

Family Newsletter



“For I know the **PLANS**
I have for **you**”
declares the **LORD**
“plans to **PROSPER** you
and not to harm you,
plans to *give* you
HOPE and a
FUTURE.”
Jeremiah 29:11

Our flag honors those who have fought to protect it, and is a reminder of the sacrifice of our nation's founders and heroes. As the ultimate icon of America's storied history, the Stars and Stripes represents the very best of this nation.



June 14th



June 21st

**THE FATHER OF THE
RIGHTEOUS SHALL GREATLY
REJOICE: AND HE THAT BEGETS
A WISE CHILD SHALL HAVE JOY
OF HIM. PROVERBS 23:24**

Pastor's Page

On the church calendar we are now in the season of Pentecost.

In the book of Acts, we learned that, on the Day of Pentecost, the disciples of Jesus “were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Many people in Jerusalem that day heard the Gospel and were saved. What an exciting experience for the disciples to know that God was with them, and He continued to work through them to fulfill His master plan of salvation.

But what happened to the disciples after that? Did their life go back to “normal” again?

Since the outbreak of Coronavirus, whether we like it or not, we all have to change the ways we do things. Wearing masks and keeping social distancing are the new social requirements. Learning how to use Zoom has become the new trend because people use it to do meetings and learnings. To stay open, many stores and restaurants have to provide curbside pickup service. We do not know if the virus will ever go away, and this means we might have to adopt the changes as the new normal.

Changes are not always easy, and they can be challenging because we are creatures of habit. We like to do things our ways. However, God is in changing business. He provides new normal for His children. Apostle Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:17, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

When we are saved, we have a new identity – a child of God. We no longer belong to this world, but God. The Holy Spirit now lives in us. He directs and empowers us to lead a godly life. In other words, we have a new normal to follow.

In Ephesians 4:22–24 Saint Paul further encourages us to put off our old self, which belongs to our former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

No doubt about it, our new normal is very different from our old one. As long as we still live in this broken world, our old self does not like all the changes God has for us. We need to be taught and to learn how to adopt the new normal. That is what the teachings of Pentecost Season about: With the help of the Holy Spirit to live a new life.

The life of the disciples of Jesus did not go back to their old ways after that first Pentecost following Easter. In fact, the Pentecost experience marked the beginning of their exciting journey with God.

So is our life in Christ. Daily we see the Holy Spirit guiding us to live the new normal we have in Christ.

As we begin the Pentecost season, let us pray that God would give us a humble heart and a teachable mind that we could grow our faith daily in Him. Amen.

Verse of the Season

Galatians 5:22–23

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Blessing in Christ,
Pastor Kenny Hsu



Graduating Class of 2020

Kamryn Behrens, Graduating from 5th grade St. Paul's Lutheran School
daughter of Travis and Alicia Behrens

Olivia, Graduating from 5th grade, St. Paul's Lutheran School

Michele Becker Graduating from Sergeant Bluff –Luton High School with plans to study at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD. She is the granddaughter of Ken and Karen Fluent.

Daisy Coleman Graduating from South Sioux City High School with plans to study at WIT to be a firefighter/EMT. She is the daughter of Rebekah Ramirez and Miree Coleman and granddaughter of Christine Ramirez.

Eric Sherman Graduating from Siouxland Christian Community School with plans to get a job and make some money. He is the son of Kenneth and Lisa Sherman.

Hope Wagner Graduating from West High School and plans to attend Briar Cliff University in the fall. She is the daughter of Jason and Kelly Wagner.

Mary Elizabeth Winckler Graduating from Dakota Valley High School with plans to study Mathematics and Engineering at Anderson University in Anderson, SC. She is the daughter of James Winckler and Mary Pickens.

