

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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July/August 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer is a great time for water.

Perhaps you enjoy time out on the lake boating and fishing. Perhaps you prefer to spend your time on the beach swimming or relaxing by the shore. Others still prefer to enjoy some time in the pool. We all know the importance of staying properly hydrated especially during the heat of summer. And of course there's also the importance of rain for our crops. Water is such an important part of our lives.

Water also has a fair bit of significance in the scriptures. We hear about God seeing apart the waters on the second day of creation. We see God make use of water in the story of Noah and the flood to cleanse the evil he saw running rampant throughout the world. Later during the time of the exodus, Moses was kept safe in the Nile River. And as the people are set free from slavery in Egypt we see numerous instances where water becomes significant. The Israelites crossed the Red Sea on dry ground, but pharaoh's armies were drowned. Time and time again the people grumbled about their thirst and God provided.

Time and time again, water poos up in the scriptures and not just in the Old Testament. Jesus does much around water throughout His ministry, starting with His baptism in the Jordan River. But the water fun continues throughout His ministry: water into wine, various fishing trips, walking on water, and calming sea storms. We see Jesus have a conversation with a woman by a well after asking her for a drink. And in the upper room Jesus takes some water and washes His disciples' feet.

So why all the water? Water was and continues to be an important resource for all of us. We need it for drinking, for growing our food, and for washing. And it's the washing that many of these water references come back to. Throughout the epistles, we see these different water related stories from the Old Testament connected back to baptism. In 1 Peter we see the connection with the flood. There we read,

"because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ," - 1 Peter 3:20-21

In 1 Corinthians 10, we see Paul connect baptism with the parting of the Red Sea and the exodus from Egypt. And Luther does something similar as he explains what baptism indicates.

"Such baptizing with water means that the old Adam in us should, by daily contrition and repentance, be drowned and die with all sins and evil lusts; and that a new man daily come forth and arise, who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever." - Luther's Small Catechism

Water features so prominently in the scriptures because baptism is so important for our lives as God's children.

Summer is a time for all sorts of water funned so as you enjoy time in, on, or near the water, remember what God has done for you through water and His Word. Remember how He has washed you and made you His child. Remember how the old sinful self in you is put to death with Christ on the cross through your baptism. And together we can also look forward to the promise of Christ in John 4,

"but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
- John 4:14

May we continue to look forward in faith to the water Jesus will provide us. Ever confident in the new life He has given us in baptism.

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

125 ANNIVERSARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

There is a signup sheet on the back table for anyone that would like to help plan our 125 Anniversary in 2023.



CARE COMMITTEE

If anyone is interest in helping with the Care Committee, please contact Bruce Mohr in person or on his cell. 712-269-8771

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

On Tuesday, July 12th, Elders will meet at 6:30 p.m., and Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. The Voter's meeting will be Sunday, July 24th after the worship service.

AUGUST MEETINGS

On Tuesday, August 2nd the Elder's Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, August 9th is the Church Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

CATECHISM

Catechism students and parents there will be a catechism information meeting on Wednesday, August 31 at 6:00 p.m.

DRIVE UP COMMUNION

On Monday, July 18th, August 1st, 8th & 22nd there will be drive-up communion from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

VBS HELP

Volunteer are still needed for Vacation Bible School. Sign-up sheets are on the back table or you can talk to pastor or Board of Ed (Megan Peitsch, Rick Knuth or Lois Greder) if you would like to help.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

Bill & Jeanette Urwiler is sponsoring the newsletter this month in celebration of their birthdays and 60th Wedding Anniversary on July 29th.

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

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING

This year our special mission is Camp Okoboji. Our goal is \$3,000. As of May 31, we have \$555.00 in donations. Their MISSION is: We provide Sanctuary which connects guests with God and His Creation You can find more information at their website: <http://www.campokoboji.org/>

"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

July 4-9 Rev. Nathan Peisch

St. Paul's, Ute

July 11-16 Rev. Mark Kluzek

St. John, Kiron/Faith, Deloit

July 18-23 vacancy pastor

Zion, Denison

July 25-30 Rev. Merle Mahnken

Immanuel, Schleswig

Aug. 1-6 Rev. Chad Trunkhill

Our Savior/Bethlehem

Aug. 8-13 Rev. Richard Merrill

Multi-Point, Charter Oak

Aug. 15-20

Rev. Nathan Peisch

St. Paul's, Ute

Aug. 22-27 Rev. Mark Kluzek

St. John, Kiron/Faith, Deloit

Aug. 29-Sept. 3 vacancy pastor

Zion, Denison

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 17-22, 2022

Our theme is the *Tree of Life*. Come join us on an adventure! VBS is for all kids age 3 to 4th Grade. 5th Grade and up are encouraged to volunteer as helpers during VBS.



Sunday, July 17th - **Registration Kick-off** after the church service approximately 11 am with snacks, songs and registration.

Monday, July 18-Thursday July 21st **Vacation Bible School** start at 5:30 with a meal, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. VBS activities.

