

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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May BOND—2017



Council Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2017 - 6 pm

Present: Bob Rasmusson, Merley Rasmusson, Ardu Cleveland, Curt Everson, John Heim, Nancy Jones, Cheryl Peters, Joyce Wichelt, Julie Schroeder

Absent: Emily Lewandowski

Call to order at 6:00 by Bob Rasmusson

Devotion: – The greatest commandment “Love”
- Ardu Cleveland

- Curt will do devotions for May's meeting

Mission statement: We are guided by the Holy Spirit in a Christ centered mission to love and serve God, those in need and one another.

Lighting of the Christ Candle – John

Approval of minutes: Motion made by John to approve March minutes. Seconded by Joyce, motion carried.

Member Concerns: none

Executive Committee:

- Discussed the informational meeting and next steps.
- Bob asked each council member “What is the future of St. Paul's? What should we be doing?”
 - ◇ 2 point parish – can turn things around and keep things going
 - * Campus Ministry – would synod approve and is he interested. We need to focus on youth and young people
 - * Bethel, Our Saviors, Trinity
 - ◇ Wants to see St. Paul's survive – not close
 - ◇ Willing to do anything to keep it alive
 - ◇ We have to make changes in order to survive

◇ Want to see a workable plan with a time line

◇ Use our funds to hire a pastor and contemporary band

- Distribute the four options to all members and give them time to process and ask for feedback
- We need more information on options in order to make a decision.
- We would like to hear from every member before we proceed. We need to know that members want the church to survive? If not, we also need to hear that from our members.
- We need a pastor who is good with children.
- Bob will talk with bishop and let him know that we plan to put teams together that would contact representatives from Bethel, Trinity, and Campus Ministry.
- Committee was formed to meet with the different congregations: Emily, Cheryl, Nancy and Bob
- Get together as a council once the committee has met with the other congregations

Treasurer's Report:

Reviewed the profit and loss statement and balance sheet for March. We are down \$1040 for the year, about \$3000 for the month of March.

Old Business:

none

New Business:

- **Summer worship service**
 - ◇ Should we hold a 2nd service? There will not be Sunday School in the summer.
 - ◇ Motion made by Joyce to hold only 9 am service this summer, 2nd by John, motion carried.
 - ◇ Summer schedule will begin May 28, 2017

Team Reports:

- **Building and Grounds**
 - ◇ Tom Geier will look at leak and give us an idea of what can be done.
- **Congregational Care – Ardu**
 - ◇ National Volunteer week begins April 23rd. Thank you to all of our members who volunteered.
- **Stewardship/Outreach – John**
 - ◇ Reviewed missions that St. Paul's supports and discussed any changes that we may want to make
 - ◇ Washburn neighborhood meeting is being held April 25th at Lincoln.
 - ◇ They will also look at recognizing volunteers.
- **Bethany meeting is being held on April 23rd.** Nancy will attend in place of Bob as he will not be able to attend.
- **Worship/Music – Cheryl**
 - ◇ As submitted
 - ◇ The team meets on the days that Ellen Klemp does the readings.
- **Youth/Education – Curt**
 - ◇ Completed bible study on facing the giants.
 - ◇ Shane and Shannon assisted with the Palm Sunday service in carrying the banner and cross
- **WELCA – Ardu**
 - ◇ Meets every other month

Closing – 7:03 with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting; TBD based on the information received from the meetings with the various congregations.

Respectfully submitted
Julie Schroeder, Secretary

TEAM REPORTS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

Ardu Cleveland – Chairperson

VISITATION – COMUNION MINISTRY

- (5) Communion Visits
- (17) Telephone Visits

- (7) Visits, No Communion
- (13) Cards Sent

Communion Team Members:

Lorraine Bummert
Ardu Cleveland
Carol Dahl
Judy Brockman, Coordinator

HOSPITALITY

THANK YOU – Kurt, Karina & Livie Scott, Carrie & Ray Pearson, Marcia & Clar Brodt & Joan Everson for providing refreshments for Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship during the month of March.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK begins April 23. Thank you members of St. Paul's for volunteering your time in various ways at our church and in the community. We appreciate all that you do.

