

FEBRUARY 2022

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LORI JENKS, PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR
PRESCHOOL- 515-233-1914

Letter from Pastor

Every Sunday is special, as we gather to be fed by the Lord through His Word and Sacrament, and to offer God our worship and praise. This month, however, we have some extra special celebrations.

February 6 – Fishermen Sunday – Do you love to fish? Jesus calls us to be fishermen and fisherwomen – to be “fishers of men.” Join us as we reflect on and celebrate Christ’s call to us all to join Him on the greatest fishing expedition ever to happen. *“Jesus said to them, ‘Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men’”* (Mark 1:17).

February 13 – Team Sunday -- This fun annual event reminds everyone in our congregation that we are all part of God’s team at St. Paul. The Lord uses each one of us as we work together to accomplish His mission. *“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it”* (1 Corinthians 12:27). You are invited to wear your favorite team shirt today (options include a sports team shirt or a religious shirt/St. Paul shirt indicating you are on God’s team).

February 20 – Loyalty Sunday – How did Christ show His loyalty to us? He went to the cross for us. How do we show our loyalty to Jesus? We serve

Him with the blessings He has bestowed on us. This Sunday we will rejoice in the abundant blessings we have been given through Jesus, and the ongoing opportunities we are provided to use those blessings to the glory of God. Today as an act of worship, we will present our pledges of time, talent and treasure during worship. *“Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness”* (2 Corinthians 10:10).

February 27 – Youth Sunday! – Once each year, our youth share their talents by leading worship. As our youth use their gifts of music and speaking, the Bible’s message comes to life in a special way. Come celebrate the youth of our church! *“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity”* (1 Timothy 4:12). You are warmly invited to attend these special worship opportunities!

Your pastor and worship officiant,
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, February 6

*9:00 a.m. Worship at church
with Holy Communion
And Livestreamed
10:15 a.m. Education Hour*

Sunday, February 13

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February
Worship
Schedule

Sunday, February 20

*9:00 a.m. Worship at church
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10:15 a.m. Education Hour*

Sunday, February 27

*9:00 a.m. Worship at church
And Livestreamed
10:15 a.m. Education Hour*



Concordia Seminary Concert Series

Epiphany Hymn Festival

Join us Feb. 6 at 3:00 pm as we celebrate the Epiphany season and the life of our Lord Jesus, Son of God!

Featuring Dr. Stephen Starke, commentator, the St. Louis Lutheran Chorale and the Seminary String Ensemble.

Celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ with us this Epiphany season! Join us via livestream at csl.edu/live Sunday, Feb. 6 at 3:00 pm. You can find more details on our events calendar and learn more about the Concordia Seminary Concert Series.



After a long & stressful 6 months, it is time for Kris, Al and I to send tons of thank yous- for the cards, prayers, help and many more kindnesses too numerous to mention. Things are going well in spite of the Covid pandemic. Al is well taken care of at the Nevada Care Center and Kris has started a new job at Iowa State. My "Irons in the fire" are diminishing. God is Good and so are all of you. Tanny Latuska

Thoughts from the St. Paul Missional Community... by Ellen Sander

Missionary or Disciple??? Am I one, are you one?

Honestly, I have never thought of myself as either one. So doing what everyone does today, I Googled it. Disciple: a personal follower of Jesus during his lifetime, a follower or student of a teacher or leader or philosopher. Missionary: someone sent on a religious mission. Finding Bible verses regarding each, I concluded that I am both, and that I too can follow and spread God's Word, just as the disciples did long ago, and missionaries do today.

Our Missional Communities at St Paul, were established to send us into the "world", to share God's word. In fact, a few weeks ago my group held a great discussion about our "feet". The Bible has multiple foot references but the one that got us moving was in Romans 10:15. "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things." Yes, we all pulled our feet out from under the table and examined them. Our feet came in small, medium, large, flat, arched, calloused and soft, warm or cold and each of us had a pair! They were pretty ordinary looking as feet go, but as we began to talk about all the things those feet did for us we began to see them as another amazing tool God gives us to spread his message. Those feet carried us to work, sporting events, appointments, workouts and grocery shopping, and the more we talked, we heard stories of how a friend had been helped, a prayer given, a hand lent to ease someone else's burden or just a smile to say "Hi, I'm glad to see you." All because of our feet! We were spreading God's message just as disciples and missionaries do. We were one of them!

So, what kind of feet do you have? Do your tootsies eagerly walk up to those who don't know God's love? Do you have cold feet when it comes to talking about Jesus to a friend? Or are your feet awkward and stumble as you tell your story of faith to someone who doesn't have faith. Your feet, no matter what they look like, can make you a disciple, a missionary, one who tells others the "Good News".

