

# Family Newsletter

2019

## Iowa's Healthiest Annual Walk Day

St. Paul's students participated in the healthiest annual walk day on Oct. 2. They walked to the Police Station, City Hall, the Library and Shepherd's Garden. The annual walk is an opportunity for everyone to walk at least 30 minutes on that day.



# Pastor's Page



A few weeks ago, I took a 13-year-old boy to a meeting. It was a dark and raining evening, hard for me to see the entrance to the parking lot. As a result, I drove into the parking lot from the exit.

“Oops!” I said to myself. Since it was too late and too dangerous to back up, I kept driving, hoping no one would come out at that time. Suddenly, this 13-year-old boy asked me, “Pastor, is that a sin?”

“What? What are you talking about? It was just an honest mistake. It was dark and raining. Anyone could easily make the same mistake. Plus, I’m turning my car around to face the right direction!”

I’ve become defensive, if you haven’t noticed. I tried to justify my action – even when it was clearly my fault. But, did I sin? What is sin?

My dictionary says sin is “a transgression of divine law”, and “any act regarded as such a transgression, especially a willful or deliberate violation of some religious or moral principle.”

Since I didn’t willfully or deliberately enter that parking lot the wrong way, you can’t say that I have sinned! Well, can you say to the police officer who is writing a speeding ticket:

“What speed limit? I didn’t see the speed limit sign at all? Plus, everyone else was driving faster than I! How come you are not stopping them?”

A friend of mine once got a speeding ticket on a highway by 15 miles over. He thought the highway patrol was very unreasonable because he was only 5 miles over. For him, if the speed limit is 65, from 65 to 75 should be the buffer. Therefore, since he was driving at the speed of 80, he was only 5 miles over. The highway patrol shouldn’t have stopped him. Was he speeding? Of course, he was.

Another friend of mine got a speeding ticket in the downtown area by 2 miles over the speed limit – 25. When the police stopped her, she exclaimed, “You must be kidding me.”

I’m sure you would agree with me that it was so unreasonable for the police officer to give her a ticket. But was she speeding?

The fact is, whether I like it or not, whether I did it on purpose or not, whether other people care or not, whether it was a serious issue or not, I did enter the parking lot the wrong way. But was that a sin?

What is sin? Sin is missing the mark. It has nothing to do with whether we do it on purpose or not. God’s standard for us is that we must be holy. Without missing any marks. Can we do it?

We all have sinned! Some of the sin we are aware of. Some we aren’t. Some have caused problems to others, some haven’t. Some we did on purpose, some were honest mistakes.

In the Book of Romans Chapter 3, St. Paul says to us,

“For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

That’s right, we are all sinners, and the wages of sin is death. Thank God that He is not only a holy, righteous and just God but also a God of love “who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:4)

That’s why He sent His Son Jesus to die for us.

Yes, we “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”, but believing in Jesus, we “are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” (Roman 8:24)

So, next time when I see that boy again, I will tell him, “Yes, I did enter the parking lot the wrong way. It was an honest mistake, but it doesn’t make it okay. There are times in life we do wrong things we don’t intend to do, and we need to confess our sins to God and ask for forgiveness. And He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”



# YOUTH EVENTS



DATE	6 p.m.	8:15 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
November 2-3	Carter Sulzbach	Eliza Gunn	Ava Hannemann
November 9-10	Marla Anderson		Sara Sparr Emma Sparr
November 16-17	Christian Spencer		Breezie Treglia
November 23-24	Jacey Kennedy		Justice Sherman & Diamond Henry

## Drop Zone

*(for the youth who signed up)*

2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, **Nov. 10**, at the Family Fun Center, 3840 Stadium Drive. (All youth participating must have a waiver signed by a legal guardian.)

## 2019 IDW Sr Youth Gathering - "FOUNDATIONS PREPARED" *(for those attending)*

Join Senior High Youth from across Iowa District West for a weekend of faith, fellowship and fun!

