

# SEPTEMBER

## 2024

# NEWSLETTER



ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

HARTLEY, IOWA

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### St. Paul's Church Council Meeting August 20, 2024

Church Council met on Tuesday, August 20, at 7:00 pm. Those present: Pastor Nitzel, Bill Treimer, Leroy Raabe, Vickie Roghair, Ed Harders, Dyan Roth, Donna Ahlers, Doug Nagel, and Patty Treimer.

VP Bill Treimer called the meeting to order. Pastor shared devotions from Mark 7:1-13. Traditions aren't bad unless we push them over the commandments of God...like the Pharisees in these verses. Pastor led us in prayer.

The minutes of the July 16 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer Report:** Vickie Roghair shared the balance of today's checkbook with 60% of the budget used. She updated us on transactions of several special accounts.

**Finance Report:** Donna Ahlers reported offering was counted twice this month.

**Elders Report:** Topic of elders meeting topic was death and dying and helping members make decisions. Never kill...always care.

**Education Report:** Pastor reported for Jen Waddell that they will be meeting to make plans for fall Sunday School. The search is on for a new superintendent volunteer.

**Stewardship Report:** Leroy stated that it's time to get the 2025 budget put together, as well as Time and Talent form distribution.

**Evangelism Report:** Dyan shared the variety of upcoming activities. The fall schedule is busy! They include: Grief and suicide presentation on September 16, bingo night on September 29, an outdoor movie night, Trunk or Treat, the Gem and Junque sale, the Veterans supper, and beginning ESL classes. With the donation from Pipestone Veterinary Association, the purchase of ESL workbooks is being considered instead of making copies. Also being considered is offering incentives to attend, such as special activities.

**Trustees Report:** Doug shared that Larry Towne has all basement window seals filled, and basement closet finished. The painter will be returning to finish up a few areas.

**Pastor's Report:** September 23-24, Pastor and DCE intern Justin Weber will be attending the Pastors conference. Advent materials have been selected and will be ordered as we prepare for that season coming quickly!

**Old Business:** The new organ will be installed sometime in September. Some construction and electrical work will be needed to prepare for the new organ, which will be placed built on the lower level.

**New Business:** Patty brought to the attention of the Council that she has received notices that the office computer, the Windows program, and Quickbooks program currently used are becoming obsolete and will need to be updated. She and Pastor will meet with Dave Peters to determine needs.

Justin Weber will be initiated into ministry of our congregation here at St Paul's in September. There are plenty of places he can be of help!

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 17. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Patty Treimer  
Council Secretary

## **Let's Welcome Our D.C.E. Intern Justin Weber!!**

### **A little bit about Justin:**

Hi, my name is Justin Weber. A bit about me is that I have been at Concordia University Chicago for the last four years, training to be a Director of Christian Education. I am originally from Aurora, Illinois, where I have lived most of my life. I am a massive fan of anything outdoors, such as hiking, kayaking, disc golf, etc. I also enjoy watching Hockey and am an enormous fan of the Blackhawks. I grew interested in church work during my senior year of High School. I have been passionately serving at my home church, Cross Lutheran Church in Yorkville, Illinois, and St. Peter church in Arlington Heights, Illinois. I am super excited to serve with you during my internship and learn how St. Paul in Hartley does ministry for the Lord!

In Christ,

Justin Weber

### **Ways to welcome him:**

Write a welcome note. give a gift card. have him over for a meal. take him out for a meal. He likes fun socks. Pray for him. Work alongside him.

### **Needs for the rental property and office at the church:**

Dresser

Vacuum

Mop/Bucket

Deck

Table

Chairs

Book Shelf

# “GET TO KNOW” OUR HISPANIC FAMILIES WHO ARE PART OF OUR ST. PAUL’S FAMILY ...

## **Bano Avelino**

Hello! My name is Bani (Vanny) Avelino and I am married to Carlos, who works at CFE in Hartley. We live in Hartley and I am an ESL student at St. Paul’s.

I was born on January 3, 1998 in Veracruz, Mexico. I was the first child and grandchild and I have one brother, Ivan. I attended a Catholic preschool and elementary but when I was in middle school, it was changed to a public school.

