

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER



ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

HARTLEY, IOWA

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St. Paul's Church Council Meeting March 26, 2024

Church Council met on Tuesday, March 26, at 7:00 pm. Those present: Pastor Nitzel, Bill Treimer, Dyan Roth, Ed Harders, Donna Ahlers, Leroy Raabe, and Patty Treimer.

VP Bill called the meeting to order. Pastor Nitzel gave devotions from John 13—Holy Week scriptures. In these verses, Jesus shows we should serve. He even washed His betrayer, Judas' feet. Jesus' resurrection was for all of us. Pastor led us in prayer.

The minutes of the February 27 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer Report: Vickie Roghair shared the balance of today's checkbook, with 25% of the budget used. She updated us on transactions of several special accounts.

Finance Report: Donna Ahlers reported offering was counted twice this month.

Elders Report: Topic of elders meeting was our St Paul's wedding policy.

Education Report: Pastor reported for Jen that VBS plans are beginning.

Stewardship Report: Leroy stated nothing new to report.

Evangelism Report: Dyan shared that ESL will begin on April 2, with an intro class and official classes begin on Thursday, April 4; a bilingual Bible will be purchased; an authentic Mexican tamale class will be taught on Wednesday night this week. Grief Support Group led by Jo Harders begins April 7, for 6 weeks. World Day of Prayer service will again be hosted by St. Paul's in May with two services—morning and evening.

Trustees Report: Pastor mentioned Doug Nagel had seen a backlit cross with liturgical colors changing with the church season. It was agreed the Doug will check further.

Pastor's Report: The DCE intern placement director visited this past week and it was a positive experience. It could be the future of the church to share church workers in ministry. We should know her decision about placement of an intern here in conjunction with Camp Okoboji in the very near future. We look forward with gratitude to Holy Week services this week.

Old Business: The search for a new organ process update was given by from Donna. She showed a picture of the Allen organ similar to the model we are looking at purchasing. Cost is between \$45,000-\$55,000. Donna and Pastor will report more progress at our April meeting.

New Business: The Council is asked to approve the appointment of 4 elected members to the Legacy Committee—Connie Olhausen, Gordon Williamson, Wally Tschopp and Mark Schulz, and 3 unelected members—Pastor Nitzel, President of Congregation, Kent Billings, and Treasurer of Congregation, Vickie Roghair. A motion to approve was made by Dyan Roth, and seconded by Ed Harders. Motion approved.

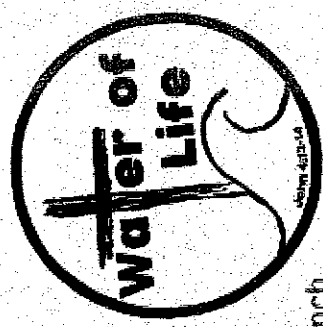
The pursuit to find new property insurance coverage for the church was discussed. Treimer's Insurance is working on it.

Patty Treimer shared that a new computerized postal service system for mass mailings is mandatory for our monthly Newsletter, making it an appropriate time to switch to a new method for distributing the monthly publication. After discussion, it was agreed to seek input from the congregation as to a method that would work best—email, pickup, or in some cases the need to mail or personally deliver.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Patty Treimer, Council Secretary

CAMP OKOBOJI SUMMER 2024



Discipleship Programs

- May 31-June 2...Kids' Camp
- June 7-10...JOY Camp #1
- June 23-27...Cub Week #1
- June 30-July 5...July 4 Family Retreat
- July 7-13...Junior High Week
- July 11-14...JOY Camp #2
- July 14-20...Cub Week #2
- July 21-27...Youth Week (High School)
- July 28-August 2...Family Retreat #1
- August 4-9...Family Retreat #2

Other Events

- January 26-28...Family Ice Fishing Retreat
- May 3-5...Spring Volunteer Work Weekend
- June 1...Camp Okoboji Auxiliary Quilt Auction
- June 16-22...Minneboji Lutheran Camp
- June 23-27...Living Proof Dance Camp
- May 26-September 8...Sunday Worship
- 1st Sundays of the Month (May-October)...Brunch

For more information and to register, visit campokoboji.org

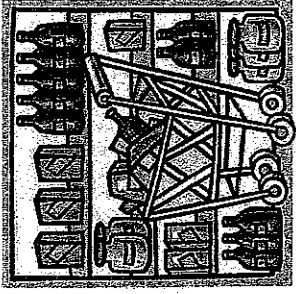
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CAMP OKOBOJI AUXILIARY



Okoboji Auxiliary
Edgewood Drive
Milford IA 51351
712.337.3325



CAMP GROCERY SHOWER!