**Who:** 9th-12th graders

**When:** November 15-17, 2019

**Where:** Des Moines, Iowa

Registration forms needed to be submitted by Sept. 22.



## DECEMBER

**DECEMBER 4**  
WEDNESDAY

### SERVING ADVENT DINNER

Spaghetti Bake

*More to come as it gets closer.*

Set Up Begins at 5pm.

Free Will Offering  
Money will be Added to  
Youth Account.

advent



The youth group will be serving a Spaghetti Bake at the **December 4 Advent Dinner**. Set up begins at 5 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken. The money will be added to the Youth Account.

The Youth, 6 to 12th graders, will have their **Christmas Potluck December 15** from noon to 3 p.m. in the School Gym. Bring food to share and a \$10 unisex gift.

**DECEMBER 15**  
SUNDAY

### CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

6-12 GRADERS

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12PM - 3PM

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### SCHOOL GYM

612 JENNINGS

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Bring food to share  
and a \$10  
Unisex Gift.



Dear Parents & Friends of St. Paul's School,

Happy Thanksgiving! Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances... (1 Thess. 5:16-18). Thanksgiving is not just a time to count off all the good things we have. We also need to recognize where these things come from, why we receive them, and how we can show appreciation for them.



Our November activities include:

- Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – Early Out (1:00 PM Dismissal) Teachers' Workshop
- Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> – Early Out (1:00 PM Dismissal) Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – Sing in Church (8:15 AM- we sing around 9:05 & 10:45 AM - at the beginning.)  
\*\*PTL meets at 5:00 PM in the Lunchroom.
- Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> – Early Out (1:00 PM Dismissal)
- Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> – No School / Thanksgiving holiday

Help us achieve 1,000 food items for the Gospel mission by bringing canned or non-perishable items that we will place in the Cornucopia on Chapel days in November. We want to share some of our earthly blessings with those less fortunate. You make tape Bible verses on them. Practice goodness!

Our next PTL meeting will be November 10th at the School in the lunchroom. All parents are members and you are encouraged to bring your ideas. We will meet at 5:00 PM for a Pizza Potluck and have our meeting at 5:30 PM. Topics include Christmas service and parties, Choir tour and Lutheran Schools Week.

We will have a hat & mitten tree in December for the Women's Shelter. You may want to start looking for bargains. You may also send new scarves, T-shirts, socks, and underwear. Thank you for sharing your blessings!

Our December party will be in the gym. Please, consider helping in a way you feel comfortable. Some things can be planned without you being at the party. Thanks. Also, instead of exchanging gifts, we are asking for \$1 to \$5 (or more-whatever you would spend on a school gift) as a donation to Lutheran World Relief. We will buy animals that will help a village fight hunger. The children love voting for their favorite animal. Last year we were able to buy one of each (a sheep, a pig, chickens, and worms).

You may also donate new or slightly used books for our Lending Library. It is located by the flagpole & open to any Preschool or elementary student needed a book. Thank you for all donations in the past. You are a blessing to the students.

A Fellow Worker in Christ, Alyce Strong Davis

**Hy-Vee Receipts Program** **Hy-Vee Receipts Program**: Keep saving your Hy-Vee receipts (also includes prescription receipts but excludes receipts on gas and stamps) now through April 26, 2020. Drop-offs are located in the church office or in the church or can be sent with St. Paul's students. The receipts accepted are the receipts from the four Sioux City Hy-Vee locations and the South Sioux City Hy-Vee location. Thanks for your support.

