

Thank You Notes



Thank you to Glenda Parrish and Sheree and Louie Hausmann who spread some mulch around our building.



Thank you to Dave Appleby for organizing the parking lot painting.

Thank you to Julie and Chuck Tolzin, Micki Conley, Sue Paulsen, Rodney Bainbridge, Lois Eggerth, and Glenda Parrish for helping with the August newsletter assembly.

Many thanks to everyone for the many cards and phone calls wishing me happy birthday. What a special way to brighten my day and year.

Blessings and Love,
Mary Jo Carnine

Thank you to Louie Hausmann for fixing the leaky outdoor faucet.

Thank you for letting me go to the United Methodist Camp. I had so much fun with all my cabinmates. My favorite part of camp is when my cabinmate sleep talked, so we would listen to him. My favorite activity is archery, and for one of the days we went to Adventureland, and then on Friday we went to King's Pointe. My cabin leader was nice. I hope I can see them at camp again.

Sincerely,
Matthew Mosbach

Thank you for all the cards and notes filled with God's love for my recovery and stay at Careage Hills these past three months. Thanks to Pastor Mike for his prayers and visits.

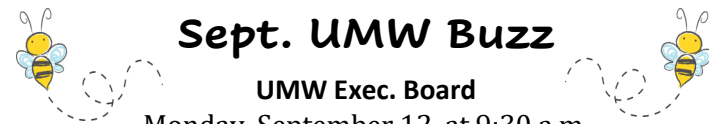
Jeanine Schroder

Thank you to Stan and Brenda DeRoo for the box of copy paper for the office.

Thank you to Roni Timmerman for organizing the painting of the sanctuary wall in the west balcony.



Thank you to the following people who were in charge of fellowship coffee time this summer: Dan and Barb Kratz, Don and Jeanne Blackstone, Sue and Darrel Paulsen, Shelley Lenz, Jodi and Neil Phipps, Ben and Sharon Bennink, Barb and Al Henn, Jim and Peggy Corrington, Ervina Scott, Chuck and Sally Knoblen, Linda Christensen, Julie and Chuck Tolzin, Linda and Dave Appleby, Peggy and Bob Parker, Dick and Betty Point, Jean and Gene Anderson, Sue and Wes Parker, Merlin and Andrea Munson, Lois Eggerth, Brenda and Stan DeRoo, Roni Timmerman, and Gigi Boothby. A special "thanks" to Jeff Blum who made the coffee almost every week and to Betty Point who recruited the summer fellowship volunteers.



Sept. UMW Buzz

UMW Exec. Board

Monday, September 12, at 9:30 a.m.
Schuldt Dining Hall

Grace Circle

Wednesday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m.
Schuldt Dining Hall; Hostess: Jeannette Grant

Joy Circle

Wednesday, September 21, at 9:30 a.m.
Schuldt Dining Hall

Charity Circle

Wednesday, September 21, at 1:30 p.m.
Schuldt Dining Hall

Charity Circle will have a guest speaker, Shirley Virgil, at this meeting. Shirley and her husband, Chuck, are active in the local chapter of GoServ Global. The Charity Circle invites Joy and Grace Circle members to join them that day too. For more information about GoServ Global's ministry, please visit <https://goservglobal.org/>.



Grace Circle's Salad Potluck



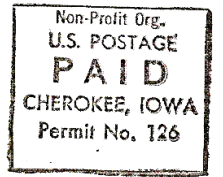
Twenty people attended Grace Circle's salad potluck on Aug. 10th.



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



September 2022



Worship Time Change
Our service time changes soon.

Sunday, September 4th **Worship moves to 10:10 a.m.**

Back to Church Sunday
September 11th, 2022
9 a.m. Sunday School Begins
P-K through 8th grade and adults
10:10 a.m. Worship Service
Everyone is welcome!

Iowa vs. Iowa State Vacation Bible School Fundraiser
Sunday, September 4th, and Sunday, September 11th

There will be two tables in the narthex, one decorated for the University of Iowa and one decorated for Iowa State University. Touchdown snack mix will be available to purchase as a fundraiser for our 2023 V.B.S. When purchasing the snack mix, place your money at the table of your choice to see which team's table raises the most money for our kids.



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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



September 2022



A Moment With Mike

As we end the summer season and start a new school year, I am reminded of how fast time flies. I am pretty certain we just had Christmas not that long ago, and Christmas is now only four months away! For now though, we prepare for fall. I am excited for all of our ministry groups that have taken a summer break to start back up again.

