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September 2017

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This is the year of the 500th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther nailing the 95 theses on the castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany, October 31, 1517.



St. Paul Lutheran Church, Anamosa
Invites you to come and join us for a

Reformation  Celebration
Five Hundred Years 1517-2017

Sunday September 10, 2017

With Guest

Dr. Troy Troftgruben

Assistant Professor of New Testament, Wartburg Seminary



Worship at 10:30am

Potluck Lunch at 12:00pm

Reformation Presentation at 1:00pm

The worship service will include special music, Luther hymns, German recitation of scripture and more. You are welcome to join us for all of the activities or just parts of the commemoration.

In honor of God's work, our hands day, we will be hosting a food pantry drive during this event!



Fall Ministries

Begin this Month

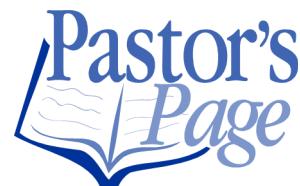
High School Ministry



Confirmation



September 2017



Pastor Kathryn Franzenburg

In this Sunday's Gospel Lesson (Matthew 16:13-20) Jesus asks the disciples The simple, but very important question, "Who do you say that I am?"

Peter boldly steps forward and speaks for the group, "You are The Messiah, the Son of the Living God". Jesus response has three parts. First, he announces that Peter is blessed to know this because it is not flesh and blood that has revealed this to him, but the Father in Heaven. Second, he says to Peter on this rock (Peter's name means rock) I will build my church. Third, I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

The blessing Jesus announces to Peter is not a reward for good behavior or the right answer, but instead a call to mission. As we read through the story of Peter's life in the book of Acts, we see that mission lived out on Pentecost when the disciples receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and after Peter's sermon to the people more than 3000 are baptized. This mission is again witnessed in Samaria when Peter and John lay their hands on the people who have been baptized by Philip and they receive the Holy Spirit. And again in Acts 10 when Peter baptizes Cornelius, a Roman centurion and his family.

As I reflect on my partnership in ministry with you here at St. Paul, I believe that God's Spirit is calling us to mission, that we too have been given the "Keys of Heaven" to open doors so that the hearts and minds of people both at St. Paul and in our greater community of Anamosa and our extended families may know the love and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C.S. Lewis is quoted as saying: "Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important."

Obviously, I believe Christianity is infinitely important. For many it can mean the difference between doubt and faith, despair and hope, darkness and light, hate and love, life and death. Therefore I am asking you to give prayerful consideration to participating in the Alpha program that we will be offering at St. Paul this fall. We will meet on Monday evenings for approximately 2 hours, beginning September 11th and continuing through November 13th. We will begin with a community supper each evening, followed by a presentation on topics relevant to our Christian faith, followed by a small group table discussion with 8 to 10 peers. It is an opportunity to ask questions without fear of judgment and to explore answers that provide deeper meaning and understanding of what it means to be loved unconditionally by God. If you are uncertain, come on September 11th and check it out and then decide.

I am so deep grateful for the opportunity that I have had this past year to be in ministry partnership with you and to now be participating in the Alpha program with you. Both my husband and I plan to participate. It will be the first time for both of us. I am cognizant that the call committee is interviewing a new candidate to be your pastor. Thus, that call may begin before the class is completed, but it is my intention to complete the class with you even if I am no longer serving as your interim pastor. We are all called to mission regardless where we live and where we serve. May this be a transformative experience for us as individuals and as a community.

Pastor Franzenburg

Celebrations:

- On August 13th we celebrated the confirmation of Maddy Heims.
- On August 20th we joyfully welcomed and baptized Jayden and Connor Capron

Congratulations! Your church family will continue to pray over you. May the spirit move you and guide you!

Pray for Our Military

Please pray for our men and women currently serving in the military:

- Jeremy Fall
- Allen Gilbert
- Kalib Seeley
- Jason Schoenbeck



Please call the church office if you would like to be added or deleted from this list.

Women's Circles

Mary's Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 pm. The hostess for September is Verna Lewison , the study will take place in her home, and the Bible Study will be lead by Jan Koppenhaver.

Sarah's Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 13th at 1:30 at Woodland Park. The Hostess is Wilma Cox.