You just might want to consider using your feet to join a Missional Community at St. Paul. These are small groups, studying God's word, growing in our faith as we share our stories of how God has been and continues to work in our lives and the lives of those around us. For more information, contact our church office. They will help.

Evangelism

We have a large number of **t-shirts** to be sewn into diapers for OGT. The shirts need to be cut before they are sewn. This is an easy job that anyone can do! The work day will be scheduled soon. Watch the announcements for more information.

Just a reminder, for **Orphan Grain Train**, we take medical supplies and used health aids, Bibles, hymn books and devotional books. Place in the bin in the east entryway.

Camp Okoboji work weekend will be May 5-7. Start thinking if you would be able to help get the camp ready for the summer. A sign up sheet will be posted as the time gets closer. Ron Coy will be leading this work group and can answer any questions you may have.

Please remember to pray for our missionary families and send them a message of love on Valentine's Day.

Board of Evangelism

Stewardship

“Your Role on God’s Team”

“How’s your team been doing lately?” “I hear they need more than a little help if they expect to make it this year!”

It’s that time of year when our teams have to work hard and use some new ideas. February 13 is TEAM Sunday, the day of the Super Bowl, when we dress in our favorite team’s shirt. This year it’s also Stewardship Sunday when we will place a special emphasis on encouraging each of us to use our talents, time, and treasure on St. Paul’s team.

Our congregation is like a team devoted to serving Jesus Christ. Our Kingdom Worker Boards are like teams. Our congregation cares for one another and works together through the various boards to accomplish God’s work.

God invited us to be on HIS team, by grace, and we show our gratitude by using our lives and blessings in ways to please and honor Him. We recruit other people to join our team so they may experience the wonderful blessings that God gives to us.

Each team member has a role to play, and our actions and efforts can help the St. Paul teams accomplish the work here in our congregation. The specific dedication of our time, talent, and treasure for the work of our Lord here at St. Paul enables us to respond to God’s grace in practical and effective ways.

February 13th Rev. Keith Haney, Assistant to the President for Missions, Human Care & Stewardship in Iowa District West will be our guest for both services.

February 20th will be TIME, TALENT and TREASURE Sunday. We will hear what some of our teams need help with and of some opportunities available for your service. We will be filling out our time and talent forms during the service. Our pledge forms, our commitment of our treasure, will also be turned in at the worship services today.

Gretchen Zitterich,
Stewardship Chair

WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN!

We haven't forgotten about a possible trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter; but with the uncertainty surrounding COVID, it hasn't seemed appropriate to make definite plans yet. As soon as the picture relating to COVID is clearer, we'll move ahead with dates and plans. If you have questions, please contact Shirley and Dennis Tice,

sdtice2@gmail.com or by phone,

515-450-8576(S) or 515-450-8453(D).

Thanks.

Education and Youth

SAVE THE DATES for CAMP!

2022 summer camp registration now open for Camp Okoboji!

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



Team Sunday is Sunday, February 13. Wear your favorite team colors or jersey (any sport, any team), or a St. Paul shirt!

Sub Sales!

We once again will be selling sub sandwiches, meat and cheese trays and baked goods for the big February football game. Order forms will be available at church through Feb. 6. Thank you for all your continued support!

2022 Youth Gathering Presents:



Fresh & Tasty
SANDWICH

Taking orders through February 6, 2022

ALL FALVOURS • ALL STYLES • ALL DAY LONG
\$10 EACH

<https://forms.gle/CeHbPStsv3yahhg6>

BAKE Sale

2022 NYG FUNDRAISER
ALL ITEMS \$5
FEBRUARY 13

Narthex of church between services
Get sweets for the BIG game or as an early Valentine's gift for your sweetie!

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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.



UPCOMING LYF EVENTS -

LYF continues each month on the 2nd Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Watch for information on the next event.

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

- 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 variants.



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

Trivia Night/Silent Auction Highlights

Thank you! The Youth attending the National Youth Gathering would like to thank all the people who attended our trivia night fundraiser on January 15. Although a small crowd, it seemed all had fun. We also thank those who bid on silent auction items and to businesses and people who donated items for the silent auction. Your support in our fundraising efforts is appreciated!



Education and Youth

WE ARE....YOUTH SUNDAY!

Youth Sunday will be held at worship on Sunday, February 27. This is the service day when the youth in grades 3- 12 greet, usher, play in the music ensemble, present the children's message as well as the main message and Bible readings.

A few years ago we presented "God is..." describing all the names of God. Last year we presented "United Together" where we spoke about what it means to be in unity with each other. This year we connect that unity to what God calls us to be - "We Are..." Some of this idea stems from the 2006 historical movie drama "We are Marshall" and the chanting they did together as a group in unity. We too should be ready to stand together and chant for the world to hear that "We are a Child of God!" and so much more!

We hope you will plan to attend this special service.

