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Letter from Pastor

Dear friends in the Lord:

Every Sunday is special, because every time we are in the Lord's house we are strengthened through God's Word and Sacrament. Every time we are in God's house, we hear the good news of forgiveness through Jesus pronounced. However, this month in our services we have some extra special happenings. Come share these special celebrations with us!

April 3 – Stone Sunday! – I'm sure you have heard Jesus referred to as the Rock many times in your life. However, did you know that Scripture also calls Jesus a stone? How and why -- and what's the difference? Come and learn all about it as we reflect on the Bible's message that Jesus, The Rock, is also The Stone. *"The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone"* (Luke 20:17b).

April 10 – Palm Sunday! – This Sunday we remember Jesus' Triumphal Entry into the city of Jerusalem, where He would bring His earthly mission to fulfillment. On this day the city was filled with praise and the streets were filled with palms. Come join in celebration as we too sing to the Lord, wave palm branches and cry out "Hosanna!" *"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"* (Matthew 21:9).

April 17 – Easter Sunday! – Join us for the special joy of celebrating Christ's victory over the grave. Jesus' victory over death means that we too shall live, even though we die. Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7:30 a.m. Easter Late Service will be at 10 a.m. Easter breakfast will be served between services.



Please join us as we celebrate that Christ has risen! *"...He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things...and that He must be killed, and on the third day be raised to life"* (Matthew 16:21).

He's Alive!

April 24 – Peace Sunday! – The Sunday after the resurrection, we remember Jesus' proclamation as He appeared to His disciples alive once again! What was the message Christ brought to them? "Peace be with you!" Could you use a little more peace in your life? Do you wish our world had more peace in it? Come and hear all about this most special message of peace from Jesus! *"Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this...the disciples were overjoyed"* (John 20:19-20).

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

Sunday, April 3

9:00 a.m. Worship at church with Holy Communion And Livestreamed

10:15 a.m. Education Hour

Wednesday, April 6

7:00 p.m. Lent VI Worship

Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship at church And Livestreamed

10:15 a.m. Adult Bible study

Thursday, April 14

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion And Livestreamed



Friday, April 15

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship And Livestreamed

Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. Worship at church with Holy Communion And Livestreamed

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

Sunday, April 24

9:00 a.m. Worship at church And Livestreamed

10:15 a.m. Education Hour



Imagine being on Mars Hill and listening to St. Paul's famous sermon delivered at that very spot in Athens, or standing at the ruins of the library in Ephesus, or cruising to Mediterranean sea and seeing Patmos where John wrote the book of Revelation, or seeing the Sistine Chapel where Michelangelo painted the ceiling. Dr. James Lamb and Rev. Michael Wolfram will be hosting a **tour to the Greece with an optional extension to Rome** April 17-26, 2023. If you would like to find out more about this opportunity you may contact Dr. Lamb at lambfor-life@gmail.com 641-751-4433, or Rev. Wolfram at mcwolfram@aol.com 515-988-4324. Call or write now so that you can qualify for early bird registration discounts!

After 2 weeks in the hospital, 2 weeks in extended recovery, and after returning to the Story County Senior Care doing 10 days of isolation in his room, Al is on the road to extended recovery. He thanks all who have continued to pray for him, send cards, bring treats and come for visits with him. God is good, prayer works. Tanny



Thank you to the Folkman's for the flowers and to everyone for the many cards for Mother. She loved it! Finally Thank you to Ron Coy and Craig Doering for building the ramp for Mom!

Dawn Schulte



Easter News

Easter Egg Hunt Palm Sunday April 10

All children are invited to hunt for Easter eggs after Sunday school class at 11:15 am on April 10.

Weather permitting we will meet by the Cross on the west side of the church. We will have eggs filled with candy and surprises. Bring your basket and join us for some fun.

(Sponsored by Board of Evangelism)



Easter Processional

There is a sign-up sheet for the Easter Processional on the bulletin board. Please sign up by Palm Sunday, April 10th. Many men, women and children are needed. Watch the church bulletin for more information.

Easter Breakfast is Back!!!!

The ladies of the St Paul LWML and St Paul youth are teaming up once again to prepare and serve the annual Easter Breakfast here at St Paul. Immediately following the early Easter service, members, friends and family will once again gather in the fellowship hall for an Easter celebration breakfast. And who knows, we just might have a couple of "eggs up our sleeves" as we once again plan Easter morning at St Paul. So make your plans to attend by putting it on your calendar.



Join Us For Breakfast

Lastly, We hope you will consider and plan to be a part of the breakfast celebration preparation or serving crew. A sign up will be posted on the bulletin board offering multiple opportunities, from egg bakers to fruit cup makers, to table setters, on Saturday and Easter Sunday for "you" to help make St. Paul's 2022 Easter breakfast the best one ever. If you have any questions contact Angie Fritz or Ellen Sander.

