

Crossings

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

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Attributes of Christian Servants

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

Real servants make themselves available to serve. Servants don't fill up their time with other pursuits that could limit their availability. They want to be ready to jump into service when called on. Much like a soldier, a servant must always be standing by for duty. The Bible says, 'No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him.' If you only serve when it's convenient for you, you're not a real servant.

Real servants pay attention to needs. Servants are always on the lookout for ways to help others. When they see a need, they seize the moment to meet it, just as the Bible commands us, 'Whenever we have the opportunity, we have to do what is good for everyone, especially for the family of believers.' When God puts someone in need right in front of you, He is giving you the opportunity to grow in servant hood. Notice that God says the needs of your church family are to be given preference, not put at the bottom of your 'things to do' list.

Real servants do their best with what they have. Servants don't make excuses, procrastinate, or wait for better circumstances. Servants never say, "One of these days" or "When the time is right." They just do what needs to be done. The Bible says, 'If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.' God expects you to do what you can, with what you have, wherever you are. Less-than-perfect service is always better than the best intention.

Real servants do every task with equal dedication. Whatever they do, servants 'do it with all their heart'. The size of the task is irrelevant. The only issue is, does it need to be done? You will never arrive at the state in life where you're too important to help with menial tasks. God will never exempt you from the mundane. It's a vital part of your character curriculum. The Bible says, 'If you think you are too important to help someone in need, you are only fooling yourself. You are really a nobody.' It is in these small services that we grow like Christ.

Real servants are faithful to their ministry. Servants finish their tasks, fulfill their responsibilities, keep their promises, and complete their commitments. They don't leave a job half undone, and they don't quit when they get discouraged. They are trustworthy and dependable.

Real servants maintain a low profile. Servants don't promote or call attention to themselves. Instead of acting to impress and dressing for success, they 'put on the apron of humility, to serve one another.' If recognized for their service, they humbly accept it but don't allow notoriety to distract them from their work.

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We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: let us exercise them. (Romans 12:5-6)

Christian Servant Gifts Survey

With the hard work and support of our members, we have been able to accomplish many ministries and goals. In February and March, St. Paul's Council will be conducting another "dot" survey, to explore potential interest and support of current and new ministries. St. Paul's is looking forward to starting a couple new ministries: Albia Community Welcome Wagon and a card ministry for those who are ill on our prayer list. More information to come.



Auto-Tithe: Start off the new year by signing-up for Auto-tithe, where you can donate to the church weekly (or monthly) on a scheduled basis. If you are unable to attend worship because of other obligations, out of town, or on vacation you are able to support the ministry of St. Paul's. See Gloria for the form to start your Auto-Tithe.

**2020 WEEKLY OFFERING
AMOUNT NEEDED
\$1673.00**



RIVERSIDE LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP: Check out all the wonderful opportunities that Riverside is offering this year. Material available in the fellowship hall and on line. We have scholarships available for those who want to attend camp. Let Gloria know.



Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly

May 1, 2020 8:00 am — May 3, 2020 4:00 pm
Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center—300 E 9th St—Coralville, IA 52241

Assembly Theme is "With a New Song"

Bishop election will take up most of the 3 day event. St Paul's needs two people to go to the meeting and vote for the new bishop. Anita Simmons has agreed to represent us. Please let Gloria know if you would like to go. It is suggested to bring two monetary gifts, one for the retiring Bishop, that will be sent to his favorite mission & another amount, for the SEIA Synod, to use for one of their missions. A suggestion was made that we may take a special offering for these gifts in April.



St. Paul's Shut-ins:

Harold Benson
Ruth Johnson

**Education/
Prayer Team**



**Monthly Family Gathering
will be on Weds., February 19
at 6:30 pm.**

PIZZA Supper



BINGO Game night



Everyone is invited to join the fun. Bring a friend. **Please RSVP** to the office, so we know how many will be attending and have enough pizza.