(Youth parents, please look for practice dates and reading part information out soon.)

Attention High School Youth!

SOMETHING NEW - Please plan to join us on February 20 at 1pm for an afternoon of brainstorming activity ideas for re-starting a St. Paul High School LYF group as well as assembling Blessing Bags to give to youth at Youth & Shelter Services (YSS).

Look for emails with more information.

A Powerhouse of a Night!

We had 8 youth attend a night of pizza, bowling and arcade games for LYF on January 12 at Perfect Games. There were many strikes, splits and lots of laughter!

Group photo: Edward, Hannah, Kaden, Elias, Emily, Tessa, Aleaya and Sami.



Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update: as of 11/30/21

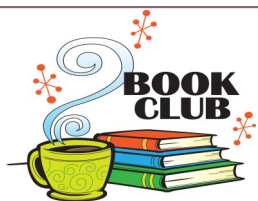
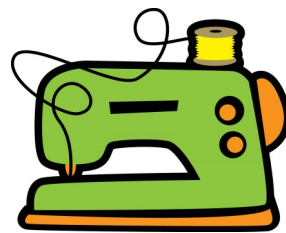
2021-2023 National Mission goal: \$2,150,000.00

Received: \$817,991.55

We normally collect mites for missions on the 1st Sunday of each month. For more information about LWML go to www.lwml.org.



FAMILY SERVICE ~ Our Feb. quilting days will be Feb. 10 (our Thrivent Action Team day), and Feb 24. Our Family Service Meeting will be Feb 24 at 1:00 pm. Please join us and bring your lunch if you are comfortable doing so. Thank you.



“Book to Know to Help You Grow”

Our Books to Know group decided to meet the rest of the year in our church. On 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 March 10th at **2:15 pm** in the Fellowship Hall and we will be discussing “Hidden Places” by Lynn Austin

Save the Date X 2

First, put March 2 on your calendar when Lent begins and the Women of St. Paul will host the annual Soup and Pie Supper. Watch for the sign up sheet to bring your favorite soup or pie!

Next, put June 16-18 on your calendar when the Boone and Carroll Zones will host the LWML Iowa West District Convention. We will need workers for registration, ushering and more. If you have never attended a district convention, we would love to have you join us this June.

Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients- 2021–2023 Mission Grant 6 — \$70,000

As Christians, we are charged with sharing the message of the Gospel and the Word with all individuals. The mission of Phil's Friends, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization, is to introduce and strengthen relationships with Christ by providing faith-based hope to those with cancer. The support includes a care package with practical, emotional, and spiritual items, including a Bible, a card sent monthly for 12 months, and a new program “Hope on Call,” in which Phil's Friends' trained volunteers meet virtually with the cancer patient to talk and pray. This grant would further fund Phil's Friends Cancer Care Packages, Cards of Hope, and Hope on Call.

The recipients of a care package receive so much joy from receiving the package. They know that a group of individuals who made the care package has just showed them unconditional love. By showing the unconditional love, it opens the door for Phil's Friends to share the Gospel message and God's Word.



St. Paul's American Heritage Girls Troop IA2016 is starting off the new year with work on the OUR FLAG badge. In January each of the patrols worked together to make a flag from the history of the United States. After they finished their flags each patrol presented their flag to the troop and told them facts about their flag. We thank St. Paul for supporting the American Heritage Girls troop IA2016 so we can learn more about how to love God, cherish our family, honor our country, and serve in our community.



AHG Oath:

"I promise to
love God,

Cherish my
family,

Honor my
country,

and
Serve in my
community."



Deuteronomy 6:5

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

February 2022 Sunday Service Roster

Due to the uncertainty of the Covid variants, the schedules have been (and will be) made up for only 1 month 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!

	Feb 6 9:00 am	Feb 13 9:00 am	Feb 20 9:00 am	Feb 27 9:00 am Youth Sunday
Organist	Emily Erickson	Ellen Sander	Praise Team	Ellen Sander
Elders	Lynn Dreyer	Lynn Dreyer	Lynn Dreyer	Lynn Dreyer
Lectors	Pam Mundt	Pam Mundt	Pam Mundt	Youth
Acolytes	Carson Howard		Tessa Esser	
Ushers	Harry & Pam Mundt, Larry Wiebel, Vickie Roach	Harry & Pam Mundt, Larry Wiebel, Vickie Roach	Harry & Pam Mundt, Larry Wiebel, Vickie Roach	Youth
Greeters	Katie Friedrich, Ardy Ulrichson	Katie Friedrich, Ardy Ulrichson	Katie Friedrich, Ardy Ulrichson	Youth
Coffee Greeter	Dick Peterson	Dick Peterson	Dick Peterson	Dick Peterson
Offering Counters	TBA			
Power Point	Katie Friedrich	Amy Carver	Sarah Fahrman	Sarah Fahrman
Sound Board	Cindy Baas	Angi Esser	Ben Fahrman	Ben Fahrman
Camera	Tom Baas	Tom Baas	John Murphy	Matt Carver



St. Paul Lutheran Preschool

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.” Ephesians 4:2



We've had some changes this winter at St. Paul Lutheran Preschool. Our teacher and dear friend, Mrs. VanNostrand, is unable to work at this time so that she can take care of her health. She has a great team of doctors who are working on a treatment plan. We lift Mrs. V. up in prayer that God will give her everything she needs at each moment during her journey.

