

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.*

## ***February 2022 News***

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**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
(Boomer Township)**

**Join us for worship Sunday mornings at 9:30  
\*the church is open for services or you can join us virtually through our  
facebook page\***

**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**

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***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

(Please let Emily know if I missed your Birthday or Anniversary so it can be added to our master list. You are important and we want to share it!!)

***Happy Birthday to...***

***Bob Gregory- 2/5***

***Kristen Bracker- 2/6***

***Kiley Jenson- 2/12***

***Audrey Wohlers- 2/16***

***Annette Bracker- 2/25***



***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** 

**Prepare yourself for worship.** Take some time to read the passages we will be hearing Sunday,

**February 6, 2021** *Communion*

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)

**Psalm:** 138

**Second Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

**Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11

**Reader this week is ...**

Monte Bracker

**February 13, 2021**

**First Lesson:** Jeremiah 17:5-8

**Psalm:** 1

**Second Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 15:(1-11) 12-20

**Gospel:** Luke 6:17-26

**Reader this week is ...**

Harriette Andersen

**February 20, 2021** *Communion*

**First Lesson:** Genesis 45:3-15

**Psalm:** 103:1-13

**Second Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

**Gospel:** Luke 6:27-38

**Reader this week is ...**

Julie Jenson

**February 27, 2020:**

**First Lesson:** Deuteronomy 34:1-12

**Psalm:** 99

**Second Lesson:** Hebrews 3:1-6

**Gospel:** Luke 9:28-36

**Reader this week is ...**

Rashelle Wohlers

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

[www.solapublishing.com](http://www.solapublishing.com)

**Username:** sower2958

**Password:** stpauls-neola

When you read the Bible does it strike you as the living and active word of God that the writer of Hebrews describes? Able to pierce between the division of your soul and spirit? Able to discern the thoughts and intentions of your heart? (Hebrews 4:12-13) That is some pretty intense authority and those of us who insist on the ability to rule ourselves can find the premise pretty intimidating.

Well I wish I could soften the blow but I can't. God is God and His Word remains. Always a threat to uncover things I want to stay hidden He never-the-less seeks me out crying as if to Adam (the first Man) "Where are you?"

The great and cool part is that he seeks his own child so that they might regain what was lost. The lost one envisions punishment for having failed to do what's right. God calls your name in order that you might be redeemed and rejoin a fellowship of faith even in the middle of trouble. Please, if you read this, find your way to a congregation of faithful people who confess truth and even when the truth is sinful hear a WORD of forgiveness and life and salvation – won by God's love in Jesus! I would like to recommend St. Paul's Lutheran on Sumac Road. I have been blessed and challenged to deepen my faith and my ability to express it since I have become a part of St. Paul's. I hope you join us and find the same blessing.

Please review last month's questions. They are still on the table and I hope to talk with many more of you about them. Please invite me. I am open to going anywhere to meet you. New questions to consider:

1. How do you understand that God is leading you in your life?
2. To what or to whom do you compare your life?
3. How is your life blessed by the people with whom you associate?
4. How is your life challenged by the people in your life?

Please call. We can talk on the phone or in person. It is important in the process of seeing and moving toward the future for which we are being prepared. The staff, the council, and the call committee are doing terrific work. The whole congregation can pray and work to be prepared for the pastor that will be serving us soon. Even though we don't know who it is yet, we have confidence that God has been, is, and will be faithful.

**See you at worship this week.**

**P.S. Please reserve Wednesday evenings starting on Ash Wednesday (March 2) for midweek Lenten services. We'll be looking at Jesus through Matthew's Gospel as depicted through the Visual Bible project. It can change your life!**

**January 2022 Meeting Minutes**

This is the meeting of St Paul's Lutheran Church held on Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the basement of the church. Council members present: Josh Bracker, Steve Andersen, Dale Stephens, Bob Gregory, Julie Jenson, Jim Jenson, and Rashelle Wohlers.

Not present: Ruben Valdez and Ava Bracker

Also present: Pastor Joe Lambert and Nancy Hedegaard

Josh, as President, conducted the meeting

Nate (IT) said the website is doing well, averaging 60 new users per month. He changed out microphones to get 360-degree coverage. We're also going to pay approximately \$10/month for a few months to see if promoting our page will attract more attention to our church.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob, all in favor, motion passes.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Motion to approve by Dale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve, all in favor, motion passes.

We discussed the Agenda for the Congregational Meeting.

Pastor's Report was given verbally. His installation will be done during the service on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. He needs about five people to help. Motion to approve Pastor's Report by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve, all in favor, motion passes

Old Business:

- Funds were sent to church in Peducah, KY.

New Business:

- Monte Bracker has agreed to come back on to council as a Trustee. Dale Stephens and Julie Jenson have agreed to serve an additional term. Installation will be February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Lenten Services will begin at 7:00 PM, with a Soup Supper starting at 6:00PM starting March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve, to adjourn. All in favor, motion passes.