NO PEAS PLEASE!

- Bring large cans of green beans and corn
- Spaghetti sauce & carrots, our shelves do adore
- Sliced black olives, mushrooms & large cans of fruit
- To make Salads and desserts that will suit
 - Frostings, Sugar-brown & white
 - Large bags of cereal will surely delight
 - Bring sliced dill pickles & cream soup
 - Add zip lock bags-all sizes to the group
- Bring your gifts to the Annual Meeting
- Let's have cans stacked to the ceiling
- With gifts God has blessed us, Let nothing hamper
- To share the love of Jesus with every camper.

NOTE: Also needed

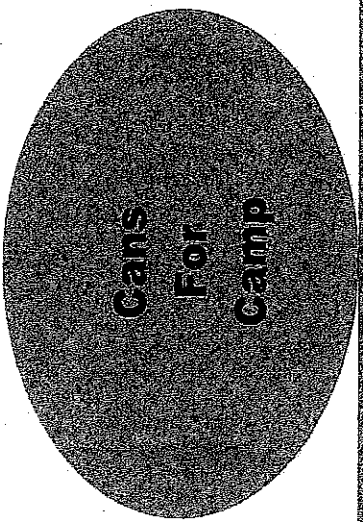
- Dawn Dish Soap
- HEFTY BRAND:**
- 8 oz Styrofoam cups
- Divided Styrofoam plates

FULL WEEK SCHOLARSHIPS

The camp auxiliary will be giving away **six scholarships for Cub Week, Jr. High Week or Youth Week**. Children can apply for the scholarships by completing the enclosed form and returning by April 3rd. The annual meeting is April 6th, 2024. The recipients of the scholarships will be notified the following week. Please share this information with the youth in your congregation.

Theme Basket Auction

A theme basket auction is held each year during the annual meeting which will be April 6th, 2024. Funds raised this year will be used to purchase new recreational equipment for the campers. Ask those creative people in your congregation to come up with a unique theme basket of items for this silent auction fundraiser. Monetary donations are also accepted.



Collect your pop can refund money & donate it to Camp Okoboji!

The Camp Okoboji Auxiliary continues to sponsor their "Cans for Camp" fundraiser. Collect can refund money and cash donations throughout the year. Please send donations with your congregational delegate to Camp Okoboji's annual meeting April 6th or send your donations to:

Camp Okoboji Auxiliary
1531 Edgewood Drive
Milford, IA 51351

All proceeds will be used to purchase new mattresses for Camp Okoboji.

“GET TO KNOW” OUR ST. PAUL’S FAMILY ...

Delores Richter

Delores Richter is our special St. Paul’s member to be interviewed this month. When you meet Delores you’ll meet a busy and a many- talented woman of faith and full of creativity.

Delores was born at home on a farm three miles east and one-quarter mile south of Primghar on February 5, 1930, to parents Earnest and Mayme (Horstmann) Riedemann. Delores was born a twin with a brother, Richard, and at three pounds she and her smaller brother were not expected to live so they were baptized immediately by their maternal grandmother. A coal stove with a barrier around it kept them warm and they grew up in that same farm house with brothers Vernon, Gaylord, and Elwood. She and her brother, Richard, were always dressed alike by a mother who sewed all their clothes. Delores later became a talented seamstress like her mother, turning out blazers and suits for Melvin and son, Richard, and apparel for herself, and daughters Linda and Rita including plenty of doll clothes and Linda and Rita’s wedding dresses!

Delores attended country school – Highland #2, and then moved to Primghar High School where she graduated from eighth grade and later high school in May, 1948. Her family attended Evangelical Lutheran Church in Primghar which is now the site of the Primghar Public Library.

Delores had a love for children and hoped to become a teacher. As a little girl she would gather her dolls around her and pretend to instruct them. That dream evolved into a new dream when she met Melvin, the love of her life. Melvin had served in World War II and fought in the Battle of the Bulge and when he came back they were married in June, 1948, at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Germantown, the church he had attended until the war. Delores then joined the church and became a Missouri Synod Lutheran Church member.

