

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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September 2019

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Enclosed with this month's newsletter you will find a pledge form for the upcoming year. And while it may seem a bit early to be thinking about 2020 for most things, the time is drawing near for the church to plan out our 2020 budget and you are a big part of that plan.

Your pledges enable us to better plan out our budget for the upcoming year. It gives us at least an idea of what we might be working with for regular offerings. It also gives you an opportunity to plan out your own budgets for the upcoming year. As you plan how you will spend the money God has blessed you with, you also plan to give a portion back to Him.

Pledging is a good way to set a goal for your giving. It helps you to hold yourself accountable for what you intend to give. I ask that you prayerfully consider what you are able to pledge. Remember the ways God has blessed you. Consider how He has answered your prayers as you pray to Him, "Give us this day our daily bread."

Now all of this sounds very practical, but it also leads us to consider the concept of the offering. What is an offering? How much should we give in the offering? What are offerings used for? Offerings in the Old Testament were typically sacrifices. A sheep or a goat would be brought as a sacrifice for sin. Some grain would be burnt to thank God for the grain he has given us. A bird would be offered to cleanse one who had become impure in some way. A bull would be offered up on behalf of the people. We no longer make live offerings, and in fact we can see this practice changing even in the gospels. In Luke 21, we read,

"Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, 'Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.'" - Luke 21:1-4

And with the death of Christ, we see an end to the sacrificial system once and for all. St Paul speaking of the sacrifice Christ made for us, says in Romans 6,

"For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God." -

Rom. 6:10

Here we see the sacrifice Christ made for us was once and for all. Live sacrifices, or any sacrifice for that matter, made to pay for or cleanse sin in any way was no longer necessary because Christ has made the ultimate sacrifice for us.

Our offerings are no longer given as a sacrifice for sin. They are not given to cleanse us. What Christ did for us in His death and resurrection has taken care of that for all time. We are cleansed in baptism, not in the offering of the proper sacrifice. We are fed not with the food we offer in sacrifice to God for the sins we have committed, but fed by the food only God can give in, with, and under the bread and wine as He feeds us with the body and blood of Christ.

Our worship, our offerings, our prayers, our hymns, all are a gift of thanks given back to God for the sacrifice His Son made on our behalf. St Paul reminds us of this in Ephesians 5:

"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, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" - Eph. 5:18-20

Our worship is an act of thanks to God for all the good things He has given us. We thank Him for cleansing us from sin. We thank Him for feeding us with His own body and blood. And we thank Him for His forgiveness.

So may we continue to give thanks to God for all His wonderful gifts. And as you consider those gifts He has blessed you with, prayerfully consider filling out the pledge form included, that we may all rejoice together in God's great provision.

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

MONTHLY MEETING

The Elder's Meeting is on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 6:30 p.m. and Council Meeting is on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7:00 p.m.

LCW MEETING

LCW Meeting is Wednesday, September 11th at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

LWML FALL RALLY

The LWML Fall Rally is on Sunday, September 15th at St. John (in town), Battle Creek. Registration starts at 1:00 p.m. & meeting at 1:30 p.m.

2019 SPECIAL MISSION PROJECTS

Stewardship is emphasizing our Special Mission Projects for 2019. During August, our special mission project focuses on Lutheran for Life. Please note the bulletin board as you are exiting. There are Special Mission envelopes available on the back table.

Another one of the special mission projects St. Paul's has adopted is the Lutheran Braille Workers. Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sioux City, IA is a ministry production center for LBW, assembling "LWML Quarterlies" in large print. On September 15, 2019, Redeemer will have a Service Day; LWML Quarterlies will be assembled as well as fleece blankets. Stamps for Missions and Coupons for our troops will be clipped. The Service Project will take place from 4:00 - 7:00 in the gym of the Church. Lunch will be served at 5:00. All ages are invited to help. Lutheran Blind Mission <https://lbwinc.org>

"THY STRONG WORD"

'Thy Strong Word' is a daily devotion airing at 6:25 a.m. Monday through Saturday on KDSN 107.1FM).

