

# MARCH 2021

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## Letter from Pastor

Friends in the Lord,

Is it okay to grieve? What do you believe about this? And more importantly, what do the Scriptures say about this? *"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die...A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance"* (Ecclesiastes 3:1-4). It sounds to me like the Scriptures say quite clearly that there is, indeed, a time to grieve.

We continue to grieve our son Donovan leaving us to be with Jesus. Though we are glad Donovan is in heaven, we are sad he is no longer here with us. And as my family grieves, our church family grieves as well. Donovan grew up in our house in north Ames, but he also grew up in the Lord's house at St. Paul. He attended Sunday School, midweek, and youth group right here among us, where he was taught about Jesus by many of our members. He worshiped with all of you on Sunday mornings. Donovan was confirmed in our congregation and supported by our members who mentored him in his walk with Christ. Donovan played praises to our Lord with the praise team and was blessed by the Christian witness and love of others with musical talents. As one of our members reminded me, not only does the Jenks family grieve, all of you here at St. Paul are also grieving Donovan's sudden accidental death as he left us so unexpectedly at a young age to join the heavenly praise team around the altar of our great God.

Yet as we grieve together, the Scriptures are quite clear that the Lord is here with us as we grieve! *"For men are not cast off by the Lord forever. Though He brings grief, He will show compassion, so great is His unfailing love. For He does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men"* (Lamentations 3:31-33). Jesus is with us as we go through our grief, for Jesus Himself knows about grief very personally. Do you remember the favorite verse of many confirm-

ands? *"Jesus wept"* (John 11:35). Jesus cried bitterly when His dear friend Lazarus was dead, and those who saw Jesus said, *"See how much He loved him"* (John 11:36). We also cry when we lose someone we love, because we loved them so deeply.

Jesus knew that His closest friends, the disciples who followed Him, would grieve when He left them. So Jesus said to them: *"Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy"* (John 16:22). Jesus' disciples were given the promise that they would see Him again. So too me and you have the promise, guaranteed by Jesus' victory over sin and death through His death and resurrection from death, that we will again see Donovan and all our other loved ones who have gone before us to be with Jesus.

Jesus Christ came to turn death into life for us, by giving His life for us, dying on the cross to pay for our sins, and rising from death back to life, so that we too might rise from death to life through Jesus Christ! Christ came to bring hope to our hearts when we grieve, as Paul proclaims: *"We do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him"* (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14).

I pray that God will be with all of us as we grieve the departure of loved ones who have left us to be with Jesus, and as we also at the same time believe in the victory won by Jesus and rejoice that our loved ones are with Christ in paradise – and that we will see our loved ones again, when we too are called to join God's praise team in our eternal home in heaven.

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*

***Wednesday, March 3***

***Lent III***

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

*And*

*7:00 p.m. Live Stream*

***Sunday, March 7***

*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*

***Wednesday, March 10***

***Lent IV***

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

*And*

*7:00 p.m. Live Stream*

***Sunday, March 14***

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

*And*

*10:00 a.m. Live Stream*

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

***Wednesday, March 17***

***Lent V***

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

*And*

*7:00 p.m. Live Stream*



With Covid cases increasing, the worship schedule is tentative.

Please watch your emails from the church closely for any changes.

***Sunday, March 21***

*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*

***Wednesday, March 24***

***Lent VI***

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

*And*

*7:00 p.m. Live Stream*

***Sunday, March 28***

***Palm Sunday***

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

*And*

*10:00 a.m. Live Stream*

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

***Thursday, April 1***

***Maundy Thursday***

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

*And*

*7:00 p.m. Live Stream*

***Friday, April 2***

***Good Friday***

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

*And*

*7:00 p.m. Live Stream*



# Easter Breakfast ...To GO!!!

This year, the Women's Ministry Group and the National Youth Gathering participants come together to bring you an Easter Breakfast...To Go.

