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A Letter from your Pastor

Dear friends in Christ:

A new school year has begun! Many families have a tradition of taking a photo of their child(ren) on the first day of school. Parents are excited for their kids to learn and grow.

God also wants us to learn and grow in our faith and in our understanding of His Word. God exhorts us to "*grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*" (2 Peter 3:18a). Parents, do you support your child's spiritual education as much as their academic education? Adults, are you devoting yourselves faithfully to the study of God's Word?

Traditionally churches have held a "Rally Day" to kick off a new year of Christian educational ministry. Here at St. Paul, our Rally Day will be on September 8. This will be a joyful and exciting day for us, as new Sunday School classes begin and Bibles are presented, and as new fall Bible studies are kicked off.

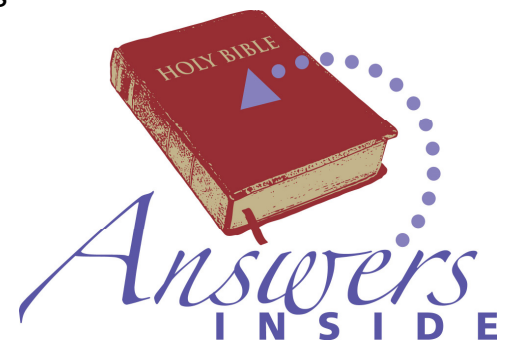
Fall football rallies get people pumped up about their team. Are you pumped up to be on God's team? Most parents make attending the games of their child's sports teams a priority. Will you also make attending Sunday School and midweek a priority in your family?

Coaches teach their athletes many things to be successful in their games. God teaches us many more things to be successful in the "game" of life. As we study God's "playbook," the Bible, we are equipped to take the field and live our lives for Jesus Christ.

Some of you, like me, like tea. The longer the tea bag steeps in the water, the stronger the tea will be. Likewise, the longer the Word steeps in you, the stronger **you** will be. Let the Word of Christ steep in you deeply – or, as the Scriptures say, "*Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly*" (Colossians 3:16a). Attend Bible study. Attend midweek. Attend Sunday School. And get ready for a winning season, and winning life, through Jesus Christ!

In Jesus Christ, whose Word brings us light and life,

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, September 1

Only one service

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 8

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

Sunday, September 15

Holy Communion

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



Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 22

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

Sunday, September 29

Holy Communion

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

New Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

After His resurrection, just before His ascension, Jesus shared His parting words with His disciples. What did Jesus say? *"Go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all things that I have passed on to you"* (Matthew 28:19-20). This is the Great Commission that Christ has given to Christians. This is to be our new way of life.

September 8 our fall adult Sunday morning Bible study kicks off in the fellowship hall. Our focus the first two months of fall will be reflecting on the new missional lifestyle to which Jesus calls us. We will explore how to live out a missional lifestyle each day, sharing Jesus' love in simple ways in what we do and say. We will dig deeper into what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. And we'll talk a little more about why we have adopted missional community small groups at St. Paul, including the blessings these groups can provide you in your walk with Jesus.

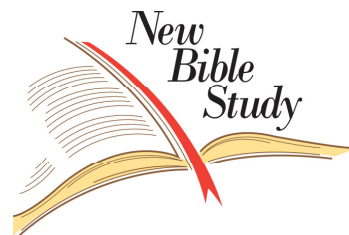
This study will be led by a tag-team of Pastor Jenks and Tom Baas, but ultimately, it will be God's Word that forms the foundation of our time together. Get ready for great discussion, some laughs along the way, new learning, and best of all, for the Word of the Lord to bless us. Come to our Bible study discussion sessions on Sunday mornings from 9:45 -10:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Let's encourage one another as we take the field with Jesus!

Your partner on the journey,
Pastor Jenks



New Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Everyone is invited to join us for a special Wednesday morning Bible study of the Book of 1 Chronicles



starting on September 4. While the content in 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, and 1 & 2 Chronicles has a number of parallels, the earlier books have a focus on the prophetic ministry and the political monarchy. Chronicles, on the other hand, chronicles the religious history of the Davidic dynasty. There is a priestly spiritual focus on God's grace, the Davidic covenant, and prophecy of the coming Messiah in this book.

