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## A Letter from your Pastor

Dear friends in the Lord: When I celebrated my 10th anniversary at St. Paul, I shared with you 10 things I have said through the years that are worth repeating. Now that I have celebrated my 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary year here, I have added 5 more items to the list. Here are 15 things to keep in mind.

- 1.) God encourages us to be humble and to give all the glory to Him. If you succeed in your career, God has blessed you with your talents. If you succeed in school, who gave you the brain that you used? *"And remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability"* (Deuteronomy 22:18).
- 2.) Be willing to take the initiative to seek reconciliation with others! God tells us, *"As far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone"* (Romans 12:18). Be a peacemaker.
- 3.) Be quick to forgive others. Be slow to be offended. After all, think of all that Jesus has forgiven you! *"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you!"* (Ephesians 4:32).
- 4.) If the worship service in heaven is going to last forever, don't worry when we go over an hour in the service here on earth. We're just trying to get you ready for what's coming! *"And they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God"* (Revelation 7:11).
- 5.) Jesus wants your life to be meaningful, and for your ultimate meaning to come from Him. *"I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full!"* (John 10:10).
- 6.) Don't be overly concerned with how you, or others, look when you come to church. It's the inside that counts most. *"Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart"* (1 Samuel 16:7).
- 7.) Do come to church every week, except if you are ill. In worship God gives us His strength and forgiveness through Word and Sacrament. Stay connected to your Power, the Lord. *"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy"* (Exodus 20:8). *"Let us not give up going to worship, as some are in the habit of doing"* (Hebrews 10:25a).
- 8.) It's okay to laugh at church. It really is. Laughter reflects our joy for God's love and blessings. *"Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy....The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy"* (Psalm 126:2a,3).
- 9.) Invite others to come to church with you. We invite friends to sporting events, movies, meals out, etc., so why not to the most important event of all—the Lamb's high feast. You may make an eternal difference in someone's life. *"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'"* (Psalm 122:1).
- 10.) Share your faith with others. Tell what Jesus has done for you. Talk of God's role in your life. There is no greater subject to share with someone than the love of Jesus. *"For we cannot help but speak about what we have seen and heard [of Jesus]"* (Acts 4:20).

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### Our Mission is:

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

## *Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, September 2*  
*Only One Service*  
*Holy Communion*  
*10:00 a.m.*

*Sunday, September 9*  
*Rally Sunday*  
*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*



*Sunday, September 16*  
*Holy Communion*  
*8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

*Sunday, September 23*  
*8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

*Sunday, September 30*  
*Holy Communion*  
*8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*



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- 11.) As you go through life, picture Jesus right there beside you—because He is. Envision Him in your home, in your car, in your office, at the football game, at the store. He is with you always, in all places. *"I will never leave you nor forsake you....for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go"* (Judges 1:5b,9a).
- 12.) We are all on the same team. The enemy is the devil—not your fellow member, pastor or church leader with whom you may disagree. *"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms"* (Ephesians 6:12).
- 13.) Remember that I thank God for each and every one of you. *"I thank my God for you every time I think of you"* (Philippians 1:3).
- 14.) Remember that I am always praying for you. *"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy, because of your partnership in the Gospel"* (Philippians 1:4-5a).
- 15.) Remember that I care about you and wish you God's peace and power in all you go through. *"It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart"* (Philippians 1:7a).

In Jesus, Pastor Jenks



Our Wednesday morning Bible study led by Pastor Jenks kicks off the fall with a short 3-week study. Anyone is welcome to attend! Come explore the intriguing Song of Solomon. Is it an allegory? Love poetry? Or something deeper?

We meet Wednesday mornings 10:30-11:30 in the fellowship hall. Sept. 5 chapters 1-2, Sept. 12 chapters 3-5, Sept. 19 chapters 6-8.

## Evangelism

**We have a wonderful outreach here at St. Paul with our preschool.**

One of the best ways we can support our pre-school's families is through prayer. We would like to have a church family praying regularly for each preschool family. That's it!!! Just pray! Please sign up on the bulletin board and a preschool family will be given to you to include in your prayers.



