

Thank You Notes

Thank you to the volunteers who assembled the July newsletter.



Thanks to Jeanne Blackstone for the scripture stickers for our *HomeTouch* mailings and for the puppet.

Thanks to Lois Eggerth for the stamps for our *HomeTouch* mailings.

Thanks to Chuck and Julie Tolzin for donating markers, crayons, and sidewalk chalk.

Thank you to everyone for all the cards, prayers, and phone calls. I'm so blessed by the church family.
Ann Wright

Thank you to Jack and Mary Jo Poggenklass for delivering book donations to Spencer.

Thank you, St. Paul's!

Thank you for thinking of us both as we graduated from college and high school. We appreciate all the support and prayers from our church!

Kayden & Jack Waldner



Thanks to Jean Anderson and Sue Parker for switching out the table decorations for summer.

Thanks for letting us use the church dining room, and a big "thank you" to our boys and their families for hosting our 60th anniversary party. A big "thank you" to all who came or for your calls and cards. It was all greatly appreciated.

Thanks again to all.
Loren and Darlene Woltman



The Board of Trustees is always busy with a project, and we appreciate their dedication. Linda Christensen recently captured this photo as they were up on the roof.



Learn Something New

"Midwest Mission Opens New Location in Jefferson, Iowa"

- <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/midwest-mission-opens-new-location-in-jefferson-iowa-17472182>

"John Wesley's 22 Questions of Self Examination"

- <https://www.umc.org/en/content/john-wesleys-22-questions-of-self-examination>

"Campus Wesley Center Brings Comfort to Parents"

- <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/campus-wesley-center-brings-comfort-to-parents>

Monthly Zooms to Hear from Missionaries

- <https://umcmmission.org/sim-2/>

Online Classes on Methodism

- <https://umhistoryhub.teachable.com/>

Holy Land Pilgrimage for Young Adults (18-35 years old)

- <https://www.umcyoungpeople.org/lead/holy-land-pilgrimage-2024>

"Offerings at AC2023 Raise \$19,294"

- <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/offerings-at-ac2023-raise-19-294-17479269>

Leadership Institute at Resurrection in Leawood, KS

- <https://leadership.sharechurch.com/>

"Online Religious Services Appeal to Many Americans, but Going in Person Remains More Popular"

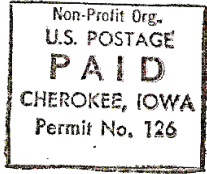
- <https://www.pewresearch.org/religion/2023/06/02/online-religious-services-appeal-to-many-americans-but-going-in-person-remains-more-popular/>



Stop by the office, and Jennifer can print you a copy if you are interested in an article but don't have internet access.

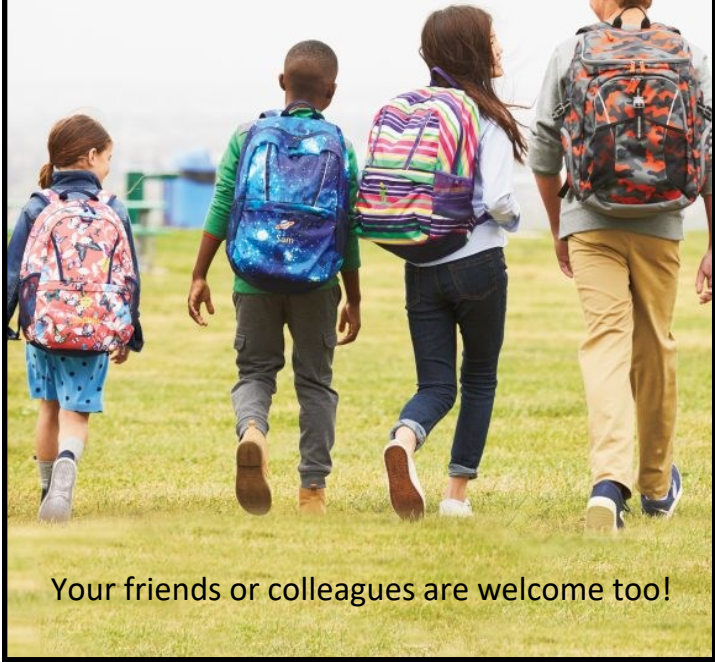


ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Back to School Blessing

As we prepare for the 2023-2024 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 20th.



