

Crossings

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

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Pastor's Epistle

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This year the whole Lutheran Church is celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Yes we are grateful for Martin Luther, but the Reformation is bigger than one man, or a group of his disciples, including Philip Melancthon.

The Reformation is about the Church being renewed, restored, and re-formed by the radical proclamation of God's grace poured out for all people by the saving life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a gift of grace by faith alone through Christ alone – not of works, so no one can boast. And by receiving and embracing that Word of grace, we are set free from any earthly requirements to work out our own salvation – God in Christ has already done that for us. We are free from the slavery of peer/public expectations or judgments or obligations in order to freely love our neighbor the way Christ loves us.

To honor and celebration this anniversary, I invite you to come to worship and participate in a conversational sermon series on the Ten Commandments as explained through Luther's Small Catechism. It starts Sunday, July 2nd, and continues through Labor Day weekend. It will be fun, information and hopefully, re-formative as together we discover Christ's desire to work in partnership with us for the sake of the world. We will learn what it means to be a community in Christ, and a member of the community of the world.

So come and see – and may we all be re-formed!

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."

I John 4:10-11



VBS-Where in the World is Jesus?" Part 2



THANK YOU: We want to thank everyone who helped with our VBS-“Where in the World is Jesus?” Part 2 last month. We were blessed to have special speakers for 3 of the 4 nights. On Monday our special guest speaker was Sanaye Chung. She shared facts about Cambodia.



On Tuesday our special guest speakers Merced Cruz and her daughter told us about Mexico.



On Wednesday our guest speaker was Trevor Barlow told us about South Africa.



We had 12 children and 14 helpers over the 4 nights. They enjoyed the games, food, songs and information. Without everyone helping we would not be able to have VBS. Thank you!



St. Paul's Shut-ins:

Mary Carder
Ruth Johnson

RECENT PRAYERS

Nate & Ann Baggett
Ruth Ella Gardner
Christopher Malloy
Claudia Ortego & children
Mike Randall
Rick
Travis Rummans
Susie Smith
Rachel Thiede

Continuing Prayers (2016)

Anthony Allen
Pat & Gerry Anderson
Mary Carder
Gene Dobson
Gerry Gillette
Maya Griebel
Wendy Henexson
Cora Leshin
Richard McDonough
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Continuing Prayers (2016 cont.)

Cathy Tietje
Osmundson
Leo Oye
Dr. Marridee Randall
Leeta Sanger
Scott Sanger
Lyle Spieler
Greg Tilton
Fred Witte

(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



WELCA Bible Study:

Wednesday, July 12 at 11 am.

All anew: Ready or not

Session one: Say goodbye to nice--Nice is not the same as good. Making nice is what you do to avoid upsetting people. But Good knows there are more important things than your reputation, your balance sheet and whatever else it is you count on to make you comfortable. Good does what matters.

Painting up-date



The painting restoration is just about done and ready for the museum to bring it back to Albia.

Read: John 11:17-37 Not Just any Kind of Faith

We toss the word *faith* around rather lightly these days. "I have faith in you." "Have faith. Your team will win!" "If you have faith..."

But that's not the kind of faith Martha is confessing. This kind of faith is different. It is deep and profound, even when it is new and childlike.

Our Lord gives you the same faith. In and by His Word, His Sacraments, His forgiveness, His love, you are given the faith to endure the same trials Martha did. You have been given the faith to be able to stand up under hurt, suffering, crosses and pain. You have been given the faith to fight the good fight, to endure, to be bold and joyous in what is good and true.

Your faith is not the same kind of faith the world knows. It's different. It lasts into eternity. It is a loving gift meant for your benefit, your comfort, your peace, given to you by the One who loves to give you more good things than you can imagine. So, take heart. Have faith. You already do.

Dear Christ, let Martha's faith encourage our own. Cause us, like Martha, to take you at Your Word and trust Your promises, even when common sense and reason tell us otherwise. Amen.

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Fellowship Team Ministries

Pot-luck



BRUNCH
July 16

Senior Fellowship

Pot-luck Luncheon: We will be having our potluck lunch on Wednesday, July 5 at 11 am. Our theme will be picnic food items.

WOMEN of the ELCA

Monthly Meeting will be on Thursday, July 27 at 7 pm.
Our hostess will be Gail Clouse

WELCA Bible Study: Weds. , July 12 At 11 am.

(See more info on pg 3)

Garage & Bake sale: Thank you to everyone who helped set up and tear down and all of you who brought items and baked items. We received a total of \$733.00 of which half of that amount will go to Lutheran Services in Iowa.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthday's

4. Jani Dorpinghaus
16. Dan Johnson
18. Harold Benson
22. Kelly Bumpus
22. Gloria Smallwood
24. Lydia Dobson
26. Cassie Smallwood
29. Colleen Putnam



Baptismal Birthday's

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

Pigs with a Purpose—update

Bishop Michael Burk of the Southeastern Iowa Synod wrote, "We are sending you a check in the amount of \$30,000 to be applied to the hunger ministries component of the ELCA Campaign. This reflects a majority of the proceeds from a synod effort here in Southeastern Iowa called 'Pigs with a Purpose.' Participant congregations were provided a plywood pig to decorate and to use as incentive for fundraising toward the goal of ending/fighting hunger. As you can see by following the link below, people had lots of fun decorating, working together, bringing their pigs to our assembly along with their 'offerings,' which by the end of our assembly, totaled almost \$50,000.

