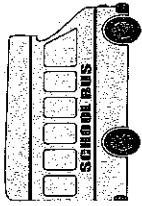


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NEWSLETTER



ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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St. Paul's Church Council Meeting August 23, 2023

Church Council met on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Those present: Pastor Nitzel, Kent Billings, Dyan Roth, Inez Dacken, Steve Vander Veen, and Donna Ahlers.

Kent Billings called the meeting to order. Pastor Nitzel gave devotions from Psalm 23:1-4 and spoke about the fact that we would all deal with grief and loss in our lives and that can be a difficult time for anyone. Pastor led us in prayer.

The minutes of the July 23, 2023, meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer Report: In the absence of Vickie Roghair, Donna Ahlers reported the checkbook balance with 64% of the budget used to date.

Finance Report: Donna Ahlers reported the offerings for August.

Elders Report: no report.

Education Report: Pastor Chris reported on behalf of Jen Waddell. The Sunday School kickoff will be on September 24, 2023. There will be four age groups this school year. They will be using the Faith Weaver Curriculum which focuses on ways to weave one's faith throughout his/her life. Pastor also reported there would be 4 students in confirmation this year. A parent meeting for confirmation will be on Monday, August 28th with confirmation beginning the following week.

Stewardship Report: Inez Dacken reported that she was preparing to send out letters to different people/committees to prepare their budgets for the next year and submit them. They will also be preparing the Time and Talent forms for 2024.

Evangelism Report: Dyan Roth reported that the ESL program would begin on October 9, 2023 and will be held 2 nights a week for 8 weeks. They continue to contribute items about St Paul's to the Chamber Welcome Bags for newcomers to the community.

Trustees Report: Steve VanderVeen reported on the shingling project that has begun on the parsonage and church. Please keep the workers in your prayers as they work in high temperatures and precarious heights and pitch of the church roof.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Chris reported that the District Convention will be held in Des Moines September 25th and 26th. He will be attending the convention.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: It was determined that the church council meetings will return to Tuesday evenings beginning September 19th.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Prepared by,

Rhonda Pippy



Greetings in Christ,

The Northwest & Spencer Circuit LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) want to express again our gratitude for supporting the mission of disaster relief.

In recent years LERT has helped the hurricane victims in the southern states and surrounding areas. Iowa District West communicates with our LERT committee to inform us where the specific needs are and in turn sends the donations we collect to the affected disaster area. Some examples have been helping a Christian school in Texas so they could rebuild their structure and also sending funds after a hurricane in Florida to support an LCMS church that housed relief workers in 2022. More recently we are in the process of and sending donations to the fire devastated areas of Maui.

The purpose of this letter is two-fold. We are asking the members of your congregation to consider volunteering at a disaster site. Workers are always needed. It is not necessary to be LERT trained but it may be beneficial to know how LERT operates and becomes a blessing to those in need. Please contact us at Immanuel in Spirit Lake if any of your members would like to be a volunteer. Julie Mann is the contact person at IDW if you would like information on the dates for LERT training sessions.

In addition, our local N.W./Spencer LERT treasury is needing a boost. Please consider asking your members for donations. A donation basket can simply be placed where members could find it when you have church services. There is an urgency with this request so if possible we would appreciate your prompt action by **September 18th**. Mailing and contact information for Spirit Lake can be found at the end of this letter. We are glad that your donations these past years have allowed us opportunities to help even when natural disaster events are far from our area or state.

Unfortunately natural disasters are a part of our everyday world and seem to be increasing. We pray that you and your members will consider helping in some way as you are able. Please continue to pray for those affected by natural disasters.

