

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church Office Number: 885-2221

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

Elders: John Greder, John Thies, Steve Gust, Bruce Mohr

April 2022

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Spring is in the air! Holy Week is just around the corner and hot on its heels is Easter. This month we celebrate the most important events of our Christian faith: the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We talk about these events most Sunday's reminding ourselves each week of what God has done for us in sending His only begotten Son to die for us. But here our focus truly turns to the wondrous love God showed us in Christ.

Spring is such a wonderful time for us to remember these events. We are coming off the dreary, cold, miserable days of winter. Things are starting to warm up. Soon, the flowers will be peeking out of the ground. The leaves will be sprouting forth from the trees. New life will spring forth. Trees that once looked dead and lifeless will sprout green once again. The grass that over the winter months stayed brown and dull, begins to turn green once again.

All of these serve as beautiful reminders of what Christ has done for us. As we celebrate the blessed events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, we remember how our savior was put to death for us. He was laid in the tomb, sealed away by Herod himself in an attempt to make sure the body wasn't stolen. And in spite of all this, Christ rose on Easter. Despite how lost everything seemed. The disciples seem to have given up, hiding away in the upper room, locking themselves in. Two of them had already left Jerusalem perhaps planning to go find something else since their Rabbi was now dead and gone. And yet, though it seemed that there was no coming back for Jesus, He rose. As St Paul puts it in Romans 9,

"We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him." -Rom. 6:9
"Death no longer has dominion over him."
Jesus, the sinless Son of God can't be stopped by death for it has no dominion over Him.

This is part of what I love about the season of Spring. Though it seems that everything is dead, new life springs forth. Though everything looked dreary, life shines forth showing us its beauty, the greens and varied colors of the flowers. In the same way, our Christian hope centers around the events of this blessed week we are preparing to celebrate.

Maundy Thursday marks the institution of the Lord's Supper, where we believe Christ himself feeds us with His very body and blood. This Holy Sacrament, we celebrate regularly as God's children that we might receive the good gifts God has to give us in the blessed meal: forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Good Friday of course marks the day that gives us all hope in the face of our guilt sins. Because as we know, on Good Friday the perfect son of God, Jesus, died for the sins of the whole world. Good Friday is that blessed day when God's justice and His mercy are both fully satisfied. He carries out the just punishment for sin as Christ is put to death. He shows His mercy in that the one dying for sin is not you or me, it is the God's perfect Son.

Finally, we make our way to Easter Sunday. The day that as St Paul puts it is the stamp and seal of approval for Christ's death on the cross for you and for me. St Paul writes in 1 Cor. 15:

"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." -
1 Cor. 15:17

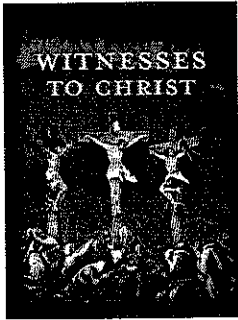
And because He is risen, we can look forward to the day when Christ will raise us too, with all the believers who have gone before us. So in the coming months as you see the signs of Spring, remember the new life we are promised in Christ, that resurrection to eternal life He won for us on the cross.

I look forward to seeing you all at the various services we have coming up to celebrate these blessed days.

In Christ,
Pastor Nathan Peitsch

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Midweek services continue until April 6th. Services will be at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday.



Witnesses to Christ: People from His Passion

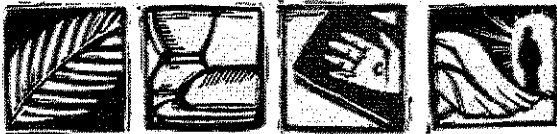
John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: “Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe

that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:30–31). Life! When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, God gives us life—abundant life, forgiven life, and eternal life.

Historically, the Fourth Gospel is likened to an eagle—an image that suggests John soars to heights of glory and grandeur. That’s because the evangelist paints a stunning portrait of Jesus, who is the bread of life, the resurrection and the life, and the way, the truth, and the life. Life in Jesus. That’s God’s gift to you!

