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A Letter from your Pastor

Friends in the Lord,

As we begin a new year, I remind you of an old promise. When I arrived as your pastor in 2003, I promised you that I would lead Bible studies here at St. Paul on all of the 66 books in the Bible. It has taken some time, but we are almost there. By 2020 we will have reached this achievement, if the Lord allows us to progress as planned. In order to do this, we have four more books yet to study. I now invite you to two special studies that begin this month!

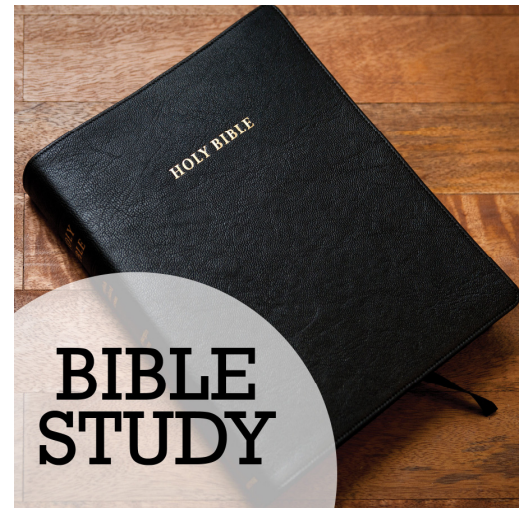
At our Sunday morning Bible study, we will continue a study of Samuel we started last year. This January we will explore the book of 2 Samuel. This book presents a wonderful picture of the reign of King David, who stands in Scripture as an important type of Jesus, the ultimate King who will come from David's lineage as a fulfillment of the covenant God made with David.

At our Wednesday morning Bible study, we will continue a study of Kings which we began this fall. This January we will explore the book of 2 Kings. This book presents a wonderful picture of the ministries of Elijah, who with his emphasis on law was a type/forecaster of John the Baptist, and of Elisha, who with his emphasis on grace was a type/forecaster of Jesus.

As the Bible tells us, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Come get equipped for the Lord's service as we study some very interesting books of the Bible!

Your proclaimer of the Word of the Lord, 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

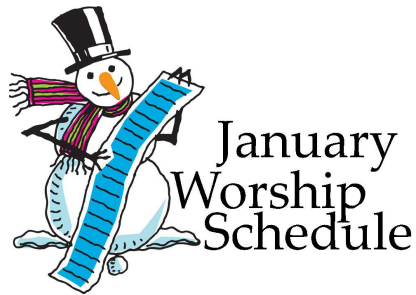
Sunday, January 6

Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 13

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Sunday, January 20

Holy Communion

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

Sunday, January 27

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Dear Pastor Jenks and friends at St. Paul,

I just wanted to send you a note of thanks for the cards and mailings Steve and I have received. We especially wanted to thank you for the sermon CDs and bulletins. It has been a year since Mike began delivering them to Steve at the nursing home where Steve stayed after he broke his leg. The injury certainly took a toll on his Alzheimer's but it could have been much worse. We were blessed with an excellent surgeon, Dr. Buck, who took over his case and decided not to operate.

I also wanted to let you know how much Steve enjoys the sermon CDs. He participates much more loudly and enthusiastically than he ever did in church. Recently, when you asked the veterans to stand, he stood up in our living room without any other prompting. We appreciate your support!

Steve and Beverly

Thanks so much to the Christmas Carolers who came to Northridge Village on Dec 2, and also for the beautiful poinsettia. It is very much appreciated. Merry Christmas and best wishes for a very happy new year.

Paul & MaryLou

Evangelism

The Board of Evangelism would like you to come and enjoy this afternoon of music. The guest group is Al Sampson and friends who perform in churches in Story County. They like to sing and have fun and want everyone to join in and sing along. They sing a variety of music so it should be a fun time for all.

We want this to be an outreach event to everyone we know, so invite them and encourage one another to come and sing along.

St. Paul Lutheran Gospel Sing

Sunday, January 27 in the Sanctuary, 2 pm

Our own "Rock Solid" and a guest group will perform. Light refreshments in fellowship hall after singing.

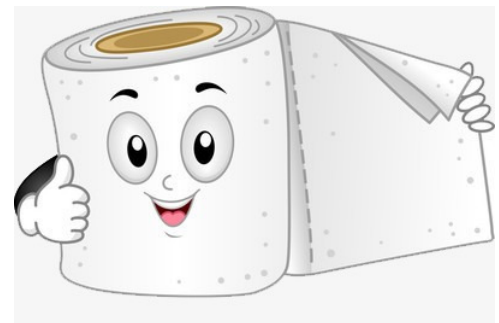


Human Care

On January 13th during Bible study Tess Cody from ACCESS (Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support) will be speaking about their organization which helps survivors of domestic and sexual abuse.

