

St. Paul Lutheran Church

October 2023 Newsletter



GermanFest



St. Paul Lutheran Church

405 2nd Street NW

Hinckley, MN 55037

(1/3 mile west of downtown on Pine Co. 18)

A traditional style German Feast featuring hand carved roasted pork loin; served with seasoned baby red potatoes, hot German potato salad, sweet & sour red cabbage, sauerkraut, green beans, assorted fresh baked bread, and homemade pumpkin dessert.

Friday, October 13th

Serving Dinner 5:00 pm to 7:00 p.m.

Silent Auction throughout the evening

Pie Auction at 6pm

Cost: Adult/\$12.00

Children (age 10 & under)/\$ 6.00

Age 3 and under/Free

Call (320) 384-6267 for information.





Greetings and His peace to you!

The Gideons International is a group of business and professional men who make it their mission to tell of the Good News of Jesus the Christ and to put the Holy Bible into the hands of those who need it at no cost to the receiver.

Their wives are also as dedicated, not only to their husbands, but especially to the Lord with most being involved in the Gideon's Auxiliary in support of the Gideon mission.

Recently, they hosted a pastor appreciation dinner to give thanks to God for pastors and the vocations they are given, and so that the pastors might share a meal and some fellowship time together. Kind of a mini-respite if you will.

There were 2 main speakers and both gave very good witnessing. Although one might think that with a bunch of pastors in the room it might have seemed like the overused cliché of 'preaching to the choir', it was not. And that is because, more often than not, many Christians, not just pastors, do not get to see growth from the seeds they plant. These witness stories are one thing that God gives us to help us keep us going. It is a great thing to know that God is growing His Kingdom still! Even in the midst of a world full of adversity, confusion, apathy, and less love for the One who created everything, God is still here for His human creatures to seek Him out and find Him!

The Gideons are organized locally into 'camps' and the camp chaplain for this dinner was none other than our own Marv Maser. He shared a very interesting story as well. I apologize that I cannot recall where he found/heard this story.

The story centered around a letter written to a paper concerning how the writer expressed that he'd been going to church for over 30 years and really had nothing to show for it and that it seemed like waste of time to have heard hundreds of sermons and not be able recall a single one.

This, of course, brought a flood of letters sent to the paper in response. For the editor of the paper, it was a boon. As you can imagine, LOTS of letters with many different points of views and comments were

received by the paper, but there was one that stood out. Here's a short version of what it said:

"I've been married for over 30 years and in those 30 plus years my wife has made thousands of meals. I honestly cannot recall any one of what she made or the sides that went with them, but I know this: each of those thousands of meals nourished me and kept me doing my job. Without those meals I cannot remember, I would not be alive right now."

Thanks be to God for this man's reply and reality check for us all!

God is always providing for us. Not just physically, but spiritually too. It's really easy to invent an excuse to not attend worship, but you are only skipping out on a meal of God's Word and Sacrament that was meant for you to receive. God wants you to have it! So, come and get it!

God's richest blessings to you and your family! See you at 'meal time'!

in His name,

Pastor Mike Metzler



Did you know?

What is a **vocation**? In years past, many people spoke of a vocation as another way of saying occupation, or what a person was trained for/did to earn a living. From a Christian perspective, a vocation may include that definition, but it is more than that.

A vocation is a God-assigned task given to His people to care for His creation. There are many vocations and each is important to God. All of us have a God-given vocation assigned to us. Very often we have many vocations at the same time. Child of God, son, daughter, husband, wife, mother, father, grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, student, boss, worker, and many, many more are all vocations given to us by God. Each has its own challenges and joys. And some vocations change or even end as we move through our journey here on earth.

God's servant Martin Luther shared with us that God doesn't need our good works, but our neighbor does, and that the purpose of our vocations is to love and serve our neighbors. What are your vocations?

CHURCH NEWS



Oct Acolyte Schedule:

Oct 1st: Piper
Oct 8th: Norah
Oct 15th: Corbin
Oct 22nd:
Oct 29th: Hunter

Oct Ushers: (Open)

Nov Ushers: Marv Maser and Robbie Robinson

Sunday School: Kickoff will be Sept 24th after worship. We look forward to your children joining us to learn about Jesus through songs, prayers, books, and crafts. Snacks will be provided.

Board of Fellowship: Meeting October 2nd, times will be determined at a later date.

