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A Letter from your Pastor

Members of St. Paul,

Here in Iowa, we can understand the agricultural images used in Scripture. Remember what Jesus says about the work of His kingdom with passages that compare Christ's mission to a field? *Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field"* (Matthew 9:37-38).

Here at St. Paul, as part of our 10-year vision, we asked the Lord to send us a worker for this harvest field with a special focus on family life. The Lord answered our prayers and sent us Thomas Wilson. Thomas has been trained and certified as a DCE by Concordia University; he has been called by our congregation working through the channels of our District to serve as our Director of Family Life Ministry; he is ready to be commissioned for ministry in our Synod and installed for ministry in our congregation. The harvest field awaits him!

Did you know that it has been 15 years since we have had an installation of a called professional church worker at St. Paul? Who knows how long it will be before we have another! **You will not want to miss the celebration. Attend the joyful installation! Sunday, July 8,** we will have only one worship service at 10 a.m. During this service Thomas will be commissioned as a church worker/DCE in the LCMS and installed as our Director of Family Life Ministry at St. Paul. The service will be immediately followed by a festive free luncheon and reception.

In the LCMS, the offices of commissioned church workers like DCE's have been created to work together with ordained church workers/pastors to optimize and maximize the feeding of the flock. Thomas and I will work together to serve our Lord and Savior and to feed His sheep here at St. Paul. Join us for the feast! *"[F]eed the church of God, which he has purchased with his own blood"* (Acts 20:28).

In Jesus,

Pastor Jenks

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**THE
HARVEST
IS PLENTIFUL,
BUT THE
LABORERS
ARE FEW.**
LUKE 10:2
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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, July 1: One Service

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 8: One Service

*10:00 a.m. with Installation of Thomas Wilson,
Director of Family Life*



Sunday, July 15

Holy Communion

8:30 a.m. (at church) &

10:00 a.m. (at Moore Park)

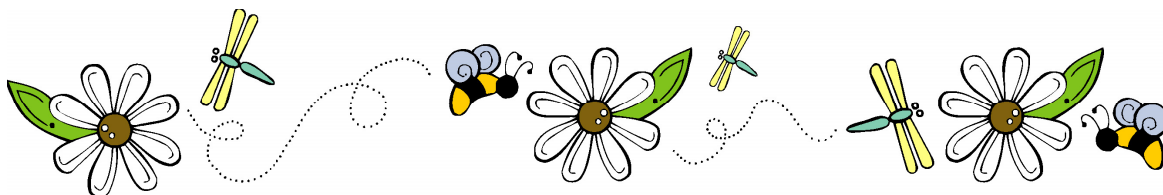
Sunday, July 23

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

Sunday, July 29

Holy Communion

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



You're Invited!

You are invited to join a Missional Community with your fellow members at St. Paul!

This is a great opportunity to become a part of a close knit team that will reinforce our true mission in life – to follow Jesus and spread the Word. We will discuss “how Jesus has been messing with you” [how Jesus has been at work in our lives], what God has been teaching us in His Word, what conversations we are having with pre-Christians, “what good we can do around here”, and how we can help others in prayer.



You will become close to the other members in your discipling group. You will laugh with them, cry with them, pray with them, and support them as we become intentional in sharing the good news of Jesus. This is a time of fellowship, and it's a great way to bond with our St. Paul family.

Here is a list of Missional group leaders and the times that they meet. You are invited to call any of them for more information, and to join their group.

Keith and Carol Folkmann, leaders – group meets every other Wednesday at 7:15pm.

Paul and Adele Knop, leaders – group meets every other Sunday at 1pm.

Reiny & Maureen Friedrich and Brian Weber, leaders – group meets the second and fourth Sundays at 3:30pm.

Kent and Jan Ziebell, leaders – group meets on Sunday during or after our second service every two or three weeks depending on group consensus.

Janelle and Mark Swenson, leaders – group decides each time they are together what date works for the next meeting. They've met on Sundays after church, on a Wednesday evening, and on a Tuesday evening.

Ellen Sander, leader – group of all ladies of all ages meets at Mary Kay's at 4:00 every other Thursday.

Tom and Cindy Baas, leaders – group meets every other Sunday at noon.

Bob and Marilyn Walker, leaders – group meets on Sundays following worship and Bible Study every two weeks.

Pastor and Lori Jenks, leaders – group meets late Sunday afternoons every other week.

Len and Pat Thiede, leaders – a new group just starting.

Dennis and Shirley Tice, leaders – group meets every other Thursday afternoon at North Ridge Village.

All members are encouraged to attend the Commissioning and Installation Service, with a festive Reception and Luncheon, for newly graduated Director of Family Life Ministry Thomas Wilson! The worship service will be held Sunday, July 8, at 10:00 a.m. **A free meal and reception will be provided directly after the service** -- pork burgers, beans, and more. All are cordially invited to attend as we welcome Thomas and Lisa! Rhonda Mohr, the Iowa District West Executive Assistant for Education, Youth & Family Life, will be present at our service to share some special words of welcome from the District.



