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A Letter from your Pastor

This year we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! Martin Luther's standing up and speaking out for Scripture and what God's Word teaches about Christ our Savior continues to ring out to the world around us, five centuries later!

This fall, both Bible studies that I lead at St. Paul will dig into this tremendous heritage. Our Sunday morning Bible study will explore "Meandering with Martin." We'll consider some of Luther's favorite verses and some of his key themes. We'll revisit the "3 Solas" of the Reformation. We'll focus on what caused the Reformation and also what changes the Reformation in turn caused in the world.

Our Wednesday morning Bible study will dig deep into the book in Scripture that had the deepest impact on Luther, Paul's letter to the Romans. Luther proclaimed, "This epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament, and is truly the purest gospel. It is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but also that he should occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul."

Besides these Bible studies, we also will celebrate the Reformation's 500th Anniversary in some other special ways. Keep tuned for further details.

May God bless you greatly as you continue to celebrate that we are saved by God's grace, through faith, as the Scriptures proclaim! All because of Jesus and what He did for us! *Sola Gratia! Sola Fides! Sola Scriptura!*

In Jesus, who frees us,
Pastor Jenks

500TH Anniversary
OF THE REFORMATION

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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, September 3

Only one service

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 10

Rally Sunday

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



Sunday, September 17

Holy Communion

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

Sunday, September 24

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

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 be a part of the beautification of the church area and giving of your time.

Serving Christ with Joy, Judy Peter

Bell Choir



Bell Choir and Parish vocal choir will resume in September on Tuesday evenings. (Times to be announced soon!) More ringers and singers are always welcome. Join us!



Camp Okoboji

Youth spend time with Jesus at the Lake

This summer we had 7 youth attend Cub Week at Camp Okoboji and 1 youth attend Youth week for 9-12th graders. All had a great experience, made new friends, reconnected with old friends, learned new songs, had Bible studies, played games, and all have said they want to go again next year! For 2 youth it was their first time there. All the youth want to say thank you to the Board of Evangelism for helping with funding through Okoboji Bucks and also to the congregation for all their thoughts and prayers while at camp.

Pictured at right: Kelsey, Eayon, Daniel, Jessie & JoLyn

Pictured below: Erin

Pictured below right: Isaac, Ty, Eayon & Daniel



Human Care

"HIS Bucket...your list"

Is your bucket list completed? Have you Joined Jesus on His mission? This summer the Discipleship Group and Thrivent have supplied party buckets available to take home and have a party to connect with people and share God's love. **Time is running out**— buckets will be available through Labor Day.

Any questions? Call Janelle or Ellen.



Conversational Dinners Begins next Month!



Any members who didn't already sign up on their time and talent forms that want to participate in Conversational Dinners, can contact Carol Folkmann at 450-5819, or send an email to carol.folkmann@gmail.com. Dinners will begin the third Sunday in October and assignments will be made by the first of October.

This group will meet once a month October – April for dinner/activities.

Evangelism

Higher Power Returns



A special concert will be held on **Saturday, September 16, at 6:30 pm**. The great gospel group will perform here at St. Paul again. If you have heard them before, you will want to attend again, and if you have

never heard them you are in for a wonderful evening of music. We plan to have other music at 6:30 pm and complete the evening with fellowship with our friends and neighbors in our church.

This is an opportunity to invite others to visit our church and have a good community outreach.

Family Life

Tips to Help You Disciple Your Kids by Thomas Wilson

I have had a few conversations with a longtime friend lately, his son has taken to soccer. He knows nothing about soccer, and is learning along with his son the terms and rules of this sport. As a father, he wants to be able to spend time with his son and help him develop his skills. But he has become frustrated because he does not know the game well enough to do any of that. So he speaks softly and tells his son to listen to his coaches and do what they say.

This made me start to think that there may be some parents who struggle this way with discipling their kids. I pray that parents know they should disciple their kids, it is a primary ministry as a parent. We read in Deuteronomy 6: 6-7; "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." But, when it comes to it, do you feel lost? Do you know where to begin? What to say? There are 8 tips that I found to help parents become better disciples to their children. We will focus on the first 4 tips this month, and continue with the rest next month. Here are the first 4 tips that I found in an article by Brain Dembowczyk, posted online last year.