Each order will consist of an uncooked 8"x8" ham and egg casserole (with instructions for you to bake at home), 6 assorted pastries and one quart of fresh mixed fruit. Each order will serve 4-6 people. The casserole will include, eggs, diced ham, cheese and hash browns, giving you the option to add any additional ingredients at home. The cost of this amazing breakfast will be \$20. **Orders will be ready for pick-up on Saturday, April 3 from 3:30 – 5:00 pm.**

Funds raised will be split between the women attending the National LWML Convention in June 2021 and the youth and adults attending the National Youth Gathering in July 2022.

Drop off completed form and payment to Lisa or Thomas Wilson.  
Orders may also be placed online at [www.saintpaulames.org](http://www.saintpaulames.org).

## Orders are due **SUNDAY, March 28.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Breakfast to Go (Egg Casserole, Pastries and Mixed Fruit)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due

**Drop off completed form and payment to Lisa or Thomas Wilson.**



## Coming Soon! Spring Plant Sale!

Many of you have purchased plants from our Spring Plant Sale in the past. We will be having our plant sale again this year. Plan ahead to get your high-quality plants from us. Order forms will be available soon.



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## Board of Stewardship

**2 Corinthians 9:11: "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."**

As we faced day after day of bitterly cold weather in early February, I decided it was time to think of warmer days ahead and all the beauty that comes with them. As I walked past cold and empty flower planters on my way to my car each morning, memories of last summer's flowers came back to me...memories of how they were the best flowers I had ever grown, and all the joy they gave me as they greeted me when I got home from work each evening.

Why were last summer's flowers so special? Well, for starters, they came from good stock! Last year I bought them from the Women of St. Paul's annual plant sale. They were lush and hardy from the start, unlike any I had ever planted before. You could tell they had good "roots".

Since the flowers got off to such a great start, their beauty encouraged me to nourish and take better care of them like never before. I pruned, I fertilized, I watered them often. Even nights when I was tired when coming home from work and wanted to "skip a watering or fertilizing", I knew those flowers needed their daily attention. I wanted their beauty to continue until autumn's first frost. So I took the extra time to tend to them.

As children of God, we are as special as those pretty flowers. We have "good roots", having been baptized into God's garden of believers through Christ. We are also blessed to be members of a nurturing congregation at St. Paul, with a Pastor, a Director of Family Life, a vibrant preschool and dedicated lay leaders who tend to our spiritual needs each week. We are watered and fertilized daily with God's blessings and His Word. Just like my flowers last summer, we need this constant nourishment to thrive, to bloom, to stay spiritually healthy and productive.

**St. Paul is facing a severe budget shortfall...as of February 1, we are running a deficit of around \$54,000.** Can you help nourish our congregation in the weeks ahead? Can you help us keep the programs and people in place who work so hard to see to our needs and keep us blooming with the kind of faith that is pleasing to God? With everyone's "generosity on every occasion, we can show our thanksgiving to God" and bloom as a congregation like never before.

~~St. Paul Stewardship Committee, Larry Wiebel, chairman

## Evangelism

**We will continue to take donations to Clemmons to the Orphan Grain Train site. They are open every Tuesday and we take things as needed, so keep bringing your donations and place them in the bins in the east entryway.**

**Thank you.**

**Board of Evangelism**



# Wellness Team



## MARCH - NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH

By Marlene Johnson

It's a little-known fact that March is National Kidney Month! We all have some idea how important our kidneys are to our overall health. However, can you name even one function that our kidneys perform? I didn't think so! So here are six key things that our kidneys do for us: 1) Regulate the bodies' fluid levels. 2) Filters waste and toxins from the blood. 3) Release a hormone that regulates blood pressure. 4) Activates vitamin D to maintain healthy bones. 5) Release a hormone that directs production of red blood cells. 6) Keeps blood minerals in balance (sodium, phosphorus, potassium.) So if our kidneys do all these cool things for us, what can we do to ensure that our kidneys stay healthy? The following list contains some helpful ideas for maintaining our kidney health: 1) Exercise regularly 2) Control weight 3) Follow a balanced diet 4) Quit (or don't start) smoking 5) Drink alcohol only in moderation 6) Stay hydrated (6-8 cups of WATER daily) 7) Get an annual physical 8) Be aware of family history of kidney disease 9) Ibuprofen and naproxen should not be taken regularly Since a balanced diet is important, these foods are key for keeping our kidneys in tip-top shape: cabbage, cauliflower, garlic, onions, apples, cranberries, blueberries, raspberries, red grapes, egg whites, fish (especially salmon), virgin/extra virgin olive oil. Be aware that kidney disease may have little or no symptoms, so early detection is important. The best ways to detect kidney problems are to regularly have your blood pressure checked, have a urine test to detect protein in the urine, and have a GFR (Glomerular Filtration Rate) blood test and a BUN/creatinine blood test. It is vital to our overall health that we do all we can do help our kidneys function at their best. So take the above hints to heart, and DRINK plenty of WATER!!

