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Letter from Pastor

Confirmation Sunday on May 1 – May Day!

May Day is the first day of May, while “Mayday!” is an urgent plea for help. This year, May 1 is both of those for us here at St. Paul. This year, May Day is also a day we will remember who our help comes from each time we cry out for help in the urgencies of life: Jesus Christ. May 1 will be Confirmation Sunday here at St. Paul. Our theme this year will remind us that Jesus is there for us each time we cry out to Him for help.

Due to increased attendance on Confirmation Sunday as family members of the confirmands attend, we will have two worship services on May 1, at 8:30 and at 11:00 a.m. The Rite of Confirmation will be held during the 11:00 service. Both services will include The Lord’s Supper and both services will be livestreamed for this special once-a-year occasion.

“Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven,” said Jesus (in Matthew 10:32). Confirmation Sunday is a very special occasion when our confirmands publicly acknowledge their faith in Jesus. Through their personal faith

statements, the youth being confirmed will explain the role of Jesus Christ in their lives.

This year we have 4 youth being confirmed: Natalie Emery, Tessa Esser, Zach Harris and Preston Stensland. Please pray for our 4 youth as they are confirmed and publicly acknowledge Jesus. I also encourage you to join us in the fellowship hall during our fellowship and refreshment time (9:30-9:45 a.m.) to share your personal words of encouragement with our 4 confirmands.

In Jesus, who defeated sin & death for us and is always with us,

Pastor Jenks



Confirmation Sunday

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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, May 1

Confirmation Sunday

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

And Livestreamed

*9:45 a.m. Education Hour /
Confirmand Reception*

*11:00 a.m. Worship at church
with Holy Communion and
Rite of Confirmation*

Sunday, May 8

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

10:15 a.m. Adult Bible study

Sunday, May 15

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

And Livestreamed

10:15 a.m. Education Hour

Sunday, May 22

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

10:15 a.m. Education Hour

Sunday, May 29

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

And Livestreamed

Please pay close attention to our worship times this month. There are some changes for Confirmation Sunday (May 1) and the Holiday weekend (May 29).

Thank you!



There are few pilgrimages more spiritually refreshing than going to the Biblical lands! Dr. James Lamb and Rev. Michael Wolfram will be hosting a **trip to Greece with an optional extension to Rome** April 17-26, 2023, which will enable you to see and experience walking in St. Paul's Footsteps. If you would like to find out more about this opportunity you may contact them at Lambforlife@gmail.com or mcwolfram@aol.com or call 515-988-4324. Be sure to ask about early bird registration discounts!

Easter News

An Easter Breakfast thank you

As the members of St. Paul gathered once again to celebrate a glorious Easter morning by joining in Christian fellowship, we want to thank everyone who helped prepare and serve either by their donations, monetary, food or time, to make the breakfast happen.

The return of the joyful sounds of the many who gathered Saturday morning to crack eggs, cut up fruit or decorate the tables was a reminder of what we had missed these past 2 years.

A very special thank you to our faithful supporters of the Easter Breakfast, Alberta and Phil Voge for their generous donation of ham and sausage. Phil not only donates the meat but comes early Easter morning to cook the sausage each year. Also a heartfelt thank you to the youth for all of their help and especially their excellent service on Sunday morning. A special thank you to our Family Service Quilting Ladies for providing the spring daffodils that brought a taste of spring to each table. Also, thank you to Dustin Lucht, manager of the downtown Fareway for generously donating all of the eggs for the breakfast casseroles.

Lastly, we thank everyone who attended the Easter breakfast for your overwhelming support. Both the youth and LWML of St Paul will benefit as they prepare to attend their respective conferences from the freewill offering that was collected.

We are already looking forward to Easter 2023.



Stewardship

Lord, to all you have given,
gifts to which You entrust
So many diverse talents
You have given each of us.

You have endowed us all,
With spiritual abilities
so many of us are blessed
with unique qualities.

You awarded each one,
with their own personality
So together we can be one
regardless of our specialty.

We all have the capability,
but, sadly not the desire
to use our gifts and talents
to enlighten and inspire.

Lord, if we choose to use,
the gifts you have given us
just think how many more...
in You, would place their trust.

By Debra Ann Belka (with permission)

Human Care



Thank you to all who participated in our first annual MAPS (Missionary And Prayer Support) gift market. Your contributions enable missionaries to spread the Good News and love of Jesus Christ at a time when the world desperately needs it! God bless you!

Boards of Evangelism, Human Care, and Women of St. Paul



Education and Youth

Let's Celebrate the Seniors of 2022!



