

# NOVEMBER 2020

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## Letter from Pastor

Dear friends in the Lord:

Are you ready for Thanksgiving? Maybe this year, as you ponder the persistent pandemic, you think, "What is there to be thankful about?" The students in my confirmation class could tell you, if they remember our recent lesson on the Fourth Petition: "Give us this day our daily bread." In class the day we covered this petition, as we used our confirmation workbook, each student made a list of 15 gifts she/he is thankful for and we joined in giving our gratitude to God. (Why 15? Because that's how many blank spaces the workbook provided.)

Can you think of 15 gifts from God for which you can be grateful, even during the present pandemic? Doesn't God bless us with His love every single day? Isn't God with us to help us when we feel hopeless? Doesn't God give us patience and perseverance through Jesus when we are overcome with frustration? Doesn't God grant us His guidance when we need direction? And most of all, through the sacrifice of Jesus, doesn't God bless us with forgiveness for our sinful failings?

There is so much to thank God for – above all, for Jesus! God has blessed us spiritually beyond measure, through Christ and His true treasures. *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ!"* (Ephesians 1:3)

If you are grateful to God for His love, this month provides you with an apt opportunity for a special offering of thanks. I am thankful for all the offerings from our members that allow us to continue to provide God's Word and weekly worship to you through this dark pandemic. I am thankful for everyone who gives to the Lord's work, so that we can give you the Lord's Word each week. Thank you for your gifts of gratitude to God, in thanks for all that God has given to you!

God's Word reminds us that our offerings are an important part of our worship, and our offerings are an expression of how thankful we are to God. Psalm 96:8-9 proclaims, ***"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering and come into His courts. Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness."*** Often, people will ask you, "What are you going to have for Thanksgiving?" God's Word sounds like it is asking you, "What are you going to give for thanksgiving?" What are you going to give, in gratitude for all that God has given you?

In Jesus, with thanksgiving,

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, November 1*

*10:00 a.m. Worship at church with Holy Communion*

*And*

*10:00 a.m. Live Stream*

*11:30-1:00 p.m. Walk up Communion*



*Sunday, November 22*

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

*And*

*10:00 a.m. Live Stream*

*11:10 a.m. Live Stream Bible study*

*Sunday, November 8*

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

*And*

*10:00 a.m. Live Stream*

*11:10 a.m. Live Stream Bible study*

*Wednesday, November 25*

*Thanksgiving Eve*

*7:00 p.m. Worship at church*

*And*

*7:00 p.m. Live Stream*

*Sunday, November 15*

*10:00 a.m. Worship at church with Holy Communion*

*And*

*10:00 a.m. Live Stream*

*11:30-1:00 p.m. Walk up Communion*

*Sunday, November 29*

*10:00 a.m. Worship at church with Holy Communion*

*And*

*10:00 a.m. Live Stream*

*11:30-1:00 p.m. Walk up Communion*

The Trustees will hold the church Fall Work day on November 14, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Please plan to come and help out if you are able, one hour or until we are finished. All are very much appreciated.

St. Paul Trustees





## Thanksgiving Baskets of Plenty Sunday, November 22nd

We will once again be observing our Thanksgiving Food In-Gathering for Bethesda Community Food Pantry. With the changes in our church services and social distancing, we will be making a few changes for our Baskets of Plenty this year. We will be having our regular giving during the 10:00 am Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> morning service. Members can also bring their donations throughout the week during office hours Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 3:30 pm. If you wish you can place your items at the altar area or in the containers located in the west entry way. There will also be a basket in the entry way and on the Altar for any cash/check donations. Cash/check donations allow the food pantry to purchase what is needed at a greatly reduced cost.

**1 Thessalonians 5:18** *in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

There's a saying that goes like this: The easiest way to be joyful is to count your blessings instead of your problems. Although we all have hardships in life, we have so many more blessings for which we can be grateful. This month especially, we focus our attention on being thankful. Most, if not all of us, will celebrate a Thanksgiving feast in our homes. Hopefully most, if not all of us, will also gather in worship to lift our praises to the Lord for His many blessings! All members and friends are invited to join us in giving God thanks at our Thanksgiving service of worship at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, in-person or LIVE stream. Come, you thankful people, come! As Christians, we should be "*always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (Ephesians 5:20). "*O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!*" (Psalm 136:1)

With a grateful heart to God,  
Pastor Jenks



Thank you for your Total Year to Date Contributions of \$2,000. to Lutheran Bible Translators and those who do not yet have God's Word in the language of their heart!

