St. Paul Lutheran Church
NOVEMBER 2025

Please join us on ***Sunday, November 30th***

at ***St. Paul Lutheran Church*** in Hinckley for the

Live Nativity

"Away in a Manger"

Please join us on the first day of Advent for our Live Nativity and Christmas Concert. There will be live animals outside; stay warm by the fire or join us inside for Christmas goodies and a warm drink from 1pm – 3pm.

Following the Nativity, there is a Christmas concert starting at 3pm.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 405 2nd St NW, Hinckley, MN 55037

Upcoming Events & News

Thank You everyone who helped with GermanFest! We served 176 people and 2 kiddos, the silent auction, bake sale and pie auction went really well.

Thank You to the lawn maintenance crew! They spent last summer keeping up the trimming and mowing. Thank you, Chuck for those years on the lawn mower.

Board of Fellowship Meeting on Tuesday Nov. 4th at 1pm

Council Meeting on Tuesday Nov. 4th at 7pm

Veteran's Day is Tuesday November 11th, Thank You to all the military and their families for their service.

Wednesday Bible Study at 10:30am, there will be No Bible Study on Nov. 26th.

Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday Nov. 26th, time to be determined.

Live Nativity is coming up! Save the date, Sunday November 30th from 1 to 3pm, with the Christmas Concert to follow. If you would like to help in anyway, talk to Jennifer or Jayne.
The live animals are coming, come and see who is visiting the nativity this year!
Spread the news, posters are on the table at church. We are setting up on Friday November 28th at 1pm, so if you are done black Friday shopping, swing on in and give us a hand.

St. John's in Kroschel Wings Program is on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30pm. Children ages 3 to 6th grade are welcome. For more info, please call Rae at 384-6860.

Thank You Rebecca for leading the Youth Group for many years. If anyone is interested in leading Youth Group in the future, talk to John or Rebecca.

Orange Envelopes are out!! Please pick yours up at the church. Thank you!!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November

3rd: Ryan Ausmus
4th: Charlie Ausmus
5th: Florence Benoit
Mona Klar
9th: Jared Christensen
12th: Florence Berquist
Christina Somnuk
15th: Isaac Maser
18th: Yvonne Cottrell
19th: Isaac and Shelby Maser
22nd: Tony Nelson
Makenna Kroschel
25th: Marlowe Zabrok
28th: Dylan Mans
30th: Norah Ausmus

If we missed anyone, please let Jennifer know!

Flower Chart:

Nov 2: Mary Ann Lyon
…….In loving memory of John

Nov 9:

Nov 16:

Nov 23: Happy Thanksgiving!

