



# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Share God's Love; Serve all People

“LOVELETTER”

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 to 11 a.m.

Tuesday 12:30-2:30 p.m. Friday 8 to 10 a.m.

August 2022

*Leviticus 18:1-3a; 19:9-10 - And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived ... When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God."*

I have a friend from church who loves to garden. Every year she plans dozens and dozens of tomato plants from seed. These are specialty tomatoes—purple ones, pink ones, striped orange and yellow. And she cares for all of them until they are ready to go into the garden.

But there are always too many. She plants too many on purpose. Because when the time is right, she brings a huge tray of seedlings to the church, and invites people to pick out the ones they like and take them home to plant. Everyone benefits—especially those who don't have the money to buy fancy tomatoes for their families. They will eat like kings, because of her generosity.

In today's reading, God is telling the people of Israel to do something similar. They will plant crops and harvest them, but they are supposed to be deliberately careless in the harvest, leaving food behind. They will pick grapes from their vineyards, but if they drop any, they are supposed to let them lie. The food that grows around the edges of the field, or that gets overlooked on the fruit trees—that food is for anyone who needs it, for poor people, travelers, refugees. The Israelites are to live freely and generously—because God has been generous to them.

What has God done for them? God saved them from a life of slavery in Egypt, and you know that slaves must count every penny and each bite of food they get. For a slave, the future is never secure. They cannot trust their masters, and so they must hang onto any advantage they can get.

But now the people of Israel are slaves no longer. They are to trust in God to provide for them, and they too will help provide for their neighbors. It's a whole new way of living—a wonderful way, freeing way. God calls us to live this way also, and why? Because He has done for us what He did for Israel—He has set us free from slavery to sin and death.

When we were slaves, we lived in fear of what would happen to us. But God had compassion on us and sent Jesus to set us free. It was a costly mission—the price of our freedom was Jesus' own life. But He was glad to do it, because His love is generous. Looking at us, He counted it well worthwhile. And when He rose from the dead, He broke the power the fear of death held over us. Now all of us who trust in Jesus will live forever. That's good reason to be generous!

**WE PRAY:** Dear Lord, live in me and through me to show Your generous love to the people around me. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Kari Vo.

**ST. PAUL COUNCIL MINUTES - July 14, 2022****ATTENDANCE:**

The following council members were in attendance: Ron Lundblad, Sue Aves, Diane Murphy, Kristen Stockberger, Lavern Dahl, Pat Steinfort, Beth Rozen and Lori Cornick-Angell.

Opening prayer by Diane.

Diane made a motion to approve the June Minutes which had been emailed to the council members. Pat seconded and council voted all in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Diane mentioned that there have been no expenses out of the ordinary. Nathan played in June which was an additional expense. Diane has been working with Kristen with updating some programs to use to help the church as far as the offerings, expenses, etc. There were some taxes due at the end of June. Offerings continue to lag behind past years.

**MONTHLY BENEVOLENCE:**

Just an update with regards to the local benevolence with the Mason City Parks & Recreation Department for the month of June. Beth was able to work with them and so the June benevolence was sent to the MCPD for some passes for children in need.

Sue made a suggestion for July's world benevolence organization for the school kits. Discussion was had regarding this and the council will look at this the next time the world benevolence comes up in September.

Further discussion for the world benevolence was for buying a goat, sheep, etc. Sue made a motion for buying animals and Beth second, council all in favor.

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:**

Ron discussed adding Linda Koopman to the memorial committee. Discussion was held about this committee and Ron nominated Linda to the memorial committee. Sue seconded and council voted all in favor. The other committee members are Larry Stockberger and Carolyn Schriever.

**COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH:**

The council person(s) for the month of July is Sue and Lori. LaVern will be in August.

**CANNONBALL DAYS:**

This was a successful event with Our Saviour's and St. Paul working together. Those that worked enjoyed it and the weather was good. The profit of \$400.00 was divided between the two churches. There was discussion about perhaps the price of the float for next year and maybe not starting as early.

**INTERIM MINISTER:**

There is an opportunity for St. Paul and Our Saviour's to possibly have an interim minister during the call process. This person would not only do Sunday services but would also be available for funerals, weddings and possible other activities. This will be explored at a joint council meeting on July 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m at St. Paul.

**CALL COMMITTEE:**

The profile is not quite completed. The call committee outline will be the same as before with regards to submitting the profile in the next month or two for approval by the congregations.

**FUNDRAISERS:**

There was mention of organizing a fundraiser committee. This will be investigated further.

