

February 2021

Newsletter of the Good Neighbor Parish

Hebron Lutheran and St Paul Lutheran
Churches



Hebron News

What's Coming Up?

*Hebron WELCA will meet
on February 18th at 2:00pm*

Prayer Concerns.....

Mike Stika, Sadie Sellers, Jameson
Carlson, Maxine Barton, Roy Cummins,
Willis Peterson, Linda Helsper

Homebound: Naomi Nelson, Elinor Remy,
Roger Peterson

Service Men & Women: Joe Towey, Brett
Talkington, Jose Espinoza

We pray for all men & women in the
armed forces serving our country
throughout the world.



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God's work. Our hands.

2021 HEBRON COUNCIL

Phil Peterson – President - 983-4888

Tana Riffel – Secretary – 924- 5757

Gloria Martin – Finance Sec - 983-4482

Connie Johnson – 983-4459

Denice Hageberg – 366-0315

Jim Peterson – 983-4844

Tom Remy – 983-4828



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

HEBRON CHURCH COUNCIL

Hebron Church council met on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021 in the church basement at 7:00 pm. Those present were: Denice Hageberg, Jim Peterson, Tom Remy, Delores Fisher, Carol Riffel, Gloria Martin, Phil Peterson, and Pastor Bill Neuman.

Pastor opened with prayer. Pastor gave his report thanking everyone for the Christmas cards and gifts. He said he was impressed with the Julotta Service. He gave an update on Confirmation and told us about his vacation exploring Kansas.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Delores.

Carol presented the treasurer report. A new thermostat had to be installed at the parsonage. 300 gallons of propane were delivered on 12/23/20. The church CD was renewed.

Carol presented the budget for 2021. It was approved by the council and will be presented to the congregation for approval at the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 24 following worship. We will meet upstairs so we can social distance. There will be no lunch. The Council will meet following the meeting.

Allen Hanson has requested getting LED 200W Daylight bulbs for the sanctuary. It was approved to give him permission to order them.

The Lenten season was discussed. It was decided that we will not have midweek Lenten Services at Hebron. Ash Wednesday will be held Feb. 17 at St Paul.

It has been suggested by a church member that we change the number of council members from 7 to 5. It was decided to leave the number at 7 until the time comes when we cannot find enough members to serve.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

HEBRON WELCA

The Hebron Women of the ELCA met on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 2:00 pm in the church basement with Jewell Swinney as hostess. Those present were Delores Fisher, Nancy Hanson, Gloria Martin, Carol Riffel, Jewell Swinney, and Pastor Bill Neuman. Gloria opened with the devotion from the Gather Magazine "Soap Angels".

Gloria presented the lesson "Journeys with Angels – Looking Up". She asked everyone if they believe in angel. She had different angels on display and she talked about the meaning of each of them to her. Numerous bible passages were read from both the Old and New Testament that mention angels. We started from the beginning and Adam and Eve to the New Testament and Jesus birth.

Carol read the minutes of the last meeting. She read a thank you from Roger Peterson for his Christmas Gift and from Oaks Indian Mission for our donation of \$500. A thank you was read from Mosaic for our contribution. Jewell gave the treasurer report of the year end balances. Gloria thanked all those that helped with the church decorating and a special thank you to Carol for ordering and taking care of the Poinsettias.

Officers and Altar Guild assignments were made. It was decided that we would continue to meet on the third Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm with all meetings in the church basement. Everyone volunteered for the 2021 year hostess and bible study leaders. Plans were made for the year with hopes that this year will allow us to have our activities.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

God's power comes to us when we admit we are powerless.

From the Pastor's Desk

Greeting and Peace,

As I sit here and wonder where January went to, I have to admit that if it wasn't for Confirmation Classes on Wednesday nights and Sunday Morning Worship services, I think that I could easily gotten lost in the drift from one day to the next. As I look at my February calendar there is one day that stands out. It has a big red bold "17" marked in the middle of it. It's a Wednesday, and it is there to remind me of Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. This year Lent begins one week earlier than it did last year, but next year it drops back to one of its later dates given the Easter formula.

