



Pella Lutheran Church

Ambassador

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



November 2016

“Setting the Table of Grace”

In anticipation of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, join us as we “Set the Table of Grace” during our Fall Stewardship campaign. Just as Luther often engaged in theological conversation with his family and guests at the table, we invite our congregation to gather around the “table” as we enrich our understanding of Christian stewardship.

Each of the upcoming four Sundays will be dedicated to strengthening our bonds of the community of faith, while deepening our individual faith. Please plan to join us!

* *Sunday, October 30.* Pastor Joel will kick off our campaign with an Introduction of Table Talks focusing on the “Gospel Table” during Reformation Sunday.

* *Sunday, November 6.* At the “Table of Saints,” we will discuss the foundation of giving and those that have inspired us to give.

* *Sunday, November 13.* Guest preacher Jeanne McCoskery will set the “Table of Grace” with an insightful and inspirational sermon on stewardship. Jeanne, who is from Missoula, has helped many congregations throughout the ELCA with stewardship and leadership development.

* *Sunday, November 20.* Join us at the “Table of the King” as we celebrate our blessings with a catered brunch following our worship service. Estimate of giving cards will be received during the offering. All members are welcome to attend as we celebrate Commitment Sunday.

When our hearts are open, God can cause great and wonderful things to happen. We fervently hope, pray, and believe that God will use this time to help us to continue to grow in our stewardship. We look forward to sharing in this joyful and powerful time – a time of celebration as we thank God for all that He is doing among us and through us!



Interim Reflection by Pastor Joel

The Council has decided to direct the Nominating Committee to put together a slate of candidates for a Call Committee. The names will be placed in nomination at the Congregational meeting the end of January 2017.

This is just the first step in the call process. After the Call Committee is elected they will meet with our Montana Synod Bishop, Jessica Crist, or the Associate to the Bishop. This initial meeting will provide the Call Committee with directions to carry out their task.

The very first step will be to complete the Congregation's "Ministry Site Profile" (MSP). This document describes the congregation and its preferences pertaining to the new pastor. It is shared with those who are interested in the call to Pella.

The next step involves gathering names of potential candidates for the position of Pastor here at Pella. Names can be submitted by congregational members and the Bishop. (The position will be posted on the ELCA website for interested candidates to view.)

All those individuals will be contacted to ascertain their willingness to consider a call to Pella. A list of those who are open to considering Pella will be given to the Call Committee.

The Call Committee's focus at that point will be to narrow the choice to one recommendation for the Congregation to consider for the call. This will involve going over the candidate's profiles, checking references, and interviews. If no candidates are deemed to be an appropriate fit then further time will be taken for others to be identified and the Call Committee to bring forth a recommendation following another discernment process.

Finally, after a strong affirmative vote by the Congregation to extend a call, the pastor will have time to confirm the decision and agree to accept the call. The actual arrival of a new pastor will vary depending on their current call and circumstances.

The conclusion of the call process in total **could** take 9 – 18 months. With this in mind I would remind you to be patient and positive! You want the best match possible even if it takes some time for it to happen.

In the meantime I will be here. I have a great appreciation for you as a congregation – your ongoing ministry, your staff, your facility, and for the potential and power of the gospel you share in this community and the world. I am sure there is a capable and compatible pastor who will be delighted to receive and fulfill the call to ministry at and with Pella.

New Members

Pastor Joel will meet with those interested in becoming members of Pella Lutheran at one of the following times:

Saturday, November 5, 9:00 – 11:00 am, or

Sunday, November 6, 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

The sessions will take into consideration the continuum between having a strong ELCA Lutheran connection to having little or no church connection or background.

During the session there will be introductions and discussion related to 1) the basics of Lutheran faith and practice, 2) life and ministry of Pella, and 3) opportunities for participation and involvement at Pella.

We will plan on receiving new members during the worship on Sunday, November 20. Please contact Pastor Joel if you plan on attending or with any questions.

Join Us for Advent Activities

Everyone is invited to join us for a special activity time each Sunday in advent. During our first Sunday, we will be discussing and making advent wreaths and/or advent calendars. Please join us from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for the activity and fellowship. After the activity, stay for a light lunch and more fellowship. We will gather on the following Sundays: * November 27 *December 4 *December 11 *December 18

If you are interested in participating, please contact the office or sign up in the Gathering Commons. This will help us estimate the supplies needed. Also, if you are interested in helping with the lunch, please indicate that also. We are looking for people to sign up to provide food (soup, bread, meat/cheese, fruit/veggies), set up before, or clean up after.

