

A note from the Pastor...

Ten years ago St. Paul's entered into an exciting new ministry venture with Emmanuel-St. John Lutheran of Lytton as we launched the youth outreach ministry we called EPIC. This ministry has been one of the most exciting Spirit led initiatives in my career as a pastor. We have had 4 different leaders, as many as 3 congregations, mission trips and many events. We have at times seen up to 70 teens at our gatherings and at other times we have seen the Spirit moving deeply in the relationships of a smaller group.

This summer, however, the leadership of both ESJ and St. Paul's took the decision to cease having a paid EPIC leader position. This reflects both a desire to explore if there are other ways to deploy the financial gifts available to our ministry and an awareness that, for St. Paul's in particular, the time had come to accept that a paid youth position is not as sustainable for us as in the past. We are thankful for the hard work of Erin Englin in the past 16 months.

In fact, it was a hard process of discernment for me personally. I have spent much of the last year wondering if God was leading us to change our strategy, but I watched as the size of our core group doubled through the spring months as relationships deepened with Erin. There will be grief for me and perhaps for others that we cannot continue in this pattern of ministry.

But there is also excitement. Our friends at ESJ look forward to putting resources into more youth events and have invited us to continue in partnership. Our own council has expressed interest in continuing to work with them. We are aware that there are teens for whom EPIC has become an important spiritual touchstone. One in particular expressed to me this summer: "I can't wait for school to start! I can't wait for EPIC." God is still calling and we need to look for how we can respond for the sake of teens encountering the love of Jesus Christ.

One thing I as pastor need most right now are leaders ready to spend time with teens and to help envision with them what kind of ministry activities will serve our purposes. Even more, I ask for your prayers. I am convinced that our whole EPIC experience began with prayer and the vision and energy that came first with Kelly Lantz was answer to prayer. Let us keep praying for God to lead us into faithful and fruitful ventures in ministry to our young.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Jim

St. Paul's Council Meeting August 13th, 2019

Members Present: Pastor Jim, Kyle Welander, Deb Judas, Lorri McClintock, Emily Gentry, Linda Nolte, Dave Birks, guest Angi Dobbins

Members Absent: Justine Baker, Kandi Berner, Dawn Murley, Vicki Roby, Peg Hildreth

President Kyle W. called the meeting to order.

Pastor Jim led with a prayer.

June Council Minutes: Approved on motion with correction from Dave Weiss to Jim Weiss.

Treasurer's Report: Chair lift and bill for repair were discussed. Also the powering down of the chair when not in use. Lorri noted that the new board has a surge protector built in. Linda made motion to pay repair bill. Seconded and passed. Bank card discussed and motion made that Lorri and Angi will be the only authorized users of the card. Seconded and passed.

Committee Reports:

EPIC: Pastor met with 3 people from St. John's regarding EPIC. Lytton advised they want to explore other options and voted to bring EPIC to a close. Pastor spoke with Erin about this, and that we would meet with our council also. He will reach out to our young people to get their opinions. Discussion to continue with Lytton on youth events. Council presidents will meet to discuss. Motion to discontinue paid EPIC position effective August 31, 2019. Seconded and passed.

WELCA: Lorri advised of Unison meeting on the 7th. Discussion was had on bible study books.

PROPERTY: The discoloration on sanctuary ceiling and spots on carpet were discussed. It was decided to see if Jon Mogensen will check it out. Pastor will call Jon.

STEWARDSHIP: NONE

WORSHIP: Deb and Pastor discussed baptism on Sept 1. Discussed that David A. will be included in upcoming worship music selections.

PARISH ED: VBS was a success with apx 40 children each day. Oct 27 is date set for Confirmation. There won't be acolytes for this year as there are no confirmands. Discussed to use greeters. Tabled.

EVANGELISM: Angi brought up sending birthday cards to all members in hoped of bringing people back to church. She is getting cards and asking for donations of stamps. Everyone in agreement.

