

**June 2023**

## **St. Paul Lutheran and Hebron Lutheran Churches**

## **Website: stpaulheringtonkansas.com**

**Good Neighbor Parish Newsletter**

Hebron Council

2023 HEBRON COUNCIL

Tana Riffel - President – 785-258-0131

Amber Peterson – Secretary – 785-366-6721

Connie Johnson – Treasurer – 785-466-6465

Tom Remy – Finance Sec - 983-4828

Andy Carlson – 785-466-6571

**Hebron News...**

**Prayer concerns:**

Dollye Novak, Ethan Eif, Jim Norton, Pastor Clark Davis, Kinsley Shoup, Lisa Hanschu, Randy Mai, Jeff Peterson, Pastor Bill & Judy Peterson, Bob Novak

Homebound: Naomi Nelson, 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.

**Coming Up>>>>**

**Hebron WELCA** Thurs. June 15, 2:00 pm

**Father’s Day Breakfast** Sunday, June 18, at 8:45 am before worship.

**June Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

9 Scott Grant

11 J. P. Hanson

11 Kyle Peterson

21 Connie Johnson

24 Sabrina Dunkin

24 Regan Hedstrom

30 Mario Salazar

**Anniversaries**

9 David & Connie Johnson

11 Phil & Jamie Peterson

26 Katie & Matt Haverkamp

29 Glen & Darla Stout

**HEBRON CHURCH COUNCIL**

Hebron Church Council met on Monday, May 8 with council members Andy Carlson, Connie Johnson, Tom Remy, Tana Riffel, Amber Peterson, and Pastor Jim Peters present. Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the March meeting were read by Amber and approved. Connie shared the treasurer’s report.

Members visited with Pastor Peters about the process the church is on and thanked him for being here. He has signed a contract with the Parish to be here at least until the end of 2023. Pastor will be working four days each week at the church office. He gave the council his cell and home phone if he is needed other times.

New letters need to be purchased for the outdoor sign. Memorial funds will be used to purchase them.

Tana Riffel and Gloria Martin will continue with the Transition committee. Request for another church member to serve on the committee will be listed in the bulletin.

Thank you notes were received for Hebron’s donation to Oaks Indian Mission and K-State Lutheran Ministries.

A last call will be in the bulletin for anyone wanting the old tables and chairs from the basement. Any left on July 1 will be taken to auction.

Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Next meeting will be July 17.

**HEBRON WELCA**

**Hebron WELCA** met on Thursday afternoon May 18, at the home of Delores Fisher. Those attending were Betty Bevan, Delores Fisher, Nancy Hanson, Gloria Martin, and Carol Riffel.

Carol opened with a devotion paraphrasing and explaining the 23rd Psalm. She presented the bible study of a devotional “Serving with Zeal”, intergenerational hospitality. If we are to follow Jesus’ commandment to “love your neighbor as yourself”, hospitality seems like a natural extension of this. We read scripture telling us that we each have our own talents, so now we just need to do it! We know that we are called to embrace one another regardless of age or background.

Carol read the minutes of the April meeting and Delores shared the treasurer’s report.

Plans were made for the Father’s Day breakfast on June 18, at 8:45 before worship. Each one volunteered to provide food.

We will plan to go to Council Grove for our July outing to eat out and shop.

It was decided that we will serve rolls & coffee at Burdick’s Labor Day celebration and have a bake sale.

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Next meeting is June 15, at the home of Dollye Novak.

From the Pastor

We begin in the strong name of the Trinity—the Three in One and One in Three (ELW #450).

Trinity Sunday is June 4. It’s the first Sunday after Pentecost. It also happens to be the first Sunday of the month, and also, the beginning of the long green season in the church (even though the color for Trinity Sunday is white). I call it “the green season” because that’s the color that will mostly be used during worship services from now until Advent begins (this year on December 3).

So, Trinity Sunday will lead us into all of these things. And I know that Trinity Sunday might not seem to be the most exciting day that we celebrate. It’s not as easy to enter into like Christmas and Easter are. The greeting card industry certainly doesn’t make Trinity cards for us to send to one another.

And yet, I think it’s helpful to keep in mind that we have all been baptized in the name of the Trinity. And Trinity is a profound and mysterious reflection on the life of our God. And our God is the one who has created the human family, has promised to be with us always, and has sent us forth to teach and to baptize. If we let it, Trinity Sunday can remind us that we live in love, peace and communion with God. And those are hardly trivial things.

