



A note from the Pastor...

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Jeremiah 1:4-8

This month our journey in worship with the scriptures will take us before the prophets of Israel, those people called and empowered by God to speak for him to Israel's kings and its people. One that we will hear is Jeremiah, whose ministry took place during one of the greatest crises in Israel's history—the destruction of Jerusalem and its Temple which began the time of Exile for Israel's leaders and many of its people. It is hard to underestimate the sorrow and fear this created—the world of faith as the people knew seemed to be coming undone. In this time Jeremiah was called to convey in words and deeds the ongoing faithfulness of God.

To each and every challenge that we face in this life, the call of Jeremiah emphasizes that God is intimately involved with God's people. From before he was born, God already had Jeremiah in mind for this special vocation to be God's prophet, before God formed him in his mother's womb, God already intimately knew him (verse 5). And in verse 8, God ensures the prophet of God's enduring presence -- a promise that is beautifully illustrated by the reference to God touching Jeremiah's mouth (verse 9), so giving him the words to speak.

Despite this affirmation of God's presence, Jeremiah still voices his feelings of being incapable of fulfilling his mission. Echoing the psalms of lament in verse 6, "Ah Lord God!", Jeremiah states that he is very young, only a boy. With this hesitation, it is clear that as elsewhere in the biblical witness, God uses ordinary, fallible human beings to serve as God's witnesses. Truly in the very difficult circumstances captured in the book Jeremiah, which would also throughout Jeremiah's life cause him much pain and the suffering, the only way the prophet would be able to fulfill his calling is due to God working through him.

The God who created the cosmos and who created you knows you every bit as intimately as Jeremiah. Before you were born God consecrated you for a special purpose. It might be teacher, mechanic, sales associate, business owner, farmer, nursing assistant, parent, spouse, or any of a zillion other things. Regardless, you are called to live out that calling faithfully. And like Jeremiah and so many Biblical figures, we may not always feel up to the task. The excuses are many, but God's response is always the same, "I am with you."

This month God will be with us as we baptize a new child on All Saints Sunday. God will be with us as we remember those saints in our lives who have been called from this life into the Church triumphant. God will be with us as we give thanks for all of those baptized here in the last year. And God will be with us as we gather in Annual Meeting to plan our life together in the year ahead. As children of God we can never say, "I am only. . ." for in everything we do it is God who gives us the strength and ability and even the money to do them. And we do them to the glory of God." Thanks be to God!

Pastor Jim

St. Paul's Council Meeting October 8th, 2019

Members Present: Pastor Jim, Kyle Welander, Deb Judas, Lorri McClintock, Dave Birks, Vicki Roby, Peg Hildreth, Emily Gentry

Members Absent: Justine Baker, Dawn Murley, Kandi Berner, Linda Nolte

President Kyle W. called the meeting to order.

Pastor Jim led in devotions: "Story of Ruth," verse 6, "Loyalty and Devotion."

August Council Minutes: Approved with correction— Stella Dillemoth is still in Lake City/Shady Oaks. Will be moved to Ft. Dodge or Boone.

Treasurer's Report: As of September 29th, our giving is down \$11,690.11. Need to take a deep look at long term strategies and explore resources. Pastor Jim will contact our Synod to explore possibilities of talking with other struggling congregations about the future. Approved on motion. "God is leading us to new ways of worshipping."

Committee Reports:

WELCA: October 1st was Guest Night/Salad Bar. 59 ladies present. Program was Andrea Minikis Bodholdt of Ft. Dodge. She is the Director of Music Ministries in Callender, Iowa.

PROPERTY: One snow removal bid, Al Hepp, \$150 per trip, based on normal snowfall, approved on motion. Organ tuning every 2 years due this year. \$770.50 per Dobson Pipe Organ Builders of Lake City. Pay out of Organ Fund. Melissa Vanderheiden gave up her job as Custodian here at St. Paul's for a full time job. Our new Custodian is Joshua Schoonover at same rate (\$10.00/hour), approved on motion. After inspecting and discussion, Bianchi Heating and Cooling of Ft. Dodge gave a bid for 2 furnaces and 1 AC unit for the north and west sides of the Ed Unit for \$16,004. Congregation will be notified of meetings. Need to discuss approval and financial assistance. More to follow at Annual Meeting on November 17th. Angi D. will talk with Jon Mogensen about moisture in sanctuary ceiling and beams.

STEWARDSHIP: Giving concerns.

WORSHIP: Confirmation is October 27th with 3 students: Addison Geno, Tyler Lightner, and Parker Pagel. Approved on motion.

PARISH ED: Good attendance at Sunday School. It is for all ages— whole families are WELCOME! Trunk or Treat is October 31st, Pastor is organizing for our church. Takes place in front of Champion Chrysler from 5:30-7:30pm.

