



Crossings

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

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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

From: St. Paul's Council President

Farewell & God's Speed to Pastor Nancy & Martin Reed

In December we had multiple occasions to say farewell to Pastor Nancy and Martin. Pastor Nancy has become a constant, comforting presence to our congregation and has seen us through our sorrows and shared in our joys. When we think of her retirement, it starts a grieving process for many of us, as we anticipate the loss, we will feel when she leaves; but we celebrated the time that we had with her.

We thank God for blessing us with Pastor Nancy. Pastor Nancy accepted the call to be our 80% pastor in September 2011 and she went to a 50% time call in 2016.

She brought her excitement, energy, joy, and her love of Jesus Christ to all of us. She taught us to look into ourselves for those gifts God gave us.

Pastor Nancy represented us well in our community as a member of the Albia Ministerial Association. She helped us to reach out and share with our neighbors, God's free Grace, in our free spaghetti supper annual event.

Pastor Nancy's worship services have helped strengthen the bond between the members here at St. Paul's and we have heard from many people in the surrounding area, how much her sharing God's message meant to them from the radio ministry.

We have grown in so many ways. We learned so much during the joint Roman Catholic – Lutheran Dialog study with St. Mary's. Our children grew with the Home Huddle Faith Formation and "Where in the World is Jesus" VBS.

Her sermons and prayers have enriched us and brought us closer to Jesus. The Healing Worship that she started, has been a very special worship time for us at St. Paul's.

We give thanks for her ministry with us, here at St. Paul's.

We will miss Pastor Nancy and Martin; but everyone here is happy for them, as they start the next journey that God has planed for them.

May God bless Pastor Nancy and her family abundantly.

Ruth James
Council President

thankyou

Dear Friends in Christ - thank you so much for your support, kindness, and humor over these past 8 years. Both Martin and I are grateful for the two receptions, the many cards, gifts, and money with which we have been blessed. You are a group of loving and caring people who will continue to grow in faith, love and in service to and for others because that's who you are. We will fondly remember you all. Thanks for loving us - that is the greatest gift a pastor and her family and can receive from a congregation. God's peace be with you always.

With the love of Christ - Pastor Nancy and Martin Reed



Farewell Sunday with St. Paul's Members

HAPPY RETIREMENT

Pastor Nancy's Retirement Open House





St. Paul's Shut-ins:

Harold Benson
Ruth Johnson

**Education/
Prayer Team**

RECENT PRAYERS

Judy Bail & Family
Lois & Gene Behrens
Mitch & Judy Brown
Carrie Burgland
Nancy Clouse
Charlene Crall
Linda Sales Harvard
Robin Holien
Lowell Johnson
Kevin Klingbeil
Mike Kahmann
Mary Ann
Terry McElvain
Jolene Peters
Jim Phoenix
Ray Reeves
Drew Sherman
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
Dakota Miller
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

**Home Huddle Faith Formation
Materials for will be ready to pick
up on January 12.**



Family Faith Formation Gathering:
watch for our January event.

To celebrate Jesus birthday, 18 people gathered on Dec. 18. Everyone had a great time eating pizza, cake and exchanging gifts as we read the Nativity Story. We then went into worship for our Advent Holden Evening worship.



Dec. 8 Chrismon decorations
Christmas Program &
singing *This Little Light of
Mine.*



Fellowship Team Ministries

3rd Sunday Pot-luck Brunch



January 19

Senior Fellowship



Wednesday, January 8 at 11 am; we will have our first pot-luck meal of the new year. Join us for food and fellowship. We will have a special guest with us this month, Dakota Kelley. He will share with us his experiences while studying in Japan. Bring a friend.

WOMEN of the ELCA

Our monthly meeting for January will be Thursday, the 23rd. Pizza will be provided.

We will be choosing a couple local missions to donate approximately \$600 to. Bring your ideas possible missions for consideration.

NO WELCA Bible Study in January.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

3. Becca Mason
4. Andy Fuhs
8. Wesley Clouse
11. Alex Mason
13. Paige Lozano
16. Spenser Johnson
21. Mitchel Sparks
22. Marilyn Johnson
25. Betty Hohneke
25. Jean Lozano
25. Sarah Fuhs
26. Ruth Johnson
27. Kelsey Lynn Simmons
30. Sharon Wilkin
30. Linda Preston
30. Ruth James
31. Tyler Clouse

Baptismal Birthdays

17. Olivia Sherman
20. Karen Niebuhr
21. Kevin Tangie
24. Andy Fuhs
30. Quentin Lee Butler
31. Brittany (Sparks) Flattery



Anniversaries

23. Ron & Betty Hohneke



St. Paul's Soup Lunch & Supper: Thank you to the many volunteers who worked in the kitchen to prepare the meals; those who served & cleared table, those who donated food items, those who helped set up and clean up.

Without your efforts we would not be able to hold this event. We served 138 people and just over \$1530.00 was raised. 1/4 of this amount will be used to purchase animals for Global Barnyard and 1/4 will be donated to a local mission.



