



## Leadership Council Members Needed



news. To help in your prayerful discernment, consider this Basic Job Description for a St. Paul Church Council member:

- Be installed at worship.
- Attend Council Retreat.
- Attend monthly, (typically) second Monday, All Leadership/council meetings setting aside 6-9 pm, beginning the second Monday in August.
- Be prepared by reading consent agenda materials {finance report, pastor's report, and relevant materials prior to the monthly meeting.}
- Serve as liaison for one of the church committees/teams working with the members to conduct regular meetings.
- Know and be able to give voice to the mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church.
- Discuss in a respectful and truthful manner keeping the good of the community at heart.
- Resolve issues by first talking with the person/people most directly involved.
- Follow through on agreed upon action items.
- Support the vitality of the faith community by sharing your spiritual gifts and calling them forth from others.
- Extend hospitality.

## July Birthdays

	Carter Kuehl	7/1	Matt Joens	7/8	Dustin Paulson	7/24	
	Cathy Crowe	7/2	Brian Darrow	7/9	Jaxen Tjaden	7/26	
	Vic Hamre	7/3	Darrel Geltz	7/11	Jodie Ludwig	7/27	
	Donna Jones	7/3	Aria Huck	7/11	Jenna Wilson	7/28	
	Mike Bickford	7/3	Jim Christianson	7/14	Marna Gaye Ketelsen	7/28	
	Barb Kleis	7/4	Lori Reynolds	7/14	Kathy Brunssen	7/28	
	Nora White	7/6	Patricia A Heeren	7/14	Rosemary Folken	7/29	
	Tyler Zumbach	7/7	MacKenzie Paulson	7/16	Alex Kenny	7/30	
	Allie Geltz	7/8	Jim Conley	7/22			

## Outdoor Service at the Park

Beginning June 25th, we will be starting our services, weather permitting, on the following dates at the Anamosa Park:

June 25th @ 10:30 a.m.  
 July 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th @ 10:30 a.m.  
 July 16 10:30 at church followed by Annual Mtg  
 August 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th @ 10:30 a.m.  
 September 3rd @ 10:30 a.m.



This ends our Outdoor Service in the Park. All the 6:00 p.m. Wednesday and 8:00 a.m. Sunday services will be held at the church.

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## HELP NEEDED

St Paul needs people who are willing to serve our congregation by doing the PowerPoint projection at the 8:00 am Sunday worship service or at the 6:00 pm Wednesday service. This truly is as easy as following along/participating in worship and clicking one button on the computer. The computer is even on and the PowerPoint is ready to go before you come. If you would be willing to help or have any questions, please email or text Barb Kleis at kleis.barb@gmail.com or call at 319-480-1196.

**Isaiah 61:1-11 NIV {Year of the Lord's Favor}**

*The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. Strangers will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards. And you will be called priests of the LORD, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast. Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours. "For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing. In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed." I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.*

It is all too appropriate that we should listen today to the prophet Isaiah speak of "**a year of favor from the Lord.**" This year of favor to which he refers is traditionally a sabbatical year *{the Jews celebrated this every 7<sup>th</sup> year, and in a grandiose fashion every 50<sup>th</sup> year because it was designated a jubilee year}*. As noted in Leviticus 25, in the jubilee year, all land and property reverted back to the Creator who distributes it equally and bountifully, debts were forgiven, slaves freed, land for housing and the growing of food redistributed among families according to the community's needs, and all things were made new again. In other words, children were given a new start, not held enslaved to the deficiencies or indiscretions of their parents and grandparents. Isaiah was speaking this good news to the Israelites who had been living in a foreign land as Babylonian slaves. Isaiah uses terms of security and warmth *{wrapped me in a mantle}* to speak of God's action in bringing about justice, salvation, and prosperity. He also reminds the Israelites that they are the slaves being freed to regain their place in the world. These *Anawim* are the poor, faithful Jews who returned to the destroyed city of Jerusalem because they had nothing to lose and everything to gain. It was a very hard situation to which they returned and they wondered how they would make it without a king to lead them or a Temple to mark the presence of God. In response, Isaiah does something very significant by changing some traditional cultural roles. In Judaism, kings and priests were anointed with oil as a sign of their call to leadership and prophecy for God (messiah); they stood in the place of the entire Jewish nation. Isaiah, a layman, refers to himself as having been anointed by the very Spirit of God to proclaim the kind of good news a king or priest would normally manifest. Subsequently, Isaiah tells the people that God has also anointed them to be "priests for Yahweh." They no longer need to rely on an appointed person or class of people to be their intermediaries to God; they were to go directly to God themselves. In addition, Isaiah posited that the foreigners they found inhabiting Jerusalem would help them become the nation God was calling them to be by assisting with the work and building prosperity. In parting with tradition and allowing the foreigners to remain, he believed they could be evangelized while supporting the infrastructure of the new Jerusalem. Isaiah was calling the Jews to invite these non-Jews into faith and help them to grow in their relationship with Yahweh God over time. By living as "priests for Yahweh," the Israelites would potentially bring the entire world to faith.

