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A Letter from your Pastor

Letter from Pastor

Do you remember learning how in the United States at one point in history there was a secretive political group known as the "Know Nothing" movement? The name referred to the fact that when asked, members were to respond, "I know nothing about it." Although not used in the same way, as Christians, we also are to "know nothing"—except Jesus. Paul proclaimed that this was the focus of his mission work. *"For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified"* (1 Corinthians 2:2).

So many things in life detract from, and distract us

from, our relationship with Jesus. That's why Jesus had an important message to those overly concerned about the material needs of life: *"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well"* (Matthew 6:33).



This month, we begin our season of special worship opportunities to seek the kingdom of God and to draw closer to Jesus. I

hope you will consider joining us for our special midweek Wednesday night worship services at 7:00 p.m. Come spend some time with Jesus!



Your partner in proclaiming the good news of 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, November 6

Holy Communion

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

Sunday, November 13

Veterans Recognition

HOPE Gift Market

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 20

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Wednesday, Nov 23

Thanksgiving Eve

7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 27

Only One Service

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov 30

Advent I

7:00 p.m.



POSITION AVAILABLE: Director of Music Ministry- We are seeking a person to lead our music program at St. Paul. The duties of this part time position would be to direct the Bell Choir and the Parish Choir. In addition, the opportunity to serve as part time organist would be available. Compensation to be commensurate with experience and qualifications. If interested, email pop09@aol.com for more information. This opportunity has been posted on the St. Paul website and Facebook page. Please share with your family, friends and on social media.

Dear Friends at St. Paul,

It has been a wonderful 15 years spent with you! I felt your kindness and support from the first week as your music director. My very first choir rehearsal was cancelled on September 11, 2001 and instead of a joyful rehearsal we had a somber service in remembrance of the victims of 9/11.

One of the first things I realized about the members of St. Paul is how much you care about each other. This was proven time and again over the years. Thank you for your kindness and support. I'll especially miss my singers and ringers! God brought me to you and now He's sending me back to Bethesda. I guess it's up to Him when it's time for me to hang up my organ shoes. Thank you again!

Mary

Thank You!



St. Paul Trading Post

November Trading Post Ads:

—Ila Nerness is looking for a cassette player or a boom box with a cassette player. If you have one you no longer use, contact Ila.

Trading Post items are always Free

This is a feature in the monthly newsletter called "St. Paul Trading Post" for members to list items that they would like to give away. Members could also list things they are in need of to see if anyone in the church has that particular item that they would like to get rid of.

It works like this:

~Members having an item they would like to list will submit the information to the office.

~Members who are interested in any of the items will contact the person directly.

~All items will only be listed for one month, but the lister can re-list for an additional month if they re-submit their request to the office.

Delivery will be worked out between the parties involved, no items can be dropped off at the church.

HOPE Gift Market - November 13, 2016

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.,

St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Order Forms will be available in the narthex before and after the HOPE Gift Market for those who will not be able to attend on Nov. 13.

DESCRIPTIONS:

Angel Tree

The Women of St. Paul (WOSP) coordinates this annual project. The Angel Tree allows you the opportunity to purchase clothing and gifts for a disadvantaged child in our community-through MICA. There will be a decorated tree at the market in the Fellowship Hall with "lists" attached describing a local child and his/her request for Christmas gifts and/or clothing needs. This is a great opportunity for those of you who like to shop and enjoy wrapping gifts! Check it out.

Butterfly Freedom House

This house located in Ames is maintained to provide a loving, safe, and healthy environment where women can reclaim the freedom God originally intended for their lives and to offer women the opportunity to grow in their relationship with their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and ultimately heal from past wounds and experience restoration in their lives. The residents of the Butterfly House are coming out of incarceration and will receive help to develop skills that will help them to live independently.

Lutherans for Life

Lutherans For Life mission is "Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life," and believes that every human life – from conception to natural death regardless of physical or mental challenges or condition of dependence – is precious in God's sight. Lutherans For Life offers resources on abortion, post-abortion, adoption, bioethics, creation, end-of-life, family living, fetal development, sexual purity, and more.

Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance Cooperative (GNEA)

Founded in 1996, "Good Neighbor" has been just that to local residents with emergency needs. This agency is designed to be a source of "last resort" after all other avenues for help have been exhausted. Approximately 30 Ames area churches cooperate and work through the GN Office - accepting the challenge of providing the funds for needs/services in Story County. A gift donation might be used for healthy food vouchers, help with electricity or heating fuel bills to keep from being disconnected, or to help pay the rent during a family emergency – to keep families from being evicted. Each gift makes a difference for some of the exploding number of needy families facing a crisis situation right here in Story County. The alms collected (coins dropped into the small wooden stand in the west church entryway) also supports this program.

Samaritan's Purse

Is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ.



Operation Heal Our Patriots will help cover transportation costs, lodging, activities, and follow-up ministry so that military couples will have an opportunity to strengthen their marriages & learn more about God's love. **World Medical Mission** provides Christ-centered medical care for thousands of people while investing in missionary doctors who have committed to serve overseas for two-years at missionary hospitals.

Your gift to **"Where Most Needed"** equips Samaritan's Purse—including personnel, materials, supporting services, buildings, and equipment—to provide community development and vocational programs in impoverished villages and neighborhoods, helping people to break the cycle of poverty and give them hope for a better tomorrow. Vulnerable children are rescued, educated, fed, clothed, and sheltered, letting them know that God loves them, Jesus died and rose again for them, and they are not forgotten.

Honey for Help

The WOSP is selling honey in support of the Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch located in Minot, North Dakota. At just \$5.00 per bottle, this is a "sweet" way to reach out to troubled kids who are assisted through the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) – Direct Support of District Mission Projects

1. LCMS provides a way for donors to continue to help support **Julie Lutz** (spouse of Dr. Steve Lutz, who was a medical missionary in Papua New Guinea before his death.) Julie has gone back to PNG and will need support to continue to live, work, and minister to those eager to learn of Jesus.

2. **James and Angela Sharp** serve as LCMS missionaries in Uruguay.

Informed Choice of Iowa

A pro-life medical clinic located in Ames to eliminate the 'need' for abortion through effectively serving the pregnant at-risk woman by turning her fear of the present into confidence in her future.

Lutheran Family Services (LFS)

Lutheran Family Services has been caring for families in Iowa since 1901. LFS was established to provide professional service to those that hard times are too big for them to handle.



"Save the Date"

'Sharing the Light of Christ' Nativity Open House

at the Lutheran Family Service Ministry Center in Ft. Dodge

has been scheduled for

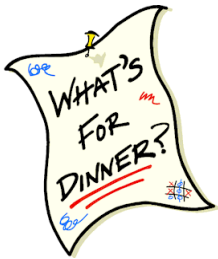
Sunday, December 1, 2016

(times to follow)

If you have a Nativity set you might consider donating, LFS would appreciate having it for the open house. Their plan is to make each year bigger than the last with as many Nativity sets as they can find.

Human Care

Conversational Dinners, Sunday, November 13th.



If the first of this year's Conversational Dinners is an indication of what is to come, this year is going to be awesome!!! Blessed with a beautiful fall evening, delicious food, and friends with a great sense of humor and fun, we all came to realize as we celebrated the 1960's, we were too busy living them and didn't take time to realize all the history that surrounded us. (See picture below.)

Now "As Time Goes By" we need to look ahead to November 13th and continuing on our journey into the 1970's. We will be gathering in groups of 8-10 people at 6:00 for dinner. If you are interested in being a host couple, please contact Drue and Ellen Sander at druellen@hotmail.com. See you in November!!!



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.



Youth

November LYF Activity



Who? All St. Paul Midweek Youth

What? Cookie Decorating and Shut-In Visits

When? Wednesday, November 9, 2016 (5:30pm – 8:00pm)

Where? We will start and end at St. Paul Church

How? There will be a permission slip located in the narthex for parents to sign up their kids because we will be traveling to various shut-ins. **Please return to church office, Taylor or Thiede mailbox by NOVEMBER 6TH!**



RE M I N D E R ! There will NOT be an LYF event in December due to the Christmas Program on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at the 11:00 am service! There will also be Christmas Program practices on a few Saturdays before the program. Times of those practices to be announced later ...