Hy-Vee  
Receipts

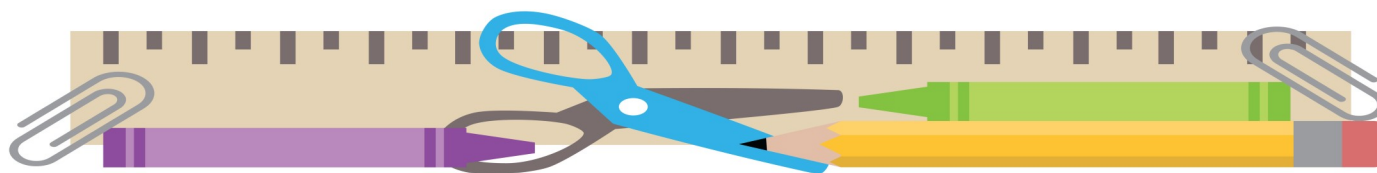


# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL SCHOOL CALENDAR



August 15 Staff In-service/Preparation  
 August 16 Registration – 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
 August 23 First Day of School  
 August 30 Early Out – 1:00 p.m.  
 September 2 Holiday – Labor Day  
 October 9-11 LEA Convocation—St. Louis, MO  
 No School  
 October 29 End of 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks – 45 days  
 November 1 Dismiss at 1:00 p.m. – Teacher In-service  
 November 8 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences  
 Dismiss at 1:00 p.m.  
 November 27 Early Out - 1:00 p.m.  
 November 28-29 Holiday – Thanksgiving  
 December 20 Last Day of Classes before Christmas Break  
 Early Out – 1:00 p.m.  
 December 25 Holiday – Christmas

January 1 Holiday – New Year's Day  
 January 6 Resume Classes  
 January 16 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks – 45 days  
 Early Out —1:00 p.m.— Teacher In-service  
 January 17 Early Out —1:00 p.m.—Teacher In-service  
 February 28 No School  
 March 23 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks – 45 days  
 Dismiss at 1:00 p.m. – Teacher In-service  
 March 30 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences  
 Dismiss at 1:00 p.m.  
 April 9-13 Easter Break  
 May 22 Early Out – 1:00 p.m.  
 May 25 Memorial Day  
 May 28 End of 4<sup>th</sup> 9 weeks – 44 days  
 Last Day of School – Dismiss at 1:00 p.m.  
 May 29 Snow Make Up Day or Teacher Workday  
 June 1 Possible Snow Makeup Day



## THRIVENT MEMBERS

Did you know that all Thrivent members can apply for two Thrivent Action cards a year? The Action cards are \$250 gift cards that can be applied to educational needs, service events or fundraiser needs in your community. You may take a St. Paul's Lutheran School teacher shopping for school supplies or volunteer to buy some groceries for the Waffle Brunch, or volunteer to fund a service event for the school children. Action cards have been used for the Mitten Tree and blankets for the Cancer Center. There are many opportunities to use the cards at St. Paul's Lutheran School. Just ask Mrs. Strong Davis for a list of events and apply at [www.Thrivent.com](http://www.Thrivent.com). Thank you for your generosity, Alyce Strong Davis, principal (712)899-3396.

**REMINDER:** In order to direct Choice Dollars by phone, eligible members may call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” at the prompt or members can also go online.

### **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. Orders placed by noon Friday, Nov. 15 may be picked up Thursday, Nov. 21. 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.



11/07	Doug and Gina McBride	36 years
11/13	Larry and Marlene Herbst	49 years
11/15	Robert and Linda Greene	45 years
11/17	Richard and Janice Meek	46 years
11/18	Nick and Linda Dittman	25 years
11/20	Ralph and Lillian Schroeder	25 years
11/21	Todd and Lisa Neddermeyer	30 years
11/23	Steve and Leona Rogers	46 years
11/24	Fred and Laura Sulzbach	10 years
11/27	Matthew & Rebecca Granstrom	9 years
11/28	Craig and Sue Barnes	39 years
11/28	Darwin and Debra Blanford	44 years
11/28	Jeff and Carmen Donaldson	27 years
11/28	Wendell & Suzanne Simmonds	43 years