EVANGELISM: NONE

VITALITY: Vicki R. with "St. Paul's Cares" is talking with different groups in our church to let them know what our intentions are.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Annual Reports are coming due. Angi's office hours will be Wednesday and Friday mornings through the holiday season.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: NONE

PASTOR'S REPORT: One day vacation (family illness). Cub Scout leaders are talking with Pastor about troop concerns.

President Kyle W. adjourned the meeting.

Pastor Jim led in the Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Peggy Hildreth, Secretary*

**Next meeting November 12th, 2019*

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



Welcome to November! We have had some beautiful FALL days! The trees are turning gorgeous colors– it is a fun time of the year. We here at St. Paul's have so much to be thankful for.
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

DATES TO REMEMBER

November Serving Group 2

Nov 1 st	World Day of Prayer Immanuel Lutheran @ 9:30 AM
Nov 6 th	Harvest Display Setup @ 1:30 PM WELCA Thankoffering @ 2:00 PM
Nov 13 th	Sew/Quilt Day @ 9:00 AM
Nov 19 th	Dorcas Circle @ 7:00 PM
Nov 20 th	Ruth Circle @ 9:00 AM Sarah Circle @ 2:00 PM

NOVEMBER BIBLE STUDY

In this 3rd and final session, we will take a deep dive into the gift and stewardship of JOY. We'll begin with Psalms 30, Psalms 150, and Song of Solomon. We will consider how joy fits into the full range of emotional experiences of God's presence in everyone's lives.

2019 Officers

President: Peg Hildreth
Vice President: Marie Schwarm
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Librarian: Marcia Ahlrichs
Assistant Librarian: Tammy Junkman
Banner Maker: Lorri McClintock
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President Peg Hildreth

*On October 1st, we had our
WELCA Guest Night/Salad Bar.*

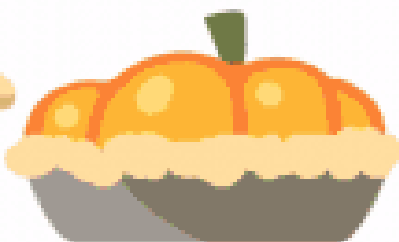
We had many delicious salads made by our St. Paul's/Presbyterian ladies and served 59 guests.

*We had a delightful program,
Andrea Minikis Bodholdt of Ft. Dodge. She is the
Director of Music Ministries at Our Savior's
Lutheran Church in Callender.*

*She gave a bubbly, beautiful program. Andrea is a
very talented young lady who can sing, play the
piano, and entertain all ages.*

Altar Guild –

Shirley Berg & Shirley Williamson
Visitation – Shirley Berg



NOVEMBER

WORSHIP

happy
thanks
giving

November 3rd:

All Saints Day

Elijah at Mount Carmel

(1 Kings 18:17-39)

November 10th:

Hosea & God's Love For His Children

(Hosea 11:1-9)

November 17th:

Isaiah's Vineyard Song

(Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5)

November 24th:

Christ the King Sunday

Josiah's Reforms

(2 Kings 22:1-10; 23:1-3)



When all the dust is settled and
all the crowds are gone,
the things that matter are
FAITH, FAMILY, & FRIENDS.
- Barbara Bush



Kaizyk Deal
Noah Rozenboom

St. Paul's Cares

Galations 6:2—Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

I'm excited to tell you about a program we are starting at St. Paul's. You may have read about this in the church council meeting minutes and wondered what it was all about. The name of our program is St. Paul's Cares and the name kind of says it all.

We are all part of the St. Paul's family and as family we care for each other, both in times in happiness and sadness. Our congregation has always cared for each other but this program goes a little bit further than what we've done in the past.

With 200+ members in our congregation, there are many needs. So many needs that some can go unnoticed unless they are large and glaring. Our St. Paul's Cares Ministry will work to recognize those needs and respond to them both within our congregation and if appropriate to others in our community.

Our first focus would be to reach out to members when a crisis or change occurs in a member's life. This could be anything from an illness or death in the family to something positive like the birth of a baby. In addition, we'd like to be able to match members who are homebound or lonely with volunteers who are able to visit.

Some of the services we could possibly offer would be:

- Prayers
- Meals
- Visits
- Rides

Services we'd offer would depend on the needs of those we serve.



I am happy and excited to be a leader for this program but also need someone to be a leader with me. For this program to be successful, we need at least two leaders working together so we can be available when there is a need. We also need volunteers to work with us in times of need. Our volunteers may visit homebound or lonely people, they may make meals, or provide a ride to a doctor or beautician appointment. They may knit or crochet a gift for a new baby. They may change a light bulb. God has given us all so many gifts, whatever your gifts may be—we can find a way for you to share them!