Friday, July 22 at 5:30 pm **VBS Closing Program** and potluck will be at the Ute City Park, **for everyone to enjoy**. Come see and hear what the kids have been learning in their closing program! Bring a side dish or dessert to share as we will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers.

Pre-registration is not required, but it does help us estimate supplies. Come for one night, come for all. We are excited to see you!

Registration Options:

- Online at: <https://vbsmate.com/events/StPaulsUte/25518>
- Paper copies can be picked up on the back table at church
- Forms will be available at VBS each night as well



LYF LOCK-IN

Youth Lock-in will start after the VBS Closing program on Friday, July 22nd thru Saturday, July 23rd, 7:00 am at the church. It is for youth entering 5th grade thru 12th grade. Come relax after volunteering at Vacation Bible School. Games, Bible Study, and more



All families are invited to a St. Paul's family swimming party at the Mapleton Pool on Friday, July 29th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Snacks will be provided. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN YOUTH **DONATIONS WANTED**

Our VBS, Sunday School, and LYF are collecting donations to sell as a fundraiser during the Hwy 141 Garage Sale. Donations can be dropped off in the basement storage room marked with the Hwy 141 donation sign. Larger donations can be picked up by appointment. Please contact the Church office or Megan Peitsch for further information.



IOWA HIGHWAY 141 GARAGE SALE & BAKE SALE

(Fundraiser for the Youth)

Hwy 141 Garage Sale Prep will be Monday, August 1-Thursday, August 4th, Time: TBD

We will sort and price items to be sold at the garage sale.

Garage sales and Bake Sale will be Friday, August 5th -Saturday, August 6th watch for times to be announced in church. Volunteers needed to donate baked goods for the bake sale. Volunteers are needed to help manage payments. This is a combined fundraiser for the Sunday School, VBS, and LYF.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY/AUGUST

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:

July Baptismal Birthdays:

Lyle Kelm	1
Bette Amunson	2
Kellen Anderson, Debra Nutt,	7
James Thies	
Teagyn Greder	10
Deanne Hanson	11
Henry Kelm	12
Nathan Mohr	13
Nina Hull	16
Doris Thompson, Jase BeBout	17
Bill Urwiler	
Raylyn Kelm	18
Phillip Hinds	20
Elizabeth Jones	21
Brook (Bretthauer) Shufflebarger	22
Terri Mohr	23
Carmen Schaffer, Jenikka Schaffer,	24
Xavier Schaffer	
Derek Meadows, Nicholas Meadows,	26
Jasmine Schaffer	
Dorothy Gust	29
Kenneth Amunson, Gordon Carritt,	30
Brittany Christiansen	

August Baptismal Birthdays:

Larry Meadows, Theodore Nutt	1
Thomas Sorensen	2
Ashley Ewoldt, Macie Rubida	3
Bill Creese	6
Ramona Pithan	7
Pastor Nathan Peitsch	8
Brock Nelson, Melissa Josephsen	10
Jeanette Urwiler	14
Shawn Goslar	15
Terry Watke	16
Tadd Eneboe, Christopher Thies	17
Kristal Mordhorst	19
Henry Buschmann Jr.	23
Jacquelin Marth, Joyce Mordhorst,	25
Harvey Thies, Henry Mohr	
Tanis Watke	26
Katie Schaffer	27
John Greder, Brynn Leitz	28
Karen Koch, Judy Meadows	29
Jerod Thies	30
Becky Mordhorst	31



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>

SUMMER 2022 SCHEDULE

JULY 3-8.....JULY 4 FAMILY RETREAT
JULY 10-16...JR HIGH WEEK
JULY 17-23...CUB WEEK #2
JULY 24-30.....YOUTH WEEK
JULY 31-AUGUST 5...FAMILY RETREAT #1
AUGUST 7-12.....FAMILY RETREAT #2
SEPTEMBER 5-9...TRAVEL CAMP: ARK
ENCOUNTER/CREATION MUSEUM

JUNIOR YOUTH GATHERING



October 22-23, 2022

"Called + Gathered + Enlightened"

The Sheraton-West Des Moines

Topic: Apostles Creed Theme Verse: 1

Corinthians 6:11 "And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

Cost - \$175

SENIOR YOUTH GATHERING



November 18-20, 2022

"Say What?"

Holiday Inn at the Airport-Des Moines

Theme verse: 1 Peter 3:15 "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

Cost - \$250

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

- July 9, 2022 – Barbara Rebentisch – Taiwan- 1:00 pm
- July 9, 2022 – Carl Hanson family – Korea – 1:30 pm
- July 9, 2022 – Rev. JohnCarlos Ramierez and Caitlin Ramierez – Dominican Republic – 1:50 pm
- July 23, 2022 – Rev. Vance and Linda Becker – Kenya – 1:00 pm
- July 23, 2022 – Rev. Jonathan and Cheryl Naumann – Dominican Republic – 1:30 pm
- July 23, 2022 – Rev. Jerry Lawson and family – Lativa – 2:00 pm
- July 26, 2022 – Andrew Schaff and Noel – Taiwan – 1:00 pm
- August 21, 2022 – Micah, Britt and family – Kenya – 10:00 am

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.