

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we move into the month of August we are making final preparations for our big celebration of our 125th anniversary as a congregation. This marks 125 years of our church serving our Lord in this community. 125 years of His Words of Law and Gospel being proclaimed to us and to all those who gather in His house here.

What a joy to be able to celebrate this long legacy of sharing God's truth and love. Our church has seen countless baptisms, confirmations, new members, weddings, funerals, and so much more over the years as God carries out His work among us. Over the years we've seen our share of changes. We've added to our membership, our building, the parsonage has changed, the offices were added, the steps have been altered, trees removed, and new plants planted. Our texts have changed, we've seen several different hymnal variations, different translations of the Bible, and a variety of ministries.

Yet through it all, one thing has remained constant. God's Word continues to be our source of hope and life. God's Word continues to lead and guide all we do here. We study it in Bible Study. We teach it in Sunday School, VBS, and confirmation. We hear it read and proclaimed as we gather together in worship. Though the translations may change, the Word of God remains constant and powerful as He calls us to repentance and proclaims His forgiveness to us in Christ.

As I'm sure you've seen, our theme for this year is Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, and today, and forever." And so we have seen throughout the years. Jesus holds out to us the same forgiveness and life year after year. We gather to celebrate His unchanging truth throughout the year. We rejoice in His coming at Christmas and His wondrous works through the season of Epiphany. We recall all He did for us throughout Holy Week. We rejoice in His resurrection victory each Easter. We wait in hope at His ascension as we hear Him remind us that He will come again. And all through the season of Pentecost, we rejoice in the gift and work of the Holy Spirit whom our Lord sent as promised. Through it all we rejoice in our changeless Savior who has suffered, died, and risen for us.

Our church may have changed in some ways, but Christ stays the same. His message of forgiveness and life remains the same from year to year. And it will continue to be our hope and comfort in ages to come. Jesus remains the same for us today as He has for the past 125 years.

He has given us this message of life and hope to share into the years to come as well. He has promised us that He will remain the same forever. And so though our world may change around us in so many ways, our Savior's love for us does not change. He continues to watch over us, guarding us and keeping us in His grace and peace.

And so this month as our congregation gathers together to celebrate the 125 years of blessings God has showered on our congregation, may we remember this truth: that our Savior does not change. May we continue to gather together to hear His words of life and truth. May we gather in Bible Study to learn what God teaches us in His Holy Word. May we continue to gather together in Sunday School, at Christmas programs, and for VBS, that we may share God's unchanging truth with His children. And may we confess with the psalmist, "O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells." -Psalm 26:8

Jesus remains the same, but there is so much for us to learn of His Word, and His will for us, that we could spend all our life studying and still not know all there is to know about Him. And so with this in mind, as we celebrate the 125 years God has given us as a congregation here. May we continue to do as the disciples did in Acts 2, "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." -Acts 2:42 May we continue to meet together, to study together, and to serve together. As we serve our unchanging Lord, Jesus Christ, in the midst of a changing world. Praise God for the wondrous things He has done these past 125 years. May He bless us with many more to come as we serve Him here.

In His service,

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

# CHURCH GARAGE SALE

**141 GARAGE SALE:** Help raise money for our LYF and Sunday School. We need volunteers for the Hwy 141 garage sale August 4 and 5. The sale will be in the overflow room. We will accept donations anytime this week!!

**Sunday, July 30** Set up tables for the garage sale after service

**Tues, August 1<sup>st</sup> 2:00–5:00 p.m.** – Garage sale setup/pricing

**Wednesday, August 2 2:00–10:00 p.m.** Garage sale setup/pricing

**Thursday, August 3 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.** Garage sale setup/pricing

**Friday, August 4 8:00 – 5:30 p.m.** – 141 Garage Sales

**Saturday, August 5 8:00 – 5:30 p.m.** – 141 Garage Sale

Checkout during sale- we have openings for the following shifts to work the cash till.

Friday 8am-noon, noon-3pm, 3pm-5:30pm

Saturday 8am-2pm

Please comment below, call the church to let us know if you can help support our youth! Thank you!



**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
1898 Ute, Iowa 2023

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."*



*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and tomorrow"-  
Hebrews 13:8*

After a year of planning and having events, we are finally at the time to have our 125th celebration!! Please plan to attend all that has been planned for this Blessed time in our church history.