## Family Photo Directory — October 2018

### Church Photo Directory



Photography sessions will be held October 2 thru 6 (2:00 to 8:30 p.m.) and are now available to be scheduled on-line. Please access:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yep2h43s/>

**There will also be a sign up table after services starting on August 26.**

A free family portrait will be provided following the session as well as the opportunity to purchase additional photo packages. Schedule today to reserve your preferred time.

**Camp Okoboji's Fall Volunteer Work Weekend will be September 27-30.** Sign up on the bulletin board to come and help the camp get ready for the winter months. Come for all 4 days or just a day or 2. The camp will provide a place to stay and meals for all volunteers. We had a fun time at the spring work weekend and would love to have more St. Paul people join us for this one. For more information, contact Ron Coy at 231-1041.



# St. Paul Church Facilities Assessment **INFORMATIONAL UPDATE**

12 noon (after late service)

**September 9, 2018  
Congregation Meeting**

## **Planned Agenda**

- Prayer and serve lunch.
- Welcome and Sharing the Agenda.
- Brief review of assessment process 2017-2018.
- Introduction of Gary Landhauser & Gary's comments.
- Current outcomes of our facility assessment:
  - Exterior rendering and elevation drawings.
  - Interior floor plan drawings.
  - Cost estimates.
- Current outcomes of our property assessment:
  - Aerial view of current and adjacent properties.
  - Potential property changes and uses?
  - Cost estimates.
- Questions/Concerns/Discussion.
- Next Steps?
- Closing Prayer

***Please Plan to Join US!***



To the members of our St. Paul Lutheran congregation,

The Facilities Assessment Team of our Vision Plan has been working with Gary Landhauser, an architect with the Novak Design Group, for the last year to determine our facility needs. The study included stakeholder reviews to find areas where our church building was meeting our needs and where there are deficiencies.

Gary Landhauser specializes in this area and with the assistance of our Facilities Team has prepared preliminary plans for our members to review in a special information meeting. We will be able to see the preliminary plans and talk to Gary Landhauser at this informational meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> following the 11:00 am church service. This informational meeting should begin about 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall at St Paul.

This will be an informational meeting and not a voters' meeting which means we will not be making any voter decisions or deciding on options. The purpose is to gather the thoughts and opinions of our members to help the Facilities team continue to make progress in this facility review.

A meal will be available at the beginning of the meeting and may be eaten during the meeting. Child care will also be available. If you want to take advantage of the child care availability please call the church office by Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup> to indicate that desire.

The purpose of this facility assessment needs study is to help us determine the church facility we want and need in the future. Your input and opinions are necessary so this will be our plan and not someone else's plan. Please plan to attend on September 9.

In praise of the Lord,

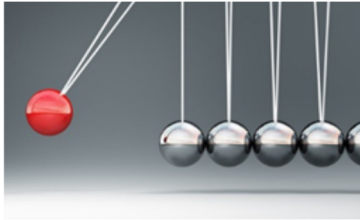
Will Zitterich, Chairman of the Congregation

## **St. Paul Lutheran Church – Exterior**



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Family Life



### IMPACT

Last month I spoke about engagement, about becoming more engaged in the lives of the youth at St. Paul. On August 19<sup>th</sup> I held a Bible study on that same topic. It's now time to see how much sank in. How much did we take away from this topic? Did I make an "impact"?

Impact is defined, as a noun, as the action of one object coming forcibly into contact with another. A collision, crash, smash, or bang, if you will. I'm sure we have all been there, a little fender bender here or there. Maybe, if you are like me, continually banging your head on something because you don't watch what you are doing!

I think about this definition as what most Christians think their religious beliefs and "faith" will be like. That they will just crash into the right church. That they will just collide with the right person and smash their way into the Bible. My hope is that we, the St. Paul congregation, can be the reason for that impact, that crash, that collision. Being the force that allows others to think more about Jesus, feeling the love that smashes into them when they meet us. Are we doing that? Are we there to have this forcible contact with those in our church right now?

A second definition of impact is, as a verb, to have a strong effect on someone or something. Impact = STRONG effect on someone. This does not equate to a lackadaisical attitude towards each other or our youth. We need to have a STRONG effect, we need to be engaged to have the strongest impact on our youth so that they feel the collision in their heart. Engagement = Impact. When we show excitement to the youth for being here, when we engage them at church and show interest in their spiritual growth we make an impact.

