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## Letter from Pastor

There's a small community of under 4000 people in the state of New York. This village is named Sidney. At Sidney there is an unmarked unnamed tombstone, with just one word upon it: "forgiven." Now there are many ways that you can interpret that one-word message upon that tombstone. Is this tombstone proclaiming the news that the fact this deceased person was forgiven is the top thing to remember about the person? God's gift of forgiveness to us surely tops the list of what we want to remember and treasure! Or is that one word upon the tombstone, "forgiven," a reminder of some family member who held a grudge against the person and only forgave that person once they died? Do not wait until your family member or neighbor dies to share forgiveness with them! Someone already died to share forgiveness with you, and to give you generous forgiveness to share with others.

Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, ministered to many people who were hurting and dying. Clara shared kindhearted love with the people she ministered to in her work. Once a friend reminded her of an especially cruel thing someone had done to Clara. Clara could

not seem to recall it at all. When her friend pushed further and asked again, Clara replied, "No, I distinctly remember forgetting it!" Clara forgave the person who hurt her; moreover, she chose to forget about it and chose not to remember the hurt that been done to her, just like God does for us.

God proclaims in Isaiah 43:25, "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." Through Jesus, God forgives us. Through Jesus, God blots out your sin. Each and every one of your sins is covered with Jesus' blood. Because of Jesus, the Father no longer remembers your sins.

Through Jesus you also can let go of the sins of others. Remember the saying "Forget about it!?" Through Jesus we add these words, "Forgive it!" Forgive it and forget about it! May we forgive, as we have been forgiven.

In the name of Jesus, who won forgiveness for us and for the world,

Pastor Jenks

*forgive* 

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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, August 7***

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

***Sunday, August 14***

*10:00 a.m. Worship Service*



***Sunday, August 21***

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

***Sunday, August 28***

*10:00 a.m. Worship Service*

**Conversational dinners will be meeting again this year starting in September.** These are small groups that meet in homes once a month for fellowship and a meal. If you have already signed up, I will be contacting you with the details by the end of August.

If you would like to sign up please contact Kim Dreyer at 515-227-8654. Thank you!

### **GriefShare program starting soon.**

Griefshare is a Christ-centered program to help our members experiencing the loss of a loved one. This new program will begin in September. It is a 13 week series of video sessions, discussion, and a workbook for personal study and to record what you've learned. You will learn helpful, practical information that will help you toward recovery from the pain of grief and loss.

This support group will be led by Gretchen Zitterich, whose background in working with grieving families includes many years in acute care nursing, nationally certified in hospice nursing, and compassionate care for families through work at Stevens Funeral Chapel. Our first session will be limited to 6-8 participants. PLEASE call, text, email Gretchen with questions at 515-201-7570, gzitterich@gmail.

More information will follow in the Sunday announcement folders.

**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.

## Fundraiser for Sandy VanNostrand

Join us after church on Sunday,  
August 28, 11 am to 12:30 pm for a  
fundraising meal to help Sandy  
and her family with  
all her medical expenses.



Many of the details are still being worked out– but, save this  
date!

Fundraiser sponsored by the Board of Women's Ministries, Board of  
Preschool and American Heritage Girls.



### Guess Who's Coming To Our Neighborhood?

Greg and Susan Finke will be back in our neighborhood on September 8<sup>th</sup>. In the last couple of years, with the pandemic happening, isolating and being in our homes alone seemed the right thing to do. Now that things have moved forward, we're excited to be worshipping together again and gathering with others again to attend multiple functions. We're reminded of God's Great Commission to us, to go and make disciples.

Our theme for the special event on September 8<sup>th</sup> is "In Your Neighborhood." There are so many neighborhoods...your actual neighborhood, your friendships, your workplace, your extended family and your immediate family. Each one of these "neighborhoods" is a place to be a neighbor as you build relationships with others and share your faith and Jesus' love.

We're excited to be able to have this event at the Grand Room at Northcrest! There will be a special meal served. There will be lots of laughter, loads of fun and plenty of conversation to connect with others. Then to top it all off, Pastor and Susan Finke will encourage us on our daily walk on mission with Jesus.

As I've been trying to find words to encourage you all to come to our Neighborhood event, two letters of the alphabet keep coming to me: R & E. RE-connecting with others to share your faith. RE-treating from the busy-ness of daily life for a special evening of food, fun and friendship. RE-laxing around the table for a fabulous free meal and a fantastic faith-focused message. So, RE-member to put September 8 on your calendar to attend St. Pauls' special "Who's in your neighborhood" event!

