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A Letter from your Pastor



Friends in Christ – Every Sunday is special, as we gather in God's house to be fed by the Lord through His Word and Sacrament, and to offer God our worship and praise. This month, however, we have some extra special celebrations.

February 5 – Team Sunday -

This fun annual event hosted by your Board of Education reminds everyone in our congregation that we are all part of God's team at St. Paul. The Lord uses each one of us as we work together to accomplish His mission. *"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it"* (1 Corinthians 12:27). You are invited to wear your favorite team shirt today (options include a sports team's shirt or a religious shirt/St. Paul shirt indicating you are on God's team).

February 12 – Preschool

Sunday – Each year, our Synod encourages each congregation to designate a Sunday to give thanks for its Lutheran

school. Join us as we celebrate Preschool Sunday! Some of our preschool children will attend each service to sing praises to our Savior. You will have an opportunity to welcome the children and their families. It is always a joy to hear the Lord's little lambs share the message of how much Jesus loves us! *"From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise"* (Psalm 8:2).

February 19 – Time and Talent Sunday

– Jesus gave of Himself so that we might be blessed forevermore. In joyful response, we use the time and talents God provides us in order to live for Jesus. This Sunday will be hosted by the Board of Stewardship and will remind us of the gifts of time and talents that we have been given by God, with ongoing opportunities to use these blessings to the glory of Jesus. *"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve*

others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10).

February 26 – Transfiguration Sunday

-- Remember how Jesus was transfigured on the mountain? Remember how Peter, James and John saw Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus? Remember how Moses and Elijah spoke to Jesus about His upcoming "departure," the death He soon would suffer? Come experience this mountaintop experience and remember how God is with you in the valleys in your life, just as He was with Jesus as He walked through the valley of the shadow of death.

You are warmly invited to attend these special worship opportunities.

Your pastor and worship officiant,

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, February 5

Team Sunday

Holy Communion

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



Sunday, February 19

Time & Talent Sunday

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 12

Preschool Sunday

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

Sunday, February 26

Transfiguration Sunday

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



Dear Fellow St. Paul Members:

First I would like to take this time to Thank You for all of your prayers and support throughout my first semester at Concordia Nebraska. The time that I have spent here this past semester has been amazing! God has worked through me to see more clearly that this is what he has called me to do.

I cannot thank you enough for the encouragement you have offered me in pursuing this vocation in my life. Your thoughts, prayers and overall concern for my well-being, for Lisa and our time apart from each other, have been so uplifting and heart-felt.

As many have heard my academic plans have "shifted". With my previous completion of an Undergraduate degree Concordia believed that it would take close to two years to complete the DCE Specialist program. In mid-October I was surprised to find out that with a little hard work and planning I would be able to finish my degree in a little over two semesters. Good news is that I should be able to re-join Lisa at home full-time by Memorial Day of this year!

As I begin this spring semester I ask for your continued prayers as I embark on an academic heavy load. Please pray for focus and understanding as I dive deeper into my theology courses. This year would not be possible without my family, my St. Paul family who have been there to bless Lisa and myself with overwhelming support.

Blessings in Christ!

Thomas Wilson



**Thanks
for Your
Support!**

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING SCHEDULED

On Monday, Jan. 16 the Board of Directors adopted a resolution to request the voters assembly for approval to offer Thomas Wilson a one-year internship as our Director of Family Life Ministry beginning July 1, 2017. We will have a special voters meeting on Sunday, Feb. 12 after the late worship service to seek congregational approval of this appointment. Please make every effort to attend this meeting as this is an important step for our congregation in proceeding along our 10-year vision plan to expand our outreach to families with children and youth. "Stay tuned" for further details.

Director of Music Ministry Update- The search group for our new director has met with little success during the four month search. The group did interview one candidate. Pastor Jenks, LaDonna Osborn, Seana Wilcken, Maureen Friedrich, Joan Ingwersen, Jon Buss and Paul Knop, members of the group, feel there is an opportunity to serve the Lord if the position is split into multiple positions. Thus, if the Lord moves you to consider serving, or you know of someone who has expressed an interest in serving, as Vocal Choir Director, or as Bell Choir Director, or as part-time organist, please visit with a member of the search group. It is our hope that by dividing up the duties we can find qualified and willing candidates to serve the Lord in these areas of our music ministry.



"Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19b)

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)

A Seedy Opportunity! St. Paul has been given an exciting opportunity to raise funds and all it requires is counting to 5. "Our Iowa" magazine is contracting with us to insert 5 sunflower seeds into envelopes for a future issue. The process is



very simple and we invite anyone (over the age of 12) to participate. Materials are set up in the fellowship hall (east end). We are planning to work each Tuesday evening, 6:30- ?. Come and join the fun! You may also come anytime you are available... individuals or groups. For more information contact John Murphy at 451-2860.

Human Care

Donations Needed this Month

February 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, February 12.



Conversational Dinners -Sunday, February 12th at 5:30. "As Time Goes By" has now taken us to the "Awesome 00's". As we reach the era of technology, with gadgets and things to do unlimited by the imagination, we have entered a whole new world. Conversational Dinners, too, will be enjoying the technology age with a trip to Iowa's 1st Self-serve Wine Bar, Della Viti, on Sunday, February 12th. Della Viti is on Main Street, here in Ames. They offer 40 different wines for your tasting pleasure, and also 40+ craft beers, along with several other choices of beverages. So treat your "special Valentine" to an evening of great wines, and even more important, a time of fellowship with fellow St. Paul members.

In spite of threatening ice storms, cold temperatures, and a dreary day, this month's "Soup'er 1990's" January meeting was "right on" tasty and enjoyed by all. A 'soup'er thank you to our host couples Marilyn and Wayne Hagemoser, Ardy and Dean Ulrichson and Denny and Karen Griffin, and everyone who attended this month's event



Education

Thank You St. Paul Sunday School Children and your families!
Mercy Meals of Siouxland - Fall 2016 Sunday School Offerings
\$433.97 = 3,254 Meals



SPRING 2017 SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS LCMS World Mission – Ministry to the Armed Forces

This Spring our children's offerings will be directed to the "**MINISTRY TO THE ARMED FORCES**". Our offerings will be used for recruiting, training, and endorsing our 71 active duty LCMS military chaplains as well as the 88 chaplains serving Reserve and National Guard units. In addition to these efforts this important mission also sends the Portals of Prayer quarterly to 6,000 Lutheran military personnel and their families stationed around the world.



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*

SUPER SUNDAY SUB SALES and BAKE SALE!

2019 National Youth Gathering participants are
gearing up for making those subs!

**Subs will be ready to pick up on Super Sun-
day – February 5.**



**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

Youth

Dates to remember:

Sunday, Feb 5: Super Sunday Bake Sale & Super Sub pick-up

Friday, Feb 10: "Wrapped In Jesus' Love" LYF event (see below)

Sunday, Feb 12: Delivery of quilts to shut-ins (12:30pm) ****NEED DRIVERS****

February LYF Event:

WHAT? "*Wrapped in Jesus' Love*" -- A Valentine night of pizza, quilt-making and movies. Please join us for a heart-filled and love-sharing night of dinner and simple quilt-making for St. Paul shut-ins, then followed with a choice of movies and snacks!

WHO? St. Paul Lutheran youth, guests and a few adult members

WHEN? Friday, February 10 (5:30-10:00pm)

NOTE: Upon picking up your kids on Friday, February 10th, we will announce the date and time of delivering the blankets and will be asking parents to sign up to drive and/or sign a permission form for your kids to participate in the delivery.

WHERE? St. Paul Lutheran church (fellowship hall)

HOW? Please RSVP to the church office (office@stpaulames.org), Stephanie Taylor (staylor@tsargent.com) or Nicki Thiede (niknak7x@yahoo.com). Adults interested in participating with the youth in this event can either sign-up on the bulletin board at church or RSVP to any of the above email addresses! Thank you!

We love because He first loved us.

1 John 4:19



January LYF Event:



On Sunday, January 15th there were 15 youth and 5 adults that went to Spinning Wheels in Ogden to go roller skating. It was fun to see the kids skate and have so much fun and even a couple adults got out there too! Everyone seemed to enjoy it and the kids are excited to go back sometime.

See page 8 for pictures.

Youth

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Women's Ministry

American Heritage Girls

In December the American Heritage Girls Troop IA2016 enjoyed caroling at Northcrest health Center, Heartwood House, and Northridge Village Health Center. They learned that the residents enjoyed seeing and hearing them because it brought back good memories of Christmases in their childhood or with their families. On February 6th they will be returning to these retirement centers for a craft project with the residents before Valentine's Day. We are in need of several child-care helpers to assist Susan Fangmann with care of the leaders' children during the AHG meetings twice per month.. The children are cared for in the lower level from 4 pm til 5:15 pm. One adult or youth helper is needed : February 6 and 20, March 6 and 27, April 24th and May 8th. Please call Gretchen Zitterich for further details at 515-201-7570. Please consider serving in this way.

