The ANCHOR

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Vision Statement: *...to be a church where you can SEE Christ*

THE LORD WILL GO BEFORE US

By Pastor Louie

Beng and I are "legal immigrants" in this country. We came here with a Religious Working Visa (R1 & R2) in 2011. Then in March 2014, the US Government gave us our Green Cards. The Green Cards made us "Permanent Residents" of this country. Earlier this year, we started to process our US Naturalization papers. We were already done with all the paper work and Biometrics. Right now, we are preparing for our naturalization tests that will take place this month. God willing, before the end of this year, we will be able to call ourselves US citizens.

We entrust everything to the Lord. We know that the Lord will go before us and He knows what's best for us and our ministry here at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. We believe that the Lord will go before us. The Word of God says in Deuteronomy 31:8, "*The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."*

To all of you, our church family, please include us in your prayers! Pray that the Lord's Spirit will move and work through the US Immigration Service. We are so blessed to be here in Williamsburg and we look forward to continue to celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness with you. I would like to end this article with the lyrics of the song we sing in church from the Faith We Sing Hymnal of the UMC:

He who began a good work in you
He who began a good work in you
Will be faithful to complete it
He'll be faithful to complete it
He who started the work
Will be faithful to complete it in you

God is faithful to complete what He has started. He will go before us! GOD BLESS US ALL!

Walk to Emmaus®
THE UPPER ROOM

THIS MONTH'S WALKS TO EMMAUS

Men's Walk - October 10-13, at Ankeny First UMC (Iowa Walk to Emmaus Group). Pastor Louie will be one of the Spiritual Directors during this Walk.

Women's Walk - October 17-20 at Ankeny First UMC (Iowa Walk to Emmaus Group)

Men's Walk - October 17-20 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, Solon, IA (Cedar Rapids Group)

If you are seeking spiritual renewal and a new understanding of God's grace and love, Walk to Emmaus will lead you through that.

The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is under the Upper Room Ministries of the United Methodist Church. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. **We are looking for people in our community to send to this event. We have available sponsors who are willing to bring and pay for those people who will attend**.

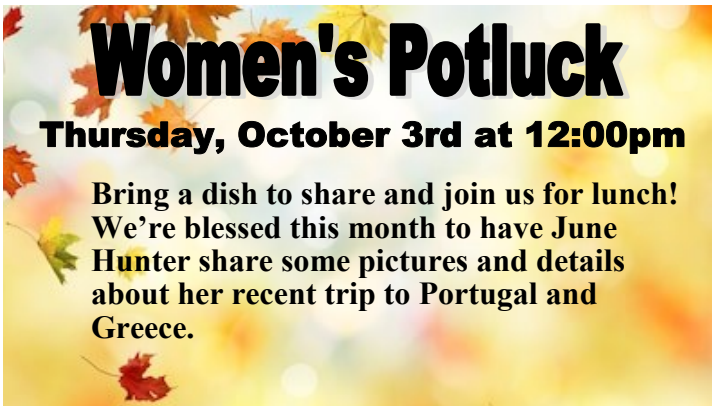
Please contact Pastor Louie at louie_gallo03@yahoo.com or call the church office if you have questions or would like more information.

Please take the time this month to show your appreciation to Pastor Louie! Please send a card, text or email or thank him in person...whatever method you prefer.

Mail: *PO Box 559, Williamsburg, IA 52361*
Email: *louie_gallo03@yahoo.com*
Text or Call: *(712) 480-3506*

Childcare Help Still Needed for Tuesday Mornings

We have been very blessed to have Shannon Johnson provide childcare for our Tuesday morning Women's Study. This has allowed moms with young children to participate in this study. This year, Shannon is not available so we are in need of finding a new person to provide this ministry. If you are available on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am for 1 ½ hours and would love to serve our church in this way, please contact Kerry McKown or call the church office.



Wednesday Night 611

Meal at 5:30pm, Small Groups at 6:11pm.
Meal is $4/person (age 2 and under free)
Sign up in the Sanctuary or contact the church office.

October 2nd	Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert
October 9th	Casey's Pizza, Salad & Dessert
October 16th	Tator Tot Nachos, Corn, Salad, Jello & Dessert
October 23rd	Casey's Pizza, Salad & Dessert
October 30th	To Be Determined

Fellowship Hour Refreshments

- October 6—Marvel Axmear, Dede Shaull, Barb Olson
- October 13—Deanna Cook, Jeanie Lehnst, Anne Zalenski
- October 20—Jennette Douglas, Laura Hanson, Margie Zuber
- October 27—Alice Bardole, Sherry Grier, Joi Dellamuth

Mission Project for October

For the month of October, our Mission team has decided to support the Iowa County's Dept. of Human Services, Child Welfare for Families. We will be working with this Department to supply Casey's gift cards that they can distribute to families for gas. The Dept. of Human Services Child Welfare helps to ensure safety, permanency and well-being for children and families of Iowa. DHS is responsible for providing child welfare services to those children and families in which child abuse has occurred and those at high risk for abuse and neglect. We have assisted with gas costs in the past for families in our community, but feel this is a more accurate and helpful way to do it.

What to do: Go to Casey's and purchase a $10 Casey's Gift Card. **This is very specific, so please only get a $10 card.** Bring the gift card to the church and place in the box under the Mission Bulletin Board. The cards will be given to a confidential DHS representative. The cards will then be given out to families needing gas to go to appointments in other cities. Once given the gift card, the families must return the receipt back to DHS to ensure that the gift card was used for gas.

We hope that you will feel led by God to help provide for families in our community by helping in this way.

