ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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**June 2026**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

With the school year closing, it's safe to say, summer is upon us. And this time of year is great for so many things. When I think of summer just a few of the things that pop to mind are iced tea, bike rides, and lawn mowing. Summer is such a wonderful time to enjoy being out in God's creation.

Most students though are mainly focused on vacation. They are excited about a break from all their studies. They look forward to not having to think about tests or homework. Instead they look forward to resting their minds, relaxing at home, and enjoying time with their friends.

It would probably be safe to say though that it's not just the students who look forward to vacation for summertime. We all love a good vacation. But what is it about vacation that is so appealing to us? I would argue that a big part of taking vacations is the simple fulfillment of God's seventh day command to us: rest.

We spend so much of our time going: going to work, to school, to games, to grocery stores, and many other places. And even when we aren't going somewhere we are still engaged in some activity. Perhaps we are checking our phones, replying to texts or e-mail, or making that all important todo list of housework and who knows what else. But with all we have going on, it can be hard for us to slow down and just take a break. Even our sleep suffers from all we have to do. After all, who has time to rest when there is so much to get done?

With all there is to do, resting can be the last thing on our mind, but also the most important thing for us to do. This world can be exhausting at times, and vacations are a great way to get away and rest for a bit. It is for this very reason that God gave us the Sabbath Day and told us to remember it, because He wants us to rest. In our hymnal we find what's called the service of Compline, in that service is the following prayer:

> Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You.

This prayer acknowledges the challenges we face in life. It acknowledges that we need rest. And it ultimately acknowledges where we can find that rest, in Christ.

God has given us the promise of rest. It is this rest that we all look forward to. Sundays, vacations, even bed time can serve as a foretaste of that final promised rest that we all look forward to. And it is a rest that we can eagerly anticipate because we know God keeps His promises. The Israelites were able to rest and they praised God for it in 1 Kings 8 we read,

> "Blessed be the LORD who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant." - 1 Kings 8:56

And ultimately we are promised rest as well. Even so, rest isn't just about doing nothing. On the Sabbath, the Israelites were expected to worship God. And on Sunday, we have worship that we are encouraged to participate in as well. And even over summer vacation, we have numerous opportunities to stay in God's Word and continue to worship Him. Vacation Bible School is June 6 and is a great opportunity for children to come and hear God's Word and sing His praises. We continue to gather for worship week after week to be fed by His Word. Starting mid-July we will be offering Bible Study every Sunday again on Sunday mornings. And our Wednesday Bible Study continues each week.

Even if we are traveling on vacation, we can find opportunities to worship God. Head over to the Synod's website at lcms.org and you can quickly and easily find a church near wherever you happen to be vacationing using their find a church link.

So let's listen carefully as the writer of Hebrews encourages us:

> "Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it." - Heb. 4:1

While the promise stands, let us take advantage of it. Let us find our rest in Him. We don't need to vacation in Fiji or travel to a remote mountain top to find rest. God promises us the ultimate rest in His Son.

May we ever rest in Him,

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Elders Meeting will be Tuesday, June 9th at 5:30 p.m. and Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## VBS MEETING

On Wednesday, June 3rd we will be having a VBS meeting at 4:30 p.m.

## SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

Sunday Bible Class is on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month at 9:30 am and we now meet in the LYF room.

## CHURCH RECORDS

### Confirmed

May 3, 2026 – Daxton Leitz

## LCW MINUTES

5-7-26

Present: Megan, Hannah, Pastor, Kerry, Tanis, Dar, Gloria, Joanie, Elaine H, Carol, Lynette, Gwen, Loretta, Terri guest Marlene

Spring Salad & Desserts – Everyone enjoyed food and fellowship

Pastor led us in prayer

Service in the park – no date set

VBS – June 6 from 9:00 to 1:00

- Desserts and help serving for VBS – Kerry - Brownies, Tanis - Cookies, Joanie - Rice Krispie Bars
- Serving hot dogs, chips, applesauce and donuts

Iowa West District Convention June 11-13 – Terri provided information

Memorial submissions to convention – Jeanette Urweiler and Nancy Edmundson

Next meeting will be July 2, 2026

Pastor closed with prayer

## MAPLETIN ZONE LWML CHURCH FOOD DRIVE

Mapleton zone LWML/ St. Paul's LCW is holding a Food Drive during the months of June, July, and August. We are collecting canned goods and boxed items. Specifically, donations of cereal, microwave popcorn, instant potatoes, rice, soups, canned meat, fruit and vegetables. We will have a box in the back of the church for your donations. All donations will go to Mapleton Food Pantry.