As we enter into September, I am going to preach a series of sermons called "Bridging the Divide: Living Together in a Polarized World." I believe this sermon series is relevant to what we are experiencing in America. Our nation is more divided than it has been for a long time. Our national discourse has bred a culture of "us vs. them," our social media has given us an echo chamber to only hear our own ideas, and fear has led us to believe that those who disagree with us are out to destroy the world as we know it. This line of thinking, along with the propagation of conspiracy theories, has led to more division, hatred, and violence in recent years.

Unfortunately, we Christians have too often been guilty of using the same playbook as the culture. We too easily embrace the "us vs. them" mentality of the world and condemn those who may disagree with us, even if that disagreement has nothing to do with Jesus. Yet, as Christians, we are called to build bridges. We are called to reach out to the other, to listen, to work together, and to seek reconciliation. These things are impossible to do if we are also dehumanizing, making fun of, or belittling those with whom we disagree. My belief is that most of us want peace and a sense of unity in our world, but we are not sure how to attain it or how we even got to this present moment in the first place.

In this sermon series, we will look first at how fear has been used as fuel to feed tension and division. In his latest book, called *Not In It To Win It: Why Choosing Sides Sidelines The Church*, well-known pastor, Andy Stanley, writes, "[f]ear is motivating. It motivates us to shut our minds, hearts, and hands. It makes us smaller. More insecure." How can we as Christians rise above this fear of the other and reach out to others in love? In the weeks that follow, we will then look at what it means to love our neighbors who are different than us and how our theology about God and the world informs how we live out our lives, treat others, and govern the world. We will explore how we can work together with diverse groups of people to make the world a better, more Christlike place.



I hope you can join us for worship for this sermon series, but if you are unable to attend, remember that you may watch our services live or later as recordings on our YouTube page, you may listen to the sermons on KCHE on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m., or you may listen to our sermon podcast on your favorite podcast app.



Bridging the Divide:

Living Together in a Polarized World

God Bless,
Pastor Mike Agnew

Worship Notes

Greeters

- 9/4 Don & Jeanne Blackstone
- 9/11 Bob & Peggy Parker
- 9/18 Marla Conley & Scott Osborn
- 9/25 Dan & Barb Kratz

Liturgists

- 9/4 Kristal Phillips
- 9/11 Chuck Tolzin
- 9/18 Jerri Hunt
- 9/25 Don Blackstone



Children's Time

- 9/4 Roni Timmerman
- 9/11 Linda Burkhart
- 9/18 Bruce Dagle
- 9/25 Amy Stief



Ushers

- 9/4 Dave & Linda Appleby, Jeff & Patty Brown, and Jerri Hunt
- 9/11 TBA - Watch bulletins.
- 9/18 TBA - Watch bulletins.
- 9/25 TBA - Watch bulletins.

September Altar Flowers

Don Witcombe

Nursery Attendants

- 9/4 Nicole Hoskinson
- 9/11 Nicole Hoskinson
- 9/18 Needed
- 9/25 Miranda Cook

VOLUNTEER New nursery attendants would be happily added to the rotation. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Mike, as a background check is required for our children's safety. We have moved to an online sign-up through Sign-Up Genius, and Pastor Mike can send you that link. A payment of \$25 per Sunday is available for nursery attendants.

Worship Attendance

Date	Amount
July 31	100
August 7	77
August 14 (9:30 a.m.)	53
August 14 (11 a.m. outdoor)	48
August 21	79

September Sermon Series

- Bridging the Divide: Living Together in a Polarized World
- 9/4 "The Power of Fear" (1 John 4:7-21)
 - 9/11 "Loving Our Neighbors" (Matt. 22:34-40; Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 4:1-4, 11)
 - 9/18 "What We Believe Matters" (Gal. 6:9-10; Rev. 22:1-5)
 - 9/25 "Working Together For a Better World" (John 17:20-23)



Music Ministry Chancel Choir (Vocal Choir)



The Chancel Choir, led by Becky Lickiss, sings on the first and third Sundays of the month during the school year. Practice resumes on Wednesday, September 7th, at 7 p.m. in the choir room (second door east of the church office on the main floor of the education wing). Their first Sunday performance will be September 18th. New choir members are always welcome!

Bell Choir

The Bell Choir, led by Dusty Wright, plays on the second Sunday of the month during the school year. Practice will resume soon in the sanctuary on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., with the exact start date to be determined. Their first Sunday performance is planned for October 9th. New members are always welcome! If you are interested but can't commit to every month, they would welcome substitute members.



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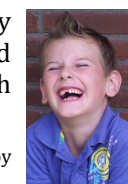


Follow us on Facebook for more information and updates about St.