Besides all that, at church that Sunday we will be sharing the creation story from Genesis, chapter one, as our first reading (Genesis 1:1-2:4a). That reading seems especially appropriate for us to be reading at the beginning of the summer season, when we will be seeing life and growth on display practically everywhere we look. Yes, it will be a long reading for a summer Sunday morning, but I hope you’ll let the rhythm of the scripture carry you along and speak to you about how all of us are a part of God’s good, ordered creation.

And, just so, we can walk through this season—and the seasons that follow—giving thanks and praise to the Trinity as we go.

This is my first pastor’s message to you, and I don’t want to let it go without saying thank you again to all of you for making Patrice and I feel so welcomed here. You have truly been the presence of Christ for us, and we look forward to getting to know all of you better!

I’m looking forward to celebrating with you—Trinity Sunday, and beyond!

Peace to you!

Pastor Jim

**Father’s Day…… June 18th**

"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.”

**St. Paul Father’s Day Brunch at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul for all dads and their family. Bring an item to share… rolls, fruit, any brunch item. Coffee and juice will be provided.**

Pastor Jim will normally be in the office on Mondays or by appointment. Stop in and say hello.

 **“It’s our mission to be a caring fellowship of Christian believers who are empowered by God through Word and Sacrament to share our faith in the Herington area and beyond.**



**April 2023**

**Treasurer’s Report**

**Actual Contributions - $ 48,453.81**

**Budgeted Expense - $ 54,126.00**

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**Budgeted Contributions $ 54,126.00**

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**Our June Gold Pot Offering will be for Camp Tomah Shinga. The May Gold Pot was for the offering for Synod Assembly.**

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Flag Day June 14

God Bless America

**June Meals on Wheels will be**

**delivered on June 19th-23rd.**

**Extra help is always appreciated.**

**St Paul Choir** will sing on June 4th and then be done for the summer. If you like to sing, won’t you consider joining us in the fall?

**VBS**

**For children of the Good Neighbor Parish**

July 17-20

9:00-11:30 am

4 yrs- completed 5th grade

Held at St. Paul Church

Phone : 258-3430

St.Paul June Birthdays

Karolyn Schlesener 1

Mae Nelson 1

Cindy Roberts 5

Marlyn Diepenbrock 6

Wayne Langhofer 6

Kyla Haws 7

Zach Schlesener 13

Dallas Friedli 15

Cuyler Cowart 18

Kelly Donovan 24

Mary Schlesener 26

Verl Schlesener 29

Andrea Nelson 30

Doris Sly 30

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**Prayer Concerns**: The family of Tom Vaughn, Dale Hull, the family of Joan Kropp, Janie Heitfield, Pat Uhlig, Gary and Cindy Floyd, Ron Fehr, Harry Schump, Aleda Koepke, Jason Moore, Charlie Everhart**,** Elizabeth**,** Alice Peterson, Bill and Judy Peterson, Bob and Hallie Novak, Naomi Snyder, Hazel Wendt, Mildred Gehrke, Jill Granzow and all of our homebound,

If you are celebrating a special occasion, please let the church office know so we can join in congratulations and well wishes.



Fred & Dory Olsen 4

Zach & McKenna Schlesener 5

Tony & Chardy Magnett 6

Rodney & Dawn Wilson 9

Mark & Annette Wilcox 9

Dan & Andrea Nelson 9

Craig & Shannon Granzow 10

Dale & Marlyn Diepenbrock 12

Chuck & Kim Kneibel 12

Sam & Vicki Becker 14

Rusty & Samantha Beames 14

Roger & Jayne Engle 15

Bill & Judy Peterson 16

James and Amy Gillette 30

Galen and Pat Schneider 30

 **2023 St Paul Council**

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 785-366-3540

**Prayer Chain** Thank you to all our ladies who keep our prayer chain going. There is great power in prayer and as the name of the recipient of our prayers goes through the chain, many prayers are whispered and said aloud. Anyone can request prayer. You may call Marcia’s cell at 258-0218 if no one is in the office with requests.

