

Thank You Notes

Thank you to Chuck Tolzin, Dave Appleby, Stan DeRoo, and Don Blackstone for installing the window units in the education wing classrooms.



Thank you to Jeff and Patti Blum for donating a ream of copy paper for our bulletins.

Thank you to Jeanne Blackstone for doing some weeding at church.

Al Henn, Rodney Bainbridge, and Jeff Blum have been doing a great job taking care of the church's lawn. Thank you!



Thank you to Becky Lickiss for picking up the choir robes from the cleaners in Storm Lake.



We want to send our heartfelt appreciation to Pastor Mike and the St. Paul's UMC family for all the love, support, visits, and prayers you gave to our Mom, Grandma, and Great-Grandma in her final months and for the lovely funeral and lunch. Thank you.

The Family of Glenda Skadeland



Dear St. Paul's congregation,
Thank you for paying 75% of my church camp (Splash Zone at Wesley Woods), so I could go to camp. It was really fun. I liked swimming in the pond, riding horses, and archery the best.

Ava Agnew

Thank you for such a welcoming church and such a wonderful celebration of Sherry's life!

Love, Lisa Lindeman

Dear Church Family of Sherry,

In Sherry's memory, I'm enclosing a memorial from her graduating class of 1951—Goldfield High School. We will all miss her every going energy and love of music.

Marjorie Frakes

Dear friends at St. Paul's UMC,

Thank you so much for your gracious hospitality toward me this weekend as I visited on behalf of Women at the Well. It was a joy to worship with you and share a word of hope about our transformative ministry with incarcerated women. Thank you for your prayers, presence, gifts, and witness.

Peace, Paul Witmer

To Pastor Mike & Jennifer, all my church family, friends, and family,

A big "thanks" for all your prayers, calls, cards, and texts you sent! So nice to have so many think of me! Thanks again!

Loren Woltman

Thank you to everyone who worked hard to give us a great week of Bible School. I loved every part of it.

Love, Charley Grant
Age 9



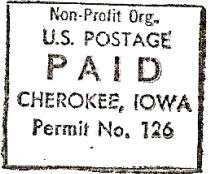
Thank you to all the Vacation Bible School volunteers. We wouldn't have been able to pull off such a successful V.B.S. without all of your helping hands.

Whitney Robinson, Nicole Hoskinson, & Brenda DeRoo
V.B.S. Directors



Thank you to Glenda Parish for her work on the church's landscaping. She recently installed this cross made of colored rocks on the northwest corner of the building.

Thank you to the congregation and the Missions Committee for supporting Iowa's United Methodist Camps and the youth in our congregation. Five kids/youth from our congregation have or will be attending camp this summer (Ava Agnew, Matthew Mosbach, and Sophie, Clayton, and Tyler Scherbring).



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



**Outdoor Worship
and Cookout**

Aug. 14

Sunday, August 14th, at 11:00 a.m.

Gillette Park
(805 W. Bluff Street, Cherokee)

Everyone is welcome!
Invite your friends or neighbors!

Please note that we will still have our
regular 9:30 a.m. service in the
sanctuary, for those who are unable
to attend the outdoor service.

Back to School Blessing

As we prepare for the 2022-2023 school year, we will say a prayer of blessing over the students and school staff in our congregation during our 9:30 a.m. worship service on August 21. Your friends or colleagues are welcome too.



Students are invited to bring their backpacks.



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



August 2022



St. Paul's UMC


Summer Worship Time:
9:30 a.m.

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St. Paul's Staff

Pastor:
Mike Agnew

Financial Secretary:
Sarah Cook

Administrative Assistant:
Jennifer Agnew

Custodian:
Kim Wych

Organists/Pianists:
Betty Point
Meribeth Adams
Chris Andersen

Chancel Choir Director:
Becky Lickiss

Bell Choir Director:
Dusty Wright

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

A Moment with Mike

What a month it has been in the life of our faith community! In a month's time, we have faced a lot of loss, with several funerals. We remember each person for the life that they lived. At the same time, we have celebrated the return of our Vacation Bible School, with many great volunteers and fifty-two kids in attendance on the last day. Life is filled with valley and mountaintop moments, and we have certainly experienced both.

In addition, we recently received our mid-year financial report, and I am very grateful for your generosity. Giving has increased 17.5% in the first six months of this year compared to the first six months of last year. This is in addition to us raising approximately \$27,000 for the education building window project and our ambitious goal of giving 75% of our apportionments. In this past year, we have certainly seen God's love in action through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness!

