



**July 23, 2023 8th Sunday of Pentecost**

**Come Celebrate**



**with St Paul Lutheran Church  
of Anamosa**

**100 years of Creatively  
Connecting, Intentionally  
Growing and Joyfully Serving**

**Sunday August 20th, 2023**

**Lawrence Community Center  
600 East Main St • Anamosa, Iowa**

**Worship 10:30 a.m.**

**100th Anniversary Dinner  
and Program immediately  
following the service.**

**Reservations may be made by calling  
Kathy at the church office before  
July 23rd  
(319) 462-4841**

**Reminder: You NEED to reserve your spot for the Centennial dinner. We are only being provided the number of dinners that are confirmed, so this will not accommodate walk-ins. Please call Kathy and get your name on the list!!**

**First Reading: Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8 NIV**

*The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young—let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance—for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.*

Proverbs is included in the Wisdom Literature of the Jewish faith. People looked at their experience of life and asked questions about moral living. Over time, their observations led to sayings that seemed to capture aspects of truth for good living. These sayings, many attributed to the great King Solomon who asked God for and received the gift of Wisdom, were collected over a period of time ranging from about 800-500 BC. Many proverbs originated in family and tribal customs and their purpose was for education. A person's heart was believed to be the seat of thinking, reasoning, and decision making, and so the parables were directed toward the heart. It was commonly held among ancient people that wisdom, or the ability to live an ethical life, was within the grasp of all humans and the clearest sign that God dwelt among His people.

The Book of Proverbs tends to disregard the faith element presented in the Torah and the Prophets, and focuses instead on gaining understanding as it is derived through life's experience. This particular passage today seems to challenge the notion that wisdom is human in origin. The feminine figure of Wisdom is equated with God's creative activity from the beginning. She is God's "darling and delight." She says, "I played on the earth while it was still new, and took delight in humans." Wisdom, personified, chooses to dwell with humans but is not limited to nor takes her origin from humanity. Wisdom is divine and her presence among humanity is a gift bestowed {ironically, it was when Solomon forgot this and started to rely on himself as the seat of wisdom that he began to worship false gods and fell from grace; then division occurred within the Kingdom of Israel.}

**Psalms 86:11-17**

*Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead. Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God; ruthless people are trying to kill me—they have no regard for you. But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. Turn to me and have mercy on me; show your strength in behalf of your servant; save me, because I serve you just as my mother did. Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.*

**Gospel: Mt 13:34-35**

Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You Oh Christ**

**Swiffer Wet Jet empty mop bottles**

Linda Kenny is looking for empty Swiffer Wet Jet mop bottles. She likes using the Swiffer Wet Jet but wants to make up her own cleaning solution. If you have any, you can bring them to church or drop them off at the office and we'll be sure to get them to her. Thank you!!

## August Birthdays

Verna Lewison	8/1	Sara Chrisman	8/14	Fred Austin	8/25
Barry Anderson	8/6	Shelby Hollett	8/15	Janel Martensen	8/25
Olivia Christianson	8/6	Shawn Countryman	8/16	Hayley Paulson	8/25
Sandra Capron	8/7	Garrett LaDue	8/16	Matt Gregorich	8/25
Dorothy Wood	8/7	Summer Parks	8/17	Dennis Hora	8/27
Velma Hinrichs	8/8	Kyle Andresen	8/17	Dave Jacobs	8/28
Dorothy Postel	8/8	Neil Stigen	8/19	Jeff Fortune	8/29
Joyce Christenson	8/10	Vicki Wacker	8/20	Lynette Otten	8/30
Curtis Weaver	8/11	Deb Oldham	8/21	Rhonda Bickford	8/31
Donna Custis	8/12	Marlene Prout	8/24	Ruth Kray	8/31
Shaun Lambertsen	8/12	Brian Lubben	8/25	Lucas Sullivan	8/31

### Note from Pastor Rodney

Is God calling you to affirm your baptism! If you have completed 8th grade and would like to prepare to publicly affirm your baptism (be Confirmed), you are invited to join our process of growth and formation this year. We typically meet once a month on Sunday from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in small and large groups for process, story telling, prayer, and activities. People of all ages are involved. You will have a mentor or guide to join you on the journey. We will have a retreat day on Jan. 6, and Confirmation is scheduled for April 28, 2024. If you are curious or feeling nudged by Holy Spirit to grow in your relationship with God, come (with a parent or mentor) to our information evening, 7-8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23 (following worship) in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Please contact me directly at 389-6153 to let me know you'll be there so we can plan for you. We will have the full calendar and details available at that time.

