

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."

I John 4:10-11

Dear Friends in Christ,

This is the day the LORD has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

School is over, graduations are winding down, and summer is upon us. There are vacations and reunions for which to pack and plan, weddings and anniversaries to celebrate, and a gazillion sporting events to attend. Summers are just as busy, exciting, and distracting as the other 9 months of the year!

I hope and pray that, during the summertime activities, you would continue to remember to give time, worship, and service to God in Jesus Christ – often as you are living through all your summer activities. It is God who gives us life and love, God who walks beside us, before us and behind us to guard our steps, direct our paths, and enrich our many relationships.

God has blessed each of us with a Christian family of brothers and sisters, a community of faith, who embrace us in our grief, hold us accountable for our words and actions, and rejoice and laugh with us. The people of St. Paul's are God's gift and call to each of us – a gift to sustain us and a call to bring grace-filled sustenance to others. Together, we walk forward as a forgiven people, reconciled to each other and to God solely by God's mercy and grace. We walk forward together to serve, uplift, and compassionately support the people around us each day.

So it is my hope and prayer that each of us will worship as regularly as we can this summer, in order to be restored each Sunday by receiving forgiveness through Holy Communion, listening to God's Word, worshipping together, and fellowship. When our world frightening and the future appears uncertain, we gather in Christ's name to be restored to hopefulness and courage to boldly proclaim the love of God in Christ Jesus.

So let us all come and rejoice together! Invite others to come with you. This small yet mighty congregation of St. Paul's is growing more open, accepting and loving each day. Through our volunteering in the community, participation in Pigs with a Purpose (45 piggies), the May Baskets for the Emergency Assistance Office, WELCA projects, and our weekly offerings we touch the lives of we serve others locally and around the world. Thanks to you all for your witness and ministry! Let's keep it up through the summer months!

Walking with you along the WAY – Pr. Nancy

VBS-Where in the World is Jesus" Part 2

June 12—June 15 from 6—8 pm in the evening

This year we will be “traveling” and learning about games, crafts & foods from the 4 countries below:



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Monday



Wednesday



Thursday

On Monday we will have a special guest speaker Sanaye Chung to share facts about Cambodia.

On Tuesday we our special guest speakers Merced Cruz and her daughter to tell us about Mexico.

On Wednesday our guest speaker will be Trevor Barlow to teach us about South Africa.

Children and adults are welcome to join us for one night or every night.

We will need your help with food items, crafts, games and kitchen helpers as well as decorations.

EACH NIGHT WE Will Need: (you can commit to one/two or every night, as it fits into your schedules)

2 people for the kitchen

1-2 people to help with games

1 extra person to help where needed

Customs Agent ???

Program—Pastor Nancy

Music & Dance—Jessica Hemann

We need your help with decorations. If you have any items to display from any of the above countries please bring them to the church. We will be decorating **Sunday, June 11 after worship.**

Items Needed:

12-24 egg cartons (12 egg size)

20 –25 vintage sheer chiffon scarves



Check out the new metal roof
on St. Paul's.

Church Office Notes:

Gloria will be out of the office on June 6 through June 15.



RECENT PRAYERS

Nate & Ann Baggett
 Kim Church
 Greg DeMoss
 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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St. Paul's Shut-ins:

Mary Carder
 Ruth Johnson

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, June 14 at 11 am.

Reformation anniversary Bible study on "Galatians: Christian faith and Christian freedom."

"Luther's reformation was centered in the doctrine of justification by grace through faith for Christ's sake, which he saw as the heart of Paul's letter to the Christians in Galatia. It is also the heart of Paul's—and Luther's message for us today."

Session 4: For freedom Christ has set us free (Galatians 5:1-6:18)



VBS: Where in the World is Jesus" Part 2

We will be have evening sessions again this year;
June 12, 13, 14 & 15 from 6-8 pm.

