

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Family Newsletter



Meet the Non Avengers of St. Paul's on their First Day Back to School



Preschool



Kindergarten



1st and 2nd



3rd



4th and 5th



1st Chapel Service



Lunch



Back to Church and Family Fall Sunday School Rally

Sunday, September 12
Family Fall Rally—9:30 a.m.
in the Sanctuary
All Church Potluck—Noon
in the School Gym



Pastor's Page

About a month ago, I met a bright but sad young man at his younger brother's funeral. During the service, he stood up and shared his memories of his brother. He talked about how much he missed him, all the fun things they had done together, and wished he had spent more time with him. Surprisingly, this bright young man also gave a quick summary about life and death from various religions in the world. In his sadness, he was searching for answers as he faced the ashes of his brother. From his presentation, I could tell that he was overwhelmed and bombarded with all the information and opinions on the internet. He could not figure out which piece of information was the truth and where he could find comfort and peace during his sadness. He was confused.

Don't we all have the same struggles this young man had? We are often confused and overwhelmed by either lack of information, too much information, or, even worse, fake information.

It's fine to search for answers on how to bake a cake or how to change car oil over the internet. However, when trying to find the right answer or sound advice for life issues, social media is not the best resource to go to. In fact, the more you search, the more confused you can get. The challenge we have is that we do not have the right wisdom to discern right from wrong. Many things we heard are human inventions, knowledge, understandings and insights. Therefore, they are limited and often inadequate. It's like asking the blind to lead the blind, seeking others educated guess and hoping for the best.

King Solomon was known for his power of discernment, making many wise decisions and moral judgments. One time he was bombarded with the voices of two women both claimed to be the mother of the baby in front of them. (1 Kings 3:16-28) If I were there, I would not know what to do. However, King Solomon displayed his great

wisdom by threatening to kill and divide the baby so that each one of them could have their fair "share." He knew that the real mother would not let her baby die. At the end, he identified the right person. Solomon was wise and discerning. His wisdom is not from this world but from above which brings true joy and hope. Don't we all need the real wisdom and discernment as we journey in this chaotic and sinful world? Yes, as children of God, redeemed by the blood of Jesus, we have the confidence that if we ask God for wisdom, He will give it to us.

James 1:5 - If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

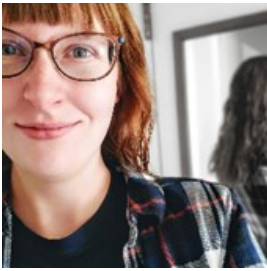
James 3:13-18 - ^[13]Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ^[14]But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ^[15]This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. ^[16]For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ^[17]But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ^[18]And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

God's Blessings.

Pastor Kenny Hsu



DCE Deep Digs



Greetings,

"The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The

burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs (Isaiah 35:1,7)."

This past summer has been remarkably warm and quite dry. If you are not watering your lawn, it's yellow and dead. We've seen and smelled the evidence of fires that have taken place states west of us. Fires that happen due to the lack of precipitation across the country. Farmers and ranchers have suffered under these conditions. Bismarck, North Dakota broke the record of how many days with a high temperature at or above 100 degrees. This year they have had fifteen days of it and a couple of them have been consecutive. The old record was fourteen days back in 1936.

When it does get extremely warm and dry in the summer and cold and snowy in the winter, we notice it.

We wonder, when will this end? When will we get rain? There's rain in the forecast, but will we actually get anything? When will the temperature go down into more comfortable temps? In winter, it's not hard to imagine our desire for green grass when March and April come around again and in the Midwest it's hard to say when that last day of snowfall and freezing temps will be. In Isaiah, we read that God will take care of His people. It is a nice image to envision a barren wasteland with nothing but sand as far as the eye can see that transforms into a fruitful, livable wilderness where streams and bubbling springs come up from the ground. There is a time for everything, like we read in Ecclesiastes, and soon this season will pass.

"Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer for all things living, created good: Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood. Bless, Lord, the labor we bring to serve You that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with You, harvesting, milling for daily bread (LSB 789)."

Blessings, *Grace Wolfgang, DCE Intern*



Homework

Huddle: 6th-8th graders, those who are in confirmation, are invited to come

Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall to work on homework and play card/board games with friends. Snacks will be provided. When Confirmation begins, we will transition to a quick meal of Little Caesar's pizza at 5:00 p.m. with a devotion to the midweek classes from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation Orientation: will be on **Wednesday, September 8** at 6:00 p.m. All parents and students of middle school students planning on taking part of confirmation, should plan on attending.

