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Letter from Pastor

“Let us not neglect meeting together for worship, as some have made a habit, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the [Last] Day approaching!” These words are found in Hebrews 10:25 and they were written long ago. The empty pew spaces left behind by the pandemic is not the first time that people have been tempted to stop coming to worship in person. Long ago, God warned us against this! Why? Because God knows how important it is that we be in His house! Only in the Lord’s house do you receive the Sacrament of the very body and blood of Jesus, which gives you the forgiveness He has won for you, and which strengthens your Christian faith for the many struggles of daily life. In the fictional world, Willy Wonka was able to send a chocolate bar over the tv, but in the real world, we cannot send the Sacrament to you over the Internet. Come to God’s house to get it!

In the Lord’s house, you experience encouragement as you gather together with your fellow believers. What a joy to be with other Christians in person to worship our Savior together and to be blessed by the fellowship of our faith community. You cannot experience that fellowship over the Internet.

Have you neglected coming to worship with your fellow believers? Have you cut yourself off from the very body and blood of Jesus? Will you take to heart the warning God gives us in Hebrews?

For now, the elders and I have committed to continuing the livestream of our Sunday morning services. However, our purpose for doing this is to provide worship for those who CANNOT attend worship in person – those who are home ill, who are shut-in, who are traveling, or who are still not going out anywhere at all because of their personal need to be extra cautious with covid. Those who CAN attend our in-person worship service are urged to do so, so you get what you are missing!

A saying my wise father pastor used to use about worship pertains to us today. He would use this saying in North Dakota when there had been winter weather. “If you would not go out to the store, to a sporting event, or to any other activity, then you also should not go out for worship. However, if you would go out to the store or to another activity, then you should also come to worship.” Certainly, this also applies to us, as we seek to overcome the isolation habits that have been left in the path of the pandemic. We need to be in God’s house with our fellow believers to receive the body and blood of our Savior and to experience the fellowship we have together!

“I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord’” (Psalm 122:1). “For a day in your house is better than a thousand elsewhere” (Psalm 84:10).

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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, July 3

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, July 10

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday, July 17

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion



Sunday, July 24

8:30 a.m. Worship Service at Moore Memorial Park
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday, July 31

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion



Reminder– No Adult Bible class in July. We will resume our Adult Bible class at 9:00 am in August. (No Sunday School all summer.)

The Board of Human Care is sponsoring



a backpack and school supply drive beginning July 26th through August 14th. Items needed are: LARGE heavy-duty backpacks, Crayola crayons and markers, #2 pencils, wide-lined loose leaf paper, wide-lined notebooks, and journal

books. There will be a box set up to drop off your items. Thank you for helping needy kids start the school year off with the right supplies!

**Ways you can
SERVE**

Needed– Church Archivist. Are you someone who likes to serve behind the scenes? On your own schedule? Perhaps this position is for you. For more details, call the church office.

**Church Service & Continental Breakfast
Sunday, July 24, 8:30 am
Moore Memorial Park,
Big Bluestem Shelter
3050 Northridge Parkway**



COME, ENJOY a continental breakfast following our annual outdoor church service to be held at 8:30.

The Board of Human Care will provide assorted donuts/pastries, fruit, orange juice and coffee. Members are asked to bring their own coffee mugs; other serviceware will be provided.

***Please remember to bring your lawn chairs for the church service.**

Stewardship

USE IT UP

WEAR IT OUT

MAKE IT DO

OR DO WITHOUT!

Hi there, FRUGAL FRANNIE here. I've heard many of you are having a tough time making ends meet these days. It brought to mind the above saying from WWII that my mother used to quote. We sure did live by that, too. My parents lived through the depression and you know what that means!!

I have long since gotten away from pinching pennies that hard! But I am still frugal. We all want to be good stewards of what God has given us. And I certainly don't want to cut back on giving to my church and missions during tough times. Let's look at some ways to stretch our dollars. I sure do want to cut down on gas and car expenses. I recall when gas was \$.29!! I almost had a seizure at the gas pump yesterday...but that would have cost me a Dr. bill.

I am driving slower (I won't get another speeding ticket for sure!) I don't make any fast starts, I coast more often, I consolidate my errands and plan my route. I ride share and take the bus!

Groceries!! That's another sad story. Chips are now a luxury item. Meal planning was always hard for me, but it really does save money. Keeping good track of what is already in my pantry and freezer prevents me from buying things I already have...or running to the store for an item I DON'T have. I check three store ads on-line for all the sale items, fuel saver items, and red-hot two-day sales. I order on line for pickup and save being tempted in the store for those "chips". It may be healthier too. Making my list from the on-line ad really helps me plan meals from sale items and find things I may not have noticed in the store.

I like to conserve water and save money too. It takes awhile for my shower to get hot so I catch the clean water in a bucket and feed it to my flowers and birdbaths. I never let the tap run. Once you become more aware you can find many ways to save on your water bill. Of course, it goes without saying, but I will anyway "always run full loads in the washer and dishwasher".

