

THE TOWER TALK

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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**June
2023**

Western Iowa Synod 3rd Annual Fund for the Future Event Heart of BBQ Feeding hungry bodies and souls!

Heart of BBQ will be
Saturday, July 22, 2023 in
Dunlap, IA at Four County
Fairgrounds.

Tasting, games and fun all
afternoon.

BBQ Dinner and
Entertainment at 5:00p.m.

***For more information,
please see the bulletin board
outside the Church office.***

Calling all quilters!

Can you tie a knot? Can you make a stitch with a needle? You are needed! St. Paul quilters continue to look for more people to help finish the quilts that will be treasured by people here at home and around the world.

We hope you will come and join us on
**Tuesday, June 20th
from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.**

VBS is almost here!

VBS will be held on June 5th-9th
from 8:30a.m. - 12:00p.m!

**Stellar:
Shine Jesus' Light!**

Registration forms are available on the welcome team table and outside the church office. Be sure to share this info with others, and get them registered. See the youth page for more info on volunteer training and decorating!

Treynor Days Community Worship Sunday, June 25th

Please come and join together with our community for breakfast and one worship service!

8:00a.m. - 10:00a.m.: Pancake Man breakfast

10:30a.m.: Worship at the Community Center with Pastor Adam preaching and Pastor Emily assisting.

If you would like to assist with set up, clean up or during the service, let Pastor Emily know.

10 people are needed to provide desserts for the community lunch, (bars, cookies, cupcakes, etc), at the Community Center on Saturday, June 24th at 10:00 a.m. Thank you for your help!

***Treynor Days Variety Show is Back!**

Please contact Donna Collins to sign-up!

"Knowing Jesus, Telling about Jesus, Loving as Jesus Loves"

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Baccalaureate service, as we gave thanks and praise to God for his many blessings on our graduates!



Thank you to everyone who helped with the SPY Annual Garage Sale in any way! It takes so many people to help this run smoothly, and we are grateful.

We had a record year earning over \$5,000 that will greatly help with our June mission trip to Colorado to serve and love others!



Thank you for thinking of me at graduation time. — Jessica McMartin

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Prayers: Stanley Vorthmann

Prayers For Others: Veronica Ross & her (Unborn baby); Patricia Barnes; Jean Hobus; Kayla Weis; Rita Epperson; Nixon Quick; Bill Lastovica



We Pray for You!

Contact: church office at 888-487-3880 or lutheranchurchspl@gmail.com

PRAYER LIST OR PRAYER CHAIN?

The prayer chain is activated when a situation arises in which immediate prayer support is requested. A request made to the prayer chain is kept in absolute confidentiality and is not published. Individuals may be on both the prayer chain and the prayer list if desired.



STEWARDSHIP FOCUS: **Igumbilo Girls Schools**

Vision: To ensure quality education that will enable the girls to face global challenges with confidence.

Mission: Give instruction to the wise man, and He will be yet wiser; teach a just man, and He will increase in learning Proverb 9:9

Core Values:

*Obedience *Discipline *Academic

Ice Cream Social

Friday, July 7th, 4:30p.m. -7:00p.m.

See the enclosed information with details and requests for assistance from the Ice Cream Social Team. Thank you to everyone for helping make this church fellowship event so awesome every year!



Wedded Band News!

Join Wedded Band on June 25th for our outing in downtown Omaha where we will take the First National Sculpture Walk. We will get a tiny taste of the courage and grit required of our ancestors as they traveled across the country in covered wagons in the 1800's.

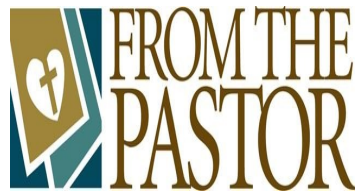
Our walking tour will begin at Pioneer Courage Park at 14th and Capitol where we walk beside covered wagons, follow the bison down 15th onto Dodge, and stop at 16th where a flock of Canadian geese takes flight. There are places to sit and enjoy the surroundings for those who prefer not to walk.

Following our "grueling trek," we will meet at Upstream Brewing Co. for dinner.

We will meet at the church at 5:15 p.m. to carpool, or you can meet us at 14th and Capitol at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for awe-inspiring history and fun.