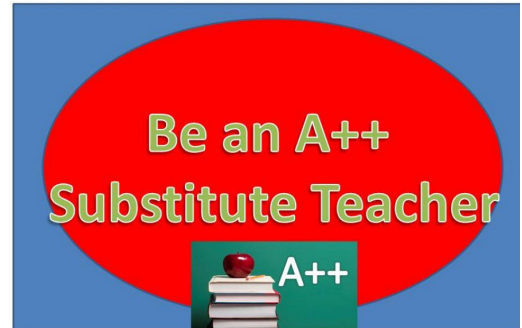
In February Human Care will be hosting a donation drive. Things that are needed: toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, new sheets (full and twin), ziploc bags, aluminum foil, gas cards. A more complete list will be in the February epistle.

Thanks! Gloria Lewis



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.



Reserve Your Table NOW!



Are you ready for another round of Trivia Night? The National Youth Gathering participants are hosting a trivia night January 12, 2019!

This year will be a similar format to last year, with a cost of \$100 for a table of eight. We are limited to ten teams, so get your team ready and start brushing up on your worthless knowledge!

Please direct any questions to Matt and Janelle Wegner, or Jeff and DeAnn Barnes.

MOM CONNECTION

Mom Connection Dates

- *Friday 4th- Chick-Fil-A Lunch -11:00
- *Wednesday 9th- Craft Day at St. Paul-10:00
- *Monday 14th- Play Pals at the Ames Community Center (\$1.75 per walking kid)-9:00
- Thursday 24th- Ames Library-3:45
- Wednesday 30th- Mom's Night Out at The Cafe-7:00

Questions– Contact Lindsey Dohrman at ldohrman@icloud.com or 816-726-9352



Youth

PARENTS: SAVE THE DATE!

FOR YOUTH SUNDAY 2019!

Sunday, February 24th
Both Services

*More Information will be coming
soon regarding practices and parts!*

LYF EVENT

Our next LYF event will be Wednesday, January 9th from 5:30 to 8:00. We will first eat pizza at church and then head to Perfect Games. Parents should pick up the kids from Perfect Games at 8:00.



Women's Ministry

This fall the Tenderhearts, Explorers and Pioneers earned the Archery badge over several meetings and field trips. Our middle school girls shot over 60 arrows each to earn the badge at Pioneer level, and also got to introduce the Kindergarten Pathfinders to some of what we had learned.

At our Midyear Ceremony December 3rd, at St Paul, girls in the troop earned 27 individual badges and 43 service Stars, representing over 350 hours of service.

Group service projects included making cards and Christmas Caroling at 3 retirement homes, writing letters to Heroes around Veteran's Day, and 26 girls turning in boxes for Operation Christmas Child

We had some fun special events this fall including a Robin Hood movie night and a group attending the Nutcracker to help kick off our Dance badge.



Special thanks to all who supported the new LCMS mission to Israel through the HOPE gift market. \$1890 was given. Pastor Bob was thrilled to hear of your support and sent me this email. There will be envelopes available in the narthex holders for future support if you desire. Gretchen Zitterich, Women's Ministry Chair.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you so very much! With all thanks and praise to Y'shua the Messiah, Kristi and I are blessed by the generosity of those who attended your HOPE gift market and donated to our God's mission ministry through us in Israel. Many thanks to you for including us and our mission work in the HOPE gift market. Kristi and I look forward to a time when we get the chance to see you in person. Shalom! Pastor Bob

In His Service . . . and yours,

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**Thanks
for Your
Support!**

Women's Ministry

LWML National 2017–2019 Mission Grant #16 — \$100,000 Education Loan Repayment Assistance Grants

Twenty called church workers, each year during the biennium, will each receive a grant of \$2,500 through Ministry Focus, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization (RSO), to assist in repayment of educational loans accrued in preparing for service to the Lord through the church. Repayment of educational debt is often made more difficult by the very modest salaries of church workers. This problem may affect recruitment, performance, and retention of church workers.



While all grant applicant and recipient information is confidential, these images reflect the called workers, families and ministries uplifted by your support.

Thank you to everyone who prepared and donated yummy soups, sweets, and accompaniments for the first Advent supper. We appreciate all the individuals who helped with serving and cleanup. Thank you for attending and we hope the time of food and fellowship was a blessing to your body and spirit. The Board of Women's Ministry.

Our thoughts are quickly turning to the New Year..2019. Perhaps you are thinking about travel, vacations, and warmer weather. It's also time to think about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) national convention to be held June 20-23 2019.

Our sisters in Christ in Mobile, Alabama are saying " Welcome to the South! Ya'll come!" June 20–23, 2019 to Mobile, Alabama. Our theme is "In Praise to the LORD!" The members of the 2019 LWML Convention Hosting Districts — Florida-Georgia, Gulf States, and Louisiana-Mississippi — are excited to have the opportunity and privilege of being hosts for the 38th Biennial LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama.

We here at St. Paul are preparing and raising funds for the offerings, gifts from the heart projects, and the mission grants. We anticipate 8 or 9 ladies from our church attending. Please let Gretchen know your intentions so we can plan our funding for scholarships and registrations. Please submit a written request to her by February 1st for financial assistance. We will be paying everyone's registration fee. All the registration information was in the Winter *Quarterly* and we will make sure anyone interested has the registration information. Please see www.lwml.org for more convention info.

