

St. Paul Lutheran Church

May 2024 Newsletter

PASTOR UPDATE

The Lord has blessed us with a fantastic interim, Pastor Lehenbauer will be with us most Sundays through the end of November, as of now.

Where do we go from here? St. Paul's Elders have started working through the normal call process for a Pastor. It begins with the congregation filling out surveys. These surveys help the district determine which Pastors would be the best fit, for a position at St. Paul's. At the Voter's meeting on April 21st there was a lot of interest expressed in exploring alternative options going forward. There will be a special meeting scheduled in the future to discuss this further.

Time is needed to make sure that we fully understand the other processes, and ultimately the pros and cons that they produce. In the meantime, the Elders and the Board of Fellowship are working at filling the voids that come along with a Church without a full-time Pastor.

Please pray for the direction that will best suit not only St. Paul's current needs, but our future needs and abilities as well.

Until further notice, please call Elder Rod Lawin at 320-372-0109 in an Emergency.

Thanks be to God!



What's coming up at Church....

Welcome! On Sunday April 7th, Lizzie Gladitsch joined our church family.

Lydia Rose Maser was baptism on Sunday April 28th, parents are Isaac and Shelby Maser and little sister to Waylon.

Family Dinner on Wednesday May 1st at 5pm to 7pm. This is the last one until September.

Church Council Meeting on Monday May 6th at 7pm

Board of Fellowship Meeting on Tuesday May 7th at 1pm.

Youth Group Meeting is on May 8th at 6pm

The Pastor Schedule for the Month of May

May 5th: Pastor Loren Vogler

May 12th: Pastor Walter Lehenbauer

May 19th: Doug Maser

May 26th: Pastor Loren Vogler

Congrats to the Class of 2024!

We have two graduating from Hinckley Finlayson High School. Congrats to Carlie Swenson and Chase Klar.



Vacation Bible School will be June 24-28th from 9am to noon. Ages three to completed sixth grade are welcome to attend; little ones under 3 year old, are welcome to attend with a parent. Please let Jayne know if your children are coming and if you would like to help in anyway. Thanks.

If anyone has anything to put on the **church website**, please let Cydelle and Jennifer know.

Please take a peek at the **flower chart**, have some openings available.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 2024

1st: Liz Klar
4th: Wendy Kroschel, Piper Brant, Haylie Lilienthal
6th: Reese Bottelson
7th: Abe Maser, Keith Hopkins, Kim Hopkins
12th: Jordin Klar, Ben Gregg
14th: Carol Nelson
21st: Oliver Hagen
23rd: Chelsey Bottelson, Hunter Peterson
26th: Nicole Hansen
27th: David Berquist, Rod Lawin
29th: Betty Christensen
31st: Patrick Hagen

If we missed anyone, please let Jennifer know!



Arden Gruett, Lois Kruse, Lorraine Robbins, Marlys Knutson, and those named in our hearts, for God's continued healing and comfort for them and their families.



Acolyte Schedule:

May 5th: Charlotte
May 12th: Norah
May 19th: Corbin
May 26th: Hunter



Flower Chart:

May 5th: Deb and Linda Graber
.....in loving memory of Ray and Gerry Graber
May 12th: Tony and Carol Nelson
.....in loving memory of granddaughter, Imogen
May 19th: Glory be to God
May 26th: Open



Pictures from the blessing of the Quilts...



Council Meeting
St Paul Lutheran Church
April 1st, 2024

Call to Order. 7:00 PM Open with Prayer, Matt Maser
Approve Agenda/Additions, Leaving gift for Pastor
Approve Minutes from March Council Meeting, Rod 1st Matt 2nd

Treasurer's Report Star 1st Carol 2nd

Total Income \$33,222.44 Net Income \$933.75 Total Expense \$32,288.69
Total Checking \$35,995.32 Total Savings \$27,745.84
Total Memorials \$5983.02

Pastor's Report included Home visits, office meetings, offsite meetings, 1 Confirmation, Bible study, Confirmation classes, Attended KRC,BOF meetings, Family Fun night, Lent Worship, midweek Lent and light meal, Premarital classes, Palm Sunday and Confirmation, Maundy Thursday Service, Good Friday Service, Easter Sunday Services and breakfast, Spotlight on Faith, final Premarital class, planning welcoming new member, blessing of the quilts, last Sunday is May 7, 2024

Elder's Report, Usher Schedule Randy Hickle, Christian Fellowship Meeting, BOF, Call-
eval forms John Frank, deadline 4-14-2024.

Trustee Report N/A

Other Committee Reports N/A

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Roof Update, ongoing
- B. Checking Account Closures, Bank needed documentation, see December 2023 minutes.
- C. Pastor vacancy, Sub Pastor Lehenbauer and Pastor Vogler⁹. Congressional input forms due before Quarterly, then Surveys to District President for a possible list of potential candidate's, Set up a call Committee of about 10 people including Elders and members of congregation.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Easter Breakfast \$353.00, 3+ 1 gallon buckets syrup, and sausages served 83, Tobies donated supplies, Thank you card for Randy. Funds raised TBD.
- B. Quarterly Meeting Agenda
- C. Gift for Pastor \$300 Visa gift card. Carol 1st Wendy 2nd

Other Business, Mowing volunteer sign up, Pastor vacancy update
Adjourn 8:25 PM Close with Lords Prayer.

