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## Letter from Pastor

Remember the Christmas hymn *Go Tell It On The Mountain*? This Christmas hymn is one of my personal favorites! The hymn reminds us how the lowly shepherds spread the message of the Holy Jesus, after they had the joy of being in Christ's presence at the manger in Bethlehem. "*And they returned [to their communities from Bethlehem], glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it had been told to them [by the angel]*" (Luke 2:20). Once the shepherds had witnessed Jesus, they went on their way and glorified God by going back to their villages and spreading the Word about the newborn Savior!

This is what Christmas is all about – God's gift of love and forgiveness in Jesus, which we are blessed to be able to share with all of those around us! In this new year, you will be given many new opportunities to share God's love. You likely don't yet know when they will occur or who you will be blessed to be able to touch, but God does!

God has new opportunities planned for you this year – people He will place in your day so that you can share Christ's love with them in a meaningful way. You

can begin each day by asking, "Jesus, what opportunities will you present to me today to share your love with the people whose paths I cross?" The Scriptures assure you that God has planned good works for you, in advance of when you do them (Ephesians 2:10). Will you keep your eyes and ears open for the opportunities that God is presenting to you to share Jesus' love with the world?

May God bless you and be with you in this new year, as you "go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere, go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!"

Blessings in Jesus, the Savior who was born to bless our lives forever!

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, January 2***

***Only One Service***

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

***Sunday, January 9***

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

*And Livestreamed*

*11:00 a.m. Worship at Church*

***Sunday, January 16***

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

*with Holy Communion*

*And Livestreamed*

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



**January  
Worship  
Schedule**

***Sunday, January 23***

*8:30 a.m. Worship at*

*church And*

*Livestreamed*

*11:00 a.m. Worship at  
Church*

***Sunday, January 30***

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

*with Holy Communion*

*And Livestreamed*

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

*Happy New Year*  *Happy New Year*  *Happy New Year*

### Evangelism

The Board of Evangelism will start the new year helping a group who is the future of our church. We will help the youth group who are planning to attend the National Youth Gathering this year by serving the meal before the Trivia game night on Dec 15. We all like working with the youth and look forward to helping them. We will probably pop some popcorn for them, too.



ALSO, if there is a church member you haven't seen in church for a long time, tell a board member or put a note in the Board of Evangelism box and we will take a "We've missed you gift" and visit with them.

Happy New Year and may we enjoy all of God's wonderful blessings and share them with others.

## Wellness Team

Happy New Year!

New Year's Resolutions!?! Did you set any "resolutions" or goals in January 2021? How did you do with those goals? Most won't remember their goals if they had any. Yet, we consider that we have things that we'd like to "do better." So, many will consider setting goals again in 2022, either formally or informally. How can one have a better chance at success?



Consider selecting only one goal and making sure that it fills you with JOY! Without JOY, most likely the goal will disappear quickly. After identifying what you want, specifically, pray about it and ask the Lord if this is in His Plan, too, and, for His guidance on following through to His Glory. Having goals that are SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time bound) may help set up for success.

What kind of goal will you work on? I know someone who set a goal to play piano every day in December, until Christmas, on a piano that is not in his house. The goal was pretty specific, measurable (did he or not play every day), achievable (sure, he loves to play & share his music with others, lots of places to play & he could play daily), relevant (carols for Christmas) and time centered (December) and it would bring him Joy, as well as joy to others. So, what happened? Pianos were played in hospitals, assisted living, senior housing, nursing facilities, memory units, cafes, etc, socially distanced, masked for everyone's safety. What Joy! The first 10 days of December were so much fun, then the piano player got sick (not covid, but horrible cold) that took him away from public places for several days. Bummer. Goal not met. BUT, symptom free, he played pianos in safe public places until Christmas. No, did not meet the initial goal, but yes, found Joy and will continue to bring Joy! Isn't joy-filled what God wants our lives to be?

Even with setting goals that meet those criteria, things probably will not work out perfectly. Take a breath, adjust expectations, and move on...to find the JOY! What will be your Joy? Maybe it will be a walk with a friend to chat for 30 minutes three days each week for one month or maybe it will be a new healthy recipe twice a month for the next two months. Look for the JOY!

