



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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MAY ~ 2022

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022 – 7:00PM

Attendance: Bob Coldren, Tom Carey, Nathan Cowan, Jane Follas, Amy Gibson, Laurie Laird, Jake Leu, Natalie McClelland, Jake Orwick, Tom Marquart, Amanda Price, Keith Robinson, Ed von Stein, Tammy von Stein, Allison Coldren (guest representative for Youth Board)

CALL TO ORDER – Bob Coldren

Council Chair, Bob Coldren called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Natalie shared a devotion from Matthew Chapter 21 and Council reviewed chapter 3 from their 2022 Bible study book, "From Followers to Leaders".

March Council Minutes were approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jake Leu

Checking account balances as of March 31, 2022

Current	\$111,931.77
Building	\$11,385.00
Improvement	\$3,983.80
Missions	\$5,132.50 — (\$2,745 of this total was for Ukraine)
<u>Special Projects</u>	<u>\$34,621.38</u>
TOTAL	\$167,054.45

- Account balances for March 2022 and current profit & loss statement comparing budget vs. actual were reported along with March checks written. Contributions to the Current Fund as of March 31, 2022, totaled \$86,040 vs. a budgeted \$45,273.35. Expenses for the same period totaled \$13,787.06 vs. a budgeted \$39,099.41.

TRUSTEES REPORT

- Keith will be calling Knueve and Son's again to recheck the heating unit in the ceiling in the library. It was fixed but now leaking again.
- New door stoppers have been replaced at all doors in the church.
- A cash lease agreement for the parsonage farmland was drawn up and signed. This is a 3-year contract, expiring in 2025. The rent is to be paid by April 20th of each year.

- The doors to the parsonage are ready to be hung, waiting on contractor to schedule a time to install.

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR REPORT – Amy Gibson

- Youth movie night is rescheduled to Friday May 6th.
- Confirmation Sunday is potentially scheduled for Sunday June 5th at 11:15am service. Pastor Dittmar will need to confirm his availability on this day.
- Mission activities are scheduled for July 24 – 31. One of these activities will possibly include building additional picnic tables and benches outside the church with the assistance from the adults in the congregation.

PARISH EDUCATION – Amanda Price

- The 3rd grade Bibles were presented on March 20th.
- Terry Davis held Sunday school for last 5 Sundays, with 15–20 in attendance.
- Egg hunt was Saturday, April 9th with 1,400 eggs filled, and 70 kids in attendance.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES

Old Business

- **Parsonage Revitalization Committee** – Laurie will reach out to Lauren to advise what will be expected for the Semi–Annual meeting in May for presenting.
- **Youth Board Bylaw Amendments – Allison Coldren**
 - Laurie Laird made the motion to revise the wording (under B14.01 “The Chairman of the Board of Youth Ministry shall” bullet point b) from “disciplinary” to “conflict resolution”, with the approval to present at Semi–Annual Meeting in May. Natalie McClelland seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

- **Audit Committee.**
 - Jane Follas will remain on this committee and additional volunteers will need to be sought to assist.
- **Semi–Annual Meeting**
 - Laurie Laird moved to set the Semi–Annual meeting date for May 15th at 10:00am, Tom Marquart seconded. Motion passed.
- **Moving Forward-Call Committee Update**
 - Pastor names from other congregations can be submitted to the Bishop’s office as potential candidates. These names do not have to be of Lutheran affiliation.

ADJOURN

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm with the Lord’s Prayer.

Tammy von Stein, Recording Secretary

CELEBRATE! LIVE! SHARE!

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PARISH EDUCATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022**

*Attendance: Chelsea Boehm, Amy Gibson, Erin Tobin, Amanda Leu, April Smith, Natalie McClelland,
Kendra Parke, Amanda Price, and Rebecca Stoltz.*

CALL TO ORDER

Amanda Price called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m. and Natalie provided devotions. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT

April Smith reported a balance of \$11,595.04 in the checking account. Reimbursements in March included Sunday School material, confirmation Bibles, and Winterjam tickets. April will also be reimbursing Pastor Terri for gasoline expenses since she taught combined Sunday School classes during Lent.

YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT

- Amy asked if Confirmation expenses should go through Parish Board or Youth Board. Amanda will check with Emily Clark for her input.
- A new volleyball net will be purchased as approved last year. Discussion was also held on the purchase or construction of a GaGa ball pit, which was also approved in 2021, as well as a permanent basketball hoop near the pavilion.
- The youth are looking for a few service projects. Suggestions include picnic tables or benches near the pavilion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Bibles were presented to third graders in March.
- First Communion is scheduled for June 10th with Pastor Christian Dittmar.
- VBS will be held from July 10th–14th using the theme, “Crocodile Dock”. Dustin Price has acquired pallets and will build a shack. Pre–school children and activities will be separate again this year because it worked well last year. Tentative leaders include: April – music, Emily Clark – crafts, and Amy – games. A volunteer is also needed for snacks and video (chatter time). Story time may be led by different volunteers each night or be acted out. Amanda Leu will check with a local herpetology group from U of F in hopes they may be able to bring some reptiles. Parish Board members were asked to continue brainstorming ideas.
- Discussion was held on an outdoor movie. Last year it was held on the first Friday in June.
- A community Easter egg hunt will be held outside (rain or shine) on Saturday, April 9th at 3 p.m. However, snacks will be served inside due to the weather forecast. All children will gather in the fellowship hall for instructions, then go outside to hunt, and return to the hall for snacks. Children who are in Kindergarten or younger will go first and hunt on the west side of the building. Grades 1–5 will hunt on the east side after the small children have finished.

NEW BUSINESS

Amanda Price asked for information about the children singing at the Hancock County Fair. It was suggested she inquire of Jan Grieser since the Praise Team also sings at the fair.

ADJOURN

The meeting closed at 7:15 p.m., after which members filled nearly 1,400 plastic eggs with candy and toys. The next meeting will be held at 6:00p.m. on Wednesday, May 4th at El Campo in Ada.

*Natalie McClelland,
Recording Secretary*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MAY 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: Janet Carey
WEBSITE COORDINATOR: Chelsea Boehm

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS

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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 APRIL: Jacob Beaschler (*Ron & Christine Kemerley's godson*); the Bluffton, Ohio Community; Allen Boehm; Mary Cowan; family and friends of Vivian Davis (*mother-in-law of Terri Davis*); Ken DeMarco (*friend of the Creque family*); family and friends of Dominic Francis; Marty Grieser; Norm Hahn; Gayle and June Hoffman (*Mike's parents*); Mark Hoffman (*brother of Mike*); Daryl Ingram (*brother of Mike*); Ron Kemerley; Lisa McDowell; Debi Miles (*friend of Janet Carey*); Becky Peyton (*Gary & Mary Wilson's daughter*); Allie Settlege; Payton Smith; Ralph Sturgill (*neighbor of Stephen & Mary Cowan*); all military personnel including — Ethan Grieser, Lance Leisure, Justin Riegle, Colin Tobin, Alex vonStein, and Ben Wolford — Songambebe 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 Vivian Davis. Vivian is the mother-in-law of Terri Davis. May the family and friends of Vivian Davis feel God holding them close and fill them with resurrection hope.

Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~

Thank you to the sanctuary cleaning committee people for coming out and cleaning on April 1st. The sanctuary looks spotless as we prepare for the end of Lent and on to Holy Week.

Nathan Cowan, CHP. / Marty Grieser, VCHP.

Cleaning Committee #4 [Welcome Space / Nursery / Offices / Restrooms] would like to thank everyone who came to clean last week. The church looked and smelled amazing thanks to everyone's help. Many hands really do make light work!

Amber Hirt, CHP. / Aaron Smith, VCHP.

Dear St. Paul, Thank you to so many caring people wrapping arms around our family to celebrate Wayne. Thank you for prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, and so much food. Thank you to the WELCA ladies for the delicious lunch serving Eckrich coney dogs. Thank you to Pastor Steve for his beautiful message. Thank you to Pastor Darwin for the burial service. And to Lisa for always beautiful music and the choir singing "Precious Lord, Take My Hand". Thank you to Marty for his power point presentation and to Ed vonStein for having the utube feed available to people to watch. And to the Crates Funeral Home. Wayne's favorite bible verse ~ Joshua 1:9 ~ "Be strong, be courageous, do not be afraid or discouraged for I the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." And remember to look in the mirror each morning and smile and have a good day.

Vera, Kevin and family, and Kreg and family

Dear St. Paul, We would like to thank everyone that offered up prayers, sent cards, called to check on mom, and provided food after Ron passed away. We would also like to thank everyone that helped with the services; including Uncle Martin, Lisa, Jane, Pastor Steve, and those in the kitchen that prepared a wonderful meal following the funeral service. So, thanks again to each of you for all of the support during this time, it is truly appreciated.

