

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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October 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I'm sure you by now have heard, our two congregations, St Paul's and St Mathew's are embarking on a new journey. As a solution to the vacancy at St Matthew's, District has helped to connect us up with the SMP (Specific Ministry Pastor) Program, through Concordia Seminary in St Louis. We are pleased to welcome John Stacy on board as he prepares to enter this program and work with us over the next several years to become a pastor.

The SMP program has been around in our church body for some time now. It is a four year distance learning program for training up men for specific ministry situations. John is beginning his time with us as a "Parish Assistant". In this role he will be helping us to get back to a more "normal" worship schedule at St Matthew's. John will be leading our non-communion worship services at both our congregations until such time as he is able to administer the sacrament. As "Parish Assistant" he will be leading the liturgy for our services, and reading a sermon written by one of our local pastors, or in some cases from another LCMS pastor.

Beginning next year, John will officially start the SMP program. At that time he will begin his course work on the road towards becoming an ordained pastor. He will serve as vicar starting at that point and after he has had his first preaching course, he will be able to start writing his own sermons.

During all of this, our churches have agreed that I will serve as John's supervisor and mentor. We will be working together on his sermons, discussing course work, and doing many visitations together as well. This is a great opportunity for our two churches to work together to help bring one more pastor into the LCMS.

With all this in mind, for some time, we will be trading off which of us is serving at our two congregations. We are doing our best to get this information out to all of you so you are aware of the changes that are coming. So first, our communion schedule: Communion will be

served on an alternating schedule at our two churches. The first Sunday of the month it will be at St Paul's, the second at St Matthew's, the third at St Paul's, and the fourth at St Matthew's, on the rare fifth Sundays we will serve communion again at St Paul's. This means 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month, I will serve at St Paul's and John will serve at St Matthew's. The 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, we will switch and I will serve at St Matthew's and John will serve at St Paul's.

This is a temporary change for our two congregations until such time as John is able to administer the Lord's Supper. Officially he will be ordained as specific pastor for St Matthew's 2 years into his program time. Although, it was indicated to us that he could start serving the sacrament before this time. We will keep you informed as to the plan and any questions or concerns you have about these arrangements can be addressed to myself or any of our elders.

As we begin this journey together, I encourage you to recall as St Paul talks to us about the gifts God has given to each of us. "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone." 1Cor. 12:4-6

God equips us each differently to serve Him and His kingdom. What a blessing it is for us to use our gifts and help to encourage God's gifts in another as he prepares to serve our Lord in the pastoral office.

While things may look a little different in our future, we continue to serve the same Lord and learn from His unchanging Word. May God bless our churches as we grow together through this time and may He abundantly bless our new parish assistant and soon to be vicar, John Stacy.

In Christ,  
Pastor Nathan Peitsch

# Quarterly MEETING

Tuesday, October 4th, Elders Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 11th, Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, October 16th, Voter's Meeting after church.  
Here's a few items on the Voter's Agenda:

- Budget
- Nomination Committee



## 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.



## SOUP COOK-OFF

**Save the Date**  
**Soup Cook-off**  
**Sunday, November 12, 2023**  
**5:00-7:30 p.m.**

Looking for volunteers to help plan the next Soup cook-off. Please call John Greder (712)269-8337, Marc Clemon (712)420-1753 or Gwen Clemon (712)420-3700 if you would like to help.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School started on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We have a great group of kids and teachers this year.



Thank you to everyone that helped make Rally Sunday a great day!

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER**

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 October are:

Sara Purcell	2
Don Petersen-Joyce Vinke	4
Sandy Bauman	6
Liam Gray	7
Duane Mordhorst-Ethan Jones	9
Karen McCall	10
Dylan Hanson	11
Shirley Gosch-Lynette Thies- Angela Kroll	14
Aaron Folk	18
Darin Wood	21
Wyatt Hinds	23
Dennis Nelson-John Thies- Keegan Bretthauer	24
Alyse Bretthauer-George Hull- Becky Meadows-Mike Ohlmeier	26
Sally Goslar	27
Shane Sorensen	28
Ivy Christophersen	30
Nisha Hull	31



**SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES**

October 28 – Gary & Sally Goslar (56 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



**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.

Orders can be placed until December 29<sup>th</sup>.



**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> St,  
Ute, IA, 51060.





**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.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**AUTOMATIC DEBIT** - An automatic debit from your checking account to St. Paul’s account may be an option if you would like to give to the church on a regular basis or you just want to simplify our giving without writing a check each week or month. You can specify an amount and how often this amount should be transferred from your checking account to St. Paul’s account at Community Bank, and it will automatically be done for you. Your bank can help you fill out a short form. This debit can be stopped or changed at any time by contacting your bank. You will want to let the Treasurer know who is making this donation so she can credit you for income tax purposes.

**GRAIN** - As the harvest approaches, St. Paul’s Stewardship committee would like to remind the farmers that one option for giving is the gift of grain. You can ask Deanna for a form if you want to do this. This gift is not tax deductible, but you will not declare the amount of the grain as income.



**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.



**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

- Oct. 2-7 Rev. Richard Merrill  
Multi-Point, Charter Oak
- Oct. 9-14 Rev. Nathan Peitsch**  
**St. Paul’s, Ute**
- Oct. 16-21 Vacancy pastor  
St. John, Kiron/Faith, Deloit
- Oct. 23-28 Rev. William Wrede  
Zion, Denison
- Oct. 30-Nov. 4 Rev. Merle Mahnken  
Immanuel, Schleswig



**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

- October 7, 2023 – Gary Schuschke – Germany – 1:00 pm
- October 21, 2023 – Kim Bueltmann – Germany – 1:00 pm



 **ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN**

In the month of October, we will be taking donations for the Orphan Grain Train. Boxes will be in the back of the sanctuary. Please put the clothes in bags. Thank you for your donations.

