

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Recently many of us experienced a power outage. Some lost power for a short period of time, some longer. But this time without power had me thinking about a catechism class lesson I took our confirmands through recently, titled: The Power of the Sacrament of the Altar. In this lesson we considered where the the sacrament gets the power to provide the benefits it does.

We rely so much on electricity in our lives. So many things run on batteries now, you charge your phone, computer, tablet, some charge their watch, and I even know some people who charge their keys. Then there's all the other items in our life that run on power: refrigerators, furnaces, electric water heaters, and televisions to name a few. And aside from the line leading to our homes, do we really know where this power comes from?

Even if we can't point to where that power originated from, we can know with confidence where the power of the Sacrament lies. The Sacrament gets its power not from a cable or from the calories in the wafer or the little sip of wine, but from the Word of God itself. This is what "powers" the gifts we receive in the Sacrament of the Altar. Without God's Word the bread is just bread, the wine is just wine, and the water is just plain water.

God's Word has power. Paul declares this in Romans 1,

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." - Rom. 1:18

The gospel, the good news of Jesus death and resurrection for us all is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. The gospel

empowers us by faith to live out our lives as God's children.

God's Word is filled with this power talk. In 1 Timothy we read,

"for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." - 1Tim. 1:7
God gives us power. In some translations of John 1, we read that "He gives power to become sons of God" John 1:12 All this He does by the power of His Word. These verses primarily center around the power of salvation. He grants us salvation by the power of His Word. He gives us the good gifts in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion by the power of His Word.

However, His power is more than just the power to save. It is the power of eternal life itself. In 2 Corinthians, St Paul writes to us about the power of God with respect to Jesus. There we read,

"For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God." - 2Cor. 13:4

By His power Christ was raised and by that same power we too shall rise at the last. This is our hope. Even when our homes are without power. Even when we, ourselves feel powerless. God has the power to save. He has the power to accomplish what He sends forth His Word to do. So as we look forward this month to celebrating Christ's resurrection victory, let us remember it is God who powers this victory and our faith.

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES Mid-week Lenten Services will be at 7:00 p.m. April 2 & 9th with supper at 5:30 p.m.

THE HAND OF THE LORD

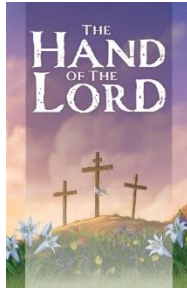
MIDWEEK OF LENT 4 Sermon: The Hand of the Lord Who Raises the Dead

MIDWEEK OF LENT 5 Sermon: The Hand of the Lord Who Holds All Things

HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY The Hand of the Lord Sermon: The Hand of the Lord Who Serves and Feeds Us

GOOD FRIDAY Sermon: The Hand of the Lord Who Was Pierced for Us

EASTER Sermon: The Hand of the Lord Who Is Risen



PALM SUNDAY READING: There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for anyone that would like to help with the reading on Passion Sunday, March 13th.



On April 17th Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion will be at 7:00 PM and on April 18th Good Friday service will be at 7:00 PM.
On April 20th Easter Sunrise service with Holy Communion will be held at 6:30 a.m. Easter breakfast at 7:45 a.m., Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m. and Easter Divine Service will be at 10:30 a.m.

EASTER BREAKFAST

This Easter the LYF will be serving Egg Bake and pastries for the Easter Breakfast. They are asking if anyone can donation some sausage or hamburger meat for the egg bakes. Please talk to Mona if you are able to help out with this



Members are invited to bring an Easter lily to church Friday, April 18 or Saturday, April 19th. Please sign up on the sheets at either door by Sunday, April 13th, so the names of those you wish to remember can be included in the Easter bulletin.



LCW MEETING

The LCW meetings will be Thursday, April 3rd at 5:30 pm in the LYF room.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Elders Meeting will be Tuesday, April 8nd at 5:30 p.m. and Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

On April 13th, there will be a Voters Meeting after the service.



WATERING FLOWERS: There is a sheet on the back table for this summer watering outside flower. It is set up by a week at a time. You can do one week or as many as you would like.

ACOLYTES SIGN-UP SHEET

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

CATECHISM

During lent Catechism class times will be: Last day of catechism is April 9th. The 8th grades will meet on April 23rd as a review night at 6:00 p.m.

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. - 5 & 6 Grades

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. - 7 & 8 Grades

6:15 p.m. – memory work/supper

On April 17th during the Maundy Thursday service the 7th & 8th grade catechism students will help with the Christian Questions and their Answers

CATECHISM QUESTIONING You are invited to hear our 8th Grade Confirmands publicly confess their faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, April 30th, 7 pm. All 5th – 7th grade catechism students are asked to bring one per family of bars or cookies to the Questioning and help serve.