Sept. 2-7	Rev. Josh Keinath Zion, Denison
Sept. 9-14	Rev. Merle Mahnken Immanuel, Schleswig
Sept. 16-21	Rev. David Loeschen Bethlehem/Our Savior
Sept. 23-28	Rev. Richard Merrill St. John, CO
Sept. 30-Oct. 5	Rev. Nathan Peitsch St. Paul's, Ute

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes will start on September 8 at 9:00 a.m. We will have 3 classes this year: Pre-school-Kindergarten, Grades 1-4, & Grades 5-8. All is welcome

SUPPORT OUR CATECHISM FAMILIES

We need volunteers to provide a simple snack every Wednesday for 10 Catechism students from 5:45-6:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

LYF MEETING/GAMES

On September 11th, the LYF meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. We will have a game night with pizza first. If you have a game you would like to share please bring them.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING

The 6th - 8th grade Junior Youth Gathering will take place October 19-20 at the Sheraton in West Des Moines. The theme is "Come to the Table". The cost is \$150. The LYF will cover half of the cost. You can sign up in the back of church or call the church office by September 15th.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING

The Senior Youth Gathering will take place November 15-17 at the Embassy Suites downtown in Des Moines. The theme is "Foundations Prepared" Based on 1 Corinthians 3:10-11. The cost is \$235. The LYF will cover half of the cost. You can sign up in the back of church or call the church office by September 15th.

SR YOUTH EVENT

On Saturday, September 21 there is a Sr. Youth Event at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Denison from 9:30-2 pm. Lunch provided. The three dynamic sessions are on: Mormonism Exposed, Gospel according to Carrie Underwood and Lord's Supper as Pure Gift. Fee is each youth group is encouraged to bring a box of non-expired, non-perishables to give to the local food pantry in Denison. You can sign up in the back of church or call the church office by September 11th.

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
Lois Greder, Bailey Kuhlmann	2
Ray Gosch-Brendan Lane	3
Heather Rosburg	7
Derek Erlemeier	9
Gina Hull	10
Mark Goslar	13
Ella Fester	15
Glenn Ullerich	16
Arlis Petersen	17
Sara Folk	19
Micah Peitsch	20
Cody Rosburg	22
Sasha Teut	23
Larry Folk	24
Norma Buschmann-Hannah Hageman	25
Delaine Nelson	27
Roger Johnson-Jo Thies-Heath Winsor	28
Trent Mordhorst	29
Tyler Leitz	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

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

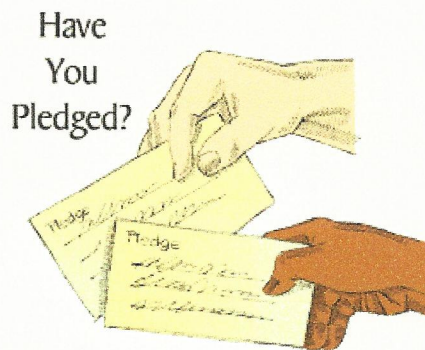
STEWARDSHIP

AUTOMATIC DEBIT - An automatic debit from your checking account to St. Paul's account may be an option if you would like to give to the church on a regular basis or you just want to simplify our giving without writing a check each week or month. You can specify an amount and how often this amount should be transferred from your checking account to St. Paul's account at Community Bank, and it will automatically be done for you. Your bank can help you fill out a short form. This debit can be stopped or changed at any time by contacting your bank. You will want to let the Treasurer know who is making this donation so she can credit you for income tax purposes.

GRAIN - As the harvest approaches, St. Paul's Stewardship committee would like to remind the farmers that one option for giving is the gift of grain. A form is included in the newsletter if you want to do this. This gift is not tax deductible, but you will not declare the amount of the grain as income.

PLEDGES

All members are invited to fill out a pledge plan to help their own household plan to hear, learn, and support their congregation. Pledge Plans are included in this newsletter. The cards can be filled out and returned by September 29th.

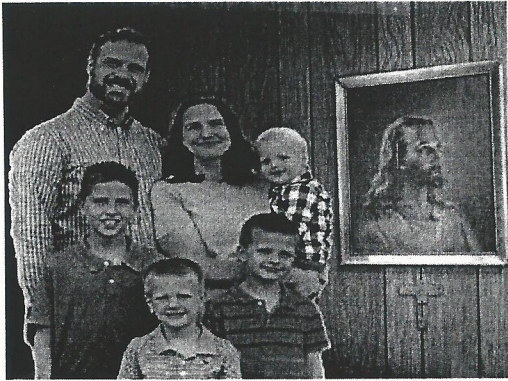


NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

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.

