

Crossings

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

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Pastor's Epistle

Brothers and sisters in Christ - God's peace be with you!

I thought I would try something different over the summer and offer you some food for thought regarding the Gospel texts for the Sundays in the month:

June 3rd: Mark 2: 23 – 3:6: The Sabbath was made for humankind - Let the Children Come - Some adults can remember a time when no Little League would think of practicing on Sunday afternoon, but no children will remember those days. Sunday afternoons (or even mornings) can be filled with activities that pull families in all directions. Helping families see the gift of the sabbath is important and intentional work. How can we support families in living lives nurtured by a sabbath rest? How is this one of the special gifts we must treasure in clay jars? How does your community contribute to the chaos or the rest?

June 10th: Mark 3:20-35: What is family? Bringing a child of God from birth to maturity of faith requires many things, among them food, shelter, new birth, story, discipline, catechism, and an enduring hope in the one who raised Jesus from the dead. It is a joy to be celebrated when these gifts are provided by those who live in one's own household—parents, grandparents, extended families. But Jesus reminds us (with an echo from Paul) that even when those nearest to us thwart God's purposes, we "do not lose heart" but trust that God will call and create a household "not made with hands," where God's purposes for us will be nurtured and we will become like the one who "does the will of God."

June 17th: Mark 4: 26-34: The mystery of faith - Jesus reminds us that faith is a gift which comes to us from God. We cannot control it in ourselves, and we cannot control it in others. We can plant, we can water, and then we can sleep and wake until the plant grows. In the end it is God who brings the growth and the Holy Spirit who gives us faith. As people of God we are called to be good soil. As people of God we are called to trust that God will do what we cannot. Faith will grow, and the church will flourish, not because of our grand schemes and plans, but because God will have it no other way.

June 24th: Mark 4: 35-41: Jesus calms the sea - As we set out in mission together in the ship of Christ's church, how many storms arise! The elements of chaos still seem to wreak havoc in our lives, communities, and in the church—and we become terrified. Though Christ is present the disciples and we ourselves begin to doubt his care and power: "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" His presence seems far too weak to help us, though it is exactly in this vulnerable weakness that Christ shows his almighty power. Jesus wakes at the disciples' cries and rebukes the wind and waves—they are no match for his command. The terrifying calm that follows demonstrates his divine power over all the chaos that continually threatens us. And we find ourselves awe-struck before the living God who has met us in our weakness and yet overcome it. The Christ who sleeps in the boat is the same Christ who hangs on the cross, seemingly helpless. Yet the helpless one is none other than the all-powerful Lord God. "Who then is this?" but the Lord of all!

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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

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All of these reflections come from the software we use to help plan our worship services – www.sundaysandseasons.com. It is a very useful and inspirational resource for which I am very grateful. I thought you might find some of these reflections helpful as you prayerfully consider what God has for you to receive each Sunday. May God bless you as you prayerfully consider these inspirational resources.

Walking with you along the WAY – Pastor Nancy



WELCA GARAGE & BAKE SALE
June 9th from 8 am—1 pm.

You can bring your items anytime to the church, place them in the choir room. (Please note we are unable to sell anything that needs repairs.)

Set up will be Friday evening from 4—8 pm.



Bring Baked items Fri. evening or before 7:30 am Sat. morning.



Come and join Yash Saboo & Behruz Gharibov and the Hilton family in a farewell party for the boys; as they will be leaving Albia in June.

Date: Sat. June 2
Time: 12-4 pm
Where: Hilton home
2569-560th Ave. Albia



You're Invited!

RECENT PRAYERS

Susan Anderson
Donny Ballard
Linda & Jim Bills
Jerry Carr
John & Helen Champe
Laura Clouse
Tony Daggett
Mary Datschefski
Denise Gray
Vikki Herbold
Clint Johnson
Amy Payne
Dan Payne
John Pasuit
Gary Perry
Jim Phoenix
Mike Randall
Rick
Ty Rogerson
Samantha Sabovitch
Misty Smith
Sam Smith
Ron Swanson
Rachel Thiede
Greg Tilton
Heidi Williams
(2017)
Susan Anderson
Nate Baggett
Linda Christensen
Betty Foster
Ryver Lane
Jaxson Osmundson
Ashley Reeves
Suzie Smith
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St. Paul's Shut-ins:
Ruth Johnson

