



# St. Paul News

The Newsletter of  
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The Mission from Ascension Day  
By Pastor Neil Wehmas

For forty days Jesus showed himself physically risen from the dead to almost 500 people. He stood at the top of the mountain with his disciples. They still were a bit confused. One disciple asked Jesus if he would now restore the kingdom to Israel. They were still a little clueless, thinking that Jesus came to be bring an Earthly kingdom.

In the end, there outside of Jerusalem, Jesus was taken up into the clouds. The disciples stood there looking into the sky wondering what to do. It would be the angels that would direct their course from there. The angels told them of the hope that is to come. Jesus would return to them just as he left. The kingdom would indeed be restored to Israel, just not in the way they expected. It wouldn't be an Earthly kingdom; it would be an everlasting kingdom. Jesus would return to judge the living and the dead, and He would lead His chosen people into His everlasting kingdom.

What are we to do until then? What were his disciples to do while they lived on this Earth? Jesus told them the answer only a few moments prior to his ascension. He told them to wait in Jerusalem where they will receive the promise of the Father, that is the Holy Spirit. From there they would be witnesses of Jesus in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

This is the command that remains with us today. If you have faith, rest assured you have the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit resides in you. We do not live in Jerusalem, but we most certainly have the same mission.

We are called to be witnesses of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your Jerusalem is where you live. It is Ida County or Sac County. There are people all around you who stand apart from the hope of Jesus Christ. There are those who have abandoned or stand at odds with Christ and his word. There are those who scarcely receive his sacrament. The mission field is in abundance within your own life. There are neighbors, friends, co-workers, family members who have not tasted of God's goodness. Your mission is to be a witness of Christ to them.

Our Judea would be the state of Iowa. Therefore, we support and pray for the efforts of congregations around the state. When our children or grandchildren move, even if it is for college, we make sure that they find a church. We make sure that they themselves are witnesses of Jesus Christ in their new Jerusalem.

Our Samaria would be Nebraska, Minnesota, South Dakota, Missouri, and other states within this nation of ours. Therefore, we support the efforts of all congregations in our nation. We support the efforts of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We support ministries to colleges, prisons, hospitals, nursing homes, military, veterans, and others across our nation that we can't so easily get to.

The ends of the Earth, that hasn't really changed has it. Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> is Ascension Day. Every year, our circuit hosts a special worship service just outside of Mapleton, Iowa, at Mission Central. This is quite fitting. Sadly, Ascension Day has fallen out of celebration among most Lutheran congregations. However, if there was an ideal location to have a joint service it would be Mission Central. It is from there (and places like it) that the mission of witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus Christ is continuing to spread throughout the world. Therefore, we support our missionaries scattered across the seven continents of this Earth.

As Ascension Day quickly approaches, where is God calling you to support the mission that began at Ascension Day almost 2,000 years ago. To whom in your life is Jesus calling upon you to tell of His love, to invite them to church with you. Where is God calling you to direct support for missions in our state, nation, and our world. This mission will not expire until Jesus returns, so pray to the Lord of the Harvest, that he would open heart to spread the Gospel. Pray that the Lord would open hearts to receive the Gospel. Pray that the glory of the Lord would spread amongst the Earth beginning with you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** for ANY ITEMS for in the June newsletter is May 16

*Remember it's up to you or your family members to let the church office know if you are hospitalized.*

## CHURCH NEWS

**OFFICIAL ACTS** Funerals: Steve Brown Baptism: Karsen Stehr  
Jr. Confirmands: Courtney Ackerman, Jack Gilbert, Hildie Harm, Sam Jamison, Whitney Johnson

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY - MAY 1** The 2022 Confirmands are Courtney Ackerman, John (Jack) Gilbert, Hildie Harm, Samuel Jamison, Whitney Johnson.

**2022 GRADUATION RECOGNITION will be on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> during the 9:00AM Worship Service with a reception to follow**

**2022 GRADUATING CLASS OF OABCIG / MVAO AND ST. PAUL** are: Amber Benner, William Forbes, Macaela Johnson, Kya Ladwig, Evan Larsen, Caitlyn Malone, Erin Nielsen, Zachary Thayer, Daylynn Wilcox, Shaina Wunschel & Hannah Schmidt

**FROM THE ELDERS** *Brandon Johnson, Jeff Gilbert, Brent Harm, Aaron Hoffman, Terry Lovett, Keith Krager*

St. Paul Lutheran Church Elders are here for you, and interested in your input or concerns.