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> @ \_\_\_\_\_ pm

## Stewardship

**Luke 21:2-4 ....and he saw a poor widow put in two copper coins. And he said” Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all the living that she had.”**

Now something you may not know—or may not always consider—about the story of the widow’s offering: It isn’t primarily a story about proportional giving. It isn’t primarily a story about giving at all. All those rich guys putting money into the treasury—undoubtedly, they were giving a hefty proportion. Ten percent was commanded; you can be sure anyone giving for show would exceed that! But someone could even give 100 percent and not be commended by the Lord. If we think giving gets us in good with God, then no percentage is good. The story of the widow’s offering is not primarily about giving. It’s primarily a story about faith. Faith is recognizing what God has done for us in the past and believing what He will continue to do for us in the future. The widow in our text had so little of everything except faith. She’d lost her husband, which in those days meant she’d lost her source of income. Yet somehow this woman believed God had done right by her and trusted that He would continue to do so in the future.

Christian giving is always a matter of faith. Do we recognize what God has done for us in the past? Do we trust He’ll be there for our future? God has given us all we have. God has given us a Savior. Do we believe He’ll continue to provide? If we believe as the widow did, our giving will be in substantial proportion too. Christian giving is primarily a question of faith, isn’t it—of trust that God will take care of us. The widow in our text trusted totally. (Excerpted from Rev. Dr. Bob Roegner’s newsletter)



## Evangelism

The Evangelism Board members for 22-23 are: Karen Griffin, Jim George, Mindy Buckley, Ron Coy, Mark Swenson and Dick Peterson. We really need more members and would welcome anyone who would like to join us.

We are just beginning to plan the mission program for this year. The VBS is a wonderful outreach and we will serve the Monday meal and help the VBS staff where needed.

The Board will be planning a visit to Mission Central, welcome bags for new pre-school families, a welcome Sunday for new members and a Mission Sunday.

The Board is outreaching to St. Paul members we have not seen in person at services. They need to remember they will only receive Holy Communion here at church and we are told to do this often and fellowship with others is very uplifting.

Exciting news to share— The Grulke's will be here November 27. Julie Lutz has retired and is coming back to the states to be close to family. A new missionary will take over her work and Mission Central told me Dr. Martin and Marie Bicke will continue there. We should keep all of them in our prayers.



## Education and Youth

2022 Vacation Bible School is just a few days away! 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 NOW at <https://forms.gle/ZAZigGtUusratHok7> 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 by talking to the VBS director, Katie Emery (515-240-7124).

**Help Wanted** – The Board of Education will be looking for Sunday School and Midweek teachers for 2022-23.

### **Teachers Wanted:**

Sunday School – Grades 7-8

Mid-Week – Grades 3-4

Qualifications:

Willing to share the Word of God with children!

No teaching experience necessary.

Contact Nancy Carper at [ncarper56@gmail.com](mailto:ncarper56@gmail.com) or 641-210-9298 if interested.

### **Dates to Remember:**

Wednesday, August 31- 5-6 pm – Kick-Off for Mid-Week

Wednesday, September 7 - 5-6 pm – Mid-Week Classes begin

Sunday, September 11 – Rally Service (Bibles will be handed out to 3 year-olds, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders & 7<sup>th</sup> graders).

## Education and Youth

We send a heartfelt thank you from the youth and mentors who attended the National Youth Gathering (Eric P, Chaney P, Eayon P, Amy C, Shaun C, Tate E, Tessa E, Lydia N, Natalie E, Keegan W, Ty C, Daniel M, Maddie W, and Erik S).



Without the congregation's support we couldn't have enjoyed a wonderful week praising God with 20,000 other believers. See you in 3 years in New Orleans!



