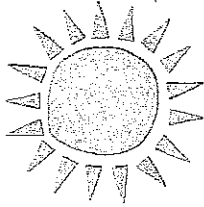


MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

HARTLEY, IOWA

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St. Paul's Church Council Meeting April 23, 2024

Church Council met on Tuesday, April 23, at 7:00 pm. Those present: Pastor Nitzel, Bill Treimer, Carolyn Rubsam, Ed Harders, Donna Ahlers, Leroy Raabe, Kent Billings, Allan Dackén, Vickie Roghair, and Patty Treimer.

VP Bill called the meeting to order. Pastor Nitzel gave devotions from Matthew 28:16-20. In these verses, Jesus commands his disciples to share the gospel—The Great Commission. Such an assurance when Jesus promises to be with us always. Pastor led us in prayer.

The minutes of the March 26 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer Report: Vickie Roghair shared the balance of today's checkbook with 32% of the budget used. She updated us on transactions of several special accounts, including a nice increase in the balance of the organ replacement fund.

Finance Report: Donna Ahlers reported offering was counted twice this month with a total deposit of \$18,45.50, plus the auto monthly offering deposit of \$1,140.

Elders Report: Topic of elders meeting was policy for the call process. Pastor explained the LCMS call process.

Education Report: Pastor reported for Jen that VBS dates and plans will be decided soon.

Stewardship Report: Leroy stated nothing new to report.

Evangelism Report: Carolyn reminded us of the activities taking place: ESL classes, Grief Support Group led by Jo Harders, World Day of Prayer service on May 2.

Trustees Report: Painting of the entrance will begin in June.

Pastor's Report: Following the approval of the sharing of a DCE with Camp Okoboji, Pastor and two Camp representatives attended DCE training in Chicago. They met the new intern—Justin Weber. He will report to Camp on May 15. He is scheduled to visit Hartley once a month through the summer months to get familiar with our church and the community and be with us full time from September through May.

Pastor will attend the spring Pastors Conference in Greenfield May 5-7.

Old Business: Donna and Pastor distributed handouts for the prospective new organ. We have a quote on the Allen model Genisys Two-Manual Model G-100. Pastor asked for a motion that will be presented to the Voters at a special meeting called for this purpose. Kent Billings motioned, Leroy seconded to move forward with the purchase of this new organ. The special Voters Meeting will be Sunday, May 5.

New Business: Bill updated us on the progress of obtaining the church's commercial property insurance coverage. He is waiting for a response from a company while still pursuing other options.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Patty Treimer, Council Secretary

“GET TO KNOW” OUR ST. PAUL’S FAMILY ...

Mark and Sue Schulz

This month's Newsletter 'Members in the Spotlight' are Sue and Mark Schulz

Sue was born on February 4, 1949 in Primghar. She lived in Paullina where her parents owned a small grocery store. She had one sibling - an older brother (who played for the Iowa Hawkeyes).

Sue attended school in Paullina and later studied two years at the University of Iowa. After getting married in 1969, she spent one year in college at Iowa State as Mark completed his Veterinary studies. Both were students - No money - just living on love! - but were some of their best years together. On moving to Hartley where Mark began his vet practice with Dr. Keith Weber, Sue continued her college education at Northwestern college - three different colleges in four years and still graduating in four years - a miracle!

As their husbands worked very long days and many nights, Karen Weber and Sue were 'Vet widows' and became very good life-long friends. As there were no cell phones then, Karen and Sue answered all the phone calls for the vet practice after 5 pm. She helped part-time in the vet office and also found time to be a substitute teacher. Then, along came three children, Christopher, Todd and Sarah in less than four years, so full-time mothering was her main job until they were all in school. For sixteen years, she taught preschool and then she entered another phase of her life - full-time caregiver for Mark's father, Elwood, who lived in the small house on their acreage and later for her parents. With reflection on this time of interaction with multiple generations (parents & younger children), it is a time that Sue and Mark would not trade for anything. It was an important and invaluable lesson to their children and grandchildren on being around and respecting and interacting with older generations.