*God's Blessings,*

*Dr. Mike Rodewald, Executive Director of Lutheran Bible Translators*

## Human Care

### HOPE GIFT MARKET – SEND IN THIS FORM!



Because of the pandemic and the need for social distancing, the HOPE Gift Market will not be held in person this year. Rather, we have included the form in this newsletter for you to fill out and return to the church. Checks should be made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church with a notation that it is for the HOPE Gift Market.

If you have any questions about filling out the form or the organizations sponsored, please call Carol Folkmann at 515-450-5819 or email her at [carol.folkmann@gmail.com](mailto:carol.folkmann@gmail.com). Forms will be accepted through the month of November, and any contributions made will be recorded on your giving registry at church.

If you would like to receive a gift certificate, please attach your request to the form.

This year more than ever, organizations are in need for supplemental funding. **Any** donation would certainly be appreciated! Thank you!!!

## Choir Director

### Dan Hinderaker – St. Paul Lutheran Choir Director

Hello, I'm Dan Hinderaker, the new St. Paul Lutheran Choir Director. I am married to my wonderful wife, Diane (of 20 years). We have three boys, Ryan (17), David (16) and Noah (10). My background includes 12 years of ministry serving in Music, Children, Youth and Family Ministry in varying capacities at Morningside Lutheran (Sioux City, IA), Bethany Lutheran (Minneapolis, MN), Our Savior's Lutheran (Radcliffe, IA) and Bethesda Lutheran (Ames, IA). I have degrees from Waldorf College, Luther College and the University of Northern Iowa in Music and Elementary Education. In addition to ministry, my career path has included substitute teaching in the Ames and surrounding school districts, Benefits Specialist with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (Minneapolis, MN and Appleton, WI) and Research/Remediation Analyst with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage (Des Moines, IA). God continues to grow and mold me as a leader that is dedicated to service and helping others grow their faith in their everyday lives. When I'm not at work, I enjoy grilling, going out to eat or to the movies, watching Minnesota Viking football, playing card and board games, singing and just hanging around our house with my family. I'm so excited to start working with the St. Paul Lutheran choir and to use our voices to worship and praise together when the time is right. This time during the pandemic has not been easy to know our path, but I'm confident that this path will become clearer as we continue to seek God's guidance during this challenging time. When that time comes, I look forward to getting to know this congregation and the choir. I feel blessed to have this opportunity.



**SING PRAISES**  
to the **LORD**

Psalm 30:4

## Board of Stewardship

***“Bring to His sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave, the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls He died to save.”***

In the words to a favorite hymn we often enjoy at Thanksgiving, “*Sing to the Lord of Harvest*”. What an appropriate time of year to be reminded to joyfully bring our gifts to God’s sacred altar at St. Paul...for the ultimate purpose of saving souls during the time God gives each of us while on Earth.

Even throughout this trying year of pandemic, civil bitterness and unrest, derecho and whatever personal roadblocks we all might have encountered, there is still much to be thankful for. Not the least of all, the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who promises to remain by our side “yesterday, today and tomorrow”, no matter what our troubles might be.

We thank you for your faithful stewardship to God through your offerings this past year, and through your continued support of our worship services as adjustments have been needed. The work of St. Paul must go on...and that work cannot be accomplished without your prayers and financial support.

It was recently noted that 17 members now regularly make offerings to St. Paul through electronic means...either by regular transfers from personal checking accounts, or through Vanco services via the church’s Web site, [www.saintpaulames.org](http://www.saintpaulames.org). If electronic giving might appeal to you but you’re unsure how it works, our Financial Secretary, Tom Baas (515/291-4171), is always willing to answer your questions or lend you a hand.

