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September, 2017

❖❖❖ St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Donatus, IA

❖❖❖ St. Paul's Lutheran Church, La Motte, IA



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Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of each month plus major festivals

Sunday Worship

St. John's—8:30 a.m.
St. Paul's—10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

St. John's—9:30 a.m.
(beginning Sept. 10)
St. Paul's—9:30 a.m.
(beginning Sept. 17)

Women of ELCA Bible Study

September 7, 1:00 p.m.

Rally Day

at St. John's
Sept. 10, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

St. John's Council

September 11, 6:30 p.m.

Women's Fall Gathering

Saturday, Sept. 16
St. Paul Lutheran, Clinton

St. Paul's Fundraiser

Saturday, Sept. 30
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

August has been a full month at St. Paul's and St. John's. As I write this, we just had a great worship service together at the park in La Motte. The sound of Sam Giere's bagpipes called us to worship, and together we heard God's Word and received the Lord's Supper. The potluck that followed was fantastic, and altogether it was a wonderful way to spend a Sunday morning.

I give thanks to God for each of the Sunday mornings we've been able to spend together. It makes me think about what Martin Luther wrote in the Large Catechism, about how the point of Sundays and other holidays is gathering together, not only for a day of rest and refreshment—which our bodies need and which God intends for our wellbeing—but most importantly for hearing God's Word. Luther writes:

“On the other hand, when we seriously ponder the Word, hear it, and put it to use, such is its power that it never departs without fruit. It always awakens new understanding, pleasure, and devotion, and it constantly creates clean minds and hearts.”

Of course, Sunday mornings are not the only time that we gather together as people of faith, in groups of all kinds. Next summer, the National Youth Gathering, will be in Houston, TX, where 35,000 Lutheran Youth from all over the country gather for worship, service, learning; and fellowship. It's looking like St. John's and St. Paul's will have a number of youth attending and I'm working with other pastors in Jackson County and Clinton County on travel plans. If you know a youth (those entering 8th-12th grade this fall) who might be interested in going, please let me know. I'd like to have commitments from those who plan on attending by September 15th.

One other event that I'm really excited about is St. John's "Rally Sunday," a carnival-themed event aimed at building interest in the Sunday School. It promises to be a ton of fun! Look for ways that you can get involved and more details elsewhere in this newsletter. Sunday school will be starting up at both congregations in September (the 10th at St. John's and the 17th at St. Paul's) and will be at 9:30 at both churches. Confirmation classes will be starting in September, too, though we're still working on scheduling those sessions.

I pray that God's blessings will be with you all this month, especially those students and teachers returning to class. May your teaching and learning work for the good of God's people and God's world.

In Christ,

Pastor Will Layton

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Pastor Layton will be at a First Call Meeting on September 7 in Iowa City and will be attending the Tri-Synodical Conference at Sheraton-West, Des Moines September 24-26.

Council Notes

Worship Attendance:

| | <u>St. John's</u> | <u>St. Paul's</u> |
|---------|------------------------|---------------------|
| July 30 | 51 | 27 |
| Aug. 4 | 188 | Barb Keil's funeral |
| Aug. 6 | 54 | 18 |
| Aug. 13 | 60 | 24 |
| Aug. 20 | 78 worship in the park | |

Joint Council Meeting—August 7:

Present: Gloria Heacock, Julie Bormann, Bruce Bormann, Chad Uhlenhake, Doug Clark, Richard Bradley, John Busch, David Schroeder, Chad Walker, Deb Decker, Billi Schroeder, Tracey Hueneke, Judy Hueneke-Kremer, Ruth Hingtgen, Peggy Post, Pastor Will.

Opened with prayer by Pastor Will; called to order by Chad Walker at 6:30 p.m.

New Business:

- Two parsonage windows have been repaired, with one more to do.
- Long distance service will be added to the church's LaMotte Telephone.
- Pastor Will's salary was broken down and discussed.
- Talked about confirmation date for next year—to be decided by Pastor Will and parents.
- Reformation 500 planning—need to decide what to do.
- Possible fund raising started for youth at National Convention in Houston next year.

St. John's Council meeting—August 7:

Meeting was called to order by Chad Walker at 7:15 p.m., with prayer by Pastor Will.

Reports:

- Secretary's report was handed out.
- Treasurer's report included Mission Plus Account (Mike Theisen's bill subtract from?); Sabbatical, \$540.
- Memorial Treasurer gave report.
- Education—Sunday School will be 9:30-10:30 a.m. Rally Sunday is September 10.
- Worship report was given.
- Building and Grounds—Jackson will be coming to fix the church roof.

Old Business: Church refrigerator was discussed. David and Betty Schroeder will get a new one. The women's group will pay up to \$2,000.