Confirmation Class of 2020

On Sunday May 31, 2020 the following students were confirmed:



Jacey Kennedy



Sara Sparr



Carter Sulzbach



Surviving COVID-19



(Operetta)



(Plant Sales)



(Butterfly twins)

- 5th grade Graduation, Operetta, Plant Sales & Band Concert were a success
- Held Zoom classes since March 17th
- High academic work done by students
- School Parade to deliver books
- Better conversations with parents/Home visits
- One-on-one Zoom time after classes
- Fun & innovative ways to deliver lessons
- Learned how resilient children are.



(Catching what they "8"!)



(Sioux City History Tour)



(Teachers' Parade)



Shoparoo is school fundraising made easy: the free app turns pictures of your everyday shopping receipts into cash donations and sweepstakes entries for our school! Yep, it's that simple. All you have to do is shop as you normally do, snap pictures of **all your receipts** with the app,

and just like that the school as earned \$\$\$!

Get started today:

1. Download the free Shoparoo app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store
2. Select our school from the list and start taking pictures of your receipts - shop anywhere, buy anything!

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.



YOUTH EVENTS

IDW YOUTH Gatherings Will Take a Different Look

The Junior and Senior Youth Gathering Planning Teams have made the decision to cancel our regular gatherings in Des Moines. GATHERING TEAMS ARE PLANNING A VIRTUAL EVENT WHERE YOUTH CAN GATHER AT THEIR OWN CHURCH. The planning teams are working to put together an experience at your own church for an evening. These virtual events will take place on the same weekend the gatherings were originally scheduled. The planning teams will plan an hour and a half virtual experience and livestream! More details will be passed on to youth groups in the days to come.



Vacation Bible School News

This year's theme for VBS is Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through. A very timely lesson. Jesus will bring us through this pandemic. Normally VBS is in June, but we are planning for a later date this summer. Volunteers, parents and kids stay tuned for more updates as to exact dates and times.



Steaks for Studs (AKA Fathers)

Sale: Steaks will be on sale Father's Day weekend. Pick up your steaks for your favorite father in the side yard in between the Church and the School. We will use gloves and follow COVID-19 Guidelines. Prices are 2 steaks for \$15. Proceeds benefit the school.

St. Paul's Lutheran School is hosting the Annual Golf Outing to raise money for the school. It will be Sunday, August 2nd at 1 p.m.. Save the Date!!!
More information to come.





Anniversaries

<u>June 1</u>		<u>June 13</u>	
Doug & Wilma Siefker	60 Years	Steven & Joyce Segebart	33 Years
Jeff & Kim Strom	29 Years		
<u>June 2</u>		<u>June 16</u>	
Sue & Gary Munson	23 Years	Frank & Michelle Tenuta	8 Years
<u>June 3</u>		<u>June 18</u>	
Brad & Holly Doerr	8 Years	Jill & Adam Orban	15 Years
<u>June 4</u>		<u>June 19</u>	
Tom & Gail Brown	48 Years	Tammy & Kenny Kasdorf Jr.	38 Years
<u>June 5</u>		<u>June 20</u>	
Brandon & Patricia Kasdorf	11 Years	Alexis & Jon Levay	5 Years
Erik & Linda Larsen	27 Years		
Roy & Barbara Sampson	49 Years	<u>June 21</u>	
<u>June 6</u>		Keith & Linda Grauer	45 Years
Connie & Dick Dodds	62 Years	<u>June 22</u>	
<u>June 7</u>		Rev. Kenneth & Andrea Hsu	12 Years
Ashley & David Searls	6 Years	<u>June 23</u>	
<u>June 9</u>		Lisa & Kenneth Sherman Jr.	19 Years
Steven & Marijo Benson	36 Years	<u>June 25</u>	
Dallas & Pam Schulz	30 Years	Mary & Stephen Haller	43 Years
<u>June 10</u>		<u>June 27</u>	
Steve & Marcia Shook	42 Years	Faye & Don Koch	66 Years
<u>June 11</u>		James & Kim Weier	28 Years
Lonnie & Carolyn Stuhr	55 Years	<u>June 30</u>	
<u>June 12</u>		Cory & Charmaine Black	7 Years
Ken & Karen Fluent	50 Years	Jason & Kelly Wagner	19 Years
Robert & Charlotte Grothaus	60 Years		



