

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 the Pastor

Light shone in darkness at the world's creation, bathing in beauty nature's revelation. All that has being, cry in adoration, "Praise for the light. Amen." (ELW #307)

Some of us have started to take down our Christmas lights and decorations by now. That last bite of homemade candy still tempts us. And now we have just turned the calendar to 2021. Turned to a new year that will bring us hope for a lessening of the pandemic, hope for the return of a job, or hope that a cancer treatment will bring healing.

Hope, a trust-filled expectation. A statement of confidence that our God knows our suffering and will transform the whole world. Our carol sings, "The hopes and dreams of all the years are met in thee tonight." That transformation already came to the world as a baby, who grew to bring light to those living in darkness. Splashed in the waters of baptism we walk in the light of Christ, telling and showing others about life that eases the darkness.

When we gather each week to hear the good news of God's love for us, we are nourished and sent to our work places, schools, families, and volunteer situations with that love, so that we can be the light for someone else. As we begin a new year together, I encourage us to hope together, in our prayers, our Bible studies, and WELCA or council meetings. What does hope look like? How can St. Paul's light shine as we continue to maneuver challenges in the midst of our distancing? There may be some new or different ideas for ministry while we wait for our restrictions to ease up. In whatever way we live our hope, may our voices join all of creation and sing, "praise God for Jesus Christ, who is our light!" AMEN!

Light shines in darkness at the new creation; Christ rose in glory, won for us salvation. Sing, earth and heaven, hymns of jubilation, praise for the light! Amen.

Pastor Karen Ullestad



Drive—In Worship



Parking starts at 9:30 am

Worship Starts at 10:00 am

Complete Order of Worship with Holy Communion

TUNE your car radio to 107.7 FM

Hymns will be played by our organists: Veronica Fuhs and Karen Witte.
Pastor Karen Ullestad will be leading our worship and the hymns.

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COLD WEATHER DRIVE-IN WORSHIP

As we continue with our Drive-In Worship, our set-up will be:

Greeters will be just inside the church entry; handing out the bulletins and communion cups, as the congregation drives under the portico to receive them.



When everyone is parked, Pastor Karen will drive under the portico and lead worship from her car.

(Weather permitting: Pastor will try and be visible during parts of the worship service.)

(If the weather is too cold; Pastor Karen will lead worship from inside the church.)

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Church Cancellation Information: Look for cancellation notices on KIIC Radio-97.6 FM and TV Channel 8-KCCI - Des Moines.

Sunday Home Devotional: is sent out via e-mail and the postal service; if you are not able to attend the Drive-In Worship on Sunday. When the weather is so bad, that church is cancelled, everyone will be able to use this devotional at home, for that day.

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Southeastern Iowa Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

2021 Synod Assembly

Saturday, May 22, 2021.

The Annual Synod Assembly is an opportunity to gather for worship, faith formation, synod governance, and fellowship. As a baptized member of St. Paul's, you are encouraged and invited to prayerfully consider attending this assembly.

The assembly will be via Zoom again this year.

St. Paul's is looking for 2 people to attend. This is a wonderful way to learn more about our Synod; as well as, you will get to know other people in the SEIA Synod.



St. Paul's Shut-ins

Harold Benson
Ruth Johnson

**Education/
Prayer Team**

RECENT PRAYERS

Tim Covey
Carol McClure
Father Mike Volkmer
Karen Witte

Continuing Prayers

Nancy Clouse
Christine Corbine
Louis DeMoss
Mary Egbert
Kevin Klingbeil
Haley Mason
Arlys Murphy
Susan Roland
Lyle Spieler
Betty Stewart
Carla Wahl
Marian Walker



Home Huddle

Starting in January we will be sending out a

Youth Devotional

Each week they will receive, though their parent's e-mail, a lesson that follows the upcoming Sunday's scripture reading.

Sometimes there will be video links to watch and crafts to do.

We are hoping this will be a easier way for families to worship together at home and they are able to fit it into their busy schedules.



Comforting God, we thank you for the life of

Phyllis Harding

(Marilyn Johnson's Sister-in-Law)

And

Evan Putnam

(Colleen Putnam's Grandson)

Embrace their families and their friends who mourn their death with your comforting assurance of eternal life.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Fellowship Team Ministries

Birthday

- 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 Birthday

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

Anniversary

- 23. Ron & Betty Hohneke

1st Iowa State Bank Open House Donation

This year they **did not** hold their annual open house, but they generously donated the same amount that the churches received last year. Thank you for our amount of \$40.00. We appreciate their thoughtfulness.

Do You Zoom?

This is a great way of communicating and staying connected through the winter months

Need help getting started with Zoom?
Pastor Karen and Gloria will be glad to help you get connected and started. Please let them know and they will set-up a one-on-one session.



January WELCA Meeting: On Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 pm, we will have a social ZOOM meeting. *

As we are in the church season of Epiphany, when the wise men traveled to bring gifts and worship Jesus, the topic this month is to **share a memory of a trip you have taken or a travel memory.**

Your Zoom invitation will be sent to you via e-mail the week of Jan. 25th.