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**FROM THE BOARD OF HUMAN CARE** *Glenda Hausman*

**PARISH NURSE** The following information on Restless Leg Syndrome is taken from the website <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/restless-legs-syndrome>.



Overview: Restless legs syndrome (RLS) is a condition that causes an uncontrollable urge to move the legs, usually because of an uncomfortable sensation. It typically happens in the evening or nighttime hours when you're sitting or lying down. Moving eases the unpleasant feeling temporarily. Restless legs syndrome can begin at any age and generally worsens as you age. It can disrupt sleep, which interferes with daily activities.

Symptoms: The chief symptom is an urge to move the legs. Common accompanying characteristics of RLS include: Sensations that begin while resting. The sensation typically begins after you've been lying down or sitting for an extended time, such as in a car, airplane or movie theater. The sensation of RLS lessens with movement, such as stretching, jiggling the legs, pacing or walking.

People typically describe RLS symptoms as compelling, unpleasant sensations in the legs or feet. They usually happen on both sides of the body.

The sensations, which generally occur within the limb rather than on the skin, are described as: Crawling, Creeping, Pulling, Throbbing, Aching, Itching, or Electric Sometimes the sensations are difficult to explain. People with RLS usually don't describe the condition as a muscle cramp or numbness. They do, however, consistently describe the desire to move the legs.

When to see a doctor: Some people with RLS never seek medical attention because they worry they won't be taken seriously. But RLS can interfere with your sleep and cause daytime drowsiness and affect your quality of life. Talk with your health care provider if you think you may have RLS. There are treatments that can help the symptoms of Restless Leg Syndrome. Discuss treatment options with your doctor. Suzanne Salcido RN FCN



**LIFE QUOTE** "Christians are called to proclaim the truth, and that truth is clear: All life is valuable. Each member of the human race is vital. All lives are indispensable because of Christ." *Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**COMMUNITY BASKET** Donations for May is Paper products: toilet paper, paper towel, garbage bags, napkins, kleenex. Place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex. All items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations. The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM. The **Mobile Pantry** will be at the **St. John Lutheran Church, Kiron on May 19<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30-5:30PM.**

**FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP & MISSIONS** *Brad Zobel & Deb Clausen*



**STEWARDSHIP CORNER** When we give faithfully and generously, we demonstrate God's redeeming grace that is alive and well within us. Because of God's grace, we are empowered to give. Our giving is a spiritual response to God out of gratitude for all that He has done for us. Giving in response to God's love should be our primary motive for giving. Giving to meet our church's budget is important, but it should not be our primary reason for giving. Through the giving of our first and best to the Lord, we worship and honor Him.

**WHAT WE RECEIVE IS GREATLY DETERMINED BY WHAT WE GIVE.** "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously" (2 Corinthians 9:6).

**SHARA & MICHAEL OSIRO IN KENYA PROJECT 24 STEERING COMMITTEE...**



I was blessed to attend the Project 24 Steering Committee meeting. This committee consists of representatives from the LCMS and our partner church, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK). The previous year's accomplishments are reviewed during this annual meeting, and new plans are made for the year ahead. All of the decisions are geared towards spreading the Gospel through God's people here in Kenya and showing mercy to the vulnerable children. We continue to thank the congregations and individuals for their partnership, prayers, and support.  
Together In Christ...Shara & Michael

**MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS Mission Central – LCMS World Mission**



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Be sure to check the bulletin board in the hallway by upstairs Conference Room for information on Missionaries visiting Mission Central this month.

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**FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** *Ross Ladwig, John Brinkman, Dennis Clausen, Dale Edsen*

**Project Updates:** Repairing Education building heating and air-conditioning.

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**FROM THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM / ASSIMILATION** *Jen Hoffman & Kristy Gilbert*

**JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS** we will have coffee and treats in the fellowship hall immediately following the Sunday worship service. Please plan to join us for coffee, a sweet treat and great conversation. Everyone is welcome! **Please look for a sign up sheet in the Narthex to sign up to share food items on a particular Sunday morning, or contact Jen Hoffman or Kristy Gilbert.**

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**MAIN STREET LIVING IS A LUTHERAN TELEVISION PROGRAM** that is endorsed by the Iowa West District of



the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The program receives no funding from the District, but is totally funded by viewers and congregations of the KCAU Viewing area. The program is broadcast on **KCAU, the ABC network affiliate in Sioux City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 AM.** The first 30 minutes are remastered episodes of the popular "This is the Life" series that was very popular in the 70's and 80's. The second half of the program is a modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the station's broadcast area.

