

The Clarion

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Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this, I am in the process of helping our daughter move from one state to another. While making the drive to North Dakota so we could load up her belongings and move her to Wisconsin, I started thinking about how people move from one place to another. We get a big truck, carefully load things up after they have been dutifully packed in boxes, wrapped for protection, and driven—maybe across town or across the country—and then all unloaded again.

The process of moving is a laborious process, but done rather quickly and easily. The better it is planned out, the more smoothly it would go. After the preparation, it is a fairly quick process. It generally takes a matter of days. Imagine a move taking 40 years. The Old Testament nation of Israel—not a family or two or three, but a whole nation of people—had little time to prepare as it came time for them to uproot from Egypt and move to the land the LORD had promised them, and then they traveled for four decades before they were led into their new land. And through it all, the LORD provided for all their needs.

The LORD is faithful at all times. Even if you sinfully lose your way, He lovingly restores you through forgiveness and provides protection through any and every situation in which you may find yourself. As these summer months continue, it can be easy to lose sight of the LORD's guidance. Nonetheless, He works for your good, providing for all your needs, and providing His constant presence with you for Jesus' sake. You are encouraged to lift your hearts and your eyes so you recognize how the Lord continues to lead, guide, provide, care, nourish, and love you as only He can.

We are transient people, even in this world. Our days on this earth are limited. But through the work of Jesus through His cross and empty tomb, He assures that all your transitions are under His watchful eye and tender care until you are brought to the settlement He has promised you in His heavenly kingdom.

In Christ,

Pastor Ogilvie

Learn from Jesus Sundays this Summer

This month, the Sunday morning Bible study continues looking at one of Jesus' major and most well-known teachings—the Sermon on the Mount. Working under the theme “Living Off the Mountain,” this study focuses on the will of God for His people, and what the commands of God really mean for our lives. It will lead to a deeper understanding of how a person's faith in Jesus truly shapes and influences his or her life. Hopefully, this study will challenge as well as encourage as you endeavor to live faithfully as a follower of Jesus every day. Topics will include how to live a righteous life, how to interact with your enemies, how to pray, how to live without worrying, and more.

All are invited to take part in this engaging study. The Sunday morning Bible study meets in the Chamber Room from 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Time for Another Quarterly Voters' Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Voters' assembly of St. Paul will take place on Sunday, July 15, at 10:15 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. All voting members of the congregation—communicant members of at least 18 years of age—are encouraged to be present for this meeting.

This means the time for the quarterly meeting of the St. Paul Church Council is drawing near, as well. The council will meet on Tuesday, July 3, at 6:00 p.m.

Join us in the July 4th Parade!

Again this year, St. Paul will have a float in the Williamsburg July 4th parade. Members are encouraged to be a part of the float presentation in the parade. We would love to have many St. Paul members represent the congregation walking with or riding on the float. Simply meet at the float at the staging area in the high school parking lot just prior to the parade. If you have a red St. Paul t-shirt, please wear that. If you do not have one, they are available through the church office.

The Evangelism Committee is also planning a free ice cream social for the community right after the parade. Come by the church following the parade and get some free ice cream with toppings. Invite friends and neighbors to enjoy it with you. Ice cream will be served until it is gone. (Any donations or help would be appreciated)

If you have any questions or would like to help or donate with this effort, please contact Laurinda Kraft.

LWML Convention News

The Iowa East District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League met at the Marriott in Cedar Rapids June 15 and 16, 2018. Many mission-minded women from throughout eastern Iowa met for inspiration, fellowship, and to set the course for the work of the district LWML for the next two years. One of the actions taken at the convention was to elect Pastor Ogilvie as one of the district pastoral counselors.

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Ogilvie will be taking a little more vacation time July 26-29. If you are in need of pastoral care while he is gone, please contact your Elder or the church office.

Together in the Word.

Being in God's Word daily is truly a blessing. The readings that will be posted for the next several months are taken from the daily lectionary which is found on pages 299-304 in *Lutheran Service Book*. Blessings on your reading and meditation.