September Work Group

Coordinator: Lori Reynolds

Ralph & Sandra Andresen

Brian & Jill Darrow

Wayne & Becky Embree

Doug & Jody Fairbanks

Don & Debbie Hardersen

Donna Martensen

Janel Martensen

Myra Powell

Erik & Ashton Stegemann

Jeff & Barb Switzer

Amanda Thompson



Generous Giving

We would like to thank the following who have given of their time and talents:



- Thank you Delores Albrecht for sewing the baptismal clothes for Connor and Jayden Capron.
- Jan Allaire and Dorothy Harmon have been working many hours on updating and researching our church history. She has made many phone calls, connections, and more trying to share with us the amazing history of our congregation, past Pastors, ect.
- To all our Eucharistic ministers for going into the homes of our home bond members, serving them communion, and visiting with them, and some are serving in other ways as well the needs of our individuals.
- Thank you to all the youth and adults who help host Family Camp. We had some inspiring speakers, encouraging worship, and meaningful fellowship.
- Aidan Miller for preaching and sharing his story with us on Wednesday, August 16th.
- Pastor Jerry for Preaching on August 6th and his ministry in the Anamosa State Penitentiary.
- Pastor Steve for his mission trip to Africa.
- Will Giegerich for playing guitar at Wednesday night worship a couple times in August.
- Karen Biere and Verna Lewison for sending personal post cards to all our high school youth as they begin their new school year and all they do for our congregation.

"Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the ones who serves me." -John 12:26

This is just a sample of recent generous gifts shared by members at St. Paul. If you have been a generous giver and your name is not listed, please know, as a community we could never glorify and proclaim the Good News without your faithful stewardship.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ thank you!

Can you think of someone you would like to acknowledge? Contact the church office and we will add them to our Generous Giving list next month.

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VIEWED AND DOWNLOADED FROM THE**

ALY changes gears...

News Flash!!! School has started. That means it's time for Anamosa Lunches for Youth to start filling bags of supplemental food for the weekend backpack program for at-risk or food-insecure students.



Each week in the school year, the bags are taken to the Anamosa Elementary and Middle Schools to be distributed by school counselors and staff, with a supply of items kept in the high school counselor's office for "food emergencies."

September is the ALY Board's responsibility, followed by the First Congregational Church in October. St. Paul takes over in November, followed by The Methodists in December and St. Patrick's in January. And then we start over.

Watch for more information. In the meantime, ALY and the children we love and serve need your prayers and encouragement.

Lutheran World Relief Update...

Only about 6 more weeks left before the fall shipment of Kits and Quilts will be packed and on their way. There are still backpacks ready for school supplies, and towels to finish the personal care kits.

Items for one Lutheran World Relief School Kit:

Four 70-sheet spiral notebooks	We need 143 more
One 12 inch/30 centimeter ruler	We need 82 more
One pencil sharpener	We need 27 more
One pair blunt scissors	We need 84 more
Five unsharpened #2 pencils	We are good and don't need more
Five black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink)	We need 49 more bundles of 5
One box of 16 or 24 crayons	We need 41 more
One 2-1/2 inch eraser	We need 37 more



Thanks to everyone who donated to our mission!
We currently have 13 completed Personal Care kits.

And in addition we have:

13 comba, 14 clippers, and 11-2packs of soap, we have 3 towels

Items for one Personal Care Kit:

Two bath size bars of soap
One adult-size toothbrush
One sturdy comb
One metal nail clippers



We are looking for more Thrievent Action Team help.
Our specific needs at present are individually packaged toothbrushes!

Thank you so much for your support!
-Dee Ihlenfeldt

Fabric Kits:

Two pieces of new cotton or cotton-blend fabric
Sizes: 2-1/2 yards of 60", or 3 yards of 44", or 4 yards of 35"
Two spools of matching or neutral-colored general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each



Lutheran World Relief Quilters will meet on **Monday, September 11 at 1:00 PM** to continue tying and finishing the quilts for the fall shipment. Everyone who is able is invited to come by and give a helping hand. Watch for another all-day sew-in to be scheduled soon.



Mental Health Ministry Submitted by Ken Winter

Martin Luther On Depression - Part 1

**Given his pastoral heart, he sought to bring spiritual
counsel to struggling souls**

Written by Allan Adams | Tuesday, May 17, 2016



“Luther himself endured many instances of depression. He described the experience in varied terms: melancholy, heaviness, depression, dejection of spirit; downcast, sad, downhearted. He suffered in this area for much of his life and often revealed these struggles in his works. Evidently he did not think it a shameful problem to be hidden.”

