

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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July 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For many of you, I imagine your summer plans are getting into full swing as we enter the month of July: vacations, sports, grill outs, family time, summer camps, and the list goes on. Summer is often seen as a time to take a much needed break and get away from the stresses of work and the like. And so it's great to get a chance to step away for a time to refresh and recharge.

We see this very thing happening in the story of Elijah. He prevailed over hundreds of the prophets of Baal, and then, cast out and worn out, Elijah runs away and comes to rest under a broom tree. There we find him in 1 Kings 19:

"And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again." - 1 Kings 19:7-8

I can't help but think of a snicker's commercial when I read this passage. Someone is whining and complaining and a friend hands them a snickers bar and suddenly they're back to normal. Elijah needed a break and a meal. Essentially Elijah went on vacation. But on that vacation, Elijah doesn't get away from God.

Right after this story of Elijah being fed by the angel and taking his rest under the broom tree, Elijah arrives at a cave and there the Lord promises to speak to him. Elijah could run as far away as he wanted, but he wasn't getting away from the Lord. I'm reminded of one of my favorite passages from the psalms:

"If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even

there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me." Ps. 139:9-10

The psalmist recognizes, there's no where he can go to get away from the Lord. And so it is for us. We may go away on vacation, we may even travel to the other side of the world, but we can't leave the Lord behind.

And so with that in mind, though we are in the midst of our summer vacation, don't leave the Lord behind. Stay in His Word. God gives us so many opportunities and different ways to be in the Word. We can read it in our Bibles or even through apps on our phones. We can hear it preached on Sundays (or any other day of the week through the technologies available to us). We can study it and learn it through Bible Study, whether that's personal study or in a group.

Of course, for our children, though Sunday School has ended for the year, we look forward to celebrating Vacation Bible School this month. Remembering the command Jesus gave His disciples in Matthew:

"Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."" - Matthew 19:14

You can even be a part of this ongoing sharing of God's Word as there is always need for more volunteers for VBS and Sunday School.

So as your summer heats up and your schedule fills up, no matter where you are, remember to make time for God's Word. Study it. Hear it. And share it whenever and wherever you can.

May God bless your summer,  
Pastor Nathan Peitsch

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Join us for VBS  
Sunday July 16 - Tuesday July 18  
5:30pm-8pm  
Meal served at 5:30, VBS at 6pm

VBS Closing Program and Potluck  
Wednesday July 19 at 6pm

VBS Registration is open for youth grades potty-trained through finished 5th grade.

## **Registration Options:**

- Facebook page: [facebook.com/stpaulsute](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsute)
- Online at: <https://vbsmate.com/events/StPaulsUte/28057>
- Paper copies can be picked up on the back table at church
- Forms will be available at VBS each night as well

Please talk to VBS Director Megan Peitsch or Pastor or Board of Ed (Rick Knuth, Lois Greder, Angie Kroll) if you would like to help.



## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

1898 Ute, Iowa 2023

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



**Wow** our big celebration is coming up fast!!!

Pastor Manley gave us a very moving sermon on the "Past" part of our church event!

Pastor Peitsch is giving a special sermon on July 23rd to celebrate our church in the "present"! To make this even more special it will be an outdoor service at the Ute Park! The 125th Committee will be barbecuing burgers and hotdogs after the service there will be games for the kiddos and adults, with a special game of pie in the face.



Pastor Peitsch, President John Greder, Head Elder Bruce Mohr, and our sweet little secretary Emily Sorensen will be the victims....ummmm volunteers !!!

Children under 10 years of age can give a \$5.00 and adults \$10 to throw a pie at one of our brave volunteers (all other park games are free)

This event will be the last before the big celebration so we're trying to make it as fun for the whole family as possible. Please set the date aside to join in fun and fellowship!



### Upcoming 125<sup>th</sup> Special Worship Services

*"Jesus Christ is the same..."*

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Today – *Rev. Nathan Peitsch*

August 20<sup>th</sup> – Forever – *Rev. Dr. Steve Turner*

## 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. As of May 30, we have \$665.00 in donations. Let's work together the next 6 months to reach our goal.

### **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...

### **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.



### **Lutheran Family Services (LFS)**

- **2022 is LFS 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**
- **All Services** are State and Nationally Accredited
- **20 Locations** within Iowa
- **LFS Serves** all 99 Iowa Counties in Iowa
- **LFS Focus** is on support and counseling for...
  1. Adoption Services
  2. Pregnancy Help
  3. Marriage Counseling
  4. Mental Health Counseling
  5. Parental Support Services
  6. Behavioral Health for Youth
  7. Early Childhood Resources
  8. Disability Services



### **St Paul's Jeremiah Fund (JF)**

- **Jeremiah Fund** - established at St Paul in 2007
- **Jeremiah Fund's Mission Statement** – "To encourage and provide spiritual growth opportunities to the youth of St Paul" (*Youth- Elementary, Jr High, High School, and College levels*)
- **How are Spiritual Growth Opportunities provided?** JF's financial grants enable St Paul's youth to attend LCMS Servant Events and Youth Gatherings at State, National and International levels.
- **Servant Events** and **Youth Gatherings** can be life changing events!

