

# JUNE 2018

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## A Letter from your Pastor

It's finally here! Summer has arrived – my most favorite season of the year! Well, at least the summer weather has already arrived, even if the calendar says it's not yet officially summertime.

What will you do this summer? Where will you go this summer? Whatever you do and wherever you go, I pray that you will enjoy the sunshine, and that the light of God's Son will shine in your life.

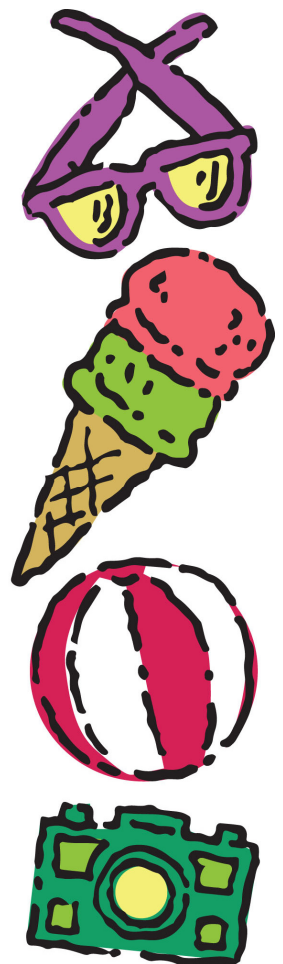
As we prepare for summer, these words are always especially appropriate: *"The Lord will watch over your coming and going, both now and forevermore"* (Psalm 121:8). Wherever your travels may take you, remember that the Lord will be there with you. As Jesus proclaimed at His Ascension, *"Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age"* (Matthew 28:20).

As you journey out and about during the summer, God's work at your church continues for the sake of Jesus, even when you are not here with us. We still have worship. We still have special activities. We still continue Christ's ministry. If you are moved to mail in your offerings when you are gone on your journeys, that is truly an appreciated blessing to assist your church's budget. If you can do so, find a local church to worship at when you're away from St. Paul on a Sunday, and you will be blessed by God through His Word.

As you enjoy God's creation this summer – whether on a picnic, at the park, at the lake, by the sea, or wherever you may be – *"May you be blessed by the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth"* (Psalm 115:15).

Your friend in Jesus, Pastor Jenks (a lifelong fan of summer)

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



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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 3*

*Holy Communion*

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

*Sunday, June 10*

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

*June*



# WORSHIP TIMES

*Sunday, June 17*

*Holy Communion*

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

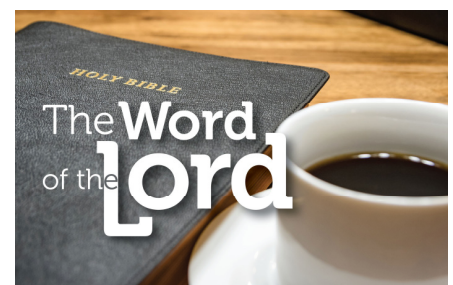
*Sunday, June 24*

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



### **Summer Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study**

This summer, as in other recent years, the Sunday morning adult Bible study will meet every Sunday in June, will take a break for the month of July, and will meet again every Sunday in August. Like other recent summers, this summer we will feast on a “potluck” of subjects, including some special sessions led by lay members who have expressed an interest in leading you, their fellow members, into the Word of God. Join us in June and August for special summer adult Bible studies from 9:45-10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings.



## Evangelism

### Church Photo Directory



### Family Photo Directory— October 2018\*

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.

## MOM CONNECTION

Our new Mom Connection group brings moms and children together to explore, play, support each other, and to share the love of Jesus. There are 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.

