

Pella Lutheran Church

Ambassador



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

May 2017

Rite of Confirmation will be 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, Alexa Iversen, Liliana Johnson, Logan Jones, Ian Jurgens, Braden Klinke, Alexia Metz, Brodey Skogen and Taylor Stewart. Also being honored as a participant is Andoni Idoate.

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



May 17 – Final Night for Wednesday Programs

Another successful year of Wednesday nights – WBS, Confirmation, LYO, Adult Education, and Community Meal – will be wrapping up on May 17. Come and enjoy a barbecue to celebrate our year together and to kick off summer!



8th graders serving the Community Meal: Kolby Hutzenbiler, Braden Klinke, Logan Jones, Ian Jurgens, Andoni Idoate, Jaxson Franklin, Jaylen Baxter, Brodey Skogen.

Interim Perspective

Continue or start praying for Pella's Call process. The Call Committee is set to receive and consider names – pray for the Call Committee and their task of discernment. Pray for the potential candidates (pastors) to pay attention to the Spirit's leading. Pray for yourself and the other members and participants of Pella Lutheran that all will be ready to welcome and partner with a new pastor. Pray for the whole congregation that you and others will be ready for that transition and change.

Be kind to the Call Committee members. Remember they cannot share names and information about candidates unless the candidates agree. Some candidates are serving in calls and have not yet informed the congregation that they are seeking another call. Plus, not all information available to the Call Committee is for public distribution.

The process takes time. Be patient. The Call Committee will update us on an ongoing basis.

Consider attending the Montana Synod Assembly in Great Falls, June 2-4. The Council is looking for two volunteers (1 male, 1 female) to be Voting Members. Registration and hotel cost will be covered. You will experience and learn how the church is doing ministry and mission in Montana, in the rest of the ELCA and around the globe. You will meet and converse with people from the entire synod and a few representing the ELCA church wide. If you are interested contact Pastor Joel or Randy Iversen – Council President.

The conclusion of the main program year draws near. I want to note that it has been fun and fulfilling to be a part of that. I have delighted in being at WBS openings to sing and pray with young learners. I have enjoyed the food and conversations at the meals. I have appreciated being able to contribute to the learning and faith engagement that is happening in Confirmation and at LYO.

And I want to thank all the volunteers who have taught WBS, Confirmation and LYO; for those providing care in the Nursery; for the cooks and servers at the Wednesday Meal; and especially Janelle Lamb for coordinating the whole Youth and Education program. Your ministry on Wednesdays is a vital part of your mission and you make it strong.

Pastor Joel

5th Graders & Parents – Confirmation Meeting on May 10

On Wednesday, May 10, all 5th graders and their parents are invited to join Janelle for a meeting about Pella's confirmation program. We will meet during normal Wednesday Bible School time: 5:15-6:15. This meeting will provide information about what 5th graders can expect as they begin their confirmation journey in 2017/2018. If you are unable to attend but will be participating in confirmation next year, please contact Janelle at 433-3350 or jlamb@pellachurch.net.

8th Graders & Parents – 2018 Youth Gathering Meeting on May 10

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the ELCA gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. The 2018 Gathering will be held from June 27 through July 1 in Houston. The theme is: "This Changes Everything," based on Ephesians 2:8 – "By grace you have been saved..."



On May 10, 8th - grade students and parents will meet to discuss next year's gathering. If you are in LYO and missed the LYO meeting in March, feel free to join us. If you are interested in attending the Youth Gathering but cannot make this meeting, please contact Janelle at 433-3350 or jlamb@pellachurch.net.

LYO Thanks You for Support

As always, LYO thanks you for your generous support. We raised slightly more than \$1,600 selling Butter Braids this year!

LYO also wants to thank everyone who supported its Noodles & Doodles event on Saturday, April 1. Here are some of the highlights:

- *More than 30 items were created/donated for the silent auction.
- *More than 40 people enjoyed the social, auction, and pasta buffet.
- *More than \$2,000 was raised for the LYO fund.

The amount raised would not have been so high without the use of a Thrivent Action Team. LYO used this "seed money" to purchase art supplies and food for the event.

2017 Easter Lily Contributions



Given by

Randy & Beverly Jones

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In Honor of

Hannah & Aiden
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Pella's Staff
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Our Parents
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Bill Fink
Lloyd Bast
Dale Reidle
My parents, brother & sisters
Ron Anderson & Gene Iversen

Thank you for your contributions for the lilies.

Thank you to all the volunteers who serve in many areas here at Pella.
You are appreciated! God Bless.



