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**Saint Paul United Church of Christ
 Denver, Iowa**

**Rev. Craig R. Henderson
 August 19, 2014**

UPDATE

Invitations: In our community's annual celebration of Denver Break-Away Days, we hope that worship will find a part in your family's plans. Please join us on Sunday, 17 August at Saint Paul UCC at 9:00AM. Jon and Lindsay Stack and Maya will welcome us. Diane Wikner will serve as our lector, sharing readings of Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28; and Genesis 45:1-15. The theme of the service is family reconciliation and the bold moves and forgiveness it requires. "Be Thou My Vision" will be offered as organ prelude. Thomas Reed will offer "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" as the offertory. We plan to sing, favorite hymns: "This Is a Day of New Beginnings," "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy," "Help Us to Accept Each Other" (tune of The Church's One Foundation), "Great Is Your Faithfulness," and "In Christ There Is No East or West."

On the following Sunday, 24 August, we contemplate transformations. In the story from Exodus, we are given an example of a happy ending (Exodus 1-8 – 2:10) – a princess pulling a baby from the river reeds and adopting the child as her own – and yet this event unleashes unexpected chaos and human movement. How does this story call us into action? The week's lectionary also includes Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; and Matthew 16:13-20, another scripture about confounding identity, both Jesus' and Simon Peter's, a fisherman who is renamed "a rock." Music Director, Janece Downs, provides piano for hymns, "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness," "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian," "God of Change and Glory," and "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation." And won't you add your voice to ours, in praying, "God, come by here"?

Calendar-at-a-Glance

Fri-Sun. Aug. 15-17	Denver Break-Away Days
Sun. Aug. 17 9:00 AM	Worship/Piano (service in sanctuary)
Sun. Aug. 17 2:00 PM	Welcome Celebration Concert w/ Quad Cities Brass Quintet
	at First Congregational Church, Clinton, IA
	for installations of Rev. Jorge de Montes-Clausen and Rev. LeAnn

Clausen de Montes (Co-Pastors)

Sun PM – Wed, Aug. 17-20	Rev. Henderson on leave.
Tues. Aug. 19 7:30 AM	Bible Study @ Denver Community Center
Thurs. Aug. 21	Denver Community Schools resume
Thurs. Aug. 21 4:00 PM	Denver Cares meeting with pastors, St. Peter's Lutheran
Sun. Aug. 24 9:00 AM	Worship/Piano
Tues. Aug. 26 7:30 AM	Bible Study @ Denver Community Center
Tues. Aug. 26 6:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
Sun. Aug. 31 9:00 AM	Worship/Organ/Least Coin Offering
	Arrive 4-5PM Church Grill and Potluck Fellowship -- hosted by Dale & Barb

Schnathorst, 1858 250th Street (West of Denver).**(See details below)**

Mon. Sept. 1		Labor Day (Note: no bingo at Sunset Home)
Tues. Sept. 2	7:30 AM	Bible Study @ Denver Community Center
Wed. Sept. 3	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs. Sept. 4	1:00 PM	N.E. Association, Advisory Council, teleconference
Fri. Sept. 5	10:00 AM	Community Coffee @ Sunset Home
Sun. Sept. 7	9:00 AM	Children's Hour, Pre-K-5th grade (resumes)
	10:15 AM	Worship/Communion/Piano
Tues. Sept. 9	7:30 AM	Bible Study @ Denver Community Center
Wed. Sept. 10	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. Sept. 14	9:00 AM	Children's Hour, Pre-K-5th grade
	10:15 AM	Worship/Organ
	3:30 PM	Ordination of Arik Borstad, held at Faith United Church of Christ, 400 S. Main St., Tripoli, IA.
		Open invitation to all members of Northeast Association, Iowa Conference, United Church of Christ.
Tues. Sept. 16	7:30 AM	Bible Study @ Denver Community Center
Wed. Sept. 17	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. Sept. 21	9:00 AM	Children's Hour, Pre-K-5th grade
	10:15 AM	Worship/Choir
	3:30 PM	Ordination of Erik Breddin, St. Paul's UCC (rural CF). 8919 Burton Ave., Cedar Falls, IA. Erik has often served as a back-up for Rev. Henderson.

Rev. Henderson.

Please consider helping to fill the pews in support of Pastor Erik, who has been steadfastly faithful and patient in his call toward ordained ministry. This will be a great celebratory event!

