ST. PAUL’S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor’s Desk

May 2018

This month we see the beginnings of another farming season. We also see the end of another school year and children anxiously ready to start summer vacation.

Beginnings and endings. Our lives are full of these two events. Sometimes the beginnings are the birth of a new baby, summer vacation, unemployment or a serious illness. Instead of blaming God for “bad things” happening in your life, I challenge you to look at your situation differently. Why is it that we don’t ever blame God for good things happening in our lives?

I don’t know why God allows “bad things” to happen in your life, but I know that God still cares for and loves you through it all. Usually, God allows “bad things” to happen to you in order to draw you closer to him.

As you go through some “bad thing”—pray. Pray the Lord’s Prayer and think about what you’re praying as you pray each petition. Pray is not a magical formula. It’s simply talking to God—to your Father in heaven, who loves you more than you realize. If you want to know more about prayer or how to pray, please contact me.

**MESSAGE FROM ST. PAUL’S ELDERS**

April showers bring May flowers. May also brings us confirmation as we accept two of our own into our Congregation as full members. We also will be celebrating the Graduation from High School for another two of our members. Please join us May 13th and 20th to support our youth’s growth in their lives. The end of April also brought the Call Day services for LCMS seminaries in St Louis and Ft Wayne. Iowa District West received five callings, which out of 79 new pastors is a blessing. Sadly, St Paul’s Ute was not called. We will remain steadfast in Faith and Hope as our Call committee will be working on a new call list.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

St Paul Board of Elders

Bruce Mohr, John Thies, Todd Teut, John Greder

**CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation questioning will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Charter Oak.

On May 13th, two eighth grade members will make a public confession of the faith given in their baptism and nurtured through years of instruction in weekday classes. Confirmands in 2017 are Calliyah Mareau and Beau Mohr



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The last day of Sunday School will be May 13th.

**BACCALAUREATE**

The Blessing of our High School Graduates will be during the Service on May 20th. Our graduates are: Alyssa Thies, Jaxson Thies

**FAITHFUL GIVING**

This year, along with supporting the gospel in your congregation, please consider supporting the District Missions and our congregational goal of $5,000 toward Zion School in Denison.

Raised as of March 31: $1,045.00

**PASTOR ON VACATION**

Pastor will be on vacation May 3-7. Sunday, May 6th the Elders will be conducting the service this day but there will be no communion. Communion will be moved to May 13th.



Thank you for all the donations to Orphan Grain Train in April. The next month will be October.

**VOTER’S CALL MEETING**

We will have a Call Meeting on Sunday, June 3rd after the worship service.



**The Denison & Mapleton Circuits’**

 **Ascension Service at Mission Central**

**Thursday, May 10, 7:00 pm**



**Guest Speaker**

 **Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast,**

**President of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne**

**Supper**

**Beginning at 5:30 p.m.
in the M.C. Fellowship Hall**

For more information you can go to http://www.missioncentral.us/ and click on the calendar.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, July 15 – Thursday, July 19 evenings for Vacation Bible School.

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**RAGBRAI - JULY 22, 2018**

The RABRAI Committee has decided to jointly with St. Matthew’s sell homemade pieces of fruit pie out of the Senior Center on July 22. We are asking every household from St. Paul’s to donate a 9” homemade fruit pie, if you do not bake we have a list of people that will bake them for you at a cost of $15. We need 100 pies from St. Paul’s. We also need volunteers to help on the 22nd. The pies will need to be delivered to the senior center on July 21 where they will be cut and packaged. I think I have enough volunteer for that day.

Please contact me if you are going to need someone to bake your pie for you or if you were going to do it yourself. Thank you

 Tammy Bramley 265-1199



**NEWSLETTER SPONSORS**

The newsletter this month is sponsored by Tim Neumann in memory of his parents, Herbert and Wilma Neumann.

Please contact the office if you’d like to sponsor the newsletter. The cost is $37.

**“THY STRONG WORD”**

**‘**Thy Strong Word’ is a daily devotion airing at 6:25 a.m. Monday through Saturday on KDSN 107.1FM).

May 7-12 Rev. Joshua Keinath

 Zion, Denison

May 14-19 Rev. Merrill, (vacancy)

 Triple Parish, CO

May 21-26 Rev. Andrew Johnson Trinity, Manilla

May 28-June 2 Rev. Merle Mahnken

 Immanuel, Schleswig

**CAMP OKOBOJI**

**SUMMER CAMPS**

Mark the following dates on your schedule. Speak with Sunday School Teachers, Board of Ed, or Pastor about Camp:

* Cub Week, 07/15-21, Grades 3-6
* Jr. High Week, 07/8-14, Grades 6-8
* Youth Week, 07/22-28, Grades 9-12



 For more information on what is happening at Camp Okoboji you can go to their website: campokoboji.org

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY**

 We are listing Baptismal birthdays to remember and celebrate the day we were adopted into the family of God through the washing of the Holy Spirit.

Kristina Bernholtz, Austin Leitz 3

Kendra Creese 4

Bernice Schuitema 6

Jennifer Burbridge 7

Jacob Sorensen 8

Jeffery Mordhorst, Matthew Leitz, 9

Roger Krohn

Ruth Seieroe, Elaine Vogt 11

Justin Hanson 12

David Hageman 13

Evelyn Thies 14

Joan Hennings 17

Fred Mohr, Carol Ullerich 18

Kimberly Creese, Korey Meseck 19

Mason Kuhlmann 21

Lillian Carritt 22

Matthew Sorensen 23

Matthew Hanson 27

Steven Gust, Kimberly King, Nina Leitz 31

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