



St. Paul's Epistle
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A Word from the Pastor ~

Happy Quasiquicentennial!

This month we celebrate! We celebrate our history of 125 years as a congregation and we celebrate our future. We celebrate the past, not because of our work, but because of the work our Lord has been pleased to accomplish in our midst. We celebrate the future because we confess, as did Jacob in the Old Testament, “surely the Lord is in this place” (Gen. 28:16).

Where the Lord is, there His will is done. That’s exactly what this congregation has been praying for every time she has prayed, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” Luther reminds us of this with his explanation of this petition in his Small Catechism:

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God’s will done? God’s will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God’s name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

The evidence of God’s good and gracious will being accomplished in this place for 125 years is on display in our timeline in the Fellowship Hall. There you will find lists of baptisms and confirmations for each year of our history. By the teaching and preaching of His Word, by the power of His Sacraments, the Lord has been breaking and hindering every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

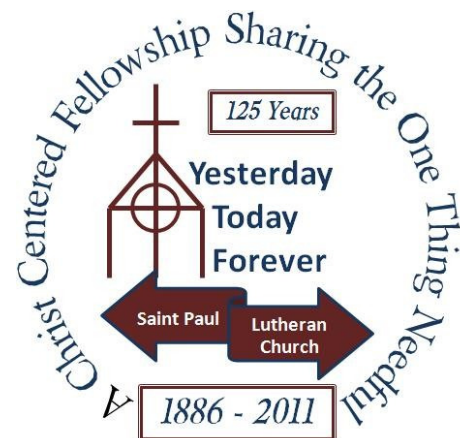
We also have an exciting future to look forward to because we know that it is the Lord’s will to strengthen and keep us firm in His Word and faith. We pray in this petition that the Lord will continue to accomplish His will among us and we know that this petition is heard by our Heavenly Father and is pleasing to Him. We can be cer-

tain of this because that is the reason He sent His Son into the world and why His Son continues to come into our midst through His Word and Sacraments. Jesus Himself has told us, “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost” (Luke 19:10), and He has promised, “I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matt. 28:19).

The Lord has been seeking and saving the lost in this place for 125 years and He has promised to continue His mission of seeking and saving, through His Church, until the end of time. Our Lutheran forefathers had this to say about the future of the Church and the certainty of God’s work through the Church in Article VII of the Augsburg Confession: “Our churches teach that one holy Church is to remain forever. The Church is the congregation of saints in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered.”

What a blessed past we have to celebrate and what a blessed future we have to look forward to because of God’s good and gracious will for us.

Happy anniversary!
 Pastor Licht





125th Anniversary Celebration

Sharing the One Thing Needful—Yesterday, Today, and Forever

Sunday, October 9, 2011

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (No Holy Communion)
 Former Pastor Charles Haake will be our Guest Preacher
 Nathan Proctor will serve as Guest Organist
 Special Music by our church choir
 Dedication of Crucifix made from our former communion rail

11:30 a.m.—Catered Meal in the Fellowship Hall by prepaid reservation only.
 Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Short Program/Reception will follow the meal.

(No Saturday Service that weekend, No Sunday School or Bible Class on Sunday.)



Stained Glass Window Book

The eighteen stained glass windows in our worship area portray the Life of Christ. This booklet identifies each window with a related scripture

reading. An appropriate Collect and list of hymns are also shown for each window.

This makes an excellent booklet for private or family devotions. The booklets are available for a suggested donation of \$3.00.

Anniversary Trivia Questions

Answers to last month's questions:

1. *When was the worship area in our church remodeled to move the communion rail to the bottom of the steps—among other changes?* **In 1979**
2. *What has been made from the communion rail that was replaced?* **The Crucifix which will be dedicated during the Anniversary service.**



Carving the Crucifix from our Former Communion Rail

This was written as an article for the Daily Times Herald—September 2011—by Joe Eisenbacher