Speaking of caregiving - In 1972, two years after joining Dr. Weber's practice, the Jacobsen Hatchery became home to the Schulz's and the Hartley Veterinary Clinic. Five acres to take care of and a big house and remodeling projects, many walls to be repainted and papered, kept Sue busy as she did most of the work herself. Along with mowing and taking care of her many flower and vegetable gardens, she has enjoyed God's beauty every day. Sue's many past hobbies include quilting with friends, Mary Jane Peterson, Bev Schumann, Leona Schauer. Filling her days to overflowing were other interests- sewing, crafting, woodworking projects, going to crafts shows and making over 150 decorated cakes for family and others to enjoy. Present hobbies continue to be golfing, bike riding and nurturing her flower gardens and preserving the garden surplus. One recent unusual recipe was making peony jelly from peony leaves - great on crepes! ☺

Mark was born May 11, 1946 in Orange City. His family includes two brothers and four sisters. He attended parochial school for eight years in Germantown, IA in a class of six (3 boys and 3 girls). His youth included running away from home several times with his siblings, but only making it to the end of the lane and after eating their packed lunch, they returned home. Mark doesn't think his parents even knew they were gone!

Mark attended college at Iowa State for Veterinary Science. He attended college on scholarships and worked at any odd job to help pay his way through college by giving haircuts, ironing for others, babysitting, selling hotdogs at the Saturday games at ISU. By 1967, daily letter writing between Sue and Mark turned into a wedding in 1969 and Sue transferred to ISU where she continued her education.

Mark was blessed to absolutely love every day of his job as a veterinarian, as well as the people he worked with. Working with Dr. Weber was a blessing and a great 'marriage' as he was a wonderful mentor and friend. They both loved the communities they served and kept very busy for many years, with Mark retiring in 2006. Mark is proud of the way the people and the business of the Vet Clinic have added to the lives of the people, animals and community over the years and he is happy to have been a part of this.

Like his wife, Mark has many hobbies which include reading, writing and enjoying God's outdoor creation. A challenge going forward is trying to get his body to keep up with all the things in his mind that he still wants to do! ☺ If you know the Schulz's, you have heard them say, "How can I help?" . Helping others has always filled both their lives with joy and happiness.

Important influences over the years, in the lives of both Sue and Mark, have been Dr. James Dobson, who they would listen to as they went about their work, his programs, films, books have improved their lives for the good. His best statement was, "As you get to the end of your life, only 3 things will really matter: 1. Who you loved, 2. Who loved you, and 3. How have you lived your life for the Lord?". They have always felt their lives are really just a composite of every person they have known in a meaningful way over the years - good or bad.

Their three children and eight grandchildren are now considered their greatest blessings in their lives. Mark stated that outside the blessing of his Savior and his Salvation, the girl he married on June 14, 1969, has probably been the biggest blessing and part of his life, and of who he is. Mark's confirmation Bible Verse is Revelation 2:10 - "Don't be afraid about what you are about to suffer. The devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for ten days. BUT if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the Crown of Life." One of Sue's favorite Bible verses is Matthew 5:14 - "You are the light of the world, like a city built on a hilltop that cannot be hidden."

Going forward and writing the next chapter of their lives present some challenges for both; realizing the world is not about material things - as moving is in their future and letting go of many material things has become a recent reality.

The BEST advice received and passed along comes right out of God's word - "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and your soul and your mind and love your neighbor as yourself". Simple instructions for a lifetime of living and giving, with a HUGE payoff at the END. What could be better?

MAY / JUNE

SERVING SCHEDULES

GREETERS

May 5 – Ed and Jo Harders
May 12 – Allan and Inez Dacken
May 19 – Wally and Becky Tschopp
May 26 – Ron and Carolyn Rubsam

June 2 – Brad and Beth Fear
June 9 – Cliff and Shirley Ripke
June 16 – Duane and Dee Kolpin
June 23 – Kathy Luedke and Lucile Tanner
June 30 – Bill and Patty Treimer

