

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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## February BOND—2019



### Council Meeting Minutes January 8, 2019 6 pm

**Present:** Nancy Jones, Curt Everson, Aaron Alens, John Heim, Joyce Wichelt, Ardu Cleveland

**Absent:** Julie Schroeder, Bob Rasmusson, Cheryl Peters, Emily Lewandowski, Merley Rasmusson

Call to order at 6:00 by Nancy Jones.

Report by Realtor Gary Lass. One interested party. Asked for council input. Will pursue more options.

Devotion: Curt read from Christ In Our Home. Based on Ecclesiastes 2:1-11. There are things that stand the test of time: love, community, joy, faith, commitment, hope, peace. These are gifts from God that outlast mortal desires and human achievements.

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 Joyce to approve the December council minutes with correction John Heim was present, second by John Heim, motion carried.

Member Concerns:

\*Member wants us to close-why don't we just close?

Executive Committee:

\*Invitation from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to worship with their congregation extended by Pastor Bruce Iverson.

Treasurer's Report:

\*YTD – net income negative \$1,020.28

\*Profit and Loss – for the month of December, net income positive \$5,070.58

Old Business:  
None

New Business:

\*John Heim will do Opening Devotion for Annual/Informational Meeting January 27<sup>th</sup> after the 9 am service.

\*Lenten Services. One service on Ash Wednesday at noon, if we can secure a pastor. Encourage members to attend Lenten services at other Lutheran churches.

\*St. Paul's Future -Discussed Legacy Options. Mission Support Input Report shared by Endowment Committee.

\*Annual/Informational Meeting – Discussed plans for meeting to be held after the 9:00 service on January 27.

Team Reports:

\*Building and Grounds  
Lectern light was replaced

\*Congregational Care – Ardu  
As reported

\*Endowment – Curt  
No report

\*Stewardship/Outreach – John  
Advent Mission Project completed. John Heim and John Cleveland delivered the non-perishable food gifts to WAFER.

\*Worship/Music – Cheryl  
No report

\*Youth/Education – Curt  
No report

\*WELCA  
As reported

Closed with the Lord's Prayer – 7:25

Next Meeting: February 12, 2019

As reported by

Ardu Cleveland, Acting Secretary

## TEAM REPORTS

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM REPORT Ardu Cleveland – Chairperson

#### VISITATION – COMMUNION MINISTRY

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

#### Communion Team Members:

Lorraine Bummert  
Ardu Cleveland  
Carol Dahl  
Judy Brockman, Coordinator

#### HOSPITALITY

THANK YOU – Merley & Bob Rasmusson,  
Nancy Jones and Lorraine Bummert for  
providing refreshments for Sunday Morning  
Coffee Fellowship in December.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING – THANK YOU  
once again for all who decorated the church  
for Christmas...and who will take down the  
decorations on January 9.

#### W-ELCA

Thursday, December 13, 2018

A nice group gathered for a noon potluck luncheon in the Council Room. The lunch was followed by a business meeting and an in-gathering of gifts for New Horizons.

Following good fellowship during lunch, everyone read the W-ELCA Purpose Statement. Donna Saugstad presented “The Now But Not Yet”, a devotion by Thomas Kincaid based on Isaiah 66. Offerings were received followed by prayer.

Donna Saugstad, President, opened the business meeting. The Secretary’s Report from September 13, 2018, was read and placed on file.

There was some discussion on whether or not we should continue to commit ourselves to assist with the Bethany-Riverside Service League in April. Linda Johnson will pass on comments to Shirley Fancher, coordinator for St. Paul’s, for this service.

The question of whether or not we should combine the Elizabeth and Lydia Circle was presented. If so, we would meet at 1:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Since the Elizabeth Circle would be the Circle eliminated, they will discuss it at their next meeting so all members attending can share in the decision.

