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A Letter from your Pastor

Confirmation Sunday

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have" (1 Peter 3:15). "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven" (Matthew 10:32). Confirmation Sunday is a very special occasion when we publicly profess our faith before others as we explain the reason for the hope which we have.

This year at St. Paul we will hold the Rite of Confirmation during the 11:00 a.m. service on May 5. Our 8th grade confirmation group consists of eight students this year: Erin Barnes, Evan Buttery, Ty Choate, Ally Donavon, Dylan Fritz, Erik Soenksen, Jackson Stensland and Mia Vogel. As is our custom, during the 11:00 service each confirmand will share a personal faith statement, explaining the important role that Jesus plays in his or her life. Please pray for our 8 youth as they are confirmed and publicly acknowledge Jesus.

In the past, in some congregations, the

pastor would be the one who would select the special confirmation passage for each confirmand. My tradition has always been to allow the confirmands to select their own Bible passages, as this will ensure the passages are ones that the confirmands personally find meaningful. Come hear the specific verses chosen by our confirmands to guide them in their faith!

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, May 5

Confirmation Sunday

Holy Communion

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

Sunday, May 12

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



WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday, May 19

Holy Communion

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

Sunday, May 26

Only One Service

10:00 a.m.

PACK THE BUS!

Mission Central Day Trip – Saturday, June 1st

Join us on Saturday, June 1st as we travel to Mission Central for a tour, lunch and presentations! We are planning on chartering a bus, so we need you to sign up today! The more the merrier! Cost per person is \$10, and can be paid to Thomas Wilson (checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church) by May 27th!

More information, including an itinerary, is available on the display board in the narthex. If you have questions please contact either: Steve Johnson, Keith Folkmann or Thomas Wilson.



Come check out the Creation Museum!

**Hear from 2
missionaries
in the fields
of Papua
New Guinea
and Ghana.**



Board of Stewardship

In 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, we read about **The Cheerful Giver**: *"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

Stewardship encompasses so much in the daily lives of Christians. While "financial giving" to support a church or congregation is often the first thing that comes to mind, stewardship is much, much more! There are many ways the Christian can become a cheerful giver through heartfelt stewardship.

It is the personal time we set aside for God in daily Bible study and devotions; turning to God in prayer with concerns or thanksgiving; taking time to help a friend or stranger in need. Stewardship is also honoring God by being an active participant within the church, whether serving on committees, lending a hand as an usher or lector during worship, singing in a choir—or perhaps simply volunteering to spruce up the church landscaping or helping to assemble the monthly Epistle. The opportunities to serve God through St. Paul are endless! Serving cheerfully makes personal stewardship all the more satisfying!

The Stewardship Committee is one of many groups working for the good of St. Paul. More members are currently needed on this committee to provide input, fresh ideas and direction to help enhance stewardship opportunities for St. Paul's members. The time required to serve on this committee throughout the year is not overwhelming, and much of our work is "behind the scenes". We would love for you to consider joining us!

For more information to learn if serving on the Stewardship Committee might be a good fit for you, please contact Larry Wiebel at 563-886-4999, or contact the church office.

Thankful for the Many Hands of St. Paul - a very special thank you to everyone who "had a hand" in making this our most successful Easter Breakfast in recent years. Without "your hands helping hands" it would not be possible to serve a St. Paul tradition - Easter Breakfast.

A very "handy" couple are Phil and Alberta Voge for donating the Easter ham and sausage. And to those "handy" chefs who came in and cooked up the eggs and sausage, we applaud your efforts and say a "Hand-y" Well Done!

Special thanks to Ellen Sander for organizing this wonderful Easter Breakfast!



**Thanks
for Your
Help!**

A big THANKS to all who gave to the ACCESS item drive. It was a great success and very much appreciated! Thank you Karen G. for delivering the items! The Board of Human Care

Family Life

Resources from Family Pointe:

Do your children like to listen to music? Do they dance along in church with the Praise Team? Are you looking for quick devotionals for you and your family? This month we highlight some more great resources available on the Family Pointe wall in the west lobby.

SEEDS Family Worship CD's and DVD's! Seeds Family Worship is on a mission to help families experience God's Word through music. They believe God's Word is breathed out and is living and active. These CD's and DVD's bring the Word of God in fun, upbeat worship music to the families. Check out the series of either Praise, Faith or Courage!



FUEL and Classic Family Devotions:
Both of these books offer a full year of devotions for the active families! FUEL – offers 10-minute devotions that will help ignite the faith of parents and teens. These quick, power-packed devotions from the New Testament will help energize you spiritu-

ally and connect your and your teen on a whole new level – great stories, intriguing discussion starters, and challenging life applications. The Classic Family Devotions help to instill spiritual truths in your children and bond as a family. The book provides a full year of great material and activities designed to strengthen family time and deepen spiritual awareness. These are “Do-able Daily Devotions!”



