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## Letter from Pastor

Friends in the Lord,

It has become a custom here at St. Paul that on the Sunday closest to Independence Day, we hold a special worship service, first to thank God for our nation and the freedoms we have here, and second, to pray for our nation – asking God to guide, protect and bless America.

This phrase I'm going to use has become a cliché, but it applies to what I want to say: "Now more than ever," we need to pray to God for our country. Our country needs prayers as we continue to fight the horrendous coronavirus, which has killed so many, made many more ill, crippled the spirits of masses of people, and led us into the wilderness of trekking through uncharted terrain regarding how and when we begin again to go about our daily lives as we continue to fight this cruel disease. Our country needs prayers as we wrestle with the ongoing evil of racism that negatively touches the lives of so many, when we fail to live out our creed that "all men (people) are created equal," as our founding documents say, and that each and every one of us is created in the image of God, loved by God, and redeemed by Jesus' blood, as the Holy Scriptures proclaim. Our country needs prayers that we would strive to rise above the deep divide that has arisen in our nation, that we would stop battling against each other and belittling one another due to petty partisanship, and that we would ALL work together in civility and citizenship, as "**one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.**"

If ever in the history of this great country there was a time when our country needs our prayers lifted with power, it is at this very hour! So please plan to join us for our special service of worship on July 5, as we pray to God about the ailments in our country, and give thanks to God for the blessings in our country. Remember, you can worship in-person, or you can worship live online. If you're at the lake, with WiFi or the like, you can even watch worship with us while you watch the waves.

In July, as Americans, we remember the founders of our nation and the sacrifices they made for our freedom. We remember those who continue to live and die for our freedom. As Christians, we also remember the One who lived, died and rose to win the ultimate freedom for us! Jesus Christ had to pay a price to set us free from Satan. The price was Christ's life, which He offered on the cross to pay the cost of our sins. "*You were bought at a price*" (1 Corinthians 6:20). "*But now you have had every stain washed off...now you have been pronounced **free** from guilt; in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (1 Corinthians 6:11).

Join us for our special service of worship on Sunday, July 5, at 10 a.m.! May our gracious God be with us as we pray to Him to guide, protect and bless America, and as we praise Him for the eternal freedom we have because of Jesus.

In Christ, 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, July 5***

*10:00 a.m. Worship at church*

*And*

*10:00 a.m. Live Stream*

***Sunday, July 12***

*10:00 a.m. Worship at church*

*And*

*10:00 a.m. Live Stream*



***Sunday, July 19***

*10:00 a.m. Worship at church*

*And*

*10:00 a.m. Live Stream*

***Sunday, July 26***

*8:30 a.m. Worship at Moore Memorial Park*

*10:00 a.m. Worship at church*

*And*

*10:00 a.m. Live Stream*



**We are planning to have another Blood Drive on Thursday, July 30th, from 3:00 - 6:00 PM. The**

blood drive will be held again in the Blood Mobile, located in the church parking lot. Life Serve will be using precautionary measures as they carry out the blood drive. The wearing of masks is encouraged.

We encourage people to sign up for the blood drive in July, as the need for blood is as great as ever.



### **2020 VBS: Rainforest Explorers – Postponed**

The Board of Education regrets to inform you that due to restrictions from the COVID-19 Pandemic we have decided to postpone our 2020 VBS: Rainforest Explorers until 2021. We made this decision to keep everyone safe and to have a meaningful and exciting VBS.

## Board of Stewardship

“Greetings and God’s Blessings from the Stewardship Committee! With the continued uncertainty as to when members will be comfortable to physically attend worship services again, we will be asking for monthly volunteers to count offerings on an on-going, month-by-month basis. This will avoid lining up a schedule for the entire year, only to have to make changes and substitutions along the way. If you indicated you’d be a counter on your Time and Talent forms, we have noted this and will contact you in the months ahead as to whether you might be able to count in a particular month.

If you did not volunteer to count on the Time and Talent forms but would now like to, please let the church office know and we will be happy to work you in! If you have never counted before, the Stewardship Committee will gladly assist you the first time to help show you the process. Thank you to all our counters for handling this necessary task!

