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A Letter from your Pastor

What does it mean to be a Lutheran? Have you ever been asked that? Can you provide an accurate answer to the question? We hear the answer every Sunday, as our Law-Gospel sermon reminds us that we are sinners who have a wonderful Savior, who took our punishment to earn our forgiveness. However, we hear the core message of the Lutheran faith in a very special way each year on Reformation Sunday. 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).

Every October, we Lutherans are filled with excitement as we anticipate our Reformation Celebration. This special celebration is always held on the last Sunday in October. This year, October's last Sunday is a 4th Sunday, when we usually hold informal worship with music provided by the praise team. So that our

Reformation worship on October 27 may include brass, organ and traditional worship, our worship format schedule in October will be revised, with informal worship with praise team music occurring on October 20.

Plan to join us October 27 as we celebrate God's grace 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 6

Holy Communion

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

Sunday, October 13

LWML Sunday

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



Sunday, October 20

Holy Communion

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

Sunday, October 27

Reformation Sunday

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



A.C.E – Ark and Creation Experience 2020



If you have not turned in your registration form for the experience please do so with the deposit as soon as you can! We will soon open up registration to other churches in our area.

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:

Operation Barnabas Conference “In God We Trust”

What is Operation Barnabas? Operation Barnabas is the LCMS IDW support organization for military members and their families. If you are interested in learning how you can support our nation’s military, come to the conference Saturday, Oct. 12 in Carroll, IA. The conference is from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm with coffee and rolls being served at 9:00 am. Lunch will also be provided. There is no fee to attend but registration is required so they are able to plan for the meal. Please contact the office for registration materials. See the bulletin board for more information.

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? Is the weather becoming a factor? 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 to make arrangements.



On behalf of myself and the Board of Evangelism we are seeking volunteers to serve at Food at First. If you are interested please sign the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Our first night will be September 26th and we need a few more to work at 5:30. If you would like to join us, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. We will be serving and cleaning up. Probably about 2 hours and wear anything but make sure you have comfortable shoes. I want to thank you for your consideration of this. We would like to create a pool of volunteers.

Thanks Again

Charles Ellis

Evangelism Chair

Family Life

A Successful Color Wars!

Thank you to everyone who was able to come and either compete or cheer on the participants of this year's color wars! We had a few green Martians running around! We had a great time, fun by everyone and great fellowship! Thanks again!



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 heart's content and sing along with Steve and Seana!



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

Board of Stewardship

“Greetings from Stewardship! Mark your calendars...a special Stewardship emphasis will be held at both services on October 20, with recently retired Rev. Mark Hansen of Humboldt preaching stewardship sermons that day. (Pastor Jenks will lead the liturgy that day.)

Did you know that Iowa District West is one of the top districts in providing financial aid to students attending our Concordia schools? The 2019 District budget includes \$250,000 for financial aid, most of which comes from restricted/endowment sources and LWML.

The District also helps pastors and professional church workers after they graduate. Since 2014, the District has paid out over \$250,000 in grants to reduce the educational indebtedness of 36 LCMS rostered workers in the District (89 individual applications; workers can currently apply up to 5 years). Deadline to apply is November 1. This is possible, thanks to generous people in the District who have remembered the District in their estate plans.”



Education & Youth

Get your costumes ready!!!!

Get your costumes ready and join the Board of Education and the community for Trunk-or-Treat 2019 on Sunday, October 27th from 1:30 – 3:00 PM. Multiple trunks for treating! Games for youth! And Cookie Decorating!



Education & Youth

Start thinking Christmas!

The BEST Christmas Pageant EVER!!! Well, We hope!

The Board of Education is excited to present an original production, "The Gift", for the Sunday School Christmas Program on Sunday, December 15th at the 11:00 AM service. However, we are in an immediate need for a Director of the Christmas Program. If you feel the urge, or maybe God pulling on your heart strings to assist our Sunday School youth to keep the tradition of the Sunday School Christmas Program going, please contact: Greg Gebhart (Chair of the Board of Education), Steve Wilcken (Sunday School Superintendent) or Thomas Wilson.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – YEAR 3!

The Family Life Ministry office will be "hosting" Operation Christmas Child again this year!

How great it is for us to serve God by giving to those that are in need. Boxes will be available for pickup on Sunday, October 13th! NEW this year: All of our boxes to hand out will be PLASTIC SHOEBOXES! Boxes will need to be dropped back off by Sunday, November 18th.

If you have questions please contact Thomas Wilson, Director of Family Life Ministry.

CHRISTmas is coming!

You and your family are invited to join us on Sunday, December 8th at 3:00 PM for our annual Family Christmas Event!

Sponsored by the Family Life Office and the Board of Evangelism, participating families will be transported back in time to the town of Bethlehem to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It has been some years since that special night, and the miracle baby has gone on to do some truly incredible things! Families will have fun at the "authentic", multisensory experiences they'll find in this village.



Fun for the whole family you will not want to miss!

