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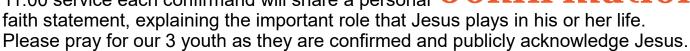
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A Letter from your Pastor

Confirmation Sunday

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have" (1 Peter 3:15). "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven" (Matthew 10:32). Confirmation Sunday is a very special occasion when we publicly profess our faith before others as we explain the reason for the hope which we have.

This year at St. Paul we will hold the Rite of Confirmation during the 11:00 a.m. service on May 6. Our 8th grade confirmation group consists of three students this year: Emma Buttery, Tate Ploessl and Madison Weber. As is our custom, during the 11:00 service each confirmand will share a personal



In the past, in some congregations, the pastor would be the one who would select the special confirmation passage for each confirmand. My tradition has always been to allow the confirmands to select their own Bible passages, as this will ensure the passages are ones that the confirmands personally find meaningful. Come hear the specific verses chosen by our confirmands to guide them in their faith!

In Jesus,

Pastor Jenks

Women's Ministry

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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.

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Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 6
Confirmation Sunday
(11:00 a.m.)
Holy Communion
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 13 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



Sunday, May 20 Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 27
Only One Service
10:00 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

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Evangelism

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The board will sponsor a Christmas in July event Saturday, July 21. There will be games and gifts for children and other surprises.

Many of these children receive many gifts at Christmas and we want to remember them with new things in the summer, too. This is also a perfect time to get them interested in Vacation Bible School and get them registered.

We need your help--there needs to be summer time gifts and treats. We need donations of Frisbees, tennis balls, outdoor games, swimming items or anything kids like to play with in the summer time. Flip flops of all sizes will be good also.

We will be telling you more about this but we need to start collecting gifts now. There will be a bin for these items.

Church Photo

Family Photo Directory— October 2018*



irectory Lifetouch will take photos of members and provide each family with a directory. There will be no charge to us and everyone who has a photo taken will receive an 8 X 10 photo and have an opportunity to purchase more.

*October 3-6, 2018. Watch for sign-up sheets.

The Board Of Evangelism says "Thank You" to everyone who signed up for the Mission trip to Camp Okoboji. You have helped make it another success. I for one am already looking forward to the next year. Once again Thank You! Charles Ellis, Board of Evangelism Chair

Also, thank you to those who helped make our Lenten meal a success. We raised over \$600 to help our youth attend Camp Okoboji this summer. Pictures of the Lenten meal included.







Family Life by Thomas Wilson

Thriving, Not Just Surviving!

Too many times in our personal lives we do what we need to in order to survive. When times are not the greatest we cut back, we adapt to the surroundings and make the best with what we have. I remember this all too well when I was young and then again in the early years of our marriage. In our spiritual lives we sometimes do the same, we do what we know will help us survive in this culture as a Christian. We try not to make too many ripples or waves in the water, while taking a beating from the other side trying to destroy our faith. In essence, over the years Christians are learning what Daniel was going through.

Some of my internship cohorts and I have been working on a book by author Larry Osborne titled, "Thriving in Babylon: Why Hope, Humility, and Wisdom Matter in a Godless Culture." The author takes the story of Daniel to help us thrive in an increasingly godless culture. This past week we read about "False Hope," and how we continue to forget that God has a plan and He will come through for us, as long as we wait. All too often we, as a society of fast food and faster gadgets, want immediate results and are looking for a plan B or sometimes a plan C. When all along we just need Plan A: God's plan!

Within this chapter the author spoke about the high octane, high-visibility ministries and programs that inundate our culture, and the ones drawn to those ministries in groves only to find a false hope when they get there, and we need to keep our path as the "local church" to do God's Ministry. Larry Osborne states, "Admittedly, the local church is anything but sexy. It has a lot of problems. It often puts cherished traditions above its God-given mission." Traditions have a place in most of the church, and in most there are times to change. Traditions help us survive, changes backed by our faith help us thrive. He continues, "But despite all that, the church in all of its local manifestations is the one thing Jesus said he would build and sustain." Our church, our congregation is God's Plan A for us.

Traditions of the local church help take the first step in raising men and women with a Daniel-like hope and courage. But scripturally sound, faith-based changes, made in order to reach a younger generation and unbelievers are important for our church to thrive in today's culture. They help us to understand more, think deeper, speak softer, and defend our faith better. Over the next few months to a year there may be small changes that come before us, let's not be afraid, let's not cower, let's lift each other up, let's take a step forward together, let's embrace a



change that could help our congregation thrive in God's will. Let's Thrive, not just Survive!

