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## A Letter from your Pastor

Dear friends in Christ:

As summer comes to a close, our children and grandchildren return to school. Nothing can replace the value of a good education. If education is important in this life, how much more is spiritual education important, both for this life and for the life to come! God tells us we have a responsibility to teach His truths to our children. Of His commands and words, the Lord says, *"Teach them diligently to your children"* (Deuteronomy 6:7a).

I wholeheartedly urge all parents to bring their children to Sunday School and midweek, whether they are toddlers or teens, for they need to learn more about God's Word and His ways for their lives. Some parents tell their kids they can choose whether or not to attend. Yet the Bible commands, *"Train up a child in the way he should go, so when he is grown he will not depart from it"* (Proverbs 22:6). We don't let our children choose whether or not to attend school—we send them, because we know it's good for them. We don't let our children choose whether or not to brush their teeth—we know if they don't brush their teeth, things will turn rotten in their mouths. Likewise, we should bring our children to Sunday School and midweek, knowing that life without God leads to rotten choices and consequences.

Now, what about adults? If Christian education is valuable for children and youth, it is equally true that it is of great value for adults! When we tell children that growing in God's Word is important, but we adults don't devote our time to it, we send a mixed message. We adults

need to study the Bible—not only to show our kids its importance, but to receive God's strength and comfort and guidance for our lives. As we study the Word, we *"grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"* (2 Peter 3:18a).

Every Sunday we offer a Bible study for adults in the fellowship hall during the 9:45 a.m. education hour. There is also a special parent-focused Bible study in the church basement. Monday nights we have Bible studies for men and for women. Wednesday morning we have a Bible study for seniors and any others who would like to attend. There is always lots of laughter and sharing along with the learning at each of our Bible studies. Will you come? Will you take time to study and learn more from the most important book of your life?

"Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." May Jesus bless you, and your children and grandchildren, as you come to learn more about all that He has done for you. May we be like the Christians in Acts, of whom God says, *"...they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily"* (Acts 17:11).

In Jesus, the Word made flesh, our Savior,

Pastor Jenks



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### Our Mission is:

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

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

*Sunday, August 4*

*Holy Communion*

*8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

*Sunday, August 11*

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



## WORSHIP TIMES

*Sunday, August 18*

*Holy Communion*

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

*Sunday, August 25*

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

**Are you finding it difficult to park your car and get into church?** Is finding a parking spot getting harder and harder? Do you or a loved one need help getting into church? If you answered yes to any of these questions, **then VALET PARKING is right for you.** If you need help for a short time, or extended period, do not hesitate to ask. It is a privilege to assist anyone needing help. Please contact the office, or Cindy Baas at 515-291-4289 to make arrangements.



## Evangelism

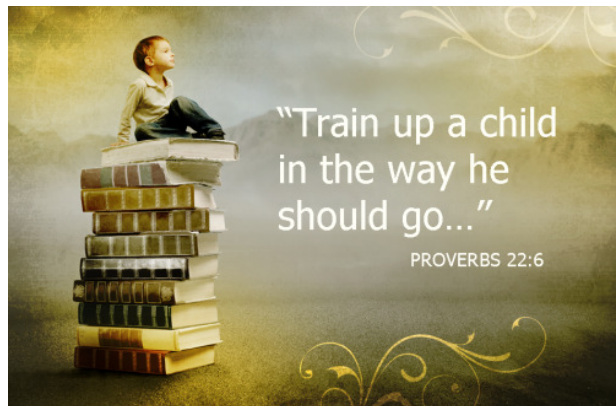
### August Fun For All

Plan now to attend a back-to-school pizza and ice cream party on Sunday, August 25, 6 pm to 7:30. All the pizza you can eat and homemade ice cream.

We need 6 volunteers to make a freezer of ice cream at home and bring to share. Your masterpiece will be judged by popular vote and the winner will receive a \$20 Dairy Queen gift card. All you need to do is come and have some fun and each family is encouraged to bring a friend or two. We will have some surprise entertainment.

#### First church art fair to precede ice cream social.

All St. Paul members are encouraged to exhibit their hand made art. This can be anything you have made and want to show to others. This can be paintings, quilts, pottery, wood working or anything you have made. It is all ART and we want to see it.



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

One of the best ways we can support our preschool'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 watch for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and a preschool family will be given to you to include in your prayers.