July	1	Joshua 6:6-27 Acts 10:18-33	9	Judges 4:1-24 Acts 14:1-18
	2	Joshua 7:1-26 Acts 10:34-48	10	Judges 6:1-24 Acts 14:19-15:5
	3	Joshua 8:1-28 Acts 11:1-18	11	Judges 6:25-40 Acts 15:6-21
	4	Joshua 10:1-25 Acts 11:19-30	12	Judges 7:1-23 Galatians 1:1-24
	5	Joshua 23:1-16 Acts 12:1-25	13	Judges 13:1-25 Galatians 2:1-21
	6	Joshua 24:1-31 Acts 13:1-12	14	Judges 14:1-20 Galatians 3:1-22
	7	Judges 2:5-23 Acts 13:13-41	15	Judges 15:1-16:3 Galatians 3:23-4:11
	8	Judges 3:7-31 Acts 13:42-52	16	Judges 16:4-30 Galatians 4:12-31

17	1 Samuel 1:1-20 Galatians 5:1-26	25	1 Samuel 9:1-27 Acts 21:37-22:16
18	1 Samuel 1:21-2:17 Galatians 6:1-18	26	1 Samuel 10:1-27 Acts 22:17-29
19	1 Samuel 2:18-36 Acts 15:22-41	27	1 Samuel 12:1-25 Acts 22:30-23:11
20	1 Samuel 3:1-21 Acts 16:1-22	28	1 Samuel 13:1-18 Acts 23:12-35
21	1 Samuel 4:1-22 Acts 16:23-40	29	1 Samuel 14:47-15:9 Acts 24:1-23
22	1 Samuel 5:1-6:3, 10-16 Acts 18:1-11, 23-28	30	1 Samuel 15:10-35 Acts 24:24-25:12
23	1 Samuel 6:19-7:17 Acts 19:1-22	31	1 Samuel 16:1-23 Acts 25:13-27
24	1 Samuel 8:1-22 Acts 21:15-36		

Altar Flowers needed for July 14/15, August 18/19, September 1/2, 8/9, 15/16, 22/23, October 13/14, 20/21, 27/28, November 3/4, 10/11, December 1/2, 8/9, 15/16 and 29/30.

Blood Drive here at St. Paul on July 23rd from 3:00-6:30pm

Christian Service Committee News about our Church Family (all addresses are Williamsburg, IA 52361 unless noted)

Highlighted Birthdays and Anniversaries for July. Complete lists of birthdays and anniversaries are posted on the bulletin board at the west entrance.

July 1 – Lavonne Sandersfeld, 81, 1042 Chatham Dr.
 July 1 – Jameson Timm, 1, 1024 Tower Court, Iowa City 52246
 July 3 – Ron Ahrens, 83, 207 East State Street, PO Box 116
 July 3 – Gabriel Staudt, 5, PO Box 476
 July 5 – Karen Wichmann, 70, 100 Hampton Way
 July 6 – Nicholas & Megan Timm, 5th, 1024 Tower Court, Iowa City 52246
 July 7 – Loralie Childers, 9, 805 North Street
 July 8 – Kristie Stansbury, 40, 2554 320th Street, North English 52316
 July 9 – Don & Sharon Grimm, 35th, 904 West Welsh Street, PO Box 575
 July 12 – Brody Schrock, 8, 860 Sandpiper Court, North Liberty 52317
 July 15 – Cady Campbell, 13, 3263 200th Street, Homestead 52236
 July 16 – Braden Mumm, 14, 2936 N Drive, Parnell 52325
 July 17 – Kortni Gensley, 18, 1651 SS Ave, South Amana 52334
 July 17 – Gene & Jeanie Collingwood, 52nd, 2762 P Ave
 July 19 – Michael & Jenn Jepson, 15th, 916 Terry Drive
 July 20 – Arianna Acosta, 12, 102 West South Street, Apt #6
 July 22 – Mike & Cheryl Feldman, 40th, 2101 PP Ave
 July 22 – Gary & Rose Graham, 40th, 2753 Coyote Court Drive
 July 24 – Vayanna Kruse, 20, 1977 R Ave, PO Box 431
 July 25 – Samantha Davies, 20, 2266 210th Street
 July 25 – Murray & Lynn Evans, 54th, 2498 Y Ave
 July 26 – Edgar Ficken, 84, 1509 West Welsh Street
 July 29 – Rowdy Loy, 9, 805 West State Street
 July 29 – Oliver Tuttle, 3, 2185 NN Ave.
 July 29 – Richard & Sonya Uhlmann 40th, 804 Clearview Drive, PO Box 466
 July 30 – Easton Maas, 5, 406 Page Street
 July 31 – Frannie Ogilvie, 13, 2115 East Court Street, Iowa City, 52245