When I was 19 years old, I met my husband, Carlos. In 2016, I started college to study tourism, but changed to study sociology, which I studied for five years. In 2019, I married Carlos and we have one daughter, Karla, who is now 4 years old and after giving birth, I found God’s love.

I am very outgoing and love to meet new people because I like to talk a lot! 😊 (People who know Bani, recognize this beautiful characteristic of hers!) And when I have a goal in life, I can’t stop working until I reach my goal. When I was in high school, I studied acting and theater. I was in two stagings in my city in front of almost 3,000 people.

Jamie Billings is a woman who I admire very much. She is so very kind, such a good mother and friend. She is someone you can trust. Dyan Roth is the most friendly person that I have ever known. She always makes you feel welcome in the community.

My favorite food is Pozole. It is kind of a soup with pork, corn and different chilis. My favorite hobby is painting on canvases, coloring and writing in my journal.

One of my hardest challenges was coming to America without knowing any English. But, I am learning and working on it. When I left Mexico and came to America and Hartley, I had never lived in another town, other than where I was born. I’m so glad that I live in Hartley, because it is such a peaceful and beautiful place to live and raise children. It is the best community that I have even known. After living in Hartley for four years and renting a small apartment, Carlos and I were able to buy a house in January 2024 - thanks to many people in Hartley. Our journey is so fun, living in our own house and making it our home!

Being a good mother for Karla is also a big challenge for me. She begins preschool this fall.

I am so thankful for St. Paul’s and for living in Hartley and making friends with the good people here.

# September

## ♥♥♥♥ WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ♥♥♥♥

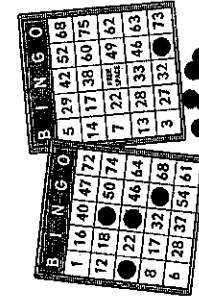
- 3 – Jim and Connie George
- 13 – Brad and Betty Harms
- 5 – Steve and Judi Albert
- 16 – Marlin and Diane Rabenberg
- 6 – Melissa and Chad Nolte
- 26 – Jeremy and Sharlene Walters

## ♪♪♪ BIRTHDAYS ♪♪♪

- 2 – Dyan Roth
- 12 – Simeon Nitzel
- 17 – Steve Albert
- 4 – Jeremy Rabenberg  
Mitchell Peters
- 15 – Korey Ebel
- 18 – Brea Espey
- 5 – Donald Bobzien
- 16 – Pastor Chris Nitzel  
Connie Olhausen  
Kate Billings  
Caleb Nitzel
- 19 – Karen Weinzierl
- 6 – Sharon Adams
- 25 – Stacy Vos  
Chris Wilson
- 11 – Jean Tewes

## Christian Fellowship & Fun (CFF)

People of Passion are planning some fellowship opportunities for our members to get to know each other and have some fun. Please join us on



**Sunday, September 29, from 3 PM to 5 PM** in the church basement for some fun.

We invite **all** ages to come enjoy **BINGO**. We will have snacks and prizes.

Another fun activity planned for the month of September is an **outdoor movie night!** Watch the weekly bulletin announcements for dates and details!

### SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH PRESENTATION

*Understanding Grief*

An in-depth look at the role grief plays in our lives, including how we respond to tragedy and ways to walk alongside those experiencing loss.

presented by

**DR. MARK VANDE BRAAK** PH.D., FT., MT-BC  
DIRECTOR OF GRIEF, LOSS, AND TRAUMA  
AT LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE

30+ years of mental healthcare  
experience in Thanatology (death and loss)

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 6:00 PM**  
**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**60 N CENTRAL AVE, HARTLEY, IA**

FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW

# SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

## SERVING SCHEDULES

### GREETERS

September 1 – Ed and Jo Harders  
September 8 – Allan and Inez Dacken  
September 15 – Wally and Becky Tschopp  
September 22 – Gene and Shelley Hjelme  
September 29 – Ron and Carolyn Rubsam

October 6 – Dean and Mary Jane Peterson  
October 13 – Brad and Beth Fear  
October 20 – Cliff and Shirley Ripke  
October 27 – Dee and Duane Kolpin

### COMMUNION

#### Set-up

September 1 – Gene and Shelley Hjelme  
September 15 – Bill and Patty Treimer  
October 6 – Brad and Betty Harms  
October 20 – Gordon and Roxie Williamson

