

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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October BOND—2018



Church Council Council Meeting Minutes August 14, 2018 6 pm

Present: Ardu, Curt, Bob, Merley, Emily, John, Cheryl, Joyce, Aaron, Nancy

Absent: Julie

Meeting called to order by President, Bob Rasmussen

Opening Devotion by Cheryl from the book Jesus Calling: reflection from Galatians.

October Devotion: Curt

The meeting began by reciting the 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 – Cheryl

Approval of August Minutes – Motion made to approve as submitted, seconded, and approved.

Members' concerns – Ardu pointed out that Pastor Ted is doing a good job of sharing with the congregation how St. Paul's has made a difference in our community, for instance through Feed the Kids. This is very helpful in making our congregation feel that we have, and continue to make a difference in people's lives.

Executive Committee –

- Talked a bit about archiving church history. Where do/should the old records go? Heritage Committee?
- Selling the real estate: There are three different parties that are still interested in the church. There was a walk-through of our church this morning by one interested party. Bob suggested we wait until the end of October before contacting a realtor to help sell the church if we haven't received an offer.

The committee agreed.

- Pastor Ted assured Bob we have pastoral coverage for every Sunday through the year. Joyce also mentioned that Pastor Mark Jolivette is now open as a supply pastor – good news!!

Treasurer Report – As submitted

New Business

- Discontinuation of Mobile Meals (MM) – St. Paul's has been benevolent in this mission. We're at the point where we just don't have enough people to continue coordination of our assigned route. We'll go through October, and then be done. For those who enjoy delivering meals you can still do so directly through the MM office. If you are interested in still being a driver please let Joyce Wichelt or Sheila know. Your name will be passed on to the main MM office, and when needed, they'll call you. Motion made and seconded to discontinue direct participation in mobile meals the end of October, with members still having the ability to do so directly through Mobile Meals. Motion passed.

Team Reports

- Building and Grounds – As submitted.
- Congregational Care – As submitted.
- Endowment Fund – No report
- Stewardship / Outreach – No meeting, but for the record we have sold the three sheep (\$\$ going to World Hunger). The committee also has a 'super shopper' at Walmart that keeps them posted with sales, etc.
- Worship/Music – No report
- Youth and Education – No report
- WELCA – No report

Closing Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Peters

Unapproved minutes, subject to change

TEAM REPORTS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

ARDUS CLEVELAND—CHAIR

VISITATION – COMMUNION MINISTRY

- (2) Communion Visits
- (7) Telephone Calls
- (7) Visits, No Communion
- (3) Cards Sent

Communion Team Members:

Lorraine Bummert
Ardus Cleveland
Carol Dahl
Judy Brockman, Coordinator

The Communion Ministry Team will meet Monday, September 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Council Room.

HOSPITALITY

THANK YOU – Beverly Scott, Merley & Bob Rasmusson and Jan Tronick for providing refreshments for Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship for the month of August.

STEWARSHIP/OUTREACH

THANK YOU

As we live out our final months, weeks, and days as an active organized congregation, Pastor Ted has been highlighting the role St Paul's has played in various missions and events that have had a lasting effect in the community, synod and world. Looking back over 147 years of history can be both exciting and thought provoking. It will also stimulate questions regarding the future of our own spiritual lives.

The question is, how are we coping with the journey to closure? As active participating members of St Paul's Lutheran Church, we can start with our 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." As a congregation, our mission has

not changed. Worship calls us together and sends each person out to serve in her/his own way. To guide us, the council and congregation continues to encourage each member to participate in and support designated missions. Nine months into the year, we have supported and been involved in keeping God's house open, the ELCA, the La Crosse Area Synod, World Hunger, Lutheran World Relief, Mobile Meals, Sugar Creek, Campus Ministry, Salvation Army, WAFER, The Warming Center, Hamilton School, etc. We have been called to serve and share regardless of where we worship. Going forward, St Paul's Legacy will continue to carry out God's mission.

