

MARCH 2017

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A Letter from your Pastor

Letter from Pastor

Dear friends in the Lord,
During the season of Lent, we remember the sacrifice that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ made on the cross for our sins. We reflect in reverent awe at the eternal commitment which moved Jesus to receive our punishment.

This year, our Lenten theme is "Singing with the Exiles." We will gather together with and remember the exiled people of Israel, who saw their world shattered into a million pieces as they experienced disaster and oppression. They were demoralized and disillusioned, heartbroken and broken by their hardships. Yet God had not abandoned them! God was working for their good,

promising future liberation and exultation. In our lives, we too are at times disillusioned, broken by life's hardships. Yet we are lifted up by Jesus, who was lifted up for us.

Our Lenten season of 7:00 p.m. Wednesday night worship services kicks off on Ash Wednesday, March 1, when we participate in the historic tradition of the imposition of ashes. Ash Wednesday worship will also include the Lord's Supper. The service will last around an hour. Each of the following Wednesday evenings we will gather for worship at 7:00 p.m. for Lenten devotional services of about 45 minutes in length.

I invite and encourage you to attend our special Lenten services at 7:00 p.m.

on Wednesday evenings this month. Remember that our services are preceded by spectacular suppers in the fellowship hall at 5:45 p.m. each Wednesday! Pause to contemplate what Christ has done for you. Come to give thanks to God for His wondrous love for you. *"But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"* (Romans 5:8). Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains, poured for me the lifeblood from His sacred veins.

In Christ, the Savior who suffered on our behalf,

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

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday

7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 5

Loyalty Sunday

Holy Communion

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

Wednesday, March 8

Lent II 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 12

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



Wednesday, March 15

Lent III 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 19

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 22

Lent IV 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 26

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

Wednesday, March 29

Lent V 7:00 p.m.

Soup & Pie Supper

March is here and Wednesday, March 1st, is the annual Lenten Soup and Pie Supper. You may bring a pot of soup or a pie, or if there is a time constraint, just come and eat with us. There is always plenty of food. Serving will begin at 5:45 pm. We are asking for free-will donations to be used for the 75th Anniversary Mission Offering at the LWML Convention in June.



Give Jesus 5 – In our daily walk with Jesus, Pastor Finke explained it is critical that we share with each other what Jesus has been up to in our daily walk with Him. The discipleship team and the Board of Elders, each time we meet, spend a short period of time at the start of the meeting to share how Jesus is working with us in our daily life. The elders spend five minutes or so at the start of each meeting where we **Give Jesus 5**.

We encourage any type of gathering where two or three of us are gathered together to do something similar – at your homes, Bible study groups, church boards, music practices, etc. Please share your “Walk with Jesus” moments as you gather together. Talk about how you see Jesus at work in your daily lives. Talk about where you see His opportunities to share His love with those around you. Jesus is on the move!

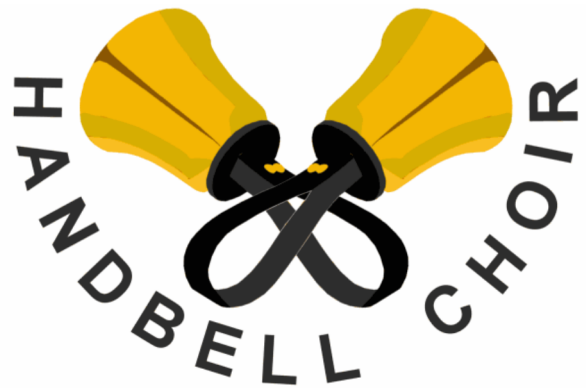
Welcome to Our New Bell Choir Director!

Dear St. Paul Congregation,
My name is Katie Schumacher, and I would like to thank you for welcoming me into your family as Hand Bell Choir director. My husband Brian and I are happy to be new members of St. Paul Lutheran here in Ames. I have been ringing bells for about 14 years, and am very excited to be able to share the love I have for bells with our congregation.

That being said, the St. Paul Ringers are looking for new members. I would like to invite anyone of any age who has ever been interested in learning how to play hand bells, or anyone looking to get back in to the ringing game to come and join us. All that will be required of you is a love of music, and a desire to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. We will be having an initial gathering and rehearsal night Thursday March 2nd at 7:00pm up in the balcony. Come and see what ringing is all about.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. My email address is kedrew92@gmail.com.

