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A Letter from your Pastor

Letter from Pastor

Every Sunday, as we hear our Law-Gospel sermon, the Lord reminds us that we are sinners who have a wonderful Savior. Jesus took our punishment to earn our forgiveness. We hear this core message of the Lutheran faith in a very special way each year on Reformation Sunday, when we are reminded of **the gift** of salvation: You are saved because of what Jesus Christ did for you. You are saved because your Savior paid the price for your sins. You are saved by all that Jesus did, not because of anything that you do. *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast"* (Ephesians 2:8-9).

This year's Reformation Celebration will be held October 28. The festive service will include organ, brass, traditional liturgy, and a remembrance of the **Reformation gifts** entrusted to us as treasures by God.

Plan to join us October 28 as we celebrate **God's gift of salvation** on Reformation Sunday. As Luther reminds us, "This is grace: the forgiveness of sins for the sake of the Lord Christ....Grace is freely given to the most undeserving...and is not obtained by any strenuous efforts, endeavors, or works, either small or great, not even by the efforts of the best and most honorable of men....You dare not imagine that it was done for nothing or cost little....Grace and life were given you, but it meant bitter work for Him. It cost Him much. He earned it at the expense of His own body, blood and life."

Celebrating God's grace for us in Jesus,
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, October 7
Holy Communion
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 14
LWML/Missions
Sunday
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Sunday, October 21
Holy Communion
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 28
Reformation Sunday
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



New Wednesday Morning Bible Study!

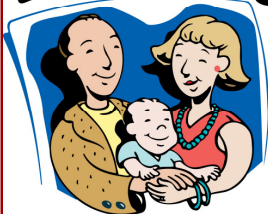
Join us as we kick off a new Wednesday morning midweek Bible study for adults. This fall we will be exploring the book of 1 Kings, which is contained in the history section of the Old Testament. First Kings explores the kingship amongst God's people in conjunction with the covenant of God's promise. Some kings were loyal to God's ways, while some kings went far astray. However, God never abandoned His covenant. The Lord worked through historical circumstances to advance His purposes, especially His promise to send the Savior-Messiah through the royal lineage of King David. This study will be led by Pastor Jenks in the church fellowship hall Wednesday mornings from 10:30-11:30. Our first session will be October 10. Please read 1 Kings chapters 1-3 for the first session.

Special Voters Meeting: Put Sunday, October 14th, on your calendar for a special voters meeting. Topic of discussion will be how to proceed following the recent Facilities Assessment Team presentation. This is a very important meeting to vote on St. Paul's next step. Meeting will begin at approximately 1:00 pm following the late service, and the LWML/ Evangelism lunch at 12:00 pm.



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/>

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.

Our Fall Clean Up Day will be Nov. 3, beginning at 8:00 a.m. We would love to have a great turn-out... as many hands make light work. Board of Trustees

(Our rain date will be Nov. 17.)



THANK YOU!!! Did you notice the big "yellow sunflower" table mats that have graced our fellowship tables for the last month? Sandy George has shared her creative quilting talents to brighten up our Sunday Morning Coffee and Bible Class. So, if you see her, be sure to give her your brightest smile and a cheerful thank you.

Family Life

What's next? What's the next step?

In August I wrote about engaging our youth on an intentional level, and in September I wrote about impact and how Engagement = Impact, especially with our youth. So, it's been a month. How have we been doing? Have you tried to engage with any "new to you" youth at the church? Maybe you are waiting for more instructions, wanting to know "what's next?" Well, I hope to be able to explain what a "next step" can be at St. Paul.

It started last spring when parents of St. Paul joined 1 of 2 Sticky Faith studies. In these studies, we discussed opportunities that parents can act upon to help the faith of their child stick into the future. One of the ideas was to have a 5:1 ratio. To have 5 adults who can up lift and encourage the youth to continue growing in knowing Jesus and to continue on their walk with Him. After the study was finished a family took this to heart. As a family they came to me with the proposal to have mentors: Mentors for the older youth and mentors for the younger youth. So here is what we are thinking:

Any adult (age 18 and out of high school) can choose to be a mentor to a youth in 5th – 12th grade.

