



The Word “E-edition”

The Newsletter of St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

“My Soul, Adore Him!”

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When we say that “we adore” someone we mean that we love and respect the person deeply. When we say that “we adore” the LORD, we speak of worshipping Him as our only true God. This month’s newsletter is highlighting a phrase out of our new hymn of the year, **“Praise the Almighty My Soul Adore Him.”**

In our new hymn of the year, while singing each verse you can picture in your mind a biblical text that summarizes what is being sung.

Stanza 1 highlights the LORD as God of creation. We sing, “*from Him my life and all things came.*” When we sing that verse we can think about Psalm 139 where the psalmist rejoices in God’s creative hand at work in “*knitting me together in my mother’s womb.*” We can also think of Psalm 8 where we are encouraged to “*look at your heavens the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place...*”

Stanza 2 says that since the LORD is over all creation, He is not like the mortals, especially rulers of the earth. While often they think they are so powerful, they rise and fall just like the grass of the field. Here we are reminded of Solomon in Ecclesiastes who says, “I have seen everything that is done by mortals under the sun, an behold, all is vanity...” (1:14) On the other hand, the LORD is immortal. He is the God of creation who is eternal. Since He is not mortal He can be trusted and adored. Thus we might think about Him and His word as Isaiah instructs, “the word of our God will stand forever!”

Stanza 3 is a triumph of faith in Jesus! In light of the mortal nature of man pointed out in the previous stanza, the blessedness of salvation in Christ for mankind is now celebrated, seen as a gift from on high. Here we might

recall the beatitudes of Matthew 5 which list the condition of blessedness for those who follow Jesus by faith. So we sing, “Blessed oh blessed are they forever whose help is from the LORD most high.”

Stanza 4 reminds us of the Gospel lesson for the 11th Sunday After Trinity. “Penitent sinners for mercy are crying!” This stanza, sounds just like the Tax Collector who went up to the temple to beg for mercy from Almighty God. He knew his sins and cried, “God be merciful to me, a sinner.” Knowing that our God is Creator, that He is not like mortals and that He is rich in mercy, we can run to Him for help in our time of need.



This is the primary reason why we adore Him! Because He loves us and has had mercy on us in His Son Jesus Christ our Lord!

Stanza 5 Because of what we sing of our merciful God in stanza 4, the next stanza is doxological, full on praise and glory to the Almighty God, Father Son and Holy Spirit for what He has done in our Creation and Redemption. Here we think of all of the Psalms which do the same such as Psalm 106:1, “Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord for He

is good!”

Because the LORD has done all of these things, we not only worship Him as our only true God, but we also love and respect Him deeply. While the gods of the nations are not typically loved and respected by the people, the One true God is different. He has sent His Son to take on our flesh, and bone and blood in order to become our brother, just as we’ve been studying in Hebrews (2:11) in Adult Bible Class! He is not a god afar off, but He is our God who is near, who has brought salvation to the sinner. May we energetically use this hymn throughout this year to laud, magnify and adore the LORD, the Almighty!

+Pastor Sherrill

Ongoing Projects at St. Paul's

Now that the Preserving the Church's Song Project (Phase I) is complete. We can begin focusing on several projects that have been waiting in the Church Transepts (that does not include the bat eviction problem).

Perrin Ave Door Replacement - The new Perrin Ave Door is now built, and sitting at the workshop. The mechanical parts for the door have arrived from the manufacturer. Contour Construction is working on assembling the mechanical parts at the shop. Our best guess estimate for installation is mid to late September. This project is fully funded and waiting for final bill from Contour Construction.

Stained Glass Window Coverings - The original Lexan coverings for the stained glass windows were installed around 1971-1972. In 1993 the Lexan covering for the Christ Window was replaced. Over the course of 53-54 years, the Lexan has faded and stained to the point where you can no longer see the stained glass windows from the outside. Also due to the lack of knowledge and understanding of the design and construction of St. Paul's stained glass windows, improper air circulation was not factored into the installation of the Lexan. This has caused over the years for the lead soldering in the stained glass windows to weaken and allow the glass to bend or break and fall out of the stained glass. A Request for Estimate (RFE) is being prepared to be sent out to companies who install current day stained glass window coverings that allow for air flow and will not fade as fast as the Lexan product currently installed.