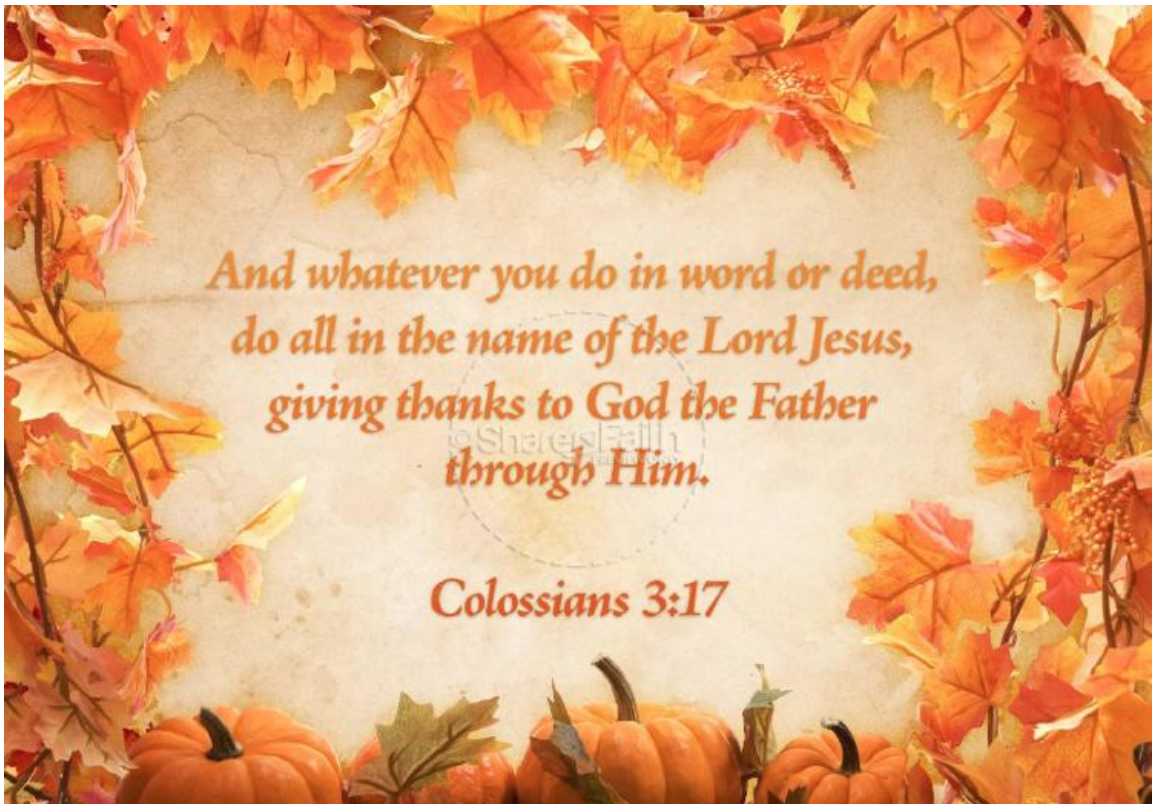
Nov 30:

Ushers Schedule:

Doug Maser
Tony Nelson

Acolyte Schedule:
Nov 2: Croix
Nov 9: Levi
Nov 16: Henry
Nov 23: Marlowe
Nov 26: (open)
Nov 30: Liam

Prayers:
Lois Kruse, Mary Jarvis,
Florence Benoit, Janice Ladd,
Mona Klar, Carolyn Olander



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
10-7-2025

Attendance, Matt, David John, Greg, Star, Rod, Toby and Carol.
Call to order 7:00 PM John Frank. Opening Prayer by Elder-Rod
Approve Agenda/Additions
Approval of minutes for September Council Meeting David 1st Star 2nd .
Treasurer's Report: Checking 156,856.40, Savings 27,912.65, Roof Repair Insurance balance 3634.11, Memorials 6802.26, Fellowship and Youth Group 8140.26, Expenses 60,124.74, Net Income 39,252.87
Pastor's, N/A
Elders Report, see other.
Trustee Report, quiet, down tree in back will be taken care of, Fire wood save for Nativity.
Other Committee Reports N/A.
OLD BUSINESS

Shut-Ins, visits by Pastor.
Confirmation classes, going well, good questions with good feedback. No class on date of Quarterly Meeting 10-19-25
Microphone, increase volume and bit, hearing devices not being used do not work well.

NEW BUSINESS

Snow Removal Contract, Bill working on bids.
Communion cards, going well, will put together a spreadsheet for better tracking
Interior Repairs Estimates, Bill is working on.
Dual parish next steps. Call committee list, began with 25, narrowed down to 9 then 3 with a 4th alternate. Committee will meet again on 10-19-25. Then there will be a combined Pastor Call Vote on 10-26-25 at 10:30 after service.
Sunday school started and is going well , None Communion Sundays.
Church sign by road project will be completed in Spring 2026.
Germanfest- discuss where funds should be allocated
Budget - Matt Maser, Toby, Jayne and Tracy will assist.
Membership List updated and will be presented at Quarterly.
Quarterly Agenda Items: Dual Parish, Orange Envelopes, Gospel Concerts, Budget, Membership update, Youth Group, Live Nativity.
Newspaper Worship Gude for public, 1-1-2026 $200.00 annually Rod 1st Matt 2nd.