Decorating for Christmas

We will be decorating the church on Wednesday, December 7, at 6:45 p.m. LYO and everyone welcome.



Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24 - 3:30 p.m.,
5:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25- 9:00 a.m.

Daylight Savings Reminder

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night (Nov. 5) before you go to bed.

Food Bank Christmas Coalition

The coalition is asking Pella members to please bring 100 small cans of mandarin oranges and 100 boxes of Stuffing by November 20 for their Christmas baskets.

Other items that are needed by the local food bank are: pork-n-beans, ramen noodles and tuna. Please drop your items in the box next to the church office door. Thank you.



Take Advantage of Our Website!

We continue to update our website and make information from the church accessible! If you are looking for an Ambassador from the past year; you can find it in the news section, along with the council minutes. Also, if you are needing forms or information on what's going on in WBS, Confirmation or LYO, you can check them out on their own pages! There is also an updated calendar of events. We try to keep the website up to date for your use. If you have any additions or ideas to help improve the Pella website, please feel free to contact the church office. Check us out at www.pellachurch.net.

Giving Thanks for Our Volunteers

Pella's mission statement is: With Christ, We Welcome, Nurture, Equip and Serve. We couldn't be doing all of these things without our many volunteers. If you are volunteering your time and talent to Pella in any way, we graciously thank you for your service.

During worship on Sunday, Oct. 9, we recognized those who volunteer their time to lead Christian Education ministries. Here are our leaders for 2016/2017.

Wednesday Bible School Teachers:

Preschool: Diane Savage, Mikael Savage & Jane Olson

Kindergarten: Aleah Rosaaen, Patti King & Claire Frank

1st Grade: Erin Anderson, Hannah Anderson & Carla Bright

2nd Grade: George Biebl & Crystal Strait

3rd Grade: Susan Iversen & Kathryn Murphy

4th Grade: Kyra Hagberg & Joanna Horsburgh

5th Grade: Enid Huotari & Becky Kallevig

Other: Kim Hill

Confirmation leaders:

6th Grade: Jennifer Doty, Marlys Anvik & Luke Savage

7th Grade: Patti McGinnis & Tonya Schoepp

8th Grade: Kaci Dean & Tammy Pedersen

LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization) leaders:

Vanessa Pooch

Jason Lamb

We give thanks for your willingness to help. YOU make Pella what it is!

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VOLUNTEERS

Worship Notes: October 23

Old Business: All the pianos were tuned in July. At this time Teresa Anderson is leading the Praise Band, and they play the last Sunday of each month.

New Business: A clock will be purchased for the music room and paid for from the music equipment fund.

Christmas/Advent: Beginning November 27, Setting One will be used. Christmas Eve services will be at 3:30, 5:30 and 11 p.m. Special music will be encouraged. Christmas Day Sunday service will be at 9 a.m. Advent activities will be done after church each Sunday.

Poinsettias: It was decided that 25 will be ordered; donations above the purchase will be given to a fund to be announced.

**Pella Cookbooks Available**

If you are interested in purchasing one for yourself or for a gift, now is the time to get them. They can be purchased at the church office during the week.

Scripture For November**11/6/2016****All Saints Sunday**

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

11/13

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 1:14-18

11/20**Christ the King Sunday**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

11/27**First Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

**Acolytes for November**

- 6 Ben Carlsen & Bradyn Page
- 13 Emma Doty & Payten Syth
- 20 Colten Dahl & Jacob Thompson
- 27 Avery Iversen & Zariah Gonzalez





Children Receive Bibles and Share Songs

During worship on Oct. 9, third-grade students received Bibles during a brief ceremony. The Wednesday Bible School participants at worship also shared a couple of their favorite songs with the congregation: “Joy, Joy, Joy” and “The B-I-B-L-E.” We look forward to providing special music for worship again soon. Great job kids!

Back Row: Alexa Iversen, Landry Larson,
Grady Swenson, Jarret Averett
Front Row: Shane Goergen, Zachary Olson,
Alex Karanjai
Not pictured: Amber Brown and Josi Hansen

Upper Missouri Ministries – Upcoming Events

| Event | Dates | Participants | Cost |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Beautiful Girl Retreat | December 2-3 (Friday/Saturday) | Grades: 5-8 | \$65/\$80 after November 1 |
| Family Advent Night | December 3 (Saturday) | All Ages | \$20/Family |
| Winter Camp | January 20-22 (Friday/Saturday) | Grades: 4-6 | \$95/\$110 after January 11 |
| Winter Weekend | February 17-18 (Friday/Saturday) | Grades: 7-9 & 10-12 | \$65/\$80 after February 1 |

Wednesday Bible School Christmas Program

Please join the Wednesday Bible School children for their annual Christmas Program at **5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14**. Everyone is welcome to stay for the Community Meal after the program.