Of course, most members still prefer to use weekly offering envelopes, and we encourage their use as well. The 2021 envelopes will be set out for pick-up in the narthex beginning November 1. Please stop by either on a Sunday morning or during the week to pick up yours. And if convenient, we encourage you to take along envelopes for family or a friend who might not be comfortable leaving home. ~~Board of Stewardship

### ***Sing to the Lord of Harvest***

1     Sing to the Lord of harvest,  
        Sing songs of love and praise;  
        With joyful hearts and voices  
        Your alleluias raise.  
        By Him the rolling seasons  
        In fruitful order move;  
        Sing to the Lord of harvest  
        A joyous song of love.

2     God makes the clouds rain goodness,  
        The deserts bloom and spring,  
        The hills leap up in gladness,  
        The valleys laugh and sing.  
        God fills them with His fullness,  
        All things with large increase;  
        He crowns the year with blessing,  
        With plenty and with peace.

3     Bring to this sacred altar  
        The gifts His goodness gave,  
        The golden sheaves of harvest,  
        The souls Christ died to save.  
        Your hearts lay down before Him  
        When at His feet you fall,  
        And with your lives adore Him  
        Who gave His life for all.

## Wellness Team

### November is Diabetes Awareness Month!

From Thomas Wilson



Many know my history with diabetes, but most might not know that I have struggled with this disease for over 30 years. I have gone from being diagnosed and doing well, to very high A1C (not GOOD!) to getting it back under control. It's hard. It's hard to control what you eat, what you want to eat. Was this something that just showed up one day and I had no idea what to do? Did my parents not know about this? Well, I come from a long line of diabetics. My sister Karen and I were both diagnosed as juvenile diabetics. My mother, father and brother were diagnosed in adulthood. I knew the seriousness of this disease, my sister had kidney failure and lost her eyesight, she eventually passed away from complications to the disease. My brother has battled over the years with his, not taking care of his feet he has had both legs amputated, kidney failure and kidney transplant. Diabetes is my life!

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) has been very active in shining a light on the awareness of Diabetes. There are approximately 34 million children and adults who have been diagnosed with diabetes in the United States. This makes diabetes an epidemic. The cost of diabetes in the United States has reached over \$327 Billion. People with diabetes have a 2.3X greater health care cost. Monthly cost for medications exceeds \$2,000 for each person.

Complications from diabetes can include heart disease, stroke, amputation, end-stage kidney disease, blindness and death. With all of these complications it is heart breaking to know that roughly 88 million Americans, roughly 800,000 Iowans, are living with prediabetes and not diagnosed. This disease is serious, and there are small steps that can be taken to help prevent these complications from happening.

By losing just 10 – 15 pounds you can drastically reduce the likeliness of Type 2 diabetes and complications. Being active and watching what you eat can make an impact on your prevention of diabetes as well as cholesterol, high blood pressure, and high blood sugars. The best thing for you to do is ask your doctor for a Diabetes screening, have them check and monitor your blood sugar. Catching it early can help dramatically when you are able to make corrections in your decisions.

I am now on an insulin regimen that has been outstanding. I have been able to see many great results in my health since I have started this insulin therapy. I make great progress each day to continue to monitor and acknowledge what I have and know that I am lucky to figure out that this disease is nothing to play around with. It's serious. And this month is a great reminder to take a look at this disease as not just another illness.

## Family Life

### Homegrown Fruits of the Spirit: Living with a Present Mind

Many days we are tempted to think about work, our to-do list, or even finances when we are with our spouses or children. But the moments that truly matter are those when our loved one's heart and mind are overwhelmed and they become anxious. How can you be more emotionally present for those you love when they are in this place while you are not present in your own mind?

Here's a tip that might help. If thoughts of the day tend to distract you when you are at home, find a healthy way to decompress before you enter your loved one's "presence" (when they need you mentally and emotionally there). Work out, go for a walk, do something active. It may take more time, but it will set you up for success to be more fully engaged with those you love and are cultivating.

We read in Ephesians 6:4 "Fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." The Greek word for "training" and "instruction" literally means, "'a putting in mind,' then warning, admonition, instruction" so as to think about the right way of God. When our loved ones are overwhelmed, or not at peace, we can be a finite peace that literally calms them. We have the power to either provoke and disturb, or promote peace, and unite their heart and mind. Your whole presence is crucial in these overwhelming moments.