As we get ready for the school year to start, we will be spending August planning for Sunday School, confirmation, and many other ministries to begin again. We will also be preparing for our yearly meeting with the District Superintendent, called the Charge Conference. As a part of our preparation, our Nominations Committee will be seeking individuals who are willing to serve on committees. My philosophy for nominations is that you should not be pressured to say yes, and when you agree to be on a committee, it should not be a life sentence. Therefore, when possible, we will seek to rotate our committees so that when your term is over, it is actually over. Then, you may either take a break altogether, or go onto a different committee. This will not only allow you to have a break, but also will give other people a chance to serve in new ways.



May God bless us as we finish out the summer season and prepare for the fall.

Pastor Mike Agnew

Education Wing Project Update

Thanks to your generous financial gifts, we are replacing windows and installing heat/air conditioning units in the education wing. Here are some pictures of the progress.



Worship Notes

Greeters

- 8/7 Rod & Priscilla Bainbridge
Darrel & Sue Paulsen
- 8/14 Roni Timmerman & Steve Goodburn
Lowell & Sharon Bennink
- 8/21 Jeannette Grant & Charley
Larry & Joyce Goodrich
- 8/28 Rod & Priscilla Bainbridge
Kevin & Karla Wilkie



Liturgists

- 8/7 Jan Cook
- 8/14 Joyce Goodrich
- 8/21 Chuck Tolzin
- 8/28 Bonni Conley



Ushers

- 8/7 Peg Rasch
Dave & Donna Lucas
Curt & Kristal Phillips
- 8/14 Doug, Sandy, & Britta Stowater
Gene & Jean Anderson
- 8/21 Dave & Donna Lucas
Austin & Megan Lucas
- 8/28 Scott Osborn & Marla Conley
Dr. Wes & Sue Parker
Peg Rasch

Altar Flowers

- 8/7 Linda Burkhart
- 8/14 Chuck & Julie Tolzin
- 8/21 Dave & Linda Appleby
- 8/28 Gigi & David Boothby



Nursery Attendants

We won't have a staffed nursery during the summer months, but you are welcome to take your children with you to the nursery to watch the service via YouTube on the smart tv. Due to the ongoing construction in the education wing, please accompany your children. We will resume staffing the nursery in September.



Summer Special Music Update

Sherry Held, who sadly passed away in June, had been organizing volunteers to provide special music for our worship services throughout the summer. **If you had signed up with her, please let the church office know, so we can make sure you are also on our schedule.** If you haven't signed up but would like to, all adults, youth, or children who enjoy singing or playing an instrument are welcome and encouraged to participate. To volunteer, please call the church office.

Summer Sermons

Our summer sermon series is Reading Other People's Mail: Exploring Paul's Letters. Paul is considered to be one of the most influential people in the Christian faith, second only to Jesus. His letters—the earliest surviving Christian documents we have—make up the majority of the New Testament and have greatly influenced Christian thought for centuries, for better or for worse. Join us this summer as we look at the letters attributed to him to see what he was trying to communicate to their original recipients in their ancient world and what he may be trying to communicate to us.

- 7/31 "Colossians - Made Alive in Christ"
Colossians 2:20-3:1; 3:12-17
- 8/7 "Thessalonians - Faithful in Times of Trouble"
1 Thess. 4:13-5:2; 2 Thess. 2:1-8
- 8/14 "Timothy - Instructions to a Young Pastor"
1 Tim. 4:11-16; 2 Tim. 4:1-8
- 8/21 "Titus - A Role for Everyone"
Titus 2:1-10
- 8/28 "Philemon - A Plea for Freedom"
Philemon 1-25

Pastor Mike's sermons are broadcast on KCHE 92.1 on Sundays at 8:45 a.m. and are also available via your favorite podcast app. Our full worship services are available live at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays via YouTube and via a link from our website, which can be found at cherokeemethodist.com. Once YouTube has published the service (usually Sunday evening or Monday), we also share the recorded version on our Facebook page. Please stop by the church office if you would like in-person assistance accessing the services.

Worship Attendance

Date	Amount
July 3	88
July 10	77
July 14 (V.B.S. Program)	125
July 17	74
July 24	84



Church Family News

Birthday Blessings

Mary Jo Carnine's 85th birthday was July 22nd. At her family's request, fellowship time was held in her honor on July 24th.