## ACOLYTES SIGN-UP SHEET

Catechism students the sign-up sheet for acolyting for months of June, July, and August is in the back on church on the bulletin board.

## 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, Raymond Holst | 4 |
| Kent Seieroe | 5 |
| Dolly Krohn | 6 |
| Kyle Bumsted, Max Kelm | 10 |
| Gary McCall | 13 |
| Jerry Thies | 15 |
| Neal Bartels | 17 |
| Elaine Holst | 18 |
| Jayme & 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 |
| Millie Christophersen | 30 |

## 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

## JUNE HELPERS

**Elder:** Bruce Mohr
**Ushers:** Jim Thies, Denny Mordhorst
**Altar:** Teresa Mordhorst
**Altar Flowers:** Karen McCall
**Finance:** 6/7 Harvey Thies, Judy & Gary Pohlman;
6/14 Harvey Thies, Tammy Bramley, Raylyn Kelm;
6/21 Harvey Thies, Denny Mordhorst;
6/28 Harvey Thies, Bruce Mohr

## 141 GARAGE SALE

If you are starting to think spring cleaning and not sure what to do with the stuff you don't want? St. Paul's youth are starting to take donations of clothing, toys and household items to sell at their garage sale at the beginning of August. Any donation can be dropped off the church.

## SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING

This year our special mission is Lutherans for Life. Our goal is $3,000. Here is some information about Lutherans for Life.

website: https://lutheransforlife.org/

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"Remember that our Savior was born into a human household … He is our Friend, our Brother, He will help us in our time of need, especially when we seek Him out in God's Word and fervently in prayer. As you relate to others in your home, ask God's Holy Spirit to give you wisdom in difficult situations, mercy in abundance when forgiveness is needed, and love to cover all your family's interactions." *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, former speaker of "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

## 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

## 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.

## GOOD SHEPHERD HOUR

This program is a ½ hour worship service heard on Sioux City, KSCJ, 1360 AM, at 8:00 am.

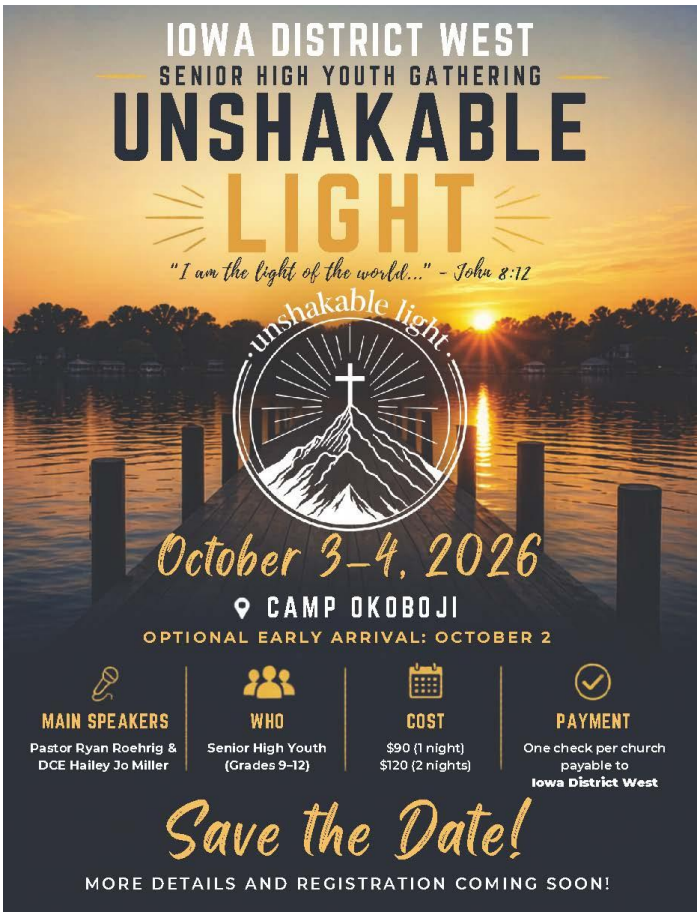
## "THY STRONG WORD"

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 1-6 Rev. Ted Torreson
Christ, Denison
June 8-13 Rev. Jeffrey Wade
Zion, Denison
June 15-20 Rev. Merle Mahnken
Immanuel, Schleswig
June 22-27 Rev. Chad Trunkhill
Our Savior/Bethlehem
June 29-July 4 Rev. Richard Merrill
Multi-Point, Charter Oak

