

St. Paul Lutheran Church



“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” 2 Corinthians 5:17

As I write this article, we are experiencing one of the first days of fall weather. It's cooler, there's not much humidity, and everything feels crisp. The sun is shining and there's a light breeze, just enough to rustle the leaves. Though most of the leaves are still green and haven't let go of the trees yet, I know that will be coming soon.

Fall is my very favorite season. I love the change that always seems to happen out of nowhere. I love the pumpkins and the mums, the apples and the cooler weather. I love the color of the trees as they prepare for winter, the campfires, the comfy clothes (I mean, who doesn't love a cozy sweater?!), and the warm drinks. We are quite lucky to live in this area of the world, where we get to experience four such vastly different seasons in the year. Each time the seasons change, I am reminded of the verse above from the book of 2nd Corinthians. Each year, the earth becomes a new creation. But to do that in the spring and summer, we must go through fall and winter. In fall and winter, we let go. Some leaves and plants die, others go dormant. Many animals that live in creation begin to prepare to hibernate for the winter. We prepare our yards and gardens for a season of cold. In the same way, we prepare our hearts.

Perhaps, as we appreciate the autumn season, we can also reflect on our lives. What things are we called to let go, what old is ready to pass away? It's a season that is every bit as important as the spring, because without the old passing away, it will be far more difficult to appreciate the new creation that comes in the spring.

Peace,

Caitlin Tauro
Lay Minister



Congregation News



This Month's Birthdays

Spencer Clark	Oct. 2
Rayne Wagner	Oct. 3
Jack Clark	Oct. 6
Marilyn Latham	Oct. 7
Grant Foster-Thomas	Oct. 7
Toni Groven	Oct. 10
Beth Whalen	Oct. 10
Josie Donnenwerth	Oct. 12
Tara Krull	Oct. 18
Jay Van Wert, Sr.	Oct. 19
Maurita Sietsema	Oct. 21
Omer Miller	Oct. 22
Sam Showalter	Oct. 27
Lydia Maas	Oct. 29
Edna Wright	Oct. 30
Morgan Sietsema	Oct. 31



Jay & Sally Van Wert
October 22



John Sandvig, Leona Meyer, Joy Christensen, Leland Dhondt,
Kelly Bouchard (Robyn Kofoot's sister),



Bob Abendschein, Issiah Griemann,
Justin Mejia, Terry Wheeler, Verna Humburg,
Tauni and Mike Harmon (daughter and son-in law
of Terry and Karen Wheeler)
Jo Klein, Robert Swanson and Judy Holbrook.
Scan this QR code to add someone



**If you would know of someone
or you yourself would like to be added
to the prayer list,
please call or email the church office.**

**Or you may scan this QR code to add
people to the prayer list.**





Participating in Worship:

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Reader	Ushers
October 6	Dawson Wikert and Diane Weldin	Mike and Evelyn Cross	Jay Crawford	Tyler Koch Alex Koch Daniel Stevens Jaymes Stevens
October 13	Juliette Koch and Need	Need	Robin Wagner	
October 20	Peyton and Max Kofoot and Jo Coonley	Larry and Darlene Spear	Robin Wagner	
October 27	Confirmation Board of Life and Growth	Larry and Darlene Spear	Larry Alquist	

There are still opportunities for coffee hour hosts and radio broadcast sponsors. Please check out the sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall.

We are in need of greeters, ushers and readers, please contact the church office if you can help!! If there is a month that works better for you please let us know. Thank you!!

We are grateful!!

Thank you to everyone who gives to the Offering Jug. So far in 2024, \$2,272.48 has been collected. **Thank you!!**

Thank you to those who have designated St. Paul Lutheran as their "Thrivent Choice Dollars" recipient. \$2,956.00 has been deposited in 2024.

Thank you!!



WELCA is getting ready to ship many quilts, 28 Personal Care Kits and 50 School Kits. Lutheran World Relief has a collection site at Zion Jubilee in rural LaPorte City, Iowa from there they will be shipped overseas. The cost to ship these items overseas is \$2.80 a Quilt, \$2.85 a School Kit and \$1.50 a Personal Care Kit. If you would like to help with the cost of shipping please leave your donation in a envelopes in the offering plate. Thank you so much for your support!!

Every Wednesday- 9:00 am quilting 10:00 am coffee time! Everyone is welcome!!
Priscilla Circle will meet Oct. 17 in the church at 1:30 pm.



The last Sunday of this month is Reformation Sunday, which is a celebration of why we are Lutheran.

It might be a good day to wear red to church.



Save the Date

Ham Dinner - November 3

We will have dine-in again this year! We need lots of volunteers. Look for a sign-up sheet at church soon or give Ady a call and she will put you on the list. **As usual, the dinner will be on the first Sunday in November which is on the 3rd. Put that on your calendar now.**

ATTENTION YOUTH: Please plan on being at the church at 4:00 pm to help with the Ham Dinner!



The new concrete and landscaping looks so inviting!

