

Crossings

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

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Pastor's Epistle

Dear Friends in Christ:

Grace and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I can't believe school is going and we are almost in the month of September (at the time of this writing). Where has this year gone? The people of St. Paul's are very active in the ministry of Christ for which I give God thanks and praise. We passed out almost 1400 bottles of water to parade watchers during Restoration Days (even with the wet weather); we packed a dozen backpacks for kindergarteners in Albia; We had a 1st Communion class in which 6 young people, kindergarten through 3rd grade, learned about the gifts we receive through Holy Communion and will have received communion Sunday, August 24th; and we are preparing to serve 80+ people at our 2nd Annual God's Grace is Free Spaghetti Dinner, Wednesday, September 3rd, from 5-7 pm. Plans for Faith Formation classes for all ages are in their final stages. The all day VBS about Living Water was a great success in June. Christian Ed is planning for 2 classes with 8-12 children participating between the ages of pre-school through 3rd grade. Surveys are being passed out & collected requesting information about what the adults would enjoy for Adult Faith Formation. The Children's Christmas Program will be during worship on Sunday, December 14th, AND Wednesday Evening, December 17th. WELCA had a bake sale at Restoration Days; the Soup and Bake Sale coming up in December; is purchasing new white paraments for our chancel area, and will host a Christmas Tea. The Missions group, after the Spaghetti Dinner, will be starting our Poinsettia Project again the first of November. The year will end with the Christmas worship services and the Healing Service on New Year's Eve. The property committee has been busy managing the church property and thinking long-range for both the parsonage and the church building; a new and efficient furnace/AC were installed at the parsonage. The Men's group did a big clean-up at the church and felled a tree at the parsonage. My gracious! God be praised for all God's work through the people of St. Paul's!

At the August Council meeting they approved a recommendation by the Worship Committee to move the Saturday evening worship service to Wednesday evenings. The last Saturday evening worship service will be Saturday, September 6th, @ 5:30 pm; the first Wednesday evening service will be Wednesday, September 17th, at 6:30 pm. All of these decisions were based on the surveys of the members of the congregation which were filled out in June. By a 2-1 majority of those surveys completed and returned, members wanted the service to move from Saturdays to Wednesday evenings. Many families and others are excited about the prospect of Wednesday evening services. I ask and hope that all members would get behind this new service time and support this endeavor. As I mentioned earlier, I hope folks will complete and return the surveys for Adult Faith Formation; and if you think of something that is not on the survey, please write it down on the bottom or the back of the survey. Your input is greatly appreciated.

As you can see, God is working through St. Paulians in a myriad of ways, for which we give God thanks and praise. Change is almost always a part of doing effective ministry for Christ, because being attentive to the needs of both the local and global communities means we need to be fluid in our response to those needs. That means we may have to change what we do and how we do it. For instance, moving Saturday evening worship to Wednesdays means that the altar guild functions will need to be planned for Wednesday evenings in lieu of Saturdays. This will require some adjustment – but adjustments for Christ need not be difficult. The same may be said for fulfilling the need for Sunday School teachers, or mission projects, WELCA ministries, etc. The important thing is to keep our focus, hearts, and minds on Jesus, and God will strengthen us for any change required.

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."

I John 4:10-11

Something to Think About

This is by no means a perfect metaphor of the Trinity, but it is another way of thinking about our one God in Three Persons.

God is Orange

Orange has no rhyming word in the English language, so the word is unique, as God is unique. Orange is made up of two colors, red and yellow. Red stands for the fire of the Holy Spirit, and yellow stands for the light of Christ. These two distinct colors, when mixed together, make a third color.

Orange is a mystery, like the mystery of our God as the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Science has discovered that orange is the only color that does not disappear nor fade into the atmosphere. Therefore it is always with us, just as God is always with us.

So take notice of the presence of orange all around you as you come and go in your daily life. As you find orange, remember that God is also truly present with you.



Sunday School for 2014-2015

Sunday School will begin on **Sunday, September 14 after worship from 10:15 am to 10:45 am.**

We are excited as we will be able to have 2 separate classes this year:

GROUP A—1st grade to 3rd grade (5 students will be in this group)

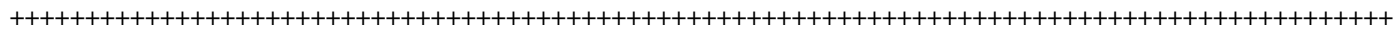
GROUP B—Pre-school (3 yr old) to Kindergarten (7 students will be in this group)

Sept. 14	Noah	Teacher Group A: Gloria Smallwood Teacher Group B: Stephanie Kelley
Sept. 21	Walls of Jericho Fall Down	Teacher Group A: Tom & Linda Preston Teacher Group B: Megan Lettington
Sept. 28	Samson	Teacher Group A: Jacob Hemann Teacher Group B: Jessica Hemann

WE STILL NEED TEACHERS TO HELP TEACH!! Please sign-up or let Gloria know.

