

# ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church Office Number: 885-2221

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

Elders: John Greder, Deryl Hennings, John Thies, Jim Ewoldt

JUNE 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As summer comes upon us, I see more and more folks out there tending their gardens. I see the gardens growing and flourishing. And what a joy it is to see things growing as they are! As we move into the season of summer, our church transitions into a new season as well. June typically marks the beginning of the Sundays after Pentecost.

As we consider the growing of our gardens, our crops, and our grass, for those of you who enjoy mowing, we also consider our growth as God's children. When you tend a field, when you care for a garden, even when it's just a lawn of grass, it takes care and attention to make it grow the way you want it to. Plants need to be pruned and trimmed. Weeds need to be pulled. The plants need to be watered so they can continue to grow and thrive. There's fertilizer to put down and so much more. We take such care with growing our crops. We watch, we tend, and we wait. And of course there is also prayer. We pray for good weather, we pray for a good yield, and we trust God to care for us and for our crops.

As you consider all the time and attention we put in to growing things this time of year. Consider the time and attention God has put into growing your faith. One of my favorite passages of Scripture is found in Isaiah 55. There God tells us,

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." - Is. 55:10-11

God waters us with His Word, so that we may grow and develop to be the fruitful plants He has created us to be.

In Amos 9:15, God promised the people of Israel he would plant them in a good place.

In Jeremiah 17, God tells us,

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

- Jer. 17:7-8

Our trust in God is like a river of water from which our roots can draw deeply so that we can stand strong and tall even in the midst of the worst of times.

Finally Jesus himself tells us He is the vine and we are the branches. We grow in Him. We bear fruit in Him alone. God the vine-dresser prunes us, that we may continue to bear fruit for Him. He tends to us with the utmost of care. More carefully and more perfectly than any of us could tend our gardens or our fields. And as we consider this divine care God gives to us, we recall the promise Jesus gave that as the Father has cared for the fields, clothing them in beautiful flowers, giving them rain in due season, He cares for and tends to us even more lovingly.

As June begins and summer rolls in, remember how God cares for you. He waters you with His Word, giving you the nourishment you need to bear fruit for Him. Yes at times He may have to prune away some, and that may not always be the most pleasant of experiences, but He prunes and cares for us that we may bear fruit for Him and that we may continue to serve Him in all we say and do. May God continue to bless you that you may be His fruitful tree, bearing the fruit of the Spirit as God waters you each new day with His Word and Spirit.

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

## **JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> WORSHIP SERVICE**

Our June 20<sup>th</sup> worship service will be at **8:00 am** and there will be no Bible Class that Sunday.

## **DRIVE UP COMMUNION**

On Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be drive-up communion from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the back-parking lot.

## **2021 SPECIAL MISSION PROJECTS**

This year's special mission project is The Grulkes', Lutheran Bible Translators.

If you would like to give to special missions, please write the check to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and mark (Special Missions) on your envelope or on the check memo.

## **CHURCH RECORDS**

### **Baptism**

Liam Thor Meadows, son of Nicholas Meadows and Amber Bauer, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mila Phoenix Meadows, daughter of Nicholas Meadows and Amber Bauer, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Confirmation**

May 2, 2021

Matthew Hanson

Brooklyn Leitz

Sara Rosener

William Sorensen

### **LCW**

LCW meeting is Wednesday, June 9 at 1:00 pm in the LYF room.

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Council Meeting is Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**



May 23, last day of Sunday School.

Sunday School will start up again in the fall on Sunday, September 12.

We would like to say "Thank You" to everyone that helped with Sunday School this last year. If you would like to volunteer to help with Sunday School, please talk to pastor, Megan Peitsch, Rick Knuth or Tina Bernholtz.

## **NEWSLETTER SPONSORS**

The newsletter for May and June is sponsored by Elaine Vogt in memory of Ron & Barb Timm for Mother's Day and Father's Day. Thank you!

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



## **CAMP**

St. Paul's LCW will give a \$50.00 camper scholarship to any young person attending one of the camps at Okoboji. Contact Pastor

## **SUMMER CAMPS**

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

- Cub Week 1, 06/13-19, Grades 3-5
- Cub Week 2, 07/18-24, Grades 3-5
- Jr. High Week, 07/11-17, Grades 6-8
- Youth Week, 07/25-31, Grades 9-12

## **IDW CAMP/YOUTH GATHERING SCHOLARSHIP**

Iowa District West Camp/Youth Gathering Scholarships Assistance for those who need financial aid is available from the district for youth attending camps at Camp Okoboji and for district youth gatherings. The application should be filled out by the pastor or church worker from the congregation of which the applicant is a member. Applications are then sent to the district office. Click on the link and select "Youth Events Financial Aid." <http://idwlcms.org/forms-and-links.php>

## **BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE**

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 June are:

Jenelle Conto	1
Brett Mohr	4
Kent Seieroe	5
Dolly Krohn	6
Kyle Bumsted, Max Kelm	10
Gary McCall	13
Jerry Thies	15
Neal Bartels	17
Jamie & Kyle Savery, Skye Grindle	19
Linda Plough, Kenley Creese, Lillian Koch	20
Gary Vinke	
John McCall	22
Morgan Teut, Kerry Vinke	23
Teri Hinrichsen, William Sorensen	24
Mardi Goslar	27
Jennifer Lynn, Barbara Mordhorst	28
Calliyah Mareau	29

