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A Letter from your Pastor

Friends in the Lord,

Many people love to take walks. Taking a walk gives you a chance to get outdoors to enjoy the creation of our Lord. When you're out walking, do you think about the fact that Jesus is walking with you? It's true. The Lord walks with us each step we take each and every day.

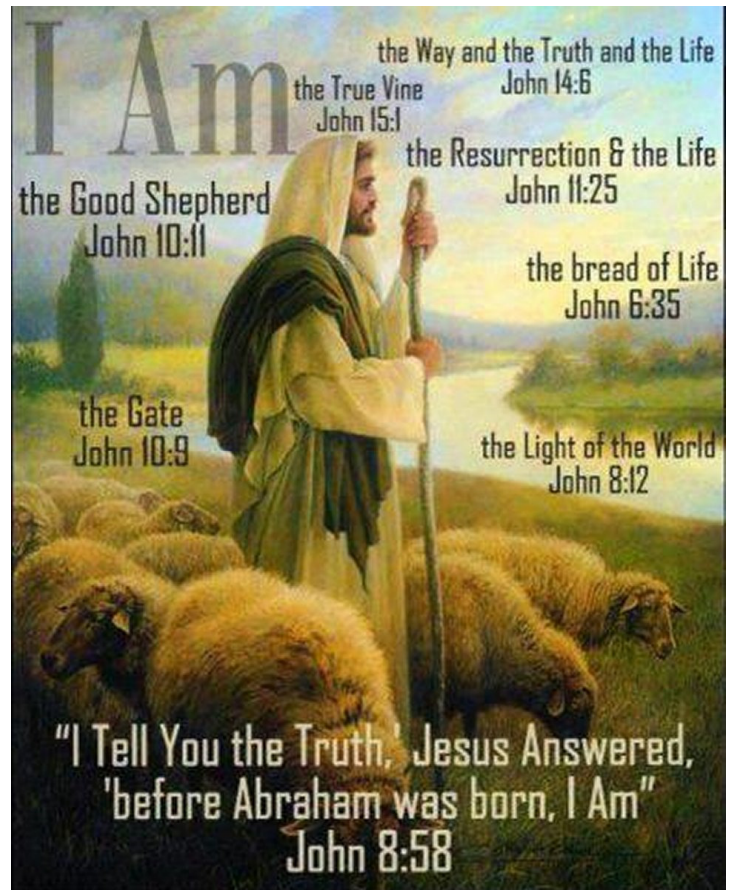
This summer, our worship series led by Pastor Jenks will focus on Jesus who walks with us. The series this summer is titled "Walking with Christ: What Did Jesus Say?" In June and July, we will focus on Jesus' "I Am" Sayings from the Gospel of John ("I am the bread of life," "I am the way, the truth, and the life," etc.). In August, we will consider some of the "Hard Sayings" of Jesus -- messages Jesus spoke that are diffi-

cult to decipher or hard to live out as we walk with Christ.

This summer many of you will be traveling. Wherever your travels may take you, I pray that you will remember that Jesus is walking with you. May the good Lord bless you as you walk with Him. May He draw you closer to Him each day.

In Jesus, the One who walked to the cross and walked out of the tomb for you,

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, June 4

Pentecost

Holy Communion

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

Sunday, June 11

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

June



WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday, June 18

Holy Communion

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

Sunday, June 25

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

High School Graduation Recognition

Everyone is invited to join us June 4 during Coffee Fellowship time to recognize our High School and College graduates.



WANTED!!!

Individual (or couple) to become Conversation Dinner Coordinator(s)



This group meets once a month September – April for dinner/activities. We need someone with organization skills and a willingness to plan special events that all in the congregation are invited to attend. Contact Carol Folkmann or the Church Office if you are interested in serving in this capacity or would like additional information. Thank you!

Job Opportunity- Lutheran Family Services is seeking your help in identifying a qualified candidate to fill a need in our Pregnancy Counseling and Adoption Team in the Des Moines Metro area. If you know of someone who may be interested in this position, please have them contact Lutheran Family Services at (515) 251-7311.

THANK YOU!!

Thank-you to everyone that supported and participated in the Spring Work Weekend at Camp Okoboji on May 5-6. God blessed our team from St. Paul with a long list of projects to work on and outstanding weather for working outside. We enjoyed the fellowship with other volunteers from across Iowa District West and left with a satisfaction that we had made a positive impact on the camp. We are already looking forward to a return trip next year!