We closed the meeting by all reciting the Lord's Prayer together.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**22163 SUMAC RD, NEOLA, IOWA 51559-5069**  
**JANUARY 23, 2022**

The 141st Annual Congregational Meeting of St. Paul's Lutheran Church was held in the church sanctuary following services on January 23, 2022, with 29 voting members present.

Josh Bracker, as president conducted the meeting.

1. Determination of Quorum and Opening Devotions Meeting was opened at 11:00 with a devotion and prayer led by Pastor Joe Lambert. Pastor Joe thanked the congregation for welcoming him. He also spoke about his job as an interim and his role in helping the church with the call process.

2. Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Bruce Bracker and seconded by Julie Jenson to approve the agenda, motion carried.

3. Approval of Secretary's Minutes: It was moved by Kiley Jenson and seconded by Julie Jenson to approve the 2021 annual meeting minutes, motioned carried.

4. Discussion and Questions of Reports:
- a. Pastor's - pages 4-5
  - b. Congregational Chairman's - page 6
  - c. Women's - page 7
  - d. Endowment Spending Account - page 8
  - e. Financial - page 9
  - f. Auditors' - page 14

It was moved by Bruce Bracker and seconded by Dale Stephens to approve the 2021 Pastor's, Congregational Chairman's, Women's, spending account, Financial and Auditors' report; motion carried.

5. Elections page 15

**Nominations:**

Deacon (3 year term)- Dale Stephens  
Trustee (3 year term)- Monte Bracker  
Financial Secretary (3 year term)- Julie Jenson

Josh Bracker asked for any other nominations. Bill Bracker was nominated to serve as Deacon. It was voted on by the congregation, in a 12 for Dale Stephens and 14 for Bill Bracker, to elect Bill Bracker as Deacon.

It was moved by Bruce Bracker and seconded by Terri Anderson to elect these as council members, motion carried.

**2022 Council Members:**

Rashelle Wohlers (secretary)

Josh Bracker (deacon)

Julie Jenson (financial secretary)

Bob Gregory (financial treasurer)

Jim Jenson (trustee)

Monte Bracker (trustee)

Bill Bracker (deacon)

Steve Andersen (deacon)

Ruben Valdez (trustee)

It was unanimously voted by the congregation to elect Josh Bracker as the 2022 Congregational Chairman. A round of applause was given to the new Chairman.

It was moved by Dale Stephens and seconded by Jim Jenson to approve Beth Valdez, Emily Pruett, and Terri Anderson as the 2022 nominating committee; motion carried.

It was moved by Bruce Bracker and seconded by Harriette Andersen to approve Bob Gregory as the Bethany Lutheran Home Delegate; motion carried.

It was moved by Dale Stephens and seconded by Kiley Jenson to approve Norm and Vonnice Jelken to attend the LCMC gathering, motion carried.

6. Approval and discussion of 2022 Proposed Budget: Josh Bracker discussed that the council is coming up with a variety of ideas to save money. This is a topic due to the decrease in funds coming in through offerings. Bruce Bracker and Dale Stephens would like to encourage the congregation to increase their giving.

It was moved by Steve Andersen and seconded by Marlin Jenson to approve the 2022 proposed budget, motion carried.

7. Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

8. New Business:

a. Dale updated the congregation on the call process. The call committee is working diligently to find a new Pastor. They are working with Pastor Joe to share our name with a variety of places. The committee is taking its time to ensure that the best decision is made.

b. The council has decided that we need a full time pastor. In order to fund that they would like to use endowment funds to provide a full time salary.

9. Adoption of Budget: It was moved by Dale Stephens and seconded by Beth Valdez to adopt the Budget for 2022 as presented, motion carried.

It was moved by Rashelle Wohlers and seconded by Caleb Wohlers to adjourn the 141<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting. Motion carried.

Closed with the Table Prayer

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Pruett  
Church Secretary

## Recipe Share

### How to Boil Water

Put water in a tea kettle or a pan on the stove, high heat. When the surface is covered with bouncing breaking bubbles, you have your boiling water. This is good to add to any Jello for dessert, and makes a good drink when poured over a small amount of instant tea or coffee in a cup. This recipe is of special value for all the men when asked for recipes who say they couldn't even boil water.

*This recipe comes from an Old Settlers Cookbook printed in 1969. We found this cookbook in a little antique type shop several years ago. Not only is this book filled with delicious recipes and funny additional quotes, it also has bits and smudges of evidence it was very well used.*

Pot luck dinners are something that everyone looks forward to. There is always plenty and it is always good. There are so many things that 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.

## Upcoming Events

**February 6th: Installation of 2022 council members**

**February 9th 6:30pm: council meeting**

**Lenten Services will begin at 7:00 PM, with a Soup Supper starting at 6:00PM starting March 9<sup>th</sup>.**