LYF events will resume in January and will possibly include the following events:

**Perfect Games ** Bowling **Ice Skating **Indoor Swimming

OCTOBER LYF EVENT RECAP

On October 12, 2016, about TWENTY St. Paul Youth eagerly attended our 1st Annual Silly Supper and Pumpkin Decorating event at the church. The kids were given a menu of fifteen different items to choose from, but the “silly” part was that the items were named things that would disguise what they actually were! After choosing three rounds of five items each, the youth were surprised with some scary-fun combinations of such things as: green bugs, zombie dandruff, slippery brains, soggy graveyard dirt and a grave scooper. This particular course meant that a child would receive green olives, parmesan cheese, spaghetti noodles, chocolate pudding cup and a spoon to eat it all with! It was quite the eventful dinner with lots of laughs!

Afterwards, each of the St. Paul youth enjoyed decorating a pumpkin with various craft supplies! There were some very interesting creations and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely! At the end, the participants got to vote for their favorite pumpkins with candy corn pieces and the pumpkin decorated by **JoLyn Ask** ended up with the most candy “votes!” (see next page for photos)

Youth

Thank you, Board of
Youth, for the fun
October event!



Education

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Important Children's Christmas Service Dates

Practices:

Saturday, December 3rd 9-11 (Kind- High School)

Saturday, December 10th 9-10 (Kind – High School)

10-11(Preschool – High School)

Sunday, December 11th 9:45 – 10:45 (Kind – High School)

Service:

Sunday, December 11th 11:00 service only

(Children are asked to bring a wrapped box with their offering enclosed)

WE WILL BE HAVING A CHILDREN'S BAND ENSEMBLE- PLEASE LET BRENDA DRYER (bsdryer@globalccs.net) KNOW IF YOUR CHILD PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PART OF THE SERVICE.

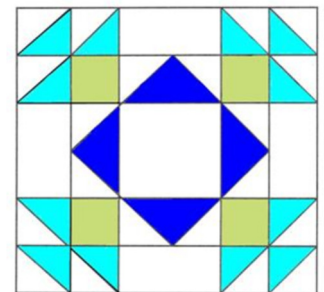


Put these dates on your calendar!

There will be no Midweek on November 23 and no Sunday School November 27 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Enjoy time with family and be thankful for the gift of God's grace.

High School Graduates Quilt Project: The weather is turning colder and a warm quilt reminds us of being wrapped in God's love. As they were growing up, the current high school seniors were encouraged and nurtured by the congregation through highs and lows. Soon they will be out on their own. As was started in 2013, high school graduates in the congregation will receive a special quilt from the church

to always remember they are wrapped in God's love and our love. To get the task accomplished for this year's group, we invite those interested and able to attend to help in creating the finished product on **Saturday, November 12** beginning at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. People of all abilities are welcome to attend. Help is needed cutting, ironing, pinning, and of course sewing. Materials and supplies will be available. Please contact Breanna Wetzler (brwetzler@gmail.com) if you plan to attend or have an extra sewing machine you would like to bring. We look forward to seeing you and thank you in advance for your help and support in this project.



Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update:

National- (as of 9/30/16)



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

Amount Received: \$1,359,059.11

Amount Needed: \$ 640,940.89

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

Soup and Pie Advent

supper- The Women of St. Paul will be hosting the annual soup and pie supper for the first Advent meal on Nov 30 at 5:45 pm. Please watch for the sign up sheet to be posted on the bulletin board.



FAMILY SERVICE ~ Family Service Quilting Dates:

Quilters will meet on Thursday **Nov. 10th** at 10:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. This will be a Thrivent Action Team Event- Wear T-Shirts. Please bring a sack lunch and join us.

Quilters will meet on Thurs. **Nov. 17th** at 10:15 a.m. until noon when we break for lunch. (This will be a week earlier because of Thanksgiving Day the following Thursday.) At 1:00 we will have our monthly business meeting with a devotion and dessert. Bring a sack lunch and join us.

We could still use some gently used sheets for the quilts. Please leave them in the basket marked "Quilting Supplies" under the coat rack at the east entrance. Thank you.



"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



LWML Sunday

The Women of St. Paul presented a missions skit during the service on Oct 9. Participants were Joyce Dobberke, Sandy Van Nostrand, Vickie Roach and Julie Coy. The theme for the day was "Come and See". The children's message was presented by Lisa Wilson and Breanna Wetzler. Many of the quilts that have been completed by the Family Service quilters were on display. They have been taken to Orphan Grain Train for distribution throughout the world.



Women'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.

