St. Paul Lutheran Church
APRIL 2026

Pastor Call Update:

Dear Saints at St. Paul Lutheran Church,

For several weeks, my wife Laura and I have prayerfully considered the divine call to the dual parish of St. John Lutheran Church and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hinckley, MN.

During this time, we have prayed upon God's Word and asked for HIs guidance through this process. Part of our consideration is our current Parish's spiritual health, Christ Lutheran Church, Abbotsford and St. Paul Lutheran Church at Green Grove. With the help of God and the loving saints of the Parish, we believe the churches are filled with the Holy Spirit and ready for its next pastor. We have enjoyed an cherish our time in Abbotsford and Green Grove, but we look forward to building a new home, a family, and a community we can serve for many years. With the help of God, we believe St. John Lutheran Church in Kroschel and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hinckley will be part of our family for many years to come. With a joyful heart to the Lord for his guidance, and with the support of my wife, I graciously accept the Divine Call to serve St. John Lutheran Church in Kroschel and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hinckley, MN.

At this time, I would request a prayer for the saints at Christ Lutheran Church in Abbotsford and St. Paul Lutheran Church at Green Grove WI. They will now face a similar task in going through the call process to find their next under shepherd to lead the congregations of the Parish. With God's guidance, I am hopeful their next pastor will continue leading Christ Lutheran and St. Paul Lutheran Church forward into his mission field.

Again, Laura and I thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you. So, I give you the closing words from St. Paul in his closing letter to 2 Timothy.
"The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you" Amen.

In the risen Lord's Service,

Rev. Donald J. Bruce

***Pastor Bruce will be starting sometime after Easter. We will keep you informed.*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 2nd Maundy Thurs (w/ Communion) 7pm

April 3rd - Good Friday 7pm

April 5th - Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service 6:30 am

Pancake Breakfast 7:30 am

Easter Worship 9am

(both Services have Communion)

Upcoming Events & News

Winkle (District Pastors) is meeting at St. Paul's on Tuesday April 7th at 9am.

Wednesday Bible Study will be on Wed. April 8th, 15th, and 22nd at 10:30am.

Board of Fellowship: A meeting will be on Tuesday April 14th at 1pm.

Quarterly Voter's Meeting is on Sunday April 19th after worship service.

The Marudas Family **invites you** to celebrate Bonnie's 90th Birthday on Saturday April 25th from 1 to 4pm at St. Patrick's Church.

Planning to have a **spring cleanup day** on Saturday May 2nd. If you can help mow the lawn at the church this summer, talk to Rod or Greg.

Summer Gospel Concerts will begin in June. Posters and more information will be out soon.

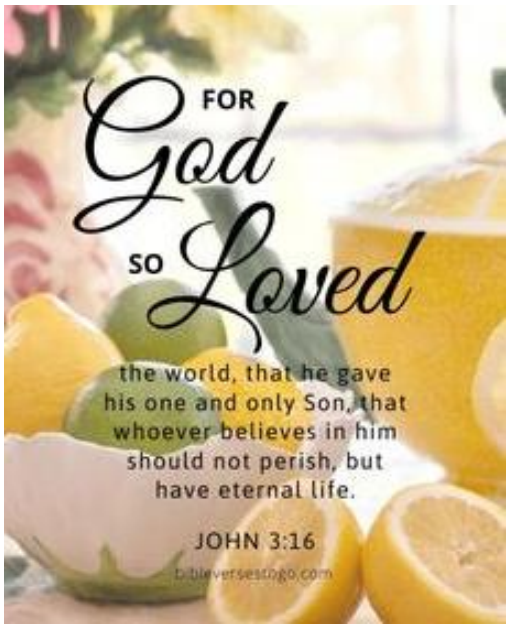
Congrats to Liam Rogneby, Levi Hickle, Croix Brant, and Isla Zabrok and on their confirmation! They were confirmed on Palm Sunday in front of their families and the congregation. Thank you to Judy Hopkins for making the banners and sashes.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April