Youth go through so much anyway and this year's seniors had half of their high school career disrupted by the pandemic and yet they have excelled. At St. Paul we are excited and

honored to celebrate with five of our high school students as they complete their studies and prepare for their future endeavors. Join us on Sunday, May 22, during worship service as we recognize our graduating seniors with our St. Paul tradition of gifting them a senior quilt. Reception following the service will be held in the fellowship hall. Graduating seniors of 2022: Emma B, C, M, Tate P, and Madison W.

May 1st – Confirmation Reception during the education hour

Come and help celebrate with our confirmands: Tessa E, Natalie E, Preston S, and Zachary H. May 1 at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall. The confirmation and service will follow at 11:00 am.



Save the date: Vacation Bible



School - Vacation Bible school will be held July 31 – August 3, 2022

Help Wanted – The Board of Education will be looking for Sunday School and Mid-week teachers for 2022-23. A big thank you to those that have already signed up. We are also looking for additional board members, and being on the board does not mean you need to teach, or have teaching experience. The Board of Education is responsible for the nurture and Christian growth of members of the congregation.

Education and Youth

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!



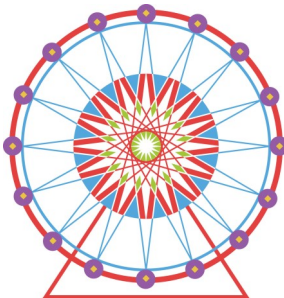
Summer Staff recruiting is ongoing!! Currently, we are less than half way to our desired number of Summer Staff hires. If you know of anyone who might enjoy spending the summer at camp working and having fun, direct them to the camp website. (www.campokoboji.org) Responsibilities range from program assistance, 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. Sign up on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board or contact Ron Coy at 515-231-1041.

Discounted Adventureland Tickets

Share the Fun at Adventureland this year during one of their substance free days May 7, 8, 14 or 15. Discounted tickets are available for \$30 per person (\$20 discount). Children ages 3 years and under are admitted free. If interested please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board at church or contact Carla Murphy.



Camp Funding and Registration

Reminder registration is open for summer camp at Camp Okoboji. If you need financial assistance with registration fees, please contact Carla Murphy **by May 22**. Thank you.

Education and Youth

“Perfect” Fun

Our High School LYF group enjoyed an afternoon of bowling and laser tag at Perfect Games on March 27.



YSS BLESSING BAG PROJECT

With the items donated, we were able to assemble 25 drawstring backpacks with items for YSS youth. The bags were delivered after spring break.

We thank all those who donated items to help us with this service project.

Evangelism



This past Friday (April 8), Orphan Grain Train at Clemons loaded a shipping container destined for the Ukrainian refugees

now in Latvia. Included in the shipment were all the quilts from the St. Paul Family Service Quilters and quilts from the Memorial Quilting Ladies and several of our sister churches plus sheets and towels, clothes and diapers, school supplies and hygiene



items which came from churches and civic groups and lots of individuals here in Ames and Story City and Nevada and other towns around. All together there were 1440 boxes piled into the container. Noteworthy is that there were 4 quilts per box and 35 boxes on a pallet and 12 pallets totaling 1680 quilts which were

sent!!! Thanks to the St. Paul and Memorial quilters and other givers and especially, too, to all who donated funds for the \$7000 shipping costs! As Jesus said, "When you have

done it unto the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me!" (Mt. 25:40)

**Continue to bring clothing, sheets, towels, etc. to our collection tubs. If there is a garage sale in your neighborhood, tell them we will take their unsold clothing & bedding.



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

The LWML wants your old eye-glasses!

LWML is celebrating 80 years at this year's convention and we hope to collect 80 pairs of glasses (from our church) for the ingathering. Any kind of glasses are fine to bring... prescription glasses, readers, sunglasses—we want them all. **NO Cases Please!** We will have a special drop off basket in the narthex. Thank you!!

Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update: as of 3/31/22

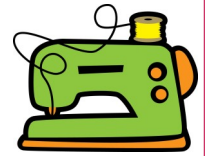
2021-2023 National Mission goal: \$2,150,000.00

Received: \$1,320,802.19

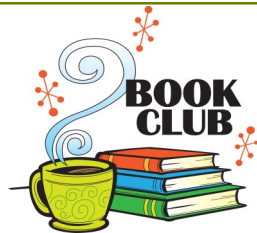
We normally collect mites for missions on the 1st Sunday of each month. For more information about LWML go to www.lwml.org.



FAMILY SERVICE ~ Quilters will meet on May 12th at 10:00 am until 2:00pm. Please bring a sack lunch to enjoy at noon. On May 26 at noon we will have our year-end potluck. We always have a wonderful fellowship time and welcome anyone who would like to join us! 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.