Note: Early Discounted Convention Registration begins February 1, 2019, and Regular Convention Registration begins March 14, 2019.



Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update: as of 11/30/18

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

Amount Received: \$1,547,807.85

Amount Needed: \$527,192.15

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

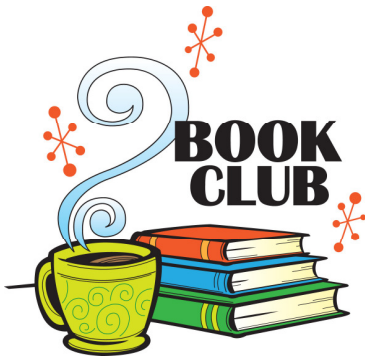
Do you know what is going on in the Iowa West District of the LWML? The LWML IWD eNews is sent to all women of the congregation who have email. If you do not have email, a copy is printed and placed on the LWML/Missions bulletin board going up to the fellowship hall. You may read it and replace it when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



FAMILY SERVICE ~ Family Service Quilters will meet on Thursday, January 10th, 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 January 24th at 10:00 a.m. We will break at noon for a sack lunch. Our business meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. with a devotion and dessert. Join us if you can.

"Book to Know to Help You Grow"



Thirteen women met at Carol Folkmann's home and discussed *Luther and Katharina* by Jody Hedlund. We started the evening out taking a fun quiz found at www.jodyhedlund.com to test our general knowledge on Luther and Katharina. It started our discussion. Although the book is historical fiction, most of the attendees learned more about the life and times of Martin Luther and Katharina. The realities of life in a convent or a monastery surprised many. Everyone seemed to like the book. There is a copy in the Ames Public Library if you would like to read it.

Our January book is *A Light to My Path* by Lynn Austin. The Barnes and Noble description is: **"You don't have to go with Missy Claire. She can't make you go with her."** Kitty, a house slave, has always obeyed Missy Claire and followed orders. But when word arrives that the Yankees are coming, Kitty is faced with a decision. Will she continue serving Missy Claire and her household? Or will she listen to Grady and embrace this chance for freedom? Even wise Delia says Kitty has to decide for herself--that nobody except the Lord can tell her which way to go. Kitty has always lived in a world where authority is not questioned. She never has learned to make up her own mind any more than she has learned to read or write. But now Kitty has a daunting choice: How does she want her story to end? *In her bestselling tradition, Lynn Austin brings the Civil War years to life in the Refiner's Fire trilogy.*

Everyone is invited to read this exciting book and join us for the discussion on January 17, 7:00 pm, at the home of Karen Griffin.

Date	Hostess	Book
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

January 2019 Service Roster

	Jan 6 8:30	Jan 6 11:00	Jan 13 8:30	Jan 13 11:00	Jan 20 8:30	Jan 20 11:00	Jan 27 8:30	Jan 27 11:00
Organist	Zach Heilman		Ellen Sander		Zach Heilman		Praise Team	
Elders	Reiny Friedrich	Bob Walker →						
Lectors	Reiny Friedrich	Inez Smith	Reiny Friedrich	Inez Smith	Tanny Latuska	Inez Smith	Tanny Latuska	Inez Smith
Acolytes	Jackson Stensland	Ty Choate			Erik Soenksen	Mia Vogel		
Greeters	Katie Friedrich Kris Ellis	Katie Barnes Tom & Beth Henriksen →						
Ushers	Maureen & Reiny Friedrich, Drue Sander, Mike West	Dennis & Karen Griffin, Steve Vollstedt, Inez Smith →						
Coffee Fellowship								
Coffee Time Greeter	Judy Peter →							
Altar Flowers								
Offering Counters	Greg & Ben Gebhart →							
Power Point	Samantha Koep	Julie Coy	Samantha Koep	Julie Coy	Samantha Koep	Julie Coy	Samantha Koep	Julie Coy
Sound Board	Evan Koep	Greg Van-Nostrand	Evan Koep	Greg Van-Nostrand	Evan Koep	Greg Van-Nostrand	Evan Koep	Greg Van-Nostrand
Altar Guild	Gretchen Zitterich, Jan Ziebell,	Karen Griffin →						
Video Recorder	Steve Wilcken →							
Collate Bulletins	Katie Friedrich Gloria Lewis →							
Valet Parkers								

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool January



Joy to the World Christmas Preschool Program

was held on Sunday, December 16th. We enjoyed having our families and friends come to the program where we told the events of Jesus' birth. We had 254 in attendance for this very festive Christmas event.



We also enjoyed singing songs for our friends and family. One class mastered the song "The 12 Days of Christmas."



Thank you St. Paul Lutheran Preschool Board for your service. Thank you Thrivent for your Thrivent Action Team Grant to help fund the event.