Other Business:

Confirmation classrooms material. Need Whiteboard.
Pastor Appreciation Day, card and gift cards
Youth Group. Resignation letter from Rebecca, will assist new lead, possible to join with Kroschel, Other possibilities.
Communion wafers.
Thank you to the volunteer movers this year. Put on bulletin And Newsletter.

Adjourn 7:47 PM Toby 1st Greg 2nd. Close with Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Carol Robinson

Quarterly Voter's Meeting, October 19, 2025, 32 Members; 10:30am

Roll Call, Pastor Walter leads us in prayer

Secretary Report: Was looked over by members; one correction, change the year, 1st Tracy Peterson, 2nd Jeanette Schaefer

Treasurer's Report: Checking: $161,540.76; Savings: $27,936.86. After subtracting the pastor loan, memorial money, youth group, fellowship, concerts and roof funds, operating funds are $150,336.39. 1st: Greg Kroschel, 2nd Barb Morgan

Pastor's Report: Pastor Walter talked about confirmation, going well with five kids.
Youth Group: In need of new teacher, Rebecca resigned.
Fellowship report: Not at this time
Trustees: working on someone to paint the inside of church, start next year. $500 estimate; 1st Tracy Peterson 2nd Chuck Borchard; lawn mowing, thank you Chuck!
If you can help next year, let the trustees know.
Elders: Dual parish update; call committee meetings,

Old Business:

Sign Repair: Elliots will start next spring; $4680, to fix sign and spruce up landscaping around the sign. Half of funds from memorials and other half general funds.
Church Picnic: Went good, music needs a little work.
Sunday School: Grace Peterson and Karissa Ausmus are teaching every other Sunday's, preschoolers at this time, they rotate or join up to teach. Going well
Confirmation: See Pastor's update

New Business:

Orange Envelopes: General, Youth Education, Missions, they will be here at church for
Members to pick up, start soon till end of year.
Memorial Tree: talked it over a bit, discuss more later
Pastor Loan: tabled until we get a new pastor
Germanfest: Went good, served 176 people and 2 children. $812.50 in pie auction and others; $307 in bake sale and $817 at silent auction. Ad's in paper was around $338; waiting for Tobies bill. After expenses, 50% will go to Minnesota North District Missions, other half to general fund. 1st Bill Morgan 2nd Star Lawin
Advent and Christmas Services: Same as last year, Wednesday meals and services, one Christmas Eve Service at 4:30pm and 9am Christmas Day Service. St.John's may join us for Wednesday's, shall see.
Thanksgiving Eve Service is Wed. Nov. 26th at 7pm.
Budget: Looks good for now, 1st Toby Hickle 2nd Greg Kroschel
Membership: Showed group the list of members who will stay on as members; and drop those we have no heard from in a while; always welcome back if they asked.
Dual Parish update: They been having call committee meetings; got to three candidates; having a joint worship service on Sunday October 26th with meeting to follow to call one.
Five members from each church been meeting.
Still open Elder position open, see John if interested
Live Nativity: Sunday Nov 30th; see Jayne or Jennifer if you would like to help in anyway or any questions.
Youth Group: See report; going to talk to St.John's about combining Youth Group
Gospel Concerts: Thank You Greg and Wendy for everything you did for the concerts; John Gilbertson will be taking it over for next year with Wendy to help him get started.
Would like more volunteers to help open and close the concerts.

Adjourned at 11:20am with the Doxology; 1st Jeanette Scheafer 2nd Nancy Williams

Submitted by Jennifer Kubesh
Church Secretary

St. Paul Lutheran Church &
St John's Lutheran Church
Voter's Meeting
10-26-2025

Call to order 11:00 AM, Open with Prayer by Pastor Lehenbauer

Roll Call and hand out ballots.
43 St Paul Lutheran and 32 St John's Lutheran Church, need 2/3 (50).

Brief Review of Potential Pastor, Votes submitted,
counted. 31 Zelmer 44 Baldwin.
Re vote to have 2/3 (50). 22 Zelmer, 53 Baldwin.
1st Gary Thompson, 2nd Jeanette Schaeffer.