Your friends or colleagues are welcome too!

Confirmation Class

7th and 8th grade students are invited to be a part of our confirmation class. A parent/student orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6th, at 6:30 p.m. for those who are interested in participating. The confirmation journey will consist of class sessions, worship, and mission opportunities. Sessions will begin September 13th and will meet on select Wednesdays, with supper at 5:30 p.m. and sessions starting at 6 p.m.





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

August 2023

St. Paul's UMC

Summer Worship Time:
9:30 a.m.

**No Sunday School or
staffed nursery in
the summer.**

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Jennifer's Summer Hours:
Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Pastor Mike's Day Off:
Friday

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Bell Choir Director:
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A Moment With Mike

This past month at St. Paul's has been a busy one with Vacation Bible School. Thank you to our directors, Whitney Robinson, Nicole Hoskinson, and Brenda DeRoo. In addition to our directors, there were many, many volunteers. Thank you to United Women in Faith for financing the food and for the men and women who helped cook and serve. Thank you to all the volunteers who decorated, taught, led groups, helped with music, ran the sound booth, and more. This was truly a church-wide effort. One thing that is true about our church is that we have some great volunteers!

With the county fair over and July nearly over, we turn our attention to the fall season with our fall ministries resuming. I have been planning confirmation, which will be open to seventh and eighth grade students, starting in September. Sunday School will also begin in September, and if you are looking for a place to volunteer your time, we are still looking for teachers for a once-a-month commitment. Other groups that will be meeting again include our United Women in Faith circles, Chancel Choir, and Bell Choir.

If you are looking to learn more about the Bible, our fall small groups will be starting soon. Continuing the series of studies that began with an overview of the whole Bible in six weeks and then a six week overview of the Old Testament, this one includes a six week overview of the New Testament. Books cost \$15, and groups will meet Sundays at 6:30 p.m., starting September 10th, and Thursdays at 10 a.m., starting September 7th. Even if you have not been in the previous two studies, you are welcome to join this one.

One thing I have learned in my time thus far at St. Paul's is that there is always something happening. That is because we value our mission statement of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and we seek to do that in our ministries year-round. This fall promises to be a good one for us as we continually seek to be a blessing to others.

God Bless,
Pastor Mike Agnew



July 2023 Pool Party



Thank you to the Outreach & Connections Team for sponsoring a pool party on July 25th and to everyone who donated snacks and/or their time for the event.

Left:
Leah Dagel and
Sue Parker



Tyler Cook



Giant Jenga with
the Scherbring
family and
friends

Worship Notes

Greeters

8/6 Kevin & Karla Wilkie and Darrel Paulsen
8/13 Shari Carlson and Dave & Linda Appleby
8/20 Dean & Glenda Parrish and Micki Conley
8/27 Larry & Joyce Goodrich and Amy Stief

Liturgists

8/6 Don Blackstone 8/20 John Cook
8/13 Roni Timmerman 8/27 Bailey Gaydo

Ushers

8/6 Gene & Jean Anderson
Jim & Peggy Corrington
8/13 Dr. Wes & Sue Parker
Curt & Kristal Phillips
8/20 Dave & Donna Lucas
Austin, Megan, & Aubrey Lucas
8/27 Tim & Jen Gaydo
Doug & Sandi Stowater
Amy Stief



Altar Flowers

8/6 Linda Burkhart
8/13 Brenda DeRoo
8/20 Dave & Linda Appleby
8/27 Gigi Boothby



The 2023 altar flower sign-up is in the narthex on Sundays, or you can call Jennifer during the week. If the date you prefer has been taken, it is okay to have more than one arrangement per Sunday.

