

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It's almost time for us to gather in our homes for a feast fit for a king. Turkey, ham, potatoes, rolls, various casseroles and salads, pies and other tasty desserts. Of course, we're talking about Thanksgiving. A day that comes once a year, but an activity that hopefully we are doing every day of the year: giving thanks.

Families around the country will gather on this day to give thanks to God for the many blessings He has given us over the past year. And what a blessing it is to have one day dedicated to this task, but God's Word encourages us to make this a constant thing for us as believers.

St Paul calls us to this kind of thanksgiving in Ephesians 5 where he writes:

"giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" -Eph. 5:20

We are called to be constantly giving thanks for all sorts of different things. But this isn't always so easy to do. We don't always feel very thankful for everything.

God in His Word seems to recognize this and so he says to us:

"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" -Ps. 106:1

But here's the great part. Psalm 106 is not the only place God says this in His Word. We are encouraged with these words in 2 Chronicles 7 and 20, Ezra 3, Jeremiah 33, and in many other Psalms. Why should we give thanks? We should give thanks, for the Lord is good and his steadfast love endures forever. We should give thanks for the goodness of God. We should give thanks for His enduring steadfast love.

This steadfast love He has shown to us through His Son. This steadfast love He has lavished upon us through the promise of resurrection. This steadfast love He has shown to His faithful people most clearly through His Son, who loves us, forgives us, heals us, died for us, and rose for us.

God has done wonderful things for us. And for these things and for the many things we don't even notice, we give Him thanks. And yet, our thanksgiving doesn't end there. On occasion, we have the opportunity to sing the Old Testament Canticle, where we find a line from Scripture:

"Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!"

Just like the previous passage, this verse is mentioned several times in God's Word: Psalm 105, 1 Chronicles 15, and Isaiah 12, to name a few. In addition to giving thanks, we are called on to make known His deeds. To tell others of the things He has done.

God has done marvelous things for us. He has given us victory over sin and death. St Paul cites this as our reason to give thanks to the Lord in 1 Corinthians 15:

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." - 1 Cor. 15:57

God has given us victory, He has given us life and salvation, and He has adopted us as sons, promising us an eternal inheritance through Christ.

We can give thanks in all circumstances, because of the victory Christ has won for us. God has abundantly blessed us. He has poured out his great gifts on us and for this we give Him thanks. It is all we have to offer back to Him. The offertory from Divine Service Settings 1 and 2 says it quite well:

"What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving."

We give Him our thanks for all the things He has given us. So, as we conclude many of our services, we wrap up here: "Let us bless the Lord!"

THANKS BE TO GOD.

We cannot give Him anything but our thanks. All we have is a gift from Him, but we can thank Him for those many gifts and we can give Him our thanks and praise. May we

remember this as we celebrate Thanksgiving and throughout our lives.

In Christ,
Pastor Nathan Peitsch



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS



Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 5th.



ALL SAINTS DAY

Join us All Saints Sunday, Nov. 6th for recognition of the faithfully departed in this last year: Gary Vinke, Norma Buschmann, Delbert Olson, Richard Olson, Norman Timm, Creta Teut, John Neddermeyer, Mike Mordhorst, Tony Watke & Terry Watke



Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday, November 23 at 7 p.m.

DRIVE UP COMMUNION

Drive up Communion is available by calling pastor at (712)885-2221 and setting up a time during the week.



125th ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

The anniversary committee met Oct 10th.

Will be having a bake sale for after church on November 13 with coffee and fellowship. Need volunteers to bring baked goods! Contact person Tammy Bramley or Karen McCall



Pictures for individuals is being worked on for the directory, Bruce Mohr is in charge of this project.

Historic items are being asked for the event. Contact Dar Mohr or Tanis Watke

The theme of Past, Present and Future - Hebrews 13:8 was presented and passed at the voters meeting as well as the Thank offering and penny fund will go to Lutheran Family Services and Jeremiah Fund.