Stewardship met with other members of the Endowment Committee in early June. It was decided to suggest to the voters assembly that the annual payment we will receive from the Undesignated Fund—approximately \$550—be used this year to help defray expenses incurred in setting up our weekly on-line church services. It was also suggested that the annual payment from the Music Ministry Fund—approximately \$350—be used to purchase cymbals that the music teams have requested to help enhance music in our services.”



*Our sincere thanks for all your prayers, cards, e-mails, and phone calls during Bud's hospitalizations and recovery. You are a very caring congregation and we appreciate your concern.*

*Bud and  
Thelma  
Voetberg*



### Do you have a favorite missionary? Or several?

Did you know that you can access the newsletters of many missionaries online?

Go to <https://missioncentral.us/updates/>

Here you can scroll through a list of missionaries and read current and past newsletters. You can search for a specific missionary, and you can sign up to receive their newsletter by email.

# MISSIONS

# Wellness Team

## Be Sun Smart



Who isn't ready to spend some time in the sun after a long winter and then weeks of self isolation? While sunlight is necessary, it can also be dangerous, causing 90% of all skin cancers, sunburn, premature aging of the skin, cataracts, photosensitivity and damage to the immune system. You can have fun in the sun and decrease your risk of sun damage by using common sense and practicing a few important precautions.

Here's how to be sun smart:

- Generously apply water resistant sunscreen with a SPF (Sun Protection Factor) of at least 30 that provides broad spectrum protection from both UVA and UVB rays to all exposed skin. Reapply after two hours, even on cloudy days, and after swimming or sweating.
- Wear protective clothing such as long sleeved shirts, pants, a wide brimmed hat and sunglasses that provide 100% UV protection.
- Seek Shade when appropriate, remembering that the sun's rays are the strongest between 10 am and 4 pm. If your shadow is shorter than you are, seek shade.
- Protect children from sun exposure by playing in the shade, using protective clothing and applying sunscreen. Keep infants out of the sun and do not use sunscreen on babies under six months of age. A sunburn in a baby can be a medical emergency. The best time to prevent skin cancer is in childhood. By the age of 18, most people have received 50-80% of their lifetime sun exposure.
- Use extra caution near water, snow and sand as they reflect the damaging rays of the sun which increase your chance of sunburn. Snow reflects up to 80% of the sun's rays.
- Avoid tanning beds UV light from both the sun and tanning beds can cause skin cancer, wrinkles, leathery skin, and age spots. Often mistaken as a sign of good health a tan actually means the skin has been injured. If you want to look like you've been in the sun, consider using a self-tanning product, but continue to use sunscreen with it.

If you notice an unusual or changing mole or a spot on your skin that changes, does not heal, bleeds, or itches, contact your healthcare provider. With early detection and treatment, skin cancer has a high cure rate.

-Your Wellness Team wishes you a fun and safe summer!



## Evangelism

### ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

#### Relief for Human Need Worldwide

The Board of Evangelism has chosen Orphan Grain Train, Clemons, IA as our local mission project for the year. We chose this as we wanted everyone to have a chance to help with missions. All can be involved by donating clothing, sorting and delivering to Clemons.

They will accept any type of gently used, clean clothing for all ages. There will be collection containers by the church's east doors and later we will ask for volunteers to help sort these into like groups.

We will be making layette kits in the future. More information will be provided later.



## Education & Youth

### Camp Okoboji News

#### Camp Okoboji -sessions cancelled but prayers are not!

Although this pandemic is changing normal schedules and events, it can only strengthen the hope and faith we have in Jesus! So even though our youth cannot be with Jesus at the Lake this summer, he is still with each of them in their hearts. Please pray with us for the youth as well as the camp during this abnormal time.

Camp Okoboji will still be renting out the family cabins. If you would like more information about renting a family cabin, please call the camp at 712-337-3325.



### Get Your Reward!

There's nothing more rewarding than seeing a great group of youth gather for a meal and activities. Although we're there to guide them, many times they help enlighten us adults too!