Those in need of prayers or who are sick or in hospital

Grace Belland, 112 Ridge View Circle
Maxine Burck 203 Westwood Rd
Christopher Doehrmann 304 Taylor Dr., PO Box 557 Lone Tree, IA
Allen Haworth, 1407 West Welsh Street
Ron Knock 315 Easy St.
Dorothy Lane, 120 West Woodbine Dr., North English 52316
JoLinda Schlesselman, 344 St Paul St., Parnell 52325
Rachele Watson, 2348 L Ave
Roland Williams, 304 West Welsh Street St.

Congratulations and Blessings to Katie (Glandorf) and Colton Murrey who were married on May 26, 2018.

Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Betty Schindler. Betty passed away on May 24 at Colonial Manor. Funeral service was May 29th, here at St. Paul Lutheran church.

And to the family of Ruth Melsa. Ruth died on June 4th. Ruth is the sister of Richard (Marietta) Meyer. Funeral service was held on Saturday June 9th, St. John Lutheran, Marengo

If you need clothes, check out the following places: Contact each store to find out the dates for their sales.

Crowded Closet 1213 Gilbert Court, Iowa City, 9:30-5:00 M-F, Sat 9:30-4:00 319-337-5924. Colored tag ½ price each week.

Good Will/Coralville 2551 Heartland Place, 319-248-4729

Good Will/Iowa City 985 Highway 6 E, 319-248-4705, 9AM-9PM M-F, Sat. 9-6 PM, Sunday 12-5PM

The Attic, Free clothing – call 668-2288 for an appointment (St. Paul Methodist), the hours are Monday 9-11AM, Thursday 5:30-6:30PM

Salvation Army/Iowa City – 1725 Boyrum St., 9AM-8PM, M-Sat. 319-339-4984

If you need food or know of someone who does, the HACAP Food Reservoir Mobile Food Pantry is at the Williamsburg Kirkwood Campus from 3:00-4:00 pm on the last Tuesday (6/26 & 7/26) of each month.

Clarion Deadline is July 20th.

Clarion Assembly will be on July 30 at 1:00pm.

Church secretary will be out of the office July 5th & 6th.

Elders will meet on July 10, 2018 at 7:00pm

Evangelism will meet on July 31 at 5:30pm

In our Church library

Adult Books

A Flame in the Dark by Sarah Baughman

Heinrich is a student at the University of Wittenberg, studying under Dr. Martin Luther. When this professor posts 95 Theses challenging the Catholic Church, the lives of the people in Wittenberg - including his students - are changed forever. Readers will connect with the characters, identify with their struggles, and, ultimately, see how God's Word works amid all of life's messy complications, no matter our place in history.



Summer by Karen Kingsbury

A NEW BEGINNING: Hollywood actor Dayne Matthews and Katy Hart are married and living in Bloomington, Ind., where Dayne has found a solution to his on-camera love scenes—he wants Katy to star in his next film. Katy wins the part and is cast opposite her super-star husband. The story of a small town girl's dream come true is too much for the press to resist, and in an effort to appease them, the couple agrees to a 12-episode reality show. It seems like the perfect compromise but by the time they finish filming the movie, they feel cracks around the edges of their marriage.