I pray that 2022 brings JOY & PEACE to each of you!



## Education and Youth

### SAVE THE DATES for CAMP!

#### 2022 summer camp registration now open for Camp Okoboji!

Receive the Christmas 20% discount if you register and make your deposit by January 15!

Please mark on your calendar NOW so your youth or family can attend as part of your summer plans!

June 3-5: Kid's Camp (K-2nd grade w/ parent or guardian)

June 12-15: Cub week 1 (completed 3rd grade-5th)

July 3-8: July 4th Family Retreat

July 10-16: Jr High Week (6-8th grade)

July 17-23: Cub Week 2 (completed 3rd grade-5th)

July 24-30: Youth Week (9-12th grade)

July 31-Aug 5: Family Retreat #1

Aug 7-12: Family Retreat #2



Six high school youth from St. Paul attended the IDW Sr Youth Gathering in November. The theme was "Anchored".

They had fun with games, speakers, Bible studies and more. Pictured are: Maddie, Lydia, Daniel, Eayon, Shaun and Marcus.



## Education and Youth

### Trivia Night/Silent Auction

When: Saturday January 15, 2022

Time: Doors Open at 5:30

Trivia Starts at 6:00

Cost: \$100 per Table of 8

Silent auction items available all night!

Bring your favorite food and beverages,  
limited concessions will be available

Tables are limited, signup is located on the bulletin board.

Don't have a table of 8? We will start table #8 as the designated signup table.

Thank you for all your continued support!

Questions? Contact Eric & Chaney Phipps



### UPCOMING LYF EVENTS -

**LYF returns on January 12. Look for information and a sign up coming soon.**

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

- 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.

\*Please note there may be changes in activities/protocols depending upon Covid and the Delta variant.



### Help our youth help other youth at YSS

In the near future youth will be putting together "blessing bags" to give to YSS of Ames to give to youth in need. We will have a collection bin for the following items needed:

Toilet paper (we can separate out to give one to each one)

- + Full sized deodorant
- + Full sized shampoo and conditioner
- + Full sized body wash or face wash

\*Male, female or universal scents

- + One towel and wash cloth
- + Small travel first aid kits
- + Small travel sewing kits

+Pocket/travel sized tissues

+New crossword or word find books

+New deck of cards or card games (like Uno)

We are hoping to have enough materials to put together about 25 complete bags. Thank you in advance for your help with this service project.

## Education and Youth

**WANTED:** Do you want to get involved in our youth's education, but don't want to teach full time? If this is you, we have a perfect solution!!! **The Board of Education is in need of a couple substitute Sunday school teachers** for those few times when the regular teacher is either sick or needs a Sunday away. All materials are provided and it's a great way to share your love of Jesus with our kids. Please give prayerful consideration to this very important need. You may contact Steve Wilcken or Amy Carver to sign up or for more information.



## Board of Stewardship

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ... He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. " (2 COR. 9:6–11)



# Women's Ministry

## **LWML Mite Update:** as of 10/31/21

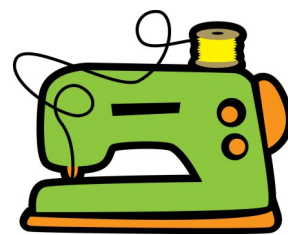
**2021-2023 National Mission goal: \$2,150,000.00**

**Received: \$724,437.36**

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 Jan. quilting days will be Jan. 13 (our Thrivent Action Team day), and Jan 27. Our Family Service Meeting will be Jan 24 at 1:00 pm. Please join us and bring your lunch if you are comfortable doing so. Thank you.