As I stared at my calendar and those big red letters stared back at me, I realized again that Ash Wednesday is part of an anchor that I tie my life around. That anchor is not only for my own sanity, for it also anchors me to MY God and all that my faith in his son, Jesus Christ, has to offer.

There is a reason behind the church begin pictured as a ship on the waters of life. We can talk about all the images of a boat being tossed by the storms of life. But the one thing that all ships must have if they are to stay put in the midst of a storm at sea or in port—is their anchors. It is their anchors that ground them to a spot so that they don't drift away in high seas.

We have other anchors that are unique to certain groups of people, and it's these anchors that keep them from drifting away from where they want or need to be. Ranchers have their anchors when it comes to cattle or farming. At certain points, you do this and at other points you do that. Teachers have anchors; it's called the school year. If there is anything that 2020 has taught us is that without having an anchor or anchors that connect us to the bedrock of our lives; we can easily get lost in the maelstrom of confusion, fear and doubt. Those swirling winds that want to take us to places we don't want to go. Even politicians have their anchors, they are called elections.

As Christians, we all need an anchor that no matter where we are, or what we are doing it always brings us back to the "Ground of Our Being". The Lutheran theologian Paul Tillich used this phrase in a number of his teachings. And what is the "Ground of Our Being?" Simply: it is the God of the Bible. It is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is Creator, redeemer, and sanctifier. Or as I often picture them—Dad, Lord, and teacher.

Every Christians needs to anchor themselves firmly into the God of Creation, the God of the Bible, and in the Savior who promises that "*neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*"

This is the only anchor that can hold us together when we think that our "*realities of life*" have now become unhinged. Feeling like we are being swept up into whirlwind that threatens to encompass us like a Kansas tornado in midsummer. It is when those feeling begin to overwhelm us that we need the real anchor that hold us to the "Ground of Our Being."

An anchor that cannot only refocus us on WHO we are, but also on—WHOSE we are - (God's). Without that type of anchor we are left to the truths of the whirlwind-truths that move and change as quickly as the clouds in the sky.

Where or in WHO is your anchor? Do you trust that they will always be there and never change, a "Ground of Our Being." If it isn't in Jesus Christ, then all I can say is that you have 2 choices: (A) Either turn to Jesus and let him become your anchor, the Lord and Savior of your life or (B) Good Luck.

St Paul Council Minutes

January 12, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Cary
Members present: Cary, Dan, Jason, Julie, Karen, Megan, Debbi, and Pastor. Devotions read by Dan. Council voted for new positions for 2021 and are listed below. Dan President, Cary Vice President, Vanessa Secretary.

Minutes from previous meeting were read by Dan.

Debi presented the financial reports for the remainder of 2020. Sound System will be paid out of the Memorial Fund account.

Debi also presented the 2021 budget. Starting Feb 1st pastor will be paying parsonage utilities. Jason moved to approve the 2021 budget, Cary Seconded, Motion carried.

Pastors Report: Read by Pastor. 10 home visits. Confirmation classes resume 1-13-21. Christmas Eve Service went well, with about 102 attending.

Sound system is being installed 1-11-21.

Unfinished business: Need to figure out the rental fees for church for (weddings, funerals) for members and non members.

New business: No FCLN for the remainder of the school year due to lack of children and Covid concerns.

Council will be sending out "thinking of you" cards to members that have not attended church for a while.

End the meeting with the Lord's prayer.

