

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year as our congregation celebrates 125 years as St Paul's Lutheran Church of Ute, we rejoice in the many years God has blessed us here with His Word and Sacraments. As we begin the month of February one of the big holidays many people are thinking about for this month is Valentines Day. This is a day set aside to celebrate love. With this holiday and our 125th anniversary in mind, I call your attention to these words from Hebrews 10:

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Heb. 10:23-25

Throughout the years St Paul's has been held fast by the Holy Spirit to the confession of our hope. We stir up one another to love and good works. Serving as God's people here, we encourage one another, we work together to serve our loving Lord, and we share His love with one another, our community, and our world.

The love God has shown us enables us to love one another. It helps us to stir each other up. It inspires us to gather together as God's people for worship and for fellowship. Throughout this year, we have various activities planned: a soup cook off, worship services with guest preachers, concerts, dinners, and so many other opportunities for us to gather together as the writer of Hebrews encourages us above. Meeting together is a wonderful way for us as God's children to continue to stir each other up toward love and good works. This

year, we work together to support our special mission projects for our 125th anniversary and the 2023 year: Lutheran Family Services and our own Jeremiah Fund.

As we celebrate this year, as we stir up one another toward love and good works, we work together as God's children that His love might be shared. After all, the love we seek to stir up in one another is not our own, it is God's love, as we hear from 1 John 4:

"In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." 1 John 4:10
Because God loved us, we stir up love among the rest of the body of Christ. We do this as we gather together in His name for worship and fellowship. And with this in mind we look ahead to another celebration later in the month of February, Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday is a day we set aside to remember and repent of our sins, how we have failed to love as we ought. On this day we recall God's command to love the Lord with all our heart soul mind and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Yet even as we reflect on our failure to love as we ought, we remember the great love God has shown us in sending His Son, Jesus to die for us and rise again. As St John said above, "not that we have loved God but that He loved us."

This month, as you find yourself thinking about love, remember the love God has shown to us all. Remember how He has blessed our congregation with 125 years of His great love. Remember how He loved us and gave His Son as the payment for us all.
May His love be with you always,
Pastor Nathan Peitsch

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you would like to get your own Lutheran Witness the cost of one year subscription is \$26.16. This new subscription will start with the May issue. Just place your \$26.16 in cash or check (payable to St. Paul's) in an envelope (marked with your name and for Lutheran Witness) and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office before February 19th. The church will also have 2 to 3 copies that you can borrow.



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

You can pick up the 2022 Annual Report from the back table in church.



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MONTHLY MEETINGS

The monthly meetings will be Tuesday, February 7th with Elders Meeting at 6:00 p.m. and Council Meeting following at 7:00 p.m.



LYF

On Sunday, February 12th there will be a LYF Bible study after the worship service.

On February 26th LYF will have a meeting after the service.



125th ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

The next 125th Anniversary planning meeting will be on Monday, February 6th at 7:00 p.m.

OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

Those elected as officers or board members included:

Elder: Gary McCall

Trustee: Andy Kuhlmann

Board of Education: Angie Kroll

Chairman: John Greder

Secretary: Audrey Gust

Treasurer: Deanna Sorensen

Stewardship Secretary: Tammy Bramley

Auditing Committee: Lois Greder, Linda Riddle, Dave Seieroe

Endowment Fund: Joan Neddermeyer

Financial Committee: Audrey Gust, Becky Mordhorst, Denny Mordhorst, Bruce Mohr, Terri Mohr, Linda Riddle, Dave Seieroe, Linda Seieroe, Elaine Vogt, John Thies, Lois Greder, Harvey Thies

We give thanks for the faithful service of those who have completed their terms:

Elders – John Greder

Trustee – Ted Nutt

Board of Education – Megan Peitsch

SS Superintendent: Tina Bernholtz

Chairman: Don Petersen

Stewardship Secretary: Terri Mohr



CATECHISM

During lent, starting February 22, Catechism class times will be:

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. - 5 & 6 Grades

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - 7 & 8 Grades



ASH WEDNESDAY

“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” On February 22nd we will have our Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm. with supper served a During the service we will place ashes on our foreheads in the sign of the cross to reflect on the prayerful and penitential season of the church year.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Mid-week Lenten Services schedule will be split between St. Paul's & St. Matthew. St. Paul's will be service supper from 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Lenten Service schedule is:

February 22 -Ash Wed. - St. Paul's – 7:00 p.m.

March 1 – St. Matthew – 7:15 p.m.

March 8 – St. Paul's – 7:00 p.m.

March 15 - St. Matthew – 7:15 p.m.

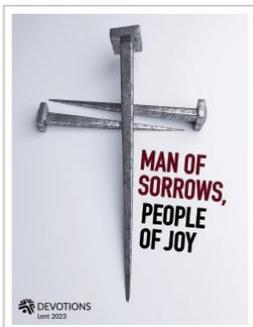
March 22 – St. Paul's – 7:00 p.m.

March 29 - St. Matthew – 7:15 p.m.



LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Every year Lutheran Hour Ministries makes available Lenten devotions. Copies of this devotion can be picked up from the back table in church.



