St. Paul Lutheran Church
OCTOBER 2025

GermanFest

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405 2nd Street NW
Hinckley, MN 55037

A traditional style German feast.

Hand carved roasted pork loin, hot German potato salad, seasoned baby red potatoes, red cabbage, sauerkraut, green beans, assorted fresh baked bread and homemade pumpkin bars

Friday October 10th

Dinner Served from 4:30pm to 6:30pm
Silent Auction and Bake Sale
During the meal
Pie Auction @ 5:30pm

Cost: Adults $12.00
Children (age 10 and under) $6.00
Age 3 and under is free

Call (320) 384-6267 for information.

Upcoming Events & News

Sunday School: Thanks to Karissa and Grace, Sunday School will be held on non-communion Sunday's, right after worship. Kiddos age three and up to sixth grade are welcome to come.

Confirmation: We have four second year students, Croix Brant, Levi Hickle, Liam Rogenby and Isla Zabrok. Our first-year students are Abe Maser and Henry Ausmus. Classes are held after worship on Sunday's.

GermanFest:
Please join us on Friday October 10th at 4:30pm to 6:30pm for a traditional German meal. Pie Auction at 5:30pm.

Looking for silent auction items, and new this year is a bake sale. So, start thinking of what kind of pie to bake and what goodies you can bring in for the bake sale. If you like, you can just bring in a pan of bars, brownies, cake and we can get them cut up and ready for the bake sale. Don't forget about the pie auction too. We will be here Friday morning of Germanfest at 8am, so you can drop off your baked goodies, pie or silent auction items. Please have these here at church by 3pm, so we have time to get them ready.

If you can help with cleanup after and during Germanfest; please let Jennifer or Jayne know.

Take a poster or two off the table by the doors to hand out to family and friends or put a few around your town.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Thank you to Pastor Walter Lehenbauer and Pastor Loren Vogler for all they do for this congregation.

Quarterly Voter's Meeting is on Sunday October 19th.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October
2nd: Carolyn Vogler
3rd: Nancy Williams
4th: Kelly Tocholke
8th: Lucille Signore
9th: Jerry and Rebecca Perrotti
11th: Duane and Liz Klar
12th: Shawn and Karissa Ausmus
Matt and Jayne Maser
John and Lizzie Maser
13th: Sue Hickle
Leah Ausmus
21st: John Frank
Cydelle Klande
Ronnie Brant
22nd: Doug Kottke
24th: Elliotte Signore
26th: Troy Peterson
28th: Bailey Gorsenger
Eddie Welch
31st: Barb Schroeder

If we missed anyone, please let Jennifer know!

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

Genesis 8:22

Flower Chart:

Oct 5th: Matt & Jayne Maser…
….. In honor of John & Lizzie's first wedding anniversary

Oct 12th: Larry and Linda Marotz

Oct 19th: Open

Oct 26th: Open

Ushers Schedule:

Tracy Peterson &
Tonette Peterson

Acolyte Schedule:
Oct 5th: Croix
Oct 12th: Isla
Oct. 19th: Levi
Oct. 26th: Henry

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

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship Newsletter Article – August 2025
Jesus' transforming presence

"But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.' Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost'" (Luke 19:8-10 NIV).

Who knew, all those kids sitting in Sunday school were getting a lesson in stewardship! Generations of children have very often heard lessons based on the familiar account of Zacchaeus. The diminutive tax collector's curiosity surrounding the person and ministry of Jesus is what the Holy Spirit used to set him on a collision course for a total stewardship transformation. This transformation, according to the text of Luke 19, is not just about this life. This stewardship transformation is about eternity as well!

Remember the story: Zacchaeus was a tax collector. Do not think of friendly neighborhood IRS agents. This was more like a toll booth operator, but the governing authorities did not set the toll. They would contract men to staff roadside booths and tax the commerce that was passing along the road. This was an enterprise full of greed and graft. The tax collectors would take as much as they could and only pass on a portion to the government. The rest did not go into the community chest either! It went into the pocket of the tax collector.

This is why the people had such disdain for Jewish tax collectors. They were seen as both crooks and traitors. They were crooks in that they extorted their compatriots and others in the toll process. But worse, they were seen as traitors because their efforts supported the occupying Roman authorities. That is the real reason that the people would not make way so that short Zacchaeus could see Jesus.

For this reason, he runs ahead and climbs a tree. He had heard all the stories. He wanted to see this Jesus with his own eyes. Mercy is on display. This hated crook and traitor gets a direct audience with Jesus — at Jesus' own request! Jesus invites Himself to Zacchaeus' house. This is where the transformation is about to take place!

