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A Letter from your Pastor

Friends in Christ,

Often in the church we speak of the cross – where Jesus Christ paid the cost for the sins of each of us. Jesus' death is crucial to our faith – however, many times when we mention the crucifixion, we do not mention “the rest of the story.” What about Jesus' resurrection?

Paul proclaims, *“If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith....And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins”* (1 Corinthians 15:14,17). Thanks be to God that when Jesus lay in the tomb, that was not the end of the story. Easter morning brought forth a new chapter in

God's story, as our Heavenly Father revealed His glory, raising His Son from the dead. Christ has risen! He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

I invite you to come celebrate this joyful news at our worship opportunities on Easter morning. At 7:30 a.m. we will gather for our spectacular “Sonrise” Service, including the fantastic Easter processional. At 10:00 a.m. we will hold our late service celebration of the resurrection.

Join us as we celebrate “the rest of the story”! *“Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first-fruits*

of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive!” (1 Corinthians 15:20-22).

In Jesus, who defeats sin and death for us!

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, April 2

Holy Communion

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

Wednesday, April 5

Lent VI 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday

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

Thursday, April 13

Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m.



Friday, April 14

Good Friday

7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 16

Easter Sunday

Holy Communion

7:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 23

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

Sunday, April 30

Holy Communion

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

EASTER PROCESSION-

Our celebration of Christ's resurrection will soon be here. Would you like to praise the Lord as part of the Easter Procession on **April 16 at the 7:30 am service**? The furnishings of the chancel are removed during the Maundy Thursday service in preparation of Good Friday. **Forty (40) men, women and children are needed** to carry in the lilies, communion ware, paraments, and candles in this glorious Easter service. If you want to be a part of the Easter Procession, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Peter, Altar Chair.



HOLY SATURDAY – PRAYER VIGIL

All members (youth and adults) are encouraged to participate in the annual Easter Prayer Vigil on **Saturday, April 15th**, in the church sanctuary. The signup board for this 10-hour vigil is located in the west narthex and has 15-minute time slots available. The vigil begins promptly at 6:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. Special personal prayer requests and meditation materials will be available to aid you during your vigil period.



Before then, you are encouraged to submit personal prayer requests—these can be made using the cards found next to the signup board. These requests will be sorted among the time slots and prayers will be said on your behalf. This time of private meditation allows an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice Christ made on your behalf, and to contemplate His astounding love for you. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Peter, Altar Chair.

St. Paul was recently presented a check for \$3,250 from *Our Iowa* magazine in



appreciation for the help St. Paul's members provided in stuffing 100,000 envelopes with sunflower seeds. These seeds, a giant Russian variety that often grows 10 to 15 feet tall, will be bound into the magazine's April/May issue. *Our Iowa* is encouraging its subscribers to plant the seeds this summer as a fun way to brighten up Iowa with nearly a

half-million sunflowers. The project will likely plant "seeds of faith" as well, as several of St. Paul's organizations will be sharing the money for various projects and outreach missions. Thank you to John Murphy for his organization and all members who joyfully helped to get the seed-stuffing job completed in timely fashion.



Evangelism

Joining Jesus for a Weekend Mission Trip!

The St. Paul Evangelism Board is coordinating a weekend mission trip to Camp Okoboji to join the "Spring Volunteer Weekend". This event is being planned as a new activity in place of our traditional Evangelism Sunday. We are praying that we can get a group of interested members (men & women), families, and friends to join us on this adventure with Jesus.

We are planning for this to be a "no cost" opportunity for all participants. Accommodations and meals are provided by Camp Okoboji and transportation expenses will be covered by the Evangelism budget for missions. We will plan to be back home later Saturday evening to allow for attending St. Paul church services on Sunday morning. Please prayerfully consider joining us and look for more details to be announced in the coming weeks.

Please speak with one of the Evangelism Board members (Dick Peterson, Charles Ellis, Ron Coy, or Keith Folkmann) if you are interested.

THANK-YOU!



