



ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We celebrate God's love and forgiveness by living the Word and sharing the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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JANUARY ~ 2022

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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021 — 6:30PM

Attendance: Tom Carey, Emily Clark, Bob Coldren, Doug Coldren, Jane Follas, Amy Gibson, Mike Hoffman, Laurie Laird, Jake Leu, Jake Orwick, Patty Orwick, Keith Robinson, Ed von Stein, Tammy von Stein

CALL TO ORDER – Bob Coldren

Council Chair, Bob Coldren called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and shared devotions from Hebrews 10:25. Minutes were approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jake Leu

Checking account balances as of November 30, 2021

Current	\$140,978.35
Building	\$39,170.80
Improvement	\$3,106.30
Missions	\$7,755.00
<u>Special Projects</u>	<u>\$35,921.38</u>
TOTAL	\$226,931.83

- Account balances for January through November and current profit & loss statement comparing budget vs. actual were reported along with November checks written. Contributions to the Current Fund as of November 30, 2021 totaled \$170,605.71 vs. a budgeted \$192,248.09 Expenses for the same period totaled \$102,151.62 vs. a budgeted \$185,321.42
- Building Loan Balance as of **12/14/21** **\$165,660.38**
- Jake reviewed the Building Loan balance (above) along with the contributions made to the "match". Contributions made towards the match were reported at \$61,322.50 as of 12/14/21.
- Ed von Stein made the motion that if our target goal for the Building Loan Match was met prior to end of the year, Council should move those matching funds from the General Fund into the Building Fund and pay off the building loan when the loan payment is due 1/1/22. Patty Orwick seconded, motion was approved.

TRUSTEES REPORT – Doug Coldren/Ed von Stein/Keith Robinson

- Camera system installation is about 90% completed. The only item remaining is to get the service streamed into the TV in the kitchen and the TV in the nursery.
- The cracks in the parking lot have been sealed. Next year the entire parking lot will need to be sealed.

- All the filters have been changed in the HVAC system at the church. The filters at the front of the nave will be changed every 6 months and the ones upstairs will continue to be replaced every year.

MINISTRY COORDINATOR REPORT – Amy Gibson

- Shopping Blitz was a success. The youth shopped for a young family (mom, dad, 4-year-old boy and a baby girl) and those items have been wrapped and will be delivered, Wednesday December 15.
- Silent auction raised just under \$900.
- Christmas Party to be held on December 19 at the church.

PARISH EDUCATION – Emily Clark

- The Christmas program “Manger Tales” was held on Sunday December 12th and was a huge success. Over 90 people were fed at the taco meal following the program. \$400 was collected for the special offering to be given to members of our congregation to help with medical expenses.
- Kids Praise will resume January 12, 2022 and will run for seven weeks, the last night will be February 23rd (Wednesday before Ash Wednesday).

OUTREACH – Laurie Laird

- Meeting on December 15 to finalize getting the cards prepared for sending (total 70 to send) and packaging up the mugs with candy for Choir members to help volunteer to deliver to the shut ins.

TRUST FUND – Doug Coldren

- The Eversole Fund states that half the proceeds go to Williston Home, no other requests were received from this fund, so the committee gave 100% (\$1600) to the Williston Home.
- Amy Gibson has requested funds for the youth for the second trust account.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES

Unfinished Business – Nothing to report

New Business

- Guest Speakers
 - Bob discussed having all speakers (including church members) paid as a guest speaker.
 - Mike Hoffman made the motion to have all guest speakers, including church members paid for providing the message. Ed von Stein, seconded. Motion approved.
- Call Committee Update – Emily Clark
 - The Call Committee is almost done with the Ministry Site profile and will be finalized and submitted to the Synod. Once approved, it will be available online for prospective Pastors to review for the position. There were some concerns expressed about the parsonage and making sure it is brought up to date with the items needing fixed, repaired, and or replaced, to make presentable for prospective Pastors.

New Business Continued

- Clarabelle Price Trust Proceeds
 - Mike Hoffman made the motion to move the \$1,300 that was given to St. Paul from the Clarabelle Price trust which was placed into “Special Projects” account at the time it was received, be moved into the Youth Board account for the 2022 Mission Trip. Motion was seconded by Laurie Laird, council approved.

ADJOURN

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm with the Lord’s Prayer.

Tammy von Stein, Recording Secretary

CELEBRATE! LIVE! SHARE!

PRAISE BE TO GOD FOR HE IS GOOD!