Our Wednesday morning Bible study, led by pastor, meets in the fellowship hall from 10:30-11:30 each Wednesday. Join us this fall as we begin our conclusion of the 6 books that were once 3 books, as well as our conclusion of studying all 66 books of the Bible with Pastor Jenks. If possible, please read Chronicles chapters 1-5 for the first class.

A.C.E – Ark and Creation Experience 2020

Plans are under way! If you were unable to attend the informational meeting on August 25th please contact Thomas Wilson. He can meet with you and go over the details of the experience and costs.

If you have not turned in your registration form for the experience please do so with the deposit as soon as you can!

If you still want to join us next summer contact us TODAY!

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 hosts for the trip: Denny and Shirley Tice, or with Thomas Wilson.



Parish Choir

Rehearsals begin Tuesday,
Sept. 10 at **7:00 p.m.**
in the fellowship hall.

NOTE NEW TIME!

New members are WELCOME!

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.

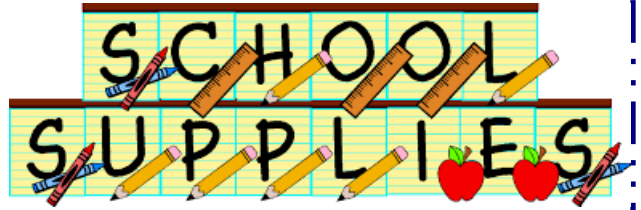


PLAN TO ATTEND!

Voters' meeting- September 15 following the late service.

Human Care

The Board of Human Care would like to say THANK YOU to all who donated items to our school supplies drive during the month of July. We were able to donate ten heavy duty backpacks, as well as many needed supplies, to students who do not have the funds available to purchase needed school items. The School District was so appreciative of your donations. God bless each of you!



Evangelism



Thank you to all who brought their art projects to display for the Art Fair on August 25. Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Art Fair in any way. It was wonderful to see all the talent God has given to our St. Paul members.

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

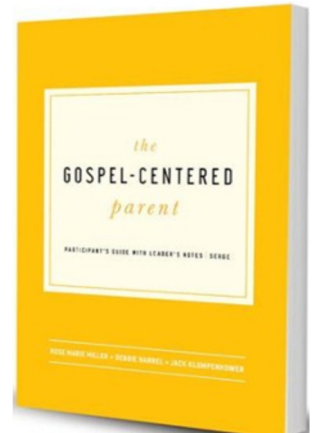
NEW Parent Study Starts September 8th!

You've tried behavior modification, discipline, various rules, and supposedly biblical methods. If you read one more blogger's take on how to be a great parent, you might have a panic attack. What's your next move?

Join with other parents (who are just as stressed as you are!) and learn how to make your faith in Jesus and your hope in the gospel the core of your parenting. As you grow in prayer, repentance, and trust, you will discover yourself becoming a better and happier parent.

The Gospel Centered Parent uses personal illustrations and interactive questions to help parents come to grips with their own sin, the sin of their children, and how they can teach and love in the midst of life's brokenness. It trains parents to put their hope in God rather than in sound parenting principles; encourages the prayer, repentance, and trust - which actually produces great parents. It brings parents together to teach and learn from one another in a gospel-shaped community.

Perfect for busy parents; lessons require no extra work outside of the group setting. This 9-session small group resource will help parents apply the gospel of Jesus Christ to their families. Each lesson looks at parenting through the lens of God's grace for parents and children and gives parents a gospel-center to their parenting. Parents will learn how to live out the biblical principles of faith, repentance, and faithfulness to their calling as parents with their children.



Parents Sessions will be held during the education hour (9:45—10:45) each Sunday Morning in the Board Room (basement). For questions please contact Thomas Wilson, DCE, Director of Family Life Ministry.

The fire will be HOT!

Come on out to McFarland Park (56461 180th Street, Ames) for our 3rd Annual Family Campfire Night on Saturday, October 12th! Come and enjoy hot dogs, hot chocolate, apple cider, s'mores and FELLOWSHIP with your brothers and sisters of St. Paul!

Come early and get some game playing in. Eat to your hearts content and sing along with Steve and Seana!



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

Education & Youth

Sunday School to help Christ's Care for Children: Kenya



This fall the offering from Sunday School will help Christ's Care for Children: Kenya, as part of the missions of Mission Central in Mapleton, IA.