St Paul Council Members 2021

Dan Nelson	Pres	913-309-0503
Cary Granzow	Vice	785-466-1159
Vanessa Lawrenz	Sec	785-366-6280
Debbie Wendt	Treas	785-258-0144
Jason Becker		785-258-0468
Megan Mein		913-209-2065
Karen Donahue		785-258-4567
Julie Albrecht		785-258-0047

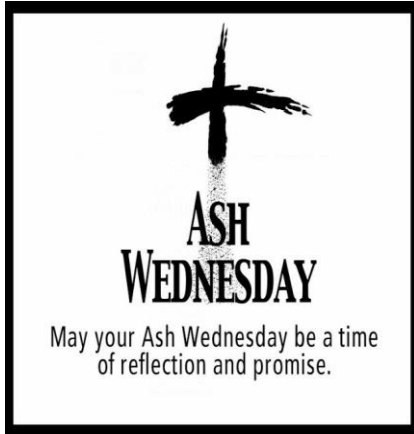
Welcome Wyatt James Wildman

Wyatt was welcomed into the family of God and all believers on January 17th during a private baptism service performed by Pastor Bill at St Paul.



Sponsors were Collin Wildman and Whitney Broxterman. His parents are Cole and Paige Wildman. Grandparents are Tina Wildman, Tim and Brenda Wildman and Chris and Pam Krause. Great grandparents are Marcia Mathias, Steve and Barb Stroda and Florine Krause and the late Robert Krause.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.



Ash Wednesday worship service at St Paul at 6:30 p.m. ,Ash Wednesday, February 17th.

Successful Blood Drive

Thank you so much to all who donated at the Hope Blood Drive last month- it is so appreciated. We are requesting that anyone who has fully recovered from a verified covid-19 diagnosis give a plasma donation which may help up to 4 convalescent patients in need. The need is critical as covid-19 cases rise.

Meals on Wheels

St Paul will be delivering Meals on Wheels the 1st-5th in both February and March. Won't you please consider helping out? It is just about an hour once every four weeks.



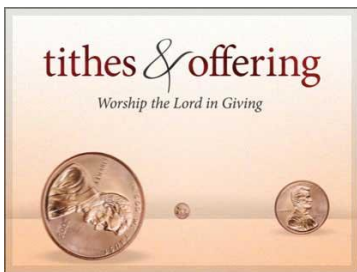
Greeters, Ushers, Counters, Altar Guild, Communion Assistants, Sound Technicians, teachers, just about everything. We have so many not attending church now that our volunteer pool is shrinking more

rapidly than we can replace them. We need more helpers on Sunday mornings to count money, greet the congregation, assist with communion, help with the altar and the sound system. Won't you please consider stepping up to the plate to help at your church? We seem to have the same few trying to cover all the tasks and it's getting to be too much for so few.





\$109 was collected in our January Gold Pot Offering and went to St Paul Lutheran Church in Lake Charles Louisiana that was destroyed by 2 separate hurricanes. It is the only ELCA church in southwest Louisiana. Our February Gold Pot collection will go to Herington Hearts.



The 2021 offering envelopes are here. If you haven't picked yours up yet, please do so and be sure to throw away last year's envelopes.

Synod Delegates

St. Paul is asking for 2 volunteers to be our delegates to the virtual Synod Convention on June 4-6th. No travel is required as the assembly will all be online this year.

Thank You!

There are so many who do so much in the church. Thank you to Vance Donahue for always stopping – twice a week- to wind the clock in the foyer.

Thank you to Craig Wendt for changing the sign.

Thank you to Tanner Becker, Dale Diepenbrock and Cary Granzow for all their extra help in getting the new sound system up and running.

Just Visiting

Pastor has been making home visits to those unable to attend church or uncomfortable attending because of COVID. If you would like a visit, please call the church office at 258-3430 to schedule. Communion will be brought to you also.

Accepts New Call



Our congratulations and prayers go out for our former pastor and friend, Reverend Bill Peterson. Bill and Judy are living in Lincoln Nebraska and Bill has accepted a call as Transition Associate Pastor at First Lutheran Church there. First Lutheran is so fortunate to get Bill to serve in this position and we know he will be a blessing to their congregation, as he was to ours.

