

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.*

March 2022 News

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

(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...

Maura Jensen- 3/5

Dave Barteltt- 3/16

Ruben Valdez- 3/18

Hazley Larson- 3/24



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

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

March 6, 2021 *Communion*
First Lesson:Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm:Psalm 91:1-13
Second Lesson:Romans 10:8b-13
Gospel:Luke 4:1-13

Reader this week is ...

Harriette Andersen

March 13, 2021
First Lesson:Jeremiah 26:8-15
Psalm:4
Second Lesson:Philippians 3:17 – 4:1
Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Reader this week is ...

Bruce Bracker

March 20, 2020: *Communion*
First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-20
Psalm: 85
Second Lesson:1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Gospel:Luke 13:1-9

Reader this week is ...

Terri Anderson

March 27, 2021
First Lesson:Isaiah 12:1-6
Psalm:32
Second Lesson:2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Reader this week is ...

Steve Andersen

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

Username: sower2958

Password: stpauls-neola

Lenten Services will begin at 7:00 PM, with a Soup Supper starting at 6:00PM.

March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, and April 6th

“You are dust and to dust you will return.”

I have been intimately familiar with this promise of God which shows up in the very early days of human history. The Bible records this promise near the end of Chapter 3 of Genesis when the man and the woman were deliberately and selfishly disobedient to God's command to exhibit a little self control as regards their diet. A modern cardiologist might issue a similar warning: “If you eat that it will kill you.” The Creator of all that is carries a little more authority because He can raise up out of nothing even life itself and He can without exception execute judgment on his creation both in time and in eternity. But Lent, on Ash Wednesday, always remembers this promise – “You are dust and to dust you shall return.” Please join us at St. Paul's Lutheran on Wednesday, March 2 to be reminded both of your own mortality AND the greater truth that in Jesus you will be raised up on the last day.

In the meantime, child of God, you are called to a life of service and joy in Jesus' name. Sometimes, traditionally, Christians have given up something for Lent as an expression of discipline and piety. I have tended to be more of the “Add something good!” train of thought. Then, whatever is displaced by the new and good thing will of necessity be something I give up. What can I imagine that I could do to make my life better – because it adds something good? I look forward to the adventure of Lent with you.

Two small suggestions: 1. Meet me and shake my hand on Sunday morning before or after worship. I hope in the meeting to be blessed by you and maybe to share a blessing with you.

2. On Wednesday evenings during March and April our path will lead us through some soup at supper time and the Gospel of Matthew at devotional time. Both will nourish you – body and soul.

A third small suggestion!?! If you can bring, someone with you.

See you at worship this week!

St Paul's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
February 16, 2022

Attendance: Josh Bracker, Jim Jenson, Bill Bracker, Bob Gregory, Monte Bracker , Julie Jenson

Missing: Ruben Valdez, Roshelle Wohlers, Steve Andersen

Guest Pastor Joe Lambert Dale Stephens

Meeting called

Council meeting held on February 16, 2022

Attendance: Josh Bracker, Jim Jenson, Monte Bracker, Bill Bracker, Bob Gregory, Julie Jenson

Absent : Rochelle Wohlers, Ruben Valdez, Steve Andersen

Guest : Pastor Joe Lambert Dale Stephens

Josh called the meeting to order and Pastor Joe Lambert opened with a prayer

Approval of the previous month minutes	Julie Jenson	2nd Jim Jenson	Approved by all
Treasurer Report	Bill Bracker	2nd by Jim Jenson	Approved by all

We received the invoice from Nate for the equipment & upgrades and the monthly service for a year.. This invoice will be paid out of the memorial fund And now starting 2022 the monthly bill will be paid out of Bob Gregory spending account.

Bob Gregory will contact the Narmi Group and change our quarterly amount from a flat \$ 2000.00 to 1% of the earning and this money will continue going into the spending account

Call committee report:

Dale Stephens spoke to the council and gave a update on the continuing search for a Full Time Pastor. The call committee interviewed two good candidates in February Loren Christiansen and Ken Johnson.Both gentleman interviewed well. As a committee we've decided to continue our search, but will follow up with what ideas Ken Johnson has moving forward. Pastor Joe also said he is here to help us with this process and help mentor anyone .

The call committee and the previous council members have worked very close on a good package to be able to draw a young pastor and his family. This is still work in process and hopefully God will help us through this. Idea presented : Go to the LCMC web site and maybe offer up a tuition package for students still going to school to become a pastor.

Pastor report:

Pastor Joe went to Arizona and enjoyed visiting with other pastors and getting and sharing ideas.

Our fellowship is Great - And he loves being able to visit with old and new people.

The installation of being the intrin Pastor went very well. And is very blessed to be at our church
The installation of the new council members went well and he looks forward to working with everyone this year.

He had some one on one visits with the (2) pastor candidates .

New Business:

City of Neola requested money for flowers at the new soccer and play area. Pastor Mary worked with them last year with getting trees planted. The council approved the purchase of the flowers and we also volunteered to construct a pergola for the flower area if they needed help. (we will be looking for volunteers to help plant the flowers for sure)

The church sign damaged at the bottom of L34 & Railroad Hwy due to the tornado in December 2021: We are looking into a way of fixing this sign (now at Josh Bracker's house) If not we will be looking for a sign company.

The Nielsen desk memorial plaque : Julie Jenson will get this ordered in memory of Jim & Darlene Nielsen. The desk is currently in the Pastor Study.

Designated Lenten Offering This year will go to the Future Pastor Fund.

Welcome Packet Pastor Mary had some packets made up and Emily Pruett will continue to put more together.

The Women's Bible Study meets on Sunday morning and Ramona has ordered (2) videos and books to go along with this study. And (8) Haleys Understanding of the bible. These will be used by everyone. It would be nice to have the church educational fund be used to pay for these. The council voted to approve this request.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Jim Jenson 2nd Bill Bracker

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Minutes submitted by:

Julie Jenson

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.

Recipe Share

Green Muffins **Emily Pruett**

In a blender:

¾ C milk

¾ C honey

3 ripe bananas

8-10oz raw baby spinach

½ C soft butter

1 egg

1 tsp vanilla

Blend well

In a separate mixing bowl:

2 C flour

1 ½ tsp cinnamon

2 tsp baking powder

½ tsp baking soda

¼ tsp salt

stir dry ingredients together

Add wet ingredients to the dry ingredients in the bowl.

These can be made into muffins or mini muffins (kids like the mini muffins better)

Bake at 350 until edges just start to brown. Enjoy fresh out of the oven and store the rest in the refrigerator for later.

I have been making these muffins since Harper started eating solids. They are a big favorite in our house and usually get eaten right out of the oven. It is a great way to sneak in some healthy veggies if you are dealing with some picky eaters. They are also wonderful to grab out of the fridge for an easy snack any time of day.

Cheeseburger Soup **Bracinda Blum**

2lb ground beef

1 medium onion chopped

Salt, pepper and garlic powder to taste

1 ½ C peeled cubed potatoes

1 ½ C water

1 can whole corn drained

1 can cream-style corn

1 can condensed cheddar cheese soup

1 can cream of asparagus soup

1 can cream of mushroom soup

2 can Ro-tel tomatoes with green chilies

2 C half & half

Brown ground beef with salt, pepper, onion, garlic

In a large pot combine ground beef, potatoes, water and bring to a boil

Reduce heat and simmer until potatoes are fork tender

Add corn, soups, tomatoes and bring to a boil then reduce heat

Stir in cream and heat through but DO NOT BOIL
Add some chicken broth to thin out if needed.