Note the change in voice between vs. 2 and 10. The first paragraph is Isaiah speaking, the second paragraph is the city of Jerusalem. A diadem is a royal crown.

**Psalm 126**

*When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed. Our mouths were filled with laughter; our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Restore our fortunes LORD, like streams in the Negev. Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.*

**Luke 4:16-21 NIV**

*He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."*

Chapter 4 of Luke's gospel presents the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. He has just been baptized by John and has encountered Holy Spirit. After confronting the demon voices in the desert, Jesus returns to Galilee, his home, to the synagogue of his childhood. In the style of Ezra and all who teach on the sacred scriptures, Jesus stands before the assembly with the scroll from which he is to read. This is the day the gathered men will come to know his messianic mission when Jesus proclaims and personally claims the passage in Isaiah which says, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." The Word of God was made alive in Jesus that day; it was fulfilled in the people who were able to hear and receive it. The world order was being flipped on its head and Jesus spent his life reinforcing this proclamation. Eventually, it became too much for the rich, oppressive, blind, hypocritical leaders, and they killed him. But this oppression gave way to the power of Jesus' resurrection, and in this event, the Gentiles were led to see that indeed, God is ever-faithful to all of creation. The Gentiles had been blinded in faith to the workings of Yahweh because of their historical separation, but the story of Jesus presented by Luke in the year 80 CE reveals again God's invitation to them to establish a loving relationship. Those who preach the Word open peoples' eyes to unity in faith, and Luke accomplished this in many who heard his gospel proclaimed throughout the world.

Taking it home:

- You have been anointed in the Lord through baptism and confirmation. You have received the Spirit of the Lord. How is the Word of God coming alive for others through you? When have you “proclaimed liberty, given sight, freed the oppressed, brought glad tidings to the poor/vulnerable???”
- In what way(s) can you forgive a debt? (This could include a past favor, a hurtful action, distrust, money disputes....)
- How would you act if you were told that the Messiah is in your midst and she or he had an important message for you?
- Whose dignity are you violating or willing to violate in order to protect your status and wealth?
- What virtues or values come across in the TV/entertainment your family watches? What are your children learning about sexuality, marriage, the gift of children, faithfulness, work, success? Are they consistent with the gospel? Who wins when TV values come into conflict with faith values? How do you engage your children in “teachable moments” around these topics? They need you!

**Mindfulness** (set aside five minutes. breathe and read through three times. Which words or ideas hold energy for you? What images and feelings emerge in your imagination)

“According to the Talmud, every blade of grass has its own angel bending over it, whispering, “Grow, grow.”

— Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*  
“Our faith, therefore, is not in the words of the Bible. That would be fundamentalism. Our faith is in a person. Our faith is in the Lord who is revealing himself to us. He is the Word who is calling us into personal dialogue. Fundamentalism is a slavish idealization of words which inevitably leads to a rigid, closed-minded, dead-ended approach to the Bible. The Word calls us into a personal dialogue which, in many respects, is like Jacob’s wrestling with the angel (Genesis 32: 23-33). Only there, in that sort of personal involvement, do we come face-to-face with the mystery that is God.” — Richard Rohr, *The Great Themes of Scripture: Old Testament*

**Two new summer prayer opportunities at St. Paul led by Pastor Rodney!**

Create some intentional time for Focused Communal Silence {**Meditation**}- The benefits of meditation are real, but it is often difficult to make room for silence in our lives. Communal accountability can help uphold the commitment. Join with others in the St. Paul Church on Monday and/or Thursday mornings, 6:30-7:00 a.m. beginning in June for Meditation Prayer. We will pray out loud the Cantic of Zechariah, have 17 minutes of silent meditation, then close with the Cantic of Simeon.

**Drumming Circle:** Join others in the church chapel from 5:15-6:15 pm one of the last Tuesdays of each month for drum prayer. 10 hand drums are available; first come, first to choose. We will begin with sharing gratitudes and intentions, then drum, ending with a drum wash for those who wish it. Weather permitting, we'll drum outside.

Drumming is a form of contemplative prayer that invites us to be present to the Heartbeat of God. As we listen to and feel the drums, we experience the One pulse that gives rise to all the rhythms and energies of life. It is actually from the feminine energy of the divine that drumming emerges, and men drum to draw themselves from the head into the heart, seeking harmony.

Upcoming drumming dates for 2023 will be: July 25, Aug. 22. Sept. 26, Oct. 24. Nov. 21, Dec.19.



*We Eloped* Our Love wouldn't wait  
**COME HELP US CELEBRATE!**  
**SATURDAY**  
**JULY 1, 2023**  
**AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**103 CEDAR STREET**  
**ANAMOSA, IOWA**  
**FROM 1:00-4:00PM**  
*Susan and Ed*



**Next Dinner with Friends**

We have reserved the side room at Pizza Ranch in Monticello at 5:00 on Thursday, July 13th for the next Dinner with Friends. Hope to see you there! Questions: Sherri Evans 319-981-0283.





**Council Minutes**  
**June 12, 2023**  
**Following All Leadership Meeting**

**PRESENT:** Pastor Rodney, Jason Geltz, Fred Austin, Addy Dales, Scott Chrisman, Susan Koppenhaver, Nancy Stout, Dustin Paulson, Nancy Lyon-Douglas

**NOT PRESENT:** Angie Coyle, Michele Countryman

**All Leadership Meeting Report Outs:**

- Youth and Family: There will be root beer floats served after services on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> in recognition of fathers and father figures. VBS will be taking place Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a pool party on June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00pm-7:00pm for the youth that volunteered their time for VBS this week.
- Stewardship:
- Member Care: We will be restarting the Friend to Friend visitation ministry.
- Outreach: They will have a table at the Block Party which will have sign-ups for helping with the Pumpkin Fest float and our various regular activities. There will also have two suggestion boxes - one for future outreach projects and one for ideas for the float. The Centennial Committee will have a table at the Block party taking re-orders for centennial T-shirts, and they will take reservations for the centennial dinner.
- Grounds and Maintenance: Fence was put up around the old lumberyard site. Tom Hart did some repairs around the church and the CE building. Lynn Decious looked at the faucet in the maintenance room.
- Discipleship: Sunday morning group finished up last available *The Chosen* episode. Moving on to discussion book of Apostle Peter during the same time. Looking for good timing to launch another group of *The Chosen* viewing. Pastor Rodney will be taking season one of *The Chosen* to Woodland Park care center to watch with residents every other Thursday morning, 9:00 a.m. beginning July 6.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Jason Geltz

The motion to establish a Hospitality Committee was made on May 23, 2023 by Susan Koppenhaver and seconded by Michele Countryman. The Ayes carried and the motion was passed on May 24, 2023 at 1:29pm. The committee has been populated and is already active. The committee consists of Virginia, Ed, Sherri, and Tom; Nancy Stout is the liaison. [Hospitality Committee Guidelines and Duties](#)

**Consent Agenda Discussion and Approval:**

Financial Report and Pastor's Report – Nancy Stout made a motion to approve. Susan seconded. Ayes carried.

