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St. Paul News

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Who am I, as the New School Year starts?

The first day of school is rapidly approaching. Who are you? Children will enter a new grade, teachers will have new students. It will be a new adventure for each parent. Who are you?

Some parents **appear** to have it all together, but you are barely holding it together. Who are you? Your son is struggling with their classes. Who is he? Your daughter had her long-term relationship end bitterly. Who is she? She fights with her friends, and a friendship since kindergarten comes to an end. Who is she? The young boy isn't as good at football as others, he will never see the field. Who is he?

Your college student, child, is going off to school for the first time. They used to be the smart kid, now they find that not true. They used to be the popular one, not anymore. They are away from home, they are away from you, their parents. Who are they now? No one knows their family name. Who are they?

Parents, as your house becomes an empty nest. You no longer have to run from activity to activity. Spending time preparing meals for one another. Who are you?

High school and even college is a distant memory for many of you. Your spouse or siblings or parents have passed on. Who are you? Who are you when you are no longer working at your job that took up so much of your time?

The theme of the Higher Things Youth Conference in Clarksville, Arkansas, was "Who am I?". Our high school youth explored the very questions we explore here. Who am I?

Answer: you are created by God, and are of incredible value. As is every person you encounter. Never doubt your value, and never diminish the value of another. In your baptism, you were made a child of God. Jesus showed his love for you, in that he died for you on the cross. He showered the blessings of his death and resurrection upon you in your baptism. You are a child of God, and an heir of the most high.

Who are you? You are created by God the Father, redeemed by His Son, Jesus Christ, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. You are child of God. You are a Christian, and disciple of Jesus Christ. None of the changes craziness of the world can change that. Take comfort and rejoice in this beautiful truth. God's blessings to all through this year.

In Christ,
Pastor Neil Wehmas



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THIS MONTH
For the month of August
Ranea & Bethany Rehse

Please continue to keep all communities of Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Nebraska who experienced devastating flooding and are trying to recover, re-open businesses, repair homes, repair schools (making makeshift classrooms) and the farmers who lost crops. We also keep the communities of Minden and Greenfield, Iowa in our prayers as they still recover from devastating tornados.



COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for for August: Baking items: flour, sugar, cake mixes, frosting, baking soda/powder, brown sugar. place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex or hallway. All items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations. The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3rd Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM. **Mobile Food Pantry: Arthur Community Center on Thursday, August 15 from 4:30-5:30PM.**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS will be Sunday, August 18th during both 9:00AM and 5:00PM Services.



PARENT & YOUTH INFORMATIONAL MEETING regarding the **National Youth Gathering in 2025**, informational meeting will be on Sunday, August 25 at 10:15AM

PARENT & YOUTH MEETING for 7th & 8th Grade Catechism on Wednesday, August 28 at 6:00PM

HYMN SING SUNDAYS "Every second Sunday of the month, we will sing some of your favorite hymns. Put your choices for hymns to sing in the white box in the Narthex, and they will be used as part of the worship services during the second Sunday of the month."

ASK THE PASTOR – LAST SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH "Have questions to ask Pastor Wehmas? He will attempt to answer a few questions as part of the services, during the last Sunday of the month. Submit your questions in the white box in the Narthex."

MISSION CENTRAL - Make plans to attend !
Saturday, August 3

Barbara Rebentisch, at 1:00 PM will tell us about her work in Taiwan.
Tom Park, at 1:30 PM will tell us about his work in Taiwan

Saturday, August 10 Justin Logston & family from Belize at 1:00PM

Saturday, August 17 Rev. Charles St. Onge & family from Montreal, Canada at 1:00PM

Saturday, August 31 Ashley Lehr, from Puerto Rico at 1:00PM

Tirzah Krey from Dominican Republic & Latin America at 1:00PM

SOME OF YOUR OPTIONS FOR BIBLE STUDIES

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

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from **9:30-10:30AM** in the Conference Room in the lower level.

SUNDAY MORNING HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH in the youth room from **10:15AM** (on break til September)

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS join us in the Conference Room at 10:15AM. No Bible Class on August 4

LWML LADIES BIBLE STUDY FOR AUGUST

RUTH (2) will meet on August 1 at Zimmy's at noon and meet at the church for Bible Study at 1:00PM.. Linda will be BSL. We had 10 present for our July meeting.

LOIS (3) will meet on August 1 in the Conference Room at 1:30PM. Nancy will be BSL and Janice will be hostess. We had 8 present for our July meeting.