VITALITY: Pastor spoke with Vicky about ministering to lonely people in the community. More discussion in Sept. Angi asked about Vitality fund for event use. She also scheduled a speaker in Sept.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave spoke with MGM and Simpson about A/C and furnace units. No estimates in time for meeting. Kyle advised Jim Weiss is not interested due to retirement and scope of job. Kyle called Rastetters but did not return call, however, it was advised previously of apx cost of \$7500/unit. Deb mentioned company from Ft Dodge that works on churches. Will get info.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussed taking bids for snow removal this year. Pastor will speak with Al Hepp as a courtesy. Angi presented info on city banner at a cost of \$200. Motion made and seconded to use half from Memorial and half from Presbyterian Fund. Linda and Dave will trim bushes behind church sign. Angi mentioned replacing missing council members.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: NONE

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor spoke about upcoming baptisms. He is following care of Dortha Roske.

President Kyle W. adjourned the meeting.

Pastor Jim led in the Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Peggy Hildreth, Secretary*

**Next meeting September 9th, 2019*

*The August unofficial, written Council Minutes
are subject to review & approval at the September
2019 Council Meeting.*



SEPTEMBER BIBLE STUDY

September, October, and November, we will study selections of the Old Testament poetry from Job, Psalms, and Lamentations. Drawing from the experiences of these ancient writers, readers will learn to look for God in times of deep emotions, such as joy, anger, celebration, depression, misunderstanding, and contentment, finding hope and grace along the way.

The Rev. Anna Madsen is writing the series. Madsen is a freelance theologian and mother.

Anyone interested in serving as a President or VP of WELCA, or as a shared duty, please contact Peg ASAP!

We are still looking for a second volunteer on Altar Guild for the months of October and December.

2019 Officers

President: Peg Hildreth
Vice President: Marie Schwarm
Secretary: Nancy Anderson
Treasurer: Brenda Johnson
Action Chairperson: Becky Junkman
Librarian: Marcia Ahlrichs
Assistant Librarian: Tammy Junkman
Banner Maker: Lorri McClintock
Kitchen Chairperson: Pam Heimdal

Welcome to September! The summer was awesome, weather was great, so many activities to attend. Vacations are winding down. It is time to focus on our faith and plan the many projects for St. Paul's.

HAPPY FALL!

DATES TO REMEMBER

*September Serving Group 3
Meals on Wheels Group 1
(SEPT 23-27)*

Sept 8 th	Cleaning Day– Potluck
Sept 11 th	Twin Lakes Fall Retreat @ 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Sept 17 th	Dorcas Circle @ 7:00 PM
Sept 18 th	Ruth Circle @ 9:00 AM
	Sarah Circle @ 2:00 PM
Sept 25 th	Sew/ Quilt Day @ 9:00 AM

TWIN LAKES FALL RETREAT

Wednesday, September 11 ~ 8:30-3:00

“Tied Together With the Spirit of Faith”

Communion, bible study, speakers, lunch, songs.

In-kind gifts to missions in Uganda.

Gifts Needed:

Shampoo for African-American hair
(ask at Sally's, Walgreens, Walmart)

Children's Vitamins

Washcloths & Towels

Lotion & Toothpaste

Altar Guild –

Joan & Faith Wagner

Visitation – Jeanette Heilman

President Peg Hildreth

SEPTEMBER

WORSHIP

September 1st:

The Dying Church

(Isaiah 43: 16-21)

September 22nd:

Jacob Wrestles God

(Genesis 32: 22-30)

September 8th:

Garden of Eden

(Genesis 2: 4b-25)

September 29th:

Moses and God's Name

(Exodus 1: 8-14; 3:1-15)

September 15th:

Isaac Born to Sarah

(Genesis 18: 1-15; 21:1-7)

Cleaning Day will be Sunday, September 8th immediately following services. Each group has their own responsibility-

- **Group 1** - Clean pews, windows in sanctuary, and overflow area.
- **Group 2** - Clean windows in Ed Unit, basement, and Ed Unit entryway.
- **Group 3** - Clean kitchen, north entryway, and balcony.



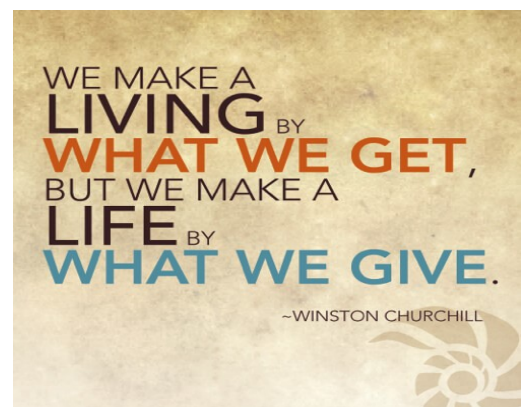
Bring buckets and cleaning supplies as needed for your assigned area, and if your group finishes first, join in with another! Please bring a potluck item to share - drinks will be provided. Group leaders, please remind your groups!

EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE
whatever **GIFT**
you have received
to **SERVE OTHERS**
AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF
God's GRACE
IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS 1 PETER 4:10



Calhoun County New Opportunities needs your help! The supply of non-perishable items used to provide Food Pantries to our community has been running dangerously low! If you feel moved to donate, here is a list of items most needed. You can drop it off directly to them, or leave at the church Ed Unit entry in the marked box, and we will deliver it. You can also leave funds marked "Food Pantry" in an envelope in the mailbox, and we will do the shopping for you! Thank you for your giving!

- ⇒ Cereal, Oatmeal
- ⇒ Tuna
- ⇒ Hamburger Helper - type dinners
- ⇒ Canned Vegetables (variety)
- ⇒ Mashed Potato flakes
- ⇒ Pasta sauces
- ⇒ Soups (regular, cream, and chunky styles)
- ⇒ Dish Soap
- ⇒ Deodorant (men's and women's)
- ⇒ Toilet paper





"THE FAMILY
IS THE
CENTER OF LIFE
AND IT IS THE KEY
TO ETERNAL
HAPPINESS"

With Deepest Sympathy

God of mercy, Lord of life,
you have made us in your image to
reflect your truth and light: we give you
thanks for the grace and mercy she
received from you, for all that was
good in her life, for the
memories we treasure today.

Dortha Roske
Nicola Smith



*May your thoughts
and prayers be with
their families.*

Congratulations to Chad & Kristina Krukow
on the June 3rd birth of their son,
Brecken McKinley Krukow!

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"Receive the Holy Spirit."
John 20:22

Baptisms

Corbin & Maxwell Grossnickle
Brecken Krukow

September 2019

LSI Newsletter Article and Story



Direct Support Professionals Week

Do you know someone who is a caregiver to a loved one? It is a role that is both demanding and meaningful. During September's National Direct Support Professionals Week, we celebrate all the ways in which professional caregivers help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful lives. One way LSI empowers Iowans is through our Services for People with Disabilities. From 24-hour support to occasional respite care, the LSI team lifts up Iowans with disabilities as they find the confidence and independence they need to thrive in their communities.

We thank you for your faithful support of LSI – you create so many new life-changing possibilities for children, adults, and families! If you would like to learn more about how you can support crucial programming like LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and Facebook.com/LSI.Iowa.

Building Bright Futures

For 13-year-old Eric, the weekends he spends with his respite caregivers, Carolyn and David, have been life-changing. Through LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, Carolyn and David provide temporary care for Iowa children, allowing their families and caregivers to take a well-deserved break. As respite care providers, they are helping kids like Eric become more active in their community and find hobbies they enjoy. During every visit, Eric loves going to the movies, flying kites in the local park, discovering the newest video game, and playing with the family dogs. He's enjoyed learning how to play pool – especially when he wins a match against David. His mom, Erika, says it's amazing to see her child bloom. Carolyn and David have created a space where Eric can relax, receive one-on-one care away from his siblings, and just be a kid. "Spending time with Carolyn and David is something I know my son loves and looks forward to. As a mom, that's huge for me," Erika says. "Respite is one of the best decisions I've made for Eric. I thank heaven for Carolyn and David and for LSI."



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| 3rd - Robert Conley | 18th - Jared Birks |
| 5th - Tesa Cates | Cindy Sittig |
| 9th - Allison Birks | 19th - Duane Bangston |
| 10th - Haley Birks | 20th - Kaylynn Ridgely |
| Hadley Barron | 21st - Robert King |
| 11th - Chuck Sayre | 22nd - Jean Zinnel |
| 12th - George Davis | 24th - Rachel Miller |
| 14th - Jennifer Mossman | 25th - Deb Judas |
| 16th - Nancy Anderson | 26th - JoAnn Kreykes |
| Marsha Berner | 27th - Diane Decker |
| 17th - Pat Frerichs | Jocelyn Knouf |
| | 28th - Quentin Riedesel |

If your name does not appear on the Birthday List, please contact the church office.

