

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church Office Number: 885-2221

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

Elders: John Greder, John Thies, Steve Gust , Bruce Mohr

February 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

February is upon us and with it the celebration of Valentines' Day. A day focused on the celebration of love. And what better love to celebrate than the love that God has shown to us. John writes in 1 John 3:

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." - 1 John 3:1

God has shown us His great love in sending His Son for us, that our sins might be forgiven. And because of Him and His great love for us, we are made members of God's family, His children.

Because God has shown us His great love and made us His children, we now are called on to love one another. St John continues a little later in his epistle:

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love." - 1 John 4:7-8

Jesus tells us the same thing when asked about the greatest commandment. He tells us the first is, "Love the Lord, your God" and the second is like it, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

And so I encourage you to consider how you can share the love God has given to you. We can do that a number of different ways. We can share God's love by spreading His good news. We do this through our own sharing of God's Word with our friends and neighbors. But we also share that good news by supporting those who go forth and share it.

With this in mind, each year we as a church select our special mission project. That God's love might continue to be shared with others around the world. At our most recent voters meeting it was shared that we far exceeded our \$2500 goal last year for the Grulke family raising roughly \$4000 for them

and the work they are doing with Lutheran Bible Translators.

This year our special mission project is a little more local but just as important. We have chosen Camp Okoboji as our special mission project for this year. Camp Okoboji shares God's love with children and families alike as they offer different camps with different purposes. They serve as a place for churches, families, friends, and various church groups to come together and share the love of Christ with one another. What a blessing to be able to share the love God has shown us with the camp and all those who attend.

St Paul commended the Philippians for this love that they showed in supporting His ministry. In Philippians 4, he writes:

"Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you on." - Phil. 4:14-15

St Paul recognizes and thanks them for the support they sent for His ministry. So that others might continue to have the love of Christ shared with them. In addition, as St Paul writes to the Corinthians he encourages them, saying,

"See that you excel in this act of grace as well." - 2 Cor. 8:7

Throughout the Scriptures we are encouraged to share the love of God in whatever ways we can. Whether that is through financial support to the different ministries serving God, or through our own acts of speaking the good news of Christ. Whatever the case, we do what we can to share the love of Christ, because of the great love that has been shown to us.

What a blessing for us to share so far above and beyond our original commitment this past year. I pray we are able to share God's love in a similar way with our new special mission project this year. But no matter what, may we continue to remember and

rejoice in the love God has shown to us, that we should be called children of God, for so we are. A blessed Valentines' Day to you all.
In Christ's Love,
Pastor Nathan Peitsch



LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you would like to get your own Lutheran Witness the cost of one year subscription is \$22.68. This new subscription will start with the May issue. Just place your \$22.68 in cash or check (payable to St. Paul's) in an envelope (marked with your name and for Lutheran Witness) and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office before February 20th. The church will also have 2 to 3 copies that you can borrow.



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

You can pick up the 2021 Annual Report from the back table in church.



DRIVERS

Pastor would like to update a list of drivers that would be able to help him get around to shut-in and hospital calls and the occasional trip to Denison on a Sunday afternoon for worship at the nursing homes there. Please sign-up on the sheet in the back of the church.



CHURCH RECORDS

Funeral

Memorial Service was held on January 31, 2022 for Creta Teut who was called to her eternal home on January 25, 2022.

CHANGES TO DRIVE UP COMMUNION

On Monday, February 7 & 21 there will be drive-up communion from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Drive-up communion will continue but you will need to call pastor to schedule an appointment during the allotted time. (712)885-2221



LCW

The LCW Bible Study and meeting will be February 9th at 1:00 p.m.

MEETINGS

On Thursday, February 3rd the Elder's Meeting will meet at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, February 8th the Church Council will meet at 7 p.m.

OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

Those elected as officers or board members included:

Elder: John Thies, Bruce Mohr

Trustee: Jim Thies

Board of Education: Lois Greder

Chairman: Don Petersen

Secretary: Audrey Gust

Treasurer: Deanna Sorensen

Stewardship Secretary: Terri Mohr

Auditing Committee: Lois Greder, Linda Riddle, Dave Seieroe

Endowment Fund: Dave Seieroe

SS Superintendent: Tina Bernholz

Financial Committee: Audrey Gust, Becky Mordhorst, Mike Mordhorst, Denny Mordhorst, Bruce Mohr, Terri Mohr, Linda Riddle, Dave Seieroe, Linda Seieroe, Elaine Vogt, John Thies, Lois Greder, Harvey Thies

We give thanks for the faithful service of those who have completed their terms:

Elders – Deryl Hennings

Auditing – Teresa Mordhorst

Finance Committee – Kim King

SNOW REMOVAL

We are looking for someone to remove the snow off the sidewalks and steps this winter. If you are interested, please contact a trustee: Jim Thies, Gary Goslar or Ted Nutt



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.



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

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 February are:

Keri Lane, Steven Thies	1
Kailea Ewoldt	2
Warren Thies, Brooklyn Leitz	4
Mark Bretthauer, Ryan Pithan	6
James Pohlman	8
Megan Peitsch	9
Becky Miller	10
Dennis Mordhorst	11
Kim Lane	12
Ethan Kuhlmann	13
Misty Rose, Tobias Teut	14
John Neddermeyer	15
David Meadows	18
Brenner Jung	19
Torii Rose	20
Jane Ohlmeier, Linda Seieroe, Rustie Pithan	22
Gary Goslar	23
Emily Sorensen	27
Hailee Meadows	28



Please Join Us . . . IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON



Sunday, February 20, 2022

11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

*Serving: Chili, Potato & Broccoli Cheese Soups
Sandwiches ~ and Desserts*

FREE WILL OFFERING

Dine-In, Carry Outs & Local Delivery Available

Phone: 676-2235

Proceeds from the luncheon will support Immanuel's mission projects.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

5th and Glad Street, Schleswig, IA

"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

Feb. 7-12 Rev. Merle Mahnken

Immanuel, Schleswig

Feb. 14-19 Rev. Chad Trunkhill

Our Savior/Bethlehem

Feb. 21-26 Rev. Richard Merrill

Multi-Point, Charter Oak

Feb. 28-Mar. 5 Rev. Nathan Peitsch

St. Paul's, Ute

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.

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

- February 26, 2022 – Jamielynn Tinkey
Flores and Rev. Rafael Flores –
Dominican Republic – 1:00 pm



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

SUGGESTIONS FOR A SAFE WINTER

As we head into the winter months, realize that snow and cold awaits us. At times, services may be held in less-than-ideal conditions. We encourage those with special concerns for dangerous conditions to use suitable caution. Reasonable effort will be made to have sidewalks clear, and ice melt placed where needed. Be cautious of the north parking lot, especially on mornings after a thaw and refreezing. We understand that for some it may be wiser to listen to services at home and not take chances.

If the weather is so severe that services are cancelled, it will be announced on KDSN radio station, and posted on church facebook and website. We will also use Call Multiplier in the event of a cancellation. Please make sure we have your current phone number.



CUB WEEK SCHOLARSHIP

The Camp Okoboji auxiliary will be giving away 6 scholarships for Cub/Jr High/Youth Weeks. You can pick up a scholarship application from the church office or your Sunday School teacher. The application needs to be completed & returned to Camp Okoboji by April 18th.

PERSONNEL: Recruiting for Summer Staff and Counselors is ongoing. For more information, contact Izaak Wendorff at izaak.campokoboji@gmail.com or Kirk Warnke at kirk.campokoboji@gmail.com

The Camp Okoboji Auxiliary is looking to grow its membership. Would you have a willing heart to share your time and talents?? For more information, please contact: Delaine Warnke, President, Camp Okoboji Auxiliary delainewarnke@yahoo.com or (515) 408-8334.

VOLUNTEERS: Recognizing and expressing our THANKS to volunteers and groups who give so generously of their time and talents in serving Camp Okoboji.

Special "THANKS" to the Staff of Camp Okoboji for going above and beyond in working through the electrical outages created by storm damage when a branch destroyed the transformer providing electricity to the CLC, Dining Hall, Weber Units, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.

Special "THANKS" to all who make Camp Okoboji such a wonderful place to "Refresh Body and Spirit" at a "Sanctuary which connects guests to God and His Creation"!! If you have been a guest, a volunteer, a camper, a donor, a staff member, or participated at Camp Okoboji in any other way, know that you are truly loved and appreciated.

