

Good Neighbor Parish



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Hebron Lutheran and St Paul Lutheran Churches

Hebron News

Hebron WELCA will meet on Thursday,
Feb. 15, 2:00 PM

Prayer concerns:

- Katie Haverkamp & Baby, Phyllis Haefner, Linda Huntington, Bruce Hedstrom, Glen Knuth, 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
- We pray for all men & women in the armed forces serving our country throughout the world.

2024 HEBRON COUNCIL

- Tana Riffel - President – 785-258-0131
- Amber Peterson – Secretary – 785-366-6721
- Connie Johnson – Treasurer – 785-466-6465
- Tom Remy – Finance Sec – 785- 983-4828
- Andy Carlson – 785-466-6571

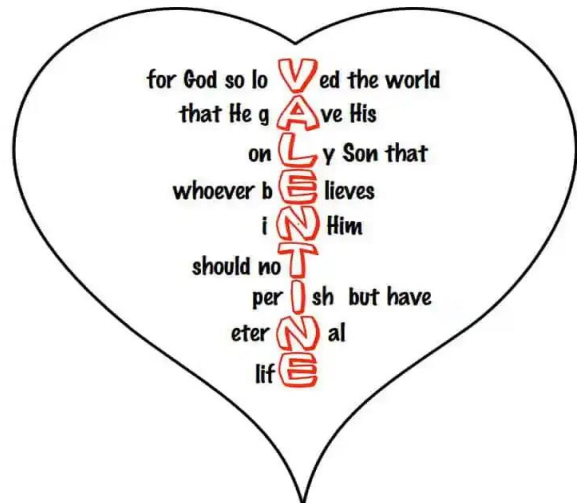
Hebron Church Council: Due to weather conditions, the Council met after church services on Jan. 7 to discuss the insurance premium for the Church & Parsonage. There is a substantial increase, but it was decided to pay the premium of \$10,000 for the 2024 year.

Council did not meet on Jan. 15, but text and made plans for the soup dinner after annual meeting.

Council met on Jan. 21, after church services to approve the Agenda for the annual meeting on Jan. 28.

Next Council meeting March 18, 2024

John 3:16



Synod delegates

St. Paul and Hebron are asking for 2 volunteers to be our delegates to the Synod Convention on June 6- 8th in Olathe.



Hebron Birthdays

- 3 Kassidy Smith
- 5 Raymond Martin
- 11 Warren Peterson
- 14 Austin Peterson
- 16 Ethan Forsberg
- 20 Willard Olson
- 20 Tanner Peterson
- 21 Sandy Carlson

Meals on Wheels...

Meals will be delivered January 29^h – February 3rd by St. Paul volunteers. and February 26th- February 29th.
Wanna help?? Call the church office!!
We need you! 785-258-3430



Congratulations T.J. and Clesea Barnes, Britney , Braxton and Kylon on the finalization of Kylon's baptism. What a beautiful family!

Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.



Thank You!

To Dave and Denise Anderson for years of bringing treats and nourishment for our weekly fellowship table. Your ministry in doing this will be greatly missed.

Beginning February 4th, all members are welcome and encouraged to bring refreshments to share at the fellowship table.

A Valentine Message From the Pastor

Some years ago, the Los Angeles Times ran a story about a local young man who had started a rather unusual business. It seems that he had set up a rejection hotline phone number. The phone number was something that young women could have access to, for use in an emergency. Such as when that creepy guy at the bar asks for their phone number. A woman in such a situation might not want to be rude, but neither would she willingly give him her actual phone number. So, instead, she could give him the rejection hotline phone number.

So the next day, when the prospective suitor made the call, he would hear something like this: “The person who gave you this number obviously did not want you to have her real number. Maybe you’re just not this person’s type... This could mean short, fat, ugly, dumb, annoying, arrogant or just a general loser. Maybe you suffer from bad breath, body odor or even both. Maybe you just give off that creepy, overbearing, psycho-stalker vibe. Maybe the idea of going out with you just seems as appealing as playing leapfrog with unicorns.”

So much for letting someone down easy!