Soup & Pie Supper

WOSP/LWML will be hosting the annual SOUP and PIE supper on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. Please watch the bulletin for when the sign-up sheet is posted. We will begin serving at 5:45 so kitchen help can be finished before service begins. However, no one will go away hungry - if you can't be there that early, please still plan to come - you will be fed.



The Women's Ministry Board wants to encourage women of our congregation to attend the 75th anniversary national convention of the LWML in Albuquerque June 22-25. Join us as we journey through the past 75 years of the LWML and hear about our rich heritage. We encourage you to read about all the exciting convention news in the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly or at www.lwml.org. Please contact Gretchen Zitterich at 515 201 7570 or Julie Coy for more information. This is one convention you won't want to miss! Christ is "Rock Solid" — come and shine like a diamond with your sisters and brothers in Christ at the Diamond Jubilee convention. We want to thank members of St Paul for support in our past fundraising efforts and those yet to come to enable us to give 2 scholarships to enable more women attend and pay for everyone's registration fee. There are 6 possibly 7 women from our congregation planning to attend. You are encouraged to register as soon as you have made your decision to attend. Early Discounted Registration is open and is \$175. After MARCH 14,... fee is \$195 .After MAY 10, ... fee is \$220.

One of the speakers I am eager to hear is a Mites in Action Speakers Steve Cohen, founder of The Apple of His Eye Mission Society in Georgetown, Texas, and his wife, Nancy, bring wit, years of experience on the mission fields in Israel and Russia, and a passion to see women involved in community and outreach. They consider it part of their mission to inspire women everywhere to share their knowledge of God's Word and are thrilled to be in partnership with LWML in Bringing the Gospel to the Lost Sheep of Israel, 2015–2017 Mission Grant #14



Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update:



National- (as of 12/31/16)

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

Amount Received: \$1,640,166.31

Amount Needed: \$ 359,833.69

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 ~

Quilters will meet on Thursday February 9th from 10:15 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for a Thrivent Action Event. Wear your T-shirts and bring a sack lunch. Anyone is welcome to join us.



Quilters will also meet on Thursday February 23 at 10:15 a.m. until noon when we will break for lunch. Bring a sack lunch. At 1:00 p.m. we will meet for our monthly business meeting with a devotion and dessert. Come and join the fun. We welcome one and all.

“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

February 2017 Service Roster

	Feb 5 8:30	Feb 5 11:00	Feb 12 8:30	Feb 12 11:00	Feb 19 8:30	Feb 19 11:00	Feb 26 8:30	Feb 26 11:00
Organist	Ellen Sander		Ellen Sander		Emily Erickson		Praise Team	
Elders	Jon Buss	Mark Swenson →						
Lectors	Reiny Friedrich	Becky Jackson	Reiny Friedrich	Becky Jackson	Marilyn Hagemoser	Becky Jackson	Marilyn Hagemoser	Becky Jackson
Acolytes	Erin Murphy	Rori Olson			Katie Barnes	Hannah Fritz		
Greeters	Reiny & Maureen Friedrich, Katie Friedrich	Lori Jenks, Drue & Ellen Sander →						
Ushers	Wayne & Marilyn Hagemoser, Jerry Schradle, Ron Coy	Larry & Nancy Wiebel, Becky Jackson, Ryan Latuska →						
Coffee Fellowship								
Coffee Time Greeter	Keith Folkmann →							
Altar Flowers								
Offering Counters	Larry & Nancy Wiebel →							
Power Point	Julie Coy	Lisa Wilson	Julie Coy	Lisa Wilson	Julie Coy	Lisa Wilson	Julie Coy	Lisa Wilson
Sound Board	Harry Mundt	Charles Ellis	Harry Mundt	Charles Ellis	Harry Mundt	Thomas Wilson	Harry Mundt	Charles Ellis
Altar Guild	Connie Buss, Beth Henriksen,	Geri Schulz, Karen Belz →						
Video Recorder	Steve Wilcken →							
Collate Bulletins	Janelle Swenson & Pam Mundt →							



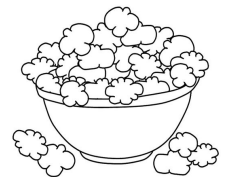
St. Paul Lutheran Preschool February 2017 Newsletter



Preschool Sunday is Sun, February 12th. We Thank God for Preschoolers!

