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A Letter from your Pastor

Friends in the Lord,

Have you been enjoying your summer? Have you been out and about being active and enjoying the weather? And have you taken time to thank God for summer and for the sunlight and Sun-light He sends us?

We are now in what are called "the dog days of summer." This name was created to describe summer's later days from July through early September when the weather is often the most hot and muggy, causing people to become more lethargic (metaphorically, lying around like dogs). Here at your congregation, however, despite the weather, these latter summer days are far from lethargic. Things at St. Paul are quite energetic!

We have a new full-time Director of Family Life Ministry, Thomas Wilson, who began July 1 and was installed July 8. We made making a big splash at Splash Canyon VBS the evenings of July 29-August 1. We are busy reviewing curricular material, preparing for fall Sunday School, midweek and confirmation. We are preparing for a congregational informational meeting to be held September 9 to share the report of the facilities assessment team and the work of architect Gary Landhauser. Youth and families are prepping for a fabulous fun night for all ages at a lively bingo night fundraiser gala August 25. Things are not idling, but rather are hopping, here at your church!

I hope that your life likewise is vibrant and full of energy during these late summer days. Through Jesus, we are alive and we thrive. During these "dog days" of summer, let's make the most of the moments we are given. As the Scriptures remind us, *"Anyone who is among the living has hope – even a live dog is better off than a dead lion!"* (Ecclesiastes 9:4).

In Jesus, who proclaims, *"I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full!"* (John 10:10),

Pastor Jenks



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Our Mission is:

- To Know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
- To Grow in faith through His Sacraments and Word, and
- To Go share His Gospel with love in our community and world.

Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 5
Holy Communion
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Sunday, August 12
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday, August 19
Holy Communion
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 26
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



Save the Date! – Sept. 9.

The Facilities Assessment Team is almost ready to share some exciting information with the members of St. Paul. We will have an information sharing meeting on Sept. 9 immediately following the late worship service. You will certainly want to be present at this meeting! Stay tuned for more details to come.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Family Life Events!

- Sunday, September 30th - Amazing Race Ames
 - Saturday, October 20th - St. Paul Campfire Night
 - Friday, November 16th - Family Game Night
 - Saturday, December 8th - Family Christmas
- Times and additional information will be in upcoming Epistles, announcements and e-mails- so make sure you keep an eye and ear open!

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 guild 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



Human Care

SCHOOL SUPPLY AND BACKPACK DRIVE

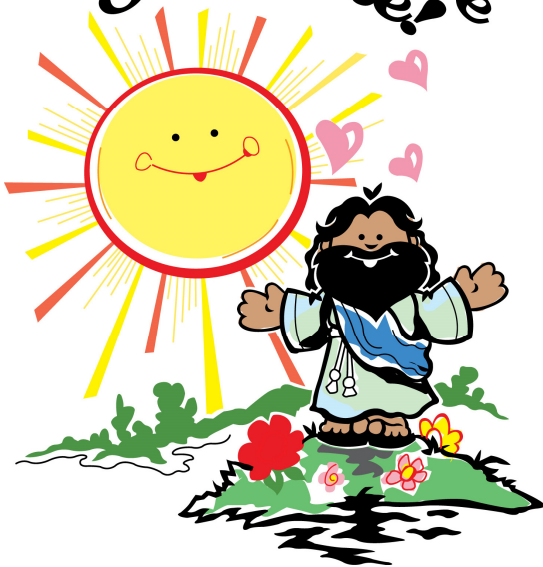
July 16th - August 15th

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!!!

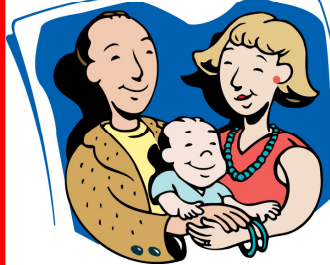


Evangelism

*Spread Some
Sunshine!*



Church Photo Directory

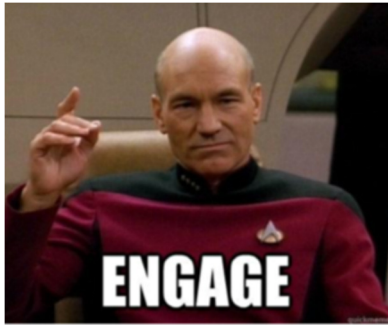


Family Photo Directory— October 2018*

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.