This Lent, our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those in John’s Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Along the way, we’ll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate, as well as sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus *three* times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by *seven* demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for *thirty* pieces of silver).

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

On April 14th Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion will be at 7:00 PM. On April 15th Good Friday service will be at 7:00 PM.

On April 17th Easter Sunrise service with Holy Communion will be held at 6:30 a.m., Easter breakfast after sunrise service, Sunday School & Bible Class will start at 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion will be at 10:00 a.m.



Members are invited to bring an Easter lily to church Friday, April 15th or Saturday, April 16th. Please sign up on the sheets at either door by Sunday, April 10th, so the names of those you wish to remember can be included in the Easter bulletin.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

On Thursday, April 7th the Elder’s Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, April 19th the Church Council will meet at 7 p.m.

On April 24th, there will be a Voters Meeting after the service.

DRIVE UP COMMUNION

On Monday, April 4th & 18th there will be drive-up communion from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Orphan Grain Train †

We will be collecting clothing for Orphan Grain Train during the month of April. Clothing must be in good shape – no tears or holes, all buttons in place and workable zippers. No toys wanted. Please place in bags (plastic) not paper.

Items will be taken to Ida Grove Orphan Grain Train collection site. Thank you for your donation & serving the Lord in this way.

Mission Central – Visiting Missionaries 2021

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

- April 7, 2022 – Rachel Krause – Germany – 12:30 pm
- April 23, 2022 – Rev. Herb and Markie Burch – Belize 1:00 pm

"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. 4-9 Rev. Richard Merrill
Multi-Point, Charter Oak

Apr. 11-16 Rev. Nathan Peitsch
St. Paul's, Ute

Apr. 18-23 Rev. Mark Kluzek
St. John, Kiron/Faith, Deloit

Apr. 25-30 Rev. Josh Keinath
Zion, Dension

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.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

The newsletter this month is sponsored in memory of our Dad's (Norman Timm's) birthday, April 16th.

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

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING

This year our special mission is Camp Okoboji. Our goal is \$3,000. Their MISSION is: We provide Sanctuary which connects guests with God and His Creation You can find more information at their website: <http://www.campokoboji.org/>

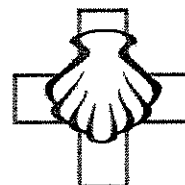
CUB WEEK SCHOLARSHIP

The Camp Okoboji auxiliary will be giving away 6 scholarships for Cub/Jr High/Youth Weeks. You can pick up a scholarship application from the church office or your Sunday School teacher. The application needs to be completed & returned to Camp Okoboji by April 18th.

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:

Kevin Hennings	1
Russell Rosburg, Jordan Thies	2
Charlee Mohr	5
Mercedes Rose	8
Jami Henschen	9
Irvin Thies	11
Ava Wood	13
Keith Meadows	14
Beau Mohr, Natasha Kelm	16
Rick Seieroe, Michael Greder,	18
Trevor Greder, Matthew Holbrook	
Kelton Mareau	19
Skylar Burroughs, Joan Trimpe	20
Samantha Sorensen	21
Caleb Creese, Brian Seieroe,	22
Andrew Kuhlmann, Marvin Gaines	
Vernon Thies	23
Tammy Bramley, Cameron Schofield,	24
Leah Schwery	
Isabelle Mohr, Gracelynn BeBout,	27
Porter BeBout	
Beth Ewoltd	28
Janelle Gray, Rodney Eneboe	30

