

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We begin this month with the celebration of Holy Trinity Sunday. This is a day set aside for us to consider the mystery of the divine Trinity, God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And to help us in this reflection on the Trinity, many churches recite in some form the Athanasian Creed (aka the long creed). This creed tries in various ways to teach and summarize our belief about the Trinity and the person of Jesus Christ.

Credo's have been used this way throughout the ages. Each of our three credo's addresses different aspects of our belief. In the Apostles' Creed, we focus on the basics of the faith passed down to us by the apostles. In the Nicene Creed, some aspects of the person and work of Christ are dealt with due to a disagreement that was resolved at the Council of Nicea. And as mentioned above, the Athanasian Creed helps to explain our believe in the Trinity.

This covers what the credo's are and their purpose, but why do we recite them so often? Why have our confirmands memorize one? I believe St Paul summarizes it quite well in 1 Thessalonians 2 where we read,

"For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts." - 1 Thess. 2:3-4

We speak not to please men but to please God. We confess this faith together so that we might be equipped to confess this saving gospel to a world that needs to hear it.

I am also drawn the the words of St Paul in 2 Corinthians 4.

"Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that

as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God." - 2 Cor. 4:13-15

We believe and so we speak. St Paul makes it clear why we confess together it is because of the faith that we share. This faith compels us to speak so that we may bring glory to God as we give thanks to Him for all that He has done for us and taught us.

As God's children, we are encouraged to be ready to speak of our faith, as we heard recently in church from St Peter,

"but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect" - 1 Pet. 3:15

And the credo's provide us with a ready answer for the hope that is in us. They serve as a simple (or in the case of the Athanasian Creed, the best we can manage) explanation of what we believe about God and what He has done for us.

Finally, we have this last encouragement from Christ himself in John 3, "Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony." - John 3:11

Here Jesus is talking specifically to Nicodemus but His encouragement is for us all: to speak of what we know and bear witness to what we have seen. We know thee salvation Christ has won for us. We have seen as He washes, feeds, forgives, and cares for His children. Knowing these things, we are encouraged to speak of them whenever we can. So no matter what Sunday it is, Trinity Sunday and a time for the Athanasian Creed, communion Sunday and a time for the Nicene Creed, or some other day and you're reciting the Apostles' Creed, may we boldly speak of what we know that we may give glory to God for what He has done for us.

In Christ,
Pastor Nathan Peitsch

MONTHLY MEETING

Elders Meeting is Tuesday, June 6th at 6:30 p.m.
Council Meeting is Tuesday, June 13th at 7 PM.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please mark your calendar for July 16-19, evenings for Vacation Bible School. VBS is for all kids ages 3 to 4th Grade. 5th Grade and up are encouraged to volunteer as helpers during VBS. Please talk to pastor or Board of Ed (Rick Knuth, Lois Greder, Angie Kroll) if you would like to help.



ADDRESS UPDATES

For the completion of the directory, we need everyone to provide updated addresses and contact information. Includes in the newsletter is a form you can fill out that you can drop off at church. You can also go to <https://www.stpaulsute.org/125th-anniversary-in-2023.html> or our Facebook page and click on the link to fill out the form. Please have the form returned by June 15th.



CHURCH RECORDS

Confirmed

May 7, 2023 - Landen Meseck, Micah Peitsch & Grace Schaffer

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE

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 June are:

Jenelle Conto	1
Brett Mohr	4
Kent Seieroe	5
Dolly Krohn	6
Kyle Bumsted, Max Kelm	10
Gary McCall	13
Jerry Thies	15
Neal Bartels	17
Jayne & Kyle Savery, Skye Grindle	19
Linda Plough, Kenley Creese	20
John McCall	22
Morgan Teut, Kerry Vinke	23
Teri Hinrichsen, William Sorensen	24
Mardi Goslar	27
Jennifer Lynn	28
Calliyah Mareau	29
Nancy Edmundson	30
Millie Christophersen	



SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

June 4 – Nancy Edmundson (88 yrs old)
June 20 – Dorothy Gust (95 yrs old)

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

June 2 – Harvey & Lynette Thies (50 yrs)
June 4 – George & Gina Hull (40yrs)
June 8 – Don & Teresa Mordhorst (55 yrs)
June 24 – Keith & Becky Meadows (45 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

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 in church. 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 from teachers and helpers. Sign up as much as you want!



NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

The newsletter this month is sponsored by Donna & Norman Timm's family in memory of Donna & Norman Timm (their anniversary June 8 & mom's birthday June 14).

Please contact the office if you'd like to sponsor the newsletter. The cost is \$37.



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

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

The Committee want to thank the congregation for all their support so far, it's greatly appreciated and we should have a very successful 125th celebration in August!

Upcoming 125th Special Worship Services

"Jesus Christ is the same..."

July 23rd – Today – *Rev. Nathan Peitsch*

August 20th – Forever – *Rev. Dr. Steve Turner*

What is a Thank Offering?

A gift in response and remembrance of God's past blessings!

St Paul's 125th Anniversary Thank Offering

Recipients are...

Lutheran Family Services (LFS)

- **2022 is LFS 130th 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!

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 4th Street, Ute, Iowa, 51060.

Sunday, May 21, 2023 Baccalaureate Sunday and the first of three Special Worship Services for the 125th Anniversary.

“Jesus Christ is the same... Yesterday...”

Guest preacher for that Sunday was Rev. Marcus Manley followed by a potluck meal. Elders cooked hamburgers and hot dogs.



On Memorial Day the 125th served a light lunch from the Ute Senior Center for everyone to enjoy. They served hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and bars. Thank you to everyone that helped and donated.



SPECIAL MISSION PROJECT

On Sunday May 28th we had a guest preacher and post-worship speaker Pastor Michael Wolfram from Lutheran Family Service. Lutheran Family Service is our Special Mission Project and 125th Thank Offering.



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

- June 3, 2023 – Ruth and Rev. Gustavo Malta – Puerto Rico – 1:00 pm
- June 3, 2023 – J.P Cima and family – Cambodia – 1:30 pm
- June 6, 2023 – Jana Englehart – Dominican Republic – 2:00 pm
- June 10, 2023 – Gerald and Heidi Paul – Cayman Islands – 1:00 pm
- June 10, 2023 – Rev. Walter and Robyn Steele – Kenya East Africa – 1:30 pm
- June 20, 2023 – Rev. Carl Hanson and family – Korea – 1:00 pm
- June 20, 2023 – Rev. Carlos and Danelle Schumann – Dominican Republic – 1:30 pm

CAMP OKOBOJI

KIDS' KAMP | (June 2-4) K-2nd Grade Students & Families

CUB WEEK | (Cub week 1 June 25-29, 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) 8-12th Grade students

www.campokoboji.com

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN YOUTH

DONATIONS WANTED

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.



“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

June 5-10 Rev. Nathan Peitsch
St. Paul’s, Ute

June 12-17 Rev. Mark Kluzek
St. John, Kiron/Faith, Deloit

June 19-24 Rev. William Wrede
Zion, Denison

June 26-July 1 Rev. Merle Mahnken
Immanuel, Schleswig

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.