CONFIRMATION

On May 4th, our eighth-grade members will make a public confession of the faith given in her baptism and nurtured through years of instruction in Sunday School and weekday classes.



LYF BIBLE STUDY

LYF Bible Study is Sunday, April 27th from 6:30-8:00 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! Inviting friends is encouraged, even if they can only come once.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

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 April are:

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| Kevin Hennings | 1 |
| Russell Rosburg, Jordan Thies | 2 |
| Charlee Mohr | 5 |
| Mercedes Rose | 8 |
| Jami Henschen, | 9 |
| Cassandra Chrisophersen | |
| Gary Pohlman | 10 |
| Irvin Thies | 11 |
| Ava Wood | 13 |
| Keith Meadows | 14 |
| Beau Mohr, Natasha Kelm | 16 |
| Rick Seieroe | 18 |
| Kelton Mareau | 19 |
| Skylar Burroughs, Joan Trimpe | 20 |
| Samantha Sorensen | 21 |
| Caleb Creese, Brian Seieroe, | 22 |
| Andrew Kuhlmann, Marvin Gaines | |
| Tammy Bramley, Cameron Schofield, | 24 |
| Leah Schwery | |
| Robin Mordhorst | 26 |
| Isabelle Mohr, Gracelynn BeBout, | 27 |
| Porter BeBout | |
| Beth Ewoldt | 28 |
| KaeLynn Joseph, Selene Olson | 29 |
| Janelle Gray, Rodney Eneboe | 30 |



SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

Apr. 7 – Carol Ullerich (91 yrs old)

Apr. 28 – Gary McCall (82 yrs old)

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

Apr. 10 – Raymond & Elaine Holst (60yrs)

Apr. 19 – Daniel & Pam Martin (45yrs)

Apr. 20 – Kevin & Elaine Vogt (40 yrs)

*We list Special Birthdays 80 years old and above.

*Anniversaries for one & every 5 years & every year 40 above.

We will include them unless we receive a request not to.

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



APRIL HELPERS

Elder: Gary McCall

Ushers: Matt Kelm, John Mordhorst, William Sorensen

Altar: Tanis Watke, Leah Schwery

Finance: Linda Seieroe, Dave Seieroe,
Becky Mordhorst, John Thies, Harvey Thies

Acolytes

Wed, Apr. 2: Samantha Sorensen
Daxton Leitz

Sunday, Apr. 6: Leah Kiepe,
Landon Kiepe

Wed, Apr. 9: Josiah Peitsch
Daxton Leitz

Sunday, Apr. 13: Raylyn Kelm
Max Kelm

Thurs, Apr. 17: Michael Sorensen

Fri, Apr. 18: Josiah Peitsch

Sunday, Apr. 20: sunrise Samantha Sorensen
Josiah Peitsch
Hannah Peitsch

Sunday, Apr. 20: 10am

Sunday, Apr. 27: Leah Kiepe
Samantha Sorensen

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

Apr. 7-12 **Rev. Nathan Peitsch**
St. Paul's, Ute

Apr. 14-19 Rev. Ted Torreson
Christ, Denison

Apr. 21-26 Vacancy Pastor
Zion, Denison

Apr. 28-May3 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.



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 \$40 to sponsor a newsletter.



Mission Central – Visiting Missionaries

LCMS World Mission 40718 Highway E16
Mapleton, IA 51034 712-882-1029 Gary Thies
(gary.thies@lcms.org) www.missioncentral.us

2025 SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING

This year our special mission is STEMM. Our goal is \$3,000.

STEMM

Mission Statement: Changing lives for Christ through compassionate care.

Vision: Develop Tanzania into a vibrant Christian community

Core Values: Christ, Compassion, Caring, Commitment, Change
STEMM is an inter-denominational Christian ministry.