Event Details

General Events

Spring Volunteer Weekend

Beginning:
May 5, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM

Ending:
May 6, 2017
Time: 6:00 PM

Spring Volunteer Weekend

Volunteer work weekend

Friday, May 5th through Saturday, May 6th has been set aside as Spring Volunteer Weekend. Come and help us ready Camp for the busy summer ahead. NOTE: There is not a worship service on Sunday May 7th.



Human Care

Easter Breakfast....Don't miss your chance to enjoy Easter Breakfast with your St. Paul family. Our breakfast will begin immediately following the Sunrise Service and we will continue serving until 9:30. So if you are planning on attending second service, you can still join us for Breakfast. The menu is scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, fruit and assorted breakfast sweets. The free will offering will benefit our LWML members as they finalize their plans to attend the LWML National Convention in Albuquerque, NM this coming summer.



**Join Us For
Breakfast**

Easter Breakfast Sign Up...the Sign up sheet to help prepare and serve the Easter Breakfast is located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. This is your opportunity to work with others from St Paul as we prepare for Easter Sunday. From egg crackers and set people on Saturday, purchasing fruit, or helping out early Sunday morning...there is something for everyone. Come and join us....if you have any questions, please contact Ellen Sander .

Seder Dinner Thank you,



A Seder Dinner....the Messianic Passover Haggadah....a very big thank you to everyone who made our Seder Dinner on April 1st such a wonderful evening. We want to especially thank all those who helped set-up, serve and clean-up the fellowship hall at the end of the evening. A very huge Thank-You to Chef Duane Faas and his crew for creating, and serving a very authentic Seder Dinner. From the brisket to dessert, it was all mouth- watering and delicious. Also, Phil Voge was instrumental in securing the lamb shank bones that were used in the dinner....thanks for your help. For those who had speaking parts, you made the Seder come alive....thank you. It was truly a meal that was meaningful and special to the people of St. Paul Lutheran.
The Women of St Paul and Conversational Dinners.

The Stewardship Committee thanks everyone for their submissions of their Time and Talent forms and Pledge Cards. We greatly appreciate everyone's willingness to serve at St. Paul.



Youth & Education



The annual Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration is April 9, 2:00 - 3:00 pm at the church. Donations of candy

for the children would be greatly appreciated. Watch for the collection bin in the narthex.

**Please save the date for VBS
July 30 - Aug 2.
More details to come.**

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



THERE'S ALWAYS MORE FUN AT CAMP - summer camp at Camp Okoboji!

The Board of Youth has funds set aside to help finance any St. Paul youth attending any of these camps. Other additional sources include the IDW, the Camp Auxiliary and Okoboji Bucks through our Evangelism Board. For more information, please contact Carla Murphy.

Sports Camp – June 11-17: 4th-8th grade girls basketball, volleyball and soccer. This camp is for girls and helps them strive for excellence on and off the court. Cost: \$300. (\$175 down payment due by May 5 with balance of \$175 due May 30). For more information about this camp, visit the camp website.

NEW CAMP! – Technology Camp – June 18-23: Build your own video game! Learn.Create.Build.Academy out of Sioux Falls, SD will be leading 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 engage in 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 if before June 23.

Youth

Youth Sunday: April 23, 2017 – 8:30 & 11am Services

“A NEW HEART” is the theme for this year's Youth Sunday Message. So, we are calling all youth in grades 1-12 — Youth Sunday is a special day when the youth (grades 1-12) lead the services. They greet members and visitors at the door, they usher, sing, play in the youth music ensemble, read the readings, lead the service, lead the children's message, and create bulletin covers. There are plenty of ways to be involved!

We will be doing a skit and need several youth to participate. We will be handing out parts later this month. If your child(ren) get a part and are not able to be at both services, please let us know as soon as you can so we can make sure all parts are covered at each service.

For youth who wish to play in the youth ensemble, please contact Wayne Hagemoser with what instrument you would like to play so he can get the music prepared.