Thank You,
Katie



Are YOU Walking With Jesus and Joining His Mission?

A Real life story by Keith Folkmann

For most of this calendar year, I have been struggling with a painful lower back. I had a similar situation last summer and tried going to the medical doctor who prescribed physical therapy, the chiropractor who made adjustments, and eventually the acupuncturist who provided treatments. It was my first experience at the acupuncturist. All 3 options provided relief but it was the acupuncture treatments that ended the pain and discomfort.

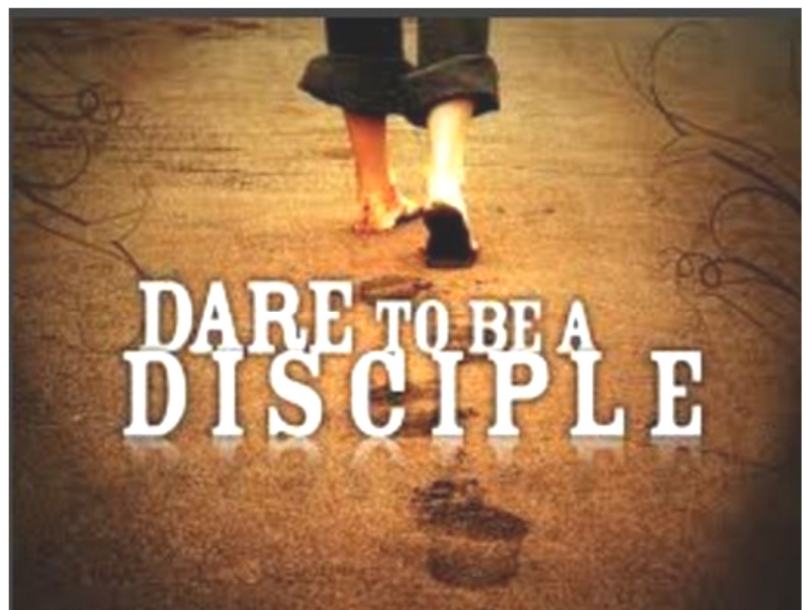
So now I have been going through the same options but when I tried to make an appointment with a local acupuncturist, she told me that she was completely “booked” until the following week. If she had any cancellations she would call me. My wife Carol encouraged me to join her in praying that there might be an opening come up. In fact, she contacted a number of her friends and asked them to pray for me as well. God answered those prayers and I received a call yet that day and an offer to fill an open appointment time the very next morning!

After the first treatment, the acupuncturist said she would like to schedule another visit but there still were no openings until the next week. Needless to say, the prayer chain continued and, YES, God answered once again as I received a phone call that evening with another offer to return the next morning!

As I arrived for my second treatment, the acupuncturist and I engaged in a conversation. I thanked her for giving me the appointment openings on such short notice. She commented back that she was happy to do so BUT she was really surprised that the openings came up on two consecutive mornings. “She wasn’t sure how that happened!”

So here was my chance to “Join Jesus on His Mission”; my chance to witness to someone I had just met the day before. I decided to “Walk with Jesus” and replied to her that I believed it happened because I had Jesus helping me through answering our prayers. I explained what had been happening the past 48 hours.

What was her reaction you might ask? She smiled and nodded her head in agreement. She said to me, “Yes, prayer is a very powerful thing.”



Stewardship



Loyalty Sunday

From Matthew 5:45, God promises to the crown of His creation, that He will care and provide for us, without our worries or our prayers. From the 2nd Petition of Luther's Small Catechism, we are also reminded that "as we seek after God's Kingdom, that is when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity."

The opportunity to spend eternity serving God at His throne is indeed the greatest blessing any of us could ever hope for! As we observe **Loyalty Sunday on March 5** at St. Paul, and as we remember the Time and Talent emphasis last month, let us all look within ourselves and consider how we can return our blessings to God through our prayers, our daily time and our financial and other resources that God has given us. The Stewardship Committee asks that you prayerfully consider how you can share your time and talents and offerings in service to God through our work at St. Paul, and indicate how you could best serve Him on the Time and Talent forms and financial pledge cards that were recently mailed to you. We ask that you return these forms on Loyalty Sunday, March 5. Thank you!

