

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
22163 Sumac Road
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*Saving a seat for you and your family.
The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

April 2022 News

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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 

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 or 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

Happy Birthday to...

Rhett Jenson- 4/15

Vera Pruett- 4/30



I am working on a new church directory. I will be available to take family pictures each Wednesday Night during Lent. If you would rather use a family photo you already have please email it to me. If Wednesday nights won't work let me know and we will work something out. I am working on a list of contact information that will include everyone's name, address, phone number, birthday and anniversary to go with their picture. If you would like to see anything else in this directory please feel free to let me know. I will be making this book myself which allows me to put it together any way we would like. When the book is done I will have a rough draft to approve before they are sent to the printer. We are well overdue for a new directory. I look forward to putting this together for everyone to enjoy. Thanks Emily



Upcoming Sunday's

April 3rd; 5th Sunday in Lent	<i>communion</i>	Reader: Monte Bracker
April 10th; Palm Sunday		Reader: Rashelle Wohlers
April 14th; Maunday Thursday	<i>communion</i>	Reader: Julie Jenson
April 15th; Good Friday		
April 17th; Easter Sunday	<i>communion</i>	Reader: Bruce Bracker
April 24th; Second Sunday of Easter		Reader: Steve Andersen
May 1st; Third Sunday of Easter	<i>communion</i>	Reader: Harriette Andersen

This is a website we use to get the readings and other materials each week. It has some wonderful information and tools.

www.solapublishing.com

Username: sower2958

Password: stpauls-neola

Lenten Services will begin at 7:00 PM, with a Soup Supper starting at 6:00 PM. March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, and April 6th

Thank you to everyone who has contributed delicious meals during this time. The fellowship before service is almost as important as the service itself. This is one extra special quality we have as a "family" church that makes us stand out from all the rest.

Easter Lilies and Mums: If you would like to order an Easter Lily or Mum please fill out an envelope and place it in the offering baskets by April 3rd. Envelopes can be found in the Narthex under the bulletin board.

With One Voice hymnals: We have ordered 25 With One Voice Hymnals. If you would like to purchase one in memory of anyone please let Emily know. They are 15.00 each.

Spring Cleanup: Saturday April 9th 9:00 a.m. weather permitting. Cleaning out flower beds, prayer garden, play area and anything else that needs to be done.



Easter Service

7:00 a.m. service with a Breakfast/ Brunch to follow. The council members will supply the main food, drinks, preparing and serving. We ask the congregation to bring rolls, donuts. The confirmation kids will be on cleanup duty. The Easter Brunch will be a Free Will Offering and the money collected will go into a Youth Event Fund to be used for fun outings ... bowling, going to the movies etc. We will be having an Easter egg hunt during the brunch. The Underwood High School Girls soccer team is having a Easter Egg fund raiser. They will come out to the church and hide all the eggs (they will be filled with candy & surprises.) We hope to see you there!



The council was approached by the City of Neola to help with another portion of their park beautification plan. They decided to build a pergola (shade structure) and plant some perennials. The plan is to build the structure and plant flowers this month. If you would like to participate in this community project please reach out to a council member. There will be more information in the refrigerator page as well as on our facebook page and website.

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...” (Paul – 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

I don't talk much on Wednesday night devotions. I think the songs and the prayers and the kids reading and the Matthew videos are so powerful that my words would only detract and confuse. Paul had a lot to say and it's interesting to me that he waited until chapter 15 of his letter to the Corinthians to pass on the most important lesson "... Christ died, buried and raised on the third day ... as the Scriptures say..." Matthew's story is going in that direction.

In our time in this world we like to focus on resilience – the ability to bounce back. It's not that winners never lose but rather that when they lose they figure out how to get up and give it another and hopefully better try. "I get knocked down – But I get up again" (Chumbawumba) It's always more important to get up one more time when you get knocked down. Such is the wisdom of the world.

Jesus is not resilient – He **DIES** confident that his Father's love and faithfulness will raise him on the third day. And it does to the Glory of God! We have sad weeks ahead that should appropriately be grieved. And we have days of victory ahead that should be welcomed with a Cry of triumph. **THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! HALLELUJAH!**

At St. Paul's we are moving forward. And we believe that God is raising up someone who will serve as pastor and bring blessings for many years to our community. In the meantime grieve the things that are gone and are going that we will certainly miss even when we appreciated them. Then build a vision and a future that is consistent with that vision. Take small steps but always in the right direction. Worship is our current point of contact. Be sure to be part of the worshiping community now so that we all may participate in the fruitful future that God has in mind as He, in His love and faithfulness, keeps raising us from the dead. Not resilient – but redeemed and resurrected.

