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A Letter from your Pastor



Join Jesus on His Mission!

A new year brings new opportunities. This year we have the chance to take a new approach to life with Jesus Christ! Our "Joining Jesus" emphasis encourages each of us to think about each day as a mission with Jesus. You can begin each day by asking, "Jesus, what opportunities will you present to me today to share your love with the people whose paths I cross?" Do you believe what the Scriptures say, that God has

planned in advance good works for us to do (Ephesians 2:10)? Will you keep your eyes and ears open for the opportunities God is presenting you to join Jesus in sharing His love? "Make the most of every opportunity; let your conversation be full of grace" (Colossians 4:5-6).

To learn more about this missional lifestyle, please come share the excitement of our empowering guest teacher Reverend Greg Finke at the Missional Lifestyle Training on Saturday, January 7, at the

church from 9:00 to 3:00. This is a fantastic way to start your New Year with Jesus! You will be energized and equipped, share great fellowship, and eat a free lunch and other tasty refreshments. Please complete the registration form inside this newsletter.

Blessings 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, January 1

New Year's Day

Only One Service

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.



January
Worship
Schedule

Sunday, January 8

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

Sunday, January 15

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 22

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

Sunday, January 29

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Un-Deck the halls

'When Christmas is over,' said the merchant to the minister, 'it's over, and it's our job to rid the store of Christmas in a day.' 'Well,' the minister replied, 'I've got a bigger job - to keep Christmas in the hearts of my people for all year.'"

With the glorious season of the birth of our Christ Child now a special memory in our thoughts and minds, it is time to prepare our church for the next church season of Lent.

We will be taking down the Christmas tree and all the decorations on Saturday, January 14th around 8:30 or 9:00 or whenever you can come in the morning to help.

If you cannot come on Saturday, but have some free time before Saturday, there are some items that can be taken down before Saturday. This would make less work for Saturday morning. Please let me know if you would like to work on something before Saturday morning, January 14. Just send me an email at japeter@iastate.edu or call me at 450-4039.

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church and for those who volunteer to help un-deck.

Serving Christ with Joy,

Judy Peter





The Altar Guild would like to say a special “Thank you” to Athena Puck who has served as our Flower Coordinator for several years. She has gone back to work full time and has asked to step down as the Flower Coordinator.

The Flower Coordinator works with families who are placing flowers on the altar for a Sunday if they need assistance. She would help coordinate the Easter Lilies and Poinsettias. If you feel this would be something you would enjoy assisting with, please contact Judy Peter, Chair of the Altar Guild. She can answer any questions you may have and guide you through the process.

Serving Christ with Joy,
Judy Peter (450-4039)



Worship Time on January 1

On this Sunday, because many of our members will be traveling and out of town, we will utilize our special holiday week-end schedule. There will be only one worship service at 10 a.m. on January 1. There will be no education hour held. January 8 we return to our regular schedule.



Mark your calendar for Team Sunday February 5!

Though we may cheer for different teams every day, we can all agree we are on God's Team. All you have to do to participate is wear your favorite team colors or a St. Paul shirt.

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool January News 2017

Here is a glimpse of the fun the preschoolers had at St. Paul during the busy month of December as they celebrated the birth of Jesus!



The 4's are in their Nativity costumes.



Go Tell It on the Mountain!
Jesus Christ is Born!



The 3 Wisemen and their camel



Lambs retelling the Nativity Story.



Writing Christmas Cards



Making Christmas Dinner



Making Christmas Cookies



Making Christmas Surprises!

New
Year's
Blessings
to you!



M/TH Lamb Class Practicing for the
Christmas Preschool Program.

Human Care

Donations Needed this Month

January collection boxes need warm items. There is always a need for work gloves and stocking caps for all sizes. We need to collect underwear again, too. Just place in the box for HOPE and we will deliver.



Conversational Dinners, January 15.

Conversational Dinners...As Time Goes By...January finds us ready for the "Soup"er 90's. We will meet Sunday, January 15th at 6:00 for our soup supper. With the temperatures hovering close to zero, a hot bowl of soup warms the body and the heart. If you would like to be a host for the evening contact Drue or Ellen Sander.

As we "Caroled Thru the 80's" in December we want to sing out our appreciation and thanks to Carol and Keith Folkmann for hosting the carolers and everyone who helped us sing carols. The weather outside was chilly but our hearts were warmed by the ladies and gentlemen who welcomed us into their homes as we sang God's Christmas message.

Conversational Dinners welcomes all adult members of St Paul. There are no dues or sign up fees, just a desire to enjoy an evening of fellowship with others at St Paul.



Youth

Dates to remember:

Jan 4 - Midweek classes resume

Jan 8 - Sunday School resumes

Jan 15 - Skating, 1:15-4:45 pm. (see below)

January LYF Event:

We are going to Spinning Wheels Skating Rink in Ogden to go roller skating on Sunday, January 15. Please have children at church at 1:15 and pick up children at 4:45 at church. We are looking for volunteers to drive the youth to and from. Parents are more than willing to come and watch. (You don't have to pay if you are just watching.) St. Paul will pay for the skating, but you will need your own money for concession stand items. Also, don't forget your socks (you will need socks to skate).



