cake walk fundraiser for the WOSP



## Endowment Fund Gift

A couple from St. Paul has generously and anonymously made a \$10,000 gift to the St. Paul Lutheran Endowment Fund, with its yearly proceeds to be used for church music. This could include music for the choirs, the organist or even for musical groups to appear for special occasions. The Stewardship and Endowment Committees, on behalf of our congregation, thank this couple for their thoughtful donation. St. Paul continues to be richly blessed by God and our members!

### **New Wednesday Morning Bible Study Starts September 7**



Why do we have four different Gospels in the New Testament? The short answer is to say God wanted it that way. A detailed answer is to say that each Gospel author tells the true events from Jesus' ministry with a bit different focus. Luke has a special focus on Jesus' mission to reach out to the lost – a focus that ties in nicely with our increased missional focus at St. Paul. Luke alone records the stories of the Prodigal/Lost Son and of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector at the temple. This fall, our Wednesday morning Bible study will explore the events of Jesus' ministry together with Luke. Luke's focus is summed up in His quotation of Jesus: *"The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost"* (Luke 19:10). We will meet Wednesday mornings in the fellowship hall from 10:30-11:30 a.m., starting on September 7. All are invited to attend. To prepare for our first session, please read chapters 1-2 of Luke.

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

#### **Men's Bible Study**

The men's Bible study will follow the same schedule as we have in the past- the first one of the month will be on the same Monday night as the Board of Director's meeting beginning at 6:00 pm. The next one is two weeks later on Monday night at 6:00 pm. (The date for September is the 19<sup>th</sup>, there is only one meeting time due to the holiday and dates for October will be the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.)



**You are invited to come to Parish Choir and/or Bells of St. Paul for the fall/winter season!** We will be having a special Music Sunday in November and would like to have you join us! We'll be singing and ringing some old favorites as well as special verses on a hymn or two. Make a joyful noise with us! Questions? Contact Mary at [music@saintpaulames.org](mailto:music@saintpaulames.org) or 515-232-4375.



## Human Care

### Conversational Dinners to begin, Sunday, September 11th.



The dog days of summer are here, which means September is fast approaching. Conversational Dinners will begin its 2016-2017 year on September 11th with an evening of food and fellowship. Conversational Dinners are for any St Paul adult and their guests. We meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 6:00 pm, September thru April, and do a variety things. Last year we had some new faces and we would love to have YOU be a part of our group. Call or e-mail Ellen or Drue Sander for more information. 515-292-3574 or [druellen@hotmail.com](mailto:druellen@hotmail.com). More details will be available prior to September 1st. See you in September.

## 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.



### 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 September. The sign up sheet and details are on the bulletin board. Let's Get Hot For Jesus!!

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

## Education

### Parents and students are invited to an open house

down in the basement before Sunday School starts on September 11 to see the new space. We hope you can join us.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Make the Connection

The church basement wasn't full of students this summer but instead volunteers who were making some improvements to better hold classes. Now that the construction

is nearly finished, the task is to make it nice for our youth, a place for them to build community. In order to do that, members are encouraged to give monetary donations to help purchase furniture and arcade-like games. Thanks in advance for your continued support of the youth.



### ATTENTION St. Paul High School Students!!!!

Do you understand all the world religions? Do you know how to accept what others believe while holding fast to your Christian faith? This fall the High School Small Group will dive into "One God, many gods", A study to allow youth to learn about world religions in the security of their church setting through a Christian perspective. This study will assist students to grow in compassion for those who need God's saving grace, demonstrate sincere love for others without offending them, and help you to avoid false religious views.

We encourage all high school students to attend and study with us this fall as we begin this new adventure! We will meet during Sunday School/ Fellowship time 9:45 – 10:45 each Sunday that we have Sunday School, in the NEW High School room in the church basement! Hope to see you there!

Thomas and Lisa Wilson

**Reminder to all Fall Sunday School teachers and helpers:** Please remember to be S.A.F.E. certified when working with our St. Paul youth. Applications may be printed from the St. Paul web site. If you have questions please contact Jana Weiss at [jawei5@aol.com](mailto:jawei5@aol.com) Thank you.



### Looking to get involved?

The Board of Education is looking for a teacher, or team, for the 7-8 graders. This is a great opportunity to get to know the youth and encourage them on their faith journey.