Education and Youth

Grillin' Up Some Fun - The Board of Youth held the first LYF event of the new year on Sept. 11. Twelve youth were in attendance. The group enjoyed God's nature as they walked to Esser's house. Once there, they grilled hot dogs and ate lots of food, played various yard games with team building exercises and had fellowship time.



Save the Date!

October 9 - LYF Pumpkin Carving & Decorating – A spaghetti meal will be served at 5:30pm. Although we will be staying at the church, we will have a permission form to use to help plan for food and pumpkins. Look for more info out soon!

2019-20 LYF Activities At A Glance

Upcoming LYF Activities: Per suggestions from youth as well as doing some of our traditional events, we hope to fill our year with a variety of activities and service projects. Some include: Roller Skating, Bowling, possible Sports Iowa Party, Youth Sunday, Lock-in/movie night, and cookies or tie blankets to shut-ins.

Pray for our youth and their Shepherds who will be attending the IDW Jr. High Youth Gathering at the Sheraton in West Des Moines October 19-20.

The Theme is "Come to the Table". At the gathering they will enjoy music by Swen and Dean, various devotions, Bible studies, group activities and meeting other youth from our District!

Women's Ministry

On September 9th St. Paul's American Heritage Girls Troop IA2016 kicked off their year by celebrating the troops 4th anniversary and the 24th anniversary of the founding of AHG. The summer awards and badges were given at the ceremony held in the sanctuary, attended by many parents and friends. Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard to achieve success. 51 girls are enrolled from 6 school districts and homeschool representing 38 families. 3 girls from St Paul are enrolled. 9 scholarships were given from the Cornerstone Church fund. We have 29 adult volunteers including leaders, childcare moms, and board members. Lori Jenks serves as the Troop Shepherd, Gretchen Zitterich as the Charter representative, and Kara Warne is troop director.



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 AHG 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 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 and soul and strength; and collectively to love our neighbors as ourselves. We believe God calls us to lives of purity, service, stewardship and integrity."

LWML Boone Zone Fall Rally

All women are invited to join us at the LWML Boone Zone fall rally on Saturday, Oct. 12 at Trinity, Boone. The rally will begin at 9:00 a.m. Watch for a sign up sheet on the bulletin board to carpool.



LWML Sunday

Please plan to join us on Sunday, October 13 here at St. Paul as we celebrate LWML Sunday. Not sure what all the LWML does? Here is your chance to find out. We invite you to wear the LWML color of purple and bring all the change you can find for our "noisy offering" We will also have special treats in the fellowship hall during coffee time.

Women's Ministry

LWML National 2019–2021 Mission Grant #2 — \$100,000 Teach Me Too – Preschoolers with Learning Needs in Austin

Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) has seen a growing desire for early intervention support of children with learning needs. In 1976 LSEM began serving children with special learning needs in the Detroit area and has since expanded programs and services to include a presence in Lutheran schools nationwide. Their pilot program is Let It Shine Academy at Bethany Lutheran Church, Austin, Texas. The Teach Me Too program was designed to administer intervention strategies, address the unique needs of children with autism spectrum disorder and other unique needs such as hyperactivity issues, decreased or delayed social skills, developmental or speech delays, sensory integration difficulties, or other learning differences. As a resource for families, this program provides assessments, consultations, and materials to help children on an individual basis. This grant would help fund Teach Me Too, expand the Let It Shine Academy, provide teacher training, and offer scholarship funding for children whose families cannot afford the cost of the Let It Shine Program.



J is playing a large drum during music time. He is learning to share the drum with a peer and teacher while incorporating both of his hands to promote his coordination skills.



“LWML Quarterly”

The “LWML Quarterly” is the official publication of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML). Each fall you have an opportunity to sign up to receive a subscription. A one year subscription is only \$6 and is filled with articles about the mission field near and far. Watch for a sign up sheet on a special table in the narthex.

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.

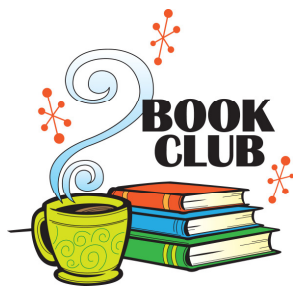
Do you know what is going on in the Iowa West District of the LWML? The LWML IWD eNews is sent to all women of the congregation who have email. If you do not have email, a copy is printed and placed on the LWML/Missions bulletin board going up to the fellowship hall. You may read it and replace it when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

FAMILY SERVICE ~ Family Service Quilters will meet on Thursday Oct. 10th from 10:30 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 Oct. 24th. 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”



Everyone is invited to join us for our next discussion on Nov. 14 at 7:00 pm at Thelma Voetberg's home to discuss “Fire by Night” by Lynn Austin.

The Barnes and Noble description of this book: **“Two young women in a land shattered by war test the limits of their strength-** Lovely Julia Hoffman has always enjoyed the carefree life of her well-to-do Philadelphia family. But when she fails to attract the attention of Nathaniel Greene, a fierce abolitionist, she shocks her family by becoming a Union nurse. Will that be enough to win Nathaniel's heart?

