



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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ST. PAUL "MESSENGER"

AUGUST ~ 2022

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 19, 2022 — 7:00PM**

Attendance: Tom Carey, Bob Coldren, Nathan Cowan, Jane Follas, Amy Gibson, Mike Hoffman, Laurie Laird, Jake Leu, Tom Marquart, Jake Orwick, Amanda Price, Keith Robinson, Ed von Stein, Tammy von Stein

CALL TO ORDER – Bob Coldren

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

Laurie shared devotions and Council reviewed chapter 6, from their 2022 Bible study book, "From Followers to Leaders".

Minutes were approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Checking account balances as of June 30, 2022

Current	\$140,530.38
Building	\$9,990.90
Improvement	\$5,558.80
Missions	\$7,137.00
<u>Special Projects</u>	<u>\$34,621.38</u>
TOTAL	\$197,838.46

Savings

General Memorial \$8,850.41

- Account balances for June 2022 and current profit & loss statement comparing budget vs. actual were reported along with June checks written. Contributions to the Current Fund as of June 30, 2022, totaled \$168,442.69 vs. a budgeted \$92,546.73. Expenses for the same period totaled \$113,352.12 vs. a budgeted \$100,268.77.

TRUSTEES REPORT

- The Cherry's Propane Summer/Winter fill contract was received. Summer fill under this contract will be @ ~\$1.99/gal and ~\$2.149/gal for winter fill. Keith Robinson will contact Cherry's.
- Sealing the church parking lot blacktop has been postponed to the last week of August, or one of the first two weeks of September.

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR REPORT – Amy Gibson

- Week of July 24th will be the Back Yard Youth Mission Trip.
- Sunday - Parsonage clean up, list of items provided for youth.
- Monday – City Mission – Youth 16 years and older will be serving dinner. Youth under 16 will remain at the church and sanitize the Sunday school rooms and pews.
- Tuesday – Open Arms to help sanitize and clean.
- Wednesday – cleaned the Fellowship Hall carpet, nursery and made homemade dog/cat treats.
- Thursday – Habitat for Humanity Restore helping with cleaning, loading, and dusting.
- Friday — Saturday – Kalahari to wrap up and celebrate.
- August 7 – ReFuel will meet, with back-up plan, if needed.
- August 21 – there will be a cookout at the Coldren’s.
- Confirmation classes will start September 11, 2022. A letter has been drafted to send to the parents. Amy is working with Jane to make sure no one is missing.
- Youth board has planned the youth events through December, and this will be distributed at the end of mission week.

PARISH EDUCATION – Amanda Price

- VBS was a success, many dedicated volunteers with 90 kids in attendance and \$400 was raised for ELCA Good Gifts. This money will be put towards a fishpond for a family which will feed them for a lifetime.
- St. Paul will have a float in the Arlington festival parade Friday, July 22.
- The outdoor service with picnic will be held Sunday, August 28. Sandwiches will be provided by the Dough Hook in Bluffton.
- On August 31 the children will be signing at the fair at the gospel pavilion

OPERATIONAL ISSUES – None

Old Business

- Nothing to Report

New Business

- Shipwreck Sunday will be September 18th.
- Bob will be sending an email with a list of committee member spots needing filled in 2023 to begin the nomination process.
- The Call Committee interviewed Deborah Noll to fill the position of St. Paul’s Synodically Authorized Minister (SAM). Tom Carey made the motion to approve Deborah Noll as St. Paul’s Minister under a one-year contract, effective, August 1, 2022, Tom Marquart seconded; council approved.

ADJOURN

- Meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 8:30pm.

Tammy von Stein, Recording Secretary

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH EDUCATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022

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

CALL TO ORDER

Amanda called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. at the home of Aaron & April Smith. Discussion was held on what time to arrive at the Arlington Village Festival parade; the consensus was 6:15 p.m.

VBS FEEDBACK

An average of 90 kids attended each night.

The offering collected was \$390. Parish Board will donate an additional \$10 for a total of \$400. The money will be spent through ELCA Good Gifts to purchase fish and fruit trees to sustain those in need.

Suggestions for next year include: start the meal 15 minutes earlier; make sure parents know they are welcome to eat with their child without advertising it (Christine tells each parent as they go through the line); use snack size chip bags and fruit cups to save time in the food line; use different colored wrist bands to identify the age groups instead of name tags.

Regarding a theme next year, Amanda noted that a church in McGuffey is willing to let us borrow their VBS supplies on a pirate theme. Amy reported she can secure supplies for a food truck theme.

Neither of these include Chadder the Chipmunk. If we decide to go with the pirate theme, a treasure hunt was suggested.

Consider awarding kids for attending VBS at various churches throughout the summer (a VBS “trail”). Send thank-you cards to the kitchen crew and people who brought animals.

HANCOCK COUNTY FAIR

The children are scheduled to sing on August 31 at 4:45pm.

