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The Church Year

Rhythm of Time

Our lives are shaped by the rhythm of days, weeks, months, seasons, and years. Within this rhythm of time we live our lives with little or no control over the outcomes. How often do we wish for the ability to control time? We either want to go back in time and relive or redo a past experience, or often we wish time would hurry up so we could get past an experience that is less than joyful. But we live within time, unable to control it, only to experience life as it comes and goes. But within this rhythm of time we live as baptized Christians, so our lives are not marked by only earthly events or experiences with no lasting benefit, but rather our lives are interwoven with the life of Christ as we experience it in the life of the church. The Church Year brings meaning to the rhythm of days, weeks, months, seasons, and years as we “travel with Jesus during the Church Year.” Despite what we see and experience in time on earth, we are part of something greater that is only understood when we live our lives connected to the Church Year found within the Divine Service which brings us into continual contact with the words of Jesus that give us life.

Through the Seasons

During the Church Year we follow Jesus from His incarnation to His crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. As the Church Year plays out through the events of Jesus’s life, we can’t help but notice the earthly seasons along the way that seem to fit the particular season of the church year. In the Fall everything is dying, and the days are getting shorter as we focus on judgment and the end of time. Advent season ushers in winter as we look forward with anticipation towards the Christmas season where we will experience a bit of respite in the midst of the cold, dark days of winter. As we move into late winter and the Lenten season, we begin to think about new life which will come when the dead of winter passes and we look forward with anticipation as we wait for life to emerge once again in the coming months. At last Spring arrives, and with it, Easter as new life springs forth from the ground and from our lips come words of rejoicing in our risen Savior. Life abounds, we hear it, and we see it.

This may be a somewhat simplistic way to look at the Church Year, but I have found great comfort in these simple rhythms of both sacred time and earthly time as our earthly lives and the church are intertwined. In reality, these aren’t simplistic rhythms of time and season. Through these seasons of the Church Year as we gather together in the Divine Service, there is something greater taking place than merely observing events in the life of Christ as we cycle through each year. Heaven actually comes down to earth and takes us into the life of Jesus and saves us.

Connected and Receiving

Our observation during the Church Year is rooted in hearing and receiving. As God’s children, our whole life is one of reception. In observing this sacred time in the church, we become partakers of a spiritual reality that is only understood as we walk in the Spirit as Christians baptized into Christ. As we observe the life of Christ throughout the Church Year, our faith is informed and strengthened through what we hear and receive. What we hear and receive are the words that continually draw our attention to the life of Jesus who came into our time and space to save us. It’s the truth and words of Jesus and His life that tell us who we are and that we are saved because of what He did for us. The words of Jesus are more than simple knowledge, they are words of eternal life that kill the old man and raise to life the new man, forgiven, strengthened, and renewed for life eternal.

By working through the whole life of Jesus every year, we “elevate the Gospel” of Christ who gave His life for the sins of the world. It is the words of His life that become the focus of our worship throughout the year. True saving

faith depends on hearing the words of Christ (Rom 10:17). Our spiritual health is dependent on our continual reception of His Word which “sanctifies everybody and everything it touches.” It’s in the life of Christ that the waters of Holy Baptism were instituted by Christ Himself and, in His life that He sanctified the bread and wine as His true body and blood.

Jesus told the two disciples on the road to Emmaus that everything written about Him in the Law of Moses and the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled (Lk 24:44). It’s His life, suffering, death, and resurrection, which fulfills the Old Testament prophecy, and His teaching that He wants His disciples throughout the world to hear and to learn (Matt 28:19-20). Our lives are continually connected to Christ as we hear and receive His gifts throughout the year. It’s through this teaching and hearing where the Holy Spirit works, and Christ abides among us to the end of the age.

The Journey

Our life as humans is a journey from birth to death. Along this journey we experience both joy and suffering. If we lived this life as simply humans trying to do our best in this world, we would naturally look for hope and comfort in earthly things. In the end, though, these earthly things would give us no hope or comfort beyond the grave, because often what we experience in life is hardship, struggle, suffering, and death that finds no answer in earthly comfort and joy. But as Christians we don’t live as simply humans in this body of dying flesh, but rather as baptized Christians. So, our lives are better viewed as a journey from the baptismal font to the grave which is the doorway to eternal life with Christ.

