

# Crossings

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

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## Pastor's Epistle

### 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

In light of recent and ongoing events around the world, I thought the ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's article in the June 2016 Living Lutheran to be very thoughtful and relevant. So instead of me writing something, I encourage you to prayerfully read this article enclosed \*, and talk about it amongst each other. Walking with you along the WAY - Pr. Nancy \*This article will be an attachment for everyone who receive your newsletter by e-mail.

Next year Lutherans everywhere will be celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. Pope Francis was recently asked his thoughts on the Reformation during a press conference that was reported in the National Catholic Register (<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/full-text-pope-francis-in-flight-press-conference-from-armenia/>). Read the excerpt below:

**"Kleijung:** ... Holy Father, I wanted to ask you a question. Today you spoke of the gifts of the shared Churches, of the gifts shared by the Churches together. Seeing that you will go in I believe four months to Lund for the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the reformation, I think perhaps this is also the right moment for us not only to remember the wounds on both sides but also to recognize the gifts of the reformation. Perhaps also — this is a heretical question — perhaps to annul or withdraw the excommunication of Martin Luther or of some sort of rehabilitation. Thank you.

**Pope Francis:** I think that the intentions of Martin Luther were not mistaken. He was a reformer. Perhaps some methods were not correct. But in that time, if we read the story of the Pastor, a German Lutheran who then converted when he saw reality — he became Catholic — in that time, the Church was not exactly a model to imitate. There was corruption in the Church, there was worldliness, attachment to money, to power...and this he protested. Then he was intelligent and took some steps forward justifying, and because he did this. And today Lutherans and Catholics, Protestants, all of us agree on the doctrine of justification. On this point, which is very important, he did not err. He made a medicine for the Church, but then this medicine consolidated into a state of things, into a state of a discipline, into a way of believing, into a way of doing, into a liturgical way and he wasn't alone; there was Zwingli, there was Calvin, each one of them different, and behind them were who? Principals! We must put ourselves in the story of that time. It's a story that's not easy to understand, not easy. Then things went forward, and today the dialogue is very good. That document of justification I think is one of the richest ecumenical documents in the world, one in most agreement.

But there are divisions, and these also depend on the Churches. In Buenos Aires there were two Lutheran churches, and one thought in one way and the other...even in the same Lutheran church there was no unity; but they respected each other, they loved each other, and the difference is perhaps what hurt all of us so badly and today we seek to take up the path of encountering each other after 500 years. I think that we have to pray together, pray. Prayer is important for this. Second, to work together for the poor, for the persecuted, for many people, for refugees, for the many who suffer; to work together and pray together and the theologians who study together try... but this is a long path, very long. One time jokingly I said: I know when full unity will happen. — “When?” — “the day after the Son of Man comes,” because we don’t know ... the Holy Spirit will give the grace, but in the meantime, praying, loving each other and working together. Above all for the poor, for the people who suffer and for peace and many things ... against the exploitation of people and many things in which they are jointly working together.”

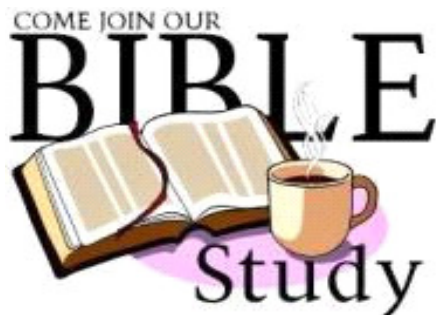
I would be very interested in knowing if there are any folks here at St. Paul’s Lutheran that would be interested in participating in a joint conversation about the document to which the Pope refers, “The Joint Declaration of Justification and Justice” which was agreed upon and signed by many major Lutheran organizations, denominations, and the Roman Catholic church? Please let me (Pastor Nancy) know as soon as you can. Thanks.

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**Miscellaneous stuff: WARNING!**

Maybe you have already seen the news about this dangerous weed growing with abandon in the ditches and byways of Iowa – wild parsnip a.k.a. poison parsnip. But if you haven’t, here’s the lowdown: It’s bad stuff. Contact with its oils burns the skin, causing the skin to blister, and harsh pain. It grows about 4 feet tall, bright yellow blossoms, similar to Queen Ann’s Lace or a dill plant. It’s really painful and harsh stuff, so beware.