New Business:

- Swing set will be removed.
- Outside light fixture at parsonage needs to be replaced.
- BBQ party for Wartburg students is in planning stage.

St. Paul's Council meeting—August 13:

Present: Bruce Bormann, Julie Bormann, Marty Bormann, Richard Bradley, Doug Clark, Ruth Hingtgen, Chad Uhlenhake, Pastor Will Layton.

- The meeting was called to order by President Marty Bormann at 10:52 a.m.
- Motion carried to have council meeting after 10:00 a.m. service every other month on the second Sunday. When

we change to 8:30 service we will discuss when we will have our council meetings.

- Discussed setting up a Sabbatical fund. Richard suggested putting it in the budget in November when we have the budget meeting. Pastor Will suggested looking at the total cost for Pastor Shane Koepke's sabbatical. Ruth Hingtgen moved that we table this discussion until we can decide on how much money we should put away.
- Discussed restringing the windows and looked at the window sills. Decided it was not a top priority right now.
- Pastor Will Layton discussed having communion in the park next Sunday for church in the park. We decided to have communion, and he was going to talk with Doug Clark about the details. Ruth Hingtgen asked about bringing supplies for potluck for church in the park. Chad Uhlenhake said he would bring plates and cups, Ruth Hingtgen - coffee, Julie Bormann - silverware. Pastor Will said that St. John's would supply the lemonade.

Next council meeting will be Sunday, October 8. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School

St. John's begins September 10, 9:30 a.m. If you have questions or are interested in teaching or assisting please email. All are welcome, not just parents of Sunday School age kids.

St. Paul's begins September 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Address Changes:

Bob and Becky Harjehausen
25019 389th Street
La Motte, IA 52054

Eric and Sami Pitts
308 N. 11th Street
Bellevue, IA 52031

Congratulations

Claire Ann Steines was born August 19 to Casey and Katie Steines. She is also welcomed by her sister, Aleeyah.

In Our prayers

Wanda Bormann, Marlene Goetz, Ivan and Janice Keil, Brian Kirby, Cody Kirby, Lorraine Knief, Rhonda Kueter, Eldon Schroeder, Jr., Claire Ann Steines, Denise Sullivan, Mary Toops, Diane Wallace, Eldon Wohlers.

Women of the ELCA

September Bible Study

Thursday, September 1, 1:00 p.m.

Devotions: Adele Wetter

Bible Study: Reverend Duane Priebe

The Bible study, *The Apostles' Creed*, session one, "We believe in God..." begins on p. 22 of *Gather* magazine for September. We welcome Dr. Priebe as our guest leader. There will be quilting and tying in the morning.

We will need nominations for the October meeting—president, treasurer, and education. If you would be willing to fill one of these offices, please let Betty Schroeder know.

The new refrigerator in the fellowship hall delivered August 15 was purchased by our Women of the ELCA.

Fall Custer Gathering

Saturday, September 16

St. Paul Lutheran, Clinton

Registration & Coffee 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Program begins at 9:00 a.m.; lunch at noon. Cost, \$6.50 Bible Study on "How Do We Give" will be led by Pastor Clark Olson-Smith; program is presented by Debrah Whiteford of Lutheran Services of Iowa.

Offering cause is LSI; Love gift—cleaning supplies, hygiene items & baby supplies for LSI.

Registration needed by September 10—sign up at the back of church

Equal Exchange Bring a book and take a book
Facility is handicapped accessible.

Bakeless Bake Sale

St. John's/St. Paul's Women of the ELCA will be holding our annual fund-raising event in October.

More information will be coming soon.

Thankoffering

Let us remember to express our thanks for each day's blessings through use of thankoffering containers, which may be a box available at St. John's or one of your own choosing. Our Thankoffering ingathering will be during the worship service on November 12.

Thrivent Action Team

Thank you to all who are helping with our current project for Lutheran World Relief. We are still collecting school supplies to fill the backpacks. (See list of items in past bulletins.) Residents of Clover Ridge Place Retirement Community, Maquoketa volunteered to help us and have packed some of the kits. The remaining backpacks will be packed at the Rally Sunday event. Thanks again for your support!

Our Sympathy

- Barb Keil died July 31 at her home. Her funeral was here at St. John's on August 4.
- Pastor James Adix died August 4 in Marion, Iowa. Pastor Adix served as interim pastor at St. John's and St. Paul's from February, 1966, until the spring of that year, when he accepted a call as pastor at Salem Lutheran in Andrew.