*(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.)*



# november

## BIRTHDAYS

### Nov. 1

Keisha Eickholt  
Ali Norton  
Kelly Wagner

### Nov. 2

Lincoln Beller

### Nov. 3

Candice Davis  
Jeanne Doerr  
Marce Treiber

### Nov. 4

Amanda Beougher  
Brandon Figge  
Sami Kasdorf  
Todd Petersen  
Lindley Rugu

### Nov. 5

Michael Haller  
Audrey Hayes  
Niki Knowles  
Tracy Schweigert

### Nov. 6

Quenton James

### Nov. 7

Shadie Blanford  
Mariah Mahaney  
Bethel Tyger

### Nov. 8

Richard W. Dodds  
Kevin Kennedy  
Andria Worden

### Nov. 9

Charlotte Coleman  
Kristy Rolfes  
Steve Shook

### Nov. 12

Tom Brown

### Nov. 13

Jerry Budzinski  
Kenneth Kasdorf III

### Nov. 14

Amanda Segebart  
James Weier  
Paige Petersen

### Nov. 15

Dale Jurries  
Bryan Rogers  
Layla Stevenson

### Nov. 16

Craig Barnes  
Rich Gilster  
Alex Hinrichsen

### Nov. 17

Eliza Gunn  
Brooklyn Koll  
Jo Ellen Nelson

Justin Tuttle

Ryan Dean

### Nov. 18

Zuria Ramirez  
Wilbur Westhoff

### Nov. 19

Tera Gilster  
Kiley Kennedy

### Nov. 20

Glendale Larsen  
Carla Monk

### Nov. 21

Richard Dodds  
Liz Sanders

### Nov. 22

Cheryl Ball  
Randy Johnson  
Brenda Petersen  
Joyce Seymour  
Douglas Williams

### Nov. 23

David Lethcoe  
Carrie Wingert

### Nov. 24

Gracelynn Bruns  
Richard Hinrichsen  
Debbie Modlin

### Nov. 25

Casey McBride  
Steven Segebart

### Nov. 26

Shelly Norton

### Nov. 27

Amber Gilmore

### Nov. 29

Cameron Black  
John Ellickson

Jayce Frank

Jim Hanson

Olivia Strom

Michael Worden

### Nov. 30

Crystal Christiansen  
Grant Haller



# Notes from St. Paul's

## **St. Paul's School Golf Outing**

Thanks to all who helped make the golf outing another success. We were able to present \$14,750 to the school for their expenses.

## **Blood Pressures**

Mary Haller and Janet Black will be taking blood pressures at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, in the back of the church. Be sure to get yours checked!!

## **Harvest Dinner**

Sunday, Nov, 10, after the 10:45 a.m. service  
Freewill donation.

Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church or call the church office.



## **Mercy Meals of Siouxland**

Regular packaging events will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, 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.

## **Evangelism**



Hello Everyone, Happy Thanksgiving. I love Fall. The beautiful colors of the leaves on the trees and the crisp cool air. When I wake up in the mornings, I thank God for a beautiful day no matter what it brings. This month we will be collecting food for the cornucopia and also the Soup Kitchen is on the 25th and 26th of this month. As we prepare for the upcoming season, let us give thanks to God and be sure to share God's Word with your neighbors.— 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).



## **Sunday School Christmas Program — "Silent Night, Holy Night"**

**Program Dates** will be Saturday December 7 at 6 p.m. and Sunday December 8 at 10:45 a.m.

**Practice Dates** will be Thurs. Nov. 7, Sun. Nov. 24, and Sun. Dec. 1 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. with Lunch at 12:00 p.m.

\* Silent Night,  
\* Holy Night

## **Young at Heart Club**

**"Young at Heart Club"** will not meet in November. The committee is encouraging everyone to attend the "Harvest Fest" on Nov. 10th. The committee.

## **Support Our Missionaries**

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



## St. Paul's Lutheran Women's League

Oct. 3, 2019

Carolyn Stuhr thanked Joyce Santi as hostess for our October meeting. Pastor Kenny and 6 members were present. Carolyn's devotion was entitled "Keep It Simple".

