

# April 2024

## St Paul, Herington and Hebron Lutheran, Burdick Churches

**Hebron WELCA**  
Thursday, Apr. 18,  
2:00 PM

**2024 HEBRON COUNCIL**  
Tana Riffel - President - 785-258-0131  
Amber Peterson - Secretary - 785-366-6721  
Connie Johnson - Treasurer - 785-466-6465  
Carol Riffel - Finance Sec - 785- 983-4363  
Andy Carlson - 785-466-6571

**Prayer concerns:**  
Dan Hageberg, Mike Beneke, Ron Schultz, Leigh Sizemore, Peter Haverkamp, Linda Huntington, Tom Cain, Bob Novak, Kinsley Shoup, Lisa Hanschu, Randy Mai, Pastor Bill & Judy Peterson  
  
Homebound: Roger Peterson, Jewell Swinney, Hallie Novak, Maxine Barton  
  
Service Men & Women: Joe Towey, Brett Talkington, Braden Pagenkopf, Alex Brooks  
  
We pray for all men & women in the armed forces serving our country throughout the world.

**Birthdays**

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- 1 Faith Ecklund
- 4 Gloria Martin
- 5 Reese Hedstrom
- 9 August Richard
- 14 Andy Carlson
- 17 Callie Coleman
- 17 Kailyn Riffel
- 19 Jamie Peterson
- 26 Clay Simons
- 28 Trevor Hageberg
- 30 Tom Remy



**Thank you from the members of both Churches to everybody that purchased a lily for our Easter altar.**

## **HEBRON WELCA**

Hebron WELCA met on Mar. 21, at the home of Carol Riffel. Those attending were Delores Fisher, Nancy Hanson, Gloria Martin, Dollye Novak, and Carol Riffel.

Gloria gave the opening devotion on "What did you give up for Lent?" and presented the third lesson on Rivers in the bible study series "Scripture and nature: Teachers of faith". Whether we gather around a bowl of water or a font, in a cold lake or a sea, we still gather at the river to receive the promises of God's grace. Everything starts with that first river that flows out of Eden. God is the source of all that grows, all that breathes, all that lives, all that is. We are called to care for and protect the Earth's waters and to build a world where all God's people have access to safe and clean water, where rivers of the water of life flow freely.

Carol read the minutes of the last meeting in November. Delores shared the treasurer's report.

There was no business to discuss. Everyone signed an Easter card to be sent to Jewell.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be Apr. 18, in the church basement with Betty Bevan as hostess. Carol will lead the bible study.

## **HEBRON CHURCH COUNCIL**

Hebron Church Council met on Mar. 18, 2024, with Andy Carlson, Connie Johnson, Amber Peterson, Carol Riffel, Tana Riffel, and Pastor Jim Peters present.

Meeting opened with prayer led by Pastor Jim.

Minutes of the January meeting were read & approved.

Pastor Jim shared his report. Plans are being made for Holy Weeks services. He thanked those that attended Wednesday Lenten Services. He stated that Palm Sunday will be his one year anniversary with Good Neighbor Parish. Plans are beginning for Vacation Bible School. Pastor will be taking a few days off in the next few months.

Connie shared the treasurer report. She said that interest rates have increased on the CD's.

Austin Peterson has moved out of the parsonage and a new renter has moved in. Rent will remain at \$300 per month. The window replacement is waiting on the contractor to finish installation.

Thank you notes were read for the donations made at Christmas to Marion County Food Bank, Morris County Care and Share and Dickinson County FRE.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting May 13, 2024 at 7pm.

## From the Pastor

Perhaps, compared to the winters of our memories, the winter just past might not seem to have been that fierce. But I still remember with a shiver those days when we had those frigid temperatures. And I remember the couple of times when church was called off because of the snow. There were several days when I found myself thinking, "I've had about enough of winter," when I started longing for spring to come. But this month and next month, one thing will be sure: spring will spring. It's finally here: the gently lengthening days, the return of green on the tips of the trees and on the lawns in our neighborhoods. Soon you'll be able to smell it on the air: tree blossoms and good, rich soil.