## HOLY SATURDAY PRAYER VIGIL

***And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18 NIV***



Prayer vigils are people united with a common cause to pray and stand watch. After the crucifixion the disciples gathered in locked rooms in fear and prayer. It was a vigil of sorts. A prayer vigil is the practice of continual prayer carried out by a group. Prayer vigils have an ancient history carried on through the ages and then passed on in the monasteries. The first known Protestant continuous prayer was the "Hourly Intercession" of the Moravian Brethren in Saxony. Beginning in 1727 the prayers continued 24 hours a day uninterrupted for over 100 years!!!!

***Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2 NIV***

The prayer vigil will be on **Saturday April 3 from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.** We won't be asking for an hour of prayer for the next hundred years but only 15 minutes. We want to focus on prayers for guidance for our congregation's future direction; asking God's favor and blessing. We will also take many prayer requests ahead of time. There will be missionaries to pray for, prayers for our nation, leaders, and prayers to further God's kingdom. We will provide some preprinted prayers to assist you in this vigil also. Together we will be spiritually enriched and drawn to his throne in humble obedience.

***Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12-13 NIV***

## Education and Youth

### Want to make a HUGE IMPACT????

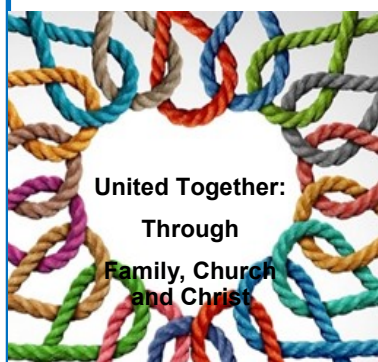
**SMALL ACTIONS**  
**× LOTS OF PEOPLE**  
**= BIG CHANGE**

Ever thought about making a huge impact on others? You have the opportunity right now to make some HUGE impacts on the lives of the youth of St. Paul! Both the Boards of Youth and Education are looking for a few new members to come aboard and walk alongside the youth as they grow their faith through our educational opportunities (Sunday School, Midweek, Confirmation, and special events!) and our youth activities (district gatherings,

lock-ins, monthly LYF events, Youth Sunday). What better way to serve God than to serve our congregation and the youth!

*"He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.'" Matthew 18:2-4, NIV*

### Youth Sunday: United Together – Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>



Join the Youth of St. Paul as they present the 2021 Youth Sunday on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. This service will allow the youth to discuss being united as a family, community, and church through Christ. Titled "United Together: Through Family, Church and Christ" the youth will set the stage for unity within our community. Unity within our families. And unity within our congregation.

We are commanded by God to live as Christians in unity with others. Join us to hear from the youth how they feel about the unity in their lives, what it means and what we can do to help.

### Planning for the Fall!

The Board of Education is currently making plans for the educational opportunities for Fall 2021. We are in need of some energetic and willing Christians to serve our congregation as teachers of faith. We have the current positions to fill starting in September:

- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade Midweek (Wednesday night's 5-6 PM)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School (Sunday mornings 9:45-10:45 AM)
- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade Midweek/ Confirmation (Wednesday night's 5-6PM)
- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School (Sunday mornings 9:45 – 10:45 AM)



## Education and Youth



### Pre-Stuffed Easter Egg Sale!

Several youth of our congregation are excited to attend the National Youth Gathering in 2022. To assist in making it to Houston we are selling pre-stuffed plastic eggs for your family to hide and/or enjoy for Easter. Let our youth stuff the eggs and provide them in a basket. Let us know how many dozen pre-stuffed eggs your family would like to enjoy. We will then place your total amount in a basket and have them ready for pick up Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30 – 5:00 PM. Cost is \$5 per dozen. If you have questions please contact Angi Esser or Amy Carver.