Confirmation Classes: will begin on **Wednesday, September 15** at 5:15 p.m.

Pie With Grace: Monthly Pie with DCE Intern Grace! Confirmed in Christ: Senior High Youth are invited to join Grace at Perkins (the one across from Menards) on **Sunday, October 3** at 2:30. Bring \$2 for a slice of pie.

YOUTH GATHERINGS 2021

Junior Youth Gathering

October 23-24

Location: Sheraton, West Des Moines, IA

Focus: Idol Talk

Cost: \$150 Registration Deadline is

Wednesday, September 22. \$80

Advance payment due then as well.

Senior Youth Gathering

November 19-21

Location: Airport Holiday Inn,

Des Moines, Iowa

Theme: Anchored

Cost: \$235 Registration Deadline is

Sunday, September 12. \$125 Advanced

payment due as well.

Iowa District West Youth Gathering Scholarships

Assistance for those who need financial aid is available from the district for youth attending district youth gatherings. The application should be filled out by the pastor or church worker from the congregation of which the applicant is a member. Applications are then sent to the district office. Click on the link and select "Youth Events Financial Aid." <http://idwlcms.org/forms-and-links.php>.



Dear Parents, (Guardians,)

Welcome to a new school year! I'm glad God brought us together at St. Paul's Lutheran School. I am excited for a new school year! Our Theme is: The Non-Avengers. Practice forgiveness & kindness. (Eph. 4:32)

Our St. Paul's School rules are: 1) Honor God, 2) Honor Others, and 3) Honor Self. Please, talk about these with your child so that he/she understands them. (Honor=Respect)

One procedure we need you to follow is the parking procedure for drop off and pick up. Please, use the back parking lot behind the church on 7th and Jennings. Stay to the right. Park and walk over and get your child. Stay to the right exiting. Thank you. Safety first. :)

All parents belong to the PTL. The Parent/Teacher League promotes Christian sociability and promotes the welfare of our children. We would like all families to participate in the activities. Please, sign up for volunteering for one of the fundraisers.

The Executive Committee consists of Sarah Gunn, Candace Leff, and Bethany Sanders. Please, introduce yourself to them and ask how you can get involved. All parents are asked to help with at least one event this year.

Here are some upcoming events:

Sept. 12th – Children sing in Church at St. Paul's at 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM (Sunday School is 9:30-10:30 AM)

Sept. 14th –Open House with Pizza Potluck/ Eat at 5:30PM & Open House at 6:00PM **More Info to follow. There will be a short PTL meeting so that you know about the opportunities to help. PTL will provide ice cream & drinks.

Sept. 25-Oct. 16 - Donut Sales (Remember this money goes to a digital library for all students' computers.) *Parents are needed to separate orders the morning they are delivered.

Oct. 26 – Picture Day

Oct. ? - Rollerama Roller Skating (3:00 - 5:00 PM) Only families of St. Paul's will be invited.

Oct. 29 - Fall Parties (9:00 AM in the gym) ***Volunteers needed

***Parents that are involved have a better picture of their child's education. "It takes a village." We are one in Christ. Please, volunteer or join us for lunch.*

We want to work together to make your child's school experience a positive one. If there is ever a concern; please follow Matthew 18:15-17 and talk to us so that it can be resolved. (see Grievance Policy)



May the Lord be with us in this uncertain year!

A Fellow Worker in Christ, Alyce Strong Davis

Staff and Teacher Emails

Alyce Strong Davis: Principal & 4/5 teacher

Bethamy Carrig: 4th and 5th grade teacher

Suzy Awe: 3rd grade teacher

Pam Zirpel: 1st and 2nd grade teacher

Deb Chellew: TK and Kindergarten teacher

Lindsey Parker: Preschool teacher

Marlene Mertens: School Secretary/Cook/
AM E-Care

Casandra Hager: Band/Choir teacher

Pam Schulz: Library Teacher

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Pastor Kenny Hsu:

Dana Howell: Church Secretary

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2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR



- September 3-** Early Out—1:00 p. m.
- September 6-** Holiday – Labor Day– No School
- September 12-** Children sing in Church
- September 14 -** Open House (5:30 pm – Pizza Potluck w/ice cream & 6:00 pm - Open House with PTL & Teachers)
- September 22-24 -** Outdoor Education/Okoboji (4th & 5th Grades)
- September 25-Oct. 16 –** Donuts Sales for digital library for student computers
- October 1-** Professional Development
Early out—1:00 p.m.
- October ?-** Roller Skating/Rollerama 3-5p.m. (4500 Stone Ave., Sioux City) \$5
- October 21-22** No School—IDW Teacher's Conference
- October 26–** Picture Day and End of 1st 9 weeks –44 Days
- October 29 -** Fall Party (9:00-10:45 a.m./Gym)
- October 29-** Early Out—1:00 p.m. Teacher Workday
- November 1** 1st Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences - Dismiss at 1:00 p.m.
- November 5-**Professional Development
Early Out—1:00 p.m.
- November 7 –** Movie & PTL Meeting (Lunchroom) /5:00 pm Pizza Potluck & 5:30 pm Meeting
- November 24** Early Out - 1:00 p.m.
- November 25-26** Holiday – Thanksgiving—No School
- December 3-**Professional Development
Early Out—1:00 p.m.
- December 9 -** Christmas Program 7:00 p.m./ Church
- December 22 -** Christmas Parties (9:00-10:45 a.m. /Gym)
- December 22-** Last day of classes before Christmas Break Early Out—1:00 p.m.
- December 23—Jan. 2** Christmas Break
- January 1-**Holiday – New Year's Day
- January 3 -** Resume Classes
- January 11-** End of 2nd 9 weeks – 46 days
- January 12-** Teacher Workday—No School
- January 23 -**Possible Choir tour
- January 23- 29 -** Lutheran Schools Week
- January 25 –** Science Fair (5:30 p.m. Food)
- February 4-** Professional Development
Early Out—1:00 p.m.
- February 6 –** Movie & PTL Meeting (Lunchroom)/5:00 pm Pizza Potluck & 5:30 pm Meeting
- February 14 -** Valentines Parties 1:00-2:45 p.m.. - Classrooms
- February 24 -** Kindergarten/Preschool Roundup 11:00 am-6:00 pm/Gym
- February 25-**No School
- March 4-**Professional Development Early Out—1:00 p. m.
- March 6-** Waffle Brunch/Gym (8 - 1:00 p.m.)
- March 17-** End of 3rd 9 weeks – 45 days
- March 18-** Snow Make Up Day/or No School
- March 21-** 3rd Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences—Dismiss at 1:00 p.m.
- April 1-** Professional Development Early Out—1:00 p.m.
- April 13 -** Easter Party (9:00-10:45 a.m./Gym)
- April –** Popcorn Sales
- April 14-18** Easter Break— No School
- April 24 –** Movie & PTL Meeting (Lunchroom)/ 5:00 pm Pizza Potluck & 5:30 Meeting
- May 10-** Operetta/Gym (7:00p.m.)
- May 13???** - Field Day/***Paullina
- May 24-** Graduation/Church (7:00p.m.)/4th Grade Parents Host
- May 25-** End of 4th 9 weeks – 45 days
Last Day of School – Dismiss at 1:00 p.m.
- May 25 -** Picnic (TBA - Mrs. Zirpel) /Riverside @ Shelter by Splash Pad
- May 26-** Teacher Workday—No School
- May 30-** Memorial day—No School

Support Our School

Support our School with Scrip!



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.

BOX TOPS MAKES IT EASY.

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:

We are collecting Hy-Vee receipts once again. Please save all receipts dated from now to April 25, 2022, exceptions include: 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

**Hy-Vee
Receipts**

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 has begun. Also for 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



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.



Notes from Iowa District West



Safety & Security Seminar - Keep Your Church Safe! In the wake of violent events the last several years, many pastors and church leaders are looking for information to help make church facilities safer. Providing a safe environment for the people who attend church services and activities is one of our greatest responsibilities and challenges in today's society. Plan now to attend the Brotherhood Mutual Church Safety & Security Seminar on **Thursday, October 28** at St. Paul, Fort Dodge. This all-day training is essential for every congregation. Watch for more information.

