



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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JULY ~ 2022

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2022 — 7:00PM**

Attendance: Tom Carey, Nathan Cowan, Amy Gibson, Laurie Laird, Jake Orwick, Tom Marquart, Natalie McClelland, Keith Robinson, Ed von Stein, Tammy von Stein

CALL TO ORDER – Laurie Laird

Vice Chair, Laurie Laird called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Natalie shared devotions about the Holy Trinity. Council reviewed chapter 5, from their 2022 Bible study book, "From Followers to Leaders".

Minutes were approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Checking account balances as of May 31, 2022

Current	\$133,763.09
Building	\$9,485.90
Improvement	\$4,933.80
Missions	\$6,452.00
Special Projects	\$34,621.38
TOTAL	\$189,256.17

Savings

General Memorial \$8,850.41

- Account balances for May 2022 and current profit & loss statement comparing budget vs. actual were reported along with May checks written. Contributions to the Current Fund as of May 31, 2022, totaled \$152,253.56 vs. a budgeted \$77,122.27. Expenses for the same period totaled \$105,689.91 vs. a budgeted \$83,557.26.

TRUSTEES REPORT – Nothing to report.

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR REPORT – Amy Gibson

- Confirmation was held on June 5, with all 4 confirmed at second service which was followed by a meal hosted by their parents.
- 12 youth are going to attend the mission trip next month.
- Youth group continues throughout the summer with some campfires.

- Youth Board, along with Amy, continues their discussions about streamlining how the youth program is being run, for example, trying to get calendar events out faster and trying to reignite past annual events.

PARISH EDUCATION – Amy Gibson (Amanda Price)

- First communion was held on June 5th for 2 kids at the 9:00am service. They also attended a class, held by Pastor Dittmar the day before.
- The basketball hoop has been purchased and delivered and will be installed by the Trustees.
- Vacation Bible School will be held July 10 – July 14. There are 2 signup sheets in the welcome space, one for food and one for volunteers. Currently 30 kids have signed up.
- Arlington parade has moved up a week to July 22, and St. Paul will be participating.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES

Old Business

- Church members voted to keep and update the parsonage in the June 12th Special Congregational meeting.
- Revitalization Committee will move forward and proceed accordingly and continue to update council.

New Business

- Sealing the church parking lot and parsonage driveway has been tentatively scheduled for either last week in July or first week in August, the firm date will be set at the July council meeting.

ADJOURN

- Meeting was adjourned at with the Lord’s Prayer 7:45pm.

Tammy von Stein, Recording Secretary

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022 – 10:15AM**

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 10:15 by our Chairman Bob Coldren with Laurie Laird providing opening devotions and prayer.

MOVING FORWARD – CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE – Mike Ingram

- Bishops’ office contacted 12 ordained pastors to see if there is an interest in serving at St. Paul Church and all 12 declined.
- 2 SAM Pastors have declined leading St. Paul and there will be an interview with the 3rd in two weeks.
 - The SAM Pastor, if hired, will have a contract which will specifically state what is to be expected of them and can be renewed every year, or every two or three years etc., depending upon how the contract is written.
 - Hiring a SAM Pastor does not take St. Paul out of the arena to obtain an ELCA ordained pastor. St. Paul can continue to look for one while the SAM pastor works. It will be written within the SAM pastor’s contract that St. Paul will provide a 30–day notice to them should we find and ELCA ordained pastor. The SAM pastor can also drop out of the contract with a 30–day notice to St. Paul.

PARSONAGE INFORMATION UPDATE – Tom Marquart

- \$85,000 is the projected estimation to update the parsonage. (all hired labor)
 - Highlights for the update

- Foundation repair at the back of the porch.
 - Electric update to the lighting upstairs and downstairs.
 - Painting will be completed by a local painter / dry wall installer.
 - New HVAC system for the downstairs.
 - Painting of the kitchen cabinets.
 - Updating area where washer and dryer are currently located and possibly create a mudroom type area.
 - Stackable washer and dryer upstairs.
 - Redo both upstairs bathrooms.
 - Carpet upstairs and new flooring in bathrooms.
 - This list does not include any updates to make the parsonage handicap accessible.
- Ruth Tobin made the motion to have a ballot vote to sell or keep the parsonage, Kay Sidle seconded.
 - Ballots were distributed for the vote.
 - 60 votes casted to keep the parsonage
 - 4 votes casted to sell the parsonage.
 - Janet Carey made the motion to approve proceeding forward with updating the parsonage which will not exceed \$85,000, Craig Durliat seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am with the Lord's Prayer.