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Family Life

Colors of the Rainbow!

Join us on Sunday, June 10th from 3:00 – 7:00 PM at the Walnut Shelter at Inis Grove Park for a congregational time of fun and fellowship!

We have three high school captains busy putting their "Congregational Family Teams" together. Come and enjoy the Color Competitions with a Color War finale. Support your team of choice. Have little ones? Bring them along! We will have "Colorful" activities for the youngest and the young at heart!

Following the Color Competitions, we will have a congregational cookout. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided. We will have a "salad and dessert potluck" to go with our cookout. A sign up will be posted on the bulletin board for the "potluck" portion of the meal.

Event Facts:

What: Color Wars

When: Sunday, June 10th Time: 3:00 – 7:00 PM

Where: Walnut Shelter at Inis Grove Park

24th Street and Duff Avenue

South shelter off of Duff Ave, next to the green space.

Who: Entire Congregation!

Still accepting donations of Cornstarch!

I am still accepting donations of cornstarch for Color Wars! I need a total of at least 100 pounds! Thank you for all that have donated so far!

If you have questions about Color Wars – please contact Thomas Wilson, Director of Family Life Ministry Intern. familylife@saintpaulames.org

NEW ~ Mom Connection

We are starting a Mom Connection group to bring moms and children together to explore, play, support each other, and to share the love of Jesus. There will be different activities to join every week that will send us on adventures through Ames and the surrounding area. This group will focus on activities that are exciting for moms and children. We will have craft days, a mom's night out, park days, pool days, and more! If you have any ideas or activities that you would like to suggest please let us know! Join whatever events peak your interest and we will look forward to seeing you there! Please feel free to invite other mom friends.

Here are some upcoming dates to look forward to!

May 1st- Meet at Cafe Diem for a coffee and walk to the library-9:30; May 2nd- Orange Leaf- 2:30; May 4th- Park Day at Moore Park- 10:00; May 7th- Park Day at Brookside Park- 10:00; May 9th- Science Center of Des Moines- 10:00; May 11th- Lunch at Chick-Fil-A- 11:00; May 16th- Craft Day at St. Paul- 9:30; May 18th- Park Day at Bandshell Park- 10:00; May 22nd- Ada Hayden (walk/play/picnic) - 10:30; May 24th- Mom's Night Out El Azteca- 7:00; May 31st- Park Day at Fellows-3:45; May 30th- Craft Day at St. Paul- 10:00



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Education and Youth

"Youth got stuck on Christ at Sticky Faith Lock-in!

On April 6-7 we had 15 youth in grades 5-8 participate in a fun filled and faith based lock-in. Of the 15, 7 were boys, 8 were girls. 2 were from Ascension, 2 from Memorial and 1 from Cornerstone. The other 10 were from St. Paul.

Thomas Wilson and the Board of Youth provided hours of games, Bible studies and activities that focused on how important it is to stick to Christ and our faith. Many games and activities used duct tape or post-it's to help get the messages across while having fun! Just look at some of the photos!







Education and Youth

Confirmand Reception- Please join the Bd. of Ed on May 6th to celebrate and recognize our Confirmands with a reception before adult Bible study. There will be a short presentation and cake before pictures are taken.

Graduation recognition is May 20th. Graduates will be presented their quilts and we will have a reception following the 8:30 service.

Sunday School teacher needed. Please consider this very important job. You do not need any prior experience, just the willingness to share God's love with our youth. Please talk to Cindy Baas or Brenda Dryer if interested.

Board of Education Sets Workshops!

During their April meeting the Board of Education at St. Paul has set two "Education Workshops" in response to the declining number of available Sunday School and Midweek teachers.

Responses to the Board when recruiting new teachers would range from, "I'm not a teacher", "I don't know how to teach", and "I don't have time to teach year round." The Board is looking for full-time Sunday School teachers, Assistants for Sunday School, and for Sunday School and Midweek Substitute Teachers.



The workshops, being held Sunday, June 10th and Sunday, June 24th from 9:45 - 10:45 AM in the board room will cover the topics of what it takes to teach Sunday School or Midweek, how much time is committed, and looking over curriculum and resources to get interested individuals aquatinted with the materials, and to answer any questions that they may have. All of this to be able to help those go from "I can't do it," to "I can do it!"

If interested in attending, or have questions, please contact Cindy Baas or Thomas Wilson.

