

St. Paul's Lutheran Church ELCA



June 2025

The Church Door

“Aim to Train” Session at St. Paul’s

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Hackensack was the site of the latest “Aim to Train” campaign. Because St. Paul’s holds so many community gatherings, when the need arose to replace their AED, St. Paul’s congregation as well as the following community groups made contributions: Share and Care, Walker Legion Riders, Hackensack Lions and Hackensack Legion Post 202.

Steve Hoopman led the fundraiser and coordinated the event. Drake’s Pizza and Steve donated supper to the participants. The 2 1/2 hour training was led by Nikki and Brian Huewe. With the aid of videos from the American Heart Association, the 16 participants had practical hands-on experience giving CPR to both adult and infant mannequins. Each person also had the chance to work with the new AED. Enough money was raised through the fund raising to cover all costs of a new AED and for the trainer expenses. A big thank you goes out to all involved in the fund raising and training.



“Aim to Train” more pictures found through out the Newsletter



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Church Council

Meeting minutes

St. Paul's Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2025—Shirley Johnson's home

Present: Pastor Leif, Laura Ristow, Russ Torkelson, Ron Wedin, Chuck Forsgren, Shirley Johnson, Alice Knowles, Steve Hoopman, Deen Swart and Tonia Kahler.

Absent: none

Council President Chuck Forsgren convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Devotions: Pastor Leif

President's Opening Prayer

Mission Statement: "Proclaiming and serving Christ in the Heartland and beyond"

Additions to Agenda – AED fundraiser extra money.

Secretary's Minutes – MSP to accept as printed.

Treasurer's Report – MSP to accept as printed. Laura provided a comparison of April 2024 and April 2025 month end reports.

Pastor's Report – Pentecost begins June 8th. Bishop Odgren's spouse recently passed; the Council gave approval to send a Memorial. Pastor's in-laws (Ann's parents) will be celebrating 60 years of marriage. Pastor reported that there are 7 new members joining the Church and a decision was made to set June 22nd for New Member Sunday.

Committee Reports:

Property report – There was a good turnout for our Spring Clean Up day. The weather did not cooperate to get most of the outside work done. A big Thank You to all that helped! The committee recently requested a comparative bid for property insurance and decided to stay with

our current insurance company/policy for coverage. The refrigerator is not cooling properly. Waiting on a repairman to determine if it can be fixed or if it will need to be replaced. Thanks to Steve Hoopman for repairing the fence! Dan has requested some time off this summer. A plan will need to be made on how to cover his absence.

Tech team report – included in newsletter. Mass communication via the Instant Church Directory App is currently not covered in our prescription and would be cost prohibitive to add. Decision made not to pursue at this time.

WELCA report – included in the newsletter. 15 ladies attended the Spring Fling. In lieu of the Country Fair this year there will be a Virtual Country Fair that you can donate to if you would like. Please make your check out to WELCA.

Old and Ongoing Business:

1. The electronic sign will need to be removed and relocated during the highway 371 project planned for 2025. Minnesota Power has disconnected the power from the sign in preparation for its removal. Steve Hoopman has volunteered to coordinate the removal and storage of the sign. The Property Committee will take the lead on this project. No additional updates were discussed.
2. The AED is here and is located near the restrooms. Training on the use of the AED and CPR was held on May 21st. A Big Thank You to Steve Hoopman for coordinating this and for providing pizza.
3. God's Work our Hands Sunday – September 7, 2025. We will be assembling school kits and rolling bandages. Please let WELCA

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MN wildfires—Aaron Galloway | Published May 14,2025 | WCCO via Facebook

Missions

Red Cross and Northern MN Wildfires

Large wildfires have ravaged parts of northeastern MN and relief organizations are out in full force to assist displaced residents. Monetary donations help while hoping others are inspired to volunteer in the future. Red Cross has set up evacuation centers where those affected can get short-term help.

United Way of Minnesota echoes the need for monetary donations. At this time there is no place set up to receive tents, blankets, water.

Your support of their mission brings hope and help to families in need.

Submitted by Sharon Schwegel
Mission Interpreter



April Birthdays

Don J.

Evelyn B.

Jim J.

Barb H.

Judy S.

Louise H.

