

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Just the other morning I realized the days are getting noticeably shorter already. Summer has flown by school has started up and things are getting going around church once again. Catechism classes are resuming, Sunday school starts this month. And I imagine many of you are wrapping up your summer vacations.

As all these things are getting going, it can be easy to start to wonder, where did the time go? Maybe it's this sense of time passing so quickly that has led to phrases such as "time flies when you're having fun." Or perhaps it was this very phenomenon that St Peter had in mind when he wrote the following:

"But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." - 2 Pet. 3:8

St Peter is essentially telling us God's sense of time is very different from our own. And we should trust His timing to be perfect.

So when you notice that the days seem to be flying by, or perhaps the exact opposite, that the days seem to be dragging on, remember that God's timing is different than our own. St Peter tells us that God handles things this way that He might be patient with us, in the very next verse we read,

"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." - 2 Pet. 3:8

God's seeming delay to fulfill His promise to return is just another way that He is showing us His grace and mercy. God doesn't want any to perish but all to receive His forgiveness in Christ.

That said, we continue to pray for His return just as St. John did at the end of Revelation. There we see a faithful response to

Jesus' promise that He is coming. St. John writes,

"He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" - Rev. 22:20

From this verse we get the beginning of our common table prayer. Reminding us every time we sit down to eat not only to ask the Lord's presence among us, but that He would return soon just as He promised. That return could be in a day it could be in a thousand years, we do not know. But we know He is coming.

And even as we wait we know that each day is His. Along with the psalmist we can trust that God is caring for us David reminds us in Psalm 31:

"But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, 'You are my God.' My times are in your hand" Ps. 31:14-15a

Our times are in His hands. Each day is a gift from Him. And no matter how fast or slow those days seem to go by, His promise reminds us that He is with us always. He reminded His disciples of this just before He departed from them.

"And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matt. 20:28b

So yes, the days may be getting shorter, summer may have flown by or it may have dragged. Work may be a chore or it may seem to go by so fast you don't even notice. Whatever you find yourself doing, however the time passes, know those times belong to the Lord.

May God bless you with every new day, and may we continue to pray together, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus" as we look forward to that promised day He will return.

In Christ,
Pastor Nathan Peitsch



Sunday School classes will start on September 12 at 9:00 a.m. All kids' pre-school to 8th grade are invited. Volunteers to help with Sunday School are always welcomed.

DRIVE UP COMMUNION

On Monday, September 6th & 20th 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 our 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.

MONTHLY MEETING

The Elder's Meeting is on Tuesday, Sept. 2nd at 6:30 p.m. and Council Meeting is on Tuesday, Sept. 14th at 7:00 p.m.

LCW MEETING

LCW Meeting is Wednesday, September 8th at 1:00 p.m.

CATECHISM

Catechism will start Wednesday, September 8th.
4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – 5th - 6th Grades Class
5:30 – 6:00 p.m. - Memory Work Time
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – 7th – 8th Grade Class



Lutheran Bible Translation Sunday is on Sunday, September 26th. We will have a special donation basket at the back of church for our Special Mission Project – The Grulkes', Lutheran Bible Translators.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



This year's VBS theme was "Rainforest Explorers" Thanks to all that donated to VBS. Thank you to all the volunteers, parents, and children for a great VBS.



PLEDGES

All members are invited to fill out a pledge plan to help their own household plan to support their congregation. Pledge Plans are included in this newsletter. The cards can be filled out and returned by September 30th.



CHURCH RECORDS

Funeral

Memorial Service was held on July 23, 2021 for Barbara J. Mordhorst who was called to her eternal home on July 16, 2021.

Baptism

Xavier Robert Schaffer, son of NiKay Schaffer & Paul Tuttle, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on July 24, 2021.

Jenikka Marie Schaffer, daughter of NiKay Schaffer & Paul Tuttle, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on July 24, 2021.

Carmen Yvonne Schaffer, daughter of NiKay Schaffer & Paul Tuttle, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on July 24, 2021.

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

- September 25, 2021 – Erin MacKenzie – Dominican Republic – 1:00 pm
- September 25, 2021 – Ben Helge -Czech Republic – 1:30 pm

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

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 are:

Patrick Ohlmeier, Marvin Koch	1
Lois Greder, Bailey Kuhlmann	2
Ray Gosch, Brendan Lane	3
Heather Rosburg	7
Derek Erlemeier	9
Gina Hull	10
Mark Goslar	13
Ella Fester	15
Glenn Ullerich	16
Arlis Petersen	17
Sara Folk	19
Micah Peitsch	20
Cody Rosburg	22
Sasha Teut	23
Larry Folk	24
Norma Buschmann-Hannah Hageman	25
Delaine Nelson	27
Roger Johnson-Jo Thies-Heath Winsor	28
Trent Mordhorst	29
Tyler Leitz	30



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

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.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

The newsletter this month is sponsored in honor of cancer patients & their families.

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

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

Sept. 6-11 Rev. Richard Merrill
Multi-Point, Charter Oak

Sept. 13-18 Rev. Nathan Peitsch
St. Paul's, Ute

Sept. 20-25 Rev. Mark Kluzek
St. John, Kiron/Faith, Deloit

Sept. 27-Oct. 2 Rev. Josh Keinath
Zion, Denison



Volunteer Work Weekend

October 8th – 9th is Volunteer Work weekend. Help us wrap up the summer season & prepare for winter. Lodging & Meals are covered. Call the Camp Office to let us know you're coming. (712)337-3325

Omelet Brunch

September 5th and October 3rd Camp Okoboji is having an Omelet Brunch from 9:30 am-1:00 pm. Yummy Omelets are still around for two more months! Swing by Camp for some good grub and fellowship.