## Family Life

### 20/20 Vision

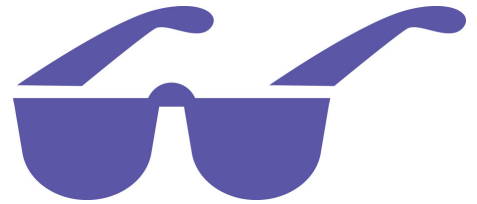
In the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of John we read the lesson of Jesus healing a blind man. And as the Pharisees investigate the claim that Jesus performed this miracle they questioned the blind man, and his response was, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know? One thing I do know, **I was blind but now I see!**" (John 9:25).

"I was blind, but now I see" was not the response they were hoping to get. And just like many others in our society today they do not always get the response from their questions, requests, or for some – proclamations, that they were hoping for. And instead of looking at things in a different way they choose to stay blinded to the truth and hold on to their own ideals.

Let's put aside everything else going on in our lives, in our society, and focus just on our congregation, our faith. Are we blind? Is there anything blinding you in your faith? Do we do things each week just because "that's what we do"?

We come to worship each Sunday. What does worship mean to you?

We take communion on the first and third Sundays. What does participating in communion mean to you?



We attend Bible Study each week? What does this mean to you?

We bring our children to Sunday School each week. What does it mean to them to attend Sunday School?

Earlier in chapter 9 of John's Gospel we read about how Jesus made mud and placed the mud on the blind man's eye, who then went and washed it away and then was able to see. What "mud" do we have on our eyes? On our children's/ youth's eyes? How can we have better vision? Can we have 20/20 vision when it comes to our faith?

So many questions, but not a whole lot of answers this month. I cannot answer these questions for you. I cannot give you the correct answer and have you follow it. Your 20/20 vision has to come from you, your faith, your beliefs. However, we can discuss it, we can look at scripture and listen to God to open our eyes. Join me in August as we discuss 20/20 Vision at the adult Bible study on August 4<sup>th</sup>!

### 2020 Ark Encounter/ Creation Museum Trip

We are pleased to announce that plans are being made to offer a trip to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in the Spring of 2020. Mark your calendars, save the dates, and pencil it in! July 8 -11, 2020

If you have questions, concerns, or if you are interested and want to make sure we include you on updates please feel free to speak to either of your host for the Trip: Denny and Shirley Tice, or with Thomas Wilson.



## **Family Life**

### **COLOR WARS – RESCHEDULED!**

One month away! This is getting serious now!!!

Save the Date for the 2019 Color Wars: Sunday,  
September 8<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 PM @ Inis Grove Park

Teams will be forming soon! See Thomas Wilson if you would like to play!

## **Education & Youth**

### **Summer Sunday School Continues!**



Reminder that we finish up our “Gifts of the Spirits” Sunday School this month! Hope you join us!

Each week the students learn about one of the Fruits of the Spirit. So far this summer we have learned of Love, Joy, Peace, Patience and Kindness!

Join us during the month of August as we explore the teachings on Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. The Summer Sunday School is open to all youth! Each Sunday we begin in the front of the sanctuary, so have no fear and come up and sing along, play along, and LEARN along with us!



## Education & Youth

### ATTENTION PARENTS!!!!!!!

We would like to make sure you set aside one night in August to come meet with us!

**Save the date: Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>!** This will be our annual Midweek and LYF Kickoff. However, it will be much more this year and the Board of Education and teachers HIGHLY encourage all parents and youth to attend this year's event! We have some changes projected changes to Midweek and Sunday School that may impact families and our ministries. The night will begin at 5:30 PM with Family Meal Time!



Reminder: Midweek (for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade) begins Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> and Rally Day (Beginning of Sunday School) is Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>!

### Get Your Voices Ready!



We know that the National Youth Gathering for 2019 is just over, but we are gearing up for 2022 NYG! And what better way to kick-off our fundraising for the next NYG than with BINGO night!

This is a great way to come have fun with other members of the congregation and help out a great cause! No knowledge necessary for this event! As long as you can find the numbers that are being called and can YELL – BINGO – then you are ready to go!

Get ready for Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – doors open at 5:30 PM for 1 hour of fellowship (bring food and drink – share with others – make plans with other members!). And promptly at 6:30 PM the numbers will fall! Prizes will be awarded for each round!

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

Sign up and pay your entry fee starting Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> – before and after services at the table in the Narthex (or at the park on the 28<sup>th</sup>), and on August 4<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Education & Youth

**Teacher needed:** The Board of Education is in need of a Midweek teacher for our K-2 grade kids. This class is fun and energetic and you don't have to be a trained teacher. Loving God and kids is all the "talent/training" you need. This is a once-a-week for an hour opportunity. Please give prayerful consideration to this and contact Greg Gebhart if you are willing to help.