Potholder Talk... As events at St. Paul are resuming once again, I thought it might be wise to remind those who are using the church kitchen to be mindful of a couple of things.

If you have left items in kitchen to be used in the near future please clearly identify them as such in some manner.

If you have left food in the refrigerator, please indicate if it is available for anyone's use. After you use kitchen items please put them away, and not left on the counter. Lastly, before you leave, double check to make sure all lights are off and especially, if you have used them, that the ovens are off. It is a blessing that we are able to join together in fellowship after these many months, let's all remember to keep our kitchen clean and clutter free.

Thank you so much.

Ellen Sander, LWML Hospitality Chair

Lilies will be placed around the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. They are not only beautiful to look at and to smell their lovely fragrance, but they are a wonderful way to show glory and honor to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Easter Lilies

Lilies will be available for the price of \$13.00.

The deadline to order a lily will be Sunday, April 3rd.

Watch the church bulletin for the Lily Order Form or forms are available on the church bulletin board.

Human Care



Come One, Come all! To the first annual MAPS (Missionary Aid and Prayer Support) Gift Market!

Come check out our new **Missionary Aid and Prayer Support (MAPS) Market***** on Sunday, April 24th after the church service.

This market will help you directly support missions and missionaries that have been selected by the Boards of Evangelism, Human Care, and Women of St. Paul. Literature on each mission/missionary will be displayed at the event. We invite you to browse and discuss these worthwhile missions, while enjoying coffee and treats!

Order forms will be available at the event. However, if you are unable to attend, please use the enclosed form to help support the missions/missionaries that you prefer. You may either mail the filled-out form with your check made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church with a notation that it is for the MAPS event, or drop it off in the Human Care mailbox. Once you have chosen which person(s)/organization(s) you will support, please remember to keep them in your daily prayers. *“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective!” (James 5:16b)*

THANK YOU for supporting this new event!!!

***(Please note: We will continue to have our annual HOPE Gift Market in November but missionaries will no longer be part of that Market.)



Camp Okoboji

Summer Staff recruiting is ongoing!! Currently, we are less than half way to our desired number of Summer Staff hires. If you know of anyone who might enjoy spending the summer at camp working and having fun, direct them to the camp website. (www.campokoboji.org) Responsibilities range from program assistance, housekeeping, dining hall, lifeguarding (training will be provided), and general maintenance.



Camp Okoboji Work Weekend - May 6-7 We have had a number of St. Paul members go up to camp for the work weekend and would like to have a good representation again. The camp provides lodging and meals while there, they just need to know how many to plan for. Watch for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board or contact Ron Coy at 515-231-1041.

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

Campers days are filled with Christian fellowship, recreation, Bible studies, campfire devotions, singing, swimming, canoeing, archery, Gaga ball, court and field games, crafts and so much more!



St. Paul has had several campers attend summer sessions.

Camp Okoboji Funds

Reminder that any camp okoboji auxiliary scholarship forms are due to camp by April 15. Scholarships are available to those who have completed 3rd grade and above. If you need a form, please contact Carla Murphy or the church office.

Other funds are available through IDW, Evangelism and Youth Board. Please contact Carla for more information.

Education and Youth

High School LYF (grades 9-12)

Do you need an escape? Well, if so, you'll want to join us for our April activity of going to No Escape Iowa right here in Ames for puzzle and escape rooms! As of the Epistle deadline we are still working out the details so look for more information out soon!

LYF (grades 3-8)

Due to no midweek during Holy Week, we will be postponing our normal meal and activity until later in the month. Details are still being finalized, so look for more information out soon.

Youth Sunday Highlights - On Sunday, February 27 the youth of our church lead the congregation in worship with the theme of the morning being "We Are...." They helped remind us that we are children of God, we are teachers, we are accepted, we are the body and future of the church and we are forgiven through baptism.



Youth ensemble members with director Wayne included: Estan, Cameron, Erin, Carly, Daniel, Evan and Shaun.

Maddie and Emma leading the children's message



Education and Youth

Blessing Bags for YSS

On February 20 we re-started the high school LYF group. We had 7 youth attend. Our activity was assembling items for the blessing bags with the donated items from the congregation. With the items donated, we were able to assemble 25 drawstring backpacks with items for YSS youth. The bags will be delivered after spring break. We thank all those who donated items to help us with this service project.



Some of the many items donated for the project.

Youth assembling the bags.



Shaun, Tate, Daniel, Maddie, Eayon, Lydia and Tessa with completed blessing bags.