## **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

## **Mission Central – Visiting Missionaries 2021**

LCMS World Mission 40718 Highway E16 Mapleton, IA 51034 712-882-1029 Gary Thies (gary.thies@lcms.org) www.missioncentral.us

- June 10, 2021 – Phil and Cheryl Magness – West Africa – 10:00 am
- June 19, 2021 – Rev. Michael Paul family – Taiwan – 1:00 pm
- June 19, 2021 – Rev. Joel Fritsche family – Dominican Republic – 1:30 pm
- August 21, 2021 – Rev. David Baker family – Asia – 6:00 pm
- September 25, 2021 – Erin MacKenzie – Dominican Republic – 1:00 pm

## **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.

## **“THY STRONG WORD”**

Thy Strong Word is a 5 min. daily devotional message given by LC-MS pastors! It is aired at 6:25 a.m., Mon.-Sat. on KDSN, FM107.1

June 7-12 Rev. Chad Trunkhill

Our Savior/Bethlehem

June 14-19 Rev. Richard Merrill

Multi-Point, Charter Oak

**June 21-26 Rev. Nathan Peitsch**

**St. Paul's, Ute**

June 28-July 3 Rev. Mark Kluzek

St. John, Kiron/Faith, Deloit

**DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERINGS**

**2021 IDW JR YOUTH GATHERING**



**OCTOBER 23-24**

Sheraton – West Des Moines

Cost - \$ 150

Registration information will be mailed in August.



November 19-21

Holiday Inn at the Airport - Des Moines

Cost - \$235

Registration information will be mailed in August.

**Lillian Koch  
would like to greet all her friends at St Paul!**



**Lillian's contacts;  
Willow Creek Apartments, 620 14<sup>h</sup> Ave NE  
LeMars, Iowa, 51031  
Phone- 712 548 4108 or on Face Book !**

YOU DID IT!  
*Congratulations*

We would like to Congratulate our 2021  
High School and College Graduates

Teja TenEyck graduated from MVAOCOU High  
School.



Kendra Creese.  
Graduating  
from  
MVAOCOU  
High School.  
Future plans  
are to attend  
Iowa Western  
Community  
College and  
major in dental  
hygiene

Katy Krohn -  
graduated from  
MVAOCOU High  
School, planning to  
attend the University  
of Nebraska-Lincoln

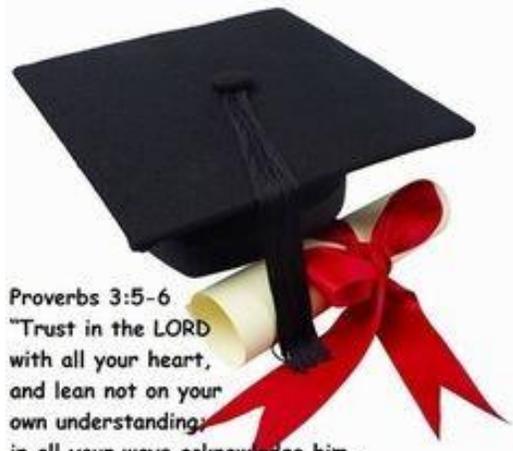


Jamison Thies –  
graduated from  
MVAOCOU High  
School and is going  
to DMACC in  
Ankeny and  
majoring in Sales  
and Marketing and  
then getting his  
realtor’s license.

Thomas Sorensen –  
graduated from  
MVAOCOU High  
School and joined the  
Air National Guard



Congratulation to Cody Rosburg receiving  
college diploma from WITCC for Industrial  
Drafting Technology (with honors).



Proverbs 3:5-6  
"Trust in the LORD  
with all your heart,  
and lean not on your  
own understanding;  
in all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make your paths straight."

# VBS 2021

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Ute, Iowa

July 12th - 15th

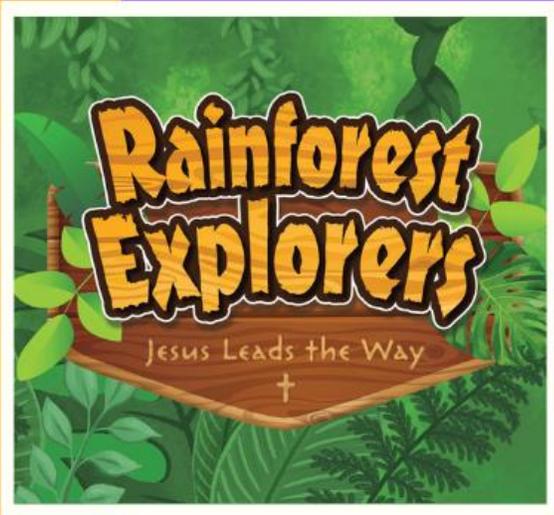
6pm-8pm at Church

Light Snack Served at 5:45

July 16th

Family Picnic 6pm at

City Park



**REGISTRATION  
COMING SOON**

Please pass the word and welcome any kids from age 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grades.

If you would like to help one day to all days ----group leader/crafts/instructor/games/food/etc., please call the church office, pastor, Megan Peitsch or Rick Knuth.