This baptized life is a journey lived within the life of the invisible Church, which is the body of Christ that we are baptized into. The gifts received in the true Church are found in the visible church in the weekly Divine Service where we find a rhythm and shape to our baptized Christian life. The future hope of eternal life with Jesus is a present reality that we experience during the Church Year which is centered on the whole life of Christ. It’s His whole life that was lived for us in a specific time and place that gives our life meaning through the repetition of proclamation and reception found here on earth. It’s the words heard, spoken, and sung over and over throughout our years that give us strength to endure to our final day. May God continue to bring us into His visible church and the Divine Service to partake in the weekly and yearly rhythm of the church year where Jesus comes into our midst and saves us.

Worship service is on Sunday’s at 9:00am with Communion.



Highland Ridge service on May 12th at 2:00pm

Altar Guild—there are many open dates for flowers on the flower chart. If you have a special occasion coming up or would just like to give flowers on the altar, sign up on the flower chart which is located by the sacristy or contact the church office.

Bible Studies— **Tuesday morning Men’s/Women Bible Study at 9:00am**

Confirmands being confirmed on May 5th are Masilyn Conrad, Tyson Kriegel, and Rowdy Loy.

Christian Service Committee News about our Church Family (all addresses are Williamsburg, IA 52361 unless noted) **Highlighted Birthdays and Anniversaries for May** We highlight children’s, decade, and 80+ birthdays. We highlight the 1st year, each 5 years, and 50+ years wedding anniversaries. Please let us know if you would like other birthdays and anniversaries added to the highlighted list. Complete lists of birthdays and anniversaries are posted on the bulletin board at the west entrance.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 1 – Tom & Jacque Heitshusen, 50th – 533 Hawkeye Dr, Lot 5

May 1 – Devin & Channing Fraker, 5th – 1237 Highway 6, Malcom, IA 50157

May 1 – Brooklyn Goad, 15 – 1002 North St

May 1 – Leighton Maas, 14 – 406 Page St

May 5 – Stella Madoerin, 103 – 2228 Q Ave

May 6 – Gerald & Nancy Weldon, 52nd – 2883 O Ave, Parnell, IA 52325

May 7 – Beau Doehrmann, 1 – 2275 240th St

May 7 – Luka Gotsis, 13 – 697 E Adams St, Marengo, IA 52301

May 7 – Velma Mews, 89 – 502 S Walnut St

May 9 – Betty Haworth, 87 – 1407 W Welsh St

May 10 – Lee Cox, 2 – 2363 M Ave
May 10 – Vernon Schmidt, 90 – 2512 U Ave
May 11 – Kandi Gensley, 60 – 1651 SS Ave, South Amana, IA 52334
May 11 – Willard Huedepohl, 83 – 2263 210th St
May 12 – Lynne Doehrmann, 60 – 901 Oak St
May 12 – Sydney Stutzman, 11 – 204 Page St
May 13 – Keith Disterhofs, 83 – 122 Bailey Park Rd
May 13 – Adam Hook, 30 – PO Box 376
May 15 – Michael Feldman, 70 – 2101 PP Ave
May 16 – Isaiah Luers, 11 – 16277 310th Ave, Keota, IA 52248
May 16 – Olivia Schlesselman, 12 – 505 W Hilton St, Marengo, IA 52301
May 19 – Brucilla Lorenz, 81 – 2869 210th St, South Amana, IA 52334
May 20 – Cary & Janelle Stowe, 35th – 504 West St
May 22 – Ken & Jolene Schaefer, 53rd – 1720 216th St, Marengo, IA 52301
May 25 – Andrew Davies, 17 – PO Box 182, Marengo, IA 52301
May 29 – William Sitas, 50 – 104 East South St
May 30 – Masilyn Conrad, 14 – 809 W Welsh St
May 30 – Gabriella Uhlmann, 9 – PO Box 508
May 31 – Michael Jepson, 50 – 916 Terry Dr

Sympathy and Prayers

Emma Mae Campbell – English Valley Care Center rm 323-hospice
Douglas Furler (Brother of Russell Furler), intestinal cancer
Kim Kempf (daughter of Michael & Cheryl Feldman) breast cancer, 347 Cypress Court, Solon, IA 52330
Alyssa Perry (daughter of Barry & Lori Kahler) breast cancer
Mellissa Zuber, 1926 Q Ave, Marengo IA 52301

To the family of Marilyn Wichmann who died on April 8th. Marilyn is the cousin to Virginia (John) Koester. Funeral service was Thursday, April 11, 2024, at St John's Lutheran Church, Homestead.