**WELCA:**

The WELCA group will be having their rummage sale July 23 and July 24. WELCA wondered if the council would be willing to have an additional rummage sale in the fall with what does not sell during the July rummage sale. Council was not in favor of this. Therefore, the WELCA ladies will have an organization pick up what does not sell at the July rummage sale.

Other fundraisers discussed by the WELCA group are having a baked goods fundraiser, a pasta bar/movie night, salad luncheon, chili supper and possibly having a pie-ice cream social. Kristen wondered if the council would be interested in having the pie-ice cream social with a Boy Scout Troop. This will be explored in the future.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Diane is working with Kristen to come up with a better system for the accounting procedures of the church. Kristen's help has been appreciated with this and her ongoing commitment is also appreciated. Diane is proposing a quicken books program. Diane is volunteering to pay this for the first year. Beth stated she would be willing to contribute half. Motion by Lori, second by Sue and council all in favor.

Corrine Butler is now at Oakwood Care Center.

**ROOF PROJECT:**

The roof project will begin in the fall and will cost about \$35,000.00. The majority of this money will have to come from the investments but it is hoped that some money will also come from the memorial committee and possible fundraisers.

**SUPPLY PASTORS:**

Supply pastors will continue to be used for the indefinite future. Further discussions will continue by the church presidents as to the fulfillment of this position. Ron Lundblad has done a nice job lining up the supply pastors.

**COFFEE HOUR:**

St. Paul will continue to have coffee hour after the church service. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Attendance at coffee hour has been great.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN:**

There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for this also.

**NEXT MEETING:**

August 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Diane made a motion to close, Pat seconded and council was all in favor. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## WELCA NEWS

July 21, 22, and 23rd WELCA had a very successful rummage sale! We give an enormous thank you to Tanya Dahl, our project manager, her "girls" (daughters, granddaughter and sister) for countless hours of work sorting, marking and preparing items for sale; to Shelly Thenhaus, our go to tech person for checking prices on eBay and selling many collectibles online and baking all the cinnamon rolls; to Sue and Becky for our signs and to all who helped set up and work the sale: Geri, JoEllen, Sue, Pat, Nancy, Carlyn, Becky, Margaret, Crystal and all who donated items for the sale. We also had help from several men: Ian, Ron and Laverne. THANK YOU ALL! I hope I haven't forgotten anyone. It really was "all hands on deck". As of this writing clean up begins. Thank you to all who help with it too.

Proceeds from the sale will enable us to continue giving our support to sixteen different charities. Other ministries, Lily Bags, Veterans lunch, health and school kits are supported by donations and Thrivent grants.

Plans for the Veterans lunch and a chili supper are the events we will be working on.

We will be quilting again on Monday mornings at 9:30 and work at various things on Wednesday mornings. All are welcome to join us at any time or on any project.

**LWR School Kits**—School Sales Have Begun—We will again be gathering school supplies from mid-July thru Labor Day. Here is a list of what's needed to finish out a school kit: 70 ct. notebooks, 24 ct. Crayola crayons, blue or black pens, large eraser, unsharpened pencils, blunt children's scissor, ruler (cm/inches). If you have any questions or need help with shopping, please contact Michele Thenhaus (641-420-6064) or Geri Barker (641-423-5525) at St Paul or Marilyn Martell (641-425-9048) at Our Saviour's. Money donations marked LWR school kits are also appreciated.

**WELCA** (Women of the Evangelical Church of America) members meet in the Fellowship Hall on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. to make blankets for Lutheran World Relief and on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for meetings and to work on other projects. We hope you will join us. However, if you are interested in making quilts or working on our other various projects and this time doesn't work for you, please contact Becky Lundblad, Tanya Dahl, Shelly Thenhaus or Sue Aves so a more convenient time can be discussed.

## GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

The Good Shepherd residents and staff are planning to watch a car show and parade on Tuesday, August 2 (rain date-August 3). They will need volunteers to help take residents outdoors. If you are able to assist with this, please go to the Good Shepherd main lobby at 12:30 p.m. on August. 2.

Good Shepherd is also planning to have a "Poker Walk" on Friday, August 19. This is another outside activity so volunteers are needed. If interested, please go to the Good Shepherd main lobby at 1:00 p.m. on August 19

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Marsh.