### We Need Help on August 12th to Clean up the Church for our 100th Anniversary!!



Saturday, August 12th is our designated day to clean up the church inside and out for our 100th Anniversary!! Please bring any cleaning supplies that you think might work, gloves and anything else you think will help make the church shine!! We will work from 9 am until Noon. No need to respond just please show up!! If you have any questions, please send Fred Austin a text at 319-480-1274 or email him at fredlo29@yahoo.com.

### Outdoor Service at the Park

We will be having our services, weather permitting, on the following dates at the Anamosa Park:

July 23rd, 30th @ 10:30 a.m.  
 August 6th, 13th, 27th @ 10:30 a.m.  
 August 20 Centennial event at LCC  
 September 3rd @ 10:30 a.m.

This ends our Outdoor Service in the Park. All the 6:00 p.m. Wednesday and 8:00 a.m. Sunday services will be held at the church.



**Council Minutes**  
**June 12, 2023**  
**Following All Leadership Meeting**

**PRESENT:** Pastor Rodney, Jason Geltz, Fred Austin, Addy Dales, Scott Chrisman, Susan Koppenhaver, Nancy Stout, Dustin Paulson, Nancy Lyon-Douglas

**NOT PRESENT:** Angie Coyle, Michele Countryman

**All Leadership Meeting Report Outs:**

- Youth and Family: There will be root beer floats served after services on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> in recognition of fathers and father figures. VBS will be taking place Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a pool party on June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00pm-7:00pm for the youth that volunteered their time for VBS this week.
- Stewardship:
- Member Care: We will be restarting the Friend to Friend visitation ministry.
- Outreach: They will have a table at the Block Party which will have sign-ups for helping with the Pumpkin Fest float and our various regular activities. There will also have two suggestion boxes - one for future outreach projects and one for ideas for the float. The Centennial Committee will have a table at the Block party taking re-orders for centennial T-shirts, and they will take reservations for the centennial dinner.
- Grounds and Maintenance: Fence was put up around the old lumberyard site. Tom Hart did some repairs around the church and the CE building. Lynn Decious looked at the faucet in the maintenance room.
- Discipleship: Sunday morning group finished up last available *The Chosen* episode. Moving on to discussion book of Apostle Peter during the same time. Looking for good timing to launch another group of *The Chosen* viewing. Pastor Rodney will be taking season one of *The Chosen* to Woodland Park care center to watch with residents every other Thursday morning, 9:00 a.m. beginning July 6.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Jason Geltz

The motion to establish a Hospitality Committee was made on May 23, 2023 by Susan Koppenhaver and seconded by Michele Countryman. The Ayes carried and the motion was passed on May 24, 2023 at 1:29pm. The committee has been populated and is already active. The committee consists of Virginia, Ed, Sherri, and Tom; Nancy Stout is the liaison. [Hospitality Committee Guidelines and Duties](#)

**Consent Agenda Discussion and Approval:**

Financial Report and Pastor's Report – Nancy Stout made a motion to approve. Susan seconded. Ayes carried.  
May St Paul Council Meeting Minutes – Jamie made a motion to move the minutes to the July meeting. The unofficial minutes were published via eblast in June.

**Old Business:**

Vote on Proposed 2024 Budget –

- Nancy Lyon-Douglas needs communication up front about what is going to be spent by committees.
- The account labeled “Fellowship” is changed to the more inclusive “hospitality” on the budget.
- Jason made a motion to approve the 2024 budget/Addie Dales seconded the motion. Ayes carried.

Centennial Meal, Aug 20-2023 proposal to pay for (Susan) –

- Susan made a motion in the spirit of hospitality to have the Aug. 20 Centennial Meal paid for by the church. A free will offering will be welcomed to help offset the cost. Susan is asking for \$1200.00. Jason seconded the motion. 7 ayes, 2 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion on Finance/Stewardship committee separation

- Acting treasurer will be the head of the finance committee and work with a couple of people to focus on the recording, spending, bill payments, and budget. The Stewardship committee will focus on telling the story of the LIFE of the church.
- Committee Annual Reports are due next week. Make sure everyone gets their committee reports sent to Kathy by Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.



### **New Business:**

Review Construction Guidance Outline plus timeline so far – Pastor will write up a proposal with a calendar attachment to give us a timeline of roll out for this data gathering, discussion and decision regarding the campus.

### **Communication:**

- Susan – thank you from Willis Dady for the 31 fleece blankets
- Letter from Karen Biere in appreciation for Hank's Memorial Service.