As St Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll, IA made plans to celebrate their 50th year at their location of 1844 Highland Drive last year and looked forward to celebrating their 125th Anniversary this year, they pondered how they might incorporate a section of the communion rail that Harold Grundmeier had saved following a renovation of the Church Chancel in 1979. An idea came to mind to have a Crucifix carved out of the wood. One member of the anniversary committee had thought there was a woodcarver guild in Audubon at one time, so the search for a contact there was on. From the internet came the name of Dan Ford of Audubon. He was contacted and an initial consulting session was held and from there he was commissioned to carve the Crucifix. The first step was to cut, plane and glue a solid blank in the shape of a cross out of the old oak which was done by St Paul member Bruce Warnke. This was an important first step as there could be no glue or air pockets in creating the blank that would show up in the carving. Meanwhile Dan sketched out a drawing of the form he wanted to the specifications of the commission. He then made a model of clay to get an idea of the dimension and scale of the project along with modeling a hand of clay as well to get an idea of the detail needed on it. From there he moved on to carve a basswood model to work out the carving detail and process for the actual carving. During the carving process members Larry Bayless, Bruce Warnke, and Joe Eisenbacher made visits to Audubon to check on the process and once almost competed to lay out the color scheme for the crucifix to be stained. As Dan carves generally he listens to inspirational music, but while carving the corpus of Christ, Dan says that he found himself carving in silence and being exhausted artistically after short periods of time. "You cannot carve the body of Christ and take it lightly", he stated. Dan said sometimes you look at a piece of wood for several years and then it just comes to you what should be carved and it comes right out. A friend told him he should watch the movie THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST. He has watched it 4 times since starting the project and noted that he contemplated the source of the wood he was carving and how many sins were forgiven over this wood

during its time as a communion rail.

Dan Ford was at St Paul Sunday, Sept 18th, to give a presentation to the Bible Study Class on carving the Crucifix. The Crucifix will be dedicated on October 9th during a special 10am Anniversary Service. Former St Paul Pastor Charles Haake will be guest preacher, and son of the Congregation Nathan Proctor will be the guest organist for this service. A lunch will follow the service catered by the Lidderdale Country Store.

Dan Ford began his woodworking career as a carpenter and then cabinetmaker. He became a self-taught carver, but had the opportunity to sit with other great carving artists for some 1 on 1 learning. He then moved on to teach woodcarving and put on workshops and even won an award or so for his carving ability. At one point the woodcarving club of Audubon, started by a local hardwood company had 20 members, but then whittled down till it was just Dan. Dan has sold his carvings through galleries mostly in the western states. He says he was sad to see the piece leave but quoted an old artist that said art should be out in the world. "I may be done carving the Crucifix, but Christ is not done with me yet", grinned Dan as he ended his presentation.

I can't help wonder if Mr. Grundmeier would have had any idea that his saving that wood 32 years ago would end up as such a treasure today.



This Crucifix carved from our former communion rail will be dedicated at the Anniversary Service.

Notes & News

Christian Fiction Book Club will meet Sunday, October 23, at **2:00 p.m.** in the East Room at Church. For the fall and winter months we will be meeting in the afternoon. We will be discussing Anathema by Colleen Coble. Everyone is welcome.



Quarterly Voters' Budget and Election Meeting

Sunday, October 16, 1:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

On the Agenda:
Election of Officers for 2012
Adoption of Proposed Budget for 2012
as approved by the Church Council
(found elsewhere in this Newsletter)

Offices to be filled & Nominees:

President:	Jay Woodhouse
Vice-President:	Todd Nelson
Secretary:	Deb Schmidt
Treasurer:	Brian Widdel
Elders:	Mike Janssen Lew Orcutt
Trustees:	Jeff Hoffman
Older Adult Ministry:	Jan Hoff
Evangelism:	Adam Schweers
Stewardship:	Board of Elders
Youth Board:	Will continue as 2011

Carroll Circuit Reformation Service
Sunday, October 30, 2011
At
St. John Lutheran Church
815 E. Division St., Audubon, IA
7:00 p.m.

Summary of Intruder Emergency Action Plan

If a hostile person(s) is threatening or causing deadly harm:

- Lock yourself in a room
- Avoid open areas
- Close blinds or windows
- Stay away from windows
- Turn off lights
- Stay calm and be quiet

If caught by the intruder, follow their directions. If you can safely make it out of the building, keep objects between you and the intruder to block you from his view. Summon help and warn others when away from immediate danger. Once law enforcement arrives, obey all commands.



Mission in Mercy Outpost
225 4th Street (Thomas Plaza)
Carroll, IA
Phone: 775-2262

Daytime/Walk-in Hours of Operation:
Mon –Thu, 10 am – 1 pm

Scheduled Activities:

Sundays:	Prayer Service – 1145 am
Mondays:	AA meeting – 530 pm
Tuesdays:	
Wednesdays:	Bible Study – 4:30 pm AA meeting – 530 pm
Thursdays:	Alanon meeting – 530 pm
Fridays:	AA meeting (Women) – 8 am
Saturdays:	AA meeting – 1030 am NA meeting – 12 pm

Ready, Set, Recycle!”

