

Crossings

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

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Pastor's Epistle

Prayer by Ted Loder

Make Me Simple

O Ingenious God,
I rejoice in your creation,
and pray that your Spirit touch me so deeply
that I will find a sense of self
which makes me glad to be who I am
and yet restless
at being anything less
than I can become.

Make me simple enough
not to be confused by disappointments,
clear enough
not to mistake busyness for freedom,
honest enough
not to expect truth to be painless,
brave enough
not to sing all my songs in private,
compassionate enough
to get in trouble,
humble enough
to admit trouble and seek help,
joyful enough
to celebrate all of it,
myself and others and you
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*Bereavement
Ministry*



Still some openings for next year.

Would you like to be part of a ministry that provides valuable support to families who have just experienced the loss of a loved one?

St. Paul's provides a reception for families following a funeral or memorial service. This time for fellowship is an important part of the grieving process, as it allows the family to share a meal while visiting with guests and remembering their loved one.

We are organizing a quarterly rotation, to have 2 people to be the contact persons at the time of a funeral; to help organize the reception.

These 2 first contacts would get the food wishes of the family, contact people to bring food items and helpers to set-up and to serve the food on the day of the funeral. (Would be great if one of those 2 contacts were there that day, but it is not required that they be in attendance.)

We have put together a folder with information of what was done for past funeral receptions to help you in this mission.

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Old Business: Richard has always used his own mower to mow the churchyard, however he thinks he may have blown it up while using it here in the wet, tall grass. We are calling on others to fill in with their mower, or to volunteer their time to mow.

Tree removal at the parsonage and at the church is estimated at \$3400, but the soil needs to dry up before the heavy machinery comes in to do the work.

The lights are ready to be delivered to the church; Ruth will text Michael to set up a delivery time.

New Business: The hallways and Fellowship Hall need a fresh coat of paint. The carpet needs shampooing or replacement. Ruth will call Mick Furniture to get an estimate for replacing the carpet with new carpet, maybe even some linoleum in some places.

Pastor Nancy discussed changing the church email address to Windstream provider so that the address no longer includes the provider's name. Could we bundle the parsonage and church internet fees for a lower price?

Council was presented with two insurance annual premium totals, and it was determined that we would change insurance provider to Brotherhood Mutual, replacing Guide One. Brotherhood

Mutual annual premium was \$3090, while Guide One was \$3342. Gail motioned to approve the insurance change; Richard seconded; motion carried.

Richard will call Andy Fuhs to set a date for working on the Chapel.

Ruth noted that the stained glass in the Chapel was weathering well.

Meeting was adjourned with a prayer.

Council Meeting Minutes submitted by Amanda Thomas, Secretary



First Confirmation Class will start on
Weds. Oct. 3 from 6:00—7:30 pm

Class on Oct. 17 from 6:00—7:30 pm

Class on Oct. 31 from 6:00—7:30 pm

Fall class—dress up

Service Project -

Saturday, October 20

Clean up trash in the Albia City

Park and around the Aquatic

Center.



St. Paul's Shut-ins:

Ruth Johnson

**Education/
Prayer Team**

RECENT PRAYERS

Nate Baggett
Harold Benson
Velma Carlson
Helen Champe
Tim Cox
Tony Daggett
Mark Dreier
Gary & Mary Egbert
Clint Johnson
Shari Kisner
Shara McDonough
Dakota Miller
Carol Newhard
Karen Pottoff
Greg Rickie
Sharon Rickie
Samantha Sabovitch
Misty Smith
Sam Smith
Carl Witte
Dorcas Wolfe
Steve Wynn

(2017)

Susan Anderson
Eleanor Anderson
Donny Ballard
Jim & Linda Bills
Jerry Carr
Linda Christensen
Mary Datschefski
Betty Foster
Ryver Lane
John Pasuit
Harlan Pierson
Suzie Smith
Ron Swanson

Continuing Prayers

(2016)

Pat & Gerry Anderson
Gene Dobson
Maya Griebel
Richard McDonough
Leo Oye
Dr. MARRIDEE RANDALL
Leeta Sanger
Scott Sanger
Lyle Spieler

(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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**WELCA Bible Study:
Weds.—Oct. 10 at 11 am
Practices of Prayer**



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

the death of

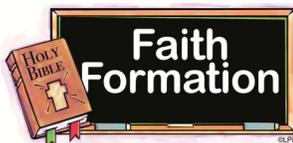
Shirley Smallwood–

Charlie's Step-Mom

George Rinehart–

Mary Lou's Brother

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



Home Huddle Faith Formation

Our first lesson starts the week of Oct. 1—Oct. 7 using
the Children's Bulletin's.