Church & Clergy Finance/Treasurer's Workshop—Mark your calendar to attend the fall workshop on **Saturday, November 6** from 9 am to 1 pm. If your church is centrally located and would like to host, please let me

know! Pastors and any individuals within the church having financial responsibilities should attend. The guest speaker will be Bob Joy, a CPA who has been presenting for over 20 years and brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise. Questions, contact Roger Curtis 515.576.7666 or Roger@IowaDistrictWest.org.

Religious Freedom Challenges Facing America—Our culture is changing. Threats to religious freedom are increasing. Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) is here to help! It's clear that our system of government was established, in part, to protect the freedom of religious individuals and their places of worship. Flowing from these protections is a vital, firmly established legal doctrine known as church autonomy. ADF has this new resource online. Congregation leaders are invited to consider Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) Church Alliance Membership. ADF is a proven advocate and defender of religious liberties. To learn more and partner with Church Alliance, contact Sherri Huston, regional director at ADF Church Alliance. She would be happy to speak with you about the ways they can serve your congregation. You can contact her at shuston@adflegal.org or 480.388.8263.

Iowa Lutheran Teachers Conference: October 21-22

Theme: VISION 2020 Focus on the Ministry

Location: Sheraton-West Des Moines

Registration is open. Stand-alone preschools are also invited to attend as well as Emeritus church workers. Please contact Rhonda Mohr at (515) 576-7666 for more information.



"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.



SEPTEMBER

Anniversaries

9/01	Daniel & Candi Martin	3 years
9/01	Leroy & June Zeising	59 Years
9/03	Ron & Brenda Cason	45 Years
9/04	Lorenzo & Courtney Schweigert	11 Years
9/04	Adam & Anjuli Wagner	11 Years
9/05	Ted & Leann Orr	34 Years
9/10	Chris and Megan Hansen	2 Years
9/10	Dawn and Brian Hindman	33 Years
9/11	Gene & Connie Elliott	55 Years
9/14	Dustin & Chelsea Brown	8 Years
9/18	Kevin & Sharon Godwin	28 Years
9/18	Joseph & Kristen Zediker	11 Years
9/19	Dave & Sue Everton	46 Years
9/19	Tony & Jessica Wilcox	12 Years
9/21	Ed & Melissa Van Etten	14 Years
9/28	Carl & Kay Domsch	18 Years
9/28	Kenneth & Joni Perera	39 Years
9/29	Travis & Alyson Cardwell	14 Years
9/30	Allen & Joyce Seymour	55 Years

(If you see any discrepancy in names, day or years in our birthday or anniversary list, please let the church office know, so we may update our records.)

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

Sept. 01
Charles Kanaby
Sept. 02
Bill Pratt
Sept. 03
Lauren Budzinski
Jason Gomez
Bailey Lambert
Jessica Orr
Sept. 04
Luke Bochmann
Melissa Lyons
Sept. 05
Ralph Modlin
Sept. 06
Daryl Heimgartner
Sept. 07
Yesenia Stevenson
Sept. 08
Brett Baker
Janice Hinrichsen
Kenneth Perera
Sept. 09
Jason Marrinan
Debra Trudeau
Sept. 10
Travis Benson
Gail Brown
Bennett Haller
Maggie Peters
Sept. 11
Carolyn Collins
Melissa Kilman
Patricia Peirce
Gail Wiener
Michael Williams
Sept. 13
Linda Brinkert
Jeff Frank
Faye Koch
Jill Orban

Allen Seymour
Sept. 14
Holland McKay
Sam Schweigert
Lindsey Tymkowicz
Sept. 15
Kevin Bock, Jr.
Jessica Boom
Denise Dodds
Sarah Jimenez
Adeline Porter
Ron Will
Sept. 16
Marla Anderson
Tammy Dicus
Paxtyn Wagner
Kevin Woehler
Leroy Zeising
Sept. 17
Marty Figge
Olivia Wagner
Jerry Wahlert
Sept. 18
Tim Everton
Sept. 19
Blaze Gardner
Dennis Jensen
Ivey Winckler
Sept. 20
Helen Eriksen
Rebecca Granstrom
Sacha Williams
Sept. 21
Marlis Hilden
Sherry Junck
Peggy Mitchell
Sept. 22
Lori Treft
Sept. 23
Diane Bald
Madeline Coleman