COMMUNION

Set-up

May 5 ----- Mark and Sue Schulz ----- Rick and Vickie Roghair
May 19 ----- Ed and Jo Harders ----- Marilyn Honken and Judy Kuskie
June 2 ----- Allan and Inez Dacken ----- Gene and Shelley Hjelme
June 16 ----- Ron and Carolyn Rubsam ----- Brad and Beth Fear

Clean-Up

USHERS

May 5
Ty Waddell (H)
Rick Roghair
Mark Recher
Gene Hjelme

May 12
Gordon W. (H)
Bill Treimer
Mark Schulz

May 19
Bill Pippy (H)
Jesse Benz
Allan Dacken
Brad Fear

May 26
David Treimer (H)
Alex Billings
Gordon Williamson

June 2
Kent Billings (H)
Aiden Nitzel
Wally Tschopp
Easton Teal

June 9
Jeremy Walters (H)
Leroy Raabe
Ed Harders

June 16
Ty Waddell (H)
Doug Nagel
Mark Recher
Bill Treimer

June 23
Gordon W. (H)
Rick Roghair
Gene Hjelme

June 30
Bill Pippy (H)
Allan Dacken
Mark Schulz

CAMERA OPERATORS

May 5 – Alex Billings
May 12 – Doug Nagel
May 19 – Josiah Nitzel
May 26 – Brad Harms

June 2 – Bill Treimer
June 9 – Aiden Nitzel
June 16 – Alex Billings
June 23 – Doug Nagel
June 30 – Josiah Nitzel

ACOLYTES

May 5 – Kate
May 12 – Hunter
May 19 – Alayna
May 26 -- Kate

June 2 – Hunter
June 9 – Alayna
June 16 – Kate
June 23 – Hunter
June 30 -- Alayna

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

May 5 – Rod and Dyan Roth
May 12 – Jeremy and Charlie
May 19 – Ed and Jo Harders
May 26 – Gord and Roxie Williamson

June 2 – Wally and Beck Tschopp
June 9 – Bill and Patty Treimer
June 16 – Brad and Betty Harms
June 23 – Bill and Rhonda Pippy
June 30 – Rick and Vickie Roghair

MAY

♥♥♥ WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ♥♥♥

29 – Wally and Becky Tschopp

31 – Jesse and Ashley Benz

♪♪♪ BIRTHDAYS ♪♪♪

2 – Dawn Bobzien

7 – Nathan Tschopp

8 – Brett Ripke

11 – Mark Schulz

14 – Rick Roghair

16 – Marilyn Honken

Benjamin Waddell

20 – Doug Nagel

Melissa Vander Veen

21 – Don Warburton

24 – Brianna Clem

Brooke Peters

27 – Hunter Ahrenstorff

28 – Skyahlie DenBeste

29 – Amanda Recher

Jackson Albert



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 <p>St. Paul's Lutheran Church 60 N Central Ave Hartley, IA 51346 Office: 712-728-2711</p>			<p>1 9:15am Prayer Service 10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Choir practice</p>	<p>2 1:00pm Ladies Aid 6:30-8:30pm ESL</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	
	<p>5 <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am SS/Adult Bible Class</p>	<p>6 6:30-8:30pm ESL</p>	<p>7 1:00pm POP Meeting</p>	<p>8 9:15am Prayer Service 10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Choir practice</p>	<p>9 6:30-8:30pm ESL</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
	<p>12 <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00am Morning Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am SS/Adult Bible Class</p>	<p>13 6:30-8:30pm ESL 6:30pm Rachel Circle</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 9:15am Prayer Service 10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Choir practice</p>	<p>16 6:30-8:30pm ESL</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
	<p>19 <i>The Day of Pentecost</i> 9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Graduate Reception (No SS/Adult Bible Class)</p>	<p>20 9:30am Mary Circle 6:30-8:30pm ESL</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 9:15am Prayer Service 10:00am Bible Study</p>	<p>23 6:30-8:30pm ESL</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
	<p>26 <i>The Holy Trinity</i> 9:00am Morning Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:30am Adult Bible Class</p>	<p>27 <i>Memorial Day</i></p>	<p>28 6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Church Council</p>	<p>29 9:15am Prayer Service 10:00am Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p>		