Depression: A Complex Problem

Spiritual Factors

For Luther, depression involved a complex interplay of spiritual, social and cognitive factors. In the spiritual realm Luther recognized Satan’s role. Being the “accuser of the brethren,” Satan causes Christians to dwell on past sins. Such thoughts induce melancholy and despair. Concerning Matthias Weller’s depressive thoughts, Luther wrote, “Know that the devil is tormenting you with them, and that they are not your thoughts but the cursed devil’s, who cannot bear to see us have joyful thoughts.”⁴ Luther recognized a spiritual truth about depression. One can expect Satan’s persistence until faith is destroyed, but in the midst of depression God is with us. He never leaves us alone. In the midst of trouble, He draws near to us. Sometimes the invisible God draws near through visible people, and they become the bearers of God’s comforting and strengthening words to troubled souls. What’s more, God seeks to assure us of His love and esteem. And through His Word, He counters Satan’s lies with His truth.

A Cognitive Emphasis

Luther also saw thoughts as playing a prominent role in depression. This emphasis continually punctuated his letters on the subject. In his view, sometimes Satan instills depressive thoughts. At other times, people prove their own worst enemies because of biased thinking. Luther described several tendencies that specialists today recognize as cognitive errors. Sometimes depressed persons attend only to those things that support their negative assumptions (selective abstraction).⁵ They also make small problems seem larger than they really are (magnification). Sometimes they draw false conclusions from insufficient data (arbitrary inferences). Luther also knew that depressed persons frequently anticipate the worst possible outcomes (catastrophic thinking). For Luther, solitude magnified these errors.

Family Links to Depression

Luther also recognized that depression runs in families. He saw this trend in the brothers Jerome and Matthias Weller, whom he counseled. Likewise Luther saw similar family links in some royalty. In his letter to Prince Joachim, Luther noted that other members of his family had been “... of a retiring, quiet, and sober nature.” He then used those family traits to conclude that Prince Joachim’s illness derived from “melancholy and dejection of spirit.” He implied that other members of the family had struggled in this area.

Hi There,

Welcome back to WD4 season! I am looking forward to seeing all the children and youth of St. Paul again! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer, a great start back at school, and are back in the swing of things.

I am thrilled to say I am starting my children, youth, and family ministry cortication through Vibrant Faith (partnered with Wartburg seminary in Dubuque, IA). This is a 10 month program, most of which I will be doing online. I will be staying at

Wartburg Seminary Campus

Sunday, September 17th- Friday September 22nd for my first week of intense face to face classes to get me started on my way with their certificate program journey.

I am also looking forward to some new opportunities for faith formation this year with our children and youth. There are some really neat activities coming up such as: Retreats, over night at Campus Ministry, servant nights and so much more.

Blessings to you!
Shawna Giegerich

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Wednesday, September 6th** at 7:00pm
Small group leader meeting in the education building
- **Sunday, September 10th during the 10:30**
Service Children's Church begins during sermon
- **Wednesday, September 13th at 6:00-7:30pm**
is our first WD4 stating for ages kindergarten through 12th grade. Servant Night "packing the backpacks" for Luther World relief.
- **Wednesday, September 13th at 7:30-8:00**
CONFIRMATION youth and Parents Meeting
- **Wednesday, September 20th 6:00-7:30 pm**
WD4 for ages preschool-12th. During this evening we will be doing a servant project of preparing Lutheran World Relief kits.
- **Wednesday, September 27th WD4 6:00-7:30**
- **Wednesday, September 27th at 7:30pm**
ELCA National Youth Gathering Interest meeting for all high school students and parents (July 2018 mission trip)

Children's Church (Pre-k through 5th grade) **Start Date: Sunday, September 10th, 2017**

Children's Church On Sundays during the second worship service. This is our Sunday School Children education time. Children will worship with their family during the opening songs and announcements. When the children's sermon takes place, the children will come forward for the children's sermon, then follow our Children's church leader to the church basement during the remainder of the sermon. Our KFC Children's Church group will be engaging in lectionary lessons and activities. Their lesson will tie in with the Pastor's sermon the adults and youth are hearing during church. Children will then come back up to worship and receive communion with the rest of their family.



