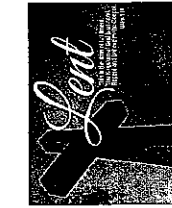


# March 2023

# NEWSLETTER



**ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH**     **HARTLEY, IOWA**  
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## St. Paul's Church Council Meeting February 21, 2023

Church Council met on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00. Those present included: Pastor Nitzel, Kent Billings, Steve Vander Veen, Brad Harms, Donna Ahlers, Carolyn Rubsam and Inez Dacken. Rhonda Pippy filled in for Patty Treimer as Council secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Kent Billings. Pastor Nitzel gave devotions from John 10 and sharing the theme for Lent this year will be "Amazing Grace".

The minutes from the January 24, 2023 meeting were read and approved as presented.

Treasurer report: Donna Ahlers reported on the checkbook balance with 9% of the budget having been used. She further reported on several of the special accounts' balances.

Finance report: Donna indicated there were 2 deposits throughout the month.

Elder's Report: Brad Harms reported that Camp Okoboji had approached Pastor Chris with the idea of sharing a DCE intern placement for 15 months during 2023-2024. That person would begin his/her placement in May 2023 at Camp Okoboji and then would be at St. Paul's once camp activities were over in the late summer/early fall until May 2024 when they would go back to the camp for the summer months. There was discussion about some of the obligations and benefits of having a DCE intern. The council supported further exploration of the proposal with Camp Okoboji to see if St Paul's would be able to provide a good intern experience for the young person.

Education: No report.

Stewardship report: Inez reported that she would take the Time and Talent forms following church on February 26, 2023 and prepare them for Patty to use.

Evangelism Report: The committee continues to send out notes to people who visit our church.

Trustee's Report: Steve Vander Veen reported that water has once again been an issue. With the snow melting, there has been some water in the Sunday School rooms area. They will continue to work on water seepage repair.

Pastor's Report: There are plans being made to re-start the ESL classes at St. Paul's. There will be a meeting Thursday, February 23, 2023 evening to make more specific plans for the dates and times of those classes.

Pastor reviewed the Lenten sermon series "Amazing Grace" and the fact that the Ash Wednesday service will take place either in person or via Facebook and recording if the reported winter storm makes it impossible to gather in person.

Old Business: None     New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Rhonda Pippy, Council Secretary Pro Tempore

# MARCH

## ♥ ♥ ♥ WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ♥ ♥ ♥

7 - Doug and Sherri Bobzien

## ♫ ♫ ♫ BIRTHDAYS ♫ ♫ ♫

1 - Marlin Rabenberg  
MacKenzie Walters

6 - Lois Christiansen

8 - Rhonda Pippy

10 - Cliff Ripke

11 - Ron Lefever

12 - Ellen Treimer

14 - Marian Otto



15 - Billie Geerdes (90<sup>th</sup>)  
Jessica Heetland

20 - Derek Elyea

21 - Lucy Albert

24 - Rodney Raabe

26 - Lois Klatt  
Caden Vos

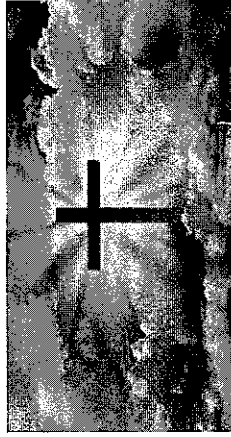
27 - Meredith Treimer

30 - Dee Kolpin

## THE MEANINGS OF CROSS DRAPINGS ...



On Good Friday, the cross will be draped in black fabric - representing the death of Jesus Christ, as full payment for the sins of all mankind.



On Easter Sunday, the cross will be draped in white until Ascension Day, which occurs 39 days after Easter. The white represents purity and the resurrection of Christ and that he was 'raised again for our justification'.



## LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES ...

*Midweek Lent Worship - Wednesday, March 1, 6:30 p.m.*

*Midweek Lent Worship - Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.*

*Midweek Lent Worship - Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 p.m.*

*Midweek Lent Worship - Wednesday, March 22, 6:30 p.m.*

*Midweek Lent Worship - Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 p.m.*

*Palm Sunday - Sunday April 2, 9:00 a.m.*

# MARCH / APRIL

## SERVING SCHEDULES

### GREETERS

March 1 (6:30pm) – Rick and Vickie Roghair  
March 5 – Allan and Inez Dacken  
March 8 (6:30pm) – Cliff and Shirley Ripke  
March 12 – Mark and Sue Schulz  
March 15 (6:30pm) – Brad and Betty Harms  
March 19 – Duane and Dee Kolpin  
March 22 (6:30pm) – Gene and Shelley Hjelm  
March 26 – Wally and Becky Tschopp  
March 29 (6:30pm) – Brenda and Jo Harders

April 2 (Palm S./Confirmation) – Ron and Carolyn Rubsam  
April 6 (MThurs) – Marilyn Honken and Judy Kuskie  
April 7 (Good Fri) – Cliff and Shirley Ripke  
April 9 (6:30amSunrise) – Mark and Sue Schulz  
April 9 (9am Easter) – Rick and Vickie Roghair  
April 16 – Allan and Inez Dacken  
April 23 – Bill and Patty Treimer  
April 30 – Brad and Betty Harms