Drivers: If you would like to help take church members to doctor appointments in the Williamsburg area, Iowa City or Cedar Rapids, please contact Theresa Heitman at twheitm@gmail.com or 319-530-0548.

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 2nd Tuesday (5/14) of each month.

The HACAP Food Reservoir distributes food boxes at the Presbyterian church from 10-12 on the first and third Thursdays each month.

Iowa County Food Bank – call Suzanne at 319-668-1375, Sherry at 319-551-7452 or Audrey at 319-721-7640.

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

Crowded Closet 851 Hwy 6 E, Ste 101, Iowa City, IA 52240, 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

Once Upon a Child – quality used children's clothing – next to Hy-Vee in Coralville

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

Thank you to everyone that contributed all purpose cleaner to the May basket community event. We were able to collect all 70 bottles needed. This event helps multiple families in the area that are in need of support.

Christian Services Committee

Elders Meeting— will be May 14th at 7:00pm.

Evangelism meeting on May 28th at 5:30pm

We're almost there! The day of meal packaging for Meals from the Heartland is almost here - please mark JUNE 1st on your calendar, and be sure to add your name to the sign up sheet on the bulletin board down by the west entrance. We need approximately 75 volunteers for packaging and 8-10 for set up and take down. A light meal will be provided for all those who volunteer. Please prayerfully consider helping with this wonderful cause, and have some fun and fellowship in the process! If you can't be there to help the day the meals are packed, monetary donations are always needed as well, make sure designate on your check or envelope "Meals from the Heartland" \$2,629.01 has been raised.

Fellowship—is in need of people to sign up to provide a snack/drinks after our Sunday worship service. There is a sign up sheet available on the west entrance bulletin board.

Library

Adult Books

An Irish Country Doctor by Patrick Taylor

Barry Laverty, M.B., can barely find the Northern Ireland village of Ballybucklebo on a map when he first sets out to seek gainful employment there. But Barry jumps at the chance to secure a position as an assistant in a small rural practice.

At least until he meets Dr. Fingal Flahertie O'Reilly.

The older physician has his own way of doing things. At first, Barry can't decide if the pugnacious O'Reilly is the biggest charlatan he has ever met or the best teacher he could ever hope for. Through O'Reilly, Barry soon gets to know all of the village's colourful and endearing residents and a host of other eccentric characters who make every day an education for the inexperienced young doctor.

Ballybucklebo is a long way from Belfast, and Barry is quick to discover that he still has a lot to learn about country life. But with pluck and compassion, and only the slightest touch of blarney, he will find out more about life--and love--than he ever imagined back in medical school.



Danger in Amish Country by Marta Perry, Diane Burke, Kit Wilkinson

LOVE AND DANGER COLLIDE IN THREE NEW AMISH NOVELLAS
Fall from Grace by Marta Perry When one of her students witnesses a crime, Sara Esch gets too close to the truth, and widower Caleb King must risk it all for the woman who's taught him to love again.
Dangerous Homecoming by Diane Burke Katie Lapp needs her childhood friend Joshua Miller more than ever when someone threatens her late husband's farm. Can Joshua protect her...even if it endangers his heart?
Return to Willow Trace by Kit Wilkinson A series of accidents has startled their Plain community...and leads Lydia Stoltz to Joseph Yoder, the man who once broke her heart. At every turn, it seems their shared past holds the key to their future.

Children's Books

Jonah and the Whale retold by Rosemary Lanning, Illustrated by Bernadette Watts

When Jonah, refusing his Lord's request to spread the Word to the people in the corrupt city of Nineveh, heads for the high seas, the Lord summons up a terrible storm that threatens all aboard and sends Jonah into the watery depths where he is swallowed by a whale. Trapped for days in the belly of the whale, Jonah sees the error of his ways and is mercifully set free to fulfill his mission. The story of Jonah is an exciting tale of danger and adventure that offers children a direct and satisfying lesson in disobedience, punishment, forgiveness, and redemption. Bernadette Watt's illustrations, done in a gentle naïf folk art style, exude warmth and childlike appeal, making this simple retelling of the Old Testament story accessible to a young audience.

