



**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
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260-413-7253

**Worship service/ Sundays/Communion @ 9:00am, Wednesdays/Communion @ 6:30pm**



**Armed Forced Day May 18th**

**Confirmation on May 4th** – those being confirmed are Piper Finnegan, Landon Kilgard, Jacob Uhlmann

**The 2025 flower calendar** is ready for people to sign up for a special occasion or just because.

**Bible Studies**— Adult Bible Study on Sundays right after the worship service  
Tuesday morning Men's/Women Bible Study at 9:00am

**Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca** clean up is on Saturday May 3rd from 9-4pm

**Christian Service Committee News about our Church Family** (all addresses are Williamsburg, IA 52361 unless noted) Highlighted Birthdays and Anniversaries for May. We highlight children's, decade, and 80+ birthdays. We highlight the 1st year, each 5 years, and 50+ years wedding anniversaries. Please let us know if you would like other birthdays and anniversaries added to the highlighted list. Complete lists of birthdays and anniversaries are posted on the bulletin board at the west entrance.

May 1 – Brooklyn Goad, 16 - 1002 North St.  
May 1 – Tom and Jackie Heitshusen, 50 – 533 Hawkeye Dr., Lot 5  
May 5 – Stella Madoerin, 104 – 100 Village View Circle  
May 7 - Beau Doehrmann, 2 – 2275 240<sup>th</sup> St  
May 7 – Luka Gotsis, 14 – 696 Adams St, Marengo, IA 52301  
May 7 – Velma Mews, 90 – 502 South Walnut St.  
May 9 – Deb Garringer, 60 – 703 Madison St.  
May 9 – Betty Haworth, 88 – 1407 W Welsh St.  
May 10 – Lee Cox, 3 – 2363 M Ave  
May 11 - Willard Huedepohl, 84 – 2263 210<sup>th</sup> St  
May 13 - Dea Weck, 60 – PO box 424  
May 13 – Keith Disterhoft, 84 – 122 Bailey Park Rd.  
May 14 – Tiffany Kriegel, 40 – 1773 L Ave., Marengo, IA 52301  
May 14 – Doug Rowe, 70 – 952 E Street, PO Box 93, Conroy, IA 52320  
May 16 - Olivia Schlesselman, 13 – 505 W Hilton St., Marengo, IA 52301  
May 19 – Brucilla Lorenz, 82 – 2869 210<sup>th</sup> St., South Amana, IA 52334  
May 21 – Joel & Trina Arp, 20 - 818 North St.  
May 22 – Ken & Jolene Schaefer, 54 – 1720 216<sup>th</sup> St, Marengo, IA 52301  
May 25 - Andrew Davies, 18 – PO Box 182, Marengo, IA 52301  
May 30 - Gabrielle Uhlmann, 10 – PO Box 508, 603 Clark St.  
May 30 – Masilyn Conrad, 15 – 809 W Welsh St.

### **Prayers**

Karen Asbe 139 Country Club Road, PO Box 707

Karen Von Ahsen, 108 Bailey Park Rd, prayer for her strength for her ongoing treatments for cancer.

**Drivers:** If you would like to help take church members to doctor appointments in the Williamsburg area, Iowa City or Cedar Rapids, please contact Theresa Heitman at [twheitm@gmail.com](mailto:twheitm@gmail.com) or 319-530-0548.

**If you need food** or know of someone who does, the HACAP Food Reservoir Mobile Food Pantry is at the Williamsburg Kirkwood Campus from 3:00-4:00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**The HACAP Food Reservoir** distributes food boxes at the Presbyterian church from 10-12 on the first and third

Thursdays each month.

**Iowa County Food Bank** – call Suzanne at 319-668-1375, Sherry at 319-551-7452 or Audrey at 319-721-7640.

**If you need clothes, check out the following places:** Contact each store to find out the dates for their sales.

**Crowded Closet** 851 Hwy 6 E, Ste 101, Iowa City, IA 52240, 9:30-5:00 M-F, Sat 9:30-4:00 319-337-5924. Colored tag ½ price each week.

