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A Letter from your Pastor



Every Sunday, as we hear our Law-Gospel sermon, the Lord reminds us that we are sinners who have a wonderful Savior, who took our punishment to earn our forgiveness. We hear this core message of the Lutheran faith in a very special way each year on Reformation Sunday, when we are reminded of the gift of salvation: You are saved because of what Jesus Christ did for you. You are saved because your Savior paid the price for your sins. You are saved by all that Jesus did, not because of anything that you do. *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast"* (Ephesians 2:8-9).

This year's Reformation Celebration will be held October 30. The festive service will include organ, brass, traditional liturgy, and a special gift. Our District Stewardship Executive, Rev. Phil Andreasen, will be present to remind us of the Reformation gifts entrusted to us by God to use as His stewards (this was the one Sunday that we were able to schedule him to be here in the midst of many busy commitments).

Plan to join us October 30 as we celebrate God's gift of salvation on Reformation Sunday. As Luther reminds us, "This is grace: the forgiveness of sins for the sake of the Lord Christ....Grace is freely given to the most undeserving...and is not obtained by

any strenuous efforts, endeavors, or works, either small or great, not even by the efforts of the best and most honorable of men....You dare not imagine that it was done for nothing or cost little....Grace and life were given you, but it meant bitter work for Him. It cost Him much. He earned it at the expense of His own body, blood and life."

Celebrating God's grace for us in Jesus,

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, October 2

Holy Communion

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

Sunday, October 9

LWML Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 16

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Sunday, October 23

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 30

Reformation Sunday

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Director of Music Ministry — Mary Nelson has been our Director of Music Ministry for the past fifteen years. Mary was part of the music program for 25 years at Bethesda before the Lord led her to St. Paul to lead our music program. The Lord has called her back to Bethesda to serve as their primary organist

effective November 1. Mary has been a blessing to our congregation and when you have the opportunity over the next 45 days, please share that with her.

We will immediately begin the process of filling the position of Director of Music Ministry. A group of individuals interested in our music program will be formed to lead the search. This group will be led by Paul Knop and Jon Buss from the Board of Elders. If you are interested in learning more about the position or know of a person who you think would be a good candidate, contact Paul.Knop@zionsbank.com or jonconbuss@outlook.com.

Sunday, October 30, 2016

2:00 - 3:30 pm

The community is invited to this *5th Annual* FREE trick or treat event.

You can help by:

1. Hosting a trunk (please provide pre-packaged treats or give-aways)
2. Donating small candy or trinkets to hand out (candy must be prepackaged)
3. Volunteering at the event

Please sign up on the bulletin board to help.

Please contact the church office with questions.

Need ideas? Google "Trunk or Treat" or ask Board of Ed members.

Organized by the Board of Education



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 dates for October will be the 10th and 24th.)

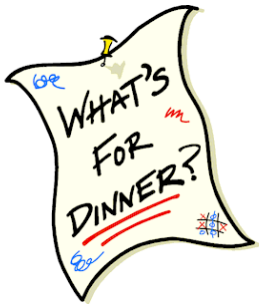


You are invited to come to Parish Choir and/or Bells of St. Paul for the fall/winter season! We will be having a special Music Sunday in November and would like to have you join us! We'll be singing and ringing some old favorites as well as special verses on a hymn or two. Make a joyful noise with us!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



Human Care

Conversational Dinners to begin, Sunday, October 9th.



"Fall" Into Conversational Dinners on October 9th....it is that time of the year again and we want to get off to another great year as "Time Goes By". That is the theme this year and in October we will be revisiting the 1960's. We will gather at the home of Drue and Ellen Sander for a potluck dinner featuring 1960 foods. So dig out those bell bottomed pants, high school yearbooks, and your favorite recipes from the 60's. Remember, any St. Paul adult, (singles or couples), are invited to be a part of Conversational Dinners.

Please RSVP to druellen@hotmail.com. See you on October 9th.

Help the Needy

The needy are always in need of underwear and socks. This is for all ages and sizes. Place in Hope Bin and we will deliver. Underwear should be new, but socks can be gently worn. Soon there will be the need for men's work gloves, too.