## **QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

On Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, Council Meeting will meet at 7:00 p.m. The Voter's meeting will be Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> after the worship service in the fellowship hall.

## **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 for that will be separate form teachers and helpers. Sign up as much as you want!

## **"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

July 3-8	Rev. Chad Trunkhill Our Savior/Bethlehem
July 10-15	Rev. Richard Merrill Multi-Point, Charter Oak
<b>July 17-22</b>	<b>Rev. Nathan Peitsch</b> <b>St. Paul's, Ute</b>
July 24-29	Rev. Mark Kluzek St. John, Kiron/Faith, Deloit
July 31-Aug 5	Rev. William Wrede Zion, Denison

## **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**

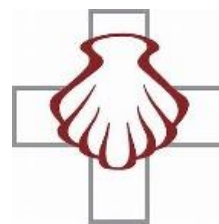
Main Street Living is a television ministry of the Lutheran churches of Missouri-Synod and of the Iowa West District. The worship service is on Sundays at 10 am on channel 9 KCAU, the ABC Network from Sioux City.

## **BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY**

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:

### **July Baptismal Birthdays:**

Lyle Kelm	1
Bette Amunson	2
Kellen Anderson, Debra Nutt,	7
James Thies	
Teagyn Greder	10
Deanne Hanson	11
Henry Kelm	12
Nathan Mohr	13
Nina Hull	16
Bill Urwiler, Jase BeBout	17
Raylyn Kelm	18
Phillip Hinds	20
Elizabeth Jones	21
Brook (Bretthauer) Shufflebarger	22
Terri Mohr	23
Carmen Schaffer, Jenikka Schaffer,	24
Xavier Schaffer	
Derek Meadows, Nicholas Meadows,	26
Jasmine Schaffer	
Dorothy Gust	29
Kenneth Amunson, Gordon Carritt,	30
Brittany Christiansen	



## **SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS**

July 18 – Jeanette Urwiler (85 yrs old)  
July 27 – Joyce Vinke (80 yrs old)  
July 28 – Joyce Mordhorst (88 yrs old)

## **SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES**

July 12 – Leonard & Joan Trimpe (60 yrs)  
July 29 – Bill & Jeanette Urwiler (61 yrs)

## **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

## **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.

## **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

- July 8, 2023 – The Clausing family – Tanzania – 1:00 pm
- July 15, 2023 – Rev. Steve Oliver and family – Taiwan – 1:00 pm
- July 22, 2023 – The Paul family – Taiwan – 1:00 pm
- July 22, 2023 – Andrew and Noel Schaff – Taiwan – 1:30 pm

## **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>



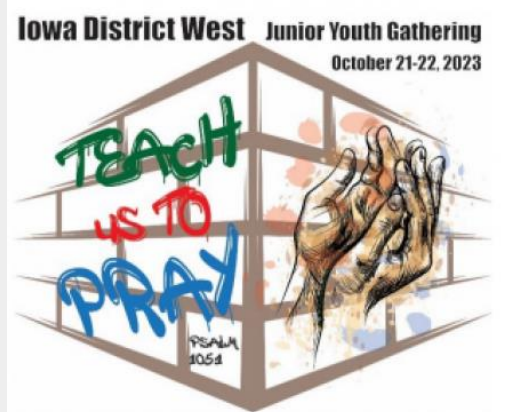
**CUB WEEK** | (Cub week 2 July 16-22) 3-5th Grade students

**JUNIOR HIGH WEEK** | (July 9-15) 6-8th Grade students

**YOUTH WEEK** | (July 23-29) 8-12<sup>th</sup> Grade students

www.campokoboji.com

## **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

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN YOUTH

# DONATIONS WANTED

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Our VBS, Sunday School, and LYF are collecting donations to sell as a fundraiser during the Hwy 141 Garage Sale. Donations can be dropped off in the basement storage room marked with the Hwy 141 donation sign. Larger donations can be picked up by appointment. Please contact the Church office or Megan Peitsch for further information.