If you are a family with children up to 20 years of age, please join us for a **Meatball Dinner** on Wednesday Oct 4th from 5 to 7pm. Let us take care of you and your family while you visit and play with those going through the same season of life as you! If you have any questions contact Jayne or Pastor or text 320-279-2153. There will be no cost, but we would appreciate it if you would let us know that you are coming so that we can adequately prepare.

GermanFest:

Silent auction items are needed..... bring donations in at any time. Drop them off at the church office. Talk to Tonette if you have any questions.

Pie auction: a sign-up sheet is up on the fellowship door for anyone who would like to bake. We would like to have 20 different pies for the auction.

Desserts: If you are interested in making the pumpkin dessert this year, we will have "baking kits" available on October 8th after worship.

Church Survey: Please take a moment to fill out the survey at the end of the newsletter. You can turn these into Jayne Maser.

Orange Envelopes: These will go out around the middle of October. Thank you for your contributions, the church appreciates your donations.

Operation Christmas Child: Youth Group will help organize shoe box gift collection during October and November this year. Watch for more information to come in the bulletin.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Oct 2023

2nd: Carolyn Vogler
3rd: Nancy Williams
4th: Kelly Tocholke
Tianna Day
5th: Larry Gregg
8th: Lucille Signore
9th: Jerry and Rebecca Perrotti
10th: Pastor Mike
11th: Duane and Liz Klar
12th: Shawn and Karissa Ausmus
Matt and Jayne Maser
13th: Leah Ausmus
Sue Hickle
21st: John Frank
Ron Brant
Cydelle Klande
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!

Flower Chart:

October 1st...Larry and Linda Marotz
...in loving memory of loved ones gone.

October 8th- Jerry and Rebecca Perrotti
... in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary

October 15th

October 22nd- Wendy Kottke
... in honor Doug's birthday

October 29th— Carol Robinson
... in honor of Eddies birthday.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



THE TALE OF TWO PRAYERS

Proud & Loud versus Humble & Repentent

LUKE 19:0-14

Youth Group

Youth Group kicked off on September 13 with Pizza and Puzzles night. We will continue to meet on **Wednesdays throughout the year at 6pm**, at church for dinner, a lesson, and other activities.

Wednesday Schedule

October 11	November 8
January 10	February 7
March 27 ?	April 10
May 11	June TBD

Holiday Wreath Sale

Holiday wreaths products will be available for sale during October with orders due by October 31. Look for sales materials at church or contact a youth group member for more information.

Ruby's Pantry - Serving Activity - Saturday, October 28 - Morning

Ruby's Pantry in Askov is an opportunity for us to volunteer locally in appreciation of God's gifts to us. We can reflect God's love by being helpful and showing kindness.

Our role will be to help hand out all the food products to people coming through the line, help as needed with their boxes and coolers, and help with carrying out and loading the groceries into peoples' vehicles. We will also help with some basic set up and clean up for the event.

Why do it?

- ❖ Everyone needs to eat!
- ❖ Use extra food well to meet our needs and the needs of others.
- ❖ Jesus served us and God provides for us - we can show our appreciation by serving others.
- ❖ Connections - people need people - be a light for others and you'll receive light in return.
- ❖ Reflect the love of Christ by showing kindness and sharing our time to give back to others.

If you would like to join us for this event, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board by the flower chart, call or text Rebecca - 612-247-9319. We do need to sign up ahead of time. Additional information will be provided to those who sign up to coordinate times and transportation.

Ruby's Pantry is open to anyone, we can pick up food shares while we're there.

Learn more at <https://www.rubyspantry.org>

Our Mission

To activate people in being alert to the needs of others and to be proactive in encouraging faith, showing friendship and meeting tangible needs of neighbors, friends and strangers regardless of race, religion or ethnicity.

What is Ruby's Pantry?

Ruby's Pantry is for ANYONE that eats! There is no income or residency requirement and Ruby's Pantry is for anyone looking to extend their monthly grocery budget. Each guest donates a \$25 donation and receives an abundance of grocery items. Ruby's Pantry is not government funded and is a 501 C3. Each donation is used to cover operational costs like trucking, gas, and warehouse staff. All of the food is donated by corporate food donors making it possible to reach more families each month at locations across Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Iowa.

Confirmation Corner

Confirmation 2023-24 has started! It began on Sunday, Sept 10 at 10:30am and will continue throughout the year until May. Examination day is May 18 and Confirmation Day is Sunday, May 19. Our students have begun this year with the studying the Lord's Prayer and its Petitions and meanings, and what we are asking our Father in heaven when we pray it.

