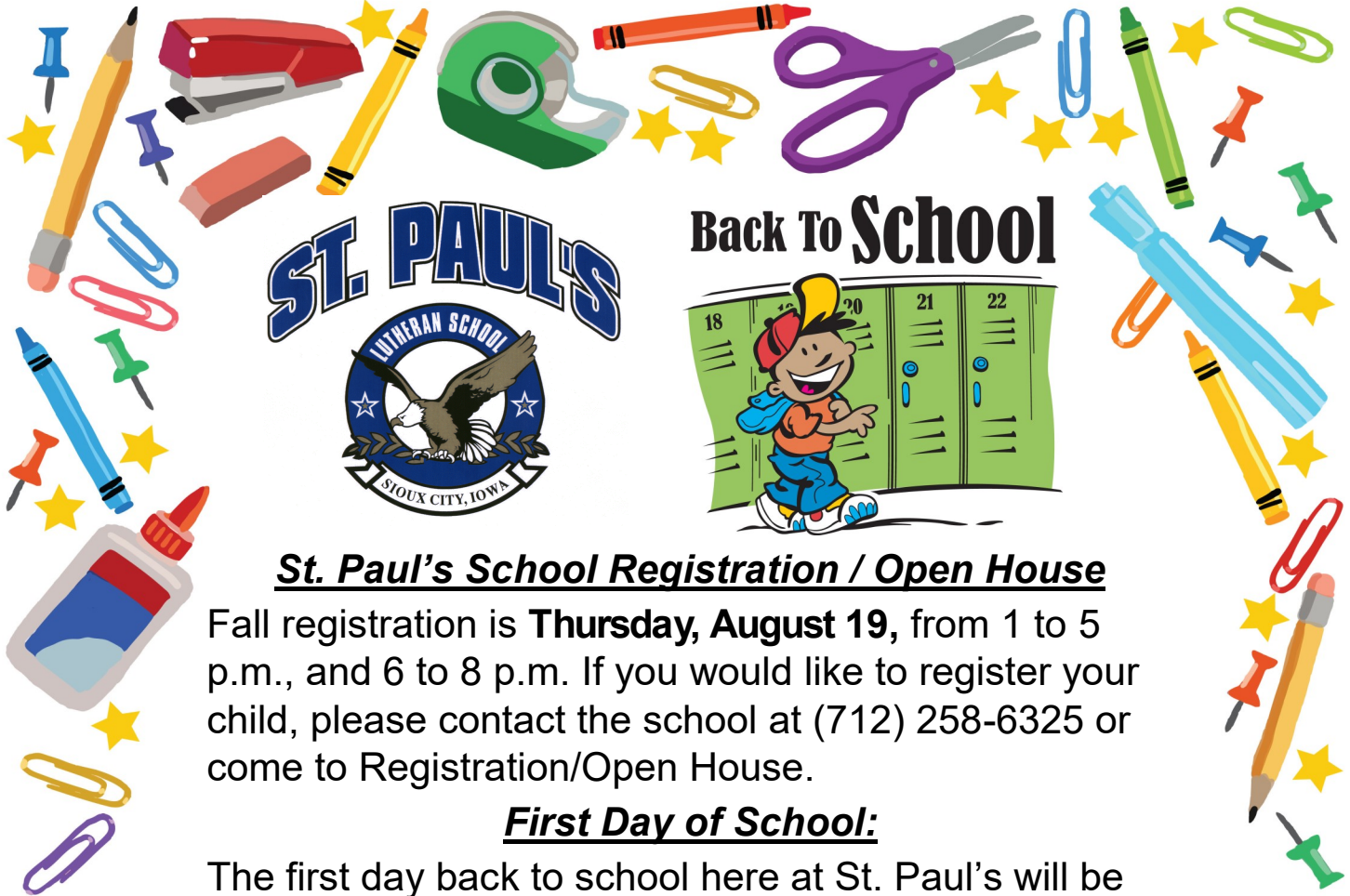


ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Family Newsletter

AUGUST
2021



Back To School



St. Paul's School Registration / Open House

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First Day of School:

The first day back to school here at St. Paul's will be **Monday, August 23**, at 8:30 a.m.

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St. Paul's Lutheran School Golf Outing

Sunday, August 1 at Sun Valley Golf Course.
(2101 Military Rd, Sioux City, IA 51103)

- Tee time is at 1:00 p.m.
- 4 Person Scramble: \$60 per player. Includes 18 holes, cart, steak dinner, fun times and prizes.
- Steak Dinner is at Concordia Lutheran Church Beginning at 4:30 p.m.
- Come eat even if you don't golf!
- Adult Meals \$15 - Kids Meals (11 & under) \$5
- There will be a Bouncy House for kids, Silent Auction and Bake Sale all afternoon at Concordia.