**Join our Adult Bible Class every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.**

 **Minutes of the St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

04/18/2023

Members Present: Julie Albrecht, Karen Donahue, Roger Engle, Dan Nelson, Dede Patterson, Debbie Wendt, Jennifer Wilson Not present: Megan Mein

President Dan Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

The meeting was opened with devotions provided by Karen.

The minutes of the 03/14/2023 council meeting were read. Julie motioned for approval, Roger seconded. The minutes were approved as read.

Financials – Debbie discussed the financials as of 03/31/2023. While kitchen supplies seem to be on target to exceed budget, these items are purchased in bulk and should last for a good portion of the year before purchases are needed again. Funeral contributions at this time are exceeding funeral expenses. This is due in part to the generous contributions of congregation members to provide salads and desserts. The church will exceed the budget for supply pastors as it is set at $4,000 with current expenses of $2,915 and $2,100 expected for month of April.

Pastor’s Report – N/AUnfinished Business

Carpet Cleaning – Megan was not available for cleaning quote from IServe. Discussion was held regarding if cleaning the tiled area and carpet is a priority considering current finances and the pending decision regarding the resident pastor and interim consultant. Dede made a motion to postpone decision until pastoral care is determined. Roger seconded. All approved.

LYO Bank Account – Dede will investigate to see if the World Vision debit can be cancelled from the LYO checking account. The account will remain intact and be used for Sunday School and youth activities. A report regarding the use of funds will be provided to the Council at least annually.

 Pastor Jim Peters’ Status – The plan is to engage Pastor Peters as supply pastor for the remainder of April.

New Business –

Pastor Jim Peters’ Salary – Discussion regarding the synod guidelines for salary for a pastor with 33 years of experience was held. Dan asked for input from the council as to what a part-time position might look like. Considering Pastor Peters’ extensive experience and a part-time role, a salary of $50,000 plus $6,000 pension (12%) might be manageable. Dan will consult with Hebron about the defined compensation that the parish considers appropriate, keeping in mind the approved budget of $40,000 for salary and $12,000 for Pension/Medical/Dental.

A discussion was held regarding the current situation of the parish’s finances and the need for a pastor who can provide the spiritual leadership and guidance requested. The CSS Compensation Guidelines indicates a *baseline* salary of $51,000 for an ordained pastor (Word & Sacrament). The parish’s budgeting for pastoral care may be insufficient to encourage ministers to consider a call. The current financial position may not sustain a pastor with experience or a newly ordained minister that may have expenses such as continuing education needs or a young family to support. The council briefly discussed options to communicate with the congregations the balance between contributions income and the personnel related expenses that may increase when the church calls a new pastor.

Interim Consultant Pastor Peter Rehwaldt – The Synod has proposed Pastor Peter Rehwaldt as the interim consultant to assist with the church’s call process. This short-term role is additional to Pastor Peters’ part-time role as resident pastor. The cost for this interim consultant could be $2,000 average per month. The council agreed that negotiating a resident pastor was priority and further discussion regarding this position would be held.

Lawn Care – Dan indicated lawn care is taken care of for the church and the parsonage.

The next meeting will be May 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Julie will provide devotions.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

 Synod Assembly

The ELCA Synod Assembly will be held

online via Zoom this year on June 3rd from 9:00am -3:00pm. Phyllis Perry from St. Paul and Tana Riffel from Hebron will be the delegates for the Good Neighbor Parish. Thank you to these ladies for

agreeing to participate and represent our respective churches.



**Do you know of anyone ?**

**Camp Tomah Shinga** is seeking an Executive Director. The Executive Director (ED) of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Association of Kansas (LOMAK) is responsible for the oversight of Camp Tomah Shinga, its administration, and growth of the ministry.
The ED works in collaborative partnership with the Program Director and the board of directors. The
ED is responsible for developing partnerships and networks of support and working with donors for
the sustainability and growth of LOMAK’s ministry.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

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| **This year marks the 10th anniversary of “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday!**On **Sunday, Sept. 10**, congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service. “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday began in 2013 in connection with the ELCA’s 25th anniversary. It continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.**ELCA Young Adult Vocational Fellowship**The ELCA is excited to announce a new program for Young Adults! The ELCA Young Adult Vocational Fellowship is an exciting program that offers young adults an amazing opportunity to discover their calling while gaining valuable professional experience. In partnership with new and existing year-long opportunities at ELCA affiliated ministries, participants are equipped with the necessary tools and knowledge to explore their faith and vocational aspirations, all while receiving support from a network of peers and experienced ELCA coaches. The program is designed to prepare communities and ministry organizations to welcome new, young, and diverse leaders, paving the way for a more inclusive and dynamic future. Additionally, fellows receive competitive compensation and benefits, including access to mental health resources, relocation assistance, coaching, and a small group cohort. |

