



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



A Mother's Love

There are times when only a Mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a Mother's love
Can share the joy we feel,
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a Mother's faith
Can help us on life's way,
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.

For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith
And a Mother's steadfast love,
Were fashioned by the Angels
And sent from God above.

All St. Paul's Worship and Church Activities for May are Cancelled

I am sure many of you are wondering when are we going to get back to worshipping in person? The council received a letter from Bishop Burk** and other Denominational leaders in Iowa, that encourages us to refrain from worship gatherings. (***check out new worship/devotion opportunities below.**) The council feels it is the loving thing to do; protecting the vulnerable and more susceptible.

There is a lot of things to consider to abide by the re-opening procedures: we need to look at cases in our county and surrounding counties; social distancing (would be about 1-2 people per pew), **No** singing ,as it is like coughing (hard to sing while wearing a mask), distribution of communion challenges, extra cleaning/ disinfecting of the church and fellowship hall and how to safely arrange our space to keep everyone safe, to not spread the virus.

We need to realize, when we do get back to worshipping together, church service will look very different, not like it was before Covid-19.

** Bishop Burk's letter will be sent as a separate attachment.

Live Streaming Worship for Sunday's, - Radio Options - Communion Options

First Lutheran Church, Centerville – Pastor Jeremy McElvain

Go to the Facebook and enter “First Lutheran Church Centerville”

***Pastor Jeremy has a daily morning devotion**

Normal Sunday Worship is at 10:30 am (Available to watch all day)

(You can access this face book feed even if you do not have a face book account)

Peace Lutheran Church, Pella – Pastor Chad Brown -Go to “Peace Lutheran Church Pella IA”

Facebook live: Peace Lutheran Pella: Like it

Sunday church time at 10 am. Facebook.com/peacelutheranpella

***Weds. Evening Worship 7:00 pm: Gathering to share comfort, strength, encouragement and hope. Time and place to address what is currently happening.**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Knoxville – Pastor Josh Feala

Go to “Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Knoxville IA” Face book page

Sunday Worship time is 9 am.

Facebook.com/gslchurch.us

***Weds. Evening: 2 Minute Confirmation– For everyone, so we have a chance to share an experience together; helps with spiritual needs.**

First Christian Church in Albia

People can access the live feed through their web page. Stays on their site for 48 hours.

www.fccalbia.org

Click on the LIVE SERVICE and they should be there.

Sunday Worship begins at 9:15 a.m. though the cameras will come on with music at 9:10 am.

Lutheran Church of Hope, Des Moines

HopeOnline.tv

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. You can also catch their services throughout the weekend on

Facebook Live.

Radio
Worship
options on
Page 7.



St. Paul's Shut-ins:

Harold Benson
Ruth Johnson

**Education/
Prayer Team**



Family Faith Formation Home Huddle materials for May & June were dropped off to the families along with May baskets filled with treats from Anita.

RECENT PRAYERS

Carolynn Arp
Drinda Bright
Rev. Cindy Breed

Nancy Clouse

Louis DeMoss
Sadie Faerris
Monte Good

Kyli Hopkins
Bonnie Hunt

Kennedy

Ed McCleary

Gene Post

Larry Sampson

Alex Seaman

Abdi Sharif
Brenda Tiffany
Carla Wahl

(2019)

Judy Bail & Family
Carrie Burgland
Charlene Crall
Linda Sales Harvard
Tony Heisdorffer
Robin Holien

(2019 Cont.)

Kevin Klingbeil
Mary Ann
Jolene Peters
Ray Reeves
Carol Sovern
Emily Swartz
Lincoln SwartzTonya

Tangie
Mary Tripplett

(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 above, are recent requested prayers in April & May.



Bible Scripture readings from the Book of Romans



Romans 5:3-5

3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 8:18

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

Romans 8:28-29a

28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son,

Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Fellowship Team Ministries

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

- 2. Tyler Simmons
- 5. Nikko Dobson
- 11. Mark Mitchell
- 14. Katie Johnson
- 20. Karen McCombs
- 21. Louie Clouse
- 22. Jenna Clouse
- 22. Richard Lettington III
- 23. Fred Diers
- 26. Gail Clouse
- 29. Doug Sparks
- 30. Mark McClure
- 31. Parker Anthony Hemann

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
- 28. Gail Clouse
- 31. Cameron Stocker

Anniversaries

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



To honor our College Graduates; we would like to encourage everyone to send them a congratulations card. Let them know we are thinking of them and care about them.

