

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Throughout the Scriptures, God calls us to faithful service. As He repeats His commands to the people of Israel in Deuteronomy 13, we read,

“You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.” -Deut. 13:4

In addition to obedience to God, fearing Him, and keeping His commandments, we are called her to serve Him. Let us then consider together what it means to serve the Lord.

I have been reminded several times lately of the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 84. There we hear about the joy of serving in God's house.

“For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.” -Ps. 84:10

Here we are reminded what a joy it is to be a part of God's house. The psalmist can find joy in even the simplest of tasks: a doorkeeper in God's house. Serving the Lord doesn't have to involve us doing the most public or most important jobs. Serving the Lord can be as simple as being a greeter (in a way, the doorkeeper) at church.

This call to serve the Lord doesn't just come to us in the Old Testament though. Yes, God calls us to service through the giving of the commandments, but we hear that call to serve repeated in the New Testament as well. There St. Paul writes,

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” -1 Cor. 12:4-7

Each of us is gifted by God in different ways. I won't include for you here the whole list of gifts St Paul refereee to, but I encourage you to look up what St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12

about the different gifts God gives to His church.

Given the unique gifts God has given to each of us, we have each been called to serve in unique ways. As our previous psalm stated, some are called to be the doorkeepers in God's house: ushers, greeters, and so on. If we go back to Exodus though, we can see as God called people of all different trades to aid in the construction and maintenance of His house: carpenters, metal workers, textile workers, tailors and so forth. You can read all about the various skills and crafts involved in the construction of the tabernacle in Exodus 31.

Keeping this in mind, God calls on us all to serve in His house in various ways as well. He has gifted us with different abilities and as St Paul said in 1 Cor. 12, we are to use those gifts for the common good. In Ephesians 4, St Paul words it slightly differently, here listing some different gifts and positions God gives to His church,

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” -Eph. 4:11-13

The various gifts God has given us work together to build up the body of Christ.

So today I ask you to consider, how has God gifted you for service in His house? The church has many opportunities for serving the Lord. Perhaps God is calling you to serve on a board, helping to lead His church. Perhaps He is calling you to help with worship in His house, greeting, ushering, altar guild, and so on. Perhaps you are called to use your talents in His service like the craftsmen in Exodus. Whatever the case, I urge you to consider how you can serve the Lord in His house as He has called us all to do. May God bless us all as we serve Him with gladness!

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

RALLY SUNDAY



Sunday School classes will start on September 11 at 9:00 a.m. After the service on the 11th, we will have activities for the kids and a meal. All kids' pre-school to 8th grade are invited.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & HELPERS

On Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 pm there will be a Sunday School teachers & helpers meeting for anyone that would like to help for one Sunday or as many Sundays as you would like. All are welcomed.

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING

On Sunday, September 11th we will have a special offering basket in the back of church for our Special Mission (Camp Okoboji). Please join us in the fellowship hall after the service on September 11 to hear Kirk Warnke, Camp Okoboji Director and Izaak Wendorf, Discipleship Director talk about what is happening at Camp Okoboji. There will be a meal after the presentation.

This year our special mission is Camp Okoboji. Our goal is \$3,000. As of August 31, we have \$580.00 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/>

DRIVE UP COMMUNION

On Monday, September 5th & 19th there will be drive-up communion from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

CATECHISM

Catechism will start Wednesday, September 7th.
4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – 5th - 6th Grades Class
5:30 – 6:00 p.m. - Memory Work/Simple snack
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – 7th – 8th Grade Class

SUPPORT OUR CATECHISM FAMILIES

We need volunteers to provide a simple snack every Wednesday for our Catechism students from 5:30-6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is on the back table.

125 ANNIVERSARY PLANNING MEETING

On Monday, September 12 at 7:15 p.m. is our next 125 anniversary planning meeting. Everyone is welcome.



PLEDGES

All members are invited to fill out a pledge plan to help their own household plan to support their congregation. Pledge Plans are included in this newsletter. The cards can be filled out and returned by September 30th.



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, September 6th the Elder's Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, September 13th is the Church Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School was July 18-21. The theme for this year was "The Tree of Life, God's Promise of Salvation" There were about 32 kids that attended during the week. Each night they started with a meal and then had activities including: lessons, singing, craft & games. On the last night we had a closing program and potluck at the park. The kids shared what they learned during the week by singing some of the songs.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make this week a success.



YOUTH LOCK-IN



On July 22-23 after the Vacation Bible School potluck the 5th-12th grade youth had a lock-in. There were 13 youth that attended, they spent their night doing various activities: bible study, games, craft, and watched a movie.



Thank you to Pastor & Megan for organizing the event and pastor, Megan & Rick staying through the night.



During Vacation Bible School, the kids and volunteers surprised pastor with a birthday party for his 40th birthday.

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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POOL Party

On July 29th the congregation was invited to a pool party at the Mapleton pool. We had about 35 people in attendance. It was a great night and everyone had lots of fun.



YOUTH GARAGE SALE & BAKE SALE



We had a successful garage sale and bake sale. Thank you to all the people that donated items for the garage sale and baked for the bake sale. Also, thanks to everyone that helped before and during the sale.



125th ANNIVERSARY



During the Ute Fun Days, we have a float in the parade to announce that St. Paul's will be celebrating our 125th Anniversary in August of 2023.



More information about the 125th anniversary will be coming.

Thank you to everyone that helped with the float.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

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:

Patrick Ohlmeier, Marvin Koch	1
Lois Greder, Bailey Kuhlmann	2
Ray Gosch, Brendan Lane	3
Heather Rosburg	7
Derek Erlemeier	9
Gina Hull	10
Mark Goslar	13
Matt Kelm, Patience Winsor	14
Ella Fester	15
Arlis Petersen	17
Sara Folk	19
Micah Peitsch	20
Cody Rosburg	22
Sasha Hollander	23
Hannah Hageman	25
Grace Schaffer	26
Delaine Nelson	27
Roger Johnson -Heath Winsor	28
Trent Mordhorst	29
Tyler Leitz, Wyatt Kotalik, Christen Leitz	30
Keara Schofield	



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

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>

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

- September 27, 2022 – Tirzah Krey –
Latin America – 1:00 pm



Omelet Brunch

Join us in the Ginny DeWall Dining Hall for some yummy omelets and fellowship from 9:30am-1:00pm on the first Sunday of the month (Sept 4th and October 2nd)! Open to the public or anyone who likes good food! Free will donation!

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

Sept. 5-10 Rev. Merle Mahnken
Immanuel, Schleswig
Sept. 12-17 Rev. Chad Trunkhill
Our Savior/Bethlehem
Sept. 19-24 Rev. Richard Merrill
Multi-Point, Charter Oak

**Sept. 26 -Oct. 1 Rev. Nathan Peisch
St. Paul’s, Ute**

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

AUTOMATIC DEBIT - An automatic debit from your checking account to St. Paul’s account may be an option if you would like to give to the church on a regular basis or you just want to simplify our giving without writing a check each week or month. You can specify an amount and how often this amount should be transferred from your checking account to St. Paul’s account at Community Bank, and it will automatically be done for you. Your bank can help you fill out a short form. This debit can be stopped or changed at any time by contacting your bank. You will want to let the Treasurer know who is making this donation so she can credit you for income tax purposes.

GRAIN - As the harvest approaches, St. Paul’s Stewardship committee would like to remind the farmers that one option for giving is the gift of grain. A form is included in the newsletter if you want to do this. This gift is not tax deductible, but you will not declare the amount of the grain as income.