Another way to cultivate a present mind is to practice speaking peace in your home. In Genesis 3:20 we read, "The man named his wife Eve because she was the mother of all the living." The power of words starts in the beginning. Adam had the power to name his wife even after the fall. Instead of naming her "nag" or "exhausting" or even "worrywart," he named her "life." Eve. What are you speaking in your house? Are you using words that bring peace and calm, or words that provoke negativity?

As families, we go through a lot of suffering. Sometimes it's with our spouse. Quite often it's because of outside pressures like finances, work, or in-laws. But remember, you are a team. You are for one another, not against one another. We often need to remind ourselves of that.

#### APPLICATION:

How have you helped unite your loved one's inner turmoil and bring peace to their heart and mind in anxious situations?

How can you use your tongue to better cultivate peace and practice being truly present in your home?

**Morning Prayer:** Lord, teach me not to worry about tomorrow, but to rely on You for what we need today.

**Bedtime Question:** When you are scared, what are ways you can calm yourself down?

Read the following verses and look for what each teaches about the tongue or our words:

Psalms 12:4

Psalms 39:1

Psalms 139:4

Proverbs 15:4



## Family Life

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Reminder that your Operation Christmas Child boxes are due no later than Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. You can drop them off at any time before that date. You can place them back on the table in the west lobby or to Thomas Wilson, DCE in his office.



### Family Advent-In-A-Box: Jesse Tree Devotions

Continuing with our Advent and Lent in a box devotion this year we turn to the tradition of the Jesse Tree. This year's devotions will bring the families together to hear the story of Jesus from creation to His birth using the symbols of the Jesse Tree. Jesus is the seed, the root, and life of the Jesse Tree. Gather together and make these devotions a family memory as you learn, pray, worship, and complete 20 Jesse Tree ornaments for your own Christmas tree or Jesse Tree.

Advent-In-A-Box will be ready to pick up at the church starting Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Not able to make it to church to pick it up, but still want to participate? Contact Thomas Wilson, DCE – Director of Family Life Ministry, and he can deliver to your home!

### The fire WAS HOT!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who came out for the annual Campfire at McFarland park! It was definitely different this year with everything, BUT we still had a great time of fellowship and FUN! A special thank you to Tom and Judy Peter for the fire wood and to Eric Phipps for helping get the fire going! If you were not able to join us this year we hope you can next year!



### Family Resources

Check out the family resources on the St. Paul website ([saintpaulames.org](http://saintpaulames.org)). Resources include, Apps for families, podcast for parents, books, websites, and social media sources for parents.

If you have any questions please contact: Thomas Wilson, DCE – Director of Family Life Ministry, [familylife@saintpaulames.org](mailto:familylife@saintpaulames.org)



## Education and Youth



**Chili and Soup Feed**

An NYG Fundraiser

**SATURDAY  
December 5**

**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
*Drive through pick-up*

**FREE Will Donation**

- 1 QUART OF CHILI with 2 Cinnamon Rolls OR
- 1 QUART CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP with 2 Pieces of Cornbread

Orders due by Monday, November 30.

**Don't want either, but would still like to donate?**

*For a monetary donation of \$10 or more we will donate a meal to first responders in Ames and Nevada.*

**Visit [saintpaulames.org](http://saintpaulames.org) to order online!**

### Chili and Soup Feed: A NYG Fundraiser

With all of the restrictions that we are under, being able to have a dinner or Chili Cookoff was out of the question. But we still would like to bring some GOODNESS to you!

The youth participants and parents of the 2022 National Youth Gathering will be taking orders for their Chili and Soup Feed. This FREEWILL offering fundraiser will be on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 1:00 PM.

We are taking pre-orders for this feed. You can order a quart (approximately 2 servings) of Chili or Chicken Noodle soup. With each Chili order you will also receive two cinnamon rolls; with each Chicken Noodle soup order you will receive two pieces of cornbread. Orders can be made using the online order form (emailed out to congregation), the attached form mailed into the church office, or by calling Thomas Wilson at the church office.

All proceeds will help the participants of the 2022 NYG make their fundraising goal! Thank you for your support!