Come join the fun as we travel and learn about other people in God's family from other countries: Cambodia, Senegal, Mexico and South Africa.

Children & Adults are welcome.

BRING A FRIEND or TWO



Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Carol Presley, Sharon Wilkin's sister, who passed away on May 25.

We send our sympathy out to the family and friends of Edith Blomgren, who passed away on May 25.

Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Marjorie Louise Stocker Spain, Dan Stocker's Aunt, who passed away in May.

May they find comfort in the hope and promise of eternal life.

Fellowship Team Ministries

Pot-luck Pies For Pops



BRUNCH
June 18



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthday's

1. Martin McCombs
4. Marilyn Larson
4. Jessica Freeman
13. Benjamin Mason
20. Brent Lozano
24. Angela Freeman
26. Ron Hohneke
27. Jessica Hemann
29. Emmalee Kerber



Baptismal Birthday's

10. Donald Niebuhr
15. Maxwell Butler
23. Katie Johnson
25. David McCombs

Anniversaries

12. Marvin & Gail Wirtjes
20. Brent & Jean Lozano
23. Kevin & Tonya Tangie
24. Paul & Joan Peterson
29. Harold & Mardyll Benson



We honored our graduates with a reception on May 7th. Bryan Raskie and Cassie Smallwood are pictured above.



VOLLENTEERS NEEDED:

Parsonage Repairs/Painting: We are looking for 4 volunteers to help paint the parsonage where there was water damage. Paint and supplies are ready to go. Please let Pastor Nancy or Richard James if you are able to help with this project.



THANK YOU: We want to thank Richard James and Tom Preston for fixing the leak in the roof at the parsonage. We also want to thank Richard (and Tom) for repairing the water damage in the ceiling of the parsonage family room and for removing the carpet in the family room and bedroom that had the water dam-

Senior Fellowship

Pot-luck Luncheon: We will be having our potluck lunch on Wednesday, June 7 at 11 am.

WOMEN of the ELCA

Monthly Meeting will be on Thursday, June 22 at 6:30 pm at the home of Karen Niebuhr with Karen & Marilyn Johnson hosting the evening. Car pool from the church at 6:15 pm.

WELCA Bible Study: Weds. , June 14 At 11 am.

(See more info on pg 3)

May food basket mission Thank you to everyone who donated food items for Helping Hands.

June 10—Garage & Bake sale Sat. 8 am -1 pm. You can bring items to the church anytime and set the stuff in the choir room. Bake sale items were a great hit last year; bring those items to the church on Fri. eve or Sat. am.

We will be starting to set up Friday at 3 pm till we are done. Please come and help if you can.

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: If you can help with keeping the church property looking good this summer, please sign-up on the sheet for mowing or trimming. If you want to help, but do not have a riding mower; Gail Clouse will let you use her mower. It is on a trailer, you just pick it up and return it to her when you are done.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Minutes May 21, 2017

Present: Pastor Nancy, Ruth & Richard James, Gail Clouse, Marilyn Woods, Stephanie Kelley

Absent: Kay Spieler, Karter Spieler, Anita Simmons

Pastor Nancy opened with devotions

Agenda was accepted.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the last meeting was made by Marilyn and 2nd by Ruth. Carried

Treasurer's Report: We are behind \$275 in our Benevolence to the Synod and the average offering is \$1299.32. WE ARE Behind \$ 153.00 per week to meet our budget. Motion to approve report by Stephanie, 2nd by Richard. Carried.

Worship: will meet on June 4th after worship

Christian Ed: Planning and working on VBS

Missions: Total donations for the Pigs with a Purchase to help the hungry was able to buy 45 piglets. That is 10 more than last year.

Property: Richard & Tom Preston found out the reason for the leak in the parsonage roof: no flashing around the chimney. He and Tom fixed the roof. Parsonage Repairs: Richard pulled up the carpeting in the family room and the upstairs bedroom. Richard also fixed the rain damage in the ceiling in the family room as well as fixing the texture.