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

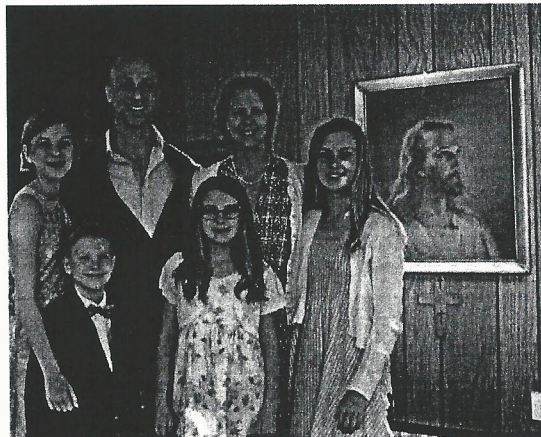


Rev. Shauen Trump
Kenya East Africa
Saturday, September 7, 2019
1 PM



Cindy Wrucke
Czech Republic
Friday, September 13, 2019
1 PM

Rev. John Bombaro & Family
Riga Latvia
Friday, September 27, 2019
1 PM



Rev. Doug & Angie Thompson
Sierra Leone
Friday, September 27, 2019
1 PM



**St Paul Lutheran Church
Ute, Iowa**

-Gift of Grain-

from

(Donor name)

(Donor address)

(City, State, Zip)

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Type of Grain: _____

I wish to transfer above quantity of grain to:

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Ute, Iowa, 51060-8061**

(Signature)

Date _____ / _____ / _____

Attention Grain Elevator operator(s):

Please deposit said grain quantities listed above into an account at your elevator entitled St Paul Lutheran Church (listed above) and contact their representative at 712-885-2221 office for instructions as to grain disposition.

Please send this form along with the payment/appropriate documentation of sale to address listed above.

If you have any further questions, or need for additional instructions, please call St Paul Lutheran Church at 712-885-2221 for further instructions.

My (Household's) Pledge Plan for 2020:

- I plan to give the following amount in support of God's mission at St. Paul's:

\$ _____ per week

Or

\$ _____ per month

**Please return top
portion to the church.**

My (Household's) Pledge Plan for 2020:

- I plan to give the following amount in support of God's mission at St. Paul's:

\$ _____ per week

Or

\$ _____ per month

**Please detach and
keep as a visible
reminder of your plan.**

St. Paul's Mission Statement:

Be faithfully obedient to the living Christ in making disciples of all people.



Good News for families

October 2019

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There are some words in our English vocabulary that have fallen by the wayside. They aren't used quite so often, and sometimes we're worse off for it when there isn't a suitable replacement. How often do you hear the word *abide* in ordinary language on a regular basis? I'm betting not very much. We have a general idea of what it might entail, but the full meaning is lost on us when it's not part of our everyday conversation. And for children who have perhaps never heard it, well, now it's just a word they're likely to gloss over and skip!

But wait—it's too good to miss. God tells us that we are to abide in His Word, and this sounds like something to consider. Here is what our Lord says in John 8:

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31–32)

One definition of *abide* that might help shed some light here is "to accept or act in accordance with." Sure! We certainly want to act in accordance with God's Word. Of course, that is easier said than done. Plus, we Lutherans know that Scripture is more than just a rule book. Perhaps there is a better definition to share.

How about "to dwell or reside" in God's Word? Now this—this is how we are to define this beautiful word. We know from other parts of Scripture that God desires for us to dwell, reside, live in His Word. His Word is life, so we breathe it in, stay in it, endure through it, persevere with it. We remain in His Word, no matter the circumstances. We *abide* in God's Word.

Of course, parents and grandparents like us might see this as a tall order. How can we abide in God's Word—truly soak it in—when it feels like there is so little time in the day? Whether parents work outside of the home, stay at home with their children, or something in between, it can feel like being in the Word is just another thing *to do*. This is the

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opposite of the rest and dwelling and living and breathing of His Word that God desires for us.

So what does that look like?

Living—abiding—in God’s Word looks like your mealtime prayers. Your daily forgiveness of your child’s mistakes. And, yes, your confessing to your children that you, too, make mistakes and need their forgiveness. It’s talking to your children about Christ’s salvation, making it part of everyday conversation. It’s not thinking twice when Sunday comes and our Lord’s gifts are waiting in the pulpit and at the altar—we abide in this

Word, and we desire to hear it regularly. It’s serving yet another meal and cleaning up yet another mess because God has made it known in His Word that raising up little ones is pleasing to Him. It’s serving your closest neighbor, which He frees us up to do.