**Good Will/Coralville** 2551 Heartland Place, 319-248-4729

**Good Will/Iowa City** 985 Highway 6 E, 319-248-4705, 9AM-9PM M-F, Sat. 9-6 PM, Sunday 12-5PM

**Once Upon a Child** – quality used children’s clothing – next to Hy-Vee in Coralville

**The Attic**, Free clothing – call 668-2288 for an appointment (St. Paul Methodist), the hours are Monday 9-11AM, Thursday 5:30-6:30PM

**Salvation Army/Iowa City** – 1725 Boyrum St., 9AM-8PM, M-Sat. 319-339-4984

**Elders Meeting** May 12th at 7:00pm

**Evangelism meeting will be on May 13 @ 5:30pm**

Although evangelism is not hosting the Meals for the Heartland, we still want to help people with feeding their families. For six weeks, we would like to collect food for the local food bank and help them restock their shelves after the holidays. Now is a time when families need more food with their children getting out of school and home for the summer. We have put together a list of the most needed items so please help us fill the local food bank by donating from this list. There will be baskets along with the usual shopping cart to collect the donations in the basement. We will be collecting food starting on Sunday, May 4 going through Sunday, June 8.

Needed items:

Soups (bag mixes or cans)

Peanut butter - jelly

Pasta and sauces

Breakfast foods (something kids don’t have to cook)

Canned veggies

Canned fruits

Kids snack type food

Also - we are looking for 1 or 2 new members for our Evangelism group. If at all interested, please contact one of the members for more information. We don't require alot of your time, just support, ideas, and a monthly meeting.

Thank you -Bonnie Furler, Monica Miller, Pat Dellamuth, Joi Dellamuth, Arlene Arp

**Fellowship**—is in need of people to sign up to provide a snack/drinks after our Sunday worship service. There is a sign up sheet available on the west entrance on table before the Fellowship Hall.

**Highland Ridge service** on May 11th at 2:00pm.

**Installation of Officers** will be on May 11th. This is for the new officers and existing officers

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SECRETARY** Brianna Dellamuth, **CEMETERY OVERSEERS** Rodger Bohrn, Kenton Doehrmann, Jason Grimm, **CHRISTIAN SERVICE** Monica Miller, **ENDOWMENT FUNDS** Richard Schaefer, Renae Roggentien, Mellissa Zuber, **EVANGELISM** Bonnie Furler, **FINANCIAL REVIEW** Karin Malloy, Darrell Campbell, Sandy Miller, **TRUSTEES**. Ron Garringer, Dave Knock, Corey Kuesel, Justin Simmons, **HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE** (Archives) Pat Dellamuth, Loretta Glandorf, Peggy S Grimm, **LIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**: Aaron Loy, Nicholas Timm, Eric Wardenburg, **PARISH EDUCATION** Megan Timm, **STEWARDSHIP BOARD** Joi Dellamuth Sandy Dellamuth, Seth Dellamuth, Megan Finnegan Deb Garringer, Ellyn Kozishek, Monica Long, Michele Piersol, Gary Stourac, Erica Wardenburg, Peggy Wardenburg, Rhonett Wardenburg, **TREASURER** Helen Kozishek.

### Library

#### Adult Book

**A Shepherd looks at PSALM 23** by Phillip Keller

Travel the Shepherd's path to the green pastures and cool, refreshing waters of Psalm 23. As a shepherd himself, W. Phillip Keller shares his insights into the life and character of sheep--and of the Good Shepherd who loves and cares for them. A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23 will give new meaning to the ageless Shepherd Psalm, enriching your trust in and love for the Lord who watches closely over



you. Keller infuses new hope into our relationship with Christ. This timeless classic: Is perfect as a treasured self-purchase or gift for any occasion Showcases Scripture which has been the topic of countless books, articles, and featured on a multitude of gift products. Delivers new insights on one of the most familiar and popular chapters in the BibleIs a trusted inspirational resource for personal and spiritual growth and reflection As we lie down in green pastures or walk through the shadowy valley, we're assured that whatever our path, whatever our stumbling, the Shepherd will lovingly guide, carry, and protect us. We can depend on His goodness and mercy all the days of our lives.

