

## ***Easter at St. Paul's United Methodist Church***

### **Thurs, April 21 – Holy Thursday Communion Worship 12:15 pm and 7:30 pm**

*Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

During Holy Week, the adult choirs from 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran and St. Paul's UMC will combine forces to present in worship the Lenten portion of G. F. Handel's *Messiah*. With a chamber orchestra, the combined choirs will be part of St. Paul's 7:30 Maundy Thursday worship and 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran's 7:30 Good Friday worship.

### **Fri, April 22 – Good Friday Worship – 12:15 pm and 7:30 pm**

*A Service of Shadows The Passion according to Matthew. Services in the Sanctuary for everyone.*



### **Easter Mission Offering**

This offering will be divided between:

1. Neighborhood Meals, a local ecumenical ministry which provides hundreds of meals daily for those in need. Meals are provided in our social hall throughout the summer months.
2. The Central Conference Pension Initiative, supporting native African pastors and their spouses who have been left in critical need. This initiative is designed to become a long-term solution through a foundation for retirement security for those who would otherwise have little or nothing after years of devoted service. For more information please visit [www.ccpi-umc.org](http://www.ccpi-umc.org)

### **Confirmation May 1, 9:00 Worship**

On Sunday, May 1, 14 young people will confirm the baptismal vows that were said, and join St. Paul's United Methodist Church. This is the culmination of a two-year process that involves the young people, their families, their teachers, leaders, and mentors. *Thanks be to God!*

### **Chapel Choir Musical May 15, 10:30 a.m.**

Chapel Choir and friends will present at the 10:30 a.m. worship on May 15, 2011, Allen Pote's and Tom S. Long's musical *The Tale of Three Trees*. Based on an American folk tale, the musical tells of three tree's dreams and how these dreams relate to their capabilities and the unimaginable results. To support these young people as they learn to share their faith, Sunday Schools will not meet on that Sunday.

### **Sat. April 23 – Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt**

Children and their families, toddlers through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, are all invited to a neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23rd at 10 am. We'll start at Westminster Presbyterian, located across 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave from St. Paul's at 1285 3rd Ave SE. This activity is sponsored by our neighborhood churches: St. Paul's UMC, First Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church, and Westminster Presbyterian Church.



### **Saturday and Sunday, April 23-24 – Easter!**

Saturday 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary; Sunday 8:15 am, in the chapel; and 9:00, 10:30, and 11:30 am -all in the Sanctuary! Sunday School will meet as usual. Easter according to *Matthew 28:1-15*. This news "rocked" all of creation. Come and let our praise be for God and come closer to God and one another by the grace of Jesus Christ!

## **We're Going to *Shake It Up* This Summer. Come Join Us!!!**

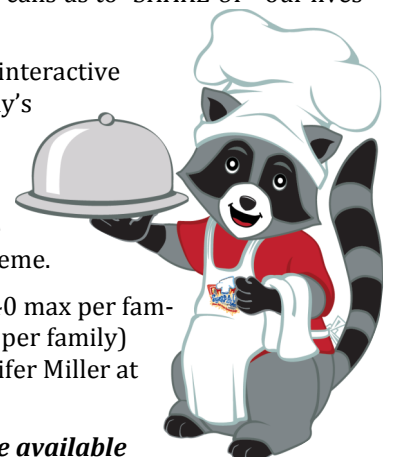
### **St. Paul's Vacation Bible School June 13th – 16th, 9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

*Shake It Up Café VBS* will give preschool through 5th grade children recipes for living out God's word. They will celebrate Biblical festivals and learn that Jesus calls us to "*SHAKE UP*" our lives and become his followers.

Children will participate in fun, interactive activities that will make each day's Bible message come alive. Children will rotate between a variety of activities that will involve different learning styles and are all centered around the day's theme.

Registration is \$15 per child (\$40 max per family) by May 8 and \$20 (\$50 max per family) after May 8. Please contact Jennifer Miller at 396-1745 with questions.

