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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A blessed Easter to you in the name of our crucified and risen Savior Jesus Christ!

Michelle and I would like to thank all of you for the warm welcome we've received since moving to Williamsburg and beginning our time together at St. Paul. Thank you to all those who gave gift cards and money to help supplement our transition and acclamation into the community. All of your cards, gifts, and words to us have been a tremendous and gracious blessing. Also, thank you to everyone who worked to make the Installation Service and reception a blessed event. I look forward to the coming weeks, months, and God willing years that we will spend together as brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Paul.

I encourage all of you as we look forward to our life together in the church to consider how important it is that we consistently gather together in the Divine Service. I know, such a pastoral type thing to say, but it's true! The only way that God will continue to build us up as one in the body of Christ is to come together often to receive Jesus in both Word and Sacrament. If we keep ourselves from fellowship together in the Divine Service, our family here at St. Paul will not grow and flourish, it will weaken and diminish. The only way we grow and flourish is to consistently gather together every Sunday morning to receive Jesus in His fullness.

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them (Matt 18:20).” And, “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near (Heb 10:25).”

Jesus desires nothing more than our gathering together in the Divine Service so He can come into our midst and feed us with Himself. It is in this weekly gathering together that our faith is strengthened and fed for life in this harsh world and for our endurance to finish the race with confidence as we look to the cross of Jesus and the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Maybe God bless you and keep you in Christ Jesus to life eternal!

Pastor Zoske



Worship service is on Sunday's at 9:00am

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.

Church Council meeting April 2nd at 6:00pm

Voter's meeting will be on April 21st right after the worship service

Highland Ridge service at 2:00pm on April 14th

Christian Service Committee News about our Church Family (all addresses are Williamsburg, IA 52361 unless noted) **Highlighted Birthdays and Anniversaries for April. 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

Apr 1 – Karen Joseph, 83 – 2639 L Ave
Apr 3 – Lillian Long, 6 – 823 Hampton Dr
Apr 3 – Samantha Loy, 10 – 805 W State St
Apr 3 – Denny & Carmen Van Dee, 20th – 2344 250th St
Apr 3 – Deanne Mumm, 56. 2936 N Dr, Parnell, IA 52325
Apr 5 – Wyatt Hinrichs, 5 – 414 3rd St SW, Swisher, IA 52338
Apr 5 – Grayson Wardenburg, 7 – 2669 240th St
Apr 6 – Eileen Hakeman, 83 – 2559 280th St
Apr 8 – Marian Tanke, 93 – 505 Clark St
Apr 9 – Kevin & Kay Garringer, 30th – 2507 280th St
Apr 12 – Merlyn Huedepohl, 80 – 307 Easy St
Apr 12 – Nancy Shifflett, 79 – 403 Madison St
Apr 14 – Dustin Schlesselman, 40 – 505 W Hilton St, Marengo, IA 52301
Apr 17 – Wayne Wardenburg, 87 – 204 West St apt E2
Apr 20 – Baylee Hartman, 8 – PO Box 716
Apr 21 – Laurel Timm, 4 – 2468 Timber View Dr
Apr 22 – Norman Grimm, 92 – 2993 H Ave, North English, IA 52316
Apr 25 – Liam Roggentien, 12 – 2287 F52 Trail
Apr 27 – Elery Hinrichsen, 16 – PO Box 286
Apr 27 – Janice Wiebold, 87 – 2433 H Ave
Apr 28 – Jacob Rowe, 40 – PO Box 93, Conroy, IA 52220
Apr 30 – Jacob Wichmann, 8 – 2135 T Ave, South Amana, IA 52334
Apr 30 – Lois Bair, 76 – 204 Knolls End

Blessings

Jason & Jorden Wardenburg on the birth of their baby girl, Dacey Mae on Saturday February 17th. 308 High St

Sympathy and Prayers

Pastor Rethwisch – heart issues – 2656 CC Ave, Victor, IA 52347
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

The family of Donna Collingwood. Donna died on Thursday, March 14, 2024. She is the mother to Kevin Collingwood of Marengo and Lynette Wooster of St Peter, IL. She is also the aunt to Laurinda Kraft.

Also to the family of Judy Bush. Judy passed away on March 20, 2024. She is the sister to Richard Schaefer, and sister in law to Susan Schaefer. Funeral service was held on March 25, 2024 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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 (4/9) 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

Christian Service is again sponsoring the May basket project that the public school started a couple years ago. As with the Christmas project, several families with school-age children have been identified to receive a little extra support. Rather than have churches and businesses make their own May Day baskets of household products, they are asking for donations of cleaning supplies and the school will make up the baskets. Our church has volunteered to contribute 70 bottles of all purpose cleaning products such as 409, comet, soft scrub, Clorox, etc. Please have your donations in the laundry basket at the west entrance no later than April 21, 2024.