Council

**Meeting:
Jan. 5 after worship
and a brief meeting Jan. 19
after the annual meeting.**



Congregational Annual Meeting will be January 19 after worship .

Sunday, January 19th, at the end of worship service, is our Congregation Annual meeting in which we review 2019 ministries, look forward to the new year of ministry and service, and approve the 2020 Budget.

All worship attendees are invited to attend, but only Voting members, those who have communed and given a contribution of record in the previous 12 consecutive months, will be allowed to vote. After concluding the meeting and worship, we will have a

second fellowship and potluck brunch for this month.

We will also send out a letter, by snail mail or email, by January 6th, announcing this meeting. Please watch for it.

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Call Committee Up-Date:

The Congregation Ministry Site Profile will be sent to the Synod this month.

After they receive this report; the next step is for them to see what options there might have for St. Paul's.

We have set up pulpit supply for the month of January and we have 2 area pastors that will be our emergency pastors, that will help us during this transition time. (See page 7 for names of the pastors.)

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It's that time of year where we need to make sure our church directory is current. Please let us know if you have a new phone #, disconnected old phone # and a new address.

If you want to get your newsletter and calendar by e-mail please let us know your e-mail address as well. Please let Gloria know by Jan. 15.

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Annual Year end reports:

These reports are needed from the following people for the Annual Report:

- Council President
- Treas. Report
- Property
- Building & Grounds



CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED:
Please consider helping keep our church clean the next couple of months. Sign-ups are in the fellowship hall.

November Council Meeting Minutes are being sent as a separate attachment to this newsletter.



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

All-purpose cleaning products

Bathroom cleaners

Deodorant

Female Hygiene Products

Tooth paste

Laundry Detergent

Body wash (not bar soap)

Shampoo

Dish Soap

Christmas Baskets for Helping Hands: With your help we were able to fill the 200 boxes of Jell-O that was needed for this years 200 Christmas Baskets. Thank you.



Thank you to those who helped to ring the Salvation Army Bells on Dec. 13 at People's State Bank. 90% of the total collected will stay here in Monroe Co. to help our community.

Christmas Mission: ELCA Global Barnyard Mission

This was a dual purpose mission, as the congressional gift, in honor of Pastor Nancy, was her favorite mission ELCA Barnyard as well. We want to thank everyone who contributed to this mission; with your generosity we were able to purchase:

2 goats

2 roosters

1 piglet & manure

1 fish farm

****1 dairy cow

****1 family farm (that includes: a cow, couple goats, dozen chicks, 2 pigs, farm tools and seeds)



****With a special grant, when we purchased the dairy cow and family farm, our funds were doubled and we were able to purchase a **second dairy cow and another family farm.**

WHAT A BLESSING THAT WE CAN HELP SO MANY PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD!

Such a wonderful way to give thanks to God for all the blessings he has giving us.

Worship Servers

Altar Guild: Karen McCombs & Gloria Smallwood

<u>Jan. 5</u>	Worship Assistant:	Gail Clouse
	Ushers/Greeters:	Fred Diers & Andy Fuhs
	Lector	Gail Clouse
	Acolyte	Morgan Sherman & Eli Hilton
<u>Jan. 12</u>	Worship Assistant:	Marilyn Woods
	Ushers/Greeters:	Hemann Family
	Lector	Marilyn Woods
	Acolyte	Sophie & Parker Hemann
<u>Jan. 19</u>	Worship Assistant:	Marilyn Woods
	Ushers/Greeters:	Smallwood's
	Lector:	Lydia Dobson
	Acolyte	Lydia & Blair Thomas
<u>Jan. 26</u>	Worship Assistant:	Anita Simmons
	Usher/Greeter:	Kelley Family
	Lector:	Grayson Kelley
	Acolyte	Eli Hilton

Worship Team Ministries



“Prayer is the nearest approach
to God and the highest
enjoyment of him that we are
capable of in this life.”
William Law



**Worship
Meeting
Wed. Jan. 8
at 10:00 am**

PULPIT SUPPLY FOR JANUARY

Jan. 5 Rev. Kenneth Ahnholz
Jan. 12 Rev. Marcus Engelhardt
Jan. 19 Rev. Sarah Trane-Garriott
Jan. 26 Rev. Kenneth Ahnholz

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 January she will contact:
Pastor Josh Feala from Knoxville
and

in February she will contact
Pastor Jeremy

McElain from Centerville.
We appreciate their willingness to help us out if needed.



Ushers & Greeters



2020 Usher/Lector/Acolyte Rotations: The list for the 1st quarter of the new year, for helping with weekly worship, is on a table in the fellowship hall. If you helped in any of the above areas last year; you were randomly put down for 2020. This is a **preliminary list**; look it over and see if there are any date that you would not be able to attend. Cross your name out so we are able to find a replacement. We understand that having the list so far in advance that things happen through out the year and you are not able to help. Just let the office know and we will find a replacement. Will have the list for the rest of the year, later in the month.

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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.



Blood Drive: Tuesday, January 7 from 3—7 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church.
Sponsored by the Albia Ministerial Association.