### Save the dates!

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

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

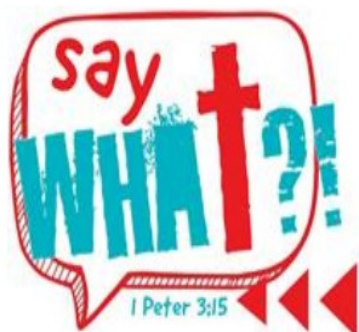
Cost \$175 per person



**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.

# Women's Ministry

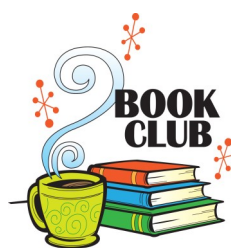
## LWML Mission Grants

### Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia 2021–2023 Mission Grant 13 — \$100,000

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) has an opportunity to expand its mission outreach of the Gospel to the Kazakh women and children in Mongolia, a non-Christian country. The Kazakh people are nominally Muslim and the country of Mongolia is largely Buddhist with a less than one percent Christian population. Through widely-accepted Women's Listener groups, religious broadcasts, and Christian resources in the Kazakh language, family members and relatives will be impacted by the Gospel in their homes. LHM has the media expertise to ensure the Gospel message is brought to a region where the populations have not heard the Gospel. Christian resources are being distributed, including Bible studies and booklets translated into the Kazakh language, as well as into Mongolian, the main language of the region.



### “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.

Our next meeting will be September 15 at 7 pm. to discuss “Nightbird Calling” by Cathy Gohlke. We will meet at the Fireside Room at Northcrest. It is on the left on Northcrest Court as you enter Northcrest from 20th street.

Barnes and Noble says: **From award-winning author Cathy Gohlke, comes a historical fiction story of courage and transformation set in rural Appalachia on the eve of WWII.**

When Lilliana Swope's beloved mother dies, Lilliana gathers her last ounce of courage and flees her abusive husband for the home of her only living relative in the foothills of No Creek, North Carolina. Though Hyacinth Belvidere hasn't seen Lilliana since she was five, she offers her cherished great-niece a safe harbor. Their joyful reunion inspires plans to revive Aunt Hyacinth's estate and open a public library where everyone is welcome, no matter the color of their skin.

Slowly Lilliana finds revival and friendship in No Creek—with precocious eleven-year-old Celia Percy, with kindhearted Reverend Jesse Willard, and with Ruby Lynne Wishon, a young woman whose secrets could destroy both them and the town. When the plans for the library also incite the wrath of the Klan, the dangers of Lilliana's past and present threaten to topple her before she's learned to stand.

With war brewing for the nation and for her newfound community, Lilliana must overcome a hard truth voiced by her young friend Celia: *Wishing comes easy. Change don't.*



# Women's Ministry

## **LWML Mite Update:** as of 6/30/22

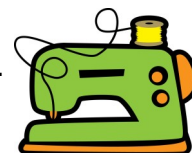
**2021-2023 National Mission goal: \$2,150,000.00**

**Received: \$1,597,844.38**

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** ~ Quilters will meet on August 11th and 25th 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.



## **2022 Convention memories...**

**From Lindsay Roach-** What I got from the district LWML convention. AKA "Sloth, Fellowship, Voting"

OTHER THAN, a stuffed LWML purple shirted sloth toy? Fellowship, as while my mobility is limited, my mouth isn't. I was determined to make this convention memorable for me, as well as those I was around, by simply saying "Hello", to otherwise complete strangers at camp. The following open-ended "How are you?" question lead to lengthy discussions with my sisters and a few brothers, in Christ. Also, as a former 2012 Young Women's Representative (YWR), I got to hangout with current YWRs, and left wanting to get other women involved in the LWML, all a part of being an everyday missionary in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. I was of course there as a voting delegate this year, making an impact deciding which missions were given a grant, this time around.



**From Inez Smith-** My enjoyment at convention was listening to Gary Thies speaking on his faith, his stories, God's plans, and to hear his enthusiasm. Every time I listen to him, he has a story that touches my heart and brings me to tears. This time it was of the little girl who, when asked who the man was in an image, she said, "That's MY Jesus." How innocent and pure.

My job at convention was to help at the registration desk, and to see the happy faces come to register was rewarding for sure. Some came with stories to tell, and some came with hardships. It was rewarding for me to be able to help them through the registration process, and to meet them. Most came with the expectation of great things to come, and I think we were not disappointed.



