

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer is nearly upon us, despite the fact the weather seems to think otherwise. This month marks the beginning of summer. With summer comes summer sports, swimming, vacations, camping trips, and so much more. As I consider the idea of camping trips I recall all the memories I have of tent camping. It can be so much fun to pop up your tent and enjoy some time in the great outdoors.

In the Old Testament there is a holiday dedicated to tents (well it's more than just a tent holiday, but more on that in a minute). In Leviticus 23, God commands the people to keep the "Feast of Booths" for one week. During this time they were to set up tents and live in them, but for a very specific reason. In Leviticus 23 we read,

"You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God." - Lev. 23:42-43

So you see, this feast wasn't just about camping out in tents for a week. It was to remind them that when God brought them out of Egypt, they traveled through the wilderness living in tents (booths) for the duration of that journey. This served as a reminder to them of how God cared for them throughout their wilderness wandering.

During those wilderness wanderings, the Israelites weren't the only ones dwelling in tents though. In Exodus 25, God instructs Moses to build Him a very specific tent called The Tabernacle.

"And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it." - Ex. 25:8-9

This special tent was God's dwelling place until Solomon was permitted to build the temple. God gave specific instructions for His tent to be the first thing taken down when they prepared to set out and the first thing put up when they settled down. It was a place for the people to offer sacrifices to God, for the elders to meet, and for God to dwell in the midst of His people.

Later in John 1, the tabernacle, this dwelling place of God, is connected with Christ himself. John writes,

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." - John 1:14

Jesus dwelt among us. Through Him God gives us His grace and mercy. Jesus, the Word made flesh and dwelling among us, isn't just the place where sacrifices are offered as was the tabernacle and later the temple, He is the sacrifice for us all to give us life and peace. What a blessing for God to come and tent among us in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ!

And now St Paul teaches us that we are God's temple in 1 Cor. 6:19-20, St Paul tells us our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in us. So this summer though we may not be celebrating the Feast of Booths as they did in the Old Testament, remember that God tented among His people and now dwells in us. May we bring honor to the one who dwells in us!

In Christ,
Pastor Nathan Peitsch

ST. MATTHEW’S VACANCY

Pastor has been asked to be the Vacancy Pastor for St. Matthew’s, Mapleton. During this time there will be no Sunday Bible Class and he will be working in Mapleton on Tuesdays.

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

MONTHLY MEETINGS

On Tuesday, May 7th the Elder’s Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, June 21st is the Church Council will meet at 7 p.m.

LCW

LCW meeting is Wednesday, June 8th at 1:00 pm in the LYF room.

DRIVE UP COMMUNION

On Monday, June 6th & 20th there will be drive-up communion from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptism

Londyn Faith Bernholtz, daughter of Kristina & Ryan Bernholtz, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on May 15th.

Confirmation

May 1, 2022 - Patience Winsor

“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 6-11 Rev. Josh Keinath
Zion, Denison
- June 13-18 Rev. Merle Mahnken
Immanuel, Schleswig
- June 20-25 Rev. Chad Trunkhill
Our Savior/Bethlehem
- June 27-July 2 Rev. Richard Merrill
Multi-Point, Charter Oak

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
Jayne & Kyle Savery, Skye Grindle	19
Linda Plough, Kenley Creese	20
John McCall	22
Morgan Teut, Kerry Vinke	23
Teri Hinrichsen, William Sorensen	24
Nancy Edmundson	25
Mardi Goslar	27
Jennifer Lynn	28
Calliyah Mareau	29



SUNDAY SCHOOL



May 22, last day of Sunday School.

Sunday School will start up again in the fall on Sunday, September 11th.

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, Lois Greder or Tina Bernholtz.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 17-22, 2022

VBS is for all kids age 3 to 4th Grade. 5th Grade and up are encouraged to volunteer as helpers during VBS.



July 17th - Registration Kick-off after the church service with snacks, songs and registration.

Monday, July 18-Thursday July 21st 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.

VBS HELP

Volunteer 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.

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.



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 18, 2022 – Dr. Steve Oliver and family – Taiwan – 1:00 pm
- June 25, 2022 – Wasmund family – Korea – 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.

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

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>

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

The newsletter this month is sponsored in memory of our mom's (Donna Timm's) birthday, June 14th and their anniversary, June 8th.

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. 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/>

SUMMER 2022 SCHEDULE

JUNE 3-5.....KIDS' KAMP

JUNE 9-12.....JOY CAMP 40th ANNIVERSARY

JUNE 12-15...CUB WEEK #1

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