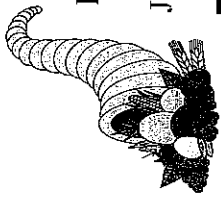


NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



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St. Paul's Church Council Meeting
October 15, 2024

Church Council met on Tuesday, October 15, at 7:00 pm. Those present: Pastor Nitzel, Bill Treimer, Vickie Roghair, Leroy Raabe, Ed Harders, Dyan Roth, Donna Ahlers, Allan Dacken, Inez Dacken, Justin Weber and Patty Treimer.

VP Bill Treimer called the meeting to order. Pastor shared devotions from Ecclesiastes 5:18-20. Be content with what God has given you. Strive for contentment with God's blessings. Pastor led us in prayer.

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

Treasurer Report: Vickie Roghair shared the balance of today's checkbook with 76% of the budget used. She updated us on transactions of several special accounts.

Finance Report: Donna Ahlers reported offering was counted twice since our September meeting.

Elders Report: Topic of elders meeting was All Saints Day worship on November 3. It promises to be a meaningful service.

Education Report: Justin reported that there are 20 children in Sunday School and 6 in confirmation.

Stewardship Report: Inez shared the changes to the budget for 2025. They will be presented to the Voters at this Sunday's meeting. The Time and Talent forms were distributed in the October Newsletter. Thanks to those who have completed and returned them.

Evangelism Report: Dyan shared that there are several more upcoming activities: ESL is serving 12 students, the Trunk or Treat is on October 31, the Gem and Junque sale is on November 2, the Veterans supper is on Monday November 11, and St Paul's will be serving ice cream and pie to fireman on Thursday, November 21.

Trustees Report: The new organ has been installed and dedicated. The platform construction and electrical went smoothly, as well as the many hands that assisted in moving the piano and old organ out of the balcony. The new organ is installed on the lower level of the sanctuary. The upstairs balcony reconstruction needs to be completed. Also the church kitchen floor needs to be repaired because of buckling from the water issues this spring.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported on highlights from the fall IDW Pastors Conference. He shared that there are 9 vacancies in our IDW and 500+ throughout the entire synod. June 8-10 is the IDW Convention at Camp Okoboji. Nominations for the district board and/or officers are being accepted.

Old Business: Donna suggested piano tuning for church pianos. Donna will contact the tuner.

The next Voters meeting is this Sunday, October 20.

New Business: Pastor asked about the possibility of having a door offering for the hurricane disaster relief in Florida. It was agreed that we will have door offerings on Sundays, October 27 and November 3.

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 19. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Patty Treimer
Council Secretary

**St Paul's Quarterly Voters Meeting
October 20, 2024**

St Paul's Quarterly Voters Meeting was called to order by President Kent Billing on Sunday, October 20, at 10:30am, after worship time.

Pastor Dave shared a devotion from the today's gospel reading. All things are possible with God—may seem impossible with man, but possible with God. We are commissioned to carry out His ministry.

President Kent opened our business meeting with approval of the minutes of the prior Voters Meeting on July 14, 2024.

Treasurer Report: Vickie Roghair reported the checkbook balance as of today, with 76% of the budget used. She gave us a rundown of the transactions in the special accounts since our last Voters meeting.

Education: No report.

Elders: No report.

Stewardship: Inez Dacken presented the 2025 proposed budget for review. It will be approved at our January 2025 meeting.

Evangelism: Many activities have/will take place this fall: ESL classes, LYF Field Meal, outdoor movie night, Trunk or Treat, Gems & Junque Sale, Veterans meal, serving pie and ice cream to Hartley firemen and EMTs.

Endowment Committee: No report.

Trustees: No report.

Pastor Report: Pastor Dave reported in the absence of Pastor Nitzel, who was attending the Jr LYF District Convention in Des Moines. He shared the need for Pastors as our district and synod have a number of vacancies. Nominees for IDW officers are being sought. Also needed is a volunteer to serve as St Paul's delegate to the IDW Convention at Camp Okoboji next summer.

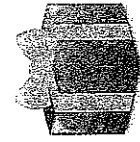
The following nominations for 2025 officers were presented: VP—Rick Roghair; Treasurer—Kent Billings; Stewardship—Leroy Raabe; Elders—Doug Nagel, Brett Ripke; Evangelism—Carolyn Rubsam; Finance—Donna Ahlers, Marjean Westerman; Education—Ashley Benz; Trustees—Allan Dacken, Rodney Roth; Ushers—Kent Billings, Ty Waddell. Motion was made and seconded to accept this slate of candidates. Motion passed. Congratulations!