Pastor's Page



My 3-year-old daughter loves me, and she knows what her daddy loves. For my last birthday she and her mom went to a dollar store and bought me a brain teaser wooden puzzle. This puzzle consists of 18 wooden blocks, and

they are carefully and trickily put together. It would tease your brain to take them apart and almost impossible to put them back together. Since I was so smart, I decided to set it on the bookshelf in my bedroom as a piece of decoration without opening it up.

A few weeks ago, while I was working on my sermon at home, my daddy's girl came to my room and sat on my lap. As she was looking around to find out what I was doing, she spotted that wooden puzzle she gave me. She turned around and said to me, "Daddy, open it." How could I say "No" to my little princess? So, I did. However, I did not take it apart and you know why. As she held the whole puzzle in her hands, she looked at me again and I knew from her cute eyes that she wanted to separate those blocks.

"We can take them apart. But can you put them back together?" I asked.

With no surprise, with her big, cute eyes, and a big smile on her face, she nodded.

Suddenly a crazy thought went through my mind. "Maybe my precious girl is a genius, a prodigy. I saw many of them on T.V. and maybe she is one of them. There is only one way to find out!"

So, with excitement she watched me, her genius dad, take it apart without any major struggles. Then I gave her all the loose blocks and said, "Put them back together." With a smile she started working on them and I went back to work on my sermon.

Thirty seconds later she came back to me with a sad face, "Daddy, put them back." I responded, "Well, I am not sure that I can do that either."

Can we always put all the pieces of the puzzle back together? It is much easier to take them apart than to put them back, isn't it?! And I am not just talking about brain teasers or any jigsaw puzzles but

life.

Life is like a big, gigantic piece of puzzle. Sometimes, it is like a 1,000 pieces of jigsaw puzzle that we feel so overwhelmed by it. Sometimes, it is more like a brain teaser. You might know what the final product should look like, but you do not know how to get there. Meanwhile, it continues to fall apart, and we do not know how to stop the trend.

Just like my cute 3-year-old daughter, who likes to take things apart but does not know how to put them back, we have messed up our life so badly. Just like my 3-year-old daughter, as she realizes her struggles, she goes to her father and asks for help, we, too, need to go to our Heavenly Father.

You and I need to confess to Him, "Father, I have messed up everything. Would you forgive me? Would you tell me what to do so that I will not make things worse? And, finally, would You put everything back together so they are where they should be?"

The good news is – before we have even asked, God knows what we have done and what we will do. He knows that because of sin, we live in a chaotic life. There is no way that we can get ourselves out of it. But God's Word in Ephesians 1:4–7 comforts us, *"He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace."* (ESV)

Yes, God the Father loves us that He sent His Son Jesus to die for us. He takes all our sin on Himself so that we can be right again with God. Today the Holy Spirit is using the Word of God to guide us and lead us every day so that we know how to be children of God. And we know when the final day comes, we will be in a new heaven and a new earth. And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. He will make all things new. (Revelation 21:4–5)

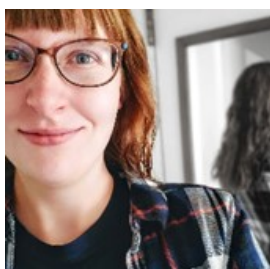
Yes, God can, and He will put everything back together. Amen.

God's Blessings.

Pastor Kenny Hsu



DCE Deep Digs



Greetings,

Throughout our worship services at St. Paul's, we sing praises to our Lord Savior Jesus Christ. In Paul's letter to Ephesus, he wrote: *'Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the*

Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (5:19-20).'

We often use hymns to help us connect with what we are reading in the Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel passages. Many hymns from the Lutheran Service Book were written to emphasize teaching the evangelical faith to new Lutherans in the 1600's. The hymns we know today were written under distress of what was being preached during their time. The teaching of justification by grace through faith was received yet the concern quickly became how people used their freedom regarding the Gospel (God's riches at Christ's expense). Indulgences were a thing of the past as people learned that their faith in Christ alone (grace alone: word alone: faith alone) saved them from their sins.

A movement that was quick to follow the

newly reformed church was that of Pietism. Pietism was the emphasis of holy living as a reflection of a Christian's faith.

Moreover, it became a teaching of mystical connection from Jesus to individual believers. It skewed the concept of subjective justification (Christ's work applied to and received by an individual in faith) into a more intimate relationship with Jesus as a lover or a friend and a greater need of obedience of the believer instead of stressing the importance of the sacraments. Pietism makes individuals look inward at themselves, their actions, and their feelings for their own salvation as opposed to the powerful saving work of Christ where He instituted for us Baptism and the Lord's Supper through His death and resurrection. We, as Lutherans, look to Christ alone for forgiveness and salvation.

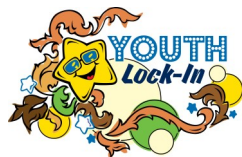
"Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose victorious that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done; Let us praise the true Redeemer, praise the One who makes us one (LSB 849)."