Paul's as well as interesting articles, updates on the greater United Methodist Church, prayers, music, and pictures. We also have a website (<https://www.cherokeemethodist.com/>) where you can find our newsletters, the current week's bulletin, announcements, and other information. In July, our website was accessed 109 times. Of that, 77 directly accessed the website, 29 followed the link to our website from our Facebook page, and two found it via Google.

Holy Humor

"The kids had a riddle to stump their Sunday School teacher: What do Winnie the Pooh and John the Baptist have in common? They both have the same middle name."



World's Greatest Collection of Church Jokes, compiled & edited by Paul M. Miller. Contributed to *The Dome* by Ava Agnew.

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10:10 a.m.

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Kim Wych

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Becky Lickiss

Bell Choir Director:
Dusty Wright

Nursery Attendants:
Nicole Hoskinson
Whitney Robinson
Mandy Christensen
Miranda Cook
Bailey Gaydo
Jen Gaydo

Church Family News

With Sympathy and Prayers

Clinton E. Kelly, 84, of Cherokee passed away on July 31st at Accura Healthcare. Visitation was held on August 3rd, and a memorial service was held on August 4th here at St. Paul's. Burial will be in the Afton Township Cemetery at a later date. Clinton is the husband of Marlene Kelly.

Janice C. Nelson, 82, of Cherokee passed away on August 1st at Sanford USD Med Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Visitation was held on August 14th at Boothby Funeral Home. A memorial service was held on August 15th here at St. Paul's. Burial was at the Oak Hill Cemetery. Jan is the mother of David Lee Nelson and Dr. Daniel LeRoy Nelson.

LeRoy C. Pingel, 90, of Cherokee passed away on July 11th at Cherokee Specialty Care. A graveside service was held on August 6th at Prairie View Cemetery in Paullina. LeRoy is Rebecca Mosbach's grandfather.

John D. Tschetter, 74, of Cherokee passed away on March 13th at Careage Hills in Cherokee. A funeral service was held on March 19th, and a graveside service was held on August 12th.

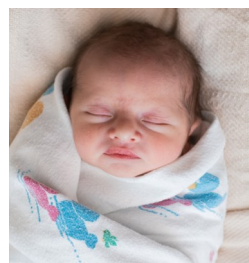
Kenneth Glenn Voht II, 40, of Chariton, Iowa, passed away on July 31st in Greenback, Tennessee. Visitation and a funeral service were held on August 13th at Boothby Funeral Home.

Tracy E. Anderson, 84, of Kalona, Iowa, passed away on August 7th at Pleasantview Home in Kalona. The Anderson family had a private family celebration of life memorial service. A visitation was held on August 19th at Yoder Powell Funeral Home. Tracy is Gene Anderson's brother.

Norma Marie Olhausen, 89, passed away at Accura Healthcare in Cherokee on August 3rd. Visitation was held on August 11th at the Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home, with a memorial service on August 12th, also at Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home. Norma is Ann Wright's aunt.

Marilee Peterson, 84, passed away in her home in Aurelia on August 12th. Visitation was held on August 16th at the Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home in Cherokee and resumed on August 17th prior to the service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cherokee. Interment was at Good Hope Cemetery in rural Aurelia. Marilee is Dustin Wieland's grandmother.

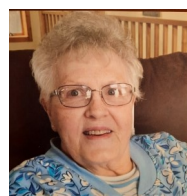
Marie Ellen Jones, 67, of Cherokee passed away on August 21st. Visitation was held on August 24th with the funeral service on August 25th, both at Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home in Cherokee. Interment was at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Aurelia. Marie is Karla (Kevin) Wilkie's sister-in-law.



Welcome, Little One!

Steven and Michele Hadley of Johnston are the proud parents of a son, Henry Michael Hadley, who was born on Thursday, July 21st, at 7:58 p.m. at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines. Henry weighed 5 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19 inches long. His grandparents are Mike and Debbie Witcombe of Cherokee and Phil and Michelle Hadley of Sioux Center, and his great-grandparents are Wayne Witcombe of Cherokee and Helen Butts of Sioux City. Congratulations!

You're Invited!



Come help celebrate Kay Turnquist's 85th birthday on August 28th from 2-4 p.m. at the Spring Lake Yacht Club in Cherokee. If you are unable to attend, cards can be sent to her at #116 1819 23rd St., Spirit Lake, IA 51360.

Special Visitors

Rev. Gary, Laurel, and Andrea Armstrong stopped by St. Paul's on their way through Cherokee on August 16th. You may remember that Rev. Armstrong was the pastor here at St. Paul's. Rev. Armstrong & Pastor Mike co-chair the Conference Relations Committee, which is a subcommittee of the Iowa Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.



