

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MAY 2022

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As the school year is wrapping up this month we look forward to celebrating graduations. Students are preparing to celebrate all that they have learned in the past years. And to begin the month, we have the joy of celebrating confirmation. Again celebrating all that has been learned over the past few years. With this in mind, I encourage you to consider your own Christian Education.

The Christian life is one of learning and growing. It is why we are encouraged to spend devotional time in God's Word, studying it and learning what He has to say to us. It is why we offer various Bible studies here at church. It is the reason we catechize and teach Sunday school to our children. There is always more for us to learn about God's Word.

It can be very easy for us to fall into the trap of thinking that since we have the basics down we know it all. St Paul however, relates this to the idea of food. He talks about what we learn as God's children in terms of milk and solid food. In 1 Corinthians St Paul writes,

"I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready," - 1Cor. 3:2

Here we see that though they may have learned the basics, the Corinthians need to hear them again because they weren't yet ready for more.

The writer of Hebrews uses the same analogy in Hebrews 5 where we read,

"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child." - Heb 5:12-13

God makes it pretty clear in His Word, just because you know the basics doesn't mean you're done learning. And yet I remember quite clearly having finished my own confirmation

instruction I thought I was done learning the faith. Any further instruction I would receive, I thought, would be to solidify the things I had already learned.

I would argue we are all familiar with the basics, Christmas, Holy Week, Easter. We know the events that took place so that Christ could win salvation for us and give us the promise and hope of eternal life. And yet as we heard above, in both Corinthians and Hebrews, we are encouraged to stay firm in these basics even as we progress to the meatier topics.

And so as we confirm another group. As another round of students prepares for graduation and moving on to new ventures, I encourage you to consider all you have learned as God's child. St Paul encourages us to hold fast to this. In 2 Timothy 3 he writes,

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it" - 2 TIm. 3:14

Continue in what you have learned, we are told. It is so easy once we graduate or even once we are confirmed to consider our education done, but there is always more to learn.

One of my favorite books has a repeated line in it that states, "there's always another secret." With our faith there are no secrets, God's Word is plain and clear. However, there's always more to learn. So let us together be life long learners always studying and growing in our Christian faith and knowledge of God's Word.

May God bless you as you continue to learn and grow as His children,
Pastor Nathan Peitsch

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

YOUTH SKATING

All youth grades 5th – 12th is invited to A Mighty Fortress Skate Night at the Ida Grove Skate Palace today May 1 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. No charge, but you may wish to bring money for concessions. Friends welcome.

CONFIRMATION

On May 1st, one eighth grade member will make a public confession of the faith given in her baptism and nurtured through years of instruction in Sunday School and weekday classes. Confirmands in 2022 are Patience Winsor.



BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

The Blessing of our High School Graduates will be during the Service on May 22nd. Our graduates are: Beau Mohr and Calliyah Mareau.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Last day of Sunday School is May 22nd. After the service that day we will be having a 'Send Off' activity and food. All ages 3 years old to 12th grade is welcome. Have a great summer.

141 GARAGE SALE

The Board of Education is taking donations for the 141 garage sale they are planning. Any donation can be dropped off in the basement room in the back corner.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

On Thursday, May 5th the Elder's Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, May 10th is the Church Council will meet at 7 p.m.

LCW

LCW meeting is Wednesday, May 11th at 1:00 pm in the LYF room.

DRIVE UP COMMUNION

On Monday, May 2nd and 16th there will be drive-up communion from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

CHURCH RECORDS

Funeral

Memorial Service was held on April 12, 2022 for John Neddermeyer who was called to his eternal home on April 5, 2022.

Memorial Service was held on April 25, 2022 for Michael Mordhorst who was called to his eternal home on April 21, 2022.

UKRAINIAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

During lent through Easter Sunday, we collected \$3,034.00 in donations for the Ukrainian Lutheran Church. Thank you!

Orphan Grain Train

Thank you for all the donations to Orphan Grain Train in April. The next month will be October.



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

- May 14, 2022 – Rev. Adam Lehman and family – Puerto Rico – 1:00 pm
- May 26, 2022- Dale Meyer – Ascension Service and Bible study)



“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

- May 2-7 Rev. Merle Mahnken
Immanuel, Schleswig
- May 9-14 Rev. Chad Trunkhill
Our Savior/Bethlehem
- May 16-21 Rev. Richard Merrill
Multi-Point, Charter Oak

**May 23-28 Rev. Nathan Peitsch
St. Paul’s, Ute**

May 30-June 4 Rev. Mark Kluzek
St. John, Kiron/Faith, Deloit

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.

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.



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



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 ?



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

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.

Kristina Bernholtz, Austin Leitz	3
Kendra Creese	4
Bernice Schuitema	6
Jennifer Burbridge, Jesse Thies	7
Jacob Sorensen, NiKay Schaffer	8
Jeffery Mordhorst, Matthew Leitz, Roger Krohn	9
Elaine Vogt	11
Justin Hanson, Lainey Bernholtz	12
Shawn King	
David Hageman	13
Evelyn Thies	14
Joan Hennings	17
Carol Ullerich	18
Kimberly Creese	19
Paul Tuttle	20
Mason Kuhlmann	21
Lillian Carritt, Josiah Peitsch	22
Matthew Sorensen	
Liam Meadows, Mila Meadows	23
Matthew Hanson	27
Travis Meadows	28
Steven Gust, Kimberly King, Nina Leitz	31



April 24, 2022, Voters Meeting Recap

The meeting opened with prayer, and the minutes of the previous 01/23/2022 meeting were printed out for everyone to read. Motion carried to approve the minutes. The Treasurer's Report was given. The General Fund went from \$23,111.55 1/1/2022, to \$20,772.03 3/31/22. The statements have not yet been received for the LCMS Foundation accounts. Memorial Fund disbursements included the paraments and parsonage stove and refrigerator. Motion carried to approve the Treasurer's Report. Pastor reported that Catechism classes had concluded, and one student will be Confirmed this Sunday. Next year he again plans on having activities during the "off-times" for the catechism kids during Lent and also bringing back meals as was done before Covid. There will be a skate night in Ida Grove for the kids next Sunday held along with other Lutheran churches. All three parament sets have arrived, and the crimson set has been consecrated and used already. The other new red parament set will be consecrated next week with Confirmation. Approximately 200 attended the Easter services. People are encouraged to serve on the Care Committee. Tentative plans are being made to hold a third Communion service during the months with five Sundays. The trustees installed a new fridge in the parsonage and have one door left to install. They are working on plans to repair the basement steps in the church and the wiring in the parsonage garage. The LCW donated three long tables for the LYF room and are getting two more round tables for the fellowship hall. Sunday School will be ending soon, and plans are being worked on for VBS this July. Volunteers will be needed. \$520.00 has been collected for this year's Special Mission project of Camp Okoboji. \$1,590.00 was collected for Ukraine refugees. The next Council meeting will be May 10th, and the next voters meeting will be July 17th. A motion to adjourn was made and carried. Pastor led the voters in praying the Lord's Prayer.