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Letter from Pastor

Do you remember this line: “For the first time in forever?” If you don’t remember this movie quote, I bet you may know a little one who does remember – “For the first time in forever!” This joyful line from the Disney film ***Frozen*** was an exclamation of jubilation for when the palace was finally experiencing a celebratory gathering once again.

This month, here at St. Paul, we will again experience a celebratory gathering – Reformation! And “for the first time in forever,” our celebration of the Reformation will actually take place on Reformation Day! October 31 is the day our forefather Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the castle, calling the church to get back to the Scriptures, back to the Gospel, and back to placing the focus on Jesus!

Will you join us for the celebration of the Reformation? This year, maybe for the first time ever, our board of evangelism will be serving a free brunch between services **on Reformation Day!** Besides enjoying food and fellowship, it will be a special occasion to welcome all our new members, as Reformation Day will also be our New Member Welcome Sunday! What an appropriate day to do this, as we all remember what it means to be a mem-

ber of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

What does it mean to be a Lutheran? We hear the answer every Sunday, as our Law-Gospel sermon reminds us that we are sinners who have a wonderful Savior. Jesus took our punishment to earn our forgiveness. We are saved because of Jesus – not by what we do, but by what Christ did on our behalf, as the Scriptures recount: *“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).

To those of you who have not recently been with us at worship in person, come and join us “for the first time in forever.” Remember, you are welcome to wear a mask and to social distance if you wish. Come experience the comfort of the Gospel, and the joy the Gospel tells, an experience more uplifting than the ringing of the bells of Arendelle.

In Jesus,
Pastor Jenks



Reformation Service

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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 3

*8:30 a.m. Worship at church
with Holy Communion*

And Livestreamed

*11:00 a.m. Worship at church
with Holy Communion*

Sunday, October 10

LWML SUNDAY

*8:30 a.m. Worship at church
And Livestreamed*

11:00 a.m. Worship at church

Sunday, October 17

*8:30 a.m. Worship at church
with Holy Communion*

And Livestreamed

*11:00 a.m. Worship at church
with Holy Communion*

Sunday, October 24

*8:30 a.m. Worship at church
And Livestreamed*

11:00 a.m. Worship at church

Sunday, October 31

*8:30 a.m. Worship at church
with Holy Communion*

And Livestreamed

*11:00 a.m. Worship at church
with Holy Communion*

A Note From The Elders ~ August 29th was a morning of celebration as we recognized the continuing work that God is doing in the lives of Thomas and Lisa Wilson. Here are a few pictures of the festivities during the farewell reception. The Board of Elders would also like to thank all those involved in the planning and hosting of this event including Carla Murphy, Amy Carver, Wayne Hagemoser, Pastor Jenks and Phil Voge. May God continue to bless Thomas and Lisa as they continue His work at Zion in Humboldt.



A Note From The Elders- Up until now the Treasurer's role has been the responsibility of a volunteer of our congregation. This job has shown to be quite time consuming and involved especially for a volunteer. Recently the Board of Directors decided to look at hiring someone from outside of the congregation to do much of the bookkeeping work involved. This person has now been hired and will be starting soon. We however are still in need of someone to approve bills submitted, present compiled board reports, give oversight of the bookkeeping process and provide assistance with budget preparation. Financial/ business management skills would be helpful. The expected time commitment would be approximately 2 hours per week. You may have considered becoming our church Treasurer but rejected it due to the time requirements. Please consider the Treasurer position again as the time requirement has been significantly reduced to make the position more easily managed.



If you have interest in this important part of our ministry efforts please contact Tom Peter, Phil Voge or Lynn Dreyer

I have been asked a few times about the status the building committee.

The building committee has not had formal meetings for the last couple of months due to Covid concerns but now is beginning to meet again. We are still at the stage of looking for 10-15 acres of land in the City of Ames that the architect says is a good building site. We have not found any parcels in Ames that are this large and have now begin to look outside the city limits of Ames. The committee at this current time is discussing buying options with our realtor on available parcels. When the building committee finds a suitable parcel and is in a position to buy a parcel a special voters meeting will be called to decide our next step. We pray that the Lord will continue to guide our progress.