SUPER SUNDAY SUB SALES!

2019 National Youth Gathering participants are gearing up for selling subs!



The Youth will be pre-selling subs, for \$10, after each service on Sunday January 15, 22, and the last day to order on January 29.

Subs will be ready to pick up on Super Bowl Sunday – February 5.

Make sure you get yours ordered!

Also, prepare for our annual Super Sunday Bake Sale – Sunday, February 5.

All proceeds will help our youth attend the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in 2019.

Education

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Organized by the Board of Education



Sunday, February 5, 2017

God's Team

We are all members of God's Team.
Show your team spirit by coming to
church and Sunday School as a fan.

You can participate by:

1. Wearing your favorite team colors
or jersey (*any sport, any team - high
school, college or pro*)
2. Wearing a St. Paul shirt

*Now you are the body of Christ,
and each one of you is a part of it
1 Corinthians 12:27*



We are looking for a substitute Sunday School teacher for the 7-8 grade to teach January - April.
Class may be taught by a team or single person.

Please contact Breanna Wetzler (507-841-1964) if you are interested.

Women's Ministry

American Heritage Girls

American Heritage Girls held their first badging ceremony at Cornerstone Church on Dec 12 followed by a potluck dinner attended by 150 guests. Pictured are some of the girls at the AHG badge ceremony.



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Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update:



National- (as of 10/31/16)

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

Amount Received: \$1,537,540.91

Amount Needed: \$ 462,459.09

This biennium will end March 31, 2017, so we want to make sure we reach our goal.

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 ~

Quilting group will meet on Thursday January 12th at 10:15 until 2:00 p.m. This will be a Thrivent Action Team Event. Wear your T-Shirts and bring a sack lunch.



On Thursday January 26th we will meet at 10:15 a.m. to quilt and at 1:00 pm. is our business meeting with a devotion and dessert. Come and join us if you can.

“Book to Know to Help You Grow”

We will meet Feb 9, 7:00 pm, at the home of Adele Knop to discuss “Her Mother’s Hope” by Francine Rivers. Everyone is invited to join us.

The Barnes & Noble synopsis follows: “Near the turn of the twentieth century, fiery Marta Schneider leaves Switzerland for a better life, determined to fulfill her mother’s hope. Her formative journey takes her through Europe and eventually to Canada, where she meets handsome Niclas Waltert. But nothing has prepared her for the sacrifices she must make for marriage and motherhood as she travels to the Canadian wilderness and then to the dusty Central Valley of California to raise her family.

Marta’s hope is to give her children a better life, but experience has taught her that only the strong survive. Her tough love is often misunderstood, especially by her oldest daughter, Hildemara Rose, who craves her mother’s acceptance. Amid the drama of World War II, Hildie falls in love and begins a family of her own. But unexpected and tragic events force mother and daughter to face their own shortcomings and the ever-widening chasm that threatens to separate them forever.”



Date	Hostess	Book
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

January 2017 Service Roster

	Jan 1 10:00	Jan 8 8:30	Jan 8 11:00	Jan 15 8:30	Jan 15 11:00	Jan 22 8:30	Jan 22 11:00	Jan 29 8:30	Jan 29 11:00
Organist	Emily Erickson	Ellen Sander		Ellen Sander		Praise Team		Ellen Sander	
Elders	Matt Weiss	Matt Weiss	Bob Walker →						
Lectors	Dawn Schulte	Dawn Schulte	Ellen Sander	Dawn Schulte	Ellen Sander	Judy Peter	Ellen Sander	Judy Peter	Ellen Sander
Acolytes	Emma Buttery			Tate Ploessl	Erin Murphy			Hannah Fritz	Maddie Weber
Greeters	Dean & Ardy Ulrichson, Barbara Folkmann	Dean & Ardy Ulrichson, Barbara Folkmann	Steve & Marlene Johnson, Ed & Irene Holthaus →						
Ushers	Bob & Marilyn Walker, Mark & Janelle Swenson	Bob & Marilyn Walker, Mark & Janelle Swenson	Ellen Sander, Tom Henriksen, Vickie Roach, Matthew Latuska →						
Coffee Fellowship	No Coffee Fellowship today	Tom & Judy Peter, Pat Thiede, Connie Buss		Becky Jackson, Al & Tanny Latuska		Reiny & Maureen Friedrich, Cindy Baas		Drue & Ellen Sander, Gloria Lewis	
Coffee Time Greeter		Judy Peter →							
Altar Flow-ers	Poinsettias								
Offering Counters	Dick & Linda Peterson →								
Power Point	Linda Naeve	Linda Naeve	Linda Naeve	Linda Naeve	Linda Naeve	Lisa Wilson	Lisa Wilson	Lisa Wilson	Lisa Wilson
Sound Board	John Murphy	John Murphy	John Murphy	John Murphy	John Murphy	Thomas Wilson	Thomas Wilson	Thomas Wilson	Thomas Wilson
Altar Guild	Gretchen Zitterich, Jan Ziebell	Judy Peter →							
Video Recorder	Harry Mundt →								
Collate Bulletins	Reiny, Maureen & Katie Friedrich →								