

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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September 2025

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Well, another school year has begun. And with it, this month we see the beginning of another catechism class year. And starting very soon, another Sunday School year. What a wonderful opportunity God gives us to share His good news.

Jesus of course encouraged this. In Matthew 19 we read,

“but Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.’” - Matt. 19:14

The Kingdom of God belongs to them. And so we teach them. We tell them the stories of all God has done for His people. I've heard so many of you say it before, these little ones are the future of our congregation.

What a joy it is to see them gather to learn of all God has done for them. We even have opportunity to hear them share some of what they learn as they present songs in church and on Christmas Eve put on the Christmas Eve Program.

That said, it's not just the little ones who are learning things and growing in their faith. With catechism class, our youth learn the basics of our faith, God's commandments, the creed, the Lord's Prayer, and so on. The psalmist recognized the importance of this teaching. We read in Psalm 145,

“One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.” - Ps. 145:4

One generation to another, they share the mighty works of God. What a joy it is to get to share God's works!

You can see the joy on the kids faces as they come together for Sunday School, as they learn the stories, and as they share their songs. One of my greatest joys as pastor is getting to teach God's Word. Whether its Catechism, Bible Study, VBS, or simply sitting down with someone to talk about questions they have about God's Word, it's so awesome getting to share God's Word and learn more about it together.

The goal in all this teaching is that we would all call upon the Name of the Lord together, for the salvation He has won for us in Christ. God's Word applies to every aspect of our lives. It speaks to us as parents, children, siblings, spouses, workers, friends. He encourages us to learn from His Word, to talk about it as often as possible and to hear what He has to say about every aspect of our lives.

Of course, none of this can happen unless we gather to learn it and to hear it. St Paul understood this. He encouraged the Romans to see the importance of hearing God's Word and not just that, but also sharing it. In Romans 10 we read,

“How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?” - Rom. 10:14

We need those to teach and those to hear. And not only that, but we are called to be both. We are called to learn the Word of God and then to go forth and share it. This is what it means to be His disciple.

And so I encourage you to ask yourself, “can I help teach?” “What can I do to encourage the teaching and learning of His Word?” Perhaps you could help by signing up to bring a meal for Catechism, helping our confirmands to feel welcome and cared for. Perhaps you can volunteer for Sunday School teaching. Perhaps you could help with the Christmas program. And no matter what, make sure you're continuing to learn. Take in God's Word. Join one of our Bible Studies, on Sunday morning or Wednesday at 11. Grab a Portals of Prayer and start a daily devotional time. Invite a friend to join you. Learn His Word that you might share it with others. May we be life long learners of the Word, that we may also be life-long sharers of the Word.

In Christ,
Pastor Nathan Peitsch

MONTHLY MEETING

Elders Meeting is Tuesday, August 9th at 5:30 p.m. and Council Meeting at 7 PM.

LCW MEETING

The LCW meetings will be Thursday, September 4th at 5:30 pm in the LYF room.



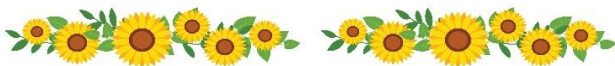
Rally Sunday is September 14th with Sunday School starting at 9:30 a.m. All kids' pre-school to 8th grade are invited.

The Board of Education is looking for volunteers for Sunday School teachers/helpers. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. Please put your name and phone number down and one of the Board of Ed will contact you.



141 GARAGE SALE

We had a successful garage sale. Thank you to all the people that donated items for the garage sale. Also, thanks to everyone that helped before and during the sale. Proceeds will go half to VBS and half to LCW for kitchen stuff.



LYF BIBLE STUDY

LYF Bible Study is Sunday, September 21st 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.

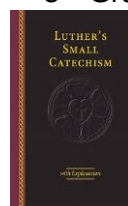
LYF LOCK-IN

The LYF had a lock-in on August 22-23. There were 9 kids and 4 adults. They would like to say Thank You to everyone that helped with the scavenger hunt for grocery items that is going to food pantry in Mapleton. They had a bible study, games, food, movie. It was a great lock-in.



CATECHISM

Catechism will start Wednesday, September 3rd.
4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – 5th - 6th Grades Class
5:30 – 6:00 p.m. - Memory Work/Simple snack
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – 7th – 8th Grade Class



SUPPORT OUR CATECHISM FAMILIES

We need volunteers to provide a simple meal every Wednesday for our Catechism students from 5:30-6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is on the back table. Catechism starts September 3.