## 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



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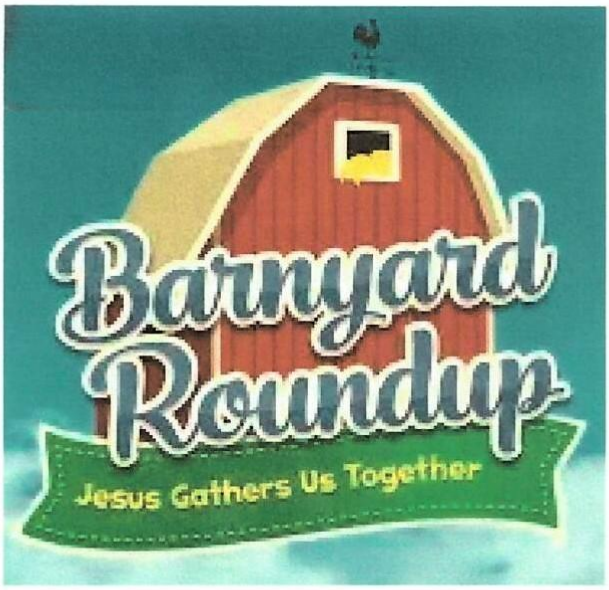
# Vacation Bible School



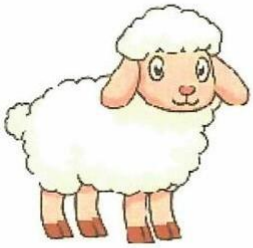
## Saturday, June 6, 2026

## 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**3 years old to Grade 5 (completed) are invited**

**Bible story, crafts, water games, music**

**Light breakfast, lunch and snacks provided**



CAMP OKOBOJI
Quilt Auction
Saturday, June 20, 2026
Auction starts at 12:30 p.m.
CAMP OKOBOJI | 1531 EDGEWOOD DRIVE | MILFORD
Craft Fair
Lunch | 11:00 a.m. – Free Will Donation
View the quilts online at www.campokoboji.org
or on site Friday, June 19 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
or Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - Noon.
Services donated by Todd Hattermann (Paullina)
Proceeds will go to the purchase of new twin mattresses
CAN'T MAKE IT?
Proxy bidding is available by calling the camp office at 712-337-3325

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH, 2026
2026 IOWA
MARCH FOR LIFE
LCMS RALLY
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH DES MOINES
9 AM - MATINS PRAYER SERVICE
10 AM - SPEAKER
11 AM - LUNCH
12 PM - RALLY AND MARCH AT STATE CAPITOL
3223 UNIVERSITY AVE
DES MOINES, IA 50311
GUEST SPEAKER
MR. MARTIN CANNON
RSVP VIA QR CODE OR EMAIL
PASTORCKROONBLAWD@GMAIL.COM
We show up.
We confess Christ.
We are Lutheran.
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# June 2026

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2<br>Pastor in Mapleton | 3<br>11:00 AM Bible Class<br>4:30 PM VBS meeting | 4 | 5<br>Pastors Family Day | 6<br>9 AM – 1PM<br>Vacation Bible School |
| 7<br>9:30 AM Bible Class<br>10:30 AM DS w/Holy Communion<br><br>Finance: Harvey, Judy & Gary<br>Acolytes: | 8 | 9<br>Pastor in Mapleton<br>5:30 PM Elders Mtg<br>7:00 PM Council Mtg | 10<br>11:00 AM Bible Class | 11 | 12<br>Pastors Family Day | 13 |
| 14<br>10:30 AM Divine Service<br><br>Finance: Harvey, Tammy, Raylyn<br>Acolytes: | 15 | 16<br>Pastor in Mapleton | 17<br>11:00 AM Bible Class | 18 | 19<br>Pastors Family Day | 20 |
| 21<br>9:30 AM Bible Class<br>10:30 AM DS w/Holy Communion<br> <br>Finance: Harvey, Denny<br>Acolytes: | 22 | 23<br>Pastor in Mapleton | 24<br>11:00 AM Bible Class | 25 | 26<br>Pastors Family Day | 27 |
| 28<br>10:30 AM Divine Service<br><br>Finance: Harvey, Bruce<br>Acolytes: | 29 | 30<br>Pastor in Mapleton | | | | |

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**Sundays 10:30 A.M.**

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Vacation Bible School

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