

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the month of November, there's a lot we have to think about on the horizon. We begin the month celebrating All Saints' Day. Thanksgiving is coming up. The end of the church year is approaching and I imagine some of you are already thinking about Christmas. With all this in mind, I encourage you today to think for a bit about who we are.

In our epistle reading for All Saints' Day, we hear from 1 John 3, "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is." 1 John 3:2 John reminds us who we are. We are God's children, and as God's children we worship together. We look forward to Christ's return together. Throughout this month we are presented with different opportunities to live out our lives as God's beloved children.

On All Saints' Day, we comfort one another with the hope of eternal life we all have as God's holy saints. As we mourn the loss of those saints who have gone before us and now rest from their labors, we also look forward in hope to the joyful reunion God has promised us as His beloved children. All because of who we are, and who they were who have gone before us.

We gather later this month to give thanks to God for His many blessings to us as His children. Throughout the Scriptures, God calls on us to give thanks. He provides for us as Luther states in the small catechism: "He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily

provides me with all that I need to support this body and life." SC; The First Article God provides us with all we have and for this we give Him our thanks and praise. Or as we sing in one of our offertory songs, "We give You but Your own." That is to say to God, "You've given us all we have, and so all we can

do is give back to You what is already Yours." And so what do we have left that is ours to give Him? Our thanks. And so we hear repeated throughout the scriptures:

"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!" 1 Chr. 16:34

His love endures forever! That love He has shown us in Christ, who gave His own life for us, which brings us to our third thing to look forward to in November.

As this month comes to a close, we look to the season of Advent. Throughout the season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ for us. We remember all the promises God has made to us throughout the scriptures about His Son, Jesus and looking forward to the fulfillment of those promises both at Christmas, and in the age to come when Christ returns in glory.

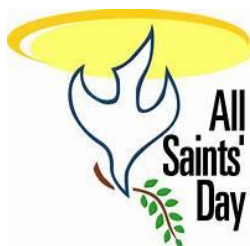
So, as God's holy saints, as His beloved children, let us rejoice together. Let us give thanks together. Let us anticipate together and encourage one another with God's words of hope, comfort, peace, and joy.

In His Service,
Pastor Nathan Peitsch

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS



Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 4th.



ALL SAINTS DAY

Join us All Saints Sunday, Nov. 5th for recognition of the faithfully departed in this last year: Vernon Thies, Doris Thompson, Roger Johnson



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 22 at 7 p.m.



MONTHLY MEETINGS

- Tuesday, November 7th, Elders Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 14th, Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

SUPPORT OUR CATECHISM FAMILIES

We need volunteers to provide a simple snack every Wednesday for our Catechism students from 5:30-6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is on the back table.

ACOLYTES SIGN-UP SHEET

Catechism students the sign-up sheet for acolyting is in the back on church on the bulletin board.

LYF BIBLE STUDY

LYF Bible Study is Sunday, November 19th from 7:00-8:30 pm in the LYF room. We'll be diving deep into God's Word, so make sure to bring a Bible if you have one. If you don't or forget, we have some on hand for you to use. Bring a snack to share! We'll also provide some if you forget or run out of time. Inviting friends is encouraged, even if they can only come once.



2024 CHURCH OFFICER VOLUNTEERS

If anyone has interest in serving as a church officer: Chairman, Elder, Trustee, Board of Education, Secretary, Treasurer, Stewardship Secretary, Auditing, Endowment Fund, Finance Committee, please contact the church or anyone on the Nomination Committee: Bruce Mohr, Jim Thies, Rick Knuth, Tammy Bramley or pastor.



November 19, 2023

After the service about 11:00 am
Variety of Baked Goods

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, November 19th during the service we will be welcoming are new members. After the service we will have coffee and donuts in the fellowship hall.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



100th ANNIVERSARY TAPE

If anyone would like a DVD copy of the 100th anniversary tape that was in the time capsule please talk to pastor.



SPECIAL MISSION PROJECT

This year our Special Mission Project is the same as the 125th 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. We need \$1,700 in donations to make our goal for this year.

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 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 4th St,
Ute, IA, 51060.



125th COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRTS

Get your 125th 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.

Orders can be placed until December 29th.



ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

Thank you for the donations for Orphan Grain Train. The next month we will be taking clothes is April.



OFFERING

Please put your name on the offering envelopes especially if using an envelope from another year. This will help make it easier for the treasurer to know who is making this donation so she can credit you for income tax purposes.



NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

The newsletter this month is sponsored in honor of EMT and fire departments.

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

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptism

Joanna Lynne Newsom, daughter of Amanda and Jake Newsom, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on October 15th.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

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 November are:

Ethan Winsor	1
Tory Greder	2
Sierra Sorensen	4
Jenna Hanson	6
Nick Goslar-Jeremy Creese-Gavin Purcell	7
Elyse Schmidt	8
Judi Krohn	10
Todd Teut	11
Michael Sorensen	14
John Dorale	15
Brian Vinke	17
Deanna Sorensen	18
Payton Thies, Preston Thies	23
Dylan Meadows, Katy Krohn	24
Kevin Vogt	25
Bruce Mohr, Ronnie Kroll, Brent Kelm	26
Lauryn Bernholtz	27
Ray Dorale	29
Jospehine Rains, Miles Rains	30



SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

November 3 – Gloria Barnett (90 yrs old)
November 12 – Ron Goslar (84 yrs old)
November 20 – Raymond Holst (80 yrs old)
November 28 – Norma Berens (90 yrs old)

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

November 10 – Gary & Karen McCall (60 yrs)
Nov. 18 – Duane & Joyce Mordhorst (67 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



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.