Nevaeh Hsu
Steve Lyons
Sept. 24
Bryce Barnes
Caleb Jager
Bennett Schweder
Sept. 25
Jeff Bald
Jackie Bertrand
Nicole Castro
Gene Elliott
Robert Greene
Jerry Hansen
Lewis Matthews
Jennie Moore
Donne Schuldt
Sept. 26
Delight Kretlow
Jim Roscovious
Anthony Strong
Erin Strong
Carolyn Stuhr
Sept. 27
Connie Elliott
JD Ferdig
Rosalie Holland
Raymond Kissinger
Sept. 28
John Kollman
Nick Roan
Bethany Sanders
Sept. 29
Liz Hannemann
Bobby Murphy
Mary Pickens
Sept. 30
Maxwell Knowles
Harrison Knowles
Richard Meek

September News and 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.

Sunday School Begins Sept. 12

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

Lamplighters, 9:30 a.m. **Wednesday, Sept. 1**, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church basement. For more information about the Lamplighters, call Connie Elliott at 899-7189 or Charlotte Grothaus at 277-2167.

Women's League Meeting: The ladies meet the first Thursday of the month in the church basement. This month they will meet at 1 p.m. **Thursday, Sept. 2**.

Elders Meeting: The Elders will be meeting **Tuesday, September 7** at 6:30 p.m.

Siouxland Hispanic Ministry: The next quarterly Siouxland Hispanic Ministry meeting will be **Tuesday, September 7** at 6:30 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church.

Confirmation Orientation: will be on **Wednesday, September 8** at 6:00 p.m. All parents and students of middle school students planning on taking part of confirmation, should plan on attending.

Board of Ed Meeting: The Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. **Thursday, Sept. 9**.

Sunday School Meeting: There will be a meeting for all Sunday School volunteers on **Saturday, Sept. 11** at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Back to Church Sunday/Sunday School Family Fall Rally: **Sunday, Sept. 12**, is Back to Church Sunday and you are invited to come to a potluck dinner at Noon in the school gym. Bring your favorite dish to share. The Sunday School committee would like to invite you to the Family Fall Rally on the same day at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary where we will be taking a cool behind the scenes look at how the church functions.

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: **Sept. 13 and 27**.

Youth/Parent Board Meeting: Youth Parents and Committee Members meet the 2nd **Tuesday**,

September 14 at 6 p.m. in the Church basement.

Confirmation Classes: will begin on **Wednesday, September 15** at 5:15 p.m. We are planning at this moment to only have in person meetings and no online classes.

Youth Gatherings 2021 Junior Youth Gathering on October 23-24 in the Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines, Iowa. Cost: \$150 Registration Deadline is **Wednesday, September 22**. \$80 Advance payment due then as well. Senior Youth Gathering on November 19-21 in the Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines, Iowa. Cost: \$235 Registration Deadline is **Sunday, September 12**. \$125 Advanced payment due as well.

Voters Meeting: There will be a voter's meeting on **Sunday, September 19** at 2:00 p.m. All voting members are asked to attend.

Friends of Christ: The Friends of Christ Club will begin to meet once again. For meeting information, please contact Joyce Santi.

Mary Martha Circle: Meets the third Monday of every month for food, fun, fellowship and Bible Study. This month we will meet on **Monday, Sept. 20** at Eastside Perkins at 6 p.m.

Mercy Meals Packaging Events: Volunteers are needed for our church packaging event: **Sunday, September 26** at 1:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church. For more information, talk to Grace Wolfram.

Pie With Grace: Confirmed in Christ: Senior High Youth (9th to 12th graders) are invited once a month to come have pie with Grace on **Sunday, October 3** from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Perkins, across from Menards. Please bring \$2 to help pay for your slice of pie.

Homework Huddle: 6th-8th graders, those who are in confirmation, are welcome to join us for our weekly Homework Huddles! We meet on **Wednesday afternoons** from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the church basement! Snacks will be provided.

Evangelism Committee: Hello Everyone, Happy Fall. I love Fall. Have you looked around to see the beauty? The cool weather, the beautiful colors of the leaves; how great is our God to create this world we live in! The world is in a mess: floods, hurricanes, fires and tornadoes. Yet, our God is in control, so just let it go and enjoy the beauty one day at a time. The 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. in the Fellowship Hall, church basement.