Basement Window Coverings - For the past several years when we receive heavy rains, the basement window wells will be inundated with rainwater, and will begin to push through the basement windows. Proper maintenance has been done to keep the bottom of the window wells and gutters clean. However, when the ground becomes saturated with rain water, that water will seep through the windows and joints in the basement walls. Members of St. Paul's have generously given funds to have window coverings created and installed to cover the basement window wells. A Request for Estimate (RFE) is being developed and will go out for estimate to local companies in the next few months.

Preserving the Church's Song Project (Phase II) - addition of the Echo Division to complete St. Paul's Organ. During Phase I of the Organ project the old maintenance/pipe room up in the Organ Pipe Chamber area was updated to allow for the addition of the Echo Chamber Division. The wall between the Echo Chamber and Choir Chamber was opened to allow for the installation of a dampener, the Echo Chamber was replastered, updated lighting and electrical installed and painted. On the organ console, the new Echo Division Stops were included but not enabled. We have asked Bedient to provide St. Paul's with an estimated bid to com-

Important Upcoming Dates

September

September 1, 2025	Labor Day Church Office Closed
September 3, 2025 5:00pm - 7:00pm	Christ Academy Begins
September 7, 2025	Rally Sunday
September 14, 2025 4:00pm	Sunday afternoon Organ Recital Dedication & Reception
September 22 - 23, 2025	IDW Pastors Conf Ft. Dodge, IA
September 27, 2025 3:00pm - 7:00pm	Saturday Oktober-Fun-Fest @ SPLECC
October	
October 26, 2025 12:15pm	Sunday Reformation Potluck Dinner

plete the Echo Chamber/Division for the Organ. This would complete the Organ project for now.

Build Out of the Organ Choir Loft into the Lectern Side Transept - When the Organ Project funds were being donated and bids were taken and the project was approved. Discussion was held about the option of making the organ console portable so it could be moved from its current location and rolled out into the Sanctuary on a raised platform that would extend the current Organ Choir Loft into the Transept area next to the Organ/Choir Loft. Bedient directed us to leave the organ in its current location, but discussion has continued that an expansion of the current Organ/Choir Loft should extend into the west Transept. This would allow for the piano and other musical instruments to be placed on one level and allow for a larger area for musicians and vocalist to perform from. This project is currently on hold as we need to request engineering bids, and construction bids to complete.

A long range plan of major projects will need to be undertaken in the next twenty years will probably need to be discussed through the Church Council and at the Annual Meeting in January 2026, with a sub-committee to be formed to work on this.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & MUSIC CONSERVATORY

2025-2026 MUSIC SERIES PIPE ORGAN DEDICATION

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH
4:00PM



Timothy Schreiber, Organist

Program of varied repertoire highlighting the beauty of St. Paul's organ recently renovated by

Bedient Pipe Organ Company

Reception following in Church Undercroft

For more information:
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St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center —September News



Enrolling for the 2025-2026 School Year!
We have spots available in our 3 year-old
and 4 year-old pre-school classes!

St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center



An Update on our Early Childhood Ministry

Our Early Childhood Center continues to be a blessing in our community and a special mission outreach for our congregation. We have developed quite a history in Council Bluffs, so much so that many of our past students have been seen as SPLECC staff! While there are many blessings attached to our ministry, there are also many challenges in connection with the business side of things.

If you were at our Annual Meeting in January you heard that support for our Early Childhood Center has become our main goal in 2025. In order to better understand the circumstance from a business perspective, we need to remember a few important points:

1. **The Covid-19 effect:** You may remember that 5 years ago, many ECC's and daycares in our community closed because of the circumstance related to Covid-19. Our center remained, but not without difficulty. While the government dolled out "Covid-19 Grant Monies" St. Paul's elected not to take this money, and yet continue to pay staff while not able to work from our own bank accounts. This was a difficult decision at a difficult time. The general idea was that it is our mission and ministry and we need to support it.
2. **Insurance for all staff:** Over the years, as our ministry has grown and changed, there came a point where we needed to provide insurance for our staff members. This happened right around the Covid timeframe! So, along with the "Covid challenges" we also added an additional major expense.
3. **Increased Preschool Offerings:** Also during this period of time, more opportunities for free and reduced PK3 and PK4 opportunities have emerged in connection to the public schools in town. Also, with the ESA monies, families are seeking to obtain space in Preschools associated with private schools, because now their tax dollars follow them to the school of their choice starting in Kindergarten.
4. **PS4 Teacher Turnover:** While we have regained stability in the lead teachers in most of our classrooms, we have not yet found the right fit for our PS4 classroom. We had a marvelous lead PS4 teacher who was in a Master's Degree program and had to move on several years ago. Since then, we have had several different leads in this room.