Human Care

PANCAKE BREAKFAST OUTDOOR SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

**You are cordially invited to attend a
Pancake Breakfast and Summer
Outdoor Service with Communion
Sunday, July 15th
Moore Memorial Park – Big Bluestem
Shelter
3050 Northridge Parkway**



Breakfast will be served from 9:00 – 9:45.

Our outdoor church service will be held at 10:00.

Come to the park for pancakes, sausages, coffee/juice after the 8:30 service at church, or join us for breakfast and stay for the 10:00 outdoor service!

(Remember to bring your lawn chairs for the service!)

(If the outdoor service is cancelled due to rain, we will serve pancakes at the church. If there is lightning, we will serve on Sunday, July 29th between services.)

SCHOOL SUPPLY AND BACKPACK DRIVE

July 16th - August 15th

Items will be collected for middle school and high school -aged students. Their greatest need is for bigger, heavy-duty backpacks. They also need college-bound notebooks, pocket folders, loose-leaf paper (college or wide-lined), glue sticks, color pencils or markers, and even pencils and pens! Please consider buying a quality backpack and filling it with these most needed supplies. Place all your donations in- to our school bus display located in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!!!



Family Life by Thomas Wilson



Color Wars 2018

Inis Grove Park

Sunday, June 10th



Thanks to everyone who
came out!

It was a BLAST! (Or SPLAT!)



Family Life by Thomas Wilson

The Final Countdown.....

As June comes to an end and the excitement of July starts to build I take time to reflect on this crazy year of adventure at St. Paul. I am starting to have my “countdown” to the end of my internship. Soon, I will leave the church an intern and trek to Camp Okoboji for the District Convention, when I return to work on July 2nd I enter the church and my office as Thomas Wilson, DCE – Director of Family Life Ministry!

So, what was accomplished in the 12 months as an intern? Here are just a few major accomplishments:

- Completed a Family Life Assessment
- Held Family Life event in fall: Lutheran Olympics
- Held Congregational Campfire in November
- Assisted with Evangelism Board to host “Keepsake Christmas”
- Oversaw the Family Life “Minute to Win It -Family Edition”
- Held sessions for 2 parent groups covering “Sticky Faith” curriculum
- Finished the year with a bash, or a splat, with Color Wars

In addition to all the Family Life Ministry accomplishments I was also able to assist the Board of Education with Trunk or Treat, Sunday School Christmas program, Easter Egg Event, Sunday School curriculum evaluation and more. I was also working closely with the Board of Youth on Youth Sunday and a Junior High Lock-in, while also attending the High School District Youth Gathering.

As I close the chapter on the year as an intern I look forward to what God has planned for me in the near future. No matter what those plans may be, I am glad to call St. Paul my family and home!

In 3..... 2..... 1.....Goodbye Intern, Hello church worker!



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 1st from 6:00 – 8:15 PM! 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! Or, 2. Go to: vbsmate.com/StPaulAmesIA and fill out the online registration form (easier for families with more than 2 children attending!).

DINNERS are back! Join us each night at 5:15 pm for Family Dinners! We have an awesome line-up of dinners this year so come and enjoy!

REGISTER BEFORE JULY 5th IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A T-SHIRT! You can register after that date, but you will not be able to order a t-shirt, so register NOW!

MOM CONNECTION

Here are our get-togethers for July.

July 10th- craft day 10am

July 17- \$1 Movie- Ferdinand 9am

July 24th- Story City Pool and
Carousel 11am

July 26th- Moms Night Out- Wallabys
Rooftop 7pm

Questions— Contact Lindsey Dohrman at
cldohrman@icloud.com



Education and Youth

NYG RAGBRAI Meal

On Tuesday, July 24th the National Youth Gathering participants will be hosting a group of RAGBRAI riders overnight at the church. As part of the night we will be serving a BBQ meal prepared by Jimmy's BBQ of Boone.



You can purchase tickets for the meal (\$10.00) after services up until Sunday, July 15th OR from Thomas Wilson until Wednesday, July 18th. You must have a ticket in order to eat, so make sure to purchase your ticket today!

Jimmy's Meal will include: BBQ Pulled Pork, Beans, and Potato Salad. Meals will also include Potato chips, desserts and drinks.



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.

Throughout 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– It's NOT too late.

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.

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.

⇒ Please pray for the following youth who will be attending camp this summer at Camp Okoboji.

Jr. High Week July 8: Ty Choate (3rd year at camp), Maddie Weber (1st year at camp).

Cub Week July 15: Tate Esser (1st year at camp), Tessa Esser (1st year at camp), Julia Fangmann (1st year at camp), Eayon Phipps (3rd year at camp), Daniel Murphy (3rd year at camp).