Orders can be dropped off at the church or mailed to the Church (Attn: Thomas Wilson).

NYG Fundraiser: Pre-Stuffed Easter Eggs

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

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

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due

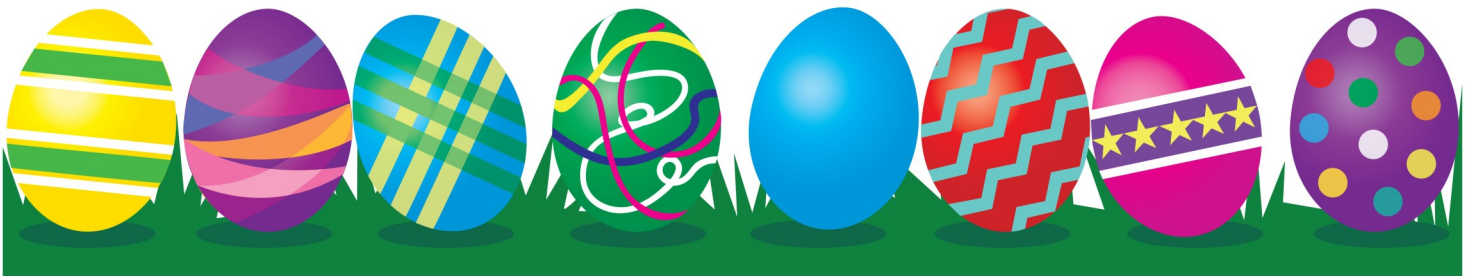
Drop off at the Church or mail to:

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Attn: Thomas Wilson

610 15<sup>th</sup> Street

Ames, IA 50010



## Family Life

### Homegrown Fruits of the Spirit: Living with Eternity in Mind



Living in the here-and-now can be very difficult. Too often we find ourselves wishing we were further along with our careers, personal finances, relationships, or even our relationship with God.

Much of our discontentment comes from the fact that God placed eternity in our hearts. In Ecclesiastes 3:11 we read, “He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.” Yet we live in the confines of time and space. And since we have a hard time making sense of eternity in our mundane, daily routines, pains, heartaches, and everyday inconveniences, we turn to other things to find significance and give us an identity.

For some, our identities become our future dreams. Not settled in the now, we daydream about and strive for the not yet. In the meantime, we miss what God has for us today – and today is all we’re promised.

There may be a struggle of making sure your kids do not disrespect or disobey you. You want them to listen. But when you live discontented lives, your fuses become quite short in the day-to-day. Instead of having patience to recognize that your kids – just like you- are still learning and developing, you act as if they too are the reason for your discontentment. Then, even the simplest provocation leads to yelling or words you later regret.

As you help your kids learn patience, focus on the eternity placed in your heart. Be content that you don’t have to do anything to earn your heavenly Father’s love. When you lead your family with eternity in mind, the day-to-day becomes much more about who you are in Him, and less about who you are not to the world. That’s a perspective your kids long for.

**APPLICATION:** What do you most struggle with as it relates to living for eternity? Take time and write down three specific ways you can begin cultivating patience in your home and with your kids (e.g. more board games instead of screen time, not waiting until the last minute and rushing everyone out the door, etc.).

**Moring Prayer:** Lord Jesus, teach my children that “patience is better than power” (Proverbs 16:32).

Read the following scripture and take time to think about the answers to the following questions.

#### **Colossians 3:1-4**

What’s this passage telling you to focus your mind on?

What is it telling you not to focus your mind on?

When you look at the conversations in your home, do your ongoing conversations reflect a Colossians 3:1-2 mind-set?