## Chili and Soup Feed Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Chili (with cinnamon rolls)

Quantity (quarts): \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Noodle Soup (with cornbread)

Quantity (quarts): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would prefer to only donate \$10 and instead of receiving the food have it donated to the First Responders in Ames and Nevada.

Money/ checks can be mailed to the church or dropped off at the church office. St. Paul Lutheran Church ATTN: Thomas Wilson, 610 15th Street, Ames, IA 50010

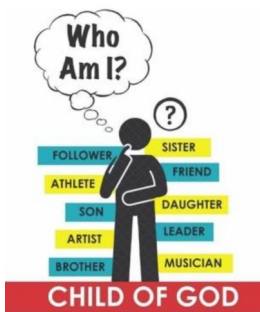
**ORDERS DUE: Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

## Education and Youth

**Save the date! - IDW Sr Youth UnGathering November 20** - virtual and in person here at church! No registration fees. The event is based on the theme "2020 Faith." The live stream portion will include music by Izaak from Camp Okoboji; words of inspiration and hope from Tanner Olson; and Shelly Schwalm from the 2019 NYG will be the main presenter. Safety protocols will be followed while at church. More information will be made available soon.



### IDW Jr Youth Gathering goes virtual!



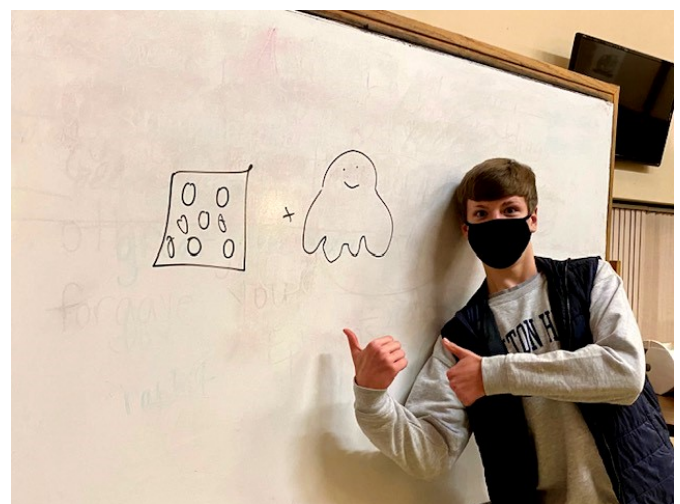
Since COVID prevented us from gathering in Des Moines with hundreds of other youth in our district, we were still able to gather safely in our own church and have a virtual watch party to still sing songs with Swen and Dean, played Kahoot trivia about baptism, and had our own games and devotions. The theme was "Who am I? -Child of God". We explored baptism and learned that no matter what type of uncertainty is around us, we can count on Jesus who never changes and rely upon our baptism as a child of God.



Jr Youth Gathering COVID style 2020



Singing/dancing with Swen & Dean

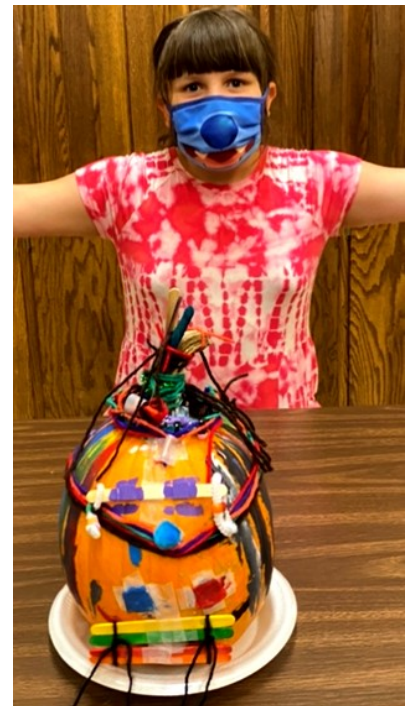


Baptism Pictionary-you're correct if you guessed he drew the Holy Spirit and not swiss ghost!

## Education & Youth

### Youth, Pizza and Pumpkins

On October 14 the Board of Youth hosted the first LYF event since the pandemic began. Youth enjoyed a pizza meal and decorated or carved pumpkins. The youth did a good job with the new protocols while enjoying fellowship and fun.