Will Zitterich, co-chair of the building committee

Evangelism

Welcome Brunch

Reformation Sunday, October 31 is a special day and we want to make it extra special by welcoming new members to St. Paul Lutheran church.



We will welcome the new members who have joined our church in the last 2 years with a brunch at 9:30. ALL members are invited to come and enjoy the brunch being served by the Board of Evangelism. The brunch will include egg casserole, sausage and gravy biscuits, fruits and pastries plus the usual breakfast items. We will be practicing safe serving of food.

Camp Okoboji Fall work weekend is October 7-10. Come and help get the camp ready for the winter. There is outdoor work and indoor work. The Camp will provide housing and meals. Contact our Camp Okoboji Representative, Ron Coy at 231-1041 if you are interested or would like more information.



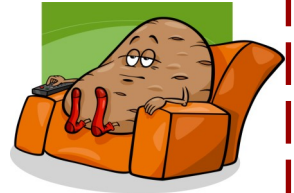
Board of Stewardship

Recently, at our Kingdom workers meeting Marlene Johnson read an article for our devotions that I would like to share with all of you. Thank You, Gretchen Zitterich

SOME *PEOPLE* ARE LIKE POTATOES

Some *people* like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands. They are called "Dic Taters."

Some *people* never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called "Speck Taters."



Some *people* never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "Comment Taters"

Some *people* are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. Its too hot or too cold. Too sour or too sweet. They are called "Agie Taters."

There are *people* who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help. They are called "Hezzie Taters."

Some *people* can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called "Emma Taters."

Then there are *people* who love and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a hand and bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called "Sweet Taters."

In any group of people, whether it be a group of youth or a group of adults, you will find the various members of the tater family. This is also true of the family of God---the church. There will always be people who want to control, who stir things up and agitate, who are quick to provide negative comment. Then there will be those who will simply watch and do nothing, or hesitate to do something. There will be those who pretend to be something they are not. The Bible calls them hypocrites.

Fortunately, in spite of all these there will be those who will accept the call of God to live the life he has chosen.

--Instead of dictators, they will **yield to God**

--They will not be content to watch God at work but will **join God in His work.**

--Their comments will **edify** rather than tear down.

--Instead of agitators they will **be peacemakers.**

--Rather than hesitate, they will **boldly step out in faith.**

--They will be **imitators of Christ**, and people will know them by their sweet spirits.

And God will use such *people* to change the world!

So, what kind of "tater" are You?



Board of Stewardship

St. Paul Endowment Fund

Gifts that Keep Giving...and Giving...and Giving. This might be the simplest way to describe endowment fund giving—that is, monetary gifts that help provide ongoing financial assistance to organizations today, and sometimes for perpetuity into the future.

St. Paul's Endowment Fund was established to accept such monetary gifts from church members while they are still living, or through wills or estate plans at time of death. These gifts can be directed in almost any way a member desires, within certain guidelines of the Endowment Fund.

For instance, a large monetary gift could be given to the Endowment Fund for investment and safe-keeping until needed for major church remodeling or expansion...or whatever project the member making the donation would like to support.

Other endowment gifts can provide perpetual income. For example, a member might like to know that St. Paul's preschool ministry and youth ministry are well-funded not only today, but even a century from now. An endowment gift could be given with instructions that the interest off its investment each year be used to fund these programs or others like them...and that the original principal never be disturbed.

Here's another idea: Estate planning and Endowment Fund gifting can help a member "donate an estate twice". At time of death, financial assets can be invested with instructions that the annual interest be given to a member's children, grandchildren—or even a favorite charity—for the life of those family members, or for a set period of time. At the end of the period of time you choose, the original principal could then be gifted to St. Paul's Endowment Fund to help support the church however the member desires...or left to the church's discretion.