September Birthdays

Sept. 1 — Adleigh Nicholson

Sept. 3 — John Berendes
Dale Reeg

Sept. 5 — Duane Tietjen

Sept. 6 — Josh Feller

Sept. 8 — Alyssa Busch

Sept. 10 — Chad Kohlenberg
Nora Koos
Harold Wiegert

Sept. 11 — Bill Giesemann

Sept. 12 — Joann Kasik

Sept. 16 — Ginny Denman

Sept. 18 — Alexis Felderman

Sept. 20 — Kinsley Felderman
John Giesemann

Sept. 21 — Dennis Bishop
Sam Giere
Pastor Will Layton
Will Uhlenhake

Sept. 23 — Brian Gill
Scott Kasik

Megan Schmidt

Sept. 24 — Presly Kettmann

Sept. 27 — Richard Busch

Sept. 29 — Michael Toops

Anniversaries

Sept. 1 — Richard & Valita Bradley
Katie & Casey Steines

Sept. 4 — Ernie & Janice Felderman
Shane & Janelle Koepke

Sept. 5 — Scott & Heather Schroeder

Sept. 6 — Eldon & Donna Busch

Sept. 8 — Dennis & Laura Bishop

Sept. 13 — Bruce & Julie Bormann

Sept. 14 — Eric & Sami Pitts
Randy & Barbara Schoop

Sept. 17 — Charles & Shirley Soliday

Sept. 23 — Heath & Staci Felderman

Sept. 24 — David & Cathy Felderman

Sept. 28 — Daryl & Susan Hankemeier

Please let us know of any errors or omissions.

St. John's Sunday School Rally Day

September 10, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help. If you picked up a donation slip but the item isn't in the donation box and you still plan to donate, please let Laurie know asap. The work schedule is downstairs. Feel free to switch with someone, but be sure to make the change on the work schedule. Sunday, September 10 is also "God's Work, Our Hands" service day. In order to honor that, we will be adding a table to Rally Sunday for people to help put together the school kits. Invite cards are available for you to take and hand out to your neighbors, family and friends as well as inviting and sharing the flyer via our website and Facebook page. If you want a sign for your yard, let Laurie know. Thursday, Aug. 31, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Gather at church to make preparations for Rally Sunday, i.e. put together some of the games.

Saturday, Sept. 9, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Set up as much as possible.

Sunday, Sept. 10, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Final set up.

Intergenerational Sunday School at St. John's will be the first Sunday of each month, beginning October 1. We need volunteer(s) to lead Intergenerational Sunday School, which equates to approximately 6 Sundays. We will have the SS lessons that the leader can draw ideas from and use or make up their own. We would also encourage more members of the congregation to attend intergenerational SS.

To the people of St. John's,

I want to thank you for all you have done for me over the last seven years. You have prayed for me and encouraged me when things were tough. You financially supported me—making things a little easier. You stood by me during my ordination. And you made me a banner that is currently hanging in my office and a daily reminder of your love and prayers.

Please continue to pray for me and the people of Our Savior (and the community of) Highmore, S.D.

*Peace and blessings,
Pastor Sara Kayser*

St. Paul's Fundraiser

Saturday, September 30, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

La Motte Town Park Pavilion

Lunch (free-will Donation): Turkey & Dressing Sandwiches, Sloppy Joes,

Chips (variety), Bars/Cookies

Coffee/Hot Apple Cider/Hot Chocolate/Water/
Lemonade

Fall Harvest Items * Bake Sale * Crafts

* Rummage Sale

This year's recipient: La Motte Fire & Rescue

St. Joseph's Parish Pork Roast

Sunday, September 3

405 Franklin Street, Bellevue

Serving meal 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Adults: \$10 Ages 5-10: \$5

Roast Pork German Potato Salad or Baked Potato

Baked Beans Cole Slaw Applesauce

Dessert Beverage

Polka Mass at 10:15 a.m.

Pork Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Desserts, and Beverages will be available until 6:00 p.m.

Silent auction: 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Live auction: 1:30-2:30 p.m.

music, refreshment tent, bingo games, country store, children's activities raffle drawing—6:00 p.m.

Take-outs available

EWALU 30th Annual

Fall Festival & Quilt Auction

Saturday, September 16

All items for sale have been donated to Camp Ewalu from congregations and individuals from all over eastern Iowa (and beyond!), and all proceeds will go towards supporting the ministries of Ewalu.

9:00 a.m. - Activities Begin:

Country Store

Concession Stand

Hayrides

Quilt Review

Live Music

11:00 a.m. - Devotional Service

12:00 noon - Lunch

1:00 p.m. - Quilt Auction Begins

What to Bring: Yourself, Family, Friends, Neighbors, and More! A Lawn Chair (*for our Outdoor Worship Service and for During the Auction*) .

Questions: Contact Camp Ewalu's Office

Phone: 563-933-4700

Email: camp@ewalu.org

Bellevue American Legion

Chicken & Beef Supper

Friday, September 22, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Menu: Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable,

2 Salads, Dinner Roll, Beverage

Adults, \$10.00; ages 12 & under, \$5.00

Carry-outs available.