KFC -Kids For Christ (Kindergarten- 5th grade) **Start Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2017**

Our KFC will be experiencing the Bible with Spark Lectionary Lessons! Throughout the year, our KFC will be following the Church year in a personal, inter-active way. During their lesson and activity time, they will learn about: Teachable moments with Jesus, Encounters with Jesus, Advent Journey, Following Jesus, Lenten Market Place, Rise Up with Christ! Spark also encourages faith growth as a family with take home lessons that follow along with our sermon series. All ages can learn together!



WD4– Wednesday Discipleship: Worship, Grow, Relate & Serve (6th through 8th grade)

****Start Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2017****

Our WD4 will be exploring the Bible and Faith Formation with Here We Stand. This is also the curriculum we will be using for Confirmation with the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. With Here We Stand, our youth will engage in four ways: Gather, Lesson, (teach) Connect, and Send. Our lessons focus this year is on the Old Testament This year there will also be activities and service days to help us engage in living out our faith, loving one another, and discipleship.

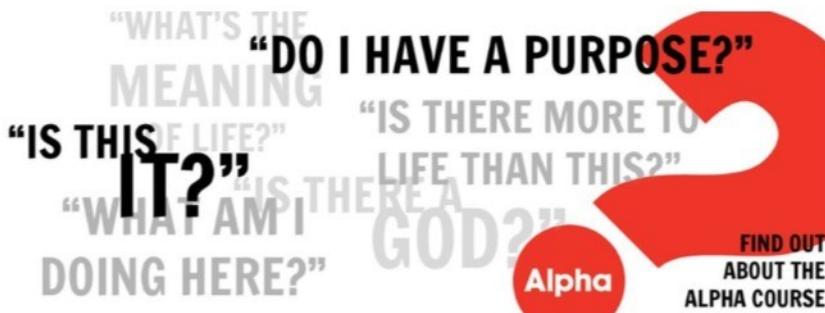


WD4– Wednesday Discipleship: Worship, Grow, Relate & Serve (9th Through 12th grade)

****Start Date: Wednesday, September 13th, 2017****

This year our 9th– 12th graders will be studying topics that they face in their daily lives. Each week we will be focusing on different points using a curriculum from Youth Specialties , Alpha Youth Series, and also using Practice Discipleship. During WD4 the youth will be participating in some actives, Bible Studies, and discussions about real life topics, such as: The Future, Relationships, Media, leadership development, Stress, Depression, Success, Knowing God, Prayer, Biblical Understanding, Priorities, Serving others, Church Involvement, and so much more.





Starting: Monday, September 11th and goes on each Monday through November 13th.

Event time: 5:45-7:45pm

Location: Lower level of church in fellowship hall.

The Alpha Course Study.

This course is an evangelistic course which seeks to introduce the basics of the Christian faith through a series of talks and discussions. It is described by its organizers as "an opportunity to explore the meaning of life."

Your questions about faith, the bible, life, and more are welcome and encouraged!

Each week there will be a meal starting at 5:45 and childcare provided at no cost.

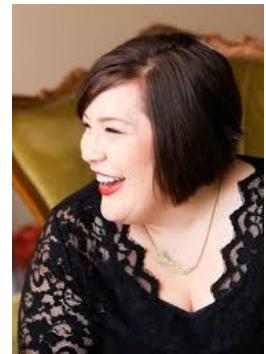
All are welcome!

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors!



Middle School Lock in at UNI Campus Hosted by LSC October 13th Starting at 8:00PM and 14th

This year is the 18th annual middle school lock in at the UNI Campus hosted by Lutheran Student Center. During this lock in, our youth will meet youth from all over our Southeastern Iowa Synod, play games, fun activities, worship, learn, and enjoy a concert by ECLA Singer song writer Rachel Kurtz.



Our 8th grade youth are going to this event as a part of their confirmation requirements this year. However this exciting event is open for all 6-8th graders in our congregation.

The cost is \$40 per person. Scholarships are available.

We are looking for two more adults to attend this event as drivers and chaperones.

There is no cost for our adult chaperones.

At this lock in our youth will learn about the 500 year anniversary of the Reformation, and also be reminded about their baptism and what it means in their daily life.

What to bring: Sleeping bag/pillow, swim suit, personal hygiene items, PJ's/sweats, sports shoes, camera, towels, a friendly attitude, and lots of energy!