This is a unique way for a member to bequeath their estate "twice", so that it might live and give again and again! Of course, with any charitable giving, there are financial implications and potential tax benefits that should be discussed with your financial advisor or estate attorney.

How are existing endowment gifts currently benefitting St. Paul? We have two established endowments: the Undesignated Endowment Fund, which is open to accept gifts of any size at any time from anyone, and the Music Ministry Endowment, which was funded anonymously with \$10,000 from a couple in church who are still living.

Each year, 3.5% of the current value of both funds is disbursed to meet a current need at St. Paul. Recent disbursements of around \$600 from the Undesignated Fund have been used to fund Vacation Bible School, and equipment needed for live-streaming our worship services.

Per the donors request, the Music Ministry Endowment is intended to support music ministry at St. Paul. Recent purchases were made for new sheet music and a Christmas cantata for the choir, and new gloves for members of the bell choir. Although this endowment is listed anonymously at the couple's request, it's an example of one that could be recorded in a member's name.

If giving a gift that "keeps on giving" appeals to you, please contact Gretchen Zitterich, Dennis Dobberke or Larry Wiebel of the Stewardship Committee, or any church officer. We will visit with you confidentially about exciting opportunities that St. Paul's Endowment Fund can offer.

Education and Youth

Our Christmas Program needs YOU!



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: Amy Carver (Chair of the Board of Education) or Steve Wilcken (Sunday School Superintendent).

UPCOMING LYF EVENTS

The Board of Youth is excited to announce some of the activities we have planned this year!

- Pumpkin decorating/carving
- Canvas Name Art
- Bowling
- Blanket/Pillow making
- Youth Sunday
- Blessing Bags for YSS youth
- Project Sunshine
- possible lock-ins

LYF is held the 2nd Wednesday of the month after midweek unless announced otherwise (like September). *please note there may be changes in activities/protocols depending upon Covid and the Delta variant.



Join Us For Trunk or Treat October 31

Get your costumes ready and join the Board of Education and the community for Trunk-or-Treat 2021 on Reformation Sunday, October 31st from 1:30 – 3:00 PM. Multiple trunks for treating! Games for youth! Flyers will be

mailed to invite the community to join us. We will also be inviting preschool and American Heritage Girls members to participate along with boards from St. Paul.



LYF Pumpkins, Faith and Fall

Join us October 13 for our annual pumpkin decorating. The board of youth will provide a pumpkin and decoration materials for each youth in grades 3-8 who signs up in advance. Look for more info soon.



Education and Youth

Reggie's Sleepout-At Home!

Although we aren't able to participate in this community event as a group, we encourage friends/families to participate in their own backyard! Just register as an individual or a family at YSS.org then sleepout any time between September 24-October 3. Funds raised go to help raise awareness of youth homelessness and support YSS programs geared at helping youth attain self-sufficiency. For more information contact Carla Murphy.

LYF Chocolate Olympics highlights...

It's an Olympic Year so we held a fun night of Chocolate Olympics on September 15. Youth divided into teams and competed in relay races, and M&M sorting competitions.



Rolling Whoppers hand-off Relay (teams on scooters while trying to keep a whoopper candy from rolling off their spoon before handing off to teammate)



M&M sorting competition.

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Unwrap the Kiss relay (teams taking turns unwrapping a candy kisses using oven mitts.)



Kaden in the Rolo Face race (rolling a rolo candy using only your face)



Camp was back!!

This summer we had 9 youth attend camp at Camp Okoboji! For 4 of them it was their first time attending!



Jr high week was attended by Daniel, Eayon, Wilson, Natalie, Lydia and Tessa.



Alice attended Cub Week (pictured giving sister hug goodbye)



Erin at her final year as a camper of 9 years!



Tate with everyone's favorite camp staffer Izaak at Youth Week.