SMALL ACTIONS  
X LOTS OF PEOPLE  
= BIG CHANGE!

Are you ready for the collision of a life time? Are you ready to forcibly smash the wall dividing us and be the impact that the youth not only need, but are looking for? I'm ready, and I call you to come along with me! Be the Impact, Engage!

### 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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

### 2018 Family Campfire Night



Mark your calendars and prepare to join us, and other congregation members, at our 2018 Family Campfire Night on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at McFarland Park (56461 180<sup>th</sup> St., Ames).

Everything will kick-off at 6:00 PM with hotdogs, chips, desserts and refreshments. We will have games available to play, and the fire going. Steve and Seana Wilcken will also be present to lead us in an array of campfire songs!

Come when you can, leave when you need to. Just make sure to mark your calendar to attend!

### Play by the Rules!!!!

What a night it will be! You won't want to miss it! What night is it? It's Family Game Night!!!!



Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> will be the first St. Paul Family Game Night. All are welcome to come and enjoy some great American fellowship and FUN! Doors open at 5:00 PM for this opportunity to bring yourself and any family members to have fun playing games.

You are invited to bring your supper and share some time playing board and card games throughout the church. The main area will be in the Fellowship Hall, but we can also expand to the Youth Room and classrooms. Bring your top game picks to share with others. Learn new games or join in on some tried and true games! No matter what game you play, you will MAKE MEMORIES!



### Planning is underway!

The Family Life office along with the Board of Evangelism are busy planning this year's Family Christmas experience! If you enjoyed last year's "Keepsake Christmas" you will LOVE this year's experience, "One Starry Night"!

Ready to take your family back in time? Come to One Starry Night and experience Christmas like never before! You'll taste, see, and even smell what life was like when Jesus was born. You'll find stations and

activities for all ages—so bring the whole family!

The journey will begin on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:00 PM. This event is open to everyone, St. Paul Congregation and community! You won't want to miss this event, so get your friends and their families ready and come and enjoy this family friendly event!



## Education and Youth

### Let's Get FIRED UP for Fall!

The first day of Midweek is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>!

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

Let's FIRE UP the grill as we're "Grillin Up Some FUN!" at our first LYF event on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. This fun event will be open for youth in 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. It is scheduled for 5:30 PM at the Esser Home. Come and enjoy some end of summer grillin fun!

Calling all youth in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, it is time to think about the District Youth Gatherings coming up this fall. The Junior Youth Gathering (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) is scheduled for October 27-28 and the Senior Youth Gathering (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) scheduled for November 9-11! Both gatherings will be held in Des Moines this year. Registration deadlines are fast approaching, and both the district and church have funds available for those who apply! Speak to a member of the Board of Youth today!



### SAFE: Did You Know?

Starting this month, in an effort to bring more focus on our policy and procedures, the SAFE Compliance Committee will be submitting a monthly "Did You Know?" segment in the monthly newsletter. So, here you go!

Did you know what SAFE stands for?

SAFE stands for Safe And Friendly Environment. At St. Paul we are committed to providing a safe and friendly environment for all children, youth, and adults participating in any of our activities.

Did you know who is on the SAFE Compliance Committee?

We are excited to announce the formation of a new SAFE Compliance Committee for the 2018-2019 Church year. Please welcome to the SAFE Compliance Committee: Ardy Ulrichson (Chair), Mike Anderson (Vice-Chair), Charissa Rees, Lindsay Roach, and Breanna Wetzler.

Watch for more SAFE updates in the coming months!

### MOM CONNECTION

#### Here are our get-togethers for September.

Moore Park- Sept 4th 10am

Craft Day at St. Paul- Sept 12th 10am

Center Grove Orchard- Sept 21st 10am

Brookside Park- Sept 25th 10am

Questions– Contact Lindsey Dohrman at [clldohrman@icloud.com](mailto:clldohrman@icloud.com)





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### ST. PAUL YOUTH AND CAMP 2018

St. Paul youth set a record for camp! For the first time since Pastor Jenks has been at St. Paul, we've set a church record of sending the most kids of any church in the district to Camp Okoboji in one summer. We had 9 of your youth attend camp this summer. Of those 9, for 4 of them it was their first time attending! We had 6 attend Cub Week, 2 attend Jr. High Week and 1 attend Youth Week. All are thankful for the prayers and financial support given to them. Although they all would love to tell you more, below are their summaries of their experiences and why they hope others will join them next year....