Important dates:

Confirmation: May 6, 2018 at the 11:00 service

Confirmation Reception: May 6, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the

fellowship hall

Graduation Recognition: May 20, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the

fellowship hall

Last day of Sunday School: May 20, 2018 (VBS Kick-Off)

2018 VBS: July 29th - Aug 1st.

Education and Youth

LET'S GO TO SUMMER CAMP WITH JESUS AT CAMP OKOBOJI

Although there are all kinds of camps and dates, here are a few:

Kids Kamp June 1-3 (gr K-2). Kids \$85, adults \$120. Campers attend with a parent or caregiver. Great for first-time campers.

Technology Camp <u>June 10-15</u> (gr 7-12). \$320. Learn how to make your own video games and how to program your own drone!

Girls Sports Camp June 10-16 (gr 4-8). \$350. Professional coaches teach to new skill levels in volleyball, basketball and soccer.

Jr High Week <u>July 8-14</u> (gr 6-8). \$335. Faith and personal growth enhanced through Bible studies, activities, service projects, games and fun.

Concordia Cub Week <u>July 15-21</u> (gr 3-6). \$335. This is the core youth program of camp! Cubby Campers engage in Bible studies, games, crafts and so much more.

Sr. High Youth Week <u>July 22-28</u> (gr 9-12). \$339. High schoolers engage in in-depth Bible studies, group activities, service projects and more.

Don't let the prices keep you from attending this amazing summer opportunity! There are scholarships and funding available from the lowa District West offices; the St. Paul Board of Youth and St. Paul Evangelism Board.

Contact Carla Murphy or the church office for more info.

Let's Eat!

The Board of Education and the Board of Youth are happy to announce that we are partnering with Texas Roadhouse for an ongoing fundraiser.

Texas Roadhouse will be hosting "10% Sundays" as a fundraiser for the St. Paul Education and Youth programs. When you present your weekly church bulletin on your Sunday trips to the restaurant you will be contributing 10% of your bill back to St. Paul! Please take the Sunday bulletin from that Sunday morning—valid that day only.

Money from this fundraiser will go towards educational activities: "Trunk-or-Treat", "Easter Egg Event", Vacation Bible School and Sunday School activities. Money will also go towards youth programs, including Camp Scholarships and scholarships for Fall District Gatherings.

Through out the year we will also be selling bags of Texas Roadhouse Peanuts! Watch for sales to start soon!

Save the Dates!

District Jr. Youth Gathering (gr 6-8). **October 27-28** at the Sheraton in West Des Moines. Theme: "Delivered" Bible verse: Titus 3:5. Presenter: Pastor Ben Johnson (Gloria Dei, Urbandale)

District Sr. Youth Gathering (gr 9-12). **November 9-11** at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines. Theme: "Whatever" Bible verse: Philippians 4:8-9. Presenter: Tanner Olson.

Education & Youth

Get Discounted Adventureland Tickets

"Share the Fun" of Adventureland during Substance Free Weekends April 28-29 and May 5-6. Discounted tickets are \$25 per person (\$20 off regular admission) and are good for one of the four days. Children ages 3 and under are free.

This special price is available to St. Paul Church and Preschool families and friends. To reserve your tickets, contact Carla Murphy,



the church office or see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Put July 29th to Aug 1 on your calendar for VBS. There is going to be lots of fun learning about Jesus and his love for us. Please consider being a part of VBS by helping with various volunteer needs.

Oh, Where, Oh Where Can the Oar Be?

This month we kick of the excitement of VBS 2018: Splash Canyon! To get ready for VBS (held July 29th – August 1st) the Board of Education will be holding the "Find the Oar" Giveaway.

Each week the "Oar" will be hidden somewhere on the church property. It could be inside, outside, upstairs or downstairs. When you spot it go to the narthex, fill out the form and place it in the box. You can enter EACH week of the giveaway! The giveaway will end on June 24th.

At the beginning of July, we will pick 5 winners for Splash Canyon VBS T-shirts. The winners will be contacted early in July so we can get the correct sizes!



If you have questions please feel free to Contact Carla Murphy, Cindy Baas or Thomas Wilson

Women's Ministry

LWML National 2017–2019 Mission Grant #7 — \$100,000 NOLA 4H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless, and Hurting -Christian Families United for Progress

Hurricane Katrina was the largest residential disaster in United States history. Twelve years later there is no more federal aid, and many inner-city communities are still hurting. New Orleans has the third highest homeless rate in the nation with 1,700 homeless persons every night, much of this due to the hurricane and loss of homes. Entire neighborhoods were wiped out. Many residents lost friends and family and still suffer from loneliness and depression. Six inner-city LCMS churches, their pastors, leaders, and members have come together to serve Christ by serving their neighbors and





NOLA 4H churches work closely with other organizations to support various outreach ministries such as food banks, clothing, toiletries, Bibles, prayer books, counseling, and clinics. Funds will go towards these ministries and equipping each of the fellowship halls in the six churches to serve more people.