### COMMUNION

#### Set-up

March 5 ----- Brad and Betty Harms  
March 19 ----- Mark and Sue Schulz  
April 2 (Confirmation) ----- Allan and Inez Dacken  
April 6 (MThurs) ----- Ed and Jo Harders  
April 9 (6:30amSunrise) ----- Ron and Carolyn Rubsam  
April 9 (9am Easter) ----- Bill and Patty Treimer  
April 16 ----- Mark and Sue Schulz

#### Clean-Up

----- Ron and Carolyn Rubsam  
----- Wally and Becky Tschopp  
----- Rodney and Dyan Roth  
----- Rick and Vickie Roghair  
----- Gene and Shelley Hjelm  
----- Brad and Betty Harms  
----- Allan and Inez Dacken

### USHERS

**March 1 (6:30pm)**  
Ty Waddell (H)  
Steve Albert  
Jackson Albert

**March 5**  
Kent Billings (H)  
Al Dacken  
Alex Billings  
Wade Gebert

**March 8 (6:30pm)**  
Jesse Benz (H)  
Ed Harders  
Bill Treimer

**March 12**  
David Peters (H)  
Aiden Nitzel  
Jacob DeBerg

**March 15 (6:30pm)**  
Ty Waddell (H)  
Ben Waddell  
Wally Tschopp

**March 19**  
Kent Billings (H)  
Joe Billings  
Gene Hjelm  
Bill Treimer

**March 22 (6:30pm)**  
Jesse Benz (H)  
Ed Harders  
Rick Roghair

**March 26**  
David Peters (H)  
Steve Albert  
Jackson Albert

**March 29 (6:30pm)**  
Ty Waddell (H)  
Aiden Nitzel  
Wade Gebert

**April 2 (Conf/PalmsSun)**  
Kent Billings (H)  
Joe Billings  
Alex Billings

**April 6 (6:30pm)**  
Jesse Benz (H)  
Aiden Nitzel  
Bill Treimer

**April 7 (6:30pm)**  
David Peters (H)  
Ben Waddell  
Rick Roghair

**April 9 (6:30amSunrise)**  
Ty Waddell (H)  
Doug Nagel  
Gene Hjelm

**April 9 (9amEaster)**  
Kent Billings (H)  
Gene Hjelm  
Leroy Raabe

**April 16**  
Jesse Benz (H)  
Ed Harders  
Al Dacken

### CAMERA OPERATORS

March 1 (6:30pm) – Aiden Nitzel  
March 5 – Doug Nagel  
March 8 (6:30pm) – Bill Treimer  
March 12 – Brad Harms  
March 15 (6:30pm) – Joe Billings  
March 19 – Aiden Nitzel  
March 22 (6:30pm) – Bill Treimer  
March 26 – Doug Nagel  
March 29 (6:30pm) – Brad Harms

April 2 (Palm S./Confirmation) – Bill Treimer  
April 6 (MThurs) – Aiden Nitzel  
April 7 (Good Fri) – Joe Billings  
April 9 (6:30amSunrise) – Brad Harms  
April 9 (9am Easter) – Bill Treimer  
April 16 – Doug Nagel  
April 23 – Aiden Nitzel  
April 30 – Joe Billings

### ACOLYTES

March 1 (6:30pm) – Mia Harders  
March 5 – Josiah Nitzel  
March 8 (6:30pm) – Camryn Wilson  
March 12 – Easton Teal  
March 15 (6:30pm) – Hunter Ahrenstorff  
March 19 – Alayna Benz  
March 22 (6:30pm) – Kate Billings  
March 26 – Mia Harders  
March 29 (6:30pm) – Josiah Nitzel

April 2 (Palm S./Confirmation) – Hunter Ahrenstorff  
April 6 (MThurs) – Camryn Wilson  
April 7 (Good Fri) – Easton Teal  
April 9 (6:30amSunrise) – Alayna Benz  
April 9 (9am Easter) – Kate Billings  
April 16 – Mia Harders  
April 23 – Josiah Nitzel  
April 30 – Hunter Ahrenstorff

### FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

March 5 – Rick and Vickie Roghair  
March 12 – Ed and Jo Harders  
March 19 – Harv and Marjean Westerman  
March 26 – Brad and Betty Harms

April 2 – (Confirmation Reception)  
April 9 – (Easter Breakfast)  
April 16 – Mark and Sue Schulz  
April 23 – Allan and Inez Dacken  
April 30 – Rodney and Dyan Roth

# MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00am Bible Study 5:15pm Confirmation 6:30pm Midweek Lent 7:30pm Choir practice	2	3	4
<i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> 5 9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:30am Adult Bible Class	6	7 9:00am POP Meeting	8 10:00am Bible Study 5:15pm Confirmation 6:30pm Midweek Lent 7:30pm Choir practice	9	10	11 2-4pm Billie Geerdes 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Open House
<i>Third Sunday in Lent</i> 12 9:00am Morning Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:30am Adult Bible Class	13	14	15 10:00am Bible Study 5:15pm Confirmation 6:30pm Midweek Lent 7:30pm Choir practice	16	17	18
<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> 19 9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:30am Adult Bible Class	20 9:30am Mary Circle	21	22 10:00am Bible Study 5:15pm Confirmation 6:30pm Midweek Lent 7:30pm Choir practice	23	24	25
<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i> 26 9:00am Morning Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:30am Adult Bible Class	27	28 6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Church Council	29 10:00am Bible Study 5:15pm Confirmation 6:30pm Midweek Lent 7:30pm Choir practice	30	31	