What does this all mean?

The Council has gathered a strategic planning group, under the leadership of Dale Burris, to help think through an action plan to incrementally chip our way back to a more sustainable path. While we need to support SPLECC through our prayers and offerings, we also can help in other ways. We currently need more help on the Board, especially after the passing of Pr. Tews. Please donate to SPLECC through our Oktoberfest event. Spread the word as we look for a new consistent PS4 teacher. Help with the new "snack initiative" that you'll be hearing about and other ideas. Dale Burris will make an announcement soon after church on this subject. Let's work together to continue to serve our community and spread God's Word at SPLECC! +Pastor Sherrill



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
2nd Annual Oktober-Fun-Fest
& Church Picnic
Saturday, September 27, 2025



From 3:00pm to 7:00pm
St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center



1500 N 16th St



Council Bluffs, IA 51501

***Activities: Bounce House, Hay Rack Rides, Face & Pumpkin**



Painting, Petting Zoo, Treasure Hunt



Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Baked Beans,



Pretzel Bites w/cheese, Desserts, (Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, & Water)

Live Music provided by St. Paul's Music Conservatory



Free Will Offering taken at the door,



***Purchase tickets for, Activities, Root Beer Floats at the Guest**



Information Table



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Questions, please contact St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 712-322-4729 or email at

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Hymn of the Year 2025-2026

Praise the Almighty—LSB 797



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
 2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;
 3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er
 4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 Δ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
 Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -
 Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the
 Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful
 be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
 grave en - gulf its prey. Since mor - tals can no
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren with
 heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! ² I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³ Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. ⁴ When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. ⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; ⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. ⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. ¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

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The title of this newsletter, **“My soul, adore Him!”** is drawn from this hymn and is the theme of this year’s hymns of the season. As we rejoice in the Lord’s merciful and mighty acts of salvation, we cannot help but to laud and praise Him for what He has done. Our lives are doxologies to the God who has done everything well for us in Jesus. Notice how this hymn is a paraphrase of our memory passage, Psalm 146!

St. Paul's Lutheran Music Conservatory —September News

Introducing Micah Fusselman (Strings):

Micah Fusselman grew up in western Nebraska and first performed in cities across the state with his four siblings in The Fusselman Family String Ensemble. In 1997 he began studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music, and spent the next fifteen years performing professionally while attending various music schools throughout the Midwest, concluding at Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music where he was the assistant to Yehuda Hanani. During this time Micah performed as a member or guest in dozens of professional orchestras and chamber ensembles, including the Chicago Symphony, the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, the Advent Chamber Orchestra, the Catacous-tic Consort, also collaborating with a diverse group of artists, from Vladim Gluzman and Eteri Andjaparidze, to Michael Leopold, Joëlle Harvey, and Cellists of the Chicago Symphony. In 2012 he returned to Omaha to form a private studio. His students on violin, viola, cello, and violas da gamba have won admission to prestigious music schools as well as awards in competitions at the state, regional, and national levels. Micah and his wife Elizabeth have six children and are members of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Omaha. For information on lessons with Micah, please contact Pastor Frank



Through David's Harp, St. Paul's Music Conservatory continues to encourage the establishment of additional centers of music education throughout the U.S. and beyond. On Saturday, July 26, Diane Rounds, Jan Steenbock, Shirley Walker, and the Frank family traveled to Mission Central in Mapleton, IA to hear from missionary Dr. Michael Paul and his wife Irene. Pastor Frank met the Pauls in his travels to Taiwan last fall, where Dr. Paul serves as a theological educator. Irene studies music in the local adult music program in Chiayi, and in her connections with fellow students, invites them to learn more about the Christian faith. Michael is musically gifted as well and is involved in the conversations regarding the establishment of a music conservatory at the LCMS headquarters in Chiayi. Dr. Paul and Irene visited St. Paul's and toured our music conservatory on Thursday, July 31, gaining ideas to use in conversations in Taiwan.

St. Paul's Hymns of the Season 2025-2026

St. Paul's Hymns of the season booklet is now available on the St. Paul's website.
Scan the QR Code at the bottom of the page to download today.

“My Soul, Adore Him!”