Human Care

Easter Breakfast at St. Paul....Although we won't be celebrating Easter until April 16th, it is never too early to begin planning for our Easter Breakfast. If you have never broadened your horizons by helping to crack 35 dozen eggs or setting up and decorating the tables, plan to join the team and help St. Paul get ready to celebrate Easter. A sign up sheet will be available after March 15th. Questions? Contact Ellen Sander—ellenkay883@gmail.com



**Join Us For
Breakfast**



Conversational Dinners, March 15.

CONVERSATIONAL DINNERS ... As our journey thru the decades comes to an end we celebrated the age of technology of the "0000's" by gathering at the Della Viti Wine Bar.

Our travels thru the 50's to the 2000's has been an enlightening experience for all.

Looking ahead to March 15th, we will be hosting a Lenten Supper. Watch for further information.

April 1st, along with the Women of St. Paul, we will be presenting a family event, a Seder Dinner. Once again, Duane Faas will be our chef, so mark your calendar for April 1st

(Saturday) and plan to participate in this meaningful meal, as we celebrate the Lenten Season. Tickets will be available March 5th.. Watch the weekly bulletins for further details.

Youth & Education



Easter Egg Hunt

Save the Date

Mark your calendar for the annual Easter Celebration, April 9, 2:00 - 3:00 pm at the church. More details will be announced in the coming weeks. We hope to see lots of families in attendance, so invite everyone.

There will be no Sunday School over Spring Break, March 12th AND March 19th and NO Midweek on March 15th.

Youth in Grades 9-12



Please review your Time & Talent Sheet

insert you and your family will be receiving in the mail. You are our future leaders of the church and we would love to have you participate on any Board of your choice/interest as a Youth Representative.

Hey Youth – Let's go to summer camp at Camp Okoboji!

NEW CAMP! – Technology Camp – June 18-23: Build your own video game! Learn. Create. Build Academy out of Sioux Falls, SD will be coming for this NEW camp which is for students who have completed 6-8th grades. Laptops and flash drives will be provided for students. Campers will also have bible studies, music and activities. Cost: \$320.

Jr. High Week – July 9-15: Campers who have completed 6th-8th grades. Meet new friends, engage in Bible study, crafts, music, and recreation such as archery, 9 square and gaga ball. Cost: \$335 before June 9.

Concordia Cub Week - July 16-22: For campers who have completed 3rd-6th grades. Events include archery, canoeing, gaga pit, ultimate Frisbee, 4-way soccer, and cabin challenge times. Cost: \$335 before June 17.

Youth Week - July 23-29: Campers who have completed 8th-12th grades experience in depth Bible study, team building, sports, crafts, music and more! Cost: \$339 before June 23.

NEED HELP TO PAY FOR CAMP? -The Board of Youth has funds set aside to help finance any St. Paul youth attending any of these camps, as well as the IDW office and the Camp Auxiliary. And NEW this year the Board of Evangelism has Okoboji Bucks available for sale. These can be used as scholarship funds to help kids with the cost of camp or to use at the camp store. Anyone can purchase these bucks to be given to any youth attending camp.

Youth

February LYF Recap: "Wrapped In Jesus' Love"

On Friday, February 10, 2017, about 15 youth from St. Paul, one youth visitor and nine adults participated in a fun night of pizza, quilt-making and movie-watching at the church. The theme of the night was "*Wrapped In Jesus' Love*" and centered around the love that we all receive from Jesus on Valentine's Day (and EVERY-DAY), plus the warmth of that love that he provides us during our most chilly days. Along with that focus, the youth and adults worked together to produce eight total "tie" quilts that will be handed out to some of our St. Paul shut-ins in the coming months. The kids enjoyed their pizza, Valentine goodies and movies (of course), but each individual thoroughly enjoyed having a part in making something special for those that cannot be here with us at church every week! There was certainly a lot of love shown that evening and it was great to see the children and adults working together as brothers and sisters of Christ! Just to note, there is still some fabric for several more quilts and an upcoming date to put some more quilts together will be announced soon!



The Board of Youth, Board of Human Care and youth members would also like to give a special thanks to the generous donation of money designated for the purchase of the fabric! Simply awesome!