Praise be to God for He is Good! On December 27th 2021 we officially paid off the balance of the church building loan! We were able to collect roughly \$91k in the past month since we announced the challenge to pay off the church and the general fund match plan. We only had to move approximately \$51k from the General Fund to the Building Fund in order to pay off the balance of the loan, which means our General Fund remains strong with a balance of around \$94k. A Huge Thank You to everyone who participated in the church building process and contributed to put us in this wonderful position, and Praise Be to God for giving us this wonderful tool to continue to fulfill His Mission! Merry Christmas!
Bob Coldren

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JANUARY 2022

SENIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR: Lisa Gossman
PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR: Jan Grieser
HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Tammy Robinson
AUDIO VIDEO: Jacob Orwick and Marty Grieser
ALTAR GUILD: Deb Clevenger and Natalie McClelland
WEBSITE COORDINATOR: Chelsea Boehm

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS

Nadine Boehm — nadineb@thewavz.com or 419-722-6370
Pam Hoffman — hoffman87@embarqmail.com or 419-358-1682

HOSPITAL STAYS

It is important to the church that we support you through illness and hospitalizations. If you are admitted to Blanchard Valley Hospital for an overnight stay we would like to know.

If you are planning an admission to any hospital, please call the church office at 419-326-3535 to let us know the date you are entering and how long you anticipate staying.

At admission to BVH, *planned or unplanned*, you (or your spokesperson) will be asked several questions,

1. Religion: this may be asked at pre-registration or at admission along with your address, phone number, etc. Please give our denomination.
2. If you wish to be on the Hospital Directory and the Religion List. These questions will be asked of you (or your spokesperson) during the “Consent to Treatment” process. Please answer “yes” to both.

In order to protect your privacy the hospital does not routinely call the church to tell us you have been admitted, unless you specifically ask them to call us. We depend on you or your family to let us know if you have been admitted.

If you have been in the hospital for a day or two and have not been visited, please ask your family or nurse to contact the church office.

A new federal law greatly restricts the disclosure of patient information by hospitals. As a result, the pastors and church office may not know that a member of the church has been admitted to the hospital. If you are hospitalized and would like to notify the pastor, it is important that you or a member of your family inform the church office as soon as possible at 419-326-3535 and the secretary will contact the pastor.

PERSONS ST. PAUL HAS PRAYED FOR DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER: family and friends of Leanne Bateson; family and friends of Tom Benson (*friend of the Tobin Family*); Ethan Bodnarik (*son of a friend of Jan Grieser*); family and friends of Dennis Branan; Karen Britts (*sister of Stephen Cowan*); Sharon Bryson & Bill & Amanda (*friend of Pam Hoffman*); Zachary Carman; Mary Cowan; Joe & Lisa Creque; Norm Hahn; Gayle Hoffman (*Mike's father*); Jennifer Honigford (*friend of Amber Hirt*); Kay Hosler (*Jill Bower's sister*); Mike Inbody; Daryl Ingram (*brother of Mike*); family and friends of Tom Kroske; family and friends of Bud McCarthy (*father of Miriam Kroske's boyfriend*); Marty McCullough (*friend of Lee Laird*); Lisa McDowell; Payton Smith; Rev. Wes Toncre (*brother-in-law of Rachel Hartman*); all military personnel including — Ethan Grieser, Bobbi Korte, Lance Leisure, Justin Riegle, Logan Sheets, Colin Tobin, Alex vonStein, and Ben Wolford — Songambele Lutheran Church; Navajo Lutheran Mission School—Rock Point, AZ; Hancock County Religious Education; and Mission Possible for Haiti.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to ~ ~

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Dennis Lee Branan. Dennis, 64, passed away on Thursday, December 9th surrounded by his loving family at the Blanchard Valley Hospital.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Leanne Bateson. Leanne, 82, passed away on Thursday, December 9th at Blanchard Valley Hospital.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Tom Kroske. Tom, 83, passed away on Friday, December 24th. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, December 29th with Pastor Steve Ramsey officiating.

May the family and friends of Dennis Branan, Leanne Bateson, and Tom Kroske feel God holding them close and fill them with resurrection hope.

Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~

Just Want to Thank You . . . and ask the Lord to shower you with His Blessing! On behalf of the children and families receiving your Christmas donations at Kenton Head Start, the Staff offer their sincerest gratitude. Happy Holidays, Kenton Head Start

You're such a blessing in so many ways . . . Thanks so much. Thank you so much for the blessings you have given to the family in Putnam County. You have made their Christmas brighter. Merry Christmas and God Bless all of you! Jeanne Winzinger, FSS

A great BIG THANKS for all your help. You're the best! Thank you for blessing our Head Start Families.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you for the cards, letters, and calls from so many members. Thank you for remembering me this Holiday Season! *Howard Schick*

Thank you so much for the Christmas Card signed by so many from St. Paul. The card was greatly appreciated. *Babette Grieser*

The Worship Committee is diligently working on making each worship experience meaningful. If you have an idea or want to volunteer to be a part of worship, please notify one of the members on the worship committee and we will try to continue answering the will of God through worship. Please prayerfully consider being a lay leader (9:00AM) or giving a message during a service. If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Kelly Settlage at 419-812-6179 or ksettlage50@gmail.com. or speak to a member of the Worship Committee: Kelly Settlage, Nathan Cowan, Nancy Tobin, Lisa Gossman, Marty Grieser, Tammy vonStein, Tammy Robinson, and Jan Grieser. Thank you.