Remember light bath towels are always appreciated at the men's shelter.



Also YSS appreciates luggage and tote bags. Many of the youth come with their things in a garbage bag. Either drop them off at YSS or place in the HOPE bin and they will get there.

For the month of November, we will need easy take-home items, such as granola bars, etc., for the school children. Please put those in the food pantry box.



Greetings from Seward!

I wanted to say Thank You one more time for the support that the St. Paul Congregation has given me in my pursuit of a new career. This has been a long year to get to where I am at and I have truly been blessed with a great church family. The scholarship that I have received is beyond astonishing to me. I was taken speechless (which most know is hard to do). This is my passion and I am determined to put that scholarship to the best use! Thank you again for the great support, and I will see you around the church!

Thomas Wilson

Education

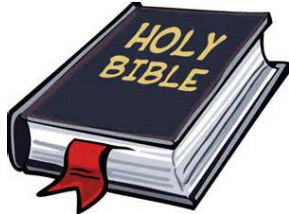
Mission offering brought to Sunday School this fall will go towards Mercy Meals of Siouxland. Volunteers of all ages package rice/soy fortified meals which are sent all over the world. Just \$20 provides 150 meals for those in need.



On Rally Sunday we had the pleasure to continue the tradition of handing out new bibles to those who are 3 years old, in 3rd grade or in 7th grade.

These bibles are meant to be written in, highlighted all over, and brought to Sunday School and Midweek classes.

Those who did not receive their bible at Rally Sunday may get them from their Midweek or Sunday School teachers. Anyone else needing a bible may contact the Board of Education.



Blessings Abound!

This has been a very busy summer for a lot of us. And to add to that business was the task of moving the youth room, High School room, and enlarging a midweek classroom. There are so many people to thank that put in countless hours prepping, constructing, planning, painting and putting in so much sweat equity.

Thank you to: Tom Peter and the Board of Trustees, Ron Coy, Merle Suntken, Dave Osborn, Wayne Hagemoser, Ellen Sander, Kent Ziebell, Cindy Baas, Carla and Erin Murphy, Alan, Michael and Jordan Vetter, Jaden Ask, Trent Dougan, Kaitlin Wegner, Kylie and Kaitlyn Cook

Thank you to everyone that showed their support in this time of transition. Even though we are not completely finished, the basement is ready for use this fall. We are truly blessed at St. Paul!

Board of Education and
Board of Youth

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 Thank you.



Youth

October LYF Activity

Who? All Midweek youth

What? LYF Silly Supper and Pumpkin Decorating

Join us for a Fun-Filled night of Food, Fellowship and Fall decorating of your very own pumpkin! If you aren't familiar with what a Silly Supper is, you are in for a treat!

When? Wednesday, October 12 (5:30-7:30pm)

Where? St. Paul's fellowship hall

How? There is no need for a permission form for this event, but if parents could **please RSVP to the church office by October 9th** - so we have a good estimate of how many youth to expect - we'd greatly appreciate it!

REMINDER: Deadline for the Senior Youth Gathering registration is **October 11th**!

Event: Senior Youth Gathering (grades 9-12)

Date: November 18-20, 2016

Place: Embassy Suites in downtown Des Moines

Cost: \$215, which covers registration, 2 nights lodging, daily breakfast and Saturday banquet meal. NOTE: there is funding assistance of up to \$97.50/person available from Iowa District West – see Carla Murphy or Board Of Youth for info!



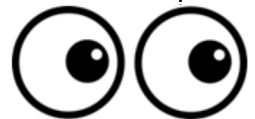
Please pray for the youth

(and chaperones) that will be attending the Junior Youth Gathering (grades 6-8) in West Des Moines later this month on October 29-30! The theme of the weekend will be "Written in Stone" and there is a possibility of EIGHT St. Paul youth that will be in attendance! May God bless this opportunity for our young members to learn more about Him!



BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR UPCOMING LYF EVENTS!

Possible activities include: Perfect Games, bowling, ice skating, indoor swimming, ice skating ... Let us know if you have any suggestions of fun events to have!



