

# Exemplar



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## From the Pastor:

What does it mean to be a gathered and sent community in our world today?

Many of you may be asking yourself, why does this new pastor of ours keep talking about community? Are we not the church? True, I have spent a good deal of time over the last month speaking about community, with help and guidance from the Apostle Paul's writings. As someone new to the community, at least new to the role of pastor, I am discovering how St. Paul's-Crossroads, Batesville, Oldenburg, Ripley, Decatur, and Franklin Counties all define and refine what community is for all of us as we are gathered together. Often over this month I have been reminded that we are a people Formed, Reformed, and Transformed by our gracious Lord, the theme of our 2017 I-K Synod Assembly. Community offers security, fidelity, and continuity, which connect us to the "great cloud of witness" that is the invisible church breaking like a wave of rejuvenation upon our current reality. The Holy Spirit draws us all into community, the church universal, the visible hands and feet of Christ radically altering the world as a result. The community which we are apart ripples across the surface of this time recalling our ancient siblings in Judea, the first community of *the Way*. "Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people." (Acts 2:46-47a) Our ancient sisters and brothers understood that community is, what we may call today, a work in progress. Day by day, the community would work together to gain understanding and be strengthened through faith so that the experience would change not only those within the group but those in whom the group may encounter. Likewise, that same life-transforming power of the Holy Spirit continues to alter lives, hearts, and perceptions throughout our daily encounters in our world today.

However, unlike our ancient siblings, the community that we call church has become but one relational expression in an intricate web of interconnectedness in the human experience. The truth is in a world where relationships move beyond geographic limitations community has become popularly defined in ever-broadening terms. Communities we cultivate are both tangible and virtual relationships, which demand variable degrees of personal investment. However, in a modern sense, a community is formed from any and all associations one may regularly deem worthy of cultivation. This modern amorphous characteristic of community often leaves us feeling disconnected in our always-connected lives, seeking to capture, or recapture, a deeper human experience.

The Apostle Paul calls us into a deeper, more tangible and less virtual relationship when he writes, "Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:23-25) A community gathered is how we may *provoke one another to love*. As a result, *good deeds* naturally follow. While an individual's journey through this life is unique and vital, community, more specifically, relationships built and sustained in community is a vital human need woven into the very fabric of our being. What does it mean to be a gathered and sent community in the world today? It means much the same as it has these past two

thousand years, to be the living witness' of the transformative power of God's love toward one another and the world. The challenge today is how we may extend that same transformative interconnectedness into all our relationships virtual or not. I speak of community because it holds a depth of understanding that transcends time as we build a shared relationship of trust. Through community, we begin to glimpse the in-breaking kingdom that our gracious Lord is making possible in our time. Echoing the words of the apostle, encourage one another with those glad and generous hearts provoking each other to share God's love with the neighbor. The community is how we are formed, and through community, we and the world are transformed.

Pastor Creighton

## **St. Paul's Crossroads Church Council Minutes - September 5, 2017**

**Present:** Ginny Lows, Dennis Westerfeld, Gary Westerfeld, Pastor Leptak, Michelle Wehr, Ethel Ollier, Ross Harmeyer

**Absent:** Emma Gausman, Tom Meyer, Les Kessens

**Special Guest:** Mary Lou Krieger

### **1. Bread of Life in Greensburg-**

- Volunteer opportunities-M/W/Th
- Need workers from 3:00-5:00 PM; serve 400-450 meals/day to needy
- Delivery person- disabled and homebound only (3:45-5:45)
- 16 years or older to volunteer
- Monetary donation accepted, if preferred.
- Someone can come and present during church, if desired.
- Can sign up online; have a schedule so they would like to know prior.

**\*\*Idea-** Possibly get a group from church together to go on one day/month.

Ethel made motion to put article in Exemplar; Michelle seconded.

### **2. Storage building/addition to the building**

- Idea was suggested to expand the building/add to the building for more storage space.
- Discussion tabled.