***Volunteer opportunities will be available over the coming weeks!***



## Worship at St. Paul's

\*\*Sunday's worship may be viewed on:  
Mediacom Cable Channel 18 at 6:00pm Wednesdays  
ImOn Channel 4 at 10:00am Thursdays

**April 23 & 24**

**Easter!**

**Matthew 28:1-15**  
**A Conspiracy of Life**

**April 30 & May 1**

**The Second Sunday of Easter**

**John 20:19-31**  
**A Confirmation of Faith**

**Come, invite someone to join you and worship God!**



Rev. Harlan Gillespie  
Senior Pastor

### *From Harlan*

burial rituals for Jesus. They were made the first Christian evangelists! They were not Bible-thumping, worked up, middle aged men who yelled and threatened their congregations with damnation and hell. They were among the followers of Jesus – Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They had been with Jesus, heard much of his teaching, experienced his presence and marveled at who he was and what he was about. They had a devotion to him, but they did not know him completely. They knew him in their own experience of him.

During Lent we experienced the teaching of Martha Grace Reese in the study *Unbinding Your Heart: 40 Days of Prayer and Faith Sharing*. One of the premises behind the study is that everyone who has some experience of the love of God in Jesus Christ is an evangelist! Yes, evangelism has had a bad name given by misdirected preachers; but as I mentioned in the paragraph above, true evangelism is about sharing the good news. We've been practicing sharing the good news in our worship services, in the study, in our small groups. We've learned that much of sharing the good news is getting comfortable with sharing ours and listening to others tell stories of faith – and praying together.

No one has the complete story of Jesus, just like the disciples and Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. No one has a corner on the "right" story of Jesus – just check out the four gospels! And yet, God's grace has been at work in our lives day after day preparing us as a church and each of us as persons of faith. Often, like the two women who came to the tomb, we do not quite understand how God has been making the way before us until we look back and see it for the first time. That's what the angel did for them, "Go to Galilee, there you will see him."

Come this Sunday to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ – alive for evermore! Come as someone who already has been prepared by God's grace not only to hear the good news but also as someone who can share the good news! Bring someone with you and share it with them by worshiping together! See you this Sunday.

I want to deeply thank the hundreds of people who led, participated, prayed, and contributed to the Lenten Study *Unbinding Your Hearts*. I especially want to lift up Rev. Sherrie Ilg who brought the study to us and led the first leaders' group that began in October of 2010 and the many small group leaders. This has been one of, if not the, most meaningful seasons of Lent that I have ever experienced – thanks to the Spirit of God moving in all of you, my friends in Christ.

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Harlan Gillespie

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### Curious about the Iowa UMC School for Lay Ministry?

If you are wondering about ways to continue growing as a disciple of Christ, called to serve in our church, this might be for you! Plan to come to an informal gathering on Friday, April 29 at 10:00 am in room 312. Pastor Sherrie and a current SLM participant from St. Mark's UMC, Cedar Rapids, DorRene Mau, will share a brief overview and answer your questions about this opportunity! Questions? Contact Pastor Sherrie at [silg@stpaulsumc.org](mailto:silg@stpaulsumc.org) or 363-2058.

## Weekly Highlights

### Sunday, May 1—Confirmation Sunday

8:15, 10:30 Worship - Chapel  
9:00 Worship - Sanctuary with confirmation  
10:30 & 11:30 Worship - Social Hall  
10:20am Sunday School for all ages  
10:30am Worship - Chapel  
4:30 pm Youth Choir - Music Center  
5:00pm Hispanic Worship - Social Hall

### Monday, May 2

8:30am School Bag Workshop - Ingathering  
7:00pm SYRUP - 110

### Tuesday, May 3

9:00am Holiday Fair Craft Workshops - Annex  
9-11:30am Staff Meetings  
6:30pm Men's Ensemble - Music Center  
6:30pm Reveal Workshop - Social Hall

### Wednesday, May 4

7:00am Men's Bible Study - Annex  
9:30am Stitching for Missions - Annex  
1:00 pm Outlook Mailing - Parlor  
5:15pm TGIW!  
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir - Music Center

### Thursday, May 5

9:15am GAP Bible Study - 119  
6:15 pm Toastmasters - 117  
6:30 pm Carillonners - 327

### Friday, May 6

9:30am Bulletin Stuffers - Parlor  
12:00pm Office Closed

### Saturday, May 7

10:00am Praise Team Rehearsal  
5:15pm Child Care  
5:30pm Worship - Sanctuary

Please see website calendar ([www.stpaulsumc.org](http://www.stpaulsumc.org))  
or weekly bulletin for more coming events.



