



# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH "LOVELETTER"

Share God's Love; Serve all People

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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**WORSHIP:**

**Sundays 9:00 a.m.**

*Children are always more than welcome in our services, and we have coloring books for little worshipers who love to catch up on their coloring during church. Please ask an usher to give you one.*

**HOLY COMMUNION:**

Every 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

**FELLOWSHIP:** Sundays downstairs in Fellowship Hall immediately following Worship.

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## PARADES AND PRAYERS

Always loved the North Iowa Band Festival as a child in the 40's. Mostly I loved the parade. Still do.

I am not as excited about the candy goodies that marchers and float riders throw out.

Although that was a highlight for me! Scrambled to get as much as I could.

Funny thing: that practice may well go back to Roman Triumphal Marches. The victors might throw out a share of the booty from conquests. Kept the masses happy.

And the people shouted to the Victor, the Caesar: *kyrie eleison*. Once a thousand times. That's "Lord have mercy!"

Christians knew that phrase from the Canaanite woman's cry. And from two instances the blind begged Jesus "Lord, have mercy!"

So, each Sunday we beg God to keep giving us the share of Christ's resurrection victory.

That's more than forgiveness, it is the power to be freed from fear, to be freed to serve. Freed from idolatry.

"What is to have a god?" Luther asks and answers. "Whatever you put your trust in, that is your God." "We are to fear, love, and trust in God above anything else."

We live in an age of anxiety and powers manipulate our fears. We need to cry "Kyrie eleison! Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy!" Every day.

The spoils of Christ's victory are ours. God's mercy is ours. It frees us from fear. It frees us to love. It frees us to risk.

**BE!** (Pastor Everist)

Sign up for or unsubscribe from our newsletter [HERE](#) or by calling the office 641.423.7749.

## A NOTE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

As we look into possibilities for the future of St. Paul, one of the things we have done is have a finance committee look into a couple of scenarios. Looking at salaries only, a two-way sharing agreement with Our Saviour's would cost approximately the same as our current situation with an Interim Pastor. A three-point Geo Parish with two pastors would be an annual increase of around \$9,000. Either option is a \$40K to \$50K savings compared to what we would pay a full-time pastor of our own. The big question we need to ask ourselves is, "Is the cheapest way the best choice for the Life and Ministry of St. Paul as we move forward?"

With the Geo Parish we get two pastors working together and helping each other to expand the ministry of the Parish, in which St. Paul would be an equal partner.

When I inquired earlier, a familiar question was brought up: "How can we grow our membership, especially younger families?" In order to attract new members, we need to offer more than we currently are able. With a Geo Parish, for example, two or three youths from each congregation could come together to do mission and other fun activities. It is difficult to do this with a couple but including 6 or 8 would be a much more rewarding experience. Two energetic pastors working together will help with ideas and possibilities to achieve this. Wouldn't it be great to tell prospective new members we have an exciting youth program?

Another advantage of a two-pastor Parish could be expanded ministry with Good Shepherd. We have a large number of "seniors" living in close proximity of St. Paul. We could reach out to these neighbors more than we have and maybe offer programs such as Bible study for them to join.

I know there are more questions to be answered and more questions will come up. We will do our best to keep you informed and provide answers as we are able.

We are working on a time-line and are striving to have some type of an agreement, most likely a temporary or trial arrangement, in place this fall. We feel it is necessary to have something before congregational budgets are set for 2019.

Your input is not only appreciated but is critical to hear as we move forward.

I can be reached by email: [kentruka@gmail.com](mailto:kentruka@gmail.com), phone: (641)430-8829, or leave a note with Heather to drop in my mailbox at the church.

Please pray for your council that we can make decisions that not only assure the survival of St. Paul but also deepens its ministry.

Sincerely,

Ken Truka

President, St. Paul Council

**It's important to pray for ALL our family & friends, so our list is rotated among our congregation.**

*Keep this in a convenient place for prayer time. If you don't have a daily prayer time, this might be a good time to begin.*

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. NE Iowa Synod  | 16. Mike Angell and family          |
| 2. St. Paul Lutheran Church                             | 17. Sue Aves and family             |
| 3. Our government, military leaders, troops & families  | 18. Jim Bailey and family           |
| 4. All who suffer from illness, infirmity or loneliness | 19. Don Barker and family           |
| 5. Confined shut-ins (home, hospital, nursing home)     | 20. Randy Beaver and family         |
| 6. Those who are dealing with losses in their lives     | 21. Connie Berding and family       |
| 7. All who hunger and/or are homeless                   | 22. Bryan Bjorklund and family      |
| 8. All who seek God; finding comfort, peace, renewal    | 23. Laura Bjorklund and family      |
| 9. Tom Wetter and family                                | 24. Kurr Buffington and family      |
| 10. Phyllis Wright and family                           | 25. Rhett Buffington and family     |
| 11. Jim Aberg and family                                | 26. Stephanie Buffington and family |
| 12. Rich Anderson and family                            | 27. Lyle Butler and family          |
| 13. Gary Angell and family                              | 28. Leone Christiansen and family   |
| 14. Heather Angell and family                           | 29. Mark Christiansen and family    |
| 15. Lori Angell and family                              | 30. Karen Cornick and family        |