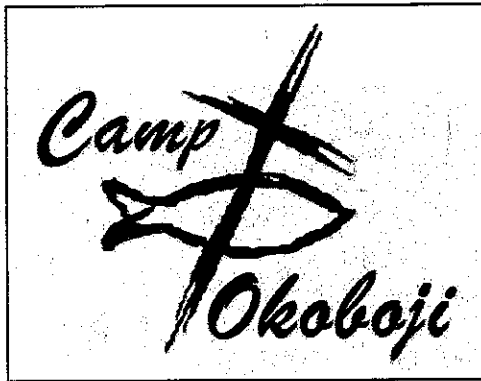


PLEASE GIVE US A CALL

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

St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
The upcoming
VOTER'S MEETING AGENDA
Sunday April 24, 2022, after the service

Opening Prayer		Pastor Peitsch
Corrections/Additions/Acceptance of Agenda		Officers/Members
Call to Order		Don Petersen
Previous Minutes		Audrey Gust
Reports		
(1) Treasurers Report		Deanna Sorensen
(2) Pastors Report/Announcements - Easter		Pastor Peitsch
(3) Board of Elders - Attendance-Worship/Communion		John Greder
(4) Board of Trustees - Parsonage fridge - Parsonage doors		Jim Thies
(5) Board of Education/Youth - Sunday School - Confirmation		Rick Knuth
(6) Stewardship		Terri Mohr
Old Business		
- Paraments		
New Business		
Next Meetings		
- NEXT COUNCIL MEETING	May 10, 2022	7:00 PM
- NEXT VOTER'S MEETING	July 17, 2022	After worship service
Closing Prayer		Pastor Peitsch



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MISSION: We provide Sanctuary which connects guests with God and His Creation.

VISION: Refreshing Body & Spirit

VALUES: Gospel, Safety, Excellence, Wellness, Stewardship, Legacy

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAMP OKOBOJO ANNUAL MEETING

April 23, 2022 | 11:00am (check-in @ 10:00am)

At the Camp Okobojo Annual Meeting, delegates from IDW congregations are informed of the ongoings & ministry of Camp Okobojo. They become the voice & advocates for Camp Okobojo to their local congregations. All are welcome to attend! In addition to the Annual Meeting, here are some extra ways you can be involved:

Basket Silent Auction & Bake Sale – The Camp Auxiliary will be fundraising for Camp Okobojo through their annual basket silent auction & bake sale.

Grocery Shower – donate nonperishable items (except peas) for the upcoming summer!

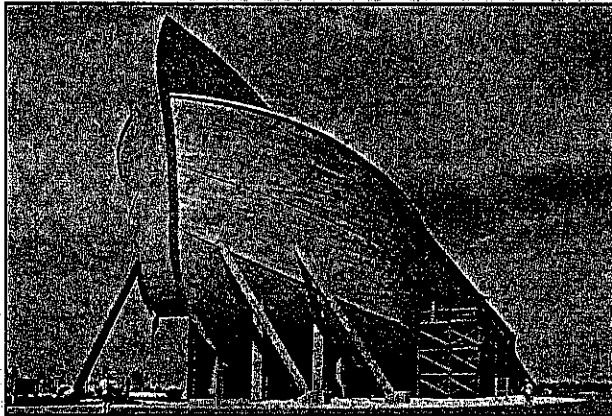


VOLUNTEER WORK WEEKEND

May 6-7, 2022

The summer season is ahead & it's time to get ready! Consider coming to Camp to give of your time & talents to maintain & sustain Camp. Come for the day or come for the hour – all help is appreciated!

Breakfast, Lunch, & Supper will be provided on Saturday. Volunteers are welcome to stay the night Friday or Saturday – lodging will be provided. Give a call to let us know you're coming!



Travel Camp: ARK Encounter & Creation Museum

September 5-9, 2022

SAVE THE DATE! We'll be traveling to the ARK Encounter
& Creation Museum.

Register by submitting your \$75 deposit.

For more information, visit campokoboji.org or call Izaak
Wendorff at Camp (712-337-3325)!

SUMMER 2022 SCHEDULE

CLICK THE LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION!

