

February 2023

# Newsletter of the Good Neighbor Parish

Hebron Lutheran and St Paul Lutheran Churches



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.



## 2023 HEBRON COUNCIL

<b>Tana Riffel – Pres</b>	<b>785-258-0131</b>
<b>Amber Peterson –Sec</b>	<b>785-366-6721</b>
<b>Connie Johnson- Treas</b>	<b>785-466-6465</b>
<b>Tom Remy Fin. Sec</b>	<b>785-983-4828</b>
<b>Andy Carlson –</b>	<b>785-466-6571</b>

## Hebron News

### What's Coming Up?

*Alice Peterson's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration Feb.11 at St. Paul*

*2:00-4:00 p.m.*

*Hebron WELCA will meet on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm*



### Prayer Concerns.....

The family of Gene Thornton (Jim & Phil's uncle)  
Jeff Peterson, Pastor Bill & Judy Peterson, Bob Novak, Maxine Barton

**Homebound:** Naomi Nelson, Roger Peterson, Jewell Swinney, Hallie Novak

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

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

## **HEBRON CHURCH COUNCIL**

met on Jan. 16, 2023 at the home of Willard Olson. Those present Andy Carlson, Connie Johnson, Willard Olson, Amber Peterson, Phil Peterson, Tom Remy and Tana Riffel. Phil opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary minutes were read by Tana. Connie shared the treasurer report. Insurance premium has been paid. Council agreed to reimburse Connie for a new faucet and cleaning supplies. Thank you notes were shared from Care and Share, FRE, Marion County Food Bank and Centre Schools for donations at Christmas.

Pulpit Supply has been scheduled for the months of January and February.

Parsonage water update. Waiting for Bruce Ballard to replace the water lines.

Ceiling fans for the sanctuary have arrived. Phil and Chris will install.

Motion to increase the janitor's pay to \$210 per month. Motion seconded and carried.

Connie presented the 2023 budget and it was approved.

Tana shared a working copy of the parish profile to be submitted for a pastoral call.

Ideas were suggested for use of memorial funds – new tables and chairs, replace vacuum, new Christ candle holder and blinds for the front glass doors.

Annual meeting is Jan. 22, 2023. Council will provide soup and sides for the lunch.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is March 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

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Carol presented the bible study on the Ten Commandments: Reviving the soul. God's law is a great gift – one to celebrate with joy. His word is not like some idle tale, it is the power of God. God's word and teachings are an invitation to live the good life. Each time God's name is proclaimed, it should remind us of all that He has been and done on our behalf. We have a passionate God who loves us fiercely and with high expectations.

Carol read the minutes of the last meeting and Delores shared the treasurer report. The service committee served the funeral lunch for Wayne Hanson. Thank you notes were read from Mosaic and Centre Schools. There were phone calls from Kyle Peterson for the gift card and from Bob Novak for Hallie's gift and our visit. Nancy thanked us for the throw given to Wayne and for serving his funeral lunch.

Plans for the new year 2023 were discussed. We will meet each month except Aug. & Dec. We will plan a Father's Day brunch for June 18. We will continue donating our loose change plus 100 for Mosaic. We will decorate the church for Advent/Christmas on Nov. 26. We will continue our text Prayer Chain. We will plan a special outing on July 20, and we will donate monetary funds to the Synod WELCA.

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## The Annual Congregational Meeting

of Hebron was held on Sun. Jan. 22, after worship. There were 22 in attendance. Phil Peterson opened with prayer.

The vote to ratify our constitutional amendment to change the number of Council members from seven to five was moved, seconded and carried.

Tana Riffel read the minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting. Committee Reports were given by Carol Riffel-Auditing, Jim & Phil Peterson-property, Gloria Martin-Worship & Music.

Delores Fisher presented the ballot and election was held.

Financial/Treasurer reports were given by Carol Riffel-Memorial Fund, Phil Peterson-Cemetery Fund, Delores Fisher-WELCA, Tom Remy-Financial Secretary and Connie Johnson-Treasurer.

There was no Old Business.

New Business: Connie Johnson presented the budget for 2023. Motion to accept, seconded, and carried. There was discussion about using memorial funds to purchase new tables & chairs for the basement and a holder for the Christ Candle.

Thank you's were extended to Phil for being our reader and cantor each Sunday and for his service on the church council as he finishes his term, to Nancy & Allen for their work keeping the church cleaned and mowing the church yard & cemetery and to the Hedstrom/Riffel families for trimming trees. A special thank you to everyone for helping in any capacity. It takes all of us to keep things going. We all are "the church".

The meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

A soup lunch was provided by members of the church council.

The newly elected Church Council met after the annual meeting and officers were elected. Tana Riffel-President, Amber Peterson-Secretary, Connie Johnson-Treasurer and Tom Remy-Financial Secretary.