Hymns of the Season,
Learn by Heart Bible Memory,
& Catechetical Schedule
2025-2026



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Welcome Deaconess Sandra Rhein!

One of St. Paul's sponsored missionaries, Sandra Rhein, will be in the Midwest visiting congregation this month. She has agreed to come and visit St. Paul's women's bible study on September 18th. This bible study includes lunch. Bring your own lunch at 11:30 in the Lounge and stay for an update and discussion on LCMS overseas missions and the work she is doing. It's always great to be with Sandra!



David's Harp Update!

The David's Harp ministry continues to grow and improve its reach. Here is an update of some of the things that have been taking place recently.

1. **Catechetical Hymns Volume**—Pastor Frank has been diligently working, as the General Editor of our David's Harp Resources, with Dr. Martin Dicke on a new occasional series volume for piano called "Catechetical Hymns." Hymns in this volume will be graded, like all of our other hymn based resources, and will present classic Lutheran hymns based on the 6 chief parts of the catechism. There has been great interest for a volume such as this and we are eager to bring it to the wider church for use!
2. **New Faces and New Positions**—Over the summer David's Harp has seen many changes. Trey Stickler was able to come on board as our first full-time worker in the position of Director of Operations. His wife, Nicole, is serving part-time as an Administrative Assistant. Rev. Greg Truwe became David's Harp's new President and a few other new board members are waiting to be brought in soon. St. Paul's own Karen Burns has volunteered to serve as Financial Secretary and Isaac Sherrill is now part of the Social Media and Marketing Team.
3. **Meetings with Synodical Leadership**—This summer has provided the opportunity for all or a portion of David's Harp Executive Team to meet key leadership within the LCMS. While some time was spent doing this at District conventions or gatherings, other opportunities occurred in specific meetings. We met with the Concordia University Chicago Music Department, the President of the Concordia University System and the entire Set Apart to Serve Team, synod's current Church Worker Recruitment Initiative. The basic idea behind these meetings relates to the fact that the work of David's Harp and the growing number of parish based music conservatories makes David's Harp like a Musician Recruitment Agency. With an every growing network of church, schools and missions given to the specific task of raising up the next generation of church musicians, David's Harp has key leads that can be shared with the Church at large. Discussion is ongoing about how David's Harp and likely LCMS middle and high schools, can continue to collaborate and communicate in order to help encourage and facilitate the flow of potential church workers from parishes to our universities back to serve in our parishes.
4. **New Conservatories**—After the meetings with our synodical leadership, it simply became more clear that the work of David's Harp is at its best when it is focusing on starting new conservatories and creating additional resources uniquely suited for the developing musicians within the LCMS. The response to the work of David's Harp generally, and now specifically to Trey Stickler's masterful help, has been amazing. While the grant we received from the Lilly Foundation called for the start of 5 new conservatories each year over the course of five years, already this fall we are poised to help with the start of 6 new conservatories! Beyond that, we now have a pipeline of 46 churches who are at some point in the process of working on a conservatory! To put that into perspective, our current 18 conservatories represent roughly 60 teachers and 400+ students. And David's Harp began only 5 years ago in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Conclusion—While David's Harp is working with churches, schools and missions all over the country, it is an extension and an amplification of the work we do right here at St. Paul's. At St. Paul's we benefit from the networks being built, the resources offered and the knowledge gained. God help us service the church here and beyond through this unique ministry!



Scan the QR code to visit David's Harp website for more information.

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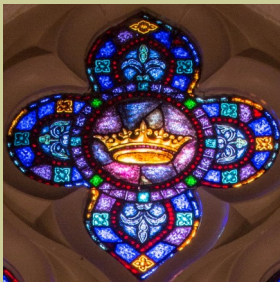
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St. Paul's Congregation
by the numbers

YouTube Subscribers	201
Facebook Followers	994
Instagram Followers	12
X Followers	4
Congregation Members	562
Households	253



St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center
by the numbers

Students	42
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St. Paul's Lutheran Church Statistics August 2025 St. Paul's Dashboard

August 2025 Attendance 8:00	527
August 2025 Attendance 10:45	391
August 2025 Attendance Seasonal Services	142
August 2025 Total In-Person Attendance	1,060
August 2025 Sunday Facebook Views	1,819
August 2025 Sunday YouTube Views	382
August 2025 Seasonal Facebook Views	482
August 2025 Seasonal YouTube Views	34
August 2025 Total Online Views	2,717
Total August 2025	3,777