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**WELCA Bible Study  
July 13 at 11:00 am**

Our Bible Study title is  
“The Heart of the Matter-Conflict, Forgiveness &  
Reconciliation”.  
First session “Treasure in Clay Jars”  
theme verse is 2 Corinthians 4:7.



**St. Paul's Shut-ins:**  
Bob & Ruth Johnson

**Education/  
Prayer Team**

**RECENT PRAYERS**

Mary Carder  
Bert  
Ruth Ella Gardner  
Margaret Jordan  
Richard McDonough  
Deb Moore  
Carol Newhard  
Leo Oye  
Lester Rue  
Shelly  
Scott Sanger  
Greg Tilton  
Fred Witte

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**(2015)**

Ray Hopkins  
Linda Ulrich Johnson  
Karen Moon  
Ella Teno

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**(2014)**

Sharon Glenn  
Nick Griffin  
Pat Mason  
Dr. MARRIDEE RANDALL  
Devin Sinclair

**Continuing Prayers**

Brantley Hemann  
Laura Moore  
Trisha Raven  
Bert Whitlock

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**VBS DECORATING AND  
SET UP**

Sunday, July 17 after worship.  
Please bring all food items, items  
for decorating and anything else  
we need so we can set everything  
up for Tues.

Everyone that is  
going to help with  
VBS is encouraged  
to attend.



**“Where in the World is Jesus?”**

That is the theme this year for Vacation Bible School. We will be  
have evening sessions this year; **July 19, 20 & 21 from 6-8 pm.**  
We will be learning about other people in God’s family from other  
countries: Sweden, Haiti & Nepal.

**Help us decorate for VBS with anything from the 3 countries.**

**Sweden items:** clothing, gnomes, Dala horses, Viking boats/hats, photos of Stockholm/Swedish  
life, wedding & baptism certificates, Minecraft, moose, reindeer, folk lore book/stories and  
anything regarding St. Lucia.

**Haiti items:** palm trees, photos of island life, coconuts, Caribbean music/calypso, steel drums,  
gourds, voodoo, pirates & Mardi Gras masks.

**Nepal items:** Photos of: Mt. Everest, Himalayas, henna hands, Yeti, Bengal tiger, Sherpa, one  
horned rhinos, snow leopard, elephant & red pandas. Singing bowls & Hindu items.

Please bring items to the church by July 17 for us to display so the children can learn more about  
these countries.

**VBS FOOD Items needed:** 2 bags of frozen Swedish meatballs, 2 cans mushroom soup, Ghee  
(clarified butter), 2 cups rice flour, 4 deep red mangos, ½ gal. vanilla ice cream, 2 containers of  
powdered drink mix. Please have all items to the church by Sun. July 17. Sign-up sheet in fellow-  
ship hall.

**BRING A FRIEND**

## Fellowship Team Ministries

### 3rd Sunday Brunch



**July 17**

### Senior Fellowship

We will have our monthly pot-luck lunch on **Wednesday, July 6 at 11 am**. Think picnic food items.

### WELCA

**Monthly Meeting: Thursday, July 28 at 6:30 pm.** Our hostess will be Sharon Wilkin.

**WELCA Bible Study: Weds. July 13 at 11:00 am**  
(See more info on pg 3)



### RESTORATION DAY BAKE SALE:

**Aug. 6 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.

Remember chocolate items (things that will melt) don't do well in the heat.

Please sign-up for what items you would like to bring; this helps so we don't have a lot of doubling up on anything.



### Birthdays

4. Jani Dorpinghaus
11. Eric Freeman
11. Harper Darlene Lettington
16. Dan Johnson
18. Harold Benson
20. Raychael Tilley
22. Kelly Bumpus
22. Gloria Smallwood
24. Lydia Dobson
26. Cassie Smallwood
29. Colleen Putnam

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### Baptismal Birthdays

1. Parker Hemann
8. Benjamin Mason
9. Bryan Raskie
21. Jani Dorpinghaus
24. Mark Mitchell
29. Martin McCombs  
Larry Wilkin



### Anniversaries

2. Dave & Karen McCombs
10. Tyler & Kelly Simmons
12. Harold & Sharon Peterson
14. Jacob & Jessica Hemann
24. Charlie & Gloria Smallwood
28. Mike & Cyndi Duea



**Congratulations** to Logan Dorpinghaus and Rachel Peterson who were married on June 26 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Des Moines.

