

# ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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June 2019

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As we enter summer, children everywhere are looking forward to summer break. Perhaps they've made plans with friends. Maybe you're looking forward to summer too, planning a vacation getaway or looking forward to a decrease in your usual work load.

Summer is often seen as a time to take a break. And in fact, in a very familiar passage of Scripture, the writer of Ecclesiastes says something similar

**"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" - Eccl. 3:1**

After stating this God gives many examples of different "times" one might encounter in life. And a time to rest is one of those. But in the midst of all these times, there is one thing that remains constant: our need for God's Word.

In speaking of God's commands, Moses tells the people the people:

**"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." - Deut. 6:7**

Anytime is a good time to be in the Word of God. When we are getting ready to rest or when we are done resting. When we are working or when we are sitting. When we are traveling or when we are stationary.

With this in mind we do not "take a break" from His Word. We continue in it. We gather for worship on a weekly basis so that we can be in the Word. We include opportunities for study like Vacation Bible School, so that even when school is not in session, and kids are not meeting for catechism class or Sunday school, they can still stay in the Word of God.

And we as adults are no different, we need to remain in the Word of God just as much. And so we continue with Bible Studies. We persevere in our devotional time, all because we recognize the importance of being in God's Word. God's Word has power. The writer of Hebrews talks about it in this way:

**"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." - Heb. 4:12**

God's Word is living and active it is constantly at work in the hearts of His people. Isaiah shares this confidence about God's Word and its effectiveness in chapter 55 where he states:

**"so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. " - Is. 55:11**

God's Word cannot return empty. It must accomplish the purpose for which He sent it. Knowing this, it makes it all the more essential that we continue our study of Scripture, so that the Word of God can do the thing He purposes for it.

And so today, I encourage you to look to the opportunities you have been given to be a part of the study and spread of God's Word. There are summer camps your kids can attend at Camp Okoboji, ways you can help out with our Vacation Bible School this summer (starting July 14), and Bible Studies you can attend, both Sunday mornings at 9 and Wednesdays at 11.

But the opportunities don't stop there. Even if you're traveling, visiting family this summer or taking the opportunity of the break to go on a much needed vacation. These typically happen over the weekend which means you're not able to be here with us in worship. But there are plenty of other opportunities for you to worship where you are. I encourage you as part of your vacation planning to take a look at [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org) In the top right corner of their website is a church locator that the LCMS has put together, so you can continue to gather in worship no matter where you are.

So, wherever you go, however you decide to break or vacation or relax this summer, remember the words of Deuteronomy, study God's Word that it might permeate your life. God be with you this summer,  
Pastor Nathan Peitsch

**LYF MEETING**

LYF Meeting is Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the LYF room.

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**LCW MEETING**

LCW Meeting is Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

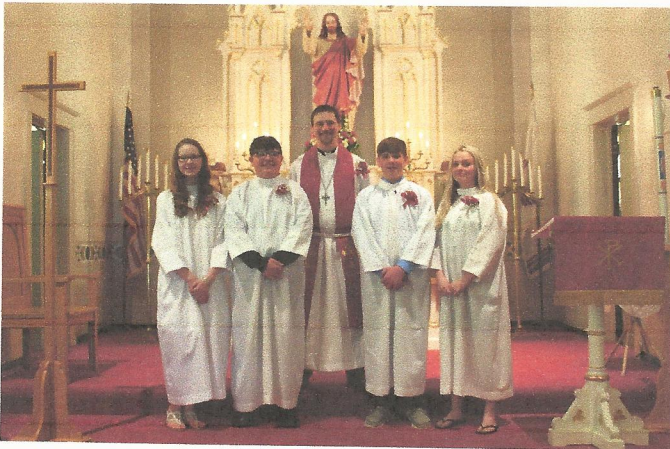
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**COUNCIL MEETING**

Council Meeting is Tuesday, June 11 at 7 p.m.