St. Paul's Lutheran Church August Income & Expense*

St. Paul's	August 2025	2025 Year to Date
Total Income	\$ 33,569.48	\$ 398,359.72
Total Expenses	\$ 40,703.84	\$ 420,176.59
Income Less Expense	\$ -7,134.36	\$ -21,816.87

St. Paul's Music Conservatory August Income & Expense*

St. Paul's MC	August 2025	2025 Year to Date
Total Income	\$ 69,075.15	\$ 375,853.55
Total Expenses	\$ 49,335.54	\$ 406,257.11
Income Less Expense	\$ 19,739.61	\$ -30,403.76



St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center August Income & Expense*

SPLECC	August 2025	2025 Year to Date
Total Income	\$ 1,864.20	\$ 44,786.72
Total Expenses	\$ 3,416.76	\$ 40,488.34
Income Less Expense	\$ -1,552.56	\$ 4,298.38

* This is a snapshot of the income and expense report to as of 03-SEP-2025.

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Church Office Closed SPLECC Closed	2 SPLECC 1st Day Pre-K T-Th & M-F 6am Men's Bible Study 7pm Elder's Meeting	3 SPLECC 1st Day Pre-K MWF 9am Chapel @ SPLECC 5pm Christ Academy	4 9am Chapel @ SPLECC 9:15am Parish & ECC Admin Meeting	5	6 9am Women's Bible Study
7 12th Sunday after Trinity 8am Divine Service 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Divine Service	8 6pm Bell Choir 7:10pm High School Choir	9	10 9am Chapel @ SPLECC 9am Circuit Pastors Mtg 5pm Christ Academy	11 9am Chapel @ SPLECC 6:30pm Council Meeting	12	13
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21 14th Sunday after Trinity 8am Divine Service 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Divine Service	22 IDW Pastors Conf Ft. Dodge, IA	23 IDW Pastors Conf Ft. Dodge, IA Newsletter Articles Due	24 9am Chapel @ SPLECC 5pm Christ Academy	25 9am Chapel @ SPLECC	26 Oktober-Fun-Fest Setup 3pm – 7pm	27 Oktober-Fun-Fest 3pm – 7pm
28 15th Sunday after Trinity 8am Divine Service 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Divine Service	29 6pm Bell Choir	30	Christ Academy each Wednesday, 4:30p Choir Practice, 5:00p – 5:30p Dinner, 5:45p – 7:00pm Class Oktober-Fun-Fest – September 27th, 3pm – 7pm St. Paul's Event Calendar online at: https://stpaulscouncilbluffs.org/calendar/			

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Recipe of the Month

St. Stephen of Hungary's Chimney Cake

A very old Hungarian recipe with a few fun modern twists. Traditionally made by wrapping strips around a stick or poker and baking over an open fire, this recipe uses pop cans and your standard oven. Once baked, you can fill the cake with ice cream or whipped cream, or separate into rings and dip in chocolate or your favorite jam.



St. Stephen of Hungary's Chimney Cake

Prep Time: 20minutes mins — Cook Time 18minutes mins

Rise Time: 1hour

Servings: 4 people

Ingredients

- 1 tsp salt
- 3 C all-purpose flour
- 1.5 tsbp instant yeast
- 2 tsbp sugar
- 1 egg
- $\frac{1}{4}$ C milk
- 2 tsbp melted butter
- 1 tsp vanilla

Cinnamon Sugar Topping

- $\frac{1}{4}$ C granulated sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ C cinnamon (2 tbls)

Instructions

1. Mix flour, sugar, salt, and yeast in a large bowl. Add egg, melted butter, vanilla, and milk. Knead until smooth.
2. Transfer to an oiled bowl, cover, and let rise in a warm spot for about 1 hour, until doubled.
3. Wrap clean soda cans or wooden rolling pins in foil and lightly grease. Mix cinnamon and sugar in a small bowl.
4. Roll dough into a thin rectangle, then slice into $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide strips. Wrap strips around cans in a spiral, pressing lightly so they stick. Oil the wrapped dough and roll in the cinnamon sugar coating then place upright on a parchment-lined tray.
5. Bake at 325°F for 20 minutes, until golden. Cool slightly, twist off the cans, and enjoy plain, dipped in chocolate, or filled with ice cream or whipped cream.