**Lectors**

7 Deb Stockberger  
21 Ron Lundblad

**Acolytes**

7 Deb Stockberger  
21 Diane Murphy

**Coffee Hour:**

7 Dennis & Nancy Marsh  
21

**Council Person:**

LaVern Dahl

**Altar Guild:**

Geri Barker

**Financial Assistant:**

Lori Angell

**Community Kitchen:**

3rd Thursday Aug 18 @ 4:00

**Council Meeting:**

Thurs. Aug 11 @ 5:30

**M&M's:**

Each Wednesday @ 9:30

**WELCA:**

Wed, Aug. 3 @ 9:30

**Worship & Music:**

Thurs. Aug. 11 @ Noon @ OS  
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**Loveletter deadline: 25th**

**Bulletin deadline each**

**Wed. 10:00 a.m.**

**Happy August  
Birthday!**

08/01 Jack Gannett

08/10 Chris Wallace

08/11 Karol Wallskog

08/20 Jim Bailey

08/23 Beth Rozen

08/24 Harold Gaiser

08/31 Tanya Dahl

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



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

**"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or  
present are certain to miss the future."**

John F. Kennedy



There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for **coffee hour**. Please sign up for a Sunday so this fellowship can continue to be enjoyed!

St. Paul serves at **Community Kitchen every 3rd Thursday** starting at 4. In order to continue this ministry we need your help. Please consider lending a hand. If you work until 5 we can still use your help (just let us know). Please sign up on the clipboard in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office 641-423-7749.



COMMUNITY KITCHEN

**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.*

1. NE Iowa Synod
2. St. Paul Lutheran Church
3. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
4. Our government, military leaders, troops & families
5. All who suffer from illness, infirmity or loneliness
6. Confined shut-ins (home, hospital, nursing home)
7. Those who are dealing with losses in their lives
8. All who hunger and/or are homeless
9. All who seek God; finding comfort, peace, renewal
10. Larry & Deb Stockberger & family
11. Micah & Jessica Stockberger & family
12. Michele Thenhaus & family
13. Bob & Heather Thompson & family
14. Ken & Dawn Truka & family
15. Jim & Chris Wallace & family
16. Karol Wallskog & family
17. Lori Angel & family
18. Shaun & Stephanie Arneson & family
19. Susan Aves & family
20. Jim & Jo Ellen Bailey & family
21. Don & Geri Barker & family
22. Dane Birkholz & family
23. Brianna Stephens & family
24. Rhett Buffington & family
25. Corrine Butler & family
26. Karen Cornick & family
27. Zell Cottrell & family
28. LaVern & Tanya Dahl & family
30. Roger & Beverly Ennis & family
31. Harold Gaiser & family

### PRAYER CHAIN

Please call any Prayer Chain member below if you have a prayer request. All requests are kept confidential and you can share as much information as you are comfortable with. You may call any member and they will start the chain.

Prayer Chain members:

Gerri Barker 641-423-5525 (please do not leave message)

Anne Gannett 641-421-6852 (leave message)

Margaret Movick 641-201-1250 (leave message)

Diane Murphy 641-512-5851 (leave message)

Your name could be added here \_\_\_\_\_



### PRAYERS

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. Also please contact Ron Lundblad at 641-420-9440 or the church office at 641-423-7749.

# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30 M&M's WELCA Meeting	<b>4</b> 10 Knitters 7 NA	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8 NA
<b>7</b> 9:30 Worship w/Holy Communion At SP	<b>8</b> 9:30 Quilters	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30 M&M's	<b>11</b> 10 Knitters Noon Worship Planning @ OS 5:30 Council Meeting 7 NA	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8 NA
<b>14</b> 9:30 Worship w/Holy Communion At OS 2 2/4 Stitchers	<b>15</b> 9:30 Quilters	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30 M&M's	<b>18</b> 10 Knitters 4 Community Kitchen 7 NA	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Fellowship Hall In Use 8 NA
<b>21</b> 9:30 Worship w/Holy Communion At SP	<b>22</b> 9:30 Quilters	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30 M & M's	<b>25</b> 10 Knitters Loveletter Deadline 7 NA	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8 NA
<b>28</b> 9:30 Worship w/Holy Communion At OS 2 2/4 Stitchers	<b>29</b> 9:30 Quilters	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:30 M&M's	<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.stpaulmc.com">www.stpaulmc.com</a> <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://facebook.com/Stpaulmc">facebook.com/Stpaulmc</a> <b>Office Hours:</b> M, W, Th 9-11 Tu 12:30-2:30, Fri. 8-10 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:secretary@stpaulmc.com">secretary@stpaulmc.com</a> <a href="mailto:pastormutters@smartmail.com">pastormutters@smartmail.com</a> <b>Phone:</b> 641-423-7749		

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