



# 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.***

"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 Members of St. Paul's

We face difficult decisions regarding when and how we will be able to gather together again for worship. The guidelines that we have to follow to hold in-person worship are many. Those rules may be the new normal; as we anticipate our lives being shaped by the COVID-19 timeline, for the next year.

The council has been looking at a lot of resources that are out there: the ELCA, our SEIA synod & other synods, guidance developed by other churches, the CDC & Iowa Dept. of Public Health in regards to how to safely return to in-person worship.

The council feels at this time, that we should not rush into resuming gatherings. They want to make sure that we can keep everyone safe at worship; especially our most vulnerable members.

One of the suggestions the council felt was a safe first step, was "Drive-In" worship. It works like a drive-in movie theater, allowing services to be held while still respecting social distancing. Attendees park in our parking lot or the lower grassy area and stay in your vehicles and tune in to a live service broadcast via a local radio station. Our first "Drive-In" worship will be **June 21, 2020 at 10:00 am** with Pastor Marcus Engelhardt leading worship. Pastor Marcus has also agreed to lead worship on **June 28** in a "Drive-In" worship.

Note the worship time change is at 10:00 am; but we encourage you to start coming to park your car at 9:30 am; this will help with getting everyone parked and ready for worship.

More details will be sent out to everyone as Dan Stocker and Gloria get the technical stuff worked out.

The council has been meeting via the internet "Zoom" meetings. They thought that we could try to have a congregational Zoom Bible Study/Gathering on **Weds. June 10th at 6:30 pm.** As this is our first time to do something like this; we may have a few technical bumps along the way, but feel it will be a chance to see our St. Paul's sisters & brothers.

Gloria will be sending you an invitation to join the Zoom meeting. She will also send a brief "How To" join a meeting, it is very easy. Gloria is working on a way for the 5 members, who do not have internet, to join the gathering safely.

In all situations, we want to err on the side of love for our members and neighbors and know changes, during this time, is inevitable. The council asks for your patience, grace and flexibility as they strive to make the most appropriate decisions for us here at St. Paul's.

# Worship Options ---while at home

## Live Streaming Worship

**First Lutheran Church, Centerville** – Pastor Jeremy McElvain

Sunday Church Worship is at 10:30 am

Pastor Jeremy also does a daily devotion

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/>

Radio  
Worship  
options on  
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**Joan Peterson** suggested checking out the church her daughter attends: St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, MN

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

This is what you can type in to Google search and it will take you directly to the online worship.

[saintandrews.churchonline.org](http://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.

That will bring up a whole list of other churches where you can find worship. You just click on the church and it should take you right there.

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

**Lutheran Church of Hope, Des Moines**

Mike Housholder, Senior Pastor

“Hope has a long history of broadcasting LIVE weekly services online. You can **join us at HopeOnline.tv on 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

“Some of you are already familiar with online worship at Hope. For others, this will be your first experience. It’s easy to find us. On your personal computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone, go to **HopeOnline.tv.** You can also catch our services throughout the weekend on **Facebook Live.** Or you can download the Hope app on your smartphone (Apple or Android), **Apple TV or Roku.**”



**St. Paul's Shut-ins:**

Harold Benson  
Ruth Johnson

Education/  
Prayer Team

**RECENT PRAYERS**

Carolynn Arp  
Drinda Bright  
Nancy Clouse  
Sadie Faerris  
Monte Good  
Sandy Gray  
Kyli Hopkins  
Bonnie Hunt  
Kennedy  
**Jim Lee**  
Ed McCleary  
Arlys Murphy  
Jolene Peters  
Karen Pottoff  
Larry Sampson  
Alex Seaman  
**Betsy Spieler**  
**Lyle Spieler**  
**Brenda Tiffany**  
Carla Wahl  
Dick Webb  
**(2019)**  
Judy Bail & Family  
Carrie Burgland  
Charlene Crall  
Linda Sales Harvard  
Tony Heisdorffer

**(2019 Cont.)**

Kevin Klingbeil  
Mary Ann  
Jolene Peters  
Ray Reeves  
Carol Sovern  
Emily Swartz  
Lincoln Swartz  
Tonya Tangie  
  