# Evangelism

## *A Special Thank You!*

I'd like to extend a special THANK YOU! On behalf of myself, St. Paul & the St. Paul Transformers to the following people. Keith Folkmann, Steve Johnson & Dick Peterson. Although our group wasn't the normal big group, a lot of work got done on October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10th. You guys make me proud to be a part of St. Paul and The St. Paul Transformers. I always look forward to the trip to Camp Okoboji.

To the rest of the St. Paul congregation We have room for more folks to become a part of the St. Paul Transformers. If this is something you may be curious about just ask me. The work is not just tailored to the younger folks. There's always something to do.

**Thank You, Charles Ellis**

**The Board of Evangelism has a gift for everyone.** It is a small "Count your Blessings" devotional booklet for your table. We gave these to all the preschool parents. With all the challenges of this year we want to make sure we all remember our blessings and say "Thank you" daily for them. There is a devotion for every day of November and we hope you will all use them and spread the Good News. They will be distributed through the Joining Jesus Missional Community Groups.

**Just a reminder, keep the items for the Orphan Grain Bins coming.** Clothing is always welcome and also medical supplies, Bibles and school supplies. They keep a shelf of new school supplies for teachers. Sometimes you get more than you need or is the wrong type, they will use. Thank you for supporting this great mission project.

## Prayers for Missionaries

As the world continues to grapple with the pandemic, the church continues sending missionaries into the world to share the hope of Christ. The LCMS has over 200 missionaries working around the globe. Before the pandemic's shutdown we listed a missionary in our announcement sheet to pray for each week. We are resuming the listing in the Epistle and by email. These servants, away from home during the stressful and unusual times of the Covid-19 crisis, covet our fervent prayers more than anything else. You can learn more through [www.lcms.org/missionarysupport](http://www.lcms.org/missionarysupport) listed below are some more known to us.

Please pray for **JULIE LUTZ** as she serves the Lord in Papua New Guinea. Pray God graciously grants her strength and good cheer as she serves as a mission service coordinator. Pray for the people of the Gutnius Lutheran Church in PNG that God makes them one in Him as they reach out in witness. Let us give thanks to God that Julie serves His children in this part of the world.

Please pray for **ANTON LUTZ** as he serves in Papua New Guinea. Pray for health and safety and for ongoing guidance and strength as he deals with complex situations. His work in Papua New Guinea has included infrastructure development at Kaiam Airstrip (2005-2015), community mobilization and HIV education (2004-2010), hospital equipment maintenance, assisting in the Gutnius Lutheran Church conflict mediation process, and undertaking various "impossible" tasks alongside mission partners. Pray that national and local leaders will be raised up to lead Papua New Guinea and the Church forward with wisdom and courage.

Pray for **REV. CHARLES and CONNIE CORTRIGHT** as they serve in Riga. Ask God to strengthen both of them as they work in Latvia and learn the culture. Ask God to use them daily in the work of helping Lutheran pastors in Eurasia to preach Christ and Him crucified. Pray, too, for the LCMS personnel serving in the region with them that they continue to receive God's grace through the Word and Sacrament ministry Charles shares with them. Ask God to keep Charles and Connie safe as they travel. Let us give thanks that Charles and Connie are serving in this part of God's world.

Pray for **BENJAMIN HELGE** as he serves in the Eurasia region and in the Czech Republic. Pray for his continued learning of the Czech language. Ben teaches conversational English in public schools and leads weekly mission clubs. Please thank God for the work He is doing in the Czech Republic and for the Christians who are currently gathering together through Project M.I.S.E. Pray for his work of establishing 21 mission teams in 10 years (21/10 project) Pray that new leaders would be raised up to serve in the new mission group teams under the 21/10 vision.

# Women's Ministry

## LWML National 2019–2021 Mission Grant #15 — \$62,650 Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers

In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers, evangelists or seminary trained, and ordained pastors. Both the pre-seminary and post-seminary men are eager for opportunities to study theology in a community which will enable them to better serve their congregations. To enable those whom the church has called into service as lay leaders of these congregations, The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Africa Mission Training Center provides continuing education opportunities for local pastors and their wives. The course may be taught by a church leader, a local seminary professor, or a missionary engaged in the work God has given him. This grant will provide basic theological training for lay leaders of congregations who serve under a pastor responsible for between five and 15 congregations. The training material allows the local pastor to work through a total of 22 workbooks (over two years) with his lay leaders. Lay leaders gather with their pastor for 5 days once a month. The program provides limited financial assistance to offset the costs of food and transportation.