*Does anybody even look at our St. Paul Facebook page?*

*Yes, I think they do.*

According to Facebook statistics, we have 333 followers.

Regular followers are from: 145 from Herington, 15 from Hope, 11 from Council Grove, 10 from Burdick, 10 from Manhattan, 7 from Abilene. 7 from Salina, 7 from Junction City, 6 From Wichita and 5 from Hutchinson. From December 29<sup>th</sup> to January 25<sup>th</sup> we reached a total of 835 people, 445 engaged in the posts in some capacity and we added seven followers.

An example of our following shows that I posted at 7:38 on Thursday morning and before noon we had 97 people who saw the post and 14 who reacted to it.

I try to post brief lessons I pull from my daily devotions so the post may come from a variety of places. I often paraphrase or choose pieces of a devotion. Check it out!

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## Valentine Banquet

Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.  
6:00 pm Dinner  
7:00 pm Entertainment  
Hosted by First Baptist Church  
Tickets \$15.00  
Everyone is invited!

## Children's Sunday School



Sunday School for grades K-5 meets the second and fourth Sunday of every month at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome and be sure to invite your friends.

## Synod delegates

St. Paul and Hebron are asking for 2 volunteers to be our delegates to the Synod Convention on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. This assembly will be held by zoom.

**Prayer Concerns:** The family of Charles Kremeier, Faith Covenant Fellowship Church, Jason Moore, Charlie Everhart, Mike Wendt, Jamie Schneider, Bob Kickhaefer, Fred Olsen, Pat and Doc Uhlig, Glenda Cole, Elizabeth, Delores Granzow, Alice Peterson, Frances Gehrke, Bill and Judy Peterson, Bob and Hallie Novak, Hazel Wendt and Naomi Snyder.

# *St. Paul Lutheran Church Meeting Minutes*

1.17.2023

1. Attendance Members Present: Roger Engle, Jennifer Wilson, Dede Patterson, Debbie Wendt, Dan Nelson, Julie Albrecht, Megan Mein
  2. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Dan N., President. Dan N. shared the devotion.
  3. We reviewed the meeting minutes of the 11.15.2022 council meeting. Dan N. made the motion to approve the minutes and Jennifer Wilson seconded. Motion passed.
  4. Treasury Report Debbie reviewed the Profit and Loss statement and the Balance Sheet through Dec 2022. Debbie reported that finalizing Pastor's financial matters was in process.
  5. Unfinished Business Julie A. gave a brief report on the church profile. The church profile will be further reviewed with the interim.
  6. New Business \*Council positions were decided as listed below: President - Dan Nelson Vice-president - Julie Albrecht Secretary - Dede Patterson Treasurer - Debbie Wendt \*
- It was proposed that the funeral food fee be raised from \$2.00 to \$4.00 per person because of cost increase for the casseroles served at funerals. Julie made the motion to approve and Dede seconded. Motion passed.
- \*A thank-you was expressed by members to Roger Engle, Jane Engle and Julie Albrecht for cleaning the parsonage.
- \*The 2023 budget item amounts were reviewed by members.
- \*Carpet and floor cleaning was discussed and Megan M. will report on what is to be professionally cleaned and cost at next meeting.
- \*A discussion on purchasing a computer to run the projector. Dan will report on this matter at next meeting.
- \*A question was asked about the status of the LYO bank account. Dan will look into this matter.
7. Next Meeting \*Is set for February 21, 2023 at 6 pm. \*Devotions will be given by Roger E.
  8. Lord's Prayer
  9. Adjourn Julie Albrecht.

We have been enjoying having different supply pastors join us and lead us in worship during the month of January.



We will continue to use supply pastors until such a time as we are assigned an interim pastor . Pastors leading us in February are:

Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Kevin Clark
Feb 12	Dr. Dorothy Hanna
Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Larry Cross
Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Dr. Dorothy Hanna

This a great opportunity to hear different ministers right in your own church. Please be sure to join us.

# Thank You!

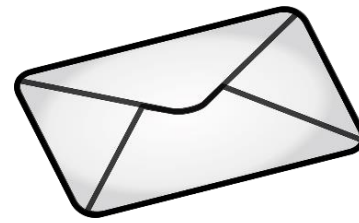
To all who continue to send in your offering when you can't attend church. It takes us all to keep the church expenses paid and we need your continued support.

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

To all who helped with packing and loading the truck for Pastor Neuman and helping him with his move.

To those from both congregations that served on the Church Profile Committee.

To all who give so generously of their time so that we may enjoy the St. Paul Choir- both singers and musicians.