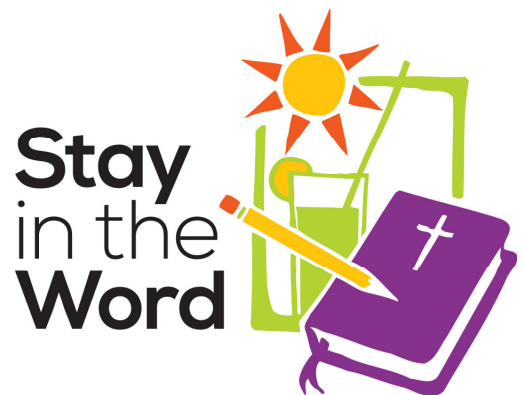
St. Paul Evangelism Board



Summer Bible Study Opportunities

Women's Bible study - May through August, the women's Bible study group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays (same as the men's group). We are doing individual studies, so come and join us for one or for all. We meet at 5:45 pm in the church basement.

Men's Bible study - The men's Bible study will continue to meet during the summer on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. We meet at 6:00 pm in the church basement. All men are invited to join us.



HOW WILL YOU HANDLE END OF LIFE QUESTIONS?

On January 29, 2017 Dick and I attended a Convocation meeting at the Lutheran Church at Bouton, Iowa on "Remembering Life's End", it was a very informative, eye-opening meeting.

At some time everyone will face death. We were told that Alzheimer's is now the leading disease even over cancer. If you were to have Alzheimer's disease, who would you have speak for you at your life's end (when you are unable to speak for yourself) to carry out your faith-based wishes? What does it mean to you to "Die with Dignity"? What is the Christian approach to life's end? On November 1, 2014 Brittany Maynard a 29-year-old Oregon woman with terminal brain cancer, launched physician directed suicide into the national spotlight when she, with medication prescribed by her doctor, committed suicide. Before she died, she posted these words on Facebook: *Goodbye to all my dear friends and family that I love. Today is the day that I have chosen to pass away with dignity in the face of my terminal illness, this terrible brain cancer that has taken so much from me...but would have taken so much more.*

On the other side of the country, in Connecticut, another woman was enduring the same cancer, but was making a different choice, and receiving far less media praise for it. Her name was Maggie Karner. She was the director of our church body's Life and Health Ministries, and she was choosing not to commit suicide, but to rest in the promises of God. She understood that her cancer would take her life, but she publicly confessed that she would not take her own life. Consider her raw but confident words: *Death sucks. And while this leads many to attempt to calm their fears by grasping for personal control over the situation, as a Christian with a Savior who loves me dearly and who has redeemed me from a dying world, I have a higher calling. God wants me to be comfortable in my dependence on Him and others, to live in peace and comfort no matter what comes my way.*

Life is not self-generated or self-owned; it is a gift to be received and cherished until the Lord Himself recalls it.

Five States in the United States have legalized doctor directed suicide. They call it "Death with Dignity". Oregon is one of those states. There is now a big push to get it legalized in Iowa. LFS' Kim Laube and representatives from 8 other organizations officially signed the document forming the "Coalition of Pro-Life Leaders". The coalition is committed to changing Iowa laws defining life as "valuable". Life from each frozen embryo recognized as a baby boy or girl to those at life's end who are suffering.

It is not our life, as a Christian to end ourselves. Our life has been redeemed (purchased and won) by Jesus' blood – therefore we are not in control to end our life. That is a decision to be made by God. There are medicines to keep us comfortable until Jesus is ready to take us to our Eternal Home. There is still much work for us able-bodied people on this earth to do – comforting, visiting, teaching, supporting, advocating and praying for life!

This meeting was presented by LFS Rev. Max Phillips and Rev. Jim Lamb.

Dick and Linda Peterson



Joining Jesus on His Mission

I have been blessed to work in a quiet office setting where I see patients one-to-one. Over the years, it has provided me opportunities to share God's love and grace with others. Since the workshop with Greg Finke, I have tried to pray each morning for me to be open to opportunities. I have been allowed to pray with several as they share with me their challenges. This one day, God provided me with an opportunity that I wasn't sure that I wanted...