### **Biography of a Reformer Luther** by Frederick Nohl

Martin Luther had one goal: peace with God. He didn't find it in the holy relics and indulgences of the church or in his life as an obedient monk. Luther discovered God's treasure of truth buried under human laws and regulations. He discovered the Gospel in the Word of God. Luther took his stand on that Word, defying the highest authorities in the church and state. In o doing, he started the oldest continuing evangelical movement in history. This is Luther's dramatic story.

Born of humble parents in 1483, Martin Luther grew up to live the adventuresome, often dangerous, life of a man of God. He became one of those great men who affected all he met and many thousands he never met. Martin Luther still lives on today, for his thoughts and words and actions have helped to shape our modern world.

### **Children's Books**

#### **Good Ol' Noa Had an Ark** by Martha Bolton

"Experience the story of Noah with a creative new twist! In this fun, colorful book, Mark Lowry is featured as Noah ... You and your child can enjoy the delightful story that can be read or sung (to the tune of Old MacDonald) , while you take an amusing look at Noah and the animals he cared for on the ark.

#### **Jonah and the Whale** by rosemary Lanning

When Jonah, refusing his Lord's request to spread the Word to the people in the corrupt city of Nineveh, heads for the high seas, the Lord summons up a terrible storm that threatens all aboard and sends Jonah into the watery depths where he is swallowed by a whale. Trapped for days in the belly of the whale, Jonah sees the error of his ways and is mercifully set free to fulfill his mission. The story of Jonah is an exciting tale of danger and adventure that offers children a direct and satisfying lesson in disobedience, punishment, forgiveness, and redemption.

**L.I.S. School Board meeting**— May 20th at 7:30pm

**L.I.S. 8th grade graduation** on May 28th at 6:30pm

**Memorial Day** is May 26th

**Mother's Day** is May 11th

**Last day of School** is May 30th with a early out

#### **Parish Ed**

Wednesdays — Confirmation on May 4th

LYF will meet on Wednesday at 6:00pm during the month of May

Senior recognition day May 18th.

No Sunday School on May 4th or May 11th

**From the Quilters Corner:** will not be meeting until September

**Senior recognition** will be on May 18th. Our seniors are Andrew Davies, Trenton Davies, Jenna Dodsworth, Braysen Doehrmann.

**Church Secretary** will be out of the office on May 23-27th.

**Pastor Zoske** will be on vacation May 31-June 9th.

**Please contact the church office** with any new phone numbers, no longer have a land line, new cell phone number, got married, divorced, moved, had a baby we would appreciate an update on the changes. Thank you!

## Giving Joyfully

What is joyful giving? That is question many of us should ask ourselves each day. How can we give joyfully to each other and to our church. By joyfully giving to our church we support the many wonderful benefits it provides. By giving to the general fund you are helping to provide funding for many of the missions supported by St. Paul's. This is not just about keeping the lights on, it is also about the transformational difference we are making in each other lives and the community. The funding that is provided supports the fantastic missions of our church, from the education of our youth (i.e. LYF, LIS, Sunday School, VBS), education of our adults (i.e. bible studies, Highland Ridge services, in home visits) to community support (annual cookout, orphan grain train and serving families in need within our community).

Every dollar given actually does something. With your giving you are making a difference in a life. Every Sunday we are impacting the next generation within our church and community, strengthening their faith and love for the Lord.

