

# Crossings

"Making known  
God's deeds  
among us."  
Isaiah 12:4

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## Pastor's Epistle

Dear Friends in Christ – May the peace of Christ be with you always!

This letter continues with the gospel text and a reflection to assist and encourage you to prepare for worship this summer. This month we spend a lot of time in John talking about Jesus as the Bread of Life.

**August 5<sup>th</sup> – John 6: 24-35:** Jesus is the Bread of Life - John's discourse does not suggest that the historicity of the manna story is the main point. Rather, it is Christ we are believing in, in whom we place our life's trust. Both the manna and the barley bread of the feeding story become metaphors for Christ and the life he gives.

**August 12<sup>th</sup> – John 6: 35, 41-51:** Jesus as the Bread of Life - Jesus uses the image of bread to demonstrate that, even compared to all the great things God has done before, God's greatest miracle is in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus, the bread of life, is a greater miracle than the manna God sent in the desert (Exod 16:14), greater than the bread the angel brought to restore Elijah (1 Kings 19:4-8), greater even than the loaves Jesus had just multiplied to feed a crowd of more than five thousand people (John 6:1-14)! In Jesus, God gives bread for the journey—not only for this life, but also into eternal life.

**August 19<sup>th</sup> – John 6: 51-58:** Jesus is the Bread of Life - They say, "You are what you eat." But that is not really true. You may eat lots of bacon you, but you will not turn into a pig. Eating lots of carrots won't turn you into a carrot. This is true with everything we eat—except for the bread and wine of holy communion. When we eat and drink of the bread and wine we become Jesus. We become resurrected people, we become people of forgiveness, we become people of faith, we become like Jesus.

**August 26<sup>th</sup> – John 6: 56-69:** Bread of Life concludes with, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" Today Jesus tells the crowds, "But among you there are some who do not believe" (John 6:64). Simon Peter later responds, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life," yet he will also struggle with unbelief. Disciples struggling with Jesus' message show that struggling with unbelief is nothing new. Have you and your parishioners had that moment when you called God into question? . . . In the midst of doubt God is present through the movement of the Holy Spirit, the sacraments, and the gathering of Christian community.

I pray that these devotional reflections prompt you to spend time in God's word, praying for a deeper faith, and the child-like trust that enables us to live in and be embraced by the mystery of God in Christ we receive in the bread and the wine at Christ's table.

Walking with you along the WAY – Pastor Nancy

## Our Mission Statement

*Called by Christ to love  
God & neighbor  
through deepening prayer,  
broadening fellowship,  
and expanding worship.*

"In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loves us so much, we also ought to love one another."

1 John 4:10-11

Old Business:

Update regarding changing all the lights inside the church to LED lighting. Looked at the cost. Will call for rebate amount on Monday.

New Business:

Semi-annual meeting July 29 after worship. Need agenda, Pastor's Report, President's Report, Treasurer's Report

Furnace filters need replacing

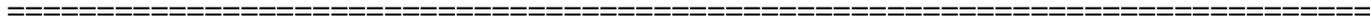
Garbage disposal at parsonage needs replacing. Pastor will purchase and church will reimburse her.

Grandfather Clock –to check out & repair \$85. WELCA offers to pay for this.

A/C water problem: leak water out onto carpet. Council called Rick Whistler to check on A/C problem. Richard made a motion to replace A/C if needed. Gail seconded; motion carried (per decision made at the time of installation of other A/C furnace unit last year by congregation.)

Calendar Item: Non-member funeral on August 2 for Joan Magie.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer



**RECENT PRAYERS**

Susan Anderson  
Donny Ballard  
John & Helen Champe  
Tim Cox  
Tony Daggett  
Mark Dreier  
Clint Johnson  
Shari Kisner  
Shara McDonough  
Ty Rogerson  
Samantha Sabovitch  
Misty Smith  
Sam Smith  
Carl Witte  
**(2017)**  
Jim & Linda Bills  
Jerry Carr  
Linda Christensen  
Mary Datschefski  
Betty Foster  
Ryver Lane  
John Pasuit  
Suzie Smith  
Ron Swanson

**St. Paul's Shut-ins:**

Ruth Johnson

**Continuing Prayers**  
**(2016)**

Pat & Gerry Anderson  
Gene Dobson  
Maya Griebel  
Richard McDonough  
Leo Oye  
Dr. MARRIDEE RANDALL  
Leeta Sanger  
Scott Sanger  
Lyle Spieler

**(2015)**

Linda Ulrich Johnson  
Ella Teno

**(2014)**

Sharon Glenn  
Nick Griffin  
Pat Mason

**Continuing Prayers**

Brantley Hemann  
Laura Moore  
Trisha Raven

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**Education/  
Prayer Team**



August 8 @ 11 am

Prayer by Anna Madsen

Study "The paradoxes of Prayer"



FAITH FORMATION

Parent meeting on August 12 after worship All parents are asked to attend; we need your input regarding this years Family Faith Formation.