This is Julia! (right) It was the first year I could go to Camp Okoboji, and I was SO excited to go! I've been waiting to go since 1st grade! I stayed with Tessa in the Dan cabin. We liked our counselor. I also met a new friend, Hilde, at camp. We had a lot of fun doing cartwheels and playing nine square! I didn't care for the food at camp though. Thank you for helping me go to camp!



This was my first year. I enjoyed playing gaga ball because a lot of people would play and you had to strengthen your reflexes. I was proud of memorizing the verse: "This is the day that the Lord has made. We shall rejoice and be glad in it." Which is now my favorite verse. My faith grew through fun songs and bible study. I had fun with the counselors I was with and the girls in my cabin. Even though I missed my mom, it was hard for me to leave camp because I had so much fun. I hope to go back again next year. Thank you, Tessa. (left)

Camp Okoboji was a great place to grow your faith, meet new people, and have fun. I will try my hardest to go back next year to meet more people and have more fun. I hopefully will see some friends from this year next year, but I will never forget this year's experiences. Like when one of our counselors was telling us this hilarious story about this guy and his huge elephant stuffed animal or my first game of nine square getting to the king square or first getting to know my bunk mates and the time when our cabin got to trash the place because we won cabin clean-up. I also enjoyed learning how to make a mosaic. My favorite part about camp is that I can come again. Thanks, Tate. (right)



Thank you for helping me pay for camp. I had so much fun because I enjoyed nine square, and Gaga ball. I also liked my craft, a plaque painting. I enjoyed it because it did not take too long. Thank you! Isaac. (2nd from left)

My name is Eayon (left) and this was my 3rd year going to Camp Okoboji. I recommend this camp because you get to know more about our Lord Jesus Christ. It has made my faith stronger in him and it will yours too. This camp is so much fun! You make new friends and there are lots of activities every day. My favorite activity was swimming every day. Every night you would go to The Point and you would sing songs and have devotions looking across the lake. I would highly recommend this camp to anyone to come try it. It is a lot fun and it is something you will never EVER forget. Thank you to everyone who made it possible for us to go. I can't wait to go back next year!!

Hi, I'm Daniel. (2nd from right) This year was my third year at Camp Okoboji as well as my last year of Cub Weeks. The theme was "Jubilee Cubs" as the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cub Weeks. The theme was perfect because camp is worth celebrating! Camp Okoboji helps you have better faith in God. I know that camp made my faith stronger through activities, bible studies, bible trivia and songs. My favorite part about camp was quarkling where you are in a floating round saucer with a kayak paddle paddling through the water. I was in cabin Reuben where I made friends named Maverick and Creighton and saw friends I made last year like Mason. My favorite counselor was Keegan, because he taught us how to play disc golf. One of the mixers is The Grand March which is a camp tradition, in which the girls and boys were lined up and had to hold hands while skipping down the basketball courts to music. Camp has the Discover Center where we do crafts as well, and the craft that I did was plaque painting. Sports are a fun thing you can do during free time. My favorite sport to play was nine square. Nine square is like four square with nine squares that are up high and

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you have to hit a ball through them to get people out. Camp is a great way to learn about Jesus in very good ways. I think more St Paul youth should go to Camp Okoboji, so they can learn about Jesus and have fun at the same time too! Thank you everyone who helped me and others “celebrate” at camp this summer.

