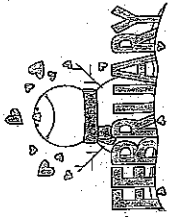


FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

2025



ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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St. Paul's Church Council Meeting January 21, 2025

Church Council met on Tuesday, January 21, at 7:00 pm. Those present: Pastor Nitzel, Rick Roghair, Mark Recher, Donna Ahlers, Carolyn Rubsam, Inez Dacken, Kent Billings, Steve Vander Veen, Patty Treimer.

Pastor called the meeting to order. Pastor shared devotions from John 1—the Apostle John's way of communicating the story of Christmas. God took on our flesh and takes care of us with his hands. Pastor led us in prayer.

The minutes of the December 17 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer Report: Kent Billings shared the balance of today's checkbook with 8% of the budget used. He updated us on transactions of several special accounts.

Finance Report: Donna Ahlers reported offering was counted and deposited once during 2025.

Elders Report: Confirmation was discussed. No confirmation in 2025 because of the number of students.

Education Report: Sunday school in full swing after Christmas. VBS will begin in June.

Stewardship Report: Nothing new to report.

Evangelism Report: Nothing new to report.

Trustees Report: Nothing new to report.

Pastor's Report: 2026 Confirmation date has conflicts for Palm Sunday. An alternate date will be determined at a later date. The Lenten sermon series is "The Hands of Jesus"

Old Business: None.

New Business: Pastor reported that Mark Schulz asked that new members be appointed by Council for the Endowment Committee. Members to be appointed are Vickie Roghair, Connie Olhausen, Gordon Williamson, and Wally Tschopp. Elected members are President, Bill Treimer and Treasurer, Kent Billings, as well as Pastor Nitzel. Inez Dacken motioned and Donna Ahlers seconded to approve this slate of officers for the Endowment Committee. Motion carried.

Pastor recommended Mark Schulz to serve as our St Paul's delegate to the District Convention in June. Donna Ahlers moved and Steve Vander Veen seconded the motion to accept Mark Schulz as our delegate. Motion approved. An alternate still needs to volunteer.

Mark Recher motioned and Carolyn Rubsam seconded to nominate Mark Schulz to be on the ballot for lay leader at large for the District. Motion approved.

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 18, 2025. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Patty Treimer
Council Secretary

St. Paul's Quarterly Voters Meeting January 12, 2025

St Paul's Quarterly Voters Meeting was called to order by Vice President Rick Roghair on Sunday, January 12, 2025, following the worship service.

Pastor Nitzel shared a devotion from the morning's Epistle reading from Romans 6. The point being that oftentimes people think that if we stay in sin we "continue to abound in grace". That is not God's intent for us. Rather, He wants us to get out of sin so that we can live full lives in God's grace.

The minutes from the October 20, 2024, Voters Meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer Report: Vickie Roghair reported the checkbook balance as of 12-31-2024 92% of the budget had been used to that date. A review of the "Special Accounts" was presented in writing.

Education Report: no report.

Elders Report: no report.

Stewardship Report: Inez Dacken presented the proposed Budget for 2025. Pastor Nitzel gave an explanation of line item 4020 "DCE Intern" in order for the congregation to better understand what was included in that item. Ed Harders moved to accept the budget as presented. Kent Billings seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Evangelism Report: Dyan Roth reported the POP group will be offering a program done by Lutheran Family Services on Hospice and End of Life in March or April. Joelen Harders is also planning a Grief Support Group to begin in March or April. The next round of ESL classes are tentatively planned for March 24 through May 15, 2025. The Evangelism Committee continues to send out letters to people who move into Hartley, inviting them to attend church. Follow-up letters are also sent to people who visit St Paul's.

Trustees Report: Doug Nagel reported that the trustees will be working on additional landscaping and down spout items to continue to mitigate the possibility of future flooding.

Endowment Committee: Report: Mark Schulz reported that he would be going off the committee and the following people would be on the committee for 2025: Bill Treimer as President of the church, Kent Billings as Treasurer of the church, Pastor Nitzel, Connie Olhausen, Wally Tschopp, Vickie Roghair, and Gordy Williamson. He further reported they had actually received the first endowment from an individual who had asked to remain anonymous.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Chris reported that he continues to look for someone who is willing to serve as a delegate for the District Convention. Anyone who is interested in doing that, please contact Pastor Nitzel.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: No new business.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Prepared by,
Rhonda Pippy, Secretary Pro tem

FEBRUARY / MARCH

SERVING SCHEDULES

GREETERS

February 2 – Allan and Inez Dacken
February 9 – Brad and Beth Fear
February 16 – Wally and Becky Tschopp
February 23 – Gordon and Roxie W.
March 2 – Rick and Vickie Roghair
March 5 ^(Ash Wed) – Gene and Shelley Hjelm
March 9 – Cliff and Shirley Ripke

March 12 ^(Lent) – Brad and Betty Harms
March 16 – Bill and Patty Treimer
March 19 ^(Lent) – Ed and Jo Harders
March 23 – Duane and Dee Kolpin
March 26 ^(Lent) – Ron and Carolyn Rubsam
March 30 – Wade and Stephanie Gebert

COMMUNION

Set-up

February 2 – Brad and Betty Harms
February 16 – Bill and Patty Treimer
March 2 – Rodney and Dyan Roth
March 5 ^(Ash Wed) – Ron and Carolyn Rubsam
March 16 – Wally and Becky Tschopp

Clean-Up

----- Allan and Inez Dacken
----- Ed and Joellen Harders
----- Allan and Inez Dacken
----- Rick and Vickie Roghair
----- Gordon and Roxie Williamson