How to see the video: highlight and copy the link below

Paste it in the www browser line in Google and hit return at the end and you should be able to get the video.

https://vimeo.com/217120769?utm_source=email&utm_medium=vimeo-cliptranscode-201504&utm_campaign=28749

Photo of St. Paul's Sammy is in the video

Because this newsletter is sent to you as a pdf file, you may not be able to cut and past the link. So I am sending the original e-mail message for you to clip on the link in it.

Council



**Next Council Meeting:
July 9th after worship.**



St. Paul's 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.



Mowing & Property Upkeep WE NEED YOUR HELP: Lots of openings for July and August.
We want to thank everyone who helped keep the property looking good in June.

**Semi- Annual Congregational meeting
will be July 30 after worship.**



**Memorial Task
Force Meeting**
On July 16 after
worship.



May Offering \$5,806.00
May Expenses -\$6,033.50
Deficit - 227.50

Treasurer Report

Most weeks in June we were behind our weekly
giving needs by \$400.00-\$700.00.



Thank You to Andy Fuhs for
painting the parsonage bedroom
and the ceiling in the family room.



Back Pack Mission for July



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 2017-2018 school year.

The grades needed are k-8th grade, and several congregations are participating.

St. Paul's has signed up to fill **8 school bags** for this fall's **kindergarten** class. Current list below:

School box (6 x 8" – No Larger)	1 large eraser	Headphones (NO EARBUDS)
12 large glue sticks	Beach towel for resting	1 <u>Mr. Clean Magic Eraser</u>
1 Watercolor paints	1 rolls of scotch tape	1 pair <u>Fiskars</u> scissors
1 large boxes of Kleenex	1 bottle <u>Elmer's glue</u> (4 oz.)	1 pkg. Dry Erase Markers
5 pencils	1 box Broad Tipped <u>Crayola Classic</u> Markers	

PLEASE PURCHASE NAME BRAND ITEMS IF LISTED ABOVE

Extra Items needed in the class room

Expo dry erase markers

Ziploc baggies

Kleenex

Clorox wipes

Germ-x

Sharpie Markers

We need all the supplies by the **week of Aug. 1-5th** so we can fill the bags and bless them on Sun. Aug. 6th. 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.

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 pa-

per

Men & Women Deodorant

Toothpaste

Shampoo

Body wash (not bar soap)



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



Restoration Day Water Bottles 8/5: We will be providing free water at the St. Paul's Bake Sale table 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.

We need about 4-5 cases of water.

Worship Servers

Altar Guild: Gail Clouse & Karen McCombs

<u>July 2</u>	Worship Assistant:	Gail Clouse
	Ushers/Greeters:	???????
	Lector:	Gail Clouse
<u>July 9</u>	Worship Assistant:	Marilyn Woods
	Ushers/Greeters:	??????
	Lector:	Marilyn Woods
<u>July 16</u>	Worship Assistant:	Marilyn Woods
	Ushers/Greeters:	Kelley Family
	Lector:	Marilyn Woods
<u>July 23</u>	Worship Assistant:	Anita Simmons
	Ushers/Greeters:	????????
	Lector:	Anita Simmons
<u>July 30</u>	Worship Assistant:	Marilyn Woods
	Ushers/Greeters:	????????
	Lector:	Marilyn Woods

Worship Team Ministries



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

POSSIBILITIES?

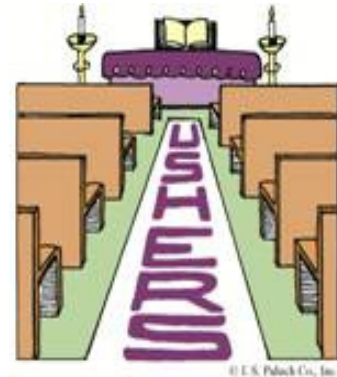
Interested in learning about new and creative ways to gather for worship, fellowship and sacrament check out this link:

<https://www.faithandleadership.com/simple-church-blends-dinner-worship-and-enterprise-create-new-model>



Schedule for July

July 2	Parker light & put out the candles Sophie collect communion cups
July 9	Grayson light & put out the candles Morgan collect communion cups
July 16	Nikko light & put out the candles Lydia collect communion cups
July 23	Sophie light & put out the candles Parker collect communion cups
July 30	Morgan light & put out the candles Grayson collect communion cups



USHERS / GREETERS /

LECTORS Needed: We need your leadership as ushers/greeters offering a warm welcome to those attending worship and we need someone to share God's word by reading the Holy Scriptures on Sunday's. Please put your name down on the sheets in the fellowship hall.



Healing Worship: July 30 is our healing service. It will include the laying on of hands, anointing with oil, and individual prayers. All of us experience illness, mental fatigue, and/or

spiritual disillusionment in our lives from time to time. Here is an opportunity to present yourself to the Lord and receive the healing God intends for you.

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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: 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.



SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP: Every Saturday at 5:00 pm
with Holy Communion.



Summer Sermons Series: as a way to celebrate the 500 Anniversary of the Reformation, during the months of July and August ,we will be learning the 10 Commandments as explained in Martin Luther's "*The Small Catechism*."



RESTORATION DAY BAKE SALE:

Aug. 5 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.