



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.***



DRIVE – IN WORSHIP



WHEN: Every Sunday in July
July 5—12—19—26

Parking starts at 9:30 am

Worship starts at 10:00 am

Worship & Holy Communion lead by Pastor Marcus Engelhardt

TUNE your car radio to 107.7 FM

"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

Council feels that a drive in worship, is still the best way to keep everyone safe and healthy. Our first 2 services went fairly well, we had 33 & 28 attend. We appreciate everyone who came to check out this new way to be together and worship. We try to improve a little each week. We do have a different worship start time: 10:00 am.

We appreciate and want to thank Dan Stocker (with some advice from Joe @ KIIC) for figuring out the technical part of the FM transmitter, so it will work with our sound system.

Safety Precautions at our Drive-In Worship:

Ushers handing out things will be wearing gloves and a mask, when you arrive.

Bulletins will be done 3 days before worship { virus stays on paper for 4 hours }
Bulletin will have the entire worship service in it. Please take it home with you.

Communion elements are an "all in one", individually wrapped unit; it will be on a communion tray, spaced far enough apart, that you can take one, without touching others.

A basket will be available, if you wish to put in an offering.

Church Property Upkeep

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

If you can help with grass mowing and trimming at the church and at the parsonage; please let Gloria know which week you would like.



Church mowing
June 29– July 6 _____
July 7—July 13 _____
July 14–July 20 _____
July 21—July 27 _____
July 28– Aug 3 _____



Church Trimming
June 29– July 6 _____
July 7—July 13 _____
July 14–July 20 _____
July 21—July 27 _____
July 28– Aug _____



Parsonage Mowing
June 29– July 12 _____
July 13—July 26 _____
July 27–Aug 10 _____



To all those who volunteered to keep our property looking good in June.

Church Mowing: Dan Johnson & Richard James

Church Trimming: Fred Diers

Parsonage Property: Tom & Linda Preston & Andy Fuhs

Special thank you to Dan Johnson for having the grass area of the parking lot sprayed for weeds.

Special thank you to Fred Diers for killing the weeds in the cracks of the cement parking lot.

USHERS/GREETERS NEEDED FOR DRIVE-IN WORSHIP

Duties: Set-up starts at 9:00 am (canopy, table, etc.) After helping with set-up: safely hand out bulletins/communion cups/collect offering. 2—3 people is helpful.

Please let Gloria know if you are able to help.

JULY 5 McClure Family

JULY 12 Andy Fuhs

JULY 19 _____

JULY 26 _____



We appreciate everyone who helped set-up our first 2 weeks of Drive-In worship: Hayley, Lydia, Clint, Anita, Ruth, Richard, Gail, Andy and Gloria.
FM Radio Transmitter donated by the Smallwood's.



St. Paul's Shut-ins:

Harold Benson
Ruth Johnson

**Education/
Prayer Team**

RECENT PRAYERS

Drinda Bright
Nancy Clouse
Christine Corbine
Mary Egbert
Monte Good
Sandy Gray
Kyli Hopkins
Bonnie Hunt
Marilyn Johnson
Kennedy
Keyden
Jim Lee
Arlys Murphy
Heather O'Brian
Jolene Peters
Kelsey Pilon
Karen Pottoff
Susan Roland
Larry Sampson
Alex Seaman
Lyle Spieler
Brenda Tiffany
Carla Wahl
Dick Webb
Gail Wirtjes

(2019)
Judy Bail & Family
Carrie Burgland
Charlene Crall
Linda Sales Harvard
Tony HeisdorfferKevin
Klingbeil
Mary Ann
Jolene Peters
Ray Reeves
Carol Sovern
Emily Swartz
Lincoln Swartz
(2018)
Eleanor Anderson
Nate Baggett
Donny Ballard
Linda Bills
Sharon Burman
Mary Ann Lewis
Roger Lewis
Shara McDonough
Sam Mahoney
Samantha Sabovitch
Misty Smith
Sam Smith
Greg Rickie
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



Karen McCombs up-dated us on Keyden. He came through his brain surgery good and is feeling a bit bossy, like his normal self, says Karen, and he wants some of her pancakes. He is still in IA City Children's Hospital for a while longer.

Names that are bolded, are recent requested prayers in June.



God of Comfort – We pray for the family and friends and all who mourn the death of Gene Pope, Kara Tomlin's Brother-in-law's dad. Bring them your peace as they grieve.