#### Clean-Up

Brad and Beth Fear  
Dean and Mary Jane Peterson  
Rick and Vickie Roghair  
Rod and Dyan Roth

### USHERS

**September 1**  
Ty Waddell (H)  
Wally Tschopp  
Easton Teal  
Leroy Raabe

**September 8**  
David T. (H)  
Bill Treimer  
Jesse Benz

**September 15**  
Jeremy Walters (H)  
Doug Nagel  
Dean Peterson  
Alex Billing

**September 22**  
Bill Pippy (H)  
Mark Recher  
Allan Dacken

**September 29**  
Kent Billings (H)  
Rick Roghair  
Mark Schulz

#### **October 6**

Gordon W. (H)  
Gene Hjelme  
Mark Schulz  
Brad Fear

#### **October 13**

Ty Waddell (H)  
Easton Teal  
Leroy Raabe

#### **October 20**

David Treimer (H)  
Alex Billings  
Bill Treimer  
Doug Nagel

#### **October 27**

Jeremy Walters (H)  
Josiah Nitzel  
Dean Peterson

### CAMERA OPERATORS

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

October 6 – Alex Billings  
October 13 – Doug Nagel  
October 20 – Josiah Nitzel  
October 27 – Bill Treimer

### ACOLYTES

September 1 – Alayna  
September 8 – Kate  
September 15 – Hunter  
September 22 – Alayna  
September 29 – Kate

October 6 –  
October 13 –  
October 20 –  
October 27 –

### FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

September 1 – Rick and Vickie Roghair  
September 8 – Brad and Betty Harms  
September 15 – Bill and Patty Treimer  
September 22 – Rod and Dyan Roth  
September 29 – Jeremy and Charlie Walters

October 6 – Bill and Rhonda Pippy  
October 13 – Gordon and Roxie Williamson  
October 20 – Mark and Sue Schulz  
October 27 – Ed and Jo Harders

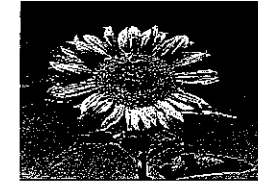


### ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN NEEDS ITEMS!

Would you believe the bunker room at Iowa West Branch of Orphan Grain Train is EMPTY?  
We need:

Good used clothing of ALL sizes  
Good used shoes  
Belts  
Purses  
Caps  
Gloves  
Warm scarves  
Sheets  
Pillowcases (NO pillows)  
Blankets, quilts, comforters  
Medical equipment

We are open at our headquarters in Ida Grove on Tuesday mornings from 8-11 a.m.  
Sharon Ann Irwin, Iowa West Branch Manager, [jerryirwin2@gmail.com](mailto:jerryirwin2@gmail.com) 712-660-1380



# September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 1</b> 9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am Adult Bible Class	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00am POP Meeting	<b>4</b> 9:15am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study  5:00pm Choir Practice	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8</b> 9:00am Morning Worship 10:15am Fellowship Time 10:15am Adult Bible Class	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Rachel Circle	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:15am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study  5:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Confirmation	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 4:00pm Kyle Harms / Cassie Ennema wedding
<b>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 15</b> 9:00am Communion Worship (Education Sunday) 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:30am SS/Adult Bible Class	<b>16</b> 9:30am Mary Circle  6pm Grief Presentation Dr. Mark Vande Braak, LFS	<b>17</b> 6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Church Council	<b>18</b> 9:15am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study  5:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Confirmation	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 22</b> 9:00am Morning Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am SS/Adult Bible Class	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:15am Prayer Group 10:00am Bible Study 12:30pm LWML Fall Rally / Ocheyedan 5:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Confirmation	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> LWML Fall Retreat @ Mission Central
<b>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 29</b> 9:00am Morning Worship 10:15am Fellowship Time 10:15am SS/Adult Bible Class  3-5pm BINGO Fun Night	<b>30</b>			 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. Paul's Lutheran Church</b>            60 N Central Ave            Hartley, IA 51346            Office: 712-728-2711</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Pastor Chris Nitzel            Cell Phone: 712-363-5433            Parsonage: 712-728-2890</p>		