Now they face an uncertain future, and possibly the end of everything that truly matters to them. **AN UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER:** The Baxter family learns that Ashley and Kari are both pregnant, but an ultrasound reveals that something is wrong with one of the babies. As the summer progresses, the sisters pray for a miracle while trying to face the unthinkable. It's in this trying season that they must all learn the lesson God has been trying to teach them—He is still in control, and He will be with them regardless of the outcome. **AN EMOTIONAL FAREWELL:** The Flanigans continue to draw closer to their only daughter, yet Bailey struggles to find her way amidst the turmoil of adolescence. She has always made good decisions, but she wants to experience more of life. Her friendship with Cody Coleman—the young border staying with the Flanigans—continues to blossom in this summer after his graduation. ...

The Hawaiian Discovery by Wanda E Brunstetter & Jean Brunstetter

An Amish Woman Finds Love in Hawaii Ellen Lambright mourned when her best friend, Mandy, moved from Indiana to Hawaii. But now Ellen has received the Amish church's permission to go to Hawaii and help Mandy through challenging times. Reuben Zook works on the Williams family's organic farm, far from his past mistakes and burning regrets. When Ellen befriends Reuben, the attraction is mutual, but her commitment to the Amish faith stands between them. Could a heartfelt discovery lead to forgiveness, reunion, and love? Or is Ellen's destiny waiting for her in Indiana?

The Tech-Wide Family by Andy Crouch

Making conscientious choices about technology in our families is more than just using internet filters and determining screen time limits for our children. It's about developing wisdom, character, and courage in the way we use digital media rather than accepting technology's promises of ease, instant gratification, and the world's knowledge at our fingertips. And it's definitely not just about the kids. Drawing on in-depth original research from the Barna Group, Andy Crouch shows readers that the choices we make about technology have consequences we may never have considered. He takes readers beyond the typical questions of what, where, and when and instead challenges them to answer provocative questions like, "Who do we want to be as a family?" and "How does our use of a particular technology move us closer or farther away from that goal?" Anyone who has felt their family relationships suffer or their time slip away amid technology's distractions will find in this book a path forward to reclaiming their real life in a world of devices.

To The Moon and Back by Karen Kingsbury

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Karen Kingsbury comes a brand-new love story in the Baxter Family collection about two people who lost their parents in the same national tragedy--two people desperate to find each other and the connection they shared for a single day...a day that changed everything. Brady Bradshaw was a child when the Oklahoma City bombing killed his mother. Every year, Brady visits the memorial site on the anniversary to remember her. A decade ago on that day, he met Jenna Phillips, who was also a child when her parents were killed in the attack. Brady and Jenna shared a deep heart connection and a single beautiful day together at the memorial. But after that, Brady never saw Jenna again. Every year when he returns, he leaves a note for her in hopes that he might find her again. This year, Ashley Baxter Blake and her sister Kari Ryan and their families take a spring break trip that includes a visit to the site to see the memorial's famous Survivor Tree. While there, Ashley spots a young man, alone and troubled. That man is Brady Bradshaw. A chance moment leads Ashley to help Brady find Jenna, the girl he can't forget. Ashley's family is skeptical, but she pushes them to support her efforts to find the girl and bring them together. But will it work? Will her husband, Landon, understand her intentions? And is a shared heartache enough reason to fall in love? Deeply emotional and beautifully romantic, To the Moon and Back is an ...

Work Hard Pray Hard by Lt Gen (Ret) Rick Lynch

Lynch says the book explores seven principles that will put your true power of faith into action -- principles like being less anxious and having courage, overcoming limitations, trusting in God, and being humble, which Lynch says is talked about dozens of times in the Bible.

"The most important piece of furniture in your house is the mirror," he admonished. "You ought to be looking into the mirror every day and ask yourself, 'How am I doing?'"

"Part of that is this idea of humility because you are not nearly as good as you think you are," he said. "I do believe that the ground is level at the base of the cross, so the fact that I was a three-star general is not that

important. The fact that I want to touch lives and make a difference every day -- that is what God wants me to do." Lynch says you don't need to read his book from cover to cover. If you're struggling with inner peace or courage then just read the chapter on those subjects.

Although it's not billed as a motivational book, it serves to do exactly that - motivate. It's written by a man many call a true American hero, a former military leader who now lives to spread the Gospel.