## Education & Youth

### Barnyard Roundup VBS Wrap Up

VBS was held July 31- Aug 3 in the evenings. Thank you to EVERYONE who helped in one way or another with VBS! Whether it was cutting out patterns, crumpling newspaper to fill feed sacks, providing garden produce for our farm stand, providing meals for 80 plus people, leading music, leading crafts, leading a group or story telling, working the AV system, setting up or taking down and more -we appreciate the teamwork to help tell children about Jesus!

Below is the breakdown from the 4 days:

Total students: 65

Breakdown of students: 31 St. Paul members, 22 other churches, 12 unknown (did not indicate on registration form).

Breakdown of other churches: Out of state: 1, Christ Community: 5, Cornerstone: 5, Des Moines Mennonite: 2, First United Methodist: 2, Memorial Ames: 3, Memorial Nevada: 1, Northminster: 1, St. Cecilia: 2

Our mission offerings for West Virginia students school supplies: \$300

School supply offering (to stay locally): 17 pocket calculators, 35 wide ruled notebooks, 5 college ruled notebooks, 1pk loose leaf paper, 28 glue bottles, 15pks glue sticks, 14 folders, 20 boxes crayons, 11 boxes colored pencils, 9 boxes markers,

4pks index dividers, 5 rulers, 3pks pencil erasers, 2pks highlighters, 3pks sharpie markers, 11pks pencils, 1-3ring binder, 10pks pens, 4pks mechanical pencils, 6pks scissors, 4pks post-it notes, 2 plastic supply boxes, 2 boxes Kleenex, 10 backpacks.

Jesus truly is our Shepherd and gathers us together! -Carla Murphy, 2016 VBS coordinator



### ST PAUL YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN THE 2016 IOWA STATE FAIR

Congratulations to a few of our youth who demonstrated some of their talents at the 2016 Iowa State Fair!

- Erin Barnes received a red ribbon for a wooden cutting board she made in woodworking that was in the 4-H building. She also had an exhibit in the Ag Building in the junior floriculture section.

-Katie Barnes had a poster on recycling glass and received a blue award for her photo of a woodpecker which were in the 4-H building. She too had an exhibit in the Ag building in the junior floriculture section. Katie (and a friend) also gave a working exhibit on "Apple Pie in a Cup" on one day.

-Erin Murphy performed several dances as part of the Robert Thomas Irish Performance Dance Team on the Bud Light Stage on opening day of the fair.

(If any other youth were missed, please let us know. These were the ones who responded to an email that was sent out).

## Youth

### Thanks to You!

Where do we begin? What do we say when "Thank You" just doesn't seem like enough? This is the hard part of coming back from such an amazing experience at the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. How do we let the members of St. Paul know how much we appreciate everything they have done for our group? Over the past three years YOU have helped with our fundraising, placing orders for Christmas goodies, ordering cups and popcorn buckets with your favorite team, purchasing cards for pizza, and all the subs for Super Bowl Sunday! We were able through all the hard work of the youth and financial support of the congregation to have an experience that will last a lifetime.

On behalf of all the youth and adult leaders that attended this year's gathering we do want to thank you for not just your financial support, but also for your prayers and thoughts as we prepared and traveled to and from the gathering. Thank you for the notes for the youth, giving them great words of encouragement during their time growing their faith. It's great members like you that give the youth of St. Paul so much love and compassion that keeps them continuing their growth in their relationship with God. Thank you for your continued support!

Thomas and Lisa Wilson



### Camp Okoboji 2016

#### Okoboji Cub Camp Recap

This year there were six youth that attended summer camp at Lake Okoboji. Erin Murphy (8<sup>th</sup> grade) went to Junior Youth Week during July 10-16. JoLyn Ask (6<sup>th</sup>), Ty Choate (6<sup>th</sup>), Daniel Murphy (4<sup>th</sup>), Jessie Ask (4<sup>th</sup>) and Eayon Phipps (4<sup>th</sup>) went to Cub Week during July 17-26. Although it was hot both weeks, each of the youth fully enjoyed themselves and their experiences at the camps -- meeting new friends, playing sports, doing crafts, swimming in the lake, playing games, having campfires and best of all, worshipping and sharing their faith in God with other youth! The camp-goers are already talking about going next year and will continue to communicate with friends they met during the week. Some of our youth plan to see some of the same kids at the IDW local youth gathering in Des Moines in October and November too!

A few quotes from the St. Paul Lutheran youth that attended camp this summer were:

"Being at Camp Okoboji has strengthened me and I have grown in my faith in Christ Jesus."