Installation of New District Superintendent

Pastor Mike and Ava attended the installation service for our new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Michel Lundula, on August 14th. For more information, visit <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/rev-dr-michel-lundula-officially-installed-as-new-camp-clear-lake-district-superintendent-16608847>.



What's New in the Life of the Church

Outdoor Worship and Cookout

Around 48 people attended our worship service in Gillette Park on Sunday, August 14th. The Outreach and Connections Team hosted and provided a delicious lunch of pork loin, hot dogs, chips, watermelon, and desserts. Jason, Jack, and Tyler Cook provided transportation via golf cart from the parking lot to the shelter, and games and bubbles were available following the service. A big "thank you" goes to Leah and Bruce Dage, Jen and Tim Gaydo, Miranda and Jason Cook, Sue and Darrel Paulsen, Rodney Bainbridge, and Micki Conley for their assistance and to Miranda's mom, Faith Johnson, for providing a beautiful flower bouquet.



Welcoming a New Member at the Outdoor Service



Miranda Cook joined our congregation during the outdoor service at Gillette Park on August 14th. Miranda is married to Jason Cook, and they are the parents of Jack and Tyler. Congratulations, and welcome, Miranda!

Back to School Blessing Sunday

During our August 21st worship service, Pastor Mike prayed over our congregation's students and school staff as they prepared to begin the 2022-2023 school year. Students were given a package of Goldfish Crackers with an encouraging note (You're o'fish'ally awesome and loved by God and the congregation of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.), and school staff was given a coin with the UMC's cross and flame on one side and John Wesley's words on the other. ("Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.") God bless you, and may you all be a light for Christ as you attend school this year. If you missed worship on the 21st and would like a bag of Goldfish (students) or a coin (school staff), we have extras available in the church office. Thanks to Don Blackstone for the August 21st photos.



Welcoming New Members on August 21st



Gary and Janet Jordan joined our congregation on Sunday, August 21st. Janet and Gary are the parents of four adult children, Sarah, Samuel, Jeffrey, and Amy. Congratulations, and welcome, Janet and Gary!

Announcements & Updates

Church T-shirt & Hoodie Orders Have Arrived!

Our reorder of St. Paul's t-shirts and hoodies has arrived. If you haven't already picked up yours, they are available in the narthex. Thank you to Nicole Hoskinson for designing, ordering, and sorting them.

College and Military Addresses Wanted



Our College Care Team meets on August 31st at 1 p.m. in the church office to plan for the fall semester. We will be mailing letters and a care package to those in our congregation who are college students or are heading off for basic training. If you or your child would like to be included, please submit your/his/her address to the church office. The College Care Team welcomes new volunteers. If you'd like to join us, please contact Jennifer in the office. Stay tuned for items you can donate to help with our fall care packages.

September/October *The Upper Room* Available

The September/October *The Upper Room* devotionals have arrived and are available in the narthex. We have extra copies if you're not on our distribution list but would like to have one.

Updates Needed for New Directory



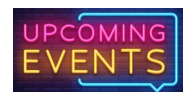
In the next few months, Jennifer hopes to update our church directory. If you have new information (preferred name, address, phone number, birthday, or anniversary), please contact her.

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, August 27th, and Saturday, September 24th. This group meets in Schuldt Dining Hall at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and a short devotional. All men are welcome!



Upcoming Outreach and Connections Events



The Outreach and Connections Team is planning several events this fall. Mark your calendars for the following, and watch the bulletins for additional information.

- Fri., 9/23 6 p.m. Tailgate at the home football game
- Sun., 10/23 5 p.m. Hayrack ride and cookout at Spring Lake Park
- Thurs., 11/3 6 p.m. Bingo at Whiskey Throttle

Breakfast Needed for Children's Sunday School



Last year, our Sunday School teachers provided breakfast for the children's classes. We would like to provide this service again this year and are seeking donations of breakfast items that have a longer shelf life (bags of powdered or chocolate donuts, fruit snacks, Goldfish crackers, juice boxes, water bottles, granola bars, crackers, etc.). If you would like to donate, there will be a box in the narthex.

Budget Requests Needed for Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in Schuldt Dining Hall. If you are a chairperson of one of our committees or teams, please submit any budget requests to Stan DeRoo prior to the meeting.



Weeding Sign-up

Please see the sign-up in the narthex if you are able to help weed the church flower beds.