Married life took them to Spencer for a short time where Melvin delivered for Nesbitt Orange Pop but farming was in his blood and they moved and lived in many places in O’Brien County as they worked the land and made their living.

Four children were born to them: Linda, Richard, Paul (diagnosed with cystic fibrosis and deceased after one year) and Rita, deceased in 2022 of the same disease at 64 years of age.

It was during Paul’s life in 1954 that the family became members of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Hartley, which they attended regularly throughout their lives. Delores served the congregation as a Sunday school teacher, pianist, and member of Ladies Aid and Friendly Circle, among other activities. Even now, though it’s become more difficult to attend services, she watches on television. Her favorite song is “My God and I” and it’s a true testament to her walk with God and life of faith with the Lord as her shepherd.

Married life held many other wonderful joys for the happy couple and their family. Delores became a cook at Hartley Elementary and a cook for the Hartley High School. Melvin worked at the Hartley Pack and farmed. She and Melvin enjoyed being together and worked together at the Clay County Fair in Spencer on the shuttle around the grounds. Melvin drove the tractor and Delores rode in back and whistled when he should stop so people could get on. They also loved to go camping on the fairgrounds and other places with their friends and their Excel fifth- wheel camper. During winters they traveled to Arizona for many years to avoid the cold weather. They also took tours to Washington DC, Florida, Branson, Nashville, and five countries in Europe. And they were active members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans.

Some may remember Delores and Melvin on their farm on a corner seven miles south of Hartley where they lived for 27 years. Delores will always remember June 27, 1976 - their wedding anniversary. A farm was up for auction. Delores normally feared bidding even at household auctions but Melvin didn’t want to miss a day of work at the Pack so he said she should go to the auction to see if it sold at the price they might be able to handle. The farm was bought with the help and moral support of her 14 year old son, Richard! And it proved to be a prosperous time for their lives. A huge vegetable garden and beautiful flowers made plenty of work and the yard a showplace as they supplied food to a number of farmers’ markets all over O’Brien County. While Melvin sold the vegetables, Delores sold her home-made pies, yeast breads, and other delicious baked goods made from scratch. The washer, dryer and table in the kitchen were filled with the goodies as she baked until they could be packed up, delivered and sold. And then they would start over for the next week’s markets.

After nearly 27 years living on that farm they sold the acreage but rented out the farm ground. They bought and moved to a house in Primghar on Highway 59.

Today Delores can be found at Morningside Estates where she has lived for 12 years since just before Melvin passed away in October, 2012. She decorates the hallways, dining area, and her own apartment at Morningside for every holiday and in her apartment you’ll find outstanding cross-stitched pictures which she has created and framed herself. She also has a large assortment of beautifully clothed dolls that she has collected over the years. She delights in her three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren and still prepares Sunday dinner for family as often as possible. You could say Delores’s life is full of love, just like Delores.

MENTAL HEALTH,
WELLNESS &
CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY

TUESDAY APRIL 9TH
6:00 PM

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH - HARTLEY



Lutheran
Family Service

For Nothing is Impossible with God



guest speaker


Wanda Pritzel, LISW
Director of Counseling Ministry

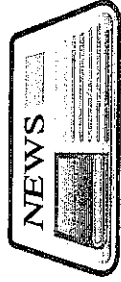
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♥♥♥ WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ♥♥♥

- 2 – Harlyn and Nona Hengeveld 21 – Brett and Kristen Ripke
13 – Bill and Patty Treimer 27 – Allan and Inez Dacken
16 – James and Julie Swenson 28 – Doug and Bev Nagel (40th)

♪♪♪ BIRTHDAYS ♪♪♪

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| 3 – Hoyt Ahrenstorff | 11 – Vickie Roghair | 21 – Shirley Jager
Inez Dacken |
| 4 – Mary Jane Peterson | 12 – Julie Swenson
Jordan Waddell | 24 – Jen Waddell |
| 5 – Steve Lux |  | 26 – Brandon Ripke |
| 6 – Connie Ebel | | 30 – Marilyn Tesch
Pierce Adams |
| 7 – David Peters
Nathan Peters | 18 – Joellen Harders | |



NEWSLETTER CHANGES COMING ...