A major source of savings of course is buying less and buying used. Consignment stores are a wonderful source of good quality merchandise. Thrift stores have a big variety of household items with lots of life left in them. Shop your home and sell or donate items you no longer want or need so others can benefit. Technology today makes it easy to sell or consign so you can make some cash. "USE it UP" During the pandemic I used up every old shampoo, every sample size, every product that didn't live up to my expectations. I won't even tell you some of the surprises I found hidden in cupboards and under sinks.

I have looked at every expense, re-evaluated subscriptions, memberships, insurance, and charities. Prioritizing like I never have before. If YOU have some cost saving measure that works for you, please let Frugal Frannie know about it so we can help each other.

Reach me at my friend's email gzitterich@gmail.com thank you. Oh, and get rid of that expensive special latte habit. Changing habits may be difficult but with God's help we can do it!

Blessings, Frugal Frannie

Education and Youth

Planning for the 2022 Vacation Bible School is under way! We are ready to have our youth back to learn about Jesus and celebrate the ways Jesus does the impossible! Our VBS is open to all youth 3 years of age to 6th grade. Dates for VBS are Sunday, July 31st – Wednesday, August 3rd, from 6:00 – 8:15 PM. Register soon at <https://forms.gle/ZAZigGtTUsratHok7> to order your VBS t-shirts (\$6). All COVID procedures and policies set at the time of VBS will be followed.



Dinners are coming back! VBS Dinners will be served each night starting at 5:15 PM for all VBS families. Weather permitting the dinners will be served outside. If weather is not in our favor, we will make other arrangements.

Volunteers Needed

- Each year we welcome close to 90 youth to our church for VBS. All members are welcome to sign-up at <<insert website>>, or talk to the VBS director, Katie Emery.
- Sunday School and Midweek teachers for the upcoming year as well. If you are interested in teaching talk to Steve Wilcken, Sunday School Superintendent, Amy Carver, current chair of board of education or Nancy Carper incoming chair for the board of education.



Help Wanted – The Board of Education will be looking for Sunday School and Midweek 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

Prayers for our summer youth campers

We are excited to have 11 St. Paul youth attending Camp Okoboji this summer!

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Alice B.— Attended Cub Week 1 (June 12-15)

Wilson B.-Jr High Week (July 10-16)

Emily C., Kaden C., Aleaya P. - Cub Week 2 (July 17-23)

Shaun C., Natalie E., Tate E., Tessa E., Daniel M. and Eayon P. - Youth Week (July 24-30)

Also for Erin M. who will be a camp counselor Jr High Week and Daniel M. who will be a camp counselor for Cub Week 2.



Prayers for National Youth Gathering Participants

We have 11 St. Paul youth and 3 adult leaders attending the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas July 9-13. The Theme is "In All Things" based on Colossians 1:15-20. All things in our lives are under the reign of Jesus. The story includes all of each of us.

Please keep our youth Maddie, Ty, Erik, Shaun, Keegan, Tate, Tessa, Natalie, Lydia, Daniel and Eayon in your prayers as well as our adult leaders Eric, Chaney and Amy.



Save the dates!

October 22-23 - IDW Jr Youth Gathering (grades 6-8)

"Called+Gathered+Enlightened" at the Sheraton -West Des Moines

Cost \$175 per person



November 18-20 - IDW Sr. Youth Gathering (grades 9-12)

"Say What?" at the Holiday Inn at the Airport- Des Moines

Cost \$250 per person



More information on the gatherings and funding assistance will be provided soon.

Evangelism



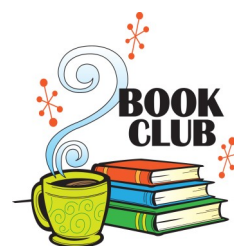
The Board of Evangelism thanks everyone for helping fill the Orphan Grain Train truck and for donating for the shipping costs. The MAPS generous check will be used for those costs.

Women's Ministry

"Book to Know to Help You Grow"

Our Books to Know group decided to meet the evenings in July, September and May; afternoons during November, January and March.

Join us!! We meet next on July 14th **at 7:00 pm** at the Village Cooperative, 2525 Bobcat Dr. and we will be discussing "Workin' Our Way Home" by Ron Hall.



Here is the overview from Barnes & Noble: The heartwarming sequel to *Same Kind of Different As Me*! After Miss Debbie's death in 2000, her husband, Ron formed an even stronger bond with Denver, a homeless ex-con. Ron's touching memoir chronicles how their shared devotion to Debbie led them to work toward fulfilling her vision: to ease the pain associated with poverty, homelessness, and inequality.

Workin' Our Way Home describes the ten years Ron and Denver lived together after Miss Debbie's death. Written in both Ron's and Denver's unique voices, their inspiring (and often hilarious) adventures include:

- Their sometimes-bizarre life together in the Murchison Mansion
- Denver accidentally almost burning the house down—twice
- The challenges involved with making a movie
- Two visits to the White House
- Traveling the country to raise awareness about homelessness
- And much more!