### Reminder:

Summer Sunday School will be held during the month of August. Watch for more information and plan on having your kids attend. It is a fun interactive hour so mark your calendars.

## Save the Dates

**August 11 at noon** in the Fellowship Hall — It's time to start going over info and discuss the **Next National Youth Gathering that will be held in Houston, Texas July 2022!** The National Gathering is held every 3 years and is open to youth who are 14 at the time of the gathering or entering 9-12th grade.

Fundraisers need to start soon and we need to collect names of those possibly interested in attending. Hope to see you all there!



## Education and Youth

### MOM CONNECTION

Hello Moms! For the summer we would like to use our Facebook page for meetups. Please feel free to post when you're going to the pool, park, etc. so that we can all find ways to spend time together throughout the summer! The Facebook page is St. Paul LCMS Mom Connection. For questions contact Lindsey Dohrman at [cldohrman@icloud.com](mailto:cldohrman@icloud.com)



### Camp Okoboji

After 7 years of being a camper I was finally able to be a camp counselor for Cub Week 1.

I definitely learned a lot and I saw the camp from a different perspective. I am grateful I got this opportunity and I look forward to doing it again! —Erin





## Camp Okoboji

Five Youth from St. Paul attended Camp Okoboji's Jr. High week this year. What a great time they had!



Shaun- One of my favorite memories from camp is when we had talks about demons and how they can possess atheists but not Christians, but they can try and scare Christians away from God. Another thing that I enjoyed was when the group went kayaking and was blown every which way. Now that might sound like a bad thing, but it brought me closer to God and I thank Him for protecting everyone!

Tessa- Things I really liked about camp is the swimming and the good friends you meet. I also loved the way they brought me closer to God. We praised Him a lot and prayed together to Him. Next year I can't wait to go back and make more friends and continue to learn more about God.

Hi, my name is Eayon. This was my 4th year going to Camp Okoboji and this has probably been my favorite week of camp! One of my favorite things I did that week was make 8 new friends! My least favorite thing was leaving my 8 friends.

Tate- I loved going to camp! It was so much fun. You make so many friends and learn so much about God. The pastor was really descriptive, which made it a lot easier to learn more about God. You get to swim, play so many games, and meet many new people. I really can't wait to go to camp next year!!

Daniel- Camp Okoboji is a wonderful experience that I think all youth should try. I loved being able to interact with our group table during bible study, because it gave us a chance to talk to each other about our perspective and encounters with God. I also really liked making new friends as well as reconnecting with old ones again. Some of my favorite activities were a giant slip n' slide, Gaga ball, 9 square and more. I thank our church family for supporting me and other youth from church as well as giving us the opportunity in this faith building experience.

# Women's Ministry

## Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) National Convention June 20-23, 2019



Seven St. Paul women went to Mobile, Alabama June 20–23, 2019 to attend the convention. Our theme was “In Praise to the LORD!” Those attending were Breanna Wetzler, Brenda Dryer, Becky Jackson, Linda Peterson, LaDonna Osborn, Julie Coy, and Gretchen Zitterich. All of the women who attend express their thanks to the congregation for their support of our fundraisers.

### YOUNG WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVES...

“YWRs” by Breanna Wetzler ~ What a blessing to be able to attend LWML National Convention in Mobile! It was a great joy to be attending in a slightly official role, helping support and shepherd the two selected Young Women Representatives (YWR), as vice-chair of the district's Leader Development Committee. During the annual YWR Alumni luncheon, there were six current and past YWRs from Iowa West to the national convention in attendance. I think that speaks highly of the support and encouragement from people across the district in engaging everyone in the work of spreading the love of Jesus around the world. Thank you for your personal interest in my LWML journey, all “In Praise to the Lord!”



**SING PRAISES TO THE LORD** by LaDonna Osborn ~ This was my first time attending our LWML Convention. Having a strong interest in music, I found the music at the convention to be very inspirational. The convention choir and instrumentalists did a beautiful job of enhancing our worship services. Our song leader, Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor is the pastor of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in The Bronx, New York. Not only is he a very talented musician, but Christ's love really shined through him as he had the 3000+ attendees singing praises to our Lord. Saturday evening, we enjoyed the “Voices of Mobile”. They are a highly acclaimed vocal ensemble consisting of 18 students from the University of Mobile. The mission statement of the group is “Honor Him with our Lives and Praise Him with our VOICES”. They perform in churches, schools, conferences and civic events both nationally and internationally. The director, Dr. Roger Breland, stated that these students were all studying to serve the Lord in various faith-based professions after graduation. With a grateful heart, I sincerely want to thank St. Paul members for their prayers and opportunity to experience this uplifting event.