Registration is due by September 29th.

Contact Shawna Giegerich for more information and to register your youth.

smgiegerich@gmail.com
(319)462-4841

Lock-In Schedule

8:00 pm	Registration & Games
8:30 pm	Rachel Kurtz & Opening
9:30 pm	Fun at the Wellness and Recreation Center
<i>Swimming, volleyball, basketball, racket ball, climbing wall, ping pong, hanging out, INFLATABLES!, tons of snacks, and beverages.</i>	
11:30 pm	Worship
12:45 am	Pizza
1:00 am	Free time
4:30 am	Large Group Activity
5:30 am	Breakfast begins
6:30 am	Clean up time
<i>Groups are welcome to leave starting at 6:00 am. All groups need to be out of the building by 7:00am</i>	



Grief Support Group is looking at new programs.
Grief Share is still available, call either
Nancy Lyon Douglas at (319)551-3358
or Ken Winter at (319)462-4841 and they will be
glad to share that. It has been an amazing journey
for all that have attended.
Feel free to give us a call anytime!

Thank you to each person that has taken The Grief Share Journey with us!

Notes from the Parish Nurse

September will be an exciting month at St Paul with Reformation Celebration Sept 10th and the Alpha classes beginning Sept 11th. There also is going to be a **blood pressure clinic** during the week of **September 13-17th**. I along with other nurses from our congregation will be available to have your blood pressure checked Weds night **Sept 13th at 5:30pm** before church and **7pm** after that evening service.

Then on **Sunday September 17th** between the morning services **from 9:30am to 10:30am**. The American Heart Association states that an estimated 85 million Americans have hypertension, which is 1 out of every 3 adults over 20 (1 out of 6 don't even know their blood pressure is high).

There will also be educational information handouts on healthy living at these clinics. If you would like a call or a visit from a nurse, please call the church office.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your

strength

Deuteronomy 6:5

Blessings,
Carol Stiffler RN,BSN,PN



September 2017, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story Direct Support Professionals Week

Do you know someone who is a caregiver to a loved one? It is often both a demanding and meaningful role. During September's National Direct Support Professionals Week, we celebrate all the ways in which these professionals help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful lives.

One way LSI is empowering Iowans with disabilities is through our Respite Care program. We offer respite care for both children and adults, providing caregivers with a well-deserved break. Through respite, an individual is able to get out into his or her community and build a strong bond with a respite care provider. It's another way LSI is empowering the people we serve toward a more independent life-style.

We thank you for your faithful support of LSI – you create so many new life-changing possibilities for children, families and adults! If you would like to learn more about how you can support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at deborah.whitford@LSIowa.org.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

It takes a village

Jessica felt overwhelmed. She spent most of her time caregiving for her daughters, Angelique and Ariana, and she knew she needed a break. She turned to LSI's Services for People with Disabilities. Through LSI, Jessica and her family could receive respite care for the girls, which gave her some time to take a break and catch her breath.

Angelique and Ariana now receive respite care from their providers, Kaitlyn and Megan. Once a month, Kaitlyn and Megan play games with the girls and get them out in their community, giving Jessica time to take care of herself.

Since last fall, Jessica has seen her daughters become more confident and independent as they've built a strong bond with their LSI caregivers. She is feeling more relaxed and in control of her parenting, and she is happy to see Angelique and Ariana find great role models in Kaitlyn and Megan.

"It was a big decision to open up and feel comfortable with respite care for the girls, but Kaitlyn and Megan have done wonderful things for them," Jessica says. "We're so appreciative for LSI's respite care, and having that resource is just wonderful."

Let's see a show, St. Paul!!

The latest addition to the **Church Basement Ladies** series, **RISE UP, O MEN,**

Is coming to the Old Creamery Theatre, introducing the men of the church right alongside your favorite ladies from the basement. As these hard-working Minnesota farmers discuss "man stuff," they could disrupt the work of the kitchen. We have 20 tickets available for November 12th at the 2:00pm showing.

If you are interested in seeing **RISE UP, O MEN**, let us know, and we'll add you to the list. Call Barb at 462-4061 or Virginia at 462-4625 for further information.



Exploring Spiritual Autobiography

A Spiritual Writers Workshop

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Anamosa, IA

Come join a group of explorers, as we probe the depths of our faith through the use of personal stories and writing. We will explore God's presences in our lives through the development of individual personal narratives.