Old Business: Parsonage Repair that still needs to be done is painting: the bedroom & family room so the carpet flooring can be installed.

New Business: NEED 4 volunteers to help paint the parsonage bedroom and family room, paint supplies are all there; just need someone to do the painting.

Motion made to swap out the parsonage refrigerator for the newer model that Pastor Nancy has in Des Moines by Ruth, 2nd by Marilyn Wood. Carried. Need help to move fridge down to Albia.

Lawn Mower: Richard will check into the cost of leasing or purchasing a used riding lawn mower for here at the church so that those who want to help with the property up keep would have a way to help. Gail Clouse will let anyone who wants to use her lawn mower for this purpose; it is on a trailer and you would need to go get it and return it to her after you used it.

Calendar Events: next council meeting will be July 9th and Semi-annual Congregational Meeting will be July 30th.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Stephanie Kelley, Acting Secretary.

Attention: we are falling behind our BUDGET!!!! (About \$153 per week.)



“45 Pigs to Fight Hunger”

With your generous giving we have 45 piglets to help fight hunger. (That was 10 more than last year.)



WELCA May Food Baskets

We want to thank everyone who contributed to our May food baskets to help the Monroe Co. Helping Hands Food Bank.

Your generosity will help stock the shelves this summer.



Back Pack Mission

June & 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.

This is part of the list from last year (new list is not out yet) Watch for up-dated list.

School box (6 x 8” – No Larger)	1 large eraser	1 box Crayola Classic Markers
1 Roll of paper towels	12 large glue sticks	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	



Boxes of Hope Continuing Mission: for the Emergency Assistance Office.

Items that are in the greatest demand are:

All-purpose cleaning products & Bathroom cleaners
Laundry Detergent **Toilet paper**

Dish soap

Men & Women Deodorant **Toothpaste** **Shampoo**
Body wash (not bar soap)



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

Worship Servers

Altar Guild: Pat Johnson & Anita Simmons

June 4 Worship Assistant: Gail Clouse
Pentecost Ushers/Greeters: Don & Karen Niebuhr
 Lector: Gail Clouse

June 11 Worship Assistant: Marilyn Woods
Holy Trinity Ushers/Greeters: Kelley Family
 Lector: Marilyn Woods

June 18 Worship Assistant: Marilyn Woods
 Ushers/Greeters: ??????
 Lector: Marilyn Woods

June 25 Worship Assistant: Anita Simmons
 Ushers/Greeters: Charlie & Gloria Smallwood
 Lector: Gloria Smallwood

Worship Team Ministries



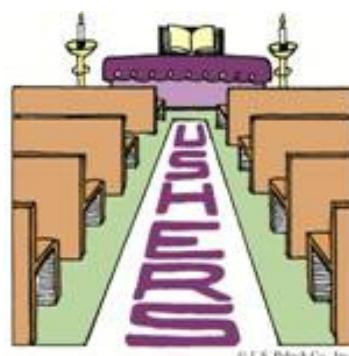
We will resume again in the fall. Have a great summer.



Schedule for June

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| June 4 | Nikko light & put out the candles
Lydia collect communion cups |
| June 11 | Sophie light & put out the candles
Parker collect communion cups |
| June 18 | Morgan light & put out the candles
Grayson collect communion cups |
| June 25 | Lydia light & put out the candles
Nikko collect communion cups |

Worship Meeting
June 4th after worship



Congratulations to Mickala Woods who received her degree as a Physical Therapist in May. She is the grand-daughter of Marilyn Woods.



Pentecost Sunday June 4th: We remember on this day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to dwell with us. We receive God's Spirit through our baptism, and so we are given new life and salvation as the old self, bound by sin is cast aside and the new self, guided by the Spirit, emerges from the waters.

You are encouraged to wear the color red on this day, as red is the tongues of fire.

**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.

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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. (No Sat. worship on May 20.)



June 18, 2017