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**CONFIRMATION**



Emily Sorensen, Keenan Riddle, Pastor, Brenner Jung, Jenna Hanson

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**SUMMER CAMPS**

Mark the following dates on your schedule. Speak with Board of Ed, or Pastor for more information about Camp:

- Cub Week 1, 06/23-29, Grades 3-5
- Cub Week 2, 07/14-20, Grades 3-5
- Jr. High Week, 07/7-13, Grades 6-8
- Youth Week, 07/21-27, Grades 9-12

Parents and kids should be making plans to attend camp some as the deadlines are nearing. Copies of the 2019 Camp Okoboji brochure listing their many youth and family camps are available on the back table in church. The congregation and LCW support financially youth who attend.

**Scholarship:** St. Paul's LCW will give a \$50.00 camper scholarship to any young person attending one of the camps at Okoboji. Contact Pastor

**USHERS**

If you or if you know of anyone who would be interested in ushering please call pastor or John Greder.

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**2019 SPECIAL MISSION PROJECTS**

This year we have three special missions:

-**Lutheran Blind Mission**-Aid work among blind/sight impaired.

-**LCMS Disaster Relief** – Aid flood victims in Nebraska/Iowa

-**Lutherans for Life**- Aid educational programs/work in areas of abortion

If you would like to give to special missions, please write the check to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and mark (Special Missions) on you envelope or on the check memo.

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**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 daily devotion airing at 6:25 a.m. Monday through Saturday on KDSN 107.1FM).

June 3-8	Rev. Mark Kluzek Faith, Deloit
June 10-15	Rev. Josh Keinath Zion, Denison
June 17-22	Rev. Merle Mahnken Immanuel, Schleswig
June 24-29	Rev. David Loesch Bethlehem, Our Savior

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**ADVENTURELAND**

Lutheran Family Day at Adventureland Park is Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> Tickets are available at Adventureland for \$33/person. For details contact: Dean Rothchild @ 319-373-2112

## 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	4
Kent Seieroe	5
Dolly Krohn	6
Kyle Bumsted	10
Gary McCall	13
Jerry Thies	15
Neal Bartels	17
Jamie & Kyle Savery, Skye Grindle	19
Linda Plough, Kenley Creese , Lillian Koch	20
Gary Vinke	
John McCall	22
Morgan Teut, Kerry Vinke	23
Teri Hinrichsen, William Sorensen	24
Mardi Goslar	27
Jennifer Lynn, Barbara Mordhorst	28
Calliyah Mareau	29



## 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

## 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.



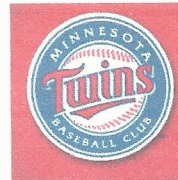
**Lunch served 11-12:30 (freewill offering)**  
**Proceeds go towards renovation of**  
**Zebulun Cabin**  
**Craft Sale**

View Quilts online at [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org) or  
On site June 14<sup>th</sup> 5-7 or June 15<sup>th</sup> 9-12



August 25, 2019

TWINS GAME TRIP!



**MINNESOTA TWINS VS DETROIT TIGERS!**  
**ONLY 20 TICKETS AVAILABLE!**

Cost is \$65 per person by July 1, 2019 or \$100 after July 1, 2019 and includes snacks, soft drinks and water, transportation, metro pass and game ticket!

Food at the ball park is on your own!