STEWARDSHIP/OUTREACH

We met on Wed April 5. Our focus is to strategize and map out a plan for St. Paul's to do more consistent outreach on a year around basis. We have been given the oversight of our "Mission of the Month" Ministry—that is the four missions that we currently earmark for Quarterly emphasis

1. Helping Hands, 1st quarter
2. Circle of Support (with Cheryl Peters guidance), 2nd quarter
3. Causeway, 3rd quarter
4. Giving Tree, 4th quarter

This schedule was started in 2011 or 2012 and we feel the need to change some of these items to focus on other ministries. We would like to make the Giving Tree a part of our advent mission project, and include Hamilton School, Warming Center and Salvation Army Food Pantry a part of it. In addition we discussed swapping Causeway for Washburn Neighborhood Assn and offering our parking lot to host a brat fry or chicken Q as a fund raiser. Our Back to School mission would still be a part of this in the 3rd quarter. Then finally we would propose a Sugar Creek emphasis starting after Easter.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Attendance: John Cleveland, Ellen Klemp

Cheryl Peters – Team Chair did give permission to hold meeting in her absence.

Hymn selection completed for 1st service through May 28th.

Trina had been asked prior to this meeting, to provide a contemporary spiritual hymn as the sending hymn on Sundays she is organist/pianist. This has been beneficial to our service and will continue. Trina has permission to change any sending hymn the team has chosen to a contemporary hymn.

Easter Sunday- April 16th Pastor Ted will work with Sheila on the Order of Service, Hymns and Special Music/Accompanists.

Digital Sign: The current message of ASAP will continue until Good Friday.


- ◆ Good Friday-April 14th sign will be changed to : **My God...Why Have You Forsaken Me?(PS 22:1)**
- ◆ Easter Sunday-April 16th sign will be changed to: **CHRIST IS RISEN !!!**
- ◆ May 14th – sign will be changed to: **LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS (John14:15)**

Discussion followed on best time for the team to meet. Suggestion to meet the Sunday Ellen is reader. This may be a rotating Sunday by month. We will need to have something concrete in order for Sheila to provide team with the necessary materials.

Next meeting May 21, 2017

Submitted by Ellen Klemp
Team Member






Starting Sunday, May 28th (Memorial Day weekend) and continuing through September 3rd (Labor Day weekend), we will have one worship service at 9 am. **No 10:30 am worship or Sunday School during the summer.**



Thank you to all who helped with the Holy Week and Easter services. We had amazing music at our services. Thank you to all who stepped in and helped when Pastor Ted was a bit under the weather. We all worked together and it showed. Many many wonderful comments about the services. Thank you to all!!!!



The church and church office will be closed Monday May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. Normal office hours resume Tuesday. Please plan accordingly.

Women of the **ELCA** 

W-ELCA meets Thursday, May 11th @ 1:30 pm in the lounge with Elizabeth circle serving. All women of the congregation welcome to attend.



Please remember these members with a prayer, card or visit



May Birthdays

Bethany on Cass

Ella Olstad

The Willows

Corrine Heins

Bethany Riverside

Janice Elstad

DonaLee Luedtke

Brookdale

Violet Rediske

Onalaska Care Center

Carol Francis

Homebound

Lorraine Fancher

Joan Ekberg

May 08 Roger Johnson
Gloria Patterson

May 12 Chris Everson
Rachel Roelich

May 16 Lorrie Schmitz


May 18 John Heim
Joan Peterson

May 19 Norma Schuster

May 22 Janice Elstad

May 24 Maggie Hass
Ruth Johnson
Jan Tronick

May 31 John Hayek
JoAnn Hoeth



OFFERING COUNTERS

May 01	Kathie Vongroven
May 08	Marcia Brodt
May 15	Ardelle Doering
May 22	John Heim
May 30	Reta Roberts



April 02	96
April 09	86
April 16	181
April 23	71
April 30	n/a

Date	C & B 6% to the synod	Current All stays at St. Paul's	Design.	Total
04/02	\$1352.00	\$2131.00	\$428.97	\$3911.97
04/09	\$1732.00	\$885.00	\$3965.29	\$6582.29
04/16	\$1577.00	\$2070.00	\$2772.68	\$6419.68
04/23	\$772.00	\$1820.00	\$911.00	\$3503.00
04/30	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a