

# Crossings

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

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## Pastor's Epistle

Dear Friends in Christ,  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I want to tell you about a new "Sunday School" curriculum & program St. Paul's is offering the young families in our midst. It is called, "Building Faith Through Family Huddles" and was written by me and published through our church office. A letter has been sent to the families inviting them to a family orientation regarding this curriculum scheduled for Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm.

It is increasingly difficult to plan Christian Education because the classic way of doing "Sunday School" no longer works with families' busy weekend schedules. Research on faith formation still demonstrates that the strongest single factor in the depth and quality of faith formation is the parents. So we decided to offer this program that can be done at home at a time most convenient for the parents.

I never did get the hang of "goals" and "objectives; but this curriculum is designed to facilitate several faith-building activities:

1. By providing a space and curriculum that encourages sharing faith out loud with each other.
2. By having families read about the great stories of the Bible together.
3. By growing in compassion and care for others through sharing individual highs and lows.
4. By building a library of spiritual helps through verse memorization.
5. By praying aloud in the safe environment of the family huddle.
6. By encouraging them to remember they are a child of God by remembering their baptism into Christ.

This curriculum is designed to provide parents with enough guidelines to develop a ritual spiritual practice, and yet flexible enough to make it work for their particular context. Anecdotal research from conversations with other clergy using similar curriculum indicates the children grow up with more Bible knowledge, they are more comfortable sharing their faith, they experience God active in their lives, they are more comfortable praying for others, and families feel closer together.

We also plan to do a one-Sunday-a-month, intergenerational study & activity together beginning October 11<sup>th</sup>, that hopefully utilizes either the lesson for that date, or that particular Sunday in the Church year. October 11<sup>th</sup> will be based on the story of Jacob's dream in Genesis 28. We shall be making pillows to be used in worship for little folks or for big folks with bad backs.

Starting September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am, we will also offer an adult study taking up the book, "Reclaiming the "C" Word" by Kelly Fryer.

It is my deepest desire that you would pray for these young families as they try to pass on the faith in the midst of complex and hectic lives. I long for all of us to continue to grow in faith in Jesus Christ. I hope to see many of you participating in the Adult study and the intergenerational opportunities. May God bless our time together as we continue to seek God's will and to grow in faith and service.

Walking with you along the WAY,

Pastor Nancy Reed

## 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



## CHOIR ANNUAL ALL SING SUNDAY

*Share your ministry through music!*

**When:** Sunday, September 13  
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.



**RECENT PRAYERS**

Loraine Jordan  
Martha McGlothen  
Karen Moon  
Carol Newhard  
Deloris Perry  
Rosealee Rhodes  
Lyle Spieler  
Ella Teno

**(2014)**

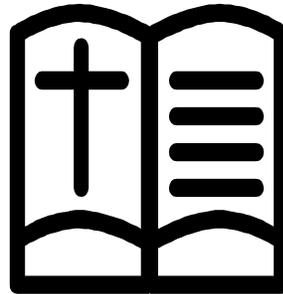
Opal Bloomer  
Vickie Buckingham  
Addie Fausett  
Sharon Glenn  
Nick Griffin  
Gary Hollst  
Alyson Karl  
Richard McDonough  
Pat Mason  
Amy Pottorff  
Dr. MARRIDEE RANDALL  
Carol (Keegle) Reed  
Devin Sinclair  
Paulette Williams

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**St. Paul's Shut-ins:**  
Mary Carder  
Bob & Ruth Johnson

**Continuing Prayers**

Alex Amante  
Kevin Bunch  
Brantley Hemann  
Loren Lettington  
Laura Moore  
Rhonda Morgan  
Trisha Raven  
Bert Whitlock



**Education/  
Prayer Team**

**WELCA Bible Study:**  
Wednesday, 9th at 11:00 am.  
We will be finishing our Summer series "No Catchy Slogans," with  
**Session 3: God Loves a Cheerful Giver**  
In Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth, we get a succinct and upbeat slogan about giving.

**Christian Education**  
Pillow Stuffing Needed  
Please help us as we are in need of stuffing for the Oct. 11th inter-generational project for the pew pillows. (any left over stuffing from other projects you may have completed is welcome.)