Thank you for your donations to the various memorial funds



To the Radio fund

In memory of Clarence Homstad
Louise Iversen
In memory of Reuben Hundtofte
Palmer & Doris Norby
Ruth Iversen
Friends & Family of Reuben

To the Endowment fund

In memory of Eldon Steffens
Eldon Steffens Trust

To the WBS fund

In memory of Reuben Hundtofte
Linda & Ted Becker

To the Sign project

In memory of Reuben Hundtofte
Mark & Marilyn Olson
Chole & Charles Butler

To Set Free to Serve

In memory of Reuben Hundtofte
Ed & Antonette Eberling
Kathryn & Marvin Eberling
Ron Steffens
Stan & Shelly Rosaaen
Mark & Kathy Iversen
Diane Savage
James & Linda Tibbits

To Set Free to Serve

In memory of Reuben Hundtofte
Kay & Scott Johnson
Dave & Becky Reidle
Arnold & Adeline Dige
Leo & Shirley Miller
Friends & Family of Reuben
In memory of Jim Hedegaard
Leo & Shirley Miller

Thanks for Supporting the Reformation 500 Bookstore

In preparation for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Pella hosted a Reformation 500 Bookstore in October. Thanks to everyone who browsed, conversed about, and ordered the books. If you ordered books, you will be contacted upon their arrival. If you did not order books, but are interested in learning more, the books displayed at the bookstore will be available in Pella's Library.

The bookstore was sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. Thanks to Faith Circle for helping organize the bookstore.



Montana Synod Weekly Newsletter

If you are interested in receiving the weekly newsletter from the ELCA MT Synod office, please send an email to: susanhedahl@montanasynod.ccsend.com.

Prayer Shawl Coffee Hour

Saturday morning, November 5 at 10 a.m. there will be a coffee hour so prayer shawl makers can get together! We also welcome anyone who would like to begin sharing in this mission. Come and share with these creative folks! For more information, please contact Betty at 488-3465.

Pella Pantry Year End Report

The Pella Pantry Committee met on Sunday, October 9 to review the Pella Pantry outcomes for this past year. We were excited to see that we had a little more money to give away than we had anticipated! Our new pie cupboards were paid for with reserve funds set aside for Pella Pantry repairs/improvements, so we knew we needed to replenish those funds.

With that in mind, our net profit for this year's fair was \$9,686.98. We asked for Council approval to disperse as follows:

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| Pella Quilters | \$1000 |
| Kitchen/Set Free | \$1500 |
| LYO | \$1000 |
| Council's discretion | \$1500 |
| Boys/Girl's Club | \$1000 |
| Richland County Food Bank | \$1000 |
| Richland Opp. Inc. | \$ 500 |

Pella Pantry Report Continues...

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| Matthew House | \$ 500 |
| Domestic Abuse | \$ 500 |
| Upper Missouri Ministries | \$ 500 |

The remaining funds will replenish the Pella Pantry Repair/Improvement fund for future projects.

Thanks to Pella members for the great support for our fair booth! If you have suggestions on ways to make this run more smoothly or to join our committee, please do let committee members know!

Sincerely,

Yvonne Gebhardt, Randy and Susan Iversen, Stan and Shelly Rosaaen, Kelly Johnson, Cindy Irigoin, Jody Christensen and Diane Savage.



Council News Summary

The meeting was held on October 11, 2016. Financial reports were given by John. The checking account balance is \$92,000.32 and the general fund is \$8,101.67. Pastor Joel gave his report of activities throughout the month and upcoming events.

Erin Anderson reported for the Christian Education committee. All grade levels of WBS are fully staffed with teachers and the nursery is being well used. Third graders will receive their Bibles on October 9, and the WBS students will do special music that day.

The Christmas program is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, at 5:30 p.m. Erin also discussed the schedule for the rest of the school year and some conversation arising from non-member youth attending Confirmation. VBS dates have been set for June 19-23, 2017.

Randy Iversen reported for the Endowment committee. There has been a recommendation to separate the Endowment fund from the church accounts in order to keep it more secure. More research will be done on this process.