The Lord God Made A World by Carlo Greene illustrated by Christopher Gray

Kids have fun as they read along and sing along with Read-n-Sing Bible Stories

The story of creation is told in an engaging rhyme that may be sung to the tune of "Do Lord" to help Children remember the Bible story.

Listen Everywhere App is now available. Users need to download app, log into stpaulswifi/Christ*1, then open app, 30 second access circle timer, then channel on left OGYF...play.

L.I.S. School board meeting— May 21 at 7:30pm

Last day of school is May 24th with a early out

Parish Ed —

Sunday School is not meeting again until September

Mid-week classes are finished until next school year

Confirmation—8th graders will be confirmed on May 5th.

LYF will meet on May 1st & 8th at 6:00pm

Looking for photographer/someone to take pictures of our Confirmation class on May 5, 2024. If you know of someone please contact the church office.

Quilters meet every Monday in May at 9:00am. Come and join them for fellowship and sewing!

From the Trustees—We are also looking for someone or a group of people to take care of the flower beds here at St. Paul. Thank you to all who showed up to help with the flowerbeds on April 15th.

Please contact the church office with any new phone numbers, no longer have a land line, new cell phone number, got married, divorced, moved, had a baby we would appreciate an update on the changes.

125

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

Capital Improvement Campaign

In 2029, St Paul's will be celebrating 125 years. Let's make this exciting milestone something to remember. We can all think of things the church needs or will need in the future. Things like a new roof, elevator, floor coverings, plaster in sanctuary, and work on the stain glass windows just to name a few. These projects could run anywhere from a few thousand dollars to hundreds of thousands. If we start now, we can get funding for projects within reach and give us another reason to celebrate in 2029!

Here is our lofty goal. If every communicant member continued to contribute \$125 per year for the next 6 years into this capital improvement fund, the congregation could end up with more than a half million dollars. That is \$125 dollars per year or \$10.41 per month or \$2.40 per week. In another words, a couple of meals out a year at a nice restaurant, a trip or two into a convenience store a month, or a couple cups of coffee a week.

Again, we understand this is a lofty goal but with our congregation's enthusiasm we hope everyone will want to participate. We encourage everyone to contribute \$125 above their normal offerings over the next 6 years which will be huge in paying for needed projects.

How do we participate you ask? It's simple. Just note "125 for 125" on your offering envelope. If you need to divide it out into a couple payments over the course of the year that works too.

There has been \$23,316.10 collected as end of March

Any Questions please, please contact:

Evan Uhlmann

evanuhlmann18@gmail.com

(319) 530-3003

Board of Elders

Stewardship Board

Board of Trustees

Congregational Chairman

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE - May 2024

DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	GREETERS	ORGANIST PA OPERATOR	SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS	STEWARDSHIP (to count)	HEAD USHERS	USHERS
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5-May 9:00am	Jacob Uhlmann	Lyle Grimm	Harleen Bott Gilbert & Karen Asbe	Karin Malloy Mark Imhoff	Confirmation	Leon Snyder Sandy Dellamuth Jolene Schaefer	Richard Schaefer Mike Feldman	Brett Kozishek Matt Schaefer Evan Stohlmann
12-May 9:00am	Rowdy Loy	Lyle Grimm	Rosemary Fetzer Larry & Pat Dellamuth	Pat Dellamuth Mike Dellamuth	Mother's Day	Rhonett Wardenburg Brianna Dellamuth Gary Stourac	Richard Schaefer Mike Feldman	Brett Kozishek Matt Schaefer Evan Stohlmann
19-May 9:00am	Tyson Kriegel	Lyle Grimm	Russ & Bonnie Furler Loring/Theresa Heitman	Peggy Wardenburg Sonya Uhlmann		Michelle Piersol Megan Finnegan Amanda Kruse	Richard Schaefer Mike Feldman	Brett Kozishek Matt Schaefer Evan Stohlmann
26-May 9:00am	Marilyn Conrad	Lyle Grimm	Deb Knock Laurinda Kraft	Pat Dellamuth Matt Schaefer		Kasey Garringer Ellyn Kozishek	Richard Schaefer Mike Feldman	Brett Kozishek Matt Schaefer Evan Stohlmann

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May 2024

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LIS Panther Proclaimer May, 2024 * Church Edition

The Panther Proclaimer – Church Edition is a publication of Lutheran Interparish School, published monthly in the church newsletter to keep our congregations informed of what is happening in our school.