For better or for worse, this is the month that brings us Valentine’s Day. I’m sure you’ve already seen the displays of candy and cards at your favorite supermarket or discount store. And I realize, of course, whether you are single, dating, married, divorced, or widowed, that this day can a veritable mine field of loneliness, hurt feelings and dashed expectations. Somehow, it often seems that Valentines’ Day should be something more than what it turns out to be. It’s a day when we might wish for companionship, or for someone to be a little more attentive, or just for there to be a little more romance, for Pete’s sake! Instead, what we end up with may leave us feeling something like the young man after he’s reached the rejection hotline.

Maybe we expect too much from the day. Maybe we have too many idealized notions about what the day should hold for us. But there’s nothing wrong with wanting to feel loved and cared for. It’s only human.

So, whatever your situation this year—whether you’re single, dating, married, divorced, widowed, or whatever, allow me to remind you of something important—by slightly changing one of the lines from an old Van Morrison song: Have I told you lately that God loves you?

He really does, you know. God thinks the world of you. God would do anything for you—even give up his own Son on the cross just to make sure that he could be with you. God would never send you to a rejection hotline. Instead, God celebrates you every day.

I know the temptation is to think otherwise. How could God care so much about someone like me? But this month, in fact, the same day as Valentine’s Day, we will be starting the season of Lent. And while it’s also tempting to see that season as a time to beat up on ourselves, at the very heart of it, it’s all about what God has done for us. And God wouldn’t have given up his Son for us if he didn’t think we were worth it.

So, celebrate God’s love—not just on Valentine’s Day, but every day. Know that you are precious in his sight, and he cherishes you.

Happy Valentine’s Day!

Peace to you,

Pastor Jim

John 13:34
**“A new commandment I give you:
Love one another as I have loved
you.”**

Report of Pilgrimage of Light January 13, 2024

Recently, Vance and I attended the Pilgrimage of Light meeting. The following are serving on this committee: Mary Schroeder; chairperson, Emily Porter, Diana Floyd of the St. John Catholic Church, Suzan Hawkes; First Baptist, Beverly Trevorow; Christian, Pastor Deb Wiles; Rock Island, and Tammie Roe of the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

There was considerable discussion going forward with regards continuing the annual Pilgrimage of Light. We decided this is something we wanted to do and we would be making changes. The positive feedback we received from the community was good. Every one was in agreement to have the Pilgrimage at the same time of year and at the same location. The Wise Men scene with narration was very impressive and each scene needs to have it added. There will be changes regarding the scenes and we will keep it to five scenes.

Thank you Roger Engle for setting up and taking down the scene, Jayne Engle for background music and organizing the props and costumes, Henry Nelson for the blue tooth narration, and Dan Nelson for your added touch at the end. We also need to thank those who were actors, made cookies, delivered cookies, Van Donahue for assisting with setting up and taking down, and returning the generator, safely. Thank you Stuart Mayes for the use of the generator, Mary Wendt for making and donating two roaster ovens of soups, and the volunteers who serve at the Little Blue House serving refreshments. Those who are in the Pilgrimage are very appreciative of the warmth of the Little Blue House and all the refreshments.

There are volunteers for publicity, traffic, donations taken for Family Resource, and every one who attends the Pilgrimage by driving or walking. This speaks well of our community and our churches coming together.

We look forward to serving on this committee and sharing with the community updated scenes from birth through ascension at the next Pilgrimage.

If there is any one interested in serving or assisting on this committee please contact me at (785)258-4567. Karen Donahue



**Our deepest sympathy goes to the families of
Haroldine Hicks, Mike Herbel and Leslie
Hedstrom Krehbiel.**

Our Gold Pot offering in January was designated for Lutheran Campus Ministries. This is an outreach program to serve students, faculty and staff at colleges and universities. It is a network of communities celebrating God's love and grace on campuses of over 230 colleges across the U.S.



Herington Hero Award Winner for December, Corkie Schlesener Dunlap

Home Health & Hospice of Dickinson County in Herington, an affiliate of Memorial Health System in Abilene, has selected the next Herington Hero Award for December. Congratulations Corkie Dunlap, and thank you for taking care of Herington!