Blessings, *Grace Wolfgram, DCE Intern*



Youth Half Lock-In:

The youth will be having a half lock-in on **Friday, August 6** from 6:00 p.m. to Midnight and we will meet in the school gym.



Bring running shoes, a blanket/pillow/comfy clothes for a movie, and a dinner dish for a potluck meal at 6:30 p.m. Any youth who are in 6th grade and above are welcome to attend.

Pie With Grace: Pie with DCE Intern Grace! Senior High Youth are invited to join Grace at Perkins (the one across from Menards) on Sunday afternoons at 2:30 starting

on **August 22nd**. A slice of pie will be discounted to the price of \$2.00 per person to Grace and she'll cover the rest! She is willing to share a pot of coffee with anyone who is a fan of the java bean.

Homework Huddle: Middle-school youth (6-8 grade) are invited to come Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5pm in the church fellowship hall starting **Wednesday, August 25th** for our Homework Huddles. Once kids are done with their homework from the day, they can play card/board games with friends. Snacks will be provided, donations for snacks are welcome. As Confirmation starts up in September we will transition to a quick meal of Little Caesar's pizza at 5pm with a devotion to the midweek classes from 5:30 to 6:30pm.

Youth Bowling: Youth in grades 6th and up are welcome to

join us for bowling on **Sunday, August 29th** at 2-4pm at Plaza Bowl! The cost to bowl is \$9.00 for two games.

YOUTH GATHERINGS 2021

Junior Youth Gathering –

October 23-24

Location: Sheraton, West Des Moines, IA
Focus: Idol Talk
Cost: \$150



Senior Youth Gathering-

November 19-21

Location: Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines, IA
Theme: Anchored
Cost: \$235



Registration information will be available in August for both.



St. Paul's Lutheran School is excited to announce that we are planning to return to the classroom for in-person lessons, closely following CDC guidelines. The first day of classes will be **Monday, August 23rd**. This includes attending all day-5 days a week class. (Details below) We still have room in most classes! Contact us for more info and to schedule a tour. Call: (712)258-6325 and ask for Mrs. Strong or email us at office@stpaulssiouxcity.org. You may also check us out at www.siouxcitystpauls.org and Facebook. St. Paul's is state and nationally accredited. We care about the health and safety of our students, families, and staff foremost. We will do our best to follow public health, CDC, and Iowa Department of Education guidelines when possible.

- Fall registration is **Thursday, August 19, 2021** from 1 - 5 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m.
- St. Paul's will open on **Monday, August 23** at 8:25 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for all preschool—5th grade students
- Opening Chapel Service will be held on **Monday, August 23** and all are invited to attend.

OUR RETURN-TO-LEARN PLAN FOR 2021-2022:

- To limit the number of people in the building, parents are to bring their children to the east gym door and check students into Extended Care (Extended Care starts at 7:25 AM) or drop them off at the front buzz-in door after 8:30AM. If you need to pick up your child

early, we ask that you come to the front door, buzz in, and wait for your child to be brought to you.

- Consistent with IDPH guidance and school policies, staff or students who are ill should stay home. Parents are asked to take their child's temperature before school. If a child shows symptoms and has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, please keep your child home. If a child shows more than one symptom and has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, he/she will be sent home. The staff will follow the same guidelines.
- Social distancing will be implemented. Groups will be limited to one or two classes.
- The lunchroom and gym will be used for serving lunch. The tables will be sanitized between groups. Please, send a water bottle each day, as we will try to avoid access drinking fountain use.
- The use of face coverings is recommended (not required) for all staff and students. SPLS will allow the personal use of cloth face coverings by staff and students. SPLS will provide the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). Masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer will be available by each room.
- SPLS will teach and reinforce washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds following CDC guidance. If soap and water are not readily available, SPLS will teach and reinforce use of a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol using CDC guidance.

STUDENT GATHERINGS:

Schools may not be able to guarantee that physical distancing can be met in all school settings throughout the entire school day, or during school activities. This is similar to when children congregate in their community. It is important SPLS implement preventative health changes that can be sustainable and done with fidelity.

May God Bless our school year!



Registration / Open House

AUGUST 19, 2021

1-5pm, 6-8pm

Pre-K - 5th

Back to School!