Feel free to check out these resources, and all the other resources, from the Family Pointe! Browse through them, take home what you would like (There is no formal check out procedure), bring them back when you are finished! Like what you use and want one for yourself? Got questions? Contact Thomas Wilson, DCE, Director of Family Life Ministry at familylife@saintpaulames.org or during office hours!



Family Life



GET READY TO BATTLE!!!!

The Annual COLOR WAR competition is scheduled for Sunday, June 9th @ 2:00 PM!

Teams will be forming soon!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the participants and volunteers of "Rise Up with Jesus". It was a HUGE success and we hope everyone had a wonderful time!



Education & Youth

Rise-Up was a very successful program. Thank you to all who helped make it an educational, fun experience for all.

Upcoming Dates:

Confirmation--May 5th

Graduation--May 19th

VBS--June 17-20



Get Ready To Go On A Miraculous Mission! VBS June 17-20th

Lift off for an intergalactic adventure at VBS **Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World!** Come learn about God's plan of salvation for us from creation to the cross!



Each night there will be Bible stories, music, crafts and more! Each family will receive one free VBS CD/DVD (while supplies last). Registration is free and walk-

ins are welcome **BUT** it really helps our VBS team plan and have enough supplies for everyone if registrations are received in advance! Look for registration forms out soon.

Our VBS Mission NEEDS YOU!

Every mission needs workers at mission control to make it work successfully and so we need you for VBS! We have openings for 4-bible lesson leaders (one leader for each night who will tell one story 3-4 times in rotation), craft helpers, group rotation leaders who sit with a group during opening and closing and take the group to each rotation station, group helpers who help the rotation leaders, preschool helpers, registration table helpers and more. For a complete listing see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Save the dates for Adventureland!

St. Paul will once again offer discounted admission tickets to Adventureland to our members and preschool families. The tickets will be good for your choice of one of the following 4 dates: April 27, 28, May 4 or 5th. Tickets will be \$25 per person (\$20 discount per ticket). The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.



Education & Youth

Summer Camp Opportunities for Youth in grades K-12

Camp kids fundraising opportunity - Youth thinking about going Camp Okoboji this summer, please come help serve the Lenten meal on April 10. It will be an easy start to fundraising! Meet in the kitchen at 5:30p after midweek and you will be done before 7p. If interested or for more information please contact Carla Murphy.



Your youth will never forget a week at Camp Okoboji this summer!

It's a great experience to meet new friends in Christ, grow in faith and so much more!

Funding is available through the St. Paul Board of Youth, Evangelism and the Iowa District West Office to help offset the registration costs. (last year many families paid less than half out of pocket!) Many registrations are open now. Contact Carla Murphy for more info.

NOTE: this year the Camp is offering two different weeks of Cub Week - one in June and one in July.

Kids Kamp - Grades K-2 (May 31-June 2)

A weekend to get your child acclimated to camp before they attend on their own in a couple of years! This is for children who have finished Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade. The theme is "Bound In Christ Love"! There will be Bible lessons, crafts, music, and games.

Concordia Cub Week 1 - Grades 3-5 (June 23-29)

Campers who have completed grades 3-5. Cost: \$355 before May 23, (\$375 after).

Campers will experience Bible study, music, crafts, campfire devotions, swimming, canoeing, archery, 9 square in the air, gaga ball, soccer, and more!

Jr. High Week - Grades 6-8 (July 7-13)

For children who have finished grades 6, 7, and 8. Cost: \$355 before June 8, (\$375 after). Faith and personal growth are the key focus at this age. Enjoy all of the great activities Camp Okoboji has to offer such as, canoeing, kayaking, archery, and swimming, crafts Bible studies and games. Families, feel free to join your campers for the closing worship on Saturday morning.

Concordia Cub Week 2- Grades 3-5 (July 14-20)

Children who have finished grades 3, 4, and 5. Cost: \$355 before June 15, (\$375 after). Concordia Cub Week has become a core youth program at Camp Okoboji. Campers will experience campfires, crafts, and Bible Study. Activities will also include canoeing, archery, swimming, the Cub Olympics, Cub Carnival, and more.

Youth Week - Grades 8-12 (July 21-27)

Youth Week is one of the best programs around for High Schoolers!

This camp is for students who have finished grades 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. Cost: \$355 before June 21, (\$375 after). Enjoy all the things Camp has to offer! Campers also have opportunities to work on service projects, and faith building activities. Parents are also invited to participate in a worship service with their youth at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, July 27.

Education & Youth

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the youth who plan to attend Camp Okoboji this year. The youth served the Lenten meal on April 10 and raised \$300.00. Praise God!