Worship Leader Schedule for January 2022

Sunday, January 2nd: Adam Willford
Sunday, January 9th: David Rath / Lay Leader: Melissa Kroske
Sunday, January 16th: Adam Willford / Lay Leader: Stephen Cowan
Sunday, January 23rd: Phil Riegle / Lay Leader: Kelly Settlege
Sunday, January 30th: Pastor Christian Dittmar / Communion

Bible Study Class will meet again beginning in January 2022. The class meets in the Library from 9:30AM – 10:30AM. Bible Study classes in January 2022 will be on Thursdays, January 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th. The final class will be on Thursday, February 3rd. The class is studying the Book of Ecclesiastes — “A Wisdom of the Elderly”. The Bible Study is being led by Nancy Tobin and Ruth Tobin. Plan to come and learn about the Book of Ecclesiastes.



ST. PAUL YOUTH RECYCLES — St. Paul youth has put a container in the Welcome Space to collect USED print cartridges from your printers. So, don't throw those cartridges away anymore, put them in the container and we will recycle them and make a few bucks in the process. Everyone wins! Anyone is welcome to place cartridges in the container.

Kids Praise will resume on Wednesday, January 12th. Light meal served at 5:45PM and Kids Praise will be from 6:00PM – 7:30PM.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 2022:

Sunday, January 2nd: **NO ReFUEL**
Sunday, January 9th: **ReFUEL**
Sunday, January 16th – **SWAT – 3:00PM – 4:30PM**
Sunday, January 23rd – **ReFUEL – Bowling – 6:00PM – 8:00PM**
Sunday, January 30th: **LYO Chili Cook-Off — 3:00PM – 5:00PM**

CONFIRMATION CLASSES IN JANUARY 2022:

Sunday, January 2nd: **NO Confirmation Class**
Sunday, January 9th: **Confirmation Class — 5:00PM – 6:00PM**
Sunday, January 16th: **Confirmation Class — 5:00PM – 6:00PM**
Sunday, January 23rd: **Confirmation Class / Bowling — 5:00PM – 6:00PM**
Sunday, January 30th: **Confirmation Class — 5:00PM – 6:00PM**

UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP TABLE GUIDELINES . . .

The Hancock County Department of Health was recently contacted regarding guidelines for serving food in churches. They reported buffets were fine and there's no need to individually wrap food items. So, feel free to place trays of cookies, breads and/or pastries on the fellowship table as in the past. Of course, good hand washing practices are strongly encouraged for those preparing the food AND those eating it! You may also contribute to the cause financially; there is a coffee can for donations on the table. Juice pouches will continue to be served as an alternative to buying gallon jugs of juice and pouring into foam cups every week. Thank you!

Sewing Days for the month of January 2022 will be Tuesday, January 11th and Tuesday, January 25th from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. Come all of the time or part of the time for fellowship, fun, good food, and the opportunity to help others in need. Please bring a dish to share for lunch.

On Wednesday January 12th, Kids Praise will begin another 7–week session lasting through February 23rd. Meals will again be served at 5:45PM for children, parents, and teachers. There is a sign–up sheet in the welcome space for donations of pudding, applesauce, or fruit cups and juice pouches or boxes (no red please). Last session we fed an average of 35 people each evening. What a wonderful outreach this is for our church. The rest of the food is provided by generous congregation members and the Parish Education Board. Thank you so much for your donations.

If you are interested in reserving the Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary or Pavilion for a wedding, reception, family reunion, graduation or other event, please contact the church office at 419–326–3535. If the date is available, you will be given a rental agreement to read and sign. Council is requesting that this be completed by all members and non–members prior to using the church facilities.

