

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
22163 Sumac Road  
Neola, IA 51559-5069

*Saving a seat for you and your family.  
The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

## *July 2023 News*

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**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
(Boomer Township)  
22163 SUMAC ROAD, NEOLA, IA 51559  
Church Number: 402-915-2495**

**Email: [stpsecretary3123@gmail.com](mailto:stpsecretary3123@gmail.com)**

**Website: [stpaulsneola.church](http://stpaulsneola.church)**

**Join us for worship Sunday mornings at 9:30**

*Just a reminder if you are not able to make it to Sunday Services they are still being  
streamed on our Facebook page.*

**Facebook: [@STPaulNeola](https://www.facebook.com/STPaulNeola)** 

**Bible study will be held Sunday mornings at 8:15-8:45 in the church basement  
Saturday's @ 7:30 am - Men's Prayer Group**

If you are not receiving emails, and would like to, send an email to [stpsecretary3123@gmail.com](mailto:stpsecretary3123@gmail.com) or [officemanager@stpaulsneola.church](mailto:officemanager@stpaulsneola.church)

*The Mission Of St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

Share the Good News of Jesus Christ and to make disciples of all nations. therefore, with God's help, we will:

**Proclaim Christ** in word and deed;

**Invite** the unchurched to "Come and See Jesus";

**Commit ourselves to discipleship** through Bible study, worship, prayer, Christ-like servanthood and fellowship;

**Open ourselves** to the Holy Spirit's leading, so that whatever we do, we do in Jesus' name.

Amen

*July Celebrations....*

*(please let Emily Pruett know of any new birthdays or anniversaries)*

Landry Bracker- 7/1

Dan Kenealy- 7/4

Dan & Emily Pruett- 7/6/13

Lavera Jensen- 7/8

Marlin & Julie Jenson- 7/10

Ramona Bracker- 7/12

Emmalee Reese- 7/14

Wendy & Alan Matson- 7/16

Steve Andersen- 7/17

Cade Bracker- 7/18

Ruben & Beth Valdez- 7/18/1992

Marlin Jenson- 7/21

Charlie Hillis- 7/28

Rashelle Wohlers- 7/28

Jacqueline Olsen-7/29



**Upcoming Sunday's**

**July 2nd;** Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**Reader: Emily McKern**

Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 119:153-160 Romans 7:1-13 Matthew 10:34-42

**July 9th;** Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**Reader: Bruce Bracker**

Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:1-14 Romans 7:14-25a Matthew 11:25-30

**July 16th;** Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Reader: Steve Andersen**

Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:(1-8) 9-13 Romans 8:12-17 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**July 23rd;** Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**Reader: Terri Andersen**

Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 119:57-64 Romans 8:18-27 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**July 30;** Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**Reader: Monte Bracker**

Deuteronomy 7:6-9 Psalm 125 Romans 8:28-39 Matthew 13:44-52

**August 6;** Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Reader: Julie Jenson**

Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 136:1-9 (23-26) Romans 9:1-5 (6-13) Matthew 14:13-21

**August 13;** Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Reader: Denise Kephart**

Job 38:4-18 Psalm 18:1-6 (7-16) Romans 10:5-17 Matthew 14:22-33



We are looking for some volunteers to clean the church. It takes about an hour and a half just once a week. If you would be interested in taking on a month or two please let Julie Jenson know. You can get a group together and it will be done in no time!

***July 22nd will be VBS. We are partnering with Minden United and Neola Presbyterian to host VBS. It will be held at Arrowhead from 9-3. Registration forms are in the newsletter and in the Narthex. We are in charge of making and serving lunch as well as a snack. We will need some volunteers to put cold lunches and snacks together the Friday before. We will also need a few helpers to walk around with campers at each station during VBS. Please let Emily Pruett know if you would be interested in helping.***

# Vacation Bible School 2023

A collaboration with Neola Presbyterian Church, St. Paul's Lutheran, and Minden United Church of Christ.

**July 22nd: 9am-3pm: Delbert's Den Arrowhead Park**

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Fall 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Any allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Home town church name: \_\_\_\_\_

My children can leave VBS with: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please send this form to Emily Pruett**

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**by July 15th or email Pam with the age/grade and names of all kids wanting to participate at [PPDANKER@yahoo.com](mailto:PPDANKER@yahoo.com)**

Council Meeting Minutes

June 2023

People present: Steve Andersen, Bill Bracker, Julie Jenson, Monte Bracker, Pastor Joe Lambert, and Nate Eckley.

Members not present: Emily McKern, Rashelle Wohlers, Mike VanSicle, Bob Gregory, and Ruben Valdez

Motion by Steve and Second by Bill to approve minutes, carried

Nate reports: Newsletter on website, new phone number is working well, update new microphone

Motion by Steve and second by Bill to approve financials; carried.

Pastor's Report: will continue with catechism, creed and 10 commandments theme.

Julie has a family in need of food. The council will get some of that need filled and use funds from the spending account.

Ava Bracker will give the message at service on July 2nd.

Pastor Joe is on vacation July 3-13th

Musical group is coming the 9th

Call committee is in the process of conducting a couple interviews and one visit from Jack Landon.

Julie reported that the flowers were planted in Neola.

Emily Pruett is coordinating with 2 other local churches on VBS

Building project: getting plans drawn up and starting to get bids. Jim Bracker is helping with this.

Next meeting will be July 17th at 6:30

Julie motioned to adjourn and the council closed with Lord's Prayer.

Minutes Submitted by Bill Bracker

As we are studying the sections of Luther's Small Catechism through the summer, I thought it good to use some other elements from the Book of Concord here in the newsletter. When you want more than is offered here or at worship, please refer to the website referenced here. Be blessed, my sisters and brothers by the witness of those who have come before us so that you in this generation may also be a blessing. **See you at worship this week!**

### Christian Questions and their Answers

(Source: <https://bookofconcord.org/small-catechism/> )

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner?  
**Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.**
2. How do you know this?  
**From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.**
3. Are you sorry for your sins?  
**Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.**
4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins?  
**His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. See Romans 6:21,23.**
5. Do you hope to be saved?  
**Yes, that is my hope.**
6. In whom then do you trust?  
**In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.**
7. Who is Christ?  
**The Son of God, true God and man.**
8. How many Gods are there?  
**Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**
9. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?  
**He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.**

**Return to the August Newsletter for more. Or go to the Book of Concord now.  
Peace to you all in Jesus' name.**