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St. Paul Lutheran Church
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Dear Northeastern Iowa Synods Office,

This letter is to inform you of changes in our church. The congregation has been discussing issues within the ELCA for some time now and has recently taken our first vote with the resolution to leave the ELCA. Our congregation voting members was 49, the ballots counted were, 44 - Yes (to leave), 5 - No. We will be planning on a second vote in 90 days. If you have any questions, please call Lynn Elm, our church president at 515-854-2468.

Respectfully submitted,

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council



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Ms. Lynn Elm
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Dear Ms. Elm:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I have received a letter dated August 10, 2010, from the St. Paul Lutheran Church Council informing me of St. Paul Lutheran Church's vote to initiate the consultation process for consideration of terminating your relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The letter confirms that the vote reached the necessary 2/3 majority in order to begin this process.

The next step in the process is the synodical consultation under the oversight of the synod bishop. This consultation includes a visit by me to your congregation in order to preach and hold a forum about the ministries of the church. I will also be sharing information about the votes that were taken by the 2009 churchwide assembly.

I am available for this consultation on November 7, 2010.

I look forward to our time together. I know that St. Paul Lutheran is giving this decision prayerful consideration. I want to assure you that I join you in those prayers.

In Christ's Love and Grace,

The Rev. Dr. Steven L. Ullestad
Bishop