

# Crossings

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

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## Pastor's Epistle

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

From time to time it is good for us to hear reports about the ministry that is being done through our dollars and tangible gifts we give to the ELCA and the Lutheran World Relief. So enjoy the following information:

### **ELCA Good Gifts at work in the world**

Last year \$3.9 million, in the form of more than 15,000 gifts, was raised to support the mission and ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts. Your generous gifts are already changing lives. Here's a glimpse of what your gifts helped make possible last year:

2950 mosquito nets distributed to households in Zambia

224 scholarships awarded to seminary students in the United States

40 new savings and loans groups established in Zimbabwe

Food for 10,202 internally displaced people in the Central African Republic

Clean, safe water for 10,000 people in South Sudan

186,000 packets of medication to treat malaria distributed in Malawi

41,018 people trained on malaria prevention and control in Uganda

60 Young Adult in Global Mission volunteers serving in nine countries

Farming tools and training for 150 families in Nicaragua

55,000 hygiene kits to South Sudanese refugees living in Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda

61 scholarships awarded to international leaders

New grain banks ensure food security for 260 people in Nepal

280 goats distributed to families in Uganda

41 new congregations started and supported in the United States

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.***

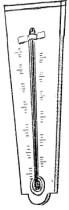
"In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loves us so much, we also ought to love one another."

1 John 4:10-11

### Parsonage Air Conditioner & Furnace Fundraiser

In the 2014 Approved Budget there was \$6,200.00 earmarked to replace the air conditioning and furnace at the parsonage. St. Paul's Council has decided to fund this through a mini-capital campaign drive; which means to raise the money separately and help out the budget. There is a thermometer in the fellowship hall where we can see how much is collected each week.

You can add the amount to your weekly offering check; be sure to note how much you want to put toward the fundraiser.



Amount collected through April 20, 2014 is \$3,295.00



### Congratulations 2014 Graduates

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be having a reception on Sunday, May 11th after worship to recognize the 2014 Graduates.



#### High School Graduates:

- Rebecca Mason (Daughter of Rhonda Mason & Kyle)
- Kaitlyn Spieler (Daughter of Mike & Kay Spieler)
- Hanna Freeman (Daughter of Kelly & Angela Freeman)
- Dakota Steele (Son of Andrew & Angela Coe)
- Jessica James (Daughter of Richard & Ruth James)
- Haley Hudson (Daughter of Melissa Griebel)
- Jordan Johnson (Daughter of Brad & Lisa Johnson & Grand-daughter of Bob & Ruth Johnson)
- Kellen Carder (Grand-daughter of Mary Carder)
- Riley Sharpe (Grand-son of Evelyn Sharpe)

#### College Grads:

- Jessica Hemann—Masters Degree
- Cody Simmons
- Spenser Johnson
- Rika Stoller
- Kira Stoller—Masters Degree



Please let the church office know of any graduates you may have in your family that we can recognize on that Sunday.

**Everyone is invited to a Graduation Open House for  
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Spieler  
on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
at her home in Lovilia, 2004 North C Ave.**





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

Hilda Felton  
Bob & Ruth Johnson

**Education/  
Prayer Team**

Alex Amante  
Susan Anderson  
Karen Blomme  
Billy Brubaker  
Kevin Bunch  
Christy  
Gail Clouse  
Gail Connerly  
Mary Datschefski  
Sharon Glenn  
Brantley Hemann  
Myron Johnson  
Alyson Karl  
Casey Keel  
Bryce Kroenecke  
Marty Kroenecke  
Kenneth Leaven

Loren Lettington  
Richard McDonough  
Dale Madison  
Pat Mason  
Laura Moore  
Ronda Morgan  
Jo Neumann  
Jake Nielsen  
Trisha Raven  
Richard Rowley  
Sheila Ryan  
Ed Scieszinski  
Devin N. Dustin Sinclair  
Misty Smith  
Jan Starcevic  
Rev. Karen Torrez  
Bert Whitlock

**Confirmation Classes:**

May 7th at 6 pm  
May 14th at 6 pm  
May 21st at 6 pm -

End of year party



**Rite of Confirmation:** will be on June 8<sup>th</sup>

**Confirmation Reunion:** Everyone who has been confirmed at St. Paul's is invited to a reunion on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if you are able to attend.

**Children's Church**

This is where the children 3rd grade and under leave church during the sermon and have a Bible story and then return during the passing of the peace.

Lesson	Teacher
5/4 Foolish bride maids	Tom & Linda Preston
5/11 Zacchaeus	Gloria Smallwood
5/18 Unmerciful Servant	Hemann



Thank you to the **Kelley Family** for donating the items as well as their time to organize the Easter Egg hunt this year.

**Christian Ed Meeting:**  
May 21st at 8:30 am

**Vacation Bible School**



We will be have a one day VBS program this year at St. Paul's. on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 3 pm.

Our theme this year is  
"Clean Water for All of God's Children".

