

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year, the beginning of April marks the ending of Lent. We begin this month with Holy Week and move right into our Easter celebration. And I can't help but picture your typical movie coach giving a pep talk to his team reminding them, "This is what it's all about!" St. Paul recognized this fact in 1 Corinthians 15. There we read,

"And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." - **1 Corinthians 15:14-17**

Without the death and resurrection of Christ, all that we do is in vain. Without Christ's resurrection we would be constantly reminded of how we don't measure up with no hope of fixing it. Without Christ's death for us, we would be held responsible for every infraction of God's righteous law.

The events of Holy Week and Easter are our reason for hope in the face of suffering, sin, and death itself. As we celebrate Palm Sunday, we rejoice in the King of Kings and Lord of Lords who has come to help and save His people. We see as the crowds recognize Jesus as the king of peace and they shout their glad hosanna's to Him. We see Him make His final fateful entrance into Jerusalem, the city about which Jesus himself states,

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'" - **Luke 13:34-35**

This of course is exactly what Jesus was going to Jerusalem for, that they might kill Jesus, the Word of God come down to earth for us all.

As Holy Week continues, we see Jesus in the upper room with His disciples. There He institutes for them and for us a meal we celebrate regularly to this day: The Lord's Supper. As we gather in worship we do as He commanded, doing this in remembrance of Him. In this meal He feeds us, forgives us, and promises us eternal life.

The very next day we celebrate Good Friday. A day I've heard many refer to as "Black Friday" although that's a very different "holiday". While some have questioned why we might call this day "good" St Paul reminds us in Romans 6 what makes this day good:

"For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God." - **Romans 6:10**

He died for sin, once for all. He has done this good thing for you and for me that we might be redeemed from our sins. He paid the ultimate price for our disobedience. What makes this day "good" is the good thing that Christ did for us as He hung His head and died on the cross for us all.

As our initial reading from 1 Corinthians 15 stated, however, all of this would be in vain if not for Easter. Easter assures us that it's all worth it. Because of Christ's resurrection, we are assured not just of our forgiveness, but of the resurrection hope that is ours. Because of Easter, we can have hope in the face of death. We can be confident in times of trouble, because we know that our Savior has died for us all and risen again, promising resurrection to our mortal bodies (Rom. 8:11).

With all this in mind, we rejoice together this month as we celebrate all the events of Holy Week and Easter. I look forward to seeing you all in worship as we celebrate our Savior's death and resurrection together. May the peace of sins forgiven and the joy of the resurrection fill you this month and always. Easter blessings to you all!
Pastor Nathan Peitsch

Ute Community Building
313 South Monona Ave. Ute, IA



A benefit concert for Saint Paul Lutheran's 125th Anniversary. Featuring Root Beer Floats and a silent auction!

Grateful Heart

Saturday April 1st • 7 PM

Tickets \$20 at the door or call Tammy at 712-265-1199

Please join us for this Ute area community celebration!

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We have begun taking pictures for the Church Directory. Please stop after the service to have your picture taken. If you need to schedule a different time, please call Bruce Mohr (712) 269-8771 or John Thies (712) 882-3379.



HOLY WEEK

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

On April 6th Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion will be at 7:00 p.m. at St Paul's. On April 7th Good Friday service will be at 7:00 p.m. at St. Matthew, Mapleton.

On April 9th Easter Sunrise service with Holy Communion will be held at 6:30 a.m. at St. Paul's, Easter breakfast after sunrise service, Sunday School will start at 9:00 a.m. There will be a 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service at St. Matthew, Mapleton.



Members are invited to bring an Easter lily to church Friday, April 7th or Saturday, April 8th. Please sign up on the sheets at either door by Sunday, April 2nd, so the names of those you wish to remember can be included in the Easter bulletin.



ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Elders Meeting will be Tuesday, April 4th at 6:30 p.m. and Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m.

On April 16th, there will be a Voters Meeting after the service.

Orphan Grain Train †

We will be collecting clothing for Orphan Grain Train during the month of April. Clothing must be in good shape – no tears or holes, all buttons in place and workable zippers. No toys wanted. Please place in bags (plastic) not paper.

Items will be taken to Ida Grove Orphan Grain Train collection site. Thank you for your donation & serving the Lord in this way.



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.