We have only 2 practice times set up, so it is important for anyone with a speaking part be at BOTH practices. Practice dates are: Wednesday, April 19 from 6-7pm (for those attending midweek, we will provide a meal at 5:30), and Saturday, April 22 from 9-11am. but look for future emails and announcements.

We hope all will plan to be a part of this service. Please contact Carla Murphy for questions.



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



Midweek News: There are no classes on April 12 due to Holy Week. We hope families will be able to attend the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.

The last day for Midweek classes this year is May 3.


*Midweek
Classes*

Youth

On Sunday, March 5th the youth delivered 6 of the blankets to our shut ins that we made at our February 10th LYF event. It was a great afternoon seeing the kids share the warmth of Jesus love to our shut ins!



Education



This is the TIME to JOIN the Education Team!

The Education Board/ Team at St. Paul's is excited for the upcoming year, and we want you, yes you! We are a striving team that assists with Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Midweek, Trunk-or-Treat, Easter Egg Hunt, and Youth Christmas service. In addition we work on the recognition of Confirmation and Graduation students. We help bring the Word of God to not just the youth, but all levels of the congregation. We strive to make sure that all St. Paul members Grow and Know Christ as their Savior. For more information please contact our Chair Breanna Wetzler or Vice-Chair Lisa Wilson.



The High School Youth kicked off the school year working their way through the curriculum of "One God, many gods". They had the opportunity to learn more about the different world religions, many that we do not get to interact with on a day to day basis. However, in this curriculum we looked at their beliefs, compared to the Lutheran beliefs, and answered questions on how we can live with and witness to them. Now we are taking them on an adventure that will, hopefully, move the high school youth through a process of putting together their personal faith story. We are embarking on a curriculum entitled, "Sticky Faith," This upcoming Sunday we will kick off an 8 week study entitled "Sticky Faith", a study to nurture long-term faith in High School students. 50% of seniors in high school significantly struggle with their faith and finding a church after graduation, 1 out of 7 college freshman feel well prepared by their church ministries for what they encounter after graduation. This study helps to lead teens to faith that lasts. Please keep the High School youth in your prayers as we walk beside them through this study and faith maturity process.

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Team Plant Sale

SPRINGTIME!! By the time you read this the snow will be gone. April showers bring May flowers to mind. Spring time is filled with hope, happiness and promise. The Women's Ministry is going to bring some of that to you through our first plant sale. We are partnering with Holub's Green House to bring you a wonderful variety of annuals to brighten your yard or patio. Holubs has the best reputation for quality plants we will have everything from ageratums and alysum to zinnias. (Celosia, cosmos, dianthus



impatiens, lobelia, marigolds, pansies and petunias, snapdragons, viola, vinca and geraniums...just to name a few). There will be many colors and sizes. We are raising money for scholarship to send women of our congregation to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League 75th anniversary convention in Albuquerque in June. We will soon be

taking orders for full flats or half flats of quality plants. Watch for further announcements. Delivery will be in mid-May. Please consider buying your plants from us this spring and help us and help your garden!



Our AHG troop IA2016 learned about wildlife when Screechy, Kessler, and Harvey visited with staff of the ISU Wildlife Care Center on March 6.

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Team SCHWAN'S Sale



As we approach spring and summer my thoughts turn to different foods, lighter meals, easy preparation and ICE CREAM!! I grew up on a dairy farm in the 1950's and was delighted when the cream truck came to my home. I was raised on SCHWANN's ice cream. This company started not far from our vicinity and has grown to a very successful frozen food icon. The founder has shared his success with the Lutheran church Missouri synod with extremely generous giving over the year. He has also helped groups raise over \$9 million through fundraisers. Our St. Paul LWML has qualified for their fundraiser to help send women to the convention. We need your help. For the next approximately 90 days 20% of the cost of your order for their frozen food products will go to our cause. The following 90 days 5% of your order will help us. Any \$25 gift card purchased will give us 40%. (You can use the gift card yourself)