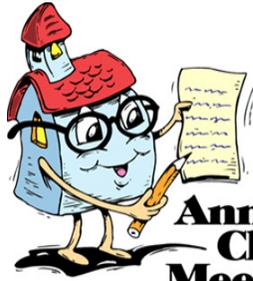
*With the cold weather and the increase of Covid cases; this seems to be the best way to keep everyone warm and safe.



January Meeting
will be Sunday the 24th after the Congregational Meeting.

December 20, 2020

Highlights Council Minutes



Congregational Annual Meeting:
Sunday, **January 24** after worship.

This meeting will be held in a similar fashion as in July, in our cars.

Annual reports will be sent out ahead of the meeting.

Congregation will be provided green, red & white sheets of paper for voting purposes.

Andy volunteered to be the 'runner'. When someone has a question, he will go to their vehicle & provide them a means to speak.

Budget Items Discussed

Synod Benevolence: During review of the budget, council discussed the current contribution to the Synod of \$ 3,000. Synod does a tremendous amount of good work. Possible increase is being considered at mid-year.

New Copier proposal: Bids were provided for a new copier; it would save \$478.00 per year. Upon discussion & review; motion carried.

Church Zoom Account: Motion to set up a church Zoom account so we would have more than 40 minutes a meeting. Motion carried.

2021 Budget: Anita provided a Proposed Budget for 2021. The budget was reviewed with the updates above. Motion to approve proposed budget, to be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting; motion carried.

Property:

Parsonage: 2 up stair toilets help

Church: new door for the West side of the building is here and installation will be done by a 3rd party when weather is a bit warmer.

Spring property projects: fixing the fire pit & staining the cedar siding.





Thank you to everyone who helped ring bells for the Salvation Army on December 12. Over \$6,000.00 was collected. 90% of those funds remain in the Albia area and is disbursed by the Ministerial Association to help those in need. Thank you Lana Kaldenberg, Pastor Karen Ullestad, Tom & Linda Preston, Jacob & Sophie Hemann, Charlie & Gloria Smallwood, Anita Simmons, Carol McClure & Family.



January Soldier boxes to Kosovo: We will be collecting items to send to Bryan Raskie and the soldiers who are stationed with him. Some items that Bryan likes are Little Debbie Nutty Bars, Gummy Bears and he enjoys reading about Military History. He and the soldiers with him; like to go into town and give candy to the children. The soldiers feed any dogs and cats that come into camp.

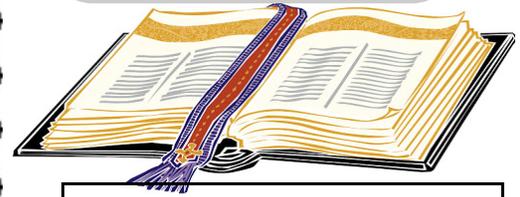
So items for the children & animals would be helpful as well. Other items: snacks, gum, drink flavoring, command hooks to hang up stuff, and stuff to make their rooms smell better.

(NO Pork Products or aerosol items)

6 Boxes are packed and on there way.

Still time to donate items, as we collecting till the end of January.

Worship Team Ministries



Lectors for December

3	Gail Clouse
10	Marilyn Woods
17	Gloria Smallwood
24	Marilyn Woods
31	Anita Simmons



Worship: St Paul's is continuing with Drive-In worship. Council continues to review the structure of our worship within CDC, State & Synod recommendations.

Drive up service options allows us to have all the worship elements, including communion. Discussion of a hybrid worship has begun.

Social media worship: After our first attempt, at putting our Christmas Eve Worship service on our Facebook page; we found that we have some things to work on to make the process better and easier. Still a work in progress. We will let you know when we are ready to have weekly postings.



GREETERS NEEDED:

for January

3	Richard & Ruth James
10	?????
17	?????
24	?????
31	?????

Contact Gloria so she can put you on the schedule.

RADIO Worship Options

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Albia

RADIO BROADCAST: Listen to our Drive-In worship at 8:00 am on KIIC Radio-96.7 FM (Our worship service was recorded the previous Sunday.)

*Listen to this worship service on the KIIC's web-site: If you are not able to get reception for this radio station in your area, you can listen to it on-line. Here is how:

In your search engine type in: **kiicradio.com**. Select: **Home-KIIC radio 96.7 FM Albia**.

Top right, a red bar that says "Live Stream". Select: **Kiic.-main**.

Click the **Blue Arrow** to start to listen to the 8:00 am service from the previous week.

(Note: I found that it takes about 10-20 seconds for it sync up and start playing the service.)

First Lutheran Church, Chariton Pastor Richard Hutton

RADIO BROADCAST: First Lutheran Church and Christ the Servant Lutheran Church on KIIC Radio – 96.7 FM out of Albia, IA. Sunday at 10:30 AM.

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11:30 am-2:30 pm

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

www.elca.org
www.seiasynod.org



"Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church" Is our Facebook Page.
The profile picture is of our stained glass cross altar window.
Check it out; there is a lot of good information being added.



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.