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

Patty Treimer, Council Secretary

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Coming SOON !! ... It's that time of the year again when we can fill the Great Commission ... therefore, go and make disciples of all nations... Millions of children in more than 100 countries around the world receive these gifts during a Gospel-focused event where the love of Jesus Christ – the GREATEST gift - is shared. What a privilege and honor that St. Paul's can bless these children in need and show His great love for them! Please prayerfully consider packing a box (or several) and returning to the church by **Sunday, November 10.** These gift boxes will be dropped off at a designated location by a St. Paul's volunteer, during National Collection Week.

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ESL POTLUCK DINNER

Monday, November 25, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Meet our ESL students and our St. Paul's Hispanics members and their families

ESL devotion/Sing-a-long 6:30- 6:45 pm – EVERYONE welcome!

Potluck Dinner in lower Fellowship Hall 6:45 – 7:30 pm

At 7:30 pm, the ESL students will go to their
3 separate ESL class areas and will meet until 8:30 pm

Please come and celebrate this outreach ministry of St. Paul's!

“Teaching English and the Gospel to our Hispanic neighbors “

The Chrismon Trees

The Chrismon Trees originated in the St. Paul's sanctuary in December 1971. They were all made by the members of Rachel Circle. Our congregation continues to use these Chrismons fifty years later to praise and proclaim the Christ!

The evergreen tree, which symbolizes the eternal life which our Savior has won for us, is a background for the tiny white lights and white and gold Chrismons.

The lights speak of HIM who is the light of the world and the Chrismons (CHRIST + MONogram) proclaim the Name, the Life and the Saving Acts of Jesus, the Christ.

White, the liturgical color for Christmas, suggests innocence, purity and perfection of our Savior. In our culture, it is the color of JOY. Scripture often uses white to portray purity and equates it with light to denote completeness.

Gold is a symbol of glory and majesty of God and the Son of God. It is also derived from Biblical scripture.

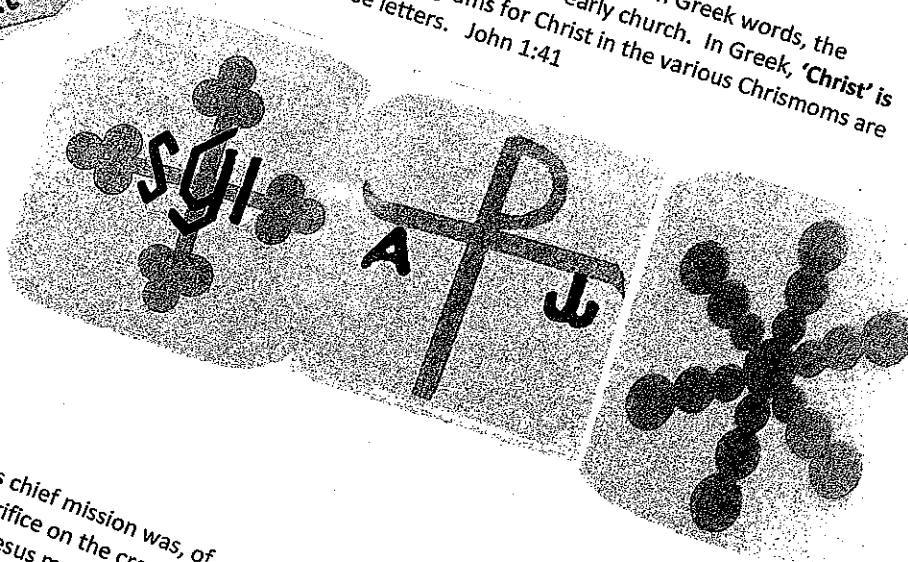
Some Chrismons are simple copies of symbols of Christianity from its earliest days; others are new explanations of God's never changing presence in our ever – changing world.

May these symbols continually remind you of God's greatest gift to us all, JESUS CHRIST.

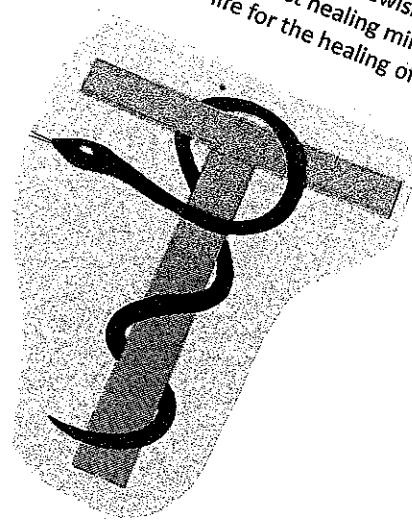


Many **CORNERSTONES** are on our tree. Monograms of our Savior are on their sides while the bottoms show another symbol for the "chief cornerstone," Ephesians 2:20; Mark 12:10.