June 1st- Nature Walk and Park Play @ Emma McCarthy Lee Park-10:00am

June 4th- Library Day- 2:00pm

June 7th- Park and Picnic Day@ Inis Grove Park- 10:00am

June 12- Free Class and Free Childcare at Ames Racquet Fitness Center (south)-10:15am

June 15- Snack Time @ Tropical Smoothie Cafe- 3:00pm

June 18th- Furman Aquatic Center  
- 11:00am

June 20th- Craft Day at St. Paul-  
9:30am

June 27th- Splash Pad and Park  
Day @ Brookside Park- 10:00am

Questions— Contact Lindsey  
Dohrman at  
[cldohrman@icloud.com](mailto:cldohrman@icloud.com)



## Family Life by Thomas Wilson

### THE END IS NEAR!

No, I am not making any signs and walking up and down the street proclaiming the end of the world. I'm speaking of the end of my time as the Director of Family Life Ministry Intern. What a ride it has been! What an amazing twelve months in this ministry! What joy I have that at the end of the month I leave with twelve months as an intern under my belt to come back the next week as the called Director of Family Life Ministry! (I am going to have to get used to not adding "Intern")

How did we get here? At times it seems it took forever for this "dream," this mission, this call from God to our congregation to come to fruition. It all started with what some might have deemed a pesky 10-year vision plan. From all of that information and meetings to get feedback and proposals for a vision plan that no one knew would come to pass came the idea of looking at our current staffing needs. Enter Matt Weiss, the man instructed to oversee a project for our vision that he probably thought would never end. But because of God's grace on him he was able to pull it all together.

When it was finally time to move forward with this position, Matt needed the masses of members to take that vote. But how many times do we need to vote? Seriously, in about a year and a half, we have had countless meetings and voters' assemblies to reach this point in calling a Full-time Director of Family Life. It was the countless hours of the members to attend, voice their opinion, and cast that deciding vote to allow Mr. Weiss to take a sigh of relief.

So, where are we now? Well, this past Sunday (May 13<sup>th</sup>), Pastor acknowledged that I recently received my "diploma" (certificate) from Concordia University. But you know, as I look at it, it's not about me. Sure, I attended those courses, sure I made the trips back and forth, and sure Lisa and I lived apart for 10 months. But, it's about you, the St. Paul Congregation! It's about your strength to overcome obstacles, it's about your generosity to help fund part of the tuition, it's about your prayers and concerns, it's about love and family. And most importantly it's about your love for Jesus, your Godly living that made all of this possible.

When I look at the diploma I don't see my hard work or commitment, I see the hard work and commitment of St. Paul Lutheran Church. So, here's to you members of St. Paul:

*Wilson University*

*Ames, Iowa*

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

Has completed the necessary work prescribed by its members and elders of  
the Congregation to meet the requirements of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod  
and is authorized to extend a Divine Call for a

**Director of Christian Education**  
**Director of Family Life Ministry**

In witness whereof is hereby awarded this

**Certificate**

Given this fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



## Family Life

### Fun for ALL, and all for FUN!

Color Wars is almost here! This is a great opportunity to bring the entire congregation together to have a fun afternoon and partake in awesome fellowship!

If you are not on a team and wish to compete please speak with Thomas Wilson. If you do not wish to compete but come for some great fellowship I encourage you to come and cheer on the competing teams and stay for food! I ask that you please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board and bring either a side dish or dessert (mark which one on the signup sheet!)

I hope to see a lot of congregational members out there!

What: Color Wars

When: June 10<sup>th</sup>

Time: 3:00 PM – Competition; 4:30 PM Food and Fellowship

Where: Inis Grove Park – Walnut Shelter



### Coming this Fall!

Get your families ready for “Family Game Nights” coming this fall!

Our first game night will be held on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>!

Bring your family and friends, and of course some games to play and share, to the church and enjoy a great night of fellowship with some competition!

All ages are welcome! Watch for more details in later issues of the Epistle and the “Family Connections” e-Newsletter!



## Education

### Let's Get Ready for a Splash!

Life is full of thrills and spills; we may not know what's around the bend, but God does! At Splash Canyon, kids will discover that when life's ride gets wild, Jesus is by our side. We can rely on God's promise to us in Jesus!