We're lucky to be living in a place where the new life that is just getting started outside also reflects the new life we're celebrating as a church. For Easter belongs in the spring, when there is something new in the air, when life returns, when even sorrow becomes cast in a new light and becomes radiant.

It reminds me of that verse from the book of Revelation, a verse we hear, more often than not, at funerals. And yet it is so perfect for this time of the year, both for what is happening in the garden and for what is happening within the church: "See, I am making all things new!" (Revelation 21:5) And we might notice how that is phrased. All things. Not just a few. Not only the holiest, the most faithful, but all things.



The resurrection light touches everyone. And not just for a single day, but for fifty days. A week of weeks—seven, the number of completion, times seven, plus one to make it perfect.

And so we can't help but celebrate once again. Because no matter what else might be going on in our lives this month—no matter what sorrows we may still be living into, no matter what fresh sorrows may still come our way, no matter how deeply we may feel that we are lacking in so many things, now we have everything we need for salvation, and for God's reign to come.

So please enjoy it! Wear something "springy" to church this month. Have a chocolate Easter egg. Take a moment to appreciate the sights and the smells of this season. But most of all, let the "Alleluias" ring out robustly.

What a spectacular month! He is risen indeed!

Happy Easter!

Pastor Jim

## February 2024 Treasurer's Report

|                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Budgeted Contributions</b> | <b>\$28,093.84</b> |
| <b>Actual Contributions</b>   | <b>\$20,816.98</b> |
| <b>Expenses Budgeted</b>      | <b>\$28,093.84</b> |
| <b>Actual Expenses</b>        | <b>\$26,188.08</b> |

*The Gold Pot Offering  
was collected in March for Indian  
Oaks Mission.  
We were able  
to send them  
\$100.00  
Indian Oaks  
Mission, east of  
Tulsa Ok. This  
Lutheran*



*mission is called to serve abused,  
neglected or abandoned American  
Indian children from 7-17 years old,  
guiding them on a path that will allow  
them to live fulfilled and successful  
lives. It has been a Lutheran ministry  
since 1902.*

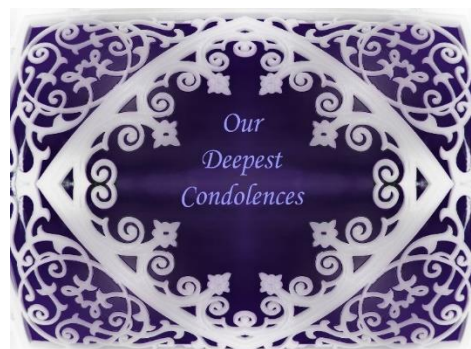
### 2024 St Paul Council

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Dede Patterson | 785-221-5586 |
| Megan Mein     | 913-209-2065 |
| Karen Donahue  | 785-258-4567 |
| Julie Albrecht | 785-258-0047 |
| Debbie Wendt   | 785-258-0144 |
| Roger Engle    | 785-258-2548 |
| Jennie Wilson  | 785-366-3540 |
| Corkie Dunlap  | 785-512-9104 |

**Newsletters** can be viewed on the St. Paul website at [stpaulheringtonkansas.com](http://stpaulheringtonkansas.com). Once you are on the website, just click on the Newsletter heading and it will take you to them. No password is required. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please contact the church office. We have gotten away from mailing newsletters out because of the expense of printing and mailing. Our e-newsletter is part of our green approach to communications. We accept our vocation as earth-keepers who care for God's creation. Thank you for being a part of it!



St Paul will deliver Meals on Wheels on April 22-26<sup>th</sup>. We always need help. Please consider donating one to two hours of your time once every four weeks for this important ministry.



We send our deepest sympathy to the family of Charles Everhart who went to his heavenly home on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Charlie's funeral was on March 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul.