It was brought up for discussion whether or not W-ELCA should continue to meet as a group in 2019. MMSC to dissolve St. Paul’s W-ELCA as of December 31, 2018. SEW and the Circle(s) will continue to meet independently. The Circle(s) could continue with offerings and designate where they should go. Our W-ELCA secretary will notify the Synod and our Church Council of our decision to disband.

Ann Keuper, Treasurer, gave all members present a copy of the W-ELCA financial status as of December 1, 2018. As of this date, we have \$1103.55 available for distribution for local and ELCA causes. Offerings for December will be added prior to distribution of funds. In addition to our past commitments, Campus Ministry will be included. MMSC to disburse all of W-ELCA Funds as of December 31, 2018, as discussed. Any monies leftover after all committed causes are distributed will go to ELCA Disaster Fund.

As someone stated, St. Paul’s women have made an incredible contribution to the mission of the Church at home, in the Community and the World throughout the years.

Judy Brockman, Secretary





## SOUPER BOWL of CARING - February 3

Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer said by Rev Brad Smith of Spring Green Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina, "Lord even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat." During the last 28 years, Souper Bowl of Caring has utilized Super Bowl weekend as a time for serving and giving. In 2018, 3,811 reporting groups raised over 8 million dollars. St Pauls did not report their efforts. St Paul's raised \$240 and collected 66 food items for WAFER.

Super Bowl LIII (53) is Sunday, February 3, St Paul's will again join the ELCA and other Congregations in celebrating SOUPER BOWL OF CARING by asking members and friends to bring a special offering of dollars and/or food for WAFER and WORLD HUNGER. Just think, Super Bowl Sunday is the second-largest day for U S food consumption, after Thanksgiving. According to WalletHub, we will consume more than 1.35 billion chicken wings, 14,500 tons of chips, and 8 million pounds of guacamole during Super Bowl. Special envelopes will be available.



The 2019 flower chart for the altar flowers is in the

narthex. Sign up for altar flowers.

We need people to sign up! **If no**

**one signs up for Altar flowers,**

**there will be no flowers for Sun-**

**day.**



The church office will be closed the week of February 17th. You will still have access to the building, if you need to get in.

Just ring the door bell.



## Mission of the Month Helping Hands

We continue to focusing on Helping Hands—fund within the congregation that assists individuals and families requesting help for necessities which are funded according to the monies available. The funds are distributed at the discretion of the Pastor. Donations may be designated for the Helping Hand Fund and placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.



GRAM will be discontinued. Please turn in any milk caps you may have by February 17<sup>th</sup>. We are still collecting the box tops for education for Hamilton School and the aluminum tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Thank you for your support.





Please remember these members with a prayer, card or visit



Bethany on Cass

Ella Olstad  
Dorothy Schatzley

Bethany Riverside

Janice Elstad  
Corrine Heins

Welcome Home

June Kjome

Eagle Crest South

Karen Kesselring

Onalaska Care Center

Carol Francis


RBI Caring Hearts

Lorraine Fancher

Homebound

Joan Ekberg

- Feb 01 Merley Rasmusson
- Feb 02 DonaLee Luedtke
- Feb 03 Curt Everson  
Fran Heim
- Feb 07 Marcia Brodt
- Feb 08 LaVerne Ness
- Feb 12 Larry Patak
- Feb 13 Joan Ekberg
- Feb 15 Helen Coleman
- Feb 18 Julie Schroeder  
Amber Tomten
- Feb 28 Larry Coleman



Offering Counters	Feb 04	Marcia Brodt
	Feb 11	Lorraine Bummert
	Feb 18	No Counting
	Feb 25	John Heim



ATTENDANCE

01/06	53
01/13	63
01/20	58
01/27	n/a

Date	C & B	Current	Design.	Total
	6% to the synod	All stays at St. Paul's		
01/06	\$1127.00	\$1330.00	\$2811.81	\$5268.81
01/13	\$507.00	\$920.00	\$110.42	\$1537.42
01/20	\$822.00	\$610.00	\$873.00	\$2305.00
01/27	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a