Children's Books

A Child's Garden of Bible by Arthur W. Gross Illustrated by Marilyn Barr **e Stories**

Remember when you read your first Bible storybook? It may have been this volume. Originally written in 1948, this book has enjoyed a popular readership for more than 50 years. Today's classic version offers 60 Old and New Testament Bible stories in updated language. Read to your children the timeless biblical accounts of God's faithfulness, grace, and mercy as He interacts with His people.

God Is Like by Julie Walters

I Wonder--Could God be like a rock?--or like a light?--or like the wind? It isn't easy for a child to understand the nature of a complex God. But through His creation, the invisible God makes Himself known. Boys and girls can begin to understand the mystery of God by looking at the wonderful world He made. Rock, light, and wind reveal amazing secrets about who God is. These three parables will open young minds and help boys and girls make their own first discoveries about God's rocklike steadfastness and faithfulness, the light of His love in Jesus, and the windlike power of His Spirit.

Honor Roll by Jane Sorenson

I took a deep breath. "I probably won't make the Honor Roll," I told Sara.

"But, Katie, you promised me you'd try!"

"All my life I've been trying, Sara. But I've never made it before!"

"It's your attitude!" she said. "How can you succeed with that negative attitude?"

Katie didn't really mind Sara's pushing her to get good grades, but, frankly, she had other things on her mind.

What was she to do about the new girl in her class, Kimberly Harris? Katie's other friends just ignored Kimberly; they didn't want to have anything to do with a brown-nose! But Katie couldn't just ignore Kimberly. That wasn't the right attitude for a Christian. Being Kimberly's friend, however, was one of the hardest things she'd ever had to do!

The Hear Me Read Bible Level 2 by Dr. Mary Manz Simon

These books give children the practice they need to become great readers. Hear Me Read books teach a complete Bible story in 25 words or less. Kids develop a sight vocabulary as they learn to recognize the simple words. Humor, repetition, and colorful illustrations bring these stories to life for early learners.

Views from our Shoes by Donald Meyer

In Views From Our Shoes, 45 siblings share their experiences as the brother or sister of someone with a disability. The children whose essays are featured here range from four to eighteen and are the siblings of youngsters with a variety of special needs, including autism, cerebral palsy, developmental delays, ADD, hydrocephalus, visual and hearing impairments, Down and Tourette syndromes. Their personal tales introduce young siblings to others like them, perhaps for the first time, and allow them to compare experiences. A glossary of disabilities provides easy-to-understand definitions of many of the conditions mentioned. Also by Don Meyer: Thicker than Water: Essays by Adult Siblings of People with Disabilities The Sibling Slam Book: What It's Really Like To Have A Brother Or Sister With Special Needs.

LIS Board of Directors will meet July 17 at 7:30pm

Quilters will be meeting on July 9th at 9:00am.

St. Paul T-Shirts are for sale, sizes small –3x. They are red in color. Sizes Small –Xl are \$8.00, 2X-3X are \$11.00.

Tuesday Morning Men’s Bible Study meets at 9:00am

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Weddings

Regan Glandorf/Travis Perry on July 21st.

Samuel Ogilvie/Amy Ostrem on July 28th.

Women' Guild Women's Guild met on June 7 with Lynn Evans leading our Bible study taken from the book "Grandma's Voice". This book can be found in the church library. Reports were read & it was brought to our attention that all the items will be sent to the convention for the layette shower. Retreat at Camp Io-dis-e-ca will be Sept 7th -8th. Graduates were sent cards. VBS can use help & food donations. Quilting was discussed. Birthday song was sang, prayers & refreshments served. Hostesses for July will be Darlene & Jeanette.

What God Expects of Christian

The important thing is not what the church or the minister expects of a Christian—but what God expects. Here are some expectations that come straight from the Bible:

1. He expects us to GROW (Thess. 1:3)
2. He expects us to GR (Mark 5:19)
3. He expects us to GLOW (Luke 8:16)
4. He expects us to SOW (Mark 4:1-20)
5. He expects us to SHOW (Psalms 92:1-2)
6. He expects us to KNOW (2 Cor. 5:1)