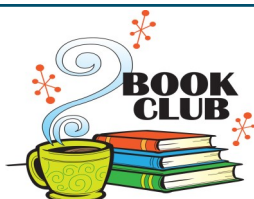


## **Helping Hands for Lutheran Deaf Outreach- 2021–2023 Mission Grant 5 — \$50,000**

Lutheran Deaf Outreach wants to help Deaf people have a saving relationship with Christ by training Deaf and Hearing people to share Jesus with Deaf people. They work through congregations to reach Deaf people and families in their community. There are over 500,000 Deaf people, plus their families, in the United States. The need is great to equip more Deaf leaders through Jesus Signs Training Workshops so they may effectively witness the saving message of Jesus Christ. This grant will assist in expanding training through the sharing of resources, by assisting pastors, and by instructing individuals to lead the workshops. It will also help with workshop expenses to expand training and provide resources throughout the United States.



The photo is Deacon Ted Pulfer and his wife DCE Denise Pulfer sharing Jesus's love with Deaf children and their families. Lutheran Deaf Outreach regularly reach over 100 Deaf children each week with the Gospel!



## **“Book to Know to Help You Grow”**

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

We meet next on January 13th at **2:15 pm** in the Fellowship Hall and we will be discussing “The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek” by Kim Michele Richardson.

Date	Location/ Hostess	Book
Jan 13, 2022, <b>2:15 pm</b>	Fellowship Hall	“The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek” by Kim Michele Richardson
March 10, 2022, 2:15 pm	Fellowship Hall	“Hidden Places” by Lynn Austin
May 12, 2022, 7 pm	Fellowship Hall	“The Shot Caller: by Casey Diaz

# January 2021 Sunday 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!*

	<b>Jan 2 10:00 am ONLY ONE Service</b>	<b>Jan 9 8:30 am</b>	<b>Jan 9 11:00 am</b>	<b>Jan 16 8:30 am</b>	<b>Jan 16 11:00 am</b>	<b>Jan 23 8:30 am</b>	<b>Jan 23 11:00 am</b>	<b>Jan 30 8:30 am</b>	<b>Jan 30 11:00 am</b>
Organist	Zach Heilmann	Ellen Sander	Ellen Sander	Zach Heilmann	Zach Heilmann	Praise Team	Praise Team	Emily Erickson	Emily Erickson
Elders	Steve Johnson	Steve Johnson	Phil Voge	Steve Johnson	Phil Voge	Steve Johnson	Phil Voge	Steve Johnson	Phil Voge
Lectors	Reiny Friedrich	Reiny Friedrich	Brenda Dryer	Jim George	Linda Peterson	Jim George	Brenda Dryer	Jim George	Linda Peterson
Acolytes	Estan Buttery			Cam Donavon	Cody Puck			Carly Saienga	Natalie Emery
Ushers	Jim George, Vickie Roach, Reiny & Maureen Friedrich	Jim George, Vickie Roach, Reiny & Maureen Friedrich	Scott & Brenda Dryer, Mike West, Ron Coy	Jim George, Vickie Roach, Reiny & Maureen Friedrich	Mark & Janelle Swenson, Mike West, Ron Coy	Jim George, Vickie Roach, Reiny & Maureen Friedrich	Scott & Brenda Dryer, Mike West, Ron Coy	Jim George, Vickie Roach, Reiny & Maureen Friedrich	Mark & Janelle Swenson, Mike West, Ron Coy
Greeters	Gloria Lewis, Judy Peter	Gloria Lewis, Judy Peter	Bud & Thelma Voetberg, Tom & Cindy Baas	Gloria Lewis, Judy Peter	Bud & Thelma Voetberg, Tom & Cindy Baas	Gloria Lewis, Judy Peter	Bud & Thelma Voetberg, Vickie Roach	Gloria Lewis, Judy Peter	Bud & Thelma Voetberg, Vickie Roach
Coffee Greeter		Judy Peter		Judy Peter		Judy Peter		Judy Peter	
Offering Counters									
Power Point	Judy Peter	Sarah Fahrman	Julie Coy	Katie Friedrich	Julie Coy	Sarah Fahrman	Julie Coy	Cindy Baas	Julie Coy
Sound Board	Tom Peter	Ben Fahrman	Becky Jackson	Cindy Baas	Becky Jackson	Ben Fahrman	Becky Jackson	Tom Baas	Becky Jackson
Camera	Matt Carver	John Murphy		Tom Baas		Matt Carver		John Murphy	