If you haven't received your offering envelopes for 2023 and want to have some, there are some blanks available in the office. You do have to write your name on them if you are using blanks. You can also use your envelopes you have left over from last year- the numbers will be the same and the dates are irrelevant. Also, someone seems to have received envelopes with the #2 on them by mistake. Will you check yours please to make sure you haven't received the wrong ones?



**Alice Peterson** will celebrate her 100th birthday on Saturday on February 11 with an open house from 2:00-4:00 at St Paul Fellowship hall. Cards may be sent to : Alice Peterson, Morris County Living, 5654 County Lane, Room #118 Council Grove, Kansas 66804.



**Meals on Wheels...**  
 Meals will be delivered January 30<sup>th</sup> – February 3<sup>rd</sup> by and February 27<sup>th</sup>- March 3<sup>rd</sup> by St. Paul volunteers. Wanna help?? Call the church office!! We need you! 785-258-3430

**St. Paul February Birthdays**

Ruth Smith	1
Roger Engle	1
Bud Hinkle	3
Chelsea Barnes	4
Todd Martin	4
Alice Peterson	6
Stephanie Haws	7
Silas Barnes	15
Mike Herbel	18
Dory Olsen	19
Clint Haws	19
Mark Wilcox	24
Mike Wendt	25
Jocelyn Lawrenz	27

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**Treasurer's Report  
 December 2022**

<b>Expected Income</b>	<b>\$165,894.00</b>
<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$155,873.02</b>
<b>Expenses Budgeted</b>	<b>\$ 15,894.00</b>
<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$149,550.06</b>

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**St. Paul Council** members and officers will be installed during the worship service on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend and offer your prayers and support for them as they lead us through trying times.

**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

<i>St Paul Council</i>	
Dan Nelson	913-909-0503
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
Dede Patterson	785-221-5586
Jennie Wilson	



## February Servant Schedule

2023	Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday	Feb 26	March 5
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Vanessa Lawrenz	Dale Kleinschmidt	Andrea Nelson	Corkie Dunlap	Lisa Beye	Dede Patterson
<b>Acolyte</b>	Raquel Lawrenz	Ella Nelson	Jocelyn Lawrenz	Ushers	Henry Nelson	Amelia Friedli
<b>Greeters</b>	Craig Wendt Marcia Mathias	Verl & Karolyn Schlesener Conne Gentz	Debbie Wendt Will Bernhardt	Marcia Mathias Craig Wendt	Henry Nelson Dan Nelson	Rodney & Dawn Wilson Jennifer Wilson Joyce Loe
<b>Reader</b>	Gary Schubert	Keith Albrecht	Vance Donahue		Lisa Beye	Dede Patterson
<b>Counters</b>	Craig Wendt Marcia Mathias	Verl & Karolyn Schlesener Vanessa Lawrenz	Debbie Wendt Will Bernhardt	Marcia Mathias Craig Wendt	Roger & Jayne Engle Dave & Rita Gehrke	Rodney & Dawn Wilson Keith & Julie Albrecht
<b>Song Leader</b>	Dory Olsen		Dory Olsen			Dory Olsen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Conne Gentz	Conne Gentz	Conne Gentz	Conne Gentz	Conne Gentz	Conne Gentz
<b>Sound Crew</b>	Jennie Wilson Rodney Wilson	Jennie Wilson Tanner Becker	Tanner Becker and Angie Becker	Dale Diepenbrock Tanner Becker	Tanner Becker and Henry Nelson	Jennie Wilson Rodney Wilson



**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.





# FEBRUARY 2023



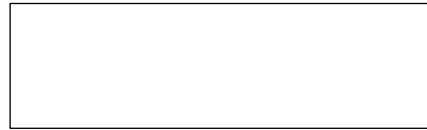
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hebron Lutheran worship = 9:30 am St. Paul adult class 9:30 am St Paul Sunday School K-5 <sup>th</sup> 9:45 12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> St. Paul Lutheran worship = 11:00 am						
			1 Meals on Wheels 5:30 Choir	2 Church Office Closed  Meals on Wheels	3 Meals on Wheels	4
5 <b>Pastor Kevin Clark</b>  9:30 Hebron Worship  11:00 St Paul Worship	6	7  2:00 Quilters	8  5:30 Choir	9	10	11 Open House for Alice Peterson 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday 2:00-4:00 Church basement
12 <b>Dorothy Hanna</b>  9:30 Hebron worship 11:00 St Paul worship 9:45 St. Paul Sunday School	13 Valentine's Day	14   2:00 Quilters	15  Ash Wednesday	16  2:00 WELCA	17	18
19 <b>Pastor Larry Cross</b> 9:30 Hebron Worship  11:00 St Paul Worship  Gold Pot  Install Council Members	20	21  2:00 Quilters 6:00 St. Paul Council	22  5:30 Choir	23	24	25
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Non-Profit Organization

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



# John 3:16