We are a group that has met over this past year exploring issues of faith, and God in our personal everyday lives. We invite others to participate in an adventure of self-discovery.

We will gather in church library, second floor on September 13th at 6:pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 201 N. Ford St, Anamosa, IA

7th Annual ST. PAUL 2-PERSON BEST SHOT GOLF OUTING



SAVE THE DATE

Date: Sunday, October 1st, 2017

Start time: 1:00 pm

Location: FAWN CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

Call FCCC at (319)462-4115 to reserve a cart

9 HOLES

8" CUP

\$15 per person + cart

This is a fundraiser for the Youth of St. Paul

Where is St. Paul in the Overview of The Call Process?



Current Pastor Resigns

Congregation Contacts Office of the Bishop



Congregation Council Meets with Bishop's Representative

Interim Pastor/Process arranged



Call Committee Appointed/Installed

Call committee trained by bishop's representative



Ministry Site Profile (MSP) Completed

Council reviews Synod Compensation Guidelines and gives call committee parameters for financial package

MSP approved by congregation council

MSP shares summary with the congregation



Call Committee Submits Nominations to Bishop's Representative

This is optional. If the call committee chooses to receive nominations from the congregation, a form is provided by the bishop's representative.



Bishop's Representative Provides up to Three Names of Candidates and their Rostered Leader Profile (RLP)

These names are confidential.

Committee chooses to proceed with interviews.

Interview process begins.

Call Committee Recommends One Candidate to the Council.

A "Meet and Greet" event may be held.

The council calls a congregational meeting in accordance with the constitution.

The Congregational Meeting is held.

The candidate and the terms of compensation and benefits are provided.

A two-thirds vote is required to issue the call.

The candidate has 30 days to accept or return the letter of call. If the letter of call is accepted, plans are made for the transition and installation of the new pastor.

The Call Committee would like to thank everyone for their continues prayer during this time.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE HURRICANE HARVEY

AUGUST 2017

ELCA.org/disaster

Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast of the United States on Aug. 25, 2017, threatening millions of people in coastal Texas and Louisiana with multiple days of heavy rain, winds and rising tides. While many have evacuated, significant damage is still expected, and thousands of people may be housed in shelters for an extended period of time.

Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliate is actively present, collaborating with community leaders and officials to initiate the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. Together, we have a strong history of working with Disasters in the Gulf Coast area. The road to recovery will be long, and Lutheran Disaster Response will

be there to accompany those affected through every phase of this disaster.

We invite you to stand by our neighbors on the Gulf Coast during this time. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for "Hurricane Response – United States" will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support the needs in this response and others like it.

YES, I WANT TO HELP!

Lutheran Disaster Response: *Hurricane Response, U.S.* \$ _____ DDG0073

Lutheran Disaster Response: *Where Needed Most, U.S.* \$ _____ DDG0010

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Email Address _____

Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009
Write "*Hurricane Response, United States*" or "*Lutheran Disaster Response, U.S.*" on your check's memo line.



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God's work. Our hands.



JOIN US FOR THE HOPE CLUSTER FALL RETREAT

REDECORATING MY PRAYER LIFE

An opportunity to reflect on your own personality and preferences in life and how that might contribute to a refreshed or "redecorated" life of prayer with presenter Ginger Anderson-Larson

CAMP WYOMING - OWL'S NEST

SEPTEMBER 8 & 9, 2017

REGISTRATION 6 PM FRIDAY EVENING

ACTIVITIES THRU NOON SATURDAY

Please bring: Snack to share, flashlight, personal items.

Optional: Gently used white sheets for Global Health Missions

Provided for you: Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, bedding, linens



PLEASE COMPLETE AND FORWARD THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH CHECKS PAYABLE
TO HOPE CLUSTER TO:

DEANNE BENNETT, 1306 190TH ST. WHEATLAND, IA 52777
BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Name:

Church:

\$15 Friday evening only

\$25 Friday overnight through breakfast

\$15 Saturday

\$40 Full Friday and Saturday retreat



Pastor Steve Dornbusch in Ethiopia

On August 16th, a member of St. Paul congregation, Pastor Steve Dornbusch, left with a delegation from Minneapolis for a week of mission work in Ethiopia. This was Pastor Steve's third visit to Ethiopia in support of the work of Leadstar, International Ministries under the direction of Dr. Gemechis Buba. Leadstar Ministries is involved in both education and television ministry.