In many remote villages across East Africa young congregations often gather together under trees for worship or under make shift structures of sticks and a tarp. Most often the worship services are led by evangelists.



See those **HAPPY FACES!**



*This is a dress made by one of our members.*

### ARE YOU WILLING TO PUT THOSE SMILES ON GIRLS' FACES?

**WHAT:** DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD  
**WHEN:** ANYTIME IN NOV. AND DEC.  
**WHERE:** AT YOUR HOME  
**WHY:** TO PUT SMILES ON GIRLS AROUND THE WORLD WHO DON'T EVEN OWN ONE DRESS  
 (Pick up packets with all the supplies in them from Linda Peterson)

(Those of you that have sewing ability and want something to do at home can get the packet and the instructions and all the materials in the packet to sew at home free of charge and then return the finished dress to Linda. — see Linda Peterson - call her at 515-231-4730.) The dress pattern and pocket is cut out for you.

*If you can't sew or would rather not sew, you could help us by sending a small donation to help pay for the transportation of the dresses. The organization is asking for at least \$1.00 per dress to hand deliver the dresses by their ambassadors.*

*The Women's Ministries thanks you!*

# Women's Ministry

**LWML Mite Update:** as of 9/30/20

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

**Amount Received: \$1,587,345.19**

**Amount Needed: \$512,654.81**

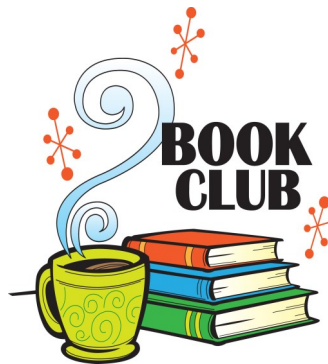
We normally collect mites for missions on the 1st Sunday of each month. For more information about LWML go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

**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.



We are sorry to let you know that there is no Angel tree this year. Instead, we encourage you to support the HOPE Gift Market with the funds you would have used for an angel, or watch for other ways in the area to share the Love of Jesus with those who are less fortunate.

Thank you, and we hope to have the Angel tree back next year.



## "Book to Know to Help You Grow"

November 12 at 7:00 pm we will discuss "While We're Far Apart" by Lynn Austin. The exact format for our discussion has not been decided yet, but we will keep you posted by email. If you do not get the Book Club emails, but would like to receive them, just let the church office know.

"While We're Far Apart": In an unassuming apartment building in Brooklyn, New York, three lives intersect as the reality of war invades each aspect of their lives. Young Esther is heartbroken when her father decides to enlist in the army shortly after the death of her mother. Penny Goodrich has been in love with Eddie Shaffer

for as long as she can remember; now that Eddie's wife is dead, Penny feels she has been given a second chance and offers to care for his children in the hope that he will finally notice her and marry her after the war. And elderly Mr. Mendel, the landlord, waits for the war to end to hear what has happened to his son trapped in war-torn Hungary.

But during the long, endless wait for victory overseas, life on the home front will go from bad to worse. Yet these characters will find themselves growing and changing in ways they never expected--and ultimately discovering truths about God's love...even when He is silent.

Date	Location	Book
Nov 12, 2020, 7 pm	TBA	"While We're Far Apart" by Lynn Austin
Jan 14, 2021, 7 pm	TBA	"Becoming Mrs. Lewis" by Patti Callahan
March 11, 2021, 7 pm	TBA	"Saving Amelie" by Cathy Gohlke
May 13, 2021, 7 pm	TBA	"Bread of Angels" by Tessa Afshar



# Chili and Soup Feed

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An NYG  
**Fundraiser**

**SATURDAY**  
**December 5**

**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
*Drive through pick-up*



**FREE Will  
Donation**

- **1 QUART OF CHILI**  
with 2 Cinnamon Rolls OR
- **1 QUART CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP**  
with 2 Pieces of Cornbread

*Orders due by Monday, November 30.*



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