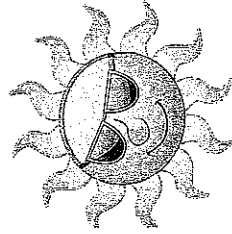


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NEWSLETTER



ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

HARTLEY, IOWA

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St. Paul's Church Council Meeting July 19, 2023

Church Council met on Wednesday, July 19, at 7:00 pm. Those present: Pastor Nitzel, Gene Hjeim, Dyan Roth, Inez Dacken, Jen Waddell, Rick Roghair, Vickie Roghair and Patty Treimer.

President Gene called the meeting to order. Pastor Nitzel gave devotions from Romans 8:26 and following. Reminder that we don't have to worry about the words we use in prayer. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us. And God already knows. Pastor led us in prayer.

The minutes of the June 21, 2023, meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer Report: Vickie Roghair reported the checkbook balance with 58% of the budget used. She reported on interest transactions in several special accounts.

Finance Report: No report

Elders Report: Rick Roghair had nothing new to report.

Education Report: Jen is researching new companies for Sunday School curriculum this fall.

Stewardship Report: Inez had nothing new to report.

Evangelism Report: The POP-sponsored outdoor movie night Wednesday, July 12 was a success with an attendance of +45. We will once again have an entry in the Summerfest parade the first weekend in August. Volunteers are welcome! Jamie is asking for a co-worker for Trunk or Treat event.

Trustees Report: No report. Word has it that the roofers will begin work the second week of August.

Pastor's Report: The LCMS synod convention begins next week in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Our circuit delegates will be Pastor Milbrandt from Ocheyedan and a lay person from Spirit Lake. Pastor mentioned some issues that may be topics of discussion. Pastor's family vacation will be this next week.

Old Business: Patty reported that her new reconditioned office typewriter works perfectly and the Council's support is much appreciated.

Inez gave an update on the application for a \$250 Thrivent grant to assist Hartley daycare with field trips which they requested financial assistance for.

New Business: None.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Patty Treimer, Council Secretary

Greetings from World Heritage,

World Heritage International Student Exchange Programs is currently looking for Host Families for exchange students who will be attending local high schools in the upcoming 2023-24 school year.

We would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to consider hosting an exchange student. Additionally, if you know of any outstanding families in your Congregation who would make great host families, we would greatly appreciate any referrals. Perhaps you would be willing to share the opportunity during church services? Perhaps by handing out a flyer, which we are happy to send you.

We strongly believe that student exchange programs contribute to world peace at a grassroots level, and our host families play a crucial role in achieving that. World Heritage students are all of high school age (15-18) and come to the United States with their own insurance and spending money, eager to learn about America through their host family and the local community.

Whether you are a young family, retired, a single parent, or empty nesters, hosting one of our students from countries like France, Italy, Ukraine, Denmark, and many others presents an extraordinary opportunity to personally experience their cultures and values while simultaneously sharing your own knowledge about the United States.

To get a glimpse of some of the hopeful students who are eagerly waiting to be matched with their host families, you can [click here](#) to view their profiles and read some of their captivating letters. These students are genuinely grateful to you and the USA for giving them the chance to live with your family and become part of your community for a year.

World Heritage is fully committed to turning their dreams into reality, and we hope that you or someone in your Congregation would be interested in opening your/their home to a new family member this year.

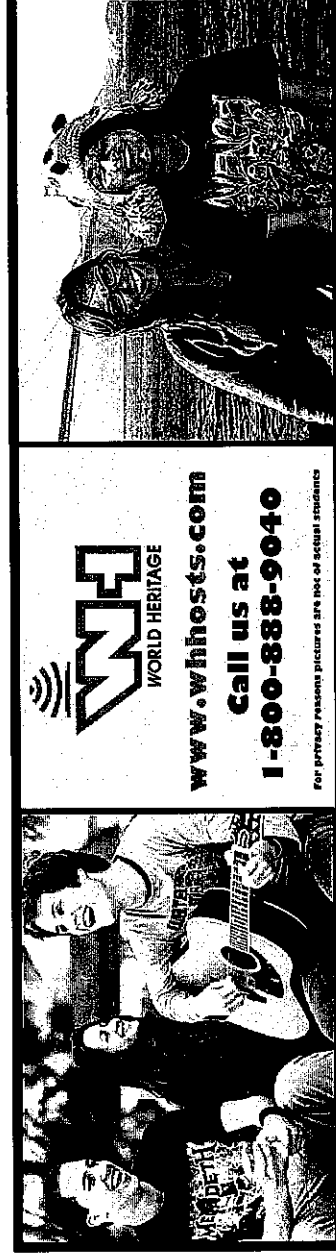
If you're interested, please [click here to start your host family application](#), without commitment of course, and we will be in touch to address any questions you may have.

