

# Family Newsletter



## Worship Schedule for the Summer

### SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S

Besides our usual service times, (6 p.m. Saturdays; 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sundays), St. Paul's will continue with Monday Summer Worship Services at 6 p.m. until August 12. If you were unable to attend the previous weekend service or just want to attend the service again, please join us on Monday at 6 p.m.

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — June 10-14, 2019



# Pastor's Page



This month we celebrate the Independence Day of our country. Independence means to have the freedom from the control, influence, support, aid, or the like, of others. On July 4th, we remember the Declaration of Independence of the United States back in 1776. "The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject to the monarch of Britain and were now united, free, and independent states."

Now, 243 years later, we thank God that we still have the freedom that our forefathers had fought for – freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right to keep and bear arms, etc...

However, "with great power comes great responsibility."

So, we should be asking ourselves as we enjoy the freedom that we have. Are we using those freedoms in the right way, or are we abusing them? In other words, are we using the freedom to worship the true God, or are we worshiping idols, false gods or even ourselves? Are we speaking our words to build others up, or are we hurting others with gossip and unkind words? Are we using the press to tell the truth, or are we using them for personal gains and evil plots? Are we bearing arms to protect the weak, or are we using them for murders?

Freedom is a very precious but also very dangerous thing. Exercising it right can be great, but misusing it can be deadly. Think about Adam and Eve. When God created them, He gave them the freewill. When they exercised the freewill in the right way, they had perfect relationship with God, each other and the world. Everything was in perfect harmony. However, when they yielded to the temptation from Satan, sin entered this world and the results was detrimental and deadly.

Thanks be to God that He knew, that left to our own, we would be lost and dead forever. So, He sent His Son Jesus Christ into this world to die for us on the cross, so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. By the blood of Jesus, we are clean and free again.

Jesus says in John 8:36: "*If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*" So, what do we do with the freedom that Jesus Christ has won for us?

Many people in our country like the freedom but they don't know how to exercise the freedom in the right way. Similarly, many Christians enjoy that Jesus Christ has set us free but don't know how to exercise it in the right way either.

Apostle Paul teaches us how to exercise our freedom in Christ in the right way. Romans 6:6–11: "*We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*"

Freedom in Christ doesn't mean that we can do anything we want and don't have to be responsible for the consequences. No! It means sin no longer has power over us, and we are free to follow God and His will again.

So, today, let us give thanks to God for the freedom that we have to worship Him, and let us give thanks to God for the freedom in Christ to follow Him. Amen.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

Vacation Bible School was a great week of learning about how Jesus Rescues. The children worshiped by singing upbeat action songs such as “Never Let Go Of Me,” “Won’t Worry ‘Bout A Thing,” and “Million Reasons.”

The children watched a daily video of real kids who have experienced Jesus’ rescue in their lives. They discussed real life topics like feeling alone, overcoming worry, and trusting Jesus for rescue in many of life’s hard times.

Daily lessons were —

When you’re alone ... Jesus rescues.

When you worry ... Jesus rescues.

When you do wrong ... Jesus rescues.

When you’re powerless ... Jesus rescues.



Every day we added a sticker patch to a hole in our sail. Each sticker was a God Sighting the kids talked about. God Sightings are seeing things that God has created, allowed, provided, done, or revealed to us. At the end of the week our sail was completed and when turned around, the cross revealed that God was always with us.

Around 50 boys and girls attended this event. A huge “thank you” to everyone who volunteered their time to make this a success. The kids donated 160 pounds of pennies for Camp High Hopes in Sioux City.

*(Any items donated for VBS can be picked up in the basement classrooms.)*

## STEWARDSHIP DEVOTION

### Scripture Reading:

“Increase our faith” (Luke 17:1-10).

### Love through Faith

What is it that precedes the disciples’ request of Jesus to increase their faith? It is Jesus command to count others so precious as to avoid putting any kind of temptation in their paths. It is His command to love others so dearly that they would forgive without limit.

How is this possible? If we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that, in and of ourselves, we cannot follow these commands. Then we, like the disciples, must ask of our Lord, “Increase our faith.”

How does Jesus respond to their request? He assures them that even faith as small as a mustard seed can accomplish great things. It is God Who gives the faith, and it is God Who gives us the ability to act on it. It is God Who gives us the love through faith that sacrifices our own desires for the good of others, love through faith that knows no limit, love through faith that serves instead of asking to be served.

It is faith that gives us such love for God and our neighbor that we serve and help and give without thought of reward, so that we “when [we] have done everything [we] were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty’” (Luke 17:10).

### Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, certainly, in order to measure up to Your standards, we must ask You to increase our faith. Still we fail, for we do not love You with our entire beings, nor do we love our neighbors as ourselves. Therefore, we thank You for the gift of Your Son Who has met Your standard of perfection and has lived that standard in our places. Forgive us, Lord, for our failures. Teach us to depend on You to give us grace to be obedient to Your command to love others even as You love us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.





Greetings!

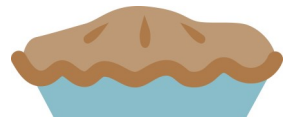
**Aug. 18** – 4-Person Scramble Golf Outing, Old Dane Golf Course, Dakota City, Neb. Tee off 1 p.m.; \$60 per player. Includes: 18 holes, cart, steak dinner and prizes. To register, call (712) 258-6325. Dinner ONLY (4:30 p.m.); adults, \$15; 11 and under, \$5.

The School sponsors a golf outing every year to raise money for operating expenses of the school. We are asking for those to consider donating as a family. You may give a gift certificate from your business or donate a basket of goodies from your family. You may also donate your time. If you can cook, consider offering to cook a dinner for a couple. If you have time to rake or mow, consider offering time to do yard work. If you have a talent, give that as a gift certificate for a lesson. If you have a cabin or RV, you may consider lending it out for a weekend.



Please, pray about a way you may help out and thank you for your time and support of our school. We are here by God's grace. Also, pray for our school as we provide Christ-centered education for Siouxland. — A Fellow Worker in Christ, Alyce Strong Davis

**NEED PIE FILLING** — We are collecting cans of pie filling (any flavor) for the golf outing. Please drop off any cans in the church office by August 10. We appreciate all donations.



**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, there is a box by the trophy case for gently used or new books, or just leave the book in the Lending Library.

**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. To order, call Sarah Gunn at (712) 223-1238 or stop in the church office. Scrip is a year-long fundraising program that supports St. Paul's Lutheran School and its families. Scrip cards are simply purchased for everyday expenses, such as food, clothing, gifts, gas, etc. To order go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) or stop in the office.

# LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES

## 2019 Outreach Opportunities at St. Paul's

Month	Events	Dates	Group
January	Women's Shelter	Month of January	St. Paul's School
	Lamplighters		
February	Her Health	Month of February	Social Concern
	Soup Kitchen	Feb. 25 & 26	
	Lamplighters		
March	Lamplighters at St. Paul's	March 6	
April	Easter Egg Hunt	April 13	Fellowship Club
	Lamplighters at Trinity	April 3	
May	Soles 4 Souls	Month of May	<b>Social Concern</b>
	Lamplighters at Calvary	May 1	
	Soup Kitchen	May 28	
June	Block Party	June 9	Evangelism Committee
	V.B.S.	June 10-14	Sunday School
	Lamplighters at Concordia	June 5	
<b>July</b>	<b>Lamplighters at Faith</b>	<b>July 3</b>	
August	Soup Kitchen	Aug. 26 & 27	
	Lamplighters at Hope	Aug. 7	
September	Moving on baskets for CSADV	Month of September	Social Concern
	Friendship Sunday	Sept. 22	Evangelism Committee
	Lamplighters at Redeemer	Sept. 4	
October	Trunk & Treat	Oct. 20 or 27	Evangelism Committee
	Lamplighters at St. Paul's	Oct. 2	
November	Dried food for Gospel Mission	Month of November	Social Concern
	Soup Kitchen	Nov. 25 & 26	
	Lamplighters at Trinity	Nov. 6	
December	Mittens & Hats for Women's Shelter	Month of December	St. Paul's School
	Lamplighters at Calvary	Dec. 5	

The Lamplighters volunteer their time to share Christ's Gospel message of compassion and love with people in care facilities in the Siouxland area.



# JULY

anniversaries

July 3	Rodney & Wanda Petersen	49
July 6	Matt & Erin Chatham	18
July 10	Dustin & Tara Felix	9
July 10	Ron & Dorothy Will	26
July 17	Robert & Theresa Hammond	43
July 19	Damien & Ali Comeaux	11
July 19	Jose & Kendra Gomez	5
July 27	Richard & Paula Dodds	34
July 28	Jeff & Nancy Arndt	24
July 28	Carroll & Karen Egdorf	52
July 29	Jeff & Lisa Wiese	24
July 30	Matt & Amy Hult	14

*(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.)*

# JULY

## BIRTHDAYS

### July 2

Brenda Budzinski  
Gabriel Hannemann  
Jordan Hodges  
Lennex Wagner  
Travis Yingst