See? You’re already doing it! You may not use the word *abide* in conversation each day, but you sure are living it. Living in it. Abiding in God’s Word. You are His disciple, and you know the truth, and it has made you free. ✠

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Recommended Reading

Heartbeat!

Living with Passion in the Word of Christ

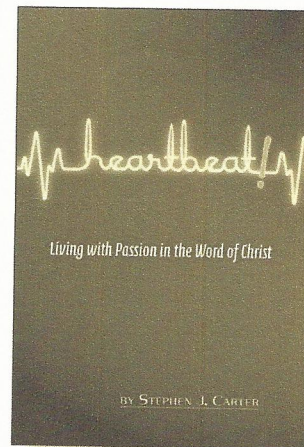
by Stephen J. Carter

Physically, you live only because your heart beats twenty-four hours a day, every day, as long as you live. God created your heart to beat every moment and throughout your lifespan.

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Good News for families

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Remembering

Forgot to pack a lunch. Forgot to bring the beach towels. Forgot to schedule the kids' checkup. If there's one thing for certain when you're a parent, it's this: you are going to forget something. Maybe even a lot of somethings. When you have a household full of people who depend on you for most (all) of their needs, it's bound to happen from time to time.

Sometimes, we get so busy trying *not* to forget all of the little things, it ends up that we *do* forget the big things, like being in God's Word regularly, praying to our Father, and even sharing Christ with our neighbor. It all just ends up on the list of things we meant to do but . . . forgot.

Thank God our salvation isn't found in our remembering. It's found in our faith in Christ, the one who never forgets.

It's true! He said so Himself, even to a criminal hanging on a cross:

And [the criminal] said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And [Jesus] said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be

with Me in paradise." (Luke 23:42-43)

Even in the swirling chaos of death on a cross, even with *more* than a household of people who depend on Him, even when bearing the sin of the whole world, Jesus doesn't forget us. The criminal who was crucified alongside Jesus had faith, and our Lord told him that He wouldn't forget him, that the man would be with Jesus forevermore. Here was a man who couldn't even remember not to break the law, and Jesus counts him as worth remembering.

So it goes for us.

And so it goes in the Church. When others forget, the Church remembers. Outside of the Church, it can feel like the world moves so fast and furious that our very real everyday struggles and sadness are left in the dust. The world keeps spinning, and we're left behind, forgotten, alone in our sorrow.

If you've lost a loved one, or come upon an important anniversary, or are struggling with health issues, your pastor and congregation are right

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there with you, reminding you that Christ has not forgotten you. That they have not forgotten you. That your loved ones are not forgotten, and your struggles are acknowledged. This isn't because they're such great people who have mastered remembering things. It's because we are one Body in Christ, and what goes for Jesus goes for us. We can't help but be concerned with our fellow members. Their sorrow and struggles are ours.

Our children aren't immune to forgetfulness, either—and don't we know it! Sometimes it may feel like

reminders are the backbone of the parents' day. But even as we teach them to remember where their shoes are located, that their tiny Lego building blocks need to be picked up before the baby eats them, and that brushing their teeth is nonnegotiable, let's help them learn to remember others in their prayers. Let's instruct them to remember the Body of Christ when the world has forgotten. Most of all, let's impress on our children and grandchildren that our salvation is found in Jesus, who never, ever forgets them—and never will. ✠

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Recommended Reading

Hope When Your Heart Breaks

Navigating Grief and Loss

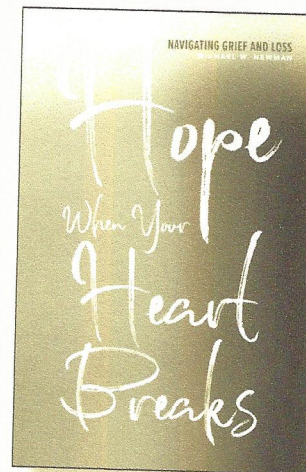
by Michael W. Newman

Whether you have lost a job, a dream, a friendship, or a loved one, you mourn. You might mourn for a few weeks, or your grief may extend for years.

God plunges into your heartbreak and works abiding and holy transformation in your life. It may take months or years for you to heal, but you can ground your hope for healing in Jesus. He will always be your hope when your heart breaks.

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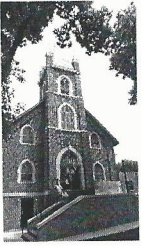


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Worship Time:
Sundays 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Class:
11:00 A.M.

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SEPTEMBER 8TH
9:00 AM