May St Paul Council Meeting Minutes – Jamie made a motion to move the minutes to the July meeting. The unofficial minutes were published via eblast in June.

**Old Business:**

Vote on Proposed 2024 Budget –

- Nancy Lyon-Douglas needs communication up front about what is going to be spent by committees.
- The account labeled “Fellowship” is changed to the more inclusive “hospitality” on the budget.
- Jason made a motion to approve the 2024 budget/Addie Dales seconded the motion. Ayes carried.

Centennial Meal, Aug 20-2023 proposal to pay for (Susan) –

- Susan made a motion in the spirit of hospitality to have the Aug. 20 Centennial Meal paid for by the church. A free will offering will be welcomed to help offset the cost. Susan is asking for \$1200.00. Jason seconded the motion. 7 ayes, 2 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion on Finance/Stewardship committee separation

- Acting treasurer will be the head of the finance committee and work with a couple of people to focus on the recording, spending, bill payments, and budget. The Stewardship committee will focus on telling the story of the LIFE of the church.

Committee Annual Reports are due next week

- Make sure everyone gets their committee reports sent to Kathy by Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

### New Business:

Review Construction Guidance Outline plus timeline so far – Pastor will write up a proposal with a calendar attachment to give us a timeline of roll out for this data gathering, discussion and decision regarding the campus.

### Communication:

- Susan – thank you from Willis Dady for the 31 fleece blankets
- Letter from Karen Biere in appreciation for Hank's Memorial Service.

### Upcoming Conferences/Meetings/Schedules/Coming Events:

- St. Paul 100th Anniversary Activities scheduled for 2023:
  - ⇒ June 23 Block Party (similar to past events) Staff + members
    - ◆ Donation focus: Animal Shelter
  - ⇒ July 16 Ice Cream Social (w/loose meat sandwiches) Following Annual Meeting in FH, Member Care
    - ◆ Donation focus: Anamosa Ministerial Association
  - ⇒ August 20 Anniversary Worship and Dinner at LCC. Centennial Cmte - Sally's Cater, 10:30 a.m.
    - ◆ Donation focus: Lutheran World Relief
  - ⇒ October 7 Homecoming and PumpkinFest Parade Float Owner?
    - ◆ Donation Focus: Jones Co Food Bank
  - ⇒ Pounds for the Pantry Oct-Dec or Dec 17 & 18 Possible Caroling/Cookie Making- Exchange
    - ◆ Donation focus possibilities: HACAP Christmas Giving? ELCA Good Gifts?
  - ⇒ Youth Trip Mission July 23rd-28th in Milwaukee, WI

### Time and Date of Next Meeting:

- **July 10, 2023**
  - ⇒ Social Time at Weaver's Home (104 Nasinus Rd.) at 5:00pm
  - ⇒ Meal served at 5:30pm
  - ⇒ Meeting begins at 6:30pm
  - ⇒ Social Hour/bonfire after meeting.
- **July 16, 2023**
  - ⇒ Annual Meeting following the 10:30am service in church

### Agenda for Next Meeting:

**Adjourn/Closing Prayer:** Motion to adjourn made by Jason Geltz and seconded by Rodney. Ayes carried. Adjourned at 9:01pm.

The NEXUS Institute is one of 92 high school youth theology institutes funded by the Lilly Endowment, under the oversight of the Forum for Theological Enrichment. NEXUS exists to transform the landscape of the Lutheran Church through innovative and intentional development of young adults who want to be more involved in the nexus of faith, life, and the church.

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**NEXUS Dates: July 16-22, 2023**

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## Please Pray for the Following

(Why people want prayers isn't important, *the prayers are!*)

We pray for all who need healing, strength or comfort those who are grieving especially Brenda Downing (daughter of Pat Merritt), Brenda Biere (daughter-in-law of Karen Biere), and Marlene Warner (friend of Betty Hunter). For peace in our nation & world, for safety in our schools and communities and for those seeking a safe home. To add a name call or email Kathy at 319-462-4841/ stpaulanamosa@gmail.com. Names will be listed for 4 weeks and may be renewed.