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**FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** *Jon Devitt & Robyn Devitt*

**WEDNESDAY EARLY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** meets at 7:00AM at Jimmy's

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** meets from 9:30-10:30AM on Wed mornings in the Conference Room in the lower level. **Isaiah – Herald Of The Messiah**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** 10:15-11:15AM, grades: 4 year old preschool – 12<sup>th</sup> grade **Last Sunday School is May 15th**

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS** join us in the lower level Conference Room 10:30-11:15AM. A New study beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. **Christians in a Woke World:: A Call to Courage, Confession and Love**

Many people have noticed our society has changed. Being a victim seems to be in vogue. People were being "cancelled." Words like woke, social justice, systemic racism, privilege, and critical race theory have become part of mainstream society. While many pundits and politicians have now begun to voice their concerns about this new ideology of "wokeness" and it's impact on society, as Christians, we are also deeply concerned about the impact this ideology has on a person's relationship with Christ.

**"THE TRUTH" BIBLE CLASS FOR 8TH-12TH GRADES Sundays in May, 10:15-11:15AM**

**THEOLOGY AT SUBWAY** Thursdays, 6:00-7:00PM

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 20-23 from 9:30-11:30AM** 4 year old preK to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (completed). You can register in-person or online at <https://vbsmate.com/StPaulldaGrove>.

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**FROM THE BOARD OF YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE** *Karen Petersen and Synda Jepsen*

**LYF DISPLAY OF ENVELOPES IN THE NARTHEX** is a fundraising opportunity for our LYF group – the envelopes have numbers wrote on the outside of the envelope and that is the amount of cash or check that you would put inside the envelope and then place envelope in one of the offering boxes. This is a fun and easy way for you to participate. **SO DON'T FORGET TO GRAB AN ENVELOPE AND HELP THE LYF!**

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**LWML LADIES BIBLE STUDY FOR MAY**

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**RUTH (2)** will meet on May 5 at noon at Zimmy's and then to the church for meeting at 1:00PM. Linda Bubke will be BSL. We had 10 members present for our April meeting. We will meet to do our Easter responsibilities. Thank you to those who shared lilies WE praise the Lord for our new younger members.

**LOIS (3)** will meet on May 5 in the Conference Room at 1:30PM. Judy Schimmer will be hostess and Nancy will be BSL. We had 5 members present for our April meeting.

**EUNICE (10)** will meet on May 5 at the Bread Box in Battle Creek at 2:30PM. Joan will be hostess and Corliss will be BSL.

**JOHANNA(12)** will meet on May 5 at 6:30PM, in the Conference room at the church, Marge will be hostess. We had 6 present at our meeting in April meeting.



### Confirmed in the faith



Confirmation, a rite many churches celebrate each spring, has biblical roots. In Acts 8, Peter and John are sent to lay their hands on new believers and pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit. In the early church, new Christians — usually adult converts — received baptism and confirmation as one ceremony. As more children were brought for baptism, pastors and priests would baptize, but only bishops would “confirm” a baptism, or make it official. Thus, the baptized were granted full membership in the church through confirmation. Now confirmation allows young people, often after intensive Christian education, to profess for themselves the faith into which they were baptized. Confirmation serves as an important faith milestone, as young adults purposefully embrace a life of discipleship.

### Bible Quiz



When Moses was on the mountain for a long time, who made a golden calf for the people of Israel to worship?

- A. Joshua
- B. Levi
- C. Caleb
- D. Aaron

Answer: D (See Exodus 32:1-6.)

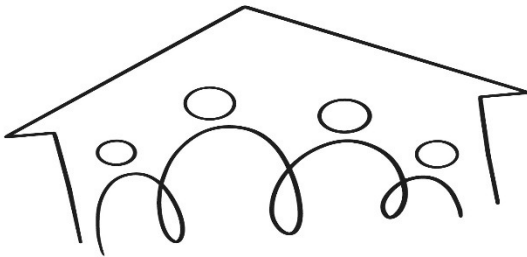
# PUZZLE



## A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

**Directions:** Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

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Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.