LWML Mission Grants

Educating Pastors in Africa 2021–2023 Mission Grant 10 — \$100,000

God is calling African men to become pastors. These men of faith know the culture and how best to share God's truth and the love of Christ in their native country. Matongo Lutheran Theological College, Kenya, East Africa, is a confessional Lutheran college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK), which is in Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). This theological college is in need of support funding. Grant funds will be used for pastoral education projects, including scholarships and seminary needs in Kenya, Togo West Africa, and Uganda, as well as general support of six missionaries — five pastors and one layman.



Look at the crowd at this joyous, ordination celebration in Togo!

May 2022 Sunday Service Roster

Due to the uncertainty of the service times, 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!

	May 1 8:30 am	May 1 11:00 am Confirmation	May 8 9:00 am	May 15 9:00 am	May 22 9:00 am	May 29 10:00 am Holiday Weekend
Organist	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn	Praise Team	LaDonna Osborn
Elders	Greg Gebhart	Steve Johnson	Greg Gebhart	Steve Johnson	Greg Gebhart	Steve Johnson
Lectors	Reiny Friedrich	Steve Johnson	Marlene Johnson	Inez Smith	Cindy Baas	Inez Smith
Acolytes	Estan B	Wilson B		Cam D		Carly S
Ushers	Reiny & Maureen Friedrich, Bob & Marilyn Walker	Inez Smith, Jim George, Mike West, Larry Wiebel	Steve & Marlene Johnson, Reiny & Maureen Friedrich,	Inez Smith, Mike West, Reiny & Maureen Friedrich,	Steve & Marlene Johnson, Reiny & Maureen Friedrich,	Inez Smith, Mike West, Bob & Marilyn Walker
Greeters	Denny & Shirley Tice, Wayne & Marilyn Hagemoser	Shorty & Claudia Riese, Vickie Roach	Denny & Shirley Tice, Wayne & Marilyn Hagemoser	Denny & Shirley Tice, Wayne & Marilyn Hagemoser	Denny & Shirley Tice, Shorty & Claudia Riese	Denny & Shirley Tice, Wayne & Marilyn Hagemoser
Coffee Greeter						
Offering Counters	Greg & Ella Gebhart	→				
Power Point	Sarah Fahrman	Julie Coy	Cindy Baas	Angie Esser	Julie Coy	Doug Litwiller
Sound Board	Ben Fahrman	Amy Carver	Shaun Carver	Tate Esser	Tom Peter	Becky Jackson
Camera	Harry Mundt	Matt Carver	Tom Baas	Eric Phipps	John Murphy	Matt Carver



Missionary Prayers for “MAPS” Missionaries

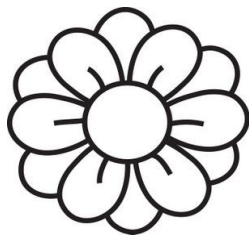
It is good to celebrate and honor those who have served and served well. It is bittersweet to share with you that **BOB AND KRISTI ROEGNER** are retiring from service with the Apple of his Eye this month. Bob has had a dynamic career of service to the Lord from missionary to mission leader to Executive Director of LCMS World Missions to pastor to his service with The Apple of His Eye, accepting the call to serve as a Bible Teacher in Israel. He and his wife Kristi were the LCMS's first called Bible Teachers to serve in Israel. **Pray for Bob's health and their retirement.** The plan was simple, to be in partnership with Immanuel Church Lutheran in Jaffa and serve as the outreach arm of the congregation alongside the pastor there. **We make our plans and the Lord just smiles.** When the pastor there stepped down, Bob, on an interim basis, led that community of faith. That drew on his years of experience to help right the ship and move forward...until Covid hit. Bob and Kristi returned to the US during the height of the pandemic. Through Zoom, they were able to continue ministry from afar until Israel opened again for people to enter. Those of you who have supported Bob and Kristi have blessed us all in giving a vote of confidence for the need to include Jewish people in the overall mission of the church. Bob and Kristi's years of service have brought our work forward in witness and now as we remember, we also look forward to the next stages of our ministry including **a partnership with an Israeli Jewish believer who has been accepted into a Specialized Ministry in Place program through Concordia Seminary (Ft. Wayne, IN) but taken in Sweden through Mission Provence.** Please pray for **Sahar**. Bob has had a major influence in his life and direction for service. Your continuing mission support, prayers, and witness will enable us to write the next chapter in our 26th year of mission service. Thank you for helping make these memories possible. And Thank You, Bob and Kristi for your years of service for Christ! (Excerpts from Steve Cohen)

