

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OCTOBER 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

This has been such an unusual year. COVID-19 has brought about many changes in our world and in our church. Summer came and went so quickly while we quarantined at home trying to slow the spread of the virus. At St Paul's we continue to work to reach out with the Word of God that His ministry may continue. Live-streams continue to be available, we are making DVD's of the previous month's worth of services available to anyone who requests them, and we have recently resumed Bible Studies out doors with social distancing.

In many ways it has been difficult to keep up with all the changes. Some things get forgotten or left out because they aren't in the forefront of our minds. Perhaps the tithe has been one of those things for you. Several months of not being at church in-person it is easy to forget God's call to support His mission and His ministry through the church and our need to support that both with our tithes and with our time and skill.

Through the prophet Malachi, God called His people to return. And while many of them hadn't moved and their worship continued, their tithing had faltered. Malachi writes:

"From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return? Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you? 'In your tithes and contributions.'" - Mal. 3:7-8

We are called on, through the Word of God, to support God's continued ministry in and through the church. This is done through our tithes and offerings. Switching to all virtual services for several months has led to a shortfall for our church.

Many of you have been sending in your offerings in the mail or simply dropped them off

at the church or the bank, and even dropping them off at drive-up communion. Others have brought them in to church once we resumed in-person services here with our various precautions. We thank you for your continued support.

COVID-19 and it's impacts are felt all over. Whether it is the social impact of not being able to get together with family and friends or the emotional impact of loss of loved ones or the worry this virus has spread throughout the world. But the impact has also been financial, through loss of job, increases in costs for basic necessities, or unexpected needs like masks and hand sanitizer. This pandemic has affected us all.

St Paul encourages us to decide for ourselves what we ought to give, stating in 1 Corinthians,

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 1 Cor. 9:7

These decisions are influenced by our financial circumstances, our job, our lives, and our other needs. And with all that is going on, it can be difficult for us to all be ready and joyful givers.

However, the joy doesn't necessarily come from our giving. The joy comes from what we have been given. God has blessed us with the gift of His Son. He has washed us in the waters of holy baptism. He feeds us with the Holy Supper of His Son's body and blood, given and shed for you. He continues to speak to us through His Word as He teaches, admonishes, and speaks to us His great love shown in Christ. The joy comes in knowing the salvation won for us in Christ. And that joy enables us to be the joyful givers we are called to be.

With all that is going on in our world, I encourage you to remember what you have been given in Christ. Remember the family of believers God has blessed you with here. Remember the good news of salvation won for

you through Jesus suffering, death, and resurrection. And prayerfully consider how you can support the work of Christ. COVID-19 has taken its toll on us all. If you look at our financial reports over the summer months and moving into fall, you can see its effects, yet God remains faithful and good. We can rely on Him to continue to be with us no matter what happens. May He continue to support you with His love and fill you with His joy,
Pastor Nathan Peitsch



QUARTERLY *Meeting*

On October 11th, Council will meet after the worship service.

The Voter's meeting will be Sun., October 18th after church.

Here's a few items on the Voter's Agenda:

- Budget



We will celebrate LWML Sunday on October 4th. All members are invited to wear purple. A noisy collection will be taken at both doors for a mite offering which supports the mission of the church throughout the world.

This year's LWML Sunday theme is "Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit," based on Matthew 21:43: *Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.*

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Come join us on Wednesday's at 11:00 am or Sunday at 9:00 am for Adult Bible Class on the front lawn. You can bring your own lawn chair or we will have chairs for you.



WORSHIP SERVICE DVD RECORDINGS:

Can't stream our worship service? DVD recordings will be available monthly with the previous month's services. When you return your DVD, you will receive the next month. If you know someone who could use this share God's Word by spreading the word. Please contact the church to sign up or for more information.



LWML

Mapleton Zone new officers that will be sworn in at the Sept. Board meeting will be Pam Sheaver, Vice President, and Marcella Segabart, treasurer. Zola Kafton will be our President, and Linda Nicholiasen is secretary.



NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

The newsletter this month is sponsored in honor of Hermie Neddermeyer. Please contact the office if you'd like to sponsor the newsletter. The cost is \$37.

OFFICIAL ACT IN AT ST. PAUL'S

Confirmation:

On September 20, Jasmine Schaffer was confirmed. Her confirmation verse:
"Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding."
Proverbs 3:5
Baptized: July 26, 2015
Parents: NiKay Schaffer, Paul Tuttle
Sponsors: Gene & Nazaria Kaderabek



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

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. Those having Baptismal birthdays in October are:

Sara Purcell	2
Don Petersen-Joyce Vinke	4
Sandy Bauman	6
Liam Gray	7
Duane Mordhorst-Ethan Jones	9
Karen McCall	10
Dylan Hanson	11
Shirley Gosch-Lynette Thies- Angela Teut	14
Aaron Folk	18
Darin Wood	21
Wyatt Hinds	23
Dennis Nelson-John Thies- Keegan Bretthauer	24
Alyse Bretthauer-George Hull- Becky Meadows-Mike Ohlmeier	26
Sally Goslar	27
Shane Sorensen	28
Nisha Hull	31



"THY STRONG WORD"

Thy Strong Word is a 5 min. daily devotional message given by LC-MS pastors of the Denison area and sponsored by area congregations including St. Paul's. It is aired at 6:25 a.m., Mon.-Sat. on KDSN, FM107.1

October 5-10	Rev. Richard Merrill Multi-Point, Charter Oak
October 12-17	Rev. Nathan Peitsch St. Paul's, Ute
October 19-24	Rev. Mark Kluzek Faith, Deloit/St. John, Kiron
October 26-31	Rev. Josh Keinath Zion, Denison

GOOD SHEPHERD HOUR

This program is a ½ hour worship service heard on Sioux City, KSCJ, 1360 AM, at 8:00 am.

MAIN STREET LIVING

Main Street Living is a television ministry of the Lutheran churches of Missouri-Synod and of the Iowa West District. The worship service is on Sundays at 10 am on channel 9 KCAU, the ABC Network from Sioux City.

On November 15, Pastor will be on Main Street Living.



PLEASE GIVE US A CALL

- before going to the hospital
- birth of your baby
- death in the family
- making wedding plans
- address and name changes
- private communion

Camp Okoboji

October Update

Volunteer Day!

October 10 | 8:00am-4:00pm

SUMMER CLEANUP

WINTER PREP

MEALS + LODGING PROVIDED

**COME FOR AN HOUR OR
COME FOR THE DAY!**

For more information, visit campokoboji.org

OR

Call the Camp Office (712-337-3325)



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Sunday School – Virtual & In Person
9:00-9:50 A.M.

Sunday Bible Class
9:00 A.M.

Worship In Person/Live Stream
Sundays 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Class:
11:00 A.M.

Live Streaming at:
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Kingdom people produce
KINGDOM FRUIT

*"The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people
producing its fruits" (Matthew 21:43).*