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.

Ty Westphal at Basic Training

Ty Westphal, son of Nicole and Matt Hoskinson, is in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for basic training for the Iowa Army National Guard. We invite the congregation to send him letters of encouragement at the following address: PFC Westphal Ty, 4th PLT Vikings, Charlie BTRY 1st BN, 79th FA, Fort Sill, OK 73503.



With Prayers and Sympathy

Violetta G. Betts, 94, of Cherokee passed away on June 12th at Cherokee Regional Medical Center. A memorial service was held on July 9th at the Boothby Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Agnew officiating. Burial of the cremains will be in the Orange Township Cemetery at Coon Rapids, Iowa.

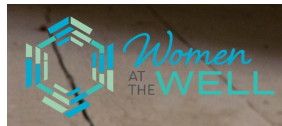
Steven LeRoy Fassler, 68, passed away on July 13th at his home in Ivins, Utah, following a year long battle with pancreatic cancer. Steve is survived by his wife, Marilyn, his children, Kimberly Robinson of Cherokee, Lynnette (Kevin) Hillabolt of Johnston, Lee Fassler of Des Moines, and Karissa Fassler (Jon Millim) of Brookings, South Dakota, and his mother-in-law, Marge Goodburn. A service will be held and live streamed at SHUMC, St. George, Utah, as well as a celebration of life remembrance held in Cherokee. Both dates are to be determined in late summer/early fall.

Glenda G. Skadeland, 89, of Cherokee passed away at her residence on July 15th. Visitation was held on July 20th at the Boothby Funeral Home. A memorial service was held on July 21st here at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery. Glenda is survived by her three children, Cindy Holm of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Terri (Dave) Sage of Sioux City, and Dave Skadeland of Cherokee.

Dale F. Harvey, 89, of rural Quimby, passed away on February 7th at the Horn Memorial Hospital in Ida Grove. A graveside memorial service was held on July 23rd at the Quimby Cemetery with Pastor Mike officiating.

Missions News & Updates

Women at the Well UMC Update



Our special offering for Women at the Well, a United Methodist congregation within the walls of the women's correctional institution in Mitchellville, Iowa, is up to \$505! Thank you!

Missions Committee Meeting

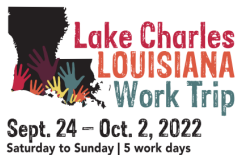
The Missions Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 6th, at 1:00 p.m.

Chicken Lunch in September

The Missions Committee is happy to announce that we will be hosting a chicken lunch following our worship service 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 free-will 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 will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex as the date approaches, or you can call the church office and leave a message with Jennifer. See you then!



Lake Charles Louisiana Work Trip



Kathy Martin, a retired clergy and former chaplain at Morningside University, is leading a work trip to Lake Charles, Louisiana, that has been planned for September 24th-October 2nd. 12-15 volunteers are needed to help. This area of Louisiana has experienced two major hurricanes, a major flood, and a freak ice storm in less than nine months. The nature of the work is home renovation, including installing windows, hanging dry wall, and painting. For more information or to register, contact Kathy Martin at 712-490-1369 or gmakmart@gmail.com.

A Note from the Ingathering Committee

The Ingathering is a time when United Methodist Churches across the state gather items for kits and bring them to drop-off points around the state. These items then go to those in need in the United States and around the world. We are a drop-off site for the Camp Clear Lake District, and churches from our area will be dropping off donations in our parking lot on Saturday, November 5th. Here at St. Paul's, we are working on making 100 school bags. If we have extra funds, we will also make some health kits. Donations are needed to help purchase items for the kits. To donate, please mark your check or envelope for "Ingathering."

Vacation Bible School 2022 - God's Wonder Lab: Jesus Does the Impossible

Vacation Bible was held July 10-14. We had 53 kids registered, and 52 attended on our highest attendance evening! The evenings began with a free supper for the children, their families, and our volunteers, which included tacos, spaghetti, pancakes, hot dogs, chicken nuggets, and macaroni and cheese, plus sides and desserts. On the final day, Peggy Rasch, owner of the Storm Lake Dairy Queen, donated 120 DQ sundaes, which thrilled the kids. We received positive feedback about how great the meals were and how it made attending Vacation Bible School so convenient for families. A big "thank you" goes to the UMW, as they paid for the meals, and to everyone who helped with the meals.