Christ-centered Academic Excellence

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St. Paul's
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR



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| August 16 | Staff In-service/Preparation | Dec. 23—Jan. 2 | Christmas Break |
| August 19 | Registration – 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. | January 1 | Holiday – New Year's Day |
| August 23 | First Day of School | January 3 | Resume Classes |
| September 3 | Early Out—1:00 p. m. | January 11 | End of 2 nd 9 weeks – 46 days |
| September 6 | Holiday – Labor Day– No School | January 12 | Teacher Workday—No School |
| October 1 | Professional Development Early out—1:00 p.m. | February 4 | Professional Development Early Out—1:00 p.m. |
| October 21-22 | No School—IDW Teacher's Conference | February 25 | No School |
| October 26 | End of 1 st 9 weeks – 44 days | March 4 | Professional Development Early Out—1:00 p. m. |
| October 29 | Early Out—1:00 p.m. Teacher Workday | March 17 | End of 3 rd 9 weeks – 45 days |
| November 1 | 1 st Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences - Dismiss at 1:00 p.m. | March 18 | Snow Make Up Day/or No School |
| November 5 | Professional Development Early Out—1:00 p.m. | March 21 | 3 rd Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences—Dismiss at 1:00 p.m. |
| November 24 | Early Out - 1:00 p.m. | April 1 | Professional Development Early Out—1:00 p.m. |
| November 25-26 | Holiday – Thanksgiving— No School | April 14-18 | Easter Break— No School |
| December 3 | Professional Development Early Out—1:00 p.m. | May 25 | End of 4 th 9 weeks – 45 days Last Day of School – Dismiss at 1:00 p.m. |
| December 22 | Last day of classes before Christmas Break Early Out—1:00 p.m. | May 26 | Teacher Workday—No School |
| | | May 30 | Memorial day—No School |



Teacher Emails

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| <u>Alyce Strong Davis</u> : Principal & 4/5 teacher | astrong@stpaulssiouxcity.org |
| <u>Bethamy Carrig</u> : 4th and 5th grade teacher | bcarrig@stpaulssiouxcity.org |
| <u>Suzy Awe</u> : 3rd grade teacher | sawe@stpaulssiouxcity.org |
| <u>Pam Zirpel</u> : 1st and 2nd grade teacher | pzirpel@stpaulssiouxcity.org |
| <u>Deb Chelley</u> : TK and Kindergarten teacher | dchelley@stpaulssiouxcity.org |
| <u>Lindsey Parker</u> : Preschool teacher | lparker@stpaulssiouxcity.org |
| <u>Marlene Mertens</u> : School Secretary/Cook/ AM E-Care | office@stpaulssiouxcity.org or mmertens@stpaulssiouxcity.org |
| <u>Casandra Hager</u> : Band/Choir teacher | chager@stpaulssiouxcity.org |
| <u>Pam Schulz</u> : Library Teacher | pschulz@stpaulssiouxcity.org |

Support Our School

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How it works ...You buy gift cards from the school, and the school earns money. We carry a variety of cards in the office. You can call Sarah Gunn at (712) 223-1238 or stop in the church office to order. Scrip is a year-long fundraising program that supports St. Paul's Lutheran School and its families. Shop www.shopwithscrip.com with our school code online and at local stores with the new app RaiseRight found on the app store or google play.

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All you need is your phone! Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will identify Box Tops products on your receipt and automatically credit your school's earnings online. Twice a year, your school will receive a check and can use that cash to buy whatever it needs!

Hy-Vee Receipts Program:

Hy-Vee Receipts

We are collecting Hy-Vee receipts once again.

Please save all receipts dated between **August**

1, 2021 and April 25, 2022, except for no fuel, postal, money order, Western Union, lottery, Quest, Mid-American or gift card receipts. Drop-offs are located in

the church office, in the church or Narthex or can be sent with St. Paul's students. The receipts accepted are from the Sioux City Hy-Vee locations and the South Sioux City Hy-Vee location or the Hy-Vee Mainstreet Store. Thanks for your support.

The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO)



A NEW SCHOOL YEAR A new school year is about to begin. Also new, those

who donate to ILSTO in 2021 will receive a 75% state tax credit. Consult a tax advisor to see how this program can benefit you. Wouldn't it be great to help a student attend a Lutheran school instead of paying taxes? Also, a change for 2021, donations will stay at the designated school up to 70% of need. To be able to help families receive the maximum amount, we must reach our donation goal. By reaching this goal, ILSTO would also be able to assist more students to attend an Iowa Lutheran School. Call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991 for more information.

Thrivent Financial Action Cards and Choice Dollars



THRIVENT FINANCIAL®

Did you know that all Thrivent members can apply for two Thrivent Action cards a year? The Action cards are \$250 gift cards that can be applied to educational needs, service events or fundraiser needs in your community. There are many

opportunities to use the cards at St. Paul's Lutheran School. Just ask Mrs. Strong Davis for a list of events and apply at www.Thrivent.com. Thank you for your generosity, Alyce Strong Davis, principal (712)899-3396

Thrivent Choice Dollars are waiting to be directed. If you have choice dollars from 2021 that you have not directed, you must direct them or you lose them. They will not be carried over into 2022. In order to direct Choice Dollars by phone, eligible members may call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt or members can also go online to thrivent.com/thriventchoice and direct your choice dollars. I encourage you to name St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School. Thank you for your support. — Lon Stuhr

NEED A BOOK TO READ?