Once you are paired with a youth you will continue to work with, encourage, and support them until you feel you are complete. Our goal is for this relationship to last past high school, past college, and into their adulthood.

Adults will get to know the youth AND their family. Have special time with them on a quarterly basis. Do "check-ins" on them for Sunday School, Midweek, and confirmation.

Youth that are in 7th – 12th grade (for 2018-2019 starting with only High School youth) who choose to, and have permission from parents, can be paired with youth in the lower age levels (Preschool to 4th grade).

These youth will be mentors during Sunday School. Working alongside their mentee once a month during education hour.

These youth, with permission from both parents and their families, can have the option to meet together for a small gathering.

There is more information about this program that will be handed out over the next month as we move forward. So please take this time to pray. Is God calling you to be a mentor to a youth at St. Paul? Is this a way for you to engage and make an impact?



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 20th at McFarland Park (56461 180th 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 16th 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"!

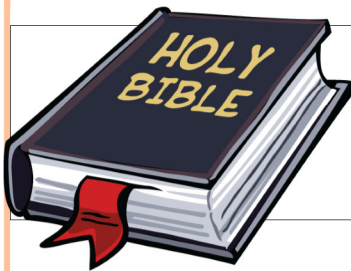
Ready to take your family back in time? Come to One Starry Night and experience Christmas like never before! You'll taste, see, and even smell what life was like when Jesus was born. You'll find stations and

activities for all ages—so bring the whole family!

The journey will begin on Saturday, December 8th 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

Trunk-or-Treat is scheduled for October 28th. Flyers will be mailed to invite the community to join us. We will also be inviting pre-school and American Heritage Girls members to participate along with boards from St. Paul. The youth will be running games again this year and there will be a cookie decorating table as well.



Midweek and Sunday School have started again for this year. Rally Sunday was held September 9th with 18 Bibles being given away to 3-year-olds, 3rd grade and 7th grade students.

SAFE: Did You Know?

Is there an age requirement to be SAFE trained?

Even though we press upon all St. Paul members to be good servants and encourage everyone to volunteer for the multiple projects we have going on, we do have a requirement when it comes to being SAFE trained. Volunteers must be at least 13 years of age in order to be correctly trained through our SAFE policy and Protect My Ministry training.

Who is the SAFE policy designed to protect?

The St. Paul SAFE policy is designed to protect any child (an individual under 13 years of age), youth (any individual who is at least 13 years old but not yet 18 years old or who is 18 years old but still in high school), and dependent adults (an individual 18 years of age or older who is incapable of adequate self-care) at any activity sponsored by St. Paul Lutheran Church.

MOM CONNECTION

Here are our get-togethers for October.

Center Grove Orchard– Oct. 5th, 10am

Craft Day at St. Paul- Oct. 10th, 10am

Moore Park- Oct. 16th, 10am

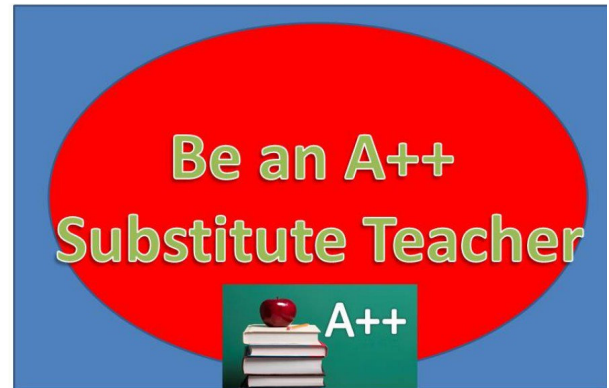
Trunk or Treat- Oct. 28th, 10am

Questions– Contact Lindsey Dohrman at clrohrman@icloud.com



Education and Youth

WANTED: Do you want to get involved in our youth's education, but don't want to teach full time? If this is you, we have a perfect solution!!! **The Board of Education is in need of a couple substitute Sunday school teachers** for those few times when the regular teacher is either sick or needs a Sunday away. All materials are provided and it's a great way to share your love of Jesus with our kids. Please give prayerful consideration to this very important need. You may contact Thomas Wilson or Cindy Baas to sign up or for more information.