Sonja Eversole and Rebecca Stoltz and family

Thank you for your prayers. I was admitted to Children's Hospital in Columbus on a Sunday, had appendectomy surgery on Monday morning, was dismissed from the hospital around noon, and went to school on Tuesday. I hopefully will play golf with my school team next week.

Jacob Beaschler (Ron and Christine Kemerley's Godchild)

Cleaning Committee #2 – [Education Wing]: We would like to thank everyone who came out to clean on Friday, April 8th. We had a wonderful turnout, which made the cleaning process go exceptionally fast. The rooms looked great once we were done. We would also like to thank Jason Kemerley for having all of the supplies ready for us, it made things so much easier.

Mike Stoltz, CHP. / Ron Riegler, VCHP.

"Oh my goodness, what a blessing" was the comment from the Salvation Army last week. We collected a record amount — \$215.00 to purchase meat and other items for the lunch that we provided on Thursday. We were able to buy many bags of chips, cookies, jello, applesauce, and fruit cups for the after school program. Children get help with their homework and are given a snack. The WELCA is very grateful for your generosity in providing food and money for this project.

GOOD JOB! St. Paul received a letter from the Women’s Resource Center, Findlay and they thanked us for participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign. They said they received a wonderful total of \$226.32 from St. Paul. And they wanted you all to know how much they appreciated all of you, and every filled bottle. These funds will greatly serve our mission and clients in 2022.

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 May 2022

- Sunday, May 1st: Adam Willford – Blessing of the Seed and Soil
 - Sunday, May 8th: Adam Willford
 - Sunday, May 15th: Adam Willford
 - Sunday, May 22nd: Amy Gibson – honoring graduates
 - Sunday, May 29th: Terri Davis
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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.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR MAY:

- Friday, May 6th – YOUTH – Movie Night — 7:00PM
- Sunday, May 8th – ReFUEL — 6:00PM – 8:00PM
- Sunday, May 15th – LYO Chicken BBQ Fundraiser — 11:30AM

[NOTE: Tickets for the Chicken BBQ Fundraiser will be on sale for the next two weeks and also at the event]

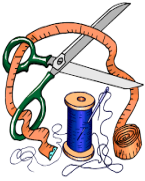
CONFIRMATION CLASSES IN MAY:

Sundays, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th— 5:00PM – 6:00PM

[NOTE: Confirmation Sunday will be on Sunday, June 5th at the 11:15AM Contemporary Worship Service.]



On Sunday May 22nd we will be honoring our 2022 Graduating Seniors. They have worked hard during school while taking part in extracurriculars and after school jobs. Each of them have been a part of youth and parish board activities, events and mission trips throughout their junior and senior high careers. We are excited for their bright futures! Please join us in celebrating Emily Durliat, Joshua Hirt, Jacob Orwick, Jenna Stoltz, and Karissa Welte as we wish them all the best as they enter college and the workforce. Thank you to family, friends, and St. Paul congregation members for all of your support for these wonderful youth. Best of luck seniors! Keep in touch.



The May Sewing Days will be on Tuesday, May 3rd and Tuesday, May 24th from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. Come all of the time or part of the time for the opportunity to fellowship, good food, and the opportunity to help others. Please bring a dish to share for lunch. **There were 12 ladies at the Tuesday, April 19th Sewing Day and 4 quilts were completed bringing the total of 49 finished quilts so far.**

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.

Rock N Roll 4-H will meet on Saturday, May 7th at 2:00PM. They will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

The Sr. Center that was using the greeting card fronts is not doing that for the present time. We are discontinuing saving the greeting card fronts for now. Thank you.

Chicken BBQ



Fundraiser

YOUTH SPONSORED CHICKEN BBQ FUNDRAISER — SUNDAY, MAY 15TH — NOON
Tickets are \$8 and include choice of chicken or hot dog, baked beans or applesauce, a bag of chips, dessert and a drink. Meals can be eaten in the fellowship hall or taken to go. Tickets can be purchased on May 1st and May 8th, or contact any youth board member.



SAVE THE DATE
CROCODILE DOCK
VBS
AT ST. PAUL, JENERA
SUNDAY, JULY 10TH -
THURSDAY, JULY 14TH
PRE-SCHOOL - 5TH GRADE
MUSIC-GAMES-CRAFTS-BIBLE
STORY & SO MUCH FUN!!