*Week July 2nd Readings  
2nd Peter 1:1-11  
Matthew 13:44-46*

**GriefShare** is available upon request. Please contact Nancy Douglas if interested 319-551-3358.

**AA meets** in the lower level of the CE building on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

**Jones County Food Bank:** Help is always needed at the Jones County Community Food Bank - food and funds have fallen critically low. For the last few months, the number of families and individuals requesting foods has been increasing and the shelves are almost bare. Funds are also being diminished by the demands of purchasing food at higher prices.

To donate money, checks may be written to Jones County Community Food Bank and mailed to 105 Broadway Place, Anamosa IA 52205. Items needed this week: Peas, pancake mix and syrup, canned tuna, Mac & Cheese and personal care items. **Please place items in the back of the church for collection by St. Paul volunteers OR call the Food Bank to make delivery arrangements (462-4343)**

**Recorded services are found on St. Paul website, YouTube page or Facebook page.**

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### Bread Bakers:

July: Sherry Evans  
August: Brian/Michelle Lubben  
September: Marcy Pate

### Deliver Food to Food Bank:

July: Barb Kleis  
August: Ralph & Sandy Andresen  
September: Myra Powell

### Wednesday, June 21

\* 8:00 am Men's Worship Group—CE Building

### \* 6:00pm Evening Service

Comm Prep: Ken/Pam Humpal  
Greeters: Ken/Pam Humpal  
Readings/Prayers: Darla Algoe  
Comm Server: Ken Humpal  
PowerPoint: Myra Powell

### Sunday, June 25

### \* 8:00am Service

Comm Prep: Linda Kenny  
Greeter: Dale/Pat Jensen  
Readings/Prayers: Pat Jensen  
Comm Server: Dale/Pat Jensen  
PowerPoint: Linda Kenny  
Livestream: Skyler

### \* 10:30am Service (at the park)

Comm Prep: Barb Wilson  
Greeter: Clapp/Dales Family  
Readings/Prayers: Shaun/Valerie Lambertsen  
Comm Server: Shaun/Valerie Lambertsen/Sally Clapp

### Tuesday, June 27

- \* 1:30pm Scripture Study
- \* 6:00pm Grief Support by request, call Nancy Douglas
- \* 7:00pm AA—LL CE Building

### Wednesday, June 28

\* 8:00 am Men's Worship Group—CE Building

### \* 6:00pm Evening Service

Comm Prep: Barb Kleis  
Greeters: Summer Parks  
Readings/Prayers: Polly Chalstrom  
Comm Server: Polly Chalstrom  
PowerPoint: Darcie Tenley

### Sunday, July 2

### \* 8:00 am Service

Comm Prep: Wilma Anderson  
Greeter: Lynn/Cindy Decious  
Readings & Prayers: Don/Deb Hardersen  
Comm Server: Don/Deb Hardersen  
PowerPoint: Kathy Brunssen  
Livestream: Skyler

### \* 10:30am Service

Comm Prep: Linda Kenny  
Greeter: Ben/Angie Coyle  
Readings/Prayers: Ben Coyle  
Comm Server: Ben/Angie Coyle & Shawna Giegerich

### Tuesday, July 4th

- \* 1:30pm Scripture Study
- \* 6:00pm Grief Support by request, call Nancy Douglas
- \* 7:00pm AA—LL CE Building

### Wednesday, July 5th

\* 8:00 am Men's Worship Group—CE Building

### \* 6:00pm Evening Service

Comm Prep: Marlene Serbousek  
Greeters: Summer Parks  
Readings & Prayers: Polly Chalstrom  
Comm Server: Paula Sisler  
PowerPoint: Darcie Tenley

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**Anamosa, IA 52205**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 25	Outdoor Service at the Park in Anamosa begins
July 1	Gerst/Koppenhaver Reception
July 10	Council Mtg @ 6:30 pm
July 16	Annual Meeting, following second service
July 16	Centennial Ice Cream Social
July 23-28	Mission Trip
August 14	All Leadership/Council Mtg @ 6:00 pm
August 20	Centennial Dinner following 10:30 service