UPDATE & THANK YOU



The LIS Panther Pride Race Committee is so appreciative of everyone who participated and/or helped make our 16th Annual 5k/1 Mile Fun Run held on Saturday, April 6th a success!

It was a beautiful, sunny day for our 70 participants that ran and walked Williamsburg! With our runners, walkers, and sponsors we raised \$ 9,349.00 and are another step closer to purchasing an outdoor digital sign. A digital sign will allow LIS to provide our community with important dates and activities. We are very grateful for everyone's continued support of LIS and its mission.

Mark your calendars now for our 17th annual 5K and Fun Run event on Saturday, April 5th, 2025.

NOTE OF INTEREST: Wes Hulseberg (LIS class of 2020) broke his previous record of 17:59. His time this year was 16:30. Congratulations, Wes! Great job!



END OF THE YEAR BAND CONCERT

Please join our 4th – 8th grade band students for our Spring Concert on Monday, May 6th at 2:30 pm in the big gym. Students will perform a variety of pieces, feature several outstanding soloist and ensembles as well as highlight our talented combined 4th-8th grade band. We hope you will join us to see how far our students have come.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION - May 8th:

LIS faculty, staff and students wish to thank all of our many volunteers who help make our ministry here a success. For all of you who volunteer at LIS during the school year, we will recognize you on May 8, 2024. Join us for a continental breakfast in the school library at 7:30 am and chapel at 8:40 as we honor you for your time and talents.

8TH GRADE GRADUATION: Please join us in the school gymnasium at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 23, 2024, for our 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony. We congratulate the Class of 2024:

Rowdy Emerson Loy
Hunter Cole Shaffer
Lauren Sue Shaffer
Aubree Kayann Wilde

May God bless these students as they leave LIS and go forward in their education.

CHOIR SINGING AT GRADUATION: A tradition at LIS is that students in grades Kindergarten -7th sing for graduation. We praise God for this long-standing tradition. We hope you will make plans to join us for this joyous occasion.

THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

LIS will officially conclude the 2023-2024 school year on Friday, May 24, 2024. The day will begin with our closing chapel worship service led by Pastor Zoske at 8:40 am (Note: There will be no Chapel on Wednesday, May 22nd). The worship will be followed by end of the year awards. Students will then spend wrap-up time in their classrooms before participating in the Annual LIS Cookout! As always we invite members of the congregation to join us for worship and/or the picnic. (Call ahead to order your lunch!) You are **ALWAYS** invited to visit LIS!

Robyn Schaefer is retiring after serving our Lord for 45 years in Lutheran Education.

Please join her in celebrating...

When: Saturday, June 1, 2023
Time: 4:00–7:00 pm
Where: Conroy Hall

If you are unable to attend, please send a card to:

Lutheran Interparish School
PO Box 750
Williamsburg, IA 52361



You are invited to the Retirement Celebration For Mr. Mark Grewe

Join us on Sunday, June 9, 2024
as we honor Mark for 42 years of service to our Lord.
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Place: Lutheran Interparish
Small gymnasium

If you are unable to attend please send cards to LIS.

REPORT CARD PICK-UP

Report Cards will be available for pick-up in the LIS office beginning May 28th through June 7th. Parents should make arrangements to pick them up during this time.

SUMMER HOURS:

Lutheran Interparish School will begin observing summer hours effective June 3rd – August 12th. Office Hours will be between 8:00 am – noon, Monday –Friday. The office will be closed on Friday, June 14th and Wednesday-Friday, July 3rd-5th.

Regular office hours (8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) will resume on August 12, 2024.