Phoebe Bigelow, from western Virginia, has always been a misfit, and when her brothers join the Union army, she also enlists—under false pretenses.

Soon, both have their eyes opened to the realities of war and suffering. Neither is quite ready for the demands of her new life, but their journeys of sacrifice and love are sure to change them in unexpected ways.”

Date	Hostess	Book
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

October 2019 Service Roster

	Oct 6 8:30	Oct 6 11:00	Oct 13 8:30	Oct 13 11:00	Oct 20 8:30	Oct 20 11:00	Oct 27 8:30	Oct 27 11:00
Organist	Ellen Sander	Ellen Sander	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn	Praise Team	Praise Team	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn
Elders	Tom Henriksen	Ron Coy	—————→					
Lectors	Pam Mundt	Inez Smith	Pam Mundt	Inez Smith	Gretchen Zitterich	Judy Peter	Gretchen Zitterich	Judy Peter
Acolytes	Shaun Carver	Tate Esser			Ella Gebhart	Tyler Olson		
Greeters	Vic & Geri Schulz, Gretchen Zitterich	Dick & Linda Peterson, Ellen Sander	Vic & Geri Schulz, Gretchen Zitterich	Bob & Marilyn Walker, Ellen Sander	Vic & Geri Schulz, Gretchen Zitterich	Bob & Marilyn Walker, Ellen Sander	Wayne & Marilyn Hagemoser, Gretchen Zitterich	Bob & Marilyn Walker, Ellen Sander
Ushers	Harry & Pam Mundt, Matt & Sandra Pflug	Len & Pat Thiede, Vickie Roach, Inez Smith	Harry & Pam Mundt, Matt & Sandra Pflug	Len & Pat Thiede, Vickie Roach, Inez Smith	Harry & Pam Mundt, Matt & Sandra Pflug	Len & Pat Thiede, Vickie Roach, Mike West	Harry & Pam Mundt, Matt & Sandra Pflug	Len & Pat Thiede, Vickie Roach, Mike West
Coffee Fellowship			Board of Women's Fellowship				Ladies Missional Group	
Coffee Time Greeter	Judy Peter	—————→			—————→			
Altar Flowers	Lynn & Kim Dreyer		LWML Sunday					
Offering Counters	Denny & Shirley Tice	—————→						
Power Point	Lisa Wilson	Connie Lastine	Lisa Wilson	Connie Lastine	Lisa Wilson	Connie Lastine	Lisa Wilson	Connie Lastine
Sound Board	Thomas Wilson	Charles Ellis	Thomas Wilson	Charles Ellis	Thomas Wilson	Charles Ellis	Thomas Wilson	Charles Ellis
Altar Guild	Jan Ziebell, Connie Buss, LaDonna Osborn, Gloria Lewis	—————→						
Video Recorder	Jerry Schradle —————→							
Collate Bulletins	Dave & Judi Charlson		Dean & Ardy Ulrichson	—————→				
Valet Parkers	Tom Peter		Tom Peter		Brian Weber		Brian Weber	



St. Paul Lutheran Preschool

October 2019 News

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Preschool Sunday was overflowing with excitement as 75 preschool children were welcomed by St. Paul Lutheran Church members! A BIG thank you to the Preschool Board (Kent Ziebell, Sandy George, Becky Juelfs, Jolene Drawbond, Marlene Johnson, Lindsey Dohrman, and Heather Starr) for coordinating a fabulous celebration.

The pre-schoolers sang "Jesus Loves Me" at the 11 am service followed by free ice cream and lunch with food trucks: Brick City

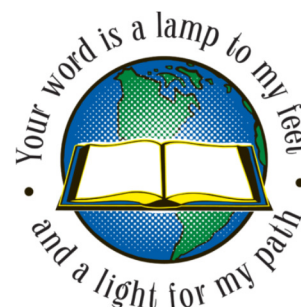
Grill and Ricco's. Many Prayer Partners and preschoolers met each other during lunch. A firetruck, rescue truck, police cars and community helpers were at celebration to teach the children about safety.



October Learning Highlights

- **The Cubs** class (2's) is excited to investigate fall leaves and recognize colors.
- **The Lamb Class** (3's) will be talking about their families and fall colors.
- **The Bear Class** (3-4's) is going to explore pumpkins and learn about community helpers.
- **The Lion Class** (4's) is going to read the book Chicka Chicka Boom Boom and explore the season of fall.
- **The EK Class** (5's) will be starting to learn their sight words and begin to work with their Reading Buddies.

Bible Lessons in the classroom and Chapel with Pastor Jenks will focus on the Old Testament truths with Abraham, Joseph, and Moses.



"My help comes from the Lord." Psalm 121:2

October Special Events

Fieldtrip to the Library with Miss Rae and Smyles: M/TH Lambs on 10/3, T/Fr Lambs on 10/4, Bears on 9/30, Lions on 10/1, Shining Stars EK on 10/1

Trunk-or-Treat on October 27th from 1:30-3:00 PM Everyone invited to come for an afternoon of fun in the St. Paul parking lot. Wear costumes and bring a bag for goodies!