"Joe" was a new patient to me, and was 10 minutes late for the appointment. I was wondering what would be the excuse. (I wasn't happy that he was late....you know, that messes up with "my schedule.") When he arrived, he was accompanied by a teenager, "Joey." Joe explained that he was sorry that he was late, as they were up most of the night in the Emergency Room as Joey slit his wrists last night.

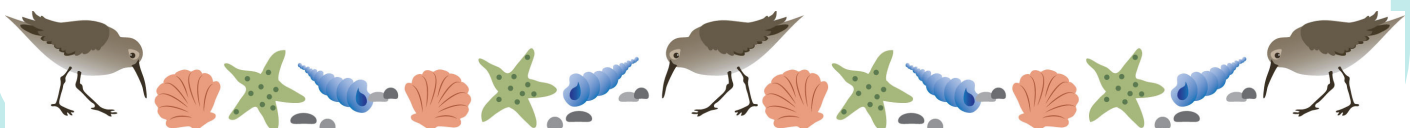
(Now, here is where I took a breath, prayed..."ok, Lord, you are hitting me with this one. Please show me what to do..." It didn't seem right to do anything right then...I just waited...)

I simply said, "Okay" and went on like I heard Joe say that they had a flat tire. With each new patient to my office, I take a comprehensive assessment that includes a variety of information about eating, exercise, health, family and stress to learn about the patient and help me personalize the information to help them manage their diabetes. So, that is what I did with Joe. When I got to the stress part, I simply said, "This section is on stress. I guess you have a lot of things going on." Then Joe started to tell me his story, with many family issues, not just with Joey. Joey just sat there quietly. I am not sure how the words really went, because they weren't mine (of course), but somehow, I asked them if they knew Jesus and His Love. Joe said "yes" and he goes to church and had talked to his pastor some. Joey said that he didn't go; he just didn't like it. I waited, listened. Jesus was at work in me. Then Joe & Joey had a conversation about that church. I said something like that it wasn't about church, it was about the love that Jesus has for us, and, could I pray with them. They both said yes and we held hands and prayed. The words came; we all had tears. Joe & Joey hugged. We talked that it takes a lot to heal and I would pray for them. I don't remember how I transitioned back to Joe's appointment needs, but completed the appointment with Joe (on time....guess how that happened?) . At the end, both gave me a hug.

Joe came back for a follow up appointment with me a couple weeks later and Joey came with him. Joey gave me a hug and thanked me for the last time. Joe had talked to his pastor some more, and both had appointments for counseling.

Of course, since I work in a hospital, all the names and details have been changed enough that no one will recognize the family.

⇒ Do you have a "Joining Jesus" story you would be willing to share? Please let Pastor or the office know. Thank you.



Youth & Education

Save the date for VBS! July 30-Aug 2, 2017

This year's theme is Mighty Fortress - In Jesus the Victory is Won! At Mighty Fortress, kids learn that God is their refuge and strength. Friends may fail them. They may not ace their test or make the team, but God promises to be their rock and their salvation—their fortress and sure defense. So raise your banner! In Jesus, the victory is won!



We will be needing volunteers in various areas. A sign up sheet will be available the end of May or please contact Carla Murphy.

Please continue to keep these young women in your prayers. As Pastor Jenks said in his sermon, confirmation is NOT a graduation. It is a big step on the path of their faith journey. Pray for strength, wisdom and understanding as they continue on this journey. Pray for them and with them. Reach out to them. Ask them how they're doing. Celebrate with them when things are going great and listen to them when they are stumbling. You could learn something from them, just as much as they could learn something from you. Congratulations Katie, Hannah, Erin and Aurora, we at St. Paul will continue to lift you up in prayer.

L to R: Katie, Aurora, Hannah, Erin



Youth & Education

On Sunday, April 23rd, five of our St. Paul youth (and adults) participated in a fun afternoon of yard work as a fundraising opportunity. There were sticks to be picked up, grass to be raked and even lots of ladybugs too! Thanks to a St. Paul member for offering this opportunity to the youth group, they appreciated it greatly!



A HUGE THANK YOU to all the Youth, Youth leaders and parents who helped make Youth Sunday a success.

Shown at left: Youth Ensemble

ATTENTION TO PARENTS WITH YOUTH GOING TO CAMP OKOBOJI THIS SUMMER:

Look for an email coming soon about camp registration due in late June!