**Devotions: Pastor Leptak**

Psalm 24:7-10

**Minutes of July 9, 2017 Council Meeting: (No August Council Mtg.)**

Gary moved to accept minutes; Ethel seconded motion.

**Correspondence:**

Ginny- Ripley County Community Foundation- Severinghaus Beck Memorial Fund

Completed by October 6

0-\$3000 depending on worthiness of project

Gary will call coordinator to find out more information.

**Financial Reports:**

No financial reports provided.

**Committee and Board Reports:** Committee reports are presented by Council liaisons.

**Inreach:** *Ethel Ollier*

Lunch served for Installation and Ordination service (receipts presented)

Donations for farm sale

**Outreach:** *Michelle Wehr*

The Margarita Moms and the Congregation collected cleaning supplies in August. Thanks to all who donated. We will be collecting body wash, conditioner, first aid supplies, and deodorant in September.

**Upreach:** *Dennis Westerfeld*

Committee met in August- Questions that came from the meeting: How can we get more volunteers for Altar Committee? How can we get more volunteers for Assisting Ministers? (Pastor is willing to lead a class for this, if needed.)

October 29- Reformation Sunday- 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary

May try Setting 2 during Epiphany; we currently do Setting 3.

December 24- Christmas Eve services- 10:00 AM and 7:00PM

Pastor will be on vacation the week between Christmas and New Year's.

Dennis made the motion to remove wooden benches and move piano to the old choir area. Gary seconded. Motion passed.

A few people would like to see the new version of the Lord's Prayer back in the rotation of services. Maybe add it seasonally rather than once a month. No decision has been made at this time.

**Education:** *Ginny Lows*

Sunday School has begun; Classrooms have been changed around to fit needs better.

**Property:** *Tom Meyer*

No report at this time.

**Mutual Ministry:** *Gary Westerfeld*

- One individual has offered to be on this committee; we will look for 2 more.

**Pastor's Report:** No (August) report at this time.

**Old Business:**

1. Window Glazing (from Steve Enneking)- Projected start date is September.

**New Business:**

1. Stewardship and Finance Committee- (to prepare for budget for next fiscal year)  
Will be presented at November Congregational meeting
2. Pastor Leptak's compensation for 8/13/17 to 9/14/17 and Housing Allowance  
Pay for 8 days @\$160- Dennis made motion; Ethel seconded; motion approved.  
Housing- Gary presented Resolution designated for housing allowance for Pastor Leptak.  
Ethel made motion to adopt the resolution; Dennis seconded.
3. Confirmation classes will be meeting with Pastor in the next two weeks. Bibles were purchased for students, as well as those who have not received Bibles for First Communion.

\*\*If you have a topic you would like discussed in Council, please contact Ginny Lows to be added to the agenda.

The next regular Council Meeting will be on **Monday, October 9, at 6:30 PM** at Church.



**Thanks  
for Your  
Support!**

Building Fund		\$ 639.25
Cemetery Fund		\$ 125.00
Choir & Music		\$ 40.00
Copier Fund		\$ 50.00
Current Expenses Fund		\$ 7,330.60
Food Pantry		\$ 45.00
Memorial Fund		\$ 50.00
Misc Expenses Fund		\$ 476.71
Sunday School Fund		\$ 3.05
World Hunger		\$ 530.75
World Service		\$ 1,423.15
Pre-school Fund		\$ 200.00
		\$ 10,913.51
<b>Financial Secretary's Report</b>		
<b>For the month August 1st thru 31st</b>		

## Stewardship

It is the time of year that we should be thinking about stewardship. In addition to donating our time and talents to the needs of St. Paul's, we should review our monetary contributions. The Finance Committee plans on running a Stewardship Campaign next Spring.

In the meantime, I ask you to prayerfully consider where you would like your donations spent. The most important is:

- **CURRENT EXPENSES** (General Fund). Contributions to this fund goes toward meeting the Annual Budget expenses that are approved by the Congregation each year.

