

### **WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS**

We warmly congratulate Christopher and Jessica Elliott, of Omaha, on the birth of their son. Ethan Christopher Elliott was born on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. He weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Ethan was welcomed home by his big sister Emma. Ethan's proud grandparents are Steve and Lois Elliott of Cherokee and Dave and Ruth Hoogland of Sanborn.

### **EASTER BRUNCH THANK YOU**

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to the members and friends of St. Paul's UMC for attending our Easter brunch and supporting the junior high and senior high youth programs. This year we decided to use the free will offering received to help with moving expenses for Viola Byerly. She was unable to live in her home after the recent flooding in Cherokee. Special thanks go out to Rodney Bainbridge and Nancy Sears for donating additional egg bakes and cinnamon rolls and to Jeff Blum for making coffee and helping wherever we needed him. We appreciate all the youth and their parents for donating and helping with our brunch. We couldn't pull it off without your willingness. Last, but not least, we say "thank you" to Shelley Lenz for overseeing the kitchen. You are a blessing. God bless you all!

-Craig and Monica Schmidt  
Linda Burkhart and Linda Appleby

### **WOULD YOU LIKE SOME VASES?**

We have accumulated a number of vases in the church office. Randy has boxed them up, and they are setting in the narthex. If you could use some vases, please help yourself. Those that are left will be taken to Sioux City to a glass recycling facility.

### **PIANO RECITAL TODAY**

My four piano students, ranging in age from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 7<sup>th</sup> grade, will be putting on a recital this afternoon in our sanctuary. The recital will begin at 2:00 p.m., and I expect it to last around 30 minutes. The children will each play two solos, and all of them will play duets with me, as well. We'd love to have you join us. Refreshments will be served in the Schuldt Dining Hall immediately after the recital.

-Meribeth Adams

### **VISITATION TEAM MEETING**

The St. Paul's visitation team will be meeting on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. in the church office.

### **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IS MAY 2ND**

Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, is the National Day of Prayer. All are invited to join area clergy at the Cherokee Community Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in corporate prayer for our nation, as well as guided prayer and individual prayer stations. This is a come & go event, as needed.

### **LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL IS MAY 5TH**

The last day of Sunday School for the 2018-2019 school year will be May 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, so much, to all the teachers, students, and parents for another very successful year of Sunday School classes!

### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS MAY 5TH**

We will be celebrating another group of confirmands during our May 5<sup>th</sup> church service. Join us as they make a public profession of their faith in Jesus Christ and become full members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. We would also like to invite everyone to come down to the dining hall after church that day for a small reception honoring our confirmands.

### **GRADUATION SUNDAY IS MAY 19TH**

On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be honoring our graduating high school seniors as part of St. Paul's annual Graduation Sunday. If you know of someone from our church who will be graduating from college, or some type of higher degree program, please let the church office know so that those graduates can be included in the bulletin. Thank you!

### **THANK YOU SO MUCH**

The family of Ellen Henderson greatly appreciated all the people who showed up on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, to clean up Ellen's yard. Students who volunteered were Amelia Brown, Paige Schlenger, Skyler Robinson, Jack Waldner, Calvin Brown, and Hayden Brown. Parents who helped were Chad Brown, Korrie Coombs, and Melissa Schlenger. It was a great crew, and they were able to finish the yard in about an hour! A special thanks goes out to Chad Brown for disposing of all the yard waste.

### **THANK YOU FROM SHARON BENNINK**

Thank you for the prayers, phone calls, and cards after my surgery. You are all so special, and may God bless you!

-Sharon Bennink

### **M&M CAMPAIGN THANK YOU**

The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2019 M&M campaign. We collected over \$800 which will be used for the First Mile giving, the Conference Missions and Ministries. Thank you for all the support!

-Sue Parker (Missions Chairperson)

### **2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Many of you have been asking about Vacation Bible School 2019. We are joining hands and participating with the Memorial Presbyterian Church this year. The theme for this year's VBS is "ROAR! Life is wild. God is good." Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Memorial Presbyterian Church. Children ages 4 years old through those completing 5<sup>th</sup> grade this spring are invited to attend. To secure a t-shirt, you must turn in the registration form (along with \$5.00) by May 26<sup>th</sup> to the Memorial Presbyterian Church office. Registration forms will be accepted, however, up to the first day of Bible School, if you choose not to pay for a t-shirt. We are also looking for volunteers of all ages! Youth can get involved by being crew leaders (helping the children to get to and from their stations). Adults can serve as station leaders (Bible, snacks, music, games, etc.) If you are available to volunteer for VBS from June 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, please contact the Memorial Presbyterian Church office at 225-2637 or talk with Pastor Cris. Let's get our church family actively involved with VBS 2019! Thanks!

-Pastor Cris

### **OUR MINISTRY SUPPORTED**

Budgeted needs 15 weeks into the year: \$67,665

Received to support budgeted needs: \$58,992

### **SPRING CARE & SHARE SHOP GARAGE SALE**

St. Paul's Care & Share Shop will be having a "Giant" garage-type sale at the beginning of May. It will be held in the Schuldt Dining Hall on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This will be our opportunity, as members of St. Paul's, to do some spring cleaning and donate those items for our giant, indoor sale. We will gladly accept furniture, dishes, and other household items for this sale. We would only ask that if the large items you donate do not sell, that you would please pick them up after the sale as we have limited storage space at the church. We also will need volunteers to help move clothing, set up all items in the dining hall, and tear down after the sale. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out and be a blessing in Cherokee, as well as to St. Paul's. Please contact Jennifer Decious at (712) 229-7628, if you would like to help.

### **UPDATE ON VIOLA BYERLY**

Viola Byerly is now a resident of the Willow Brook Apartments. Her new address is 925 Jeffries Street, Apt. 7, Cherokee, IA 51012. Viola's new phone number is 225-1125.

### **2019 IOWA UNITED METHODIST CAMPS**

**BEST. WEEK. EVER.** Summer is just around the corner, and that means summer camps for our youth! Campers will have a terrific time making new friends, growing in faith, and participating in lots of fun and exciting adventures. Brochures for the Iowa United Methodist Camps are available in the church office. Additionally, information can be found at the following website: [www.OkobojiCamp.com](http://www.OkobojiCamp.com).



