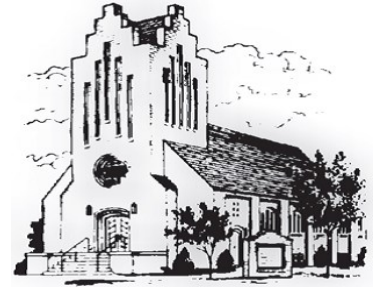




Pella Lutheran Church

Ambassador



With Christ; We Welcome, Nurture, Equip and Serve.

August 2017

Wednesday Night Activities Begin Sept. 6

August means the Richland County Fair. (Don't forget to sign up for Pella Pantry ... See page 4 for details!) August also means the start of a new school year, and a new school year means the start of Wednesday night activities at Pella. As you read this, remember there is still time for summer fun. We just want to make certain that you get these upcoming church activities on your calendars:

- ✝ **5:15-6:15 — Wednesday Bible School (WBS)**
Preschool (age 4 by Sept. 10) through 5th grade
- ✝ **6:00 — Community Meal**
Anyone and everyone!
- ✝ **6:45-8:00 — Confirmation**
6th through 8th grade
- ✝ **6:45-8:00 — LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization)**
9th through 12th grade

Volunteers

Wednesday nights would not be possible without a team of volunteers. If you are interested in helping out with any of the activities — in any way — please contact the office. Of course there are teaching positions, but there are many other ways we could use your help. Please prayerfully consider how you might be a part of our Wednesday ministries.

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

— Romans 12:4-5

Blessings,

Janelle Leader Lamb, Youth & Family Ministries Coordinator

Interim Perspective by Pastor Joel

One year, Oh dear –

it's been a whole year?!

No need to cheer;

No need to fear.

Just keep it in gear.

It's not your typical anniversary. It simply marks the time. It means together we'll repeat some annual activities and events for the second time.

How many repeats? We can't predict. It just won't be more than this once since my contract extends no further than one more year.

Things have changed; we know each other and we've gained experience – both happy and sad.

Even though we'll redo some of the same activities/events, I hope they'll each be fresh and new – both for me and you. God's grace is new each day.

One thing in particular will make a difference and that happened 500 years ago. We'll be recognizing and celebrating the Reformation from September into November.

So we'll start a new year together the first of August. To start, I'll see you at the Fair since that comes around first. Then we'll see just how far before a new pastor is called. And that will happen, I have no doubt.

I'll be on vacation from August 7 - 16. Pastor Hillesland will preach/preside on Sunday, August 13. Other local pastors will be available for urgent Pastoral Care issues - call the Church Office for contact information. I will be kept informed of any such needs through the Church Office.

Council Supports Members interested in LPA program

The Pella Church Council will support any Pella member who is part of this program. They will pay the \$200 per year tuition for each member in the training program. The Council is still considering additional funding for travel and course materials.

A new **Lay Pastoral Associate (LPA)** class has been proposed out of a strong need in the eastern part of Montana. This new class will begin in October 2017. This class will meet in Glendive at Zion Lutheran and be administered by the Montana Synod and hosted by Pastor Katie Emery. We are now looking for individuals interested in attending to speak with your pastor about the program. The first step in applying is to have your pastor (Pastor Joel) write a recommendation.

For more information contact Pastor Jason Asselstine, Associate to the Bishop.

What is an LPA? A **Lay Pastoral Associate** in the Montana Synod is a congregational lay person who has received religious, educational training, through the Montana Synod, in order to provide (in most cases) short term pulpit supply (i.e., preaching) when the pastor is away, or if a congregation is without a pastor.

Their role is to fill in for the basic pastoral duties such as providing Word and Sacrament, (preaching and presiding at communion), and other roles as approved by the Bishop. The program includes foundation courses in Old and New Testament, Church History and Lutheran Theology, retreats in the areas of Spirituality and Prayer, Worship leadership, Preaching, and Pastoral Care, along with Mentor guided activities.

This is a two-year program with two weekend retreats each year (October and April) plus other course work carried out in consultation with a Mentor.

You can find more information on the program at

<http://www.montanasynod.org/for-lpas.html>



The 2017 Richland County Fair is Here!

We need your help at the Pella Pantry booth this year. Shift option signup sheets are available either on the information desk in the entry or in the church office. If you haven't signed up, please check to see what shifts still have open positions.

Wednesday and Thursday shift option times: (3 hour & 15 minutes shifts)

10:45 am - 2:00 pm (doors open around 11)

1:45 pm - 5:00 pm

4:45 - 8:00 pm

7:45 - 11:00 pm (grill will close at 10:15, no matter how busy...so that clean up is complete & everyone can leave by 11).