In
His
Steps

1. Set realistic expectations: Family worship does not have to look like worship in your church. It does not have to be lengthy and in-depth Bible teaching. Gospel conversations don't have to end with some profound theological gem. Talk about a Bible story for 10 to 15 minutes one night a week. Wherever you are, start there and develop habits that work, then build on them.
2. See Family Discipleship as a way of life, not a program: Strive to talk with your kids about Christ naturally as much as possible. Look for themes in shows, movies, and music and talk about how they relate to the gospel. Talk about the characteristics of God, especially as you experience them in your own life. You have opportunities – just keep an eye out for them!
3. Focus on Jesus: Goal should be to always point your child to Jesus. Parents usually focus on their kids' behavior and wanting them to act right. God is less concerned with their behavior and more concerned with their hearts. Through the gospel they can be transformed. We always need to point the children to the gospel and allow that to inform how they live. Their behavior matters, but why they behave the way they do matters far more. Focus on heart change through Christ.
4. Be a guide, not a general: You have the authority to tell your kids what to do and point the direction they are to go. There are certainly many places and times for this, but when it comes to discipling your kids, it is better to see yourselves as a guide. You are not supposed to have all the answers and point your kids in the direction they are to go, but as a guide you do have more knowledge and wisdom, but you are still learning yourself. Positioning yourself as a guide means you don't need to have all the answers and that is important because none of us do. But it gives you the freedom to tell your kids that you don't know something and you seek the answer together. Learning together.

Education & Youth

7th/8th Grade Sunday School Curriculum Changes

FAITHWEAVER
Weaving faith into today's families **NOW**®

Parents of 7th and 8th grade Sunday School youth, we would like to inform you that the Board of Christian Education has made some changes with the curriculum. In an effort to provide the highest quality Christian Education, we will begin using FaithWeaver NOW curriculum in our 7/8 Sunday School. FaithWeaver NOW makes Bible learning fun by using a variety of active experiences to help students learn in the ways they learn best.

FaithWeaver Now also helps youth “weave faith into life” by applying the Bible to their lives throughout the week. Research shows that the most powerful influence on children’s faith development is the conversation about faith that takes place in the home. We want to partner with you, the parents, in your child’s Christian Education, and FaithWeaver NOW gives us those steps to help make a larger impact on their faith. Each week parents will receive a take-home page. This page will have tips for conversation, prompting questions to use with your child. The youth will also have Bible verses for the week that they can read each day. We encourage families to gather and read these verses and discuss on a regular basis.

This quarter, we hope you’ll find encouragement in your role as a parent and a spiritual leader to your child. May these tools serve to remind you how important you are in your child’s life, and how blessed you are to be entrusted with this awesome responsibility.

Come Join the FUN and Build Up Your Faith!

Calling all 7th through 12th grader youth! This year we are pleased to announce the combination of the 7th through 12th grade youth for Sunday school ONCE a month! We will begin during education hour with a group study and continue on after Sunday school hour with a FELLOWSHIP activity. These dates will be released soon so families can make arrangements!



Starting off in September we will study “Faith Strength and Conditioning”. This study will guide the youth on a journey to shape a more powerful faith, and build spiritual muscle. Physical maturity in youth can be easy to recognize. Spiritual maturity may not be as obvious. Churches understand that developing and recognizing spiritual maturity in young people is a key component of their own vitality. This study provides a training plan for youth to practice their faith, build spiritual maturity, and develop their potential to become Christian leaders.

So come along and join Thomas and Lisa Wilson, along with Eric Phipps, as we work together to build up our faith and fellowship!

Education and Youth

20:9 High School Small Group



This fall the high school group, 20:9, will begin a year long journey entitled "Faith Formation: Lifelong and Ongoing". We will be combining three major studies this year. We will be working through a topical study titled "Follow", discuss areas of our Lutheran faith and doctrine through the book titled "Called to Believe, Teach and Confess", and we will also dive into the book of Romans.

We encourage ALL High School youth to join us on Sundays during education hour in our high school room!

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

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.

October 29th-Trunk-or-Treat from 2:00-3:30



Please be thinking about participating by decorating a trunk for this fun family activity. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the date.

The Board of Ed. is always looking for new ideas for better serving our youth. If you have any thoughts and suggestions, please don't hesitate to bring them to anyone on the board.

LYF EVENT AT MOORE PARK SEPTEMBER 13TH, 5:30 PM

Fall LYF Cookout and Nature Hike

Save the date and join us Wednesday, September 13 from 5:30-7:30pm.

We will meet at church at 5:30 and travel to Moore Park for time in nature, hikes, games and a cookout complete with s'mores!

Look for permission forms and more info out soon.

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)

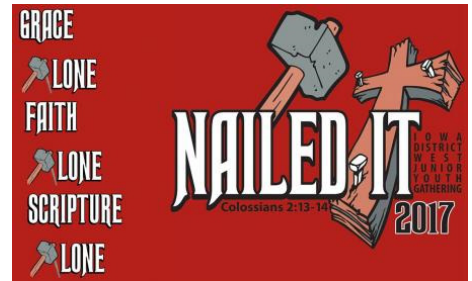
Theme: "Nailed It"

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: \$150 per person- **deadline is Sept. 20** to Thomas W. or Carla M.

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/.



Vacation Bible School

Our Mighty Fortress VBS was Mighty!