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| Sheri Alvey      | 2  |
| Myra Adam        | 3  |
| Henry Nelson     | 5  |
| Arthur Martin    | 6  |
| Vicki Becker     | 7  |
| Dennis Wendlandt | 9  |
| Vikki Sullivan   | 11 |
| Rusty Alvey      | 12 |
| Kevin Koch       | 14 |
| Shae Granzow     | 16 |
| Gertie Hinkle    | 19 |
| Jaxon Mayes      | 20 |
| Chrystal Brunner | 20 |
| Loretta Lietz    | 23 |



**Prayer Concerns:** Fred Olsen, Avery Kellogg, Nancie Jirak, Gracen (Mark & Annette Wilcox's granddaughter) Elizabeth, (Dory Olsen's niece) Rita Gehrke, Evelyn Edmonson, Megan Mein, Karolyn Schlesener, Shirley Oldham, Linda Huntington, Beth

Diepenbrock, Jason Moore, Rhea Kolling, Aleda Koepke, Alice Peterson, Les Weller, Bill and Judy Peterson, Bob and Hallie Novak, Mildred Gehrke, Jill Granzow, Delores Granzow, and all of our homebound.



*Happy Anniversary to:*

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Mike and Jami Monnington</b>   | <b>11</b> |
| <b>Jason and Carrie Hill</b>      | <b>22</b> |
| <b>Jason and Stephania Martin</b> | <b>25</b> |

Thank you so much to all who helped



with our New Member Reception and the celebration of Pastor Jim's 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary with us. We appreciate all who made the day special by preparing or bringing food, donating for Pastor's

gift, planning, welcoming our new members, readers at the Palm Sunday worship service, the beautiful song from the choir and all who attended the service and potluck dinner. Our church family really shined on March 24<sup>th</sup>!

Do all things without murmuring and arguing so that you may.....shine like stars. Phillipians 2: 14-15

Phillipians 2: 4-5 Look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ.

"STOP GIVING - We Have More Than Enough":  
Unpacking the craziest fundraising story in the Bible  
Part 4

Exodus 35:21-31 And they came, everyone whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and brought the LORD'S offering to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the sacred vestments. So they came, both men and women; all who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and pendants, all sorts of gold objects, everyone bringing an offering of gold to the LORD. And everyone who possessed blue or purple or crimson yarn or fine linen or goats' hair or tanned rams' skins or fine leather, brought them. Everyone who could make an offering of silver or bronze brought it as the LORD'S offering; and everyone who possessed acacia wood of any use in the work, brought it. All the skillful women spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun in blue and purple and crimson yarns and fine linen; all the women whose hearts moved them to use their skill spun the goats' hair. And the leaders brought onyx stones and gems to be set in the ephod and the breastpiece, and spices and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense. All the Israelite men and women whose hearts made them willing to bring anything for the work that the LORD had commanded by Moses to be done, brought it as a freewill offering to the LORD.



Saturday, April 27, 2024 9am-5pm  
Sunday, April 28, 2024 10am-4pm

Admission by Donation  
Proceeds benefit the Herington Historical Museum

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Herington KS 67449

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Kaylin Becker was unable to stay for the group photo of new members. Tate and Kaylin and baby Morgan are long time attendees of St. Paul and now she too is an official member. We

welcome Kaylin to our family of God!

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Meeting Minutes 2.20.2024**

**1.-Attendance:**Members present: Dede Patterson, Corkie Dunlap, T.J. Barnes, Roger Engel, Jennifer Wilson, Julie Abrecht., Pastor Jim, Debbie Wendt Not present: Megan M.

**2.-**Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Dede P.

**3.-**Devotions by Pastor Jim

**4.-**The minutes of the 1/16/2024 council meeting were read. Roger motioned for approval; Jen seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

**5.-Treasurer Report:** A.-Debbie discussed the financial reports for the month of January. The heat bill for January was significantly higher than January of 2023. Hebron will be paying 25% of the parsonage maintenance and utilities since that is a cost covered totally by the GNP.

**6.-Pastor's Report for January:** A.-Held an informational meeting for those interested in joining the church. We will be receiving new members on Palm Sunday

B.-Pastor reported a good attendance for the noon and evening Ash Wednesday services. There will be Lenten services at noon on Wednesdays with a light lunch to follow.

**7.-Communication** A.-It was announced that Bishop Candea and the Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Whetters will be retiring in the Fall of 2025.

**8.-Unfinished Business:** A.-Tile Floor Update–Julie A. reported that she will be in contact with Tiffany Schlesener with more information to be presented for the next meeting. Julie thanked Roger and Jane Engel for steam cleaning carpets.