Elizabeth Circle/Prayer Group: Prayer requests are sent to each circle member as they are requested. If you have a prayer request or would like to be part of this circle, please contact the church office.



Siouxland

Hispanic Ministry

In August, three ladies — Yessenia (Mexico), Valia (Cuba), and Jacqueline (Guatemala) — were confirmed in the faith and confession of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It was a joyous day for both our English and our Spanish-speaking members. We give thanks to God who is allowing us to see the fruits of faithfully teaching and preaching His powerful Word which transforms minds and hearts. We plant and water, but God gives the growth as St. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3: *"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."* All glory be to God!

We had originally connected with Hector and Cindy from Honduras through our English and Citizenship classes offered at the church. They recently celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary and invited me to join the party. I was able to meet two new Hispanic families at their home, and I look forward to seeing how the Lord will use these connecting points as we move forward.

These sorts of invitations and shared moments tell me that members of our Hispanic community are starting to see Hope Lutheran Church and her pastor as a meaningful part of **their** community and lives — as **their** church and **their** pastor. Things are moving in good directions! Again, all glory be to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who gives the growth!

Until next time... May our Lord bless you and keep you. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of our Siouxland Hispanic Ministry!

God Bless, Pastor Paul Flo

Greetings from Botswana!

Last month I shared how we were so happy to have Splash and Moronga coming to the office regularly and working on getting the final portions of the Khwedam panoramic Bible checked in anticipation of Dr. Michael Megahan, our consultant, coming to do his final checking. After the consultant check of the material, the panoramic Bible will then be ready for the next phase which is preparing the text for publishing and then finally distributing to the Khwe people.

However, our plans were not God's plans. During the community checking phase both Splash and Moronga were exposed to someone who tested positive for the Corona virus. Both Dr. Megahan and we decided together to postpone his trip. We were discouraged by this decision, but have to believe that God is working in this to accomplish His purposes in His time.

So, the panoramic Bible is not ready for typesetting and publishing yet, but this gives the translators more time to work on spell checking, formatting and other pre-publication necessities at a more relaxed pace.

We are now State-side. Everything turned out fine and we had good flights.

The day after we landed we went and got our first Covid vaccine. What a contrast between countries; in Botswana people really want the vaccines and they are just not available, here (southern Illinois) they are available and so many people are choosing not to get them. Please pray for the people of Botswana: Botswana and Morocco currently have the highest rate of new cases in all of Africa. Thank you again for all of your prayers on our behalf.

*Tim, Lisa, Aaron & Andrew
Beckendorf*

From Riga to USA We made it!

Connie and I returned to the U.S. at the end of June and after some family travel moved into our apartment in Sheboygan, WI, about 60 miles north of Milwaukee. Like Rīga, Sheboygan is "on water." We have traded the Gulf of Rīga on the Baltic Sea for the shores of Lake Michigan. It is good to be back, but we still expect to see Rīga outside our window when we first wake in the morning.

This is the last "Patrick update": When we arrived back in the U.S. we drove to Houston to see Pat and to hear the results of his PET scan which was taken at the conclusion of chemotherapy. God is good! Pat learned that he does not need to continue with radiation therapy and that his cancer has shrunk to the point that his own immune system can conquer what is left. He is doing well and regaining strength.

Our move is over and we are fairly well set to start the new semester of the Rīga English Studies program. That opens officially on September 1. Our team is meeting Wednesdays by Zoom making preparations. We will have approximately 25 students formally enrolled in the program from all over Europe and Pakistan. From the standpoint of the work, the main thing that has changed is just my time zone.

Finally, it's important to note what has not changed at all for us throughout our transition: God's grace has been with us and His providential care has guided and guarded us every inch of the way.

Moreover, God has continued to bless our work through the prayers and gifts of you, our supporters. Thank you for your faithful response to our Lord's commission to spread the Gospel and for your consistent help in this mission.