We will need 3 more teacher and 4-5 helpers as well as snacks and lunch items. Sign-up sheet will be out on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please help where you can with this ministry. High School Students can earn Silver Service Hrs.



**WELCA Bible Study: CHANGE : NEW DAY**

On Thursday, May 15th at 11 a.m.

Rahab– a faithful business women

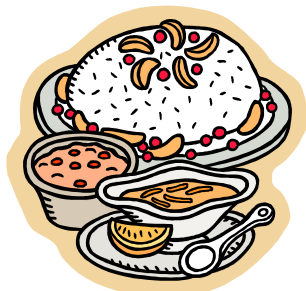
Our reading will be: Joshua 2:12-13



**Rite of Confirmation for Paige Mykel Lozano,** daughter of Jean & Brent Lozano, will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Ankeny.

## Fellowship Team Ministries

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Brunch



**May 18th**

### Senior Fellowship

Join us for a potluck lunch on **Weds. May 7th @ 11:00 am.** We will be listening to songs from the Community Choir Concert.

### WELCA

Our monthly **meeting** will be on May 22nd at 6:30 pm with Marilyn Woods as our hostesses.

**WELCA Bible Study:** NEW DAY, Thursday, May 15th at 11:00 am. (See more info on page 3)

**WELCA Garage Sale:** Saturday, June 21 from 8 am – 1 pm. Children's Clothes **only**; Toys, Clothing Accessories such as shoes, purses, scarves, jewelry etc. Set up will be on Fri., June 20th



## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*



#### May Birthdays

2. Tyler Simmons
6. Gail Wirtjes
11. Mark Mitchell
14. Katie Johnson
20. Karen McCombs
21. Louie Clouse
22. Jenna Clouse
22. Richard Lettington III
26. Gail Clouse
29. Doug Sparks
30. Liz Larson
31. Parker Anthony Hemann



#### May Baptismal Birthdays

5. Stephanie Sparks
5. Jenna Clouse
5. Clark Sherman
5. Leland Sherman
5. Morgan Sherman
7. Jacob Hemann
8. Andy McCombs
8. Mike Duea
11. Richard Lettington III
18. Kedan Philip Johnson
20. Lynn Heaton
26. Bristol Dowdy
28. Gail Clouse
31. Cameron Stocker

#### May Anniversaries

4. Richard & Ruth James
25. Richard & Meghan Lettington



**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.



**BABY BOY:** Congratulations to Justen & Jenny Murphy on the birth of a son, Jace Allen on 4/14/14. Jace weighed 10 lbs. & 7 oz. and he was 22 ½ inches long. Jace was welcomed home by his big brother 2 year old Jack. Proud Grandparents are: Joni Murphy of Melrose, Bill and Carol Bursch, Shawn & Jana Murphy. Great-grandparents are Larry and Sharon Wilkin.

# Council



## Council Notices

**Council Meeting: Monday, May 19th at 6:30 pm.**

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**Council Officers:**

President: Amanda Thomas

Vice Pres.: Gail Clouse

Secretary: Marilyn Woods

Treasurer: Anita Simmons

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**ELCA Synod Assembly  
May 31-June 1st.**

This year it will be held at  
Church of Hope in Des Moines.

We are looking for 2 people to at-  
tend. Please let Pastor Nancy if you  
can go.

Pastor Reed will be gone that weekend  
to the Assembly.

**NO SATURDAY WORSHIP  
May 31st**



**Lawn Mowing:** It's that time of year again. We  
need your help; please sign up to mow the church's  
lawn. The men's group hope to mow the grass &  
trim one time a month. But we still need help  
mowing the other 3 weeks of the month.

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

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**Council Minutes**

**April 21, 2014**

Present: Pastor Nancy Reed, Amanda Thomas, Colleen Putnam, Richard James, Marilyn Woods, Gail Clouse, Kay Spieler, Anita Simmons and Lana Kaldenberg.  
Absent: Julie Stocker and Curtis Kelley.

Bible Study on Ecclesiastes Chapter 3.

The Minutes from February 9, 2014 and March 17, 2014 were approved as amended with a motion by Kay Spieler and seconded by Colleen Putnam. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Gail Clouse and seconded by Kay Spieler. Motion carried.

Committee Reports were given:

Worship: Training members of the congregation to distribute Communion to shut-ins.

We will be having a Healing Service on New Year's Eve and when there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. The first one will be on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Christian Education will meet tomorrow (April 22nd).

Fellowship: Graduates will be honored on May 11, WELCA will provide refreshments.

Missions: Community Dinner will be on September 3rd from 5 to 7 p.m. 41 Health Kits were assembled to be sent to people in need.

Property: No meeting scheduled.

Old Business: Parsonage HVAC is halfway to the amount needed.

Insurance is now through Guide One at a less expensive rate. Saving \$300.00 in premium.

The Constitution committee is meeting Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> after church.

New Business: The Worship Committee is looking into changing Saturday Worship to Wednesday in the fall. The congregation is encouraged to share their opinions.