USHERS

February 2
Kent Billings (H)
Gene Hjelm
Brad Fear
Doug Nagel

February 9
Gordon W. (H)
Ed Harders
Easton Teal

February 16
Ty Waddell (H)
Rick Roghair
Leroy Raabe

February 23
Jeremy Walters (H)
Allan Dacken
Alex Billings

March 2
Bill Pippy (H)
Wally Tschopp
Easton Teal
Wade Gebert

March 5 ^(Ash Wed)
David Treimer (H)
Leroy Raabe
Jesse Benz
Ed Harders

March 9
Kent Billings (H)
Mark Recher
Rick Roghair

March 12 ^(Lent)
Gordon W. (H)
Bill Treimer

March 16
Ty Waddell (H)
Alex Billings
Gene Hjelm
Brad Fear

March 19 ^(Lent)
Jeremy Walters (H)
Rick Roghair

March 23
Bill Pippy (H)
Brad Harms
Easton Teal

March 26 ^(Lent)
Kent Billings (H)
Allan Dacken

March 30
Gordon W. (H)
Doug Nagel
Ed Harders

CAMERA OPERATORS

February 2 – Bill Treimer / Easton Teal
February 9 – Brad Harms
February 16 – Alex Billings
February 23 – Doug Nagel
March 2 – Kyle Harms
March 5 ^(Ash Wed) – Josiah Nitzel
March 9 – Bill Treimer

March 12 ^(Lent) – Easton Teal
March 16 – Brad Harms
March 19 ^(Lent) – Alex Billings
March 23 – Doug Nagel
March 26 ^(Lent) – Kyle Harms
March 30 – Bill Treimer

ACOLYTES

February 2 – Sydney W.
February 9 – Simeon N.
February 16 – Hoyt A.
February 23 – Hayden B.
March 2 – MacKenzie W.
March 5 ^(Ash Wed) – Ellisy S.
March 9 – Sydney W.

March 12 ^(Lent) – Simeon N.
March 16 – Hoyt A.
March 19 ^(Lent) – Hayden B.
March 23 – MacKenzie W.
March 26 ^(Lent) – Ellisy S.
March 30 – Sydney W.

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

February 2 – Ed and Joellen Harders
February 9 – Cliff and Shirley Ripke
February 16 – Brad and Betty Harms
February 23 – Rodney and Dyan Roth
March 2 – Bill and Patty Treimer

March 9 – Bill and Rhonda Pippy
March 16 – Rick and Vickie Roghair
March 23 – Allan and Inez Dacken
March 30 – Gordon and Roxie Williamson

FEBRUARY

♥ ♥ ♥ WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ♥ ♥ ♥

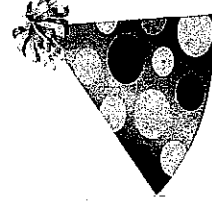
- 7 – Taylor and David DenBeste
9 – Conrad and Cindy Cook
10 – Wyatt and Megan Albert
20 – Rick and Vickie Roghair

- 21 – Roger and Peggy Jacobs (65th)
22 – Gene and Shelley Hjelm
24 – Rodney and Dyan Roth

♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ BIRTHDAYS ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪

- 1 – Doug Bobzien
3 – Colleen Bobzien
4 – Sue Schulz
Ty Waddell
5 – Delores Richter
8 – Lanette Bates
Beth Fear
Maverick Larsen
Mila Wohler

- 9 – Arlene Noble
10 – Curtis Espey



- 13 – Taylor DenBeste
14 – Betty Hirt (100th)
15 – Kent Billings
21 – Judi Albert
Camryn Wilson
22 – Rodney Roth
Connie George
25 – Melissa Nolte
Joann Hanen

- 11 – Kathi Unterbrink

CAMP OKOBOJI SUMMER 2025

Discipleship Programs

- May 30-June 1...Kids' Kamp
June 5-8...JOY Camp #1
June 22-26...Cub Week #1
June 29-July 4...July 4 Family Retreat
July 6-12...Junior High Week
July 10-13...JOY Camp #2
July 13-19...Cub Week #2
July 20-26...Youth Week (High School)
July 27-August 1...Family Retreat #1
August 3-8...Family Retreat #2

Other Events

- January 24-26... Family Ice Fishing Retreat
May 2-4...Spring Volunteer Work Weekend
June 8-10...Iowa District West Convention
June 14...Camp Okoboji Auxiliary Quilt Auction
June 15-21...Minneboji Lutheran Camp
May 25-August 31...Sunday Worship
1st Sundays of the Month (May-October)...Brunch
October 10-11...Fall Volunteer Work Weekend

For more information and to register, visit campokoboji.org

Registration for the Summer 2025 season is now OPEN! Registration can be completed at campokoboji.org. Have any questions? Contact Liv Simmons,

Discipleship Director, at (712) 337-3325 or discipleship.campokoboji@gmail.com.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<i>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</i> 2 9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am SS/Adult Bible Class	3	4	5 9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Confirmation	6	7	8
<i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9 9:00am Morning Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am SS/Adult Bible Class	10 6:30pm Rachel Circle	11 9am-1pm Spencer Circuit Pastor's Meeting (at St. Paul's)	12 9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Confirmation	13	<i>Valentine's Day</i> 14 	15
<i>Sixth Sunday after Epiphany</i> 16 9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am SS/Adult Bible Class	17 9:30am Mary Circle	18 6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Church Council	19 9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Confirmation	20	21	22
<i>Seventh Sunday after Epiphany</i> 23 9:00am Morning Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am SS/Adult Bible Class	24	25	26 9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Confirmation	27	28	



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