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) of Iowa will host the 2015 National Convention in Des Moines! You can help our Guild earn funds to cover expenses by being a part of our “Ready, Set, Recycle” campaign. Bring the following recyclable items to church and place them in the box in the cloakroom off the Narthex or call Barb Brockelsby at 790-9592:

- Empty inkjet printer cartridges
- Empty laser printer cartridges
- Used cell phones
- Laptops, including power cords
- Palm Pilots (PDAs)

Please leave in original boxes if possible or place in plastic zip-lock bags. Thank you for your help.

Unacceptable items: Toner tubes/cartridges, Epson printer cartridges, Cannon BCI cartridges, Remanufactured cartridges, refilled cartridges or new unopened cartridges. Any cartridge that DOES NOT have a metal print head is unacceptable.



Circle Dates—

Lydia: Tuesday, Oct. 11, 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall (note change)
 Deb Schmidt, hostess; Group topic

Rachel: Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1:30 p.m.,
 Fellowship Hall, Virgene Behrens,
 hostess; Pastor, topic



Attendance Awards and Memory Awards

The Board of Education is dedicated to the growth of faith in the children of St. Paul. We will be trying a new approach this year as we try to motivate the children to be in Sunday School every Sunday. We also want them to start to be able to recite some of the parts of the Catechism.



Attendance Pins

Every 3 months (Sept-Nov, Dec-Feb, and Mar-May) we will award attendance pins to those children who have been in attendance about 80% of the Sundays. We have decided that a child can miss 2 Sundays and still receive a pin. If the child attends church and/or Sunday School at another church on a given weekend they can hand in a bulletin from that church service or an attendance card from the Sunday School. If three pins are awarded in one year then a special coupon for Pizza Ranch, Subway, or McDonalds will also be awarded. This will include all children from Nursery through eighth grade.

Memory Work Pins

We will also be awarding pins for the children in grades nursery through fourth grade for memory work. The pins will be awarded as follows:
 Nursery- **Prayer Pin** for reciting the Lord's Prayer
 Kindergarten- **Law and Gospel Pin** for reciting the 10 Commandments
 First and Second Grade- **Trinity Pin** for reciting the Apostles Creed
 Third and Fourth Grade- **Bible Pin** for reciting the 10 Commandments with their meanings and the books of the Bible.

This may sound ambitious but the children have a full year to learn these basics of the Christian faith. If a 4th grader would like to earn all the pins this year, they would simply have to recite all of the above. When the children start their midweek classes they will have a greater understanding of the catechism.

For grades 5-8 the children will receive special coupon awards for completing the memory work as required by Pastor Licht and Ralph von Qualen. They will be explaining their expectations.

Our goal is to also provide a special banner for the children to display their pins. We need the cooperation of all parents in helping your child to learn more about Jesus and the basics of their faith.

Board of Education



Witness, Mercy, Life Together

On Sunday, September 25, the Adult Bible Class began a study on *Witness, Mercy, Life Together* that describes what the Church does in this world while living under the shadow of Jesus' cross. From the Gospels, we see that Jesus' work is to bear witness, show mercy, and share His divine life together with His people. In a similar way, the Church, as the bride of Christ, engages in *Witness, Mercy, Life Together*.

This threefold emphasis of *Witness, Mercy, Life Together* began as a way to frame the restructuring of the national work of the LCMS into biblical themes. Please join us!

Member Addresses Unknown: We once again ask for your help in obtaining current addresses for:

1. Jamie Brockman & Kizer
2. Jeff & Kim Charlton & Lindsay Brockman
3. Stephanie Hansen
4. Stefanie Hoevelkamp, Preston & Spencer
5. Matt Johnson
6. Shirley Johnson
7. Jason Kroeger
8. Sarah Taylor
9. Kim Collum

If your son or daughter is 25 years old or older, please make sure we have their current address. According to the By-laws of the Constitution of St. Paul Lutheran Church, if we are unable to obtain a current address for a member, we may, after a period of one year, remove them from membership by action of the Voters Assembly. Therefore, it is very important that we are able to keep in contact with our members who live away, encouraging them to find a church home in their area. Not having a current address on the church rolls could lead to removal from membership. This also applies to members who live in the Carroll area but who do not keep us updated with changes of address. With cell phones it is not as easy to just look them up in the phone book. Please help us keep our records up to date.

From the Parish Nurse ~

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October is National Physical Therapy Month. The theme from the American Physical Therapy Association is "Move Forward; Physical Therapy Brings Motion to Life".

According to the National Aging Council, about 1 in 3 seniors above the age of 65 and nearly 1 in 2 seniors over age 80 will fall at least once this year.

Elderly adults who use canes and walkers as walking aids need to be properly assessed and fitted to avoid fall-related injuries. There are 47,000 fall-related visits to Emergency Rooms annually from senior citizens due to improper use and fit of walking aids.