January 2022 Birthdays

Sunday, January 2 nd	Owen Fitch
Sunday, January 2 nd	Phyllis Rettig
Sunday, January 2 nd	Braden Schroeder
Tuesday, January 4 th	Corbin Fisher
Tuesday, January 4 th	Desmond Riegle
Tuesday, January 4 th	Louise Wilson
Wednesday, January 5 th	Mitch Boehm
Wednesday, January 5 th	Andrew Gibson
Thursday, January 6 th	Jessica Hoffman
Thursday, January 6 th	Hope Korte
Friday, January 7 th	Richard Crooks
Friday, January 7 th	Christine Fitzgerald
Friday, January 7 th	Jared Medvec
Saturday, January 8 th	Holly Castle
Sunday, January 9 th	Ken Depuy
Wednesday, January 12 th	Cindy Boehm
Wednesday, January 12 th	Lindsay Follas
Wednesday, January 12 th	Madelyn Smith
Thursday, January 13 th	Dorine VonStein
Friday, January 14 th	Ashlie Knight
Sunday, January 16 th	Jan Grieser
Monday, January 17 th	Jane Follas
Monday, January 17 th	Dillon Amos
Tuesday, January 18 th	Morgan Light
Tuesday, January 18 th	Justin Riegle
Sunday, January 23 rd	Brylee Schroeder
Monday, January 24 th	Olivia Griggs
Monday, January 24 th	Vera Sheets
Monday, January 24 th	Steve Wilson

Tuesday, January 25 th	Marsha Grieser
Tuesday, January 25 th	Wes Loetz
Tuesday, January 25 th	C.J. Pauff
Tuesday, January 25 th	Mary A. Wilson
Wednesday, January 26 th	Jeff Pepple
Thursday, January 27 th	Tom Carey
Thursday, January 27 th	Marty Grieser
Friday, January 28 th	Rosalyn Loetz
Saturday, January 29 th	Robert Beery
Sunday, January 30 th	Cody Amos
Monday, January 31 st	Natalie McClelland
Monday, January 31 st	Rylee Wolford



January 2022 Anniversaries

Wednesday, January 5 th	Lee and Laurie Laird – 20
Sunday, January 9 th	Tom and Sandi Marquart – 40
Sunday, January 16 th	Flint and Lisa Gossman – 6
Friday, January 21 st	Robert and Amy Keene – 1

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ALTAR GUILD: Deb Clevenger and Natalie McClelland LECTOR: Jane Follas ORGANIST: January 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , and 30 th : Lisa Gossman						1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
2 SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS [MESSAGE: ADAM WILLFORD] 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 10:15AM Outreach Committee Meeting 11:15AM Contemporary Worship NO Confirmation Class NO ReFUEL	3 NO Dartball New Year's Holiday Break	4	5	6 9:30AM – 10:30AM Bible Study / Library 7:00PM Youth Board Meeting	7	8 NOON – 7:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved for 4-Man Dartball Tournament
9 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD [MESSAGE: DAVID RATH LAY LEADER: MELISSA KROSKE] 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship 12:30PM – 5:00PM Fellowship Hall / Kitchen reserved by Cindy Boehm 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL	10 7:00PM Dartball Jenera Jr. @ Jenera Sr.	11 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day / bring a dish to share for lunch 6:30PM Worship Committee Meeting 7:00PM Congregational Council Meeting	12 5:45PM – 6:00PM Light Meal served before Kids Praise 6:00PM – 7:30PM Kids Praise 7:00PM Senior Choir Practice	13 9:30AM – 10:30AM Bible Study / Library	14	15
16 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY [MESSAGE: ADAM WILLFORD LAY LEADER: STEPHEN COWAN] 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship 3:00PM – 4:30PM SWAT Meeting 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class	17 7:00PM Dartball Jenera Jr. @ UT DC @ Jenera Sr.	18 7:00PM WELCA Meeting	19 5:45PM – 6:00PM Light Meal served before Kids Praise 6:00PM – 7:30PM Kids Praise 6:00PM – 7:30PM WNL 7:00PM Senior Choir Practice	20 9:30AM – 10:30AM Bible Study / Library	21	22 11:00AM – 5:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved by Leisure Family
23 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY [MESSAGE: PHIL RIEGLE LAY LEADER: KELLY SETTLAGE] 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 10:15AM Mission Trip Meeting 11:15AM Contemporary Worship 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class / Bowling 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL / Bowling	24 7:00PM Dartball SJ @ Jenera Jr. US @ Jenera Sr.	25 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day / bring a dish to share for lunch	26 5:45PM – 6:00PM Light Meal served before Kids Praise 6:00PM – 7:30PM Kids Praise 6:00PM – 7:30PM WNL	27 9:30AM – 10:30AM Bible Study / Library	28	29
30 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY [WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR CHRISTIAN DITTMAR] 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 3:00PM – 5:00PM LYO Chili Cook-Off 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class	31 7:00PM Dartball Jenera Jr. @ US UJ @ Jenera Sr.					