



St. Paul Lutheran Church

235 Jefferson

Hanover, IL 61041







# St. Paul's EPISTLE

August 2019

## **WELCA News**

During the month of July, our WELCA learned that the Annual Fall All Church Bazaar has been discontinued. With much heartfelt discussion it was decided by all parishes, in Hanover, to discontinue due to lack of attendance. This was a successful event for many years and lots of good memories will stay with us going forward.

The Northern Illinois Synods 31st Annual Women of the ELCA Convention will be held on September 21st at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Moline, Il. Please let Kathy Teberg know if you are interested in attending and she will help you with additional information.

During the month of August, we will all be taking a little rest and then in September start to gear up for our fall events. Please mark your calendars as we will be planning to participate in the Columbus Day Weekend Craft Fair and our Annual Soup Supper!

## **Prayer List**



Please continue to pray for those with special prayer needs: Jack White, Tom Rafferty, Tonya Burke (Dolly's niece) Bill Evans, Marcia Holmbo, Lynn Jerde, Gerry Norton, Libby Tipton, Kay Watson, Jackie Reusch, sister-in-law of Anna Appleby (Raymond's wife), and Karl Croffoot. Our shut-ins: Anna Appleby and Sue Vandervate.

If you would like to serve as a "prayer warrior" on the Prayer Chain and pray or know of someone who needs prayer, please call Barbara Schaible at (815-591-3306).





# Scenic Hills Lutheran Parish

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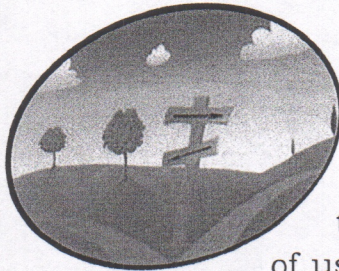
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## *Notes from the Pastor's Desk...*

### "By-ways"



As Pastor Lisa and I traveled back to Colorado for my dad's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, we decided to drive to save some money. Now, when I was young, my family drove most of the time for family vacations. We would pile all of us in the station wagon and head off across the country to see new things. We would stop frequently at each different tourist trap or photo op pull-out, taking time to enjoy all the little stops and spots along the way to whatever was our destination.

But as time shrinks and obligations press in, when Lisa and I drive back to Colorado we're trying to get there as fast as possible to maximize our time with family. We rarely take time to get off the interstate much. Even our hotel choices are right off the I-80 ramp.

This last trip we pulled off to get food quickly in Kearney and all of a sudden noticed something we hadn't seen from the interstate. Much of the low-lying land was swamped. We were told that if we went into the town itself, instead of just the tourist strip by the highway, we would find that much of Kearney was a lake. When we headed back to the I-80 I noticed what I had failed to see before. Two of the major hotels were dark and closed.

They used to talk about the "highways and by-ways of life." I have found that though I used to enjoy the by-ways, the out-of-the-way places, the little towns and not-so-famous roadside tourist stops, I rarely take the time to even notice them now I as speed through with only the goal of reaching my destination as quickly as

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### Sunday Services

**9:00 a.m.**

*St. John Lutheran Church  
Elizabeth, IL*

**9:00 a.m.**

*Trinity Lutheran Church  
Elizabeth, IL*

**10:30 a.m.**

*St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Hanover, IL*

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possible. And along the way I miss not only what is going on in the country I am traveling through, I also miss what is going on in the lives of the people that are there.

Every day we have the opportunity to take a little by-way now and then when someone or something or event comes along our way that might not have been on our planned route for the day. It may be a checker at a store that we notice because it seems something is bothering them. It may be a person with a problem at the gas station that we easily could have missed if we are trying to refill and get on our way as fast as possible. It may be a simple word that someone says that is a clue that they need to talk, but that could easily slip by without our notice.

The by-ways are where we get to know people and really experience what is around us. I will still drive the interstate going back to Colorado. But, in my daily life, I need to often remind myself to get out of "interstate-fast-lane-mode" and be open to a by-way that God might want me to detour into. It might be something that I need, that refreshes me or helps me. Or it might be someone or something that God has placed there so I can help out.