3rd: Greg and Judy Wickstrom
4th: Seth Davis
5th: Star Lawin
Henry Ausmus
Bill and Barb Morgan
8th: Bev Rabe
10th; Carlie Swanson
14th: Randy and Bev Rabe
15th: Katie Hagen
Cam Welch
18th: Chuck Borchard
21st: Annika Maser
25th: Randy Hickle
26th: Tifffany Hopkins
27th: Reagan Rumgay
29th: Jessy and Cydelle Klande
30th; Mary Jarvis

If we missed anyone, please let Jennifer know!



Flower Chart:

April 5th: Happy Easter

April 12th: Gloria Maser Bjerke
……..in loving memory of Irene

April 19th: Jeanette Schaefer
……...in loving memory of loved ones

April 26th: Jennifer Kubesh
……..in honor of her mom's birthday.

Acolyte Schedule:
April 5th: 6:30am Henry
April 5th: 9am:
April 12th:
April 19th:
April 26th:

Prayers:
Florence Benoit, Carolyn Olander, Janice Ladd, Mary Jarvis, Mona Klar, Star Lawin, Steve Marudas

Ushers Schedule 2026

April: Matt and Abe Maser
May: Rick Williams and Vern Volk
June: Randy Hickle and Doug Kottke
July: John and Jacob Maser
August: Bill Morgan and Aaron Peterson
Sept: Jedidah Lilenthal and Issac Maser
October: Tonette Peterson and Tracy Peterson
Nov: Doug Maser and Toby Hickle
Dec: Steve Marudas and John Gilbertson

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Church Email: st.paulhinckley@yahoo.com

Church Phone: (320) 384-6267

Website: www.stpaulhinckleymn.org

Like us on Facebook! *https://www.facebook.com/SPLCHINCKLEY*

*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
Mar 1st to Mar 29th, 2026

General Fund	$7,143
Altar Flowers	$290
Missions	$75
Summer Gospel	$1000
Sunday School	$10
TOTAL	**$8,518**

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*

St Paul's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2026

Call to order, 7:00 PM
Open with Prayer, Rod
Approve Agenda/Additions
Approval of minutes for February 3rd Council Meeting David 1st, Tracy 2nd

Treasurer's Report Carol 1st Matt 2nd.
Checking 196,145.96, Savings 27,912.65
Memorials 6,689.47, Roof Funds 3097.43
Total Expense 22,433.97, Net Income 6,067.98
Pastor Report N/A
Elder's Report N/A
Trustee Report N//A
Other Committee Reports. N/A

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Dual Parish. Pastor Bruce coming for tour of both Parish's 3/5/2026
Tour St Paul Lutheran lunch @ 11:30, St John's @ 1:15 – 3:30
Interior Repairs, completed, cost $500.00. Balance left over move to General Fund Greg 1st David 2nd
Council Lent Dinner. 2 Soups, John and Tracy, Salad Matt, Star and Carol Dessert, Sandwiches Rod and Greg.
Sound System checked out after meeting 3/3/2026.
Mower service schedule Greg and Rod will load and set up for service.
Church cleanup day grounds 5/2/2026 @ 09:00

OTHER BUSINESS

2026 elections, John will check records for term ending

Adjourn 7:30 David 1st Greg 2nd.

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Robinson

PSALM
118

h give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!
(PSALM 118:1)

STRUCTURE

v. 1-4 The Lord's mercy endures forever.

v. 5-9 The Lord is on my side.

v. 10-14 The Lord is my strength and song.

v. 15-21 The Lord's right hand.

v. 22-24 The Lord's cornerstone.

v. 25-29 The Lord's salvation.

AT A GLANCE

"MERCY" (v. 1–4) is from the Hebrew word hesed, which could also be translated as steadfast love, loyal love, faithful love, lovingkindness, etc.

"SAVE NOW" (v. 25) is related to "hosanna."