How do you see the conversations in your home needing to change to have your kids grow with an eternal mind-set?

How does an eternal mind-set compete with the instant gratification and comparison culture we find ourselves in today?



## Education and Youth

### The Winning Team ..... The YOUTH!

Our Annual NYG Sub and Bake Sale was a huge success even during a pandemic! Thank You to everyone who supported our annual fundraiser by placing an order for a sub, meat and cheese tray or baked goods! We raised over \$1,200 on this fundraiser this year!

A Special Thank You to the following for their support: Phil Voge for the donation of the meat, Sam's Club for their donation of a \$25 gift card for supplies, Fareway North for their contribution of a discount on our bread, Wal-Mart North for their donation of a \$75 gift card to cover the cost of toppings, and Casey's Gilbert for their donation of the condiments (mustard and mayo).

### Thank You

for Supporting the  
St. Paul 2022 National Youth  
Gathering Participants!



## Education and Youth



**Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Starting @ 7:00 pm**

The NYG participants are proud to announce the 2021 Virtual Trivia Night (to take place in lieu of our annual Trivia Night)!

**Registration is \$25 per team.**

**Please keep your teams to 8 members maximum.**

Team sign-up is open and can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex or electronically at [saintpaulames.org](http://saintpaulames.org)

For more information contact Eric or Chaney Phipps.



# Let's Get Ready to Raffle!

*The NYG participants are hosting a raffle for a Recteq RT-700 Wood Pellet Grill (retailing for \$1,199)*

**EACH ENTRY IS \$20.**

We will only sell 100 entries for this raffle.  
Drawing will be Easter Sunday, April 4th  
(Grill will ship directly to winner)

For questions or to purchase your raffle entry, contact Mike Emery or Thomas Wilson.



Visit [recteq.com](http://recteq.com) for information on this grill and company.



## Education and Youth

**An Egg-stra, Egg-citing Easter!**

**Sunday, March 28th**

**1:00 - 3:00 pm**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

**Join us for this year's fun,  
and different Easter Hunt!**

**(All Covid restrictions and mask mandates will be followed).**





## Education and Youth

### FORGET-ME-NOT

Normally, February is reserved to do one of our LYF service activities such as making and delivering cookies, tie blankets or visits to nursing homes. However, this year we we did a "Forget Me Not" mailing activity. We had 10 youth gather for a pizza meal and then write notes in cards and color and laminate bookmarks for about 55 of our St. Paul members. We wanted members to know that during this pandemic, and now with the extreme cold weather, that they are not alone or forgotten. Although we can't all gather in person for church, Bible study or fellowship events, all of God's people are important and JESUS is with them. "...I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5).



### Save the dates for summer camp at Camp Okoboji

Cub Week #1 - TBD (there's a chance it'll be the last full week of June)

Junior High Week - July 11-17 (grades 6-8)

Cub Week #2 - July 18-24 (grades 3-5)

Youth Week - July 25-31 (grades 9-12)

The Board of Youth, the IDW and Camp itself have funds available to help pay for registration costs. If interested for more information or have questions please contact Carla Murphy.





## Women's Ministry

# DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD

BEFORE

AFTER

See those HAPPY FACES!



**Thank you, Dress A Girl Around the World! We are recipients of your beautiful dresses!**

We can feel that you made the dresses with love because they are so pretty! They help us to realize we have dignity and to know that God loves us! We want to know that we are worthy of love. Many of us are overlooked and often abused with no one to protect us.

For many of us this will be the only new dress we ever own. Thank you for making them so carefully so that they can last us a very long time. Could you please make sure to use a good, sturdy cotton fabric? *Our bodies need to be covered and if the fabric is thin, sometimes our skin shows through and it's embarrassing.*

And can you please help protect us from predators by putting the "Dress a Girl" label on the outside front of the dress? The label indicates that an organization is looking after us and just maybe a predator will pass us over! That's worth the extra time and effort, don't you think?