## Prayer - The Ministry of Caring of the St. Paul's Family

*Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."*

*Matthew 28:10*

- Families and communities affected by the devastating tornadoes this past week.
- Persons with addictions and their families and friends.
- The people of Japan and all around the world affected by the earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear crisis in Japan.
- Military personnel and support personnel and their families.
- Those hospitalized
- Those under Hospice Care
- The search for employment and the faith supporting one another.
- Memorial prayers for the family and friends of those who have recently died.
- Those in need of continued Healing and Grace.
- Stephen Ministries; Block by Block; Organizing of Family Promise homeless ministry.
- The education of children, youth and adults and the policies of education.
- Those caring for parents and for children.
- Faith in the workplace.
- Families registering for P.D.O., FOCUS, and St. Paul's Pre-school.
- Mission work teams staying at St. Paul's during 2011.
- The district church of the week: St. Mark's UMC, Cedar Rapids, and Pastor Gary Hoyt.

### Hearing Assistance Devices for Worship

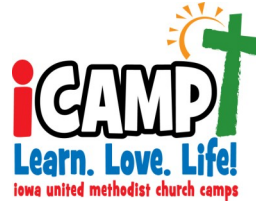
If you have a hearing impairment, whether slight or major, try one of our hearing assistance devices, which are available from the ushers. These devices are small (will fit in a shirt pocket) and have a small earpiece that "hooks" in the ear.

*Prayer requests for this devotion of caring will be added upon request and updated weekly. Names listed here under continued healing and grace will remain on the list for 3 weeks; if you would like a name on the list longer please let us know. Communicate by use of the prayer request boxes, phone 363-2058, or e-mail silg@stpaulsumc.org or harlan@stpaulsumc.org. Include a permission to share with others, or a request for confidentiality.*

## Pictured Rocks UM Camp and Retreat Center - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!

Saturday, May 21, 2011 ~ 3:30 pm to 9:30 pm; Pictured Rocks is celebrating 50 years of camping ministry in 2011. The worship service will be followed by a camp dinner ~ 5:00 pm. Call the camp to reserve your dinner tickets today! 319-465-4194

### Money for United Methodist Campers!!



Now is the time to sign up your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and all their friends for United Methodist summer camps. Christian camping is an important part of faith development for many children and youth and is also a fun and safe way to spend time outside and develop new relationships. **Because**

**we believe in Christian camping, every St. Paul's child or youth gets \$100 toward their registration!** Just fill in that amount on your registration form under "Balance due from church or agency" and email or call Pastor Allison to let her know (allison@stpaulsumc.org or 363-2058). Funds are also available for camperships, so if you need further assistance, talk to Pastor Allison. This money comes from our Foundation distribution. Children should have received brochures at church already, but there are more on the welcome centers and in the office. Check out [www.iaumc.org/camps](http://www.iaumc.org/camps) for more information. If you'd like to coordinate going to camp with another child, contact Wendy Morton at 310-4600.

### 3 and 4 Year Olds Back to Regular Classrooms

Due to unexpectedly high attendance (yea!) the 3 and 4 year olds will be back to their usual classrooms starting this Sunday, April 24. Threes are in Room 201 and Fours in Room 203.

### Chancel Flower Dates Open

The following dates are open to provide chancel flowers for the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one: June 26, July 3, July 10, July 17, July 31, August 14, August 21, and August 28. Please contact Mary Jane Overmann at 396-5176.

### Available Dates at St. Paul's Cabin at Clear Lake

Rates for the year 2011 are:

- \$600.00 per week.
- \$135.00 per day on Friday and Saturday.
- \$110.00 by the day Sunday-Thursday.



**Open dates are:** May 30-June 9; June 19-24; July 17-20; August 11-14; August 28-Sept. 3. Reservations begin at 4:00 pm of the 1st day and end at 3:00 pm of the last day.

The St. Paul's Cabin at Clear Lake has capacity for 34 people, 1 bedroom w/double bed, a large kitchen/dining area, a screened porch/view of lake, 4 dormitory rooms with 4 sets of bunk beds each, 5 bathrooms with showers, and a living room with fireplace. The cottage is a part of the Bell Harbor Homeowners Association. It is an ideal site for retreats, recreation and family gatherings

## WORKPLACE WALK 2011

Invite your Pastor to your workplace! We want to visit one workplace each week just to connect! Share 15 minutes – 1 hour at your place of work with either Pastor

Harlan or Pastor Sherrie. It's totally your agenda...give us a tour, *or* talk to us about your work responsibilities, celebrations, challenges, prayer requests, *or* meet us at your workplace and share a meal there or somewhere else. Pick your week! Sign up online at [www.stpaulsumc.org](http://www.stpaulsumc.org) or contact the church office at 363 2058. Help **church on Sunday** connect to **work on Monday**, grow in support and care, and help us know how to pray for you and your workplace.