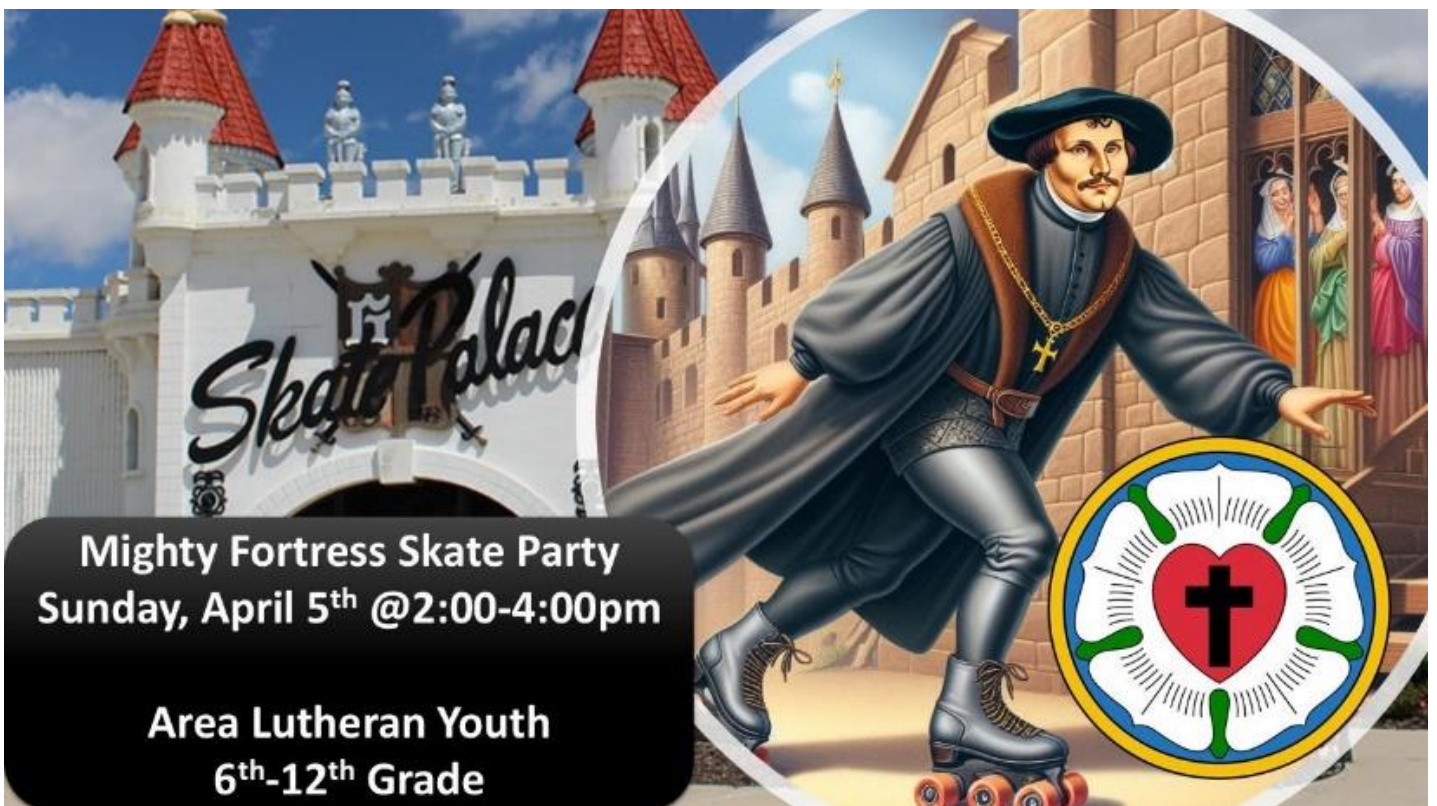
To learn more, you can go to their website:

<https://stemm.org/>

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.

The image is a composite graphic. On the left, there's a photograph of a white building with red-tiled roofs and a sign that says "Skate Palace". In the center, a man in historical European clothing (dark blue robe, brown sash, black hat) is roller skating. To the right, there's a circular logo with a red heart in the center containing a black cross, surrounded by green and white patterns. A black text box at the bottom left contains the event details.

Mighty Fortress Skate Party
Sunday, April 5th @2:00-4:00pm

Area Lutheran Youth
6th-12th Grade

YOUTH EVENT: Mighty Fortress (Youth) Roller Skating will be Saturday, April 5th from 2-4pm. Youth will need to find their own ride to the Skating palace.

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VOTERS MEETING AGENDA

April 13, 2025

Opening Prayer

Corrections/Additions/Acceptance of Agenda

Call to Order

Previous Minutes

Officers/Members

Matt Leitz

Audrey Gust

Reports

(1) Treasurers Report

Deanna Sorensen

(2) Pastors Report/Announcements

- Easter

- Confirmation

(3) Board of Elders

Bruce Mohr

- Attendance-Worship/Communion

(4) Board of Trustees

- Parsonage kitchen

(5) Board of Education/Youth

- Sunday School

- Vacation Bible School

(6) Stewardship

Tammy Bramley

Old Business

New Business

Closing Prayer



**LWML Zone Spring Rally
At St. Paul Lutheran Church
100 7th St. Ida Grove, IA**

April 26, 2025

9:00AM -10:00AM Coffee & Brunch

10:00AM our speaker

**Rev. Dr. Keith Haney will be our speaker,
his topic is John 4:7-31, the story of the woman at the well**

Cost: \$7.00