Tammy von Stein, Recording Secretary

CELEBRATE! LIVE! SHARE!

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH EDUCATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022 – 7:00PM

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 7:05 p.m. Devotions were led by Natalie McClelland, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT

April reported a balance of \$12,282.96 in the checking account, noting that one outstanding check from January has not yet been cashed. Amy will contact the recipient. A check for the Bless the Backpack program had to be rewritten to Arlington PTO, but has been cashed. Several reimbursement checks have also been cashed.

YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT

- Amy is working on a schedule for Confirmation classes.
- She is also creating a calendar for the entire school year.
- As soon as VBS is over, Amy would like Parish Board to set a date for the Fall Festival.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Regarding outdoor games and activities:

- o A new basketball hoop was purchased and Amanda will ask the Trustees to install it near the pavilion.
- o Kendra donated a volleyball net, and Steve Clark will be consulted regarding permanent poles to support it.
- o Dustin Price will construct a GaGa pit after VBS has concluded.
- Regarding the annual church picnic, discussion on where to purchase boxed lunches continued from last month. Ideas for teacher gifts included Dietsch Brothers chocolates, Shirley’s popcorn, or Danika’s buckeyes (sold at Hurdwell). The consensus was buckeyes this year.
- The trailer/float for the Arlington Festival Parade will be pulled by Aaron Smith; Parish Board members will decorate it during our next meeting on Thursday, July 21st at 6:30 pm.
- Discussion continued on VBS (Crocodile Dock, July 10–14) as follows:
 - o VBS will begin with meals every night at 6pm, and end with music at 8pm.
 - o There will be five groups of children.
 - o Volunteers are still needed for various stations. It was noted that VBS volunteers at Good Hope are wearing matching T–shirts so they can be easily identified. Discussion was held on matching shirts for St. Paul volunteers, what color, and what to print on them. The consensus was to use “Fear Not”, a Bible verse that correlates with our VBS theme. Chelsea will design the shirts, while Jean Ludwig or Pam Pepple will be asked about printing them. Amanda will include a place for shirt sizes on a volunteer signup sheet. The shirt color will be dark purple or dark green.
 - o Reptiles on display will include turtles, a bearded dragon(s), and possibly others from the Hancock Park District. Amanda has also been in contact with Jim Augustine from Rawson who has a variety of reptiles, but he has not committed to a certain date.
 - o Regarding Bible stories, Amanda presented books about the burning bush and the ten plagues. She’s still looking for books about the Passover, the resurrection of Jesus, and the parting of the Red Sea. Members were asked to keep their eyes open for books on these subjects.
 - o As far as an offering recipient after VBS, the consensus was to donate a fish farm from ELCA Good Gifts.
 - o Regarding games, a fish pond was suggested to “reel in” toys/trinkets. April suggested rubber bracelets engraved with “Fear Not”. Amy noted she will need to purchase a few items for other games including two sheets (flat sheets, green in color).
 - o Some green and yellow shirts are left over from last year. We will use these for the kids to decorate along with new shirts that are purchased.
 - o Discussion was held on nametags, lanyards or stickers to identify each child. The consensus was nametags.
 - o It was suggested that VBS be promoted on the prayer chain as well as verbal announcements on Sundays.
 - o Props will include a sunset backdrop, swamp backdrop, a wood shack, a wood dock, a boat and/or canoe, artificial trees, fishing nets & poles, life jackets, faux plants, and blue tarps to represent water. Discussion was held on how to decorate the hallways. It was suggested that fishing nets be suspended from the ceiling. Parish Board members will begin decorating the week before VBS and finish the main stage in the sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, July 10th.
 - o Children will sing VBS songs at the Hancock County Fair Gospel Pavilion on August 31st at 5pm.