## August 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!*

	<b>August 7 10:00 am</b>	<b>August 14 10:00 am</b>	<b>August 21 10:00 am</b>	<b>August 28 10:00 am</b>
Organist	Steve & Seana Wilcken VBS Music	Ellen Sander	LaDonna Osborn	Praise Team
Elders	Keith Folkmann	Keith Folkmann	Matt Carver	Matt Carver
Lectors	Vickie Roach	Linda Peterson	Vickie Roach	Linda Peterson
Acolytes	Cody Puck		Carly Saienga	
Ushers	Harry & Pam Mundt, Vickie Roach, Jerry Schradle	Harry & Pam Mundt, Vickie Roach, Jerry Schradle	Harry & Pam Mundt, Vickie Roach, Jerry Schradle	Harry & Pam Mundt, Vickie Roach, Jerry Schradle
Greeters	Merle Suntken, Dean & Ardy Ulrichson	Merle Suntken, Dean & Ardy Ulrichson	Merle Suntken, Dean & Ardy Ulrichson	Merle Suntken, Dean & Ardy Ulrichson
Offering Counters				
Altar Guild				
Power Point	Katie Friedrich	Sarah Fahrman	Doug Litwiller	Amy Carver
Sound Board	Tom Peter	Ben Fahrman	Becky Jackson	Shaun Carver
Camera	Harry Mundt	John Murphy	Tom Baas	Eric Phipps



## Altar Guild

The Altar Guild and the congregation would like to extend a very special thank you to the family of Stephanie Taylor for the recent memorial gifts in honor of Stephanie's mother Karen K. Grundmeier (1940-2021). Part of these memorial monies were used to have Will Zitterich design and build the two beautiful stands on the east and west sides in the front of the sanctuary that are used for the empty communion cups (these stands match the offering plate stand located under the cross in the altar area).

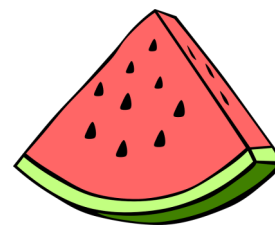
The Altar Guild and the congregation would also like to extend a very special thank you to the family of Shirley Tice for the memorial gifts in honor of Shirley's mother Winifred Busch (1916-2010). These monies were used to have Will Zitterich design and build the beautiful stand that holds the Paschal/Baptismal/Christ the King candle located on the east side of the front of the sanctuary, and also to build the Advent wreath stand that is used during Advent and Christmas.

If you would like to honor a loved one with a memorial gift for a specific item to enhance our worship space, please contact Pastor Jenks to discuss possibilities. It is truly a special way to honor a loved one and to assist in the beautification of St. Paul Lutheran Church. If you prefer, memorial gifts may also be targeted to assist with various programs and areas of ministry needs at the church.

Judy Peter, Altar Guild Chairperson

# St. Paul Lutheran Preschool

## August 2022 News



St. Paul Lutheran Preschool is looking forward to beginning another year of **sharing the love of Jesus** with young children and their families — and we begin next month!

The preschool currently has **openings** for preschoolers for this upcoming year.

**Please help us by sharing this news with families who have preschool children!** To receive information on our classes, families may call 515-233-1914 or visit our website at [www.saintpaulames.org/preschool](http://www.saintpaulames.org/preschool). St. Paul takes children 2-5 years of age.

We also have **yard signs** to help with advertising. **Please help us by putting a preschool sign in your yard for 1-2 weeks!** Contact Lori Jenks and she will help get you a yard sign.

This month the teachers are excited to attend the **IDW Early Childhood Conference** on Friday, August 12, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Des Moines with the theme: Many Notes, One Song.

Thank you to everyone who has been a prayer partner in the past. We will continue this wonderful opportunity for church members to connect with preschoolers and their families. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you would like to be a **Preschool Prayer Partner**.

Do you shop on Amazon? **AmazonSmile** is a program that donates 0.5% of all of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. All you need to do is start your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)! The donation will be made at **no extra cost to you** and you can choose from nearly one million public charitable organizations. When looking for an organization to support, choose St. Paul Lutheran Preschool (Ames, IA). Each month the preschool receives money from generous shoppers who support St. Paul Lutheran Preschool. Thank you for your support.

The preschool also participates in the **Thrivent Choice Dollars** program. We also accept direct donations/offerings, if you are interested in supporting our program through your financial gifts to help water the seeds of faith in our little ones. Remember that Jesus says, “Let the little children come to me.” Each year we minister to many young children, helping them learn about Jesus.

A luncheon fundraiser will be held for our dear teacher **Sandy VanNostrand** to help pay for her medical costs for her cancer treatment. The benefit meal will be held on Sunday, August 28, from 11:00 am –12:30 pm. The lunch will include flavorful meat, icy cold watermelon, refreshing salads, and mouth-watering desserts. A freewill donation will be collected and given to Sandy. We hope you can join us!