RECENT PRAYERS

Rev. Cindy Breed
Karen Witte
(2019)
Judy Bail & Family
Lois & Gene Behrens
Carrie Burgland
Nancy Clouse
Charlene Crall
Linda Sales Harvard
Tony Heisdorffer
Robin Holien
Kevin Klingbeil
Mike Kahmann
Mary Ann
Terry McElvain
Jolene Peters
Ray Reeves
Carol Sovern
Emily Swartz
Lincoln Swartz
Tonya Tangie
Mary Tripplett
Amber Witte

(2018)

Eleanor Anderson
Nate Baggett
Donny Ballard
Sharon Burman
Tony Daggett
Mark Dreier
Shari Kisner
Mary Ann Lewis
Roger Lewis
Shara McDonough
Sam Mahoney
Samantha Sabovitch
Misty Smith
Sam Smith
Greg Rickie
Carla Wahl
Phil Whitson
(2017)
Susan Anderson
Linda Bills
Mary Datschefski
John Pasuit
Suzie Smith
Ron Swanson

(2016)

Pat & Gerry Anderson
Gene Dobson
Leo Oye
Leeta Sanger
Scott Sanger

(2015)

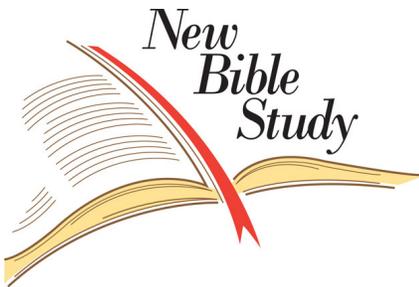
Ella Teno

(2014)

Sharon Glenn
Nick Griffin
Pat Mason

Continuing Prayers

Brantley Hemann
Trisha Raven



Inter-generational Bible Study

Starting: Sunday, Feb. 9, @ 10:20 am after worship.
The 2nd Sunday of each month, join us as we learn what God's message for us. All ages are welcome to join us. Each session is all-inclusive.



Rapid Fire rubber band game at the January FFF Gathering. The 12 attendees enjoyed taco bar and fun minute to win it games.



Soup'er Bowl of Caring Mission

The youth attending the Jan. FFF Gathering, decorated the soup pot to collect the donations for the food pantry.

Fellowship Team Ministries

3rd Sunday Pot-luck Brunch



February 16



Senior Fellowship

Wednesday, February 5 at 11 am, join us for food and fellowship. We will be playing Bingo after lunch. Please bring a white elephant item for prizes.

WOMEN of the ELCA

Our monthly meeting for February will be Thursday, the 23rd at 7:00 pm. Our hostess will be Lana Kaldenberg.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

2. Carson Stocker
2. Kay Spieler
5. Greg Dorpinghaus
7. Bristol Lynn Dowd
11. Rhonda Mason
11. Sophie Hemann
12. Joyce Tangie
13. Dan Stocker
16. Jay Heaton
17. Karter Spieler
22. Judy Van Polen
23. Emma Fuhs
23. Preston Hatfield
23. Richard James
24. Logan Dorpinghaug
28. Amanda Thomas

Baptismal Birthdays

3. Becca Mason
4. Talia Sherman
5. Veronica Fuhs
7. Alex Mason
11. Mitchel Sparks
16. Sharon Wilkin
25. Preston Hatfield



23. Lana Kaldenberg & Rob Eells

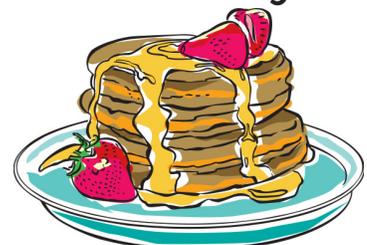


Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: February 25 from 5-7 pm.
We will be serving all you can eat pancakes with sausage & bacon.

Please sign-up to help with the afternoon pre-cooking of bacon and sausage; as well as cooking pancakes and serving during the meal and clean up.

We also need food items donated for this annual event.
Sheet to sign-up is in the fellowship hall.