Continuing Prayers
(2016)

Anthony Allen
Pat & Gerry Anderson
Gene Dobson
Gerry Gillette
Maya Griebel
Wendy Henexson
Richard McDonough-
Cathy Tietje
Osmundson
Leo Oye
Dr. MARRIDEE RANDALL
Leeta Sanger
Scott Sanger
Lyle Spieler
Greg Tilton
Fred Witte

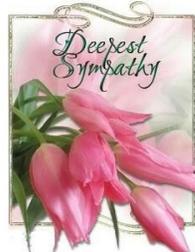
(2015)
Linda Ulrich Johnson
Ella Teno

(2014)
Sharon Glenn
Nick Griffin
Pat Mason

Continuing Prayers
Brantley Hemann
Laura Moore
Trisha Raven
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**Education/
Prayer Team**

COME JOIN OUR
BIBLE June 13 @ 11 am
 Study Multiple meanings: Learning from other interpretations by Mark Allan Powell
Session two – Prepare the Way of the Lord
(Luke 3:3-17)

 Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Steve Larson, Anita Simmons' father. May the peace and hope of the resurrection comfort them in the days and months ahead.

Thank you seems so inadequate for what our St. Paul's church family has done for our family over the last year, but thank you to the members of St. Paul's for the kindness, prayers, friendship and welcome you extended to Dad since Mom's death. Thank you to the ladies of St. Paul for the wonderful lunch. Our out-of-town family is very impressed with the spread that you put together. The people of St. Paul's have been a source of strength in our time of sorrow and we are grateful and thank God for each one of you.

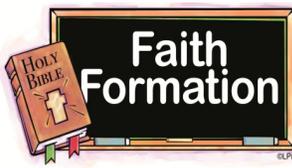


The family of Steve & Marilyn Larson



Thanks be to God!

Elizabeth Moore and Suzanne Roberts are both cancer free.

 **Faith Formation**
Parents please attend the meeting on **June 10th, after Worship, to plan a gathering event.**



Mark your calendar as VBS will be **July 9**
Watch for more info to come.

Fellowship Team Ministries



**Father's day
June 17
(See below)**



Senior Fellowship

**Pot-luck Luncheon:
June 6 at 11:00 am.**

WOMEN of the ELCA (WELCA)

Our **June meeting** will be on Thursday, June 28 at 7 pm. Our Hostess will be Gail Clouse.

We have a monthly **Bible Study** on Weds., June 13 at 11 am. See more details on page 3.

Garage & Bake Sale: Sat. June 9 from 8 am to 1 pm. Set-up Fri. evenings 4-8 pm. (See page 2 for more information.)



Birthdays

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

7. Fred & Jo Diers
9. Kyle & Kelly Hilton
20. Brent & Jean Lozano
23. Kevin & Tonya Tangie
24. Paul & Joan Peterson
29. Harold & Mardyll Benson



Baptismal Birthday's

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



Thank you to everyone who brought food and helped serving the funeral lunch for Steve Larson.



Special 3rd Sunday Brunch Picnic and Cook-Out

We will be having a picnic around our fire pit behind the church.

Please bring hot dogs & brats roast and a dish to share.
(See sign-up sheet)

Also bring hot dog sticks for roasting and lawn chairs to sit on.

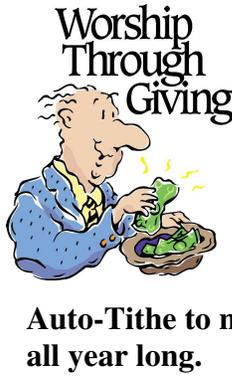
Council



June 10 after worship.



Hard to believe that it is yard work time already. **Mowing & Property Upkeep WE NEED YOUR HELP:** If you can help with keeping the church property looking good, please sign-up on the sheet for mowing or trimming.



St. Paul's Council Reminder

As we head into vacation time, please **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.



Offerings through 4/30/18: \$23,080.82
Expenses through 4/30/18: \$23,584.49
Difference: -\$503.67
Average weekly offering: \$1,357.70

Needed each week to make budget \$ 1462.00

**Gloria out of the Office:
June 19-June 28.**



St. Paul's will be used as a polling place on Tuesday, June 5th from 6:00 am—9:00 pm.