Submitted by Carol Robinson

Quarterly Voters Meeting

4-21-2024

Call to Order, Roll call, Sign in 33 Attended Open with Prayer, Matt Maser

Secretary Report read and accepted Jayne Maser 1st, Carolyn Vogler 2nd

Treasurer's Report Accepted Randy Hickle 1st Loren Vogler 2nd

Checking 41,281.14. Savings 27,745.84

Total income 48,211.83. Total expense 41,119.99. Net ordinary Income 7,091.84

Pastor vacancy update, questions re; dual parish, questionnaire forms returned with 11 forms returned, questions re: format as well as where they go once completed. It was agreed to extend date to May 5, 2024, for more forms to be returned, they will be reviewed then forward to District office. We will gather again in 2 weeks to discuss findings from the questionnaire and vote to see if there are enough church members interested in pursuing this.

Committee Reports

Youth group met in April using the Case For Faith Curriculum, next scheduled meeting will be May 8, 2024. In the works conversations on National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2025, setting up a Parent Meeting for those eligible and interested. Youth checking is in process of being transitioned

Board Of Fellowship, Meet first Tuesday of each month, monthly meals are going well next meal will be in May then will take a pause for Summer. BOF is discussing ways to advertise in community. In the works, women's event in June with speaker. Music and a dessert. Tentative plan for men's event in fall. Future plans for fall picnic and a Valentine's event.

VBS last week in June 2 teachers may need helpers

OLD BUSINESS

Roof continues. Millers offer to replace to open valley format. Note leaking present in all valleys. Attorney \$3500.00 Retainer with 10% discount, \$360/hour. Tolling agreement signed, valid till 7-10-2024, to keep from litigation. Statute of Limitations froze for now. Inspector \$5000.00 with Engineer to examine, looking at cost of lift as well as other supplies. No reimbursement for this cost. Insurance Company asking for repair of roof. Checkbook closure. Documentation in minutes of closure. Accepted Sue Hickle 1st, Carolyn Vogler 2nd

New business

Easter Breakfast earnings. \$353.83 Thank you card to Tobies for donated supplies.

Church website flyers to Cydelle or Jennifer emailed or hard copy

Lawn mowing volunteers, mow on Thursday 6 pm, Trustee to oversee Matt Maser 1st, Carol 2nd

Spring cleanup currently looks good.

Other, Prayer list, emergency contact person, Shut-ins

Adjourn Bill and David 12:05 PM

Submitted by Carol Robinson

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THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Do Birds Truly Make Music?



The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. (Song of Solomon 2:12)

The Bible speaks of bird calls as songs, as most of us do. However, evolutionary theory has led some scientists to say that we are merely assigning human meanings to the calls of birds.

They say that the bird calls have nothing to do with real music.

Ornithologists have known for some time that bird songs use the same musical scales as our music. Decades ago it was noted that some of Beethoven's work could be heard from the European blackbird. The music was the same as the opening rondo of Beethoven's "Violin Concerto in D, Opus 61." Since these birds pass their songs from generation to generation, Beethoven could have gotten the lilting music from the forefathers of today's European blackbird!

The songs of some species, like the song sparrow, follow the form of a sonata, beginning with a strong theme, then the theme is musically played with, and for a finish, the original theme is then repeated. Mozart had a starling as a pet. Once, having heard Mozart play his "Piano Concerto in C Major," the starling not only imitated it, but changed the sharps to flats! Mozart exclaimed, "That was beautiful!" When the starling died, Mozart held an elaborate funeral for it. Eight days later he wrote "A Musical Joke," which contains the same elaborate structure found in starling song.

Do birds make true music, as the Bible says? Contrary to what some evolutionists say, Beethoven and Mozart certainly thought they did.

Ref: Science News, 4/15/00, pp. 252-254, "Music without Borders."

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Pastor

Church Secretary

Jennifer Kubesh

Church Newsletter

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Cydelle Klande

Organists

Sue Hickle

Connie Odendahl

Church Council

*Meets 1st Monday
each month at 7pm*

Chairman: Aaron Peterson

Vice Chair: Toby Hickle

Elders: Rod Lawin

John Frank

Matt Maser

Greg Kroschel

Trustees: Bill Morgan

David Berquist

Doug Kottke

Secretary: Carol Robinson

Fin. Sec.: Star Lawin

Treasurer: Wendy Kottke

Stewardship 3/3/2024 – 4/21/2024

General Fund\$7,669

Altar Flowers\$72

Fellowship.....\$2,816

Interest Income\$2

Missions.....\$358

Youth Group\$5,000

TOTAL\$15,917

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MAY 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 5pm Family Dinner (last one until Sept)	2	3	4
5 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	6 7pm Council Mtg	7 1pm BOF mtg	8 6pm Youth Group	9	10	11
12 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship	13	14	15	16	17 Newsletters Due	18
19 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

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