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A Letter from your Pastor

Friends in the Lord,

Have you heard of the "Dog Days of Summer"? Apparently this term refers to the period of summer when the days are the longest and hottest, in other words, the most miserable and unbearable. Some baseball teams have tried to capitalize on these days with "Dog Days of Summer" promotions, with hot dog deals and special deals on ice cream, too, to cool you off.

I'd like you to think about the "Dog Days" of life – days when life is at its most miserable and intolerable. Just like ball-parks feed you special dog deals on such days, Jesus feeds you in a special way on your most miserable days. I'm sure

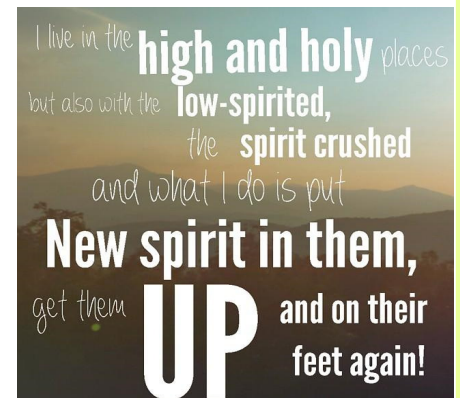
you remember that Jesus is always with you. But do you remember when Paul was experiencing "dog days" and was feeling miserable? Paul prayed and prayed for God to take the dog days away, but what did God tell Paul? "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). When we are weak, God's strength is there to carry us through. When life's heat gets to us, Christ's comfort is there to offer us a cool cup of precious water.

What do you do to get through the "dog days" of summer? It seems to me that this summer I ate more ice cream than usual to try to beat the heat. What do you do to get through the "dog days" of life? It seems to me like we all should turn

to Jesus Christ even more than we do to get us through. "For thus says the high and exalted One, who lives forever, whose name is Holy, 'I dwell on a high and holy place, but also with the contrite and lowly of spirit, in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite'" (Isaiah 57:15).

In Jesus Christ, the One who strengthens us every day,

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, August 6

Holy Communion

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

Sunday, August 13

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

Sunday, August 20

Holy Communion

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

Sunday, August 27

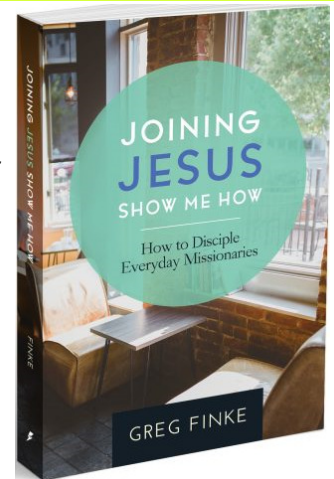
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



Joining Jesus – Show Me How

If you have been joining Jesus on His mission in your everyday life, then you can show your family and friends how to do the same! And believe it or not, showing your family and friends how to join Jesus on His mission is how He intends for you to participate in His Great Commission.

On Saturday, August 26, we will welcome back Rev. Greg and Susan Finke from Dwelling 1:14. They will take us through our next missional training to show us how simple it is to disciple our family and friends the way Jesus discipled His family and friends in the gospels. It is simpler than you think and a lot more fun!



Think about it, the way Jesus discipled people in the gospels results in unschooled, ordinary followers participating in the mission of the Father and discipling others to do the same. Discipling must be simpler than we've made it! This training will help you regain the clarity and simplicity of how Jesus discipled people in the gospels so that you can disciple your children, friends, neighbors or fellow church members to get up, follow Jesus and join him on his mission, too.

This free training event will include light breakfast and lunch. We will meet from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. To prepare for this event, you are encouraged to purchase and read **the new book *Joining Jesus: Show Me How*. Copies are available from the church office for \$10 each.** If you have not yet read the original book *Joining Jesus On His Mission*, you are encouraged to read that first. Copies of that book are also available from the church office for \$10 each. These are discounted prices for our congregation. Get your copy today!

Family Life

New. It's new for all of us.

The work has started and I am in full swing here at St. Paul. But there have been some small bumps along the way. The work to get an office set up takes many hands and a lot of patience, but we survived and everything is set. Now the questions start to roll in; "Someone else has done this, do they still do that, or is it yours?", "Who oversees this or that?" And I have questions of my own, "Where do I find this?", "Are we able to print this report?", "What do I do next?"