When asking where Corkie can be found working and/or volunteering her time, the better question would be where isn't Corkie? The answer is Corkie volunteers everywhere. To name a few, she gives her time to the Family Resource Exchange, Herington Revitalization, St. Paul Lutheran Church, until recently; the hospital foundation, and so much more.

Corkie's nomination had this to say about her: "Corkie has been instrumental in painting our downtown murals. She did a considerable amount of the paintings as well as the organizing. She also organized putting exhibits in windows downtown. She has definitely demonstrated exceptional service. She is very talented and has excellent leadership skills. Corkie inspires others with her love for our community. She is kind, caring, and deserving of our thanks and appreciation."

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Treasurer's Report

December 2023

Contributions Expected

\$162,378.00

Actual

\$147,806.41

Expenses Budgeted

\$162,378.00

Actual

\$147,904.19

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CORKIE DUNLAP



Congrats to one of our awesome St. Paul kids. Henry is a great member of our church family. He helps at church wherever needed from helping with Sunday school or Bible school to lighting candles or



St. Paul February Birthdays

Ruth Smith	1
Roger Engle	1
Bud Hinkle	3
Chelsea Barnes	4
Todd Martin	4
Alice Peterson	6
Silas Barnes	15
Dory Olsen	19
Mark Wilcox	24
Jocelyn Lawrenz	27

Happy Anniversary

Bud & Gertie Hinkle	4
Jim & Cindy Roberts	13
Keith & Julie Albrecht	17
Robert & Conne Gentz	18
Jason & Angie Becker	27

running the sound equipment , shoveling snow or carrying boxes.. This is a well-deserved honor . We are proud of you, Henry!

December Student of the Month for High School... Henry Nelson

Henry Nelson is the son of Dan and Andrea Nelson.

Henry thinks he was chosen as student of the month both because "I do my best to be helpful in anyway I can. I try to be nice to everyone I see."

Henry is a sophomore at Herington High School, who involves himself in Football, Basketball, Golf, Forensics, FBLA, FFA and SALT.

Mrs. Adkins believes Henry received student of the month because "he is a quiet and respectful leader in the classroom and FFA. He is a reliable student that works hard when presented with tasks. Although he may not look like it, Henry is very creative and an intuitive thinker.

He likes to challenge himself and the people around him which will carry him beyond high school. He is rarely in a bad mood which makes him enjoyable to be around in the classroom.

This award is well deserved."

<i>St Paul Council</i>	
Megan Mein	913-209-2065
Julie Albrecht	785-258-0047
Debbie Wendt	785-258-0144
Roger Engle	785-258-2548
Dede Patterson	785-221-5586
Jennie Wilson	785-366-3540
Corkie Dunlap	785-512-7763
T.J. Barnes	785-512-9132

**St. Paul
Prayer**

Concerns: Shery Smith(Carol Schubert's sister) Rita Gehrke, Evelyn Edmonson, Dennis Wendlandt, Megan Mein, Linda Carlson, Fred Olson, Karolyn Schlesener, Carey Sheck, Shirley Oldham, Linda Huntington, Martha Tollefson, (Ruth Hailey's sister), Beth Diepenbrock, Delores Granzow, Jason Moore, Aleda Koepke, Alice Peterson, Les Weller, Bill and Judy Peterson, Bob and Hallie Novak, Mildred Gehrke, Jill Granzow and all of our homebound.



Offering Envelopes for 2024 are here. Our church computer system tracks offering by the envelope number assigned to you. Please put your number on the envelope you use to assure you will be given credit for your donations. You may continue using last year's envelopes if you have some left. The date on the envelope is irrelevant . Envelopes will be provided to weekly contributors. Those who contribute monthly or quarterly will not automatically receive a new box of envelopes but there are extras in the office if you would like one and didn't receive any.

Call Process We are still working through the call process as required by the synod office. Pastor Jim has agreed to hang in there and stay with us while we continue on in the process.

Thank You

To all who continue to send in your offering when you can't

attend church. It takes us all to keep the church expenses paid and we need your continued support.