Nursery Information

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service! **Due to fewer kids attending worship in the summer and everyone's more unpredictable schedules, the nursery won't be staffed in August.** If you or your child need a break during worship, you are welcome to use the nursery. There is a smart TV, so you will still be able to watch the service.

Sign Up TODAY! If you would like to join the nursery attendant rotation beginning in September, contact the office, and we can send you a link to the online sign-up. A background check is required, for the safety of the children. A \$25 stipend is available for each Sunday worked.



Summer Fellowship

8/6 Dan & Barb Kratz and Stan & Brenda DeRoo
8/13 Bob & Peggy Parker and Dick & Betty Point
8/20 Dave & Linda Appleby and Lois Eggerth
8/27 Al & Barb Henn and Loren & Darlene Woltman

Upcoming Sermon Series

This summer, Pastor Mike is preaching a sermon series titled *The Major Message of the Minor Prophets*. The minor prophets are called *minor*, because their books are shorter than the other prophetic books of the Old Testament. Each prophet has a unique message, though there are some central themes that tie them together. In the midst of the messages of judgment and hope, we will learn what the function of the prophet was and how their message can inform our living today.

8/6 Zephaniah (Zephaniah 3:14-20)
8/13 Haggai (Haggai 1:2-9; 2:20-23)
8/20 Zechariah (Zechariah 8:1-13; 9:9-10)
8/27 Malachi (Malachi 3:1-7; 4:5)

Podcast and Online Services Available



Sermons are available on 92.1 FM KCHE on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. and are also available via podcast. You can find a link to a podcast app on our website (green icon in the upper right). Our full service is available live on our YouTube channel and as a recording after the fact both on our YouTube page and on our Facebook page. A link for our YouTube page can be found on our website (red and white icon in upper right), and a link for our Facebook page can also be found on our website (blue and white icon in upper right). If you need assistance, please stop by the office.

Worship Attendance

July 2	80
July 9	88
July 13	around 150 (VBS program)
July 16	71



Back to Church Sunday



Back to Church Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, September 10th. On that day, Sunday School will resume at 9 a.m., and our worship time will move back to 10:10 a.m.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:20



2023 Vacation Bible School - Food Truck Party

V.B.S. was held July 9-13. 72 kids were registered, and 67 attended on our highest attendance evening! The evenings began with a free supper, provided by United Women in Faith, for the children, their families, and our volunteers. Meals included tacos, spaghetti, hotdogs, pancakes, chicken nuggets, and macaroni and cheese, plus sides and desserts. On the final day, Peggy Rasch, owner of the Storm Lake Dairy Queen, donated DQ sundaes! A big “thank you” goes to United Women in Faith and everyone else who prepared, served, and cleaned-up the meals. Following supper, the kids assembled in the sanctuary for opening worship. This included songs, led by Becky Lickiss, and a skit from DJ Cupcake (Ally Timmerman) and Top Chef (Madi Stief). Next, the kids split into groups to rotate through stations. Roni Timmerman led the Bible lesson, Nicole Hoskinson led the crafts, Whitney Robinson led the games, and Linda Burkhart led science. Many other great volunteers ushered the kids from one location to another, assisted at the stations, and watched the exits. 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 mission project, the kids were encouraged to bring canned food or monetary donations for our local food pantries. 116 food items were collected as well as \$971.01! The food has been delivered to the CAP food pantry, Trinity Lutheran’s food pantry, and Mid-Sioux Opportunity’s food pantry, and the funds will be mailed out soon. On the final evening, around 150 people attended the closing program, and the kids had the opportunity to sing songs and review the week with their families. A big “thank you” goes to the co-directors, Nicole Hoskinson, Whitney Robinson, and Brenda DeRoo, as well as to the many other volunteers who helped make the week a success. For further details about each day, additional pictures, and videos, please visit our Facebook page. If you don’t have Facebook, you may stop by the office for Jennifer to show them to you.