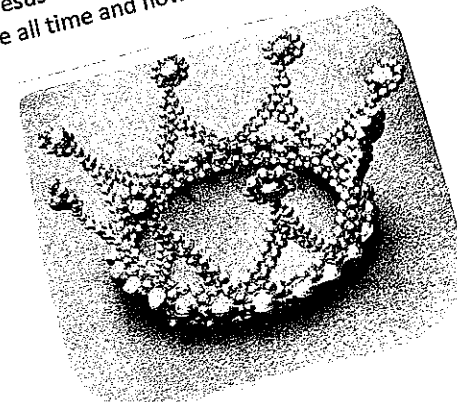
Most monograms of Christ Jesus are based on Greek words, the language of the world known to the early church. In Greek, 'Christ' is 'XPICTOC'. All the monograms for Christ in the various Chrismons are derived from these letters. John 1:41



SERPENT ON THE TAU CROSS: Jesus of Nazareth's chief mission was, of course, the reconciliation of man and God. His sacrifice on the cross makes that reunion possible. Early in His ministry, Jesus made a reference to this reconciliation to an event in Jewish history, the serpent on Moses' staff. Christ's greatest healing miracle is that from the cross – the staff – the tree of life for the healing of nations. Romans 5:6-11, Rev 22:2, 14



CROWN OF GLORY Now to him who is able...to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Jude 24, 25



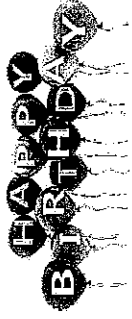
November

♥ ♥ ♥ WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ♥ ♥ ♥

- 3 – Rolin and Rosanne Muhs
14 – Steve and Melissa Vander Veen
- 6 – Keith and Judy Webber
22 – David and Wendy Peters
- 7 - Gordon and Roxanne Williamson (60th)
28 – Caleb and Alexa Wittrock (5th)
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30 – Wade and Stephanie Gebert

♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ BIRTHDAYS ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪

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| 1 – Riley Wiersma | 12 – Jacob DeBerg
Bryce Vos
Taylor DenBeste | 20 – Dalorus Gaudian
Theresa Recher |
| 4 – Noah Adams | | |
| 5 – Judy Webber
Laura Hamann
Megan Albert | 17 – Beth Harders Buckley
Joseph Billings | 24 – Wally Tschopp
Jesse Benz |
| 7 – Ronene Muhs
Mia Harders-Morfitt | | 25 – Harvey Westerman
Jeremy Walters |
| 8 – Steve Rogne | | 26 – Leah Queck |
| 9 – Nora Wittrock | | 27 – Lois Deiterman (95 th) |
| 10 – Rachel Wilson | | |
| 11 – Joan Taylor
Ellisyn Scroggin | | 28 – Keri Peterson
Hayden Benz |



We Salute Our Veterans!

In **APPRECIATION** for your **SERVICE** to our country,
we want to **THANK and HONOR YOU!**
Veterans and their families are invited to



St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hartley,

for a complimentary supper served by Red's Café,
on Veteran's Day, **Monday, Nov 11, 2024, 5-6:30 pm.**

RSVP to church office at 712-728-2711 by **Friday, Nov 1.**

(Desserts will be needed. Please see the sign-up sheet in the church entryway if you can furnish a dessert.)

Thank you!

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

SERVING SCHEDULES

GREETERS

November 3 – Kathy Luedke and Ellen Treimer
November 10 – Bill and Patty Treimer
November 17 – Pastor Dave and Kathy
November 24 – Brad and Betty Harms
November 27 (7:00pm) – Jeremy and Charlie Walters
December 1 – Gordan and Roxie Williamson
December 4 (7:00pm) – Rick and Vickie Roghair
December 8 – Ed and Jo Harders

December 11 (7:00pm) – Allan and Inez Dacken
December 15 – Marilyn Honken and Leroy Raabe
December 18 (7:00pm) – Ron and Carolyn Rubsam
December 22 – Wally and Becky Tschopp
December 24 (7:00pm) – Gene and Shelley Hjel
December 25 (9:00am) – Brad and Beth Fear
December 29 – Cliff and Shirley Ripke

COMMUNION

Set-up

November 3 – Mark and Sue Schulz
November 17 – Gene and Shelley Hjel
December 1 – Bill and Patty Treimer
December 15 – Dean and Mary Jane Peterson
December 24 (7:00pm) – Rod and Dyan Roth
December 25 (9:00am) – (Rick and Vickie)