Evangelism

Many people are looking for ways to share their love of Christ with the Ukraini-

ans. Orphan Grain Train plans, as soon as a shipping container can be secured, to make a shipment of quilts, hygiene kits, powdered detergent and other needed items to the Ukrainian refugees in Poland or another area. More items will be collected in the future, but right now shipping dollars are the biggest need cause costs are high. Orphan Grain Train is close for us to support (Clemons, IA) and internationally has a reputation for making sure gifts are used as intended. Donations can be marked "Ukrainian Refugee Care" and sent to...Orphan Grain Train, P.O. Box 120, Clemons, IA 50051. (Call 515-708-6234 if you have questions.)



Just a reminder we will take hymnals, Bibles and devotion books to OGT, also.

There is always room for any type of clothing and shoes, They also like bedding, towels and fabric. Place items in the marked bin near the east entry doors.

Women's Ministry

Save the Date

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. Registration forms are available in the IA West District eNews or in the office. Questions, see Julie in the office.



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

Spring Plant Sale

It's time for our Women's Ministry annual fundraising plant sale. Just like so many things in this world, we have been affected by today's economic factors. Our usual supplier has informed us that they are no longer doing fundraisers. We have been unable to find a greenhouse that is doing so. We are exploring other ideas. Thank you for your past support. We hope to resume "planting" next year.

Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update: as of 2/28/22

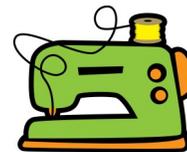
2021-2023 National Mission goal: \$2,150,000.00

Received: \$1,219,238.31

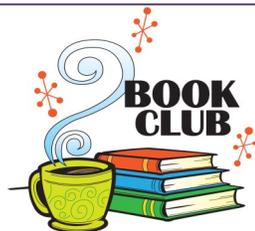
We normally collect mites for missions on the 1st Sunday of each month. For more information about LWML go to www.lwml.org.



FAMILY SERVICE ~ Quilters will meet on April 14th at 10:00 am until 2:00pm. Please bring a sack lunch to enjoy at noon. We also meet on April 28th at 10:00 am. At noon is our lunch break to enjoy our sack lunch. Our Family Service meeting will begin at 1:00 pm with a devotion and end with dessert. Please join our group. We would be happy to have you.



“Book to Know to Help You Grow”



BOOK CLUB

In May we will discuss “The Shot Caller” by Casey Diaz. May is also when we choose books for the next year so be thinking of suggestions for our group. Send suggestions to Connie Lastine at clastine@mchsi.com. Thank you.

We will also be deciding if we will continue to meet at church or in member's homes. You may also email Connie with your suggestions for meeting places.



Light of Christ in Eastern Europe- 2021–2023 Mission Grant 8 — \$56,000

For decades, Christians in Germany and Czech Republic had to hide their faith. Churches that stood for centuries were closed and generations lived with no knowledge of the Christian faith. The Lutheran Church is striving to meet the urgent need to bring the love and light of Christ to people who have been living in spiritual darkness. Recently, immigrants and refugees from the Middle East have settled in Europe, many in Germany. Our missionaries are meeting the additional challenge of reaching out to those of the Muslim faith with the message of the Triune God. Thousands of immigrants, and German and Czech citizens of all ages, need to hear the Gospel. This grant will help in the support of eight missionaries working in Germany and the Czech Republic.



Missionary Ben Helge, right, leads an English Talk Group as part of his ministry in the Czech Republic. This group meets every Wednesday evening to practice English and to hear the Gospel. The group is open to any high school student, and God continues to send new members to the group, who need to hear the Good News. ETG, as it's often referred to by the students, connects unbelievers to the church plant in Haviřov-Šumbark.

April 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!

	April 3 9:00 am	April 10 9:00 am	April 17 7:30 am Easter Sunday	April 17 10:00 am Easter Sunday	April 24 9:00 am
Organist	Ellen Sander	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn	Praise Team
Elders	Matt Carver	David Schultz	Matt Carver	David Schultz	David Schultz
Lectors	Alberta Voge	Ellen Sander	Tate Esser	Tanny Latuska	Keith Folkmann
Acolytes	Clay Taylor		Tessa Esser	Preston Stensland	
Ushers	Bob & Marilyn Walker, Phil & Alberta Voge	Phil & Alberta Voge, Drue & Ellen Sander	Phil & Alberta Voge, Harry & Pam Mundt	Lynn & Kim Dreyer, Tanny Latuska, Ron Coy	Phil & Alberta Voge, Lynn & Kim Dreyer
Greeters	Tom & Beth Henrikson, Dick & Linda Peterson	Tom & Beth Henrikson, Jim George	Vickie & Lindsay Roach, Angie & Tate Esser	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Dennis & Karen Griffin	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Dennis & Karen Griffin
Coffee Greeter					
Offering Counters	Matt & Sandra Pflug	Matt & Sandra Pflug	Larry & Nancy Wiebel	Larry & Nancy Wiebel	Matt & Sandra Pflug
Power Point	Katie Friedrich	Cindy Baas	Cindy Baas	Julie Coy	Sarah Fahrman
Sound Board	Amy Carver	Tom Baas	Becky Jackson		Ben Fahrman
Camera	Harry Mundt	John Murphy	Tom Baas		Matt Carver



April 2022 Special 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!