Bible Studies— Tuesday morning Women Bible Study please bring your Quarterly magazine with you on April 2nd. Pastor will lead the Bible study. Baptized, Equipped, Serving, on page 16 of the Quarterly. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Elders Meeting— will be March 12th at 7:00pm

Evangelism meeting on April 23 at 5:30pm

We are once again helping to sponsor a Meals from the Heartland packaging event on Sat. June 1st at LIS. This has been a very successful event in the past and our goal this year is to pack 30,000 meals with a financial goal of \$8,700. Please prayerfully consider supporting this effort once again to help feed the hungry across the world and right here in Iowa. Perhaps a local organization you belong to would consider helping to sponsor this event financially or physically. Many hands are needed.

The Evangelism Committee wrapped up the very successful "Baby Bottle" Fundraiser for Bridgehaven in Cedar Rapids which supports moms, babies and families in our local area. Thank you all so much for checking out at least 50 bottles and for so generously filling them!!

St Paul’s collected a nice “van load” of clothing, etc and at least 52 quilts for "Orphan Grain Train World Wide Relief" and was delivered in the “Uhlmann” van to Clemons on March 5.

OGT sent 400 boxes from Clemons to Ukraine in November of 2023 including the shipping container, which will be used for a building. They are always also in need of monetary donations for these shipments. More information may be found on their website at www.ogt.org/ci.

The Evangelism Committee of St. Paul thanks you all so very much for your always generous support of our missions.

“Let all that you do be done in love”. 1 Corinthians 16:14

Fellowship—is in need of people to sign up to provide a snack at 9:45am before our Sunday worship services. There is a sign up sheet available on the west entrance bulletin board.

Library Adult Books

Love Finds You in Lancaster County Pennsylvania by Annalisa Daughety

Two women with nothing in common except the need for a friend and a fresh start. When Amish-born Lydia Ann Raber and Southern belle Caroline DeMarco discover a shared history of loss, the unlikely duo decides to open a gift shop in beautiful Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Lydia Ann is surprised to find herself drawn to handsome woodworker Simon Zook. When God offers her a second chance at love and family, will she take it? Or will the secret Simon harbors cause her even more heartbreak? For Caroline, love comes in the way of newspaper reporter Michael Landis. Their low-key romance is a dream come true for Caroline, a fugitive from an infamous past. Is Michael to blame when the paparazzi start hovering once again, or can Caroline trust him with her heart?



Merle's Door by Ted Kerasote

While on a camping trip, Ted Kerasote meets a Labrador mix living on his own in the wild. They become attached to each other, and Kerasote decides to bring the dog, who he names Merle, home. There, after realizing that Merle's native intelligence would be diminished by living exclusively in the human world, he installs a dog door in his house, allowing Merle to live both outside and in.

Merle shows Kerasote how dogs might live if they were allowed to make more of their own decisions, and Kerasote suggests how these lessons can be applied universally, bringing to bear the latest research into animal consciousness and behavior, as well as insights into the origins and evolution of the human-dog partnership. A deeply touching portrait of a remarkable dog and his relationship with the author, *Merle's Door explores the issues that all animals and their human companions face as their lives intertwine.*

Three Weeks with My Brother by Nicholas Sparks and Micah Sparks

Nicholas Sparks's unique memoir, written with his brother, chronicles the life-affirming journey of two brothers bound by memories, both humorous and tragic. In January 2003, Nicholas Sparks and his brother, Micah, set off on a three-week trip around the globe. It was to mark a milestone in their lives, for at thirty-seven and thirty-eight respectively, they were now the only surviving members of their family.

Against the backdrop of the wonders of the world and often overtaken by their feelings, daredevil Micah and the more serious, introspective Nicholas recalled their rambunctious childhood adventures and the tragedies that tested their faith. And in the process, they discovered startling truths about loss, love, and hope.

Children's Books

Just in case you ever wonder by Max Lucado

this timeless reminder of the love between a parent and a child—and ultimately, between God the Father and us—will come to hold a special place in your heart and home.

Children long to hear they're special and loved. *Just in Case You Ever Wonder assures them that as they grow and change, in both good and bad times, you—and their heavenly Father—will always be on their side . . . just in case they ever wonder.*

The Ultimate Bible Songs Collection

4 music CD's and Early Reader Bible story book

Choruses, Hymns, and original Scripture memory songs

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— April 16th at 7:30pm

LWML Spring Rally

“Joy In Our Journey” “the joy of the Lord is your strength” Nehemiah 8:10 This will be our theme and Bible verse for the LWML Williamsburg Zone Spring Rally which will be held at St John's Lutheran Church 1928 V Ave., Homestead on Saturday April 13th.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed with a brunch.