DATE: Sunday, August 25, 2019

Game time: 1:10 PM

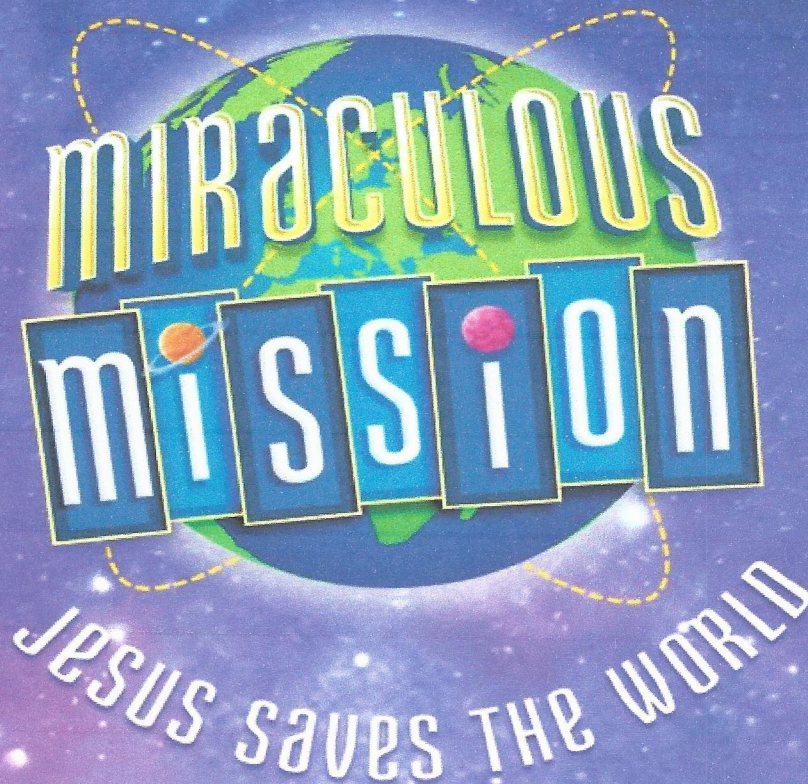
Pick ups are as follows

- First English Lutheran Church, 1311 E 18th Street, Spencer, IA: 7 AM
- Camp Okoboji, 1531 Edgewood Dr, Milford IA: 7:45 AM
- HWY 9 & 169: approximately 9 AM

We will return home after the game with rest area stops only!

To reserve your seat go to [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org)

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Vacation Bible School  
Monday, July 15 – Thursday, July 18  
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

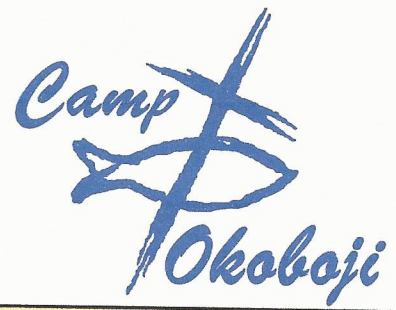


Please pass the word and welcome any kids from age 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grades.

You can pre-register your child using the form attached or call 712-885-2221. Pre-registration is appreciated but not required.

If you would like to help one day to all days ----group leader/crafts/instructor/games/food/etc., please call the church office, pastor, Korey Meseck, Tina Bernholtz or Angie Teut.

# What's Happening At Your Camp?



## 2019 Summer Chaplain Schedule

June 2	Reverend Ben Dose—Zion, Arcadia, IA
June 9	Camp Staff Led Service
June 16	Reverend Chris Nitzel—St. Paul, Hartley, IA
June 23	Reverend Dennis Martens—Trinity, Jefferson, IA
June 30	Reverend Steve Wichtendahl—Immanuel, Guthrie Center, IA and St. Thomas, Panora, IA
July 7	Reverend Jonathan Conner—Zion, Manning, IA
July 14	Reverend Mark Resner—St. Paul, Whittemore, IA
July 21	Reverend Steve Hayden—Lake Oconee Lutheran Church, Eatonton, GA
July 28	Reverend Kyle McBee—Zion, Humboldt, IA and Trinity, Fort Dodge, IA
August 4	Reverend Jim Stogdill—Messiah, Johnston, IA
August 11	Reverend Mark Triplett—Emanuel, Hamburg, MN
August 18	Reverend Andrew Coop—St. Paul, Ankeny, IA
August 25	Reverend Jeremiah Jording—Immanuel, Spirit Lake, IA
September 1	Reverend Robert Schaedel—Retired, Palmyra, NE

