

St. Paul's Lutheran Church ELCA



March 2025

The Church Door

From Our Archives in 2018



It's hard to believe that we are already gearing up for the 2018 Minnesota Food Share March campaign.

You may ask "Why"? The reason is it's an annual state wide food shelf funding campaign, sponsored by Minnesota Food Share. The Minnesota Food Share distributes and allocates to all state food shelves, based on how much each food shelf collects in food and money. All donations, whether monetary or product continue to be needed in order for us to serve our community. Why FOOD SHELF?

Because millions of Americans struggle to get the right food. The new face of hunger are our seniors. A staggering 1 in 6 Americans, young and old can't afford healthy food.

"WHEN DIET IS WRONG, MEDICINE IS OF NO USE". It's a staggering complex problem that has spurred a search for a new approach that addresses the root cause of hunger. So, we are asking each and every one of you if you know of someone in need of food. The natural human response is "Well if someone is hungry, you have to feed them." In order to do that, we need everyone's help. Participating in the Minnesota Food Share March Campaign is a good start. This past year we have served 675 families of which were 312 children, 776 adults and 389 seniors, We have given away a total of 39,226 pounds of food. All donations can be dropped off at



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Lent Services Schedule 2025

With St. Paul's Lutheran

Theme: Wilderness

ALL SERVICES START AT 5:00 PM

Services held at listed church.

Ash Wednesday

March 5th at Union (No Meal)

Lent Services

March	12	St. Paul's
March	19	Union
March	26	St. Paul's
April	2	Union
April	9	St. Paul's

The Seder

(Traditional Passover Meal and Ritual)

April	17	Union
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Good Friday Service

(No Meal)

April	18	St. Paul's
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Soup and Sandwich Meal to follow all services except where listed.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

Lutheran World Relief is active in world-wide missions to provide shelter, clean water, emergency food parcels and LWR Quilts and Kits.

LWR has a program for displaced people and widows. Training and resources are provided to help start gardens. An individual is trained in the nutritional importance of a varied diet and practices farming at a demo plot, to get started. It has connected widows who help each other with childcare and support in uncertain times. Children can attend school, I and individuals can sell farm products, providing them a future.

In these uncertain times, it's important to keep these beneficial programs running whether they benefit U.S. citizens in North Carolina or California, or world-wide communities. Thank you for caring about others in need. Follow your heart.

Submitted by Sharon Schwegel
Mission Interpreter



March Birthdays

Alice K.

Kim S.

Barb W.

Chad E.

Richard J.

Jeannette J.

Roger J.

Women of the ELCA

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCA MEETING AGENDA

Meeting date and time: 9:30am, February 13, 2025

Hostess: Clydia Jacobsen

Bible Study Leader: Diane Zaske

Number attending: 8

President Clydia Jacobsen led us in the

Statement of Purpose and Mission Statement.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Secretary's Report: MSP

Treasurer's Report: MSP

Quilts: about 1 a week is completed Prayer Shawls: none given this month

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Easter breakfast – will be discussed next month
2. Spring Living Waters conference gathering is at Grace Lutheran, Big Fork on April 12
3. Country Fair planning – is on going
4. Summer WELCA synod gathering is at Zion in Grand Rapids June 16-17

Next meeting: March 13, 2025

Coffee hostess: Clydia Jacobsen

Bible Study leader: Sharon Schwegel

Respectfully submitted: Diane Zaske, Secretary



We Have Butter Braids

Apple, Bavarian Crème,
Blueberry Cream Cheese,
Raspberry, Strawberry Cream Cheese
and Caramel Rolls

These pastries are so easy to enjoy.
Simply thaw them on your counter
overnight, then bake for 30 minutes in
the morning. It can't be easier, or more
delicious! They are only \$14 per
package.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

"Help Union Help Others"

SATURDAY, MARCH 15th

5:00-6:30 PM



**401 Lake Avenue
Hackensack MN**



Join us for a dinner of corned beef and cabbage!
Come and share with us as we welcome Spring
just around the corner.

Free will offering to help Union carry out its
mission of service to the community.

March is Food Shelf Fundraising

Hackensack Food Shelf March Fundraiser **BINGO**



Where: HUB

When: Sunday, March 23

Time: 1pm—3pm

If you are not able to attend, you can make a donation to Hackensack Food Shelf at P.O. Box 55, Hackensack MN 56452

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local grocery stores, churches, or at our local Hackensack Area Community Food Shelf. This is located at the Share-N-Care building, or mail to: Hackensack Area Community Food Shelf P.O. Box 55 Hackensack, MN 56452 We would like to thank everyone who has supported us in the past.