RALLY SUNDAY and PICNIC

With regard to teacher appreciation gifts, the following adult Sunday School teachers were confirmed: Gary & Mary Wilson, Tom Boehm, Mike Hoffman, Natalie McClelland and Nadine Boehm. Kids Praise teachers include Mary Coldren, Kay Sidle, Emily Clark, April Smith, Amy Gibson and Amanda Price. The Dough Hook in Bluffton will provide ham and turkey sandwiches at \$4 each and cookies for \$13/dozen. A vendor for pasta salad and/or macaroni salad has yet to be determined. Lunchables will be purchased for children. April will get chips and any additional needed items at Sam’s Club. Tickets will be sold for \$5 each. Amy noted there’s leftover applesauce in the kitchen that we can use. Bingo will be played after lunch and members are asked to keep their eyes open for prizes. Amanda will order backpack zipper pulls for kids and chocolate buckeyes for teachers.

OTHER

Amy reported that Confirmation classes will begin on September 11.

ADJOURN

The meeting closed at 7:18pm and Parish Board members decorated the parade float for the Arlington Village Festival. Amanda will send out a group text regarding the date of our next meeting.

Natalie McClelland, Recording Secretary

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR AUGUST 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 and Sally Valentage

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 JULY: Scott Bower; Darrell & Sherry Chapman family (*friends of Ruth Tobin*); Mary Cowan; Rose Dieter (*aunt of Jerry Kimmel*); Norm Hahn; family and friends of Neva Livingston (*Denise Durliat's mother*); Mary (*sister of Sally Valentage*); Kyle McDowell; Lisa McDowell; family and friends of Sandra Muntz (*mother of Amber Hirt*); Jan Puckas (*friend of Jill Bower*); Dorothy Rubonette (*mother of a friend of Marcia Russell*); Carrie Sadler (*friend of Sally Valentage*); Payton Smith; Angie Valentage (*Tom's sister-in-law*); Andrew Wolford; 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 Neva Livingston. Neva, 93, is the mother and mother-in-law of Denise and Craig and grandmother of Zachary, Amber, Emily, and Leah Durliat. She passed away on Saturday, July 9th.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Sandra Muntz. Sandra, 72, is Amber Hirt's mother. Sandra passed away on Friday, July 22nd at Blanchard Valley Hospital. Her funeral service was held on Friday, July 29th at Hufford Funeral Home in Findlay with Pastor Christian Dittmar officiating.

May the family and friends of Neva Livingston and Sandra Muntz feel God holding them close and fill them with resurrection hope.

Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~

What a wonderful time we had at VBS. We would like to thank everyone who donated food, money and time so we could feed those in attendance. We had great kitchen help – many hands made work easier. The meals and snacks were tasty and enjoyed by all. We heard several comments from mothers who were so grateful not to have to worry about what to feed their children and have them to VBS by 6:30PM. We certainly appreciated your generosity in helping to make this possible. We are blessed to have a wonderful giving church family.
The Vacation Bible School Kitchen Crew

We had such a great week at VBS this year and had over 90 kids attend! We would like to thank everyone who helped out. Thank you to the kitchen crew for providing the children with such good meals and snacks, the kids really enjoyed them! And thank you to everyone who donated the food and money in order to make those meals possible. Also, thank you to all of those who volunteered and helped the kids with games, crafts, music, and stories. The kids were truly blessed by all of you. Thank you again! Parish Education Board

It was certainly a hot day, but we got the noodles cooked thanks to Natalie, Deb, Mary W., Gary, Jason, Mary C., Kay, Tom and Sandi. This was a wonderful outreach for St. Paul. It was good to see all the Arlington Festival attendees. Ron and Christine certainly appreciated all of your help.

To Our Wonderful Church Family and Prayer Warriors ~ We are grateful for all the cards, prayers, support, and love you have shown us during this most difficult time. Each day there is something that reminds us of mom and grandma but we are blessed and comforted knowing that God is walking beside us. We have been blessed with many wonderful memories that we will always treasure. Blessing to You All, In Christ's Love,
Craig, Denise, Zachary, Amber, Emily, and Leah Durliat and The Family of Neva Livingston

This is a long over–due but heartfelt thank you for your thoughts and prayers, your heartwarming cards, your visits and treats, your phone calls, Jane's newsletters, Jan bringing communion, prayer books, healthy tuna and a magic egg cooker. I appreciate all those things so much. I still have all the cards–wish I could find someone to use the cover page. By the way, I do not answer the phone unless I know who is calling. There are just too many scam calls. The phone is on my walker–I enjoy the calls. I miss being at St. Paul. I wish all of you God's blessings.
Joan Wilch

Worship Leader Schedule for August 2022

Sunday, August 7th: SAM Deb Noll

Sunday, August 14th: SAM Deb Noll

Sunday, August 21st: SAM Deb Noll

Sunday, August 28th: One Service at 10:00AM – lead by VBS kids / picnic will follow after service

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like to donate funds to the parsonage revitalization renovations, you can do so by designating these gifts under the “Improvement Fund” on your weekly giving envelope. If you have any questions, please reach out to a Council member.