Friday and Saturday shift option times: (3 hour & 30 minute shifts)

10:45 am - 2:15 pm (doors open around 11)

2:00 - 5:30 pm

5:15 - 8:45 pm

8:30 - 11:30 pm (CLOSE at 10:45...no exceptions...so that clean up is complete by 11:30)



Clean up — Sunday, Aug. 6, 1-3 p.m. (give or take) Depends on how many come!



Pella Library

The library committee members have been working hard to get all the new books inventoried, stamped and ready for you to check out. Come and look over all the new books that are now ready for you to read.

Upcoming Year for Faith Circle

Our women's group, will be doing a book study this year. Please consider ordering the book and joining us. You will be asked to read a chapter before coming, to add to our discussion. If life happens, and you don't get it read...come anyway! The book is short...each chapter is only about 10-15 pages. We usually meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, starting 9/14/17 thru 4/12/18, 7-8:30pm. So please consider ordering: "Reclaiming the L Word; Renewing the Church from its Lutheran Core" by Kelly A. Fryer, printed by Augsburg Fortress.

ISBN 978-0-8066-4596-4. The cost of the book is \$14.99. This is the same book Pastor Joel led a study on last year.

Opportunities at Pella

Many people comment about the beauty of our church – especially since the completion of the new addition. But, as Martin Luther knew, our church is not made of wood & stone, but is rather a gathering of believers in Christ – and in that regard, especially, Pella is a beautiful, active community of believers... and we always have room for more!

Opportunities abound at Pella for those who wish to grow in faith and serve the Lord! Each month, we will provide details on two or three of the groups listed (see **bold** print).

***Choir – meets at 8 am, 1st-3rd Sundays (Labor Day-Memorial Day)**

Contact: Janet Spracklin

*Committees: Christian Education, Library, Outreach, Pella Pantry, Property & Grounds, Stewardship, and Worship & Music

*Confirmation *Faith Circle

***Flutes – practices at 9:30 am Thursdays (Labor Day-Memorial Day)**

Contact: Betty Cumming

***Handbell Choir – practices at 10:30 am Sundays (Labor Day-Memorial Day)**

Contact: Janet Spracklin

*Men's Morning Fellowship *Pella Pantry *Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Quilters *Wednesday Bible School *Wednesday Community Meals

*Worship Assistants: ushers, lectors, musicians, Communion set-up/clean-up, Communion servers, Communion bread bakers, Fellowship hosts/hostess, power point operators, and nursery assistants.

If you have questions about any of the above groups or activities, please call the church office at 433-3350 and we will provide more details and a contact person.

Becky Reidle, Parish Assistant

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for your donations to these memorial funds.

Radio fund

In memory of Dick Dore:
Marvellee Fink

In memory of Lori Krugler:
Ruth Iversen

Set Free to Serve fund

In memory of Adrienne Hoverson:
Marvellee Fink

In memory of Alvin Wiederrich:
Gene & Judy Sondeno

In memory of Dick Dore: Bill & Patti Iversen,
Gene and Judy Sondeno

In memory Shelly Rosaaen: Bill & Patti Iversen

In memory of Randy Kringen: Suzie Kringen

In memory of Lori Krugler: Ron Steffens,
Bruce & Sandy Edwards, Gene & Judy Sondeno,
Tom & Cindy Irigoin, Marilyn Yetter Olson,
Jim & Linda Tibbits, Bill & Patti Iversen

In memory of Anne Franz: Kerry Rasmussen,
Gene & Judy Sondeno, Ron Steffens,
Marilyn Yetter Olson

Sign fund

In memory of Dick Dore:
Charles and Chole Butler

Pastoral Acts: July 2017

Wedding on July 15 for Alisha Steffan and
Brandon Taylor.

Funeral on July 19 for Lori Krugler.

Funeral on July 28 for Anne Franz.

August Acolytes

6th Payten Syth & Jacob Thompson
13th Avery Iversen & Zariah Gonzalez
20th Max Nicholson & Tyler Olson
27th Mikael Savage & Hattie Brothen

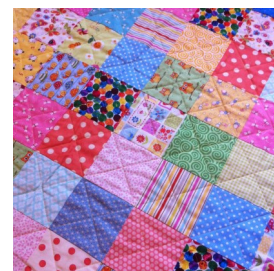
UMM Sweet Corn and Quilt Festival

Visit Upper Missouri Ministries

on Aug. 13 for family fun, a
silent auction and live quilt
auction, and so much sweet
corn! Here is the schedule of events (CST):

- 10:30 a.m. — Worship
- 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. — Sweet Corn Feed
- 12:00-3:30 p.m. — Silent Auction
- 12:00-4:00 p.m. — Festival Activities
- 1:30 — Live Auction

Check Campumm.org for more information
and pictures of quilts and auction items.