This year preschoolers from each class may attend the 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. service to come celebrate Early Childhood Christian Education Sunday. Each preschooler will create a special bulletin cover for their family that will contain the order of the service. During the morning the preschoolers will sing some songs during the service. They will also get to come up to the Children's Message during the service lead by Pastor Jenks. Each preschooler will be recognized as a St. Paul Lutheran Preschooler and presented with a flower. The Preschool Prayer Partners will also be asked to stand up to be recognized for their prayerful support to the children. Before or after the service the preschoolers can show their families their artwork they created for this special Sunday.

From 9:45-10:45 a.m. we invite all preschool families and church members and families to enjoy some great family time together. All families will get to dig in and create their own popcorn snack mix from a popcorn buffet. As they munch on their popcorn mix they will get to taste Pastor's delicious Valentine's Punch. We have invited Silly Sally to come and perform a program with a time of learning and laughter. You won't want to miss this hour of fun!



We thank St. Paul Lutheran Church family for their continued support they have given families in Ames and the surrounding community by providing high-quality early childhood Christian education to preschool children for 13 years! St. Paul Lutheran Church family supports the preschool with prayers and financial gifts. They also support the preschool with members who serve on the Preschool Board, Trustees who maintain the property, a Pastor that leads weekly Chapel messages, secretaries that answers questions, and members that give gifts of time. It will be a wonderful morning to celebrate!

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool 2017-2018 Registration Begins!

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool has many wonderful opportunities for next year! Please take a look at the Application for Enrollment on the opposite side of this paper. During the month of February we open up registration for current preschool families and members of St. Paul Lutheran Church. During the month of March we open up registration for families in the community. Please share this information with a preschool family. If you have any questions or would like to visit the preschool please e-mail/call the director Lori Jenks at education@saintpaulames.org or at 233-1914. For more information about the preschool you may look at the website at www.saintpaulames.org/preschool.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

Application for Enrollment 2017-2018

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool

610 15th Street Ames, IA 50010
 phone 515-233-1914 education@saintpaulames.org



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Child Information	Name of Child (First, Middle, and Last)	Gender
	Birth ____ / ____ / ____	Street Address (Address, City, Zip)
		Phone

Parent Information	Mother	Father
Name		
Occupation		
Employer		
E-mail		
Daytime Phone		
Cell Phone		

Class Selection Please check the class for which you are applying. Registration Fee is \$35.00

Number 1st & 2nd Choice	Class	Meets	Time	Tuition
	3-Year-Old (Lamb)	Monday & Thursday	9:00 am - 11:30 am	\$100.00/month
	3-Year-Old (Lamb)	Tuesday & Friday	9:00 am - 11:30 am	\$100.00/month
	3-Year-Old (Lamb)	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri	8:45 am - 11:15 am	\$165.00/month
	4 & 5-Year Olds (Lion)	Tues, Thurs, and Fri	8:30 am - 11:30 am	\$145.00/month
	4 & 5-Year Olds (Lion)	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri	8:30 am—11:30 am	\$165.00/month
PK Class	4 & 5-Year Olds (Bear)	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri	12:30 pm - 3 :15 pm	\$160.00/month

Are you interested in full day care for your 4-or-5-year old? Please speak to the director about this option.

BEFORE PRESCHOOL CARE Please also sign my child up for Before Preschool Care. Childcare is offered between 7:30 am - 9:00 a.m. each morning. The cost for this service is \$5.00 per morning. Please sign my child up for the following days each month

☐ MONDAYS

☐ TUESDAYS

☐ THURSDAYS

☐ FRIDAYS

To be accepted into a class the Application Form, the Registration Fee, and September's Tuition must be submitted together. If a parent decides to withdraw their child's application the Registration Fee and the September's Tuition are non-refundable. If there are no openings in the class the parent will receive their Registration Fee and September's Tuition back in full. You may apply for BooSt Area Tuition Assistance. Eligibility requirements must be met to receive scholarships.

Parent's Signature _____

Date of Signature _____

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool, Inc. admits students of any race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, and scholarship programs.