Logan is the son of Greg & Jani Dorpinghaus and Grandson of Ed & LeahRae Duea and the late Darle & Carol Dorpinghaus.

Rachel is the daughter of Terry & Teresa Peterson of Clinton, IA.

Her Grandparents are Tom & Shirley Freund and Wally & Joanne Peterson.



## Council

### **Council Meeting**

Will be on Sunday, July 31 after the Semi-Annual congregational meeting.

**Gloria will be gone from July 6—11th. Please contact Pastor Nancy at 515 -681-0683 if there is an emergency.**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT MAY 2016**

May Offering & Income	\$6802.00
May Expenses	<\$5877.49>
Monthly Budget	\$6290.00
Savings transfer for furnace	\$5600.00
Furnace/a/c install Expense	<\$6105.96>

**Pastor Nancy's In the Office:  
Thursday and Friday**

### **St. Paul's Council Meeting Minutes from June 5, 2016**

Council meeting was opened at 10:30 am and adjourned at 11:27 am.

During the meeting

Marilyn motioned to approve the agenda as is, Richard seconded, it was approved

The secretary's report was approved

Amanda motioned to approve the treasurer's report, Richard seconded, it was approved

The council set the date of the Semi-Annual meeting and the next council meeting to be July 31st, Gail motioned, Amanda seconded

Richard motioned to approve the new alcohol policy for the church which was "Except for giving and receiving The Sacraments of Holy Communion, no alcoholic beverages shall be allowed on and/or in the Church building or premises." Gail seconded and it was approved.

Acting Secretary  
Dakota Kelley



Property Task Force would like to thank everyone who helped with the prepping & painting of the choir room. Check it out, looks great.

## **Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting: July 31 after worship service**

### **Summer Church Grounds up keep**

Please sign-up if you are able to help with any of the following:

Mowing the church property, Trimming the bushes around the church and around the trees on the property and Watering the flowers.

Please write the date you watered on the pink sheet in the entry.



### **Council Reminder**

**Have a blessed and safe  
Summer.**

**Faithfully remember your  
giving even in your absence.**

**You can also sign-up for  
Auto-Tithe to make your  
giving even easier all year  
long.**



# MISSIONS

**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**

**Body wash (not bar soap)**

**Toilet paper**

**Shampoo**



**Restoration Day Water Bottles:** We will be providing water after the 5K run this year. Any left over water after the race will be handed out at the St. Paul's bake sale table on the square. **We will NOT have an entry in the parade this year.** Please bring your bottles of water to St. Paul's by 7/31 so we are able to put our church labels on the bottles.



## **Back Pack Mission**

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** St. Paul's Mission's Task Force decided to help the Monroe County Ministerial Association again this year by filling school bags with school supplies for the Albia Community School District's 2016-2017 school year. The grades needed are k-8<sup>th</sup> grade, and several congregations are participating.

St. Paul's has signed up to fill **8 school bags** for this fall's **kindergarten** class. The supplies are as follows:

School box (6 x 8" – No Larger)

1 large eraser

1 box **Crayola Classic** Markers

12 large glue sticks

5 Beach towel for resting

2 Watercolor paints

1 rolls of scotch tape

1 pair **Fiskars** scissors

2 large boxes of Kleenex

1 pkg Clorox wipes

1 bottle Elmer's glue (4 oz.)

1 pkg. Crayola Twistable Crayons, 8 ct.