Family Life by Thomas Wilson



Time to Engage!

It is time for us to engage. And no, I am not talking about some hyper speed transportation ship, or of a super power. Or am I?

We all, as believers in Christ, have the power to engage in discussion with others about our faith. This is exactly what we have been trained to do. This is what Jesus has taught us. This is also the exact

same thing that we have spent time on with Greg Finke and our missional communities. But, what about our future?

How do we “Engage for the Future”? What does our church look like in 5 years? What about 15 or 25 years from now? How can engaging with others in our congregation right now help us in the future? And, what does it look like?

A lot of questions, right? Well, join me on Sunday, August 19th during the education hour as we unpack these questions and more to help “Engage our Future.” We will look at the trends that have brought us to this point. We will discuss what we will look like in 25 years. We will have a chance to brainstorm some ways that we can help engage our younger members.

So, come and engage yourself for this opportunity to be a part of a great outcome and ministry at St. Paul!



Are You Ready?



Mark your calendars and pack your bags for The St. Paul Amazing Race Ames!

St. Paul Amazing Race Ames will take place on Sunday, September 30th, starting at 2:00 PM!

Start getting your teams ready for this family friendly fun event! The competition will begin here at church with a “time trial” and then the teams will be released to figure

out the clues as to where to go next in the race around the city of Ames. Competition includes tasks at each stop along the way in order to get the next clue.

This event will be fun for all families, big or small, young or old. There is something for everyone! So get pumped up, and sign-up with Thomas today!

Family Life by Thomas Wilson

How can I say "Thank you" enough? I can't.

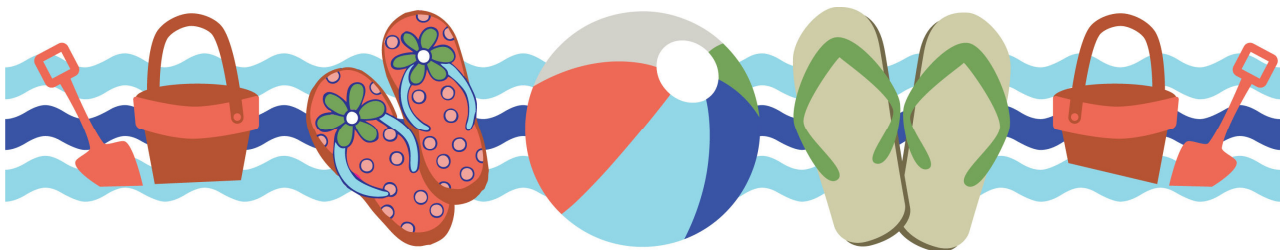
There are not enough minutes in the day, and days in the year for me to express how much I appreciate everything that St. Paul has done for me and Lisa over the past few years. I was overwhelmed with the installation service, program, and luncheon on July 8th. It was great to have so many congregation members here to celebrate such a special day! You are amazing!



Thank you to the Elders for putting on such a great event. Thank you to the Boards of Education and Youth for your kind words and gifts. Thank you to the High School youth for making me feel special with their skit. And a huge Thank you to Pastor Jenks for his guidance over this past year and for putting together a spirit-filled installation.

Again, thank you all for the cards, prayers, and just being you! You are all awesome!

Thomas Wilson



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

We are looking for an additional Sunday School teacher to tag team 5th and 6th grade students.

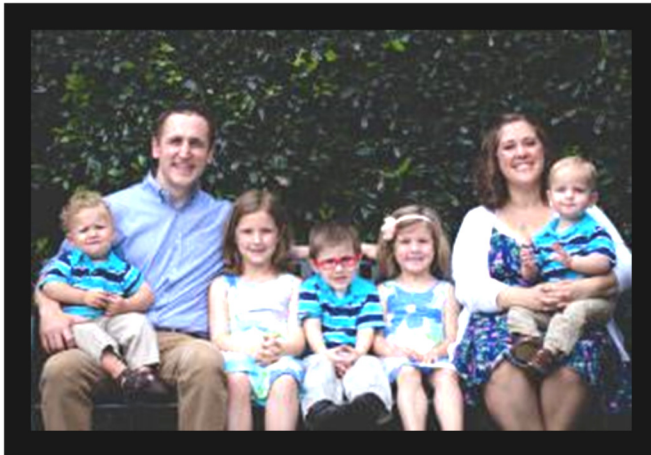
Thank you to all who participated in the plants for quilts fundraiser. Due to your generosity, we received a little over \$550 to put towards next year's quilts.