Ty - This was my third year going to camp Okoboji, but my first year of Jr. High week. I love Camp Okoboji because you get to go swimming in the lake, play a lot of different sports and games, meet new friends and it also brings you closer to God. It strengthens my faith in God. Every day we have two certain times of the day for devotions one in the afternoon and one in the evening this shows that we should take time out of our day to talk and interact with God. Pastor Hauan led a lot of the devotions and I learned that I was related to Pastor Hauan’s wife, Jill! At Camp Okoboji, we played a lot of different games and sports (sand volleyball, baseball, nine square, basketball, dodgeball, and even learned how to waltz!) even though some people didn’t like some of the sports we all still had fun talking and playing with one another. I met some friends, Josh and Mary, from Battle Creek, IA and Ida Grove, IA. We had a lot of fun together and with our counselors. My favorite counselor was Tristan, aka “Woody.” I would highly recommend for anyone to go to Camp Okoboji for Jr. High Week or Cub week or for any week at all. I am thankful for the experience I had at Camp Okoboji and I am especially thankful for the people that helped me and the others get to experience Camp Okoboji.



Camp Okoboji... where do I start? - to be honest it was basically the best place I have ever been it was so much fun and it changed me in a lot of ways! At camp we learned that we all go through tough times but in those tough times you have to believe in God. I met so many new friends and we all learned we are a part of God’s hall of fame and all of us Christians can count on one another. I can’t wait to go back next year! -Maddie

The summer after I finished third grade I went to Cub Week at Camp Okoboji. My mom told me about it because she and my aunt went there as kids, as well as my grandma on my dad’s side. So, camp is in my blood and I have been going there the last seven years! Over those seven years I have been able to keep in touch through letters, emails and by attending other District youth events with the same friends I met my first year at Cub Week. In fact, this year at Youth Week (for 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders) was the first time all six of us have been in the same cabin all together since my first year. We were even on the SAME side of the SAME CABIN with one of our FIRST COUNSELORS! It’s been great going to camp because I have really felt a stronger connection with God and those friends and many others who have helped me grow in my faith.



While I was up there this summer, I took part in a service project of making a human-sized version of foosball that will be in place for hopefully many years to come and many campers to enjoy. I’m thankful our

church supports us youth and places like Camp Okoboji that allows us to grow in faith and friendships. I am very grateful for the time I spend at camp and with the friends I have made that will last a lifetime. -Erin

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**The first LYF event for grades 1-8** is Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at Angi Esser's home from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Theme is Grillin Up Some Fun! Permission slips will be coming out soon.

## Midweek News:

The first day for Midweek classes this year is September 5. We are looking forward to a great year!



## 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."



**Registration materials are now available. The deadline for the Jr. Youth Gathering is Monday, September 24 and they have an early registration savings for the Sr. Youth Gathering by Monday, September 17.** So please see Angi Esser, Stephanie Taylor, Carla Murphy or Thomas Wilson to get the forms. Funding through the district and the

board of youth are also available. We would love to take as many youth as we can to both of these fun faith-based events.



# Stewardship

**Good News from Stewardship regarding Dollars and Sense!** In Luke 14:28 we read: *“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?”* Consider for a moment that the “tower” we are “building” is actually the work our congregation carries out each year as we have been commissioned to do...that is, to spread the Good News of Christ’s redemption from our sins for all who believe in Him as their Savior.

Each spring, our congregation prepares a budget that estimates how much it will cost to carry out our mission throughout the year. And just as a family uses a budget to guide expenditures from month to month, our church budget also guides and encourages us to live within the offerings we receive from members. As we are now two months into a new financial year at St. Paul, it’s a good time to review how well last year’s budget performed compared to offerings and gifts received.

*For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?*

~ Luke 14:28 ESV

Expenses for the past year were projected to be \$436,316, but **actual** spending amounted to \$411,399...meaning the numerous boards at St. Paul **underspent** their budgets by approximately \$25,000. General Fund offerings tallied \$424,601, meaning St. Paul was blessed with a surplus of \$13,202 over its expenses, which can be used to help further God’s Kingdom in the future.

In addition to General Fund offerings, giving for Special Projects amounted to \$106, 848, with almost half of that dedicated to “jump start” St. Paul’s new Family Life Ministry over the next two years.

As you can see, St. Paul has truly been blessed by the thank-offerings we return to God for all the goodness He showers upon us each day, and for church boards practicing common sense stewardship of those offerings. Thanks be to God for the joyful support we receive for the ministry at St. Paul!