Stewardship Across Generations: Do It Together!

How did you learn the things you know? Did you learn to cheer for your favorite sports team by attending games with someone who enjoyed that team? Did you gain a love for hunting by trudging through the cold, barren ground with someone who had a love for hunting? Did you learn to cook by standing next to someone adding ingredients and stirring when directed? We often learn from someone's example. A person says, *"this is important,"* and invites us to be a part. We watch and mirror their actions. We try it on for ourselves. Over time, this activity may make a difference in our lives.

This is our hope as people of faith. In baptism, "we are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ...and joined in God's mission for the life of the world" (ELW). Parents, godparents, and the gathered congregation promise to help the baptized learn about God, participate in sacraments, worship, pray, and learn to trust God. They promise to help a person learn to care for others and God's world. At the end of the service, the newly baptized is welcomed into the family. I am partial to the welcome in the green, Lutheran Book of Worship because it welcomes the baptized as *workers with us in the kingdom of God.*"

This is stewardship. As children of God, we are called to use our time, talents, and resources to serve God's world. While the church teaches a lot of things, we don't do a good job of teaching stewardship. Many complain that young people don't know how to give, often referring to money. Others say "young" people don't serve like previous generations. From my experience, young people are looking for purpose and want to make a difference in the world. They give to things they think are making a difference.

The church is one place where we connect generations and help people understand each other's shared concerns for the world. Together, we practice loving the neighbor, feeding the hungry, and clothing the naked. Serving together creates space for conversations to happen between different ages. From there, start to pair up a grandparent and a fourth grader to read scripture during worship. Have a confirmation student usher with the older gentleman who is always willing to usher. At a church I served in Omaha, kids started to serve as greeters at 3-years-old! They were the best greeters! These kids and parents gathered to learn about prayer and then served together that same week. They'd line up by the doors, with their Sunday school teachers, and shake hands with every person that walked in the door. You can't help but smile and feel welcomed when a bouncy, three-year-old says good morning! Did you also know that grandmas make the best VBS snack makers? Pair them with a kid who feels too old for VBS and watch what happens! Not only will both groups serve, but they may just build a relationship with each other!

If we want people to grow in stewardship, we first, teach what it is! Then, we model how to serve and give. We can't forget to talk about why we serve and give. We can't assume people know how the church gets money or what is done with it. Like everything else, we must teach financial giving. This is best done with a whole community of believers. Instead of filling out annual pledge cards and calling it a stewardship drive, create another space for conversations. Bring all ages together. Check out stories of generosity in the Bible. Talk about how people shared their resources and their talents. Ask people to name the abilities they see in each other. Challenge people to commit not only to giving of resources, but of time and abilities. Brainstorm ways to serve the world together.

****This is an article I wrote for Luther Seminary's Faith+Lead publication. It will appear May 29 at faithlead.org. During the summer, I will be working to gather a stewardship team that will meet quarterly. If this article pulls at you and the gifts you have, let's talk about how you might serve in this way.****

May Church Council Minutes

St. Paul Lutheran Church council met on Monday, May 15, 2023. All members except Kevin, Carrie and Pastor Emily, were present.

President Tracy opened the meeting with a reading and devotion from James 1:5.

Tracy called the meeting to order.

Kirk Vorthmann and Roger Vorthmann attended to voice concerns with a few areas of church maintenance and proposed a potential plan for upcoming projects.

Consent items were shared. Financials were shared by Dave and reviewed by the council.

Pastor Emily updated the council on her past month with a written report. April and early May will wrap up many activities at the church, including Lent, confirmation, Sunday school, graduating seniors, and adult bible study. Pastor also attended the synod assembly, held two graveside services, and participated in a staff development day.

Kristi motioned to pass the consent items and Dave seconded. The motion carried. Council discussed our companion congregation commitment to the girls school in Kidugala, Tanzania. Tracy motioned to continue our partnership and Adrienne seconded. The motion carried.

Dave shared a proposal to utilize income generating investments with very low risks. The council considered all options and discussed. Tracy made a motion to allow Dave to move up to \$150,000.00 of the farm funds into a CD. Amber seconded and the motion carried.

The council reviewed and finalized an updated membership list.

