

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Summer is upon us and many take advantage of these months to get outside and enjoy time in God's creation. There are any number of things we can do. Perhaps you like to just sit under a tree and read. Maybe you enjoy camping or fishing. Perhaps you've already spent a fair bit of time at sporting events watching your children or grandchildren play. And I know that many of you have gardens that you enjoy tending to this time of year.

God has given us a beautiful world to live in. He created it for us. Genesis 1 tells us God gave Adam and Eve all the trees in the Garden of Eden to eat from except for one. There we also read that God told Adam and Eve, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Gen 1:28

They were given dominion over the whole world. God created it all so that we could live here and enjoy this world that God has blessed us with.

Throughout the scriptures we see as God's people enjoy the fruits of His creation. Noah and his family planted a vineyard. Abram and Lot were given fertile places in the promised land. The list could go on and on of God's people spending time outdoors.

God also came to His people outside. Jacob had a dream and wrestled with God as he slept outside under the stars with just a rock for a

pillow. The people of Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years and throughout their wanderings God provided for them: clothes that didn't wear out, sandals that lasted forever, miraculous food from heaven, and water from rocks.

Jesus meets many of His disciples outside, some while they are fishing, others mending nets, and Paul while he was traveling down the road. Nathanael, as Phillip comes to him and announces that they have found Jesus is a bit incredulous. But when he meets Jesus we read,

"Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.""

John 1:48

Jesus knew him even before he had been called. He saw him under the fig tree. Jesus matter of factly shows His divine nature to Nathanael in this one simple statement.

God has given us a beautiful world to enjoy, a world He has entrusted to us to take care of. We hear the psalmist praise God multiple times for the works God has made, In Psalm 139 we hear,

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well." Ps 139:14

Or Psalm 19,

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." Ps 19:1

God's creation proclaims His glory. And

we too as part of that creation are called to glorify Him.

So this summer as you have opportunity to go outside, whether you're fishing, camping, hiking, swimming, relaxing in your backyard, or whatever you find yourself doing. Let us all thank and praise God for the wonders of His beautiful creation.

In Christ,
Pastor Nathan Peitsch

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

On Tuesday, July 9th, Council Meeting will meet at 7:00 p.m. The Voter's meeting will be Sunday, July 28th after the worship service in the fellowship hall.

LCW

The LCW meetings will be Thursday, July 11 at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall. The meeting is only up to an hour long.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

There will be no Wednesday Bible Class on July 17 & 24 because pastor is out of town.



For we walk by
Faith
not by sight

Worship Service at the Ute Park
July 14, 2024
10:30 AM

Please bring a lawn chair for the service.
The Elders will be barbecuing burgers after the service.
We are asking if you can bring a salad or dessert to share.
There will be games for the kids and adults.



SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING

This year our special mission is Lutheran Braille Workers. For this year, we have an anonymous donor that is willing to match \$1 to \$1 for the first \$1500. Our goal is \$3,000, help us raise this for the Lutheran Braille Workers

Mission

Because God desires salvation for all... Lutheran Braille Workers freely shares the Gospel with people who are Blind or Visually Impaired.

ABOUT LBW

Lutheran Braille Workers exists to bring the Word of God to the 338 million people throughout the world who are Blind or Visually Impaired, completely free of charge, in Braille and Specialized Large Print.

Men, women, and children find hope in the Light of Christ through the Bible and other Christian materials provided by LBW in multiple languages in every part of the globe. LBW is one of the last remaining free resources available to them in which the Good News of Jesus is shared quickly and in high quality formats.

In over 80 years of ministry, Lutheran Braille Workers has produced and distributed over 15 million volumes of Christian material, in 40 languages, to people in 164 countries. LBW has never charged a recipient to receive these materials as we believe in freely sharing God's Word!

HOW OUR VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

There are over 3,000 active and engaged volunteers throughout the United States and Canada who passionately produce and prepare the materials distributed to people who are Blind or Visually Impaired throughout the world. These volunteers help produce almost 10,000 volumes of material every single month, in addition to the other incredible services they provide through narration, formatting, or transcribing. In fact, it is estimated this volunteer force helps LBW save over \$6,000,000 in labor cost each and every year!