FCLN Cancelled

The Family Christian Life Night committee decided that we will not be resuming the Wednesday night FCLN program for the remainder of this school year. They looked at the continuing challenges of high COVID numbers, low participation/attendance, and risk/benefit analysis to make this decision.



St. Paul February Birthdays

Ruth Smith	1
Roger Engle	1
John Herpich	1
Bud Hinkle	3
Todd Martin	4
Chelsea Barnes	4
Alice Peterson	6
Stephanie Haws	7
Gentry Hicks	9
Gerald Rindt	13
Silas Barnes	15
Mike Herbel	18



Dory Olsen	19
Clint Haws	19
Mark Wilcox	24
Mike Wendt	25
Roger Boelling	27
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
Kevin & Julie Koch	28

Card Shower

There will be card shower for Alice Peterson on the occasion of her 98th birthday, which is on February 6th. Cards may be sent to Alice Peterson 620 East McClaren Herington KS 67449.



FEBRUARY 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hebron Lutheran worship = 9:30 am St. Paul adult class 9:30 am St. Paul Lutheran worship = 11:00 am						
	1 Meals on Wheels	2 Meals on Wheels 2:00 Quilters	3 Meals on Wheels 6:00 Confirmation	4 Meals on Wheels	5 Meals on Wheels	6
7 9:30 Hebron Worship 11:00 St Paul Worship	8	9 2:00 Quilters	10 6:00 Confirmation	11 FRE meet in Fellowship Hall	12	13
14 Valentine's Day 9:30 Hebron Worship 11:00 St Paul Worship	15 President's Day 7:00 Hebron Council	16 2:00 Quilters 7:00 St Paul Council	17 6:30 Ash Wednesday Services at St Paul +	18 2:00 Hebron WELCA	19	20
21 7 9:30 Hebron Worship 11:00 St Paul Worship Gold Pot Offering	22 Deadline for newsletter articles	23 2:00 Quilters	24 6:00 Confirmation	25	26	27
28 9:30 Hebron Worship 11:00 St Paul Worship						



February Servant Schedule

2021	Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday	Feb. 21	Feb 28	March 7
Communion Asst.	Dede Oatterson	Lisa Beye	Mike Carlson	Dale Kleinschmidt	Vanessa Lawrenz	Corkie Dunlap
Acolyte	Kennedy Idleman	Morgan Magnett	Henry Nelson	Hadley Friedli	Jocelyn Lawrenz	Amelia Friedli
Greeters	Conne Gentz Cary and Mary Anna Granzow	Shannon Granzow Mike and Debbie Wendt	Craig Wendt Marcia Mathias	Larry & Dallas Friedli Charles Kremeier	Willis Bernhardt Rodney and Dawn Wilson	Corkie Dunlap Verl and Karolyn Schlesener
Reader	Dede Patterson	Karen Donahue	Marcia Mathias	Keith Albrecht	Andrea Nelson	Mike Carlson
Counters	Craig Wendt Marcia Mathias Cary & Mary Anna Granzow	Mike and Debbie Wendt Ben & Kristi Meyer	CraigWendt Marcia Mathias	Larry & Dallas Friedli Leo & Tiffani Schlesener	Rodney & Dawn Wilson Dave & Rita Gehrke	Verl & Karolyn Schlesener Keith & Julie Albrecht
Song Leader	Ben Meyer	Ben Meyer	Ben Meyer	Ben Meyer	Ben Meyer	Ben Meyer
Altar Guild	Carol and Gary Schubert	Carol and Gary Schubert	Carol and Gary Schubert	Carol and Gary Schubert	Carol and Gary Schubert	Ben & Kristi Meyer
Sound Crew	Dale Diepenbrock	Angie Becker	Rodney Wilson	Leo and Tiff Schlesener	Dale Diepenbrock	Angie Becker

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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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

February
2021



Hebron	9:30 am	Worship
St. Paul =	9:30 am	Adult Ed.
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship