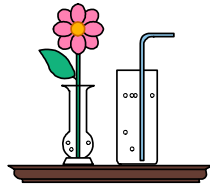
Tips for using walkers and canes:

- The walker or cane should be about the height of your wrists when your arms are at your sides.
- When using a walker, your arms should be slightly bent when holding on, but you shouldn't have to bend forward at the waist to reach it.
- Periodically check the rubber tips at the bottom of the cane or walker. Be sure to replace them if they are uneven or worn through.

Physical Therapists advise against borrowing walking aids from family and friends. This often leads to improper fit and misuse and can result in further injury. Physical Therapists can help prevent falls by designing an individualized program of exercises and activities with an emphasis on strength, flexibility, and proper gait. Consult your health care provider if you think you need assistance from a physical therapist in activities of daily living.

(Information taken from the American Physical Therapy Association website.)

In His Service,
Darlene Rueter, RN
St. Paul Parish Nursing



Helping Fairview Elementary School Students

St. Paul will be collecting sweatpants in all colors in sizes 5, 6, and 7 for students with wet clothes. Donations can be brought to the church during the month of October and left in the Narthex.

Human Care

Carroll County Human Services provides many programs to area residents. One of these is the

ST. ANTHONY HOME HEALTH AGENCY
318 S. Maple St., Suite 3, Carroll, Iowa 51401

Phone: 712-794-5279 or 1-800-684-3020

Email address: stanthonyhospital.org

Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Monday—Friday

Nurses on call 24 hours, 7 days a week

Services Provided:

- Skilled nursing & home care aides services
- Physical therapy, speech pathology, occupational therapy
- Home infusion therapy
- Public Health
- Hospice
- Private duty
- Resource management information & referral service for Seniors
- Medicare Certified—"People caring for people in the comfort of their homes"
- Home & Community based waiver:
 - Ill & Handicapped Waiver
 - AIDS Waiver
 - Frail & Elderly Waiver
 - MR Waiver

LFS Workshop—Faith and Depression

Depression has always been a part of our experience as humans. It is important for people of faith to understand that depression does not represent a lack of faith - it is not a normal part of aging—it is not something to feel guilt about. It is a debilitating illness that results from changes in brain chemistry.

Join us for coffee and bars on **Sunday, October 23, at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall** to hear from Lutheran Family Service's Acting Executive Director, Wanda Pritzel. Wanda will share information about the LFS ministry and talk about depression, its causes and treatment. She will answer questions about depression and any other topics relevant to the LFS counseling or adoption ministries.



LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE
Caring for Families in Iowa Since 1901



LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Where's that Voice Coming From?

by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

I hear voices. No, not in my head, but real voices striving to uphold the sanctity of human life. I hear voices now and then that come from anger. To be honest, I've been such a voice a time or two. Christians get angry over abortion's death toll, over our country's devaluing of human life in stem cell research and assisted suicide initiatives. Christians get angry over their fellow Christian's complacency and silence. Such things should anger us, sadden us, break our hearts. But an angry voice does not bring about the desired change.

Voices that come from anger repel rather than engage people. Angry voices cause defenses to go up and even well-reasoned arguments go unheard. Angry voices make people think you are attacking them instead of their ideas. Angry voices perpetuate the myth that For Life people are angry people.

But I hear other voices too. The mission of Lutherans For Life is "Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life." We are not For Life because we live in a society that isn't, but because we serve a God who is. We are not For Life because life is precious, but because life is precious to God. Every human life is someone created by God, someone for whom Jesus Christ shed His blood, and someone God desires to call into an eternal relationship with Him. What God does that gives life value raises these issues far above the political and social and even the moral realms and places them right in the midst of our theology; and our theology of the Gospel of Jesus speaks to them in positive and powerful ways.

A voice that comes from the Gospel is not a timid voice. It speaks the truth boldly and unashamedly. It speaks and calls wrong things wrong. It speaks and points people to what God, in Jesus Christ, has done about wrong things. It speaks to those within the church helping them connect the Gospel to the life issues. It speaks to those outside the church starting where they are in dealing with difficult issues and striving to connect them to the Gospel. It speaks, and in every situation, it speaks in love.

A voice that comes from the Gospel moves the speaker and the listeners to action. It speaks by helping those in crisis pregnancies make good choices and then helps them in real, practical ways. It speaks by showing active

compassion to individuals and families dealing with chronic disease or terminal illness. It speaks by being with and mourning with infertile couples or those who have experienced miscarriage or still birth. It speaks through adopting children who are orphaned. It speaks by helping those with broken spirits because of sins against life know the unconditional and objective forgiveness won by Jesus on the cross. A voice that comes from the Gospel speaks in words and deeds.

