

Crossings

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

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Pastor's Epistle

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

Earlier this year, continuing the congregation's effort to explore who we are in this day and age, and, to ascertain our current calling as disciples of Christ, some of you participated in a book study on "Reclaiming the "L" Word" written by Kelley Fryer. In that study, we reflected on the "Five Guiding Principles" for understanding what it means to be a Christian from the Lutheran perspective. These are as follows:

1. Jesus is Lord
2. Everyone is welcome
3. Love changes people
4. Everyone has something to offer
5. The world needs what we have

Both the Council and the study group appreciated this book for its challenge and affirmation of our faith. I also included these principles in a sermon series during Lent.

Now that Easter is passed by, we are entering into the days after Pentecost by studying the 2nd book in this series, "Reclaiming the "C" Word: Renewing the Church From Its Lutheran Core" also by Kelley Fryer. In this book, we discuss how the "Church" as we know it, is experiencing fundamental transition into a new way of *being* "Church" – the Church is not an organization or building. It is "*people of God who are being transformed by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed*" (Reclaiming the "C" Word" by Kelley Fryer, pg 46). Each person gathered together in the name of Christ is an individual member of the Body of Christ, called to be Christ in the world today. Wherever we are – so is the Church! We are all called to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ every day, no matter what we are doing. What a privilege and honor to participate in the expansion of God's reign of love!

If we gather as the people of God to equip and empower people to be the "Church" *out there*, we will engage in ***five strategic behaviors***: (1) Get Focused (2) set people free (3) take action (4) expect surprises, and (5) be hopeful (*Reclaiming the "C" Word: Daring to be Church Again*" Kelly Fryer, pg 46). This doesn't happen by accident – those who gather together will do these by choice and with deep intention.

We here at St. Paul's Lutheran are known within the community as a group of good, loving people. We care deeply for people both locally and globally through many mission activities. But God is calling us to a deeper level of commitment and service in which we accompany people in their daily lives with words of Gospel encouragement, a listening ear, and acceptance of who they are as they are. We can no longer be the place to go – we ARE the church – living and breathing in a hurting world. In 20 years we may look quite different than we do now. Are we willing to be flexible, to try new things, to possibly fail in the process, and trust God to be in the midst of all we say and do?

Come join those of us in the book study. Pray for the congregation that God's Spirit might continue to radiate to the wider communities through us in large and small ways. Pray that we embrace the Holy Spirit's work within us to speak truth in love to our families, neighbors, politicians and world leaders. Our time to be God's instruments is always short – let's make the most of it.

Walking with you along the Way – Pr. 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: "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord"

Tues. June 14

Weds. June 15
9:00 am—12:00 (noon)

Thurs. June 16

During our Vacation Bible School this year we will be worshiping God through music, singing and dancing. A light lunch will be provided. The children will sing and perform during worship on Sunday, June 21.

We will need helpers for those days as well as craft and lunch items. See the pink sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall. (List of items needed is on page 7 of this newsletter as well.)

Please help where you can with this ministry as we help our children to learn more about Jesus.



2015 VBS: "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord"

ATTN: ST. PAUL'S CHILDREN

JOIN US FOR: MUSIC-SINGING-DANCING
CRAFTS-GAMES -LUNCH
AS WE LEARN ABOUT JESUS.

We will be taking an offering each day and you will perform during the Sunday worship service on June 21.

Please invite a friend or two to join in the fun.



Registration forms can be picked up in the fellowship hall or on our web site. Please let us know by June 10th how many are joining us.



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

**Education/
Prayer Team**

RECENT PRAYERS

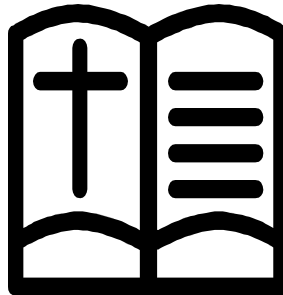
Rev. Eric Bogerd
Mary Datschewski
Dale Maddison
Martha McGlothen
Deloris Perry
Rosealee Rhodes
Lyle Spieler
Cora Standal
Linda Whitlock

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Opal Bloomer
Vickie Buckingham
Addie Fausett
Sharon Glenn
Nick Griffin
Gary Hollst
Lynda Johnson
Alyson Karl
Richard McDonough
Pat Mason
Amy Pottorff
Dr. MARRIDEE RANDALL
Carol (Keegle) Reed
Devin Sinclair
Lyle Spieler
Frank Tharp
Paulette Williams

Continuing Prayers

Alex Amante
Kevin Bunch
Brantley Hemann
Bryce Kroenecke
Marty Kroenecke
Loren Lettington
Laura Moore
Rhonda Morgan
Trisha Raven
Bert Whitlock



Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Rev. Lorents Flak who died on March 8, 2015 He had been a pastor here at St. Paul's.