Compensation package:
Salary mid point $79,344.00
Full health, eye, dental, education retirement and moving expenses, estimated at 30,000.00
To be divided equally between churches.
Parsonage: each Church equally pay utilities for housing

Adjourn 11:50 AM. 1st Jayne 2nd Barb.

Close with Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Carol Robinson

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship Newsletter Article – November 2025
Pointing to the Rock of Ages

Not the labor of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;

Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,

All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone. (LSB 761:2)

While the classic hymn "Rock of Ages" shows up in the Lutheran Service Book in the "Hope and Comfort" section, it can also teach us a valuable lesson about Christian stewardship. If that surprises you, stay with me on this one.

No Lutheran would ever dispute the fact that our work does not save us. Ephesians 2 makes it truly clear that we are dead in our trespasses and sins and would remain in that state until Christ raises us by grace. There is not a ladder on which we can climb out of the grave that our sins have dug for us. No blood, sweat nor tears will be able to rescue us. We all know this.

Our works do not save. Christ's work on the cross of Calvary does! He bore human flesh. He carried the burden of our sin to the cross. His body was beaten, bruised and bloodied for us. He has indeed atoned for us! This is more than enough reason for this hymn to be bouncing around in your head all day today!

But our work has a place. The place is in response to what the Father has done for us in Jesus. The Rock of Ages, who is Jesus, becomes the foundation on which our lives of faith are built. The Holy Spirit uses the means of grace to make us God's workmanship that Paul talks about in Ephesians 2:10.

Our workmanship does not display our power or prowess. Like the heavens declare the handiwork of the Creator, the works of a redeemed sinner point others to the salvation that is worked only by Jesus alone. Our work is a response to and reflection of a grace and glory that we ourselves could never accomplish or achieve.

We become stewards of the treasure that is the Gospel. When we faithfully support the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our financial support, we are doing the work which points to the One who alone atones. When we come alongside a struggling sister or brother for whom Christ died and we share the stewardship work of compassion and care, we enflesh the treasure of God's love and redemption. When we make it a weekly priority to arrange our schedule to be in the Lord's House with other stewards of the Gospel to receive again and again the Gospel's precious gift, we are stewards of the Body of Christ in the congregation that points even more people to Jesus.

We cannot do this. Jesus does it through us. We are simply stewards of this precious treasure!

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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*Check **Facebook** or **church website** for any updates on schedules for Worship Service and other events.*

Vacancy Pastor	**Church Secretary**	**Church Newsletter**	**Organists**
Pastor Walter Lehenbauer	Jennifer Kubesh	Jennifer Kubesh Cydelle Klande	Sue Hickle Connie Odendahl

Church Council
Meets 1st Tuesday each month at 7pm

Chairman: John Frank
Vice Chair: Matt Maser
Elders: Rod Lawin
David Berquist
Toby Hickle
Trustees: Jeff Rogneby
Bill Morgan
Greg Kroschel
Secretary: Carol Robinson
Fin. Sec.: Star Lawin
Treasurer: Tracy Peterson

Stewardship
Oct 1st – Oct 19th, 2025

General Fund.....$9,718
GermanFest.....$4,433

TOTAL.....$14,151

Sunday School: Karissa Ausmus
Grace Peterson
Board of Fellowship: Jayne Maser
Youth Group: TBD
Fellowship: Jayne Maser and
Jennifer Kubesh

In case of an emergency, please contact Elder Rod Lawin at 320-372-0109

Ushers:
Doug Maser
Tony Nelson

NOVEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10am Confirmation **Daylight Savings**	3	4 1pm BOF Mtg 7pm Council Mtg	5 10:30am Bible Study	6	7	8
9 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Confirmation	10	11	12 10:30am Bible Study	13	14	15
16 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10am Confirmation	17	18	19 10:30am Bible Study	20	21	22
23 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Confirmation	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	27 Thanksgiving Day 	28 1pm Live Nativity Setup/Help	29
30 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Confirmation **LIVE NATIVITY!!** 						

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Newsletter
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For God so Loved the World