



# Pella Lutheran Church Ambassador



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

July 2017

## VBS 2017 — Hero Central

### God's Heroes Ascend on Pella to Strengthen Their Powers

Pella ministered to more than 60 kids during Vacation Bible School the third week of June (19-23). The kids were instantly clothed in their capes and re-named HEROES. From 2-5 p.m. each day heroes from preschool thru 5th grade gathered for a large-group opening. During openings, heroes learned about the message for the day from Captain Shield and Sidekick Flame, as well as from the Supersonic Shuttle that transmitted a daily mission to Pella's Dematerializer. Heroes also learned music and moves. After opening, heroes traveled to various stations: Bible, Science, Games, Snacks, and Crafts. Each day ended with a closing, with another visit from Captain Shield, Flame, and the Supersonic Shuttle crew.



Heroes focused on the above Bible verse all week.

The focus of every activity at VBS was the Bible lesson and what hero "code" it was teaching about. Here is a breakdown of what we learned:



DAY 1  
Samuel anoints David  
1 Samuel 16:1-12



DAY 2  
Abigail saves the day  
1 Samuel 25



DAY 3  
Jesus goes to the temple  
Luke 2:41-52



DAY 4  
Beatitudes  
Matthew 4:23-5:12



DAY 5  
Pentecost  
Acts. 2:1-41

*More on Page 3.*

## Interim Perspective by Pastor Joel

### *What now?*

Now that the first round of candidates has ended and no call has been extended.

- ◆ You keep on with the process and you keep on with the mission of the church and you keep on praying.
- ◆ You encourage and support the Call Committee. You pray that whoever will become the next pastor is being moved by the Spirit to offer their name for consideration. You pray for a healthy mutually satisfying and fulfilling match for congregation and pastor.
- ◆ You trust Bishop Crist, the Call Committee, and the Holy Spirit. Another round of discernment by the Call Committee will commence once any additional names are received from Bishop Crist.
- ◆ You move forward with your mission and ministries. The mission is: With Christ to Welcome, Nurture, Equip and Serve. Pella's worship and service and fellowship and education activities continue.
- ◆ And I will continue as I have the past 10 months to serve you as your INTERIM pastor.
- ◆ Colossians 2:6-7  
*As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

## Table Talk: Resilient Reformer book discussion

I invite you to continue reading and discussing the book, Resilient Reformer: The Life and Thought of Martin Luther by Timothy Lull & Derek Nelson. Here is the schedule for the second half of the book:

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Chapters 7 – 9   | 10:30 am, Sunday, July 9  |
| Chapters 10 – 12 | 10:30 am, Sunday, July 23 |

**Thanks** to everyone who made VBS a success:

- Anna Allen
- Andersons (Aiden, Erin, Hannah)
- Linda Anderson
- Sharwynn Anderson
- Nanette Bergerson
- Biebls (Dawn & George)
- Boehlers (April, Holden, Sienna)
- Chole Butler
- Christensens (Corey, Hailey, Jody)
- Colton Dahl
- Sarah Deming
- Rhonda Folstad
- Claire Frank
- Dianna Hammond
- Audrey Herman
- Kim Hill
- Horsburghs (Hollis, Joanna, Jori)
- Iversens (Alexa, Amara, Avery, Susan)
- Patti Iversen
- Lili Johnson
- Jones (Bev & Randy)
- Lambs (Jason, Mercedes, Tristan)
- Brenda Larson
- Michelle Loan
- Meldahls (Katrina, Synneva, Terry)
- Carol Nankivel
- John Nelson
- Kerry Rasmussen
- Doris Redman
- Reidles (Becky, Shynyn, Shelby)
- Diane Savage
- Olivia Schoepp
- Snows (Daisy, Erika)
- Thompsons (Beth, Jacob, Landen)
- Joel Westby
- PATH Industries



**SAVE THE DATE: Next year's VBS will be June 18-22!**



**Bible School Students  
and Leaders**



Classes on  
Wednesdays



Thanks to everyone  
involved...students, families  
& volunteers!





