

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.”

1 John 4:10-11

From the Pastor

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store...gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise... ELW #678

This is the time in the church when we turn our sights to the new year of ministry. And after a challenging year of pandemic, we are ready to look, with hope, to eventually resuming our previous ministry opportunities. I understand your community dinner is well known! Our budget will be determined and we are grateful that members contribute to the mission of the congregation.

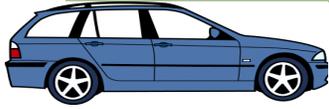
This stewardship hymn encourages us to remember the source of all that we have been given. That source is our God, who has *created nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, the costly cross and his grave’s shattered door.* We have been gifted in so many ways- our families, relationships, talents, desires, possessions, opportunities and so much more! And that *giving knows no ending. Offering up ourselves in praise* is an act of trust. Trust, that God knows our needs and provides us with wisdom, resources, and abilities to satisfy our needs.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted...ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. This endless abundance is also given to us to share with others, and to take God’s word into the world. St. Paul’s gives to Lutheran Disaster Response, to our local community, and to our synod, with a portion going to the ministries of the ELCA, to help spread God’s word.

Biblical stories note that the people were asked to give 10% of their earnings back to God. Stewardship “campaigns” suggest whatever the amount we give, to make it a regular, constant amount and to write it as our first check of the month. Each time we give back to God we are reminded of **all** that God has given us. When you plan your monetary giving for 2021 I encourage you to consider increasing your weekly offering by a specific amount, like \$10 or \$20. In turn, we trust that the council and committees will faithfully use all our gifts to further God’s work, using our hands.

This hymn closes with a prayer: *Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call; healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.* Amen!

Pastor Karen



**Drive—In Worship
Every Sunday in November**

Parking starts at 9:30 am

Worship Starts at 10:00 am

Complete Order of Worship with Holy Communion

TUNE your car radio to 107.7 FM

Hymns will be played by our organists: Veronica Fuhs and Karen Witte.
Pastor Karen Ullestad will be leading our worship and the hymns.

COLD WEATHER DRIVE-IN WORSHIP

As we head into the cold weather and the winter months; we are trying out a few ideas on how we can keep our Greeters and Pastor Karen warm, so that we can continue with our Drive-In Worship. We appreciate your understanding and patience, as we try out a couple options.

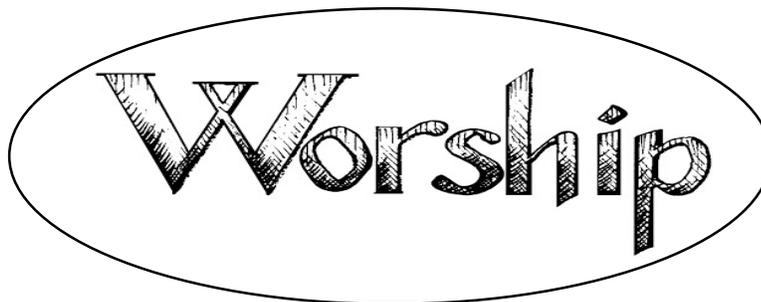


Option 1: Greeters will be just inside the church entry; handing out the bulletins and communion cups, as the congregation drives under the portico to receive them. When everyone is parked, Pastor Karen would drive under the portico and lead worship from her car.
(Pastor would get out of the car during parts of the worship service.)

Option 2: Greeters inside the church entry, congregation drives under portico to receive items from greeters and then they start parking cars on the west side of the church, starting at the sheds and Pastor Karen leading worship in her car, in front of the West door.

Option 3: Congregation finds their parking space. When everyone is parked, Greeters would come around with bulletins and communion trays.

On warm Sunday's we will be setting up as we have in the summer months.
The option used will be decided the morning of worship.



OTHER ST. PAUL'S WORSHIP RESOURCES

The Worship Task Force and the Council are exploring ways to provide various other worship resources for the winter months.

Sunday Devotional for home use: We have started sending out this devotional the last 2 weeks of October. It will be sent out via e-mail and the postal service for folks if you are not able to attend the Drive-In Worship on Sunday. When the weather is so bad, that church is cancelled, everyone will be able to use this devotional at home for that day.

More ways to use technology to stay connected such as: Zoom Bible study, gatherings & coffee chats.

Education/ Prayer Team

Prayer List

St. Paul urged the Thessalonians to pray without ceasing (1 Thess 5: 17). Praying with and for the needs of others is one foundation of our Christian life together. Each week our congregation includes the names of family members and friends in our prayers of intercession. When we publish names in the bulletin and newsletter we know that some in our congregation pray the list throughout the week.

As we start a new chapter together we would like to update our list. There are some folks we don't know, and some who may have found healing and wish to be taken off the list. We invite you to contact the church office with names to include in our prayer list, splalbia@iowatelecom.net or 641-932-7270. It's important that you ask your family member or friend for permission to include their name. Please also let us know their address so that someone from our Card Ministry can send them a greeting. For short term health situations we will keep them on the list for one month. For longer health concerns we will keep them on the list for three months. Once they are removed you can always call back and ask them to stay on the list. Thank you for your care of each other.