Volunteers range in age from 12-102, bringing multiple talents and skills to this organization. Some volunteers contribute two or three hours per month, while some volunteers spend hours every single week with this ministry. One thing they all possess and share is a passion for sharing the Gospel message with people who may not otherwise have access to the Bible.

Here is the website to find more information
<https://www.lbwloveworks.org>

PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor will be on vacation from July 15 – 25.

JULY 21 SERVICE

On July 21st pastor will be out of town. Vicar John Stacy will be leading the service and we will not be having Holy Communion that service. We will have Holy Communion on July 28th.



USHERS

We are looking for anyone that would like to help with ushering. Please let the office or elder know.



LOST & FOUND

There was a pair of bifocal glasses found at the church. If you or someone you know has lost a pair, please talk to Deanna.



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 \$40 to sponsor a newsletter.

PLEASE GIVE US A CALL

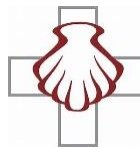
- before going to the hospital
- birth of your baby
- death in the family
- making wedding plans
- address and name changes
- private communion

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

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:

July Baptismal Birthdays:

Lyle Kelm	1
Bette Amunson	2
Kellen Anderson, Debra Nutt,	7
James Thies	
Teagyn Greder	10
Deanne Hanson, Cameron Blunk	11
Henry Kelm	12
Nathan Mohr	13
Nina Hull	16
Bill Urwiler, Jase BeBout	17
Raylyn Kelm	18
Phillip Hinds	20
Elizabeth Jones	21
Brook (Bretthauer) Shufflebarger	22
Terri Mohr	23
Carmen Schaffer, Jenikka Schaffer,	24
Xavier Schaffer	
Derek Meadows, Nicholas Meadows,	26
Jasmine Schaffer	
Kenneth Amunson, Gordon Carritt,	30
Brittany Christiansen	



SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

July 8 – Kenny Amunson (80 yrs old)
July 9 – Duane Mordhorst (92 yrs old)
July 18 – Jeanette Urwiler (86 yrs old)
July 27 – Joyce Vinke (81 yrs old)
July 28 – Joyce Mordhorst (89 yrs old)

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

July 12 – Leonard & Joan Trimpe (61 yrs)
July 29 – Bill & Jeanette Urwiler (62 yrs)

VBS

On Saturday, June 22 Vacation Bible School had 33 kids attended for a day of learning about God's Living Water through lessons, crafts, music and games. Thank you to everyone that helped with VBS. On Sunday, June 30 during the worship service the kids sang three songs that they learned. This year's VBS donations went to Iowa District West Relief Team to help those impacted by recent tornados and flooding.





Vacation Bible School singing on Sunday, June 30

“THY STRONG WORD”

Thy Strong Word is a 5 min. daily devotional message given by LC-MS pastors. It is aired at 6:25 a.m., Mon.-Sat. on KDSN, FM107.1

- July 1-6 Rev. William Wrede
Zion , Denison
- July 8-13 Rev. Merle Mahnken
Immanuel, Schwleswig
- July 15-20 Rev. Chad Trunkhill
Our Savior/Bethlehem
- July 22-27 Rev. Richard Merrill
Multi-Point, Charter Oak

**July 29-Aug 3 Rev. Nathan Peitsch
St. Paul’s, Ute**

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.