Pastor's devotion was on "Are We Prepared? Share the news of Jesus Christ".

We sang Happy Birthday to Bernice Johnsen. The Secretary and Treasurer's report were accepted.

### Circle Reports:

Anna Circle – Making Quilts

Elizabeth Circle – Prayer Chain

Mary/Martha Circle will meet at Eastside Perkins on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

### Old Business:

We discussed the upcoming Spring Rally. Carolyn will call Ann Schauer about the speaker.

### New Business:

LWML Rally Sunday is Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. Marlene will take care of the bulletins and flowers. Quilts will be put on the pews.

We sang "Just As I Am Without One Plea" and "I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus".

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

Respectfully Submitted, Vernice Seebach, Secretary

## Thanking God

During this Thanksgiving season, it is easy for us to give thanks for our families, our homes, our clothing, and our food. These blessings are very visible to us. However, there are other blessings for which we should be thankful, but we may need to be reminded to give thanks because we sort of take them for granted. For example, when is the last time that you thanked God for the air that you breathe, the taste of fresh coffee in the morning, the aroma of flowers or the beauty of a sunset, the excitement from a college or pro football game, the joy of holding a baby. The list could go on forever. This Thanksgiving, don't forget to thank God for His awesome love for us and also thank Him for empowering us to love others.



**Prayer:** Lord, You are the source of all that I am and have. Grant me wisdom to acknowledge You as the creator and owner of all things. Help me to show my gratitude for Who You are and what You've done and continue to do for me by living a life that gives You honor and glory. I pray that others will see Your love through me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

**Blessings on your stewardship journey!**

# November 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	* Education Hour: High School Bible Study, two adult Bible Studies, Praise Team, and Sunday School, all at 9:30 a.m.				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6 p.m. Worship/ Communion
<b>3</b> 8:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 10:45 a.m. Worship/ Communion 5 p.m. Elders Mtg.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7 p.m. Board of Ed Mtg.	<b>6</b> 9:30 a.m. Lamplighters at Trinity Lutheran, Hinton 5 p.m. Confirmation	<b>7</b> 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall 1 p.m. Women's League 7 p.m. Bible Study at Pastor's home	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6 p.m. Worship
<b>10</b> 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Blood Pressures 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 10:45 a.m. Worship Harvest Dinner 2 p.m. Voters Mtg. 2 p.m. Youth Drop Zone	<b>11</b> 9 a.m. Sewing 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5 p.m. Confirmation	<b>14</b> 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall 7 p.m. Bible Study at Pastor's home	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6 p.m. Worship/ Communion
<b>17</b> 8:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 10:45 a.m. Worship/ Communion Noon, Young at Heart Club	<b>18</b> 6 p.m. Mary Martha Circle	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 5 p.m. Confirmation	<b>21</b> 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall 7 p.m. Bible Study at Pastor's home	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6 p.m. Worship
<b>24</b> 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 10:45 a.m. Worship	<b>25</b> 9 a.m. Sewing	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Thanksgiving Eve Service	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6 p.m. Worship/ Communion

# 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	Social Concern
	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	
July	Lamplighters at Faith	July 3	
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. 21-22	Evangelism Committee
	Lamplighters at Redeemer	Sept. 4	
October	Trunk or Treat	6 p.m. Oct. 25	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	



During the month of November, dried and canned food will be collected for our local Gospel Mission. Let's fill the Cornucopia (in the front of the church) and share the abundance of God's love to those in need.

## Servants for the Month of November

### **Altar Guild:**

Dianna Anderson  
Marlene Anderson

### **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 November

11/03	1st Service	Tim Draube Team
	2nd Service	Bill Hanna Team
11/10	1st Service	Nick Gunn Team
	2nd Service	Bob Grothaus Team
11/17	1st Service	Steve Segebart Team
	2nd Service	Randy Johnson Team
11/24	1st Service	Dallas Schulz Team
	2nd Service	Mike Popken Team



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