BEN AND REBECCA HELGE serve the Lord in the Eurasia region, based in Havířov-Šumbark, Czech Republic. Benjamin works closely with the Silesian Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession (SCEAV) and the Evangelical Center M.I.S.E. He reaches out to the community by teaching conversational English to people of all ages. He assists a Czech team to plant a church and helps organize English Bible camps in the Czech Republic and Poland, among many other things. Ben and Rebecca were married in June, 2021. She worked as a missionary teacher at the Christian International School of Prague. **PRAY** for Benjamin and Rebecca as they serve in the Czech Republic. **ASK GOD** to bless their marriage. **PRAY** for Rebecca as she adjusts to life in Havířov. **PRAY** also for their continued learning of the Czech language. **Ask** God to grow the church plant in Havířov and to fill it with new believers. Some of you may remember Ben from our Mission Central trip a few years ago.

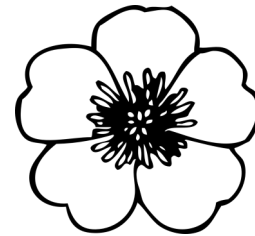
REV. CHUCK AND CONNIE CORTRIGHT serve in Riga, Latvia. After teaching for the past 5 years, Charles has a change of emphasis this semester. He is serving as the chaplain of the program. He will be mentoring students and serving as a pastoral counselor. Our students have all returned, including a pastor from Nepal, and our first student from Lithuania a former Franciscan who desires to serve as a Lutheran pastor there. PLEASE PRAY FOR... • the staff, teachers, and students of the English Studies program. **ASK THE LORD** to grant perseverance and commitment to them through the Word and their studies. • our work and plans for a second Intensive Course later this spring. Please **GIVE THANKS** to God for His many blessings on this ministry.

Pray for **JULIE LUTZ** as she serves the Lord in Papua New Guinea. Pray God graciously grants her strength and good cheer as she serves as a mission service coordinator. Pray for the people of the Gutnius Lutheran Church in PNG that God makes them one in Him as they reach out in witness. The challenges are many among the communities of PNG. challenges also present opportunities for Christians to step forward in love and care for their families and neighbors in Christ's name. **PRAY** God grants her strength and good cheer as she serves as a mission service coordinator. **PRAY** for the people of the Gutnius Lutheran Church in PNG that God makes them one in Him as they reach out in witness and mercy and live together in Christ. Let us **GIVE THANKS** to God that Julie has served His children in this part of the world faithfully since 1985.

Pray for **KARL AND KELSEY GRULKE** They ask to **PRAY**: 1. For the leaders of Botswana 2. For our coworkers in Botswana who are continuing translation work. Bakgalagari and Wayeyi people as the translation projects continue to move forward and we get closer to making God's Word come alive in these languages 3. Thank God the Shekgalagari Bible Translation Project has officially finished our consultant checking! We wrapped up the book of Hebrews and are now done with that stage of the translation process. 4. That God would continue to provide for our ministry through partners like you.



St. Paul Lutheran Preschool May News 2022



Thank you St. Paul Lutheran Congregation for your support to your preschool this school year. It has been a busy year with 94 wonderful children in our care. It is interesting to ponder what God has in store for these children that He created. We have poured God's love into them through daily prayer, Bible Stories, chapel, Jesus Time lessons, songs of praise, prayers through Prayer Partners, and love from St. Paul teachers. Thank you members for making this early childhood experience be rewarding for them.

THANK YOU!

This summer St. Paul Lutheran Preschool is hosting two summer camps for preschoolers.



Sports Camp (June 6-10) This week campers will enjoy exercise! Camp will be filled with fundamental skills like: running, kicking, jumping, catching, and throwing. Campers will be able to meet and interact with ISU athletes each day from sports they will love to learn more about. Each day a different sport will be highlighted such as: men's basketball, volleyball, women's basketball, and football. Sports Campers will talk about God pleasing sport player characteristics.



Community Helper Camp (June 13-17) This week campers will learn more about our wonderful community helpers in Ames, Iowa. Each camp day will focus on one helper in our community such as: fire fighters, police officers, dentists, librarians, and bakers. The campers will meet these people who serve our community each day and practice some of the skills they do. Interesting Bible Stories will be presented each day as it ties into an aspect of the life of the community helper.



St. Paul Lutheran Preschool Registration for next school year is open to all children in Ames and the surrounding communities. To register go to www.saintpaulames.org/preschool and click on Application for Enrollment 2022-2023. Any question please call Lori Jenks at 515-233-1914 or email her at education@saintpaulames.org



Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12