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 31-June 2	Kids Kamp
June 3-7	Day Camp 1
June 6-9	Joy Camp 1
June 9-14	Boys Lake Adventure Camp
June 9-15	Girls Sports Camp
June 10-14	Day Camp 2
June 16-22	Minneboji
June 17-21	Traveling Day Camp to Zion-Atlantic
June 17-21	Day Camp 3
June 23-29	Cub Week 1
June 23-28	Girls Lake Adventure Camp
June 24-28	Day Camp 4



**Kids Kamp Bible Lesson  
Time!**

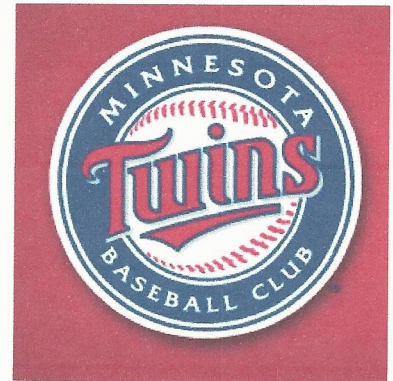
Camp Okoboji is still looking for volunteer counselors for Cub Week 1 & 2, Jr. High Week, and Youth Week. To apply, simply register online with the Camp you wish to serve as a counselor. Lori Gamble will then contact you as soon as we know numbers for the week. To counsel for Cub Week and Jr. High Week you need to be at least 16, to counsel for Youth Week you need to be at least 19. If you have questions, please contact Lori Gamble by email [lori@campokoboji.org](mailto:lori@campokoboji.org) or call the Camp office at 712-337-3325.



### Omelet Brunches at Camp Okoboji!

A reminder that the first Sunday of the month, June-October, Camp will be having their FAMOUS Omelet Brunches from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. All proceeds will go towards our general fund unless otherwise designated! Come join us!

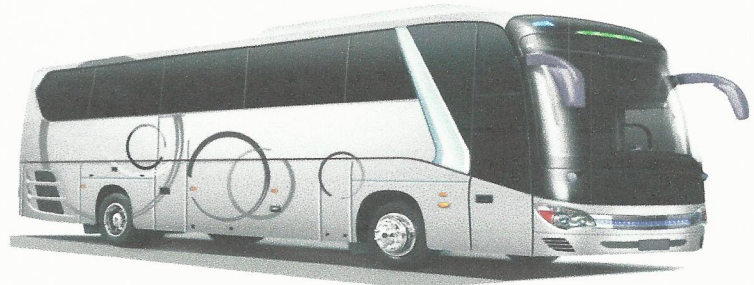
**Minnesota Twins Game Trip will be on August 25, 2019. The Twins will be playing the Detroit Tigers. Trip cost is \$65 which includes the following: game ticket, transportation to and from the game including Metro Bus, and snacks. All meals are on your own. Register to save your spot online [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org) under Bus Trips.**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**COMING  
UP**

**September 23-27, 2019**

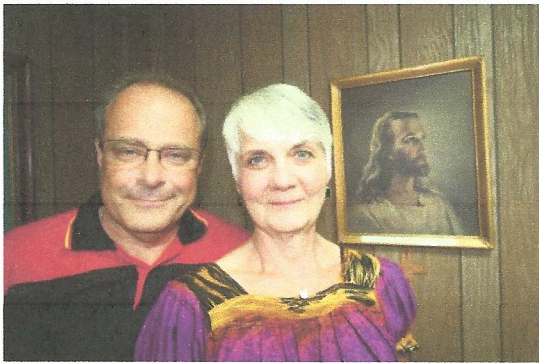


A bus trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter is being planned for September 23-27, 2019. Details are still pending and registration will be open soon! Check our website and watch for details!