We encourage the children to do the lesson each week at home on the up-
coming Sunday. Pastor will base her children's message on that lectionary as
well.



A Picture Bible will be given to Leland (Scooter) Sherman and
Whitney Thomas during worship on October 14.

Fellowship Team Ministries



Oct. 21



Senior Fellowship

Pot-luck Luncheon: Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 11 am. Join us to enjoy good fellowship & great food.

WOMEN of the ELCA

Monthly Meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 25 at 7 pm. Our hostess will be Sharon Wilkin.

WELCA Bible Study: Weds. , Oct. 10 At 11 am. (See more info on pg 3)

Fall Cluster 9 Gathering: Sat., Oct. 13 from 8:30 am—noon. We will be hosting this year. Everyone is invited to join us as we learn about “God in our past, present & future, through the arts.” There is a \$5 lunch fee and 1/3 of the offering from that day will go to Lutheran Disaster Hurricane Relief.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthday's

2. Stacy Johnson
6. Cody Simmons
8. Charles Smallwood
8. Laura Clouse
12. Quentin Lee Butler
12. Talia Elizabeth Lee Sherman
14. Lana Kaldenberg
14. Tonya Tangie
16. Pamela Butler
17. Morgan Sherman
20. Martin Reed
23. Marilyn Woods
29. Clark Michael Matthew Sherman



Baptismal Birthday's

11. Julie Stocker
12. Joyce Tangie
12. Mary Ann (Preston) Hatfield
17. Jenah(Duea) Smith
26. Ryan Preston
27. Richard James
27. Royce Foster Foster
28. Anita Simmons Phillip Clouse

Anniversaries

13. Kara & Brandon Tomlin
14. Andy & Veronica Fuhs
20. Matt & Stacey Johnson



Thank you to all who helped surprise me for my birthday on Sunday,

September 16th. A special thanks to Gloria for baking the most beautiful cake - and it tasted great too! I appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness very much.
Veronica Fuhs



We appreciate the wonderful plant that was sent to us in memory of Shirley Smallwood from our church family here at St. Paul's. We also appreciate your prayers and kind thought at this difficult time. Special thank you to Pastor Nancy for all her help. Charlie, Gloria & Smallwood Family.



St. Paul's Lutheran Members & Friends, Thanks so much for all the visits, prayers, calls, cards and concerns for Harold lately. He is doing much better. A special thanks to Pastor Nancy for her visits at the hospital and her calls. Love & Friendship, Harold & Mardyll Benson.

Council



St. Paul's Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes September 23, 2018



Present: Gail Clouse, Richard James, Ruth James, Pastor Nancy Reed, Anita Simmons, Gloria Smallwood, Amanda Thomas, Marilyn Woods

President calls meeting to order

Additional new business added to agenda: Gloria's request; and insurance issue. Marilyn motions to approve agenda; Richard seconds

Opened meeting with prayer

Gail motions to approve the last council meeting minutes; Marilyn seconds

Gloria spoke about the Missions Committee Report:

- 147 people were served at the annual God's Grace is Free Spaghetti Supper. There were 20+ helpers that day, which was wonderful. The committee was thinking of having another spaghetti meal later this year, as this one was so successful and appreciated.
- SCICAP may be a possible mission in October
- Gather items for military in December, and then send out in January

Gloria was recently elected to serve on Synod Council. At the meeting she learned that funds given to Synod are down, and just asked that if we are going to lessen our benevolence, that we give notice sooner rather than later. Synod sends half of our benevolence for the Global Church and the other half goes to support Lutheran Iowa Services, two seminary colleges and other Synod projects.

She also learned that Marshalltown, IA is not receiving federal funds to help rebuild and recover from the destructive tornado that hit this summer. She asked if we could take a special offering to help those still in need in Marshalltown, as they will be recovering for many months or even years to come. Synod tornado relief aide will give 100% of donations to help those in need. Make checks payable to: SE Iowa Synod, and in the byline specify: Marshalltown tornado. Pastor asked that Council look at November as a time when we may have a special offering for this cause.