**Thank you so much for giving us 'God's best dress'! We love you!**

(Donations for the transportation of the dresses to the relative countries is also being accepted. **Please make your checks payable to "St Paul Lutheran Church" with a notation on the memo line "Dress a Girl."**)

*The Women's Ministries AND the "Dress a Girl" Foundation thanks you!*

We have another **THRIVENT EVENT** starting again to get packets of dresses ready to sew. Everyone did such a great job sewing dresses we would like to "do it again—put MORE smiles on little girls faces!" You can still finish the packets that you have in your home and turn them into the office. Then pick up more from the St. Paul Lutheran Church office. Please contact Linda Peterson at 515-231-4730 if you have any questions. **(Next month see the long list of countries the dresses are taken to.)**

## Women's Ministry

### LWML National 2019–2021 Mission Grant #19 — \$100,000 Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities

Throughout the country, there are many devoted first-generation immigrants serving in full-time ministry, reaching out to their ethnic communities and sharing the Gospel. Many of these church workers are enrolled in either of two Concordia Seminary programs – the Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS) and the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT). Both share the mission to make Christ known in their respective ethnic communities. CHS has a four-year program taught in Spanish and includes students from many Hispanic-Latino cultures. The EIIT program already has students that have been working in Word and Sacrament ministry as part of their culture. These students often have strained financial circumstances that are making it difficult to pay for this necessary education. Most hold two and three jobs to make ends meet but are willing to go to great lengths in the service of Christ and His Gospel. It is vital that they have the Biblical foundation to go with their passion for ministry. This grant will go towards funding the education costs of these devoted students and church workers.



Bennego Kangar is an Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) student and a native of Liberia. He serves at LINC (Lutheran Intercity Network Coalition) Ministries International - Twin Cities, in St. Paul, Minn. and at the Alley Church in Cottage Grove, Minn. He came to the U.S. from Liberia in 1992, first serving in Florida and later in Alabama, Texas and New Mexico before moving to Minnesota. Also during that 26-year period, he was called to service positions in Malawi and Brazil. His service with LINC includes church planting and outreach, mostly to members of large Liberian and Ethiopian communities in the St. Paul area. "My EIIT studies and my later ordination as a pastor will help enable me to share the Word from a stronger biblical foundation," he says. "I feel that God has called me to this service, and it's a passion of mine to bring people to Christ, to help them grow in their understanding of the Lord, and to help them to walk with Jesus Christ."



### LWML National Convention, June 24-27, 2021

Although June may seem like a long way away, it's time to start thinking and planning for the 39th Biennial LWML National Convention. All women of St. Paul are invited to attend the LWML National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky on June 24-27, 2021. Join your LWML sisters who are "Running

the Race ... Looking to Jesus," the convention theme based on Hebrews 12:1–2. Attendees will be inspired by the convention goal, "Looking to Jesus, we run the race set before us and proclaim the joy of the Lord." Registration for the convention begins on February 1, 2021. If you are interested in attending the convention, please let Lisa Wilson or Breanna Wetzler know, so that we can have an accurate count.

Additional information and the registration form can be found at <https://www.lwml.org/2021-convention>. If you have specific questions or would like additional information, please contact Lisa Wilson at [lisawilsonlwml@gmail.com](mailto:lisawilsonlwml@gmail.com) or 515-570-4201

# Women's Ministry

**LWML Mite Update:** as of 1/31/21

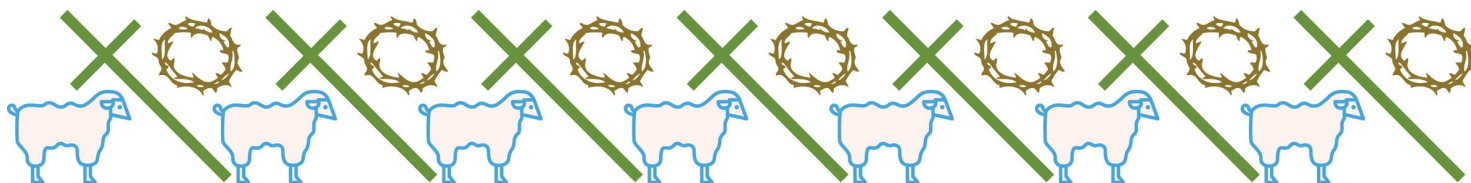
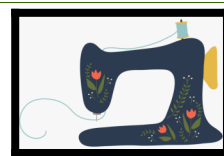
**2019-2021 National Mission goal:** \$2,100,000.00