### July 3

Lois Donaldson  
Krystal Ramirez  
Dane Wagner  
Katie White

### July 4

Roger Lane

### July 5

Bernie Attema  
Mary Jordan  
Lori Norton-Johnson

### July 6

Jayce Burke  
Yvonne Munyanya

### July 7

Robert Grothaus  
Leann Orr

### July 8

Evy Ferris  
Richard Grothaus  
Jadyn Langholdt

### July 9

Patricia Kasdorf  
Edward Petersen  
Sue Popken  
Morgan Roepke

### July 10

Brad Doerr  
Don Lantis  
Jamie Worden

### July 11

Ava Hannemann  
Loren Roepke

Adrianna Tenuta  
EC VanCura

### July 12

Roger Brown  
Kendra Gomez  
Elli King-Peters  
Rebekah Ramirez

### July 13

Barb Lee  
Wanda Petersen

### July 14

Sandy Crippen  
Edgar Hult  
Marilyn Pratt

### July 15

Cullen Gomez  
Leigh Schuldt  
Shelli Tuttle

### July 16

Frank Tenuta  
Kennadi Woehler

### July 17

Rachel Carney  
Ron Cason  
Lydia Gomez  
Diane Hueschen

Dominic Maffit  
Bonnie Marks

### July 20

Kaleb Beougher

### July 21

Laurie Baldwin  
Tresa Matthews

### July 22

Barbara Carlson  
Karen Dirks  
Elijah Yingst  
Marlene Herbst

### July 23

Carol Cullens  
Kyleigh Ford  
Samuel Marrinan  
Mia Schroeder  
Bill Winckler

### July 24

Jennifer Monk  
Cameron Paul

### July 25

Samantha Carter  
Daisy Coleman

### July 26

Chris Hannemann  
Bob Sensanbaugh  
Frances Westhoff  
Marcus Williams

### July 27

Brittney Kroeger

### July 28

Gabriel Gomez  
Don Koch

Jim Winckler

### July 29

Jeff Donaldson

Braxi Gomez

### July 30

Suzanne Simmonds

### July 31

Dawn Biddle  
Chris Meek  
Chaney Neff  
Justice Sherman  
Jack Smith  
Tanaeya Worden

# Notes from St. Paul's

## **Blood Pressures**

Mary Haller and Janet Black will be taking blood pressures at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 14, in the back of the church.

## **Evangelism**



Hello Everyone. Happy Fourth of July. First of all, we, the Evangelism Committee, would like to thank the congregation for your donations and your help with the Block Party. Now we will be concentrating on the "We Care" Ministry. Keep your eyes open because someone will need to hear the word of God — that GOD IS LOVE. Evangelism Committee — Marlis Hilden

## **Main Street Living — Local Lutheran Worship**

"This is the Life," followed by Lutheran Worship Service, led by local LCMS pastors. 10 a.m. Sunday mornings on KCAU Channel 9. Watch these programs on demand at [mainstreetliving.com](http://mainstreetliving.com).



## **Mercy Meals of Siouxland**

Regular packaging events will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 27, at Faith Lutheran Church. For more information, contact Larry Joines at (712) 258-0808. Mercy Meals relies on the generosity of donors to purchase materials and supplies to provide rice/soy meals and the Gospel to hungry and starving children in the U.S. and worldwide.

## **Friends of Christ Mystery Trip**

The Friends in Christ Mystery Trip for July 12 is full. For those who are signed up, we want to remind you to bring an item of canned food for the food pantry. This is to satisfy a service project for the Thrivent Action Team money we are receiving for the trip. See you at 12:30 p.m. on July 12.



## **Sewing Group**

More women/men are needed to join our Sewing Group. If you are interested, our group meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month.



## **May Outreach Update — Soles 4 Souls**

As a congregation, St. Paul's donated 361 pairs of shoes to Soles 4 Souls. Thank you to everyone who donated, and thanks to the drivers that took the shoes to Sheldon. By donating the gift of shoes, children and adults around the world now have shoes that protect them from injury, disease and much more. Thanks again for helping with this mission of "Wearing out poverty!"



## **Young at Heart Club**

"Young at Heart Club" will meet Sunday, July 21, at 12:30 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch in Sergeant Bluff. Bring your appetite and join us for a great meal and fellowship. — The Committee



# St. Paul's Lutheran Women's League

June 6, 2019

The Women's League met at 1 p.m. There were 4 members present. Carolyn Stuhr was our hostess.

Carolyn's devotion was entitled "Rest for the Weary." The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were approved as written.

Circle Reports:

Anna Circle – Quilting – 13 Quilts were taken to Okoboji.

Elizabeth Circle – Prayer Chain

Mary/Martha Circle will meet at Eastside Perkins at 6 p.m.

No New Business.

The LWML meeting will be on Thursday, July 18, at 9 a.m. at the Oscar Carl Vineyard.

We sang "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" and "Holy Ghost, With Light Divine".