Youth

September LYF Event Recap

About ten youth participated in the September LYF on Wednesday, September 13 at Brookside Park in Ames. The kids enjoyed a Nature Scavenger Hunt that included taking pictures of items such as bugs, rocks, spider webs, pine needles and animal footprints. Dinner was soon to follow with hot dogs, chips and s'mores!



**Thank you, Board of
Youth, for the fun
September event!**



Youth

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.

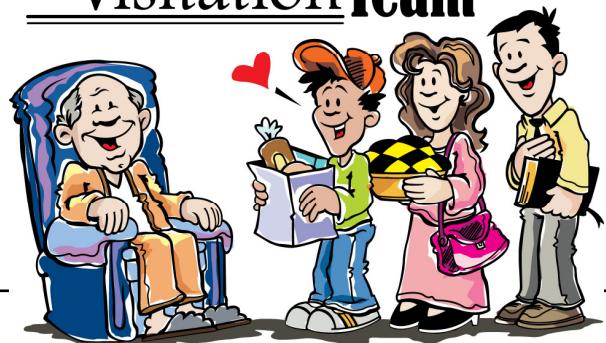


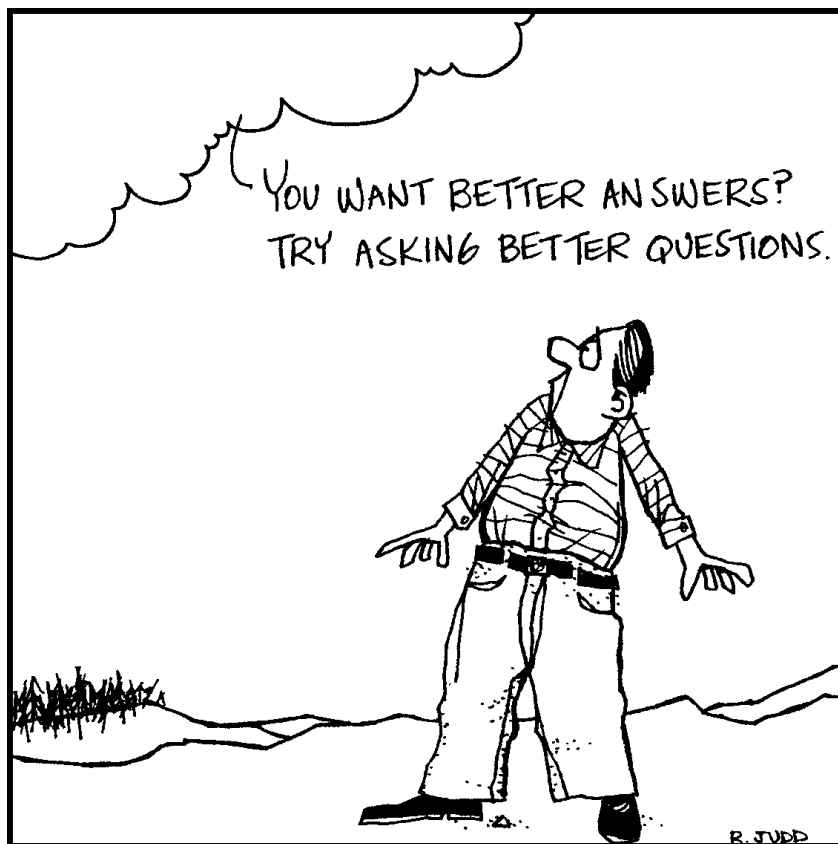
Human Care and Youth are teaming up!

Brian Weber and Karen Griffin are planning to complete one of the Vision Plan items by involving the adults and youth in visiting the nursing homes and shut ins.

We are planning to do this on the 4th Wednesday of the month (Oct 26). Full details have not been completed but please discuss and let us know if you are interested.

Homebound Visitation Team





Women's Ministry

LWML Sunday

LWML Sunday is October 9. We will be sharing LWML information and have the noisy offering at both services, and will have special treats for Coffee Fellowship. Show your support of the LWML by wearing purple. Thank you.

Wear Purple on LWML Sunday!!!

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:

Quilters will meet on Thursday **Oct. 13th** at 10:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. This will be a Thrivent Action Team Event- Wear T-Shirts. We will break at noon for a sack lunch. Please join us if you can.