We thank God for Mrs. Beagley who has stepped up to be the lead teacher in the Bear Class with Mrs. V. unable to be in the classroom. Mrs. Beagley has a great love of the children and also a great love of the Lord. St. Paul now has a wonderful teacher aid to assist Mrs. Beagley in the Bear Class. Her name is Mrs. Katie Clark and she has subbed at the preschool for many years. Her children came to St. Paul Lutheran Preschool when they were of preschool age. We give God thanks for these 2 wonderful teachers.

Ms. Val, in the 2-year-old class has had to step down from her teacher assistant position. We will miss Ms. Val's sweet cheerful personality. Ms. Katie Farmer will now be in the 2's class for 4-days-a week instead of the 2-days a week she was here prior to Ms. Val stepping down. Thank you God for Ms. Katie.

With all these changes at St. Paul we thank God for His constant and unchanging love and care for us in our lives at school, and in our lives in our homes



**“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”
Hebrews 13:8**

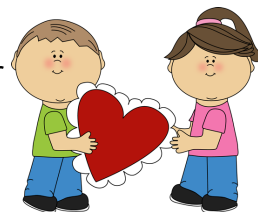
St. Paul Lutheran Preschool and Early Kindergarten will begin registration for the 22-23 school year for current students and church member's children February 1st. The application for enrollment is on the other side of this page. If you have any questions please email Lori Jenks at education@saintpaulames.org or call at 233-1914. Registration for the community will begin on March 1st.



In February St. Paul students will be growing in their faith as they learn about stories from God's word that show how Jesus loves all the people of the world: Jesus Blesses the Children, The Parable of the Good Samaritan, The Widow's Mite, and Jesus Eats with Zacchaeus.

A huge highlight of the month will be Valentine's Day parties in each class. Passing out valentine's, eating a valentine snack, making a valentine craft, and playing a valentine game will be done as we share the love of friendship with our friends.

A huge thank you for the continued financial gifts given to the preschool so we can keep sharing the good news and love of Jesus to over 90 children each week.



Application for Enrollment 2022-2023
St. Paul Lutheran Preschool & EK
 610 15th St Ames, IA 50010 515-233-1914
 www.saintpaulames.org/preschool education@saintpaulames.org

Name of Child (First, Middle, and Last)	Prefers to be called	Birthdate __ / __ / __
Street Address (Address, City, Zip)	Gender	

Parent Information	Mother	Father
Name		
Occupation		
Employer		
E-mail		
Phone		

Class Selection Please check the class for which you are applying. Registration Fee is \$50.00

Mark 1st and 2nd	Class	Meets	Time	Tuition
	2-Year-Old (Cub)	Monday & Thursday	9:00 am - 11:30 am	\$130/month
	2-Year-Old (Cub)	Tuesday & Friday	9:00 am - 11:30 am	\$130/month
	3-Year-Old (Lamb)	Monday & Thursday	8:45 am - 11:15 am	\$130/month
	3-Year-Old (Lamb)	Tuesday & Friday	8:45 am - 11:15 am	\$130/month
	3-Year-Old (Bear)	Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri	8:45 am- 11:30 am	\$245/month
	4/5-Year-Old (Lion)	Mon, Tues, Thurs	8:30 am - 11:30 am	\$245/month
	4/5-Year-Old (Lion)	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri	8:30 am—11:30 am	\$245/month
Afternoon Class	4-Year-Old (Lion)	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri	12:15 pm -3:15 pm	\$225/month
EK Class	4/5-Year-Old (EK Class)	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri	12:15 pm -3:15 pm	\$225/month

Register your child online. After the online registration is received an email invoice for payment (Registration Fee and September's Tuition) will be sent to you within 2 weeks. After payment is received you will get a confirmation email within 2 weeks that you child is in the class. If a parent withdraws their child the Registration Fee and the September's Tuition are non-refundable. **Class options subject to change based on enrollment.** If there are not any openings in the class the parent will receive their Registration Fee and September's Tuition back in full. You may apply for BooSt Area Tuition Assistance. Eligibility requirements must be met to receive scholarships.

Parent's Signature

Date of Signature

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool, Inc. admits students of any race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, and scholarship programs.