There are 3 ways to place a fundraising order: our campaign ID is 31507

1. Via Schwan's Cares. Find your campaign or fundraiser and (1) choose "Buy Now" to purchase an eGift Card (online only; limit 1 per customer, per campaign) OR (2) choose "Shop Now" to place a food order from Schwan's. You can support at the campaign level or at an individual fundraiser level.
2. By Phone. Place your order via toll free number 1-855-870-7208. Make sure to provide your Campaign ID and/or Fundraiser ID when ordering by phone.
3. Via Schwans.com. During checkout simply type in your Campaign ID and/or Fundraiser ID to contribute to your fundraiser.

Delivery For existing Schwan's customers, you will need to follow one of the 3 ordering steps above to create your fundraising affiliation and have your order contribute to the campaign. Your order will be delivered on your existing scheduled route day. For new customers, you will choose your delivery date and time during checkout. Form of payment is required when placing fundraising orders, but you can change payment at the door to a preferred method of payment (Check, Cash, EBT, or Credit and Debit Card are accepted). If you are not home during the time of delivery, we will leave your items in a protected freezer bag at no cost to you. WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS. Call Gretchen Zitterich.



Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update:

National- (as of 2/28/17)



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

Amount Received: \$1,879,103.43

Amount Needed: \$ 120,896.57

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, April 13th**, for a Thrivent Action Team Event from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bring your sack lunch.

On **Tuesday, April 11th**, we will be visiting the Perry Home, leaving from church at 1:00 p.m. and returning about 4:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Quilters will meet on **Thursday, April 27th**, at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bring your lunch. At 1:00 p.m. is our Family Service meeting with a devotion, business meeting and dessert. Please come is you can.



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 Cafe” 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

April 2017 Service Roster

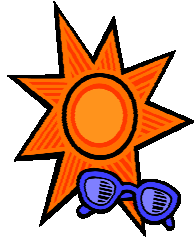
	April 2 8:30	April 2 11:00	April 9 8:30	April 9 11:00	April 16 7:30 Easter	April 16 10:00 Easter	April 23 8:30	April 23 11:00	April 30 8:30	April 30 11:00
Organist	Ellen Sander		LaDonna Osborn		LaDonna Osborn		Ellen Sander		Praise Team	
Elders	Bob Walker	Greg Gebhart	→							
Lectors	Wayne Hagemoser	Brenda Dryer	John Murphy	Brenda Dryer	John Murphy	Steve Johnson	Erin Murphy	Caleb Donavon	Erin Murphy	Steve Johnson
Acolytes	Madison Weber	Emma Buttery			Erin Murphy	Rori Olson			Katie Barnes	Hannah Fritz
Greeters	Murphy family, Cindy Baas	Bud & Thelma Voetberg, Ed & Irene Holthaus	→							
Ushers	Drue & Ellen Sander, Randy & Linda Naeve	Steve & Marlene Johnson, Inez Smith, Steve Vollstedt	→							
Coffee Fellowship										
Coffee Time Greeter	Karen Belz	→								
Altar Flowers										
Offering Counters	Denny & Shirley Tice	→								
Power Point	Judy Peter	Angela Katoski	Judy Peter	Judy Peter	Judy Peter	Judy Peter	Lisa Wilson	Angela Katoski	Lisa Wilson	Angela Katoski
Sound Board	Tom Peter	Joe Christensen	Tom Peter	Tom Peter	Tom Peter	Tom Peter	Charles Ellis	Joe Christensen	Charles Ellis	Joe Christensen
Altar Guild	Connie Buss, Becky Juelfs,	Pat Thiede	→							
Video Recorder	John Murphy	→								
Collate Bulletins	Becky Jackson & Gretchen Zitterich	→								