Birthdays

June 1

Carroll Egdorf
Ben Schroeder
Erin White

June 2

Marlene Anderson
Linda Grauer

June 3

Chloe Black
Shelly De Mara
Dawn Dodds
John Kamau

June 4

Lane Christiansen
Adelyn Zediker

June 5

Sandra Andersen
Sherri Benson
Joey Ellickson
Benjamin Erickson
Stacy Jaminet

June 6

Marijo Benson
Josh Blanford
Colby Christiansen
Judith Jordan

June 7

Reagan Granstrom
Dennis Harwood
Sean Herfel
Joe Rose Jr.
Vernice Seebach

June 8

Tammy Kasdorf
Kylie Webb

June 9

Jennifer Barnes

June 10

Darlene Allison
Isabella Coleman

June 11

Rodney Petersen

June 12

Amanda Dodds
Delbert Johns
Cody Peck

June 13

Angela Bengford
Stephanie Lilienthal

June 14

Jeanette Hult
Jacob Sulzbach
Patty Sulzbach

June 15

Cody O'Dell
Lainey Rugu

June 16

Bruce Nance

June 17

Kathy Abbe
Kim Sparr
Mickey Striegel

June 18

Lori Frick
Brooklynne Grant
Doris Hill

June 19

Mikie Hogan

June 20

Wanita Bishop
Sarah Gunn

June 21

Karsen Gomez
Richard Sulzbach

June 22

Christopher Ford
Lake Larson

June 23

Brandi Beller
Joan Carney

June 24

Noah Johnson
Adam Schuldt

June 25

Michelle Siefker

June 26

David Attema
Deb Durio
Coleen McKeever

June 27

Sue Barnes
Marcus Lane
Lexie Levay
Frances Snyder

June 28

Kathy Coyle
Daniel Durio
Riggen Ferris
Isaac Swearingen

June 29

Dawn Anderson
Tyler Dodds
James Wetrosky

June 30

Rose Attema
Charmaine Black
Larry Doerr

(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.)



Notes from St. Paul's

Main Street Living — Local Lutheran Worship

During this time when we are not able to gather together for church services, "This is the Life," followed by Lutheran Worship Service, led by local LCMS pastors is at 10 a.m. every Sunday morning on KCAU Channel 9. You can also watch these programs on demand at www.mainstreetliving.com.

The Good Shepherd Hour airs every Sunday morning on the following radio stations.

KSCJ — 1360 AM & 94.9 FM — Sioux City at 8 a.m.

KLEM — 1410 AM & 96.9 FM — Le Mars at 8 a.m.

KAYL — 101.7 FM — Storm Lake at 8:30 a.m.

KVFD — 1400 AM — Fort Dodge at 8 a.m.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

8:30 a.m. Thursday morning Bible Study has resumed once again weekly in the Fellowship Hall

Board of Education

Our next meeting scheduled for June 12th at 7:00 p.m. It will be a zoom meeting.

Elders Meeting

The Elders will be meeting Sunday, June 5th via Zoom.

Young at Heart Club

"Young At heart Club" will not meet in the month of June until other activities begin again.

Friends of Christ

Events have been postponed during the month of June.

Women's League

June meetings have been postponed due to COVID-19

Evangelism

Hello Everyone, Here we are in June. Still dealing with the Corona Virus. Is God telling us something? Or maybe he is telling the world something. Churches are doing something different. Online streaming. Yes it is different. But God's Word is still getting out to the world and us. God has a plan. For us to spend the word of God to everyone. Family, Friends, neighbors. Don't stop believing. Trust your God. He is still with you. And Happy Father Day. Evangelist Committee
Marlis Hilden



Mercy Meals

Upcoming Packaging Events for June 2020 Cancelled: Mercy Meals of Siouxland packaging events are cancelled until further notice due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. If you have any questions, please contact Larry at lmjoines2@cableone.net or 712-258-0808.