Submitted by; Florence M. Kargel
Hackensack Area Community Food Shelf board member

This Still Applies Today



Our Hungry Hero in 2018



Church Council

Meeting minutes

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2025 – St. Paul's Fellowship Hall and Zoom

Present: Laura Ristow, Russ Torkelson, Ron Wedin, Chuck Forsgren, Shirley Johnson, Alice Knowles, Steve Hoopman and Tonia Kahler.
Absent: Pastor Leif (on vacation)
Council President Chuck Forsgren convened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Devotions: Shirley Johnson
President's Opening Prayer
Mission Statement: "Proclaiming and serving Christ in the Heartland and beyond"

Additions to Agenda – God's Work our Hands
Secretary's Minutes – MSP to accept as printed.

Treasurer's Report – MSP to accept as printed.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Leif was on vacation.
Lenten services will be shared with UCC Church again this year with Soup Suppers to follow the services.

Committee Reports:

Property report – included in the newsletter.
Big Thank You to Jim Jacobsen for volunteering to fill in for Dan while he is on vacation.

Tech team report – nothing new

WELCA report – included in the newsletter. An election for new WELCA leaders was held.
Diane Zaske is the President, Laura Ristow is the Secretary and Shirley Johnson is the Treasurer.

Old and Ongoing Business:

1. The electronic sign will need to be removed and relocated during the highway 371 project planned for 2025. Tabled until Spring 2025.

New Business:

1. Bishop Odgren's letter was discussed. No further action to be taken at this time.
2. AED replacement: Original verbal approval was given from the Council via phone for Chuck to purchase a new AED for the Church. MSP during the council meeting for documentation purposes of the approval. Steve Hoopman requested approval to initiate fundraising options to offset the cost of the new AED. MSP granted by the Council. The cost for the new AED and training on how to use it will cost approximately \$2600.
3. Church Credit Card: MSP for Laura Ristow to update current individual limits for the Church's credit card. MSP to remain with the current credit card company per Laura's recommendation.
4. God's Work our Hands will be September 7, 2025.

Devotions for next meeting – Tonia Kahler
Next Council Meeting Date – March 19, 2025
Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tonia Kahler, Council Secretary

Property Committee

Meeting minutes

Tech Report



ST. PAUL'S FEBRUARY 2025 PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT FEBRUARY 3, 2025, 9 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Jacobson, Chuck Forsgren, Terry Bergstrom, Lewie Schrupp, Russ Torkelson, Dan Knicely, Deloris Ressen, Shirley Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Kahler, Jim Madland, Dick Ristow

OLD BUSINESS:

CUSTODIAN VACATION: Dan Knicely will be on vacation on February 10, 2025 to February 23, 2025. Jim Jacobson and Terry Bergstrom have volunteered to fill in for him.

NEW BUSINESS:

AED DEFIBRILLATOR: St. Paul's 2010 Defibrillator has failed and due to the age of the unit, it must be replaced.

Chuck Forsgren researched units available. The committee discussed Chuck's presentation. He recommended a Phillips PM-AED FRx Defibrillator. It will be the same unit that the City of Hackensack, First Responders and Fire Department uses. It carries an 8-year Warranty with a total cost of \$1,744.00.

The Committee voted and approved the recommendation and passed the request to purchase on to St. Paul's Council.

PLANTERS/CONTAINERS IN FRONT OF NARTHEX: Shirley Johnson requested the Property Committee approve the purchase of two new Plant Containers. The extremely windy conditions this winter tipped them over and cracked them. Shirley presented examples of containers that would work. Property approved searching for containers that would be heavier.

DISHWASHER SUPPLIES: We have been informed that the supplies are getting low and will soon need to be ordered. Lewie Schrupp will talk to the Lion's about their supply. We may be able to share products as they must be purchased in quantities of 4.

GRANDFATHER CLOCK: Needs Repair. Shirley will research.

COUNCIL ACTION: Purchase AED Defibrillator

Adjourned

Next Meeting: TBD

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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"

ANYONE INTERESTED ATTENDING?

• 2025 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

- "LIVING CHRIST'S WIDE EMBRACE: ECHOING SHALOM" ISAIAH 55: 11-12
- May 3 – 4 , 2025 9:00 – 7:00 PM (Sat) 8:30-3:00 (Sun)
- Breezy Point Resort, Breezy Point, Minnesota

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