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you" (Phil 1:3).



RECENT PRAYERS

Louis DeMoss
Mary Lou Rinehard
Charlie Smallwood

St. Paul's Shut-ins

Harold Benson
Ruth Johnson

Continuing Prayers

Preston Buss
Dave Casebolt
Nancy Clouse
Christine Corbine
Mary Egbert
Kevin Klingbeil
Jim Lee
Haley Mason
Arlys Murphy
Susan Roland
Lyle Spieler
Betty Stewart
Bonnie Thorstenson
Carla Wahl
Marian Walker



Youth Sunday Worship Bags

When you attend the Drive-In worship, each family will receive a bag that has the gospel lesson link, (where you can watch it on YouTube) activity sheets, sometimes a craft and snack, to do in your car. Take home all the paperwork; please leave the bag and supplies by the back door as you leave.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Fellowship Team Ministries

Birthday

- 8. Brad Johnson
- 12. Alyssa Marie Butler
- 14. Blair Butler Thomas
- 15. Catherine Benson
- 23. Lynn Heaton
- 27. David McCombs

Baptismal Birthday

- Chuck Clouse
- 4. Blair Butler Thomas
- 17. Stryker Lettington
- 22. Evelyn Sharpe
- 25. Anne (Preston) Jenkins

Anniversary

- 1. Andrew & Gina McCombs
- 18. Michael & Pamela
(Wirtjes) Butler

WELCA Meeting: On Thur., November 19 at 7:00 pm, we will have a devotional & social ZOOM meeting. With the weather getting colder and the increase of Covid cases in Monroe Co.; this seems to be the best way to keep everyone warm and safe. More information and the Zoom invitation will be sent to you via e-mail soon.



The church fellowship hall will be in use on Nov. 3 as a Voters Polling Place from 6 am—9 pm. On Wed. Absolute Cleaning will be here in the afternoon/ evening to clean the space.



What a gracious Welcome! Thank you all for contributing to the welcome baskets, which included gift cards, home and food items. Sunday (10/4) was a great day to start our ministry together. And these gifts were a display of your generosity and enthusiasm for our time together. I hope to be able to invite you to the parsonage before too long. In the mean time I look forward to visiting with you on the church parking lot at our scheduled times. If you would like me to visit you on your driveway or outdoor porch, please let me know. God's grace abounds.
Pastor Karen (PKU)



Pastor Karen Ullestad leading our Drive-In worship for the first time at St. Paul's on October 4, 2020.

This October 4 was the Sunday to commemorate St. Francis of Assisi. He is the patron saint of the environment and animals because he loved all creatures and allegedly preached to even the birds. In recent years, many congregations have started to bless pets and other animals as a way to mark this day and honor his spirit.

When Pastor Karen saw how many folks bring their pet to our Drive-In worship; she asked for the pets to be brought up and blessed them.



November Meeting will be Sunday the 15th via Zoom at 11:30 am.
Agenda: 2021 budget

Out of the Office: Gloria will be out of the office from Nov. 9 through Nov. 16. Pastor Karen in the office and can also be reached at revspl@windstream.net or 563-594-9315.

Thank you to the pumpkin angel who dropped off the pumpkins with the wonderful poem Bible readings, that tell us how Christians are like a Jack-O-Lantern. Your thoughtfulness, made those who received them very happy.



October 18, 2020

St. Paul's Council Meeting Highlights

Worship: discussed how to continue with Drive-In worship and keep Pastor Karen & our greeters warm.

Worship cancellation due to inclement weather will be announced on KCCI, Channel 8 & KIIC radio 96.7 as well as posted on our Facebook page.

A Home Devotional will be sent out via e-mail and regular mail each week. If worship is Cancelled; everyone will be able to worship at home.

Faith Formation & Prayer Team: Sunday Worship bags are available at the Drive-In service, for the youth. First Christian has reached out to St.Paul's to see if we would be interested in coming to their Wed. night youth gathering.

Prayer List Up-dated. Working on getting those we pray for more current.

Card Ministry: need someone to be in charge and need volunteers to send out the cards.

Property: Parsonage- one of the toilets needs the tank insides replaced.

Church- need a new door for the West side of the building, Spring projects: fixing the fire pit & staining the cedar siding. Lawn mower is in the new shed. Thank you Charlie Smallwood for building the ramp.

Old Business: Church Usage during Covid. A task committee was formed to develop a policy & procedures for groups. Organizations/gathering using the church for activities; as the cases in Monroe Co. keep getting higher.

Office Computer: Updates are critical. Motion carried to get a new computer for the office.

New Business: Storing Jessica Hemann's Baby Grand Piano in church sanctuary; approved.

New Copier proposal: Lease will be coming up soon. A new consideration of amore efficient copier which costs less, but there is a higher per page cost. Gloria & Anita will monitor the # of pages to get an idea on the cost impact.