***There will NOT be an LYF event in the month of March due to Spring Break

***There will NOT be an LYF event in the month of April due to Youth Sunday (and practices)

*****Youth Sunday will be Sunday, April 23rd**, with 2-3 practices to be scheduled before that date. Look for those upcoming dates and details coming soon...

Youth & Education



“Wrapped in Love”
blanket tying with
our youth!



Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Team Prepares

Philippians 2:9 *Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name.*

The excitement is building among the women's ministry Team. We are looking forward to our National Convention in Albuquerque to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League on June 22-25. The theme is Jesus Christ Above All.

Convention Goal Statement: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, I will proclaim Jesus Christ above all.

Convention Objectives -- Each convention attendee will be:

Encouraged through worship and Bible study.

Equipped to share His message of salvation.

Engaged in celebrating God's faithfulness while serving the Lord with gladness.

Women who will attend this year so far: Becky Jackson, Breanna Wetzler, Brenda Dryer, Gretchen Zitterich, Julie Coy, Karen Griffin, Linda Peterson, Lisa Wilson, and Marilyn Walker. Please encourage each of them as we represent St. Paul and Iowa District West.

Thank you to the those of you who have contributed to our fundraisers to assist in sending 3 or more scholarship recipients to this empowering event to help each of us join Jesus on His journey. Watch for details on a Schwann's fundraiser starting soon. The **Ash Wednesday Soup and Pie Supper** will give you an opportunity to give toward the mission offerings from St. Paul. Each year we **also** bring "GIFTS FROM THE HEART" for missions. These include bed sheets, children's underwear (new) school kits, baby kits, health kits, and gift cards. Due to the limitations of travel to Albuquerque we will be taking gift cards from Walmart, Kmart, Kohl's, or JC Penney as also requested in \$10 or \$25 amounts. Your offerings will assist in purchasing these. If you purchase any gift cards for this please give to Gretchen Zitterich, Chr. of Women's Ministry.

Other news from the Women's ministry is the upcoming shared production of a "Seder Dinner" planned for April 1st with the conversational dinner group. Watch for signup information on this special event for families. On February 6th, the American Heritage Girls Troop IA2016 of St. Paul participated in an outing to the Northcrest Retirement Community health center and the Northridge Care center to join the residents in making tissue paper floral bouquets for Valentine's Day. There were many big smiles on faces of the girls and the residents. Help is needed on meeting days to assist Susan Fangmann with childcare for the leader's children between 4 pm and 5:15 pm. This could be a youth, adult, or "grandma". There are 2-8 children and they gather in the new basement area. Please call Gretchen Zitterich for more details at 515-201-7570.



Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update:



National- (as of 1/31/17)

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

Amount Received: \$1,725,441.03

Amount Needed: \$ 274,558.97

This biennium will end March 31, 2017, so please help us reach the mite 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 **March 9th** from 10:15 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This will be a Thrivent Action Team Event. Wear Thrivent T-Shirts. Bring a sack lunch and join us.



Family Service Circle will meet on Thursday **March 23rd** for quilting at 10:15 a.m. Bring your lunch. Our monthly meeting will convene at 1:00 p.m. with a devotion and dessert. Everyone welcome.

Irene Holthaus
iholtha@aol.com

“Book to Know to Help You Grow”

We will meet April 27, 7:00 pm, at the home of Shirley Tice to discuss “Miracle at the Higher Grounds Café” by Max Lucado. Everyone is invited to join us.

Barnes & Noble description of this book: “What if you could ask God anything? What would you ask? And how would He answer? Chelsea Chambers is on her own. After a public split from her NFL superstar husband, Chelsea takes a bold step out of the limelight and behind the counter of the Higher Grounds Café, an old-fashioned coffee shop in dire need of reinvention. But when her courage, expert planning, and out-of-this-world cupcakes fail to pay the bills, this newly single mom finds herself desperate for help. Better yet, a miracle.”



At our April meeting we will be choosing our books for the next year. If you have read a book you think we might enjoy, bring your ideas to the April meeting, or contact Connie Lastine at 292-4992.