Diane Savage reported that Pastor Joel has been taking care of the visitation needs. April Boehler stated that the Church Directory is on schedule to be completed soon.

Randy Iversen reported that Pella Pantry made \$9,686.90 from the fair this year. The disbursements of those funds were approved. A list can be found on page 8 of this newsletter.

Diane Savage reported for the Personnel committee stating that Becky Reidle has transitioned into the Parish Assistant position. The church is still searching for an assistant custodian, and staff evaluations will be completed in October.

Mark Olson reported for Property and Grounds stating the tree removal at the north parsonage was successful, and the last big project is the outdoor sign.

Pastor reported that the Stewardship committee is getting things ready for this year's emphasis under the theme "Setting the Table of Grace."

April Boehler reported for the Worship and Music committee stating that all the copyright licenses must be renewed each year and there is funding available. Upcoming special services were discussed. An Advent message will be worked into the regular Sunday service or during fellowship afterwards. Christmas Eve services will be 3:30, 5:30 and 11 p.m., and the Christmas Day service on Sunday will be at 9 a.m.

Old Business: The Council voted and passed the Assistance and Safety guidelines, the janitorial assistant position was discussed, Constitution Task Force has four members and a meeting will be set up. Clarification regarding the purchase policy from February 10, 2016 was discussed and this requirement will be kept as is.

New Business: The Council voted to place some additional funding into the Discretionary fund. Facility requests were approved. The Council agreed to activate the Nominating Committee and being the process of creating a Call Committee. The Pastor's plan for a year of Table Talks was approved by the Council.

Do you have the time? We know you have the TALENT!



Pella is blessed with a core group of people who serve in various volunteer roles -and they do it very well, but we need to strengthen this core by adding to its number! We all know that a shared load is lighter!

Please consider offering your time & talent in the following areas:

Worship:

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| _____ Usher | _____ Communion Server |
| _____ Lector | _____ Communion Set-up/Clean-up |
| _____ Coffee Host | _____ Power Point Operator |
| _____ Special Music | _____ Sound System Operator |

Other:

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| _____ Community Meal assistants | |
| _____ Nursery assistants | |
| _____ Music: _____ Choir | _____ Flutes _____ Hand bells |
| _____ Education/Service: _____ Elementary | _____ Middle School |
| _____ High School _____ Adults | _____ Committee Member/s |

Name: _____ Return form to the Office

Phone/Email: _____ OR Call us at 433-3350!



Church Year End Reports

Committee chairpersons: It is that time of year again and year end reports are due December 15. If you have any questions, please contact the office.



NOVEMBER 2016

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | 1 8 am Quilting | 2 | 3 6:30 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 9 :30 am FLUTES practice | 4 | 5 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Coffee hour *Daylight Savings Time (Fall back 1 hour) |
| 6 8:15 am Choir 9 am Worship 2 Baptisms 10 am Coffee 10:30 am Hand bells | 7 6:30 pm Compassionate Communication Practice Group | 8 Election Day 8 am Quilting 7 pm Council | 9 5:15 pm WBS & Praise Band Practice 6 pm Community Meal 6:45 pm Confirmation & LYO | 10 6:30 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 9 :30 am FLUTES practice 7 pm Faith Circle | 11 | 12 |
| 13 8:15 am Choir 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee 10 am Blood Pressures 10:30 am Hand bells | 14 News Articles Due 6:30 pm Compassionate Communication Practice Group | 15 8 am Quilting 2 pm Faith Circle hosts Extended Care Birthday party 5:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee | 16 5:15 pm WBS & Praise Band Practice 6 pm Community Meal 6:45 pm Confirmation & LYO | 17 6:30 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 9 :30 am FLUTES practice | 18 | 19 |
| 20 8:15 am Choir Choir Sings 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee 10:30 am Hand bells | 21 | 22 8 am Quilting | 23 NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES | 24 OFFICE CLOSED  | 25 ➡ ➡ ➡ | 26 |
| 27 Advent Praise Band 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee 10:30 am Hand bells 10:30 am Advent Activity | 28 6:30 pm Compassionate Communication Practice Group | 29 6:45 a.m. Endowment Committee meeting 8 am Quilting 10 am Extended Care Service | 30 5:15 pm WBS & Praise Band Practice 6 pm Community Meal 6:45 pm Confirmation & LYO | | | |

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No Wednesday Activities

November 23.

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Happy Thanksgiving!!



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