Quilters will meet on Thurs. **Oct. 27th** at 10:15 a.m. until noon when we break for lunch followed by our Family Service Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

We will have a devotion, a business meeting and dessert. Everyone is welcome to join us.



"Book to Know to Help You Grow"

We will meet Nov 10, 7:00 pm, at the home of Lori Jenks to discuss "Snow Day" by Billy Coffey. Everyone is invited to join us.

The Barnes & Noble synopsis follows: "In this debut novel, Peter is a simple man who lives by a simple truth—a person gains strength by leaning on his constants. To him, those constants are the factory where he works, the family he loves, and the God who sustains him. But when news of job cuts comes against the backdrop of an unexpected snowstorm, his life becomes filled with far more doubts than certainties.

With humor and a gift for storytelling, Billy Coffey brings you along as he spends his snow day encountering family, friends, and strangers of his small Virginia town. All have had their own battles with life's storms. Some have found redemption. Others are still seeking it. But each one offers a piece to the puzzle of why we must sometimes suffer loss, and each one will help Peter find a greater truth—our lives are made beautiful not by our big moments, but our little ones."



Date	Hostess	Book
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

American Heritage Girls

Our group is off to a great start. (see photo at right). We meet the 2nd & 4th Mondays at 4:15 pm in the fellowship hall. Our new troop celebrated the 20th birthday of AHG (national).

Thanks to
all the
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teers who

Thank You

supplied side dishes and deserts and helped with the setup and take down of Septobefest. What a celebration of faith!



LWML Mite Update:



National- (as of 8/31/16)

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

Amount Received: \$1,304,140.63

Amount Needed: \$ 695,859.37

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.

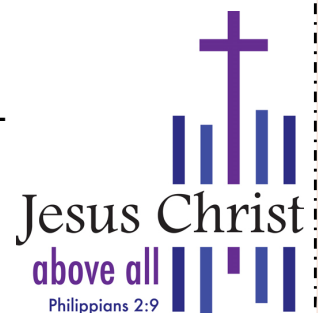
Sign up on the bulletin board to carpool.

Woman's Ministry will have Youngers Community Days coupon books for sale for \$5. All proceeds will go toward the National LWML convention trip and the mission offering.

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.





St. Paul Lutheran Preschool



Our school year is in full swing and the 63 preschoolers are enjoying their new friendships, their many learning opportunities, and their daily encounters learning about God at Jesus Time and at chapel. The teachers have discovered that a top favorite activity for our preschoolers this year is using glue and scissors.

Fieldtrips are always a special experience for the preschoolers and their family member who can join us each month. In October the Lamb Classes are going to Center Grove Orchard to go on a pumpkin tour and the Lion Class will be going to the local fire station to learn about fire safety. Any parent who is interested in coming along may sign-up at their child's classroom Parent Communication Board.

Also preschoolers, their families and friends are invited to attend **Trunk or Treat** at St. Paul on October 30th from 2—3:30 pm. Come dressed up as your favorite character and don't forget to bring your bag to collect goodies. Any families who would like to help at the event can talk to Lori Jenks, the preschool director. Ways you could help would include: hosting a trunk (goggle trunk or treat ideas and you will get an idea of what you can do) or donate candy/trinkets to be handed out on the day of the event.

We welcome families to come to church on **Sundays at St. Paul**. Services are at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. St. Paul is a very loving and welcoming congregation and we welcome you to come and experience God's love for your family. Sunday School is a great way to extend a Christian education on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m.. St. Paul's Sunday School teachers are very experienced with sharing God's word with children. St. Paul has Sunday School classes for children ages 3-18. Also at 9:45 a.m. St. Paul offers a Parent Bible Study Class and an Adult Bible Class. We would enjoy having your entire family come on Sunday mornings.

John 15:1

I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener.

Family Fall Checklist

Play in the leaves

Go apple picking

Go "booing"

Paint a pumpkin

Go on a picnic

Make one fall craft

Go on a nature walk

Make apple crisp

Go on a hayride

Carve pumpkins

Go on a nature walk

Make and eat chili

Go to a farmer's market

Attend St. Paul's Trunk or Treat





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