**(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



**Names that are bolded, are recent requested prayers in May & June.**

God of Comfort – We pray for the family and friends and all who mourn the death of



Robin Holien—Andy Fuhs' Sister  
Mary Triplett —Friend of the Simmons Family  
Gene Post—Sandy Sampson's Brother & Donna Post's Brother-in-Law  
Bill Sinclair  
Abdi Sharif  
George Floyd  
Geralda Wiig—WELCA Cluster 9 member from Chariton

Our Sympathy to Mary Egbert, Stephanie, Curtis, Dakota Grayson Kelley in the death of their husband, father and Grandfather Gary Egbert on June 2, 2020.

May the peace and hope of the resurrection comfort them in the days and months ahead.

## Fellowship Team Ministries

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### Birthdays

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

### Baptismal Birthdays

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

### 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



**Congratulations to Emma Fuhs and Jacob Kempen who will be married on June 6, 2020 at Veronica & Andy's home; parents of the bride.**



**Thank you for the wonderful drive through surprise party.**

**Best time I've ever had for my birthday. The cards are really great. You really made me feel loved. God bless you and for Gloria putting it together.**

**Love to all in Christ,**

**Gail Clouse**

**PS- the flowers brightened my day.**

Note: 13 church family members helped her celebrate.



## Council

### Mowing & 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.



June 1-14	??????
June 15-28	??????
June 29- July 12	??????
July 13—July 26	??????



### 2020 WEEKLY OFFERING AMOUNT NEEDED \$1673.00

## OFFERING

*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.*

#### Parsonage Property

**June** Tom & Linda Preston & Andy Fuhs.

**July** ?????

**August** ?????

Dan Johnson  
Richard James  
Linda & Tom Preston  
For keeping the 2 properties looking good in May.

Thank You

**Message from the Church Administrator:** I will be going into the church a couple days a week usually from 11 am—1:30 pm. Keeping the congregation informed. 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.



St. Paul's Now has a Facebook Page.

It is listed under "Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church"

The profile picture is of our stained glass window.

Check it out; there is a lot of good information being added weekly and (of course) like us.

### **A PRAYER FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD.**

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.

Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.

Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:

a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.

Wherever and however we gather,

unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





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

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

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### **Lutheran Disaster Relief Mission– Donations needed**

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

What you can do: Pray

Please pray for our nation and the world as we face uncertainties. May God's healing presence bring peace and hope in this time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn the loss of loved ones and strength to those who are working diligently to care for affected communities.

Give: Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response's general account enable them to respond quickly whenever and wherever disaster strikes. You can make a check out to St. Paul's and your donation will be sent on to Lutheran Disaster Response.

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### **Father's Day Prayer**

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail.

We ask for Your blessings for them all – and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways – both big and small – they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent – grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches – and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen  
- Rev. Chuck Currie

## Worship Team Ministries

### **Commemoration of the Emanuel Nine — June 17**

As part of the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, voting members adopted a resolution designating June 17 as a commemoration of the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9—the nine people shot and killed on June 17, 2015, during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C.

Our relationship to the shooter as well as two of the slain reminds us of both our complicity and our calling. Together we confess that we are in bondage to the sins of racism and white supremacy and, at the same time, we rejoice in the freedom that is ours in Christ Jesus who “has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us” (Ephesians 2:14). May God continue to guide us as we seek repentance and renewal, and racial justice and reconciliation among God’s precious children. (Now more than ever; after the current events of the last 2 weeks, with the death of George Floyd, on May 25, 2020.)

**An online ELCA Prayer Service for the Commemoration of the Emanuel Nine, including Bishop Eaton and leaders from around the church, is being prepared for viewing beginning on June 17, 2020, the fifth anniversary of the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine.**

### **Emanuel Nine, martyrs, 2015**

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.



## **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. We will be using a worship service of Pastor Nancy’s from our radio archives. I will be adding 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

Place Mailing Label Here

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](http://www.elca.org)  
[www.seiasynod.org](http://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.



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**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.



June 20, 2020