**OPENING WORSHIP REFLECTIONS** by Brenda Dryer ~ Canceled flight, day in Philadelphia, rental car drive from Pensacola, after a long day in route I made it to Mobile with just minutes to spare before the Opening Worship began! After six national LWML conventions the Opening Worship remains one of my favorite and most memorable parts of attending convention. For every other aspect of convention, a paid registration is required but the Opening Worship service is open to all. I love that!

It took my breath away as the organ played the introduction to the first hymn; *Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng*. I can't begin to describe the sound of more than 3,500 voices joined in song and praise to our Lord. The worship is enhanced by women from across the country who come together to form one of the most beautiful women's choirs I have ever heard. The Proclaimer for the Opening Worship was Rev. Dr. Ulmer Marshall, Jr. from Trinity Lutheran Church, Mobile. His sermon “Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day” will be one sermon that will be hard to forget. Pastoral Counselors from across the country joined by Pastors from the host districts administered communion from thirty different locations in the convention hall. To God be the Glory!

What a joyful blessing it was to celebrate with my dear LWML sisters the Divine Service inspired to sing to the Lord telling of His salvation from day to day and declaring His glory.

## Women's Ministry



### Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) National Convention report continued.

**NEW MISSION GOAL** by Julie Coy ~ I always look forward to hearing what our new mission goal will be. For the 2019-2021 biennium, the new mission goal will be \$2,100,000. Imagine that! All of our change that we collect each month, will be combined with others to fund so many mission grants. Praise God! Watch for a featured mission grant each month in coming Epistles.

**MITES IN ACTION** by Linda Peterson ~ I attended a MITES IN ACTION luncheon featuring Jaclyn and Mark Rychel. They served as missionary volunteers in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake. This was 2017-2019 LWML Mission Grant #10, -- Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti.

1. \$100,000 was granted for the construction of the Jacmel Lutheran Home.
2. Perry Lutheran Home (IA), was instrumental in the planning and met with the Rychels in 2018
3. In January 2019 the award-winning care teams of Lutheran Family Service and Perry Lutheran Home moved the first residents into the new home at Jacmel.
4. The eldercare home provides care for ten of Jacmel's most vulnerable elders as well as fosters connections with 34 orphans living next door.

Thank You to everyone who contributed monies and/or prayed for me to attend the LWML Convention!

I really learned a lot about the wonderful work that many hands are doing out of their love for Jesus and also the spreading of the Gospel throughout the world!

**THE EXHIBIT HALL** by Gretchen Zitterich ~ Seeing 86 exhibitors is almost impossible but it gave me the opportunity to talk one on one with enthusiastic "missionaries" from around the world. Learning how these organizations are spreading the gospel is a great connection to a wealth of helpful ideas. Hearing their enthusiasm is inspirational. I shared excitement with Steve and Nancy Cohen of The Apple of His Eye Mission Society for the progress of the Rogener's fundraising. I learned a lot from "Most" ministries (Missions Opportunities Short Term), Prison Ministries, Lutheran Bible Translator, Deaf Ministries, Lutheran Heritage foundation, Medical Mission Teams, POBLO, and Ysleta Lutheran Mission to name a few. The Lutheran Hour staff was very helpful in providing resources I need for an upcoming Bible Study. THANK YOU! St. Paul members for supporting us!

**"GIFTS FROM THE HEART"** by Becky Jackson ~ Thank You, St. Paul congregation for the prayers and support in sending me to the convention. It was a very uplifting and fulfilling experience. It helps me to be a stronger worker in God's mission. As part of the LWML Convention, attendees are encouraged to bring gifts to help those in need. This can range from quilts, gift cards, or hygiene kits. At the 2019 convention, the following gifts were collected:

8,436 Arch Books	926 Bibles	1,161 Hygiene kits
228 Baby kits	214 Quilts	\$33,630 in Gift Card donations
262 Sheet sets	43 boxes of miscellaneous supplies	

In addition to these gifts, attendees had the opportunity to volunteer their time in service making or assembling other needed items. Woman tied fleece blankets, assembled braille bibles, packaged school supplies, made cards for those battling illness, and colored bookmarks that will be used in the bibles given to prison inmates. It was fulfilling for all those who served at convention or donated gifts.