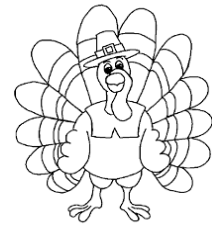
The next LWML Convention in June, 2017, will be here before you know it. It will be in Albuquerque, NM, which will be a little more costly than traveling to Des Moines. The Women of St. Paul have a few fundraisers planned to help defray the cost, so more women are able to attend. Thank you for your support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


Jesus Christ
above all
Philippians 2:9

November 2016 Service Roster

	Nov 6 8:30	Nov 6 11:00	Nov 13 8:30	Nov 13 11:00	Nov 20 8:30	Nov 20 11:00	Nov 23 T-giving Eve 7:00 pm	Nov 27 10:00 one service	Nov 30 Advent I 7:00 pm
Organist	LaDonna Osborn		Praise Team		LaDonna Osborn		LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn	Ellen Sander
Elders	Steve Vollstedt	Chris Hand →					Chris Hand	Steve Vollstedt	
Lectors	Ron Juelfs	Wayne Hagemoser	Ron Juelfs	Gretchen Zitterich	Gretchen Zitterich	Lisa Wilson	Ellen Sander	Gretchen Zitterich	Keith Folkmann
Acolytes	Katie Barnes	Rori Olson			Madison Weber	Tate Ploessl			
Greeters	Mark & Janelle Swenson, Norm & Norma Pietsch	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Kris Ellis →					Drue & Ellen Sander, Connie Buss	Mark & Janelle Swenson, Norm & Norma Pietsch	Ron & Karen Belz
Ushers	Dennis & Karen Griffin, Ron Juelfs, David Pietsch	Larry & Nancy Wiebel, Denny & Shirley Tice →					Paul & Adele Knop, Ron Coy, Vickie Roach	Dennis & Karen Griffin, Ron Juelfs, David Pietsch	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Mark & Janelle Swenson
Coffee Fellowship	Tom & Judy Peter, Bud & Thelma Voetberg		Human Care HOPE Gift Market		Wayne & Marilyn Hagemoser			No Coffee Fellowship today	
Coffee Time Greeter	Thomas Wilson →								
Altar Flowers									
Offering Counters	Dennis & Karen Griffin →								
Power Point	Lisa Wilson	Lisa Wilson	Lisa Wilson	Lisa Wilson	Julie Coy	Julie Coy	Julie Coy	Julie Coy	Stephanie Mander-nach
Sound Board	Jordan Mandernach	Charles Ellis	Jordan Mander-nach	Charles Ellis	Harry Mundt	Harry Mundt	Harry Mundt	Harry Mundt	Jordan Mander-nach
Altar Guild	Connie Buss, LaDonna Osborn,	Sharron Martin →							
Video Recorder	Greg Van-Nostrand →								
Collate Bulletins	Dean & Ardy Ulrichson →								

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool November 2016



St. Paul Lutheran Preschool thanks all the people who signed up to be **Prayer Partners** for the preschoolers. With 63 preschoolers at St. Paul we needed a lot of pray partners. We thank God for you! The families and children appreciate your prayers for them.



November 2nd-4th **Parent-Teacher Conferences** will be held. Please check your classes' Parent-Teacher Communication Board to sign-up for a time to hear about your child's progress.



Smile! **Picture Day** is Thursday November 17th and Friday November 18th. Please bring in the Lifetouch picture form when your child comes to preschool on this day. After the pictures are developed you get to choose what pictures you would like to purchase.



Monday, November 21st and Tuesday, November 22nd the Lamb Classes are going to invite their grandparents to come to preschool for **Grandparent's Day**. During their time fun together they will make a craft, play a game, eat a snack and attend chapel. Thank you God for Grandparents!

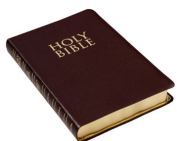


November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. A **Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service** will be held at St. Paul. Gather your family together to worship and thank the Lord for all the blessings He has given you! God is great!

November 24-25 No School for **Thanksgiving Break**.



Save the Date: The preschool **Christmas Program** is Sunday, December 18th. The Yellow Lamb Class and the Tuesday/Friday Blue Lamb Class will have their program at 3:30 p.m. The Lion Class and the Monday/Thursday Blue Lamb Class will have their program at 5:00 p.m. After the program each preschoolers will receive a Christmas Goodie bag to take home and enjoy!



"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever."
Psalm 136:1