**Amount Received:** \$2,046,341.69

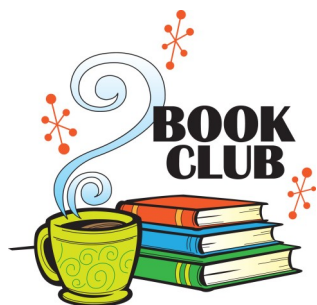
**Amount Needed:** \$53,658.31

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 Have not decided yet if they will meet in January. Something will be in the mid-week news if they plan to meet. You may continue to bring fabric and place it in the tub near the east doors. Thank you.



## "Book to Know to Help You Grow"



Everyone is invited to join us via Zoom on March 11 at 3:00 pm to discuss "Saving Amelie" by Cathy Gohlke. If you would like to be included in the emails to book club members please let the church office know.

Barnes and Noble synopsis of "Saving Amelie": Increasingly wary of her father's genetic research, Rachel Kramer has determined that this trip with him to Germany—in the summer of 1939—will be her last. But a cryptic letter from her estranged friend, begging Rachel for help, changes everything. Married to SS officer Gerhard Schlick, Kristine sees the dark tides turning and fears her husband views their daughter, Amelie, deaf since birth, as a blight on his Aryan bloodline. Once courted by Schlick, Rachel knows he's as dangerous as the swastikas that hang like ebony spiders from every government building in Berlin. She fears her father's files may hold answers about Hitler's plans for others, like Amelie, whom the regime deems "unworthy of life." She risks searching his classified documents only to uncover shocking secrets about her own history and a family she's never known. Now hunted by the SS, Rachel turns to Jason Young—a driven, disarming American journalist and unlikely ally—who connects her to the resistance and to controversial theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Forced into hiding, Rachel's every ideal is challenged as she and Jason walk a knife's edge, risking their lives—and asking others to do the same—for those they barely know but come to love.

Date	Location	Book
March 11, 2021, 3 pm	Zoom	"Saving Amelie" by Cathy Gohlke
May 13, 2021, 7 pm	TBA	"Bread of Angels" by Tessa Afshar



## MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR IN MARCH 2021

### Rev. Robert and Kristi Roegner

Bob and Kristi serve the Lord in Tel Aviv, Israel as Bible teachers to the Jewish people through the LCMS and Apple of His Eye Mission Society (a RSO of LCMS). Bob and Kristi say "Thank You for standing with us in mission and ministry partnership. Your prayers and financial gifts given for the work we are doing here in Israel are truly appreciated! Thank You for your commitment!" and "Perhaps someday we will look back on the year 2020 with gratitude for all the good God did--- even in the darkness of the pandemic. At Immanuel Lutheran church in Tel Aviv-Yafo, we are celebrating the good things that have come from this strange new world. We have learned that we can be present in different ways. We have embraced technology in ways we never imagined---and, in many cases, have reached people who might not otherwise have been able to be with us in person. This past year has taught us to not simply go to church, but to be the church in the world---right here where God places us!....Families have spent more time together. Many have learned the value of relationship in new ways, and when we are fully able to come back together, as God's family, few of us will take it for granted. We encourage you to look for and find the positives in the year ahead as well... Read Jeremiah 29:11.

**PRAY** for three individuals with whom we are meeting and discipling. Mr. R., Mr. Y., and Ms. A, as they seek to know more about the Messiah and consider baptism.

**PRAY** that we may have many opportunities to build relationships and present the gospel.

### Rev. Delwyn and Lenita Campbell

Rev. Delwyn Campbell serves as a missionary in Gary, Ind. In this role, he leads the development of missionary outreach and supports the health and growth of the current Lutheran population in the area. He is assisting in the establishment of a Lutheran educational facility in Gary that will serve the entire Northwest Indiana region. Delwyn provides pastoral care through Word and Sacrament ministry to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and to other area congregations as needed. His goal is to not only proclaim the Gospel to Gary residents, but also offer pastoral care to members of the community by sharing the Gospel with them and ministering to their needs.