The Christ's Care for Children: Kenya project cares for vulnerable children in Kenya. Several Church school boarding facilities make-up the network. Children receive an education along with safe housing, meals, and spiritual care. The school boarding facilities provide a Christ-centered setting. Children return to their families, extended or foster families on school holidays. The buildings are constructed through Project 24.

Mark your calendar for goblins and ghouls.... and FUN!!!!

Dust off your best costumes and make plans to join the Board of Education and the community for Trunk-or-Treat 2019 on Sunday, October 27th from 1:30 – 3:00 PM.



Midweek News:

The first day for Midweek classes this year is September 4. We are looking forward to a great year!

*Midweek
Classes*

Education & Youth

What is LYF?

LYF is short for Lutheran Youth Fellowship. It is a Fellowship program under the St. Paul Board of Youth. We provide a meal and an activity once a month for the youth of our church. These events are usually on the second Wednesday of the month following midweek classes. Things we have done in the past include, bowling, roller skating, youth Olympics, the Apple orchard, ice skating, mystery meal, service projects such as making tied blankets or cookies and taking them to shut ins, lock-ins, pumpkin decorating, and more. There is no cost to families to have youth attend these events. Most events are geared to grades 1-8, but we also do activities for the high school youth throughout the year.

LYF is a great way to expand friendships within our church, create unity, and for all to learn and grow in faith.

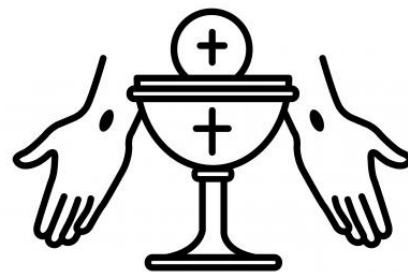
If you have questions about LYF or wish to join the Board of Youth (we'd love to have you!). Please contact Carla Murphy, Angi Esser, Stephanie Taylor, Wayne Hagemoser or Nikki Theide.



Grillin' up Some Fun- our first LYF event will be after Midweek on September 11 from 5:30-7:30 pm. This is for grades 1-8. We will walk as a group to Esser's house where we'll grill hot dogs and then play outdoor games and have fellowship. Parents can pick up at Esser's house. Permission forms are required and can be found in the brochure rack in the Narthex.

Education and Youth

IDW Jr High Youth Gathering (grades 6-8) will be October 19-20 at the Sheraton in West Des Moines. The theme is "Come to the Table". Cost is \$150 per person which includes hotel stay, 3 meals, t-shirt, all programming. MC for the weekend will be DCE Tim Kightlinger from Gloria Dei in Urbandale and the Presenter will be Pastor Ryan Roehrig of St. Paul in Alta. Music will be by Swen And Dean! Variety time activities will include mini golf, adrenaline rush II, bungee run and more!



COME to the TABLE
2019 IDW JR YOUTH GATHERING



IDW High School Gathering (grades 9-12) will be November 15-17 at Embassy Suites in Des Moines. The theme is "Foundations Prepared". Cost is \$235 per person. This covers 2 nights of hotel stay, all meals on Saturday and Sunday, t-shirt and programs. Mass event speakers will be Pastor Leon Jameson from Wisconsin and DCE Micah Steiner from Colorado.

Registration forms for both gatherings are available and deadline is September 12 to the Board of Youth or church office. Any St Paul youth can obtain funding for these gatherings through the District and the Board of Youth - Just ask us how!!!! We are also in need of adult shepherds to go. If interested, please talk to Carla or Thomas. We will be carpooling from church for both events. Contact Carla Murphy or Thomas Wilson for any questions.



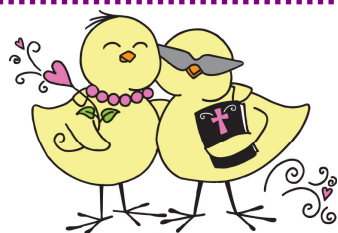
Women's Ministry

LWML National 2019–2021 Mission Grant #1 — \$80,000 Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya

In 2008, a man from Nebraska traveling in East Africa saw the need for clean water and sought a way to help. Through contact with a social worker and educator in Nakuru, Kenya, he devised a system of installing water harvesting equipment (rain gutters and tanks), filters, hand washing stations and clean water storage to be installed in schools in Kenya. In 2016, members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod from Nebraska took over the management of the project. They visit Kenya every year, traveling to schools assessing their water needs. Teams from the United States install rain gutters and tanks for storage. Hand washing stations and clean water “buckets” are placed in every classroom. They teach personal hygiene, hand-washing and the importance of drinking only clean water. WASH clubs, made up of students and staff, are formed to be responsible for the clean water program. The grant will help the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) to extend their ministry of Word and Sacrament by expanding the clean water project for their schools and orphanages.