Giving to the Church should not be an afterthought, given after everything else is spent. It should be deliberate. We should give regularly – weekly, biweekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly – keeping in mind our own strengths, weaknesses, and limitations. We set it aside beforehand – before anything else is spent.

We give it cheerfully and with love, not out of compulsion. For through the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments, God has made us His children, forgiven us all our sins, given us grace upon grace, promised us life everlasting with Him in His kingdom, and filled us with His own Spirit, the Holy Spirit. This makes giving a joy, as Jesus said, “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

It's that easy. And it is joyful. For in stewardship, our gracious and giving Lord invites us to take part in the work that He accomplishes here on earth, providing for the ongoing preaching of the Gospel as well as those who are in need.

On a monthly basis our regular offerings are between \$20,000-\$25,000, but our monthly budget is over \$48,000. These funds are used to support the work that is done here at St. Paul's spiritually, within the community and right here in our congregation.

We are extremely grateful for everyone's generosity and would ask that you prayerfully consider what you give on a regular basis as we continue with the wonderful mission God has presented us with here at St. Paul's.

God's Blessings,

The Stewardship Board

**SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE - May 2025**

DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	GREETERS	ORGANIST	SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS	STEWARDSHIP (to count)	HEAD USHERS	USHERS
		<b>ELDER</b>						
	Eilyn Kozishek, Helen Kozishek							
4-May 9:00am	Megan Mailles	Michael Jepson	Joleen Timm Richard/Judy Wardenburg	Peggy Wardenburg Rhonett Wardenburg	Confirmation	Erica Wardenburg Seth Dellamuth Gary Stourac	Richard Schaefer Loren Timm	Evan Stohlmann Matt Schaefer Brett Kozishek
7-May 6:30pm		Matt Schaefer		Peggy Wardenburg	Mother's Day Installation of Officers			
11-May 9:00am	Liam Roggentien	Michael Jepson	Nancy Ahrens Gilbert & Karen Asbe	Karin Malloy Mike Dellamuth		Peggy Wardenburg Michelle Piersol Sandy Dellamuth	Richard Schaefer Loren Timm	Evan Stohlmann Matt Schaefer Brett Kozishek
14-May 6:30pm		Matt Schaefer		Karin Malloy				
18-May 9:00am	Sam Schaefer	Michael Jepson	Larry & Pat Dellamuth Russell & Bonnie Furler	Pat Dellamuth Sonya Uhlmann		Rhonett Wardenburg Megan Finnegan Deb Garringer	Richard Schaefer Loren Timm	Evan Stohlmann Matt Schaefer Brett Kozishek
21-May 6:30pm		Matt Schaefer		Pat Dellamuth				
25-May 9:00am	Leah Sitas	Michael Jepson	Deb Knock Karol Lacher	Peggy Wardenburg Matt Schaefer		Eilyn Kozishek Monica Long	Richard Schaefer Loren Timm	Evan Stohlmann Matt Schaefer Brett Kozishek
28-May 6:30pm		Matt Schaefer		Peggy Wardenburg				

**JUNE**

1-Jun 9:00am	Gannon Uhlmann	Mike Dellamuth		Karin Malloy Rhonett Wardenburg		Erica Wardenburg Seth Dellamuth Gary Stourac	Richard Schaefer Loren Timm	Justin Simmons Tyler Schaefer
4-Jun 6:30pm		Brett Kozishek		Karin Malloy				
8-Jun 9:00am	Jacob Uhlmann	Mike Dellamuth		Pat Dellamuth Mike Dellamuth		Peggy Wardenburg Michelle Piersol Sandy Dellamuth	Richard Schaefer Loren Timm	Justin Simmons Tyler Schaefer
11-Jun 6:30pm		Brett Kozishek		Pat Dellamuth				
15-Jun	Evelyn Finnegan	Mike Dellamuth		Karin Malloy	Father's Day	Rhonett Wardenburg	Richard Schaefer	Justin Simmons

# May 2025

## Monthly Planner

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## LIS Panther Proclaimer May Church Edition

### LIS Open Positions for 25-26

LIS will be hiring the following positions for next school year. Please contact the school if you have questions or wish to apply.