Also, Gloria stated that the Synod Council will be working on getting materials ready for the Synod Assembly to elect a new bishop in 2020.

Treasurer's Report: Gail motions to approve treasurer's report; Richard seconds.

Anita reported that summer giving was slow; ***we are still drawing from our savings to cover monthly expenses.***

Pastor's Report: There are three students in Confirmation classes this year, and they will be attending Recharge Camp this Fall. Pastor will be having knee surgery on September 24th and will be recuperating in Albia.

Committee Reports

Worship: This committee needs to meet. Advent & Lenten services will be held on Wednesdays. With Confirmation activities/class to follow).

Faith Formation: Families are continuing to use Home Huddles as a way to teach their children.

Fellowship: Still doing great greeting and eating.

Missions: Gloria reported earlier in meeting

Property: Committee goal is to get at least the Sanctuary lights replaced by Thanksgiving; the rest could be installed in January when the year is less busy.

Memorial: This committee is still looking for a date to meet to finish some projects on the Chapel.

MISSIONS



Boxes of Hope Continuing Mission for the Emergency Assistance Office.

Items that are in the greatest demand are:



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All-purpose cleaning products & Bathroom cleaners

Dish soap

Toilet paper

Men & Women Deodorant

Body wash (not bar soap)

Female Hygiene items

Laundry Detergent

Toothpaste

Shampoo

Diapers

Kleenex tissues



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



God's Grace is Free Community Free Spaghetti Supper- 6th year

Thank you to Everyone who help with putting on the God's Grace is Free Spaghetti Supper. We served 147 meals; which is the most we have ever served.

Over 20 wonderful people helped put on this great community event; couldn't have done it without your help. Lots of new faces came this year and everyone had a good time. Mission's Task Force.



Winter Clothing for SCICAP Children in Monroe County **October 7 through November 14**

We want to provide warm Winter clothes to children in Monroe County. We will be working with the SCICAP office. They told us there is a great need for coats, boots, gloves and hats.

We will be collecting the funds/money to purchase these items in the sizes, provided to us by SCICAP.

Here is how it works:

1. Put your donation in an envelope that has a cut out of the item you would like to help purchase attached.
2. Tape the cut out on the window display.
3. Write your name on the envelope, so your donation will be added to your year end financial statement.
4. Put the envelope in the decorated coffee can.



Worship Servers

Altar Guild: Colleen Putnam & Gloria Smallwood

<u>Oct. 7</u>	Worship Assistant:	Gail Clouse
	Ushers/Greeters:	Fred Driers & Andy Fuhs
	Lector:	Gail Clouse
<u>Oct. 14</u>	Worship Assistant:	Marilyn Woods
	Ushers/Greeters:	Spieler Family
	Lector:	Nikko & Lydia Dobson
<u>Oct. 21</u>	Worship Assistant:	Marilyn Woods
	Ushers/Greeters:	Harold & Mardyll Benson
	Lector:	Andy Fuhs
<u>Oct. 28</u>	Worship Assistant:	Anita Simmons
	Ushers/Greeters:	Kelley Family
	Lector:	Grayson Kelley

Worship Team Ministries



everyone is welcome

all voices are needed

no experience

is necessary

to sing!

**JOIN
THE
CHOIR TODAY!**

Everyone is invited to join us as we share God's message of grace and salvation through music.

Sunday at 8:15 am

Oct. 7	Practice
Oct. 14	Practice
Oct. 21	Practice
Oct. 28	Practice



Schedule for September

Oct. 7	Morgan light & put out the candles Eli collect communion cups
Oct. 14	Lydia light & put out the candles Nikko collect communion cups
Oct. 21	Parker light & put out the candles Sophie collect communion cups
Oct. 28	Grayson light & put out the candles Eli collect communion cups



Love. Grow. Serve.



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Links:

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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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.



St. Peter's Church, Lovilia Fall Dinner: Sun., Oct. 14.

Dinner (11 am-1 pm) and auction (1 pm) will be held at the Lovilia Community Center (608 W. 17th). Menu includes choice of roast beef or ham, beef and home-made noodles with mashed potatoes, vegetables, dinner roll and homemade desserts. Adults \$10.00, 4-12 yrs. old \$5.00, 3 yrs. and under FREE. Also, there will be a country market and a raffle.



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