Following supper, the kids assembled in the sanctuary for opening worship. This included songs, led by Becky Lickiss, and a skit from Miss Matter (Miranda Cook) and Dr. Ozzy the Owl (Linda Burkhart). Next, the kids split into four groups to rotate through stations. The stations included a Bible lesson, crafts, games, and science. Roni Timmerman led the Bible lesson, Nicole Hoskinson led the crafts, Whitney Robinson led the games, and Linda Burkhart led science. We also had many other great volunteers to usher the kids from one location to another and to assist at the stations. Our Bible lessons were about Jesus turning water into wine, walking on water, appearing to his followers following the crucifixion, raising Jairus' daughter from the dead, healing the bleeding woman, and encountering Saul/Paul on the road to Damascus.

The evenings ended with closing worship in the sanctuary, which included more songs, a skit, and an update on our mission project. Thank you to Jeff Blum for working the sound board all week. For a missions project, the kids were encouraged to bring canned food or monetary donations for our local food pantries. 158 food items were collected as well as \$320.96! The food has been sorted and distributed to the CAP food pantry, Trinity Lutheran's food pantry, and Mid-Sioux Opportunity's food pantry, thanks to Jeff Blum's assistance. The monetary donations will be distributed soon.



you. If you would like to donate to next year's Vacation Bible School, please mark your check for "V.B.S."



Faith

Announcements & Updates

New Pianist at St. Paul's



Chris Andersen will be joining our pianist/organist rotation beginning in August. You'll recognize him as a member of our Bell Choir. Chris moved to Cherokee in 2017 after graduating from the University of Northern Iowa. He works for the Mental Health Institute but spends a lot of his time volunteering for the Community Theatre. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his friends and being active in the community. One of his favorite things about Cherokee is the beautiful walking trails and taking his dog out for walks. Welcome, Chris!

Day Trip to the Grotto in West Bend

We are planning a day trip to visit the Shrine of the Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend, Iowa, on Saturday, August 6th. Eleven people will fit in the church van, but others are welcome to caravan there. We plan to leave the church at 9:00 a.m. The grotto doesn't have an admission fee but welcomes donations. Participants will need money for lunch and any other purchases. Donations will be accepted to help with gas for St. Paul's church van. **If you plan to attend, please sign-up in the narthex by July 31st, or call the church office.** For more information about the grotto, please visit <https://www.westbendgrotto.com/research/history/>.



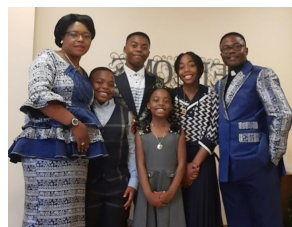
Ladies' Salad Potluck



All women of the church are invited to a salad potluck, hosted by the Grace Circle, on Wednesday, August 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in Schuldts Dining Hall. Dairy Queen ice cream will also be served.

Installation Service for New District Superintendent

You are invited to attend the installation service for Rev. Dr. Michel Lundula as the District Superintendent for the Camp Clear Lake District on Sunday, August 14th, at 3:30 pm at the Storm Lake United Methodist Church (211 E. 3rd Street, Storm Lake). Each church is invited to bring water from their community to be used as part of the service. A special offering will be taken to benefit Lake Okoboji United Methodist Camp. There will also be a reception following the service. Please join us in welcoming Michel and his family to their new appointment.



Men's Breakfast

Our next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, July 30th, at 8:30 a.m. in Schuldts Dining Hall. The August Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, August 27th, at 8:30 a.m. All men are welcome, so feel free to invite your friends or neighbors!



College Students/Military Addresses Wanted



Our College Care ministry will resume soon. 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 his/her address to the church office. The College Care ministry team welcomes new volunteers. If you'd like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Jennifer in the office. Stay tuned for items you can donate to help with our fall care packages.

Volunteers Needed for Summer Fellowship Time

If you would like to volunteer to provide snacks and help with summer fellowship, please contact Betty Point at 225-3211, or sign up in her notebook in the narthex. Each Sunday, we would like two couples or four people to assist. **There are still a few Sundays in August where volunteers are needed.**



Lyrics to Linda Christensen's Special Music



During our July 3rd worship service, Linda Christensen sang "God Bless America," with Betty Point accompanying on piano. Linda wrote the following verse for the song: "God bless our world today. Help us find peace. Grant us wisdom and courage to care for the least of these (Matthew 25:40-45). Help us show love for each other, even when we disagree. God bless our world today, our home, sweet home. God bless our world today, our home, sweet home." Thank you, Linda, for sharing your talents!