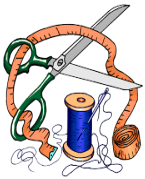
YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST:

Sunday, August 7th: ReFUEL — 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Sunday, August 21st: ReFUEL — Meet at Bob and Allison Coldren's — Time to be Determined



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.



The August Sewing Day will be Tuesday, August 9th 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 10 ladies at the Tuesday, July 12th Sewing Day and 5 quilts were completed.**

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.

August 2022 Birthdays

Tuesday, August 2 nd	Allen Boehm
Tuesday, August 2 nd	Dan Ludwig
Wednesday, August 3 rd	Elise Rettig
Wednesday, August 3 rd	Bart Welte
Thursday, August 4 th	Logan Bell
Friday, August 5 th	Wyatt Fitch
Friday, August 5 th	Babette Grieser
Sunday, August 7 th	Vicky Bauman
Monday, August 8 th	Pastor Steven Edmiston
Monday, August 8 th	Chris Hoffman
Monday, August 8 th	Mark Hosafros
Monday, August 8 th	Christine Kemerley
Tuesday, August 9 th	Carol Breitigam
Tuesday, August 9 th	Kanon Dodge
Wednesday, August 10 th	Megan McCasland
Thursday, August 11 th	Doug Coldren
Thursday, August 11 th	Ruth Lamberjack
Friday, August 12 th	Jennifer Putman
Saturday, August 13 th	Jocelyn Boehm
Saturday, August 13 th	Ryan Leisure
Saturday, August 13 th	Kendra Parke
Saturday, August 13 th	Kay Sidle
Sunday, August 14 th	Jeff Breitigam
Tuesday, August 16 th	Berlyn Ernsthause
Tuesday, August 16 th	Jason Kemerley
Wednesday, August 17 th	Kari King
Wednesday, August 17 th	Mason Leu
Wednesday, August 17 th	Caroline Riegle
Wednesday, August 17 th	Sharon Smith
Thursday, August 18 th	Abbie Loy
Thursday, August 18 th	Brantley Price
Friday, August 19 th	Amy Gibson

Friday, August 19 th	John Shepard
Sunday, August 21 st	Denise Durliat
Monday, August 22 nd	Owen Griggs
Monday, August 22 nd	Jill Langhals
Monday, August 22 nd	Grace Riegle
Monday, August 22 nd	Leah Riegle
Tuesday, August 23 rd	Janet Carey
Tuesday, August 23 rd	Luke Rettig
Thursday, August 25 th	Kelly Settlege
Friday, August 26 th	Daulton Ludwig
Saturday, August 27 th	Gerald Rettig
Sunday, August 28 th	George Korte
Monday, August 29 th	Steven Smith
Tuesday, August 30 th	Raymond Bower
Tuesday, August 30 th	Logan Grieser
Tuesday, August 30 th	Kristin McCasland
Wednesday, August 31 st	Lynn McCasland

August 2022 Anniversaries

Tuesday, August 2 nd	Tom and Janet Carey – 47
Sunday, August 7 th	Dennis and Sherri Ward – 40
Tuesday, August 9 th	Peter and Stephanie Krosnosky – 19
Wednesday, August 10 th	Mike and Elaine Ingram – 54
Thursday, August 11 th	T. J. and Kayla Brooks – 10
Friday, August 12 th	Jeffrey and Jennifer Putnam – 5
Friday, August 19 th	John and Christine Fitzgerald – 27
Sunday, August 21 st	Ryan and Alex McDowell – 1
Monday, August 22 nd	Larry and Rindy Crates – 52
Sunday, August 28 th	Dick and Deb Noll

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 1:00PM – 3:00PM Pavilion reserved by Synod Office	3	4	5 5:00PM Wedding Rehearsal for Kendra Vermillion / Ben Rodriguez	6 2:30PM Wedding of Kendra Vermillion / Ben Rodriguez
7 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [WORSHIP LEADER: MINISTER DEB NOLL] 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 10:15AM Outreach Committee Meeting 11:15AM Contemporary Worship 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL	8	9 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day 7:00PM Congregational Council Meeting	10	11	12	13 Fellowship Hall reserved by Emily Clark
14 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [WORSHIP LEADER: MINISTER DEB NOLL] 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship	15	16 6:30PM WELCA	17	18	19	20 4:00PM Rock N Roll 4-H Meeting / Pavilion
21 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [WORSHIP LEADER: MINISTER DEB NOLL] 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 10:15AM Youth Board Meeting 11:15AM Contemporary Worship TBD — ReFUEL meet at Bob and Allison Coldren’s for a Cook-Out	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST RALLY SUNDAY / TEACHER APPRECIATION OUTDOOR SERVICE / CHURCH PICNIC 10:00AM Outdoor Worship Service Church Picnic to follow Service	29	30	31 4:45PM Children sing at Hancock County Fair / Gospel Pavilion / wear VBS Shirts 5:30PM Praise Team sings at Hancock County Fair / Gospel Pavilion	ALTAR GUILD: Janet Carey and Sally Valentage LECTOR: Jane Follas ORGANIST: August 7 th , 14 th , and 21 st : Lisa Gossman		