WELCA Bible Study:

Wednesday, May 10 at 11:00 am.

“No Catchy Slogans,” looks at Scripture passages about giving. “Giving money is an important topic for Christians to consider. All congregations need money to pay pastors, care for buildings, and support ministries. All people need encouragement and guidance about their relationship to money. Few things affect our daily life more. It seems appropriate that the Bible gives so much attention to money and giving. Yet, it’s too common to see Bible passages taken out of context, turned into catchy slogans, and enforced as rules that Christians should follow.”

Session 1: Give in Secret

Giving money is an important topic for Christians to consider, but taking Scripture out of context confuses the message.

NO Sunday School during the Summer

Watch for more information on the new format starting in the fall, “HOME HUDDLE”.

Faith Foundation Bible Study

“Reclaiming the “C” Word, Daring to be Church Again”; will be every Sun. at 10:20 am

Fellowship Team Ministries

Sunday Brunch



June 21
Father's Day

Senior Fellowship

Pot-luck Luncheon: On Weds. June 3rd at 11:00 am. BINGO this month bring a white elephant item for a prize.

WELCA

SPECIAL MEETING Place in JUNE. On June 25th we will be going to Karen Niebuhr home for supper and our meeting. Meet at the church at 6:30 pm and then car pool out to Karen's.

WELCA Bible Study: Weds., 10 at 11:00 am. will be continued through the summer months. (See more info on pg 3)



WELCA Garage and Bake Sale: Sat. June 13 from 8 am – 12 pm. We will have baked items for sale this year.

Children's Clothes only; Toys, Clothing Accessories such as shoes, purses, scarves, jewelry etc.

Set up will be on Fri., June 12th at 6:30 pm. Bring your sale items to the church anytime and bring your baked items Friday evening or Sat. at 7 am.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

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

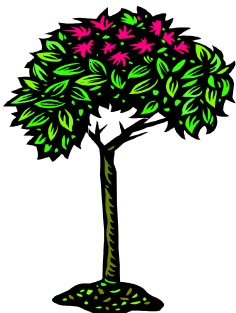
Baptismal Birthdays



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

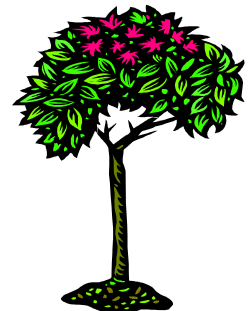
Anniversaries

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



MEMORIAL GIFT

Two flowering trees have been added to the South side of our parking lot property in memory of Myron Johnson.



Council



Council Meeting

Monday
June 15 at 6:30 pm



Lawn Mowing: It's that time of year again. We need your help; please sign up to mow the church's lawn. If you do not have a riding lawn mower to do the whole property; we can always use people to help **trim around trees and keep the hedges trimmed.**

Flower watering volunteers will be needed as the weather warms up and there is no rain.

Thank you to all those who have been keeping the church property mowed in May.

Thank you to the person who planted the Pentecost geraniums around the church.

Council Officers:

President: Kay Spieler

Vice Pres.: Gail Clouse

Secretary: Amanda Thomas

Treasurer: Anita Simmons

Council Teams:

Fellowship Team: Colleen Putman, Lana Kaldenberg & Kay Spieler

Christian Ed. Team: Kay Spieler (Ruth James, Stephanie Kelley & Gloria Smallwood)

Worship Team: Gail Clouse & Marilyn Woods (Jessica Hemann)

Missions Team: Amanda Thomas (Anita Simmons, Kara Tomlin, Sharon Wilkin, Karen Niebuhr and Gloria Smallwood)

Property Team: Curtis Kelley & Richard James (Greg Dorpinghaus, Jacob Hemann, Doug Sparks, Ron Hohnke and Don Niebuhr)

*****No Council minutes as there was no meeting in May*****



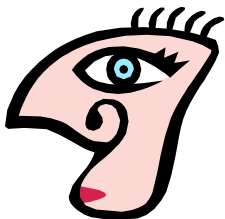
Council Reminder

**Have a blessed and safe Summer.
Faithfully remember your giving
even in your absence.**

First Day of Summer June 21st.



FACES OF ST. PAUL'S



We would like to up-date the photo posters/member photo directory that we had on the wall in the fellowship hall.

We would be glad to take a new photo of you or if your old photo is still current we can use it or you can bring a copy of a photo you have from home.

Contact Colleen Putnam if you want a new photo taken.

Please help us to complete this project so we can have the photo up by September 1st.

MISSIONS TASK FORCE



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 2015-20156 school year. The grades needed are k-8th grade, and several congregations are participating.