A HUGE THANK YOU to the Midweek teachers, youth and parents for a fabulous year of Midweek classes and LYF activities!

There was a good turnout for the Youth & Family End of Year Midweek Celebration on May 10th at church with great food, fellowship and games!



Camp Okoboji

Camp Okoboji Annual Meeting Report



The Camp Okoboji annual meeting was held April 22, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President Tom Chapman.

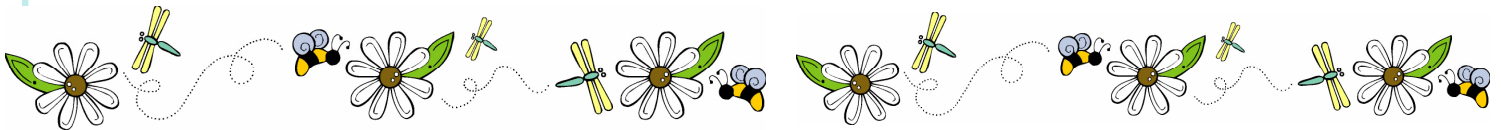
Financial Report - The financial record had been examined by a local accountant and were found to be very good.

Paul Goelke, Ministry Advancement Director - Paul's report focused on the 6 youth from St. Paul in Ames. They gave a heart-touching talk on their growth in faith while attending camp; also their new friends and how their faith in Jesus grew stronger. They also had a Lenten meal along with the Evangelism committee and raised \$500 for the St. Paul youth who plan to attend camp in 2017. Paul went on to say he wished other churches would follow what St. Paul in Ames is doing in encouraging young people to attend camp, which includes the new idea of Camp Okoboji Bucks for kids to use to help with their fees, or in the camp store.

Doug Kading, Camp Director - Doug talked about the new Discover Building. The dedication will be Sunday, May 28 at 4:00 pm. Dinner will be served following the dedication. Doug also talked about St. Paul, Ames and the new Camp Okoboji Bucks. They have decided to follow St. Paul's idea and give \$20 in Okoboji Bucks to every new youth that attends camp for the first time.

Board of Directors Election Results - Two members were re-elected to the board, and two new members were elected. The new members are Kenneth Bishop and Ron Coy. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Coy

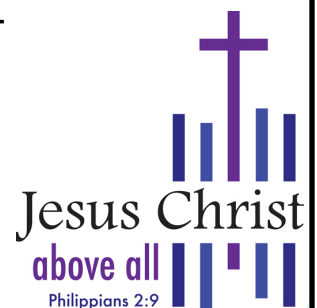


Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Team SCHWAN'S Sale



Thank you to all who ordered from Schwan's for our fundraiser for the LWML. The initial phase is over but we will continue to receive 5% of every order for the next 90 days! Please use www.schwans-cares.com and campaign code 31507 when ordering on-line and 1-855-870-7208 and campaign code 31507 by phone.



Women's Ministry



Women's Ministry Plant Sale

Thank you to all who purchased flowers or helped with our plant sale. We raised close to \$800 to help with 3 scholarships to attend the LWML convention in June, and to go towards the missions offerings.



Women's Ministry Invitation

Sunday, JUNE 11TH 2-4 pm

"WEDDINGS IN SMALL TOWN IOWA"

THE MONTH OF June frequently brings back memories of happy events such as weddings. Generally speaking, as women, one of the happiest events to look forward to, or look back on, is a wedding. Whether you were a flower girl, a bridesmaid, mother of the bride, assisted in this joyous event, or if **you** were the bride, we all have fun or interesting memories of the occasion. Planning and preparations can nearly be a full time job....or can be put together in a hasty fashion due to world events beyond our control. The program, presented by the Slater Historical Society, is "Weddings in Small Town Iowa...a Decade by Decade Stroll Down the Aisle". Photos, memorabilia, personal stories and bridal finery reflect the era in which the dresses were worn, 1900-2000! What a century it was, with dramatic changes in mores and fashion.



In the Bible weddings were a very special event also, a long celebration. It was a time to celebrate with family and friends. We hope this event gives you an opportunity to renew friendships in our church family and meet new friends in the area. Getting to know someone includes sharing memories. If you are a surviving spouse, we want you to be our honored guest. Share some memories and make some new ones with us. We ask that all women please invite a friend or family member. Please bring your wedding picture for our display table.