### Prayers

Please contact the church office if you or someone you know is in need of prayers. 641-423-7749

### Hospital Stay?

Should you or a family member be admitted to the hospital and would like prayers/visits, list St. Paul on forms and request they call us.



### Thank You to our Community Kitchen Volunteers!

*If you'd like to help, please contact the church office.*

**While grocery shopping, please consider purchasing one additional item for our Sunday food baskets.**

**Thank You!**

## THIS AND THAT

Most of us get busy with summer things this time of year so the church organizations are entering a rather quiet time and there is not much to report. The May “clean up work day” was fairly well attended and a lot got done. As always there are still things to do. The chair lift “died” after more than 50 years of service and has been replaced. The WELCA Spring Tea was well received and attended by more than forty ladies from Our Saviour’s, Galilean, and St. Paul and friends from other churches too. Sue and Becky did a wonderful job of planning and organizing this fun event.

June 30<sup>th</sup> is the rummage sale being held here at the church. Tanya and Shelly are planning and organizing it. This is a fund raiser for WELCA and all proceeds will be used for projects and events that WELCA does or to which it contributes. We ask for clean, gently used clothing items, price marked if possible. Glassware, pottery, and the like should be washed and ready to display. Please mark anything that you know is a collectable as such and it would be helpful if all items are priced so that we don’t mistakenly put too low a price on them. We ask that if you have pieces of furniture to donate that you don’t bring them until Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> as space is limited for storage.

We could use help in all areas: prep, set-up, and on the day of sale. If you have time to help in any area, please call Shelly or Tanya. We are going to have a “Coffee Corner” and plan to have cinnamon rolls in the morning and cookies in the afternoon. Help is needed to make things go well so if you have time, please volunteer.

NOTE: If you want anything back that you donate and that does not sell you will have to pick it up by 5:00 PM Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> or it will be donated to Affordables or the Salvation Army.

## Did You Notice?



If you noticed our wall was bare for Pentecost, please consider donating a red banner for next year! Pictures of what is available are located on Heather's desk in a blue folder labeled "banners".

## LSI Meal

Wednesday, May 23, we served a meal for LSI. This time we served 18 people. As always they appreciated the meal and thanked us. I would like to thank the following people for helping: Sue Aves, Becky and Ron Lundblad, Diane Murphy, and Jim Wallace. -Chris Wallace

## THANK YOU!!

... to Chris Wallace and all of the volunteers that helped with the meal for LSI families.

... to everyone that helped with clean-up day! A lot of work was done inside and out on May 5.

... to all that helped with Band Fest. Those that donated food and beverages and those that helped set up and serve. Over \$400 was made for the Pack-and-Play Project for LSI!

The last day of Sunday school for the year will be Sunday, June 3

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Alzheimer's Support Group:** Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed at 6:30 p.m. at Kentucky Ridge Assisting Living. Next meeting is on Wednesday, June 20.

**MacNider Arts Festival: Jurassic Art!** Saturday, June 9 from 9-5. Art market open 9-4. FREE admission! FREE pancake breakfast from 9-10. Many local artists will be selling their works. Children can create works of art with numerous make-and-take kids' activities, *many at no charge*. Food available to purchase and live music all day! [www.macniderart.org](http://www.macniderart.org)

**Salad Luncheon:** Wesley United Methodist Church on Thursday, June 14 from 11-1. Adults: \$8, children under 10: \$4. Wide variety of delicious salads, meatballs, fresh baked bread. Carry outs available.

**Wings of HOsPicE Memorial & Butterfly Release:** Saturday, June 16 at 1:00 p.m. Hospice of North Iowa Serenity Garden (located behind the Muse Norris Inpatient Unit) 232 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE. Memorial service, butterfly release, refreshments, music and fellowship with other families, staff and volunteers. Names of those you wish to remember and honor will be read at this event and listed in the program. Please note, publication of your loved one's name in the program is not automatic and must be requested. Rain location: First United Methodist Church, 119 S Georgia Ave.

