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Letter from Pastor

How many of you remember the television series (based on the classic book series) ***Little House on the Prairie?*** I remember fondly watching this show weekly as I grew up. Then suddenly one day, although the tv show was the same, it had changed. It was now ***Little House: A New Beginning.*** The characters had progressed due to time that had gone by and what had happened in their lives.

The very same thing is true for us. After what we have endured the past couple of years, particularly by passing through the pandemic, although we are the same people, we have changed. Change is a natural part of life. Time marches on. Through Jesus, we too march on, or in the words of God through Paul, we keep “pressing on toward the goal for which God has called [us]...heavenward in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14).

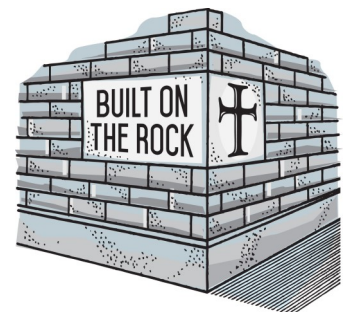
As time marches on, new beginnings keep happening. This fall is another new beginning! We have new Sunday worship times of 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., starting on September 11. Will you make this new beginning with us? I'll have a new message for

you each week. Our Bible study will feature fresh coffee brewed anew each week. Maybe you'll make some new friends and meet some new people. After all, this fall we will welcome many families as new members.

The good news is that amidst all of life's changes, Jesus Christ forever remains the same, our Savior and our Solid Rock in whom we trust. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever” we are told in Hebrews 13:8. The author of Hebrews then reminds us: “It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by [God's] grace” (Hebrews 13:9).

Come and join us for worship in God's house. Make this fall a new beginning! Come be strengthened through God's Word and Sacraments, which will equip you to endure the many changes in life as you keep “pressing on.”

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, September 4

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, September 11

Rally Sunday

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Education Hour

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**NOTE
NEW
WORSHIP
TIMES!**

Sunday, September 18

8:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. Education Hour

10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, September 25

Preschool Sunday

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Education Hour

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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.

Evangelism

September is a month of change with the beginning of a new school year, Sunday school Rally Day, new church service times, Bible classes starting again and new members. Please check around you and welcome all. No one should be a stranger in God's house.

We will welcome several new members October 23, but don't wait until then to invite them to coffee, Bible classes or to join a board.

As a board, we are so very proud of the high school youth. They are willing to help and are awesome help with a good attitude and smiles. They all make us smile. Remember to include them as ushers, greeters and lectors.

Praise God For All He Has given us and may we continue to grow in faith and numbers.

Griefshare

St. Paul's grief support group will begin on Tuesday, September 13 from 2-4 pm. The meetings will initially be held each Tuesday at the Zitterich home at 905 Top-O-Hollow Rd, Ames. Facilitators are Gretchen Zitterich and Pat Thiede. Please call, text, or email them to sign up or with questions at: 515-201-7570, gzitterich@gmail.com; or Pat, at 515-290-9588, patsy50010@gmail.com.

What is GriefShare? It is a Biblical, Christ centered grief support ministry. GriefShare helps group members share concerns, apply Biblical principles to the healing process after the death of a loved one. Throughout the videos and workbook, participants see how the gospel brings hope and restoration. We welcome anyone in our congregation who has lost a loved one. Whether it was years ago or a more recent loss.

This ministry is sold only to churches and we are offering this to you at no charge. Videos feature top experts on grief and recovery subjects, pastors, GriefShare leaders, and people like you.

Participants will have access to daily encouraging emails, to the videos online at home to review or see one they have missed, and other resources. It is best if one commits to three sessions before deciding if this is right for him/her. In the thirteen- week series, one can begin anywhere, as each session is self- contained. Many go through the series more than once.

We plan to begin a second session in February and expand this to others in the community. We ask for your prayers for this ministry and guidance for the leaders. Thank you.



The Time is Close...

Our Neighborhood Visitors will be here soon!

Greg and Susan Finke will be back in our neighborhood on September 8th at 6:00 pm.

Our theme for this special event is "In Your Neighborhood." There are so many neighborhoods...your actual neighborhood, your friendships, your workplace, your family.

We encourage you all to come to our Neighborhood Event at the Grand Room at Northcrest. Come and RE-connect with others. RE-treat from the busy-ness of daily life. RE-ignite through a night of food, fun and friendship. RE-lax around the table for a fabulous free meal and a fantastic faith-focused message.

If you were not able to sign up at church but would like to attend, call the office as soon as possible and we will add you to the list.

NOTE: Valet Parking will be available for this event.



EDUCATION & YOUTH



Wilson at Jr High Week



Youth Week - Natalie, Eayon, Tessa, Tate, Daniel and Shaun



Alice at Cub Week 1



Cub Week 2 - Aleaya, Kaden and Emily (first year for all 3!)