Witness Team Starting Care Center Visits

A team called the Witness Team is inviting you to participate in a new ministry. They will be meeting here and then going to Amana to the Colonial Manor Care Center. This new ministry will be something that we can hopefully continue monthly. Members of our congregation (with their pets if they'd like) will go for a while and just visit and fellowship with the residents in there. It's so often that residents of care centers have no visitors and what a great way to minister to them. Watch each month for the afternoon that they will be going. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary. Speak with Blake Zuber, Melanie Ahrens, or Sam Lane with any questions.

Blake—blakezuber@hotmail.com
Melanie—mahrens1971@yahoo.com

GET PluggedIN

Pick a Ministry | Get Involved

Charge Conference
Sunday, October 20th at 3:30pm
Everyone is invited to join us for this year's Charge Conference. This is our "annual review" as a church and is open to anyone who wants to attend.

Fall is a great time to start serving!

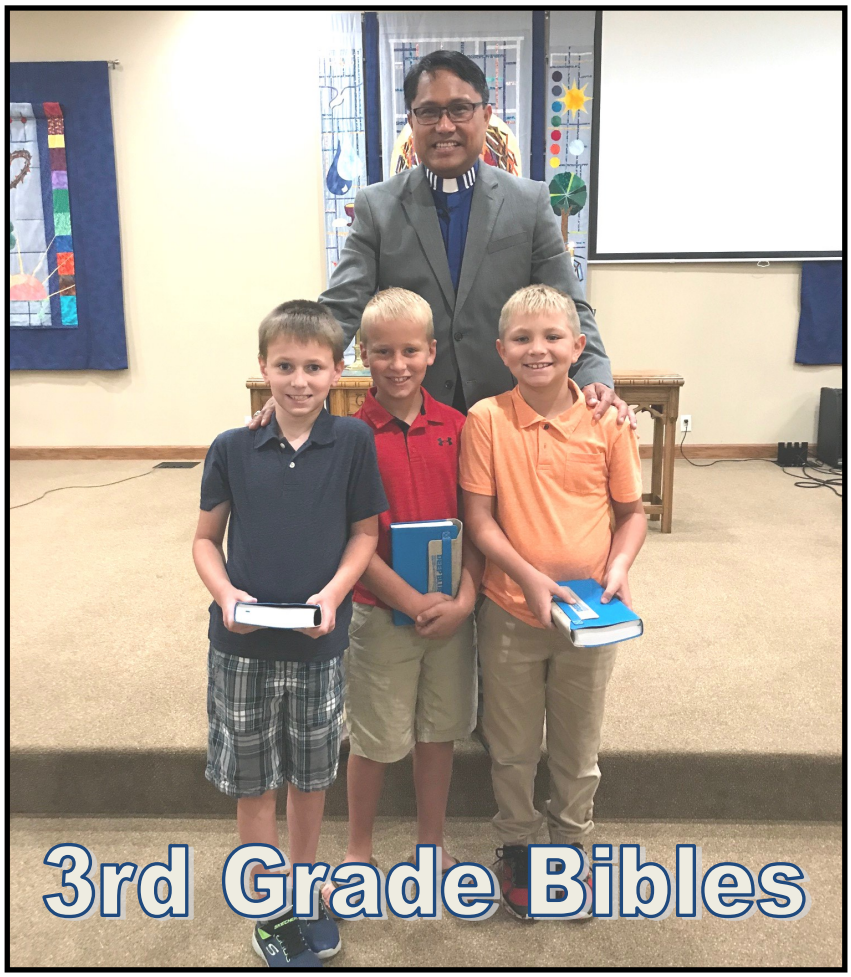
With the start of Wednesday Night 611, Sunday Morning Club and all of our small groups, we are again seeking help in different areas. It's not just in these specific spots that we need help, you can also help on Sunday mornings with ushering or in the nursery and preschool. We are in great need of ushers at our 10:30am service so if this is the service you attend, please sign up to serve an hour on Sunday mornings. You can contact Sonja in the church office. If you have questions or are uncertain where you'd like to help, contact the church office. God has gifted us each with a unique gift, we can help you figure out what your gift is.

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord." 1 Corinthians 12:4-5

From the Heart

Joys & Concerns

Please be in prayer for the family and friends of Lloyd Doehrmann with his death on September 7th.



L-R: Ethan Carr, Easton Mohr, Jonah Von Stein
Not Pictured: Kaitlyn Brink, Makayla Keller, Thomas Kunzman, Graydon Mills, Gavin Oelmann, Brynna Pasturczak

Vital Statistics

Worship Attendance

September 1	157
September 8	252
September 15	243
September 22	236

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Total Income - $198,075
Total Expenses - $192,765

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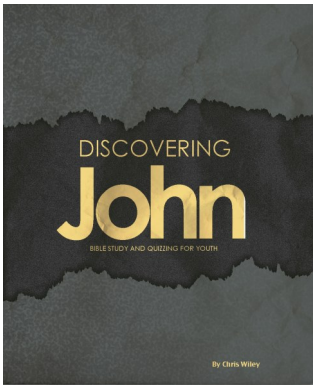
SPUMY (St. Paul's United Methodist Youth)



7th through 12th graders!!! Wednesday night 611 has started!! We are doing a new study called "Discovering John" which deals with central issues of who Jesus is and why He came. You will grow in your knowledge of Jesus and His mission. But more importantly, you will have an opportunity to know Jesus personally.

On Sunday mornings at 9:30am, youth can join our adults in Classroom B as they go through the Book of Acts.

Bonfire at the Caron's!
Saturday, October 26th

Youth, you are invited to come to 2475 Heritage Way (south of Williamsburg on Hwy 149) for a night of fellowship! Bring a snack to share and a lawn chair. The fun starts at 6:00pm!

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