## **St Paul 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary August 18 - 20, 2023**

**Friday, August 18 – 7:00 PM** Open Time Capsule- Public Welcome!

Free Ice Cream Social on lawn

View St Paul's Historical Information & artifacts on display inside Church

**Saturday, August 19 2:00 PM** Float in Ute Fun Day's Parade-

Replica of St Paul's Church in Parade!

**Sunday, August 20 10:00 AM** 125<sup>th</sup> Worship Service-

IDW Pres. Rev Dr Steve Turner- Guest Speaker

**Sunday, August 20 11:30 AM** 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner-

Staley Chicken Dinner-**Free to Public!** –  
Ute Town & Country

## 125<sup>th</sup> COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRTS



Get your 125<sup>th</sup> commemorative T-shirt to celebrate our congregation's anniversary. Basic shirt is \$20.00

Order here:

<https://isntitonic.com/collections/st-pauls-lutheran-church-125th-celebration>

Or use your cell-phone camera to scan the QR code.

If you do not have access and would like to have a shirt contact Bruce Mohr (712-269-8771) along with your sizes.

### **SPECIAL MISSION PROJECT**

This year our Special Mission Project is the same as the 125<sup>th</sup> Thank Offering which is Lutheran Family Service and St. Paul's Jeremiah Fund. Our goal is \$3,000 to go to the Special Mission Project.

### **What is a Thank Offering?**

A gift in response and remembrance of God's past blessings!  
St Paul's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thank Offering Recipients are Lutheran Family Service and St. Paul's Jeremiah Fund.

### **How do I give to St Paul's Thank Offering?**

- Place your gift in the Penny Fund Jar at entrance of St Paul!
- Mail your Thank Offering gift to:  
-St Paul's Lutheran Church, 303 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Ute, Iowa, 51060.



## **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

On Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, Elder's Meeting will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, the Council Meeting will meet at 7:00 p.m.

## **CATECHISM**

Catechism students and parents there will be a catechism information meeting on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School will start September 10, 2023 with a KICK OFF and end May 19, 2024 with a BLOW OUT. Sign-up sheet is on the back table. Lesson plans and materials will be provided and are downloadable. One a month there will be a craft day. Sign Ups sheets for that will be separate from teachers and helpers. Sign up as much as you want!

## **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.

## **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.

## **BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST**

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:

### **August Baptismal Birthdays:**

Larry Meadows, Teddy Nutt	1
Thomas Sorensen	2
Ashley Ewoldt, Macie Rubida	3
Bill Creese	6
Ramona Pithan	7
Pastor Nathan Peitsch	8
Brock Nelson, Melissa Josephsen	10
Jeanette Urwiler	14
Shawn Goslar, Audrey Christophersen	15
Terry Watke	16
Tadd Eneboe, Chris Thies	17
Henry Buschmann Jr.	23
Jacquelin Marth, Joyce Mordhorst,	25
Harvey Thies, Henry Mohr	
Tanis Watke	26
Katie Schaffer	27
John Greder, Brynn Leitz	28
Karen Koch, Judy Meadows	29
Jerod Thies	30
Becky Mordhorst	31



## **SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS**

August 6 – Hank Buschmann (87 yrs old)  
August 14 – Ella Fester (94 yrs old)  
August 16 – Karen McCall (80 yrs old)  
August 17 – Arlis Petersen (91 yrs old)

## **SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES**

August 9 – Chuckie & Sara Purcell (20 yrs)  
August 31 – Ray & Sharon Gosch (60 yrs)

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School was July 16-19. The theme for this year was "God's Living Water" Each night they started with a meal and then had activities including: lessons, singing, craft & games. Their donations for the week went to the 125<sup>th</sup> Penny Fund. 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



## SUNDAY IN THE PARK – July 23

What a great day we had last Sunday in the park. Thank you to all that helped get everything ready and special thanks to Gary McCall & Lyle Bramley for cooking the hamburger and hot dogs. A lot of pies were flying to help raise money for the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration. Thank you to the volunteers that took the pie in the face (Bruce, Pastor, Emily, John).