Dates to remember:

August 29th—Midweek kickoff
 September 5th—1st day of Midweek
 September 9th—Sunday School Rally Day
 October 28th—Trunk-or-Treat



Sunday School Children Support Missionaries with Spring Offerings



In the Fall of 2017 we had the opportunity to hear from **Rev. Carl and Kelsey Grulke** who are serving as missionaries in Botswana with Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT). These missionaries have ties to our St. Paul Church family.

Carl and Kelsey have known each other since childhood, were married in 2007, and have been blessed with five wonderful children. They are thrilled to be working together as a family in ministry and have a passion for language and for sharing the incredible story of what God has done for His people all around the world.

This Spring our Sunday School children collected offerings in the amount of \$422.06 to support the Grulke family and their ministry, serving the Vee kuhane people of Botswana.

MOM CONNECTION

Here are our get-togethers for August.

- August 7th- 10am- Cafe Diem Coffee, walk to Library, FREE library lunch!
- August 22nd- 10am- Craft Day (at St. Paul)
- August 31st- 10am- Brookside Park

Questions— Contact Lindsey Dohrman at clrohrman@icloud.com or 816-726-9352



Education and Youth

Let's Get FIRED UP for Fall!

The summer has been hot and humid, yet this fall will be even HOTTER! It's time to start getting fired up for this fall's educational and youth events, classes, and activities!

We kick if off on Wednesday, August 29th with our Midweek and LYF Fall Kickoff! Watch for letters to be sent out this month with more information on this "get to know" evening that ends with Ice Cream!

The first day of Midweek is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5th!

Make sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, September 9th for our Fall Rally Day! We open up our Sunday School year with handing out Bibles to the new 3-year old's, 3rd graders and 7th graders!

Youth events will be scheduled and information will be coming soon on the many activities of the Youth of St. Paul. But, if you are in 6th through 8th grade and in High School it is time to think about the District Youth Gatherings coming up this fall. The Junior High Gathering is scheduled for October 27-28 and the High School Gathering scheduled for November 9-11!



B-I-N-G-O, and BINGO was the name-o!



Come and join the participants of the National Youth Gathering for a night of BINGO on Saturday, August 25th!

Doors open at 5:30 PM. From 5:30 – 6:30 is fellowship time – bring in food and drink, share with others, make it a date night! Then, promptly at 6:30 PM the youth will begin to call the first number! Prizes will be awarded for each round!

Come play our 12 rounds of bingo for only a \$15 entry fee. Sign up ahead of time and only pay \$10! The entry fee includes a paper game card for each round and a dauber! Additional game cards can be purchased for \$1 throughout the night!

Help us help Ames students: we will be collecting school supply donations the night of the event. When you donate the supplies, you can earn up to 3 concession tickets!

Sign up and pay your entry fee Sundays before and after services at our table OR contact any NYG participant or Thomas Wilson!



Education and Youth

Summer Camp With Jesus at Camp Okoboji– Left– Jr. High week; Right– Cub week



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.

Women's Ministry

THE 38th BIENNIEL IOWA WEST DISTRICT LWML CONVENTION at Camp Okoboji has come and gone but the memories and joy remain. We were inspired throughout by the theme "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand." Our mission is to support Christ's mission globally and locally through our Mite monies. We met our district Mite goal of \$200,000. Thanks to your generosity the LWML will reach many people with the Good News. Your Mites are at work in the Lutheran School in Spencer, Mercy Meals in Sioux City, and at the Perry Lutheran Home. Some of your Mites were used at beautiful Camp Okoboji in the new "Discovery Center". We benefited from that building housing all the exhibits, vendors, and registration.

The convention attendees raised funds for Iowa in the amounts of \$6,112 for Lutheran Family Service; \$5,193 for Lutheran Heritage Foundation; \$4,297 for the Hong Kong VBS mission trip; \$1,230 general Mite offering; \$2862 through the pledge walk; and \$3137 for Mites through the silent auction of 164 "pound" packages. More about our missions and the district convention will be shared later in August. Gretchen Zitterich Chr.; Board of Women Ministry

It is with jubilation that I write this overview of my experience at convention. We went through HIGH water and detours but all 7 of our convention goers arrived intact.