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

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| Apr. 3-8 | Rev. Merle Mahnken
Immanuel, Schleswig |
| Apr. 10-15 | Rev. Chad Trunkhill
Our Savior/Bethlehem |
| Apr. 17-22 | Rev. Richard Merrill
Multi-Point, Charter Oak |
| Apr. 24-29 | Rev. Nathan Peitsch
St. Paul's, Ute |

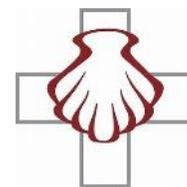
GOOD SHEPHERD HOUR

This program is a ½ hour worship service heard on Sioux City, KSCJ, 1360 AM, at 8:00 am.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

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 April are:

Kevin Hennings	1
Russell Rosburg, Jordan Thies	2
Charlee Mohr	5
Mercedes Rose	8
Jami Henschen,	9
Cassandra Chrispersen	
Irvin Thies	11
Ava Wood	13
Keith Meadows	14
Beau Mohr, Natasha Kelm	16
Rick Seieroe, Michael Greder,	18
Trevor Greder, Matthew Holbrook	
Kelton Mareau	19
Skylar Burroughs, Joan Trimpe	20
Samantha Sorensen	21
Caleb Creese, Brian Seieroe,	22
Andrew Kuhlmann, Marvin Gaines	
Tammy Bramley, Cameron Schofield,	24
Leah Schwery	
Isabelle Mohr, Gracelynn BeBout,	27
Porter BeBout	
Beth Ewoltd	28
Janelle Gray, Rodney Eneboe	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

125th ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

Next upcoming event is on May 21st, Rev. Marcus Manley will be preaching and meal after service.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Lenten suppers.



Thank you to all the people that contributed in any way to the bake sale on March 5 for the 125th celebration. We really appreciate everyone's help and donations!

Thank you!!



St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
VOTER'S MEETING AGENDA
Sunday April 16, 2023, after the service

Opening Prayer
 Corrections/Additions/Acceptance of Agenda
 Call to Order
 Previous Minutes

Pastor Peitsch
 Officers/Members
 Don Petersen
 Audrey Gust

Reports

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| (1) Treasurers Report | Deanna Sorensen |
| (2) Pastors Report/Announcements
- Easter | Pastor Peitsch |
| (3) Board of Elders
- Attendance-Worship/Communion | John Greder |
| (4) Board of Trustees
Livestream camera
Painting 2 rooms and garage | Jim Thies |
| (5) Board of Education/Youth
- Sunday School May 14 th - Last day of Sunday School
- Confirmation – May 7 th
- Vacation Bible School – July 16-19 | Rick Knuth |
| (6) Stewardship | Terri Mohr |

Old Business

- 125th Anniversary
- Directory
- Report on Annual Camp Okoboji
- Report on St. Matthew's, Mapleton Meeting

New Business

Next Meetings

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| - NEXT COUNCIL MEETING | May 9, 2022 | 7:00 PM |
| - NEXT VOTER'S MEETING | July 16, 2022 | After worship service |

Closing Prayer

Pastor Peitsch



We are taking donations for Camp Okoboji until April 9th. Our delegate that is going to the Annual Camp Okoboji meeting will take the groceries to camp on April 15th.



**Camp Okoboji Auxiliary
1531 Edgewood Drive
Milford IA 51351
712.337.3325**



CAMP GROCERY SHOWER!

NO PEAS PLEASE!

Bring large cans of green beans and corn Spaghetti sauce & carrots, our shelves do adore

Sliced black olives, mushrooms & large cans of fruit

To make Salads and desserts that will suit

Frostings, Sugar-brown & white
Large bags of cereal will surely delight

Bring sliced dill pickles & cream soup
Add zip lock bags-all sizes to the group

Bring your gifts to the Annual Meeting
Let's have cans stacked to the ceiling

With gifts God has blessed us, Let nothing hamper

To share the love of Jesus with every camper.

NOTE: Also needed

Dawn Dish Soap

HEFTY BRAND:

8 oz Styrofoam cups

Divided Styrofoam plates

CUB WEEK SCHOLARSHIP

The Camp Okoboji auxiliary will be giving away 6 scholarships for Cub/Jr High/Youth Weeks. You can pick up a scholarship application from the church office. The application needs to be completed & returned to Camp Okoboji by April 10th.

Camp Okoboji is committed to providing youth an experience within a temporary community using the outdoor setting and trained leaders to meet spiritual objectives. From their experience at Camp Okoboji, youth will be enriched in the faith, established in Christian Community, and equipped & emboldened to live out their faith in their regular routines of life. The following are Camp Okoboji's Youth Camps & their primary purposes:

KIDS' KAMP | (June 2-4) To provide K-2nd Grade Students & Families an experience in which they are introduced and acclimated to Camp Okoboji where physical & spiritual refreshment occurs.

CUB WEEK | (Cub week 1 June 25-29, Cub week 2 July 16-22) To provide 3-5th Grade students an experience within a Christian environment in which they are valued, create new friendships, learn about the faith in Christ, and participate in engaging activities.

JUNIOR HIGH WEEK | (July 9-15) To provide 6-8th Grade students an experience within a Christian environment in which they are valued, encouraged to build Christ-based friendships, participate in engaging activities, and are built up in the faith in Christ.

YOUTH WEEK | (July 23-29) To provide 8-12th Grade students an experience within a Christian environment in which they are valued, establish and build Christ-based friendships, participate in engaging activities, reflect upon their Christ-given identity & purpose in life, and challenged to develop Christian character.