Most importantly, we need your prayers for our ministry. This will be new for all of us and we're sure to stumble a few times along the way—please pray for the success of our program and that we're able to grow as a family as we reach out to comfort those in need.

If you would like to hear more about our ministry, if you have questions, know someone in need, or would like to volunteer to help, you can contact Pastor, myself, or Angi in the church office. She can get messages to me or give you my contact information.

Thank you for your prayers and help.

Vicki Roby

National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month, a time to honor families who have opened their hearts and homes to children in need. For LSI, it is a time to celebrate the families we support through Foster Care and Adoption, and to raise awareness for the hundreds of Iowa children in need of a safe, loving home. In 30 counties across western Iowa, LSI Foster Care and Adoption recruits, licenses, and supports foster and adoptive families to ensure every Iowa child grows up in a safe, stable environment.

But more work needs to be done. According to the most recent federal data, more than 100,000 children in the U.S. are waiting to be adopted from foster care, and thousands of teens age out of foster care every year without a permanent family. To learn more about supporting Iowa children in foster care, visit LSIowa.org/Foster, or 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 www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

A Growing Family

Lindsey and Andrea were no strangers to foster parenting. Their older brother fostered children for 10 years, and they were inspired by his drive and passion for supporting vulnerable children. Until recently, they hadn't seen themselves as foster parents. But something in their hearts told them they were needed. "It's been on our hearts for a lot of years, and we have the room and love," Andrea says. "It's something we knew we could do and it's needed."

The two sisters decided to become licensed foster parents earlier this year through LSI Foster Care and Adoption. Now, they are caring for children in foster care at the same time. Lindsey and Andrea regularly meet up to support one another and ensure the children can connect and feel less alone during the most vulnerable time in their young lives. "It's been so important to have a connection to another foster family," Lindsey says. "The kids can see they're not different. There are other children in their same situation."

Meanwhile, they are busy building a strong bond with the children's birth families. Lindsey says foster parenting is a way for them to give a child stability while also nurturing their whole family. Lindsey and Andrea have also found support from other local foster families. They are there for each other, offering a shoulder to lean on when anyone needs an extra boost on the difficult days. "There is a need for foster families in Iowa, and there is so much good that comes out of fostering," Andrea says.

1st - Deianeira Grage
Becky Sexton
2nd- Ed Maahs
3rd - Ben Sexton
9th - Kase Kraft
11th - Bob Roby
12th - Austin Ellis
13th - Ron Carlson
Megan Decker

14th - Preston Schumacher
16th - Emma Geno
17th - Robin Doster
Pam Heimdal
18th - Chad Krukow
19th - Justin Hammen
21st - Carson Henry
22nd - Kim Conley
Darci Legore
23rd - Bev Schoon
26th - Shannon Grossnickle
27th - Kristina Krukow
28th - Scott Pedersen
Noah Rozenboom
29th - Gaylene Zehr
30th - Grayson Gentry



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



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>November 3rd</u> Communion	<u>November 10th</u> Fellowship	<u>November 17th</u> Communion	<u>November 24th</u>
Acolyte	Nadia Lightner Mya Ridgely		Reilly Dobbins Grady Isaacs	
Greeter Usher	Bob & Vicki Roby Ridgely Family	Kurt Sittig Mary Voith	Birks Family Isaacs Family	Rusty & Tina Farrington Lorri McClintock
Scripture Reader	Vicki Roby	BJ Ukena	Jill Birks	Rusty Farrington
Altar Guild	Shirley Berg Sharon Williamson	Shirley Berg Sharon Williamson	Shirley Berg Sharon Williamson	Shirley Berg Sharon Williamson
Sermon Ministries	Shirley Berg	Shirley Berg	Shirley Berg	Shirley Berg

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



Musicians

November 3rd: Becky Haberl
November 10th: Jon Mogensen
November 17th: Rachel Miller
November 24th: Rachel Miller



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<p><u>Office Manager/ Parish Coordinator</u> Angela Dobbins</p> <p><u>Office Hours</u> Wednesday & Friday 8:00-12:00 Closed Monday, Tuesday, Thursday</p> <p><u>Custodian</u> Joshua Schoonover</p>	<p><u>Pastor</u> Pastor Jim Mossman Parsonage 712-297-8381 pastorjim5@gmail.com</p> <p><u>Sunday School</u> Sunday 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><u>Confirmation</u> Wednesday 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>2019 Council Members</u></p> <p>Justine Baker Kandi Berner Emily Gentry Deb Judas Dawn Murley Linda Nolte Vicki Roby</p>