5 pencils

Zip lock baggies (any size)

Headphones

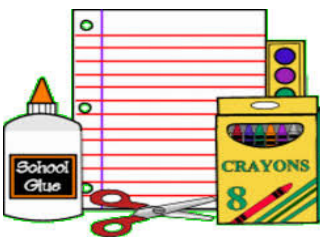
**Also Need:** 4 pkg. Of Lunch sacks

4 pkg. Of Paper plates

4 boxes of Dixie cups

4 pkg. Of Expo markers for white board

**Extra Supplies for the Class room:** Baby wipes, Hand sanitizer, pkg stickers, Sharpie markers, glue sticks, Google eyes, Tongue depressors/craft sticks, Index cards, cotton balls, craft pom poms, craft pipe cleaners, glitter



We need all the supplies by the **week of Aug. 1-6th** so we can fill the bags and bless them on Sun. Aug. 7th. The bags will then be delivered to the Kendall Administration Building and the school will get them to the children. Thanks for all your assistance as we help out the many families who struggle in the fall to meet all the requirements necessary to help their children have a successful experience in school. We have also asked for funds from Thrivent Financial to help us with this mission.

## Worship Team Ministries

### July Worship Servers

Altar Guild: Pat Johnson & Anita Simmons

<b><u>July 3</u></b>	Worship Assistant: Gail Clouse Ushers/Greeters: Richard & Ruth James Lector: Gail Clouse
<b><u>July 10</u></b>	Worship Assistant: Marilyn Woods Usher/Greeters: Tom & Linda Preston Lector: Marilyn Woods
<b><u>July 17</u></b>	Worship Assistant: Marilyn Woods Ushers/Greeters: Tom & Linda Preston Lector: Marilyn Woods
<b><u>July 24</u></b>	Worship Assistant: Anita Simmons Ushers/Greeters: Marilyn Johnson Lector: Anita Simmons
<b><u>July 31</u></b> Healing Worship	Worship Assistant: Marilyn Woods Ushers/Greeters: Marilyn Johnson Lector: Marilyn Woods



Sunday Worship  
9:00 am



#### Schedule for July

<b>July 3</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>July 10</b>	<b>Grayson light &amp; put out the candles Morgan collect communion cups</b>
<b>July 17</b>	<b>Nikko light &amp; put out the candles Lydia collect communion cups</b>
<b>July 24</b>	<b>Sophie light &amp; put out the candles Parker collect communion cups</b>
<b>July 31</b>	<b>Morgan light &amp; put out the candles Grayson collect communion cups</b>

### SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP



**Saturday, July 2 at 6:30 pm.** We will be having worship on the 1st Sat. of the Summer months.

**Worship will be at 6:30 pm with Holy Communion.**

Because Summer weekends can be very busy, Worship Task Force wanted to have an extra worship for families to attend.

(Last Summer Sat. Worship will be on Aug. 6.)

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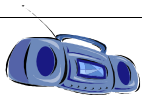
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**Links:**

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

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



**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.



**WEB SITE:** Check out St. Paul's Web site at <http://www.splalbia.org>.  
You will find our newsletters, calendar and recipe. Please send any photos and recipes you would like to share  
and Martin Reed will add these to St. Paul's Web site.

**Helping Hands of Monroe County: NEW HOURS**

Closed Sunday, Monday & Tuesday  
Open Weds & Thursday from 9 am—1 pm  
Open Saturday from 9 am—12 noon

**Monroe Co. Ministerial Emergency Assistance Office Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
from 9 am—12 noon and 1 pm—3 pm.



**SUMMER FUN AT THE CARNEGIE-EVANS PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY**

Blank Park Zoo on Friday, July 1 at 3 pm  
Magician Mike Prestby on Thursday, July 7 at 2 pm  
Reading programs on Weds. July 13 and Weds July 20 from 2– 2:30 pm (Grades K-2nd)  
Reading programs on Thurs. July 14 and Thurs. July 21 from 2—2:30 pm (Grades 3rd—5th)



**IA State Univ. Extension & Outreach/Monroe Cty. —“community garden”**

The garden is at our location that serves several area needs. This garden, however,  
needs to be maintained by volunteers in order to produce a harvest. We are in great  
need of several volunteers. Volunteers do not need to be experienced gardeners! If you  
can help please contact Julianne Hurley, Horticulturist [jchurley@iastate.edu](mailto:jchurley@iastate.edu)  
(641) 932-5612