We have someone here at St. Paul who would like to carpool. If you are interested in car pooling contact Leslie Nuehring at 641-660-3855.

Parish Ed —

Sunday School around 10:15am

Mid-week classes, grades 1st—2nd meet at 5:00pm

Mid-week classes, grades 3rd—6th meet at 6:00pm

Confirmation—7th & 8th grade meets at 6:00pm

LYF will meet 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 April at 9:00am. Come and join them for fellowship and sewing!
From the Quilters Corner....

We have had some **very** “busy bees” in our quilt group these past few months...

In March we were able to send at least 52 prayer quilts to Clemons for the Orphan Grain Train Mission for World Wide Relief. We continue to make quilts for this project and to address needs closer to home.

We are very excited to announce that in addition our mission quilts, we now have a supply of “Comfort Quilts” on hand (also known as prayer quilts”). These lap size quilts are for members and families of St. Paul who have perhaps received a serious diagnosis, are suffering an illness, or other difficulties. Through this ministry we hope to give a little extra comfort and be a reminder of our church family’s love and prayers for them.

(And baby quilts are always on hand to welcome new little members at their baptism.)

Since our group has grown a bit we’ve decided to do a little organizing and assign some leadership roles... Bonnie Furler will serve as Directress; Joleen Schaefer as Assistant Directress; Sally Trimpe as Secretary; Loretta Glandorf as Records Keeper. All our ladies are valuable members...each giving of their own special talents:)

Our little, but mighty, quilt group always welcomes anyone who would like to join in and stitch, cut, pin, tie, socialize and laugh a little. (No previous experience necessary; We currently meet every Monday morning 9-11:30. If you’d like to help sew but would rather do it at home, please let us know and we will find something in our “corner” for you to do. □ (We are always looking for cotton fabric donations, large spools of white or neutral thread, plain flat twin sheets, duck tape.)

From the Trustees— we have a good sized metal desk for free. Contact one of the trustees for more information.

We are also looking for someone or a group of people to take care of the flower beds here at St. Paul.

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.

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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.

Any Questions please, please contact:

Evan Uhlmann

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\$125 for 125 Years

\$500,000



Board of Elders

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LIS Panther Proclaimer April 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.



Our students at LIS will once again be participating in the Gospel Adventures during the 3rd trimester as they collect their offerings to raise funds that directly support children in other regions all over the globe. Since 2012, kid donors have given around \$300,000 to Lutheran Hour Ministries' Global Kids Fund that supports kid-centered ministry efforts in countries around the world.



Join us for our 16th annual 5K and 1 mile Fun Run Saturday, April 6, 2024 beginning at 9 am with routes encircling the town of Williamsburg. Proceeds will go toward a new electronic sign for LIS. Race Day Registration: 7:30 – 8:30 am

Refreshments will be provided after the race.

Entry Fee: 18 or Younger Over 18
 \$ 25.00 \$ 35.00

Online Registration available at:
[www:GetMeRegistered.com/LISPantherPride](http://www.GetMeRegistered.com/LISPantherPride)



BIG G & BROTHER'S MARKET RECEIPTS:

Due by noon on Wednesday, April 3rd

LIS gets points to buy school supplies based on all Big G or Brother's Market grocery receipts dated between September 1st and March 31st. If you have receipts - please turn them in by noon on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.



LIS PTL is once again partnering with Janet Jungle for our annual plant sale.

Pre-Order Sales will be taken until Monday, April 7th. Plant Pick-up is scheduled for May 2nd.

Click on the following link to check out our catalog, order form, and online shopping cart!!

<https://www.janetsjungle.com/williamsburg-lutheran-interparish-school.html>



The Iowa District East Spelling Bee will be hosted at LIS on Saturday, April 13th. The following students in each division will participate in the district spelling bee. Good luck to the following LIS students:

Grades 3rd – 4th

Orion Simmons, Dalton Harper, and Pierce Burke

Grades 5th - 6th

Evelyn Finnegan, Gannon Uhlmann, Sam Schaefer

Grades 7th - 8th

Marcus Pirkl, Jacob Uhlmann, Aubree Wilde



L.I.S. Partners To:

**Nurture Faith in Christ
Educate with Excellence
Equip for Life**



**Lutheran Interparish
Annual K-8 Grade
Spring Musical**

**April 17th – 9:30 am
April 18th – 1:30 pm
6:30 pm**

Join the Kindergarten – 8th grade students as they present the musical, **iAM: The Real Life App for All That**. This musical is designed to remind us that even with all the distractions and entertainment around us, the most exciting thing in life is getting to know the God who made us. We are living in a world of smartphones, tablets, apps, and games, but the same God who spoke to Moses from the burning bush still wants to communicate with us today! Join super app-designer Solomon and the super amazing creative team at the App Factory, where you not only play the games, but you get into the games and discover the real life app for all that!