*May God grant you the time for an occasional  
by-way in the business of your lives,  
Pastor Bruce*

**Sunday Services**

Date	St. John 9:00 a.m.	Trinity 9:00 a.m.	St. Paul – 10:30 a.m.
August 4			
August 11			
August 18			
August 25			
September 1			



**Parish Ministries Meetings**

**Church Council**

Monday, August 12-----7:00 p.m.-----Trinity  
 Sunday, August 18-----11:30 a.m.-----St. Paul  
 Tuesday, August 20-----7:30 p.m.-----St. John

**Mutual Ministry**

Tuesday, September 3-----7:30 p.m.-----Trinity

**Women's Group Ministry**

Monday, August 12-----11:30 a.m.-----Lena Mercantile





## Parish Calendar of Events

<u>Event/Mtg.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Contact</u> <i>(in case of ?)</i>
NW Conference WELCA Summer Retreat	Thu., Aug. 1	8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Prince of Peace, Freeport	Judy Castle, 815-233- 2425 or 815-291- 1928 (cell)
Quilting	Thu., Aug. 1	9:00 a.m. - ?	St. John	Eileen Hughes
Parish Cookout*	Sat., Aug. 3	4:00 p.m.	Trinity	Ed Haring
Elizabeth Nursing Home Worship	Sun., Aug. 4	1:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Nursing Home	Pastor Bruce or Pastor Lisa
Community of Christians meeting	Wed., Aug. 7	1:30 p.m.	St. Paul, Elizabeth	Pastor Bruce
Hanover Community of Christians Meal	Sun., Aug. 11	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Hanover VFW	Lois Baker
Parish Women's Group Meeting*	Mon., Aug. 12	11:30 a.m.	Lena Mercantile	Pastor Lisa
Trinity Council Meeting	Mon., Aug. 12	7:00 p.m.	Trinity	Pattie Krippendorf
Directory Meeting	Wed., Aug. 14	10:00 a.m.	Trinity	Chris Beyer
St. Paul Council Meeting	Sun., Aug. 18	11:30 a.m.	St. Paul	Don Crawford
St. John Council Meeting	Tue., Aug. 20	7:30 p.m.	St. John	Rene Albrecht
Trinity WELCA meeting	Wed., Aug. 21	9:00 a.m. quilting, noon lunch, 1:00 meeting	Trinity	Marilyn Wurster
Elizabeth Community Meal	Tue., Aug. 27	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Community Building	Pastor Bruce
Elizabeth NH Worship	Sun., Sept. 1	1:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Nursing Home	Pastor Bruce or Pastor Lisa

## Parish Announcements

### Parish Cookout



Come on down to the parish cookout Saturday, August 3 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Trinity! Food provided, bring a side dish if you wish. Please join your church members in fellowship and fun.



### Parish Women's Group Meeting/Luncheon

For this month, our Parish Women's Group will meet for lunch at the Lena Mercantile on Monday, August 12 at 11:30 a.m. **PLEASE LET PASTOR LISA KNOW WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL BE ATTENDING BY SUNDAY, AUGUST 11** so she can reserve a table. Thanks, and hope to see you there!

### Safe Families Introductory Presentation

Safe Families for Children's mission is to provide homes where children in need or trouble can go temporarily instead of being placed in foster care. The not-for-profit group is looking to expand services into our area. Our school personnel and social workers often tell us that they don't have any place to send a youth in emergency situations or for temporary care. Safe Families sets up voluntary families as shelters for kids in need.

Safe Families is having an introductory session about their program for those interested in participating or supporting expanding their services in our area. The program will be Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Elizabeth. Not only host families are needed, but people to support in other ways. Questions and/or R.S.V.P. can be sent to Pastor Tiffany Garcea, (815)656-0356, [pastortiffanygarcea@gmail.com](mailto:pastortiffanygarcea@gmail.com).

### Back-to-School Carnival at First United Methodist of Elizabeth

All are invited to a fun-filled Carnival celebrating the start of school on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Methodist church in Elizabeth. There will be food provided, carnival games, Bingo, face-painting, prizes and blue-grass and country music provided by the "No Worries Band." There is no cost and all ages are invited for music, food and fun.

### Caretaker vs. Caregiver Program at Elizabeth Nursing Home

This program is a fresh approach to caregiver responses and duties from directive of the care-given; disorders of aging and effects on both; strategies for not just maintaining but continuing to develop relationships between the care-given, the caregiver and professional service providers. It will be presented by Christina Steele-Lietz, MSSW, LISW/LCSW, on Monday, August 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at Grand View Estates (adjacent to the Elizabeth Nursing Home), 550 Pleasant Street in Elizabeth. It is free and open to the public. Questions: Call Social Services at 815.858.2275, extension \*.

### Newsletter Submissions

We love to get articles, thank yous, information on events for our newsletters. If you have anything you wish to submit, please send it to the parish email at [scenichillsparish@gmail.com](mailto:scenichillsparish@gmail.com) or contact the pastors by phone or text. By hearing from you we can improve our newsletter!

Thank you,  
Laura Marquez, Editor