Several years ago, there were three initiatives that were launched to further the gospel in Ethiopia and all of Africa. Those involved helping people who could never afford or take the time to attend traditional higher education classes. Through the use of technology, distance learning centers, and a faculty willing to travel to these rural centers, students were able to stay close to home and complete their degrees with a minimum of cost. The first graduation was held a few years ago with 1200 students. These students graduated with undergraduate degrees in business and leadership, with graduate degrees awarded in business administration. These degrees were awarded through the help and accreditation of Ashland University in Indiana. There is also a separate educational initiative training pastors and missional leaders with hundreds of graduates from that program.

In addition to these higher education initiatives, there are schools opening for both elementary and high school students. Pastor Steve was able to attend the historic first graduation for these students a few years back, and following that event, his delegation, along with Dr. Buba was invited to meet with the President of Ethiopia at the National Palace in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital city.

As remarkable as the growth of the educational initiatives has been, perhaps the most amazing is Dr. Buba's television ministry that is now broadcast by satellite to much of Africa and the Middle East. In Africa, technology is many decades behind the West. Television in Africa today is similar to what television was for the US in the 1950's. Dr. Buba is broadcasting Bible studies and Christian messages in three languages, Amharic, Oromo, and English. For hundreds of thousands of people, these messages represent their first exposure to the love of Jesus in a language they can understand. As you have heard on the news and I'm sure can imagine, there is great interest and a deep hunger for these messages.

There is also a great deal of pressure by Muslims and other groups to squelch any preaching of the Gospel of Jesus. Your prayers are coveted for this amazing ministry. On this trip, Pastor Steve will be attending graduations, both for the business and leadership schools, as well as the students receiving their theological and mission degrees. His delegation will be leading and speaking at these events. Pastor Steve will be addressing all those who work with the television ministries, both to encourage and support their work. Pastor Steve chairs the US board for Leadstar, Intl.

If you are interested in knowing more or seeing a video of some of Dr. Buba's amazing messages, you can go to www.leadstarministries.com. Again, thanks for your prayers.



In a few years, St. Paul Lutheran Church will be celebrating it's 100 Anniversary. We're going to ask everyone to help us with this. For starts, if anyone would have any of our church photo books that you don't want anymore, we would like a copy of each one-

- ◊ 1968-69
- ◊ 1978
- ◊ 1984
- ◊ 1989
- ◊ 1993
- ◊ 1998
- ◊ 2002
- ◊ 2009



If you have any old relevant pictures of the church or people before 1954, we'd like to look at them. Watch the newsletter and bulletins for a meeting time. Everyone is welcome to come!

St Paul Mortgage Balance



Balances of St. Paul Bank/ Accounts As of 07/31/2017

General Fund Checking Account
 Beginning Balance \$24,694.53
 Ending Balance \$28,004.13

Budget Reserve Savings Account
 Beginning Balance \$200.11
 Ending Balance:\$200.16

Land Purchase Checking Account
 Beginning Balance \$933.69
 Ending Balance \$433.69

Land Purchase Savings Account
 Beginning Balance \$800.55
 Ending Balance \$890.51

Luther League Checking Account
 Beginning Balance \$4,017.62
 Ending Balance \$3,916.77

Luther League Savings Account
 Beginning Balance \$6,041.90
 Ending Balance \$6,041.9

Seminary Support Account
 Beginning Balance: \$4,695.17
 Ending Balance: \$5,672.39

Fidelity Savings Account
 Beginning Balance: \$6,164.56
 Ending Balance: \$6,164.56

Mortgage Account
 Beginning Property Purchase Amount: \$258,250.00
 Mortgage Balance: \$25,00
 90.3% Mortgage Paid

Church Council Report

Council Minutes - St. Paul Lutheran

August 14, 2017

Members Present: Doug Fairbanks, Colin Stifler, Carlene Vavricek, Lori Reynolds, Jim Hankemeier, Brian Darrow, Pastor Franzenburg.

Vice President, Doug Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Pastor led the group in devotions from Jesus Calling.

Agenda and Minutes approved as submitted.