Additional Items of Note

St. Paul's event calendar is now online on St. Paul's website

St. Paul's recently updated our website to include a calendar. The calendar shows all events currently at St. Paul's and the Early Childhood Center. You may select each event individually to see additional information about each event. You have the option to view the calendar in Month, Week, and Daily. Please contact the Church Office with any questions. The link to the calendar is: <https://stpaulscouncilbluffs.org/calendar/> or <https://stpaulscouncilbluffs.org/> and select the calendar icon in the lower right of the screen.

Rally/Promotion Sunday is Sunday, September 7th

This years 2025-2026 Rally Sunday will be Sunday morning, September 7th beginning at 9:30am in the Church Undercroft. We look forward to seeing you Sunday morning, to meet your new Sunday School Teacher.

Christ Academy Begins Wednesday, September 3, 2025, beginning at 5:00pm*

It is that time again.! St. Paul's 2025-2026 Christ Academy begins Wednesday, September 3, 2025, beginning at 5:00pm.

*The schedule for Christ Academy is:

4:30pm - 5:00pm	Cantate Domino Choir Practice (Grades 2-8) -Sanctuary
5:00pm - 5:30pm	Evening Meal - Church Undercroft (Fellowship Hall)
5:30pm - 5:45pm	Opening Devotion (Church Sanctuary)
5:45pm - 7:00pm	Christ Academy Class & Adult Class

Special Adult Class Speaker September 3: Rev. Brent Kuhlman

HISTORICAL BOOKS: Joshua, Judges & Ruth The Bible provides a different kind of history, namely, prophetic, sacred, God-driven historical writing that climaxes in the perfect life, sacrificial death and glorious resurrection of Jesus the Christ FOR YOU AND FOR YOUR SALVATION.

St. Paul's Handbell Choir Practice

St. Paul's Handbell Choir practice begins again every Monday evening, beginning September 8, 2025, at 6:00pm in the Church Sanctuary. If you would like to join the Hand bell Choir, please contact Pastor Frank for more information.



St. Paul's Member News & Notes

Jonathan Schulz awarded the G.W. Lobeck Scholarship for Continued Education in Ministry

St. Paul's member & Music Conservatory Instructor Jonathan Schulz. Jonathan was awarded the G.W. Lobeck Scholarship for Continued Education in Ministry. Jonathan will be starting Seminary at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, on Monday, September 8th.

Originally called The Student Aid Fund in 1960, renamed in 1966 to the St. Paul's Scholarship Fund. In 1978 the St. Paul's Scholarship Fund was renamed to the G.W. Lobeck Scholarship, after longtime and former Pastor G.W. Lobeck.

Jonathan will receive a scholarship award at the beginning of every fall and spring semester until he completes his Master of Divinity degree at CTSFW.

Congratulations once again Jonathan and may God bless you on your journey to becoming a Pastor in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

If you would like to donate to the G.W. Lobeck Scholarship, please contact the Church Office for more information on how to contribute.



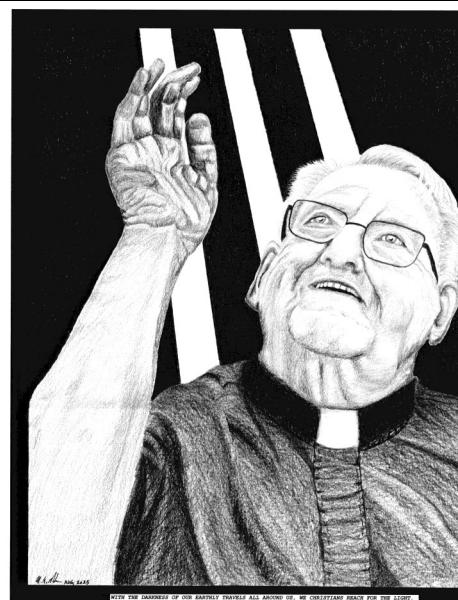
Above: Jonathan Schulz (in middle) with his Music Conservatory students at their Spring recital.

Member Quietly Sketches Events Held at St. Paul's

One of St. Paul's many gifted and talented members recently allowed me to view several of their recent sketches of events, and members they have sketched over the last few months. I was given permission to reprint a few of their sketches for the Congregation to view. The member has been working on a few sketches of other events, and Pastors. In upcoming editions of **The Word** I will see if we may be able to reproduce a few more sketches.



