

St. Paul Lutheran Church

The History of the ELCA

A merger of three Lutheran churches formed the ELCA in 1988. They were The American Lutheran Church, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches and the Lutheran Church in America.

Now 30 years later, the ELCA is a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ's name throughout the world.

We trace our roots back through the mid-17th century, when early Lutherans came to America from Europe, settling in the Virgin Islands and the area that is now known as New York. Even before that, Martin Luther sought reform for the church in the 16th century, laying the framework for our beliefs.



Congregation News



Reeve Wagner	August 1
Deegan Maas	August 4
Jill Clark	August 8
Sarah Van Wert	August 9
Delbert Perez	August 13
Agnes Moore	August 15
Slater Weydert	August 15
Judy Anderson	August 19
Stan Peterson	August 19
Jerry Groven	August 19
Gordon Sietsema	August 20
Katie Brolsma	August 21
Hallie McCormick	August 21
Carly Heilskov	August 22
Willie Knipfel	August 23
Alex Anderson	August 24
Marcia Brolsma	August 26
Torie Korth	August 26
Mark Kienol	August 28
Opal Miller	August 31

Paul and Cynthia Krull	August 6th
Jim & Shelly Hilton	August 8th
Michael & Kayla Norman	August 8th
Ron & Diane Weldin	August 9th
Keegan and Becca Murphy	August 9th
Willie & Nancy Knipfel	August 24th
Eric & Stephanie Arenholz	August 25th
Jerry and Louise Woods	August 30th



For the health of body, mind, and spirit we pray for:
Family & Friends: Terry Wheeler, Jo Klein, Justin Mejia, Ev Fink, Kathy Brandt, Jan Hinrichs, Arvin Stadlander, Gary and Curtis Askew and the Call Committee Process.



Thank you very much for the quilt that was made for me, along with the great service! The quilt looks great in the bunk of my semi. I can't thank you guys enough for all of the love, support and guidance over the years!

I appreciate it all a ton!
 Sincerely, Alex Koch

Worship Schedule

August 7 **St. Paul Lutheran- 9:00 am**

August 14 **St. Paul Lutheran- 9:00 am**
 St. John's Lutheran- 11:00 am

August 21 **Harriman Park Potluck**
 Worship at 10:00 am
 Potluck to follow.

August 28 **St. Paul Lutheran- 9:00 am**
 St. John's Lutheran- 11:00 am

Participating in Worship:

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Reader	Ushers
August 7	Rayne and Reeve Wagner and Delores Schall	Bob and Julie Abendschein	Nikki Donnenwerth	Patrick Sietsema Ethan Viet Keegan Murphy Lowell Lange
August 14	Bryce Pralle Alan and Cristie Larsen	Bob and Julie Abendschein	Nikki Donnenwerth	
August 21	PICNIC	Stan and Marlys Peterson	Larry Alquist	
August 28	Cael Burmester and Jo Coonley	Stan and Marlys Peterson	Larry Alquist	

Coffee Hour:

We are in need of volunteers to serve and provide treats for coffee hour. Please consider volunteering.

Radio sponsorship

There are opportunities to sponsor the worship broadcast on KLMJ.

The cost is \$40.00. The sign up sheet is in the fellowship hall.

Just a reminder:

The Weekly Bulletins and Monthly Newsletters are published on-line.

Website: splchampton.com



**WOMEN
of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

I was asked recently; What is WELCA and what about circles?

The letters WELCA stand for the women in St. Paul and every other church in our synod: Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As such every woman in our church is automatically a member. There are no regular meetings, but as such we serve at all funerals, sponsor the Ham Dinner, the Christmas Bazaar. The money raised by these two events is used for projects within the church. Some examples are the banners and altar cloths, batting for quilts, new refrigerator, parsonage drapes, camperships, charitable gifts within the community. So as a WELCA member you may be called to work or provide food at these events.

There are no longer specific circles. There is a Bible Study group that meets the third Thursday of the month at the church or a member's home. This year we are studying the Holy Spirit. In addition a group gathers Wednesday morning at 9:00 am to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and bandages for World Health with coffee at 10:00 am. Health kits and school kits are also under that umbrella.

All members are welcome to participate in these activities and it is a good way to get acquainted with other St. Paul members.

Submitted by Sally Van Wert

This is a list of items we are currently collecting.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
2022 School Kits**

Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8 x 10 ½" ; no loose-leaf paper –

One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

One pencil sharpener

One pair of **blunt scissors** (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

One box of 16 or 24 crayons

Five No.2 pencils (unsharpened) secured with a rubber band

One 2 ½" eraser

School supplies are now on sale. Your contributions are appreciated!



VBS will be August 7 from 10:00-12:30.

Children ages 3 (potty trained) through entering 5th grade.

Please email or call the church by August 3 to register.

If you are interested in helping with a meal,
please contact Robin Maas 641-741-2889

Annual Picnic



Save the date!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP & POTLUCK PICNIC

When: August 21

Time: 10:00 am *(note the time change of service)*

Where: *Harriman Park (note the change of location)*

Please bring a dish or two to share and your own table service with silverware.

Refreshments will be provided.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



Hey kids (and parents), bring your backpacks to the Outdoor Worship and Potluck Picnic on Sunday, August 21 for a Blessing of the Backpacks!

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Monthly Council Meeting
July 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mari Cramer. Those in attendance were: Mari Cramer, Steph Korth, Paul Krull, Jay Van Wert, Kent Cramer, Patrick Sietsema, Shelley Hilton and Charlene Richtsmeier.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2022 meeting was made by Pat, seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Financial summary and budget report was reviewed. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Paul, seconded. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

Education: Robin has submitted her resignation from the Board of Education. Motion to approve her resignation was made by Pat, seconded. Motion carried.

Life and Growth: No report.

On August 21st **church service will be at Harriman's Park.**

Property and Management: Kent and Patrick – 1) A broken window has been replaced. 2) Working on replacing ground fault outlets in the kitchen. 3) Pat will contact the architect to get an estimate for a consultation to improve the altar layout.

Stewardship: Jay shared the amount of memorial money. Asked the council to consider ideas for using these funds.

Worship and Music: Paul – Most of the Sundays in September and October have supply pastors scheduled.

Call committee – The profile has been sent to the synod office. Synod representative Liz Albertson will be here July 31st. A meeting will be held after church.

Youth: Shelley – 1) **Had a youth that was planning to attend camp but wasn't able to go.** Funds were donated to the camp. 2) Working on youth activity for August.

WELCA: No report

Mari shared the Mission Endowment Fund Committee report that was submitted by Don Latham.

New Business: Ady will be gone a few days. She will post a note on the door when she **won't be in the office.**

Council discussed how to get families and children involved in church activities.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pat, seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting was closed at 7:45 with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting will be August 17th.

Respectfully submitted:

Charlene Richtsmeier



Council Meeting

The Council Meeting for August will be held on
Wednesday,

August 17 at 7:00 pm.

Stewardship Report

	Giving
July 3	\$3,842.00
July 10	\$2,293.00
July 17	\$2,510.00
July 24	\$2,099.00
July 31	N/ A

Total for July excluding July 31

\$ 10,744.00

* **Giving totals include:** Weekly Giving, Simply Giving, Building donations and Radio broadcast.



**Thank You to all the Church Council Members
who have served and are serving on the Council.**

We appreciate all you do for the church!

**God cares about everything
that concerns you, so feel free
to talk to Him about anything.**

Joyce Meyer

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Living in God's amazing grace

*Marked with the
cross of Christ for-
ever, we are cl aimed,
gathered, and sent
for the sake of the
worl d.*

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