Mercy Meals were able to donate 4,170 meals that were left in storage to Morningside Lutheran Church Food Pantry. The food pantry volunteers were very creative in using the Mercy Meals. They were able to acquire canned chicken and creamed corn from the Food Bank of Siouxland. They created a recipe to use the Mercy Meals, chicken and corn to make a delicious soup.

CAMP OKOBOJI:

The Board of Directors working with the Executive Committee of Camp Okoboji made the decision to cancel all programs, family reunions, large group events, and activities at camp for the 2020 season. What a difficult decision that was!! Throughout the process, our decision was focused on our Vision, Mission and Values and the overall health and well-being of our guests and the communities we share. House Keeping Cabins will remain open and our Family Ministry Cabins for the 2020 Summer Season will resume with some modifications due to COVID-19. We anticipate serving many families at Camp Okoboji in providing them a week of family refreshment, faith enrichment, and community building. We will strive to serve our program participants in creative, unconventional ways as well. For more information: 712-337-3325.



Notes from our Missionaries

SIouxLAND HISPANIC MINISTRY

These are truly times that challenge! Do we tend to think that having faith in God means exemption from suffering? Or that really believing is all that's needed to have our best life now? No. Faith does not exempt us and suffering does not discriminate along political, religious, or racial lines. Prayers aren't always answered how we'd like. Dreams can vanish in a moment and "your best life now" becomes an empty phrase only highlighting the pain and loss. As Christians, we find ourselves on our knees praying like our Lord in Gethsemane, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me [from my family, from my community, from my nation]; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will" (Matt. 26:39). We are reminded that His ways are not our ways. Faith takes on a deeper, perhaps more painful, character. It means letting go. It means we are not in control. As we are being challenged—physically, mentally, and spiritually— may our Lord grant us His peace which surpasses all understanding! Here are few updates of what is happening in the Hispanic Ministry in Siouxland:

1. We've formed a WhatsApp group (a messaging service very popular throughout most of the world). We now have nearly 30 people in our group receiving daily audio and video devotions from Pastor Henry and me. We've never met most members of the group in person, so it's been a good way to pave the way for new connections and relationships.
2. I've been asked by a community leader to be the primary contact person for all Spanish speakers in our county who call our "211" Nebraska hotline looking for social services. I pray this will lead to many new connections and an increased reputation as "the church who speaks our language and is here to serve."
3. Typically, we've had our Spanish services on Sunday evenings. With the goal of helping our Anglo and Hispanic members feel more united, we'll be having our English and Spanish services at the same time (Sundays at 9:30 am). This will allow our Hispanic kids to go to Sunday school with their peers, the adults to share some coffee and donuts, and it will also open opportunities for bilingual services on special occasions.

Rev. Paul Flo, Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

KEEPING BUSY IN RIGA, LATVIA

Well, it's Groundhog day...again."

Life has taken on a sameness under the restrictions we've been under (like you, I'm sure!). Still, the month gone by has been busy with work on classes, conferences by Skype or Zoom and the like. We are doing well health-wise and are waiting for warmer weather and for the restrictions to be lifted...at least gradually. We watch the news from the US and pray that all our friends and supporters are well and weathering our respective situations with prayer and patience. We especially pray that churches will soon be reopen everywhere and that a renewed sense of being together as the body of Christ is strongly held.

THE LORD BLESS AND KEEP YOU!

Yours in Christ, Chuck & Connie Cortright

GREETINGS FROM BOTSWANA.

With the pandemic going on and being in lock-down, nothing has really been happening here to report on. We are very grateful that Tim got us fairly well stocked up before everything closed, so we have been doing well. Some essential services have been open, and there has been opportunity to order food from some warehouses. Botswana is starting to open up a little more (only six active cases of the virus right now), though rules could be tightened again if the number of people getting sick spikes. We still need to request permits to leave our house which are shown at all police check points. Hopefully these restrictions will be further loosened in the near future.