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

Opening Prayer	Pastor Peitsch
Corrections/Additions/Acceptance of Agenda	Officers/Members
Call to Order	John Greder
Previous Minutes	Audrey Gust

**Reports**

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| (1) Treasurers Report  | Deanna Sorensen |
| (2) Pastors Report/Announcements   | Pastor Peitsch  |
| (3) Board of Elders<br>- Attendance-Worship/Communion  | Bruce Mohr      |
| (4) Board of Trustees<br>Livestream camera<br>Painting 2 rooms and garage<br>Replace of sidewalk<br>Parsonage cement<br>Roof damage? | Jim Thies       |
| (5) Board of Education/Youth<br>Vacation Bible School – July 16-19<br>Sunday School teachers/helpers                                 | Rick Knuth      |
| (6) Stewardship<br>May 28- Guest Preacher Pastor Wolfram – Lutheran Family Service   | Tammy Bramley   |

**Old Business**

- 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 125<sup>th</sup> T-Shirts
- Directory
- Report on St. Matthew's, Mapleton

**New Business**

- Endowment/Concordia Seminary
- Sunday School Superintendent

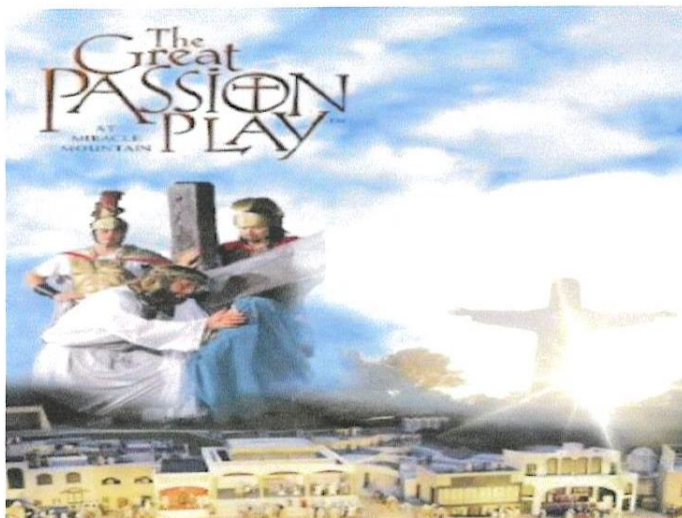
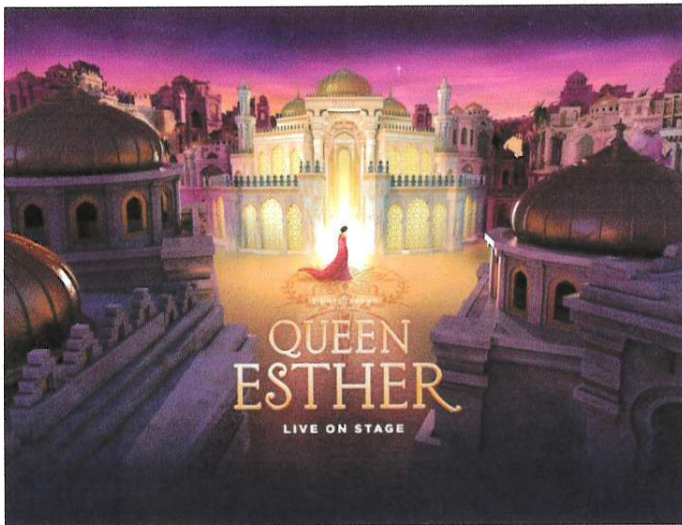
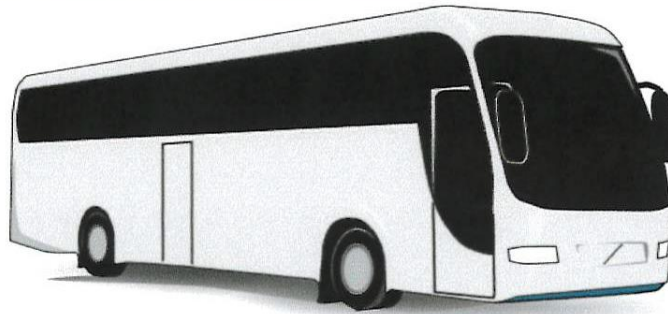
**Next Meetings**

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| - NEXT COUNCIL MEETING | <b>August 15, 2023</b>  | <b>7:00 PM</b>                               |
| - NEXT VOTER'S MEETING | <b>October 15, 2023</b> | <b>After worship service/fellowship hall</b> |

<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Pastor Peitsch</b>
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# "Queen Esther" & "Passion Play" Branson & Eureka Springs Travel Camp September 6-10, 2023

FOR ALL AGES!



**Save the dates now!!**

**Single Occupancy: \$1,040 per person.**

**Double/Multiple Occupancy: \$840 per person**

**Cost includes bus travel, hotel accommodations, admission tickets, daily breakfasts, 3 lunches & 3 evening meals, driver gratuity and all taxes & fees!**

**Hotels will include a complimentary breakfast and free WiFi.**

**Registration form available with Travel Camp brochure. Print, complete and mail to the Camp.**

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