The council discussed creating a small petty cash fund to be held at the church for community emergencies. This fund is to be used at Pastor Emily or Denise's discretion. Dave motioned to approve this and Tracy seconded. The motion carried.

The next council meeting will be June 19th at 6:30 p.m.

With all business complete, Tracy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Amber seconded. The motion passed.

The council closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Schaaf, secretary





Grady McKern	June 01
Shaylee Smith	June 01
Cruz Sornson	June 02
Jolene Lammert	June 03
Grace Schroeder	June 03
Don Saar	June 04
Delaney Waterman	June 04
Chris Kudron	June 07
Vanessa Malm	June 07
Klara Ticer	June 08
Tyler Woods	June 08
Larry Andersen	June 09
Charlie Plumb	June 12
Bob Schmidt	June 12
Greg Dunbar	June 13
Susan Mass	June 13
Jeff Fahrenkrug	June 14
Brendan Mass	June 15



Samuel Gillespie	June 16
Katie Weis	June 18
Jen Smith	June 20
Emmerson Kenny	June 21
Kayla Chapman	June 22
Sadie Schaaf	June 22
Evan Frey	June 23
Kayleen Sornson	June 23
Rodney Schmidt	June 24
Addy Schnepel	June 24
David Keay	June 27
Adam Schmidt	June 27
Randy Walter	June 29
Gina Chapman	June 30
Lily Nelson	June 30



News from: *The Bethany Lutheran* ***Health Services Auxiliary***

Our last meeting on April 17th held at the Heights Community Room. Eight churches were represented and 2 staff.

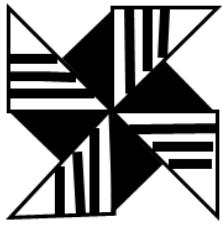
Cece Mickels, Spiritual Advisor, updated us on the purchase of furniture for the “Gathering Space” at the Home. She also provided copies of the volunteer applications and background check forms. These forms are not necessary for those who help with birthday parties and bingo. She will be having a memorial service in May or June. Michael Thomas, Activities Director at the Heights, reported they have 3 – 6 activities per day and 13 outings in April. Cece conducted a Good Friday and Easter Service at the Heights, and he smoked a brisket on April 14th .

Angel Watts, Activities Director at the Home, reported April activities were all Easter themed and Merry Makers was scheduled for April 18th. Angel further reported the Auxiliary paid \$777.83 on the new planters, bird feeders and bird baths.

The discussion on the possibility of an Ice Cream Social at the Home this year was tabled until we provide more information to the Director for review. Start collecting items the “*Christmas in July*” again this year. There will be a box for donations of items so the residents can choose gifts for their family and friends at Christmas time. Angel will provide us with a list of suggested items for the Christmas Store.

The next Auxiliary meeting is scheduled for July 10th at 5:30p.m. at the Heights followed by bingo and pie for the Heights residents at 6:30p.m. Each church brings a pie for this event. Pies must be purchased, not homemade. Who would like to volunteer to *provide a pie* for this event? St. Paul Treynor is scheduled for the month of *July to help with a birthday party and two bingo sessions*. Please let Norma Vorthmann if you would like to help with these events.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL



The PINWHEEL June 2023

MAY ACTIVITIES: May was filled with activities and beautiful weather! The students enjoyed learning about seeds and summer safety this month. They planted vegetable seeds in the Preschool's raised garden boxes that will produce healthy vegetables. The students observed the lifecycle of caterpillars as they emerged into butterflies before releasing them outdoors.

At our Spring Event, Wildlife Encounters provided an educational experience for the students and families with live animal guests which included an alligator and a baby kangaroo. We are thankful to Thrivent Financial to help fund this amazing activity! Students showcased their creativity with an art show with lots of color and butterflies!

Our service project this month included planting flowers at the Preschool, the Post Office and Zion's planters to add color for the community to enjoy during the summer. Beautifying God's world!

We were blessed to have the pastors' support our Bible verses each week with stories and explanations. Our appreciation is extended to them.