St. Paul's has signed up to fill **12 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
1 Roll of paper towels	12 large glue sticks	Beach towel for resting
2 water color paints	2 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 8x12 color construction paper	5 pencils	Zip lock baggies (any size)
Headphones or earbuds	Lunch sacks	Paper plates (any size)
Dixie Cups	Masking Tape	

We need all the supplies by the **week of Aug. 4-8th** so we can fill the bags and bless them on Sun. Aug. 10th. 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.



Restoration Day Parade Float

(Saturday, Aug 8)

We are starting early this year to collect donations of water bottles to pass out at the parade with our church information on them.

(Restoration days is 2 weeks earlier this year.)

Last year we were able to pass out 1,400 bottles of water. Bring in your water bottles any time to the church.



BACK VIEW



Mission's Task Force is encouraging St. Paul's members to purchase a **God's Work Our Hands** t-shirt. The back of the t-shirt would have our church name on it. Order forms are in the fellowship hall & on the Web site. Cost of shirts \$7.50-\$12.00.

Deadline to order the shirts is July 1st.

We would like to wear the shirts in the Restoration Day Parade while handing out water bottles.

FRONT VIEW



This is a great way to be a more visible presence in our community whenever we do a missions project.

Worship Servers

Altar Guild: Marilyn Johnson & Karen McCombs

<u>June 7</u>	Worship Assistant:	Gail Clouse
	Ushers/Greeters:	Don & Karen Niebuhr
	Lector:	Gail Clouse
<u>June 14</u>	Worship Assistant:	Marilyn Woods
	Ushers/Greeters:	Don & Karen Niebuhr
	Lector:	???????
<u>June 21</u>	Worship Assistant:	Marilyn Woods
	Ushers/Greeters:	Charlie & Gloria Smallwood
	Lector:	Gloria Smallwood
<u>June 28</u>	Worship Assistant:	Anita Simmons
	Usher/Greeter:	Charlie & Gloria Smallwood
	Lector:	Gloria Smallwood



Sunday Worship 9:00 am
Adult Bible Study 10:20 am
Weds. Worship 7:00 pm

Weds. Summer Worship at 7:00 pm.

This will be a very simple, relaxed worship where you are encouraged to bring your lawn chairs.

We hope to have some of the worship services outside around a campfire (when possible) or/and our outside chapel.

On Weds. May 27 the outdoor fire pit memorial gift was dedicated in memory of Bekah Sherman.

Special **Thank you** to the Kelley family, Curtis, Stephanie, Dakota and Grayson, for all the hard work to build the fire pit.

Thank you to Charlie Smallwood for building the box to hold the communion ware for the outdoor worship

WORSHIP MEETING:
Tuesday
June 9
at 9:30 am.

Worship Team Ministries

VBS

Craft Supplies needed:

12 – 14 SHOE BOXES With Lids
(No Boot Boxes Please)

6 rolls of decorative Duck tape

12 Glue sticks

12 - 1” round Dowel rods

5-6 spools of Satin ribbon

(Need enough to have 12 ribbons that are 5 ft long (1 ½ yds long) and ¾” up to 2 inch wide –your choice of width)

Food Items Needed:

Day 1 English Muffin Pizzas

- 16 English Muffins
- 2 cups canned pizza sauce
- 8 cups mozzarella cheese
- 64 slices of pepperoni
- 5 Apples
- 2 containers Powdered fruit punch

Day 2 Crescent Dogs

- 24 hot dogs
- 12 slices of American cheese
- 3 – 8 oz cans Pillsbury Refrigerated Crescent Dinner rolls
- 2 Large bags of potato chips
- 1 large bag of Carrots

Day 3 Walking Tacos

- 3 lbs ground beef
 - 3 pkgs taco seasoning mix
- Toppings:**
- 2 fresh tomatoes – diced
 - 1 large carton of Sour Cream
 - 1 bottle of taco sauce
 - 2 bags of Mexican style cheese – 4 cups
 - 18 lunch size bags of Nacho Cheese Doritos
 - 1 bag of shredded lettuce

See Pink Sign-up sheets in fellowship hall.

Helpers are also needed.

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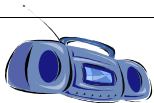
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Links:

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

www.elca.org
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.

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>.

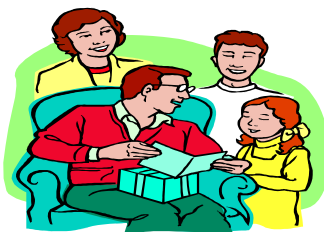
You will find our newsletters, calendar and recipe.

Please send any photos and recipes you would like to share and Martin Reed will add these to St. Paul's Web site.



Flag Day

June 14



Happy Father's Day

June 21



Summer Begins

June 21

St. Paul's GARAGE SALE: June 13 from 8 am—noon.

VBS: "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord"

June 16, 17, 18 from 9:00 am –noon.