Notice how Jesus does it. He does not preach a three-week sermon series, nor does He ask Zacchaeus to make a pledge. There is nothing programmatic about Jesus' approach. But Zacchaeus is completely transformed! The transforming force is the very presence of Jesus!

Direct time with Jesus takes a crooked, selfish, criminal and makes him the most faithful steward.

This new life of stewardship is marked by the promises made. First, he gives half of his ill-gotten gains to the poor. These are people whom he would not have defrauded at all! Yet, after spending time with Jesus, they are His first concern. Only after this does he double the requirement of the Levitical law on fraud. And what does Jesus say is the result? Salvation!

Doing the acts of stewardship does not save. Rather, the faith in Jesus that is created by the Holy Spirit is what saves! This is critical for us to confess. Failed stewardship can and will cut you off from God. The only antidote for failed stewardship is the presence of Jesus.

We do not need to run ahead and climb a tree for this presence of Jesus. He makes Himself available to us every week in the Divine Service. He speaks His Word of invitation to us in the pages of Holy Scripture. This, and this alone, transforms us from sinner to saint, from owner to steward of all that belongs to the Lord.

Do you want to become a more faithful steward? Spend more time with Jesus. Make the Divine Service a weekly priority. Feast on Christ's body and blood weekly! This is the great gift that brings salvation from God's House to yours!

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
9-2-25

Present: Jeff Rognby, Rod Lawin, Star Lawin, Bill Morgan, Greg Kroschel, Matt Maser, Jennifer Kubesh, Carol Robinson, David Berquist, Tracy Peterson, John Frank.
Call to order 7:01 PM
Open with Prayer, Rod Lawin
Approve Agenda/Additions David 1st/Jeff 2nd
Approval of minutes for August Council Meeting
Treasurer's Report: Checking 148,235.34, Savings 27,912.65. Total 176,147.99. Net Income 30,631.81. Carol 1st/Bill 2nd.
Pastor's Report None
Elders Report, A/C repaired.
Trustee Report, Estimate Received by Elliottes for Landscaping by Sign, Awaiting Painters estimate for Interior Church repair
Other Committee Reports. None

11. **NEW BUSINESS**
A. Confirmation classes: Instructor and number of students. 4- 2nd year, 2- 1st year. Set Stipulations and schedule. Pastor compensation $50/Session per session minimum.
B. Communion cards, see handout from Pastor Lehenbauer, book.
C. Interior Repairs and estimates, following up.
D. Dual Parish, Met with Kroschel members of Committee on 26th of August. Candidates Ryan Maser and another candidate + info from district. Discussed calling documents, salary, health plan with dental and vision, retirement and mileage.
E. Sunday school start date, frequency, Karissa Ausmus and Grace Peterson , plan for every other week to begin . More to come.
F. Church sign Landscaping Elliott's $4680.60 per estimate Greg 1st / Rod 2nd. Finance with Memorials and operating funds. Hope to complete before winter.
G. German Fest 10/10/2025. 4:30-6:30,Auction beginning at 5:30 PM.
H. Budget Matt Maser Vice Chair and budget committee.

12. OTHER BUSINESS
A. Pastor Appreciation Day 10/12/2025. Cake and Gift cards. Tracy 1st Jeff 2nd.
B. Greg and Wendy looking for assistant for concerts.
C. Jennifer Orange Envelopes .
D. Speaker/Lapel Mic for Pastor. $200.00 authorized. Tracy 1st/Carol 2nd.
E. Memorial Tree management. Jennifer oversees
F. Checking Account.
Remove Aaron Peterson Chair. Remove Wendy Kottke Treasurer. Remove Toby Hickle Vice Chair.
Add John Frank Chair , Add Matt Maser Vice Chair, Add Tracy Peterson as Treasurer.
Effective 7/1/2025. Motion by Tracy Peterson 1st , Seconded by Star Lawin 2nd.
13. Adjourn meeting 8:03 PM
14. Close with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Robinson

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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
Aug 24th – Sept 14th, 2025

General Fund	$7,526
Altar Flowers	$40
Missions	$176
Summer Gospel Concerts	$150
TOTAL	**$7,892**

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

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

Ushers:
Tracy Peterson
Tonette Peterson

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 10:30am Bible Study	2	3	4
5 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10am Confirmation	6	7 1pm BOF Mtg 7pm Council Mtg	8 10:30am Bible Study	9	10 4:30 to 6:30pm GERMANFEST!! 	11
12 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Confirmation	13	14	15 10:30am Bible Study	16	17	18
19 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Qrtly Voter's Mtg 10am Sunday School 10am Confirmation	20	21	22 10:30am Bible Study	23	24	25
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