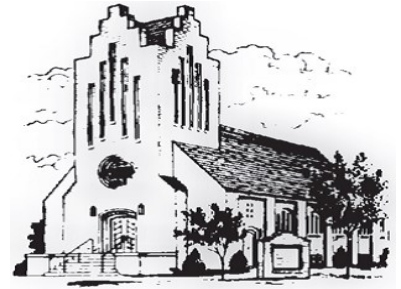




Pella Lutheran Church *Ambassador*



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

November 2017



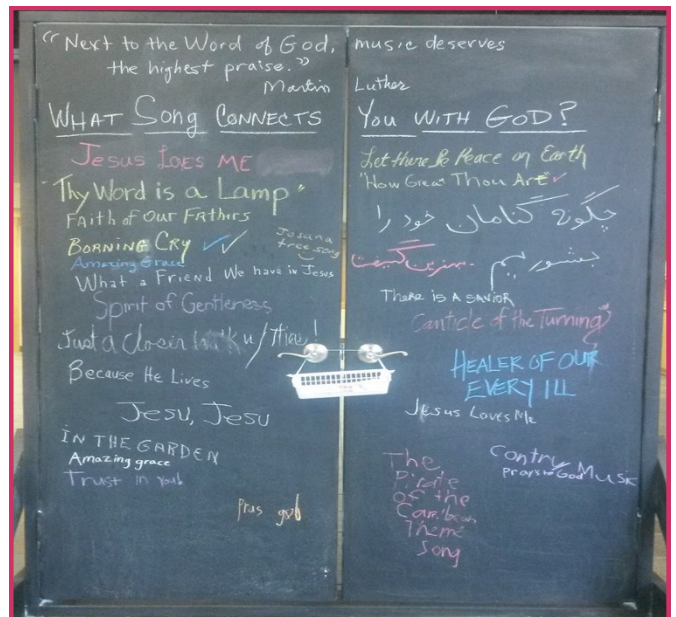
Fellowship Hall Doors



Knock, knock.



Door Prizes



Chalk Doors

**Dialog Sermons with
Martin and Katie Luther**

Opening doors to faith at Pella

REFORMATION



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Interim Perspective by Pastor Joel

Open or closed door – which are you? Which is Pella? Opening or closing doors – which do you do? Which does Pella do?

An open door is a metaphor that describes someone or a group as honest, genuine, and transparent. The more that is true about an individual or group, the more others are allowed “in” to your life/lives and have access to what you have. It also means you are free to move out into the world.

How about actual relationship and connection between people? We often sit with our friends and family – people with whom we are familiar and comfortable. Including others at our table and conversations is being open. Sitting down and talking with people we don’t know well or at all is being open.

There are congregations that are worried about “keeping their doors open.” What that means is that financially they are not able to sustain the budget for maintaining the facility and the functioning of their church. They may be in eminent danger of “closing their doors” or just on a downward slide toward that fate. They forget that the essence of a congregation is in being an “open door” not “keeping the doors open.”

Pella has a budget that allows the doors to be kept open. Even more important Pella has a mission to “Welcome, Nurture, Equip and Serve with Christ,” and in doing so Pella is an open door.

Notice there are no designated groups or types that are the aim of that mission. In fact, it could be understood to be inclusive not only of people but also the creation. Closed doors are often an attempt to protect what is inside from what is outside and to keep what is outside from getting in. Keep the cold or heat out, keep the bugs and dirt out, keep strays and strangers out, etc.

At other times closed doors are meant to keep things in. I can think of keeping children and pets in, keeping the warm or coolness in, keeping our conversations private, etc.

Being an open door may bring in some chaos, change, and even a crisis or two. Being an open door may let some of the love, life, forgiveness and grace we have found in Christ out. Being an open door is to be vulnerable, and yet in Christ we are secure.

Yes, keeping the doors open is important but not as an end in itself. Keeping the doors open is a means to an end and that end is to be an open door for God to connect with people and the world. Let’s continue to be an open door – opening doors to faith.

Opening doors to faith at Pella

REFORMATION



Stewardship Targets High Goal

Through various sermons and activities, our congregation continues to recognize the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, which was sparked by the writings of Martin Luther, including the *95 Theses*. The Stewardship committee is complementing this focus with a goal of collecting “95” *Estimate of Giving Cards* for the 2018 budget.

Please prayerfully consider your role in helping us achieve this goal by returning your 2018 Estimate of Giving Card. Estimate of Giving Cards may be returned to Pella and placed in the special offering box, located in the church entry. We ask that these cards be turned in **before Thanksgiving**, prior to the budget planning meeting scheduled at month’s end.

The “estimate of giving” is simply a written commitment between you and God to support the mission and ministries of Pella. This estimate can be as flexible as you need it to be. It is OK to change your estimate later on if your personal circumstances make it necessary.