St. Paul's Lutheran School has a Lending Library that you can use for free. The Library is located next

to our flag pole and children that are Preschool through 5th Grade may borrow a



book from the box and return it for another one. Lending and returning are on a trust and grace basis. Please, enjoy!!! If you would like to donate, the bottom shelf of the book case in the lobby of the school is for gently used or new books, or just leave the book in the Lending Library.



“We Care” Ministry

Mission Goal: To take care of the family members in Christ at St. Paul’s

Galatians 6:10 — *So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

Areas of “We Care” Ministry to participate in:

- Lap Robes for shut-ins (Sewing Group)
- Prayer Chain (Elizabeth Circle)
- Callers for desserts and salads for funerals (Charlotte Grothaus, Leona Rogers)
- Chairperson for funerals (Connie Elliott)
- Baking for shut-ins
- Provide transportation for people in need
- Provide meals for families that are experiencing challenges
- Listening Group (training will be provided)
- Visiting members in hospitals/nursing homes
- Provide financial support

Our “Love Offering” for the year 2021 goes toward “We Care” Ministry.



Anniversaries

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| Aug. 01 | Kenny & Vickie O'Dell | 34 |
| Aug. 02 | Rich & Tera Gilster | 46 |
| Aug. 03 | Michael & Earlina Bliven | 2 |
| Aug. 04 | Chad & Jami Langholdt | 14 |
| Aug. 05 | Kevin & Jody Kennedy | 21 |
| Aug. 07 | Randy & Vicky Johnson | 50 |
| Aug. 07 | Scott & Sherry Junck | 22 |
| Aug. 07 | Rich & Carol Schuldt | 39 |
| Aug. 08 | Daryl & Jeanne Heimgartner | 1 |
| Aug. 08 | Tubby & Peggy Mitchell | 14 |
| Aug. 09 | Jerry & Karen Hansen | 52 |
| Aug. 11 | Mike & Sue Popken | 37 |
| Aug. 14 | Justin & Cassie Mahaney | 11 |
| Aug. 14 | Dan & Shelly Norton | 28 |
| Aug. 14 | Jim & Liz Roscovious | 39 |
| Aug. 15 | Michael & Mandy Steele | 7 |
| Aug. 20 | Gerald & Linda Collins | 45 |
| Aug. 21 | Matthew & Marlee Dodds | 28 |
| Aug. 22 | Jeff & Diane Bald | 28 |
| Aug. 22 | Erik & Amanda Beougher | 19 |
| Aug. 24 | Ken & Dawn Anderson | 32 |
| Aug. 25 | Rick & Bonnie Knutson | 43 |
| Aug. 31 | Edgar & Jeanette Hult | 53 |

(If you see any discrepancy in names, day or years in our birthday or anniversary list,

AUGUST

Birthdays

Aug. 01

Kayla Arndt
James Albright
Ryder Huff
Melissa Kretlow
Kaylie Mahaney
Donna Olson

Aug. 02

Lynette Kroeger
Lisa Sherman

Aug. 03

Kenny O'Dell
Eric Sherman

Aug. 04

Bryan Jurries
Joe Popken

Aug. 05

Brandon Dodds

Aug. 06

Ryan Bertrand
Tim Bratvold, Jr.
Donna Connelly
Cali Ferris
Theresa Hammond
Ashley Porter

Aug. 07

Tim Black
Jaxen Felix
James Titus

Aug. 08

Judy Collins
Emerson Sulzbach

Aug. 09

Pamela Brasselero
Linda Greene
Kelsie Monk
Verlie Yockey

Aug. 10

Sandra Murphy
Joyce Santi
Douglas VanCura

Aug. 11

Darlene Campbell
Deb Chellew
Todd Neddermeyer
Charlie Striegel

Aug. 12

Charlotte Grothaus
Betty Moser
John Windle

Aug. 13

Christa Babers
Coleen Kissinger

Aug. 14

Travin Babers
Matthew Dodds
Sophie Lewis

Aug. 15

Jennifer Kroeger
Chase Schweigert
Mikealann Tenuta

Aug. 16

Carolyn Montagne
Alex Strong

Aug. 17

Chris Roan
Emma Sparr

Aug. 18

Ken Fluent
Kyle Holland

Aug. 20

Dawn Bratvold
Erin Schweigert

Aug. 22

Austin Jager

Aug. 24

Karen Black
Caitlin Cason
Jackie Marrinan
Felicia Williams
Aubrey Wagner

Aug. 25

Molly Roepke

Aug. 26

Tim Draube
Janet Roepke

Aug. 27

Elijah Coleman
Joyce Magel
Ralph Schroeder

Aug. 28

William Abbe
Dallas Schulz
Lloyd Schweigert

Aug. 29

Dennis Hageman, Jr.
Gale Jones
Peggy Slump

Aug. 30

Marlene Baumann
Jason Greene

Aug. 31

Ron Sherrill
Sara Sparr

NEWS & Notes

LWML Mites offering will be placed on the table in the back of the church on the first weekend of every month. Please remember to bring your little mites boxes and add them to the LWML offering box. Your donations are appreciated. Mite boxes are used to collect money for missions.