## Women's Ministry

**“On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand” is the theme for the LWML Iowa West District Fall Retreat** on Sept 22 at Mission Central. Registration is \$15. Details and registration forms are on the bulletin board-register soon, as the barn only holds 160. We will be carpooling, so sign up if you would like to carpool.

**October 14 will be a special LWML Sunday Mission Fest celebration. Rev. John Fale will be our featured guest missionary.**



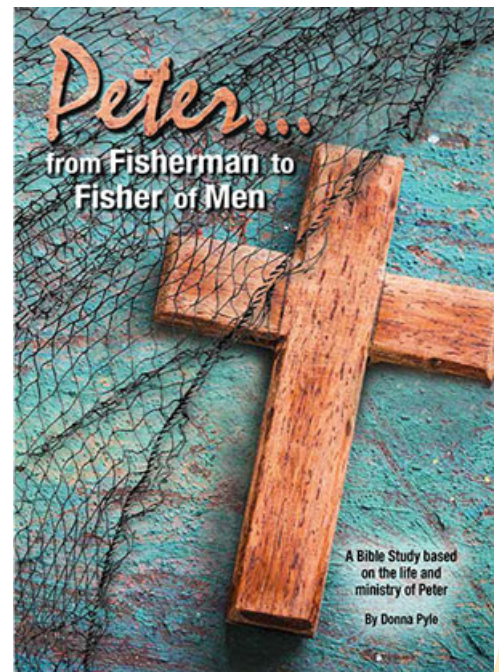
Evangelism will provide meat for a noon meal with side dishes provided by volunteers. They will also have a fun dessert planned. Come celebrate how God has blessed us and his church worldwide!



### **Women's Bible study- “Peter... from Fisherman to Fisher of Men” by Donna Pyle**

Our women's Bible study group will start a new study on September 17 at 5:45 pm in the church basement. (in the board room) We meet every Monday. Our books will cost \$10.

Please let the office know if you would like a book ordered for you.



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### LWML National 2017–2019 Mission Grant #12 — \$48,000 Completion of Lukonda Lutheran School Buildings, Uganda

This grant will complete Phase II of construction of two schools in Kayunga District, Uganda. Between 100 and 200 children, ages 4 to 12, will be educated in these schools. The villages of Kakiika and Lukonda will provide bricks and land for the school, with Resurrection Lutheran Church and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Southeastern District supporting the remaining costs of labor and materials. When complete, each of the two school buildings will have four classrooms. Two of the classrooms in one building will also be used for weekly Lutheran worship services. This grant will enable completion of the school building complex begun in 2012.



Completing Phase II of Kakiika School with RLC volunteers

### SCHWAN'S FUNDRAISER

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". We participate in servant events and raised funds for missions around the world. This year our Schwan's fundraiser begins August 20<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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](http://www.Schwans.com). During checkout simply type in our Campaign ID #39989 so the company will credit our fundraiser.

Please spread the word and invite your friends to try it. Catalogs and further information will be available at church soon. Call Gretchen Zitterich at 515-201-7570 with questions.



## Women's Ministry

**LWML Mite Update:** as of 7/31/18

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

**Amount Received: \$1,236,891.36**

**Amount Needed: \$838,108.64**

We normally collect mites for missions on the 1st Sunday of each month. For more information about LWML go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

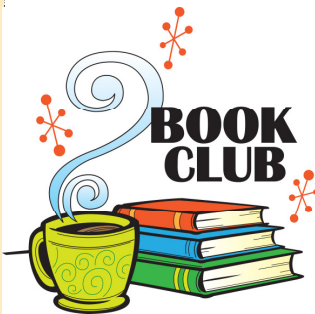
**Do you know what is going on in the Iowa West District of the LWML?** The LWML IWD eNews is sent to all women of the congregation who have email. If you do not have email, a copy is printed and placed on the LWML bulletin board at the east end of the fellowship hall. You may read it and replace it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



**FAMILY SERVICE** Quilters will meet on September 13th 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 also meet on September 27th from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Bring a sack lunch for the lunch break. At 1:00 p.m. we will have a business meeting with a devotion and dessert. Please come and start the new church year with us. **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

