

# MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



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## St. Paul's Church Council Meeting February 17, 2026

Church Council met on Tuesday, February 17, at 7pm. Those present: Pastor Nitzel, Vickie Roghair, Steve Vander Veen, Josh Meeks, Kent Billings, Jesse Benz, Mark Recher, Stephanie Gebert, Leroy Raabe, Carolyn Rubsam.

Pastor opened with devotions from Matthew 6:1. Jesus tells us the hard truth we need to hear. Lent is a good time to say "Yes, I am a sinner and I need God's help." God is an amazing God. Pastor with a prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer Report:** Kent shared the balance of today's checkbook, with 14% of the 2026 budget used.

**Finance Report:** Vickie reported that there were 2 deposits since our last meeting, plus an electronic deposit for January.

**Elders Report:** Mark reported that they talked briefly regarding Pastor Dave's 50th and Pastor Nitzel's 20th years of ministry celebration on June 28. They also discussed the time of the worship service that day.

**Education Report:** Josh reported that additional Sunday School curriculum material has been ordered. Background information for Josh and others is to be made available.

**Stewardship Report:** Nothing new to report.

**Evangelism Report:** A family movie showing this Sunday afternoon and Bingo on March 15 are upcoming activities.

**Trustees Report:** Steve shared that Ty has repaired the broken toilet in the women's bathroom. Estimates for the drinking fountain—\$800-\$1500 to repair the old one; \$900 for a cooled water container with disposable cups; \$2200 for a new Elkay 2-level drinking water cooler; \$2700 for a new Elkay 2-level drinking water cooler with a bottle filter. General consensus was to go with the new 2-level drinking fountain with the bottle filter.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor reported on the process for our next DCE intern and will find out from the Concordias soon if one is fit for Camp Okoboji and us. Pastor also discussed the LCMS Convention and the election of a new Synod President. Voting will be completed online before the start of Convention. Wally Tschopp will serve as lay delegate along with Pastor as the pastoral delegate.

**Old Business:** There was discussion of a church directory committee.

**New Business:** None.

The next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, March 17 at 7pm.

With a motion to adjourn, our meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Stephanie Gebert  
Council Secretary Pro-tem

# MARCH

♥♥♥ WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ♥♥♥

7 - Doug and Sherri Bobzien

♫♫♫ BIRTHDAYS ♫♫♫

1 - Marlin Rabenberg  
Mackenzie Walters

3 - Zoe De La Cruz

8 - Rhonda Pippy

14 - Marian Otto

10 - Cliff Ripke

12 - Ellen Treimer

13 - Carla De La Cruz



14 - Marian Otto

15 - Billie Geerdes

16 - Keestlyn DenBeste

21 - Lucy Albert

24 - Rodney Raabe

26 - Lois Klatt

Caden Vos

30 - Dee Kolpin

**SPRING BINGO**

*All Ages Welcome - Bring the Family!!*

*Popcorn Provided ~ Lots of prizes to win!!*

**SUNDAY, 3-4 PM**

**MARCH 15TH**

# MARCH / APRIL

## SERVING SCHEDULES

### GREETERS

March 1 – Brad & Beth Fear  
March 4 (6:30pm) – Allan & Inez Dacken  
March 8 – Cliff & Shirley Ripke  
March 11 (6:30pm) – Gene & Shelley Hjelm  
March 15 – Bill & Patty Treimer  
March 18 (6:30pm) – Brad & Betty Harms  
March 22 – Kathi Unterbrink & Kathy Luedke  
March 25 (6:30pm) – Brenda Harders & Mia Morfitt  
March 29 – Ed & Jo Harders  
April 2 (MTThurs6:30pm) – Pastor Dave  
April 3 (GFriday6:30pm) – Rick & Vickie Roghair  
April 5 (6:30am) – Wally & Becky Tschopp  
April 5 (9:00am) – Ron & Cindy Pingel  
April 12 – Pat McCarty & Carla De La Cruz  
April 19 – Roger & Peg Jacobs  
April 26 – Gene & Shelley Hjelm

### COMMUNION

#### Set-up

March 1 – Rod and Dyan Roth  
March 15 – Bill and Patty Treimer  
April 2 (MTThurs) – Brenda and Mia Harders  
April 5 (Sunrise) – Allan and Inez Dacken  
April 5 (9am) – (Ed and Jo Harders)  
April 19 – Gene and Shelley Hjelm

#### Clean-Up

Brad and Betty Harms  
Rick and Vickie Roghair  
Wally and Becky Tschopp  
Ed and Jo Harders  
Rod and Dyan Roth  
Brad and Betty Harms