The opening session sat us on the ROCK. We heard many rock jokes and rock songs, saw rock decorations on the dining tables, and rock photo ops. Friday we had four breakout sessions. I attended WendySue Fleugge's music session. She spoke of practicing our PRAYER TALK OPTIONS segue ways in conversations that we might randomly have...she used the example of lounging in the hot tub at a hotel and segue waying into what they do, why they're here, and she used her music to speak of Jesus. Since we are all missionaries, this practicing will help get our message of love and forgiveness out. The speakers were exhilarating. Pastor Brent spoke of his mission background before coming to Mission Central, Karen Menz' message ... her testimony of God's healing...Just WOW. Amazing! Gary as always was anything but normal! And Ellie Menz was so down to earth and authentic. The camp crew was phenomenal...helping out with meals and activities. I'm still stuffed! Breakfast, lunch, and dinner...snacks in between...all good! I think my favorite part was a text message from home...proving the power of prayer! And the communion service Thursday night was great or should I say Rocked!

Vickie Roach Vice Chr.; Board of Women's Ministry



MISSION UPDATE FROM ISRAEL

Steve and Nancy Cohen and Rev. Dr. Bob Roegner returned from Tel Aviv with renewed fervor for bringing the gospel to the 6 million Jews in Israel. Israel is a country that is ripe for "boldly sharing Y'shua as Messiah, urgently equipping other believers to do the same!" Apple of His Eye Mission Society will have its base of operations in Tel Aviv working with a partner in ministry, Immanuel Lutheran Church (Norwegian). Bob and Kristi will be installed and commissioned as missionaries to Israel on September 23, 2018 at Concordia Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas. There is no doubt in their minds that God is hearing the cries of His people. Please uphold the Roegners in prayer during their deputation period as they work toward their goal of \$500,000 in three years. Rev. Roegner's mobile phone is 314-640-9558 and e-mail address is robert.roegner@appleofhiseye.org . See also www.aohems.org.

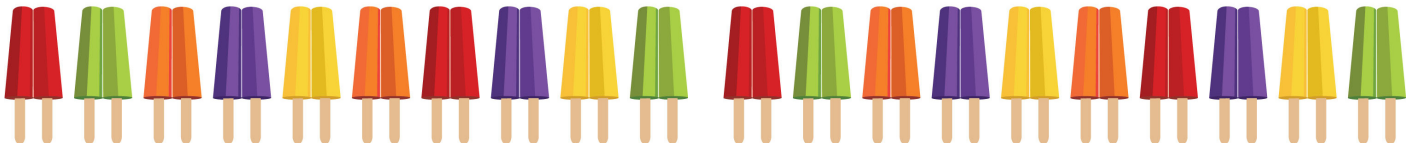
Women's Ministry

LWML National 2017–2019 Mission Grant #11 — \$93,000 Training Lutheran Middle Eastern Missionaries

The mission of the Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission (BOLM) is a ministry primarily to Arabic-speaking peoples and Muslims in particular. They bring the Good News of salvation through their teaching and by the power of the Holy Spirit. BOLM's outreach impacts lives in the United States and in the Middle East. They educate and disciple new believers and, as the Lord wills, commission them as missionaries. They need funds to support their internet seminary for two years; acquire Bibles in various languages for distribution, acquire and distribute copies of *Luther's Small Catechism* in Arabic, and for expenses for phone and internet.



Pastor Naeem with Somali convert after baptizing her



SCHWAN'S FUNDRAISER

The Board of Women's Ministry is raising funds to enable several women in need to attend the National LWML convention in Mobile Alabama June 2019. This gathering of Christian women strengthens faith, equips each woman to share the gospel, and enables each to "serve the Lord with gladness". This year our Schwan's fundraiser begins August 20th. This year the company will match the first \$100 raised. We will receive 20-40% back during the first 45 days and 5% the next 90 days. The best way to help us is to order a \$25 eGift card as we get 40% of that back. (Limit one per customer per campaign). You can use the gift card on your own order. Our campaign is called **LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION: OUR ID# is 39989**. There are over 300 high quality food options to choose from.