P/T Student Support  
P/T Preschool Aide  
P/T Band Instructor  
P/T Kindergarten Aide

### ESA Time!

The window to apply for ESA funds opened on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Families have until June 30<sup>th</sup> to complete their applications. Any family needing more information can reach out to the LIS office.

### LIS Plant Sale Pick Up

Were you one of the many people who ordered plants through our annual plant sale? If so, you will want to come to the school on May 1<sup>st</sup>! All plants will be in the big gym and available to pick up between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm. There will be a selection of items to buy that day as well.

### Kid's Olympics

Our annual Kid's Olympics will be on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> in the morning. The K-3 graders will compete in six events and receive ribbons for their efforts. You are welcome to join in the morning fun to watch and cheer on our youngest Panthers!

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be taking their annual class trip on May 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. This year they will be going to Kentucky to visit the Ark Encounter. There will be several other stops along the way and many memories made.

### Chapel Offering for the Third Trimester

We have begun gathering offerings for our third trimester. Our offerings will be going to support ministry in Kenya through Lutheran Hour Ministries. Our students will learn about the Kenyan culture as well as support some of their needs.

### Special Persons Day

Our Special Person's Day was a huge success this year. A tremendous thank you to all of our families for sending truly special people to the event.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade graduation ceremony will be on Wednesday, May 28 at 6:30 pm in the big gym. Please come and join in celebrating our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. This year's graduates: Ella Dayton, Piper Finnegan, Mackenzie Murley, Marcus Pirkel, Abigail Reed and Jacob Uhlmann.



# Pastor's Statement Before the April 2025 Voter's Meeting

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the course of my first year as your pastor, every voter's meeting has been one on the verge of, or filled with, contention, discord, division, and strife. This cannot continue among us. We are God's Church. God's Church is one of love and reconciliation. As those Baptized into Christ we are one in the body of Christ, therefore we seek to build each other up in love and not tear each other down. Where there is sin or confusion among us, we deal with it as Jesus has commanded us to in *Matthew 5:23-24 and 18:15-17*, with love and the hope of restoration.

Since we have yet to have a peaceful voter's meeting during my time, I must make a few definitive statements on where I stand moving forward on a few issues. These are my statements as your pastor. I am not making these statements for the Board of Elders. I make them under the conviction and guidance of God's Word, and I pray that you read them in light of God's Word. *My only authority among you is God's Word.* It will be up to you to decide whether you agree or disagree with the following.

**STATEMENT 1. Only members in good standing can attend a voter's meeting and expect to have their voice heard. To be a member in good standing you must attend the Divine Services faithfully and frequently at St. Paul. Members not in good standing have no voice until they amend their ways and begin attending the Divine Services faithfully and frequently.**

*What is a member in good standing?* According to the Constitution and Bylaws all confirmed members become voting members when they turn 18. *A confirmed member is a communicant member.* A communicant member is a member in good standing according to the definition of a communicant member as found in the Constitution and Bylaws Article IV section B., points 1-10 on pages 4-5. *As long as you meet all 10 requirements of a communicant member, you are a member in good standing and have a voice at voter's meetings.*

The two requirements I am going to highlight are points 4 and 5. *I have observed a blatant disregard for these two requirements by some members at every voter's meetings since my time as your pastor over the past year.*

*4. Communicant Members are those who attend Divine Services faithfully.*

*5. Communicant Members are those who partake of the Lord's Supper frequently after confirmation.*

If you fail to meet either of these two requirements of a communicant member, you are no longer a member in good standing and *have no right to have your voice heard at voter's meetings. I've observed members show up at voter's meetings and yet they didn't attend the Divine Service right before it – this is wrong.*