Cards can be sent to their parents addresses:

Sarah Fuhs — BSN from Grand View University

Colton Dorpinghaus

Cameron Stocker—Iowa State University

To All 2020 Seniors

**You are graduating as the world grieves a pandemic
We grieve with you that your senior year is ending this way
Just know that the world is
An Amazing, Loving, Beautiful Place.
It is waiting for you with open arms.
We know that you will overcome and soar in the future.**



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 call the church office and Gloria will make a schedule. If you want to use the church lawn mower, let Gloria know, so we can set up a training session-one on one (6 feet apart).



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.



Thank you to Dan Johnson for mowing the church property, taking down a dead tree and having the property sprayed for week.

Thank you to Richard James for mowing the parsonage property.

We appreciate both of you giving of your time to keep us looking good.

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 regarding worship options, prayers, health information, communications with each other and being here if anyone needs anything, will fill my time. Please feel free to call me anytime on my Cell phone. **No Calendar this month.**

If you have an urgent pastoral need; Pastor Chad Brown from Peace LC in Pella 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; to make it easier to find. Check it out and (of course) like us.



**We wish Jani Dorpinghaus all the best;
as she retires from the Albia School District.
Relax and Enjoy the next part of your life's journey.**



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

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

—Lutheran Disaster Relief Mission– Donations still needed

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

The situation: Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), a new respiratory infection, has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO). So far, more than 3 million people around the world have tested positive for COVID-19, and more than 200,000 people have died, according to WHO.

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is responding to this pandemic here in the United States and around the world, including:

Across the United States, LDR is providing support for ELCA World Hunger's Daily Bread grants, which are supporting congregational feeding ministries as they do the critical work of providing those who are in need in their communities with food.

In New Orleans, LDR is aiding the expansion of Bethlehem Lutheran Church's community meal program, which targets the at-risk population who are impacted at this time.

In Southern California, LDR is supporting Care Connection Network, a social ministry organization, to serve older adults and people who are home bound by delivering food and essential supplies, in collaboration with congregations in the Pacifica Synod.

In China, we helped provide medical supplies including ventilators, protective face shields, disposable gloves and more, as well as daily necessities such as food.

In Italy, through the ELCA's companion church, the Chiesa Evangelica Luterana in Italia, LDR is providing Bet-ania Evangelical Hospital in Naples, Italy, with support and medical gear and supplies.

In Palestine, LDR is working with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land to provide food and necessities to families whose livelihoods have been impacted.

In Sierra Leone, we are supporting the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone so the church can participate in a national response plan with the government.

LDR is also working with the Lutheran World Federation and the ACT Alliance to support their global responses. As the situation develops, LDR will continue to be in communication with companions and partners at home and abroad to assess the needs and provide support. We anticipate this public health crisis will escalate in coming weeks and will affect many more people, particularly those who are most vulnerable in our communities. Here in the U.S., we stand ready to work with Lutheran social service organizations affiliated with LDR and with ELCA synods to address the needs of those impacted.

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. For more prayer suggestions, click [here](#).

Give: Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response's general account enable us to respond quickly whenever and wherever disaster strikes.



For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

☞ Luke 19:10 (KJV)

Worship Team Ministries



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.

Another listening option is to go to the radio station's website: kiicradio.com. You will see a "Listen Live" button on the right hand side of the screen. Just click on that button and you are ready to listen!

DRIVE-THROUGH COMMUNION WILL BE OFFERED AT CHARITON AND CORYDON

On May 17.

In Chariton: from 8:45-10 am Please drive through to the west side of the church

In Corydon: from 11 am - Noon

Nobody will need to get out of their vehicles.

Pastor Dick will greet you, pray with you and serve communion.



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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
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.