Tate- first year counselor at Cub Week 2



Daniel was a cabin counselor for Kaden at Cub Week 2 (first time counselor, first year camper)



Erin- past camper and this year counselor for Jr High Week and Cub Week 2

Camp Okoboji

Highlights from Youth at Camp Okoboji

This summer we had 11 youth (plus 1) from our congregation attend various summer camp sessions at Camp Okoboji. For 3 of them it was their first time attending! Thank you to everyone who said prayers for these young people. Here are a few words about Camp Okoboji from some of the youth.

Cub Week 2 Testimonials:

My name is Aleaya and this was my first time going to camp. I had so much fun learning about God and growing in my faith. I made lots of new friends. The most fun I had at camp was doing nail art. I also enjoyed jumping into the lake. If you go to camp you will have a lot of fun. I did!

Kaden C. - I loved camp! It was so fun, especially slip'n slide kickball, archery and a lot of other stuff. The food was good I really liked it.

Emily C. - Camp was fun because of swimming. I loved jumping off the docks. I also enjoyed camp because of crafts. I did a stain glass window. Another thing I enjoyed doing was cabin activities -especially archery and slip'n slide kickball. I thought camp would be more like you chose what you did, but I liked having a schedule. I was not expecting such good food I expected more like school food.

Youth Week (grades 9-12) Testimonials

I'm **Eayon** and I went to camp Okoboji for my 5th year. Camp this year like previous years was an absolute BLAST! I loved getting to see my friends again and make some new ones. The games were more intense and exciting. Survivor was my favorite only because my group and I won! Night devotions were a different experience. They were more in depth and touched your feelings differently. The freedom we had for ourselves was amazing -of course I kayaked and canoed almost every day. I loved camp so much and can't wait to go back next year!

Shaun C. - It has been a while since I was at camp. My first camp experience was three years ago. It was fun seeing people I remember that didn't really remember me as well. I would say that Camp lived up to my expectations. I was bummed that we did not get to do hobo meals this year. It was cool to dance at the dance because I took a nap last time.

Daniel M. - Camp Okoboji has always been a "Jesus Refresher" for me. Sometimes throughout the summer it becomes easy to fall away from God, but with the connections I've made since the first year I went (after third grade), I've been able to reconnect with old friends where we all have one thing in common - our faith and trust in God. Another thing I had a chance to do at camp was become a counselor for the first time. I got to indulge in leading other young Christians during Cub Week 2 about their faith and how they can stay close to God as they grow up. Without Camp my strength in God would not be nearly as high as it is and I am so glad I've had the opportunities to go. I'm already looking forward to going again next summer both as a counselor and a camper.

College Youth Testimonial

Erin M. - I attended camp since 3rd grade. Since I can no longer be a camper, I've become a counselor. This was my second year counseling, but my first time for Jr High and Cub Week 2. I enjoyed it so much! Each week is different and geared towards the age group attending. Camp Okoboji is such a special place for me and I love going back year after year. The friendships and the memories last a long time!

Education and Youth

Attention Youth and Parents!

Hey youth! Let's go to the IDW Youth Gatherings this fall!

"Called + Gathered + Enlightened" is the theme for youth in grades 6-8. It will be held October 22-23 at the Sheraton West Des Moines. Cost is \$175.00.

Registration for the Junior Gathering is open NOW and due back to the Board of Youth by September 14 so we can send in as a group. You can get a copy at the mid-week/ LYF kickoff meeting on August 31 or by contacting Stephanie Taylor.



"Say What?" is the theme for the Senior Youth Gathering for grades 9-12. It will be held November 18-20 at the Holiday Inn at the airport in Des Moines. Cost is \$250.00.

Registration for the Senior Youth Gathering will open soon, so look for more information to come.

Both gatherings will have speakers, music, games, break out discussion rooms and more!

The Board of Youth has funds available to help families with the costs. We usually carpool there and back. If interested don't wait! – contact Stephanie Taylor.

LYF Event – Grades 3rd to 8th

God, Games and Grilling
Wednesday, September 14
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
In the fellowship hall

LYF Senior Group (grades 9-12)
will start up in October. Look for
more information to come.

Dates to Remember:

- Sept. 7 – Mid-Week Classes Begin 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Sept. 11 – Rally Sunday, Bible Presentation (Bibles will be handed out to 3 year-olds, 3rd graders & 7th graders), Teacher Installation
- Sept. 14 – LYF Event for grades 3rd-8th 6:00 pm

EDUCATION NEEDS: Sunday
School Teacher for 7th-8th grades.

Women's Ministry

LWML Mission Grants

Caring for and Sharing Christ with Hurting People 2021–2023 Mission Grant 134— \$100,000

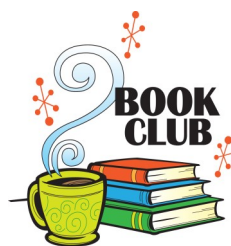
Deaconesses are continually pointing those they serve toward the cross, sharing the Gospel with them so they gain the wonderful gift of eternal life through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Concordia Seminary has requested, through this mission grant, much-needed scholarships for deaconess students and assistance with seminary costs to provide high-quality theological education. Enrollment in the new online Deaconess Studies Program is expected to increase, enabling the faculty to form more well-trained deaconesses and bring more people to Jesus and provide compassionate, Christ-centered help to those who are hurting and suffering — physically, emotionally, and spiritually.