It was graduation time for some of the students transitioning to kindergarten. We have given well-wishes to those going on to kindergarten and look forward to seeing those who will be returning in the fall. Before the students received their end of the year certificates for their accomplishments, they participated in a variety of fun activities including face painting, playing with the parachute, running through the obstacle course, and participating in the story of "Billy Goats Gruff". It was a great time for students and their families. The staff will begin preparations for a new year and for the new students.

2023-2024 School Year: The Preschool is receiving applications for the upcoming school year. To date, St. Paul has received a total of 38 applications. We have 11 students enrolled in the Tuesday/Thursday 3 and 4 year-old class; 10 enrolled in the Monday

through Friday class and 17 enrolled in the Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning 4 and 5 year-old class. Eleven of the students are signed up for Extended Preschool. If you know of a family wanting their child in Preschool let them know there are openings available.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the families who brought their children to St. Paul Preschool this year! It is a blessing to get to know each and every child and their families.

The Preschool thanks the church members who contributed items and financial support throughout the year.

The Preschool says "thank you" to the Governing Board for their continued commitment. They have provided great leadership and input! Welcome to Ann Pingel as a new Governing Board member.

Finally thank you to our amazing Preschool Staff! Their hard work and dedication to this ministry is always top-notch.

Supply List for 2023-2024: As we anticipate next year, there are many supplies that have been depleted. If you happen to see a good sale or run across a good deal, you might keep the Preschool in mind. Here are some items that are needed:

Lysol Disinfecting Spray
Toilet Bowl Cleaner-non cling
Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
Zip lock bags any size
Bandages-non latex
Paper products-napkins, paper towels
Trash bags size-13 gallon white
Gift cards to Sam's Club, Amazon, Aldi, Target,
Walmart

May you have a Safe & Fun Summer!

May grace and blessings be on your path,

St. Paul Preschool Staff



Sunday School, CREW & Adult Bible Study are on break for the summer!

We will gather again in September after Rally Day!

SPY Youth Can Kennel

We continue to have the can kennel until Wednesday, June 7th at noon. Thank you for your donations! You have been very generous with all of our fundraisers, and we are very thankful! We will sort cans for the final time on Weds., June 7th at 12:15 p.m. and welcome others to come help us sort.

VBS is June 5th-9th from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Our theme is "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light"

We are still looking for a couple volunteers so check out the sign up sheet in the hallway outside the office or talk to Denise Wilson. Registrations are due ASAP so final plans can be made for classes. The forms can be found on our website, or outside the church office on the bench. If you have time to help with some prep work for decorating or organizing the week before VBS, please contact Denise.

Volunteer training sessions: All volunteers are required to attend one of the following training sessions: Wednesday, May 31st at 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 2nd at 2:00 p.m. or Sunday, June 4th at 8:45 a.m.

Blessing of the VBS volunteers: Sunday, June 4th during the worship service, we will have a blessing of the volunteers, so we hope you will come! We will then have a light lunch, and decorate the church for VBS! All are welcome to come for lunch and help decorate, as many hands make light work ;)

VBS Worship, June 11th: The VBS children/youth will lead worship on Sunday, June 11th at 9:30 a.m. to share all they have learned through the VBS week. There will be treats for fellowship, and viewing the children's crafts from 8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

High School Mission Trip to Colorado, June 20th - 27th

We will be learning about and serving the homeless in Denver, and also painting a house. Please pray for our youth and adults as we prepare to go, and serve in the name and love of Jesus! Our team includes: Sam Burmeister, Amber McGreevy, Chloe McGreevy, Jacob Pote, Gretchen Swalwell, Carl Swalwell, Levi Young, Katie Weis, Cory Young and Denise Wilson.



2023

Mission: Igumbilo Girls School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:30am Maint. Team Day	2	3
4 9:00am Fellowship 9:30am Worship 4:00pm-6:00pm Silver Keg Feeders 4-H	5 8:30am-12:00pm VBS	6 8:30am-12:00pm VBS	7 8:30am-12:00pm VBS	8 8:30am-12:00pm VBS 7:00pm AA upstairs	9 8:30am-12:00pm VBS	10
11 9:00am Fellowship 9:30am VBS Worship Program	12 <i>*Tower Talk Due</i>	13	14	15 7:00pm AA upstairs	16	17 9:00am-12:00pm M. Andersen
18 9:00am Fellowship 9:30am Worship 4:00pm-6:00pm Silver Creek 4-H	19 10:00am Staff Meeting <i>6:30pm Council Meeting</i>	20 <i>Mission Trip</i>	21	22 7:00pm AA upstairs	23	24 10:00am Treynor Days
25 8:00am-10:00am Pancake Breakfast at Comm. Center 10:30am Treynor Comm. Worship 6:00pm Wedded Band	26 10:00am Staff Meeting	27	28	29	30	