The church will be in use Monday, 6/4 to set up and all day Tuesday.



Memorial Committee Up-Date: New Church Sign is on the way. Should get here the first week of June. We will need help assembling and installing it. Please let Larry Wilkin or Gloria know if you are able to help.

Memorial Items donated to St. Paul's 2 banners for the sanctuary, ceramic intinction cup and bowl, loaves and fish purificator, corporal & pall communion cloths. These gifts were given in the memory of: Richard, Jessie & Gail Phoenix; Wayne Newhard; Dean & Barb Read; Herbert & Carol Stegman and Leonard Smallwood. Given by the Reed & Smallwood families.

Mission Task Force



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 paper

Toothpaste

Shampoo

Men & Women Deodorant

Body wash (not bar soap)



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

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WELCA May Food Baskets

During the month of May we will be collecting non-perishable food for the Monroe Co. Helping Hands Food Bank. Their shelves run low during the

summer months. . Items needed **are things that kids can make (healthy items if possible):**

packages of mac & cheese

hamburger helper,

snack size crackers and cheese

boxes of raisins

other noodle & rice sides that can be made in the microwave

Canned soups

canned fruit

breakfast cereal

oranges

Breakfast cereal

Non refrigerated jell-o and pudding cups

You may want a head start on shopping for these items.



Before your families set out to attend local festivities or load the family vehicles for summer vacation, be sure to begin all things with prayer.

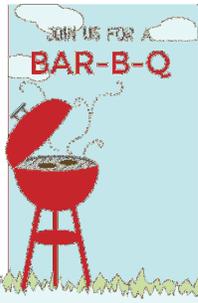
Here is a prayer you might want to use as you travel this summer:

Lord Jesus Christ my God, be my Companion, guide and protector during my journey. Keep me from all danger, misfortune and temptation. By Your divine power grant me a peaceful and successful journey and safe arrival. In You I place my hope and trust and You I praise, honor and glorify, together with Your Father and Holy Spirit now and forever and ever. Amen.





Worship Team Ministries



Choir Bar-B-Q annual family pot-luck gathering will be June 10 @ 12:00 pm/noon.

We will meet at the Hemann home. Please bring a dish to share. Families of the choir member are also welcome to join us.

Worship Servers

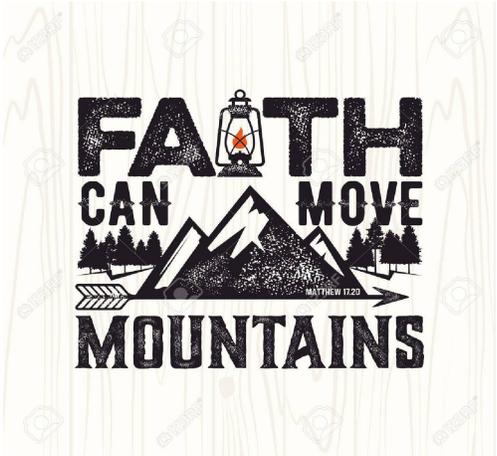
Altar Guild: Gail Clouse & Karen McCombs

<u>June 3</u>	Worship Assistant: Gail Clouse Ushers/Greeters: Don & Karen Niebuhr Lector: Gail Clouse
<u>June 10</u>	Worship Assistant: Marilyn Woods Ushers/Greeters: Smallwoods Lector: Gloria Smallwood
<u>June 17</u>	Worship Assistant: Marilyn Woods Ushers/Greeters: Hemann Family Lector: Jessica Hemann
<u>June 24</u>	Worship Assistant: Anita Simmons Ushers/Greeters: Hilton Family Lector: Anita Simmons



Schedule for June

June 3	Morgan light & put out the candles Eli collect communion cups
June 10	Lydia light & put out the candles Nikko collect communion cups
June 17	Parker light & put out the candles Sophie collect communion cups
June 24	Grayson light & put out the candles Eli collect communion cups



Usher & Lector rotation is on the table by the bulletin/usher stand.
Usher duty check list is behind the gray attendance book.

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Get your newsletter by e-mail and in color. Send your e-mail address to the church office.

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.



HELP NEEDED: volunteers to deliver meals in the Albia area. Meals are picked up at the Leisure Lounge on
Mon.-Fri. from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. More info on flyer in entry or call 932-5198.