Charles and Connie Cortwright

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September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>*Education Hour: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School and Praise Team all at 9:30 a.m.</p>			<p>1</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Lamplighters at St. Paul's 3:30 p.m. Homework Huddle with Grace</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Church basement 1:00 p.m. Women's League Meeting Church basement</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Worship/ Communion</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 10:45 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting 6:30 p.m. Siouxland Hispanic Meeting 7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Homework Huddle with Grace 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Church basement 7:00 p.m. Board of Ed Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>1:00 p.m. Baby Shower Melissa Kroese, Gym 2:00 p.m. Sunday School meeting 6:00 p.m. Worship</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Fall Rally 10:45 a.m. Worship Noon Back to Church Potluck</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9 a.m. Sewing Club</p>	<p>14</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting 6:30 p.m. Youth Board Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Homework Huddle with Grace 5:15 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Church basement</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Worship/ Communion</p>
<p>19</p> <p>8:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 10:45 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Voter's Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6 p.m. Mary Martha Circle</p>	<p>21</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Homework Huddle with Grace 5:15 p.m. Confirmation</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Church basement</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Diaper Dash Her Health Women's Center 6:00 p.m. Worship</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 10:45 a.m. Worship 1:30 p.m. Mercy Meals packing</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9 a.m. Sewing Club</p>	<p>28</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting</p>	<p>29</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Homework Huddle with Grace 5:15 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Church basement</p>		



Back to Church Kick-off

Sunday, September 12th 2021

We are celebrating the kickoff of Back to Church Rally Day with a potluck luncheon at noon in the school gym. Bring your favorite dish to share!



Sunday School Family Fall Rally— “Behind the Scenes”—9:30 a.m.

Sunday School students & families will get a chance to get to know their church on a deeper level by visiting stations throughout the church that help everything run smoothly during worship. There will also be a Scavenger Hunt for the kids! Groups will be led by Brandi Beller & Sarah Gunn. All Groups will start in the front of the church for opening at 9:30 & will end in the Sunday School rooms around 10:30.



This Year's Discipleship Training Hour Curriculum

Sunday School (ages 3-12): Growing in Christ. Age appropriate lessons for each class.

Youth Group (grades 6 and up): 1. Fusions: Food where students will learn how the element of food is used throughout the Old Testament and in the New Testament to communicate the message of salvation.

2. One Christ Many Creeds: A Study of Denominations from a Lutheran Perspective. It's easy to think all Christians believe the same doctrine, but the differences are astounding. Baptism, Communion, and free will are all examples of some of the major differences among Christian denominations that we will be studying throughout this book.

Adult Bible Studies will remain in the church fellowship hall led by Pastor Kenny with coffee and refreshments. Frank Tenuta leads “The Gospel Lesson of the Day” in the Church office. All are welcome to join us from 9:30 –10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning!

Women's League Minutes

August 5, 2021

The hostess for the August Meeting was Joyce Santi. Eight members and Pastor Kenny were present. Grace gave a devotion on prayer. Happy Birthday was sung to Joyce Santi. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were accepted as printed.

Circle Reports:

Anna Circle – Making Quilts - New members welcome.

Elizabeth Circle – Prayer Chain

Mary/Martha Circle will meet at Eastside Perkins on **September 20th** at 6:00 p.m.

St. Paul's will host the Fall Rally. The board meeting is scheduled for **October 2nd** in the church parish hall at 1:30 p.m. Coffee and rolls will be served. The Rally is scheduled for **October 16th** in the school gym at 9:00 a.m. Jayson Santi will be our speaker. We sang the hymns “From Greenlands Icy Mountains.” and “I heard the Voice of Jesus Say”. Our next meeting is **September 2**, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vernice Seebach, Secretary



LWML Fall Rally “Fishers of Men”: St. Paul's will host the Fall Rally on **Saturday, October 16th** with Registration, Donuts and Coffee beginning at 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran School Gym. The theme will be “Fishers of Men” and the guest speaker is Jayson Santi, a medical missionary to Nicaragua.

Servants for the Month of September

Altar Guild:

Liz Sanders and Karen Baker

Communion Elders for September

9/04	6 p.m. Service	Randy Johnson
9/05	8:15 a.m. Service	Tim Draube
9/05	10:45 a.m. Service	Frank Tenuta
9/18	6 p.m. Service	Randy Johnson
9/19	8:15 a.m. Service	Bob Greene
9/19	10:45 a.m. Service	Don Lantis

Ushers for September

9/05	1st Service	Steve Segebart
	2nd Service	Mike Popken
9/12	1st Service	Dallas Schulz
	2nd Service	Tim Draube
9/19	1st Service	Doug Lehr
	2nd Service	Dallas Schulz
9/26	1st Service	Nick Gunn
	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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