

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Our Church History

St. Paul Lutheran Church was organized on December 3, 1927 under the leadership of Frank Brunning, Henry Fredericks, and Henry Bockelman, Sr. The first services were held on December 8th in the Fox Brothers Funeral Home. Rev. L.W. Reuther, then a pastor in Sheffield, conducted the meeting to adopt the Constitution. He served the congregation for several months until Rev. Paul Meyer was installed in May 1930. Rev. Meyer lived with families of the congregation until a parsonage was purchased for \$800 and moved next to the church. This parsonage was dedicated on June 21, 1931.

The Luther League is the oldest organization of the church. It began in May 1930. The Ladies Aid was organized in August 1930 with twelve charter members. The choir was also organized in 1930. The first class was confirmed on May 11, 1930. The class consisted of Gleneva Brunning, Esther Kruse, now Mrs. John Day, and Kenneth Freie. The first child baptized was Kenneth Bockelman.

Services were conducted in German and English for a number of years. The congregation soon needed more space so for a short time they worshipped in the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Next they made arrangements to hold services in a church owned by the German Evangelical congregation. This white wooden church was purchased in December 1930 for \$2,725.00

St. Paul was the first mission congregation of the A.L.C. The congregation received financial support from the Mission Board of the A.L.C. for six years and eight months in the amount of \$3,298.00. At the eighth annual meeting of the congregation held on January 5, 1938, a resolution was adopted to declare itself self-supporting. In 1942 a basement was dug under the church for Sunday School and fellowship space. New front and back entrances were also added at that time. In 1945 the old reed organ gave way to a new Hammond Electric model. This year also saw the first use of individual communion cups. In its 25th year, Sovick and Associates were hired to draw up plans for a new church. These plans were adopted on September 19, 1954. The structure would be 40' x 72' with a two-level parish hall measuring 32' x 70'. Ground-breaking was held on April 10, 1954, on the existing lot. The adjoining lot to the south was purchased from Mrs. Herman Fredericks in the fall of 1953. The dwelling was sold and removed, as was the old church building. Cornerstone-laying ceremonies were held on July 31, 1955. During the time of construction, services were held in the Memorial Hall. By September of 1955, services were held on the second floor of the partially completed parish hall. Services were held in the new church for the first time in the summer of 1956. Dedication was held on April 28 and May 5, 1957.

God has continued to bless St. Paul with growth in numbers and faith. To accommodate the new growth of the congregation and its ministry, ground was broke for a new addition in 1997. The new fellowship hall, offices, kitchen, and classrooms were dedicated on September 13, 1998.

Many other improvements have been made since 1998.

May the Lord of the church continue His work through us in the years ahead.

Congregation News



SEPTEMBER



Eric Arenholz	September 3
Chase Skarpness	September 3
Debby Klein	September 3
Tyler Koch	September 11
Paul Flint	September 12
Jay Crawford	September 13
Jim Hilton	September 13
Judy Holbrook	September 14
Robert Abendschein	September 15
Scout Van Wert	September 16
Kathy Brandt	September 17
Amber Morton-Dann	September 17
Lowell Lange	September 18
Shirley Lange	September 18
EIDean Madetzke	September 18
Layla Arenholz	September 19
Christen Foster-Thomas	Sept 19
Hallie McCormick	September 21
Karen Hintch	September 21
Jessica Ellias-Viet	September 25
Dawson Wikert	September 26
Jeff Jaacks	September 27
Howard Brandt	September 27
Clint Burmester	September 28
Sharon Schwab	September 28
Zach Maas	September 30

CELEBRATING AN 
Anniversary

Mike & Nadine Goodwin	September 1
Don and Marilyn Latham	September 1
Stan & Marlys Peterson	September 5
Kyle & Shelby McCormick	September 5
Jim & Janet Kohls	September 7
Leland & Jane Dhondt	September 9
George & Edna Wright	September 11
Ethan and Jessica Viet	September 12
Jerrod & Brandi Wikert	September 25
Clint & Jill Burmester	September 27
David & Teresa Fielding	September 29
Patrick & Maurita Sietsema	September 29

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

Prayer List:

Terry Wheeler, Jo Klein, Justin Mejia,
Kathy Brandt, Jan Hinrichs, Gary and Curtis
Askew, Arvin Stadlander, and the Call Process.

Thank You!

Thank you Tori Kor th for
spraying the weeds around the church
and par sonage!

Worship Schedule

September 4	St. Paul	9:00 am
September 11	St. Paul	9:00 am
	St. John's	11:00 am
September 18	St. Paul	9:00 am
September 25	St. Paul	9:00 am
	St. John's	11:00 am

ministry

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Reader	Ushers for the month
September 4	Peyton Kofoot and Sally Van Wert	Jay and Sally Van Wert	Nikki Donnenwerth	Ron Weldin Jay Ketelson Cael Burmester
September 11	Jayson and Jaymes Stevens and NEED	Clint and Jill Burmester	Christen Foster-Thomas	
September 18	Lydia and Marlee Maas and NEED	Toni Groven Jo Coonley	Mike Cross	
September 25	Dawson Wikert and NEED	Toni Groven Jo Coonley	Mike Cross	

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



Summer is almost over already. Are you ready for fall? It will be here whether we're ready or not. Here are some reminders about what is happening for the women at St. Paul church for the next couple of months. We have been collecting items for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. Thanks to you and your donations we will be able to put together 50 kits! Thank you!!!