Do you know of prayers that have been answered that you would like to share with us at St. Paul's?

Please look at the prayer lists above and check on those folks to see how they are doing. They may want to share how God has answered their prayers.



Watch for more information regarding class starting date.

**In Sympathy:** God of all comfort we pray for your peace and grace to enfold the families and friends as they morn the death of:

Liz Larson  
Greg Tilton (Linda Preston's brother)  
Leonard M. Smallwood, Jr.,  
(Charlie Smallwood's brother)

Pete Sarver

May hope of the resurrection comfort them in the days and months ahead.



## Fellowship Team Ministries

### 3rd Sunday Pot-Luck Brunch



**August 19**

### Senior Fellowship

**Pot-luck Luncheon: August 1 at 11 am.** Bring a white elephant item for a Bingo prize.

### WOMEN of the ELCA (WELCA)

**Monthly Meeting is** Thursday, August 23 at 7:00 pm.  
**Special meeting place:** Evelyn Sharpe's home. We will car pool from the church at 6:45 pm.

*We have a monthly Bible Study on Weds., July 11 at 11 am.*

*See more details on page 3.*



**Restoration Days Bake Sale: Sat., Aug. 4**  
**Bake Sale** from 9 am –noon. We will be having our annual bake sale on the square. Please bring items to the square by 8:30 am. We need to have everything pre-wrapped. Remember chocolate items (things that will melt) don't do well in the heat. .

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### Birthday's

1. Dakota Kelley
2. Terry Simmons
3. Donna Peterson
8. Kyle Hilton
9. Melissa Griebel
12. Royce Foster
14. Tom Preston
17. Brooke Sparks
19. Kelly Freeman
19. Hanna Freeman
22. Jesse Simmons
23. Jay Heaton
29. Stephanie Kelley
30. Chuck Clouse



### Anniversaries

4. Michael & Amanda Thomas
8. Tim & Annie (Preston) Jenkins
5. Larry & Sharon Wilkin
27. Mike & Kay Spieler
28. Brittany & Cody Flattery
28. Nancy & Martin Reed



### Baptismal Birthday's

3. Cassie Smallwood
4. Melissa Griebel
18. Mary Mitchell
22. Harold Benson
23. Jay Heaton
28. Broderick Thomas

Pastor Nancy will be out of the office from Aug. 24– Aug. 29.



**Mowing & Property Up-keep:** Thank you to the Dobson Family, Dan Johnson, Richard James, Royce Foster with the mowing and trimming of the church property. Property has looked really good.

Fall months are still open for moving and trimming.



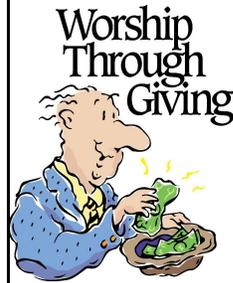
# Council



## **TREASURER'S SIX MONTH REPORT - 6/30/2018**

RECEIPTS: \$35,574.22 -  
average weekly \$1,368.24  
Transfers: \$ 8,397.00

EXPENSES: \$44,017.76  
Net through 6/30/18 \$ - 46.54



As we head into vacation time; remember the expenses of the church don't take a vacation!

**Please faithfully  
remember your  
giving even in your  
absence.**

St. Paul's Council Minutes July 8, 2018

Pastor opened with devotions.

Present were Ruth James, Richard James, Gail Clouse, Anita Simmons and Pastor Nancy Reed  
Agenda was presented; amended with addition of Church water problem. Gail moved to approve, Richard seconded, motion carried.

Secretary Minutes read, Gail moved to accept, Richard 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Anita had to transfer \$800.00 to meet budget. Need to encourage everyone to continue to send in their offering even when not attending worship.

Pastor Report: Her knee surgery has been rescheduled to September 24. Grimes house is getting ready to be sold.

Committee Reports:

Worship: Hymns have been selected through September. Gail & Marilyn will pick hymns for Oct. & Nov.

Faith Formation: Pastor reported that confirmation may start in the fall on Wednesday afternoon, right after the early out. Possibly Sunday School that day as well.

Missions: Council discussed the possibility of some sort of mission work on an Indian reservation Will gather more research/material.