**The Board of Education is preparing for this year's Vacation Bible School being held July 29 through August 1, 6:00 - 8:15 pm.**



This event is FREE but pre-registration is preferred to help us with planning. Registration is open and you can register 2 different ways:

1. By paper (hardcopy), pick up a registration form - 1 for EACH Child needs to be completed! Please do not put two or more names on the same form!
2. Or, 2. Go to: [vbsmate.com/StPaulAmesIA](http://vbsmate.com/StPaulAmesIA) and fill out the online registration form (easier for families with more than 2 children attending!).

⇒ This educational outreach needs many volunteers to help spread God's Word. If interested in helping at VBS for a few hours or all week, please contact Carla Murphy or Thomas Wilson.



The competition continues this month with "Find the Oar"! Any youth, from 3-year-old to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, who will be attending this year's VBS, can enter each week to win a VBS T-shirt! How? Spot the Oar, go to the table in the narthex, fill out a slip and place it in the box. You can enter EACH week! Winners will be drawn at the beginning of July, and the families will be notified so we can get the correct size of shirt!



The Board of Education is in search of passionate individuals who would be willing to share the Gospel to our younger church members.

We are currently in search of individuals for the following position for the 2018-2019 school year (September 2018 – May 2019):

### 5<sup>th</sup>/ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School Teacher

Contact Cindy Baas, Chair of the Board of Education, for more information or to answer any questions

## Education and Youth

### You CAN do it! We CAN help!

We hear it all the time, "I'm not a trained teacher," "I'm not smart enough on 'church' to know what to teach," or "I don't know how." These are some of the reasons we hear why congregational members do not want to teach Sunday School or Midweek. Well, the Board of Education is going to meet these issues head on!



We have set up two Education Workshops in June to help any interested member get the resources and assistance they need to become a Sunday School or Midweek teacher or substitute. During these sessions we will walk through the current curriculum, responsibilities of the teacher, and resources available to them.

The Christian education of our youth is vital to the church continuing to grow. We hope that you take some time and seriously consider serving in the capacity of a Sunday School or Midweek teacher or substitute.

What: Education Workshops

When: Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:45 – 10:45 AM

Where: Board Room – basement of Church.

You only need to attend 1 session, but if you would like you can come to both!

If you have questions please feel free to contact Cindy Baas, Chair of Board of Education, or Thomas Wilson, Director of Family Life Ministry Intern.

### 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!





## Education and Youth

### Summer Camp With Jesus at Camp Okoboji

Youth can participate in many options this summer at Camp Okoboji. Funding is available through the Board of Youth and the District. Carpooling may also be arranged. Please contact Carla Murphy for more information.



**June 10-15: Technology Camp** for grades 7-12. Learn how to make your own video games and how to program your own drone!

**June 10-16: Girls Sports Camp** for grades 4-8. Professional coaches teach new skill levels in volleyball, basketball and soccer.

**July 8-14: Jr. High Week** for grades 6-8. Faith and personal growth through Bible studies, activities, games and more.

**July 15-21: Concordia Cub Week** for grades 3-6. Campers engage in Bible studies, crafts, games and so much more!

**July 22-28: Sr. High Youth Week** for grades 9-12. Engage in in-depth Bible studies, group activities, service projects and more.

### YOUTH - SAVE THE DATES AND PLAN TO ATTEND!

**October 27-28** - District Jr. Youth Gathering for youth in grades 6-8. This gathering will be held at the Sheraton in West Des Moines with Pastor Ben Johnson from Gloria Dei in Urbandale as the main presenter. The theme is "Delivered" based on the Bible verse: Titus 3:5 "He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."



**November 9-11** – District Sr. Youth Gathering for youth in grades 9-12. This gathering will be held at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines with Tanner Olson as the main presenter. The theme is "Whatever" based on the Bible verse: Philippians 4:8-9. "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me-put into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."



More information and registration materials will be available later this summer. Funding through the district and the board of youth are also available. We would love to take groups to both of these fun faith-based events! For more information contact Carla Murphy or Thomas Wilson.

There are a lot of exciting things going on with the Board of Education. 1. With Pastor's guidance, we are in the process evaluating new curriculum for the upcoming school year. 2. We have celebrated both our youth's continued faith journey in confirmation, and are celebrating a new chapter in the lives of our graduates.