## Scripture for July 2017

*7/2 4th Sunday after Pentecost*

Jeremiah 28:5-9  
 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18  
 Romans 6:12-23  
 Matthew 10:40-42

*7/9 5th Sunday after Pentecost*

Zechariah 9:9-12  
 Psalm 145:8-14  
 Romans 7:15-25a  
 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

*7/16 6th Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 55:10-13  
 Psalm 65: 1-13  
 Romans 8:1-11  
 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*7/23 7th Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 44:6-8  
 Psalm 86:11-17  
 Romans 8:12-25  
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

*7/30 8th Sunday after Pentecost*

1Kings 3:5-12  
 Psalm 119:129-136  
 Romans 8:26-39  
 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



### Faith Circle

In the group picture taken for the (LWR) personal care kits in the June Ambassador the participants names in the back row didn't appear and we are very sorry. The group picture also included the following people in the back row: Marvellee Fink, Doris Larsen, Barb Badt, Dawn Biebl, Judy Sondeno, Nancy Hedegaard and Carol Nankivel.

Thank you for volunteering and for your continued service!

### Meals on Wheels Volunteers

A big "thank you" goes out to the Pella members who generously donated their time and fuel to deliver Meals on Wheels from May 30-June 23! Several people signed up for whole weeks at a time – one even did two weeks! Thank you all for participating in this worthwhile program – it is the single reason many elderly and/or disabled people in our community can remain in their own homes. It is also an excellent opportunity for us, as Christians, to live out Jesus' commandment: "...As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34b

Craig & Kathy Averett and grandkids, McKenzy & Avery Hazen; Katelyn Dynneson; Tammy Dynneson; Yvonne Gebhardt; Randy, Kelly, Alec & Danny Johnson; Jason & Mercedes Lamb; Bill & Carol Nankivel; Becky, Shelby & Shanyne Reidle; Eileen Rein; Stan Rosaaen; Janet Spracklin; Nancy Trudell & Nikki Wick.

## The Fair is coming, the Fair is coming!



We need your help at the Pella Pantry booth this year. Shift option signup sheets are available on the information desk in the entry. Please sign up early to get your preferred time and position! *Notice the overlapping of shifts of 15 minutes out at the fair. This is important, so that the person leaving the shift can TRAIN the person coming in on the next shift!*

**Set up the booth-Sunday, July 30, at 1-3 p.m.** (give or take) With lots of help, it doesn't take long!

**Pie Baking** starts at 7:30 a.m. or as soon as you can come, at Pella, starting Tuesday morning Aug. 1-Friday, Aug. 4. You don't need to be a pie making expert. It takes many hands to make the final product!

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

10:45-2 (doors open around 11)

1:45-5

4:45-8

7:45-11 (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)

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

2:00-5:30

5:15-8:45

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

**Clean up the booth-Sunday, August 6, at 1-3 p.m.** (give or take) Depends on how many come!



## Trees! Trees! Trees!

Check out the newly planted trees at the north parsonage and along the boulevard around the east lawn — 6 trees in all.

Planting Crew: Keenan Earle, Cade Strasheim, Tanner Wacha, Dawson McGlothlin, Kolby Waterson, Jason Lamb, Kyler Garsjo, Carter Johnson, Luke Beenken, Chase Morehouse, Kade Anderson

## **New Lay Pastoral Associate Class in Eastern Montana!**

A new Lay Pastoral Associate class, LPA East, has been proposed out of a strong need in this part of the Synod. Beginning October 2017, this new class will open up opportunities for those living in eastern Montana. 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 Pr. 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, communion, and other roles as approved by the Bishop. LPAs are NOT authorized to preside at weddings. 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, and Mentor guided activities. You can find more information on the program on our website:*

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

### **Pastor Joel adds:**

*Does Pella need any LPAs? Pella has utilized LPAs to preach and preside at worship at times when the pastor is away. I have also had LPAs lead and preach at mid-week Lenten worship. They could certainly help provide Children's sermons. Some become worship assistants who lead the prayers and other parts of the liturgy. Some LPAs choose not to preach or do other official tasks, instead they simply use their expanded knowledge and personal growth to inform and impact their faith and living in Christ and the mission of the congregation. I believe the LPA program enriches and strengthens the whole church.*

*I would be glad to receive inquiries and interest in this program. The cost is minimal, and now the location of classes will be much more accessible. I hope there will be some of you that will seriously consider this opportunity for growth and service.*



**Thank you for your donations  
to these memorial funds.**

**Radio fund**

*In memory of Andrew & Lila Miller:*

Michael & Nancy Knaff, Shirley Maltese,  
Steve & Barbara Arnold, Selma Levno,  
Charles & Martha Kay Frost,  
Harold J. & Dorothy Cavener