We are looking for people to join our board as well as have an opening for a Vice chair to start in July. Time commitment is what you are willing to do, but our meetings are once a month and we have meals/activities once a month for 7-8 months. (All events on stand by until pandemic lifts).

For more information, please contact Carla Murphy.

## Human Care

### Church Service & Continental Breakfast

Sunday, July 28, 8:15 am

Moore Memorial Park,

Big Bluestem Shelter

3050 Northridge Parkway

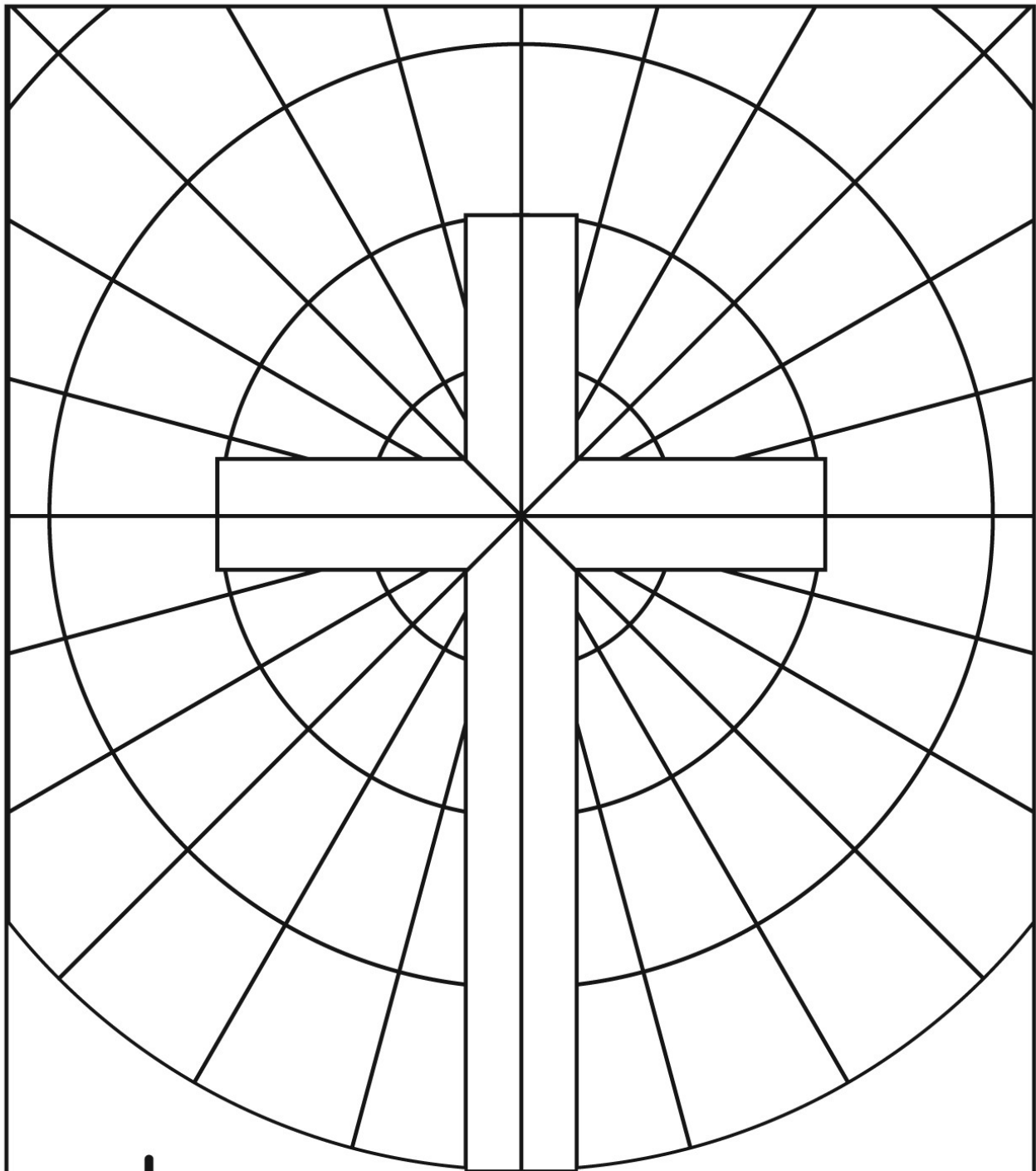


**COME, ENJOY** a continental breakfast following our annual outdoor church service to be held at 8:15.

The Board of Human Care will provide assorted donuts/pastries, fruit, orange juice and coffee. Members are asked to bring their own coffee mugs; other service ware will be provided.