EUNICE (10) will meet on August 1 at Willowdale Nursing Home, Battle Creek at 2:30PM. We had 7 members present for our July meeting

JOHANNA(12) will meet on August 1 at 6:30PM, at the church. Ann will be hostess and Marge will be BSL. We had 4 present for our July meeting.

LWML BIBLE STUDY LEADER'S MEETING on Tuesday, August 20 at 1:00PM

LWML MITEBOX CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2024

At the November 2023 meeting of the LWML Executive Board a decision was made about how the LWML Mite box contributions for 2024 would be distributed. The Executive Board decided to designate the funds from each quarter would go to the National LWML Mission projects and local mission projects in our community. The distribution of each quarter's funds will be one-fourth to the National LWML Missions and three-fourths of each quarter's contributions would go to local missions.

For 2024 the local mission distribution will be as follows:

1st Quarter will be supporting the Ida Grove Ambulance

2nd Quarter will be supporting the Ida Grove Fire Department

3rd Quarter will be supporting the Community Basket

4th Quarter will be supporting the Ida Grove Orphan Grain Train

Your coins will make a difference on the national level as well as in Ida Grove in 2024! Please drop your coins in the large Mite Box located in the Narthex whenever you visit our church!

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THANK YOU FROM THE QUILTERS to those who have given material, sheets and other bedding items to us to use for our quilting. ***Remember to keep us in mind if you are “summer cleaning” or downsizing and would like to donate your items to us.***

ALSO if you would like a lap robe for someone or for yourself please let us know or stop by to pick out one. They make great blankets as well for the end of your bed, to cover up cold feet or legs during the night! Let us know if you need or want a specific size as well, if you know of someone in need because of experiencing the flooding or any other reason please reach out to the church, or Susan Miller.

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UPDATING INFORMATION: we always ask to update our records with any new addresses, even if its been within 6 months – year, any changes in phone numbers, etc.to make sure we have all correct information of birthdates and anniversaries. Also if you would not like your birthday or anniversary publicized in the weekly bulletin or the monthly newsletter please let the church office know. stpaulidagrove@gmail.com or 712-364-2918

HOSPITALIZATION REMINDER : if you are admitted to any hospital please let us know or have a family member or a friend let Pastor Neil or the church office know, so we know you are there to visit, or would just want prayers from Pastor.

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August 2 Spencer Hasbrouck

Lodean Korner

August 4 Lois Jensen

August 5 Eric Brosius

Kyle Groves

Jason Ullrich

August 8 Dennis Clausen

Zane Reitz

August 9 Blake Corbin

Blake Petersen

August 10 Marsha Kjar

August 12 Roger Frank

Pam Steuk

August 13 Oscar Johnson

Aiden Miller

August 14 Dean Renfro

August 15 Kris Krager

Carl Toben

August 16 Nik Brimeyer

Jen (Aaron) Hoffman

Sarah (Petersen) Nichols

August 17 Shayne Hinkeldey

Keith Krager

August 18 Dan Hoffman

Jason Petersen

August 19 JoAnn Hoefer

Cherish Miesner

August 20 Marilyn Skaren

August 21 Cole Wellendorf

Dana Wessel

August 22 Marcia Cates

Kris Ernzen

Jo Palmer

August 23 Scott Ausborn

August 24 Ryan Brookbank

Marelle Knudsen

Zach Montgomery

August 25 Ed Nelson

Bethany Rehse

Susan Streck

August 26 Kaydee Frank

August 27 Marilyn Dausel

Kiera Ladwig

Pastor Neil Wehmas

August 29 Kelly Hoffman

August 30 Karen Salmon

August 7 Dennis & Sandy Sykes

August 9 Dean & Karen Hammer

August 10 Brandon & Tracy Johnson

August 15 Paul & Marcia Cates

August 16 Butch & Kandi Ehrig

August 19 Adam & Jennifer Larsen

Tim & Tina Madsen

Chris & Jamie Miller-West

August 22 Justin & Angela Frank

August 25 Sean & Teri Benner

Dan & Marilyn Dose

Jeremiah & April Reitz

August 26 Clinton & Jennifer Bieret

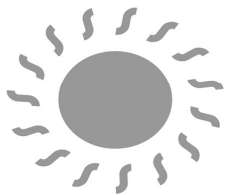
August 29 Shayne & Danika Hinkeldey



BY THE SEASHORE

The sea and its creatures are evidence of God's intention and purpose in creation.

Directions: Unscramble the words. Then copy the circled letters in order below to complete Psalm 104:24-25, NIV.



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How many are your works, LORD!
In wisdom you made them ___ ___ ___;
the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the ___ ___ ___, vast and spacious,
teeming with ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ beyond number —
living things both large and small.

Psalm 104:24-25, NIV