During the **worship service** there will be a Children's sermon time; where the children are invited to come forward for a message from Pastor Reed. We will have Activity Packets for the younger Group B children to use during worship. We will also have available Children's Bulletins for the older Group A children to use during the worship service. These will be found in the fellowship hall on the bulletin stand.

*Note: if your family attends the Weds. Worship, please plan to bring your children to Sunday School on Sundays at 10:15 am.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION/BIBLE STUDY

Starting Sunday, September 28 we will be starting adult Bible study at 10:15 am after worship. Adult Bible study will be every Sunday except during 3rd Sunday Brunch. Topics will be selected from the top choices that were filled out on the survey.





St. Paul's Shut-ins:

Hilda Felton
Bob & Ruth Johnson

**Education/
Prayer Team**

RECENT PRAYERS

Susan Anderson
Larry Belt
Mark Dreier
Sharon Glenn
Nancy Goodsmann
Myron Johnson
Alyson Karl
Richard McDonough
Martha McGlothen
Gail Maddy
Pat Mason
Pastor Dennis Miller
Amy Pottorff
Claire Powers
Dr. MARRIDEE RANDALL
Carol Reed
Tera Reed
Steve Roberts
Rev. Marnie, Bob Rourke
and Family
Mark Russell
Terry Simmons
Christy Taggitt

Continuing Prayers

Alex Amante
Karen Blomme
Kevin Bunch
Mary Datschefski
Brantley Hemann
Bryce Kroenecke
Marty Kroenecke
Kenneth Leaven
Loren Lettington
Laura Moore
Rhonda Morgan
Trisha Raven
Misty Smith
Bert Whitlock



When a young person becomes a child of God through baptism, the congregation makes a promise to see that they are presented with the Holy Scriptures.

On September 7th during worship we will be giving a picture Bible to the following children: Maxwell Butler, Hunter Dykstra, Parker Hemann, Sophie Hemann, Grayson Kelley, Harper Lettington, Stryker Lettington and Morgan Sherman.

Christian Ed Meeting:

Tuesday, September 9th at 8:30 am



WELCA Bible Study:

Join us for our New fall Bible Study on Thursday the 11th at 11:00 am.

Transforming Life and Faith

A new marriage, a new child, a new job, a new home: most of us recognize how our lives are changed by these experiences. In Transforming Life and Faith, we will consider how our lives and our faith journeys are transformed by the events we experience and the people we meet. In both the Old Testament and New Testament, and especially in Acts of the Apostles, we will read about people who have life-changing experiences: Paul on the road to Damascus, Moses in the wilderness of Midian, Lydia praying by a river in Macedonia, an Ethiopian man traveling from Jerusalem to Gaza. We will watch them turn to and with God as their minds, hearts, and daily lives are altered. And we will reflect on the ways we, too, have been and will be transformed and called by God to serve God's mission in the world.



1ST COMMUNION

On August 24, 2014 Morgan Sherman, Parker Hemann Sophie Hemann, Stryker Lettington and Harper Lettington joined the members of St. Paul's in their first communion.

Fellowship Team Ministries

3rd Sunday Brunch



September 21

Senior Fellowship

NO SENIOR FELLOWSHIP in September.

you are encouraged to come to the God's Free Grace Free Spaghetti Supper on Weds., Sept. 3rd from 5-6 pm instead.



WELCA

September meeting will be Thurs. 25th at 6:30 pm. Our hostess will be Gloria Smallwood. Please attend as we will be drawing for Advent Angels this month and at the October meeting.

WELCA Bible Study Sept. 11 at 11:00 am

(See more info on page 3)

Thank you to everyone who helped with the bake sale on Restoration Day.

Fall Cluster meeting will be Sept. 27 in Knoxville at Good Shepherd church. Will car pool from church at 8:00 am.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



September Birthdays

2. Ryan Preston
2. Mardyll Benson
4. Evelyn Sharpe
7. Kevin Tangie
11. Jordan Johnson
12. Colton Dorpinghaus
14. Misty Teeter
15. Andrew Teeter
17. Henry Dustin Dowdy
20. Jenah (Duea) Smith
21. Sheela Clouse
22. Alec Freeman
23. Anna Kerber
27. Julie Stocker
27. Anne Marie Preston
28. Kaitlyn Spieler
28. Bryan Raskie
28. Kedan Philip Johnson



September Baptismal Birthdays

17. Pastor Nancy Reed
20. Jessica Hemann
24. Jesse Simmons
28. Richard Haeussler
Amanda Thomas

September Anniversaries

9. Josh & Heidi (Benson) Ragen
10. Matt & Jenah (Duea) Smith
14. Doug & Stephanie Spar
18. Bill & Judy Van Polen
19. Phil & Laura Clouse
23. Kelly & Angela Freeman
29. Dan & Julie Stocker



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.

Council



Council Notices



Stream Conference 9 meeting: on Sun., Sept. 14th from 3-5 pm at Good Shepherd church in Knoxville. Looking for St. Paul's members to attend.

Pastor gone: Sept. 18th at Synod.
Synod Fall Conference: Sept. 28th—30th Pastor Reed will be attending.

