



Pella Lutheran Church

Ambassador



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

April 2017

Holy Week Schedule

Special music, liturgy, and messages fill the worship for this week. We move through the Passion of Christ: beginning with the entrance in Jerusalem, to the Last Supper and Love commandment, to the Crucifixion, and concluding with the Resurrection.

Palm/Passion Sunday: April 9, 9:00 am

- ◆ Procession with Palms
- ◆ Students from Wednesday Bible School (WBS) are singing and the Hand bells are playing “At the Cross”
- ◆ The Passion according to Matthew will be presented by 9 readers.
- ◆ Holy Baptism and Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday: April 13, 7:00 pm

- ◆ Duet: “Thirty Pieces of Silver”
- ◆ Close Encounter with Christ: Peter
- ◆ Holy Communion
- ◆ Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday: April 14, 7:00 pm

- ◆ Jesus’ Passion with particular attention on Pontus Pilate
- ◆ Special Bidding Prayers
- ◆ Veneration of the Cross

EASTER: April 16, 9:00 am

- ◆ Choir: “He Is Risen”
- ◆ Close Encounter with Christ: Mary Magdalene
- ◆ Holy Communion



Interim Perspective by Pastor Joel

The Montana Synod is special to me because it's where I began and continue to carry out my vocation as an interim pastor. I am thankful to Bishop Crist for giving me an opportunity to try on this new calling (interim ministry) and for her continued support as well as her faithful and competent leadership.

I have found a home in the Montana Synod. I've served congregations in Missoula, Billings, Great Falls, Helena and now Sidney. I've gotten a pretty good sense of the abundance of this synod: geographically; spiritually; collegially; giftedness; creativeness; diversity. There is so much that is happening in and through the synod: campus ministry, outdoor ministry, prison ministry, global ministry, justice ministry, hospitality ministry, elder care ministry, social ministry, native American ministry, pastoral ministry, educational ministry, and more.

What has impressed me the most are the people: the lay leaders serving in congregations and the synod - Council, committees, task forces, teams, etc.; and those with specific calls or roles - pastors, chaplains, bishop and associates, deacons, youth and family ministers, administrative assistants, Lay Pastoral Assistants, treasurers, financial administrators, etc.

The Montana Synod has given me a wonderful and wide community of faith and network of friends and partners in faith and ministry that now includes those of you here at Pella.

I want the best for the Montana Synod so that every congregation that is part of the Synod will be at its best – which includes Pella. For that reason I support the building of the new Synod House. I believe it is needed to better facilitate the work and mission of the Synod. It is accessible, environmentally and technologically friendly, attractive, spacious and welcoming. It fits the staff configuration and the purpose of the synod well.

When the 30th anniversary of my ordination arrived and the congregation I was serving as interim asked what I would like any monetary gifts designated to I quickly responded, "The Synod House." There are many ministries I could have chosen, but the Montana Synod has given me so much I wanted it to receive something in return, especially for this particular need.

I know the synod has benefitted from the financial contributions of Pella. I imagine it has also benefitted from the human resources/contributions of the pastors and people of Pella. It is also my belief that Pella has benefitted from the synod – in support, counsel, cooperative ministry and mission.

I would ask that you consider supporting this particular project to help build the new Synod House.

Holy Week Pilgrimage

A Holy Week Pilgrimage will take place **Monday, April 10, at 11:45 from IGA parking lot to St. Matthew's Parish Center**. A large cross will be carried down main street to remind us of Jesus' suffering and death to bring us to life. A lunch will follow at the Fr. Ned Shinnick Hall, St. Matthew's Parish Center. All local churches are invited to participate in the march. Reflection and prayer will accompany the pilgrimage. For further information call Sister Rita or Sister Regina at 406.774.3401.

“Speaking from Your Heart”

A Compassionate Communication Workshop on Honest Self Expression

Learn the process known as “honest self-expression” and become familiar with the basics of Compassionate Communication. This is the third of three workshops on Compassionate Communication. You are welcome whether you have attended either of the prior workshops or not.

Honest self-expression is speaking from your heart and speaking the truth in love. It is a way of being honest and loving at the same time. It recognizes that you are an important person in any relationship and that what is important to you helps create a more meaningful and satisfying connection with others. Learn to better convey what you are truly experiencing so that others are less likely to be defensive.

The workshop will be Saturday, April 29, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Pella Lutheran. Pastor Joel Westby will be the facilitator.

There is no cost. No previous knowledge or experience is necessary. Invite a friend or more. Bring your own lunch.

Sign up in the Church Office or email your name and phone number to Pastor Joel at: pastorjoel@pellachurch.net.