If you know someone who would benefit from adult confirmation instruction, or just have a question or 2, please contact the pastor by office phone voicemail 320-384-6267 (ext 2), cell (or text) 763-286-4803, or email at revmetzler18@gmail.com

SUPPLICATIONS

Supplications are requests in prayer on behalf of others. Supplications may be things such as healing, to things like a better job or the like. Here are some supplications:

For those serving on the **Pine County Board**, that they would uprightly serve their fellow human creatures in their God-given vocations and have their well-being in mind in making decisions.

For **all those in jail or prison**, that God soften their hearts to look to Him for courage and strength to keep trying and not give up in changing their thoughts and actions, and direct their hands and feet to do all for His glory in place to doing harm and evil.

For **Arden Gruett, Lois Kruse, Lorraine Robbins, Florence Berquist**, and those named in our hearts, for God's continued healing and comfort for them and their families.

For those in the **U.S. Marines**, as they serve in their vocations that keep us safe and secure. God grant them courage and honor to meet the daily challenges, both in their training and when they are called upon to do their duty.

For the **MN DNR Conservation Officers and workers** that they know that God watches over them as they continue to help maintain order and keep us safe, and protect our natural resources for all to enjoy.

For the **Askov River Fire Dept.** that they remember that God protects them as they serve us.

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.

Pastor
Rev. Mike Metzler

Church Secretary
Jennifer Kubesh

Church Newsletter
Jennifer Kubesh
Cydelle Klände

Organists
Sue Hickle
Connie Odendahl

Church Council

*Meets 1st Monday
each month at 7pm*

Chairman: Aaron Peterson

Vice Chair: Toby Hickle

Elders: Rod Lawin

John Frank

Matt Maser

Greg Kroschel

Trustees: Bill Morgan

David Berquist

Doug Kottke

Secretary: Carol Robinson

Fin. Sec.: Star Lawin

Treasurer: Wendy Kottke

Stewardship 8/28/23 to 9/17/23

General Fund \$5,934

Altar Flowers..... \$140

Graber Memorial..... \$3,520

Missions \$5

TOTAL..... \$9,599



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH SURVEY

Please take a moment to fill out the survey below. You can return the survey by email, jaynemaser@gmail.com, by mail (St. Paul Lutheran, in care of Jayne Maser, PO Box 99, Hinckley, MN 55037), or drop it off at the church with Jayne Maser. Surveys will remain anonymous.

What do you believe is the mission of St Paul Lutheran Church?

What are some strengths at St Paul's? Are there areas that we can/should improve?

Do you feel welcome at St Paul's? Do you believe the atmosphere is friendly? Please explain.

Do you believe there is conflict within the church?

Do you believe that our congregational care is in line with the mission of the Church?

Do you believe there is balanced law and gospel in the sermons? Are the sermons easy to follow?

What brings you to church?

How often do you attend in-person service?

How often do you view live stream service?

Do you believe that it is important to live stream services?

Do you attend another church on a regular basis?

Do you feel informed about church projects, activities, and decisions in the church?

Are there ways that we can improve communication?

In what areas would you like to serve at St Paul?

Are there things that would make it easier to serve/volunteer?

Are there groups or activities that you would like to see at St Paul?

How can we reach out to/serve our community?

How can we encourage young families within the church?

How can we encourage new membership?

Do you believe the way that St Paul spends money is in line with the mission of the Church?


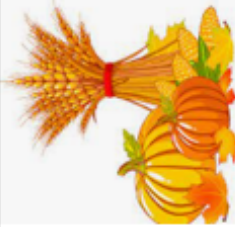
Would you like a visit from the Pastor?

Are there other concerns or thoughts that you would like to share?



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Confirmation 10am Sunday School	2 No School 7pm Council Mtg	3	4 10am Bible Study 5-7pm Family Dinner	5	6 <i>Pastor's days off</i>	7 <i>Pastor's days off</i>
8 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Confirmation 10am Sunday School	9	10	11 10am Bible Study 6pm Youth Group Mtg	12	13 5pm GermanFest 	14 <i>Pastor's days off</i>
15 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Quarterly Mtg 10am Confirmation 10am Sunday School	16	17	18 10am Bible Study	19 <i>MEA Break No School</i>	20 <i>MEA Break No School</i> <i>Pastor's days off</i>	21 <i>Pastor's days off</i>
22 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Confirmation 10am Sunday School	23	24	25 10am Bible Study	26	27	28 Youth Group Service in AM <i>Pastor's days off</i>
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