### **Upcoming Conferences/Meetings/Schedules/Coming Events:**

- St. Paul 100th Anniversary Activities scheduled for 2023:
  - ⇒ June 23 Block Party (similar to past events) Staff + members
    - ◇ Donation focus: Animal Shelter
  - ⇒ July 16 Ice Cream Social (w/loose meat sandwiches) Following Annual Meeting in FH, Member Care
    - ◇ Donation focus: Anamosa Ministerial Association
  - ⇒ August 20 Anniversary Worship and Dinner at LCC. Centennial Cmte - Sally's Cater, 10:30 a.m.
    - ◇ Donation focus: Lutheran World Relief
  - ⇒ October 7 Homecoming and PumpkinFest Parade Float Owner?
    - ◇ Donation Focus: Jones Co Food Bank
  - ⇒ Pounds for the Pantry Oct-Dec or Dec 17 & 18 Possible Caroling/Cookie Making- Exchange
    - ◇ Donation focus possibilities: HACAP Christmas Giving? ELCA Good Gifts?
  - ⇒ Youth Trip Mission July 23rd-28th in Milwaukee, WI

### **Time and Date of Next Meeting:**

- July 10, 2023
  - ⇒ Social Time at Weaver's Home (104 Nasinus Rd.) at 5:00pm
  - ⇒ Meal served at 5:30pm
  - ⇒ Meeting begins at 6:30pm
  - ⇒ Social Hour/bonfire after meeting.
- July 16, 2023
  - ⇒ Annual Meeting following the 10:30am service in church

### **Agenda for Next Meeting:**

**Adjourn/Closing Prayer:** Motion to adjourn made by Jason Geltz and seconded by Rodney. Ayes carried. Adjourned at 9:01pm.



### **St Paul Lutheran Church Annual Meeting July 16, 2023**

Thanks to Lois, we have a picture of some of the people attending our annual meeting to share. We all had to sign in and we did have a quorum.

A luncheon and ice cream social was held in the church fellowship hall after the meeting. Great food and great fellowship!!

### Centennial T-Shirt Orders

If you missed out ordering a Centennial T-shirt earlier, we are going to have another order going in if we have enough response. You need to fill out an order form and those can be pick up at the office. Our deadline now is July 30th. You can order short sleeved or long sleeved and we also have youth t-shirts available. Payment is due when you submit your order. Order blanks are at the greeters table at church if you need one or Kathy can email one to you too.



## Friends of Fritz

We are touched by the donations  
coming in for our Centennial  
celebration August 20th! Thank you!!  
We would especially like to raise up in  
appreciation the Wednesday morning  
Men's Bible study for their very  
generous donation to the 100th  
Anniversary dinner!  
Thank you, gentlemen!



### Kathy's Office Hours

Monday	8:30—3:30
Tuesday	8:30—3:30
Wednesday	8:30—2:30

If you need something on a particular day, please call ahead to let Kathy know so she can be sure to be there for you. Things do come up and she might have to be out of the office, so please plan ahead.

### Two new summer prayer opportunities at St. Paul led by Pastor Rodney!

Create some intentional time for Focused Communal Silence {**Meditation**}- The benefits of meditation are real, but it is often difficult to make room for silence in our lives. Communal accountability can help uphold the commitment. Join with others in the St. Paul Church on Monday and/or Thursday mornings, 6:30-7:00 a.m. for Meditation Prayer. We will pray out loud the Cantic of Zechariah, have 17 minutes of silent meditation, then close with the Cantic of Simeon.

**Drumming Circle:** Join others in the church chapel from 5:15-6:15 pm one of the last Tuesdays of each month for drum prayer. 10 hand drums are available; first come, first to choose. We will begin with sharing gratitudes and intentions, then drum, ending with a drum wash for those who wish it. Weather permitting, we'll drum outside.

Drumming is a form of contemplative prayer that invites us to be present to the Heartbeat of God. As we listen to and feel the drums, we experience the One pulse that gives rise to all the rhythms and energies of life. It is actually from the feminine energy of the divine that drumming emerges, and men drum to draw themselves from the head into the heart, seeking harmony.

Upcoming drumming dates for 2023 will be: Aug. 22. Sept. 26, Oct. 24. Nov. 21, Dec.19.

## Please Pray for the Following

(Why people want prayers isn't important, *the prayers are!*)

We pray for all who need healing, strength or comfort those who are grieving especially Brenda Downing (daughter of Pat Merritt).. For peace in our nation & world, for safety in our schools and communities and for those seeking a safe home. To add a name call or email Kathy at 319-462-4841/stpaulanamosa@gmail.com. Names will be listed for 4 weeks and may be renewed.