Hospital Visitations



If you or a family member are ill or in the hospital and would like Pastor to visit, please call the church office to let us know. With all the HIPPA (Privacy Regulations), Pastors and others are not able to find out from the hospital who is in the hospital unless you give permission to have your name released. We care about you and want to know when you are not well.

Pastoral Acts for March 2017

Two Baptisms: March 12, Otto Ray Franzen, Son of Timothy and Rochelle Franzen

March 19, Cayden Gene Nay, Son of Curtis and Krista Nay

Two Funerals: March 11, Melvin Walz

March 24, Daniel James Miller

One Wedding: March 25, Austin Papka and Brooke Jensen



High School Senior Recognition—April 30



We will be recognizing Pella's high school seniors on April 30, during worship and coffee fellowship. As we did last year, we plan to make a special celebration folder that will include information about each senior. However, we need your help to accomplish this, so contact the church office (pella@pellachurch.net) by April 17, 2017.

Please submit a photo and your responses to the following:

- ◆ Senior's Name
- ◆ Parent's names
- ◆ What are your plans for next year? Beyond?
- ◆ What is your favorite memory, activity, event at Pella?
- ◆ How has your faith made a difference in your life?

Remember, that's April 17 to submit photo/information and **April 30** for senior recognition.

Confirmation—May 7

Pella's 8th graders are preparing to affirm their faith on Sunday, May 7, at 9 a.m. worship. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare their faith statements, favorite Bible verses and stoles. Confirmands are:

- * Jaylen Baxter * Claire Frank * Jaxson Franklin * Kolby Hutzenbiler,
- * Andoni Idoate * Alexa Iversen * Liliana Johnson * Logan Jones * Ian Jurgens
- * Braden Klinke * Alexia Metz * Brodey Skogen and * Taylor Stewart.

We wish to thank the leaders of the two 8th-grade groups for all their time and efforts: Kaci Dean and Tammy Pedersen.



Acolytes for April

- 2 Blake Benson & Wes VanHook
- 9 Daisy Snow & Sarah Karanjai
- 16 Ryan McGinnis & Nathan Wilhelm
- 23 Hanna Anderson & Whitney VanHook
- 30 Ben Carlsen & Bradyn Page

Thank you for your donations to these memorial funds

Sign fund

In memory of Richard “Dick” Wolfe
 Delores Frison
 Marvelee Fink

Radio fund

In memory of Anna Laursen
 Iona Hansen
 Louise Iversen
 In memory of Andrew Miller Jr.
 Ruth Iversen
 Gordy & Margene Rambur

Set Free to Serve fund

In memory of Danny Miller
 Violet Tharp

Sermons on the Web

The four most recent sermons are now available on Pella’s web site. Go to www.pellachurch.net. Click on the “News” heading near the top of the page. Here you are able to access an audio file that contains the day’s readings and sermons for your listening pleasure.

Scripture for April

4/2 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14
 Psalm 130
 Romans 8:6-11
 John 11:1-45

4/9 Palm/Passion Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11
 Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Matthew 26:14-27:66

4/13 Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-17, 31b-38

4/14 Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
 John 18:28-19:22

4/16 Easter Day-Resurrection of Jesus

Acts 10:34-43
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 Colossians 3:1-4
 John 20:1-18

4/23 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
 Psalm 16
 1 Peter 1:3-9
 John 20:19-31

4/30 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
 1 Peter 1:17-23
 Luke 24:13-35



Prayer Shawl News

Thank you prayer shawl makers! Your creations are so beautiful and so appreciated. Our next coffee - social hour will be Saturday, May 6, at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Hope to see you there!

Betty Cumming

2017 Montana Synod Assembly

The 2017 Montana Synod Assembly will be held at the Best Western Heritage Inn in Great Falls from June 1-4. Please consider attending this worthwhile event. Contact Pastor Joel or Randy Iversen if you are interested.

Lutheran World Relief Care Kits

Faith Circle here at Pella has undertaken a mission project to collect and assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Because it's the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we have set a goal to send a total of 500 kits/quilts to LWR during 2017. Since the quilters make approximately 200 quilts in a year, we are aiming for 300 kits. It's an ambitious goal, but we believe the generous members of Pella will help to make it happen.

Personal Care Kit items will be collected through the end of April. There is a sample display in the church entryway along with a collection box. In an effort to involve our young people in this mission project, we have asked the Wednesday Bible School students to bring bars of soap, and LYO and confirmation classes to bring toothbrushes.

At the current time, we are in particular need of **towels, toothbrushes, and soap** (as we already have a fair supply of clippers and combs). Here is a list of items included in the Personal Care Kits. Please give new items only.