“The Church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led, Must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.”

See you at worship this week!

St Paul's Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Feb 28 2022 11:00 a.m.

Attendance: Monte Bracker, Josh Bracker, Jim Jenson, Bob Gregory, Ruben Valdez, Julie Jenson

Absent: Rashelle Wohlers, Steve Andersen, Bill Bracker

Opening prayer : Monte Bracker

Elected Jim Jenson as our Vice President Monte Bracker 1st Ruben Valdez 2nd all approved.

On April 30th there will be an internment at the cemetery and a catered luncheon. Julie Jenson will let Eilene Killpack and Lona Lebaugh know. Someone just needs to be there for any questions.

Vital Signs submitted a design and price quote for the church sign for the corner of L34 & Railroad Hwy. Julie Jenson is going to contact them to see what the cost would be to put on reflective letters and paint. We are going with Blue Background and White letters.

Spending account : Committee Jim Jenson, Bob Gregory, Julie Jenson - no money will be spent without discussing with the church council.

Future Pastor funds: we will not be using any of the Bracker endowment money. Further questions on the endowments we will be using will be discussed at our next meeting.

The Endowment Spending and Investment Policy - we need to read over this policy and revise it to meet current changes. This policy was last revised in 2007. We will follow up at the next meeting.

The Question of the meeting was What is Evangelism???

Next Council meeting is March 8th 2022.

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned.

Julie Jenson 1st Jim Jenson 2nd all approved.

Minutes by: Julie Jenson

March 8th 2022 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church council meeting

Attendance : Josh Bracker, Ruben Valdez, Monte Bracker, Steve Andersen, Bob Gregory, Julie Jenson, Pastor Joe Lambert

Absent : Rashelle Wohlers, Bill Bracker, Jim Jenson

Opening Prayer: Pastor Joe

Meeting called to order: Josh Bracker

Minutes from last meeting Feb 28 2022 approved Monte Bracker 2nd Steve Andersen approved by all.

Treasurer Report: presented by Nancy Hedgaard & Bob Gregory . Approved by Monte Bracker 2nd by Julie Jenson approved by all.

Pastor Report : Pastor Joe reported all is going good. He will be gone the last week of March . Josh will reach out to Pastor Norm Jelken to preach on that Sunday.

Pastor Joe would love to hear any feedback good or back on his sermons and his music ideas.

Old Business: we are still discussing the Endowment Policy.

We will have the.. Bracker Endowment and the.. Hooge, Young and Hedegaard Endowment

Welcome Packet: Pastor Joe & Emily Pruitt are working together on this project.

The Neola Park Project : Planting flowers and building a Pergola. We are asking Bill Bracker and Emily Pruitt to make a plan for this project and let the council know how we will proceed.

New Business:

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Next Meeting : April 12th 2022 6:30 p.m.

Closing Prayer : Lord's Prayer

Adjourned: Julie Jenson 2nd Ruben Valdez Approved by all

Julie Jenson: recorded the minutes

Pot luck dinners are something that everyone looks forward to. There is always plenty and it is always good. So many things change with the times, but something that will always remain is a good meal with a sweet treat. Please send me your favorite recipes so that others can enjoy them.

Recipe Share

Emma's rhubarb dessert

(submitted by Eileen Killpack)

4 c. diced rhubarb

1 c. sugar

1 pkg. red jello mix these three ingredients and put in 9x13 pan

Sprinkle 1 pkg. dry yellow or white cake mix over it

Melt 1/3 c. butter in 1 c. water and pour over. Bake for 1 hour at 350.

PINEAPPLE TORTE-GEORGIA BRACKER

1# vanilla wafers
2 C pwd sugar
1/2 C butter
3 eggs (beaten)
1 C crushed pineapple (drained)
1 C whipped cream
1/2 C nuts

Crush wafers. Use half on bottom, rest on top. Blend pwd. sugar and butter. Add eggs and fold in rest of ingredients.

DATE PUDDING-MRS RICHARD FOX

1 C white sugar 1 C flour
1/2 C milk 2 t B.P.
1 C dates 1 t vanilla
1/2 C nuts

Mix in order given, mix well and put into greased (layer cake) pan. Then pour over it 2 T butter 2 C boiling water, pinch salt, and 1 C brown sugar boiled together. Bake at 350° about 40 min. Serve with whipped cream. The pudding is done when the syrup is all baked in, but do not over-bake.

You can use raisins, prunes or apples in place of the dates.