

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

May 2024

Dear Hampton family,

My season with you is coming to a close... A congregation in Waverly has voted to call me as a permanent associate pastor, and I have accepted that call. This means that I will soon cease to be your interim pastor, and the closing of this chapter weighs heavy on me. At both St. Paul and St. John, I have encountered generous hearts and faithful service: it has been an absolutely unforgettable call for me, and I am so grateful to have been able to walk with you for this short while.

While my own time of transition is settling back into a more firm foundation, I am also mindful that my friends in Hampton are still walking that liminal path. With my prayers for God's continued blessings for you, I am also confident—confident with assurance and positivity—that God is already preparing something wonderful for your futures. Maybe that looks like calling a CoLab student via Wartburg Seminary, maybe it looks like something else... But, however the future is shaped, I know that God will be with you to inspire creative, meaningful, and faithful ways to continue as a family of worshippers.

Thank you for loving me so openly and without hesitation—your propensity for love and welcome will be the strength of your future as a staple part of Christ's body in Hampton and the surrounding communities.

In Christ's Peace,  
Pr Nikoli

## **RE: YOUTH TRIP FUNDRAISING**

Thanks to YOU and your generosity, we are close enough to our fundraising goal that we are cancelling the June 9 event! We cannot believe how strongly you have stepped up to help our high schoolers get to New Orleans—together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of our students, the life of the church, and even the world. Thank you!

# Congregation News



CELEBRATING AN *Anniversary* 



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| Alan & Lori Sly          | May 9  |
| Marcus & Robyn Kofoot    | May 21 |
| Max and Kara Koster      | May 21 |
| Randy & Pam DeVries      | May 23 |
| Clarence and Agnes Moore | May 31 |

Ethan Viet	May 1
Sue Anderson	May 2
Bryce Claypool	May 7
Mary Marquard	May 8
Larry Spear	May 10
George Wright	May 12
Blake Heilskov	May 14
Lori Sly	May 18
Rick Mast	May 23
Liam Heilskov	May 23
Peyton Kofoot	May 26
Kara Pralle	May 26
Kris Pralle	May 26
Kyle Pralle	May 26
Dale Blau	May 28



Bob Abendschein, Issiah Griemann, Judy Holbrook, Nancy Knipfel,  
The family Dale Heitland, Tauni and Mike Harmon  
(daughter and son-in law of Terry and Karen Wheeler)



Dorothy Madetzke, Justin Mejia, Terry Wheeler, Verna Humburg,  
Jo Klein, The family of Arlo Pralle (Rod Pralle's father), Robert Swanson  
and the Call Committee Process.  
Scan the QR code to add a name to the prayer list.



Our deepest sympathy goes out to Rod Pralle and his family. Arlo Pralle, Rod's father, passed away on April 16. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Dale Heitland. Dale passed away on April 19. Services were held here at St. Paul on April 26. Please keep this family in your prayers.

## Worship at St. Paul

**May 5 St. Paul Lutheran -9:00 am**

**Reception for the Seniors after worship.**

**May 12 St. Paul Lutheran -9:00 am**

**St. John's Lutheran —11:00 am**

**May 19 St. Paul Lutheran –9:00 am**

**May 26 St. Paul Lutheran –9:00 am**

**St. John's Lutheran—11:00 am**

# Participating in Worship:

Date	Reader	Coffee Hour	Greeters	Ushers for May
May 5	Paul Flint	SENIOR RECOGNITION	NEED	Al Larsen Don Latham Kent Morton Larry Alquist
May 12	Christen Foster Thomas	Peyton and Max Kofoot, Paul and Cynthia Krull	Larry and Charlene Richtsmeier	
May 19	Christen Foster Thomas	NEED	Larry and Charlene Richtsmeier	
May 26	Peyton Kofoot	NEED	Kent and Mari Cramer	

**Coffee hour** There are new coffee hour schedules out in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to meet the Youth in the congregation, this is a great way to do that.