	April 6 7:00 pm Lent VI	April 14 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday	April 15 7:00 pm Good Friday
Organist	Ellen Sander	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn
Elders	Lynn Dreyer	Tom Peter	Lynn Dreyer
Lectors	Marilyn Hagemoser	Ellen Sander	Tanny Latuska
Acolytes		Zach Harris	
Ushers	Mark & Janelle Swenson, Tom Peter, Wayne Hagemoser	Bob & Marilyn Walker, Drue & Ellen Sander	Tom & Cindy Baas, Jim George, Ron Coy
Greeters	Dean & Ardy Ulrichson, Dick & Linda Peterson	Phil & Alberta Voge, Judy Peter	Mark & Janelle Swenson, Tanny Latuska
Power Point	Cindy Baas	Sarah Fahrman	Julie Coy
Sound Board	Tom Baas	Ben Fahrman	Becky Jackson
Camera	Matt Carver	Harry Mundt	Eric Phipps



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



PRAYERS FOR THE PASTORS AND MISSIONARIES IN UKRAINE

Recent excerpts from the lcms.org

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Office of International Mission (OIM) continues to work with the Rev. Serge Maschewski, bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine (ELCU), to offer assistance in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Currently, pastors of the ELCU are visiting their members and trying to aid anyone in trouble.

Financial assistance from the LCMS has been used to buy helmets and body armor for pastors as they continue to minister to their people. In addition to helping provide protection for those delivering the life-giving Word and Sacraments, assistance has been distributed to ELCU congregation members and other refugees fleeing to the West. Additional aid has assisted those remaining in Ukraine, including providing funds for: Food, accommodations, documents and clothes for Eastern Ukrainian refugees who have arrived in Lviv and Vinnytsia; A hospital in Lutsk for that cares for refugees and military personnel; Congregations of the ELCU, including their members; and Food banks and medicine for the community. In a recent email update, the Rev. James A. Krikava, associate executive director of Eurasia and Asia Operations for the OIM, reported that the Lutheran congregation in Dnipro is still functioning. In fact, the members are working to distribute food and clothing. They are also providing housing to incoming refugees. "It is really amazing to see the hearts of many moved to help in such abundance," said Krikava. As you continue to **pray for Ukraine**, please also **pray for those who are receiving refugees**, especially the Synod's **church partners and missionaries**. We join together with the whole church in **praying for peace, for protection, and that all might be saved** and come to a knowledge of the truth in Jesus Christ.

And we pray that all find hope and strength in the grace of God in Jesus Christ. As the situation in Ukraine continues, the church **prays and provides** for those affected. The OIM is currently working with five partner churches to help refugees from this conflict. These church bodies are located in Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Germany and the Czech Republic. The Rev. Serge Maschewski, bishop of the ELCU, requests funds for medicine; fuel for the evacuation of children, women and the elderly; food; and personal safety gear for pastors who work in dangerous areas. Maschewski said that the needs are always changing: "I don't know the exact amount of money. Today we need food. Tomorrow, we need medicine. The list changes daily." In a recent email to Krikava and LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, Maschewski said, "I want to give special thanks to the faithful of the LCMS, and personally to President Harrison and Pastor Krikava. God bless you! We, by the power of God, will overcome all things, and the Lord will grant us victory!"

The Lord Jesus, who talked about coming wars and calamities, died and rose from the dead to forgive sins and give eternal life to all who believe. Before He ascended, He promised His church, "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age"

To support the people of Ukraine, **please pray for them**. If you desire to contribute to their needs, there are several ways to donate: We are having our new **MAPS** event here in the fellowship hall Sunday April 24 with opportunities to give for Ukraine which will be sent through **MISSION CENTRAL**.

IF you cannot be here and wish to give a different way, follow these directions.

Text LCMSUKRAINE to 41-444.

Give online via LCMS Mission Advancement.

Call the LCMS at 888-930-4438.

Give online via Mission Central. Call Mission Central (Mapleton, Iowa) at 712-882-1029.

By mail, make your check out to "The LCMS," and write "Ukraine Relief" in the memo line. Mail to: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166

To learn more, support the work in Ukraine and help those affected by this war, visit lcms.org/ukraine.