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| Hebron Lutheran worship = 9:30 a.m.  St. Paul Adult Discussion = 9:30 a.m.  St. Paul Lutheran worship = 11:00 am

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| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |

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|  |  |  |  **30**Pastor makeHillsboro and Wichita Nursing home visits | 1 | 2 | 3Synod Assemblyvia zoom9:00-3:00 |
| 4Holy Trinity Sunday9:30 Worship at Hebron11:00 Worship Service at St Paul | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|  119:30 Hebron worship11:00 St Paul worship with baptism | 13 | 14 | 15Legacy and Council Grove visits by Pastor Jim | 152:00 WELCA at Hebron | 16Meals on Wheels | 17 |
| 8:45 Father’s Day Brunch at Hebron9:30 St Paul Father’s Day Brunch9:30 Hebron worship11:00 St. Paul worshipGold Pot Offering for Tomah Shinga | 19Meals on Wheels | 20Meals on Wheels7:00 St Paul Council | 21Meals on Wheels | 22Meals on WheelsDeadline for July Newsletter items | 23Meals on WheelsWedding rehearsal | 24Granzow/Biehler wedding at St Paul |
| 259:30 Hebron worship11:30 St Paul Worship | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |  |

**June**  Servant Schedule 2023

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| **2023** | **June 4** | **June 11** | **June 18**  | **June 25** | **July 2** | **July 9** |
| **Communion Asst.** | Dede Patterson | Corkie Dunlap | Dale Kleinschmidt | Lisa Beye | Andrea Nelson | Vanessa LAwrenz |
| **Basket Holder** |  | A group of colorful chairs on a beach  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | A picture containing logo  Description automatically generated |  | A brown bug on a white fabric  Description automatically generated with low confidence |  |
| **Acolyte** | Amelia Friedli | Morgan Magnett | Hadley Friedli | Raquel LAwrenz | Ella Nelson | Jocelyn Friedli |
| **Song Leader** | Dory OlsonBackground pattern  Description automatically generated | Bre Fry | Dory OlsenA picture containing clipart  Description automatically generated | Bre Fry | A picture containing text, clipart  Description automatically generatedDory Olsen | Bre Fry |
| **Greeters** | Larry& Dallas FriedliConne Gentz | Rodney & Dawn WilsonVerl & Karolyn Schlesener | Carl & Deb UrbanekDebbie Wendt | Marcia MathiasCorkie DunlapPeggy Hilliard | Jennifer WilsonJoyce Loe | Jeff & Dede PattersonWillis Bernhardt |
|  **Reader** | Karen Donahue | Vance Donahue | Gary Schubert | Lisa Beye | Andrea Nelson | Cindy Roberts |
| **Counters** | Larry & Dallas FriedliKeith & Julie Albrecht | Verl & Karolyn SchlesenerRodney & Dawn Wilson | Carl & Deb UrbanekDebbie Wendt | Marcia and Craig WendtDave and Rita Gehrke | Jayne & Roger Engle | Jeff & Dede PattersonWillis Bernhardt |
| **Altar Guild** | Craig WendtMarcia Mathias | Craig WendtMarcia Mathias | Craig WendtMarcia Mathias | Craig WendtMarcia Mathias | Debbie Wendt | Debbie Wendt |
| **Sound Crew** | Tanner BeckerCinta Becker | Tanner BeckerAngie Becker | Tanner BeckerHenry Nelson | Rodney WilsonJennifer Wilson | Tanner BeckerDale Diepenbrock | Tanner BeckerJenniferWilson |

**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.

Good Neighbor Parish

St Paul Lutheran Church Non-Profit Organization

114 North 8th Street

Herington, KS 67449

(785-258-3430)

Sundays

Hebron 9:30 am Worship

St. Paul = 9:30 am Adult Ed

 11:00 am Worship

**N FLAG DAY – JUNE 14**