Man of Sorrows, People of Joy paints a revealing picture of Jesus as He winds His way to the cross. Using Matthew's Gospel as its source, we see Jesus as teacher, healer, comforter, and Savior. Our Shepherd's crucifixion and resurrection now make joy and true life available to His followers—to those who through faith entrust their lives to Him. Our Lord Jesus, though divine in nature, took on human form and thus became intimately acquainted with our griefs and sorrow (see Isaiah 53:1-6). That God would send His Son to bear our sins and die on our behalf is testament to God's unbounded love—a love that declares believers innocent through the Savior's triumphant resurrection.

MISSING SLOW COOKER: A slow cooker is missing from the church kitchen. If anyone has it or has knowledge of where it is, please bring it back or contact us. Thank you



DRIVE UP COMMUNION

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



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

Feb. 6-11	Rev. Mark Kluzek St. John, Kiron/Faith, Deloit
Feb. 13-18	Rev. William Wrede Zion, Denison
Feb. 20-25	Rev. Merle Mahnken Immanuel, Schleswig
Feb. 27-Mar. 4	Rev. Chad Trunkhill Our Savior/Bethlehem

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 FEBRUARY

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 February are:

Keri Lane, Steven Thies	1
Kailea Ewoldt	2
Warren Thies, Brooklyn Leitz	4
Mark Bretthauer, Ryan Pithan	6
James Pohlman	8
Megan Peitsch	9
Becky Miller	10
Dennis Mordhorst	11
Kim Lane	12
Ethan Kuhlmann	13
Misty Rose, Tobias Teut	14
David Meadows	18
Brenner Jung	19
Torii Rose	20
Jane Ohlmeier, Linda Seieroe,	
Rustie Pithan	22
Gary Goslar	23
Emily Sorensen	27
Hailee Meadows	28



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

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.



YOUTH CAMPS!

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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | To provide 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.

January 15, 2023, Voters Meeting Recap

The meeting opened with prayer, and the minutes of the previous 10/16/2022 meeting and the 12/18/22 special voters meeting were printed out for everyone to read. Motion carried to approve the minutes. The Treasurer's Report for 2022 was presented. Motion carried to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ballots were passed out and everyone voted on the slate of candidates for 2023. Pastor reported that Advent services went well, and he enjoyed doing the "Jesse Tree" theme. There are 14 kids in Catechism classes, and Confirmation is planned for May. He is preparing for Lenten services. Nine kids attended the Junior High Youth Gathering and one went to the Senior Gathering. He is continuing serving St. Matthew's. Attendance figures for October, November, and December were given. The endowment fund with Concordia Seminary in St. Louis has been completed and signed. The trustees reported that the stump was ground up and some work was done in the downstairs bathroom with a sink and vanity being donated. The Sunday School kids held a Jesus's Birthday Party and also did Christmas caroling around town. The Christmas Eve program went very well, and some instrumental music was added this year. \$2,485.00 of the \$3,000.00 Camp Okoboji Special Missions Project was reached. \$3,034.00 was raised for Ukraine relief. 2023 envelopes are available to pick up and there will be a sign-up sheet for the 2024 envelopes. August 20, 2023, is the date of the 125th Anniversary celebration and meal, with President Turner as the speaker. Pastor Manley will be here May 21, 2023. A thank offering is being collected, with 75% going to Lutheran Family Service and 25% going to the Jeremiah Fund. Various fund raisers are being planned, such as a soup cookoff, a pie auction and "pie in the face" fundraiser, and a gospel quartet night. Work is being done on getting a church directory put together. Motion was made and carried to have John Thies be St. Paul's lay delegate to vote for LCMS President. Motion was made and carried to take \$1,000.00 out of undesignated memorial money and \$1,000.00 from the general fund to apply to the 2022 Mission Budget. \$8,000.00 had been pledged, while only \$4,000.00 was received. Election results: Elder-Gary McCall. Trustee-Andy Kuhlman. Education-Angie Kroll. Chairman-John Greder. Secretary-Audrey Gust. Treasurer-Deanna Sorensen. Stewardship Secretary-Tammy Bramley. Auditing Committee-Linda Riddle, Lois Greder, Dave Seieroe. Endowment Fund-Joan Neddermeyer. SS Superintendent-none. Finance Committee-Lois Greder, Audrey Gust, Becky Mordhorst, Denny Mordhorst, Bruce Mohr, Terri Mohr, Linda Riddle, Linda Seieroe, Dave Seieroe, Elaine Vogt, John Thies, Harvey Thies. Installation of officers will be next Sunday. The letter from St. Matthew's which was previously read was discussed and the makeup of the committee. Five members of the Council would agree to be on the committee to listen to what St. Matthew's proposes and bring that information back to St. Paul's. Some others volunteered, and all the name were put on a ballot. A motion was made and carried to limit the number to five. Bruce Mohr, John Thies, Gary Goslar, Audrey Gust, and Jim Thies were the five who received the most votes, and a motion was made and carried to accept these five names. A motion to adjourn was made and carried. Pastor thanked the officers who were completing their terms and led the voters in praying the Lord's Prayer.