Here are a few opportunities for WELCA:

September 8: Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Radcliffe has invited us to the annual guest night salad supper on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.. Anita Hinkeldey McVey will present the program. She is author of the book, *Because He First Fed Us*. If you would like to attend there is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall to car pool. A free will offering will be taken.

October 9: Riverside Cluster F Women of the ELCA is holding a Fall Gathering to celebrate all of the Women in our cluster as we emerge from the restrictions of the Covid Pandemic. The theme is *Hats Off to You Ladies!* This will be an event to celebrate with each other, enjoy fellowship with each other and enjoy some fun and dessert. **The event will take place here at St. Paul on Sunday October 9 at 2:00 pm.** Wear a hat of your choosing or making. An offering will be taken to help WELCA meet the on-going LSI Spiritual Life Challenge. This event is hosted by WELCA of St. Paul Lutheran Church and sponsored by the Cluster F Riverside Board members. We want to see you on October 9th. Come and have some fun and fellowship!

November 6: Annual Ham Dinner at our congregation. Please keep this fundraiser in mind when considering how you may help at the church this fall. Many hands make for lots of fun and much lighter work for everyone. This is a great opportunity for fellowship.



Opportunity to serve:

Altar Guild—We are in need of people to help with Altar Guild the months of October, November and December. It is not a complicated job. If you want to know what it involves or volunteer, please contact Robyn Kofoot or Ady at the office.

If you know of someone who would like communion in their home, we can help. Please contact Toni Groven or the church office.

Baptism



Celebrating with joy,
Kinsley James
Viet
child of God.

Baptized:
August 7, 2022

Pictured left to right are
Carlee Viet (Sponsor)
Ethan, Kinsley and Jessica Viet
Luke Ellias (Sponsor)

The baptism was officiated by Pastor Tom Dettmer (pictured on the left) and special prayers were offered by Pastor Craig Ause, (pictured on the right). Jessica's grandfather is Pastor Craig Ause, who was pastor here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church from 1966-1972. He and his wife, Marilyn, are now retired in Ames, Iowa after serving parishes in Spencer and Slater, Iowa.

They're thrilled to be celebrating the baptism of their first great-grandchild with the congregation here at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Hampton, Iowa! It was a very special day!



Save the date!

September 18

Join us for a fun afternoon of activities
for all ages and an evening meal!

More information will be coming!

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Monthly Council Meeting
August 17, 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, Shelley Hilton, Jason Van Wert and Charlene Richtsmeier.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2022 meeting was made by Paul, seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Financial summary and budget report was reviewed. The Youth financial report was given. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Jason, seconded. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

Education: No report.

Life and Growth: No report.

Property and Management: No report.

Stewardship: No report.

Worship and Music: Paul – Working to find supply pastors. Brought up advent services. Council agreed to proceed with advent services.

A suggestion was made that a list of duties for readers be compiled so a person knows what duties are included.

Youth: Shelley – Working on youth activity for September. Would like parents and youth to be involved in the planning of activities.

WELCA: No report

Old Business: **Blood drive was held at St. Paul's on July 25th.**

New Business: A Fall Festival is planned for Sunday afternoon on September 18th. Will be held in Hansell. Jason and Shelley will organize the event. Suggested activities include a hayride, kickball, games in the park, a barbeque meal.

Motion that the church pay for the meal was made by Jay, seconded. Motion carried.

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

Meeting was closed at 8:10 with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting will be September 21st.

Respectfully submitted:

Charlene Richtsmeier

Stewardship Report

	Giving
August 7	\$5,895.00
August 14	\$2,680.00
August 21	\$784.00
August 28	\$1,205.00

Total for August

\$10,564.00

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



CALL COMMITTEE

On July 31st, the Call Committee invited Pastor Liz Albertson from the North East Iowa Synod office to share with us on how the synod helps guide us through the call process and what the call committee has been doing so far. She explained the synod as similar to a Farmer's Co-Op, or a network of congregations, who are able to work together as a group, and therefore, accomplish more.

Questions asked of Pastor Albertson included:

- * Can a Pastor pick a church?
- * How many pastors are available and how many churches are in need?
- * Can we (the congregation) see the Pastor's exit interview?
- Can we hear our potential next pastor do a service before we extend a call?

During the forum, we learned that, yes, Pastors have the ability to look at the synod website and select us from our demographics. At this time, there are more churches in need of a pastor than there are pastors available. There are roughly 30 churches listed with the synod currently. Pastor Dan Hanson's exit interview was done with the church president and was presented to the church council, but it is not presented to the congregation. Along with the exit interview, the call committee also met with Pastor Dan prior to his departure to ask questions that will help aid the call process. While anyone can view most other church services now (COVID has made internet services quite popular), it is not considered the best policy to have everyone in the congregation previewing a service due to the "red flags" it presents for an incoming pastor with their current congregation. The church & call committee need to be discreet in order to not upset another congregation.

Pastor Albertson also explained the call process: the call committee would take their recommendation to the church council. The church council would call a meeting of the congregation members to vote on the call. Following the vote, the congregation would contact the synod office, the bishop would extend the call, and then the pastor would have up to 30 days to accept/ decline.

Please continue to pray for the Call Committee and for our next Pastor.

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