Join us for one or all three of our performances. You won't want to miss this awesome production.



Adult Only Affair "Dressy Casual" Attire

Join us for an unforgettable evening at the inaugural LIS Spring Gala hosted by Lutheran Interparish School! Save the date: Saturday, April 27th is a night for generosity, delicious dining, and giving back!

**Profits from the Spring Gala will go
toward the LIS Gym Renovation Fund**

**Tickets for our Spring Gala are now available!
Tickets \$50.00 individual
Reserved Table \$400.00 for (8) or \$500.00 for (10)
Includes Dinner, Drink Ticket, Auction, and
Entertainment.**

**Pay for your tickets in the school office AFTER
you RESERVE them online by visiting:**

**[https://www.cognitofirms.com/LutheraninterparishSchool?
/SpringGala](https://www.cognitofirms.com/LutheraninterparishSchool?/SpringGala)**

Event Schedule

**4:00 pm Doors Open / Silent Auction
5:00 pm Dinner
6:00 pm Live Auction
8:00 pm Live Music**

Our LIS Varsity Girls Basketball Season

The LIS Varsity Girls 2023-2024 team consisted of Lauren Shaffer, Aubree Wilde, Ella Dayton, Piper Finnegan, Mackenzie Murley, Abigail Reed, Evelyn Finnegan, Brynneleigh Heitman and Leah Sitas. Assistant Coach – Mrs. Elyse Wilde. We were a small group going into this season and improved with each practice and game. The girls worked hard and glorified God in what they did this season.

We were invited to the Mid-Winter Tournament at Trinity Cedar Rapids. We were very disappointed when a snowstorm did not allow us to go to the tournament. We would have loved playing against some other teams.

We were once again invited to Springfield, IL for their girls' basketball tournament. We were given a bye going into the tournament, so we didn't have to play until Saturday. We played our first game against a very good team from Trinity, Bloomington, IL. We didn't play our best, but fought until the end. We just couldn't come up with the win. We went on to win our next 2 games and ended up with 5th place. We were privileged to play against Trinity Springfield and Trinity Cedar Rapids.

We were also invited to play in Freeport, IL at the Tri-State Tournament. We played a great 1st game against the team from Immanuel Dundee IL. We got the win and then moved on to play Trinity Cedar Rapids, again. We lost and that put us in the 3rd/4th place game. We played a very aggressive and well fought game against Zion, Marengo IL. And **WON!!** We ended up with 3rd place!!

We went into the district tournament in 2nd place. We met up with Trinity Davenport and had a great win. We then got to play Trinity Cedar Rapids and just couldn't pull off the win! We ended the tournament where we started – in 2nd place.

We were also thankful for opportunities to play other schools throughout the season that were not in our conference. Des Moines Warriors, Heritage Christian and Isaac Newton.

Thank you to all the parents and fans that have made this a wonderful season!!

Our overall record for the season was 16-5 and 5-3 in district play.

These girls gave all that they had each and every time that they played. I am so proud of them and look forward to seeing what they do next year, wherever they are!

Thanks for a great season – Mrs. Donna Armbrecht

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, Iowa

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 AM Quilters	2 6:00 PM Church Council	3 5:00 PM Midweek Gr.1-2 6:00 PM Confirmation GR. 7-8 6:00 PM LYF @ St. Paul 6:00 PM Mdwk Gr. 3-6	4	5	6 LIS Fun Run/Walk
7 9:00 AM Worship w/ Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship/ Refreshments 10:15 AM Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study	8 9:00 AM Quilters	9 7:00 PM Board of Elders	10 5:00 PM Midweek Gr.1-2 6:00 PM Confirmation GR. 7-8 6:00 PM LYF @ St. Paul 6:00 PM Mdwk Gr. 3-6 Early Out	11	12	13
14 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship/ Refreshments 10:15 AM Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study 2:00 PM Highland Ridge Worship	15 9:00 AM Quilters	16 7:30 PM LIS Board @ LIS	17 5:00 PM Midweek Gr.1-2 6:00 PM Confirmation GR. 7-8 6:00 PM LYF @ St. Paul 6:00 PM Mdwk Gr. 3-6	18 Church secretary off	19 Church secretary off Clarion Deadline	20
21 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship/ Refreshments 10:15 AM Voters' Meeting/ after worship	22 9:00 AM Quilters 3:00 PM Blood Dr/ St. Paul	23 5:30 PM Evangelism	24 5:00 PM Midweek Gr.1-2 6:00 PM Confirmation GR. 7-8 6:00 PM LYF @ St. Paul 6:00 PM Mdwk Gr. 3-6 Early Out	25	26	27 4:00 PM LIS Spring Gala
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