Clean-Up

Ed and Jo Harders
Allan and Inez Dacken
Brad and Beth Fear
Ellen Treimer and Leroy Raabe
Rick and Vickie Roghair
Brad and Betty Harms

USHERS

November 3
Bill Pippy (H)
Wally Tschopp
Easton Teal
Rick Roghair

November 10
Kent Billings (H)
Bill Treimer
Jesse Benz
Leroy Raabe

November 17
Gordon W. (H)
Doug Nagel
Dean Peterson

November 24
David Treimer (H)
Mark Recher
Allan Dacken
Alex Billings

Nov 27 (T'giving Eve)
Ty Waddell (H)
Gene Hjel
Brad Fear

December 1
Jeremy Walters (H)
Gene Hjel
Bill Treimer
Brad Fear

Dec 4 (7pm)
Bill Pippy (H)
Easton Teal
Leroy Raabe

December 8
Kent Billings (H)
Alex Billings
Dean Peterson
Doug Nagel

Dec 11 (7pm)
Gordon W. (H)
Josiah Nitzel
Wally Tschopp

December 15
David Treimer (H)
Rick Roghair
Jesse Benz
Doug Nagel

Dec 18 (7pm)
Ty Waddell (H)
Bill Treimer
Brad Fear

December 22
Jeremy Walters (H)
Gene Hjel
Easton Teal

Dec 24 (7pm)
Bill Pippy (H)
Mark Recher
Leroy Raabe

Dec 25 (9am)
Kent Billings (H)
Allan Dacken
Alex Billings

December 29
Gordon W. (H)
Doug Nagel
Rick Roghair

CAMERA OPERATORS

November 3 – Brad Harms
November 10 – Alex Billings
November 17 – Doug Nagel
November 24 – Bill Treimer
November 27 (7:00pm) – Josiah Nitzel
December 1 – Brad Harms
December 4 (7:00pm) – Alex Billings
December 8 – Doug Nagel

December 11 (7:00pm) – Bill Treimer
December 15 – Josiah Nitzel
December 18 (7:00pm) – Brad Harms
December 22 – Alex Billings
December 24 (7:00pm) – Doug Nagel
December 25 (9:00am) – Josiah Nitzel
December 29 – Bill Treimer

ACOLYTES

November 3 – Ellisyn S.
November 10 – Sydney W.
November 17 – Simeon N.
November 24 – Hoyt A.
November 27 (7:00pm) – Hayden B.
December 1 – MacKenzie W.
December 4 (7:00pm) – Ellisyn S.
December 8 – Sydney W.

December 11 (7:00pm) – Simeon N.
December 15 – Hoyt A.
December 18 (7:00pm) – Hayden B.
December 22 – MacKenzie W.
December 24 (7:00pm) – Ellisyn S.
December 25 (9:00am) – Sydney W.
December 29 – Simeon N.

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

November 3 – Allan and Inez Dacken
November 10 – Wally and Becky Tschopp
November 17 – Mark and Sue Schulz
November 24 – Brad and Betty Harms
December 1 – Rod and Dyan Roth

December 8 – Bill and Patty Treimer
December 15 – Bill and Rhonda Pippy
December 22 – Jeremy and Charlie Walters
December 31 – Gordon and Roxie Williamson



NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="center">St. Paul's Lutheran Church 60 N Central Ave Hartley, IA 51346 Office: 712-728-2711</p> <p align="center">Pastor Chris Nitzel Cell Phone: 712-363-5433 Parsonage: 712-728-2890</p>						
<p><i>All Saints Day (Observed)</i> 3</p> <p>9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am SS/Adult Bible Class</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00am POP Meeting 6:30pm ESL Classes</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Confirmation</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30pm ESL Classes</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9am-5pm Drop off your Gem & Junque items!</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9am-3pm GEM & JUNQUE SALE</p>
<p><i>Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10</p> <p>9:00am Morning Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am SS/Adult Bible Class</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30pm Rachel Circle 5:00-6:30pm Veterans' Appreciation Meal</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Confirmation</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30pm ESL Classes</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p><i>Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 17</p> <p>9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am SS/Adult Bible Class</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30am Mary Circle 6:30pm ESL Classes</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Church Council</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Confirmation</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30pm ESL Classes EMT Appreciation (pie and ice cream served)</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p><i>Last Sunday of the Church Year</i> 24</p> <p>9:00am Morning Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:30am SS/Adult Bible Class</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30pm ESL Potluck 7:30pm ESL Classes</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship</p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Thanksgiving Day</i></p> 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>