**Message from the Church Administrator:
Gloria will be out of the office from
July 6-July 11.**

The rest of the month; I will be at the church office Tue.-Wed.- Thurs;
usually from 11:30 am—1:30 pm.
Please let me know if you have any prayer requests or anything you may need. Please feel free to call me anytime on my Cell phone.
If you have an urgent pastoral need; Pastor Jeremy McElvain will come. Call me at 641-895-3551 and I will reach him for you.



Marilyn Johnson is recovering from her broken ankle at the Good Samaritan rehab In Ottumwa. Her address is:
Good Samaritan
2035 Chester Ave
Room # 601
Ottumwa, IA 52501
Phone # 641-682-8041

I am sure she would love to get a card or call from her St. Paul's Family.

Fellowship Team Ministries

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

Baptismal Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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



Congratulations Sarah Fuhs

She took her registered nurse boards and passed. She is a Registered Nurse and will work at Mercy One downtown in Des Moines. She will be a nurse on the progressive care unit, which is a stepdown ICU. She is super excited to start her new journey. Wish her all the best.



Charlie & Gloria Smallwood will be celebrating 25 wonderful years together on the 24th of July.

Their lives have been blessed with their children: Robert, Maressa, Kelli, Cassie, Joe Langston (Becky) and Grandchildren: Emma, Andrew, Alex, Chris and Reagan.



Congratulations to Drake Tomlin who officially graduated from Albia Community High School in June 2020. He is the son of Brandon & Kara Tomlin .



Andy and Veronica Fuhs, along with John and Dawn Kempene celebrate the marriage of their children, Emma Fuhs and Jacob Kempen on June 6, 2020 at the Fuhs Property at Sundown Lake, Moravia, Iowa. Pastor Minna Bothwell from Capitol Hill Lutheran Church in Des Moines presided. Bridal party included, Best Man, Ryan Kempen, brother of groom, Maid of Honor, Sarah Fuhs, sister of the bride, Groomsman, Avery Fuhs, brother of the bride, Bridesmaids, Hannah Fuhs, sister of the bride, and Payton Kempen, sister of the groom celebrated with the couple. Sister in law of the bride, Mallory Fuhs, personal attendant and Zoom coordinator allowed for the wedding party and other family who were unable to attend due to the pandemic to view the wedding. An intimate reception followed. The couple will celebrate their vows with a service at Capitol Hill Lutheran in Des Moines, followed by a reception at the Temple for the Performing Arts as originally planned for June, has been moved to September 2020. Emma and Jacob Kempen live in Indianola, Iowa.



Council

**July 12 at 11:00 am
is the next council meeting.**

St. Paul's Council realizes that even Drive -In worship may be uncomfortable for those who are part of the at-risk population. We encourage you to stay safe at home and worship on-line or by the radio. Some of those options are listed on page 7 of the newsletter.

St. Paul's Drive in worship will be on the radio, a week after it was recorded.



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

*We encourage you to continue being gracious in your church offerings, by sending it to the church office: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
335 North 8th St. Albia IA 52531*

*You have been very faithful, and we truly want to thank you for your generous support of the ministry at St. Paul's. Remember that **Auto-Tithe is available.***

Call Gloria for the form to start your Auto-Tithe.



St. Paul's Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for July 19 after worship.

How do we hold a meeting while respecting Covid guidelines? After much discussion it was decided to have a microphone set up with only one person using the mic. And the congregation listening on their car radios. A summary of the reports, will be sent out, via e-mail & snail mail, ahead of time for the congregation to look at. If you have any questions/concerns or comments to share, you are encouraged to write them down and drop them off with the ushers, when you

arrive. They will be looked at by council members and answered/messages shared at the microphone by one person.

The Semi-Annual meeting is usually much shorter than the January meeting and is mostly an up-date to the congregation. We will give this a try and like everything else during this crazy time, adapt and improve for the next time we hold a meeting.



WELCA
NEWS

WELCA MEETING
Thursday July 23
@ 7:00 pm

This will be an outside meeting at the church with all the social distancing and wearing of masks in place. **Please RSVP** so we know how many will be attending and we are able to prepare for the meeting. Watch for more upcoming details.

Call Committee Up-date: We are excited to share, that the call process is no longer on hold and the council is able to continue with the next steps that need to be put in place. They are working on the compensation & benefits package and will keep you informed as the process continues.