DISCIPLE TRAINING HOUR-Sun. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall in the Church basement. We will be studying the Gospel of Luke.

Lesson of the Day with Frank Tenuta will meet in the Church office.

Youth/Parent Board Meeting: Youth Parents and Committee Members will meet **Tuesday, August 3**, in the Church Basement at 6 p.m. We normally meet on the 2nd Tuesday each month.

Lamplighters. 9:30 a.m. **Wednesday, August 4** at Redeemer Lutheran Church. This will be an informational meeting. Anyone interested is welcome. For more information about the Lamplighters, call Connie Elliott at 899-7189 or Charlotte Grothaus at 277-2167.

Women's League Meeting: The ladies will meet the first Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement. This month they are meeting on **Thursday, August 5**.

Youth Lock-in: The youth will be having a half lock-in on **Friday, August 6** from 6:00 p.m. to Midnight here in the school gym. Any youth who are in 6th grade and above are welcomed to attend.

New Members Luncheon: We will be welcoming new members with a lunch on **Sunday, August 8** at Noon in the school gym.

Anna's Circle/Sewing Club: Meets at 9 a.m. in the church basement usually on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, This month's dates are: **August 9 and 23**.

Elders Meeting: The Elders will be meeting at **Tuesday, August 10** at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Ed Meeting: The Board of Ed will meet **Tuesday, August 10** at 7:00 p.m.

Mary Martha Circle: Will meet the third Monday of every month for food, fun, fellowship and Bible Study. This month we will meet on **Monday, August 16** at Eastside Perkins at 6:00 p.m.

St. Paul's School Registration / Open House: Fall

registration is **Thursday, August 19**, from 1 to 5 p.m., and 6 to 8 p.m. If you would like to register your child, please contact the school at (712) 258-6325 or come to registration/ open house.

Pie With Grace: Confirmed in Christ: Senior High Youth (9th to 12th graders) are invited to come have pie with Grace on Sunday afternoons at 2:30-4:30pm starting **Sunday, August 22** at the Perkins across from Menards. Please bring \$2 to help pay for your slice of pie.

First Day of School: The first day back to school at St. Paul's will be **Monday, August 23**, at 8:30 a.m.

Homework Huddle: 6th-8th graders are welcome to join us for our weekly Homework Huddles! Starting **Wednesday, August 25th**, we will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30— 5pm in the church basement! Snacks will be provided.

Youth Bowling: The youth in 6th grade and up are going bowling on **Sunday, August 29** at 2:00 p.m. at Plaza Bowl. The cost to bowl is \$9.00 for two games.

Friends of Christ: The Friends of Christ club will begin to meet once again after a very long year hiatus. They will gather on **Sunday, August 29** at 5:00 p.m. in the church basement for a potluck dinner. Please bring your favorite dish to share and drinks and desserts will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Santi.

Evangelism Committee: Meets every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in the church office to discuss ways to reach out to the community and to church members.

Thursday Morning Bible Study: 8:30 a.m. Thursday morning Bible Study will meet for the first two weeks in August in the school lunchroom and then the last two weeks in August in the Fellowship Hall in the church basement.

Camp Okoboji Survey Requested: would like your thoughts and/or dreams for what the future of Camp Okoboji could look like. Please stop in the church office to get the questionnaire and return it to: Camp Okoboji Long Range Planning Committee 1531 Edgewood Drive Milford, Iowa 51351 or kirk.campokoboji@gmail.com. We ask that you return the questionnaire before **Thursday, August 5th**.

Camp Okoboji FAMILY RETREAT #2: August 8-13 For Our Family Retreats are designed to provide families an experience that leads toward household & individual faith formation, strengthening family relationships, and creating an environment for rest and relaxation.

Mercy Meals Packaging Events: Volunteers are needed for the following packaging events: **Saturday, August 28:** Session I, 8:30 to 10 a.m.; **Saturday, August 28:** Session II, 10:30 a.m. to Noon at Faith Lutheran Church. For more information, call Larry Joines at (712) 258-0808.



Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

It is probably no surprise that church planting includes a unique set of

difficulties and frustrations—but it also brings unique joys. Because the flock that our Lord has commended to my care is still in its early years, I have the joy of sharing many moments with each of the sheep! One-on-one studies lasting 2 hours at



times; dinners with family and neighbors; picnics; quinceañeras; anniversaries; conversations over coffee—my flexibility allows me to truly be present with them in a variety of life-moments and

settings. All of these shared experiences foster a deep pastoral relationship; and, in the meantime, I gain insights into which parts of God's Word need to be applied to each person. I also have the chance to witness beautiful moments of growth as the Spirit continues working through His Word to form the minds, hearts, and lives of His people.