MY WORSHIP AT CODR

CoDR REENTRY MINISTRY

The official title is Reentry Reintegration Ministry teams. We call our team Rockwell City-Lytton (RC-L) Aftercare. We are governed by Church of the Damascus Road. Our mission is to help ex-offenders upon release from prison into society. We take the guy who wants a fresh start, usually has little family support and doesn't want to return to his previous playground. Sounds easy-the exmate needs help to get on his feet and we, as a team, want to offer such help. Not really so easy.

First, a team is needed to be activated. Our RC-L Aftercare team organized in 2006 in Lytton. Different individuals have served, then left the team, but husband, Dennis, and I have persevered. We find team numbers of 6-9 are essential to give effective support. The members need only to have a genuine desire to help a man, trusting God for guidance. At this time we have mentored eleven men-one at a time. We have met most men in prison-usually at CoDR worship. In 2014 Lytton joined Rockwell City to form the RC-L Aftercare. Our churches and communities have been amazing supporters.

If an inmate desires team help, he completes an application. CoDR Pr. Stone goes over the app with that man. Another inmate must act as a sponsor to write a short reference for the inmate. The application is then delivered to the coordinator, Pr. Lang. It is reviewed and emailed to teams that might be a logical match. We, as a team, determine if we have the resources to serve the applicant. Big determiners are job qualification, job options, and health concerns. If we agree to mentor a guy, a couple team members arrange with the inmate's counselor to interview the inmate inside the prison. We share our expectations and he evaluates himself in agreeing to meet them. Usually the pact is made.

While the inmate makes his arrangements from inside like health care application and food stamps, our team dives into action. We secure a job, find housing (clean), move furniture and furnishings and connect utilities. We seldom know exact dates of release, often a waiting game. Fortunately, most of our team members have flexible schedules.

The release day is a time of excitement. We like to meet the ex-offender at the gate of the prison, and transport him to his new home. What follows is a flurry of busy days- meet his parole officer, get mailing address, clothes, food, personal items, cell phone and meet his boss. The team members take turns with transporting him and making contact with him each day. We meet with him weekly at first, then lengthen our meetings to once a month.

One of our expectations is church attendance. We try to introduce our guy to positive people and activities, but guys often experience loneliness and boredom. His job is important to becoming a responsible citizen. He often has several fees, overdue bills, and monthly living expenses. We help him to set up a strict budget and ask him to attempt to repay the team whatever was loaned so we can someday help the next guy. For some guys we develop a lasting, loving relationship. With others, we are abandoned. We agree that all we can do is plant a seed of love as God has directed us. This is all a service of overwhelming joy, along with challenges. Check out the CoDR website.

Candace Booth
Lytton, Iowa

*For more information, or to volunteer,
please visit:*

www.codrcare.org or
facebook.com/thechurchofthedamascusroad

HELP ME LIVE TODAY IN A
WAY THAT BRINGS HONOR
TO YOUR HOLY NAME.

CHARLES STANLEY



CAST ALL YOUR ANXIETY ON HIM
BECAUSE HE CARES FOR YOU.

1 PETER 5:7

Worship Hosts

*If you are unable to serve, please switch with someone
in your group & notify the Office Manager.*

<i>SERVING THE LORD</i>	<u>September 1st</u> Communion	<u>September 8th</u> Fellowship	<u>September 15th</u> Communion	<u>September 22nd</u>	<u>September 29th</u>
Acolyte			Addie Geno		Tyler Lightner
Greeter Usher	Mary Voith Al & Shirley Berg	Iona Sittig Sue Carlson	Chuck & Caroline Sayre Peg Hildreth Iona Sittig	Bob & Vicki Roby Lorri McClintock	Lightner Family Lorri McClintock
Scripture Reader	Ron Frerichs	BJ Ukena	Caroline Sayre	Vicki Roby	Darci Lightner
Altar Guild	Joan & Faith Wagner	Joan & Faith Wagner	Joan & Faith Wagner	Joan & Faith Wagner	Joan & Faith Wagner
Sermon Ministries	Jeanette Heilman	Jeanette Heilman	Jeanette Heilman	Jeanette Heilman	Jeanette Heilman
Sunday School Helper					

Worship Host on Communion Sunday will serve Communion as well as Greet / Usher

Musicians

August 4th: Becky Haberl
August 11th: Jon Mogensen
August 18th: Rachel Miller
August 25th: Rachel Miller



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