April 2017 Special Service Roster for Lent

	April 5 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Lent VI	April 13 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday	April 14 5:00 p.m. Good Friday
Organist	Ellen Sander	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn
Elder	Steve Vollstedt	Jon Buss	Matt Weiss
Acolyte		Tate Ploessl	
Lector	Marilyn Hagemoser	Steve Johnson	Becky Jackson
Ushers	Steve & Marlene Johnson, Paul & Adele Knop	Jeromy & Angela Fritz, Dean & Ardy Ulrichson	Bob & Marilyn Walker, Becky Jackson, Matthew Latuska
Greeters	Wayne & Marilyn Hagemoser	Harry & Pam Mundt	Bud & Thelma Voetberg
Offering Counters	Denny & Shirley Tice	Denny & Shirley Tice	Denny & Shirley Tice
Power Point	Linda Naeve	Julie Coy	Lisa Wilson
Soundboard	Harry Mundt	John Murphy	Thomas Wilson
Collate bulletins	Becky Jackson & Gretchen Zitterich	Becky Jackson & Gretchen Zitterich	Becky Jackson & Gretchen Zitterich



Our Spring clean up date will be April 8, beginning at 8:00 am. We have both indoor and outdoor things that need to be done, so we are asking for lots of helpers to make these projects go smoothly and quickly. Thank you. Board of Trustees



St. Paul Preschool

2017 Summer Camps

610 15th Street, Ames, IA 50010

Come join preschoolers ages 3-6 years to Create some sensational summer memories at summer Camp.

June 12-16 SPORTS CAMP

This week will provide a great source of exercise in addition to nurturing the importance of friendship. Camp will be filled with fundamental skills like:



running, skipping, kicking, jumping, hopping, catching, throwing, and pedaling. What type of qualities would God see in a sports person? Come find out during sports camp.

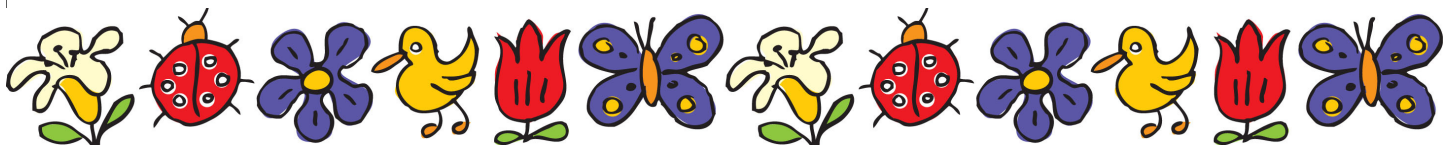
June 19-23 Hawaiian HULLABALOO



We will jet off to a tropical paradise this week in camp. Prepare to taste luscious tropical fruits, learn the limbo, and explore water activities. We will make mini volcanic eruptions and explore God's water creatures. Don't forget to bring your sunglasses and sunscreen.

Camps cost \$85/week and run Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon. A snack is included each day. Make check payable to St. Paul Lutheran Preschool. Questions please call at 233-1914 or e-mail: education@saintpaulames.org

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool is a nonprofit organization and is licensed by the State of Iowa. It is sponsored by St. Paul Lutheran Church to provide service to Ames and surrounding communities. St. Paul Lutheran Preschool and Programs do not discriminate against race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin.



St. Paul Preschool

2017 Summer Camps

610 15th Street, Ames, IA 50010

Registration Form

Sports Camp (June 12-16)

Hawaiian Hullabaloo (June 19-23)

Child's Name _____ **Birthdate** _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Mother's Name _____

Work Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Father's Name _____

Work Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Allergies: _____ **Medications:**

Additional Information: _____

Two persons to be called in case of an emergency and who are authorized to take your child from camp if neither parent can be reached.

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Name _____ **Phone** _____

I hereby authorize St. Paul Lutheran Preschool Programs to call 911 for an ambulance or physicians appropriate to the situation in case of an emergency. I further authorize such appropriately qualified medical person(s) to administer appropriate treatment for my child.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Insurance Company _____ **Policy Holder's I. D.** _____

Cost of camp is \$85 per week.

Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Preschool

Physician's Name _____ **Phone** _____

Dentist's Name _____ **Phone** _____