1. Light-weight bath-size towels (between 20" x 40" minimum and 27" x 52" maximum), dark color recommended. (Light-weight towels are easier for kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space, and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.)
2. Bath-size bars of soap, any brand, in original wrapping. No mini or hotel-size soap.
3. Adult-size toothbrushes in original packaging. Toothbrush multi-packs are okay also, as we will separate and seal them individually before packing.
4. Sturdy wide-tooth comb. No picks or fine-tooth combs.
5. Metal nail clipper.



For individuals who would like to be a part of this mission project, but who don't want to go shopping for the items, monetary donations are welcome, and the Faith Circle ladies will use the money to purchase the necessary kit items. Please make your check payable to Pella Lutheran Church and designate it for "LWR Kits." Thank you for joining in our effort to help our neighbors in need.



Check These Out!

The Pella Library is ready for your Spring and Summer reading with dozens of new books to delight all ages!

For young readers we now have Volumes 1-24 of the Cul-de-Sac Kids Series by Beverly Lewis and the complete collection of Elsie Dinsmore – 28 titles in all!

Pre-teens may enjoy the real-life adventures of four children in search of a true home in Arleta Richardson’s Beyond the Orphan Train Series or juvenile fiction mysteries such as “Mystery Rider” by MiraLee Ferrell in her Horses and Friends series.

Mature readers looking for a good “beach read,” there are historical fiction selections like “Though the Waters Roar” by Lynn Austin and Christian romance/adventure novels set in Montana, written by Susan May Warren; the first being “Wild Montana Skies”!

If you are seeking a more unique reading experience, you might try “The Book of Mysteries” by Jonathan Cahn, author of New York Times best sellers “The Harbinger” and “The Mystery of the Shemitah” and Jewish follower of Jesus. All of these titles and many, many more are available for your reading pleasure – just stop in the Pella library... and *check them out!*

Pella is Hosting a Children’s Book Fair

Looking for a gift for a special child in your life? Stop by Pella’s Book Fair in the Gathering Commons and shop award-winning Bibles, books, and videos for kids. Be sure to check out the Order Form because it contains MORE books than are on display. The Book Fair provides you up to 50% off, PLUS free shipping on all titles. In addition, Pella will earn 20% of the proceeds to go towards curriculum or other resources. The Book Fair closes **April 7**.



VBS Registration OPEN



Pella’s 2017 Vacation Bible School – Hero Central – will be held from June 19-23, from 2-5 p.m. Children entering preschool thru 5th grade in 2017/2018 are encouraged to join us for a week of education, music, games, snacks, and more. You can register your child/children at <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/pella>. If you are interested in

volunteering for VBS, you can do that on the same website. If you have any questions, please contact Janelle Lamb or the church office.



Meals on Wheels – Volunteers Needed!

Meals on Wheels helps ensure that senior citizens in our community receive the nutrition they need, as well as being a means for them to maintain a bit of contact with local people. Pella has a long history of assisting this worthwhile program and it can be an enjoyable way to live out our mission statement: With Christ, We Welcome, Nurture, Equip and Serve! Pella has been asked to make the Route 2 delivery for Meals on Wheels for 4 weeks: May 29 - June 23. It typically works best if there is a team of at least two each deliver day, Monday-Friday.

As you make your summer plans, please consider spending a bit of time in service of others! A sign-up sheet will be available at the Information Desk in the Gathering Commons after Easter.

Pella Directory Corrections and Additions

If you have any additions or corrections for the Pella Directory that was published in November 2016, please let the church office know. The committee would like to publish the corrections in the Ambassador newsletter every three to four months.

Please add the following people into the back of your directory and we sincerely apologize for any errors or omissions.

- Ron & Janet Amunrud, PO Box 1288, Sidney, MT 59270, 480.2162
- Charlotte Anvik, 704 9th St SW, Sidney, MT 59270, 488.6522
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Council News Summary for March 7

February Minutes were approved.

It was reported that the checking account has a balance of \$74,404.90, and \$8,139.73 in the general fund. The Set Free to Serve loan balance is \$707,989.49.

It was noted that April 2 would be Synod House Sunday. The Montana Synod is working towards a new office building and mission center, called The Synod House.

LYO Super Bowl of Caring collected \$350 for the Richland County Food Bank and Super Subs & Chili brought in \$833 for LYO. Noodles and Doodles and Butter Braids are the next fundraisers. Senior Recognition Sunday is April 30th. VBS is set for June 19-23, from 2-5 pm.

Lenten Lunches are underway, and Pella will host on March 15.