Please contact Gretchen Zitterich at 515 201-7570 if you have a vintage item to loan for this event. It is **not** too late to RSVP.

Oh, of course! There will be wedding cake!

Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update:

LWML National Mite goal of \$2 million has been met! Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Mites over the last 2 years. From April 2015-March 2017 St. Paul has contributed \$3293.96. Praise God! Mites collected on our Mite Sundays will go towards the next mite goal which will be chosen in June at the LWML convention in Albuquerque.



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 ~

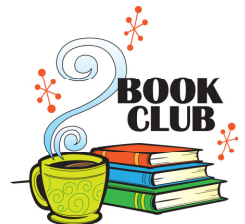
Quilters will meet on **June 8th** for a Thrivent Action Event from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Wear your T-Shirts, bring a sack lunch and join us

We will also meet on **June 22** from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bring your lunch and join us for the fun.



"Book to Know to Help You Grow"

Our next Book club meeting is in July. We will discuss "Not Forgotten" by Kenneth Bae. Barnes and Noble says: *"Not Forgotten"* is a modern story of intrigue, suspense, and heart. Driven by his passion to help the people of North Korea, Bae moves to neighboring China to lead guided tours into the secretive nation. Six years later, after eighteen successful excursions in and out of the country, Ken is suddenly stopped at the border: he inadvertently brought his hard drive, that reveals the true nature of his visits, to customs. He is arrested, brought to Pyongyang for further questioning, and sentenced to fifteen years of hard labor. His crime? Attempting to overthrow the North Korean government. He may never see his family again. From the first harrowing moments of his ordeal to his release—and even today—Ken never wavers in his love for the North Korean people, even his captors. ***Not Forgotten*** is both a compelling narrative of one man's dedication to serving the less fortunate and a modern testament of a missionary forced to rely solely on the God who sent him into dangerous territory." Everyone is invited to read this compelling book and join us for the discussion.



Date	Hostess	Book
July 13, 2017	Thelma Voetberg	"Not Forgotten" by Kenneth Bae
Sept 14, 2017	Marlene Johnson	"Candle in the Darkness" by Lynn Austin
Nov 9, 2017	Adele Knop	"The Hiding Place" by Corrie ten Boom
Feb 8, 2018	Karen Griffin	"Her Daughter's Dream" by Francine Rivers
April 12, 2018	Gretchen Zitterich	"In the Presence of My Enemies" by Gracia Burnham

June 2017 Service Roster

	June 4 8:30	June 4 11:00	June 11 8:30	June 11 11:00	June 18 8:30	June 18 11:00	June 25 8:30	June 25 11:00
Organist	LaDonna Osborn		Ellen Sander		LaDonna Osborn		Praise Team	
Elders	Steve Vollstedt	Paul Knop →						
Lectors	Alberta Voge	Gretchen Zitterich	Phil Voge	Gretchen Zitterich	Alberta Voge	Gretchen Zitterich	Phil Voge	Gretchen Zitterich
Acolytes	Hannah Fritz	Katie Barnes			Erin Murphy	Tate Ploessl		
Greeters	Merle & Marcy Suntken, Phil & Alberta Voge	Bob & Marilyn Walker, Gretchen Zitterich →						
Ushers	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke, Tanny Latuska, Mike West	Greg & Ben Gebhart, Keith & Carol Folkmann →						
Coffee Fellowship								
Coffee Time Greeter	Dick Peterson →							
Altar Flowers			Bud & Thelma Voetberg					
Offering Counters	Matt & Sandra Pflug →							
Power Point	Stephanie Mandernach	Greg Van Nostrand	Stephanie Mandernach	Greg Van Nostrand	Stephanie Mandernach	Greg Van Nostrand	Stephanie Mandernach	Greg Van Nostrand
Sound Board	Jordan Mandernach	Charles Ellis	Jordan Mandernach	Charles Ellis	Jordan Mandernach	Thomas Wilson	Jordan Mandernach	Thomas Wilson
Altar Guild	Judy Peter, Geri Schulz,	Karen Griffin, Karen Belz →						
Video Recorder	Steve Wilcken →							
Collate Bulletins	Keith Folkmann & Dennis Griffin →							