Pastor Reed on Tues., Sept. 2nd she will be holding worship at Monroe County Care Center at 2 pm and Oak Wood at 2:45 pm.

Council Meeting: Special meeting on Sunday, Sept. 7th after worship. Regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 15th at 6:30 pm.
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Council Officers:

President: Amanda Thomas
Secretary: Marilyn Woods

Vice Pres.: Gail Clouse
Treasurer: Anita Simmons

Lawn Mowing: Thank you to all those special members who give of their time to help keep the church property mowed.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

August 4, 2014

Present: Pastor Nancy Reed, Richard James, Colleen Putnam,
Lana Kaldenberg, Gail Clouse, Marilyn Woods.

Absent: Kay Spieler, Curtis Kelley, Amanda Thomas, Anita Simmons.

Pr. Nancy opened the meeting with a prayer.

Colleen Putnam made the motion to approve the Minutes of the last meeting and Richard James seconded it. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: A First Communion class will be offered and the children will receive Communion on August 24th. Back packs have been filled with school supplies and will be distributed to children who need them. We will have Pulpit Supply on August 17th. Our free spaghetti dinner for the community will be on September 3rd.

Old Business: A motion to approve the results of the survey to move evening worship from Saturday to Wednesday at 6:30 pm was made by Richard James and seconded by Lana Kaldenberg. Motion carried.

New Business: First Communion Class on Sunday the 3rd.

Committee reports were given.

Worship: The first Wednesday Evening Service will be on September 17, at 6:30.

Christian Education: Sunday school classes for children will be at 10:15 to 10:45 on Sundays.

Missions: The free spaghetti dinner will be on September 3rd.

Property: Discussion of the property behind the church.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Marilyn Woods
Council Secretary.



Restoration Day Parade Water Bottle Float

Thank you to everyone who helped with this ministry. There was 1464 bottle of water donated. With the rainy weather only about 1300 bottles were handed out. It still a great success. We appreciate everyone who walked and handed out the water on the parade route, those who put the labels on the bottles as well as everyone who donated all the water bottles. (Thanks Martin for driving) Special thanks to Jacob Hemann for donating the gaiter and trailer.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE KINDERGARTEN BACK PACKS. We were able to completely fill all 12 of the back packs and had extra supplies to be used by the class rooms as well.

What a wonderful ministry to help those that are in need.



ANNUAL ALL SING SUNDAY

Share your ministry through music!



When: Sunday, September 7 at 8:00 am

Where: Choir Room

Who: Ages high school through 102. For anyone who enjoys music.

Other Information:

- Choir practices most Sundays at 8:15 a.m.
- Choir sings 1-2 times per month.
- Participate as you are able. No long term commitment necessary.



Worship Servers

Altar Guild: Pat Johnson & Anita Simmons

<u>Sept. 7</u>	Worship Assistant: Gail Clouse Ushers/Greeters: Stocker Family Lector: Stocker Family Acolyte: Carson Stocker
<u>Sept. 14</u>	Worship Assistant: Marilyn Woods Ushers/Greeters: Stocker Family Lector: Stocker Family Acolyte: Carson Stocker
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Worship Team Ministries



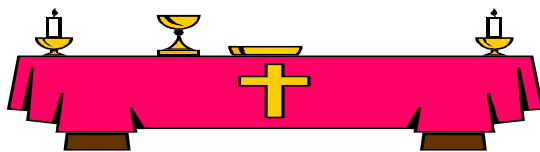
CHOIR NOTES

- Sept. 7 All Sing 8:00 am
- Sept. 14 **NO** Choir practice
- Sept. 21 Practice 8:15 am
- Sept. 28 Practice 8:15 am



Altar Guild Meeting on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 pm

We encourage everyone who is on the Altar Guild to please attend this meeting. We will be discussing the changes that are involved for the prepping of communion for the new Wednesday worship.



Worship Day Changes



Last Saturday Worship: will be on Sept. 6th.

No Sat. Worship on Sept. 13th.

NEW WORSHIP DAY: Wednesday Worship will begin on Sept. 17th at 6:30 pm. This is a great opportunity for families that have hectic weekend schedules to come and worship together.



God's Free Grace Free Community Spaghetti Supper

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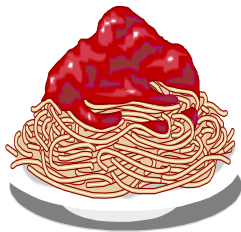
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Riverside Bible Camp

Women's Retreat is Sat. Sept. 20-Sun. Sept. 21
Chili Cook-Off Sat. October 26th
Watch for more details on posters in church entry.



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Healing Hearts Kids' Camp 2014

On Saturday, September 13, 2014, Monroe County Hospice will be hosting a children's grief day camp. This camp is designed to help children who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Through therapeutic and fun activities, children can express their feelings and learn new ways to cope with grief. This will be the 4th year for the camp and is a life-changing experience for children who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

The day camp will be held at the Family Life Center, located north of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia. There is no cost to attend, but in order to ensure there are enough supplies, children must be registered. For more information or to register, please call Monroe County Hospice at 932-1701. Registration deadline is September 1st.