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. 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.

Youth



On Wednesday, September 12 we had 8 youth attend the “Grillin’ Up Some Fun” LYF event. They enjoyed a nice walk from church after midweek to Angi Esser’s home looking for nature items along their way. When they got to Angi’s they all had a great time making something with a religious theme or symbol out of their nature items. They also enjoyed a great night of fellowship, playing outside games and eating food! Thank you Angi for hosting!



FUN



“small group but mighty in faith”

The October LYF event will be Wednesday, October 10th.

Final details are still being worked out. Keep an eye out for more information to come.

Stewardship

Let's help St. Paul remain WAY above average! According to Iowa District West Gift Planning Counselor Jim Schroeder, an average church in this country has a lifespan of about 100 years. We've all seen this happen...a new church takes root in a community, and excitement brings forth growth in membership and financial support. But over time, social and cultural changes can affect a church's membership and financial stability, hindering its ability to offer God's Word through full-time pastors and church workers. But the good news is that this doesn't HAVE to happen...St. Paul doesn't HAVE to be average!



A Fall stewardship emphasis will be held on Sunday October 21. Pastor Jenks will be leading our services, and Jim Schroeder will be leading Adult Bible Study between services. Jim will be offering Biblically-based insights on why we might consider leaving a financial legacy to St. Paul's Endowment Fund, and how an endowment gift can help St. Paul remain a strong and vibrant congregation long after we've joined Jesus in Heaven. Please join us on the 21st for worship and Bible Study!

LWML/Evangelism

LWML SUNDAY MISSION FEST

Please join us on October 14 as we worship and praise God for the service and blessings of the Lutheran Women in Mission. We will celebrate the wonderful service and support the Lutheran women have given to further the spread of the gospel through missions. We are so very honored to have Rev. John Fale as our guest pastor. He has served in missions all over the world. Recently he has served as the Associate Director for LCMS Mercy Operations, Director of LCMS World Relief and Human Care, and the last three years as Executive Director of the LCMS office of International Missions. He is now retired and joined the Volunteer Staff at the Lord's Mission Central, Mapleton, IA. Gary Thies is thrilled that he is ready to make "presentations to AWAKEN PEOPLE to the urgency of Christ's Great Commission. He will have pictures, stories, and a message that will indeed BLOW YOUR SOCKS OFF". We will also have our traditional "noisy offering", so bring all your change to help support our "mites for missions"!



Come and Celebrate with us on October 14th. Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating our faith and the 65th anniversary of St. Paul Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 14th. The Women of St. Paul and the Board of Evangelism are joining hands and celebrating LWML Sunday and Missions Sunday. We will have a guest speaker, Rev. John Fale, and a free lunch for all to enjoy at noon. We will serve ham balls, special potatoes and salads. We do need a little help with salads and will have a sign up sheet for them. Help will be needed in the kitchen, too. There will be fun, too. Pies for Missions! Bring a pie, bake, buy or thaw, and we will choose 6 by a drawing and these will be voted on by your donations to Missions and the largest dollar amount is the winner and will receive a \$10 HyVee gift card.