Other Upcoming Meetings and Events

Mondays	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (NE door and downstairs)
Tues., 8/30	10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Communion at Viola's Communion at Accura V.B.S. Team assembles snack mix (time change)
Wed., 8/31	10:00 a.m.	The Gardens Bible study
Tues., 9/6	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Visitation Team (library) SPRC (Feller Lounge)
Thurs., 9/8	10 a.m.-3 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Feller Lounge in use Trustees (library)
Thurs., 9/15	10 a.m.-2 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Feller Lounge in use Administrative Board (Feller)
Sun., 9/18	2:00 p.m.	Worship at The Gardens
Fri., 9/23	—	Newsletter deadline
Tues., 9/27	10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Communion at Viola's Communion at Accura
Wed., 9/28	10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	The Gardens Bible study Newsletter Assembly (Feller Lounge)

Vacation Bible School Missions Update



Of the \$320.96 the kids raised for our area food pantries during Vacation Bible School, \$106.98 was sent to Mid-Sioux Opportunity, \$106.98 was sent to Trinity Lutheran Church's food pantry, and \$107.00 was sent to the CAP food pantry. Great job, kids!

Christian Education

Sunday School and Adult Class



Children's Sunday School and the Adult Class resume on September 11th at 9 a.m. Children's classes will be available for PK-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th grade. The children in PK-5th grade will sing on the last Sunday of the month, which is also when we'll take a noisy offering (spare change) to benefit children's ministries.

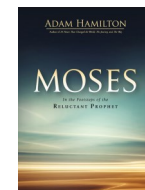
Confirmation Class

Eighth grade students and their parents are invited to a confirmation orientation on Wednesday, September 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in Schuldt Dining Hall. Classes will start on Wednesday, September 14th, at 5:30 p.m. in Schuldt Dining Hall and Feller Lounge.

Teen Time

Teen Time resumes September 14th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Craig and Monica Schmidt's home (409 Centennial Drive). Supper is provided, and all high school students are welcome!

Upcoming Fall Bible Study: *Moses*



Join award-winning author Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea, and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. As Hamilton shares historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, you'll gain a better understanding of Moses' significance in your life today, and you'll discover how you, too, can turn your own reluctance into boldness. One group for this six-week study will meet Sundays at 6:30 p.m., beginning September 18th, and another group will meet Thursdays at 10 a.m., beginning September 22nd. The Sunday group will not meet on October 23rd, so everyone can attend the hayrack ride and cookout, if desired. The cost of the study book is \$15. Please sign up in the narthex by September 11th.

Missions News & Updates

Missions Committee Meeting

The Missions Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 6th, at 1:00 p.m. in Schuldt Dining Hall.

A Note from the Ingathering Committee

We are working on making 100 school bags for the Ingathering. If we have extra funds, we will also make some health kits. These items go to those in need in the U.S. and around the world. Donations are needed to help purchase items for the kits. To donate, please mark your check or envelope for "Ingathering."

In Our Community

Washta U.M.C.'s 88th Annual Harvest Festival

You are invited to Washta United Methodist Church's 88th Annual Harvest Festival on Sunday, August 28th, at 103 S. 4th Avenue, Washta. A meal will be held from 4-6 p.m. with a live auction from 6-8 p.m. The menu includes chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, homemade pies, angel food cake, and beverages for a freewill donation. Their building is handicap accessible.

Mobile Food Pantry Distribution

The Food Bank of the Siouxland's Mobile Food Pantry will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church (230 N. Roosevelt Ave.) on Friday, September 16th, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Please bring your own bags to carry the food back to your vehicles.

Organ Concert



Arjan Breukhoven, an award-winning concert organist from the Netherlands, will be in concert at Immaculate Conception Church in Cherokee on Friday, September 23rd, at 7:00 pm. There will be a freewill offering at the end of the concert. Each year, Breukhoven plays in approximately 400 concerts and services internationally as a concert organist and has given masterclasses and lectures in the United States of America, Russia, and the Netherlands. In addition to his teaching and lectures, he has worked on numerous recordings for radio and television and has played in approximately 200 CDs and DVDs. He is also known as a composer, being renowned for his many compositions for choir, organ, and other instruments.

Welcome Plate Free Community Meal

Bethlehem Lutheran Church will host a free community meal in their lower level (300 E. Bow) on September 29th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Chicken Lunch for Missions

The Missions Committee is happy to announce that we will be hosting a chicken lunch following worship on Sunday, September 18th! The lunch will feature Family Table broasted chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, and rolls, along with homemade macaroni salad, watermelon and an ice cream sundae bar. Proceeds from this freewill dinner will be used for mission projects in our church. Please let us know if you plan to attend, so we can be sure to order enough of this finger-licking-good chicken! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or you can call the office and leave your message with Jennifer. See you then!