To all who helped with taking down and putting away Christmas decorations.

To all who continue to attend or pray for St. Paul and all of its members.

To all who helped with the funerals and funeral lunches for Haroldine Hicks and Mike Herbel

To Roger and Jayne Engel for shampooing the carpet and waxing the floor in the basement.

Les Weller has moved to Morris County Assisted Living in Council Grove. His address is 5654 County Lane Council Grove Kansas 66846. He would appreciate visits and mail if you would like to send a note to him.



Craig and I would like to thank you all for your well wishes on the occasion of our wedding that was at St. Paul on December 31st. We think after almost 17 years it was about time, don't you? To simplify a lot of things I will not be changing my name – I am still Marcia Mathias and he is still Craig Wendt. It saves a lot of hassles.



FEBRUARY 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hebron Lutheran worship = 9:30 am St. Paul adult class 9:30 am St Paul Sunday School K-5 th 9:45 12 th & 26 th St. Paul Lutheran worship = 11:00 am						
			Meals on Wheels 5:30 Choir	1 Church Office Closed Meals on Wheels	2 Meals on Wheels	3
4	5	6 2:00 Quilters	7	8 Church Office Closed	9	10
11 9:30 Hebron worship- Install Council Members 11:00 St Paul worship 9:45 St. Paul Sunday School	12 Valentine's Day	13  2:00 Quilters	14 Ash Wednesday Pastor to Legacy and Council Grove	15 2:00 WELCA	16	17
18 9:30 Hebron Worship 11:00 St Paul Worship	19	20 2:00 Quilters 6:30 St Paul Council	21	22 	23	24
25 9:30 Hebron worship 9:45 St Paul Sun School St Paul Worship	26 Meals on Wheels	27 Meals on Wheels 2:00 Quilters	28 Meals on Wheels	29 Meals on Wheels	1 Meals on Wheels	2



February Servant Schedule

2024	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday	Feb. 18	Feb 25	March 3
Communion Asst.	Andrea Nelson	Corkie Dunlap	Bre Fry	Dale Kleinschmidt	Vanessa Lawrenz	Dede Patterson
Acolyte	Ella Nelson	Raquel Lawrenz	Ushers	Mae Nelson	Star Haynes	Lincoln Barnes
Greeters	Henry Nelson Dan Nelson Conne Gentz	Dede Patterson Jennifer Wilson Joyce Wilson	Craig and Marcia	Craig Wendt and Marcia Mathias Peggy Hilliard	Rodney & Dawn Wilson Willis Bernhardt	Larry & Dallas Friedli Debbie Wendt
Reader	Vance Donahue	Dede Patterson	Marcia Mathias	T.J. Barnes	Bre Fry	Cindy Roberts
Counters	Dede Patterson Debbie Wendt	Keith and Julie Albrecht	Craig and Marcia	Craig Wendt and Marcia Mathias Peggy Hilliard	Rodney & Dawn Wilson Willis Bernhardt	Larry & Dallas Friedli Debbie Wendt
Song Leader	Dory Olsen	Bre Fry		Dory Olsen	Bre Fry	Dory Olsen
Altar Guild	Gary and Carol Schubert	Gary and Carol Schubert	Gary and Carol Schubert	Gary and Carol Schubert	Gary and Carol Schubert	Keith and Julie Albrecht
Sound Crew	Jennie Wilson Tanner Becker	Cinta Becker Tanner Becker	Tanner Becker and Angie Becker	Jennie Wilson Rodney Wilson	Tanner Becker and Henry Nelson	Tanner Becker Dale Diepenbrock

Notice for Lay Servants: If you can't serve as scheduled **please** find someone on the schedule that would trade with you. Then, please call the church office to let Marcia know you have changed and with whom. If you know you are going to be gone a month or more in advance, let Marcia know and she will not schedule you for that time period you are gone. Thanks for keeping me informed.

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Non-Profit Organization

February 2024

Sundays

Hebron 9:30 am Worship

St. Paul = 9:30 am Adult Ed

11:00 am Worship



John 3:16