This is what the water looks like, in a lot of cases, before it goes into the filter. Without the clean water system, the students would drink this water that was gathered from the local river.



New Bible Study for Women

New Women's Bible Study

The women will begin a new Bible study on Monday, Sept. 9 at 5:45 pm in the board room (basement). All women of St. Paul are invited to join us. This fall we will be studying “Gideon: Your Weakness. God's Strength” by Priscilla Shirer.

God can use your Weakness! Have you ever felt overwhelmed? Inexperienced? Intimidated? Insufficient? Too old? Too young? Too invisible? Too afraid? Gideon's story involves far more than a wet fleece and a battle won with 300 soldiers. His epic victory actually tells of one man's struggle with his own weakness – and the One True God who transformed it into triumph.

So if you've ever struggled with insecurity or had trouble accepting your limitations, this study will help you see how God can use your weakness to unlock His strength. Yes, Gideon can attest—weakness is a gift! Join Priscilla for a Bible study that will open your eyes to a brand new perspective on yourself, your God, and Gideon.”

(from the back cover.)

Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update: as of 6/30/19

2019-2021 National Mission goal: \$2,100,000.00

Amount Received: \$230,155.97

Amount Needed: \$1,869,844.03

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 Sept. 12th 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 will also meet Sept. 26th. at 10:00 am till noon. Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship. At 1:00 p.m. we will meet for devotions and a short planning meeting for the coming year. We are still in need for sheets, blankets, and other materials we can use for the middles of the quilts.



Come and join us, all are welcome.

"Book to Know to Help You Grow"



BOOK CLUB 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 |
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| 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 |
| Jan 16, 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 |

September 2019 Service Roster

| | Sept 1 10:00 | Sept 8 8:30 | Sept 8 11:00 | Sept 15 8:30 | Sept 15 11:00 | Sept 22 8:30 | Sept 22 11:00 | Sept 29 8:30 | Sept 29 11:00 |
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| Organist | LaDonna Osborn | Ellen Sander | | LaDonna Osborn | | Praise Team | | LaDonna Osborn | |
| Elders | Phil Voge | Phil Voge | Denny Tice → | | | | | | |
| Lectors | Phil Voge | Phil Voge | Tate Esser | Phil Voge | Tate Esser | Alberta Voge | Tate Esser | Alberta Voge | Tate Esser |
| Acolytes | Ella Gebhart | | | Taylor Puck | Tyler Olson | | | Keegan Wegner | Kylie Taylor |
| Greeters | Vic & Geri Schulz, Lon & Stephanie Taylor Family | Vic & Geri Schulz, Lon & Stephanie Taylor Family | Bud & Thelma Voetberg, Phil & Alberta Voge → | | | | | | |
| Ushers | Merle & Marcy Suntken, Phil & Alberta Voge | Merle & Marcy Suntken, Phil & Alberta Voge | Angie & Tate Esser, Greg Gebhart, Steve Vollstedt → | | | | | | |
| Coffee Fellowship | | | | | | | | | |
| Coffee Time Greeter | | Gretchen Zitterich → | | | | | | | |
| Altar Flowers | | Inez Smith | | | | | | | |
| Offering Counters | Matt & Sandra Pflug → | | | | | | | | |
| Power Point | Judy Peter | Judy Peter | Cindy Baas | Judy Peter | Cindy Baas | Judy Peter | Cindy Baas | Judy Peter | Cindy Baas |
| Sound Board | Tom Peter | Tom Peter | Tom Baas | Tom Peter | Tom Baas | Tom Peter | Tom Baas | Tom Peter | Tom Baas |
| Altar Guild | Gretchen Zitterich, Becky Jackson, | Connie Buss → | | | | | | | |
| Video Recorder | John Murphy → | | | | | | | | |
| Collate Bulletins | Joyce Stoner, Inez Smith → | | | | | | | | |
| Valet Parkers | Ellen Sander | Ellen Sander | | Phil Voge | | Phil Voge | | Tom Baas | |