Church T-shirt & Hoodie Orders Due July 31st

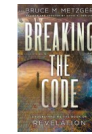


We are placing another order for church t-shirts and hoodies. Order forms are available in the narthex and church office as well as on our Facebook page. **Please turn in your orders by July 31st.**



Announcements & Updates

Revelation Study Update



We had a great response to the Revelation study with 21 people registered, including one attending via Zoom. We meet on Sundays at 7 p.m. in Feller Lounge through August 21st.

Other Upcoming Meetings and Events

Mondays	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (NE door and downstairs)
Tues., 8/2	8 a.m.-2 p.m.	Foster Care Review Bd. (Feller & S. Dining Hall)
	9:30 a.m.	Visitation Team (library)
	5:00 p.m.	V.B.S. meeting (Feller)
Fri., 8/5	10:30 a.m.	Evangelism Committee (library)
Fri., 8/12	10:00 a.m.	Nominations (Feller)
Fri., 8/19	—	Newsletter deadline
Tues., 8/23	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.	District's Professional Interviews (Feller)
	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Board (Feller Lounge)
Wed., 8/24	10:00 a.m.	The Gardens Bible study
Thurs., 8/25	1:30 p.m.	Newsletter Assembly (Feller)
Tues., 8/30	10:30 a.m.	Communion at Viola's
	11:15 a.m.	Communion at Accura

August UMW Buzz



Charity Circle, Joy Circle, and UMW Exec. Board
No August meetings.



Grace Circle's Ladies' Salad Potluck
See page four for details.

Holy Humor



"Sister Smith invited the children to come forward around the altar for an object lesson using squirrels as an example of industry and planning ahead. She requested that the boys and girls raise their hands when they knew what she was describing. 'This thing lives in trees [pause] and eats nuts [pause].' No hands went up. 'It is gray [pause] and has a long busy tail [pause].' The children looked at each other, but no hands were raised. 'And it jumps from branch to branch [pause] and chatters when it gets excited [pause].' Finally a little boy tentatively raised his hand. Sister Smith breathed a sigh of relief and called on him. 'Well,' he said, 'I know the answer must be Jesus, but it sure sounds more like a squirrel to me.'"

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

Mid-Year Finance Update

The Finance Committee met on July 19th to review our January through June 2022 giving and expenses. We were thrilled to note that giving for the first half of 2022 has **increased 17.5%** compared to the same time period in 2021! Thank you so much for your generosity!

Unfortunately, expenses have outpaced giving this year, resulting in a \$32,000 deficit. Utilities continue to be a major area of concern, with a 53% increase from last year. Other factors to consider are that we had a PPP loan to bolster our finances last year, and we have significantly increased our apportionment payments and are trying to pay 75% of our required amount this year after paying only 28% last year. Although the \$32,000 deficit is concerning, there have been many positive improvements to note this year, in addition to the 17.5% increase in giving previously mentioned.

- In just over three month's time, we raised \$27,556 to fund window replacement and heating/air conditioning units for the education wing.
- We have seen great attendance in children's Sunday School.
- Several people have joined the church and/or been baptized this year, with more scheduled to join later this summer.
- We had a very successful Vacation Bible School week with 52 attending on the highest day. V.B.S. also raised \$320.96 and 158 food items for the food pantry.
- We have started a new ministry to support our college students.
- We have had numerous, very well attended small group studies to learn more about God and the Bible.
- We have been supporting various missions, including Ukrainian refugees.
- We have started a monthly Men's Breakfast.

As our church continues to strengthen and rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic and shut-down, we are confident we will overcome this deficit. St. Paul's has always been a church of strong year-end givers, and we pray that pattern continues this year.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 13th, at which time we will start the 2023 budgeting process. Please share any suggestions or concerns you have with committee members prior to the meeting. Finance Committee members include Stan DeRoo, Peggy Rasch, Deb Taylor, Sheree Hausmann, John Cook, and Pastor Mike.

The Finance Committee would like to thank you for your generous support of St. Paul's. Your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness are how we put "God's Love in Action."