In addition, there are other ways to help our Church, the ELCA, and local agencies. Currently, our members are using the following:

- **ST. PAUL'S BUILDING FUND** (Non-designated) This is a reserve account that is used for major repairs.
- **ST. PAUL'S CEMETERY FUND** covers all the expenses of our cemetery, including lawn and landscape maintenance.
- **SYNOD MISSION SUPPORT** These funds go directly to the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA to help support their many programs and administration.
- **ELCA WORLD HUNGER** This is self-explanatory.
- **ELCA DISASTER RELIEF** Considering all of the disasters that the world is battling today: fires, hurricanes, tornados and earthquakes, the ELCA is one of the front-runners to provide support where needed most.
- **BATESVILLE FOOD PANTRY** is also self-explanatory. There is a dire need in the Batesville area for food for our less fortunate neighbors.

Any of these may be itemized on a check or envelope. Those of you that take advantage of Simply Giving, each of these funds are already set up with them. If you are not taking advantage Simply Giving., I would invite you to explore the benefits. You can have your contributions to the Church directly paid from your checking or savings account...no need for envelopes, and don't have to worry about attendance at church. You can designate weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or semi-monthly and specify the dates. If you would like to make any changes or enroll in Simply Giving, you can contact Gary Westerfeld or myself.

May God bless us all!

Art Salvitti, Treasurer

## Member of the Month – Ann Laker

Ann has been a member of the Crossroads family since her baptism in 1963. She and husband Dale were also married at St. Paul on June 8, 1985. They are the parents of daughters Emily and Janice and son Eric. They also have 4 grandchildren, and are eagerly anticipating the arrival of their fifth in November.

Ann participated in the typical youth activities: Sunday School, VBS, and choir. As a teen she was also a member of Luther League. She recalls attending a youth gathering, as well as playing softball. She enjoyed the many Sunday afternoons spent traveling to other churches in the area to play. Also while in high school, Ann sang special music with Sheryl Harmeyer.

As a mother, Ann assisted with VBS activities. Her children especially enjoyed attending VBS, and the girls later helped when they became too old for classes. Since Ann's mother Mary Alice Narwold chaired the Chicken and Beef Dinner for many years, Ann has always helped in that event. She has been in charge of the carry-out portion for so long she can't remember how many years it has been.

While not a member of the Ladies Aid, Ann recalls helping with the many skits of the Mother and Daughter parties. She believes that everyone who participated had a real talent for the give-and-take humor, and especially appreciated Grace's and Shirley Nuhring's skits.

Ann still recollects the many art and craft projects she made under the supervision of "Miss Hilda" Dallman and Helen Schutte. They were so talented, and Ann appreciates their sharing their talents with the young people. "Miss Hilda" also would make wedding candles for the young people when they married, and Ann and Dale were happily recipients of one.

Elmer and Verna Bultman also have a special place in Ann's memories. Ann's and Dale's wedding was the Saturday following a week of VBS, and Ann remembers Elmer and Verna taking the time to clean the entire church in preparation for her wedding. She still marvels at their selfless gift to her and Dale.

Happy Birthday, Ann, on October 9<sup>th</sup>!



DYLO is headed to HOUSTON in 2018 for the ELCA YOUTH GATHERING! Just as you all were so supportive to our trip to Detroit, we know you will be just as supportive for this trip! We have been doing a few fundraiser activities already, however, that has only touched a little bit of what is needed. From now until next June, when we leave, we will be having various events and are looking forward to your generous support that you always give.

Ongoing...Sponsor a Mile (See display in Hallway by water fountain)  
AND...Gas2Go (See Gas Can and poster by main doors)

### Upcoming Events...

OCT...Octoberfest German Meal  
W/ silent auction  
NOV...Cookbook and Spirit Wear  
Sales  
DEC...Babysitting night  
JAN...Stock in our Youth  
FEB...Cookies and Canvas Night  
MAR...March Madness  
Tournament  
APR...Raffle Night  
MAY...Final Marathon  
JUNE...Send off!!!