Delwyn and Lenita enjoy spending time with their three beautiful children - Delwyn II, Daniyah and Dinah. Pray for Delwyn and Lenita as they serve the city of Gary.

**ASK** God to be with the entire Campbell family as they endeavor to bring Christ's precious Gospel to this historic city.

**PRAY** that God will grant them success and that He pours out His Spirit of grace and supplication upon this community.

**PRAY** for the city of Gary, for her churches and their lay leaders.

**ASK** God to be with the city's community leaders, both political and socio-economic, and with the citizens of Gary.

**PRAY** for the hearts of people who will partner with the Campbell family in prayer and financial support so the mission in this city can go forward without fear of logistical failure. Let us

**GIVE THANKS** that the Campbell family is serving God's children in Gary.

### James Krey

James Krey serves the Lord in the Latin America and Caribbean region, based in Puerto Rico. As disaster response project manager, he works closely with the regional business manager to oversee the finances and payroll for the LCMS mission work being done in Puerto Rico. James also manages the disaster response projects that are ongoing in this country and supports the LCMS missionaries serving in this region. He works with local church partners on other requested projects as well.

Before serving in Puerto Rico, James served in the Dominican Republic for three years as a communication specialist. Prior to him heading to the mission field, he served on two mission trips to the Dominican Republic and one mission trip to Nicaragua.

**PRAY** For James as he serves in Puerto Rico and throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

**PRAY** God gives him strength and peace as he learns the culture and the language.

**ASK** God to help him learn the Spanish language so he can effectively communicate and share God's Word with the people he is called to serve.

**PRAY** for the hearts of people here in the United States who will partner with James in prayer and financial support so they can participate in the Kingdom work with him. Let us

**GIVE THANKS** to God that James is serving His children in this part of the world.





## **St. Paul Lutheran Preschool and EK**

### **March News**

“I can do all things through him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13

Parents recently had a chance to share why they feel blessed about sending their child to our faith-based early childhood program—St. Paul Lutheran Preschool and EK. Here is what 5 parents said...

- 1) “We love our St. Paul family! As a mom of three little girls who have all attended St. Paul, I cannot recommend the school, the teachers and the environment enough. We have loved all of the extra special experiences our daughters have had here – from field trips to Christmas programs. The attention and care they receive from the teachers is incredible – we feel like they are an extension of our family. Our daughters have all thrived, learned and grown so much in their preschool skills and love for Jesus. St. Paul Preschool has offered us the best foundation for our family and we are thankful to have them as part of ours. Thank you!” Abby
- 2) **“Thank you teachers for all the flexibility and grace you’ve shown during such a weird year!!”**
- 3) “St. Paul Preschool has been an incredible gift to our family. As a mom who has had three kids enrolled, I never have anything but positive words to say about our experience. Every single classroom is warm and tender and the teachers have met the very different needs of my children with adaptability and nurture. In addition to the loving atmosphere, my children have begun learning to read before entering Kindergarten, which thrills me!” Shannon Evans
- 4) **“We are SO thankful for St Paul’s preschool and EK!! Our little boys are very social and energetic and at St Paul they are taught with incredible care and nurture. We’ve watched our boys grow spiritually and academically this year and we are so grateful for the teachers and staff.”**
- 5) “St Paul is such a nurturing, caring, creative, and peaceful environment. We love sending our kids there with confidence in our hearts that they will be loved and stimulated. Thank you, thank you, thank you St. Paul!” Eric Evans

-Parents will receive their child’s progress report on March 8 & 9.  
 -Online registration begins March 1st for the community at [www.saintpaulames.org/preschool](http://www.saintpaulames.org/preschool)  
 -Spring Break is March 10-19.

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“I love preschool mommy because I learn about Jesus and dinosaurs!” - Will

"More wonderful thoughts form St. Paul families to come in upcoming newsletters.