Questions are great, and finding the answer is even better! This position brings many unanswered questions and some that no one has even thought of. While discussing this with my wife Lisa I made the comment, "It's new, this is something new for all of us." Even writing this message I found myself floundering for words and some insightful comment. I changed the topic of the article many times before I realized I need to speak from the heart. This is all new to me.

Over the next year we will work together, grow together, and hopefully learn together. Does one person hold all the answers to all the questions? With the exception of God, NO. We will explore this new area of ministry at St. Paul together. Some things will work and some will not, and that's ok. I was always taught, at home and throughout my schooling, that making a mistake is ok. Mistakes can turn out to be the best learning experiences. When you make the mistake, you have learned what not to do and it forces you to evaluate and adjust for the next time. Mistakes might be made, but it is a learning experience for all of us.

I am excited to be in this new position. I am excited for the new opportunities at St. Paul. I am ready to see new faces and meet new people. St. Paul has taken a step in a new direction. We are all here to make new memories on what can be an awesome and amazing new adventure! I hope over the next year you will join me on this bold new trail as we walk side by side in this ministry we call Family Life!

God's Blessings,

Thomas



*The **FAMILY** Corner!*

Check out the new "FAMILY Corner" bulletin board as you enter the fellowship hall.

Check back often for updates, flyers, handouts, and news updates!

A great opportunity for communications with our Family members!



ROMANS 8:16



Have you thought about serving on the **Altar Guild** or are you interested in learning more about the Altar Guild? We are looking for more members. If you are interested or have questions, please feel free to talk to any of the Altar guild members or chairman, Judy Peter.

We will meet with you and answer any of your questions and explain the duties and responsibilities of an altar member. Thank you and let us know if you would like to part of the beautification of the church area and giving of your time.

Serving Christ with Joy, Judy Peter

POSITION AVAILABLE: Vocal Choir Director - The duties of this part time position would be to direct the Parish Choir. The director would hold weekly practices and direct the choir during worship 2 Sundays a month, Sept.– May. In addition, the opportunity to serve as part time organist would be available. Compensation to be commensurate with experience and qualifications. If interested, email office@saintpaulames.org for more information. This opportunity has been posted on the St. Paul website and Facebook page. Please share with your family, friends and on social media.

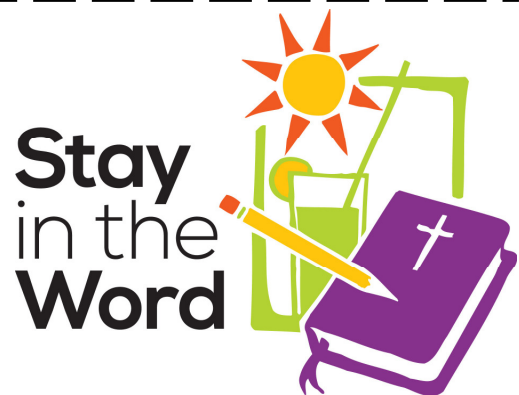


Summer Bible Study Opportunities

Women's Bible study - During August we will meet on Aug 14 and 28. 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 - During August we will meet on Aug 14 and 28. We meet at 6:00 pm in the church basement. All men are invited to join us.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible study - will resume the first Sunday of August.



Human Care

"HIS Bucket...your list"

Are you working on your bucket list this summer? There are still party buckets available to take home and have a party. Some are coming back and are being reloaded for more fun! It's a great way to build relationships with neighbors, co-workers, friends, family, etc. Give it a try. Any questions? Call Janelle Swenson or Ellen Sander.



**HELP
WANTED**



WANTED!!!

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

This group meets once a month September – April for dinner/activities.

We need someone with organizational 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!

Evangelism

**We have a wonderful outreach here at
St. Paul with our preschool.**

One of the best ways we can support our preschool's families is through prayer. We would like to have a church family praying regularly for each preschool family. That's it!!! Just pray! Please sign up on the bulletin board and a preschool family will be given to you to include in your prayers.



**Pray for
Preschool
Families**

Family Life



Lutheran Olympics

Let's prepare for the Olympics!