## **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 Okobojo 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>



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Oct. 1: OMELET BRUNCH (9:30 AM TO 1 PM): This will be the final Omelet Brunch of 2023. Free will offering, held in the Ginny DeWall Dining Hall. Come join us for some good food and good fellowship! Proceeds to benefit our J.O.Y. Camps.

Oct. 13-15: VOLUNTEER WEEKEND: Fall Volunteer Weekend is just weeks away. Save the date and come to share your time and talents helping us wrap up summer and prepare for winter. Lodging and meals will be provided for volunteers. Volunteer Weekend is a great opportunity for a congregation retreat or youth group retreat to grow church community and relationships. For room and board accommodations, please call the office at (712) 337-3325.

Oct. 14: VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER: To be held Saturday evening of Volunteer Weekend, October 14. Serving to begin at 5 PM. Appreciation Dinner is for anyone who volunteers at Camp and all who have assisted in any way. Please call the office (712-337-3325) by Wednesday, October 11 to acknowledge your attendance, so we have an indication of how much to prepare.

Oct. 20-22: LUTHERAN ADULT SINGLES RETREAT: Retreat for singles ages 20 to 40. Reverend Keith Schweitzer will lead the retreat. The cost for this retreat is \$100 which includes two nights and four meals

## **Senior Youth Gathering**

The Senior Youth Gathering will take place November 17-19 at the Holiday Inn at the Airport - Des Moines. The theme is "Ready, Set, Go" The cost is \$250. Registration needs to be turned in by October 27<sup>th</sup>. Please talk to pastor if you would like to go.



Date: Nov. 17-19, 2023

Topic: Ready, Set, Go

Theme Verse: Matt 28:19-20a



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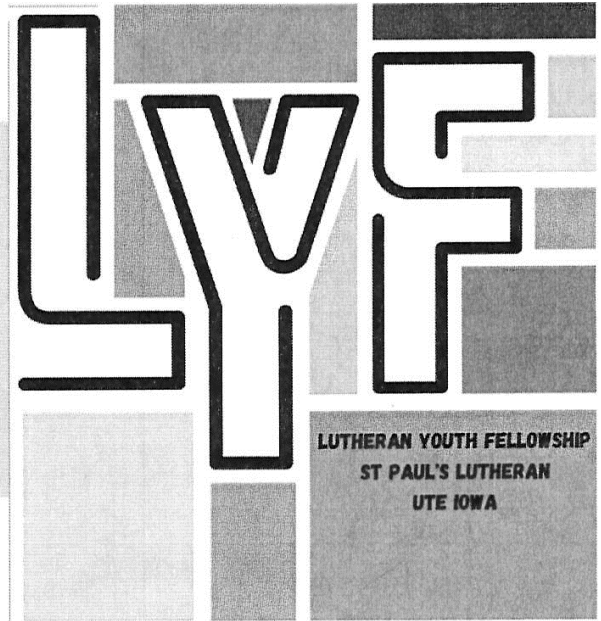




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# LYF BIBLE STUDY

Meets once a month on Sunday  
7pm - 8:30pm  
LYF Room



## DATES

September 17

October 15

November 19

December 17

January 21

February 18

March 17

April 21

## CONTACT

MEGAN PEITSCH  
(515) 570-8157

PASTOR PEITSCH  
(712) 885-2221

## WHAT DO I BRING?

### 1. Bible

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.

### 2. Snacks

Bring a snack to share! We'll also provide some if you forget or run out of time.

### 3. A Friend

Inviting friends is encouraged, even if they can only come once.

**St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**VOTER'S MEETING AGENDA**  
for  
**October 15, 2023**

Opening Prayer  
Corrections/Additions/Acceptance of Agenda  
Call to Order  
Previous Minutes

Pastor Peitsch  
Officers/Members  
John Greder  
Audrey Gust

**Reports**

- (1) Treasurers Report
- (2) Pastors Report/Announcements
- (3) Board of Elders
  - Attendance-Worship/Communion
  - Proposed changes to constitution
- (4) Board of Trustees
  - Roof
- (5) Board of Education/Youth
  - Sunday School
  - Christmas program
- (6) Stewardship

Deanna Sorensen  
Pastor Peitsch  
Bruce Mohr  
Jim Thies  
Rick Knuth  
Tammy Bramley

**Old Business**

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

**New Business**

- 2024 Budget
- What to do with the church spires
- 2024 Special Mission Project
- Soup Cook-off date
- Nomination Committee

**Next Meetings**

- NEXT VOTER'S MEETING      **January 14, 2023**      **After worship service/fellowship hall**

**Closing Prayer**

**Pastor Peitsch**



Hello, Adult Singles!

Join me for a Lutheran Adult Singles Retreat, Friday evening through Sunday morning, October 20-22 at Camp Okoboji.

This is for singles aged 20-40, but we can adjust those ages a little. The cost for this retreat is \$100 which includes two nights in the Bethel Retreat Center and four meals (three on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday). Bring bedding for a twin bed.

We are inviting singles also from Iowa District East, Minnesota South, South Dakota, and the Nebraska Districts.

Bring your Bibles and any questions you may have, theological or otherwise.

Register and pay on my website: [www.drkeithschweitzer.com](http://www.drkeithschweitzer.com)

Email me with any questions: [keithlcms@gmail.com](mailto:keithlcms@gmail.com)

I look forward to seeing you at camp!

Dr. Keith Schweitzer