Bible Lessons

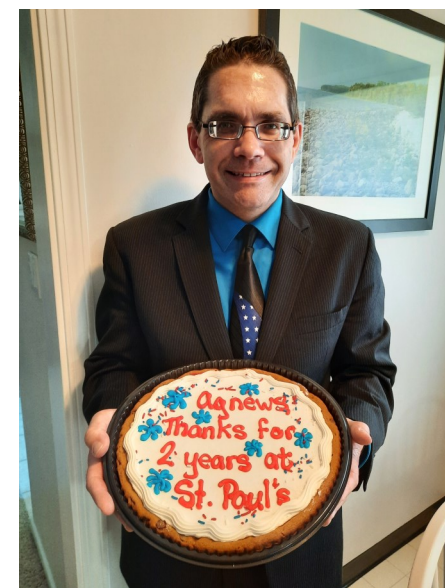


Crafts - Games - Science



20 Years of Pastoral Ministry

July 2023 marked Pastor Mike’s 20th year in pastoral ministry. On Sunday, July 2nd, the Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee detailed his ministry history during worship, and Bonni Conley, Micki Conley, Marla Conley, and Jeff Blum provided a reception following the service to honor his 20 years as a pastor and two years serving St. Paul’s United Methodist Church.



Top photo: SPRC members, Craig Schmidt, Mary Jo Carnine, Linda Appleby, and Linda Burkhart.

Middle photo: Bonni Conley, Jeff Blum, Micki Conley, and Marla Conley

Bottom photo: Pastor Mike Agnew

Thank you to everyone who helped with this special day!

V.B.S. Decorating

On July 6th and 9th, volunteers set up for Vacation Bible School. Check out these amazing decorations!



Left: Registration table at the north entrance.

Right and below: Sanctuary decorations



Left: Food truck and the puppet, DJ Cupcake, in the sanctuary



Left: Balloon arch in Schuldts Dining Hall

Thank you to everyone who helped, and especially to Nicole Hoskinson for her artistic ability!

Announcements & Updates

Ladies' Potluck Salad Supper

The Grace Circle of St. Paul's United Women in Faith invites all women of the church to a potluck salad supper on Wednesday, August 9th, at 6:00 p.m. in Schuldts Dining Hall. Join us!



Men's Breakfast



The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, August 19th, at 8:30 a.m. in Schuldts Dining Hall. All men are welcome, so invite a friend or neighbor!

Church Shirts Update

In June, 26 orders for 72 total shirts were submitted! Thank you for your support of Vacation Bible School and for representing St. Paul's in the community!

Sanctuary Air Conditioners Update

Two air conditioning units that cool the sanctuary were replaced in July. The expected cost is \$20,340. As of July 9th, \$1,325 has been donated by the congregation and \$10,000 will be used from the memorial fund. Any cost not covered by donations will come from the capital account. If you would like to donate funds for this project, please mark your check for "A/C units."



Fabric Donations Update



Thank you for your generous donations of fabric and \$95 for Silver Stitchers Quilt Group to make patriotic quilts for veterans at Trails End park, the place where Dave and Linda Appleby winter in Texas. Donations are pictured.

August Office Hours

Our secretary, Jennifer, will be out of the office for all or part of the week of August 7th-11th to assist a family member following surgery. Pastor Mike will cover office hours as he is available, but please call the office first if you are driving from a distance to see him.



United Women in Faith News



United Women in Faith

UW Faith Executive Board and circles won't meet in August. However, please see above for information about the Grace Circle's salad potluck.

Marriage Conference with Dr. Gary Chapman

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 16th, from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. for the 5 Love Languages Marriage Conference at New Life Church in Sioux Center. In this popular, one-day conference led by Dr. Gary Chapman, author of the #1 New York Times bestseller *The 5 Love Languages*®, you and your spouse will focus on the basics of every marriage. With wisdom and a healthy dose of humor, Dr. Chapman gives valuable tips on breaking unhealthy patterns and choosing to develop a more intimate, happy marriage. Several people from our congregation, including Pastor Mike and Jennifer, are already planning to attend. If there is interest in carpooling, we can take the church van. Lunch from Jimmy John's is included in the \$59/couple registration fee. If your spouse isn't able to attend, the fee is \$39/person. You can purchase your tickets online at <https://moody.regfox.com/5ll-sioux-center-ia-9162023>. There is also a link to the ticket site on our website slider. If you have trouble ordering tickets online, stop by the church office (with your credit card), and we can help you register.