Acolytes for May

- 7 Emma Doty & Payten Syth
- 14 Colten Dahl & Jacob Thompson
- 21 Avery Iversen & Zariah Gonzalez
- 28 Max Nicholson & Tyler Olson

Thank you for your donations to these memorial funds

Radio fund

In memory of Andrew Miller Jr.
Iona Hansen
In memory of Mark Peterson
Iona Hansen

Pella Quilters fund

In memory of Mike Selle
Palmer & Doris Norby

Pastoral Acts for April 2017

Baptisms: April 9, Marc Sondeno,
Son of Matt and Marci Sondeno,
April 30, Foster Allan Sukut,
Son of Brent and Lauren Sukut
Funeral: April 29, Paul Trudell



**Meals on Wheels
Volunteers Needed!**

Meals on Wheels have asked for help May 30 – June 23.

A sign-up sheet is on the information desk. You can also let the office know when you can volunteer! Thank you!

Scripture for May

5/7 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

5/14 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

5/21 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

5/28 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11



Scholarship Deadline June 1

Scholarship applications can be picked up in the Church office. The three that are available are as follows: 1) Endowment Committee, 2) Concordia, and 3) Any Lutheran University.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING

Pella Lutheran Church Presents:



Who:

- Children entering preschool (age 4) through 5th grade next school year.
- Volunteers entering 6th grade through adults.

What:

Interactive Bible fun, music to energize your ears, super science, cool crafts, hands-on mission hero work, delicious snacks, great games, and more.

When:

June 19-23

2-5 p.m.

How:

Register as a student or volunteer at:

- <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/pella/>

or

- through the church office.



Thank You Volunteers!

Thank you to everyone in the congregation for supporting Wednesday nights with your prayers, involvement and donations. Your support is critical to our success. We would like to say a special thanks to the following volunteers. If we missed someone, please let the office know.

Nursery:

D'Lon Anderson, Jenna Anderson, Linda Becker, Amy Conlin, Emma Torgerson, Darla Dahl, Colten Dahl, Zariah Gonzalez, Nancy Hedegaard, Bev Jones, Heidi Moran, Tyler Olson, Tracy Savage, Payten Syth, Beth & Mark Thompson, Whitney VanHook

Wednesday Bible School:

Preschool – Diane Savage, Jane Olson, Mikael Savage, Tracy Savage, Linda Becker

Kindergarten – Aleah Rosaaen, Patti King, Claire Frank

First – Erin Anderson, Carla Bright, Hannah Anderson

Second – George Biebl, Crystal Strait

Third – Susan Iversen, Kathryn Murphy, Avery Iversen

Fourth – Kyra Hagberg, Joanna Horsburgh

Fifth – Enid Huotari, Becky Kallevig

Sub – Kim Hill

**Thank
YOU!**

Community Meal:

Curtis Anderson, Duane Anderson, Linda Anderson, Dawn Biebl, April Boehler, Kim Hill, Bev Jones, Becky Kallevig, Kendall Kallevig, Bill Linder, Russ Markwald, Greg Miller, Linette Miller, Leo Miller, Shirley Miller, Carol Nankivel, Linda O'Connor, Marilyn Olson, Mark Olson, Eileen Rein, Ruth Reidle, Judy Sondeno, Linda Wick

Sherman & Marlys Dynneson – A special thanks goes to Sherman & Marlys for their generosity in donating hamburger whenever we ask!

Confirmation:

Sixth – Jen Doty, Luke Savage

Seventh – Patti McGinnis, Tonya Schoepp

Eighth – Kaci Dean, Tammy Pedersen

LYO:

Vanessa Pooch, Jason Lamb, Kim Hill

Prayer Requests



If you have any prayer needs please contact the Pastor or church office. Your requests will remain on the list for four weeks and will be removed after that unless the Pastor or office staff are told otherwise. Please obtain permission from the person to be included on the prayer list so they will know we are praying for them.

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“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, May 13, 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.

New Members



Pastor Joel recognizing new members April 23, 2017. New members are: Linda Wiedrich, Josh & Britany Thrans (sons Riggen & Rye), and Yin Yu. Not pictured: Tyler Harris.