This fall we will kick off our first ever **Lutheran Olympics** here at St. Paul. All families, no size too big and no size too small, are encouraged to sign up early. All families that sign up will be paired together with 1 or 2 more families to make up their Olympic Team. Teams will be posted 2 weeks prior to the event. All "Olympic" events will be announced at that time! For more information or to sign up please contact Thomas Wilson at familylife@saintpaulames.org. Registration forms are posted next to the "FAMILY Corner."

When: Sunday, September 10th

Time: 2:00 PM

Where: St. Paul Church

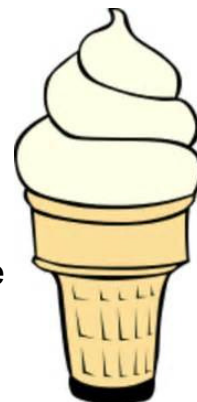
Registration is open **NOW**, and the deadline to register is Wednesday, August 23rd.

Youth

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 1-12:

Please attend the fall kick-off of Midweek and LYF at an ice cream social on **Wednesday, August 30 at 7pm.**

You do not have to attend Midweek in order to participate in LYF. LYF is short for Lutheran Youth Fellowship. We gather once a month for meals and activities and we need your input! Please come with ideas for events or activities you would like to do this year. We might also change the name of LYF so bring your ideas for new names/titles! If you cannot attend on August 30, please contact Carla Murphy (cjmurphyia@icloud.com) with your ideas or put them in the Board of Youth mailbox.



Youth & Education

Save the dates for these upcoming local youth gatherings!

St. Paul would love to take a group of youth to these events. If interested, please contact the office, Carla Murphy, or any member of the Board of Youth.

Iowa District West Jr. Youth Gathering (Grades 6 - 8)

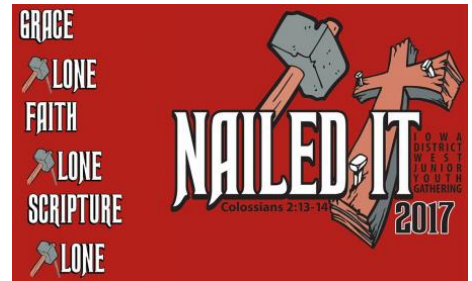
Theme: "Nailed It"

Bible Verse: Colossians 2:13-14 "And you, who were dead in your trespasses....God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt...nailing it to the cross."

Dates: October 21-22, 2017

Cost: (approx. \$135 per person, details to come)

Where: All Gathering programming/lodging will be at the Sheraton in West Des Moines (1800 50th St)



LCMS District High School Youth Gathering -Omaha (Grades 9-12)

Theme: "Hero -Greater. Better. True."

Everyone needs a hero. And yet, the older we get the more we realize that heroes aren't supernatural. The best hero stories are those of ordinary people doing extra-ordinary things. Scripture is filled with accounts like these. David, Esther, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These accounts aren't random. They aren't disconnected. They are part of a single narrative in which every hero points beyond itself to one who is greater, one who is better, one who is true. "HERO" will lead participants on an action filled journey that reveals the greatest, better, truest hero of all- Jesus. Jesus, our hero who comes to save.

Dates: November 17-19, 2017

Where: Embassy Suites in LA Vista

Cost: \$135 per person + lodging (if postmarked by 10/11/17)

Students in grades 9-12 from Nebraska, South Dakota, and Iowa District West are invited to the 2017 District Middle Youth Gathering – Omaha on November 17-19, 2017 at Embassy Suites in LaVista.

The cost for this Gathering is \$135 per person. Registration includes Saturday meals, Sunday breakfast, snacks, speakers, Bible study, worship and games! Groups are responsible for their own housing arrangements. Information will be mailed to congregations in the summer or watch for updates at www.facebook.com/DistrictYouthGatheringOmaha/.



Education

The Board of Education would like to remind everyone of upcoming dates for our youth's Christian education.

Midweek kick-off: August 30, 2017 at 7:00 pm for grades 1-8

1st Midweek class: September 6, 2017 at 4:30 pm

Sunday school kick-off: September 10, 2017 - Bibles will be given to our 3 year-olds, 3rd graders and 7th grade students at both services.