CHURCH RECORDS

Funeral Service was held on August 12th for Herman "John" Arndt who was called to his eternal home on August 9, 2025.



2025 SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING

On September 14th Tammy and Lyle will be sharing what they did on their mission trip for STEMM after the service. On that Sunday we will have a basket at the back door for donation that will go to STEMM. This year our special mission is STEMM. Our goal is \$3,000. So far, we have \$1,425.00.



To learn more, you can go to their website:
<https://stemm.org/>

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

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:

Patrick Ohlmeier, Marvin Koch	1
Bailey Kuhlmann	2
Ray Gosch, Brendan Lane	3
Heather Rosburg	7
Derek Erlemeier	9
Gina Hull	10
Mark Goslar	13
Matt Kelm	14
Ella Fester	15
Arlis Petersen	17
Sara Folk	19
Micah Peitsch	20
Cody Rosburg	22
Sasha Teut-Hollander	23
Hannah Hageman	25
Grace Schaffer	26
Delaine Nelson	27
Heath Winsor	28
Trent Mordhorst	29
Tyler Leitz, Wyatt Kotalik, Christen Leitz	30
Keara Schofield	

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

September 11 – Shirley Gosch (91 yrs old)
September 17 – Nick Goslar (82 yrs old)

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

September 3 – Lyle & Tammy Bramley (48 yrs)
September 22 – Brian & Kerry Vinke (25 yrs)

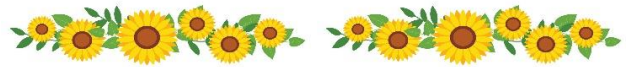
PLEASE GIVE US A CALL

- before going to the hospital
- birth of your baby
- death in the family
- making wedding plans
- address and name changes
- private communion

*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.



SEPTEMBER HELPERS

Elder: Steve Gust

Ushers: Steve Gust, Andy Kuhlmann

Altar: Joan Neddermeyer

Altar Flowers: Teresa Mordhorst

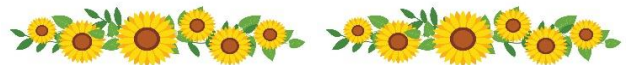
Finance: Marc Clemon, Gwen Clemon



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.



"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

Sept 1-6 Rev. Merle Mahnken

Immanuel, Schleswig

Sept 8-13 Rev. Chad Trunkhill

Our Savior/Bethlehem

Sept 15-20 Rev. Richard Merrill

Multi-Point, Charter Oak

Sept 22-27 Rev. Nathan Peitsch

St. Paul's, Ute

Sept 29-Oct 4 Rev Ted Torreson

Christ, Denison

GOOD SHEPHERD HOUR

This program is a 1/2 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.

GRACEWELL ANNUAL MEETING

On August the 18th at 5 in the afternoon I attended the annual meeting at Gracewell in Denison. I was the representative of St. Paul's and thought perhaps you would like to hear about a few things that I thought were interesting. Long term care facilities are not the places that some of us are anxious to be in. But, unfortunately are often listed as our last place of residence.

The folks that provide the day-to-day care are special beyond words in my mind. Yet, in Iowa the average turnover in staff is 70% annually. That means that every year 7 out of 10 of these care gives leave. At Gracewell the turnover rate is an amazingly low 24%.

Here are some numbers I found interesting: nationally the cost for care per day is 350 dollars, in Iowa the average per day is 318 dollars. It costs Gracewell 293 dollars per person a day to provide care for 76 residents. The price each regular resident pays is 285 dollars a day.

The facility has a 92% occupancy rate and 30% of that are on Medicaid. Medicare reimburses Gracewell 250 dollars a day for each of these folks. This shortfall is made up through fundraising and grants.

At Gracewell 68% of all expenses are for wages and benefits.

The meeting concluded with awards to staff members that included longest servicing employees.

Submitted by Ray Holst

SPENCER FAIR/LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

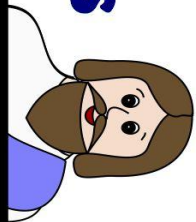
As you know, Spencer Zone has supported the Lutheran Hour Ministries booth, located in the Varied Industries building at the Clay Co Fair for many years, providing free printed Christian materials to fair attendees. People are needed to supervise and staff the booth. There are four shifts per day, each day of the fair and am looking to have two people per shift. Shift times are 9-noon; noon - 3; 3-5:30; and 5:30-8p.m each day of the fair. Booth closes at 6p.m. on the 14th. Each volunteer does receive a free gate pass to the fair for the day they serve in the booth. If congregations or individuals wish to support the booth expenses financially, donations may be directed to, and checks made out to: LLL Spencer Zone, %Naomi Pelisek, 2807 Center Lake Drive, Spirit Lake IA 51360. To sign up or if questions, volunteers may either call me at 712/330-0796 and/or by email nrp51360@mchsi.com. THANK YOU in advance for sharing your Love of Jesus With Others!