WOMEN IN MISSION PLANT SALE "For everything there is a season....a time to plant...and a time to pluck up that which is planted. " Ecclesiastes 3:1a-2b. I wonder how many times this verse has been used to refer to springtime...planting time...? By ordering wonderful Holub Garden plants from the Women's plant sale, YOU will be helping to plant new missions (e.g. In Isra-



el) and grow others in the LCMS. The Lutheran Women in Mission is the major contributor to our synods mission goals. Order soon by MAY 4TH! Plants arrive for pickup May 12 and 13. My plants from Holubs stayed healthy and vibrant all summer (I do not have a green thumb). My geraniums are the best and overwintered in my garage, ready to grow again this year. Bring your order form to church or email me, Gretchen Zitterich at gzitterich@gmail.com or call 515-201-7570. Proceeds help our mission efforts and offerings at the 2019 LWML convention.

Thank you to everyone who planned, helped with and attended the LWML Boone Zone Spring Rally and luncheon with such an inspiring message from Nancy Cohen from "Apple of His Eye Ministry". We were reminded of the importance of the support we Lutheran Women provide for mission work in the LCMS. Your mites have funded many mission endeavors. One of these being the LCMS's first entry into Israel. Your mites provided \$100,000 to support Rev. Bob Roegner and Steve and Nancy Cohen of Apple of His Eye Mission Society to bring Jeshua the Messiah to the Israelis. Nancy's inspiring message at the well-attended luncheon reminds us to ask "What do you think of Jesus"? and Romans 1:16 "I am NOT ashamed of the gospel of Christ! It is the power of salvation to all who believe, to the Jew first and also to the Gentile." Please pray for Steve and Nancy and their early May trip to Israel to do more groundwork. Please pray for open doors and success. See www.appleofhiseve.org

Women's Ministry

American Heritage Girls Tea, April 14, 2018











Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update: as of 3/31/18

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

Amount Received: \$911,933.25 Amount Needed: \$1,163,066.75

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

Do you know what is going on in the lowa 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 Quilting group will meet on Thursday May 10 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for a Thrivent Action Team Event. Wear your Thrivent T-Shirts, bring a sack lunch and join us. On Thursday May 24th we will host our May luncheon at 12:00 noon. Everyone is invited to join us. Food will be provided. Come join us if you can.



"Book to Know to Help You Grow"

Here are the books that we will be reading and discussing next year and the dates that we will meet. Please note a couple of changes from this past year. The first 🏅 change is we will meet six times next year instead of five. We meet the second Thursday every other month. However, we will meet the third Thursday in January this coming year. Our July book is In the Presence of My Enemies. The

Barnes and Noble description is: "This gripping true story of American missionaries Martin and Gracia Burnham's year as hostages in the Philippine jungle, was a New York Times best seller and has sold nearly 350,000 copies. Now releasing in trade softcover for the first time, this updated edition has a new look and contains never-before-published information on the capture and trial of the Burnhams' captors; Gracia's secret return trip to the Philippines; and updates on recent events in Gracia's life, ministry, and family." Everyone is invited to read this true story and join us for the discussion on July 12 at 7:00 pm.

Date	Hostess	Book		
July 12, 2018, 7 pm	Gretchen Zitterich	"In the Presence of My Enemies" by Gracia Burnham		
Sept 13, 2018, 7 pm	Shirley Tice	"The Nightingale" by Kristin Hanna		
Nov 8, 2018, 7 pm	Carol Folkmann	"Luther and Katharina: A Novel of Love and Rebellion" by Jodi Hedlund		
Jan 17 , 2019, 7 pm	Karen Griffin	"Light to My Path (Refiner's Fire, Book 3)" by Lynn Austin		
March 14, 2019, 7 pm	Pam Hagen	"Women of Easter" by Liz Curtis Higgs		
May 9, 2019, 7 pm	Julie Coy	"Evidence Not Seen" by Darlene Deibler Rose		