Teacher needed! We are in need of a 5th & 6th grade teacher. We have great kids wanting to learn, so please give consideration to this very important need.



## Stewardship

From Psalm 8:6, we hear David proclaim praise to God: "You have made man ruler over the works of your hands, you put everything under his feet..."

God, our Father, continues to amaze us each day. He has given each of us a privileged position in His creation to act as trustees of the trust He has blessed us with. God trusts us with His work on Earth. He calls us to manage our God-given lives and resources to fulfill His purposes.

Members of St. Paul have worked joyfully and selflessly this past church year to gladly manage all that God has entrusted us with, both personally and as a congregation. The Board of Stewardship thanks you for your dedication and willingness to serve in our goal to "bring Christ to all nations."



### GREETINGS FROM STEVE AND NANCY COHEN IN JERUSALEM

"SHALOM! After nearly 200 years of wandering in the diaspora (the world outside of Israel) our people have just celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the re-establishment of Israel. We also celebrated the opening of the new US embassy in Jerusalem. But our focus is not on the politics which wax and wane but our focus is simple, to speak to all who will hear of the grace and mercy God has given us through Y'shua—Jesus the Messiah. The Jewish population of Israel is over 6.5 million, 99% of whom do not believe in Jesus as the promised Messiah. WE covet your prayers for the word of the Lord to sound forth offering grace and mercy in coming home to the Lord through the Messiah." Steve Cohen

Pray for safety and strength for the Cohens and Rev. Dr. Bob Roegner, missionaries in Israel. Website [www.appleofhiseye.org](http://www.appleofhiseye.org)

## Women's Ministry

### LWML National 2017–2019 Mission Grant #9 — \$80,000 Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund

Every year, many Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) groups and individuals join their hearts and hands in sewing mission quilts, making blankets, and assembling personal care, baby care, school, and fabric kits to be distributed to people in need through Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Delivering these materials to people in need is a long and sometimes complex process, involving trucking and rail transportation, warehousing, processing, and overseas shipping. This grant to LWR's Quilt and Shipping Fund ensures the ability to deliver more than 35,500 quilts each year to our neighbors in need around the world and sustains the ministry that so many LWML members have been a part of for generations.



Three women from the Lamjung district who survived the spring April 2015 earthquakes in Nepal hold LWR quilts for their families to help them through the cold nights in temporary shelters.



### WOMEN IN MISSION PLANT SALE THANK YOU

to all who helped make the Women's Ministry annual plant sale a success. We appreciate your help in raising funds for our mission offerings and projects for the 2019 LWML convention. We also would like to assist more women at St Paul to attend this joyous spirit filled event in Mobile, AL. Nearly 150 plant units were sold and approximately \$1000 raised. This was a Thrivent Action team event. Enjoy those beautiful flowers and each time you see them be reminded you have helped spread God's love through your assistance to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.





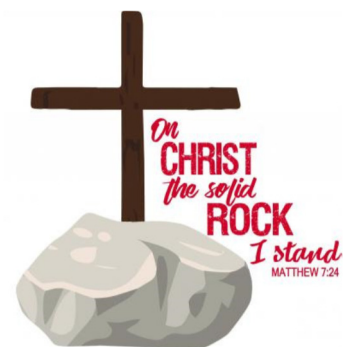
## Women's Ministry

The American Heritage Girls Troop IA2016 held their closing ceremony and court of awards May 14 at Cornerstone Church. The motto of AHG is FAITH, SERVICE, AND FUN and they certainly lived that out this year. Troop badges awarded this time were Toys & Games, Social Skills & Etiquette. Some girls also earned badges, sports pins and pen pal patches on their own. 120 badges were awarded and 17 level awards were presented. The girls engaged in many troop and individual service projects totaling 1,028 hours. Operation Christmas Child, Food at First, Stash the Trash, Letters to Troops, and filling HUGS bags were just a few of the service projects.