**For more information on all our camps and retreats be sure to check out our website-[www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org)! If you haven't registered please do so soon!**

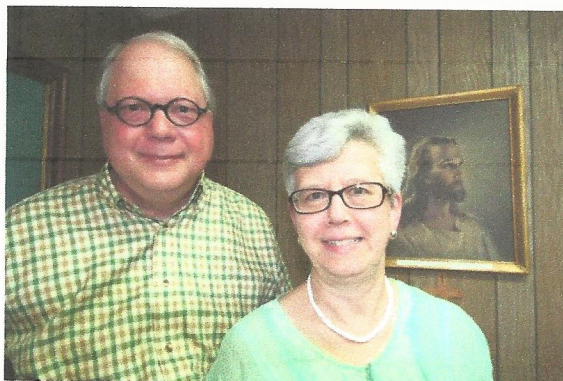
**Thanks to all those who came to help  
during our May Volunteer Weekends!**

**MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS  
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



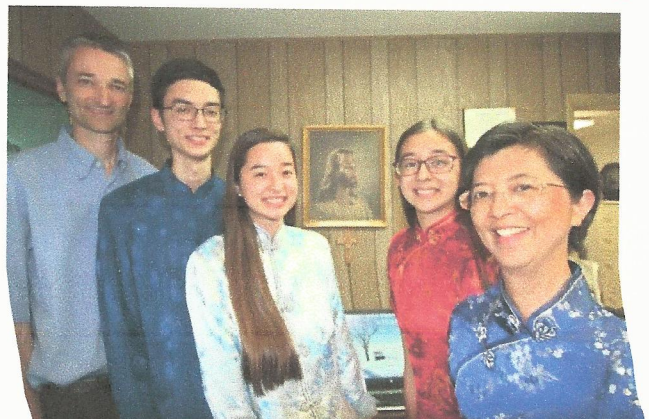
**Dr. Martin and Marie Dicke**  
**Papua New Guinea**  
**Saturday, June 1, 2019**  
**1 PM**

**Rev. Steve and Cindy Schumacher**  
**Ghana West Africa**  
**Saturday, June 1, 2019**  
**1:30 PM**



**Rev. Charles and Connie Cortright**  
**St. Petersburg, Russia**  
**Saturday, June 22, 2019**  
**1 PM**

**Rev. Michael and Irene Paul & family**  
**Taiwan**  
**Saturday, June 22, 2019**  
**1:30 PM**





**Rev. Adam and Christine Lehman & family**

**Spain**

**Saturday, June 22, 2019**

**2 PM**

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**Rev. Dr. Joel Fritsche and Family**

**Dominican Republic**

**Saturday, July 20, 2019**

**1 PM**



**Michael & Beth Ritzman and Family**

**Papua New Guinea**

**Saturday, July 20, 2019**

**1:30 PM**

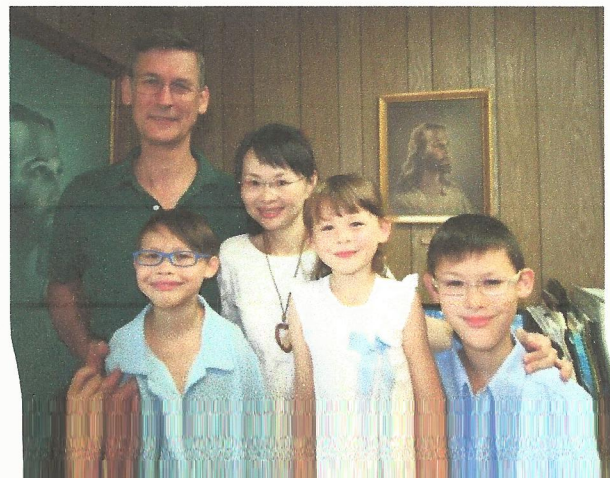
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**Dr. Steve Oliver and Family**

**Taiwan**

**Saturday, July 27, 2019**

**1 PM**





# Vacation Bible School Registration

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ One form per child, please.

Grade completed \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' names \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergies   (List:)

Medical concerns   (Explain:)

Family doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Doctor's phone \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings attending VBS (names and ages) \_\_\_\_\_

Church affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Church membership at \_\_\_\_\_

People who may pick up the child \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation needed?   Attendance  1  2  3  4  5

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