B.-Church Profile–A meeting is scheduled with profile committee members on Thursday, March 21 at 5pm to edit in Pastor Rehwaldt's suggestions on the church profile.

**9-New Business:**

A.-Covenant–A covenant agreement was written stating that Pastor Jim will remain as our part-time minister until December 31, 2024. All necessary details are included in the covenant agreement.

B.-Stewardship: To encourage an increase in giving a quarterly update on expenses will be printed in weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter. A bible reference will also be placed in the newsletter and bulletin expressing the importance of good stewardship.

C-Parish Council Formation: To improve a strong communication between St. Paul and Hebron churches a committee of the Pastor, the two Presidents, the two Treasures, and two volunteers will be formed and will meet quarterly.

D.-Luncheon–A potluck lunch will be held immediately after the Palm Sunday service on March 24, T.J. B. volunteered to bring pulled pork for the luncheon.

E.-Julie A. volunteered to recruit two or three members to work on lighting in the church.

**10.-Next Meeting**

A.-Date: Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 pm.

B.-Devotions: Corkie D.

**11.-Closed with the Lord's Prayer**

**12.-Adjourn 7:40 pm**

**2024 Spring Tombstone Talks**  
**Sunset Hill Cemetery, Herington, KS**  
**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

**BUY TICKETS**  


**Tickets - \$5 per person**

- Limit of 30 per tour.
- Tours last approximately 1 hour (wear comfortable shoes!)
- To purchase tickets and reserve your tour time, please visit the Herington Historical Museum (785-263-2681) or the Dickinson County Heritage Center. Or purchase tickets on-line at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tombstone-talks-sunset-hill-cemetery-april-14-2024-tickets-843190735187>

**Tour Times**  
**2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30**

*All tours meet at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 114 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled tour time.*

**St Paul is currently looking to hire a cleaning person a few hours a week. If you know of anyone who wants this job, please let the church office or Dede know.**

**The Good Neighbor Parish Council will meet on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.**

**Les Weller has moved to Diversicare in Council Grove. Correspondence may be directed to him at Les Weller 400 Sunset Drive Council Grove KS 66846**

**Rhea Kolling has moved to Homestead Assisted Living. Her new address is Rhea Kolling 1102 N Vine Apt # 105 Abilene KS 67410.**

**Both of these members of our church family would like to hear from you!**

**Please feel free to bring treats for our fellowship counter on Sunday mornings. This is being done now on a strictly volunteer basis.**

**Thank you to Vanessas Lawrenz agreeing to be a delegate to Synod Assembly in June.**





Pastor receives a gift from the Parish.



New Members confess their faith with the words of the Apostles Creed.



Baby Tayden Becker and his mother, Cinta Becker were baptized at St Paul on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to St. Paul- we're glad you are here.



The congregation wave palms during the processional on Palm Sunday.

Liza Evangeline Minton was baptized on March 10 at St Paul by Pastor Jim. Parents are Steve and Ashlie Minton. We welcome you, Little One!



Pot Luck to welcome new members and celebrate Pastor's 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary



Star Haynes is baptized into the family of God.






New members left to right, Cinta Becker, Mary Langhofer, Gail England, Star Haynes, Bre Fry, Peggy Hilliard, Jessica Gehrke, B. Federle. Absent from picture, Kaylin Becker. We welcome you and are glad you chose us for your church family.




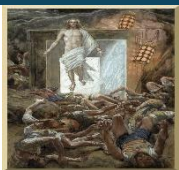
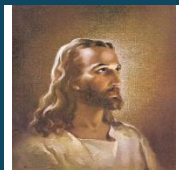