Youth Week July 22: Erin Murphy (7th year at camp).

We are excited to have this many youth attending camp to partake in Bible studies, music, crafts, sports and joining Jesus at the Lake!

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.

Evangelism

News Flash

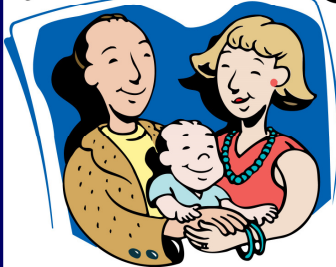
The board of Evangelism wants to do the Fall Faith Festival again along with a celebration for the 65 year anniversary of St. Paul. First we need a name to call this event. Please give your ideas to the Evangelism board.

No details have been worked out yet, but we would like a gospel concert on Saturday night and we need some ideas of names of groups to invite. Again, give your ideas to the Evangelism board.

This will be an event for all and we will need help. If you aren't on a board but could help us out with this, please let us know. This is a chance to help with a fun event that won't take time every month.

The Board of Evangelism sent \$2000 to missions to be given to new missionaries trying to get funded. We received letters from two very appreciative people who were going to the Dominican Republic and Czech Republic.

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 every-

one 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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

Women's Ministry

LWML National 2017–2019 Mission Grant #10 — \$100,000 Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti

Haiti is a nation in need of special attention. Since the earthquake in 2010, Lutheran baptisms in Haiti have been multiplied beyond expectations and Lutheran church attendance is increasing. However, physical and spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ are left unmet. A center for the elderly people who have outlived their families, and some of whom are currently living in tents and deplorable conditions, is planned to be built on the same property where an orphanage was constructed in 2014. The children will have grandparents and the elderly will have children to make them smile. The center, built with funds supplied by this grant, would result in a dwelling with clean water, suitable waste containment, beds, food, and care for these forgotten people. Ministry in Mission desires to fulfill the intent of creating a true community for Haitian Lutherans by providing a safe living environment for all Haitians in the surrounding area and particularly the forgotten elderly society.



A missionary, pastor's wife, Carol Hill spending time with two elderly church members after church. The lady with the crutches walks miles to church on crutches, every Sunday to worship.



PSALM 100:2, ESV



Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update: as of 5/31/18

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

Amount Received: \$1,096,540.85

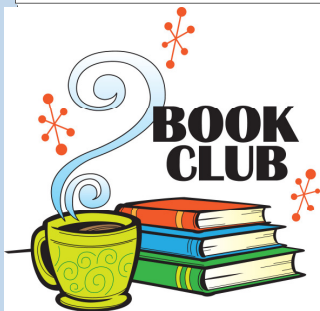
Amount Needed: \$978,459.15

We normally collect mites for missions on the 1st Sunday of each month. For more information about LWML 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 Quilting group will meet on Thursday, July 12, 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, July 26, from 10:00 to 2:00 pm. Please join us if you can. No experience necessary.



"Book to Know to Help You Grow"

BOOK CLUB

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 (Third Thursday)	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

July 2018 Service Roster

	July 1 10:00	July 8 10:00	July 15 8:30	July 15 10:00 At Park	July 22 8:30	July 22 11:00	July 29 8:30	July 29 11:00
Organist	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn	Ellen Sander		Praise Team		LaDonna Osborn	
Elders	Bob Walker	Bob Walker	Bob Walker	Paul Knop →				
Lectors	Dawn Schulte	Dawn Schulte	Dawn Schulte	Inez Smith	Claudia Biddle	Becky Jackson	Claudia Biddle	Becky Jackson
Acolytes	Ally Donavon			Jackson Stensland	Dylan Fritz		Emma Buttery	Mia Vogel
Greeters	Bud & Thelma Voetberg, Jeromy Fritz Family	Bud & Thelma Voetberg, Jeromy Fritz Family	Claudia Biddle, Jeromy Fritz Family	Vickie Roach, Bud & Thelma Voetberg →				
Ushers	Jim & Sandy George, Phil & Alberta Voge	Jim & Sandy George, Phil & Alberta Voge	Jim & Sandy George, Phil & Alberta Voge	Steve & Marlene Johnson, Becky Jackson, Inez Smith →				
Coffee Fellowship								
Coffee Time Greeter			Merle & Marcy Suntken →					
Altar Flowers								
Offering Counters	Steve & Marlene Johnson →							
Power Point	Angela Christensen	Angela Christensen	Judy Peter	Outdoor service	Linda Naeve	Lisa Wilson	Judy Peter	Angela Christensen
Sound Board	Charles Ellis	Charles Ellis	Charles Ellis	Outdoor service	Charles Ellis	Thomas Wilson	Charles Ellis	Joe Christensen
Altar Guild	Becky Juelfs	Judy Peter →						
Video Recorder	Greg Van Nostrand →							
Collate Bulletins	Dave & Judi Charlson →							