May 2022 Birthdays

Sunday, May 1 st	April Smith
Monday, May 2 nd	Kendall Bayliff
Monday, May 2 nd	Brock Galloway
Tuesday, May 3 rd	Benjamin Hirt
Tuesday, May 3 rd	Cohen Leu
Tuesday, May 3 rd	Kalin Smith
Tuesday, May 3 rd	Erin Tobin
Tuesday, May 3 rd	Jada Todd
Saturday, May 7 th	Mary Cowan
Sunday, May 8 th	Kylee Geissinger
Sunday, May 8 th	Chad Grieser
Monday, May 9 th	Briahna May
Tuesday, May 10 th	Sherry Grieser
Friday, May 13 th	Jean Crooks
Saturday, May 14 th	Ron Kemerley
Saturday, May 14 th	Ella Panfil
Monday, May 16 th	Teresa Medvec
Monday, May 16 th	Dan Settlege
Monday, May 16 th	Michelle Tarnay
Wednesday, May 18 th	Sydney Depuy
Thursday, May 19 th	Mark Bower
Thursday, May 19 th	Sharon Grieser
Thursday, May 19 th	David Laird
Thursday, May 19 th	Anthony Wolford
Friday, May 20 th	Rindy Crates
Friday, May 20 th	Daryl Reichley
Sunday, May 22 nd	Natalie Clark
Sunday, May 22 nd	Amy Rettig
Monday, May 23 rd	Lexi Rader
Tuesday, May 24 th	Mitchell Bayer
Tuesday, May 24 th	Heather Walters
Wednesday, May 25 th	Peter Krosnosky
Wednesday, May 25 th	Courtney Stoltz
Thursday, May 26 th	Jayne Inbody
Thursday, May 26 th	Judith Rettig
Friday, May 27 th	Jeffrey Bosse
Saturday, May 28 th	Jocelyn Ward
Tuesday, May 31 st	Austin Welly



May 2022 Anniversaries

Sunday, May 1 st	Keith and Loretta Bower – 57
Wednesday, May 4 th	Mike and Jayme Inbody – 31
Thursday, May 5 th	Ken and Jessica Depuy – 21
Thursday, May 5 th	Steve and Heather Smith – 21
Monday, May 9 th	Scott and Sherry Grieser – 30
Tuesday, May 10 th	Mike and Patty Orwick – 25
Friday, May 13 th	Cameron and Adrienne Huss – 5
Tuesday, May 17 th	Wed and Patricia Loetz – 25
Thursday, May 19 th	Matt and Carole Luke – 32
Thursday, May 19 th	Adam and Renee Rammel – 10
Friday, May 20 th	Stephen and Mary Cowan – 50
Wednesday, May 25 th	Tim and Deb Bower – 30
Friday, May 27 th	Roger and Judy Rettig – 45
Friday, May 27 th	Pete and Linda Wilson – 55
Monday, May 30 th	Nathan and Tina Cowan – 24



ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ MAY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER [MESSAGE: ADAM WILLFORD] 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 10:15AM Outreach Committee Meeting 11:15AM Contemporary Worship 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class	2	3 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day 6:00PM Conference Room reserved for Arlington Lion's Club	4 6:00PM Parish Education Board Meeting / ElCampo, Ada	5	6 5:00PM – 9:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved by Tom Boehm 7:00PM YOUTH – Movie Night / Youth Room	7 2:00PM Rock N Roll 4-H Meeting
8 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [MESSAGE: ADAM WILLFORD] 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL	9	10 7:00PM Congregational Council Meeting	11 7:00PM Senior Choir Practice	12	13	14
15 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [MESSAGE: ADAM WILLFORD] SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Semi-Annual Meeting 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship NOON Youth sponsored Chicken BBQ Fundraiser 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class	16	17 7:00PM WELCA Meeting	18 7:00PM Senior Choir Practice	19	20	21
22 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [MESSAGE: AMY GIBSON] HONORING GRADUATES 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class	23	24 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day	25	26	27	28
29 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [MESSAGE: TERRI DAVIS] 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship	30 MEMORIAL DAY Fellowship Hall reserved by Orwick Family / Graduation	31	ALTAR GUILD: Janet Carey LECTORS: 9:00AM – May 1 st : Taylor Follas May 8 th : Amy Gibson May 15 th : Isaac Cowan May 22 nd : Karissa Welte May 29 th : Youth ORGANISTS: May 1 st – Janet Carey May 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , and 29 th : Lisa Gossman			