### USHERS

<b>March 1</b> Kent Billings (H) Allan Dacken Josiah Nitzel	<b>March 4</b> (Midweek Lent – 6:30pm) Mark Recher (H) Rick Roghair Doug Nagel	<b>March 8</b> Gene Hjelm Wally Tschopp Easton Teal	<b>March 11</b> (Midweek Lent – 6:30pm) David Treimer (H) Brad Fear Bill Pippy	<b>March 15</b> Ty Waddell (H) Wade Gebert Allan Dacken
<b>March 18</b> (Midweek Lent – 6:30pm) Bill Treimer (H) Gene Hjelm Jesse Benz	<b>March 22</b> David Treimer (H) Doug Nagel Brad Harms	<b>March 25</b> (Midweek Lent – 6:30pm) Kent Billings (H) Ed Harders Josiah Nitzel	<b>March 29</b> Mark Recher (H) Rick Roghair Brad Fear	<b>April 2</b> (MTThurs – 6:30pm) Bill Treimer (H) Wade Gebert Alex Billings
<b>April 3</b> (GFriday – 6:30pm) David Treimer (H) Gene Hjelm Allan Dacken	<b>April 5</b> (Sunrise – 6:30am) Ty Waddell (H) Jesse Benz Josiah Nitzel	<b>April 5</b> (Easter – 9:00am) Kent Billings (H) Rick Roghair Bill Pippy	<b>April 12</b> Mark Recher (H) Wally Tschopp Easton Teal	<b>April 19</b> Bill Treimer (H) Brad Fear Ed Harnds

### CAMERA OPERATORS

March 1 – Doug Nagel  
March 4 (6:30pm) – Alex Billings  
March 8 – Easton Teal  
March 11 (6:30pm) – Bill Treimer  
March 15 – Kyle Harms  
March 18 (6:30pm) – Josiah Nitzel  
March 22 – Alex Billings  
March 25 (6:30pm) – Brad Harms  
March 29 – Doug Nagel  
April 2 (MTThurs6:30pm) – Easton Teal  
April 3 (GFriday6:30pm) – Bill Treimer  
April 5 (6:30am) – Josiah Nitzel  
April 5 (9:00am) – Kyle Harms  
April 12 – Brad Harms  
April 19 – Alex Billings  
April 26 – Doug Nagel

### ACOLYTES

March 1 – MacKenzie W.  
March 4 (6:30pm) – Simeon N.  
March 8 – Hoyt A.  
March 11 (6:30pm) – Hayden B.  
March 15 – Sydney W.  
March 18 (6:30pm) – Ellisyn S.  
March 22 – MacKenzie W.  
March 25 (6:30pm) – Simeon N.  
March 29 – Hoyt A.  
April 2 (MTThurs6:30pm) – Hayden B.  
April 3 (GFriday6:30pm) – Sydney W.  
April 5 (6:30am) – Ellisyn S.  
April 5 (9:00am) – MacKenzie W.  
April 12 – Simeon N.  
April 19 – Hoyt A.  
April 26 – Hayden B.

### FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

March 1 – Harv and Marjean Westerman  
March 8 – Bill and Rhonda Pippy  
March 15 – Brad and Betty Harms  
March 22 – Ed and Jo Harders  
March 29 – Wally and Becky Tschopp  
April 5 – (Easter Breakfast)  
April 12 – (Confirmation Reception)  
April 19 – Cliff and Shirley Ripke  
April 26 – Bill and Patty Treimer

The Season  
of Lent



**MARCH 2026**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>      1</p> <p>9:00am Communion Worship 10:15am Fellowship Time 10:30am SS/Adult Bible Class</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am POP Meeting</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study 1-4pm Quilting 5:00pm Choir Practice 5:15pm Confirmation 6:30pm Midweek Lent Worship</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p><i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>      8</p> <p>9:00am Morning Worship 10:15am Fellowship Time 10:30am SS/Adult Bible Class</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study 1-4pm Quilting 5:00pm Choir Practice 5:15pm Confirmation 6:30pm Midweek Lent Worship</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p><i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>      15</p> <p>9:00am Communion Worship 10:15am Fellowship Time 10:30am SS/Adult Bible Class</p> <p>3-4pm BINGO! (Popcorn &amp; Prizes!)</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Church Council</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study 1-4pm Quilting 5:00pm Choir Practice 5:15pm Confirmation 6:30pm Midweek Lent Worship</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p><i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>      22</p> <p>9:00am Morning Worship (Confirmation Questioning) 10:15am Fellowship Time 10:30am Adult Bible Class</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study 1-4pm Quilting 5:00pm Choir Practice 5:15pm Confirmation 6:30pm Midweek Lent Worship</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p><i>Palm Sunday</i>      29</p> <p>9:00am Morning Worship 10:15am Fellowship Time 10:30am SS/Adult Bible Class</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>		<div data-bbox="1545 1193 1733 1421" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b>St. Paul's Lutheran Church</b> 60 N Central Ave Hartley, IA 51346 Office: 712-728-2711</p> <p>Pastor Chris Nitzel Cell Phone: 712-363-5433 Parsonage: 712-728-2890</p>		