“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

Nov. 6-11 Rev. Chad Trunkhill
Multi-Point, Charter Oak

Nov. 13-18 Rev. Nathan Peitsch
St. Paul’s, Ute

Nov. 20-25 Vacancy pastor
St. John, Kiron/Faith, Deloit

Nov. 27-Dec. 2 Rev. William Wrede
Zion, Denison

Oct. 30-Nov. 4 Rev. Merle Mahnken
Immanuel, Schleswig



October 15, 2023, Voters Meeting Recap

There was a motion to make a change to the agenda—the Constitution changes under the Elders Report was changed to New Business because Pastor had to conduct a Baptism and was going to be late for the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was called to order, and the minutes of the previous 7/16/23 quarterly meeting were printed out for everyone to read. Motion carried to approve the minutes. Attendance figures for July, August, and September were given. Rally Day was September 10 with a potluck meal and grilling by the elders. The children colored pictures and wrote what they liked about church which will be put into the new time capsule. Sunday School attendance has been good. Jesus's Birthday Party and the Christmas Program will be discussed soon by the Board of Ed. \$4,172.00 was raised after expenses from the 125th Anniversary and will be split 25% to the Jeremiah Fund and 75% to Lutheran Family Services. Pastor Haney from Iowa District West will be coming November 12. Discussion was held and it was decided to hold a bake sale on November 19, the same day as the New Member reception and the Annual Soup Cook-Off. Pastor arrived and had a prayer. He spoke on the fall IDW Pastors Conference. News regarding St. Matthew's and John Stacy was in the October newsletter, and if anyone has questions, they are encouraged to ask Pastor and the Elders. Pastor is holding Communion here on the first, third, (and fifth) Sundays, and in Mapleton the second and fourth Sundays. Sunday morning adult Bible study has resumed on the Communion Sundays. There have been some issues with the new livestream camera, but they are being addressed. The Reformation service will be October 29, the All Saints Day service will be November 5, and the New Member Welcome will be November 19. John Stacy will be able to lead Mapleton's Advent services, so ours will all be held here without rotating with Mapleton. 17 kids are now attending Confirmation classes. The Treasurer's Report for 7/01/23-9/30/23 was on printouts for everyone to review. At the end of the year, the Special Missions Fund, including the proceeds of the 125th Anniversary and the Penny Fund, will be split 25% to the Jeremiah Fund and 75% to Lutheran Family Services. A motion was made and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report. The trustees are still waiting on the contractor and insurance company regarding the roof repairs. Six new tables were purchased, and six or seven of the older tables will be available for a donation. Anniversary shirt orders have all come in, and more can still be ordered through the end of the year. The new directory is in and is being distributed to the members. Pastor will be gone most of a week in early February to St. Louis Seminary with John Stacy for orientation. Some services from the 100th anniversary in 1998 were put on Facebook, and there was discussion of getting them on DVD's. A motion was made and carried to table the 2024 Budget for a special voters meeting in December as Pastor's compensation package is not yet ready. A motion was made and carried to take names until the quarterly voters meeting on January 14 of people interested in the old church spires which will be drawn by lottery, and it will also be put in the bulletin and newsletter. The Council suggested Lutheran Braille Workers and the Lutheran school in Denison as choices for the 2024 Special Missions Project, and the floor was open to more suggestions. Lutheran World Relief was added. Lutheran Braille Workers was chosen by raising of hands, and a motion was made and carried to select Lutheran Braille Workers as the

2024 Special Missions Project. A motion was made and carried to use \$3,000.00 for the goal, which is the same as this year. Help is being sought for the Soup Cook-Off. Sign up sheets will be put out for volunteers, and one will be put out for contestants, and proceeds will be going to Iowa District West Missions. A motion was made and carried that the heads of the boards be on the Nominating Committee. This will include: Bruce Mohr, Tammy Bramley, Jim Thies, Rick Knuth, and Pastor. Bruce Mohr then presented the proposed changes to the Constitution that the elders and Pastor have been working on onto a screen that was set up, and a motion was made and carried to accept those changes. The next quarterly voters meeting will be January 14, 2024, and a special meeting will be held in December to approve next year's budget and next year's ballot when they are both prepared. A motion to adjourn was made and carried. Pastor closed by leading everyone in praying the Lord's Prayer.



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.



ADVENT DEVOTIONS FROM LHM

Every year Lutheran Hour Ministries makes available Advent devotions. Copies of this devotion can be picked up at church in mid-November. You can also read the devotion each day at www.lhm.org/advent



What Child Is This?

In Jesus' birth, God came down to earth for us. In *What Child Is This?* we see how Jesus, foretold by the prophets and confirmed by God as His own Beloved Son, is the Father's ancient promise

fulfilled. Born to save us from our sins, this lowly Child triumphed over sin and death to become our Savior.

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

- November 4, 2023 – Chelsea Irwin, Czech Republic – 1:00 pm
- November 4, 2023 – Helge family, Czech Republic – 1:30 pm
- November 11, 2023 – Rev. James and Christel Neuendorf – Latin America – 1:00 pm
- Nov. 18, 2023 – Carol Lee Halter –Asia –1:00 pm