Thank you for your financial gifts this past year, which assist in providing the funds that maintain our current ministries and spread the Gospel to our neighbors near and far. Together, we have accomplished many things this year at Pella, and we have much to look forward to in service to our church, our community, and our world.



Please place your Estimate of Giving Cards in this special offering box, which will be located in the church entry. Thanks to Linda and Duane Anderson for building this replica of the first Pella church, which was constructed north of town.

Daylight Savings Reminder

Remember to turn your clocks back
one hour on Saturday, Nov. 4 .

LYO Enjoys Fall Activities

LYO has been rather busy this fall. Here are some photos of what they have been doing.

Cottonwood Forest — Williston

Some of the LYO crew spent the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 22, at Cottonwood Forest in Williston. Cottonwood Forest is a family-operated pumpkin patch that includes a bouncer, pedal cars, duck races, zip lines, air cannon, hay bale maze and more.



Bouncer



Shanyn Reidle,
Brianna Lunderby,
Lauren Beenken,
Nick Edwards,
Kim Hill



Pedal Car Race

(Back) Jason Lamb, Nick Edwards
(Front) Kim Hill, Shanyn Reidle, Brianna Lunderby, Lauren Beenken

LYO — Continued



If you joined us for the Community Meal on Wednesday, Oct. 25, you were served by a variety of “characters.”

(Back) Alexa Iversen, Vanessa Pooch, Claire Frank, Torey Dahl, Breanna Frank, Nick Edwards, Braden Klinke, Sean Montgomery, Jace Johnson

(Middle) Liliana Johnson, Hailey Christensen, Katrina Meldahl, Emily Skogen, Katie Berglund, Lauren Beenken, Ashton Swenson

(Front) Jason Lamb, Kim Hill

How a Christian is Like a Pumpkin

LYO learned how a Christian is like a pumpkin and thought you might enjoy the message:

God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you may have gotten from the other pumpkins. We have an outside (what people see) and an inside (our soul). God cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. God carves you a smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see. *Source: www.dltk-bible.com*

Blessings, *Janelle Leader Lamb, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator*

Children Receive Bibles and Share Songs

During worship on Oct. 1, 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: “To You Oh Lord I Lift Up My Soul” and “I’m Gonna Praise God.” We look forward to providing special music for worship again soon. Great job kids!



Back Row: Gradin Sukut, Tyson Syth, Madison Rosaaen, Isabelle Doty, Ty Schepens, Elliot Thompson

Front Row: Rye Thrams, Jade Steffan, Brooklynn Brown, Mya Strait, Rebecca Hoffman, Sophia Karanjai, Karlee Nay

Not Pictured: Brett DiFonzo, Abby O’Toole, MaKaylan Otis & Ava Roth



WBS students preparing to sing at worship.

95 School Kits for Missions

We've completed another missions project here at Pella this year, and once again, we have exceeded our expectations. For the past few months, we have been collecting school supplies to make school kits for Lutheran World Relief. The congregation was exceptionally generous in donating school items as well as money to purchase supplies and bags. In total, we assembled 95 school kits! Considering the Reformation anniversary and Martin Luther's 95 Theses, it was so fitting to complete our project with 95 school kits. These kits will be sent overseas to needy children around the world, making it possible for them to attend school and have appropriate tools for learning.

In May, Pella sent 223 quilts, 309 personal care kits, and 51 pounds of bar soap to Lutheran World Relief, and now we are adding 95 school kits to that total for this year. Pella's support for missions in 2017 has been truly inspiring. We are able to track where our kits are sent around the world, and so far, it has been reported that some of our personal care kits were sent to the Ukraine and Niger. We are making a difference and helping to do God's work with our hands. Thank you to everyone who donated items or money to support our mission projects this year! We serve the Lord when we serve others. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

In Christ, *Faith Circle Women's Group*

Worship Assistants at Pella

What can you do with a little time, helpful hands and a smile? Become a Worship Assistant! You can help facilitate our worship at Pella!

Usher: Arrive at the church *at least 20 minutes* prior to the service, greet members of the congregation while handing out the worship folders/bulletins, assist with Communion & Offering and tidy the sanctuary following the service.

Lector: Read the scripture selections during worship for the congregation and the radio audience simultaneously; typically from the lectern at the front of the sanctuary. Scripture readings are emailed to the lector early in the week prior unless other arrangements are made.

Fellowship Hosts: Should arrive at the church early, 1/2 hour to 1 hour prior to service time, to make coffee and prep food items (homemade or purchased) for serving. During Fellowship Hour, refresh coffee and food trays as needed. Afterward, wash coffee cups, utensils and serving trays in dishwasher, clean table tops and take donations collected to the church office.

Power Point Operator: 10 minutes prior to the start of the worship service, report to the Sound Desk at the rear of the sanctuary. The PPO will be given a hard copy (i.e. print out) of the worship slides in addition to the clicker/mouse. The hard copy allows the operator to look ahead and gauge when it is appropriate to advance to the next screen. The clicker is returned to sound desk following the service.

