JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH **HARTLEY, IOWA**
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ST PAUL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
June 17, 2026

Church council met on June 17, 2026 at 7:00 PM. Those present were Pastor Nitzel, Mark Recher, Donna Ahlers, Dyan Roth, Inez Dacken, Allan Dacken.

Pastor opened the meeting with devotion from Romans 6:12, 15. It reminds us of the good news of the gospel, to honor God with our lives and how we live.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Pastor reported for Kent. The balance in the checking was reported. A large part of this months monies were spent on the insurance premium. We do have an additional amount of money in the Lutheran Church Extension Fund that could be transferred back to checking if needed. 45% of our budget has been used.

Finance report: Donna reported that she deposited on June 2nd and on June 16th. There was also an electronic deposit.

Elders report: The elders had discussed the wedding guidelines for our church.

Education report: Pastor reported that VBS went well, with 25 students attending. Since we do not have a DCE for the next year, the church is need of a superintendent for Sunday School by Fall. There is also a need for someone to be on the Board of Education. Volunteers for these two positions, would be greatly appreciated.

Stewardship report: There was no report

Evangelism report: Dyan reported that we are very concerned about inactive membership, and would like to do an "Outreach" for these people. Any ideas that anyone has, feel free to contact the evangelism board.

Trustees report: Allan reported that they are in the process of fixing water damage from past years.

Pastor report: The election for the new Synod President is under way. They have voted several times and are now down to 2 nominees. They are Rev. Matthew Harrison and Rev. Joe Bierman. They will be voting again this week.

Pastor and Heather will be leaving for St. Louis this weekend to attend a Pals Conference. They have planned a family vacation from July 13th through the 22nd. Pastor is also going to be chaplain at Camp Okoboji on August 23rd.

Old Business: None

New Business: There is now a committee to look into a new church directory. They asked the council to OK their selection of using Universal Church Directories to do it. The council agreed with their choice. Thank you to the ladies that offered to be on the committee....

The door collection that we had on May 31st for Neela Waddell amounted to $2910.00 and the council had voted to match that amount at the April meeting. Patty will issue a check to the family for $5820.00. Thank you to everyone who so selfishly donated to this needed cause.

Our next council meeting will be July 29th

There was a motion to adjourn and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Inez Dacken
Council Secretary

July

♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

12 – Paul and Amanda Ahrenstorff

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14 – Jeff and Krista Wohlert

19 – Korey and Jonna Ebel

22 – Ray and Donna Ahlers

26 – David and Cathy Treimer

30 – Ed and Sandy Breidinger

♫ ♫ ♫ ♫ ♫ BIRTHDAYS ♫ ♫ ♫ ♫ ♫

1 – April Krull
Barbara Peters
Keith Webber

4 – Lucile Tanner
Dennis Ebel

5 –Sharlene (Charlie) Walters

6 – Carolyn Rubsam

7 – Marjorie Hengeveld (100th)

9 – Nicolette Menke

10 – Jonathan Hengeveld

11 – Nolan Larsen
Glenda Schroeder

13 – Brad Fear

14 – Cindy Cook

15 – Ervin Harders
Patty Treimer

16 – Easton Teal
LaDonna Tanner

17 – Leroy Raabe
Cecelia Knudson

18 – Duane Kolpin
Becky Schroeder
Gordon Williamson

20 – Pearl Ackerman
Rowen Espey

23 – Lydia Harders

26 – Wyatt Albert
Mary Harders

28 – Jamie Billings
Ronda Rogne
Heather Nitzel

29 – Carol Warburton
Jeff Queck

30 – Katie Tanner

INTERESTED IN BEING A LAY READER? If there is interest, We are going to begin having Lay Readers again in July in our church services. Interested **male and female** volunteers who wish to actively participate in the church service by reading the Old Testament and Epistle readings are asked to speak with Pastor Nitzel, to be put on a rotation schedule. We presently have approximately eight female lay readers. Men are also encouraged to participate. Please prayerfully consider contributing in this wonderful service.

JULY / AUGUST

SERVING SCHEDULES

GREETERS

July 5 – Pastor Dave
July 12 – Rick and Vickie Roghair
July 19 – Gene and Shelley Hjelm
July 26 – Wally and Becky Tschopp

August 2 – Bill and Patty Treimer
August 9 – Ed and Jo Harders
August 16 – Brad and Beth Fear
August 23 – Allan and Inez Dacken
August 30 – Roger and Peg Jacobs

COMMUNION

	Set-up	Clean-Up
July 5	Brad and Betty Harms	Rod and Dyan Roth
July 19	Bill and Patty Treimer	Rick and Vickie Roghair
August 2	Allan and Inez Dacken	Ed and Jo Harders
August 16	Gene and Shelley Hjelm	Wally and Becky Tschopp

USHERS

July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Bill Treimer (H)	Kent Billings (H)	Ty Waddell (H)	Mark Recher (H)
Jesse Benz	Brad Fear	Wade Gebert	Gene Hjelm
Josiah Nitzel	Brad Harms	Doug Nagel	Ed Harders

August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
David Treimer (H)	Bill Treimer (H)	Kent Billings (H)	Ty Waddell (H)	Mark Recher (H)
Wally Tschopp	Brad Fear	Alex Billings	Rick Roghair	Brad Harms
Allan Dacken	Bill Pippy	Josiah Nitzel	Wade Gebert	Gene Hjelm

CAMERA OPERATORS

July 5 – Josiah Nitzel
July 12 – Kyle Harms
July 19 – Brad Harms
July 26 – Alex Billings

August 2 – Doug Nagel
August 9 – Easton Teal
August 16 – Bill Treimer
August 23 – Josiah Nitzel
August 30 – Kyle Harms

ACOLYTES

July 5 – Hayden B.
July 12 – Sydney W.
July 19 – MacKenzie W.
July 26 – Simeon N.

August 2 – Hoyt A.
August 9 – Hayden B.
August 16 – Sydney W.
August 23 – MacKenzie W.
August 30 – Simeon N.

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

July 5 – Wally and Becky Tschopp
July 12 – Bill and Patty Treimer
July 19 – Ed and Jo Harders
July 26 – Wade and Stephanie Gebert

August 2 – Harv and Marjean Westerman
August 9 – Cliff and Shirley Ripke
August 16 – Rick and Vickie Roghair
August 23 – Brad and Betty Harms
August 30 – Rod and Dyan Roth

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
St. Paul's Lutheran Church 60 N Central Ave Hartley, IA 51346 Office: 712-728-2711 Pastor Chris Nitzel Cell Phone: 712-363-5433 Parsonage: 712-728-2890			1 9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study	2	3	4
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 5 9:00am Communion Worship 10:15am Fellowship Time 10:30am Adult Bible Class	6	7	8 9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study	9	10	11
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 12 9:00am Morning Worship 10:15am Fellowship Time 10:30am Adult Bible Class	13 9:00am POP Meeting 6:30pm Rachel Circle	14	15 9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study	16	17	18
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 19 9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am Adult Bible Class	20	21 9:30am Qtrly LWML Meeting 2:00pm Card Crew	22 9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study	23	24	25
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 26 9:00am Morning Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am Adult Bible Class	27	28	29 9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Church Council	30	31	