"Thank you very much for helping give money to help with registration. Camp was awesome!"



## Youth

### September LYF Activity

**Who?** All Midweek youth

**What?** LYF Picnic & Scavenger Hunt

**When?** September 14, 2016 (5:30-8:00pm)

**Where?** Hickory Shelter @ Brookside Park

1325 6<sup>th</sup> Street (Ames, IA)

Hickory Shelter is the west shelter (closest to the north parking lot and the fire engine)

**How?** We will be handing out permission forms at the LYF Kick-Off (Aug 31) and have some available in the narthex.



### Iowa District West Local Youth Gatherings

Hey Youth! Check out the IDW Youth Gatherings. This summer many youth participated in the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, but THESE are close to home in Des Moines!

Event: Jr Youth Gathering (grades 6-8)

Theme: "Written in Stone" based on Hebrews 8:10

Date: October 29-30, 2016

Place: Sheraton in **West Des Moines**

Cost: \$135 which covers lodging, 3 meals, all programs and a t-shirt.

(Funding assistance of up to \$67.50 per person available from IDW - see Bd of Youth for info)

Deadlines: registrations must be post marked by Sept. 27.

Event: Sr. Youth Gathering (grades 9-12)

Date: November 18-20, 2016

Place: Embassy Suites in downtown **Des Moines**

Cost: \$195 which covers registration, 2 nights lodging, daily breakfast and Saturday banquet meal. (Funding assistance of up to \$97.50 per person available from IDW - see Bd of Youth for info)

We would love to get a group to go to both of these events! Look for more information via emails and the bulletin board. We will also have info for the Jr Youth Gathering at the Midweek/LYF kick off on Aug. 31. (We are waiting for details from IDW for the Sr. Youth Gathering).







# St. Paul Lutheran Preschool

## September 2016

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool's ministry is expanding this fall. Last year the preschool shared the good news of Jesus with 36 preschoolers and their families. This school year the preschool will share the good news of Jesus with 61 preschoolers and their families. What a joy and privilege it is to see the children's faith grow from the Holy Spirit in these beginning years of their lives!

To make this ministry expand it was a busy summer at the preschool. St. Paul Lutheran Preschool praises God for all the talented volunteers from St. Paul who have come forward to help make these changes happen. Changes you will see in the additional classroom are: removal of old furniture and donated to Salvation Army, new carpet and new vinyl, freshly painted walls, new shelves in the storage and supply room, new sound barrier in the pump room, removal of broken refrigerator, a hand-crafted double sink and refrigerator unit, and additional classroom furniture.

We thank St. Paul Lutheran Church congregation, the St. Paul Lutheran Preschool Board, the volunteers at the Farm Progress Show, individual financial donations, memorials, United Way contributions, and Thrivent Choice Dollar donations. Without all these kind and generous donations from you, the preschool could not have expanded its ministry to share God's love with almost twice as many children and their families.

Not only do you see changes in the physical space, but also on the St. Paul Lutheran Preschool staff roster. St. Paul Lutheran Preschool Board had the opportunity to select wonderful classroom staff from over 45 qualified people in the community who submitted resumes. After 2 days of interviews the staff has been hired to serve at St. Paul Lutheran Preschool. The complete St. Paul Lutheran Preschool staff is as follows: Lori Jenks—Preschool Director and Lamb Class (3's) Teacher; Donna Heilman- Lamb Class (3's) Assistant Teacher & Financial Recorder; Paula Dacken -2nd Lamb Class (3's) Teacher; Kristen Leichty - 2nd Lamb Class (3's) Assistant Teacher; Sandy VanNostrand -Lion Class (4's & 5's) Teacher; and Beth Lucht—Assistant Teacher Lion Class (4's & 5's).

On August 5 some of the preschool staff was able to attend the Iowa District West's Early Childhood Conference at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Urbandale. The topic of this year's conference was "Amazing Grace." The conference's Bible verse was "Receive and experience the amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, deep deep within yourselves" Philippians 4:23 (MSG). The teachers enjoyed a day of spiritual and educational renewal as a new school year is upon us. Thank you for your prayers and your partnership of sharing Jesus' love!



## Women's Ministry

### Women's Bible Study

We will begin a new Bible study on Sept 19. It is the video study, "The Patriarchs" by Beth Moore. We meet at 5:45 pm in the basement every Monday, beginning Sept. 19. All women are invited to attend.

**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:

**Sept 8th:** Quilters will meet from 10:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 8th. 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.