Teachers Needed

You don't have to have an education background to be a great teacher. We are looking for a part time Sunday school teacher for 5th & 6th grade and 7th & 8th. Please give careful and prayerful consideration to volunteering for this very important mission at St. Paul.

The Board of Education would like to extend a **very special THANK YOU** to Ruth Schlotfeldt for her many years of teaching Sunday school. Ruth will be stepping down after over 20 years of service to our children.

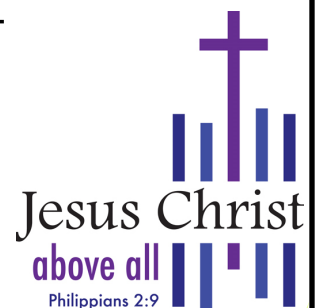


Women's Ministry

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 15 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



The Women's Bible study will begin a new Bible study in September, but we will need to order the books in August.

Our new study will be "A Heart Like His: Seeking the Heart of God through a Study of David" by Beth Moore. "How would you like to be known as a person after God's own Heart?" What keeps us from having a heart like God's? If you've ever experienced doubts, temptations, personal inconsistencies, or losses, if you've anguished over family problems, then this study is for you. Beth Moore invites you to join her on an exciting and intimate

journey to know King David, the man after God's own heart. On this journey you will experience the ups and downs of the shepherd king, and you will come to know and love his God in a new way. In this in-depth DVD Bible study David will make you laugh and cry. He will delight and disappoint you. He will make you want to be just like him at times and nothing like him at others. He is sure to capture your interest if you let him. And God is sure to change your heart... if you let Him." (Excerpt from the study's back cover.)

The women's Bible study will meet every Monday night, 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm in the church basement beginning in September. If you would like to attend, please let the church office know by August 28 so we can have enough books ordered. The books will be \$10. All women are invited to join us.



Serve the Lord with Gladness

This is the motto of the LWML and also the theme for the **LWML Iowa West District Fall Retreat on Sept 9, 2017** at beautiful Mission Central at Mapleton, IA. If you have never been to Mission Central, this is the perfect opportunity to experience it. The guest speaker for the retreat is Pastor Karim Baidaoui, Director of Disciples of the Way, Outreach to Muslims in Dallas, Texas. Some of you may have heard this dynamic speaker at the LWML IWD convention at Okoboji a few years ago. What a treat to have him back in Iowa! The retreat is from 10 am to 3 pm, with registration beginning at 9 am. Registration is required for this event, since the barn at Mission Central only holds 160 people. Registration forms are on the bulletin board or in the LWML IWD eNews. (You must send in your own registration.) We will carpool, so please sign the carpool sheet after you have registered.



PSALM 100:2, ESV

Women's Ministry

2017 LWML Convention Report

PROCLAIMING JESUS CHRIST ABOVE ALL...The theme of the 75th biennial LWML convention in Albuquerque was evident throughout the services, singing, celebrating, and servant events. Thank you, St. Paul members for encouraging us and supporting us with funds and prayers as we engaged in this event, equipping us to serve the Lord with gladness. Following are observations and synopsis of parts of the convention from each of the women who attended.

Brenda Dryer: God is Good! No matter how many national conventions I attend I am amazed at the "numbers"! From the \$72,686.06 raised during the mission walk, to the 4,607 items of underwear and \$31,256 cash/gift cards collected as part of the Gifts from the Heart, or the opening worship offering of \$48,818.52 God is at work in the LWML! As a third generation member of this special organization it was a treat to be in New Mexico with 3,471 other Lutheran women, including my mother and fellow sisters in Christ from St. Paul Ames as we celebrated 75 years of service and more than \$10M in mission donations in 71 countries. "Name Above All Names- Jesus!" Praise be to God for whom all blessings flow!

Lisa Wilson: For the 75th Anniversary the LWML unveiled a new and updated logo. The different components of the logo are the heart, which represents the love and giving nature of God through His children; the drop, which symbolizes the blood of Christ or a tear of compassion; and the cross above all else shows purpose behind all that we do in the LWML. The LWML started in 1943 with "Serve the Lord with gladness," Psalm 100:2 as their defining scripture. In 1947, the first LWML logo was introduced, purple and gold were added to the logo in 1951 and in 1991 the logo was changed again to the LWML with the cross behind the "W." The additional name of "Lutheran Women in Mission" was added to the current logo in 1997. With the creation of the 75th anniversary logo, the LWML hopes that people will take a new look, or look for the first time, at LWML and help the women of the LWML move towards 75 more years of mission outreach.