Council Meeting Summary for April 11, 2017

- * A letter received by the Museum of Danish America was shared. It was noted that Pella would keep any Danish items at the church, but that perhaps an article could be written for the Ambassador.
- * Giving Statement from the MT Synod was read thanking Pella for its ministry and financial support.
- * The Checking Account has a balance of \$66,265 and the General Fund balance is \$1,957.87. The “Set Free to Serve” loan balance is currently at \$701,526. Council will pursue the possibility of loan refinancing.
- * \$1,430 had been collected for Montana Synod House.
- * Approval was voiced for receiving the following new members: Linda Weidrich; Yin Yu; Tyler Harris; and Josh, Britany, Rye, and Rikken Thrans.
- * Approval was also given for the following list for the Rite of Confirmation: Jaylen Baxter, Claire Frank, Jaxson Franklin, Kolby Hutzenbiler, Alexa Iversen, Braden Klinke, Liliana Johnson, Logan Jones, Ian Jurgens, Alexia Metz, Brodey Skogen, and Taylor Stewart.
- * No one has volunteered yet to be voting members at the Montana Synod Assembly (June 2-4 in Great Falls).
- * Janelle Lamb has volunteered to serve on the Reformation 500 Task Force.
- * Council approved the following for another term on the Endowment Committee: J. Harry Johnson, David McMillen, and Tina Montgomery.
- * Proposed changes to the Congregation’s Constitution were handed out for review.
- * Council Objectives/Goals for 2017 were discussed.
- * The main goals of the Membership and Outreach Committee will be to define active membership, ways to increase membership, and overall outreach activities. Council members were asked to bring three names as suggestions for this committee.



Hej, Pella Medlemmer!

We recently received a letter from the Museum of Danish America. As Pella Church has its roots in the Danish community, the Pella Council thought this information may be of interest to some of our members.

First, the Danish American Archive and Library in Blair, Nebraska, and the Museum of Danish America in Elk Horn, Iowa, are both institutions interested in preserving archival materials and artifacts that tell the story of Danish immigration. If you have any Danish artifacts or archival materials in Danish that you no longer wish to keep or are looking for a place to preserve them, please contact either institution.

Secondly, the 125th anniversary of the Oaks Indian Mission is during 2017. In 1892, a Danish immigrant named Niels Laurids Nielsen went to live among the Cherokee in Indian Territory (what is now Oklahoma). His mission was to teach and preach to the Cherokee people. His mission was supported by congregations in Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois. With the passage of the Curtis Act in 1898, Nielsen's mission became much more important. In 1902, the UDELIC (United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church) approved the move of Nielsen to the Oaks mission and congregations of the UDELIC across the country supported the Oaks Indian Mission. Older members of Pella's congregation may remember activities in support of this mission, whether through Sunday School, Ladies Aid, or the church budget. We will place an article about the Oaks Indian Mission on the bulletin board outside the office for those interested in reading more about Nielsen's work.

A celebration of the Danish-Lutheran presence among the Cherokee will be held on June 17-18 in Oaks, Oklahoma, to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Oaks Indian Mission. All are invited to attend, but they would especially like members of congregations who supported the Oaks Indian Mission to attend. For more information about the celebration, places to stay, where to eat and the like, here is the contact information johnmark.nielsen@danishmuseum.org. We will place an article about the Oaks Indian Mission on the bulletin board outside the office for those interested in reading more about Nielsen's work. Guds velsignelser! Erin Anderson, Pella Council Secretary

Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction for Charley Butler

Sunday, May 7, 2017 from 12 - 2 p.m. at the Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane, Sidney, MT. All proceeds to go towards his cancer treatment. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Reidle at 480-5562.





MAY 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 8:00 am Quilting	3 5:15 pm WBS & Praise Band Practice 6:00 pm Community Meal 6:45 pm Confirmation & LYO	4 6:30 am Men's Breakfast Study	5	6 10:30 am Prayer Shawl Coffee Hour	
7 Confirmation 8:15 am Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Hand bells	8	9 8:00 am Quilting 7:00 pm Council Meeting	10 5:15 pm WBS 6:00 pm Community Meal 6:45 pm Confirmation & LYO	11 6:30 am Men's Breakfast Study 7:00 pm Faith Circle	12	13 9:00 am—3:00 pm Workshop: Speaking from the Heart
14 8:15 am Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 10:00 am Blood Pressures taken 10:30 am Hand bells	15	16 8:00 am Quilting 5:30 pm Christian Ed. Committee	17 LAST NIGHT 5:15 pm WBS 6:00 pm Community Meal 6:45 pm Confirmation & LYO	18 6:30 am Men's Breakfast Study	19	20
21 8:15 am Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Hand bells	22	23 8:00 am Quilting	24 5:00 pm Worship & Music Committee	25	26	27
28 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship	29 Memorial Day Observed Office Closed	30 8:00 am Quilting 10:00 am Worship at Extended Care				

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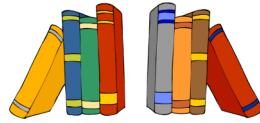
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**The office will be closed Monday, May 29,
for Memorial Day.**



Thanks for Buying Books

Thanks to everyone who participated in our recent Children's Book Fair. We hope you enjoy your purchases. You helped us earn a credit at Augsburg Fortress, where we can purchase more resources for our programs. The books that were on display will soon be available in the Library. Thanks again!



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