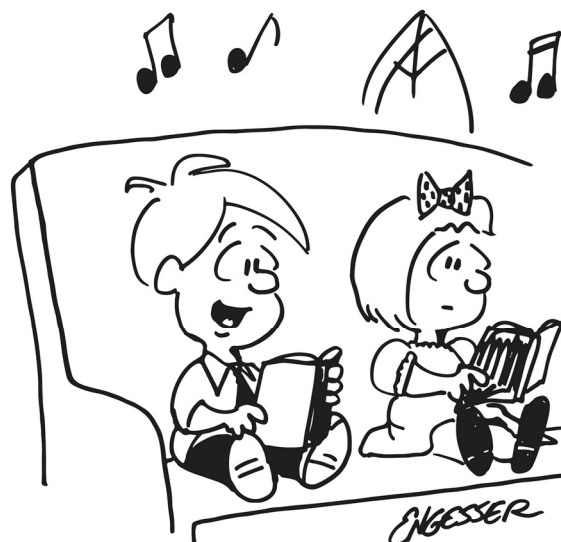
Date	Hostess	Book
April 27, 2017	Shirley Tice	“Miracle at the Higher Grounds Café” by Max Lucado

March 2017 Service Roster

	March 5 8:30	March 5 11:00	March 12 8:30	March 12 11:00	March 19 8:30	March 19 11:00	March 26 8:30	March 26 11:00
Organist	Zach Heilman		Ellen Sander		Ellen Sander		Praise Team	
Elders	Paul Knop	Steve Vollstedt →						
Lectors	Paul Knop	Keith Folkmann	Paul Knop	Keith Folkmann	Dennis Dobberke	Keith Folkmann	Dennis Dobberke	Keith Folkmann
Acolytes	Emma Buttery	Tate Ploessl			Rori Olson	Erin Murphy		
Greeters	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke, Elsie Baumann	Judy Peter, Becky Jackson →						
Ushers	Paul & Adele Knop, Thomas & Lisa Wilson	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Greg & Ben Gebhart →						
Coffee Fellowship								
Coffee Time Greeter	Keith Folkmann →							
Altar Flowers								
Offering Counters	Keith & Carol Folkmann →							
Power Point	Linda Naeve	Linda Naeve	Linda Naeve	Linda Naeve	Julie Coy	Julie Coy	Julie Coy	Julie Coy
Sound Board	Charles Ellis	Charles Ellis	Charles Ellis	Charles Ellis	John Murphy	John Murphy	John Murphy	John Murphy
Altar Guild	Beth Henriksen, Karen Griffin	Geri Schulz →						
Video Recorder	Jerry Schradle →							
Collate Bulletins	Elsie Bauman & Jerry Schradle →							

March 2017 Special Service Roster

	March 1 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Ash Wednesday	March 8 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Lent II	March 15 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Lent III	March 22 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Lent IV	March 29 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Lent V
Organist	Zach Heilman	Ellen Sander	Ellen Sander	Ellen Sander	Emily Erickson
Elder	Steve Vollstedt	Greg Gebhart	Reiny Friedrich	Greg Gebhart	Mark Swenson
Acolyte	Madison Weber				
Lector	Inez Smith	John Murphy	Jeromy Fritz	Gretchen Zitterich	Phil Voge
Ushers	Inez Smith, Clare Tweedt, Mark & Janelle Swenson	Greg & Ben Gebhart, Kris Ellis, Cindy Baas	Dennis & Karen Griffin, Larry & Nancy Wiebel	Bob & Marilyn Walker, Tanny Latuska, Ryan	Randy & Linda Naeve, Matt & Sandra Pflug
Greeters	Keith & Carol Folkmann	Murphy Family	Ed & Irene Holthaus	Reiny & Maureen Friedrich	Phil & Alberta Voge
Offering Counters	Larry & Nancy Wiebel	Larry & Nancy Wiebel	Keith & Carol Folkmann	Keith & Carol Folkmann	Keith & Carol Folkmann
Power Point	Linda Naeve	Stephanie	Julie Coy	Becky Jackson	Judy Peter
Soundboard	John Murphy	Jordan	Harry Mundt	Charles Ellis	Tom Peter
Collate bulletins	Elsie Bauman & Jerry Schradle	Elsie Bauman & Jerry Schradle	Elsie Bauman & Jerry Schradle	Elsie Bauman & Jerry Schradle	Elsie Bauman & Jerry Schradle



"Hope the choir does some hip-hop for Easter!"

Application for Enrollment 2017-2018

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool

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Jesus said to them,
 "Let the little children
 come to me ...for the
 kingdom of God
 belongs to such as
 these." Mark 10:14

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.