Council will review this after the first of the year when lease comes up.

The Living Lutheran: If you would like to order this wonderful magazine; November when we put in new orders and renewals. The cost per year is \$11.75. Once you have a subscription you can also opt to get it online and eliminate the paper magazine. Make your check out to St. Paul's and we will place the order for you with our renewals.



Children's Sermon



Oct. 11, 2020 Installation of Rev. Karen Ullestad
As Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church





Greeting Card Ministry

Card Ministry: If you add a name to the prayer list; ask for their address and send it to the church by E-mail or leave it on the church answering machine.

Looking for two people to HELP send out cards to folks. All the supplies that you need, are ready for you. (Cards, address labels, names, stamps, etc.) Let Gloria know if you can help. You can do this ministry from the comfort of your home.

Lutheran World Relief: with all the disasters happening in the USA and around the world; your donations to help are very much needed.

Some of the area they are helping are: **US Forest Fires-US Hurricane Relief — US Tornado Relief —US Severe Storms —South Sudan Relief— Middle East Crisis**

How to Help: Donate on line: <https://lwr.org> By phone: +1(800)597-5972 or by mail: Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061

When you send your donations, you can write on the memo, to which area you would like your funds to help.

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING will be on Sunday, Nov. 22 for the Albia Ministerial Emergency Office. All the ministerial churches are taking a special offering during the month of November that they would have done at the Ecumenical Thanksgiving service. Please donate to help those that need help in our community.



**VOLUNTEER
BELL RINGERS
NEEDED!**

Ring a bell...Take a Stand Help Others



St. Paul's will be ringing Bells on Saturday, December 12 at Jim & Charlie's Grocery Store from 9 am—6 pm. Please call or e-mail to sign up to help. 90 % of collected funds stay in our Community.

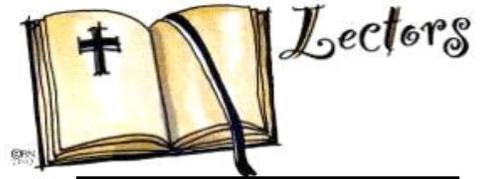


Pastor Marcus
Sept. 27, 2020

Thanks

Thank you to everyone for their thoughtfulness and participation in the Card Shower of Thanks for Pastor Marcus Engelhardt on Sept. 27. Pastor Marcus lead worship 14 Sundays; most of them during Covid with our Drive-In worship. I am sure he will put it to good use for the Urban Bicycle Food Mission he support in Des Moines.

Worship Team Ministries



Lectors for November

1	Gail Clouse
8	Marilyn Woods
15	Marilyn Woods
22	Anita Simmons
29	Gloria Smallwood



GREETERS NEEDED: for November

Nov. 1	Andy Fuhs & Charlie
Nov. 8	???
Nov. 15	Richard & Ruth James
Nov. 22	???
Nov. 29	???

Contact Gloria so she can put you on the schedule.

Worship Options ---(while at home) **Live Streaming Worship**

First Lutheran Church, Centerville – Rev. McElvain
Sunday Church Worship is at 10:30 am
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Religious-Organization/First-Lutheran-Church-161190143386/>

Peace Lutheran Church, Pella – Rev. Brown
Sunday Church Worship at 10 am.
<https://www.facebook.com/peacelutheranpella/>

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Knoxville – Rev. Feala
Sunday Church Worship at 9:00 am
<https://www.facebook.com/gslchurch.us/>

St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, MN
web site: <https://www.saintandrews.org/>
online worship: saintandrews.churchonline.org

Synod web-site: <https://seiasynod.org/> “Online worship options”. “see the congregations offering online services” for a list of other churches.

Lutheran Church of Hope, Des Moines
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.

ALL SAINTS' WORSHIP NOVEMBER 1st

RADIO Worship Options

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Albia

RADIO BROADCAST: Listen to our Drive-In worship at 8:00 am on KIIC Radio-96.7 FM (Our worship service was recorded the previous Sunday.)

*Listen to this worship service on the KIIC's web-site: If you are not able to get reception for this radio station in your area, you can listen to it on-line. Here is how:

In your search enginetype in: **kiicradio.com**. Select: **Home-KIIC radio 96.7 FM Albia**. Top right, a red bar that says **”Live Stream”**. Select: **Kiic.-main**.

Click the **Blue Arrow** to start to listen to the 8:00 am service from the previous week.

(Note: I found that it takes about 10-20 seconds for it sync up and start playing the service.)

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.

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Email: splalbia@iowatelecom.net

Web Site—<http://www.splalbia.org>

Facebook:

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church"

Office Hours: Tues.-Weds.-Thurs.

11:30 am-2:30 pm

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

www.elca.org
www.seiasynod.org



"Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church" Is our Facebook Page.
The profile picture is of our stained glass cross altar window.
Check it out; there is a lot of good information being added.



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.

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Blood Drive: Tuesday, November 3 from 3-7 pm at Trinity UMC. Sponsored by the Albia Ministerial Assoc.