There has been lots happening at church and parsonage lately. Think property and management has had Mort's and Murphy's on speed dial. Had to replace water softener, inside shut off valve and outside shut off at church. We had to replace water heater, had floor drain put in in the utility room in basement, fixed leak from upstairs bathroom, and jetted tree roots out of sewer line at parsonage. Also, North Country dug up and stored plants before cement work was started. Then divided them and replanted and added more along with decorative wall along new cement. ALL of these businesses graciously donated some of their time and materials for these projects! We want to thank you all and let you know how much we appreciate al you do for our church.

Also, the church would like to recognize Patrick Sietsema and Kent Cramer for their continued work on the Board of Property. They do a lot of work behind the scenes. We appreciate you!



Sunday School Schedule

Every Sunday Sept. 15- Dec. 15- 10:15- 11:00 am

November 24, December 1, 8: Christmas Program Practice during Sunday School Hour

December 11: Evening Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal, Time TBD

December 15: Christmas Program During Church, Sunday School activity during Sunday School Hour, Last day of Sunday School for year

January 12: Second Semester Sunday School begins

Adult Sunday School will begin the first Sunday in October after worship.

St Paul Lutheran Church
Monthly Council Meeting
September 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Jason VanWert. Those in attendance were Jason VanWert, Steph Korth, Patrick Sietsema, Evelyn Cross, Marcus Kofoot, Robyn Kofoot, Lay Minister Caitlin Tauro and LaDonna Jorges.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2024, meeting was made by Steph, seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Steph went over expenses. Motion to approve treasurer's report was made by Marcus, seconded. Motion carried.

Lay Minister's Report: Caitlin handed out her report stating what she has been doing the past month and future plans.

Board Reports:

Education: Robyn reported confirmation and Sunday school classes started. We have five teachers for Sunday school and mentors are meeting with confirmation students.

Life and Growth: No report

Property and Management: Patrick reported parsonage had a sewer backup and Mort's responded to the problem quickly. Drain has been installed. Caitlin asked if the first property walk through could be in October.

Stewardship: Marcus reported Endowment committee met and 20% will be given to Property. Candles will need to be replace in church.

Worship and Music: Evelyn reported there will be a change in liturgy.

Youth: Robyn reported Mason City Trinity asked our youth to a trip to the Wisconsin Dells area this summer.

WELCA: Evelyn reported it will be giving \$500.00 towards the landscaping project. Supplies for 50 school kits have been received and will need to be delivered by Oct. 12.

Old Business: Internet still not good so we will investigate comparing providers.

New Business: Bridge of Hope is having a fundraiser. November 3rd will be the Ham Dinner. Elections will be on Nov. 5th. Share of Warmth will be Oct. 26 so bring in good winter coats, hats and gloves. We will make sure your items gets to a collection site. It was suggested the hours Ady & Caitlin were going to be in the office be posted on the back door. There was discussion about what types of advertising should be in newsletters and bulletins. Decided would continue with fund raising type events but would not promote business for profit events.

Steph motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting was closed at 7:41pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

LaDonna Jorges, secretary

Stewardship Report

September 1	\$ 4,850.00
September 8	\$ 1,555.00
September 15	\$ 1,520.00
September 22	\$ 3,603.00
September 29	N/A
September total	\$11,528.00

You may scan this QR code to give electronically or set up automated giving.



Totals for September include: General Fund, Building Fund and Radio broadcast deposits.

These totals do not include September 29 giving.

Hampton News

**HELP KEEP FRANKLIN COUNTY WARM!
Donate your items Oct. 1st-25th**

Franklin County Family Focus

Share the Warmth

Pick-Up Times:
Saturday October 26th at 3 pm
Hampton Location: Band Shell Park
Coulter Location: City Park

Please Donate
Help us keep Franklin County warm by donating GENTLY USED or NEW Coats, Mittens, Hats, Scarves, Boots, Snow Pants, and other Winter items for all ages (Youth & Adult).

For more information please contact:
Hampton - Lil Velasco at ISU Extension and Outreach Franklin County (615) 630-8697
Latimer/Coulter - Lucy at (641) 425-6509

Donations Accepted Oct. 1 thru Oct. 25th

Donation drop off locations

- Hampton:
- ISU Extension and Outreach
- Franklin County Center One
- La Luz Centro Cultural
- First Bank Hampton
- First Security Bank
- United Bank & Trust

Donation drop off Locations

- Latimer:
- Immanuel UCC
- Post Office
- First Bank Hampton (Latimer Office)

Donation drop off Locations

- Coulter:
- Coulter Public Library
- Post Office

Franklin Family FOCUS
Helping Franklin County Live Better, One Day at a Time

Save the Date!

21st Annual
Harriman - Nielsen
Fall Festival

October 6th

1:00 - 4:00 pm

HAMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

FALL STORYTIME

Wednesdays 10am & 6pm

October 2nd
October 9th
October 16th
October 23rd
October 30th- Halloween
(Costumes Optional)
November 6th
November 13th
November 20th

Storytime is for children 12 months of age through kindergarten. There will be books, songs, rhymes, movement activities and more. There will be different toys, games, and activities provided each week for informal play. Please do not bring your own toys.

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Living in God's amazing grace

We are called through baptism to be a welcoming community of faith, grounded in worship and prayer, so that we may grow in Christ-like forgiveness and love.

Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.