**Day Camp: Those Amazing Animals!** JUNE 25 – 29, 9 - 11:30 A.M.  
LIME CREEK NATURE CENTER  
Each day will focus on a different animal group. Children entering the third and fourth grades will enjoy a variety of educational outdoor activities,

and will be provided with a snack each day. Cost for the camp is \$15 per child for members of Lime Creek Nature Center, and \$20 per child for non-members. Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, June 20. Call 641-423-5309 to register or for more information.

### **Cannonball Day and Lions Chicken BBQ: June 30**

- All day: inflatables, Smoky the Train, clowns, \$1 root beer floats, \$2 cannonball hot dogs
- 10:00 Kid's Fun Run
- 10:30 Hobo Jungle
- 11:00 Kid's Tractor Pull
- 11:00-7 p.m. Serving for Lions Chicken BBQ. Eat in or drive up. Half-chicken \$9, quarter chicken \$7, includes baked beans, coleslaw, dessert, drink.
- 1:00 Cannonball Band
- 2:00 Bill Riley Talent Search

**Ushers** (2 needed per Sunday)

3. Ron & Becky Lundblad  
 10. John & Carol Meyer  
 17. Jim & Diane Murphy  
 24. Ken & Dawn Truka

*Please consider helping to usher.  
 Call the church 423-7749 to be  
 added to the list, or email  
 secretary@stpaulmc.com*

**Lectors**

3: Ian Stockberger  
 10: Lori Angell  
 17: Jim Aberg  
 24: Bryan Bjorklund

**Acolytes**

3. Lori Angell  
 10. Pat Steinfort  
 17. Deb Stockberger  
 24. Diane Murphy

**Coffee Hour**

3. Stockberger  
 10.  
 17. Butler  
 24.

Sign-up sheet for serving  
 coffee is passed every Sunday!

**Count Offering**

3. L Angell & J Bailey  
 10. P Steinfort  
 17. R & B Lundblad  
 24. L Angell & J Bailey

**Financial Assistant:**

Lori Angell

**Council Person:**

Linda Koopman 424-5311

**Altar Guild:**

Deb Stockberger 749-2542

**Community Kitchen:**

*3rd Thursday of each month  
 Thu Jun 21 at 4:00 p.m.  
 Contact: Jim Wallace 430-8444*

**Council Meeting:**

*2nd Thursday of each month  
 Thu June 14 at 6:30 p.m.*

**Men's Fellowship:**

Each Wednesday at 9:30

**M&Ms Quilting:**

Each Wednesday at 9:30

**Strategic Planning:**

Meets as needed

**WELCA:**

*Meeting 1st Wed of each month  
 No meeting in June*

**Worship & Music:**

*2nd Tues of each month  
 Tue Jun 12 @ noon*

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Loveletter deadline: 25th

Bulletin deadline each Thurs 1:00

**Happy June  
 Birthday!**

1. Margaret Simkins
3. Leo Johnson
7. Weston Nonnweiler
8. Lori Angell  
     Brock Berding
21. Sarah Morgan
24. Meredith Angell
26. Gavin Janssen
28. Lana Beaver  
     Sara Janssen
29. Michele Thenhaus
30. JoEllen Bailey



*If we have missed you, please  
 let us know. Thanks!*



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# June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday school - Last one! 10:20 Adult Discussion in library	4	5	6 9:30 Men's Fellowship 9:30 M&M's <b>No WELCA this month</b> 11:30 Pastor at Bible Study	7 Pastor at Interim Mtg 10 St. Paul Knitters  <b>6:30 Group of 9            Parish Committee            mtg at Galilean            Lutheran</b> 7 Narcotics Anonymous	8	9 8 Narcotics Anonymous
10 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:20 Adult Discussion in library "2-4 Stitching Group" at Good Shepherd	11	12 Noon Worship & Music	13 9:30 Men's Fellowship 9:30 M&M's 11:30 Pastor at Bible Study	14 Pastor at ELCA area conference 10 St. Paul Knitters  <b>6:30 COUNCIL</b> 7 Narcotics Anonymous	15 4-8 back-up Meyer rehearsal	16 8 Narcotics Anonymous
17 Father's Day  9:00 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:20 Adult Discussion in library	18	19	20 9:30 Men's Fellowship 9:30 M&M's 11:30 Pastor at Bible Study	21 10 St. Paul Knitters  <b>4:00 Serve at Comm.            Kitchen</b> 7 Narcotics Anonymous	22	23 8 Narcotics Anonymous
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THE HARDEST BATTLE  
you will ever  
have to FIGHT is  
between what the church  
is NOW and what  
you want the church to  
BE