Announcements/Calendar items: May 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 Graduates honored

May 21<sup>st</sup> Confirmation Class Party.

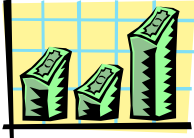
June 8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation and Confirmation Reunion

September 3<sup>rd</sup> a Community Dinner from 5-7 p.m.

The Lord's Prayer

Adjourned with a motion by Lana Kaldenberg and seconded by Richard James. Motion carried.

Marilyn Woods, Secretary



**Treasurers Quarterly Report**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**



	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Christian Formation	193.75	107.55
Worship	3151.25	5928.53
Fellowship	11.25	104.42
Ministries	1380.00	830.00
Mission	75.00	0.00
Property	5867.50	3301.79
Office	870.00	806.68
Secretary	2546.00	2270.20
Pastor	<u>12092.50</u>	<u>11374.46</u>
Total	26,187.25	24,723.63

Budget vs. Actual expenses +1,463.62

Quarterly Offerings & Income	\$22,978.50
Plus transfer from memorial account for sound system	<u>\$4,337.83</u>
Total quarterly income	\$27,316.33
Less quarterly expenses	- <u>24,723.63</u>
Net	\$2,592.70
Less furnace designated funds	- <u>1,755.00</u>
Net for quarter	+ 837.70



**Sponsorships needed for Rebecca Mason**

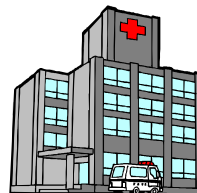
Becca has been chosen to Cheer at the Shrine football game and help the children at the mini camp the week before the game. The sponsorship will help offset the expenses of having the Shrine Hospital staff on the UNI campus for the mini-camp. The camp is for the hospital children, where they will work and learn skills with the football players and the cheerleaders.

***2014 Iowa Shrine All-Star Football Game will be held on July 26.***

100% of the net proceeds from this football game goes towards supporting the kids that the Shriner's Hospitals programs serve.

(Any of the money raised from the sponsorships, over the cost of the camp, will go to the support of the hospitals as well.)

See more info in fellowship hall.



## Worship Servers

Altar Guild: Colleen Putnam & Stephanie Sparks

<b><u>May 4</u></b>	Worship Assistant:	Gail Clouse
	Ushers/Greeters:	Mike & Kay Spieler
	Lector:	Kelly Bumpus
	Acolyte:	Zane Hoffman
<b><u>May 11</u></b>	Worship Assistant:	Marilyn Woods
	Ushers/Greeters:	Mike & Kay Spieler
	Lector:	Kelly Bumpus
	Acolyte:	Zane Hoffman
<b><u>May 18</u></b>	Worship Assistant:	Marilyn Woods
	Usher/Greeter:	Kelley Family
	Lector:	Anita Simmons
	Acolyte:	????
<b><u>May 25</u></b>	Worship Assistant:	Anita Simmons
	Usher/Greeter:	?????
	Lector:	????
	Acolyte:	????

## Worship Team Ministries

### CHOIR Practice

8:15 am

- May 4 - Practice
- May 11 - **NO** Practice
- May 18- Practice
- May 25- **NO** practice
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- May 26 - Bar-B-Q  
Potluck 5:30 pm



### Mission Task Force

May 4th meeting after worship

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*With your help we were able to sent **41 health care kits** for those in need. Thank you to everyone for your help in this mission.*

### Worship Team

will meet on  
May 15th at 9 am.



### Choir BBQ on

Monday May 26th  
@ 5:30 p.m. at the church. Anyone who has sung with us this year or would like fellowship time with

choir members is welcome to come. Please bring a dish to pass. Meat will be provided.



**Senior Piano Recital:** David Nelson will be presenting his Senior Piano Recital on Sunday, May 4 at 3:00 p.m. at the Edwin McGrew Fine Arts Center on the William Penn campus in Oskaloosa. Everyone is welcome.

### **40th Anniversary of Christ the Servant Lutheran Ministry**

Everyone is invited to attend the anniversary celebration in Corydon on Sunday, June 8th. Worship is at 10:30 am with a catered meal at 12:30 pm and a reception at the church from 2-4 pm. Please RSVP before May 15 with Arta Harman (641) 344-2893. More info in entry.



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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.

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE OFFICE HOURS:** Monday 9:30 –11:30 am & 1-3 pm  
Wednesday 9 am—Noon & 1—3 pm Friday 9 am—Noon

**HELPING HAND CENTER HOURS:**

Monday 9 am—2 pm Tuesday & Thursday 4 pm– 6 pm Weds, Friday & Sat. 9 am—12 pm (noon)



Happy Mother's Day!  
May 11th



**Evening Meals for Seniors:** Home delivered meals in Albia from the Homestead Assist. Living for \$7.16 per meal. They now accept Title 19. For more info call 932-2102. Or see flyer in entry.



Memorial Day  
May 26th