IDW CAMP/YOUTH GATHERING SCHOLARSHIP

Iowa District West Camp/Youth Gathering Scholarships Assistance for those who need financial aid is available from the district for youth attending camps at Camp Okoboji and for 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>

Junior Youth Gathering



- Date:** October 19-20, 2024
- Topic:** Confession & Absolution
- Theme:** The Great Exchange
- Bible Verse:** Psalm 51
- Location:** Sheraton Hotel West Des Moines
- Keynote:** Pastor Ryan Roehrig
- Emcee:** Alex Irwin

Senior Youth Gathering at Camp Okoboji



*This year's gathering will be **different** - different month, different location, different schedule, and different cost, but the **same GREAT QUALITY event!***

- Date:** October 5-6, 2024
- Theme:** One In Christ
- Bible Verse:** Galatians 3:28
- Keynote Speaker:** Pastor Paul Dare, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Spirit Lake
- Activities:** Kayaking, Gaga Ball, Archery, Interactive Games, Saturday evening devotion around a campfire, Service Project, Sunday morning worship, and more!
- Cost:** \$85 - October 5-6 - includes one night lodging, three meals, all programming and activities -or- \$115 - October 4-6 - includes two nights’ lodging, four meals, all programming and activities

St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
VOTER'S MEETING AGENDA
Sunday, July 28, 2024, after the service

Opening Prayer
Corrections/Additions/Acceptance of Agenda
Call to Order
Previous Minutes

Pastor Peitsch
Officers/Members
Matt Leitz
Audrey Gust

Reports

- (1) Treasurers Report
- (2) Pastors Report/Announcements
Catechism
- (3) Board of Elders
Attendance-Worship/Communion
- (4) Board of Trustees
Roof
- (5) Board of Education/Youth
Vacation Bible School
Sunday School
- (6) Stewardship

Deanna Sorensen

Pastor Peitsch

Bruce Mohr

Jim Thies

Tammy Bramley

Old Business

July 14th Service in Park

New Business

Closing Prayer

Pastor Peitsch

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH



DONATIONS WANTED

Our youth are collecting donations to sell as a fundraiser during the Hwy 141 Garage Sale. Donations can be dropped off in the basement storage room marked with the Hwy 141 donation sign. Larger donations can be picked up by appointment. Please contact the church office or Megan Peitsch for further information.

UPDATES FROM CAMP OKOBOJI

We are off and running for the summer season at Camp Okoboji. We have had our annual Camp Auxiliary Quilt Auction, Kids' Kamp, JOY Camp #1 and many other great group gatherings. Our playground is completed now, the rubber base is all set and Noah's ark is assembled. It's exciting to see children playing on our new equipment!

NEW AND IMPROVED PLAYGROUND



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP! Camp Okoboji hosts worship each Sunday between Memorial Weekend through Labor Day Weekend at 9 am in the Christian Life Center. If you're in the Lakes area, join us!

OMELET BRUNCHES will be held the first Sunday of the month, May – October from 9:30am – 1 pm in the Ginny DeWall Dining Hall. Our next Brunch will be Sunday, July 7. Join us!

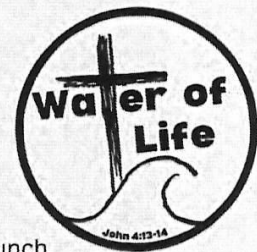
CAMP OKOBOJI SUMMER 2024

Discipleship Programs

May 31-June 2...Kids' Kamp
June 7-10...JOY Camp #1
June 23-27...Cub Week #1
June 30-July 5...July 4 Family Retreat
July 7-13...Junior High Week
July 11-14...JOY Camp #2
July 14-20...Cub Week #2
July 21-27...Youth Week (High School)
July 28-August 2...Family Retreat #1
August 4-9...Family Retreat #2

Other Events

January 26-28...Family Ice Fishing Retreat
May 3-5...Spring Volunteer Work Weekend
June 1...Camp Okoboji Auxiliary Quilt Auction
June 16-22...Minneboji Lutheran Camp
June 23-27...Living Proof Dance Camp
May 26-September 8...Sunday Worship
1st Sundays of the Month (May-October)...Brunch



For more information and to register, visit campokoboji.org



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



Matt and DeeDee Wasmund

Seoul, Korea

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

1 PM

Rev. Quintin Cundiff and Family

Riga, Latvia

Saturday, July 6, 2024

1 PM



Rev. David Preus and Family

Europe / Central Asia

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

1 PM



Andrew and Noel Schaff

Taiwan

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

1 PM