Work-wise we aren't sure what the translators are up to. They were supposed to upload their completed work every Friday, but is not getting done. We are thinking this is due to technical problems; communication has been very difficult with them. We are praying that work is still actually being done, that it's just a case of not being able to upload it to where Tim can see it. Otherwise the pandemic really hasn't affected our family too much, homeschooling is still happening whether the boys want to do it or not.

Thank you again for all of your prayers on our behalf.

Tim, Lisa, Aaron & Andrew Beckendorf

Support Our Missionaries

- Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump (www.TheTrumps.org)
- Rev. Charles & Connie Cortright (charles.cortright@lcms.org)
- Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf (tbeckendorf@LBT.org)
- Rev. Paul Flo (Pastorpaulflo@gmail.com)

June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall	5	6 2 pm Michael Nicolls and Keisha Eickholt's Wedding 6 p.m. Worship
7 8:15 a.m. Worship Inside 10:45 a.m. Worship Inside 5p.m. Elders Meeting	8	9 6 p.m. Youth Parents and Committee meeting	10	11 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall	12	13 6 p.m. Worship
14  FLAG DAY 8:15 a.m. Worship Inside 10:45 a.m. Worship Inside Noon, Young at Heart Club	15	16	17	18 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall	19	20  First Day of Summer 6 p.m. Worship
21  Father's Day 8:15 a.m. Worship Inside 10:45 a.m. Worship Inside Steak Sale	22	23	24	25 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall	26	27 6 p.m. Worship
28 8:15 a.m. Worship Inside 10:45 a.m. Worship Inside	29	30		*Education Hour: A high school Bible Study, one adult Bible Study, Praise Team, and Sunday School, all at 9:30 a.m.		

LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES

Month	Events	Dates	Group
June			
July	Lamplighters at Calvary	Jul. 1	
August	Lamplighters at Concordia	Aug. 5	
	Soup Kitchen	Aug. 24-25	Evangelism Committee
	V.B.S.		Sunday School
September	Friendship Sunday		Evangelism Committee
	Lamplighters at Faith	Sept. 2	
October	Trunk or Treat		Evangelism Committee
	Lamplighters at Hope	Oct. 7	
November	Dried food for Gospel Mission		Social Concern
	Soup Kitchen	Nov. 23-24	
	Lamplighters at Redeemer	Nov. 4	
December	Mittens & Hats for Women's Shelter		St. Paul's School
	Lamplighters at St. Paul's	Dec. 2	



We Are God's Instruments

As Christians, we can, in Christ, share His love with others through our good acts. God has chosen and equipped us to be His instruments of support, service, and compassion. As C. S. Lewis wrote, "Good and evil both increase at compound interest. That is why the little decisions you and I make every day are of such infinite importance. The smallest good act today is the capture of a strategic point from which, a few months later, you may be able to go on to victories you never dreamed of." In essence, God uses the small things that we do and multiplies them into something significant. Paul wrote, "*Now to Him Who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever! Amen.*" (Ephesians 3:20).



Prayer: Our gracious Heavenly Father, I thank You for the gift of faith. Grant me steadfast faith so that I can withstand the temptations of Satan, the world, and my flesh. Help me to be the instrument You want me to be. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

Servants for the Month of May

Altar Guild:

Liz Sanders Linda Greene

Elders:

Sat., 6:00 p.m.: Randy Johnson
Sun., 8:15 a.m.: Dennis Hageman & Daryl Heimgartner
Sun., 10:45 a.m.: Don Lantis & Frank Tenuta

Ushers for June

6/7	1st Service	Nick Gunn
	2nd Service	Bob Grothaus
6/14	1st Service	Steve Segebart
	2nd Service	Randy Johnson
6/21	1st Service	Dallas Schulz
	2nd Service	Mike Popken
6/28	1st Service	Jack Smith
	2nd Service	Jack Smith



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