Women of the ELCA

COUNTRY FAIR NEWS

Due to Hackensack's Road construction this year, we unfortunately feel the need to cancel this year's Country Fair. This is so concerning because the funds we raise during our Country Fair and quilt raffle are passed on to so many worthy non-profits. Did you know that last year WELCA (the coordinators of the CF) gave over \$5,000 in donations to: Hackensack Fire and Rescue, Faith in Action, Hackensack Food Shelf, Family Safety Network, Akeley Women's Shelter, Lutheran Social Service, Living Waters Conference of NE Synod and churchwide. We also gave over \$1,000 for expenses/donations within our Church community. Just as you have helped at our Country Fairs in the past with your donations and time spent working, we hope you will help out this year with a monetary donation. Consider what you would have spent buying

pickles, baked goods, crafts, plants, sporting goods and outdoor items, nearly new purchases, and of course quilt tickets and lunch. Add it up. We hope you will consider donating that amount (or even more!) so we can continue to provide the financial support these non-profits are counting on from us. If you would simply make checks out to WELCA and note "Country Fair", we will start a CF Fund to help our community. There are envelopes in the pews if you want to contribute using those. If you have questions, contact any of the WELCA officers or CF coordinators: Diane Zaske, Laura Ristow, Ruth Bygness. Thank you so much!

HELP US HELP OTHERS

"Fund raising for the Kids to Camp drive"



Kids to Camp

St. Paul's Church council chose to once again participate in fund raising for the Kids to Camp drive we have done the past several years. This project is a way we can encourage spiritual growth in local young people that do not attend church at St. Paul's. The cost for each camper is \$725.00 for a week. You may donate to this project beginning in May and we will collect until the end of June. We will need to get the money to Hope in Walker by early July.

Church Spring Clean-Up

Thank You!

To all who came to Clean the Church! We estimated 23-30 people were here to help.

Due to rain we cleaned inside and were able to eat lunch early.

Not everyone stayed for the delicious lunch of sloppy joes, coleslaw, beans, and various desserts.

Thank you all!

Property Committee



"If you are interested in joining this fun group, contact any one of us"

Memorial Garden Crew



On May 28th, Six ambitious volunteers (Tonia K., Carol W., Cookie R., Susie M., Florence K. & Shirley J.) came together to plant St. Paul's Memorial Gardens and pots. It proves that many hands make for a beautiful start to summer. My thanks to Tonia and Dave Kahler for weeding and rototilling the garden prior to planting day. Also, thanks to Russ Torkelson for allowing us to use his rototiller. If you are interested in joining this fun group, contact any one of us at any time throughout the summer. There will always be a weed to pull!

Shirley Johnson

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know if you have any ideas for additional projects.

4. The 2025 Synod Assembly was held in Brainerd on May 4th and 5th. St. Paul's received the Holy Cow award for our donations to help with World Hunger relief.
5. Kids to Camp fundraising has begun. If you would like to aid our area youth in attending camp, please designate this on your donation. Funds need to be submitted by July 1, 2025.
6. Kids Fishing Contest – St. Paul's is sponsoring on July 22nd.

New Business:

1. New Member Sunday is scheduled for June 22, 2025. The Council will be sponsoring a picnic lunch following the service to honor our new members and to provide an opportunity for them to meet our congregants. We hope to see you there.
2. MSP to accept Alice Knowles resignation from the Council and approve Deen Swart to replace her for the duration of Alice's term. Thank you, Alice, for your service.
3. AED funds – fundraising efforts were so successful that more funds were raised than were needed. A decision was made to offer to return \$400 to the Hackensack Lions. We originally requested \$500 from them, and they graciously donated \$900. Any additional funds will be kept to use for future upkeep of the AED unit.