The first and second grade Tenderhearts presented and laid the stepping stones for the bridging ceremony. The stones are imprinted with the 10 qualities included in the AHG creed: "Compassionate, Helpful, Honest, Loyal, Perseverant, Pure, Resourceful, Respectful, Responsible, and Reverent". They formed a pathway that the girls (accompanied by their parents) walked on to the next level, symbolizing their path to the next level of growth, learning, and service. The Troop Shepherd then shared a prayer with each girl and her parents. Thank you to the many volunteers, leaders, and parents who assisted this year. It takes many dedicated adult helpers for our girls to achieve so much. Special thanks to Lori Jenks, our Troop Shepherd, St Paul Lutheran Church as our charter organization, and Gretchen Zitterich, the Charter Representative.

"On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand" is the theme of the LWML Iowa West District Convention which will be held at beautiful Camp Okoboji June 28-30. Ingatherings for the convention are: new men's or children's socks and underwear; new washcloths; travel-sized toothpaste or deodorant; and \$5 McDonald's gift cards. Servant events will include assembling Christian coloring books; crochet or knit miscarriage blankets; and writing thank you cards to veterans (in which a \$5 McDonald's gift card will be placed). It is not too late to register. Registration forms are on the bulletin board.



# Women's Ministry

**LWML Mite Update:** as of 4/30/18

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

**Amount Received: \$1,019,599.57**

**Amount Needed: \$1,055,400.43**

We normally collect mites for missions on the 4th Sunday of each month. For more information about LWML go to [www.lwml.org](http://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 Quilting group will meet on Thursday, June 14, 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. We will also meet on Thursday, June 28th, from 10:00 to 2:00 pm. Please join us if you can. No experience necessary.



## “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
<b>Jan 17, 2019, 7 pm</b>	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



# June 2018 Service Roster

	<b>June 3 8:30</b>	<b>June 3 11:00</b>	<b>June 10 8:30</b>	<b>June 10 11:00</b>	<b>June 17 8:30</b>	<b>June 17 11:00</b>	<b>June 24 8:30</b>	<b>June 24 11:00</b>
Organist	Ellen Sander		LaDonna Osborn		LaDonna Osborn		Praise Team	
Elders	Tom Henriksen	Reiny Friedrich →						
Lectors	Reiny Friedrich	Ryan Latuska	Reiny Friedrich	Ryan Latuska	Reiny Friedrich	Ryan Latuska	Reiny Friedrich	Ryan Latuska
Acolytes	Madison Weber	Erin Barnes			Evan Buttery	Emma Buttery		
Greeters	Dave & Judi Charlson, John & Carla Murphy	Gretchen Zitterich, Steve & Carol Vollstedt →						
Ushers	Dean & Ardy Ulrichson, Paul & Adele Knop	Greg & Ben Gebhart, Ryan Latuska, Matthew Latuska	Dave & Judi Charlson, Paul & Adele Knop	Greg & Ben Gebhart, Ryan Latuska, Matthew Latuska	Dean & Ardy Ulrichson, Paul & Adele Knop	Greg & Ben Gebhart, Ryan Latuska, Matthew Latuska	Dean & Ardy Ulrichson, Paul & Adele Knop	Greg & Ben Gebhart, Ryan Latuska, Matthew Latuska
Coffee Fellowship								
Coffee Time Greeter	Judi Charlson →							
Altar Flowers	Bob & Marcia Gregorac		Bud & Thelma Voetberg					
Offering Counters	Dick & Linda Peterson →							
Power Point	Linda Naeve	Linda Naeve	Linda Naeve	Linda Naeve	Judy Peter	Judy Peter	Judy Peter	Judy Peter
Sound Board	Harry Mundt	Greg Van Nostrand	Harry Mundt	Greg Van Nostrand	Tom Peter	Tom Peter	Tom Peter	Tom Peter
Altar Guild	Karen Belz,	Judy Peter →						
Video Recorder	Merle Suntken →							
Collate Bulletins	Steve & Marlene Johnson →							