*Being a member of a church is not like being a shareholder in a company where you have a voice in the things of the company even though you don't participate in the primary activity of the company. Being a member of a church means you must participate in the primary activity of the church, which is the Divine Service. If you do that faithfully and frequently, you have a voice.*

If you are not being fed with Jesus in both Word and Sacrament with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, at St. Paul, *faithfully and frequently*, you have no right to speak at a voter's meeting. *What is faithful and frequent? At a minimum, faithful and frequent is attending and partaking of the Lord's Supper more times than not out of the 52 Sundays or Wednesdays in the year.*

I discussed this issue with President Saunders at one of our recent meetings and he made a bold statement that echoes and supports this stance. President Saunders stated:

***“If you don't eat, you don't speak.”***

**STATEMENT 2: What topics are appropriate to discuss at voter's meetings?**

## **Appropriate Topics:**

Those that support and further the unity of our confession of faith and work within the church and in the surrounding community. Those that seek to build each other up and not tear each other down. Those that don't look for fault or sin in others but instead seek to put the best construction on everything. Jesus said: *“Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs (Matt 7:6).”* We are the holy ones; we are the pearls, let us treat each other as such.



### **Inappropriate Topics:**

Those that find fault with a person or action by a person which hasn't been addressed according to Matt 18. These topics only lead to division and damage unity and fellowship. ***A voter's meeting is not the time to nitpick and find fault with things we don't like about someone or the way something is done.*** If someone has an issue with a person or the way something is handled, these need to be ***brought directly to the pastor*** away from the meeting.

After a face to face discussion, if there is something that needs to be addressed further, it will be added to the agenda at the following elder's meeting and then brought to the council and the next voter's meeting if necessary. Seek to build up and not tear down. Seek to put the best construction on everything. This is Christian love. ***Our constitution states that nothing shall be discussed that "violates the law of Christian love (p.18)." Do not speak evil against one another, brothers (James 4:11).*** If there is sin or fault among any of us ***we deal with it as Jesus commands in Matthew 5:23-24 and 18:15-17.***

### **STATEMENT 3: The elders are not liaisons between the members and the pastor.**

At a recent meeting with President Saunders, he made it very clear that ***the way the Board of Elders has been used in the past at St. Paul has not always been correct.*** President Saunders stated that the elders are not to act as liaisons between the members and the pastor as has often been the case at St. Paul. ***If you have an issue you need to go directly to the pastor. You can bring a friend, family member or elder if you'd like, but you need to go to the pastor.*** The Board of Elders are in place to support the spiritual work of the pastor and specifically to deal with discipline issues among members, ***delinquent church attendance being one of the main issues.***

***Statement 4: Moving forward we must all take a zero tolerance stance toward any negative, divisive, or slanderous talk or behavior against our church or anyone in our church,*** whether in private or public settings. If it happens and comes to your attention, bring it to the light of God's Word according to ***Matthew 18:15-17.*** Seek to restore your brother or sister in Christ and stop the sinning among each other. If it's brought to my attention I will approach the person in light of Jesus words in ***Matthew 18:15-17.***

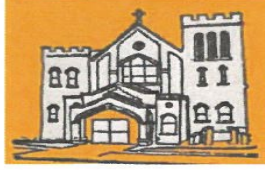
### **Conclusion:**

Today is a new day. ***This voter's meeting can be a turning point in our life together at St. Paul.*** But this will only happen if we all move together in the light of Christ's Word which seeks reconciliation in all things according to God's Word. ***The Church is the Church of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:17-19).***

What we have at St. Paul is a most beautiful blessing. Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world is proclaimed in its fullness. Jesus meets you in this place and feeds you with Himself. You have the eternal goodness of the fruits of the cross dispensed in here where Heaven meets earth every week. Come and enjoy faithfully and frequently and reap the benefits of the gifts of Jesus found in the Divine Service. It is forgiveness, life and salvation. Thanks be to Jesus!