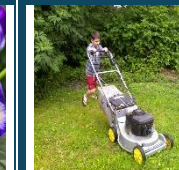
# April 2024



| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday              | Friday  | Saturday |
|--|---|---|---|-----------------------|---|----------|
| Hebron Lutheran worship = 9:30 am  |   |   | St Paul Lutheran Adult Discussion group 9:30 am                 |                       |   |          |
| St. Paul Lutheran worship = 11:00 am   |   |   | Sunday School 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4th Sundays 9:45 am             |                       |   |          |
|     | 1<br>Church Office Closed   | 2<br>No choir   | 3<br>Picture day at school in Herington                         | 4                     | 5<br>Early Childhood Screening by appointment Herington Elementary                          | 6        |
| 7<br>9:30<br>Worship at Hebron<br><br>11:00<br>Worship at St Paul with Baptism       | 8<br>6:00 PM<br>Parish Council Meeting  | 9<br>4:00 Music and Worship Committee<br><br>5:30 Choir | 10<br>Pastor to Legacy and Council Grove                        | 11                    | 12  | 13       |
| 14<br>9:30<br>Hebron worship<br>11:00 St. Paul worship and baptism<br>Tombston Talks | 15  | 16<br>5:30 Choir<br><br>6:30<br>St. Paul Council        | 17  | 18<br>Hebron WELCA    | 19<br> | 20       |
| 21<br>9:30<br>Hebron worship<br>11:00 St. Paul worship                               | 22<br>Meals on Wheels   | 23<br>Meals on Wheels<br><br>5:30 Choir                 | 24<br>Meals on Wheels<br><br>Job fair at the high school 2-4 pm | 25<br>Meals on Wheels | 26<br>Meals on Wheels   | 27       |
| 28<br>9:30<br>worship at Hebron<br>11:00 at St Paul                                  | 29<br> | 30<br>5:30 Choir  | 1<br>5 :30 Kindergarten Roundup                                 | 2                     | 3   | 4        |

# April Servant Schedule 2024

*Happy Springtime*

| 2024  | April 7   | April 14  | April 21  | April 28   | May 5   | May 12<br>Mother's Day  |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| <b>Communion Asst.</b>  | Dede Patterson  | Vanessa Lawrenz   | Andrea Nelson   | Bre Fry  | Corkie Dunlap   | Dale Kleinschmidt   |
| <b>Acolyte</b>  | Lincoln Barnes  | Ella Nelson   | Mae Nelson  | Star Haynes  | Hadley Friedli  | Raquel Lawrenz  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Greeters</b>   | Mary Langhofer<br>Debbie Wendt<br>Carl and Deb Urbanek                            | Jessica Gehrke<br>Marcia Mathias<br>Craig Wendt                                   | Rodney & Dawn Wilson<br>Conne Gentz   | Willis Bernhardt<br>Jennifer Wilson<br>Joyce Loe                                   | Larry & Dallas Friedli<br>Dede Patterson  | Carl & Deb Urbanek<br>Debbie Wendt  |
| <b>Reader</b>   | Dede Patterson  | Vance Donahue   | Bre Fry   | T.J. Barnes  | Henry Nelson  | Gary Schubert   |
| <b>Song Leader</b>  | Dory Olsen  | Bre Fry   | Dory Olsen  | Bre  | Dory Olsen  | Bre Fry   |
| <b>Counters</b>   | Larry and Dallas Friedli<br>Dede Patterson  | Craig Wendt<br>Marcia Mathias<br>Dave Gehrke                                      | Rodney & Dawn Wilson<br>Debbie Wendt  | Keith & Julie Albrecht<br>Willis Bernhardt   | Larry & Dallas Friedli<br>Dede Patterson  | Debbie Wendt<br>Carl & Deb Urbanek  |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>  | Vance & Karen Donahue   | Vance & Karen Donahue   | Vance & Karen Donahue   | Vance & Karen Donahue  | Vance & Karen Donahue   | Vance & Karen Donahue   |
| <b>Sound Crew</b>   | Dale Diepenbrock<br>Tanner Becker   | Jennifer Wilson<br>Tanner Becker  | Cinta and Tanner Becker   | Angie and Tanner Becker  | Henry Nelson<br>Tanner Becker   | Jennifer Wilson<br>Rodney Wilson  |

Good Neighbor Parish  
114 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Herington, KS 67449  
(785-258-3430)

Non-Profit Organization

## April 2024

| Sundays    |          |          |
|------------|----------|----------|
| Hebron     | 9:30 am  | Worship  |
| St. Paul = | 9:30 am  | Adult Ed |
|            | 11:00 am | Worship  |