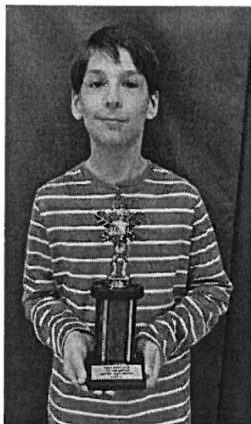
BILL SITAS NEXT LIS PRINCIPAL

LIS is excited to announce that Mr. Bill Sitas has accepted our call to be our next Principal beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. The Board of Christian Education is confident that his vision will continue the vision of the school's ministry and that his leadership will complement the changes which will be necessary in the next two years as the Education Savings Accounts (ESA) programs continue to be rolled out and with all K-8th grade students being eligible in the 2025-2026 school year.

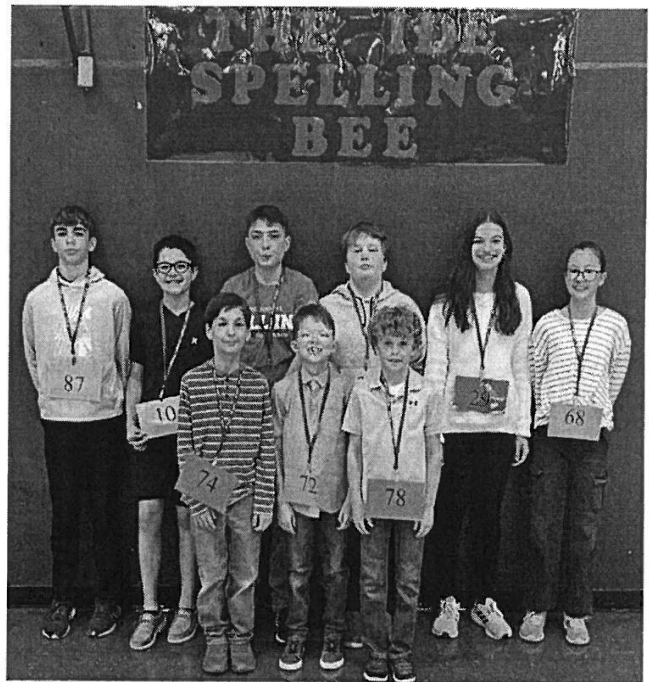
TEACHERS NEEDED FOR 2024-2025

LIS currently has two full-time teacher openings for the 2024-2025 school year. The Board of Directors gave Mrs. Rhonda Whitcomb a peaceful release from the 4th grade position at the March meeting after Mrs. Whitcomb asked to rescind her call to LIS. With Mr. Sitas taking the principal position we are looking for two teachers: a 2nd grade teacher and a 4th grade teacher. We are also looking for a part-time band teacher to replace Dr. David Johnson who will not be returning next year. The Staff and Curriculum committee is seeking names for teacher candidates. Names can be submitted to a BOD member or to Mr. Mark Grewe. Thanks!

IOWA DISTRICT SPELLING BEE



Congratulations to fourth grader Orion Simmons who took 1st place in the 3rd – 4th grade division of the IDE spelling bee on Saturday, April 13, 2024!



Our LIS spelling bee team for the 2024 Iowa District East Spelling Bee were (Left to Right) Orion Simmons, Pierce Burke, Dalton Harper (Front row) Marcus Pirkel, Gannon Uhlmann, Jacob Uhlmann, Sam Schaefer, Aubree Wilde, and Evelyn Finnegan (Back row). Our team took third place overall in the Spelling Bee.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

It is time to make sure that you are filing your Financial Assistance paperwork for LIS (2024-2025 school year). These include:

Student First Program – Education Savings Accounts

(ESA): This program opens starting on April 16 – June 30th. Those qualifying for the 2024-25 school year include: All students entering kindergarten, All public school transfer students, and students enrolled in a private school with a household income at or below 400% of the 2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines. Line 4 of your Iowa Tax Form will be used as the qualifying income number that ESA will use for determining qualification.

Those families who received ESA funds during the 2023-2024 school year will need to update their accounts on Odyssey.

ILSTO Program: Deadline: May 1, 2024

Immanuel Lutheran Scholarship: Check with your congregation.

St. John, Victor: Check with your congregation.

LIS Tuition Assistance: Deadline: May 1, 2024

If you do not qualify for ESA or ILSTO funding, please fill out the LIS financial aid paperwork to help offset your tuition. The BOD understands that the increase in tuition for the 2024-2025 school year affects families and are committed to assisting ALL families who apply.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

1st Quarter Report – January 1 – March 31, 2024

April 21, 2024

Following the Sunday morning worship service, Chairman Uhlmann called the meeting to order with 89 (signed) members in attendance. Pastor Zoske opened with a prayer.