Mandatory mailing regulations for mass mailings through the post office are bringing changes in how we will distribute the Newsletter each month. At this month's Church Council meeting it was decided to make the Newsletter available through email or pick up in the church narthex. Please complete the request below and either drop it off at the church office or mail to St. Paul's at 60 N Central Avenue, Hartley.

- Please email my monthly Newsletter to the following e-address:

- I would prefer to pick my email up from the narthex area of the church:
(your name) _____

- I would like to have my Newsletter personally delivered or mailed to me:
(those with no access to email or unable to attend church)

(your name & preference) _____ hand delivered
mailed

Thank you for adapting to our new efforts! If you have any questions, contact the church office!

APRIL / MAY

SERVING SCHEDULES

GREETERS

April 7 – Mark and Sue Schulz
April 14 – Brad and Betty Harms
April 21 – Gordon and Roxie Williamson
April 28 – Jeremy and Charlie Walters

May 5 – Ed and Jo Harders
May 12 – Allan and Inez Dacken
May 19 – Wally and Becky Tschopp
May 26 – Ron and Carolyn Rubsam

COMMUNION

Set-up

April 7 – Rodney and Dyan Roth
April 21 – Ed and Jo Harders
May 5 – Mark and Sue Schulz
May 19 – Ed and Jo Harders

Clean-Up

– Ellen Treimer and Patty Treimer
– Gordon and Roxie Williamson
– Rick and Vickie Roghair
– Marilyn Honken and Judy Kuskie

USHERS

April 7
Bill Pippy (H)
Gordon Williamson
Ed Harders
Bill Treimer

April 14
David Treimer (H)
Steve Albert
Wyatt Albert

April 21
Kent Billings (H)
Alex Billings
Wally Tschopp
Easton Teal

April 28
Jeremy Walters (H)
Leroy Raabe
Doug Nagel

May 5
Ty Waddell (H)
Rick Roghair
Mark Recher
Gene Hjelm

May 12
Gordon W. (H)
Bill Treimer
Mark Schulz

May 19
Bill Pippy (H)
Jesse Benz
Allan Dacken
Brad Fear

May 26
David Treimer (H)
Alex Billings
Gordon Williamson

CAMERA OPERATORS

April 7 – Josiah Nitzel
April 14 – Brad Harms
April 21 – Bill Treimer
April 28 – Aiden Nitzel

May 5 – Alex Billings
May 12 – Doug Nagel
May 19 – Josiah Nitzel
May 26 – Brad Harms

ACOLYTES

April 7 – Alayna
April 14 – Kate
April 21 – Hunter
April 28 – Alayna

May 5 – Kate
May 12 – Hunter
May 19 – Alayna
May 26 – Kate

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

April 7 – Bill and Rhonda Pippy
April 14 – Mark and Sue Schulz
April 21 – Cliff and Shirley Ripke
April 28 – Allan and Inez Dacken

May 5 – Rod and Dyan Roth
May 12 – Jeremy and Charlie Walters
May 19 – Ed and Jo Harders
May 26 – Gordy and Roxie Williamson

APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3		5	6
		1:00pm POP Meeting 6:30pm ESL Registration/Intro Class	9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice	6:30pm ESL Classes		9:30am LWML Qtrly Meeting
<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> 7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am SS/Adult Bible Class 2:30pm Grief Support Group	6:30pm ESL Classes	6:00pm Wanda Pritzel, LFS, Guest Speaker Mental Health	9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice	1:00pm Ladies Aid (Morningside Estates) 6:30pm ESL Classes		
<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> 14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00am Morning Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am SS/Adult Bible Class 2:30pm Grief Support Group	9:30am Mary Circle 6:30pm ESL Classes	4:00pm Card Crew	9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice	6:30pm ESL Classes		
<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am SS/Adult Bible Class 2:30pm Grief Support Group	6:30pm ESL Classes	6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Church Council	9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm LWML Spring Rally, St. John's, May City 5:00pm Choir Practice	6:30pm ESL Classes		
<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> 28	29	30				
9:00am Morning Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am Adult Bible Class 2:30pm Grief Support Group	6:30pm ESL Classes					



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