Karen Griffin: I really enjoyed visiting the Exhibit Hall and all the displays for mission projects available all over the US and world. They are so very enthused about their mission and all the work they are doing. I learned there are 2 local TV stations with Sunday worship services. It's an easy way to reach those who want to hear about Jesus. It is amazing the number of mid-west people involved with these vendors and I have several ideas for mission projects we may do here at St Paul. You really don't think about vendors at the LWML convention but there are so many and they are selling Jesus.

Marilyn Walker: Tim Norton, Lutheran Indian Ministries, spoke at one of the special interest luncheons, as well as being a "Mites in Action" speaker. Tim serves Shepherd of the Valley church in Navajo, New Mexico. He was the recipient of 2015-2017 Mission Grant #6, "Hope & Healing to the Navajo People". Tim spoke of the ways he used the grant to further God's word and to meet the challenges of serving Native Americans; one challenge being that Native Americans have the highest rate of suicide and rape of all ethnicities. Tim also shared some of the blessings of his work--most recently he baptized an entire family on Christmas Eve. Tim, his wife and two children live in Gallup, New Mexico.

Breanna Wetzler: For a convention billed as being a celebration of 75 years in mission, much of the language was focused on the next 75 and beyond. This was truly evident at the luncheon held for 2017 YWR (young women representatives) and alumni of the group. Past president Virginia Von Seggern called the group the real jewels of the LWML. Represented in the room were women who had served as YWR to almost every convention since the program had been conceived. Lastly, Von Seggern brought to the stage 2 current district presidents who had served as a YWR and challenged the group that the number would grow in the future.

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Women's Ministry

Linda Peterson: Deaconess Betty Knappe served as a parish deaconess for 37 years at Redeemer Lutheran church, Marquette, Michigan. Through her mother's involvement in LWML, she saw the importance of service and Bible study in a Christian's life. Trusting in Him and in the goodness of His ways and purposes for her life gives Betty comfort assurance, and strength for everyday living. In her first Bible study we looked back at the timeless message of the Gospel. Starting in the year 1946, one year post WWII, when the LWML women united to be "a force for good" in the church, we answered questions such as: a) How are we to respond to the call to be "workers in the harvest fields b) What gets in our way of doing what we are called to do? c) What have you found that helps to get you to answer "yes" when called to witness and serve? In the 2nd session we talked about our personal involvement in mission outreach: first our excuses of why we can't 1). I don't know enough about the Bible 2). Everyone knows I am a Christian 3.) I'm not good at speaking with strangers (remember Moses and the burning bush?) 4.) If they want to know about Jesus they will just ask me. Jesus mission is the same mission that brought Him into our world and took Him all the way to the cross to pay for our sins. She talked about "Joining Jesus on His Mission" There is NOTHING more important in all the world than to proclaim JESUS CHRIST ABOVE ALL!

Gretchen Zitterich: One of the unreached people groups by the LCMS are the Jewish people. 99% of the 16 million Jewish people do not confess Jesus. 6 million Jewish people live in Israel. Not one penny has been spent by the LCMS on outreach in Israel. Steve Cohen founder of "The Apple of His Eye Mission Society" in Georgetown TX and his wife Nancy both have years of experience in the mission fields in Russia and Israel. They are Jewish and are called to bring the gospel to the lost sheep of Israel. Steve worked for 20 years with "Jews for Jesus". This mission effort will be working closely with Jews for Jesus, find Israeli Christians, partner with them, and provide missionary training. The LWML \$100,000 grant #14 of the 2015-2017 mites will kick start this mission. This is your mites at work! They seek to quadruple that amount with fundraising. The Rev. Dr. Robert and Kristi Roegner will be joining them in 2019. they ask for your prayers and support.