Announcements**In our prayers:**

Helen Bartels, mother of Judy Buss;
 Marie Bradfield (at Sunset Home)
 Bob Brown, father of Amy Robbins
 Jim and Marilyn Butler
 Grace & Wilbert Foelske
 Rod Hennings
 Joyce Kelly, Brett John's mother-in-law
 Gary Konarske (TX), brother to Nancy Schneider
 Marlyn Meyer
 Frank Phillis
 Sara Quigley (Kirksville, MO), niece of Jess & Kathy Meyer
 Greg Robbins
 Doretta Seegers
 Sue Steinberg
 Leah Stumme, daughter of Larry and Eleanor Stumme of Denver
 Joanne Walters, Marilyn Butler's sister-in-law
 Laura Weber, of Raymond, IA, relative of Henry and Lynette Doepke
 Sally Wilson
 Roger Zekoff

and all others of our members and wider circle friends in need of healing and wholeness.

Labor Day Weekend Fellowship – On Sunday, Aug. 31, between 4-5PM, the congregation of Saint Paul UCC is invited to gather for a Grilling/Potluck and Fellowship opportunity in the woods west of Denver. Dale and Barb Schnathorst are again offering their lovely property at 1858 250th Street, as a gathering place for our community on the holiday weekend. Please bring something to grill, a dish to share, table settings, your beverage choice, cards or games, extra lawn chairs. All are welcome!

Music Ministry at Saint Paul UCC

Our choir and bell choir seasons are being planned and prepared by directors, Janeece M. Downs and Diane Wikner, respectively. What a joy and blessing our choirs are to our community and spiritual life Saint Paul UCC!

Adult Choir rehearsals are open to all singers (including teens/pre-teens), members or nonmembers. A love of singing is the requirement (and attending most rehearsals and taking direction from Janeece generally helps us sound better!). We welcome new voices to join us! We typically plan to meet on most Wednesdays in the fall and spring seasons, usually at 6:30-7:15PM. Janeece plans our first rehearsal for Wed. Sept. 3, and we will first offer an anthem on Sun. Sept. 21. Please consider joining us and bring a friend!

In Gratitude to Kathie and Dick Novy – Last week after church, Kathie and Dick shared with me they have decided to retire as Foster Care Parents. They have given a home, temporary and sometimes permanent, to over 150 children in a span of 43 years, including many special needs children. They have ministered to some of the most vulnerable among us, and they have been advocates in service to (and even against, when it was called for) a sometimes unwieldy and unforgiving system of justice and social service care, a system that cannot possibly keep up with the high demand for the basic provision of love that should be every child's birthright. Kudos to the Novys and their family for their faithfulness and perseverance. This decision now made, they look happily forward to enjoying the next year with foreign exchange students, Kayla (Thailand) and Jenna (Japan), and all the joys and opportunities that experience will bring them and us.

Call for Health and Hygiene Items, Aug. 1 thru Sept. 15

Until our partnership resumes for Fall with Saint Peter Lutheran and other area churches who provide monthly hygiene/snack back-packs for selected Denver HS students and their families, we at Saint Paul UCC have an opportunity to participate with Bremer County Community Partners (BCCP) to assist students with limited resources to meet health and hygiene needs. Our member, Lindsay Stack, is challenging us to bring as many of the items (listed below) and deposit them in the "materials" collection box (just inside the front door of the church narthex) on any Sunday before Sept. 15. These will be collected and distributed to those communities in Bremer County which may not have the orchestrated effort and giving participation rates that our students in Denver receive throughout the year. Please help as you and your families are able:

Shampoo/Body Wash/Soap/Toothpaste/Toothbrushes/Deodorant/Combs/Brushes
Nail Clippers/Band-Aids/Wash Cloths/Towels/Cleansing Wipes/Cotton Swabs/Lotion
Chapstick/Feminine Hygiene products/Head lice treatment kits

Alternatively, you mail monetary donations to: BCCP, P.O. Box, Waverly, IA 50677. Or you may "note" BCCP in the memo field of a check made out to Saint Paul UCC, and we will forward those cash donations to Bremer County Community Partners.

Women's Fellowship – attending to the table!

When you enter into our overflow room for coffee and snacks following worship, you may spy a few changes. The Doepkes have donated a second white table cloth for our fellowship table, and Women's Fellowship officers purchased a rounded-corner glass tabletop to cover the antique table, an addition that may better protect our nice linens from spills and crumbs. Nice touch! Thank you, ladies!