Property: Thank you to everyone who has been keeping the church property looking good this Summer. Thank you to Jessica James for painting the little library and for Richard attaching it. Minor repair are needed on the outdoor chapel. Richard will take charge and ask Andy Fuhs and others to help.

Memorial: Thank you to everyone who helped put up the new sign. Moved and seconded to give a monetary thank you gift to Ed Simpson.

Larry received a quote from Tom's Tree Service about trimming and removing the trees and stumps on the church property. A quote of \$2600.00 was suggested. Gail made a motion to have Tom trim and remove the trees. Richard seconded; motion carried. \* Ask Tom to also remove tree stump at parsonage.

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# Mission Task Force



**Boxes of Hope Continuing Mission:** for the Emergency Assistance Office.

Items that are in the greatest demand are:



**All-purpose cleaning products & Bathroom cleaners**

**Dish soap**

**Laundry Detergent**

**Toilet paper**

**Toothpaste**

**Shampoo**

**Men & Women Deodorant**

**Body wash (not bar soap)**



These items can not be purchased with the SNAP card (food stamps)

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God's Grace is Free



Free Spaghetti Supper —In September

More information coming soon.

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Little Library



The little library is here at St. Paul's. This project was started by Yash Saboo. He built them with the help of the Kelley Family, Hilton Family and others. Our little library was painted and installed by Jessica James & Richard James. Post hole was dug by Ed Simpson. Ruth James will help keep the books rotated through out the year. We want to thank everyone for their hard work with this project.

A couple weeks ago a mother, that lives in our neighborhood, called the church and wanted to know who was responsible for putting up the little library. I told her how the library came to be and she said she wanted to thank those who did it.

She has a one year old and a 4 year old and she said her 4 year old is so excited to go and get a book from the little library. It makes the little girls day and they are very appreciative to have it in the neighborhood. I told her I would share her thanks with those who helped with this project.

You never know who you might reach and are blessed with your efforts.





## Worship Team Ministries



We will resume again in the fall.  
Have a great summer.



### Worship Servers

Altar Guild: Linda Preston & Sharon Wilkin

<b><u>August 5</u></b>	Worship Assistant:	Gail Clouse
	Ushers/Greeters:	Richard & Ruth James
	Lector:	Gail Clouse
<b><u>August 12</u></b>	Worship Assistant:	Marilyn Woods
	Ushers/Greeters:	Tom & Linda Preston
	Lector:	Tom or Linda Preston
<b><u>August 19</u></b>	Worship Assistant:	Marilyn Woods
	Ushers/Greeters:	Smallwood's
	Lector:	Gloria Smallwood
<b><u>August 26</u></b>	Worship Assistant:	Anita Simmons
	Ushers/Greeters:	Don & Karen Niebuhr
	Lector:	Anita Simmons

**Usher & Lector rotation** is on the table by the bulletin/usher stand.

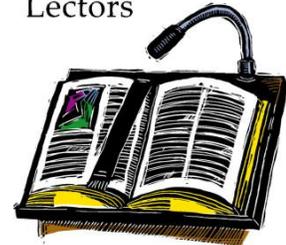
**Usher duty check list** is behind the gray attendance book.



### Schedule for August

<b>August 5</b>	<b>Grayson light &amp; put out the candles</b> <b>Eli collect communion cups</b>
<b>August 12</b>	<b>Nikko light &amp; put out the candles</b> <b>Lydia collect communion cups</b>
<b>August 19</b>	<b>Sophie light &amp; put out the candles</b> <b>Parker collect communion cups</b>
<b>August 26</b>	<b>Morgan light &amp; put out the candles</b> <b>Eli collect communion cups</b>

Lectors



Therefore, having been justified by faith,  
We have Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand,  
And Rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

[Romans 5:1-2 (NKJV)]

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[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)  
[www.seiasynod.org](http://www.seiasynod.org)

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE OFFICE HOURS:** Monday 9:30 –11:30 am & 1-3 pm  
Wednesday 10 am—Noon & 1—3 pm Friday 9 am—Noon



**WEB SITE:** Check out St. Paul's Web site at <http://www.splalbia.org>.

You will find our newsletters, calendar and recipe. Please send the office anything you would like to share on our web site.



**Radio Broadcast** St. Paul's worship service is broadcast each Sunday on KIIC (96.7 FM ) during their Sunday Son—Up programs starting at 8:00 am.



**Bake Sale**

**RESTORATION DAY BAKE SALE:**

**Aug. 4 from 9 am –noon.**

We will be having our annual bake sale on the square.

Please bring items to the square by 8:30 am.

Please have everything pre-wrapped.



**AUGUST 23**