***<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. <sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing (1 Peter 3:8-9).***

In Christ, Pastor Zoske



*St. Paul Lutheran Church*  
**Capital Improvement Campaign**

Greetings,

As many of you know, the \$125 for 125 campaign kicked off back in late 2022. We have already raised over \$65,840 for capital improvements. What a blessing!

If we continue towards our goal, which is for each communicant member to donate \$125 a year for the next 5 years, we can still hit our \$500,000 goal! These funds would help the congregation pay for capital improvements and give us another reason to celebrate in 2029!

We ask that you prayerfully consider this campaign above your normal monthly offerings. Just remember to put "125 for 125" on your offering envelope.

Thank you all for your continued support of this campaign!

Any Questions please contact:

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## **Voters Meeting 4/27/25**

### **1st Quarter**

Chairman Richard Uhlmann called the meeting to order with 69 in attendance at 10:43am. Pastor opened with Psalm 133 and prayer.

**Adoption of Minutes:** Richard Wardenburg made a motion to approve minutes, seconded Matt Schaefer. Approved.

**Official Acts:** Overview of releases, etc. Motion to adopt official acts made by David Dellamuth, seconded Brett Kozishek. Approved.

**Principal Report:** Open positions for part-time jobs: student support teacher, preschool aide, band teacher, and opening up for Kindergarten aide as well. Looking to add AI to the school to use as a useful tool to education using a Biblical view. NLSA - crediting body through Lutheran schools; have to maintain to be part of ESA. 18 students in Kindergarten. New lock down system in place; also used to communicate.

- Any talk about trying to do more of what Public school does? Powerschool? For parents with kids in both schools to have effective communication.
  - Cost to do powerschool on our own is too high. Grewe communicated with Garber. By law, schools cannot share information about students. Not against somehow using powerschool.

**Pastor's Report:** Included total number of minutes and visits to LIS. Accepted into additional seminary school; begins end of May. 4-5 year program. Wanting to do a community cookout - looking to somehow give part of the proceeds back into the community; open/looking for volunteers and ideas.

**Cemetery Fund:** Report Included. No comment.

**Christian Service:** Report Included. No comment.

**Elders:** No report. No comment.

**Evangelism:** Report included. No comment.

**Parish Ed/Sunday School:** No report.

**Youth Group:** Report Included. Fundraising is going very well. Collected from all 3 churches on Easter with bake sales and free will donations. Future fundraisers will be in effect. Just learned new information that will require additional costs as well. Rented 2 15-passenger vans from Kalona to transport there and back; will stop half way both there and back to avoid straight through travel. Will continue to meet throughout the month of May.

**Stewardship:** Report included. Looking for an online option for people to donate; looking into Vanco. 10/month fee whether it gets used or not.

**Trustees:** Report included. Can any leftover lilies be planted in the church garden? Yes.

**Endowment Funds:** Report included. Out of the stock market one and purchased CDs.

**Treasurer:** Report included. Started at almost \$80k - used to pay bills; down to \$28k. Once that is gone, will have to start taking out the loan. If things continue this way, we will have to discuss how to pay bills to keep the building running. Motion to file report for future financial review by Eric Wardenburg, seconded by Mike Dellamuth. Approved.

**Unfinished Business:** New printer is working.

**New Business:** Need to fill vacancies for cemetery, parish ed, stewardship.

- Jason Grimm to fill for cemetery
- Megan Timm to fill for parish Ed
- Joi Dellamuth to fill for Stewardship

Motion to approve these positions by majority vote.

*Church float used for 4th of July:* John and Virginia Koester stored it in their shed. Chairman Richard Uhlmann read a letter regarding this. Koester's would like to give the church replica to someone else due to their transfer of membership. Looking for a place to store it. David and Joi Dellamuth donated hayrack to the church to use for the float.

Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 11:32am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bri Dellamuth  
Congregational Secretary