Women's Ministry

Don't Miss these upcoming LWML Events!

Oct. 9- Boone Zone Fall Rally. Registration and a carpool sign-up is posted for the Rally in Jefferson.

Oct. 23- Iowa West District Retreat at Mission Central. Registration information and a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. We will carpool to Mission Central.

FAMILY SERVICE ~

We plan to continue our regular quilting time of 10-2 on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in Oct. Oct. 14 will be our Thrivent Action Team day, so wear your Thrivent t-shirt if you have one. Please join us and bring your lunch if you are comfortable doing so. Thank you.



Start preparing your heart to hear how LWML is fully dedicated to serving Him, by serving His Church at home and abroad during the annual **LWML Sunday, Oct 10.** Don't forget to wear purple and bring your change for the noisy offering.

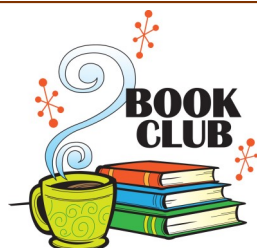


Our *hearts*
in **HIS** *hand*
Above all, keep loving one another earnestly (1 Peter 4:8).

All ladies of St. Paul are invited to attend an afternoon snack social on Sunday, Oct 3, 2-4 pm at Breanna Wetzler's house (1302 Meadowlane Ave in Ames). Get to know others during this come and go event. Light snacks will be provided.



"Book to Know to Help You Grow"



Our Books to Know group decided to meet the rest of the year in our church. On November 11 and May 12 we will meet at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. On January 13 and March 10 we will meet at 2:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

We meet next on November 11th in the Fellowship Hall and we will be discussing The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson.

Date	Location/ Hostess	Book
Nov 11, 2021, 7 pm	Fellowship Hall	"The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson
Jan 13, 2022, 2 pm	Fellowship Hall	"The Last Train to London: A Novel" by Meg Waite Clayton
March 10, 2022, 7 pm	Fellowship Hall	"Hidden Places" by Lynn Austin
May 12, 2022, 7 pm	Fellowship Hall	"The Shot Caller: by Casey Diaz

Prayers needed for our LCMS church workers in Haiti and the region after disasters have impacted the area

Serving the Lord in the Latin America and Caribbean Region

The LCMS has formal altar and pulpit fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti (ELCH) — making it a sister/partner church. In addition to earthquake relief, the ELCH continues its focus on evangelism, church planting, leadership training, church building, education, radio and TV ministry, health care and agriculture. It operates one seminary.

1. Rafael and Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores

Jamielynn, B.S.N., R.N., has served the Lord as a missionary in the Latin America and Caribbean region since July 2016. In 2020, Jamielynn married Rafael Flores, a seminary student at Concordia the Reformer Seminary, and they now serve together in the Dominican Republic. In her role as regional life coordinator, Jamielynn uses her nursing background and skills to promote health initiatives alongside churches throughout the region.

2. Rev. Jonah and Elizabeth Burakowski

The Rev. Jonah and Elizabeth Burakowski serve the Lord as career missionaries in the Latin America and the Caribbean region, based in the Dominican Republic. As associate regional director, Jonah works to develop and implement strategic plans for 22 countries in South and Central America, the Caribbean and Spain. He also supports the development of the region's missionaries and serves as a theological educator and missionary pastor.

3. Rev. Joel and Clarion Fritsche

Rev. Joel and Clarion Fritsche serve the Lord as missionaries in the Dominican Republic. In this role, Joel plants new churches in this country. He forms and develops groups of believers into mature, self-sustaining and self-replicating congregations through Word and Sacrament ministry. Joel also serves as the director of Concordia Seminary and Mercy Center in Palmar Arriba (Dominican Republic).

4. Johanna Heidorn

Missionary Johanna Heidorn serves as a photographer, designer and communication outreach specialist. Working throughout the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region, based in the Dominican Republic, she travels to the edges of the mission field to document stories that educate about and promote the work of Christ. Through the use of multimedia, Johanna's work not only bridges the gap between cultures, allowing communities to connect more directly with how God moves in the LAC region, it also engages with those who have not yet heard the Gospel.