Alexandria Shick is a third-year Concordia Seminary deaconess student currently serving her internship at St. Luke's Lutheran Church & School in Oviedo, Fla. She plans to serve in correctional chaplaincy after graduation.



“Book to Know to Help You Grow”



BOOK CLUB

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 7/31/22

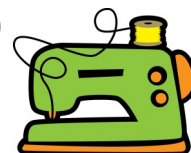
2021-2023 National Mission goal: \$2,150,000.00

Received: \$1,646,858.46

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 Sept. 8th at 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Sept. 22 we will quilt from 10-12 and have our Family Service meeting at 1:00 pm. 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! .



2022 Convention memories...

From Breanna Wetzler – One of the joys of attending a LWML district convention is seeing friends from around the western half of the state. At the latest district convention, I had the chance to reconnect with two ladies who are past members of St. Paul. I attended worship service sitting near Katie Worthington, just like we used to do when she and her husband Seth lived in Ames. What a joy to sing around Katie again! It was also fun to catch up over drinks with Lisa Wilson about her new adventures and baby Vincent and collaborate with her on photos. LWML may not have always been the thread that connected us, but now it will continue to be among my forever links to each of these amazing women.



From Brenda Dryer– It's not every Host Zone that can say they had the opportunity to plan 2 consecutive district conventions! As I reflect on the last four years I will cherish the memories of serving on the host committee with such a wonderful group of Jesus loving LWML sisters from the Boone and Carroll zones. I served as the convention registrar. I loved getting mail from over 300 people. While at times it was challenging to deal with last minute registrations, room changes, and delegate adjustments I wouldn't have missed the opportunity to be a part of the planning and executing of HIS convention for anything. After all the chance to serve as a host zone only comes around every 20 years!

As LWML Boone Zone President I was honored to walk into convention carrying our Zone banner made by the ladies of Trinity, Jefferson alongside our Zone's YWRs Mandi and Megan. I loved getting to know these young ladies and hearing their love for our risen savior, their families, and congregations over the three days of convention.

As convention came to a close I was sworn into the LWML Iowa West District office of Vice President, Gospel Outreach and Special Focus Ministries. I was humbled to have been elected into this role by the voting delegates at convention. I look forward to "Serving the Lord with Gladness" in this new role in HIS organization for the next four years.

September 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!

| | Sept. 4 10:00 am | Sept. 11 8:00 am Rally Sunday | Sept. 11 10:30 am Rally Sunday | Sept. 18 8:00 am | Sept. 18 10:30 am | Sept. 25 8:00 am | Sept. 25 10:30 am |
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| Organist | LaDonna Osborn | Ellen Sander | Ellen Sander | LaDonna Osborn | LaDonna Osborn | Praise Team | Praise Team |
| Elders | Wayne Hagemoser | Wayne Hagemoser | Mike West | Wayne Hagemoser | Mike West | Wayne Hagemoser | Mike West |
| Lectors | Tanny Latuska | Emily Carver | Tate Esser | Marilyn Hagemoser | Jim George | Cindy Baas | Tate Esser |
| Acolytes | Carson Howard | | | Estan Buttery | Wilson Buckley | | |
| Ushers | Tanny Latuska, Inez Smith, Dave Osborn, Tate Esser | Tom Peter, Bob & Marilyn Walker, Drue Sander | Emery Family | Tom Peter, Bob & Marilyn Walker, Drue Sander | Tanny Latuska, Inez Smith, Dave Osborn, Tate Esser | Tom Peter, Bob & Marilyn Walker, Drue Sander | Tanny Latuska, Inez Smith, Dave Osborn, Tate Esser |
| Greeters | Dennis & Karen Griffin, Lindsay Roach | Carver family | Jim & Sandy George, Keith & Carol Folkmann | Dennis & Karen Griffin, Lindsay Roach | Jim & Sandy George, Keith & Carol Folkmann | Dennis & Karen Griffin, Lindsay Roach | Emery Family |
| Offering Counters | Len & Pat Thiede | → | | | | | |
| Altar Guild | Gretchen Zitterich | Becky Juelfs | | Becky Juelfs | | LaDonna Osborn | |
| Power Point | Amy Carver | Katie Friedrich | Angie Esser | Sarah Fahrman | Julie Coy | Breanna Wetzler | Julie Coy |
| Sound Board | Shaun Carver | Cindy Baas | Tate Esser | Ben Fahrman | Becky Jackson | Tom Peter | Becky Jackson |
| Camera | John Murphy | Tom Baas | | Matt Carver | | Eric Phipps | |