**Building Faith Through Family Huddles**  
This is new format where the parents lead Bible time each day with their children starting in September. The "HOME HUDDLE" curriculum will be explained at the parent meeting on Weds., Sept. 9 at 6:00 pm.  
There will also be inter-generational time on one Sunday a month for mission projects and/or ways to reinforce their Bible Lessons. Those dates are:  
Oct. 11 Make Pew pillows  
Nov. 22 Make Advent candles for home Advent devotions  
Dec. 6 Make ornaments for shut-ins

**Faith Foundation Bible Study**  
"Reclaiming the "C" Word, Daring to be Church Again"  
Will start on Sept. 13th at 10:30 am.  
  
We will have Bible study the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month.

## Fellowship Team Ministries

### Sunday Brunch



**September 20**



## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

### Birthdays

2. Ryan Preston
2. Mardyll Benson
4. Evelyn Sharpe
7. Kevin Tangie
11. Jordan Johnson
12. Colton Dorpinghaus
20. Jenah (Duea) Smith
21. Sheela Clouse
22. Alec Freeman
23. Anna Kerber
27. Julie Stocker
27. Anne Marie (Preston) Jenkins
28. Kaitlyn Spieler
28. Bryan Raskie
28. Kedan Philip Johnson
30. Phillip Clouse

### Baptismal Birthdays

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



### Anniversaries

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

### **CONGRATULATIONS**



Annie Preston and Tim Jenkins were married on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at St. Stephens Lutheran Church in Des Moines.

Annie, daughter of Tom and Linda Preston, is a digital producer at Gannett Corp and Tim works as a computer programmer. They live in West Des Moines, Iowa.

### Senior Fellowship

**Pot-luck Luncheon: On Weds. Sept. 2 at 11:00 am.** This month we will be sharing "What We Did This Summer". Please bring photos of a trip you were on or share memories of friends & family that might have visited you this summer or a hobby that keep you busy.

### WELCA

**MEETING Sept. 24 at 7:00 pm.** Our hostess: Gloria Smallwood.

**WELCA Bible Study: Weds., Sept. 9 at 11:00 am.** will be continued through the summer months. (See more info on pg 3)

**Thank you** to all those who baked, the 12 pies, who cut the pie slices and who set-up/tore down and worked the **WELCA Pie-by-the-Slice Bake sale** on Saturday; Restoration Day. Thank you to Anita Simmons for letting us use her pop up tent again this year. We had 77 pieces of pie and sold all but 25 slices. Our total for this event was \$141.55.

**WELCA Fall Cluster 9 Gathering:** mark your calendars, Saturday, Oct. 24; St. Paul's Albia will be hosting this event.



#### **You are Cordially Invited:**

The family of Mardyll Benson would like to invite you to help celebrate **Mardyll's 80th birthday** on Sunday, September 6th at Trinity Methodist Church from 2 pm—5 pm with a brief program at 3 pm.

No gifts please; cards are welcome. Just your presence would be greatly appreciated.

# Council



## **St. Paul's Albia Yoking Team:**

Kay Spieler, Lana Kaldenberg, Anita Simmons, Karen & Don Niebuhr, Pastor Reed and Richard & Ruth James.

A Joint meeting of St. Paul's Albia & St. Paul Ottumwa met on Aug. 18th and St. Paul in Ottumwa felt like they need to finish what they started with the other church in Ottumwa before going any further with us. Things are tabled till Dec. For more information contact one of the Yoking Team.

## **St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Minutes**

July 26, 2015

Members present: Lana Kaldenberg, Curtis Kelley, Kay Spieler, Colleen Putnam, Anita Simmons, Amanda Thomas and Pastor Nancy.

- Wednesday, August 26th-31st, Pastor on vacation
- Dave Abraham will give the Sunday Service on Aug. 30
- Sept 9th, 6:00 pm Home Huddles parent meeting with Pastor Nancy
- Sept 21st, Council Meeting
- Synod Fall Conference in Ames, Sept 27th-29th
- God's Grace Spaghetti Dinner will be held in late September 29

**Days Off Change:** Pastor Nancy Reed will be changing her days off starting in September to Thursdays & Fridays.

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**AUTO-Tithe:** Stop by the church office and fill out an enrollment form to start your automatic offering deduction.

You can **change** the amount or stop the auto process anytime, you just stop by the church office and fill out a new form. All information would be keep confidential.

Weekly donations will come out of your account on Monday's and the monthly donations will come out on the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month.

## MISSIONS TASK FORCE



**Thank you to everyone who purchased items to fill the 12 Kindergarten Backpacks:** There will be twelve children who will have all the item they need to start the year. We estimated the cost at \$60-70 for each child. The Missions Task Force appreciate your help making this happen for our school children.

