

Annual Congregational Meeting - Voting Information



CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL FIRST ST. PAUL'S Lutheran Church **NOMINEES 2026**

After the meeting is called to order and instructions are given, ushers will distribute ballots. For the Congregational Council, four will be elected for a three-year term to the Council. For the Foundation Board, two will be elected for a six-year term. If there is a tie, the run-off will be held at the Sunday afternoon meeting.

The Congregational and Foundation Board biographical information is presented below in random order.

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Lisa Diecker and her husband Arron have been members of First St Paul's for 24 years. They have two daughters and recently a new son-in-law. She is employed by Pinnacle Bank. Lisa has served the church through ushering, Sunday School/Ichthus mentor, media team, mission trips, Finance Committee, Christian Education Committee, VBS Committee and is a small group leader for Soul Café.



Craig Kautz and his wife, Lesa, became members of First St. Paul's in 2011. They have two grown sons and five grandchildren. Craig retired after 42+ years in education. He served the Hastings Public Schools for 31+ years in various leadership positions with 13 years as the district's Superintendent of Schools. Craig has been an active member of the Church. He has served as a worship assistant, an adult Bible study facilitator, a Soul Café small group facilitator, a Teen Reach Adventure counselor, and a youth mission adult mentor. In addition, Craig has served on numerous Church committees and has four years of experience on the Church Council and with the First St. Paul's Foundation.



Trent Kelly has been a member of First St. Paul's for 27 years. He is married to his wife, Amy, and together they have three daughters. Trent has served the congregation in various leadership roles, including many years on the Church Council, during which time he also served as Vice President. He has additionally contributed through service on the Finance Committee, Property Committee, and other committees. Trent retired after 27 years with Hastings Public Schools and continues to provide consulting services in retirement. Interests include family, fishing, traveling, outdoors, golfing, artwork and anything else that is exciting!



*Joshua Nienhueser farms with his family southwest of Hastings. He is a lifelong member of First St. Paul's. Through out Josh's life he has been involved with Soul Café, many youth trips, cross makers, and ushering. He has helped with numerous projects around the church when needed. Josh currently serves on the safety walk team and is finishing his first term on the Congregational Church Council.

In an effort to streamline the Annual Meeting, and to allow for greater representation, we are voting for four Congregation Council Members and two Foundation Board Trustees at the Worship Services on January 24th & 25th. The election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25th. These guidelines will be used:

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Tim Lebsack is a lifelong member of First St. Paul's. He has served as a Sunday school teacher, an usher, a lay reader, a church council member and a worship and music committee member. He is a retired dentist and husband to Barbara.



David Stuehrenberg has been a member of First St Paul's for over 60 years. He has served as Church Council President and has served on several sub-committees over the years. David also has been youth director, taught Sunday school and has been involved in many different activities like ushering , communion assistant, and Bible studies. David works at and is part owner of Stuehrenberg Agency.