Becky Jackson: While at the LWML Convention, attendees had the opportunity to serve by participating in a variety of activities. Several of us from St. Paul made cards to send to cancer patients as part of the Phil's Friends program. Some tied fleece blankets, some stitched quilts, books in Braille were assembled so visually challenged can read God's Word. Others of us assembled protein enriched meals for the hungry in the United States and around the world. Our group also brought \$200 in gift cards. All totaled, the gifts from the heart were as follows: 1,500 Cards for Cancer Patients; 1,277 Quilts & Blankets; 1,169 Health Care Kits; 72 Boxes of Towels; 340 Sheet Sets; 3,300 Arch Books; \$31,331 in cash and gift cards. What blessings to our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world!

Julie Coy: I always am amazed at the donations by both individuals and societies. Convention Offering #1, for the Mission Goal, received \$48,818.52. Offering #2, a 75th Anniversary Thank Offering for the LWML Endowment received \$51,884.84. Offering #3, for a bilingual worker priest on the US/Mexico border through Concordia Lutheran Church, Chula Vista, California received \$31,964.81. Offering #4, for the "God Cares About You" mission in Albuquerque received \$33,710.56. The Mission in Motion/Mission Pledge Walk raised \$72,683.06 with 1,132 participating and Tee Up 4 Mites raised \$15,255.78 with approximately 48 people participating. Praise God!



Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update: as of 6/30/17

2017-2019 Mission goal: \$2,075,000.00

Amount Received: \$235,147.52

Amount Needed: \$1,839,852.48

We collect mites for missions on the 4th Sunday of each month. For more information go to www.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 ~

Family Service quilters will meet on Thursday, **August 10th**, for a Thrivent Action Team Event from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Wear your Thrivent T-Shirts and bring a sack lunch. We also meet on Thursday, **August 24th**, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and join us if you can.



“Book to Know to Help You Grow”

Our next Book club meeting is in September. We will discuss “Candle in the Darkness” by Lynn Austin. Barnes and Noble says: “Caroline Fletcher is caught in a nation split apart and torn between the ones she loves and a truth she can't deny. The daughter of a wealthy slave-holding family from Richmond, Virginia, Caroline Fletcher is raised to believe slavery is God-ordained and acceptable.



But on awakening to its cruelty and injustice, her eyes are opened to the men and women who have cared tirelessly for her. At the same time, her father and her fiancé, Charles St. John, are fighting for the Confederacy and their beloved way of life and traditions. Where does Caroline's loyalty lie? Emboldened by her passion to make a difference and her growing faith, will she risk everything she holds dear?” Everyone is invited to read this book and join us for the discussion.

Date	Hostess	Book
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

August 2017 Service Roster

	August 6 8:30	August 6 11:00	August 13 8:30	August 13 11:00	August 20 8:30	August 20 11:00	August 27 8:30	August 27 11:00
Organist	LaDonna Osborn		Ellen Sander		LaDonna Osborn		Praise Team	
Elders	Matt Weiss	Mark Swenson →						
Lectors	Dawn Schulte	Steve Johnson	Dawn Schulte	Steve Johnson	Dawn Schulte	Steve Johnson	Dawn Schulte	Steve Johnson
Acolytes	Katie Barnes	Tate Ploessl			Aurora Olson	Hannah Fritz		
Greeters	Wanda & Dawn Schulte, Kent & Jan Ziebell	Jolene Drawbond, Ron & Becky Juelfs →						
Ushers	Wayne & Marilyn Hagemoser, Jerry Schradle, Ron Juelfs	Denny & Shirley Tice, Lori Jenks, Vickie Roach →						
Coffee Fellowship					Jim & Sandy George, Tom & Judy Peter			
Coffee Time Greeter	Thomas Wilson →							
Altar Flowers								
Offering Counters	Merle & Marcy Suntken →							
Power Point	Stephanie Mandernach	Tom Baas	Stephanie Mandernach	Tom Baas	Stephanie Mandernach	Becky Jackson	Stephanie Mandernach	Becky Jackson
Sound Board	Jordan Mandernach	Tom Baas	Jordan Mandernach	Tom Baas	Jordan Mandernach	Charles Ellis	Jordan Mandernach	Charles Ellis
Altar Guild	Jan Ziebell, Karen Griffin, Judy Peter →							
Video Recorder	Harry Mundt →							
Collate Bulletins	Dick & Linda Peterson →							