DIG DEEPER Can you find the events of Holy Week (Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter) in this psalm?

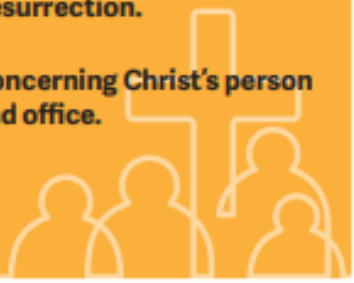
CHRIST IS HERE

The entire psalm can be viewed as a prayer of thanksgiving for the work of Christ on our behalf. He is the stone which the builders rejected that the Lord has made the chief cornerstone. He is the sacrifice that was bound to the altar of the cross. Easter morning is the day that the Lord has made for us.

Martin Luther said Psalm 118 was his favorite psalm, his "beloved psalm." He even said that he would trade all the wealth and power of the Pope and emperor for it. Verse 17 became a sort of motto for him, and he composed a musical setting of it. This is a psalm of thanksgiving for all the benefits that our Lord showers upon us. Each and every one of those blessings is bound up in Christ, who is the very center and fulfillment of all that this psalm confesses. In Him we see the Lord's mercy and salvation. He is our strength and the very song that we sing. In Him we know that these blessings will endure forever; indeed, they can never run out. Luther points out that as a confession of thanksgiving, this psalm also rebukes our blindness to all the blessings that the Lord daily showers on us. And yet God showers these blessings upon us despite our wickedness and ingratitude. This psalm reminds us that every good and perfect gift flows to us from the pierced side of our crucified and risen Lord, and that it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

SPIRITUAL CARE

- **In preparation for Holy Communion.**
- **During times of physical and spiritual trouble.**
- **After confession, in thanks giving for absolution.**
- **For meditation on Christ's passion, Holy Week and the Resurrection.**
- **Concerning Christ's person and office.**



USE IN THE CHURCH

Antiphon: v. 1

In the Daily Office: Sundays at Midday (Prime)

At the Divine Service: Gradual for Thanksgiving (v. 1), *LSB* Psalm for Confession of Peter (ant: v. 26)

One-Year:
Introit for Easter Wednesday (ant: v. 17)
Gradual for Christmas Dawn (v. 26a, 27a, 23), Easter Sunday and Monday–Wednesday (v. 24) and LSB Trinity 15 (v. 8–9a)
Verse for Cantate (v. 16); historic verse for All Saints (v. 15a)
Psalm for Lent 1 (ant: v. 5), Palm Sunday (ant: v. 26) and Easter Day (ant: v. 1).

Three-Year:
Introit for Easter Tuesday and Wednesday (ant: v. 17) and Proper 22A (ant: v. 1); introit antiphon for Palm Sunday (v. 26); introit verses for Advent 1A (v. 25–28).
Gradual for Sundays in Advent AB (v. 26)
Verse for Advent 1C (v. 7)
Psalm for Palm Sunday (ant: v. 26) and Easter Sunrise (ant: v. 1)

Hymn: *LSB* 903, "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"

PSALM 118

PSALM PRAYER

O most merciful God, our Savior in distress, You fill the tents of the righteous with glad songs of salvation. Lift up Your church with the power of Your right hand, that it may become the gate of righteousness, bind itself together with You as its cornerstone and shine with glory in Your resurrection; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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Ushers: Matt Maser
& Abe Maser

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2 7pm Maundy Thurs Service	3 7pm Good Friday Service	4
5 6:30am Sunrise Worship w/ Communion 7:30am Pancakes 9am Easter Worship w/ Communion **EASTER DAY**	6	7 7pm Council Mtg	8 10:30am Bible Study	9	10	11
12 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	13	14 1pm BOF Mtg	15 10:30am Bible Study	16	17	18
19 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship 10:30am Qtrly Mtg	20	21	22 10:30am Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship	27	28	29	30		

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