Devotions for next meeting – Laura Ristow

Next Council Meeting Date – June 18, 2025

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tonia Kahler,
Council Secretary

1. Mass communications - Unfortunately our church directory does not offer the ability to text everyone in the directory anymore. (They dropped that service) But the tech team plans to research software to contact the congregation all at once via email, text, voicemail. More to come on this.
2. The TV in the Narthex is running St Paul's announcements on a trial basis. It is running the Pre-Announcements PowerPoint slide show. The TV needs to be turned on each morning but then shuts off automatically in the afternoon. Please let Chuck know your opinion if the announcements have value or not.
3. MN Power has disconnected the Electronic Sign on Highway 371 in preparation for it to be taken down for the Little Boy River culvert project. So, the sign is out of service until further notice.
4. We discussed that a slider got moved on the choir mixer and this caused the piano to overpower the choir. Tim Forbrook volunteered to build a box to protect the mixer, and he installed it May 12. Thanks Tim!
5. We had our first technical training meeting this year on Thursday May 8. We discussed how to correct the issue when the director computer switches the USB cameras, we practiced adjusting the 20x camera, and worked with Restream. We discussed the need to get the Facebook page moved off Tammy's page onto a dedicated page for St Paul's. Mike will be looking into doing that. The next training night is tentatively scheduled for Thursday May 22 at 7: PM.
6. The Tech team has started looking for new streaming software. StreamYard has raised their price considerably, so we are trying to use new software called Restream, it is lower priced and seems to do everything we want to do now. We plan to get all the inputs and outputs set up, then do some test streams to see how it works. Mike plans to get the Facebook and YouTube outputs set up.

Many Thanks to Mike, Char, Tammy, Tim, and Alice for all your efforts!

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Chuck Forsgren 402-525-1127

Property Committee



Report St. Paul's Property Committee

May 6, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Jim Madland, Dick Ristow, Deloris Ressen, Dave Kahler, Lewie Schrupp, Russ Torkelson, Terry Bergstrom, Chuck Forsgren, Shirley Johnson

Members Absent: Jim Jacobsen, Dan Knicely, Pastor Leif

Prior to the meeting it was shared with the Committee that Dan and Suzann Knicely will be away to attend the funeral of Dan's Mother in Phoenix Arizona. We offer them our sympathy. In Dan's absence, Dick Ristow has offered to fill in temporarily.

OLD BUSINESS:

DBS Lifting Ramp: Scheduled for May 21, 2025, Quoted \$2,160.00. On Schedule

AED UNIT IS AVAILABLE FOR USE AND LOCATED BETWEEN MEN'S & LADIES BATHROOMS, FUNDRAISING OF \$2500.00 IS COMPLETED!! THANK YOU, STEVE HOOPMAN!

AED TRAINING: Scheduled for May 21 to begin @ 5 PM.

ELECTRONIC SIGN: Jim Jacobson and Steve Hoopman are handling the sign.

RAIN GUTTERS ON EAST SIDE OF CONFERENCE ROOM: Tabled last month: Open to discuss
Water seepage bottom of steps in basement: After

discussion, the gutter issue has been placed on hold since the water seepage was minimal and handled well by Dick Ristow, a fan and the dehumidifier,

SIDEWALK REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT:

Dave Kahler presented a quotation from Northfork Builders & Excavating, LLC from Pequot Lakes, MN in an itemized list of cement work to be accomplished and individual pricing. The Committee discussed all options and M/P to delay a final decision until the Ramp Lifting to be done by DBS on May 21, 2025, to be completed to award the work to be done by Northfork. Dave Kahler will contact Northfork to keep them informed.

SPLIT RAIL FENCE: Steve Hoopman will repair.

SPRING CLEAN UP: May 2025, 9 AM
COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE CLEANING LIST AND DISCUSSED LUNCH TO BE PROVIDED BY THE COMMITTEE. Lewie & Judy will not be able to make the Sloppy Joes this year and Dick Ristow has offered to make them. Lunch will be as follows:

Morning Coffee: Deloris Ressen

Sloppy Joes & Buns: Dick Ristow

Beans: Jim Jacobsen

Cole Slaw: Shirley Johnson

Potato Chips: Shirley Johnson

Pickles: Jim Madland

2 13 x 9 pans bars: Russ Torkelson & Chuck Forsgren

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Our Congregation is centered upon the person of Jesus Christ our Lord, Head of the Church and of this congregation. As members of Christ's Church, we seek to be His disciples as we serve each other, members of our community, and His Church throughout the world.

"Proclaiming and Serving Christ in the Heartland and beyond"

"It just Appeared"



This beautiful Birdbath just appeared in our Memorial Garden. I am not sure who brought it, but it was noticed several days after our gardeners were here and planted the perennials. Does the person want to remain anonymous?

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