Naomi R Pelisek

I Can Do All Things Through Him Who
Strengthens Me
(Philippians 4:13)



Search for Jesus' 12 Disciples



C	M	T	P	H	I	L	I	P	A	G
M	T	I	E	E	O	Y	N	J	D	L
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Can you find the names of the twelve disciples from the word box below?

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| ANDREW | JOHN | PHILIP |
| BARTHOLOMEW | JUDAS | SIMON |
| JAMES | MATTHEW | THADDAEUS |
| JAMES | PETER | THOMAS |

YOUTH GATHERINGS

If you are interest in going to a Youth Gathering please talk to pastor.

Information included below about time and dates. The deadline to register is September 14th for Junior Youth Gathering and October 22nd for Senior Youth Gathering.

Junior Youth Gathering

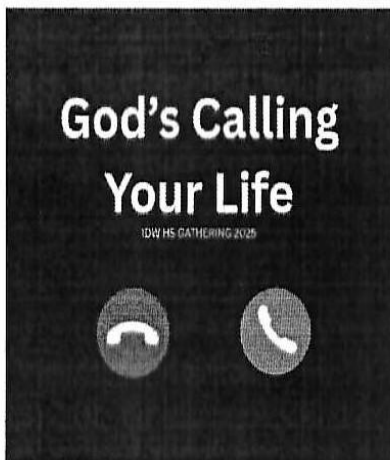
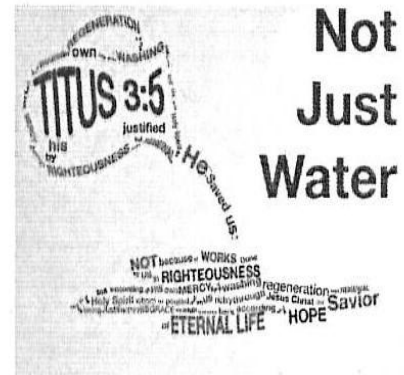
Dean – Pastor Nick Thackery

Theme – “Not Just Water” (Titus 3:5)

October 18-19

Sheraton, West Des Moines

Cost \$175



Senior Youth Gathering

Dean – Pastor Alex Slotter

Theme – “God’s Calling Your Life” (Ephesians 2:10)

November 21-23

Holiday Inn at the Airport, Des Moines

Cost \$250

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>

2025 LWML-IWD FALL RETREAT



“The Spirit’s Harmony: Singing God’s Praises”

Ephesians 5:18-21

“...but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart...”

- Date & Time:** Saturday, September 20, 2025
8:30 am—Registration
9:00 am — 2:00 pm—Retreat
- Location:** Mission Central, Mapleton, IA
- Speaker:** Deaconess Sandra Rhein
Missionary to Asia, Music Educator
- Bible Study Leader:** The Rev. Timothy Frank
St. Paul’s Lutheran, Council Bluffs
St. Paul’s Music Conservatory
- Activities:** Bible Study, Singing, Prayer, & Fellowship
- Servant Event:** Crafts made for Perry Lutheran Home
- In-Gathering Items:** IOWAY, Orphan Grain Train,
Mission Central, & Perry Lutheran Home*

—REGISTRATION INFORMATION & FORM—

Registration Fee: \$15 (includes lunch)

Registration Deadline: September 10, 2025

Please print:

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Zone:** _____

Mail this section and registration fee to:

Chris Mahnken, PO Box 6, Schleswig, IA 51461

LCW

The LCW is collecting donations for the LWML-IWD Fall Retreat. You can check the list below for the items they need. There is a box in the back of church for your donations.

2025 LWML-IWD FALL RETREAT INGATHERING

Saturday, September 20, 2025 at Mission Central
Please bring your Ingathering Items to the Retreat

Donations For IOWAY:

- Winter gloves/mittens for elementary children (sturdy quality)
- Tennis shoes for older elementary children
- Feminine hygiene products
- Also, cash donations that can be used to purchase these items

For Orphan Grain Train:

- Rulers, pencil sharpeners, school scissors, and 12 count color pencils to fill school backpacks
- Receiving blankets, baby blankets (30" x 40" at least), wash cloths, and **CLOTH** diapers for Layette kits
- Fingernail clippers to put in Hygiene kits.