July Financial Reports reviewed. Brian indicated he had reviewed the report with Nancy. Expenses for July exceeded income, but that is not unusual for the summer months. The account summary referred to was found on the last page: Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual.

It was noted that the annual insurance bill was paid in full. We still have a positive balance in the checking account. Lori moved and Carlene seconded that the financial report be filed for audit. Motion approved.

Membership Update:

Madalyn Heims was confirmed on Sunday, August 13, 2017. Baptisms of Jayden and Connor Capron approved for August 20, 2017. Several other folks have expressed interest in membership. Pastor will be recommended that they attend the Alpha classes and be received into membership after the 10 week series of classes.

Old Business:

Contract for payroll and taxes have been implemented. There were a few glitches to work out, but all is going well.

We talked discussion of the job description for Treasurer vs. Financial Coordinator as Nancy has not yet had an opportunity to provide her input.

Council reviewed Shawna's program book for Youth and Family Ministry. Pastor shared that a coed h.s. group would be started this year and that we also hope to include preschool.

New Business:

Honorariums for Family Camp speakers were approved at \$150 each. Information will be passed on to Shawna who contracted with speakers and Nancy for payment. Brian made the motion and Lori seconded. Members present who participated in the event spoke very politely of it. However, there was also significant discussion of Family Camps in years passed and the large attendance that they had. Brian and Doug expressed a willingness to be involved in planning next year's camp and having one speaker for 4 days. Brian said he knew of someone he could ask. He and his family have gone to Lake Okabogi for Family Camp for several years.

Staff Contracts:

Carlene is the council designee for reviewing staff contracts with employees. She will arrange to meet with Donna, Arlie and Pastor and individual employees to review and sign contracts.

Call Committee Update:

A candidate has been interviewed. Some committee members will be going to here candidate preach. All members of committee felt favorable, but no specifics are being shared at this time.

Alpha Program:

All program staff, pastor, Lori Reynolds and Aiden Miller will be attending the training in Waterloo this Thursday, August 17th. All council are encouraged to participate in the classes if possible. Council involvement will allow them to become familiar with the program. Jim, Colin, Carlene and Lori gave a definite 'yes'. Others are considering it. Classes will start Monday, September 11th at 5:30 to 5:45pm. Exact time not certain. Class continues for 10 weeks. A retreat is scheduled for October 13,14th at EWALU.

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Return Service Requested



September BIRTHDAYS

Mark Whitmore	01	Emma Blazek	12	Emma Schmidt	21
Kelly Wacker	02	Jennifer Lundstrom	13	Alicia Trujillo	21
Jeffrey Kleis	02	Angela Osterkamp	14	Spencer Willems	23
Dick Stout	02	Dani Gravel	14	Shane Brown	23
Joyce Stutt	03	Rose Marie Austin	14	Rachel Christian	23
Olivia Coyle	04	Tina Hankemeier	14	Ken Winter	25
Jan Koppenhaver	05	Jeffery Wilcox	15	Henry Morning	26
Marilyn Holcomb	05	Jamie Jensen	15	Kirk Ketelsen	26
Laura Bishop	05	Brittany Hubler	17	Christopher Prull	26
Hank Biere	06	Michele Countryman	17	Dylan Bickford	27
Aaron Zumbach	06	Debora Clymer	17	Eloise Rickels	27
Bob Heffelfinger	06	Preston Melville	18	Betty Hora	28
Wendy Capron	07	Carrie Soppe	18	Mike Fall	28
Cecilia Berger	07	Shyrl Ellison	18	Tony Dawson	29
Myranda Moenck	08	Rich Kurts	18	Savannah Faille	29
Jordan Wilson	10	Sherri Evans	18	Denny Christenson	29
Janet Baftiri	10	Ariana Siebels	18	Serge Sisler	30
Chelsie Clymer	10	Mira Vianden	19	Gavin Cooper	30
Lowell Tiedt	11	Annika Viander	19	Verna Parham	30
Brooke Heying	12	Brian Farr	19		
Larry Farr	12	Daniel Miller	20		
Matt Zimmerman	12	Connor Andresen	20		
Logan Barnes	12	Alaina Elliott	20		
		Bonnie Prull	21		



If your birthday was omitted from this calendar, we may not have the date in our records. If you would like your birthday listed on our newsletter calendar, please call Shawna at 462-4841 or email her at stpaulanamosa@gmail.com and she would be happy to include it.