

# The **Pilot**

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## **Events**

- April 3<sup>rd</sup> Mobile Food Pantry
- April 7<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter/Sunday School/Worship/Coffee & Fellowship
- April 9<sup>th</sup> Church Council Meeting
- April 14<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter/Sunday School/Worship/Coffee & Fellowship
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Community Meal
- April 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> WIS Assembly
- April 21<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Sunday School/Worship/Coffee & Fellowship
- April 28<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Sunday School/Worship/Coffee & Fellowship

# PASTOR'S CORNER



This post-Easter month contains synod assembly – a time to meet with fellow Lutheran lay persons and pastors, worship, serve, and oh yes, conduct business.

## **Synod Assembly**

Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> are the dates for the Western Iowa Synod Assembly. The theme for the 2024 synod assembly is “Stir Us Up To Be.”

Attendees have been asked to bring a metal spoon. The spoons will be used in an artistic representation of God stirring us up to be.

## **Pre-assembly**

Friday, 12:30 to 3pm is a pre-assembly event which required reservation (for the lunch count) but is open to all in the Western Iowa Synod. Pre-Assembly Gathering will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Council Bluffs. Paul Erbes will present on Spirituality and Stewardship. Erbes is the current vice-president of Institutional Advancement at Morningside University, Sioux City. He is the former vice-president for development, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque. Prior to embracing a passion for stewardship and fundraising as a full-time vocation, Erbes served as pastor to a number of ELCA congregations in several synods.

On Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, following opening worship (so approximately 8-10pm), there is a “hangout” in the gym at St. John’s Lutheran (Council Bluffs). Pizza and music are provided. Youth, notice the conversation topic:

**Stir Us Up To Be**  
BRAVE - AUTHENTIC - FREE  
DISRUPTIVE - DISCIPLES

APRIL 19th-20th, 2024  
AT THE PACE CENTER  
AND SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1001 S 6TH ST, COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA 51501

On Friday, April 19th following opening worship ( 8-10pm ) we will have a hangout set up in the gym at Saint John with pizza, music, basketball, etc.

We'll have a conversation about how young people see church in the Western Iowa Synod. What we do well, what we need to work on.

The assembly offering this year goes towards Western Iowa Synod youth attending the National Youth Gathering (75%) and the Western Iowa Synod Hog Program (25%). The Hog Program provides pork for food pantries and food banks in the synod.

On an unrelated note:

Here is a quick prayer help, “arrow prayers.”

See you in worship and service!

Soli Deo Gloria,

**Pastor Jean**



## **Scripture Arrow Prayers**

Almost any verse can be transformed into a quick prayer to God.

Use arrow prayers when you don't know how to pray about something. Use arrow prayers to “pray without ceasing” (1Thess 5:16). Here are some examples.

I know that you are with me and will keep me wherever I go. (Gen 28:15)

Almighty God, teach me to keep still and let you fight for me. (Exod 14:14)

Make my heart your sanctuary and dwell within me. (Exod 25:8)

*adapted from **Hear My Voice: A Prison Prayer Book***

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## STORY STREET MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

St. Paul will be hosting the Story Street Mobile Food Pantry on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

## WIS ASSEMBLY

The Western Iowa Synod will be hosting its annual assembly on April 19 & 20, 2024 in Council Bluffs. This year's theme is "Stir Us Up to Be . . . brave, authentic, free, descriptive, and disciples." The offering from this year's Assembly will be used to help fund our youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering and to help with the WIS Hog Project.

## ELCA DAILY BREAD GRANT

St. Paul has received a grant from the ELCA and the Western Iowa Synod to help with the projects that we have that help feed the people in our community. The Western Iowa Synod has been a supporter of our Community Meal and the Mobile Food Pantry and has helped with a donation over the past several years. The Heart of BBQ that is sponsored by the WIS is a fundraiser that helps raise money to go toward feeding the hungry. Below is the message that we received from Bishop Lorna along with the check.

"Thank you for your ongoing ministry of feeding the hungry in the Missouri Valley community. This check comes from the Daily Bread Grants from the ELCA. Grateful for your ministry!!!"

Lorna Halas, Bishop.

## ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY

We would like to remind everyone that we still have our online directory. Below is information on how to access this directory. If you have any questions, you can contact Melissa Huegeli.

## Our Church Directory is Online!

To view the directory online, go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](https://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com) and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "[Instant Church Directory](#)" to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a login the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

## Need help or have questions?

Please contact: Melissa Huegeli 814-599-4599 or [melissahuegeli@gmail.com](mailto:melissahuegeli@gmail.com)

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3. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
4. Follow the directions on screen to complete the login process.



## THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for their help and generosity during the month of March. We had three meals in which we asked volunteers to help provide various items. The congregation of St. Paul is always willing to jump in and provide what we need to keep everyone well fed. Thank you again for all that you do to help all the groups who provide meals and activities for St. Paul.

We would also like to thank all of you who helped with the Lenten worship services. There were a lot of you who stepped up to take care of various aspects of the services. Your help and willingness to volunteer is always appreciated.

## FOUND CROSSES

Do you see a cross in the shadow? In the way the sign looks? Where do you see a cross? Keep looking for them and let us show them off. Share them with us. **Email your picture along with the location it was found. Email to: [secretary@stpaulmovalley.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulmovalley.org)**



Patty Long shared this picture that she took while they were on vacation a while back. Thank you for sharing this with us.

## APRIL LECTIONARY

### April 7<sup>th</sup>

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:20-19-31

### April 14<sup>th</sup>

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

### April 21<sup>st</sup>

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

### April 28<sup>th</sup>

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Bud Dooley	13 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Clausen	14 <sup>th</sup>
Krystal Anderson	15 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Long	16 <sup>th</sup>
Mike Clausen	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Carole Gorham	26 <sup>th</sup>
Todd Huegli	26 <sup>th</sup>	Kamron Anderson	27 <sup>th</sup>
Kevin Nelson	28 <sup>th</sup>		

Roger & Kellie Barry (41) 2nd

## PRAYER LIST

Bob Acre: Comfort & Peace  
Family & Friends of Wendy Meadows-Bailey  
Tom Bertelson: Healing & Strength  
Elaine Botos: Comfort & Healing  
Clay Bowman:  
Roger Clausen  
Barb Coberly  
Tom DeBar: Healing & Strength  
Dirk Dowling: Healing & Strength  
Tom Erixson: Healing  
Family & Friends of Shirley Finken  
Judson Frisk: Healing  
Carol Foutch: Healing  
Shari & Mark Heffernan: Healing  
Jim Hiller: Healing  
Janet: Jeanie's sister: Healing  
Jennifer Kocour  
Jim's sister Jennie: Continued Healing  
Jack, Jeanie's Brother-in-law  
Paul Messersmith:  
Janet Myler: Continued Healing  
Nancy Powell: Strength  
Lindsay Rand: Comfort & Strength  
Jack Reed: Healing  
Rachel Reiman: Gretchen Engelkamp's Sister  
Rose Ricchetti: Healing  
People of Ukraine: Strength & Healing

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## **April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Lector: Patty Long

Usher: Bill Botos

Communion Assistant: Dick Gorham

Counters: Peggy Smith & Julie McClannahan

Flowers: Ken & Barb Coberly

Video: Mitch/Maddie McCartney

## **April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Lector: Peggy Smith

Usher: Jeff Fetter

Communion Assistant: Jennifer Ferris

Counters: Jeanie Botos & Lisa Powell

Video: Patty Long

Flowers: Betty Hultman

## **April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Lector: Gretchen Long

Usher: Peter Rea

Communion Assistant: Jodi Fetter

Counters: Peggy Marasco & Patty Long

Flowers: Dick & Carole Gorham

Video: Mitch/Maddie McCartney

## **April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Lector: August Siefken

Usher: Roger Barry

Communion Assistant: Patty Long

Counters: Jeff & Jodi Fetter

Video: Mary Hunt

Flowers: Eloise Bertelson

# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 4:30 pm-6:00 pm Mobile Food Pantry 6:00 pm Choir Practice	4	5 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	6
7 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	8	9 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	10 6:00 pm Choir Practice	11	12 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	13
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28 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	29	30				