

AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER



ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

HARTLEY, IOWA

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St. Paul's Church Council Meeting July 16, 2024

Church Council met on Tuesday, July 16, at 7:00 pm. Those present: Pastor Nitzel, Bill Treimer, Leroy Raabe, Vickie Roghair, Ed Harders, Allan Dacken, and Patty Treimer.

VP Bill Treimer called the meeting to order. Pastor shared devotions from Lamentation 3:22-23. God is faithful. His mercies are new to us every day. We need to be reminded of this especially during these trying times. Pastor led us in prayer.

The minutes of the June 19 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer Report: Vickie Roghair shared the balance of today's checkbook with 55% of the budget used. Budget has been updated to reflect the change to the insurance line item as approved by the Voters. 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 the separation of church and state. Individual members have a right to vote and serve. And when the government steps on our beliefs as Christians, we have an obligation to stand up for them.

Education Report: Pastor reported for Jen Waddell that the planning has begun for Sunday School this fall. Jen Waddell will be stepping down as Sunday School Superintendent.

Stewardship Report: Leroy stated nothing new to report.

Evangelism Report: No report.

Trustees Report: Allan stated nothing new to report.

Pastor's Report: Confirmation is in planning stages. Pastor and Heather were unable to attend the PALS retreat on June 23-27 in St Louis because of the flooding issues.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Similar to the offering taken for Greenfield tornado disaster, we took an offering for the Spencer area flooding, which will be sent to IDW to be distributed. It was motioned by Ed, seconded by AI and motion passed to add \$500 to that offering.

Flyers from LCEF advertising their new fixed rate accounts with good interest rates will be distributed to congregation members.

Leroy Raabe suggested putting together an emergency action plan that includes a list of congregation members who are willing to assist with cleanup and furnish equipment in times of need.

Next meeting is Tuesday, August 20. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Patty Treimer
Council Secretary

St Paul's Quarterly Voters Meeting July 14, 2024

St Paul's Quarterly Voters Meeting was called to order by President Kent Billings on Sunday, July 14, at 10:45am, after worship time.

Pastor shared a devotion was an extension of this morning's Epistle reading from Ephesians 1 explaining how we are so blessed by God. As Pastor reiterated, just "wow".

Kent opened our business meeting with approval of the minutes of the prior Voters Meeting on January 21, 2024.

Treasurer Report: Vickie Roghair reported the checkbook balance as of today, July 14, at \$91,332.47, with 57% of the budget used. One payment from the Organ Replacement Fund has been made as we proceed to purchase a new church organ. Thanks to numerous generous donations, the remaining balance in that account is \$39,546.28.

Education: No report.

Elders: No report.

Stewardship: No report.

Evangelism: No report.

Trustees: Doug Nagel reported on the results of our 2024 flooding issues in the church basement. Doug has talked to a specialist who made several suggestions for updating our landscaping to help prevent future water damage, plus adding a couple of sump pumps and rerouting downspouts. After discussion we decided to ask for volunteers and equipment to perform these improvements ourselves. Watch for more information in upcoming bulletin announcements.

Pastor Report: Plans for the beginning of confirmation classes are underway.

New Business: A primary focus of today's Voters Meeting was to approve an increase in the line item for insurance in our current 2024 budget. Bill Treimer explained why it was necessary for the church to get insured through a company in an excess and surplus lines market because of the excessive claims that we've had over the past several years. This move means higher premiums. A motion was made to raise the insurance budget to \$27,000. Doug Nagel moved and Rick Roghair seconded to approve this motion. Motion approved.

With no further business, we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Patty Treimer, Council Secretary

August

♥ ♥ ♥ WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

- 3 – Duane and Dee Kolpin 23 – Ron and Carolyn Rubsam
19 – Kent and Jamie Billings (25th) 28 – Pastor David and Kathy Erickson

♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ BIRTHDAYS ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪

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|------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 3 – Heath Nagel | 12 – Itzel Gonzalez | 24 – Mary Beauty
Bill Pippy |
| 4 – Jeremy Bobzien | 13 – Donna Ahlers
Margo Harms | Blaklee VandeKamp
Sophia Gonzalez |
| 5 – Stephanie Gebert | 21 – Carol Walters | 25 – Skylar Towne |
| 6 – Kathy Luedke | | 28 – Lori Queck |
| 8 – Carol Petersen | | 30 – Wade Gebert |
| 11 – Marjean Westerman | 22 – Beverly Elgersma
Shirley Ripke | |