*Next Week July 30th Readings*  
*Proverbs 8:1-11, 22-36*  
*John 8:56-58*

**GriefShare** is available upon request. Please contact Nancy Douglas if interested 319-551-3358.

**AA meets** in the lower level of the CE building on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

**Jones County Food Bank:** Help is always needed at the Jones County Community Food Bank - food and funds have fallen critically low. For the last few months, the number of families and individuals requesting foods has been increasing and the shelves are almost bare. Funds are also being diminished by the demands of purchasing food at higher prices.

To donate money, checks may be written to Jones County Community Food Bank and mailed to 105 Broadway Place, Anamosa IA 52205. Items needed this week: Peas, pancake mix and syrup, canned tuna, Mac & Cheese and personal care items. **Please place items in the back of the church for collection by St. Paul volunteers OR call the Food Bank to make delivery arrangements (462-4343)**

**Recorded services are found on St. Paul website, YouTube page or Facebook page.**

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**  
**Available 24 Hours**  
**Languages: English, Spanish**  
**800-273-8255**

### Bread Bakers:

August: Brian/Michelle Lubben  
September: Marcy Pate  
October: Verna Lewison

### Deliver Food to Food Bank:

August: Ralph & Sandy Andresen  
September: Myra Powell  
October: Barb Kleis

### Wednesday, July 19th

\* 8:00 am Men's Worship Group—CE Building

### \* 6:00pm Evening Service

Comm Prep: Marlene Serbousek  
Greeters: Darla Algoe  
Readings & Prayers: Darla Algoe  
Comm Server: Darla Algoe  
PowerPoint: Darcie Tenley

### Sunday, July 23

### \* 8:00am Service

Comm Prep: Ed Gerst/Susan Koppenhaver  
Greeter: Ed Gerst/Susan Koppenhaver  
Readings/Prayers: Lois Ocenosak  
Comm Server: Ed Gerst/Susan Koppenhaver  
PowerPoint: Linda Kenny  
Livestream: Skyler

### \* 10:30am Service (at the park)

Comm Prep: Ralph/Sandra Andresen  
Greeter: Ralph/Sandra Andresen  
Readings/Prayers: Ralph Andresen  
Comm Server: Ralph/Sandra Andresen/Kathy Dornbusch

### Tuesday, July 25

\* 1:30pm Scripture Study

\* 6:00pm Grief Support by request, call Nancy Douglas

\* 7:00pm AA—LL CE Building

### Wednesday, July 26

\* 8:00 am Men's Worship Group—CE Building

### \* 6:00pm Evening Service

Comm Prep: Darla Algoe  
Greeters: Darla Algoe  
Readings/Prayers: Darla Algoe  
Comm Server: Darla Algoe  
PowerPoint: Myra Powell

### Sunday, July 30

### \* 8:00 am Service

Comm Prep: Jim / Delores Albrecht  
Greeter: Dale / Pat Jensen  
Readings/Prayers : Pat Jensen  
Comm Server: Dale / Pat Jensen  
PowerPoint:  
Livestream: Skyler

### \* 10:30am Service

Comm Prep: Cathy Crowe  
Greeter: Austin Family  
Readings/Prayers: Shaun/Valerie Lambertsen  
Comm Server: Shaun/Valerie Lambertsen / Cathy Crow

### Tuesday, August 2

\* 1:30pm Scripture Study

\* 6:00pm Grief Support by request, call Nancy Douglas

\* 7:00pm AA—LL CE Building

### Wednesday, August 2

\* 8:00 am Men's Worship Group—CE Building

### \* 6:00pm Evening Service

Comm Prep: Marlene Serbousek  
Greeters: Summer Parks  
Readings/Prayers: Polly Chalmstrom  
Comm Server: Summer Parks  
PowerPoint: Darcie Tenley

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**Anamosa, IA 52205**



### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

July 23-28	Mission Trip
August 12	Clean up day at St Paul (9 am—12 pm)
August 14	All Leadership/Council Mtg @ 6:00/6:30 pm
August 20	Centennial Dinner following 10:30 service @ Lawrence Center (Reservations are needed!!)
Sept 4	Labor Day (office closed)
Sept 11	Council Mtg 6:30 pm
Oct 7	Octoberfest
Oct 9	All Leadership/Council Mtg @ 6:00/6:30 pm
Oct 31	Halloween