Cedar Valley Hospice – Release and Remember Event

The annual fund-raising event for Cedar Valley Hospice is much more than that. The purpose of the event is to remember and honor loved ones as well as celebrate life! On September 7, 2014 from 1-3 PM, all are invited to the Waterloo RiverLoop Amphitheatre, 225 Commercial St. in Waterloo for a picnic lunch, children's activities, musical entertainment by Bill Shepherd & the Red Hots Dixieland Jazz Band and a short program prior to the mass butterfly release. For each honorarium or memorial gift of \$25, a butterfly will be released. Visit www.cvhospice.org or call the Hospice (319) 272-2002 for details.

October 11 – Iowa Conference Annual Meeting, Ames -- In preparation for our the Annual Conference Meeting, our Conference Minister, Rev. Rich Pleva invites feedback from all churches and congregational members. The meeting will expressly include opportunity for conversation about topics important for the life and future of the Conference. What do you think is important for us to discuss? Send your ideas to rich@ucciaconf.org

Missions Team – Revisiting a Good Idea

In lieu of the pie/dessert auction for OCWM this year, the Council opted back in March to revisit the idea of a Fall Silent Auction and Dinner. Beginning Sun., Oct. 19, for three Sundays, members and friends can offer an item for the silent auction (may be displayed at the church). Examples may include homemade items such as woodwork, material crafts, art work, or, alternatively, theme baskets, donated items or services, or offers of special events (e.g., a homemade meal and game of cards at one's home) – really, your imagination sets the limit. On **Wed., Nov. 5**, we will hold a dinner in Fellowship Hall, supplemented by potluck. We'll permit bids on the items until the bell rings. We'll hope to follow the meal with special music – perhaps a Wartburg group – Joanna Dunleavy hopes to join up with a few in the months ahead! -- or a Gospel group – in the sanctuary. Just good community fun! Funds and special offering will advance our UCC mission. Hold the date for your family's participation! If you'd like to help plan, please see Kathie Novy or Barb Schnathorst!

Flowers

Fresh flowers or a green plant, whether in a garden pot or a bud vase, brought in and shared with the church on the altar or fellowship table, are always a welcome sight in summer time. We'll make room! And it need not be a special occasion! Also, we're always wanting a vase of Pampas grass as décor come early autumn. If you can expect to be a supplier, please let Craig or Mary Ann know!

Ecumenical Bible Study

We meet at Denver Community Center on Tuesdays at 7:30AM (that's the opening time, so don't expect to arrive too early). We have great dialogue and good fun! Try us out, once or often.

Aug. 19	Matt 16: 13-20 (group led; or Pastor Corey Smith)
Aug. 26	Matt 16: 21-28
Sept. 2	Matt 18: 15-20
Sept. 9	Matt 18:21-35
Sept. 16	Matt 20:1-16
Sept. 23	Matt 21:23-32
Sept. 30	Matt 30:33-46

Web Site: The church's website is available to all. You can find it at www.saintpaulucc.org. If you have suggestions or items to submit, contact Craig Johns, or respond to a Weekly Update.

Women's Fellowship

August 2014 Monthly Committee Members

*Sherry Lehman	984-5891
*Peggy Rogers	984-6243
Terri Seegers	984-5405
Shawn Buhrow	984-4812
Donna Niedert	984-5408
Terri Huber	984-5134
Linda Drewis	882-5693
Karen Hostetler	239-6506
Krista Rosencrans	269-5347

September 2014 Monthly Committee Members

*Mandy Vervaecke/Alice/Julia	984-5222
*Nancy Schneider	984-6363
Marilyn Butler	984-5543
Judy Buss	984-5450
Julie Buss	984-5125
Peg Abbas	406-0065
Tracy Thurm	240-4285
AuRae Heidemann	984-5322
Jodi Walther	984-6344

People willing to be called as substitutes

Wilma Olson	984-5876	Diane Wikner	984-5737
Peggy Rogers	984-6243	Peg Abbas	406-0065
Mary Ann Laube	984-5291	Brenda Beaty-Rater	984-5005
Marilyn Butler	984-5543	Velma Steege	984-5709
Kathy Meyer	984-5375	Sandy Buck	984-5123

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Pastor's study hours: Monday 8:00-1:00
 Tuesday 9AM-Noon, 1-5PM
 Wednesday 8AM-Noon
 Thursday 1:00-3:00
 or by appointment

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