NEEDS/WANTS LIST: Sharing opportunities to assist Camp with specific items

Laundry soap and bleach

Coffee makers or toasters

Queen mattress pads

Long, heavy shower curtains and liners

Bissell Cleanview Swivel PET Vacuum (2)

16 Passenger Pontoon (visit with Izaak for details)

Thrivent Action Team Cards (check with Kellie for guidance on recommended usages)

Also, see our Amazon Wish List at:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U3MCM8Z6HGPY?ref=wl_share

Explanation: At this website, you are able to see items that Camp needs or would like to receive. You are able to purchase the items through the website and they are delivered directly to Camp.

Summer 2022 Camps

- Kids' Kamp (June 3-5)

Kids' Kamp is the perfect weekend to get your child acclimated to camp before they attend on their own in a couple of years! Kids' Kamp provides K-2nd graders and families (parents, grandparents,...

- Concordia Cub Week 1-Grades 3-5 (June 12-15)

Cub Week has been the foundational experience at Camp Okoboji for decades! It exists to provide 3-5th Graders an experience within a Christian environment in which they are valued, create new...

- Jr. High Week - Grades 6-8 (July 10-16)

Jr. High Week focuses on providing students who have completed Grades 6-8 an opportunity to nurture their faith & grow in community through Bible Studies, worship, Gaga Ball, 9-Square-in-the-Air,...

- Concordia Cub Week 2 (July 17-23)

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- Youth Week (July 24-30)

Youth Week's purpose is to provide high school students an experience within a Christian environment in which they are valued, establish and build Christ-based friendships, participate in engaging...

January 23, 2022, Voters Meeting Recap

The meeting opened with prayer, and the minutes of the previous 10/17/21 meeting were printed out for everyone to read, as well as copies of the 2021 Annual Report. Motion carried to approve the minutes. The 2022 Ballot was handed out and everyone voted. The Treasurer's Report was given. The General Fund went from \$21,374.95 1/1/2021, to \$23,111.55 at the end of 2021. The statements have not yet been received for the LCMS Foundation accounts. The Council had approved getting a debit card for the church to use for on-line purchases at its January meeting. Motion carried to approve the treasurer's report and obtaining a debit card. Pastor reported that the new member reception was held in November. Catechism classes are progressing, and LWML meetings will consist of Bible study with visiting/questions after. The red paraments for Reformation still have not come. When the green ones arrive, they will be dedicated and put to use right away.

Election Results:

Elder John Thies, Bruce Mohr

Trustees Jim Thies

Board of Ed Lois Greder

Chairman Don Petersen

Secretary Audrey Gust

Treasurer Deanna Sorensen

Stewardship Secretary Terri Mohr

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SS Superintendent Tina Bernholtz

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The Finance Committee was short, so Lois Greder and Harvey Thies volunteered to be added to the list. Motion to add their names carried. In a couple months St. Paul's will be hosting the Circuit Pastors Conference and help with meals will be needed from the LWML. Lenten services will be held, with no meals. Something will be worked out to offer the confirmation kids a meal or snack during Lent. Church attendance figures for the previous three months and Christmas were given. The trustees have been working on the parsonage doors. Sunday School is going well. DVDs of the Old Testament were purchased; however, a second-hand New Testament set could not be found. On December 12, a Jesus's Birthday Party was held with about 15 kids attending. Christmas practices began the last Sunday in November, with a traditional program held on Christmas Eve. Future plans include working on this year's VBS program. The Special Mission Project for 2021 of the Grulkes of LBT exceeded its goal. The motion was made and carried that the Special Mission Project for 2022 will be Camp Okoboji and the goal raised to \$3,000.00. Motions were made and carried that Bruce Mohr and John Greder be the District Convention delegate and alternate, and that Don Petersen and John Greder be the Camp Okoboji delegates. At the Circuit Forum, Pastor Richard Salcido of Ida Grove was reelected to be the Circuit Visitor for the next three years. Installation of officers will be held next Sunday. A motion to adjourn was made and carried. Pastor led the voters in praying the Lord's Prayer.