Ordering: there are three ways

Go to www.Schwans-Cares.com --find our campaign using our ID #39989, choose "Buy now" for a gift card or "Shop now" to place an order.

By Phone. Place your order via toll free number 1-855-870-7208. Make sure to provide our Campaign ID when ordering by phone.

Via www.Schwans.com. During checkout simply type in our Campaign ID #39989 so the company will credit our fundraiser.

Catalogs and further information will be available at church soon. Call Gretchen Zitterich at 5115-201-7570 with questions.

Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update: as of 6/30/18

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

Amount Received: \$1,164,288.19

Amount Needed: \$910,711.81

We normally collect mites for missions on the 1st Sunday of each month. For more information about LWML go to www.lwml.org.

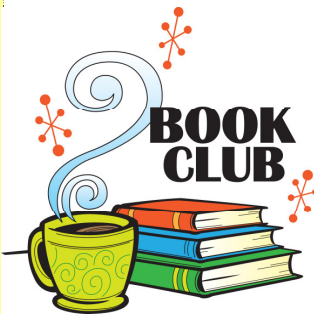
Do you know what is going on in the Iowa West District of the LWML? The LWML IWD eNews is sent to all women of the congregation who have email. If you do not have email, a copy is printed and placed on the LWML bulletin board at the east end of the fellowship hall. You may read it and replace it when you are finished.



FAMILY SERVICE Family Service Quilting group will meet on Thursday, August 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, August 23, from 10:00 to 2:00 pm. Please join us if you can. No experience necessary. **We still need gently used sheets and blankets for the inside and backs of quilts.**



“Book to Know to Help You Grow”



The Book to Know group met at Gretchen Zitterich's home in July to discuss *In The Presence of My Enemies*. The 16 ladies who attended had a great discussion covering both the experiences of the missionaries who were held hostage in the Philippine jungles and thinking about the missionary experience in general. We learned a lot about both. Should you still want to read this book, there is a copy at the public library.

Our September book is *The Nightingale*. The Barnes and Noble description is: “With courage, grace, and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of World War II and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. *The Nightingale* tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France—a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. It is a novel for everyone, a novel for a lifetime.” **Everyone is invited to read this bestseller and join us for the discussion on September 13 at 7:00 pm.**

Date	Hostess	Book
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	“A 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

August 2018 Service Roster

	Aug 5 8:30	Aug 5 11:00	Aug 12 8:30	Aug 12 11:00	Aug 19 8:30	Aug 19 11:00	Aug 26 8:30	Aug 26 11:00
Organist	LaDonna Osborn		LaDonna Osborn		Ellen Sander		Praise Team	
Elders	Paul Knop	Reiny Friedrich →						
Lectors	Phil Voge	Ron Juelfs	Alberta Voge	Ron Juelfs	Phil Voge	Ron Juelfs	Alberta Voge	Ron Juelfs
Acolytes	Maddie Weber	Tate Ploessl			Tate Ploessl	Ty Choate		
Greeters	Stephanie & Kylie Taylor, Bob & Marilyn Walker	Kevin Dougan, Tom & Beth Henriksen →						
Ushers	Merle & Marcy Suntken, Dennis & Karen Griffin	Denny & Shirley Tice, Ron Juelfs, Ryan Latuska	Merle & Marcy Suntken, Dennis & Karen Griffin	Tom & Cindy Baas, Ron Juelfs, Ryan Latuska	Merle & Marcy Suntken, Dennis & Karen Griffin	Tom & Cindy Baas, Ron Juelfs, Ryan Latuska	Merle & Marcy Suntken, Dennis & Karen Griffin	Ron Juelfs, Ryan Latuska
Coffee Fellowship								
Coffee Time Greeter	→							
Altar Flowers								
Offering Counters	Steve & Carol Vollstedt →							
Power Point	Tom/Cindy Baas	Judy Peter	Tom/Cindy Baas	Judy Peter	Tom/Cindy Baas	Judy Peter	Linda Naeve	Judy Peter
Sound Board	Tom/Cindy Baas	Tom Peter	Tom/Cindy Baas	Tom Peter	Tom/Cindy Baas	Tom Peter	Charles Ellis	Tom Peter
Altar Guild	Beth Henriksen, LaDonna Osborn, Judy Peter →							
Video Recorder	Harry Mundt →							
Collate Bulletins	Dave & Judi Charlson →							