### ON-GOING Mission for the Assistant Emergency Office Needs:

The shelves at our Ministerial Association Emergency Assistance Office are nearly empty. We have special need for items which cannot be obtained by food stamps:

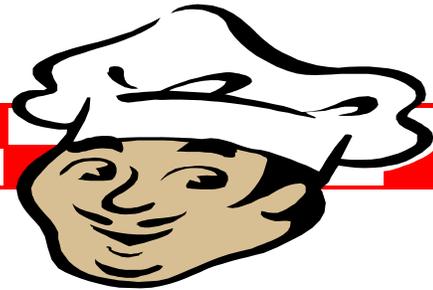
Personal hygiene for men and women: deodorants, bath soap, body wash, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.

Paper products: bathroom tissue, etc.

Baby products: diapers, etc.

Cleaning items: **laundry detergent**, dish soap, any cleaning products.

If you can help out in any way, items may be brought to St. Paul's for transport to the office.



## God's Free Grace

### Free Community Spaghetti Supper



For the privilege of serving the people of Albia; St. Paul's we will be reaching out to our community with a free spaghetti meal for everyone

On Tuesday, September 29th from 5-7 pm.

Come join us for food & fellowship.

Please help the Missions Task Force with this community outreach project by signing up to donate food and/or volunteering to cook and serve the meal.



## Worship Servers

Altar Guild: Pat Johnson & Anita Simmons

<b><u>Sept. 6</u></b>	Worship Assistant:	Gail Clouse
	Ushers/Greeters:	????????
	Lector:	Gail Clouse
<b><u>Sept. 13</u></b>	Worship Assistant:	Marilyn Woods
	Ushers/Greeters:	Don & Karen Niebuhr
	Lector:	Marilyn Woods
<b><u>Sept. 20</u></b>	Worship Assistant:	Marilyn Woods
	Ushers/Greeters:	Charlie & Gloria Smallwood
	Lector:	Gloria Smallwood
<b><u>Sept. 27</u></b>	Worship Assistant:	Anita Simmons
	Usher/Greeter:	Charlie & Gloria Smallwood
	Lector:	Gloria Smallwood

## Worship Team Ministries



### **CHOIR** **All Sing Sunday**

September 13th @ 8:00 am  
Everyone is invited to join us.

Sept. 20 Practice 8:15 am

Sept. 27 Practice 8:15 am



**Sunday Worship**  
**9:00 am**

## Restoration Day Parade Float



The Mission Task Force would like to thank everyone for their support of the Water Bottle ministry again this year. We passed out about 800 bottles of water this year. Your help in this outreach ministry is greatly appreciated.

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Thank you to everyone who participated in the Restoration Day Parade Float. We had 12 people who were on/in our float this year. We appreciate the giving of your time and your efforts to help spread the word about St. Paul's worship and ministry here in Albia. Thank you to Richard James for letting us use his pick-up.

## **FACES OF ST. PAUL'S**



We would like to up-date the photo posters/member photo directory that we had on the wall in the fellowship hall. We would be glad to take a new photo of you or if your old photo is still current we can use it or you can bring a copy of a photo you have from home. Please help us to complete this project so we can have the photo up by September 1st.

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9 am-2 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](http://www.elca.org)  
[www.seiasynod.org](http://www.seiasynod.org)



**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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**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE OFFICE HOURS:** Monday 9:30 –11:30 am & 1-3 pm  
Wednesday 10 am—Noon & 1—3 pm                      Friday 9 am—Noon

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**WEB SITE:** Check out St. Paul's Web site at <http://www.splalbia.org>.

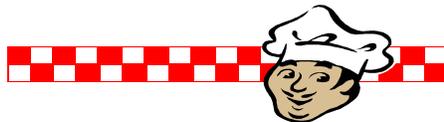
You will find our newsletters, calendar and recipe.

Please send any photos and recipes you would like to share and Martin Reed will add these to St. Paul's Web site.

**St. Patrick's Georgetown "God's Portion" Weekend:** Sat. Sept. 5 Open Golf Tournament. Sun. Sept. 6 Roast Beef /Chicken Dinner 11 am – 1 pm and Live Auction at 1:30 pm. See flyer in entry.

**"This Moment in Time" Women's Retreat:** Oct. 16-18 at the Grey Goose Inn, Moravia. Reg. deadline Sept. 1. See flyer in entry.

**Riverside Bible Camp Annual Women's Retreat:** Sept. 19-20. Theme "PreApproved". Flyer and registration form in entry.



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