A voice that comes from the Gospel strives to influence the culture with our truth and compassion. It strives to influence the culture through prayer vigils at abortion mills, standing in Life Chains, or participating in Marches for Life. It influences the culture through who we vote into office or by running for office ourselves. It influences by taking a stand against rulings and laws that devalue life.

Yes, I hear voices, Gospel-motivated voices For Life. I'd love to hear more. I'd love to hear yours.



Camp Okoboji 2011 Schedule

Sept. 30-Oct. 2—Fall Volunteer Weekend
 Oct. 2—Omelet Brunch, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Nov. 10-12—Hunting Retreat
 Nov. 11-12—Fall Women's Retreat
 Dec. 2-4—Family Advent-ure
 Dec. 30-Jan. 1—FREEZE

Go to www.campokoboji.org or call 712.337.3325 for more information on all of the above events at Camp

Worship Assistants for October

LECTORS: (Sunday Only)

Oct. 2 Sharon von Qualen
 Oct. 9 Pastor
 Oct. 16 Darlene Rueter
 Oct. 23 Marvin Toft
 Oct. 30 Pastor

GREETERS:

Oct. 1 Bob & Betty Grundmeier
 Oct. 2 Jay & Julie Woodhouse
 Oct. 9 **10 a.m.** Jerry & Doris Wilson
 Oct. 15 Ken & Rosemary Beckman
 Oct. 16 Joe & Durene Eisenbacher
 Oct. 22 Arlo & Lois Buck
 Oct. 23 Marv & Shari Toft
 Oct. 29 Ina Rae Nieland
 Oct. 30 Cindy Naberhaus

ELDERS:

Oct. 1/2 Tracy Onken
 Oct. 9 **10 a.m.** Larry Bayless
 Oct. 15/16 Aaron Pooch
 Oct. 22/23 Leon Schoenfeld
 Oct. 29/30 Mike Janssen

ACOLYTES

Oct. 2 Peyton Raymond
 Oct. 9 **10 a.m.** Bryce Widdel
 Oct. 16 Miles Millard
 Oct. 23 Sarah Riesberg
 Oct. 30 Tyler Harmening

SATURDAY USHERS

(from last year's list)

Barb Brockelsby
 Denis Schirek
 Reese Abbe

SUNDAY USHERS

(from last year's list)

Randy & Pam Stanzyk

5-8 GRADE USHERS

Oct. 2 Journee Kajewski
 Oct. 9 **10 a.m.** Sydney Renning
 Oct. 16 Kalina Schoenfeld
 Oct. 23 Mariah Clausen
 Oct. 30 Justin Mohr

ALTAR GUILD

Miriam Auen, chairman
 Ina Rae Nieland
 Kyle Halbur
 Carolyn Dammann
 Barb Quandt
 Stephanie Buse



THE LUTHERAN HOUR

The Lutheran Hour may be heard on Sundays on the following radio stations in our area:

KAYL, 990 AM, Storm Lake, 10 am
 KDSN, 107.1 FM, Denison, 6:30 am
 KDSN, 1530 AM, Denison, 10:30 am

Also available 24 hours/day on the Internet

@ www.lutheranhour.org Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz



Oct. 2—*The Power of a Persevering Faith in Jesus!*

The cross and resurrection of Christ cuts through the fog and helps us see the certainty of what lies ahead for all who trust in Jesus. Such faith gives us the power to persevere and live boldly. (Philippians 3:8-14)

Oct. 9—*Put Christ's Joy to Work in Your Life!*

Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, a result of God's action on our behalf, the blessing of a faith relationship with the One Who redeemed and reconciled us to Himself. (Philippians 4:4-9)

Oct. 16—*A Sermon for Skeptics* Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

The world has several major religions and countless minor ones. Which one is right? How can a person know? Pastor Klaus encourages us to meet, walk with and hear Jesus in the words of Holy Scripture. (Matthew 21:32)

Oct. 23—*That's Not Gonna Happen* Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Love God. Love your neighbor. So easy to say, so impossible to do. Pastor Klaus says Jesus spent His life doing what we could not, loving the unlovable and following His Father's will— for us. (Matthew 22:37-40)

Oct. 30—*Ongoing Reformation* Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

How are we going to make things right? Those are the questions every politician, every social scientist, every thinking person asks. More than that, how can we ourselves be made right. Pastor Klaus visits with the Prime Minister of the German State of Thuringia as he speaks about every person's need for individual reformation. (Romans 3:28)