Your friends in Christ,

LERT Committee,

Nyla Bertram, Secretary

Leslie Krause, Treasurer

Bruce Gamble, Lert member

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crystalcrossilc@gmail.com

Address: Immanuel Lutheran Church Attn: LERT, PO Box 422, Spirit Lake IA 51360

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

SERVING SCHEDULES

GREETERS

September 3 – Gordon and Roxie Williamson
September 10 – Rick and Vickie Roghair
September 17 – Mark and Sue Schulz
September 24 – Pastor Dave and Kathy
October 1 – Cliff and Shirley Ripke
October 8 – Duane and Dee Kolpin
October 15 – Bill and Patty Treimer
October 22 – Ron and Carolyn Rubsam
October 29 – Allan and Inez Dacken

COMMUNION

Set-up

September 3 – Rodney and Dyan Roth
September 17 – Marilyn Honken and Judy Kuskie
October 1 – Brad and Betty Harms
October 15 – Allan and Inez Dacken

Clean-Up

Wally and Becky Tschopp
Ron and Carolyn Rubsam
Rick and Vickie Roghair
Bill and Patty Treimer

USHERS

September 3

David Peters (H)
Dennis Ebel
Doug Nagel
Allan Dacken

September 10

Ty Waddell (H)
Gene Hjeim
Aiden Nitzel

September 17

Kent Billings (H)
Joe Billings
Alex Billings
Wally Tschopp

September 24

Jesse Benz (H)
Ben Waddell
Bill Pippy

October 1

David Peters (H)
Gordon Williamson
Wade Gebert
Gene Hjeim

October 8

Ty Waddell (H)
Leroy Raabe
Bill Treimer

October 15

Kent Billings (H)
Dennis Ebel
Wally Tschopp
Aiden Nitzel

October 22

Jesse Benz (H)
Ben Waddell
Rick Roghair

October 29

David Peters (H)
Alex Billings
Gordon Williamson

CAMERA OPERATORS

September 3 – Alex Billings
September 10 – Doug Nagel
September 17 – Josiah Nitzel
September 24 – Joe Billings

October 1 – Brad Harms
October 8 – Bill Treimer
October 15 – Alex Billings
October 22 – Doug Nagel
October 29 – Josiah Nitzel

ACOLYTES

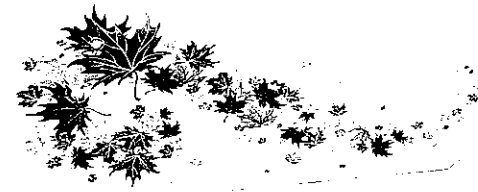
September 3 – Alayna Benz
September 10 – Kate Billings
September 17 – Hunter Ahrenstorff
September 24 – Alayna Benz

October 1 – Kate Billings
October 8 – Hunter Ahrenstorff
October 15 – Alayna Benz
October 22 – Kate Billings
October 29 – Hunter Ahrenstorff

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

September 3 – Cliff and Shirley Ripke
September 10 – Bill and Patty Treimer
September 17 – Wally and Becky Tschopp
September 24 – Allan and Inez Dacken

October 1 – Bill and Rhonda Pippy
October 8 – Rodney and Dyan Roth
October 15 – Rick and Vickie Roghair
October 22 – Brad and Betty Harms
October 29 – Gordon and Roxie Williamson



SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p style="text-align: center;">St. Paul's Lutheran Church 60 N Central Ave Hartley, IA 51346 Office: 712-728-2711</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pastor Chris Nitzel Cell Phone: 712-363-5433 Parsonage: 712-728-2890</p>						
<i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 3 9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am Adult Bible Class	4 <i>Labor Day</i>	5 6:30pm ESL Planning/ Organization Meeting	6 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation	7 1:00pm Ladies Aid	8	9
<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am Adult Bible Class	11 6:30pm Rachel Circle	12	13 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation	14	15	16
<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 17 9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am Adult Bible Class	18 9:30am Mary Circle	19	20 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation	21	22	23
<i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 24 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am Adult Bible Class "Pancakes in the Park"-- (SS Kickoff Event)	25	26 6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Church Council	27 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation	28	29	30 1-3pm Bridal Shower for Emily (bride-to-be of Peyton Nolte, son of Melissa Nolte)