# Women's Ministry

## LWML Mite Update:

**The new mite goal for the 2019-2021 biennium is \$2,100,000.**

**Praise God!**

Watch for a featured mission grant each month in coming Epistles.

**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 Thursday August 8th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for a Thrivent Action Team Event. Wear your Thrivent T-Shirt, bring a sack lunch and join us. We also meet on Thursday August 22nd from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We could still use some gently used sheets or blankets to use for the middles of quilts. Thank you for your past contributions. We welcome anyone to join us.



## “Book to Know to Help You Grow”



Nine women gathered at the home of Carol Folkmann to discuss *Same Kind of Different As Me: A Modern-Day Slave, an International Art Dealer, and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. God gave us a beautiful evening and we were able to sit outside on the deck to discuss the book. This is a true story. A very powerful story. Everyone liked the book. The group would recommend the book as an inspiring read. Some would recommend that you have a box of Kleenex handy. It is available at the Ames Public Library both as a printed book and as an e-book.

**Everyone is invited to join us for our next discussion on Sept. 12 at 7:00 pm at Sandy George's home to discuss “Kisses from Katie” by Beth Clark and Katie J. Davis.**

The Barnes and Noble description of this book: “The *New York Times* bestselling account of a courageous eighteen-year-old from Nashville who gave up every comfort and convenience to become the adoptive mother to thirteen girls in Uganda. What would cause an eighteen-year-old senior class president and homecoming queen from Nashville, Tennessee, to disobey and disappoint her parents by forgoing college, break her little brother's heart, lose all but a handful of her friends (because they think she has gone off the deep end), and break up with the love of her life, all so she could move to Uganda, where she knew only one person and didn't even speak the language? *A passion to follow Jesus*. Katie Davis Majors left over Christmas break of her senior year for a short mission trip to Uganda and her life was turned completely inside out. She found herself so moved by the people of Uganda and the needs she saw that she knew her calling was to return and care for them.”

Date	Hostess	Book
Sept 12, 2019, 7 pm	Sandy George	“Kisses from Katie” by Beth Clark and Katie J. Davis
Nov 14, 2019, 7 pm	Thelma Voetberg	“Fire by Night” by Lynn Austin
<b>Jan 16</b> , 2020, 7 pm	Adele Knop	“Angels Walking: A Novel” by Karen Kingsbury
March 12, 2020, 7 pm	Gretchen Zitterich	“Daughters of Jerusalem: A Novel” by Joan Wolf
May 14, 2020, 7 pm	Janelle Swenson	“Masterpiece” by Francine Rivers

# August 2019 Service Roster

	August 4 8:30	August 4 11:00	August 11 8:30	August 11 11:00	August 18 8:30	August 18 11:00	August 25 8:30	August 25 11:00
Organist	LaDonna Osborn		Ellen Sander		LaDonna Osborn		Praise Team	
Elders	Lynn Dreyer	Dave Schultz →						
Lectors	Dennis Dobberke	Claudia Biddle	Dennis Dobberke	Claudia Biddle	Dustin Ganseboom	Claudia Biddle	Dustin Ganseboom	Claudia Biddle
Acolytes	Erik Soenksen	Mia Vogel			Shaun Carver	Erin Barnes		
Greeters	Jerry Schradle, Kris Ellis	Mike West, Thomas & Lisa Wilson →						
Ushers	Steve & Marlene Johnson, Tom & Judy Peter	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Denny & Shirley Tice →						
Coffee Fellowship								
Coffee Time Greeter	Geri Schulz →							
Altar Flowers								
Offering Counters	Dean & Ardy Ulrichson →							
Power Point	Kyle Wagner	Sarah Fahrman	TBA	Sarah Fahrman	Kyle Wagner	Sarah Fahrman	Kyle Wagner	Sarah Fahrman
Sound Board	John Murphy	Ben Fahrman	John Murphy	Ben Fahrman	John Murphy	Ben Fahrman	John Murphy	Ben Fahrman
Altar Guild	LaDonna Osborn, Judy Peter,	Jan Ziebell, Gloria Lewis →						
Video Recorder	Greg Van-Nostrand →							
Collate Bulletins	Merle & Marcy Suntken →							
Valet Parkers	Keith Folkmann		Keith Folkmann		TBA		TBA	