Women's Ministry

The Apple of His Eye Mission Society: Update -September 2018

God has called Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Robert Roegner, former executive director of LCMS world missions to serve Apple of His Eye Mission society in Israel. In this slightly abbreviated version, Bob recalls a recent witnessing opportunity he had in Israel:



"A couple of months ago, I was in Israel working with Steve Cohen helping put together the plans and strategy for opening the new Israel mission field. I was reminded once again of God's word in Roman 8. Verse 28, Paul writes **"and we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."** I had the privilege of sharing God's word at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tel Aviv. It was Pentecost. At both services the music was led by Irene, a very competent organist, musician, and choir leader. Irene is Jewish. This is not unusual since 75% of those living in Israel are Jewish and 99% of them do not believe in Y'shua (Jesus as the Messiah). In her role as the church musician for Immanuel, Irene has had the opportunity to hear God's word hundreds of times. However, on this particular weekend, after the Sunday worship, she asked me a lot of questions about Jesus and specifically what I believed about him. Needless to say, this very quick 10-minute conversation was interesting and engaging. I was told by the church leadership that a conversation like his had never taken place before with Irene. In the past she had rejected any attempts to discuss Jesus. I promised Irene that upon my return I would walk her through the Book of Matthew and answer more of her questions.

In the meantime, will you pray for Irene? Pray that God, through His Holy Spirit, would continue to open her heart to the truth about Y'shua. Was this a chance encounter? I don't think so! Because we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Amen!"

Steve and Nancy Cohen and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Roegner with the Apple of His Eye Mission Society will be supported in our HOPE gift market this year.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

St. Paul's American Heritage Girls Troop 1A2016 is off to a good start this year. AHG's mission is "Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country." American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered leadership and character development ministry. The following Statement of Faith applies to all American Heritage Girls Charter Organizations and Adult Members. "We believe that there is one Triune God – Father; Jesus Christ, His one and only Son; and the Holy Spirit – Creator of the universe and eternally existent. We believe the Holy Scriptures (Old and New Testaments) to be the inspired and authoritative Word of God. We believe each person is created in His image for the purpose of communing with and worshipping God. We believe in the ministry of the Holy Spirit, Who enables us to live godly lives. We believe that each of us as an individual is called to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength; and collectively to love our neighbors as ourselves. We believe God calls us to lives of purity, service, stewardship, and integrity." The first meeting was held September 10th with 58 girls enrolled. The girls learn what each of the following creed words mean: **Compassionate - Helpful - Honest - Loyal - Perseverant - Pure - Resourceful - Respectful - Responsible - Reverent.** They studied the word "loyalty". The girls are from 6 school districts and home schools representing 44 families. Eight scholarships were given this year from the Cornerstone Church grant to assist girls in need. We have 25 volunteers including leaders, board members and leader childcare moms. Lori Jenks serves as the Troop Shepherd and Gretchen Zitterich serves as the Charter Representative.

Women's Ministry

LWML National 2017–2019 Mission Grant #13 — \$25,000 Equipping Youth to Witness for Life — Y4Life

Y4Life seeks to equip young people to be the voices for life in a culture that glorifies the choice of death. The need is especially true for teens, college students, and young adults who are bombarded with secular life styles that are contrary to God's wonderful plan for life. Currently, the Y4Life program is serving college campuses. The mission grant funds will go directly towards expanding the initiative to include Lutheran high school campuses. By training student leaders and providing ongoing mentorship and support for the individual campus ministries, they can raise their voices for life.



Laura Davis, director of Y4Life at Lutherans for Life, leads a group of high and middle school Y4Life student volunteers in prayer outside a Planned Parenthood in Orlando, Fla., during the Y4Life servant event on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015. Photo credit: LCMS Communications/Erik M. Lunsford

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 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.

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 8/31/18

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

Amount Received: \$1,297,082.86

Amount Needed: \$777,914.14

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

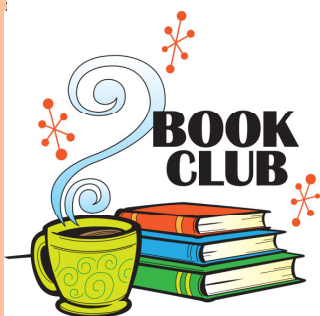
Do you know what is going on in the Iowa West District of the LWML? The LWML IWD eNews is sent to all women of the congregation who have email. If you do not have email, a copy is printed and placed on the LWML bulletin board at the east end of the fellowship hall. You may read it and replace it when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



FAMILY SERVICE QUILTERS will meet on Thurs, Oct 11th 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 Thurs, Oct 25th 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. Come and join us. **We still need gently used sheets and blankets for the inside and backs of quilts.**



"Book to Know to Help You Grow"



Sixteen ladies met at the home of Shirley Tice to discuss *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. Everyone liked the book. Someone said that the characters in the book seemed so real that we discussed them as real people. For many of the women there, it gave a different perspective on what it was like to be a women in France during the time of the Nazi occupation.