## Events Commemorating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation.

### **Our church is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!**

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

Stop by the **Fellowship Room** between **Oct 22 and Nov 5** to get fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family.

*Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like Luther the Reformer as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.*

### **Reformation Sunday (Oct 29).**

#### Special Sunday Morning Worship Service.

Gather your friends and family as we commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. Join us for an exciting journey through the past, as well as glimpse a remarkable future as we explore how our gracious God is always reforming and transforming us and our world. With a special liturgy, written especially to commemorate the day, sublime choral performances and treasured hymns filling the air, this will be a day not to be missed.

#### SEIC Hymn-Sing and Fellowship.

In Commemoration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, the Southeastern Indiana Conference is pleased to announce a Hymn-sing following a catered meal on the evening of Reformation Sunday. The event will be held at Emanuel Lutheran Church located at 570 Sheldon St. Greendale. A catered meal and fellowship time will begin at 4 pm. Please see Pastor to RSVP. All reservations are needed by Oct. 13.



## Explore Luther's Small Catechism!

Join the Adult Sunday School class as we examine how the Small Catechism beckons us into a deeper relationship with our Lord. If you are longing for such a connection, please come and join the conversation. All voices are welcome on this exciting journey of exploration of our Christian faith.

Pastor Creighton

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



2	Shawn and Heather Wirth	14	Alvin and Sheryl Harmeyer
7	Dexter and Nan Franke	20	Jeff and Darla Westerfeld
10	Jim and Carolyn Scheele	27	Cleo and Mary Alice Narwold
12	Marvin and Suzanne Narwold	27	Todd and Tina Siebert

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



1	Tony Narwold	14	Nathan Weber
2	Andy Gausman	14	Dillon Westerfeld
2	Bob Kessens	15	Doug Westerfeld
2	Jennifer Salvitti Leslie	16	Luke Nuhring
2	Ben Westerfeld	20	Christy Allison
2	Virginia Westerfeld	21	Jordan Thornsberry
2	Michaela Westerfeld	22	Chris Bradford
7	David Nuhring	22	Bob Siebert
7	Todd Siebert	24	Daryl Mergenthal
8	John Gunter	24	Mark Westerfeld
8	Susan Narwold	27	Tina Westerfeld
8	Ross Westerfeld	28	Emily Borgman
9	Ann Laker	30	Tim Mack
11	Julia Siebert	30	Marlin Siebert
11	Rick Westerfeld	30	Steve Wilson
12	Megan Gunter	31	Monica Gunter
12	Virginia Lows		
13	Matt Wehr		
14	Wanita Linkel		

# Calendar

October 2017						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

1	9:00 am	Sunday school		3:00 – 4:00 pm	Reformation 500 Bookstore event
	10:00 am	Worship	23	All Day	Reformation 500 Bookstore event
2	6:30 pm	Margarita Moms at church	24	All Day	Reformation 500 Bookstore event
	6:30 pm	Council meets		10:00 am	SEIC Clergy meets
3	10:00 am	SEIC Clergy meets		6:30 pm	Upreach meeting
4	6:30– 8:00pm	Confirmation – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	25	All Day	Reformation 500 Bookstore event
8	9:00 am	Sunday school	26	All Day	Reformation 500 Bookstore event
	10:00 am	Worship	27	All Day	Reformation 500 Bookstore event
9	1:00 pm	Leisure Ladies	28	All Day	Reformation 500 Bookstore event
10	10:00 am	SEIC Clergy meets	29	All Day	Reformation 500 Bookstore event
15	9:00 am	Sunday school		All Day	Reformation Sunday
	10:00 am	Worship		9:00 am	Sunday school
16	6:30 pm	Margarita Moms at church		10:00 am	Worship
17	10:00 am	SEIC Clergy meets		4:00 pm	Conference Reformation Hymn Festival – Emanuel, Greendale
18	6:30– 8:00pm	Confirmation – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	30	All Day	Reformation 500 Bookstore event
22	9:00 am	Sunday school		All Day	Reformation 500 Bookstore event
	10:00 am	Worship	31	All Day	Reformation 500 Bookstore event
				10:00 am	SEIC Clergy meets