If you have other items for OGT, the trailer will not be there but there will be several vehicles taking items back to Ida Grove.

For Mission Central: Gift cards to Walmart, Hy-Vee, or Fareway

For Perry Home for Welcome Kits: (To be put together at Retreat)

- Travel size lotion, unscented or gently scented
- Lip balm, unscented or gently scented
- Puzzle books or Large Print Word Find books



Update

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept. 7: OMELET BRUNCH: 9:30 AM TO 1:00 PM
Sept. 10-12: OUTDOOR EDUCATION SESSION 1
Sept. 17-19: OUTDOOR EDUCATION SESSION 2
Sept. 24-26: OUTDOOR EDUCATION SESSION 3
Oct. 5: OMELET BRUNCH: 9:30 AM TO 1:00 PM
Oct. 10-11: FALL VOLUNTEER WORK WEEKEND

CAMP OKOBOJI FALL VOLUNTEER WEEKEND October 10 - 11

Fall Volunteer Weekend is a great way to share your time and talents while you enjoy God's Creation at Camp Okoboji. Help prepare Camp Okoboji for the upcoming winter. Room and board will be provided for volunteers. Please save the date and make plans to come and help! For room and board accommodations, please call the office at (712) 337-3325!

PERSONNEL: Our Summer Staff has started to leave us. We were greatly blessed by the Summer Staff and pray they were blessed as they served their Lord at Camp Okoboji. It's never too early to begin recruitment for next summer, please encourage youth (at least 16 years of age) and college students to consider serving with us.

Thank You!

THANKS to volunteers and groups who give so generously of their time and talents in serving Camp Okoboji.

- A very special THANKS to all the volunteers who serve as Youth Camp Deans, Staff and Counselors! You are greatly appreciated!



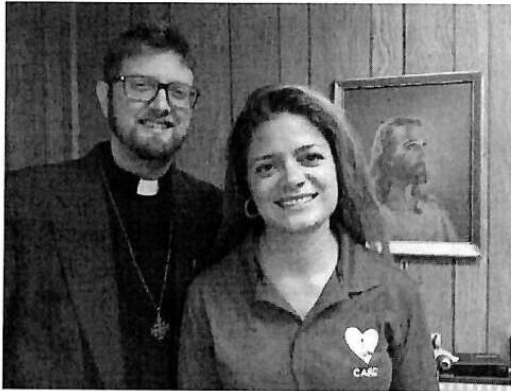
Cub Week 2 was July 13-19 and we had a wonderful time with nearly 100 children attending! The week is always a lot of fun with sports, music, Bible study, and evening activities.

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

MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Rev. James and Christel Neuendorf

Puerto Rico

Saturday, September 20, 2025

9:30 AM

Sandra Rhein

Asia

Saturday, September 20, 2025

1 PM



Rev. Steven Mahlburg & Family

Sri Lanka

Saturday, September 27, 2025

1 PM

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 2025

Elders: Steve Gust; **Ushers:** Steve Gust, Andy Kuhlmann; **Finance Committee:** Marc Clemon, Gwen Clemon;

Altar Flowers: Teresa Wordhorst; **Altar:** Joan Neddermeyer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Pastor in Mapleton	11:00 AM Bible Class 4:30 PM Catechism 5-6 5:30 PM Memory Work/Snack 6:00 PM Catechism 7-8	5:30 PM LCW Mtg	Pastors Family Day	
	Labor Day					
	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30 AM Bible Class 10:30 AM DS w/Holy Communion		Pastor in Mapleton 5:30 PM Elders Mtg 7:00 PM Council Mtg	11:00 AM Bible Class 4:30 PM Catechism 5-6 5:30 PM Memory Work/Snack 6:00 PM Catechism 7-8		Pastors Family Day	
	14	15	16	17	18	19
Rally Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Divine Service		Pastor in Mapleton	11:00 AM Bible Class 4:30 PM Catechism 5-6 5:30 PM Memory Work/Snack 6:00 PM Catechism 7-8			Pastors Family Day
	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 AM DS w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM LYF Bible Study		Pastor in Mapleton	11:00 AM Bible Class No Catechism Class			Pastors Family Day
		Fall Begins				
	28	29	30	All Worship Services will be in person and live-streamed. You can find the Live-stream at www.facebook.com/stpaulsutelive		
9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Divine Service		Pastor in Mapleton				



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Sundays 10:30 A.M.

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