If you are not able to host, but believe the opportunity to be valuable to others in your community, sharing this email would be greatly appreciated. Together we can change the world, one exchange at a time!

Warm regards,

Sarah Gremaud, World Heritage Director

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

Pastor Dave & Kathy Ericksen

Pastor Dave and Kathy are our special St. Paul’s members to be interviewed this month.

Kathleen Ann Meise was born on February 11, 1950, in Watertown, Wisconsin. She is the oldest of three daughters born to Kurt and Florendee Meise. Kathy attended parochial school through the 8th grade. She remembers often being chosen to sing solos at special school events. She feels so blessed to have received her elementary education in a Christian setting. She also remembers that worship was held daily with prayer that began and ended the day. She attended Concordia Junior College in Milwaukee where she met and dated her future husband Dave, also known as “Dutch.” After two years of college, she returned home and worked as a secretary for her dad. Kathy and Dave were married between his junior and senior year of college. At the time, married students were not allowed at the Senior College, but the policy was changed and they were married August 28, 1971. When Dave graduated from college, Kathy was awarded a PHT degree. (Putting Hubby Through). Kathy worked for the American Heart Association while Dave attended Seminary.

Dave played football in both high school and college as extracurricular activities. He remembers that his home church pastor, Pastor Mueller (pronounced “Miller”) was a special mentor during his early life, and that his church had an extraordinarily large window under which caskets were placed. It portrayed Jesus as the watchful shepherd tending His sheep. He recalls that this setting was especially heart-rending at funeral services.

Daughter Jennifer was born in 1977, and five years later they traveled to Chile where they adopted a beautiful five-year-old son named Rodney. Kathy loved being at home while the kids were growing up. Cooking and baking were her passions as a homemaker. She entered and won a baking contest sponsored by a newspaper in Beatrice, Nebraska. The prize was \$100 worth of groceries. She worked part time at several jobs, but her favorite was being a bank teller at Rockwell City, and later at United Community Bank in Hartley. She retired from the bank because of issues with muscular dystrophy and has since taken up the task of refashioning used greeting cards for reuse. For a number of years she sent a homemade card to every member of the congregation for birthdays and anniversaries. These days, her favorite spot is at her desk cutting apart old cards and creating new ones!

David Edward Ericksen was born on December 30, 1949, in Sterling, Illinois, to Alvin and Gladys Ericksen. He has an older sister Lois, who came to be known as “Sis.” He recalls being the “reluctant ring bearer” at Sis and Kenny’s wedding when he was three, refusing to walk down the aisle in a church full of people. The family still jokes about the incident today, and Sis remembers having less than loving thoughts of her little brother at the time.

After graduating from Seminary in Springfield, the couple moved to Wymore, Nebraska, and the new Pastor Dave served a dual parish in Wymore and Summerfield, Kansas from 1976 to 1981. He then accepted a call to Rockwell City, Iowa, where he would serve until 1996. He came to be known throughout the community as “The Country Shepherd” (the days of CB radios). He also became the second largest cattle producer in the congregation, with a herd of 2 steers raised each year along with rabbits, chickens, a pony, a dog, and various cats.