LIS Principal's Report: Due to a time constraint as Trinity, Conroy, is holding their Voters' meeting at the same time, Mark Grewe, was allowed to step out of order and review his report. He highlighted the Appeal Letter Update found on page 13, the Spring Gala being held on Saturday, April 27, LIS graduation day on May 23, last day of school on May 24, Robyn Schaefer's retirement party on June 1 @ Conroy Hall, and his retirement party on June 9 @ LIS – all found on page 13 in packet). Mr. Grewe also mentioned the Endowment Fund Report on page 15. He also mentioned the need to fill three positions with Bill Sitas accepting the principal position, the peaceful release granted Mrs. Rhonda Whitcomb from the 4th grade position, the retirement of Robyn Schaefer, and the upcoming need for a part-time band instructor. All Call lists have been exhausted. Mr. Grewe will get in contact with the state of Iowa, looking for possible names. Question: with some class sizes being smaller, could combining classes be possible. Mr. Grewe stated state of Iowa class time requirements prohibit that from happening.

The 4th quarter 2023 Voters' meeting minutes were reviewed. **Motion was made, second and carried** to approve.

Chairman reviewed the 1st **Quarter Official Acts. Motion, second, carried** to approve. With so many people being removed by the Board of Elders (18 communicants and 3 baptized), a question was asked if they had been contacted prior to this action. With cell phones and mailing addresses being unavailable and with people not responding to letters sent, the Board of Elders proceeded with this action. Members are welcome to come back and join us in worship at any time.

Pastor's Report: Pastor will set office hours (typically) Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – 9-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays will be set aside as shut-in call day (after Tuesday morning Bible class). He will soon have a new telephone number which will be published upon his obtaining one, hopefully within the week.

Cemetery Report: included in packet. Mark Imhoff was present. No questions.

Christian Service Report: included in packet. A verbal thank you was given for the wonderful response to the May Day Basket project of cleaning products for 75 Mary Welsh families.

Elders' Report: included in packet. No questions.

Evangelism Report: included in packet. No questions. Co-chair, Bonnie Furler, updated the Meals from the Heartland giving to date: \$3,564.01. **[NOTE: only 5 weeks to get to our financial goal of \$8,700.]** This project will take place on June 1 at LIS old gym. Lunch will be provided with a Thrivent Action gift card.

Parish Education Report: No report. Chair Margaret Wardenburg stated there will be no summer Sunday School. Vacation Bible School is not being planned either. Pastor and Margaret will meet about revitalization of said programs for the Fall.

LYF Report: included in packet. Rhonett Wardenburg reported they have 10-14 kids from all the area churches attending their Wednesday evening meetings. The National Youth Gathering will be held next summer in New Orleans. Becky Sitas will be spearheading this for our group. This is a rewarding experience for all. Everyone is invited to talk to their kids/grandkids/friends too -- 8th grade to high school senior to encourage them to attend this faith-building event. Question asked about cost per student. Transportation is the costliest item so presently unknown.

Stewardship Report: No report. No questions.

Trustees Report: No report. No questions.

LIS School Board: included in packet. Nick Timm stated Mr. Grewe had covered everything. No questions.

Endowment Funds Reports: report available at meeting (not in packet). No questions.

Treasurer's Reports: included in packet. Helen reported a total of \$25,000 was taken from the Education House proceeds to pay February (\$10,000) and March bills (\$15,000). When March expenses were paid, balance in checking was \$1,749.11, **Motion, second, carried to accept Treasurer's Reports for financial review.**

Unfinished Business:

Ministry Clarity: Mike Dellamuth reported he and Pastor Zoske have briefly talked, but have nothing new to report at this time.

New Business: None.

The suspension of Saturday evening worship services was the final topic of discussion. A motion was made and seconded to restore Saturday evening worship services. **Much discussion followed.** Chairman Uhlmann stated that due to this not being placed on the agenda when the packet was published, a vote would not be taken at this time. **A motion was made, second and carried to table the motion.**

There being no further business brought before the Voters, Chairman Uhlmann adjourned the meeting with The Lord's Prayer spoken in unison.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Wichmann, Congregational Secretary