### A Thrift Mart Thank You!

The Spring Thrift Mart was a success. Nearly all the expenses have been submitted and deducted from income received. When all the bank deposits were added and expenses subtracted, our profit is a couple of dollars over \$7,000. Thanks to all who contributed, and all who worked. Ruth Balster, UMW Treasurer.

### LIBRARY HOURS

The library will be staffed with volunteers at the following times:

**Wednesdays: 9:00AM - 12:00PM**

**Sundays: 9:00AM - 12:00PM**

St. Paul's library will also open upon request..

### Play and Learn Meets at St. Paul's UMC Monday Mornings

Mondays from 10:30 a.m.-noon, a Play and Learn group meets at St. Paul's, in room 307 in the education wing. Play and Learn is for young children 0-5 years old and their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, older brothers and sisters, friends and others who take care of them. We have lots of fun together:

- Singing songs
- Telling stories
- Creating art
- Playing
- Learning!

Groups are free, and occur every week with a different topic each week. No registration required. This family play group is a partnership with United Way. For more information, please contact: Jennifer Cira at Play & Learn of East Central Iowa (319) 399-6809 or [jcira@gwaea.org](mailto:jcira@gwaea.org) or [www.playandlearniowa.org](http://www.playandlearniowa.org)

### Coming Events...

April 22	Good Friday (Sanct. Choir @ First Lutheran)
April 23	Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt
April 24	Easter!
May 1	Confirmation Sunday
May 15	Children's Musical 10:30 am - no Sunday School
May 22	Graduation Recognition

## Are You Having Any Joy?

All women are invited to our UMW May Unit meeting for dessert May 5, 2011 at 6:00 pm  
St. Paul's Social Hall

### "Joy to the World"

Come join us to learn how we can bring joy to our neighborhood, our nation, our world.  
Call the church office for reservations 363-2058.  
Childcare available with reservations.

## Special Church Offer for Casting Crowns and Sanctus Real Concert at Iowa State Fair

Award-winning Christian artists Casting Crowns will perform with special guest Sanctus Real on Thursday, August 11, at the Iowa State Fair Grandstand. An exclusive pre-sale begins April 25 at 10 a.m. and ends April 29, 10 p.m. Ticket price is \$30 (plus fees) but does not include admission into the fair. Please contact Carol Tralau by April 23 if you are interested in attending. Dependent upon the response, group transportation and possible group prices for admission into the fair could be arranged.



### Next Stephen Ministry Class in August

If you would like to be part of a ministry that can make a real difference in others' lives when they need it most, consider becoming a Stephen Minister. In addition to experiencing a growing relationship with Christ, you will learn how to confidently support anyone who is facing a crisis or a stressful situation. Our next class begins Sunday, August 21. Details are posted on St. Paul's website (under Caring) or ask to see this information in the office.

### You are invited...

The congregation is invited to the senior recital of Wesley Carlson on Sunday, May 22, at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in the Parlor, from 3:00-5:00 pm.

### Summer Sunday School Teacher Sign-Up

It's time to sign up to teach summer Sunday School! Like last summer, we'll be combining some age groups for summer: Pre-school (children who have been in classes for ages 2-4); Kindergarten-1st Grade; 2nd-4th Grade. This is an excellent opportunity to try out teaching for a few weeks at a time. Each room will have at least two teachers, so grab a friend and see the sign-up in the hallway on Sundays, or contact Pastor Allison directly ([allison@stpaulsumc.org](mailto:allison@stpaulsumc.org) or 363-2058). Soon you will also be able to see the summer teaching schedule on the website so you can check for openings!

Harlan Gillespie, Senior Pastor  
Sherrie Ilg., Associate Pastor  
Phil Rogers, Minister of Youth

Allison Warren, Minister of Christian Education  
Lloyd E. Brockmeyer, Minister of Congregational Care  
Carol Tralau, Director of Music Ministries  
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