The meeting was adjourned. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Marlene Mertens, Secretary Pro Tem

## **"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:**

#### **Already in Place**

- Lap Robes for shut-ins (Sewing Group)
- Prayer Chain (Elizabeth Circle)
- Blood Pressure Check (Mary Haller, Janet Black)
- Callers for desserts and salads for funerals (Charlotte Grothaus, Leona Rogers)
- Chairperson for funerals (Connie Elliott)

#### **Future In-Reach**

- 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 2019 goes toward "We Care" Ministry.*

# July 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 6 p.m. Summer Worship Service	2	5 9:30 a.m. Lamplighters at Faith Lutheran Church	4 Have a safe Fourth of July Church office closed	5 Church office closed	6 6 p.m. Worship/ Communion
7 8:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 10:45 a.m. Worship/ Communion 5 p.m. Elder's Meeting	8 9 a.m. Sewing 6 p.m. Summer Worship Service 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting	9	10	11 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall	12 Friends of Christ Mystery Tour	13 6 p.m. Worship
14 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 Blood Pressures 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 10:45 a.m. Worship	15 6 p.m. Summer Worship Service 6 p.m. Mary Martha Circle	16	17	18 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall 9 a.m. LWML Meeting, Oscar Carl Vineyard	19	20 6 p.m. Worship/ Communion
21 8:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 10:45 a.m. Worship/ Communion Young at Heart, noon	22 9 a.m. Sewing 6 p.m. Summer Worship Service	23	24	25 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall	26	27 6 p.m. Worship
28 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 10:45 a.m. Worship	29 6 p.m. Summer Worship Service	30	31		* Education Hour: High School Bible Study, two adult Bible Studies, Praise Team, and Sunday School, all at 9:30 a.m.	

# Mission News

Dear Friends,

Greetings once again, we hope this finds you enjoying the days of summer. We know many of you are having a lot of rain -- too much of it in fact. We are wishing we could share in some of that rain as we are in drought conditions and are likely not to get rain until November or December.

We are continuing to plug along. Work is going very slowly and we are really seeing a lot of spiritual warfare. We realize spiritual warfare is not really recognized in our modern society, and most of us don't think about it much. However, evil spirits do exist, and the things our translators (and us, to some extent) are experiencing are real and are affecting their work. We ask that you would continue to keep Splash, Moses, and Moronga in your prayers.

Otherwise, we are getting ready to have some of the people from the Bible Society of Botswana (BSB) come and visit our area next week. The purpose of the visit is for the BSB people to meet with Khwe community leaders and to mobilize support in the community for our Bible translation program. This was actually to have been done years ago, but we are so remote and there were some changes and happenings within the BSB which just kept it from happening. We are happy they are going to visit our area now. Hopefully it will be a very positive thing for the Khwe.

Tim is also continuing to write his thesis for his doctorate program. He has just finished his fourth chapter and it has been approved. He now has to write his last chapter. Hopefully he will be able to do that and have it approved before our furlough; then he should be able to defend his thesis while we are on furlough and hopefully receive his doctorate next Spring. Any prayers on Tim's behalf are appreciated.

## **Praises:**

- Thanksgiving for the coming visit of people from the Bible Society of Botswana.
- Thanksgiving that Tim has only one more chapter to write on his thesis.
- Thanksgiving for Splash, Moses and Moronga.

## **Prayers:**

- \* Please pray that visit by BSB would go well and really encourage the Khwe communities.
- \* Please pray that Tim would be able to get his thesis done.
- \* Please pray that the translation team would be protected against spiritual attack.

Thank you again for all of your prayers on our behalf. — Tim, Lisa, Aaron & Andrew Beckendorf

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## **Support Our Missionaries**

- Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump ([www.TheTrumps.org](http://www.TheTrumps.org))
- Rev. Charles & Connie Cortright ([charles.cortright@lcmsintl.org](mailto:charles.cortright@lcmsintl.org))
- Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf ([tbeckendorf@LBT.org](mailto:tbeckendorf@LBT.org))
- Rev. Henry & Ruthie Witte

## Servants for the Month of July

### *Altar Guild:*

Janet Roepke

### *Elders:*

**Sat., 6:00 p.m.:** Randy Johnson

**Sun., 8:15 a.m.:** Ron Cason &  
Robert Greene

**Sun., 10:45 a.m.:** Tim Draube &  
Randy Johnson

## Ushers for July

07/07	1st Service	Nick Gunn Team
	2nd Service	Bob Grothaus Team
07/14	1st Service	Steve Segebart Team
	2nd Service	Randy Johnson Team
07/21	1st Service	Dallas Schulz Team
	2nd Service	Mike Popken Team
07/28	1st Service	Jack Smith Team
	2nd Service	Bob Milbrodt Team



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