In August of 1996, he accepted the call to St. Paul’s where he served until his retirement in 2013. He had a special place in his heart for three areas of ministry. The first was for preaching, loving the opportunity to share the love and eternal hope found in Jesus Christ. The second was for teaching. He loved watching young people grow in knowledge and faith during Confirmation studies, as well as leading them into the wonderful Word of God. The third was a passion for working with the dying and their families. This is ultimately where our faith leads us. There is no greater privilege for a Pastor than sharing the wonderful comforting message of the promise of eternal life that is ours by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Throughout his 47 years of ministry, Pastor Dave had the honor of baptizing 222 children and adults, conducting 90 marriages, confirming 241 young people and adults, and leading 263 funeral services. At the heart of it all is the great message of Jesus and the hope He offers today for all eternity!

Looking ahead to our own funerals, in our caskets, we will display a gift from Pastor and Heather Nitzel that reads, “I will cling to the Old Rugged Cross and exchange it one day for a Crown.”

POP MEETING July 11, 2023

Attending: Pastor Nitzel, Mark& Sue Schulz, Connie Olhausen, Kathi Unterbrink, Kathy Luedke, Dyan Roth

Discussion on St. Paul's first Family Outdoor Movie night on July 12 following the Firemens' Activity at Neebel Park. The movie will be held on the green space between the church and the parsonage. Large ten foot blow up screen was purchased for the movie, 'Family Camp' – a Christian comedy for ages 8 – 80. Joellen is the coordinator of this community outreach event. Popcorn, ice cream bars and water will be available.

The Summerfest Celebration on Saturday, August 5 was discussed. Water bottles will again be passed out along the parade route. The younger Sunday School kids will ride Kidz Karts again – two sections (instead of one) will be pulled by Gordy Williamson and the kids will throw out candy along the parade route. Line up at 9:30am by the water tower. Parade begins at 10:30. Schulz's are the parade Master of Ceremonies.

Pastor Pedro requested a change in the days that St. Paul's has the ESL classes, which begin in October. Due to Pastor P's schedule with other churches where he has ESL classes, St. Paul's classes will probably be held on Monday and Thursday evenings. Pastor Pedro will be conducting a bilingual service with Pastor Nitzel the second Sunday in October.

Jamie Billings has requested a volunteer to co-chair with her, the Trunk or Treat October 31. If anyone is interested in continuing this fun community outreach event, please contact Jamie as soon as possible. Without additional hands, this event may have to be discontinued.

Any member who would like to offer their gifts from God, as lay readers for the Old Testament and Epistle for the church service, are asked to contact the church office to be placed on the Sunday Lay Reader schedule. There are currently 8 members from the POP group scheduled to read through the first Sunday in August, and then the schedule is open. High school students are also encouraged and welcome to participate.

A Christmas Concert was discussed, possibly a 'Christmas in July' instead of in December. Pastor will research further.

Choir will begin again this fall and Pastor will speak with Bev and Donna and the choir to see if a contemporary song can be incorporated into the church service occasionally and how best to do this.

Some of the many outreach events that POP sponsors:

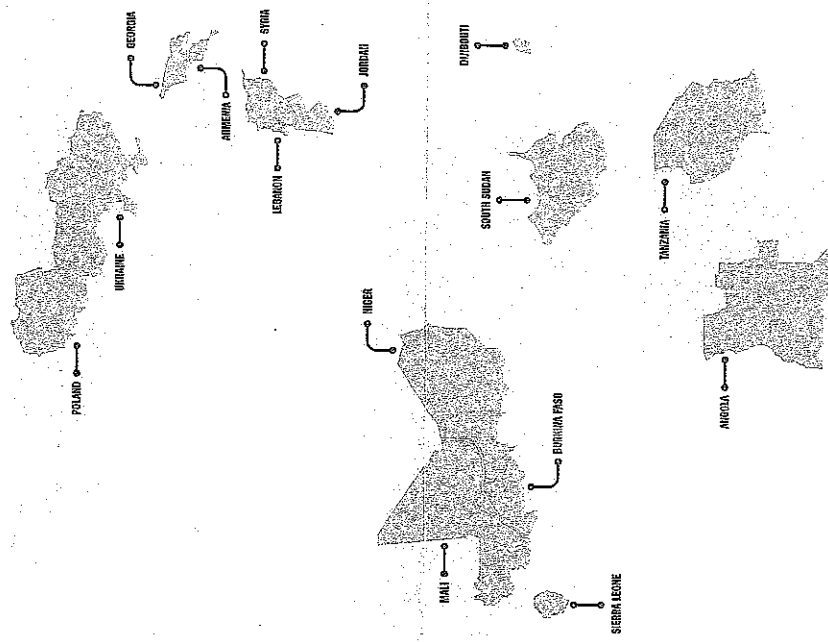
Outdoor Family Movie Night – National Day of Prayer – Trunk or Treat – Gems & Junk – Veterans' Supper – ESL Classes – Bingo Night. As you can see, our church ministry is extremely busy for a small congregation which is a BLESSING! But more hands and feet are needed if we wish to continue these events. Please prayerfully consider using your talents to spread our ministry to others.