Education & Youth

LYF Year End Celebration for youth and their families

It will be on Wednesday, May 8th from 5:30 – 7:30 at the church fellowship hall. We will have a supper, play games and have special guest speakers Lori Gamble, Program Director and Izaak Wendorff, Assistant Program Director from Camp Okoboji. They will come and present about summer camps and answer any questions or concerns that parents and interested youth might have.

Are You Chicken?

Are you chicken was the clever theme for our middle school lock in. We had a total of 13 youth join us for a great night of fun. Of the 13 in attendance, 5 were not St. Paul members and one of the 5 was currently without a home church.

The night began with some 'chicken' ice breakers to allow the youth to get to know each other through games in small groups. This was followed by large group games and devotions all into the late night.

Some of our devotional topics were questions like if our faith was being threatened, would you stand up for it or are you chicken? This was part of the youth devotion moments. They discussed how we are conquerors, making good choices, do we have what it takes, and go to God.

The youth were not chicken and shared so much shared fun and fellowship all into the early

hours of the morning. The event ended with sharing of delicious pastries while stories of the fun night filled them with great laughter and tired yawns.

The Board of Youth would like to thank Thomas for his help in organizing this great event.



Education and Youth

MOM CONNECTION

Mom Connection Dates for April

May 3rd Moore Park -10:00am

May 8th Craft Day-10:00am

May 17th Reiman Gardens (free admission day)-10:00 am

May 22nd- Brookside Park-10:00am

Questions– Contact Lindsey Dohrman at ldohrman@icloud.com



Women's Ministry

FUN FACTS LEARNED AT AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS:

Did you know?...

- 1) Daniel Boone did NOT wear a coon-skin cap? He preferred a cap of beaver skin! (Learned for the "Dawn of Our Country" badge)
- 2) The historical color of St. Patrick in Ireland, and therefore many Irish dance costumes, was BLUE rather than green. (Learned for the "Dance" badge)
- 3) The Liberty Bell has a bible verse on it! Leviticus 25:10 and it reads, "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all inhabitants thereof." (Learned for the "Dawn of Our Country" badge)

The girls have had a wonderful year and have their last meeting of the spring at St. Paul on April 22nd. Thank You St Paul Congregation for hosting our troop! Watch for posters from girls bridging to the next level. The end of year ceremony will be held at Cornerstone Church on Monday May 6. Watch for details.

Contact Lori Jenks or leader Kara Warme (kdwarme@gmail.com) for your daughter age 5-18 to join us next year! Registration for the next school year is now open for returning families. The registration will be capped at 50. Returning families will get priority registration until the end of May. Starting June 1, registration opens to everyone.



Women's Ministry

LWML National 2017–2019 Mission Grant #20 — \$36,500 Prison and Jail Ministry Synod-wide Conference in 2018

One of the largest needs in Prison and Jail Ministry is not only the offering of Word and Sacrament ministry to those incarcerated, but also in assisting the person when he or she returns to the community. The Prison and Jail Ministry Conference enables over 200 lay and clergy participants from 30 of our LCMS districts to learn about the importance of prison and jail ministry as well as networking with one another for best practices and support of each other in a very difficult mission and ministry. A number of LCMS districts are already doing, or are starting up a Prison and Jail Ministry, and a Synod-wide conference will allow these to continue and expand as changes and new developments continue in the federal and state criminal justice systems. Grant funds would help pay for the expenses involved in hosting a conference.



This is an Inmate Choir singing at a Divine Service being conducted by one of our LCMS Pastors.



On Tuesday, April 16 six of our Family Service Quilters took 90 quilts to the Orphan Grain Train in Clemons, IA. They also had a wonderful tour. Ask them to share what they learned.

PLANT SALE!! If you missed the deadline for ordering plants from the Women's ministry annual sale there may still be time. Please call Gretchen with questions. Flyers available in the narthex. This is a Thrivent ACTION team event! Plants may be picked up at St Paul on Saturday May 11 between 8:30 and noon. If you need special arrangements please let Gretchen know.



Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update: as of 3/31/19

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

Amount Received: \$2,172,373.76

Amount Above: \$97,373.76

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 May 9th 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

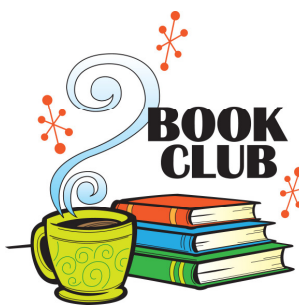
On Thursday May 23rd at 12:00 noon Family Service will be hosting their Spring Luncheon. Every is welcome. You do not need to bring food. Please call Irene Holthaus (515-450-8873) or Judi Charlson (515-233-1550). Come and join in the fun and fellowship.



THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM wishes to thank everyone for their support for our fundraisers and working at our events. We are so very grateful and blessed to be carrying on the tradition of the pioneers of the LWML. The creation of the national women's organization was adopted at the LCMS convention in 1941 to support missions. St Paul will be sending 7 women to the convention in Mobile AL June 20th to be "Encouraged, Engaged, and Equipped" with Gods word and love.



"Book to Know to Help You Grow"



Everyone is invited to join us for our next discussion on May 9 at 7:00 pm at Julie Coy's home to discuss "Evidence Not Seen" by Darlene Deibler Rose.

The Barnes and Noble description of this book: "The True Story of One Woman's Triumph of Faith. Newlywed American missionary Darlene Deibler Rose survived four years in a notorious Japanese prison camp set deep in the jungles of New Guinea. Thinking she was never to see her husband again, Darlene Rose was forced to sign a false confession and face the executioner's sword, only to be miraculously spared."

Darlene Deibler Rose is originally from Boone, Iowa.

We have several things to discuss at our May meeting. We will choose the books and schedule for the coming year, and look at the possibility of adding an afternoon group. Please come and give us your input.

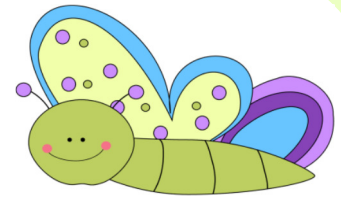
Date	Hostess	Book
May 9, 2019, 7 pm	Julie Coy	"Evidence Not Seen" by Darlene Deibler Rose

May 2019 Service Roster

	May 5 8:30	May 5 11:00	May 12 8:30	May 12 11:00	May 19 8:30	May 19 11:00	May 26 10:00	
Organist	LaDonna Osborn		LaDonna Osborn		Ellen Sander		Praise Team	
Elders	Bob Walker	Jon Buss →						
Lectors	Dennis Dobberke	Ron Juelfs	Dennis Dobberke	Lisa Wilson	Gretchen Zitterich	Lisa Wilson	Gretchen Zitterich	
Acolytes	Shaun Carver	Tate Esser			Ella Gebhart	Erik Soenksen		
Greeters	Connie Buss, Marcy & Merle Suntken	Jolene Drawbond, Connie Buss	Connie Buss, Marcy & Merle Suntken	Jolene Drawbond, Connie Buss	Connie Buss, Marcy & Merle Suntken	Jolene Drawbond, Connie Buss	Connie Buss, Marcy & Merle Suntken	
Ushers	Judi Charlson, Kris Ellis, Jim & Sandy George	Steve Vollstedt, Vickie Roach, Lisa & Thomas Wilson	Judi Charlson, Kris Ellis, Jim & Sandy George	Steve Vollstedt, Vickie Roach, Lisa & Thomas Wilson	Judi Charlson, Kris Ellis, Jim & Sandy George	Steve Vollstedt, Vickie Roach, Lisa & Thomas Wilson	Judi Charlson, Kris Ellis, Jim & Sandy George	
Coffee Fellowship								
Coffee Time Greeter	Merle & Marcy Suntken →							
Altar Flowers							Lynn & Kim Dreyer	
Offering Counters	Dick & Linda Peterson →							
Power Point	Judy Peter	Angela Christensen	Judy Peter	Angela Christensen	Linda Naeve	Angela Christensen	Becky Jackson	
Sound Board	Charles Ellis	Joe Christensen	Charles Ellis	Joe Christensen	Charles Ellis	Joe Christensen	Charles Ellis	
Altar Guild	Jan Ziebell, Connie Buss, →	Gloria Lewis →						
Video Recorder	John Murphy →							
Collate Bulletins	Elsie Baumann, Jerry Schradle →							
Valet Parkers	Ellen Sander		Ellen Sander		Jim George		Jim George	



St. Paul Lutheran Preschool May 2019 News



Thank you God for a wonderful preschool ministry at St. Paul Lutheran



Jesus



Preschool Families



Preschoolers



Pastor Jenks

**BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

**Preschool
Board**



Church Staff



New Playground



Teachers

Class	Date	Time	Location	Are Parents and Grandparents Welcome?
 End-of-the-Year Party Celebrations				
M/TH Lamb Class Blue Room	Mon, 5/20	9:15-11:15 a.m.	Brookside Park	Yes
T/FR Lamb Class Blue Room	Tue, 5/21	9:15-11:15 a.m.	Moore Park (Northridge)	Yes
 End-of-the-Year Party and Graduation				
Lion Class A— Green Room	Fri, 5/17	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall	Yes
Bear Class Green Room	Fri, 5/17	2:15-3:15 p.m.	Fellowship Hall	Yes
Lion Class B- Yellow Room	Fri, 5/24	10:45-11:45 a.m.	Fellowship Hall	Yes



But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.
2 Peter 3:18