In an upcoming Ambassador issue, we will describe the tasks associated with Communion!

Becky Reidle, Parish Assistant

Thank you for your donations to these memorial funds.

Radio fund

In memory of Stanley Dreyer:

Betty Cumming

In memory of Harriet Hillesland:

Talbert & Judy Erickson, Anonymous

In memory of Kari Iversen:

Talbert & Judy Erickson

In memory of Lori Krugler:

Talbert & Judy Erickson

In memory of Tony Dige:

Ruth Iversen

In memory of Robert Whiting:

Iona Hansen

Set Free to Serve fund

In memory of Harriet Hillesland:

Randy & Kelly Johnson

In memory of Ann Franz:

Mark & Kathy Iversen

Sign Fund

In memory of Tony Dige:

Charles & Chole Butler

Confirmation Service

Service to our church and our community is an expectation of the 3-year confirmation program at Pella. On Wednesday, Oct. 25, the Year 1 Confirmands served the Richland County Food Bank by bagging laundry detergent and flour.



(L-R) Kevin Hutzenbiler, Kaci Dean, Parker Syth, Lane Papka, and Drew Ellingson
Not pictured: Melissa Papka



(L-R) Kristin Larson, Teah Conradsen, April Boehler, Sienna Boehler, Corben Holler, Aren Larson, Landen Thompson

Summary of Pella Council: October

The checking account has a balance of \$105,213.36 and the general fund is \$9,783.21. The “Set Free to Serve” loan balance is \$645,098.02.

Reformation 500 Task Force has received many positive comments. 26 people viewed the DVD “Luther and the Reformation.”

Christian Education Committee reported that WBS is showing good numbers, the average is up approximately 20 from last year and they received a donation of tables and file cabinet.

Property and Grounds reported that the roof in the kitchen is leaking near a vent. Lights and fans in the fellowship hall are being evaluated and the LED lights behind the stain glass window in the balcony need to be replaced.

Pella Pantry reported there is approximately \$10,000 in the account and they will meet and decide how to disperse about \$9,000.

Stewardship Committee’s emphasis will take place the first three Sundays of November. They hope to increase the number of Estimate of Giving Cards this year.

Council objectives for 2017 are progressing.

Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m.



Attention:

Barb Bast has moved to Highgate Retirement Home. She welcomes visitors and callers. Her new address is:

3980 Park Hill Dr. #217
Billings, MT 59102
Ph# 406-534-8591

Pastoral Acts for October

FUNERALS/MEMORIAL:

Richard Rossol on October 5.
Tony Dige on October 30.



Scripture for November

11/5 *All Saints Sunday*

Revelation 7:9-17
 Psalm 34:1-10, 22
 1 John 3:1-3
 Matthew 5:1-12

11/12 *23rd Sunday after Pentecost*

Amos 5:18-24
 Psalm 70
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 Matthew 25:1-13

11/19 *24th Sunday after Pentecost*

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
 Psalm 90:1-12
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 Matthew 25:14-30

11/26 *Christ the King*

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
 Psalm 95: 1-7
 Ephesians 1:15-23
 Matthew 25:31-46



November Acolytes

5th - Sienna Boehler & Garrett Larson
 12th - Parker Syth & Landen Thompson
 19th - Mikael Savage & Hattie Brothen
 26th - Hannah Anderson & Whitney VanHook

Sunday Advent Activities

Last year's advent activities included making advent calendar wreaths, decorating cookies, stringing popcorn garland, and a nativity walk. Plans are underway for this year's activities. These activities are for ALL ages and will be held after fellowship time on the following Sundays:

- 🕯 December 3
- 🕯 December 10
- 🕯 December 17
- 🕯 December 24

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information.


Upcoming Activities at UMM

Here are two upcoming activities at UMM that might be of interest:

- * Beautiful Girl Retreat — Nov. 17-18
- * Family Christmas Night — Dec. 2

For more information about these and other events, go to www.campumm.org.

NOVEMBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
			5:15 pm WBS 6:00 pm Meal 6:45 pm Confirmation & LYO	6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study	Pastor Joel at Continuing Education	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:15 am Choir 9:00 am Worship Table Talk 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Hand bells		8:00 am Quilting	5:15 pm WBS 6:00 pm Meal 6:45 pm Confirmation & LYO	6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 7:00 pm Faith Circle		10 am Prayer Shawl Coffee
Pastor Joel at Continuing Education		7:00 pm Council				
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Pastor Joel on vacation						
26	27	28	29	30		
Christ the King 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship		8:00 am Quilting	5:15 pm WBS 6:00 pm Meal 6:45 pm Confirmation & LYO	6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study		
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(Closed from Noon to
1:00 p.m. for lunch)**

**No Wednesday Night Activities
on Nov. 22!**

SAVE THE DATES:

**WBS Christmas Program and Holiday Meal
Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017
Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 28, 2018**

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