With both wit and wisdom, these pages reveal God's plan lived out through these men and those closest to them, including their passion to fulfill Debbie's dream of mitigating the suffering and humiliation associated with homelessness and inequality.

Denver said it best: "Whether we is rich or whether we is poor, or somethin' in between, this earth ain't no final restin' place. So in a way, we is all homeless—ever last one of us—just workin' our way home."

Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update: as of 5/31/22

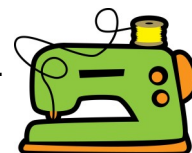
2021-2023 National Mission goal: \$2,150,000.00

Received: \$1,512,505.19

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 July 14th and 28th at 10:00 am until 2:00pm. Please bring a sack lunch to enjoy at noon. We always have a wonderful fellowship time and welcome anyone who would like to join us! We would be happy to have you.



IWD LWML Convention Report June 16-18



**Lutheran
Women
in Mission**

The top 10/11* Mission Grants voted were:

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| 1. Orphan Grain Train-Iowa West Branch, Op & shpg. | \$20,000 |
| 2. Financial Aid for IDW Seminary Students | \$25,000 |
| 3. Running the Race with Mission Central | \$10,000 |
| 4. Concordia Seminary Food & Clothing Co-op Ft. Wayne, IN | \$ 5,000 |
| 5. Hope for the Hopeless, LCMS Life Ministry | \$ 5,000 |
| 6. Serving for Life & Through Life-Crossroads of Crawford County | \$20,000 |
| 7. Expand LCMS Deaconess Ministry to Elderly, Perry, IA | \$30,000 |
| 8. Teaching the Faith to Children at Acorns & Oaks Christian Daycare | \$11,000 |
| 9. Outreach to a Growing Hispanic Population in Western Iowa IDW LCMS | \$20,000 |
| 10. "Send Me, Send Me" MOST Scholarships for LWML YWRs | \$12,000 |
| 11. Funding for Service Projects for Iowa West Junior High Youth Gatherings | \$ 8,000 |

*Because there was a tie between #10 and #11 they will be divided 60/40) Instead of \$12,000 it will be \$11,293.02 and instead of \$8,000 it will be \$7,528.68

LWML Mission Grants

Redeeming Life Maternity Home, Illinois Expansion 2021-2023 Mission Grant 11 — \$100,000

Redeeming Life currently operates maternity and transitional homes in Central Florida for single pregnant women who are homeless, abused, and/or at-risk of abortion. It is a proven model. This grant will help Redeeming Life support a called deaconess to serve in a new location in the Chicagoland area. Additionally, the funds will help offset the costs, during the first two years, of operating a safe and stable home (rent, utilities, food) and provide program services for the women to be served. Redeeming Life's goal is for their residents to learn to live independently and offers many opportunities for the women to understand that, in Christ, there is forgiveness, peace, and unconditional love.



Joy with her newborn twins. They were born 10 weeks early and remain in the hospital at the time of this grant submission. They are doing well — just small.

July 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!

	July 3 10:00 am	July 10 10:00 am	July 17 10:00 am	July 24 8:30 am At Moore Memorial Park	July 24 10:00 am At Church	July 31 10:00 am
Organist	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn	Ellen Sander	Ellen Sander	Praise Team
Elders	Phil Voge	Phil Voge	Phil Voge	Phil Voge	Phil Voge	Phil Voge
Lectors	Inez Smith	Linda Peterson	Marilyn Hagemoser	Vickie Roach	Inez Smith	Tom Baas
Acolytes	Tessa E		Preston S			Natalie E
Ushers	Denny & Shirley Tice, Mark & Janelle Swenson	Denny & Shirley Tice, Mark & Janelle Swenson	Denny & Shirley Tice, Mark & Janelle Swenson	Vickie Roach, Tom Peter	Denny & Shirley Tice, Mark & Janelle Swenson	Denny & Shirley Tice, Mark & Janelle Swenson
Greeters	Bud & Thelma Voetberg, Inez Smith	Bud & Thelma Voetberg, Dick & Linda Peterson	Bud & Thelma Voetberg, Inez Smith	Judy Peter, Dick & Linda Peterson	Bud & Thelma Voetberg, Inez Smith	Bud & Thelma Voetberg, Dick & Linda Peterson
Offering Counters						
Altar Guild	Connie Buss	Jan Ziebel	Gretchen Zitterich		Gretchen Zitterich	Karen Griffin
Power Point	Angi Esser	Cindy Baas	Doug Litwiller		Julie Coy	Breanna Wetzler
Sound Board	Tate Esser	Tom Baas	Becky Jackson		Becky Jackson	Becky Jackson
Camera	Harry Mundt	Matt Carver	John Murphy		Tom Baas	Ric Phipps