College and Military Addresses Wanted

Our College/Military Care ministry will resume soon. We will be mailing letters and a care package to those in our congregation who are college students or in the military. If you or your child would like to be included, please submit his/her address to the church office. The College/Military 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.



Sunday School Teachers Needed for Fall



We are looking for Sunday School teachers for PK-8th grade for the 2023-2024 school year. Ideally, we would have two to four teachers per classroom, so that teachers don't have to be scheduled for every week. Caring, loving adults of all ages are welcome and encouraged to volunteer. The only requirement is that you pass a background check, for the kids' safety. Pastor Mike is able to run the background check online in just a few minutes. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pastor Mike or Sunday School Superintendent Nicole Hoskinson.

Bell Choir & Chancel Choir Update

Bell Choir practice will resume on August 30th at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary, and Chancel Choir practice will resume on September 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.
4 New members are welcome in both groups!

Announcements & Updates

Other Upcoming Meetings and Events

Mon. & Wed.	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (NE door and downstairs)
Tues., 8/1	9:30 a.m.	Visitation Team (library)
Fri., 8/11	8:30-11 a.m.	S. Dining Hall in use
Mon., 8/21	—	Newsletter info due
Tues., 8/22	9:00 a.m.	Missions Committee (Feller Lounge)
Fri., 8/25	5-8 p.m.	Sanctuary in use
Sat., 8/26	all day	Sanctuary in use
Tues., 8/29	10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Communion at Viola's Communion at Accura Newsletter assembly (library)
Wed., 8/30	10:30 a.m.	The Gardens study



Ingathering

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 4th. Donations are needed to help purchase items for the kits. To donate, please mark your check or envelope for "Ingathering."

HomeTouch Mailing

18 members and friends of St. Paul's currently receive our weekly *HomeTouch* mailing, which includes a devotion, a few activities, and a bulletin. Contact the office if you are homebound and would like to be on the list.

With Sympathy and Prayers

MICHAEL "MIKE" T. HARMAN, 84, of Kingsley passed away on June 27th at Westwood Specialty Care in Sioux City. Visitation and a Masonic service were held on June 30th at the Rohde Funeral Home in Kingsley. The funeral service was held on July 1st at Kingsley United Methodist Church, and burial was at Kingsley Cemetery, with military rites by U.S. Navy and American Legion Nash Post 140 of Kingsley. Mike is the uncle of Jim (Betty) Harman, Linda Burkhart, and Dr. Pat Harrison.

DEANNA V. "ANNIE" HOEPPNER, 79, of Cherokee passed away on July 1st at Cherokee Specialty Care. Visitation was held on July 5th at Boothby Funeral Home, with the memorial service held on July 6th, also at Boothby Funeral Home. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery at Cherokee. Annie is Tony (Laura) Horton's grandma.

CYNTHIA "CYNDY" KASKEY, 97, passed away on July 14th in Aurelia. Visitation was held on July 17th at the Redig Funeral Home in Aurelia, with the funeral service on July 18th at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Aurelia. Burial was in the Ida Grove Cemetery, rural Ida Grove. Cyndy is the mother of Sheree (Louie) Hausmann.

Six-Week Small Groups

<p>Thursdays OR Sundays</p> <p>10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Feller Lounge</p> <p>Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 Sept. 10, 17, 24</p> <p>Oct. 5, 12 Oct. 1, 8, 29</p>	
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Both groups cover the same material. Feel free to switch between groups as your schedule allows, and a Zoom (online) option is also available.

The cost of the book is \$15. Financial assistance is available, if needed.

Please sign-up by September 3rd. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex on Sundays, or you can call the church office.

Everyone is welcome!

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