Above: Sketches of Rev. Dr. Cameron MacKenzie from the CTSFW Continuing Ed Class—"Get the Message Straight, Missouri. Get the Message Out, Missouri!"



Above: Portrait sketch of Rev. Robert Lindau in observance of Pastor Lindau's 80th Birthday on 15-Aug-2025.



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News & Notes from IDW The Messenger

From time to time (or to fill make even pages in the newsletter) we will pull articles of interest from the Iowa District West newsletter “The Messenger”. The link to the current edition of “The Messenger” along with previous editions maybe found here: <https://idwlcms.org/publications.php>

Iowa District West Rostered Worker Status Updates

CHANGE OF STATUS

Lois Hanusa, Candidate, Council Bluffs, to Emeritus Status effective July 20, 2025

PRESIDENT’S PAGE

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Our Pastors are EVERYWHERE! While I’ve never attended the Rose Bowl—the “granddaddy of them all” - I have had the distinct honor and joy, over nearly 25 years of service in Iowa District West, of knowing Rev. Henry Kuhn, affectionately regarded as the “granddaddy of our circuit.” More on Henry later. Here are just a few recent examples: **Carlisle Sanctuary (Rev. Kevin Johnson):** The sanctuary was filled with Iowa District West pastors attending the ACELC conference, engaging in meaningful discussions about pathways to pastoral ministry. **August 3 – 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration:** A large group of pastors gathered to honor Pastor Gus and Sharon George. Among those in attendance were Pastors Gietz, Lowe, Martin, Batchelder, Stenzel, and myself. We gave thanks to God for the gift of marriage and the pastoral office. Missionary Gary Theis also joined the celebration.

Speaking of Gary Theis and Misson Central....

if you look back on page 6 of this newsletter you will see Pastor Frank and his family, along with the Jan Steenbock, Diane Rounds, and Shirley Walker up at Mission Central on July 26, 2025. Also in that picture next to Diane Rounds (to the right in the blue dress is Sue Schulz with Pastor Steven Schulz right behind Sue. Pastor Schulz and Sue are the parents of Jonathan Schulz who received the G.W. Lobeck Scholarship Award, and starts seminary on Monday, September 8th.

Finally, Deaconess Sandra Rhein (and adopted St. Paul’s Missionary) of the Asia Region

Sandra Rhein will be at Mission Central - Saturday, September 20, 2025, at 1:00pm.

Sandra will be here at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, on Sunday, September 21, 2025 at both 8:00am and 10:45am.





During the month of September, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Our Early Childhood Center is partnering with Timothy Lutheran Church to support Swaddling Clothes with a Diaper and Wipe Drive.

What is Swaddling Clothes? Swaddling Clothes is a program run by various congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to share the mercy of Christ with our neighbors through the gifts of clothing, food, friendship, and the forgiving Word of God.

Swaddling Clothes Mission Statement: The mission of Swaddling Clothes is to share the mercy of Christ with our neighbors through the gifts of clothing, food, friendship, and the forgiving Word of God.

A baby crib has been setup outside the **St. Paul's Church Office** to place baby diapers and baby wipes into.

Every 3rd Saturday of the month from 9am - 11am, Timothy Lutheran Church is open for anyone with children to come in and get a supply of baby diapers and wipes along with any other items that are available. Note "other" items will vary from month to month.

Items in greatest demand: Diapers size 4-7, Pull-ups of all sizes and gender, including the extra large size that fits a child weighing 60 pounds, Baby wipes for sensitive skin, and small packages of wipes with about 50 wipes.

For more information, please contact Nancy Ruffcorn at 402-670-6465 or nkruffcorn@yahoo.com or visit <https://timothylutheran.net/swaddling-clothes/> or scan the QR code below for more information.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church Oktober-Fun-Fest 2nd Annual & Church Picnic Saturday, September 27, 2025



From 3:00pm to 7:00pm
St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center



1500 N 16th St



Council Bluffs, IA 51501

***Activities: Bounce House, Hay Rack Rides, Face & Pumpkin**



Painting, Petting Zoo, Treasure Hunt



Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Baked Beans,



Pretzel Bites w/cheese, Desserts, (Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, & Water)

Live Music provided by St. Paul's Music Conservatory



Free Will Offering taken at the door,



***Purchase tickets for, Activities, Root Beer Floats at the Guest**



Information Table



All Proceeds to Support St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center

Questions, please contact St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 712-322-4729 or email at

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