**\*Please remember to bring lawn chairs for the church service, and your face masks.**

## Women's Ministry



**Therefore encourage one another  
and build one another up ...**

**(1 Thessalonians 5:11).**

## Women's Ministry

### LWML National 2019–2021 Mission Grant #11 — \$100,000 Touching the Living Word

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) has been bringing the gospel to blind and visually impaired people around the world since 1943. In its 76 year history, LBW has produced and distributed for free over 14 million volumes of braille, large print, and audio materials. Many volunteers help produce these Bibles and other materials using zinc plates, braille presses, specialized paper, covers, and spiral bindings. Currently these materials are published in 11 languages and sent to over 130 countries. They have published over 220,000 volumes over the last 42 months as the demand keeps increasing. This incredible volume takes its toll on the production equipment since each page requires separate zinc plates which are produced by a plate embossing device. The main challenge facing LBW's goal is having the machines and technology available to produce the zinc plates. With this grant LBW will be able to purchase a PUMA plate embossing device capable of creating the necessary number of zinc plates to meet production needs. It will also allow the production of more plates in different languages, reaching even more people with the Good News of Salvation.



A number of young men at a school in India who are excited to be reading their volumes of a Braille Bible.

**The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) still has many grants to be funded. You may send a check for your mites to the church office and we will put it in the mite box, or continue to save them and when we are able to worship together again you may place them in the large mite box.**

**Thank you for continuing to save those mites!**



**Coloring Corner (previous page)** Try using this coloring page during your daily devotional time. Each section could be something you are thankful for, or someone you are praying for. Please let us know if you enjoyed this activity.

Board of Women's Ministry



# Women's Ministry

**LWML Mite Update:** as of 4/30/20

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

**Amount Received: \$1,186,352.00**

**Amount Needed: \$913,684.00**

We normally collect mites for missions on the 1st Sunday of each month. For more information about LWML go to [www.lwml.org](http://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 ~** Our quilters are still working from home. Many are making quilt tops at home and are running low on fabric. If you have fabric to donate, please bring it by the church between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm and we will get it to them.



## "Book to Know to Help You Grow"

**Due to Covid-19 our discussion has been changed again! We will try to meet Sept. 10 at 7:00 pm at Janelle Swenson's home to discuss "The Masterpiece" by Francine Rivers. We will also be choosing our books for the next year. Send your suggestions to Connie Lastine.**

The Barnes and Noble description of this book: "*The New York Times* best-selling author of *Redeeming Love* returns to her romance roots with this unexpected and redemptive love story, a probing tale that reminds us that mercy can shape even the most broken among us into an imperfect yet stunning

masterpiece. A successful LA artist, Roman Velasco appears to have everything he could possibly want—money, women, fame. Only Grace Moore, his reluctant, newly hired personal assistant, knows how little he truly has. The demons of Roman's past seem to echo through the halls of his empty mansion and out across his breathtaking Topanga Canyon view. But Grace doesn't know how her boss secretly wrestles with those demons: by tagging buildings as the Bird, a notorious but unidentified graffiti artist—an alter ego that could destroy his career and land him in prison. Like Roman, Grace is wrestling with ghosts and secrets of her own. After a disastrous marriage threw her life completely off course, she vowed never to let love steal her dreams again. But as she gets to know the enigmatic man behind the reputation, it's as if the jagged pieces of both of their pasts slowly begin to fit together . . . until something so unexpected happens that it changes the course of their relationship—and both their lives—forever."

Date	Hostess	Book
Sept. 10, 2020, 7 pm	Janelle Swenson	"The Masterpiece" by Francine Rivers