*In memory of Shelly Rosaaen:* Anna Ginther,  
Keith & Tammy Dynneson,

*In memory of Reinhold Ginther:*

Charley & Chole Butler

*In memory of Harold Cavener:* Iona Hansen

*In memory of Dick Dore:* Ruth Iversen

**Set Free to Serve fund**

*In memory of Adrienne Hoverson:*

Terry & Synneva Meldahl, Jim & Linda Tibbits,  
Cindy & Tom Irigoien, Judy & Gene Sondeno

*In memory of Andrew & Lila Miller:* Vi Tharp,  
Diane & Bob Savage

*In memory of Shelly Rosaaen:*

Bruce & Sandra Edwards, Linda & Ted Becker,  
Marvellee Fink, Randy & Bev Jones,  
Carol & Bob Lee, Jason & Janelle Lamb,  
Leo & Shirley Miller

*In memory of Dick Dore:* David McMillen

*In memory of Richard Wolf:* Mark Kolbo

*In memory of John Ladd:* Judy & Gene Sondeno

**Memorial fund**

*In memory of Maddalyn Anderson:*

Duane & Linda Anderson

**Kitchen fund**

*In memory of Shelly Rosaaen:*

Dennis & Linda Wick

**Pastoral Acts for June 2017**

Attended the Montana Synod Assembly.

Funeral services on June 10 for Richard  
“Dick” Dore.

Held Table Talk discussions on the Resilient  
Reformer on June 11 and 14.

Worked with Vacation Bible School children,  
leaders and volunteers June 19-23.

Worship Service at Extended Care June 27.

Attended and participated in committee  
meetings throughout the month.

**July Acolytes**

**2nd** Daisy Snow

**9th** Ryan McGinnis

**16th** Hannah Anderson & Whitney VanHook

**23rd** Ben Carlsen & Bradyn Page

**30th** Emma Doty & Payten Syth





## Summary of Pella Council: June 2017

A presentation was given by Thrivent representatives regarding Thrivent Choice Dollars and Thrivent Action Teams and how they can be used to benefit nonprofit entities such as Pella.

Call Committee member Bill Iversen brought the recommendation to the council that a special congregational meeting be called to vote on extending a call to Rev. Eric Olsen.

Reports were given by the Reformation500 Task Force, Worship & Music, Christian Education, and Outreach committees.

Under Old Business the Pella Lutheran Church handbook was reviewed. Areas of modifications not previously addressed were discussed and recommendations made. The Council approved the handbook with the changes.

It was also reported that Pella's draft revised constitution is being reviewed with recommended conforming changes.

The Council objectives/goals for 2017 were reviewed and recognized as progressing.

Next meeting of Council will be Tuesday, July 11.



### Save Your Rhubarb for Pella Pantry!

If you have some fresh rhubarb you are willing to donate, the Pella Pantry would be happy to take it off your hands. If you can please place 8 cups of rhubarb per plastic bag that would be very helpful. Thank you.

Hope to see you at the Pella Pantry Booth!

**\*\* We need your help at the Pella Pantry booth. The sign-up sheets are on the information desk in the entry. Thank you!**

## Synod Assembly

Check out the Montana Synod website ([montanasynod.org](http://montanasynod.org)) for “Recaps” of each of the three days of the Assembly: June 2-4.



Can you find Pastor Joel in the above photo?



Montana Synod Assembly recognizing and celebrating the building of the Synod House.






# JULY 2017



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| 2<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:00 am Fellowship | 3<br>OFFICE CLOSED | 4<br><br>OFFICE CLOSED | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| 9<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:00 am Fellowship<br>10:00 am Blood Pressure<br>10:30 am Table Talk: Reform book | 10 | 11<br>7:00 pm Council Meeting | 12 | 13 | 14<br>5 pm Rehearsal | 15<br>5 pm Wedding |
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| 16<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:00 am Fellowship | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20<br>Newsletter Articles Due | 21 | 22 |
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| 23<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:00 am Fellowship<br>10:30 am Table Talk: Reform book | 24 | 25<br>10:00 am Worship at Extended Care<br>5:30 pm Christian Ed Committee | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
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| 30<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:00 am Fellowship<br>1-3 pm Set-up at Pella Pantry | 31 | <p><b>Richland County Fair is August 2-5</b><br/> <b>Pella Pantry Booth Workers Needed</b></p> |  |  |  |  |
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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)**

**Richland County Fair, August 2-5**

**Church Cleaning, August TBA**

**WBS, Confirmation and LYO starting  
Wednesday, September 6**

**Community Meals, starting Wednesday,  
September 6, at 6 p.m.**



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