# September 2018 Service Roster

	<b>Sept 2 10:00</b>	<b>Sept 9 8:30</b>	<b>Sept 9 11:00</b>	<b>Sept 16 8:30</b>	<b>Sept 16 11:00</b>	<b>Sept 23 8:30</b>	<b>Sept 23 11:00</b>	<b>Sept 30 8:30</b>	<b>Sept 30 11:00</b>
Organist	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn		Zach Heilman		Praise Team		LaDonna Osborn	
Elders	Phil Voge	Phil Voge	Denny Tice →						
Lectors	Linda Peterson	Linda Peterson	Ron Juelfs	Tom Peter	Cindy Baas	Judy Peter	Evan Koep	Tom Peter	Evan Koep
Acolytes	Evan Buttery			Dylan Fritz	Ally Donavon			Mia Vogel	Jackson Stensland
Greeters	Dick & Linda Peterson, Ardy Ulrichson	Dick & Linda Peterson, Ardy Ulrichson	Steve & Carol Vollstedt, Phil & Alberta Voge →						
Ushers	Randy & Linda Naeve, Judi Charlson, Kris Ellis	Randy & Linda Naeve, Judi Charlson, Kris Ellis	Len & Pat Thiede, Tom & Cindy Baas →						
Coffee Fellowship	No Coffee today								
Coffee Time Greeter	No Coffee today	Dave & Judi Charlson →							
Altar Flowers	Inez Smith	Tom & Beth Henriksen		John & Lynn Sellmeyer					
Offering Counters	Len & Pat Thiede →								
Power Point	Judy Peter	Stephanie Mandernach	Samantha Koep	Stephanie Mandernach	Samantha Koep	Julie Coy	Samantha Koep	Stephanie Mandernach	Samantha Koep
Sound Board	Charles Ellis	Jordan Mandernach	Evan Koep	Jordan Mandernach	Evan Koep	Charles Ellis	Evan Koep	Jordan Mandernach	Evan Koep
Altar Guild	Jan Ziebell, Connie Buss, Gloria Lewis	→							
Video Recorder	John Murphy	→							
Collate Bulletins	Keith & Carol Folkmann →								





# St. Paul Lutheran Preschool

## September 2018 News



We thank God for our new amazing playground area! Many people came together to make this a place for our preschoolers, neighborhood children, and church members to develop their physical skills and also to get their wiggles out.

We thank the Sunday School children, preschool parents, Thrivent Choice Dollar donors, and church members for their financial contributions to purchase the play set.

We thank the Trustee Board for creating a plan for installation of the playground and also creating a larger safety ground zone. The trustees worked together as a great team putting all the pieces together. Come take a look at our new playground area this month.

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights. James 1:17*



We welcome 75 preschoolers and their families to St. Paul this year as we provide a faith-based early childhood environment where children hear the good news of Jesus every day they attend school!



We appreciate prayers for the preschoolers and their families from St. Paul's Prayer Partners. Prayer Partners please remember to check your church mailboxes as your preschoolers like to send you mail. Prayer Partners if you wish to send birthday greetings or any holiday card to your preschooler you may mail it to the preschooler or put it in my mailbox (Lori Jenks) and I will put it in their preschool cubbie.



### Thrivent Choice Dollars

Do you own Thrivent Financial products? If so you could direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Paul Lutheran Preschool online: [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 1-800-847-4836. Thank you for supporting SPLP with Thrivent Choice Dollars.

### St. Paul Lutheran Preschool Staff

Preschool Director—Lori Jenks

Lion Teachers—Sandy VanNostrand

Susan Bredthauer

Lion Teachers- Renee Brause

Paula Dacken

Lamb Teachers—Lori Jenks

Kristen Leichty

Bear Teachers—Sandy VanNostrand

Sydney Miguel

Before Preschool Staff—TBA

Lunch Bunch Staff—TBA

Financial/Office Staff—Donna Heilman

Preschool Board Chair—Kent Ziebell

Vice Chair—Sandy George

DeAnn Barnes

Becky Juelfs

Jolene Drawbond

Lindsey Dohrmann

Marlene Johnson

Linda Surber