VBS was July 30-Aug 2 from 6-8pm. The theme was Mighty Fortress: In Jesus the Victory is Won. Kids learned the stories of The Battle of Jericho, King Hezekiah's Kingdom, God reforming King Josiah and Jesus' victory over the grave. We had 87 kids register from preschool through 6th grade. Approximately 30 were members of St. Paul with the rest from other churches or no church at all! We had 45 boys and 42 girls and 31 kids in the preschool group. It took over 30 volunteers -thank you all! Duane Faas/ Thrivent served a meal for 135 people the last night with the VBS Showcase. We collected \$700 for "Sharing God's Mighty Word" which provides Bibles and Bible-based materials to kids in the U.S. -including kids/families in Iowa! The VBS kids set the mission goal for the 4 days to be \$250. Once that was passed, they set it for \$500 but collected \$700!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a success - But most of all, it was an example of God's Mighty Word at work!



Vacation Bible School



VBS 2017

Women's Ministry



The Women's Bible study will begin a new Bible study September 11.

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 beginning Sept 11, 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm in the church basement. If you would like to attend, please let the church office know. 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

LWML Mite Update: as of 7/31/17

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

Amount Received: \$291,420.09

Amount Needed: \$1,783,579.91

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

The LWML Boone Zone fall rally will be held September 16 at Trinity, Perry. Sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to carpool. All women are invited to attend.



FAMILY SERVICE ~

Quilters will meet on Thursday **September 14th** for a Thrivent Action Team Event from 10:a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Wear your Thrivent T-Shirt, bring a sack lunch and join us. We also quilt on **September 28th** from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Bring a sack lunch.

At 1:00 we will have our Family Service Meeting with a devotion and a dessert. Please 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

September 2017 Service Roster

	Sept 3 10:00 Only one service	Sept 10 8:30	Sept 10 11:00	Sept 17 8:30	Sept 17 11:00	Sept 24 8:30	Sept 24 11:00
Organist	Ellen Sander	LaDonna Osborn		LaDonna Osborn		Praise Team	
Elders	Phil Voge	Phil Voge	Jon Buss →				
Lectors	Marilyn Hagemoser	Wayne Hagemoser	Lisa Wilson	Marilyn Hagemoser	Lisa Wilson	Wayne Hagemoser	Lisa Wilson
Acolytes	Tate Ploessl			Tate Ploessl	Madison Weber		
Greeters	Paul & Adele Knop, Stephanie Taylor	Paul & Adele Knop, Stephanie Taylor	Gretchen Zitterich, Thomas & Lisa Wilson →				
Ushers	Mark & Janelle Swenson, David Pietsch, Drue Sander	Mark & Janelle Swenson, David Pietsch, Drue Sander	Inez Smith, Becky Jackson, Angela Fritz, Steve Vollstedt →				
Coffee Fellowship		Maureen & Reiny Friedrich Bud & Thelma Voetberg		Denny & Shirley Tice		Dennis & Joyce Dobberke, Irene Holthaus	
Coffee Time Greeter	No coffee today	Gretchen Zitterich →					
Altar Flowers							
Offering Counters	Denny & Shirley Tice →						
Power Point	Cindy Baas	Cindy Baas	Cindy Baas	Linda Naeve	Linda Naeve	Linda Naeve	Linda Naeve
Sound Board	Tom Baas	Tom Baas	Tom Baas	Harry Mundt	Greg Van Nostrand	Harry Mundt	Greg Van Nostrand
Altar Guild	La Donna Osborn, Becky Juelfs, Pat Thiede →						
Video Recorder	John Murphy →						
Collate Bulletins	Judi Charlson & Sharron Martin →						

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool

September 2017 News



Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 5: Preschool Open House
 Sept. 7-8: First Day of Preschool
 Sept. 10: First Day of Sunday School
 Sept. 18-19: Bible Presentation
 September 28-29: Picture Day

Important Information:

Jesus Loves



Help Needed...

Reading Buddies:

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool is looking for individuals who would like to read to 1 or 2 preschoolers 2 times a month on Mondays or Tuesdays for 15 minutes each visit.

Contact Lori Jenks if you wish to sign-up at education@saintpaulames.org or sign-up on the church bulletin board. Thank you for sharing your love of reading!



Thank you God for Preschool Prayer Partners!

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." Colossians 4:2

Preschoolers and Families: Each preschooler at St. Paul is partnered with a St. Paul member who pray for them and their families. During the month of September we will share with you the name of the person who is praying for you. At any time you may put a prayer request in their mailbox at the top of the stairs and your prayer partner will pray for you.

Prayer Partners: What can you pray about for your preschooler and their family? Pray they will...

- Learn and grow.
- Learn from their mistakes.
- Know God is their guide.
- Be safe.
- Knows that Jesus loves them always and forever.



Bible Verse for the month:

"Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy."



God's September Birthday Blessings to...

9-1 Mae
 9-6 Oliver
 9-7 Archer



9-23 Keen
 9-29 Raegan