**Sept 22nd:** Mark your calendar to come and quilt on Thursday, September 22nd, at 10:15 a.m. At 1:00 pm we will have our Family Service business meeting with a devotion and dessert. Join us if you can. (Bring a sack lunch.)



### "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

## Women's Ministry

### Report on American Heritage Girls

The St. Paul American Heritage Girls Troop IA2016 has completed the National charter requirements and received its official charter! Congratulations! Thank you to Kara Warme, Troop Coordinator; Lori Jenks, Troop Shepherd; and Gretchen Zitterich, Charter Representative; who have worked so hard to accomplish this in a short time so the troop could kick off this fall. Thank you to those at St. Paul who have assisted us. The troop board is very grateful.

The troop will be meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month at 4:15 to 5:15 pm at St Paul. We will be beginning with approx. 45 girls in three levels; Tenderheart, Explorer, and Pathfinder. Two leaders have been chosen for each level. Curriculum coordinators have done an outstanding job planning the year's goals, activities, and work for achieving badges. Treasurer, Sunny Adcock, has been busy setting up a checking account and budget for the year. Please call Lori or Gretchen with questions about joining or volunteering. Stay tuned for more news and events.

#### **LWML Mite Update:**

National- (as of 7/31/16)

Mission Goal for 2015-2017

Biennium: \$2,000,000

**Amount Received:** \$1,263,321.67

**Amount Needed:** \$ 736,678.33

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



#### **Boone Zone Fall Rally**

The Boone Zone Fall Rally will be held Oct 1, 2016 at Trinity, Jefferson at 9:00 am.

The speaker is Trisha Easton "Weaving the Bible and Grace."

The Ingathering will be school supplies for a new church start in West Virginia.

Sign up on the bulletin board to carpool.

**BOUNTIFUL  
HARVEST**

**The LWML Iowa West District Fall Retreat** will be held Sept. 24,

2016 at Mission Central near Mapleton, IA. If you have never been to Mission Central, this is a wonderful opportunity to go. Gary Thies will have a surprise mission speaker for us. Registration begins at 9:00 am, so our carpool will leave about 7:00 am. Sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to attend.

(You must send in your own registration form.  
Cost is \$15.00.)

**The next LWML Convention in June, 2017, will be here before you know it.** It will be in Albuquerque, NM, which will be a little more costly than traveling to Des Moines. The Women of St. Paul have a few fundraisers planned to help defray the cost, so more women are able to attend. Thank you for your support of the Women's Ministry here at St. Paul.

**Jesus Christ**  
**above all**  
Philippians 2:9



## September 2016 Service Roster

	<b>Sept 4 Labor Day</b>	<b>Sept 11 8:30</b>	<b>Sept 11 11:00</b>	<b>Sept 18 8:30</b>	<b>Sept 18 11:00</b>	<b>Sept 25 8:30</b>	<b>Sept 25 11:00</b>
Organist	LaDonna Osborn	Mary Nelson		LaDonna Osborn		Praise Team	
Elders	Bob Walker	Bob Walker	Matt Weiss →				
Lectors	Linda Peterson	Linda Peterson	Marlene Johnson	Cindy Baas	Marlene Johnson	Cindy Baas	Caleb Donavon
Acolytes	Hannah Fritz			Erin Murphy	TBA		
Greeters	Paul & Adele Knop, Sharron Martin	Paul & Adele Knop, Sharron Martin	Steve & Marlene Johnson, Lori Jenks →				
Ushers	Kris Ellis, Cindy Baas, Matt & Sandra Pflug	Kris Ellis, Cindy Baas, Matt & Sandra Pflug	Tom Henriksen, Becky Jackson, Ryan Latuska, Matthew Latuska →				
Coffee Fellowship							
Coffee Time Greeter	Dave Charlson →						
Altar Flowers	Inez Smith					John & Lynn Sellmeyer	
Offering Counters	All & Tanny Latuska →						
Power Point	Michele Flynn	Michele Flynn	Michele Flynn	Judy Peter	Judy Peter	Judy Peter	Judy Peter
Sound Board	Tom Peter	Tom Peter	Greg Van-Nostrand	Tom Peter	Tom Peter	Tom Peter	Tom Peter
Altar Guild	Gretchen Zitterich, Jan Ziebell, Becky Juelfs →						
Video Recorder	John Murphy →						
Collate Bulletins	Al Latuska, Mike Lindell →						