JUNE 3-5.....KIDS' KAMP

JUNE 9-12....JOY CAMP 40th ANNIVERSARY

JUNE 12-15...CUB WEEK #1

JULY 3-8.....JULY 4 FAMILY RETREAT

JULY 10-16...JR HIGH WEEK

JULY 17-23...CUB WEEK #2

JULY 24-30.....YOUTH WEEK

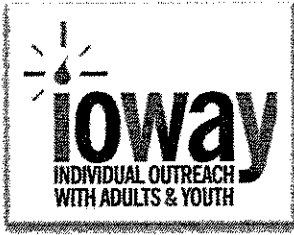
JULY 31-AUGUST 5..FAMILY RETREAT #1

AUGUST 7-12.....FAMILY RETREAT #2

SEPTEMBER 5-9....TRAVEL CAMP: ARK ENCOUNTER/CREATION MUSEUM

Summer
2022
Theme:





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Looking Back!

As the Iowa District West Disaster Response Coordinator, I have been reflecting on the many problems that natural disasters cause. Along with all the losses, tears, and hard work to rebuild after a disaster, there are also blessings. Many people get out of their comfort zone and offer physical and financial help to those affected by a disaster. They are a huge blessing as they reach out and let the affected families know that people care.

There never seems to be a shortage of disasters. Following is a short summary of our Iowa District West LERT outreaches in the past four years, 2018-2021:

- Greenfield, Iowa: LERT team of 24 volunteers helped with clean-up.
- Paradise, California: Pastor Brandon Merrick and family lost their home and church, Our Savior Lutheran Church, to fire. Donations helped replace some of their household items.
- Hamburg, Iowa: Six LERT teams volunteered to clean-up and rebuild after the flood.
- Pacific Junction, Iowa: \$86,256 was donated to help families in Pacific Junction to rebuild their lives and homes. Seven LERT teams helped in the clean-up and rebuilding.
- Calvary Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, North Carolina: Donated money was used to purchase food, toys, blankets, and cleaning supplies.
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Panama City, Florida: Donated money was used to purchase items as needed.
- Cedar Rapids, Iowa: Four LERT teams cleared debris after the derecho. One LERT trailer remained for two months for use by volunteers at King of Kings Lutheran Church, Marion, Iowa. Donations were sent to help in rebuilding homes.
- Woodward, Iowa: Three LERT teams cleared debris after the derecho.
- Des Moines, Iowa: Two LERT teams cleared debris after the derecho.
- Lake City, Iowa—2018 and 2021: Each time, a LERT team helped clean up after the damage caused by a storm.
- Hurricane Ida, Louisiana: I worked with the Southern District through Atonement Lutheran Church, Metairie, Louisiana. \$15,705 was donated and used to purchase food, toys, blankets, space heaters and cleaning supplies.
- Paducah, Kentucky: I worked with Ed Brashier, Southern District Disaster Response Coordinator. \$9,244 was donated for materials to help rebuild a family's home.
- Haiti: \$9,100 was donated for relief after the earthquake.



IDW LERT team at Woodward
(2020 Derecho)

LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) Trainings

- Zion Lutheran Church, Atlantic and Trinity Lutheran Church, Manilla joined the list of 20 previously conducted trainings in Iowa District West. This brings the total to over 700 individuals who have attended a LERT training and 60 of those individuals have also participated in a chainsaw training.
- I worked with four IDW churches providing a LERT trailer, materials, coloring books and Jesus witness bracelets for parades, community and congregational outreaches.
- We are blessed in Iowa District West to have four LERT trailers. They are in the Sac City, Boone, Southwest, and Northwest Circuits. A trailer was onsite with each of the Iowa LERT outreaches except for one.



PRAISE GOD! Since becoming the Disaster Response Coordinator in 2007, God has provided over \$438,000 through His people and congregations in IDW. This, along with the numerous hours of volunteer work, provided an amazing outpouring of love and concern which has impacted the lives of many families and communities.

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