This is not the time to stop. In 2nd Thessalonians, 5:16-18, Paul writes: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." We thank you for your continued support and participation in the Congregation and outside in God's world. We are still Jesus' hands and feet. It is our prayer that we respond to God's calling with confidence, determination and generosity.

Reflecting on our past, we have much to be thankful for. Perhaps, you would like to express your thanks by writing a Thank You note and placing it in the Sunday Offering. If you wish to share your thanks with the Congregation, it will be posted. If you wish to remain anonymous, please let us know. Thanks be to God. Your Stewardship/Outreach Team. JC, JH & JW



Quilt Display—October 7th. The SEW group will display the quilts made this year. These quilts will go to LWR who then in turn sends them to all areas of the world. Quilts will be for sale after the service to help pay for the shipping. See a SEW member.



Mission of the Month Giving Tree

The Giving Tree

We will again support the Giving Tree through monetary donations. Please give generously. You can put your donation in the offering plates—marked “The Giving Tree” or drop it off at the office. All money collected through the “bucket” collection will help fund this project and provide gifts for people in our area. The La Crosse County Holiday For Goodness Sake project will then go out and purchase gifts for families that are in need. Thank you.



“Each day holds a surprise,” wrote Henri Nouwen. “But only if we expect it can we see, hear, or feel it when it comes to us.

Let’s not be afraid to receive each day’s surprise, whether it comes to us as sorrow or as joy.”

Wait — *sorrow* as a surprise? And I’m not to fear it? Aren’t surprises supposed to be happy things? What does Nouwen mean?

He continues: “It will open a new place in our hearts, a place where we can welcome new friends and celebrate more fully our shared humanity.” And I remember, too, the psalmist’s words: “The LORD is near to the brokenhearted” (Psalm 34:18). Maybe that’s the surprise in our sorrow: that when we ache, as when we celebrate, God is there — in new friends, in shared humanity. Surprise!

—Heidi Mann



CHRIST IN OUR HOME for the last quarter is now out in the narthex and by the church office. Pick one up today. If you know of someone who would like a daily devotion book, please take one for them.



Mobile Meals provide nourishment for the mind, body and soul. Mobile Meals delivers love, compassion and hope to those in need. Delivering meals takes about one hour.

Call Joyce Wichelt, MM Coordinator to set up a time to volunteer! We hope to hear from you this month and in the coming months.

Remember serving MM is a 24/7 program!

Thank you to all who have served and given greatly of their time in September—Kathie Vongroven, Julie Schroeder, Patty McNarama, Tienju Titcomb, Gloria Patterson, Nancy Jones, Hong Xiu, John & Fran Heim.



Please remember these members with a prayer, card or visit



Bethany on Cass

Ella Olstad
Dorothy Schatzley
Fritz Kesselring

Welcome Home

June Kjome

Onalaska Care Center

Carol Francis

Hearten House 11

Corrine Heins

Springbrook

Marylou Stigen

Bethany Riverside

Janice Elstad

Homebound

Lorraine Fancher
Joan Ekberg

Bothne House

DonaLee Luedtke

Oct 02 Lori Beckstrom
Oct 04 Cheryl Peters
Oct 13 Bill Moline
Oct 14 Tom Geier
Lorraine Hansen
Linda Johnson
Oct 17 Joshua Pielhop
Oct 19 Mary McMahon
Carolyn Sorenson
Oct 28 David Pielhop
Oct 29 Paul Onsrud



Offering
Counters

Oct 01 Lorraine Bummert
Oct 08 Merley Rasmusson
Oct 15 Marcia Brodt
Oct 22 Jan Ostreng
Oct 29 John Heim



09/23/2018
Eva James Pielhop



09/02 55
09/09 55
09/16 60
09/23 78
09/30 n/a

Date	C & B 6% to the synod	Current All stays at St. Paul's	Design.	Total
09/02	\$1792.00	\$1542.00	\$90.50	\$3424.50
09/09	\$787.00	\$2095.00	\$109.00	\$2991.00
09/16	\$1172.00	\$1130.00	\$1035.00	\$3337.00
09/23	\$607.00	\$490.00	\$54.51	\$1151.51
09/30	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a