Our November book is *Luther and Katharina: A Novel of Love and Rebellion*. The Barnes and Noble description is: **A Christy Award-winning novel chronicling the forbidden romance between Martin Luther and his wife, Katharina von Bora, set against the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century.** She was a nun of noble birth. He was a heretic, a reformer, and an outlaw of the Holy Roman Empire. In the 16th century, nun Katharina von Bora's fate fell no further than the Abbey. Until she read the writings of Martin Luther. His sweeping Catholic church reformation—condemning a cloistered life and promoting the goodness of marriage—awakened her desire for everything she'd been forbidden. Including Martin Luther himself. Despite the fact that the attraction and tension between them is undeniable, Luther holds fast to his convictions and remains isolated, refusing to risk anyone's life but his own. And Katharina longs for love, but is strong-willed. She clings proudly to her class distinction, pining for nobility over the heart of a reformer. They couldn't be more different. But as the world comes tumbling down around them, and with Luther's threatened life a constant strain, these unlikely allies forge an unexpected bond of understanding, support and love. Together, they will alter the religious landscape forever.

Date	Hostess	Book
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

October 2018 Service Roster

	Oct 7 8:30	Oct 7 11:00	Oct 14 8:30	Oct 14 11:00	Oct 21 8:30	Oct 21 11:00	Oct 28 8:30	Oct 28 11:00
Organist	LaDonna Osborn		Ellen Sander		Praise Team		LaDonna Osborn	
Elders	Ron Coy	Tom Henriksen →						
Lectors	Wayne Hagemoser	Nancy Wiebel	Marilyn Hagemoser	Nancy Wiebel	Wayne Hagemoser	Nancy Wiebel	Marilyn Hagemoser	Nancy Wiebel
Acolytes	Ty Choate	Erin Barnes			Ally Donavon	Erik Soenksen		
Greeters	Jordan & Stephanie Mandernach, Drue & Ellen Sander	Dave & Judi Charlson, Wayne & Marilyn Hagemoser	→					
Ushers	Wayne & Marilyn Hagemoser, Jeromy & Angela Fritz	Mark & Janelle Swenson, Greg & Ben Gebhart	→					
Coffee Fellowship								
Coffee Time Greeter	Karen Griffin	→						
Altar Flowers								
Offering Counters	Mark & Janelle Swenson →							
Power Point	Judy Peter	Angela Christensen	Judy Peter	Angela Christensen	Judy Peter	Angela Christensen	Judy Peter	Angela Christensen
Sound Board	Tom Peter	Joe Christensen	Tom Peter	Joe Christensen	Tom Peter	Joe Christensen	Tom Peter	Joe Christensen
Altar Guild	Connie Buss, Karen Griffin,	LaDonna Osborn, Judy Peter	→					
Video Recorder	Jerry Schradle →							
Collate Bulletins	Dean & Ardy Ulrichson →							

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool October News 2018

Praising God for a wonderful Preschool Sunday! We thank God for our adorable preschool children and their loving families who joined us on Sunday, September 23rd. The sanctuary was packed as the children sang "This Little Light of Mine" during the 11 am worship service.



THIS LITTLE
LIGHT OF MINE
I'M GONNA
LET IT
SHINE



Many preschoolers were able to meet their prayer partners.





Children's Beginners Bible were presented to all preschoolers who are attending St. Paul Lutheran Preschool for their first year.



Free ice cream treats were given to all preschoolers from Pint Size Ice Cream. Yummy lunch from Rico's and Finley's Food Trucks