5. Jana Inglehart

Jana Inglehart serves the Lord as the regional communication specialist for the Latin America and Caribbean region, based in the Dominican Republic. In this missionary role, she assists national churches and missionary pastors in church planting through the provision of media tools they can use to give witness to the Gospel. She works with pastors to create visual aids and written materials to help the laity grow in God's Word.

6. Deaconess Caitlin and Seminarian Jeancarlos Ramírez

Deaconess Caitlin Ramírez serves the Lord as a deaconess missionary in the Dominican Republic. She works as a congregational deaconess alongside the pastors. She serves as a mentor for the formation of Dominican deaconesses and works with the seminary in the Dominican Republic to train them on a congregational level. She also supports the work of the mercy houses in this country, seeking to strengthen their relationships with the congregations.

October 2021 Service Roster

Due to the uncertainty of the Delta variant, the schedules have been (and will be) made up for only 3 months at a time. We will print those assigned for the current month below and also send out a reminder postcard. You are welcome to call the office if you have any questions. Thank you for serving!

	Oct 3 8:30 am	Oct 3 11:00 am	Oct 10 8:30 am	Oct 10 11:00 am	Oct 17 8:30 am	Oct 17 11:00 am	Oct 24 8:30 am	Oct 24 11:00 am	Oct 31 8:30 am	Oct 31 11:00 am
Organist	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn	Ellen Sander	Ellen Sander	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn	Praise Team	Praise Team	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn
Elders	Jeromy Fritz	David Schultz	Jeromy Fritz	Ron Coy	Jeromy Fritz	Ron Coy	Jeromy Fritz	Ron Coy	Jeromy Fritz	Ron Coy
Lectors	Reiny Friedrich	Tanny Latuska	Vickie Roach	Becky Jackson	Reiny Friedrich	Tanny Latuska	Vickie Roach	Becky Jackson	Vickie Roach	Tanny Latuska
Acolytes	Tessa Esser	Wilson Buckley			Estan Buttery	Preston Stensland			Cody Puck	Carly Saienga
Ushers	Lynn & Kim Dreyer, Reiny & Maureen	Tanny Latuska, Becky Jackson, Judi	Lynn & Kim Dreyer, Len & Pat Thiede	Tanny Latuska, Becky Jackson, Judi	Lynn & Kim Dreyer, Reiny & Maureen	Tanny Latuska, Becky Jackson, Judi	Lynn & Kim Dreyer, Len & Pat Thiede	Tanny Latuska, Becky Jackson, Judi	Lynn & Kim Dreyer, Len & Pat Thiede	Tanny Latuska, Becky Jackson, Judi
Greeters	Gloria Lewis, Ardy Ulrichson	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Karen & Dennis Griffin	Gloria Lewis, Ardy Ulrichson	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Vickie Roach	Gloria Lewis, Ardy Ulrichson	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Karen & Dennis Griffin	Gloria Lewis, Ardy Ulrichson	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Gretchen Zitterich	Gloria Lewis, Ardy Ulrichson	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Gretchen Zitterich
Coffee Greeter	Janelle Swenson		Janelle Swenson		Janelle Swenson		Janelle Swenson		Janelle Swenson	
Offering Counters	TBA									
Power Point	Cindy Baas	Judy Peter	Sarah Fahrman	Julie Coy	Cindy Baas	Julie Coy	Amy Carver	Julie Coy	Sarah Fahrman	Julie Coy
Sound Board	Tom Baas	Tom Peter	Ben Fahrman	Greg Van Nostrand	Tom Baas	Greg Van Nostrand	Angi Esser	Greg Van Nostrand	Ben Fahrman	Greg Van Nostrand
Camera	TBA		TBA		TBA		TBA		TBA	