Please contact anyone on the committee if you are able to help with these projects, or have questions !

125th Anniversary next planning meeting will be on Monday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m.



MONTHLY MEETINGS

Tuesday, Nov. 1st, Elders Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 10th, Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING

This year our special mission is Camp Okoboji. Our goal is \$3,000. We need \$640.00 in donations to make our goal for this year. 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/>



ACOLYTES SIGN-UP SHEET

Catechism students the sign-up sheet for acolyting is in the back on church on the bulletin board.

LYF MEETING

On Sunday, November 6th the LYF will have a meeting after the worship service.

LYF BIBLE STUDY

On Sunday, November 13th there will be a LYF Bible study after the worship service.



JUNIOR YOUTH GATHERING



Junior Youth Gathering was October 22-23 and there were 9 youth that attended. It was a great weekend.



ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

Thank you for the donations for Orphan Grain Train. The next month we will be taking clothes is April.



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.



2022 CHURCH OFFICER VOLUNTEERS

If anyone has interest in serving as a church officer: Chairman, Elder, Trustee, Board of Education, Secretary, Treasurer, Stewardship Secretary, Auditing, Endowment Fund, Finance Committee, please contact the church or anyone on the Nomination Committee: John Greder, Jim Thies, Rick Knuth, Terri Mohr or pastor.



CHURCH RECORDS

Baptism

Ivy James Christophersen, daughter of Cassandra & Sheldon Christophersen, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on October 30th.



OFFERING

Please put your name on the offering envelopes especially if using an envelope from another year. This will help make it easier for the treasurer to know who is making this donation so she can credit you for income tax purposes.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

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 November are:

Ethan Winsor	1
Tory Greder	2
Sierra Rains	4
Jenna Hanson	6
Nick Goslar-Jeremy Creese-Gavin Purcell	7
Elyse Schmidt	8
Judi Krohn	10
Todd Teut	11
Michael Sorensen	14
John Dorale	15
Brian Vinke	17
Deanna Sorensen	18
Payton Thies, Preston Thies	23
Dylan Meadows, Katy Krohn	24
Kevin Vogt	25
Bruce Mohr, Ronnie Kroll, Brent Kelm	26
Lauryn Bernholtz	27
Ray Dorale	29
Jospehine Rains, Miles Rains	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



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

Nov. 7-12 Rev. Nathan Peitsch

St. Paul’s, Ute

Nov. 14-19 Rev. Mark Kluzek

St. John, Kiron/Faith, Deloit

Nov. 21-26 Vacancy Pastor

Zion, Denison

Nov. 28-Dec 3 Rev. Merle Mahnken

Immanuel, Schleswig



ADVENT DEVOTIONS FROM LHM

Every year Lutheran Hour Ministries makes available Advent devotions. Copies of this devotion can be picked up at church in mid-November. You can also read the devotion each day at www.lhm.org/advent



In *A Son Is Given*, we look at the promise of God to send His Messiah as fulfilled in Jesus. The Heavenly Father made good on His ancient pledge. In Jesus we have the love of God come to earth in the form of a Child, who is for us the Savior of the world.

Mission Central – Visiting Missionaries

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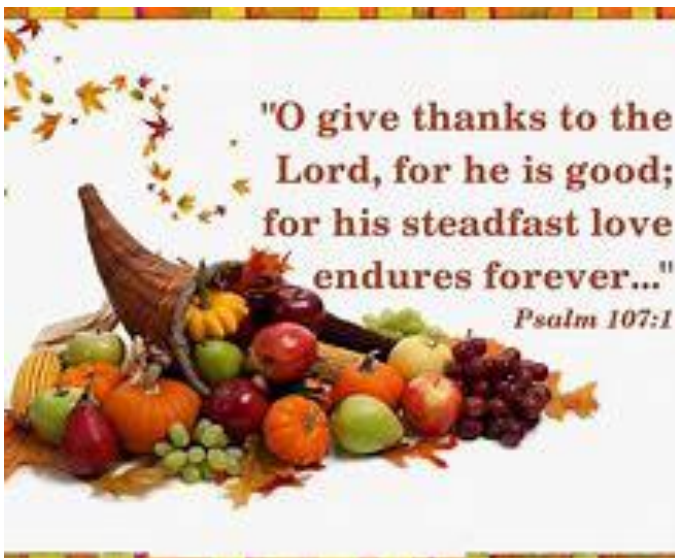
- Shara Osiro and Michael East and South Africa Friday, November 11, 2022 1:30 PM