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May 2018 Service Roster

	May 6 8:30	May 6 11:00	May 13 8:30	May 13 11:00	May 20 8:30	May 20 11:00	May 27 10:00
Organist	LaDonna Osborn		LaDonna Osborn		Praise Team		LaDonna Osborn
Elders	Jon Buss	Phil Voge					Jon Buss
Lectors	Tom Peter	Gretchen Zitterich	Tom Peter	Gretchen Zitterich	Tom Peter	Gretchen Zitterich	Tom Peter
Acolytes	Mia Vogel	Jackson Stensland			Tate Ploessl	Emma Buttery	
Greeters	Connie Buss, Tanny Latuska	Judi Charlson, Keith & Carol Folkmann	Connie Buss, Tanny Latuska	Judi Charlson, Connie Buss	Connie Buss, Tanny Latuska	Judi Charlson, Connie Buss	Connie Buss, Tanny Latuska
Ushers	Dave & Judi Charlson, Bob & Marilyn Walker	Denny & Shirley Tice, Angela — Fritz, Inez Smith					Dave & Judi Charlson, Bob & Mari- lyn Walker
Coffee Fellowship	Board of Education— Confirmand Reception				Board of Education— Graduate Reception		No Coffee Today
Coffee Time Greeter	Janelle Swenson	-					No Coffee Today
Altar Flowers							
Offering Counters	Dick & Linda Peterson						
Power Point	Judy Peter	Lisa Wilson	Judy Peter	Lisa Wilson	Judy Peter	Lisa Wilson	Judy Peter
Sound Board	Tom Peter	Thomas Wilson	Tom Peter	Thomas Wilson	Tom Peter	Thomas Wilson	Tom Peter
Altar Guild	Becky Juelfs, Gretchen Zitterich	LaDonna Osborn, — Judy Peter					
Video Recorder	Jerry Schradle						
Collate Bulletins	Becky Jackson, Gretchen Zitterich, Matthew Dryer	-					

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool May 2018 News



As we wrap up this preschool year we lift praises to God for all the tremendous people who have made this a year full of blessings at SPLP! We give God thanks for the...

<u>Congregation</u> who supports the mission of sharing God's love with preschoolers in a safe building (including heat, water, electricity), financial contributions, and prayers.

<u>Prayer Partners</u> who connect with preschoolers through prayers and cards.

<u>Preschool Board</u> who support the yearly, monthly, and daily operation of the preschool.

Staff who share their love of God, talents, and time with the preschoolers.

<u>Pastor</u> who leads 3 weekly chapels each week sharing God's word.

<u>Church Secretaries</u> who welcome, answer questions, and give help to preschoolers and their families.

Janitor who keeps the building sparkling.

<u>Families</u> who bring their child to a faith-based preschool each day for an entire school year.

We proclaim how great you are and tell of the wonderful things you have done! (Psalm 75:1)



This year we have had 45 preschoolers who were 3-year-olds attend the Lamb Class



This year we have had 18 preschoolers who were 4-year-olds attend the Lion Class.



This year we have had 16 preschoolers who were 4-year-olds attend the Bear Class.

Now accepting applications for summer camp. Please mail or bring registration form to the office.

June 11-15 SPACE CAMP

This summer join friends as we blast off into Space Camp! During this outdoor week space explorers will be learning about God's planets, moons, galaxy, and the 7 days of creation. Campers will become astronauts and soar into space in their rocket ships. They will be creating space crafts like telescopes and rockets. Space snacks will be prepared and tasted by the astronauts each morning. Sign-up today because this camp will be out of this world!

July 9-13 INSECT CAMP

Is your child curious about creepy-crawlies? Through a variety of outdoor exciting hands-on activities campers will gain experience learning about God's most abundant creature on earth! Activities will include topics such as: How do you identify an insect? What is the life cycle/metamorphosis of an insect? What tools do you need to go bug hunting and how do you collect them? Campers will see how amazing and valuable God's bugs truly are during this camp week through creative crafts, fun games, interesting stories, and tasty snacks.

St. Paul Summer Camp Registration Form



To register your child for summer camp please check off which camp(s) you would like he/she to attend. Bring or mail the registration form and check to: St. Paul Lutheran Preschool, 610 15th Street, Ames, IA 50010

Space Camp (June 11-15) (\$85)	Insect Camp (July 9-12)(\$85)			
Child's Name	Birthdate			
Address				
Phone				
Mother's Name				
Work Phone				
Father's Name				
	Cell Phone			
Allergies:				
Additional Information:				
People to be called in case of an emergency and vif neither parent can be reached.	who are authorized to take your child from camp			
Name	Phone			
	Phone			
I hereby authorize St. Paul Lutheran Preschool Prophysician appropriate to the situation in case of a appropriately qualified medical personnel to adm	rograms to call 911 for an ambulance or an emergency. I further authorize such			
Signed	Date			
Insurance Company	Policy Holder's ID			
Physician's Name				
Dentist's Name				