November 2017						
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## Worship Leaders for October and November

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Communion Ass't
October			
1	Larry Siebert	Debbie Mack	Art Salvitti
8	Kathy Westerfeld	Mary Lou Krieger	Gene Krieger
15	Aaron Nicholson	Karen Salvitti	Bob Krieger
22	Gary Westerfeld	Darrell Nicholson	Debbie Mack
29	Karen Salvitti	Quinn Rasnick	Ellen Siebert
November			
5	Larry Siebert	Tara Lay	Darrell Nicholson
12	Kathy Westerfeld	Alvin Harmeyer	Tara Lay
19	Aaron Nicholson	Pam Narwold	Noah Mack
26	Gary Westerfeld	Gary Westerfeld	Lisa Gausman

Date	Acolyte 1	Acolyte 2	Sound System
October			
1	Brayden Siebert	Jordan Thornsberry	Matthew Borgman
8	Caroline Niece	Bradley Wirth	Ross Harmeyer
15	Will Westerfeld	Shelby Westerfeld	Emma Gausman
22	Lexi Allison	Adam Mack	Gena Mack
29	Madelyn Bohman	Hannah Barker	Sarah Bohman
November			
5	Emily Borgman	Emma Belter	Brandon Borgman
12	Brayden Turner	Ashton Turner	Emma Gausman
19	Jordan Meyer	Luke Meyer	Adam Mack
26	Carter Wehr	Ethan Wehr	Makyla Ludwig-Lay

Date	Greeters	Offering Counters	Accompanist
October			
1	Doug and Vanessa Westerfeld & girls	Arnie Wehr Todd Siebert	Sheryl Harmeyer
8	Virginia Westerfeld Tina Westerfeld	Dennis Westerfeld Larry Siebert	Andrea Westerfeld
15	Gary and Jan Westerfeld	Gary Westerfeld Gene Krieger	Sheryl Harmeyer
22	Jeff and Darla Westerfeld	Curt Wehr Les Kessens	Andrea Westerfeld
29	John and Kathy Westerfeld	Larry Siebert Arnie Wehr	Kathy Westerfeld
November			
5	Shawn & Heather Wirth & family	Todd Siebert Gary Westerfeld	Kathy Westerfeld
12	Jason & Sarah Young And girls	Dennis Westerfeld Arnie Wehr	Sheryl Harmeyer
19	Brad & Christy Allison And family	Curt Wehr Larry Siebert	Andrea Westerfeld
26	Brent & Heather Barker & girls	Gene Krieger Gary Westerfeld	Kathy Westerfeld

*October and November sick and shut-in visitors – Bob and Carolyn Cornett*



## **MISSION** *Statement*

We are a family of believers who meet together to:

enjoy life together  
worship and learn about God  
make a difference in the world

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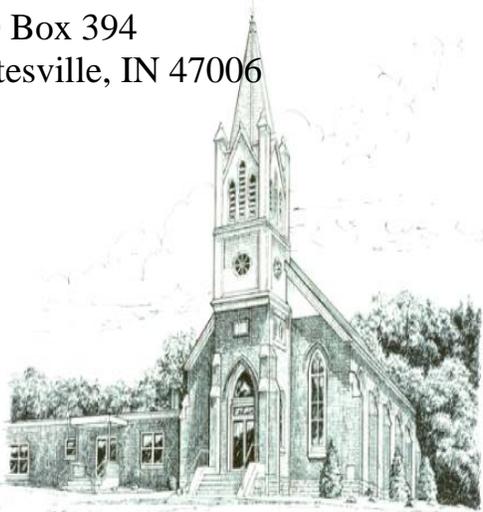
St. Paul Lutheran Church-Crossroads

Sunday Worship Schedule:

Worship service 9:00 AM

Sunday school 10:15 AM

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Return Service Requested

**October 2017**

Let your guard down – Let God in – Be among friends☺

Join us for worship