During a recent Siouxland Hispanic Ministry meeting, Carmen was our guest speaker. She spoke of her experience as a Mexican immigrant and how she first came into contact with the Lutheran Church. As she reflected on the challenges of the last two years—her breast and lung cancer, multiple rounds of chemotherapy, a mastectomy, and COVID, all while continuing to work as a single mom!—Carmen shared a conversation she had with her doctor: —“Carmen, how do you stay so strong through all of this?” —“God. God is taking care of me, Doctor. I have faith in Him and I know He's with me.” —“Then why is all of this happening to you?” —“Why not? Jesus suffered so much for me. Why shouldn't I suffer, too?” We often think of healing as the only sort

of “miracle” in a situation such as Carmen's. But why? Why don't we see patient, faithful, perseverance in the face of suffering as the even greater miracle? How powerful to see the fruits of the Spirit in the lives of God's people.

God Bless, Pastor Paul Flo

Greetings from Botswana!



Thank you so much for your gifts to Lutheran Bible Translators for our work in translating Bible portions into Khwedam. We truly appreciate your willingness to support our ministry and help enable the Khwe people to learn about God in their own language.

We are doing well and are so thankful for the translation work that has been done lately! Both Splash and Moronga (our translators) have been working hard and have recently finished team checking portions of the book of Daniel, and Isaiah. Isaiah is not an easy book, though, and the other day it took them three hours to get through three verses. Of course, that included Isaiah 9:6-7 which

Last week the team was doing community checking; testing the portions out in the villages to see if it communicates clearly, and getting suggestions to make the translation even better. We had hoped that we would then have our Translation Consultant come and do the final check this week, however, our translators were recently in contact with someone who tested positive for the Coronavirus. We had to cancel the consultant coming to give our translators time to isolate if need be — it is just too expensive to have our consultant come if the team can't meet to do the checking. Please pray that God makes it possible for this translation to continue moving forward.

There is a shortage of vaccinations in Botswana, so we will to travel to the States this Fall with the goal of being vaccinated. Once we are vaccinated, this will allow Tim to travel to some checking on other projects. Tim has been in training to become a translation

consultant and one of the last things he needs to do is to demonstrate his abilities of working with a different project.

Tim, Lisa, Aaron & Andrew Beckendorf

A Year of Change - A Baby, A Promotion, and New Ministries

Here are the three highlights from the past year or so: a new baby, a promotion, and new ministries in the midst of the pandemic. Our family has been in the United States over the summer as we welcomed Esther and is eagerly anticipating a return to



Kenya in the first week of August.

With great joy, we introduce Esther Trump, the newest member of our family. Esther was born in May and is thriving and healthy. She was baptized at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin a few days after her birth.

Shauen has been asked to serve as the Regional Director for Africa, adding responsibility for West and Central Africa to his existing responsibility for Eastern and Southern Africa. Shauen supervises the LCMS missionaries across the continent, coordinates with other entities, mission societies, and church bodies, and communicates with the boards, institutions, districts, congregations, and members of the LCMS. He also oversees the implementation of convention and board directives and the development and execution of strategies, programs, projects, and grants for Africa.

Despite the challenges and the suspension of some opportunities, the Lord also provided new avenues to proclaim the Gospel - through significant new radio programs, for example - and new ways to compassionately care for those around us through economic and educational COVID relief programs.

Your Missionaries Shauen, Krista, Josiah, Elijah, Dsaiah, Jeremiah, and Esther Trump

Support Our Missionaries

Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump (www.TheTrumps.org) **Rev. Charles & Connie Cortright**
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Rev. Paul Flo (Pastorpaulflo@gmail.com)

August 2021

| Sun *Education Hour: Adult Bible Study, and Praise Team all at 9:30 a.m. | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 8:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Golf Outing 4:30 p.m. Steak Dinner | 2 | 3 4:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting 6:30 p.m. Youth Board Meeting | 4 9:30 a.m. Lamplighters at Redeemer Lutheran Church | 5 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, School Lunchroom 9:30 a.m. Women's League Meeting Church basement | 6 6:00 p.m. Youth Half Lock-in/ School Gym  | 7 6:00 p.m. Worship  |
| 8 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 10:45 a.m. Worship Noon: New Member Lunch | 9 9 a.m. Sewing Club | 10 4:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting 7:00 p.m. Board of Ed Meeting 7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting | 11 | 12 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, School Lunchroom | 13 | 14 6:00 p.m. Worship/ Communion |
| 15 8:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 10:45 a.m. Worship/ Communion | 16 6 p.m. Mary Martha Circle | 17 4:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting | 18 | 19  8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Church basement 1-5 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. School Registration | 20 | 21 6:00 p.m. Worship |
| 22 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 10:45 a.m. Worship 2:30 p.m. Pie with Grace Perkins | 23  8:30 a.m. 1st Day of School 8:30 a.m. Opening Chapel 9 a.m. Sewing Club | 24 4:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting | 25 3:30 p.m. Homework Huddle with Grace  | 26 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Church basement | 27 | 28 6:00 p.m. Worship/ Communion |
| 29 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 10:45 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Youth Bowling 5:00 p.m. Friends of Christ Potluck | 30 | 31 4:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting | | | | |

St. Paul's Groups and Circles

St. Paul's Women's

League: met, **Thursday July 15th** at 9:00 a.m. at the Oscar Carl Vineyard with other LWML groups. St. Paul's Women brought the rolls.



St. Paul's will host the Fall Rally. The date and time to be announced. The theme will be "Fishers of Men".

Our **August 5th meeting** will be at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's with Joyce Santi as hostess.

Anna Circle/Sewing

Club: The Sewing Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement. **August 9 and 23.**



Elizabeth Circle/Prayer

group: The purpose of this group is prayer. Prayer requests are sent to each circle member as they are requested. If you would like to start a prayer request or would like to be apart of this circle, please contact the church office.

Mary/Martha Circle: Meets the third Monday of each month for food, fellowship and bible study. Anyone is welcomed to come. They will meet at Perkins East at 6:00 p.m., **Monday, August 16.**

Evangelism

group: Hello Everyone, It's hard to believe that School will be starting this month. What events should we to do in the next coming

months for this new year? Our Evangelist committee is thinking of what we can do. We have lots of ideas and we would love for anyone to come join our committee. We meet every **Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.** in Pastor's office. We can share God with others as well as sharing our love to our congregation. It is written in Matthew 9:37, "*The Harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.*" Come join us in this journey. Evangelist Committee Marlis Hilden



Thursday Morning

Bible Study: Please join us as we take a deeper look into God's word every **Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m.** They will meet for the first two weeks in

August in the school lunchroom and then the last two weeks in August in the Fellowship Hall in the church basement. We are studying the book of Joshua.



God Works through Us

J. Hudson Taylor wrote, "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply." The message from this statement is that God has given His people all the material and spiritual resources needed to accomplish His purposes. When we do God's will, He will supply, through us, all the resources that are needed for His Church (2 Corinthians 9:10-11). He wants us to be His channels through which the gifts needed for His work will flow. By God's grace, we can be faithful stewards who willingly share our gifts for God's work.

Prayer: Dear Lord, I come to you as a humble grateful servant who gives You praise and thanks for who You are and all that You have done and continue to do for me. Show me my sin, that I might repent and be restored to fellowship with You through the blood of Jesus. Help me to know the work which You have laid before me. I pray that You will help me to faithful steward of all the blessings entrusted to my care. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!



Main Street Living — Local Lutheran Worship

"This is the Life," followed by Lutheran Worship Service, led by local LCMS pastors airs at 10 a.m. every Sunday morning on KCAU Channel 9. You can also watch these programs on demand at www.mainstreetliving.com.

The Good Shepherd Hour airs every Sunday morning on the following radio stations.

KSCJ — 1360 AM & 94.9 FM — Sioux City at 8 a.m.

KLEM — 1410 AM & 96.9 FM — Le Mars at 8 a.m.

KAYL — 101.7 FM — Storm Lake at 8:30 a.m.

KVFD — 1400 AM — Fort Dodge at 8 a.m.



Servants for the Month of August

Altar Guild:

Dudley and Susie Joines

Elders for August

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| 7/31 | 6 p.m. Service | Randy Johnson |
| 8/1 | 1st Service | Daryl Heimgartner |
| 8/1 | 2nd Service | Tim Draube |
| 8/14 | 6 p.m. Service | Randy Johnson |
| 8/15 | 1st Service | Tim Draube |
| 8/15 | 2nd Service | Don Lantis |

Ushers for August

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| 8/1 | 1st Service | Steve Segebart |
| | 2nd Service | Mike Popken |
| 8/8 | 1st Service | Dallas Schulz |
| | 2nd Service | Tim Draube |
| 8/15 | 1st Service | Doug Lehr |
| | 2nd Service | Dallas Schulz |
| 8/22 | 1st Service | Nick Gunn |
| | 2nd Service | Tim Draube |
| 8/29 | 1st Service | Steve Segebart |
| | 2nd Service | Tim Draube |

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

Worship Services: Traditional - Sat., 6:00 p.m. & Sun., 8:15 a.m.
 Contemporary Service - 10:45 a.m.
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (During the School Year)
 Adult Bible Classes: 9:30 a.m.
 Live Streaming at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. on www.facebook.com/StPaulsLutheranChurchSchool

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