THE CENTER OF THE BIBLE

Did you know that:

- 1) Psalm 118 is the middle chapter of the entire bible?
- 2) Psalm 117, before Psalm 118 is the shortest chapter in the bible?
- 3) Psalm 119, after Psalm 118 is the longest chapter in the bible?
- 4) The Bible has 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and 594 chapters after Psalm 118?
- 5) If you add up all the chapters except Psalm 118, you get a total of 1188 chapters.
- 6) 1188 or Psalm 118 verse 8 is the middle verse of the entire bible?

Should the central verse not have a fairly important message?

Psalm 118:8

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man."

Is this central verse not also the central theme of the entire Bible?

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

SERVING SCHEDULES

GREETERS

August 4 – Ellen Treimer and Marilyn Honken
August 11 – Jeremy and Charlie Walters
August 18 – Gordon and Roxie Williamson
August 25 – Mark and Sue Schulz

September 1 – Ed and Jo Harders
September 8 – Allan and Inez Dacken
September 15 – Wally and Becky Tschopp
September 22 – Gene and Shelley Hjeltn
September 29 – Ron and Carolyn Rubsam

COMMUNION

Set-up

August 4 – Mark and Sue Schulz
August 18 – Ed and Jo Harders
September 1 – Gene and Shelley Hjeltn
September 15 – Bill and Patty Treimer

August 4 – Rick and Vickie Roghair
August 18 – Allan and Inez Dacken
September 1 – Brad and Beth Fear
September 15 – Dean and Mary Jane Peterson

Clean-Up

August 4 – Rick and Vickie Roghair
August 18 – Allan and Inez Dacken
September 1 – Brad and Beth Fear
September 15 – Dean and Mary Jane Peterson

USHERS

August 4
David T. (H)
Gene Hjeltn
Allan Dacken
Mark Recher

August 11
Bill Pippy (H)
Doug Nagel
Aiden Nitzel

August 18
Kent Billings (H)
Alex Billings
Mark Schulz
Brad Fear

August 25
Gordon W. (H)
Josiah Nitzel
Rick Roghair

September 1
Ty Waddell (H)
Wally Tschopp
Easton Teal
Leroy Raabe

September 8
David T. (H)
Bill Treimer
Jesse Benz

September 15
Jeremy Walters (H)
Doug Nagel
Dean Peterson
Alex Billing

September 22
Bill Pippy (H)
Mark Recher
Allan Dacken

September 29
Kent Billings (H)
Rick Roghair
Mark Schulz

CAMERA OPERATORS

August 4 – Doug Nagel
August 11 – Josiah Nitzel
August 18 – Brad Harms
August 25 – Bill Treimer

September 1 – Alex Billings
September 8 – Doug Nagel
September 15 – Josiah Nitzel
September 22 – Brad Harms
September 29 – Bill Treimer

ACOLYTES

August 4 – Hunter
August 11 – Alayna
August 18 – Kate
August 25 – Hunter

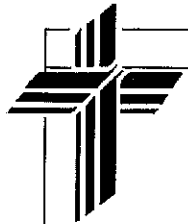
September 1 – Alayna
September 8 – Kate
September 15 – Hunter
September 22 – Alayna
September 29 – Kate

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

August 4 – Gordon and Roxie Williamson
August 11 – Allan and Inez Dacken
August 18 – Cliff and Shirley Ripke
August 25 – Wally and Becky Tschopp

September 1 – Rick and Vickie Roghair
September 8 – Brad and Betty Harms
September 15 – Bill and Patty Treimer
September 22 – Rod and Dyan Roth
September 29 – Jeremy and Charlie Walters

AUGUST 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<i>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</i> 4 9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am Adult Bible Class	5	6	7 9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study	8	9	3 9:30am Hartley Summerfest Parade lineup! 10:30am Parade Time!
<i>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 11 9:00am Morning Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am Adult Bible Class	12	13	14 9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study	15	16	17
<i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 18 9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am Adult Bible Class	19	20	21 9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study	22	23	24
<i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 25 9:00am Morning Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am Adult Bible Class	26	27	28 9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study	29		