Baby Announcement

Congratulations to Matt & Stacey Johnson on the birth of their daughter, Collins Briar on June 25, 2020 at 12:50 pm. She was 20.5 " long and 7 lbs. 6 oz. Everyone is doing well and big sister Sloane is so excited to welcome her sister home. Grandparents are Dan & Pat Johnson.



Boxes of Hope Continuing Mission: for the Albia Ministerial Emergency Assistance Office. Items in bold is what they need this month.

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| All-purpose cleaning products | Bathroom cleaners | Laundry Detergent | Dish Soap |
| Female Hygiene Products | Toothpaste & Tooth Brushes | Shampoo | |
| Baby Shampoo/wash | Body wash (not bar soap) | Deodorant | |
| Hand/body lotion | | Toilet paper | |

2 MISSIONS FOR JULY

SYNOD ASSEMBLY—August 8

Offering at the assembly will support the **ELCA International Women Leaders (IWL)** program. Individuals and congregations are encouraged to support IWL. St. Paul's Council voted to donate \$50.00 from the general fund for this mission.

Congregations and individuals are invited to make a gift to **ELCA World Hunger Appeal** to recognize Bishop Burk and Diane for their years of faithful service to this Synod and the whole church. St. Paul's Council voted to donate \$50.00 from the general fund for this mission.

Vice President Heather Miller will present a certificate recognizing all the gifts to World Hunger and Fund for Leaders, at the conclusion of the Bishop's Report, at the assembly.

If you would like to support these two missions; please make the check out to St. Paul's and list in the memo which mission you are supporting. We will need to collect the funds by July 26 so we can get them to they Synod before the assembly.



Let us remember these general health guidelines, as Iowa's social gathering level has "opened up".

- 1) Staying home if you are sick, self-quarantine if you think you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19
- 2) Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol), especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces.
- 3) Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces
- 4) Maintain physical distancing of 6 feet or more at all times
- 5) Use cloth face coverings while in public.
- 6) Staying home as much as possible and avoiding crowds, is the safest way to protect the most vulnerable individuals; that includes: the elderly (65 & older), people with serious underlying health conditions, high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma and people with compromised immune systems should continue to stay home as much as possible.

As Christians, following these guidelines, we show are love for each other and our neighbors. We want to do everything we can to make sure we bring no harm to anyone.

Worship Options ---while at home

Streaming: some of these churches are worshipping “in person”, but are still streaming

First Lutheran Church, Centerville – Pastor Jeremy McElvain

Sunday Church Worship is at 10:30 am

Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Religious-Organization/First-Lutheran-Church-161190143386/>

(You can access this face book feed even if you do not have a face book account)

Peace Lutheran Church, Pella – Pastor Chad Brown

Sunday Church Worship at 10 am.

Pastor Chad will be doing a Weds. night worship at 7:00 pm in June.

Facebook page:—<https://www.facebook.com/peacelutheranpella/>

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Knoxville – Pastor Josh Feala

Sunday Church Worship at 9:00 am

Pastor Josh is also doing a “2 min. Confirmation” on Wednesdays.

Face book page —<https://www.facebook.com/gslchurch.us/>

St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, MN

This is their web site <https://www.saintandrews.org/>

[saintandrews.churchonline.org](https://www.saintandrews.org/saintandrews.churchonline.org)

SYNOD: If you go to the Synod web-site, you will see a big scrolling banner. One says where you can get “public health recourses” and the other one says, “Online worship options”. Scroll down to the gray box that says, “see the congregations offering online services.

Start your search with the Synod website: <https://seiasynod.org/>

Lutheran Church of Hope, Des Moines

Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 8:00, 9:15, 11:00 am or 5:00 pm. The Traditional 8:30 am Service will also be recorded and posted by 7:00 pm Sunday evening

Worship Team Ministries

RADIO Worship Options

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Albia

RADIO BROADCAST: You can listen to our 30 min. worship services on KIIC Radio-96.7 FM at 8:00 am. Worship service will be 1 week behind with Pastor Marcus Englehardt leading our Drive-in Worship. Hymns are from our radio archives (Pastor Nancy leading hymns). Current prayers.

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.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
335 North Eighth Street
Albia, IA 52531

Phone: 641-932-7270
Email: splalbia@iowatelecom.net
Web Site—<http://www.splalbia.org>

Office Hours: Tues.-Weds.-Thurs.
9:30 am-2:20 pm

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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.



“ 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.