The next POP meeting will be August 8 at 9:30 am.

WHERE DID LWR QUILTS & KITS GO IN 2022?

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA
LWR WAREHOUSE

NEW WINDSOR, MARYLAND
LWR WAREHOUSE



462,262
QUILTS & KITS

TO 49 COUNTRIES



220,317

QUILTS



1,650

BLANKETS

94,060

PERSONAL CARE KITS

90,860

SCHOOL KITS



46,560

BABY CARE KITS



8,815

FABRIC KITS



31,950

FACE MASKS

COUNTRY	SHIPPING WAREHOUSE	QUILTS	BLANKETS	SCHOOL KITS	PERSONAL CARE KITS	BABY CARE KITS	FABRIC KITS	FACE MASKS
ANGOLA	Maryland	18,480			9,890	4,950	1,230	
ARMENIA	Maryland	12,375					1,230	
BURKINA FASO	Minnesota	14,760		4,480	9,100	4,480	4,100	4,400
DJIBOUTI	Minnesota	10,080		15,360				
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Minnesota			15,360				
GEORGIA	Maryland	36,960						
GUATEMALA	Minnesota	7,200			21,700	7,200		
HAITI	Minnesota	8,640			2,800			
JORDAN	Maryland	7,260		5,500				
LEBANON	Maryland	15,180		8,800	6,960	4,200	1,230	
MALI	Maryland	22,440		5,000	4,830	3,150	205	6,250
NIGER	Minnesota	11,160		5,760		3,840		4,400
PERU	Minnesota	15,840			7,000			
POLAND	Maryland	11,520		2,500	7,360	3,480		
SIERRA LEONE	Minnesota	10,800			7,000	3,840		4,400
SOUTH SUDAN	Maryland	3,630	1,650	13,000	3,220	2,100	820	6,250
SYRIA	Maryland			6,500	5,908			
TANZANIA	Minnesota	7,920		6,400		6,080		
UKRAINE	Maryland	6,072		3,000	8,280	3,240		6,250
TOTAL		220,317	1,650	90,860	94,060	46,560	8,815	31,950


This shipping information is from LWR's 2022 fiscal year (Oct 2021 - Sept 2022).

Special note!

In a certain area of Tanzania where the weather is much colder, children are subject to "stunting" because their bodies use energy that would normally produce growth to preserve body temperature. Lutheran World Relief quilts are especially important for these children who often sleep on the ground with very little clothing.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 <p>St. Paul's Lutheran Church 60 N Central Ave Hartley, IA 51346 Office: 712-728-2711</p>		1	2 10:00am Bible Study	3 1:00pm Ladies Aid	4	5 8:30-10am Coffee/bars 60+ Hartley graduates (Fellowship Area) 10:30am Summerfest Parade (w/St. Paul's entry!)	
	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 6 9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am Adult Bible Class	7	8	9 10:00am Bible Study	10	11	12
	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 13 9:00am Morning Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am Adult Bible Class	14 6:30pm Rachel Circle	15	16 10:00am Bible Study	17	18	19
	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 20 9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am Adult Bible Class	21 9:30am Mary Circle	22	23 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Church Council	24	25	26
	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 27 9:00am Morning Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am Adult Bible Class	28	29	30 10:00am Bible Study			