**Radio Broadcast** If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a birthday or anniversary, the cost is \$40.00 There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

*Thank you*

Thank you to our St. Paul Church Family for all your prayers, cards, calls and memorials in memory of Greg. Della, Michelle, Barry and Families



**Altar Guild**

We are in need of volunteers to help with Altar guild for the months of June, September, November and December. If you can help out with this, please contact Evelyn Cross or the church office.

Thank you!



**90th Birthday Open House  
For  
Mary Marquard**

**Saturday, May 4**

**Harriman Park  
Shelter**

**2:00 pm**



Thank you Lydia and Marlee Maas for helping us keep the church property clean!



**Vacation Bible School**

**July 22-25**

**SAVE THE DATE!**



### **Cael Burmester**

**Highlights of school: Being able to play sports with my friends**

**Favorite Classes: Ag and PE**

**Interests: hunting, fishing, golfing and farming**

**Future Plans: Attend NIACC and earn an Ag Sales and Service degree**



### **Lydia Maas**

**Highlights: 4 time state qualifier (first in school history) in Cross Country, highest female state place winner and school record for meet wins, State Student Council Vice President, Homecoming Queen, Speech, the musical, play and so many other events with friends.**

**Lydia will be attending Wartburg in the fall majoring in Business Administration with a minor in Spanish. She will also be running on the XC and Track team.**



### **Jayson Stevens**

**High School Highlights: 150 Career Wins in wrestling and 3x state qualifier and 2x place winner at the state wrestling tournament.**

**Favorite Class: Sports Entertainment and Marketing**

**Interests: Sports and spending time with friends and family.**

**Future Plans: Jayson will be continuing his wrestling career and academic career at Cornell College in Mount Vernon. He will major in Pre-Physical Therapy with a minor in Strength and Conditioning.**



### **Rayne Wagner**

**Highlights of school: Cheering in student section at football games.**

**Favorite classes: NIACC college classes health and wellness.**

**Interests: Volleyball, golf and watching movies with friends.**

**Future plans: Attend Iowa State University.**

**Rayne enjoys showing cattle and is also proud to be the Franklin County Beef Queen 2024 .**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
**Monthly Council Meeting**  
**April 17, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by President Mari Cramer. Those in attendance were: Pastor Nikoli, Mari Cramer, Steph Korth, Patrick Sietsema, Robyn Kofoot, Marcus Kofoot, Kent Cramer, Robin Wagner, Evelyn Cross, Beth Whalen and Charlene Richtsmeier.

Mari opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2024 was made by Steph, seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Kent, seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Nikoli shared his report.

**Board Reports:**

Education: Robyn – Several kids participated in the Easter egg hunt; the youth hid the eggs.

Life and Growth: Beth – Harriman Park service and potluck will be August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Property and Management: Kent and Patrick – Outlet in the kitchen doesn't work – needs a new breaker. Will plane the door that is sticking.

Stewardship: Marcus – Nothing to report.

Worship and Music: Evelyn - Nothing to report.

Youth: Robin – Youth will clean up the church yard on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

WELCA: Evelyn – The seniors chose their quilts.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: The back door will be locked when church service starts.

Moved by Steph to adjourn the meeting, seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Charlene Richtsmeier



# Stewardship Report



	Giving
April 7	\$ 4,930.99
April 14	\$ 1,189.99
April 21	\$ 3,332.99
April 28	\$ N/A
Total not including April 28	\$ 9,453.99

Thrivent Choice Dollars -  
 Thank you to everyone who designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Paul last month.

**The total amount given was \$ 1,077.00**



Scan the QR code to give electronically or automated Giving.

These deposits include those given to the general fund, and the building fund.

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Thank you, St. Paul Lutheran,

*for your faithful partnership & generosity!*

## LifeServe

BLOOD CENTER

Your Blood. Your Hospital. Your Neighbors.

Hampton Community Blood Drive will be held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Wednesday, May 29 from 12:30 to 6:00 PM.

To schedule text to 999-777, call 800-287-4903 or visit [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org).

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*Living in God's amazing grace*

We are called through baptism to be a welcoming community of faith, grounded in worship and prayer, so that we may grow in Christ-like forgiveness and love.

*Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.*