Shrove Tuesday





Boxes of Hope Continuing Mission: for the Albia Ministerial Emergency Assistance Office. Items that are in the greatest demand are:

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| All-purpose cleaning products | Bathroom cleaners | Deodorant |
| Female Hygiene Products | Tooth paste | Laundry Detergent |
| Body wash (not bar soap) | Shampoo | Dish Soap |



“SOUP”ER BOWL Of Caring

Challenge Sunday, Feb. 2, the youth and the Missions Task Force will be collecting donations for the Helping Hands Food Pantry. You can put your donations into your favorite teams soup kettle.



Decorated at the FFF Gathering

We will see which team will WIN this mission soup’er bowl for the hungry. Your monetary donations go twice as far; as the Food Bank is able to purchase food at wholesale prices.



Mid-Year School Supplies Mission: We will be collecting school supplies in February for things the classroom need half way through the school year. Some items are: Kleenex, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, glue sticks and # 2 pencils.



Lenten Mission Lutheran Disaster Relief—Starting March 1

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God’s hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

Donations are spent on relief. And LDR is often first to respond and the last to leave. They work hand in hand with others like Red Cross and CWS.

Here are a few Places that LWR is helping:

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| U.S. Wildfires | U.S. Flooding | 2019 Hurricane Response | U.S. Tornadoes |
| Cyclone Idai | Indonesia Earthquake and Tsunami | Haiti Earthquake | South Sudan Relief |
| Africa Drought | Wildfires in Australia | Typhoon in Japan | |



Ushers & Greeters

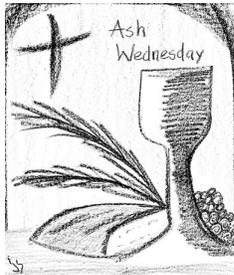


Worship Servers

Altar Guild: Gail Clouse & Julie Stocker

<u>Feb. 2</u>	Worship Assistant:	Gail Clouse
	Ushers/Greeters:	Charlie & Gloria Smallwood
	Lector:	Gail Clouse
	Acolyte:	Morgan Sherman
<u>Feb. 9</u>	Worship Assistant:	Marilyn Woods
	Ushers/Greeters:	Richard & Ruth James
	Lector:	Marilyn Woods
	Acolyte:	Parker & Sophie Hemann
<u>Feb. 16</u>	Worship Assistant:	Marilyn Woods
	Ushers/Greeters:	Kelley Family
	Lector:	Grayson Kelley
	Acolyte:	Grayson Kelley & Brody Thomas
<u>Feb. 23</u>	Worship Assistant:	Anita Simmons
	Usher/Greeter:	Dobson Family
	Lector:	Lydia Dobson
	Acolyte:	Lydia Dobson & Blair Thomas
<u>Feb. 26</u>	Worship Assistant:	????_____????
Ash Weds.	Usher/Greeter:	Smallwood Family
	Lector:	????_____?????
	Acolyte:	????_____?????

Worship Team Ministries



Ash Wednesday Worship

February 26 @ 6:00 pm

with

**Holy Communion and
Imposition of Ashes**

Rev. Doug Tiffany will be leading worship.

PULPIT SUPPLY FOR FEBRUARY

- Feb. 2 Rev. Marcus Engelhardt
- Feb. 9 Rev. Marcus Engelhardt
- Feb. 16 Dan Stocker – **NO** Communion
- Feb. 23 Rev. Kenneth Ahntholz
- Feb. 26 Rev. Doug Tiffany
- Ash Weds.

Emergency Pastor

If you have an emergency and would like a pastor to visit the hospital or any other emergency; please call Gloria's cell phone: 641-895-3551.

in February she will contact
Pastor Jeremy
McElain from Centerville.

We appreciate their willingness to help us out if needed.

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Links:

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
The Southeast Iowa Synod of the ELCA

www.elca.org
www.seiasynod.org

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday 1—3 pm

Friday 10 am—Noon & 1-3 pm



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.

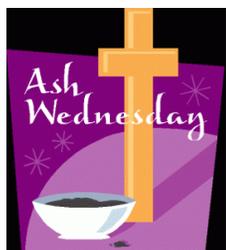


First Christian Church Soup Luncheon: Thursday, Feb. 6 from 11 am – 1:30 pm.
Free will offering.

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