Volunteer Schedule for Worship Services for 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>Welcome Team</u>
6/4/23	9:30 a.m.	Ruby Bentley	LaJean Wehring	Sutton Vorthmann	Doug & LaJean Wehring	Doug & LaJean Wehring
6/11/23	9:30 a.m.	VBS	VBS Kids	Shelby Vorthmann		VBS Volunteers
6/18/23	9:00 a.m.	Ruby Bentley	Annie Vorthmann	Liz Young		The Dreyer Family
6/25/23 Treynor Days	10:30 a.m.					

Tellers for June

Brandon Vorthmann and Tanya Whitehill

Flowers needed for worship:

Please consider signing up on the flower chart in the church entryway to provide flowers for a Sunday. They can be in honor of a birthday, anniversary or a special occasion, and then you can take them home after the service.



Shirley Chambers has offered to provide the flowers for worship for you for a donation to the preschool. Please contact her if interested.

Acolyte Reminder:

Be sure to check the calendar above for dates and services you are scheduled to acolyte. If you are unable to acolyte, be sure to find a substitute, and let the church office know of the change.

Thank you!

St Paul Workday May 4, 2023

There were 6 people helped with the work day – LaJean and Doug Wehring, Coretta and Ken, Mike Sukup, and Roger Andersen.



- ☐ Checked the AED and oxygen tank – both good
- ☐ Put water in the floor drains
- ☐ Added 50 pounds of water softener salt to the preschool water softener
- ☐ Took the insulated covers off the hose bibs
- ☐ Got the garden hose cart from the shed
- ☐ Took the insulated cover off the A/C unit in pastor's office east window
- ☐ Separated the 5 cent deposits from the plastic water bottles for the can kennel
- ☐ Pulled weeds around the church
- ☐ Burned a lot of sticks that accumulated over the winter
- ☐ The preschoolers picked up sticks from their area and brought them to the burn ring
- ☐ Removed a lot of stump grindings that were remaining from last year's tree removal
- ☐ Planted the Easter lilies around the church
- ☐ Raked up some deep grass cuttings after the first total mowing of the year
- ☐ Mike took his trailer loaded with stump grindings and leaves
- ☐ Raked the leaves from the back fence and mulched them with the mower or burned some
- ☐ Took unsold garage sale items to the curb for the town cleanup day
- ☐ Installed the rain barrel at the preschool

We schedule the work day for the first Thursday of every month so join us June 1st for some "fun" and probably homemade cookies and brownies. We often try new recipes also. They are always good.

Other tasks performed since the last Tower Talk update includes:

- ☐ Ken and Coretta have been taking the recycle cardboard and plastic to the recycle center. There seems to be a lot lately which says we are doing a good job of keeping recyclables out of the landfill
- ☐ Dennis mowed several times this year and the lawn looks good
- ☐ The one exception to the lawn looking good is just north of the office where there must be too much shade for the grass to grow. Does anyone have any thoughts on what to do there?
- ☐ Cleaned out the burn ring the next day when it was all burned up
- ☐ Took good garage sale items left over from the sale to the sub-basement for next year
- ☐ Took the Swalwell round clothes racks to the sub-basement to use next year
- ☐ Set the sanctuary thermostat to 71 degrees for the organ tuner who came on Friday
- ☐ Turned the heat pumps from heat to A/C
- ☐ Turned off the boilers for the second time this spring
- ☐ Turned the thermostats from heat to A/C
- ☐ Fixed toilet running in ladies restroom – the chain was 1 link too short and holding the flapper up

The OMG (Old Maintenance Group)



Next workday:
Thursday, June 1st at 8:30 a.m.
All are welcome to come and help!

TOWER TALK

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June 1, 2023

WE ARE BLESSED AT ST PAUL!

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Worship