The Call Committee sent the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) to the Synod. If anyone has name suggestions, they should contact the Call Committee.

Old Business: Work is proceeding on proposed wording changes in the Constitution and By-Laws, along with the General Policies. The Membership and Outreach Committee, and its duties, was discussed and Council decided this committee may be kept if a sufficient number of members are found.

Council Objectives/Goals for 2017 were discussed. It was noted that another member had been added to the Reformation Task Force. Discussion included what the goal baseline should be, what the terminology of active membership, active member, and new membership meant, along with some ideas on how to increase these types of memberships.

New Business: It was also noted that the UMM annual meeting is March 19 if anyone was interested in attending.

Cub Scout Pack #143 may be submitting a request for Pella to be its Charter Organization. This would be at no cost to Pella other than providing a meeting space.

The meeting was adjourned.

A complete set of the minutes is available upon request. Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 7:00 p.m.

Time & Talents

Pella is blessed with very active members, but we always have room for more! At this time, we could use additional volunteers to serve as **Lectors, Power Point Operators** and **Fellowship Hosts/Hostesses**.

Lectors read two scriptures and usually lead a responsive reading of the Psalm during Sunday's service.

The readings are either printed or emailed to the lector mid-week, so there is ample time to practice and become familiar with the selections.

Power Point Operators use the projector remote to advance the PP slides during the service. The PPO should arrive early for worship, collect the remote & the printed copy of the Power Point from the sound technician at the north end of the sanctuary. The PPO can sit in any pew on the main floor and is usually able to participate in communion as well.

Fellowship Hosts/ Hostesses prepare coffee, water and edibles for Fellowship time following worship services. Typically, a host or hostess team should plan to arrive before worship time to begin making coffee, prep water pitchers and set out cups & glasses. Each set of hosts/hostesses choose what food items to bring and may also have Pella staff order and purchase donuts and/or muffins from IGA.

If you would like more information on any of these or other service opportunities, contact our office at 433-3350 or email at pella@pellachurch.net. All of our volunteers are greatly appreciated!



Easter Lilies

We are inviting you to contribute toward the purchase of lilies for decorating the Sanctuary during Easter. Contributions may be made in honor or in memory of loved ones or friends—and will be listed in our Easter bulletin.

We will be purchasing ten (10) lilies—contributions received over and above what is needed to pay for these is to be determined.

Please use the form below, put it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office **by Thursday, April 6.**

Name _____

I/we would like to make a contribution of \$ _____ to the Easter Lily Fund.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

**Please make checks payable to Pella Lutheran Church and designate for "Easter Lily Fund."*



APRIL 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 6:00 pm Noodles & Doodles LYO Fundraiser
2 8:15 am Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Table Talk 10:30 am Hand bells	3	4 8:00 am Quilting	5 12 Noon Lenten Luncheon at St. Matthew's 5:15 pm WBS & Praise Band Practice 6 pm Community Meal 6:45 pm Confirmation & LYO 6:45 pm Lent Worship	6 6:30 am Men's Breakfast Study 9:30 am FLUTES	7	8
9 PALM/PASSION 8:15 am Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 10:00 am Blood Pressures taken 10:30 am Table Talk 10:30 am Hand bells	10 Office Closed	11 8 am Quilting 7 pm Council meeting	12 5:15 pm WBS & Praise Band Practice 6 pm Community Meal 6:45 pm Confirmation & LYO	13 6:30 am Men's Breakfast Study 9:30 am FLUTES 7 pm Maundy Thursday Worship	14 Office Closed pm 7 pm Good Friday Worship	15
16 EASTER 8:15 am Choir 9:00 am Worship Choir Singing	17 Office Closed	18 8 am Quilting 5:30 pm Christian Ed. Committee	19 5:15 pm WBS & Praise Band Practice 6 pm Community Meal 6:45 pm Confirmation & LYO	20 6:30 am Men's Breakfast Study 9:30 am FLUTES 7 pm Faith Circle	21	22
23 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Hand bells	24	25 8 am Quilting 10 am Worship at Extended Care	26 5:15 pm WBS & Praise Band Practice 6 pm Community Meal 6:45 pm Confirmation & LYO	27 6:30 am Men's Breakfast Study 9:30 am FLUTES	28	29 9 am—3 pm Speaking from the Heart Workshop
30 Senior Recognition 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Hand bells						

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Office Hours

**Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(Closed from Noon to
1:00 p.m. for lunch)**

Office Closures

Good Friday, April 14 in the afternoon

Monday, April 17 all day

**Remember baby bottles for the Sunrise Women's
Clinic fundraiser are due by Sunday, April 9.**



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