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.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 6: BOD TRAINING MEETING & ELLIE MENZ IOWAY GATHERING

November 18-20: IOWA DISTRICT WEST SENIOR YOUTH GATHERING

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

- Ø Special "THANKS" to Pastor Corey Akers and the Youth Retreat attendees from Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD for their servant project work finishing up some winterization tasks
- Ø Special "THANKS" to Pastor Tim Frank for time spent with me researching potential organ upgrades for the Christian Life Center and/or other options

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

- Laundry soap, bleach and hand soap
- (2) Pizza Cutter Rocker Blades
- Automatic food chopper
- Charcoal grills
- Oregon R28 Advanced Cut 6" replacement chain (see on Amazon Wish List)
- Allen Telescoping Shuffleboard Cue (see on Amazon Wish List)
- Thrivent Action Team Cards (check with Kellie Jones for guidance on potential usages)

Also, see our Amazon Wish List at: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U3MCM8Z6HGPY?ref=wl_share

October 16, 2022, Voters Meeting Recap

The meeting opened with prayer, and the minutes of the previous 07/24/2022 meeting and the 08/28/22 special voters meeting were printed out for everyone to read. Motion carried to approve the minutes. A motion was made and carried to table the 2023 budget under New Business until a later date. Deanna Sorensen was ill, so Terri Mohr presented the Treasurer's Report for the third quarter. Motion carried to approve the Treasurer's Report. Pastor reported that there are 14 kids in Catechism classes, with one from Mapleton attending. He is looking ahead to Advent and Christmas services and doing shut-in visits. He will be taking several kids to the Junior High Youth Gathering in Des Moines this Saturday and Sunday and is continuing to serve Mapleton's vacancy. He has a lot of unused time off, so the elders encouraged him to take Mondays off and the week between Christmas and New Year's. They have been in touch with two seminary students for the Ministry Scholarship Fund. Attendance figures for July, August, and September were given. The trustees reported that the landscaping project was completed. Rally Day was September 11, with a meal. A new flannel graph was purchased. A Birthday Party for Jesus will be 12/11/22, and an Epiphany potluck will be 01/08/23. Mission offering envelopes will be offered in the back of the church. \$5,795.00 is still needed of the \$8,000.00 budgeted for missions. \$640.00 is still needed of the \$3,000.00 Camp Okoboji Special Mission Project. Discussion was held on the 125th Anniversary plans. It will be celebrated the weekend of 08/20/23 and the theme verse is Hebrews 13:8. Pastor Manley is planning on coming in May. Motion made and carried for a thank offering and for the use of the penny fund. Motion made and carried to split it 75% to Lutheran Family Service and 25% for local projects. The local choices were the Jeremiah Fund and updates to the livestream equipment. Some funds may come from elsewhere for the livestream equipment, so by a simple majority vote the 25% will go to the Jeremiah Fund. Motion carried to make the 2023 special mission project the same as the thank offering. Discussion was held on the Spruce It Up list. Discussion on the 2023 budget was tabled. Motion carried to name the heads of the boards to be on the Nominating Committee. The next Council meeting will be November 10, and the next Voters meeting will be January 15. A motion to adjourn was made and carried. Pastor led the voters in praying the Lord's Prayer.