Summary of Pella Council: July

Minutes were corrected and approved.

The Checking Account has a balance of about \$79,000 and the General Fund balance is near \$9,600. The Set Free to Serve Loan balance is \$681,864. Thrivent Money Market accounts will cover the loan payments through September. It was also noted that the Endowment Fund had paid for the new water softener for the parsonage.

Reformation 500 Task Force is discussing ideas including: showing videos on Luther and the Reformation; an ecumenical worship service; a special Wednesday night meal; use of doors for visual representations, and articles/discussion for the Ambassador.

It was reported that there were around 10-12 individuals in attendance at the SongFest.

A positive summary of VBS was provided, including attendance, Bible stories, stations, expense, and potential dates and themes for next year. WBS, Confirmation and LYO start on September 6.

Stewardship Committee is planning for a November program. They will be using letters, estimate of giving cards, and "Table Talks" again.

Endowment Committee received a gift from the Eldon Steffens' Trust on June 7; two scholarships were given for the 2017/18 school year; and the committee's purpose was reviewed. Randy noted that the total assets of the Endowment were more than \$700,000.

Personnel Committee has reviewed concerns and items of suggestion to have the Call Committee include in the letter of call for a new pastor.

The Constitution Review Team is working on needed corrections and will be sending the updated revisions for Synod review. The goal is to have the proposed Constitution revision on the agenda for the Annual Congregational Meeting.

The church-wide cleaning is set for Sunday, Aug. 27, after worship. It was suggested that the Property and Grounds Committee and janitors assist with organization and areas of need. It was also suggested that smaller groups be formed and assigned to certain areas and a sign-up sheet be set out. The possibility of a pot-luck was also discussed.

Council agreed to become the charter sponsor for Cub Scout Pack #143. Pella will provide a place for meetings, some storage, and pay a \$40 per year certification fee.

Council decided to provide financial support in the amount of \$400 (\$200/year) to members who enroll in the Lay Pastoral Associate class. Discussion will be held at the next meeting regarding additional support (travel costs). If anyone has suggestions for members that may be good candidates for this program they are to let Pastor Joel know.

Scripture for August 2017

8/6 *9th Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 55:1-5
 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
 Romans 9:1-5
 Matthew 14:13-21

8/13 *10th Sunday after Pentecost*

1Kings 19:9-18
 Psalm 85:8-13
 Romans 10:5-15
 Matthew 14:22-33

8/20 *11th Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
 Psalm 67
 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
 Matthew 15:10-28

8/27 *12th Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 51:1-6
 Psalm 138
 Romans 12:1-8
 Matthew 16:13-20



Lutheran World Relief School Kits

To continue our focus on missions this year, Faith Circle women's group will be collecting items for school kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief to benefit needy children around the globe. School supplies are on sale right now in area stores, so it's the perfect time to stock up at reduced prices. There is a collection box in the entryway to drop off your donations. We will be collecting school supplies through the end of September. Please donate new items only. Faith Circle will supply the backpacks/bags for the kits. Here is a list of items needed to fill each school kit.

FOUR 70-sheet spiral-bound notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper (no loose leaf paper).

ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.

ONE pencil sharpener.

ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well).

FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers.

FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink).

ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons.

ONE 2-1/2-inch eraser.

Thank you for your support!
 Faith Circle Group



AUGUST 2017

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

1 2 3 4 5

7:30 am – 2:00 pm Pella Pie Baking for the Fair

Pella Pantry at the Fair

6 7 8 9 10 11 12

9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Fellowship
1:00 pm Pella Pantry
Cleanup

Pastor Joel on Vacation

6 pm Property & Grounds Cmte. Mtg.
7:00 pm Council Mtg.

13 14 15 16 17 18 19

9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am Blood Pressure

5:30 pm Christian Ed Cmte. Mtg.

Pastor Joel on Vacation

20 21 22 23 24 25 26

9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Fellowship

Newsletter
Articles Due

8 am Quilters

4:00 pm
Reformation500
Task Force

27 28 29 30 31

9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Church
Clean up

10:00 am Worship at
Extended Care

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SAVE THE DATES:

Church Cleaning Aug. 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Next year's VBS will be June 18-22!



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