# PIE IN THE FACE







Thank you Lynette

Plaque says

"Presented to Lynette Thies

In recognition of 54+ Years of humble service

as Organist and Accompanist at

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

1969-2023

**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 2023**  
 LCMS World Mission 40718 Highway E16  
 Mapleton, IA 51034 712-882-1029 Gary Thies  
 (gary.thies@lcms.org) www.missioncentral.us

- August 5, 2023 – David Baker family – Asia – 1:00 pm

**“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

Aug. 7-12 Rev. Merle Mahnken

Immanuel, Schleswig

Aug. 14-19 Rev. Chad Trunkhill

Our Savior/Bethlehem

Aug. 21-26 Rev. Richard Merrill

Multi-Point, Charter Oak

**Aug. 28-Sept. 2 Rev. Nathan Peitsch**

**St. Paul's, Ute**

**Junior Youth Gathering**



October 21-22, 2023

"Teach Us To Pray"

Bible Verse: Psalm 105:1

**Senior Youth Gathering**



Date: November 17-19, 2023

Topic: Ready, Set, Go

Theme Verse: Matt 28:19-20a

## July 16, 2023, Voters Meeting Recap

The meeting opened with prayer, and the minutes of the previous 04/16/23 quarterly meeting and the 05/14/23 and 07/02/23 special voters meetings were printed out for everyone to read. Motion carried to approve the minutes. Deanna was not in attendance, but the Treasurer's Report for 04/01/23-06/30/23 was on printouts for everyone to review. The Front Steps Fund will be moved to help pay for the sidewalk concrete project, and the 1998 Ministry Fund will be disbursed in August to the Endowment Fund in St. Louis. Motion carried to approve the Treasurer's Report. Pastor reported that he confirmed three students in May, and he was the devotion leader for Cub Week at Camp Okoboji the last week in June. Our VBS is starting today, and St. Matthew's VBS was held last week. Wednesday Bible Class and shut-in visits are continuing, and Pastor hopes to start the Sunday morning Bible study in the near future. Matthew Harrison was reelected as President of the LCMS. Attendance figures for June were given. Six members transferred in, one transferred out, a Baptism was held earlier in the spring, and another Baptism will be held in a couple of weeks. A couple of people are interested in attending a new member class. The elders deferred some of their work on constitutional changes to prioritize St. Matthew's. The trustees got the new camera system installed and will get three rooms in the church painted this week. The concrete project went over the estimate approximately \$2,000.00, and a concrete pad was installed at the parsonage for \$1,125.00, so the total cost was around \$8,200.00. Pastor was willing to pay for the pad but the trustees recommended that the church pay for that, and discussion was held with a motion made and carried that the church pay the total bill and overage. John Greder will talk to Deanna about moving the balance of the step fund to the memorial fund. The trustees were waiting for estimates and contractors, so they had nothing yet to report on the roof repair. A motion was made and carried to get the ash trees treated. VBS starts tonight and continues through Wednesday with a meal and activities at the park. The 2023-2024 Sunday School curriculum has been selected, and the teacher and helper signup sheets were reviewed by the Board of Ed. They will continue to review the situation, and there is a possibility of not having Sunday School when there are no volunteers. The board hopes to have the Sunday School kids come up with items to put in the new time capsule. The time capsule was discussed, and a motion was made and carried for the church to pay for the vault and stone with a cap of \$1,000.00. Pastor Wolfram from Lutheran Family Services was here May 28 and \$620.00 was collected. The 125<sup>th</sup> Committee is able now to pay back the \$1,000.00 seed money to the congregation, and since the treasurer was not in attendance Gary McCall handed the check to Pastor. Printouts of the upcoming events were handed out. The 125<sup>th</sup> Committee asked permission of the congregation to display the contents of the time capsule at the Ute Town and Country building during the celebration there on 8/20/23, and to display artifacts and historical documents in the Sunday School rooms the evening of the capsule opening. Motion was made and carried. Special features will be in the Press, and the church float has been prepared. T-shirts are available to order as a fundraiser for the church. The updated contact information for the directory is being entered in the software and everything will be sent to the printer, so the directories are expected to be ready by the end of the month. A special voters meeting was held July 2 giving Pastor permission to continue being St. Matthew's vacancy pastor until the end of the year and to be the SMP supervising pastor for John Stacy. Pastor spoke briefly about what will be happening at St. Matthew's. Randy Fowser from St. Louis Seminary will be here August 13. The last funds in the 1998 Ministry Fund are maturing, and we hope to have a check ready for Randy that day to add to our endowment fund at St. Louis. Randy Fowser and President Turner will meet sometime and discuss if John Stacy could be eligible to use some of our fund. Some discussion was held on the Care Committee. If anyone knows of someone who needs help, they should get in touch with Pastor and he will contact the committee. The Sunday School Superintendent position still is vacant, and Pastor spoke on the idea discussed at council of having the person elected in January but not starting the position until the Sunday School year starts. The next Council meeting will be August 15, and the next voters meeting will be October 15. A motion to adjourn was made and carried. Pastor led the voters in praying the Lord's Prayer.