ADJOURN

The meeting closed at 8:37 p.m. after which members went to the craft classroom to look over VBS props that have already been gathered. Amanda will send out a group text regarding the date of our July meeting.

*Natalie McClelland,
Recording Secretary*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JULY 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: Jan Grieser
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 JUNE: Darrell & Sherry Chapman family (*friends of Ruth Tobin*); Mary Cowan; Rose Dieter (*aunt of Jerry Kimmel*); Norm Hahn; Mark Hoffman (*brother of Mike*); Kyle McDowell; Lisa McDowell; Jan Puckas (*friend of Jill Bower*); family and friends of Phyllis Reid (*Barbara Martin’s aunt*); Dorothy Rubonette (*mother of a friend of Marcia Russell*); family and friends of Roger Ruffell; Carrie Sadler (*friend of Sally Valentage*); family and friends of Howard Schick; Payton Smith; Andrew Wolford; all military personnel including — Ethan Grieser, Lance Leisure, Justin Riegle, Colin Tobin, Alex vonStein, and Ben Wolford — families of Uvalde, Texas; 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 Roger Ruffell. Roger, 97, passed away on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at Bridge Hospice Care Center. A private celebration of Roger’s life will be held by his family.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Howard Schick. Howard, 94, passed away on Thursday, June 23rd at VanCrest Nursing Home in Ada. Howard's funeral was held here at St. Paul on Tuesday, June 21st at NOON with Pastor Steven Edmiston officiating.

May the family and friends of Roger Ruffell and Howard Schick feel God holding them close and fill them with resurrection hope.

Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~

Thank you so much for the chocolates, keychain, and the Adulthood for Jesus book! I am so thankful to be a part of such a loving and supportive community. Thank you!
Karissa Welte

Blessings in Jesus' name, Once again, the amount of grocery items that was donated to Good Hope Lutheran Church, for use in the congregation's food pantry was overwhelming and much appreciated. We are blessed by your generosity and happy to help the community with this ministry. Yours sincerely,
Pastor Steve Ramsey and the Food Pantry Crew ~ Beth Wallway, Bob Marquart, and Gary Bernhardt

To the people of St. Paul, Thank you for sharing your love and generosity with our neighbors in Ukraine. You are bringing hope in the form of food, shelter, medical supplies and cash assistance along with quilts, and kits. I look forward to a continued partnership serving our neighbors as we move into God's promised future. Grace and Peace,
Rev. Tim Krick, Lutheran World Relief, Manager for Congregational Engagement

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 July 2022

Sunday, July 3rd: Pastor Arthur Wilde
Sunday, July 10th: Pastor Christian Dittmar
Sunday, July 17th: Adam Willford
Sunday, July 24th: Terri Davis
Sunday, July 31st: Terri Davis

Outreach Project for July

It is time to STUFF THE BUS. We will be collecting school supplies till the last Sunday in July.

Large Backpacks are especially welcomed. Items to donate are:

Markers	Crayons	Highlighters	Colored Pencils	Sharpies
Pens	Dry erase markers		Spiral notebooks	
Calculators T-1-30-X11S		Pencil boxes/bags	Binders	
Paper [wide and college rule]		Flash drives	Erasers	
Ear buds/headphones		Hand sanitizers	Tissues	
Zip lock bags	Paints	Glue Sticks	Wipes	

Place these items in designated areas in the Welcome Space. Thank you!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR JULY:

Sunday, July 10th: ReFUEL — 6:00PM – 8:00PM

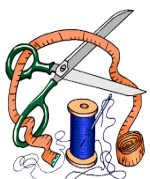
St. Paul LYO Summer Mission Week is Sunday, July 24th — Sunday July 31st. We will be volunteering throughout Northwest Ohio Sunday – Thursday and we will wrap up the week at Lake Erie from Friday – Sunday. If your student(s) are able to attend please sign up through the link in your email.

Sunday, July 10th – Thursday, July 14th — Vacation Bible School is coming soon! We are again providing a light evening meal [beginning at 6:00PM] and a snack for the children and adults that will be attending. [Last year we fed an average of 98 each evening.] We are so blessed to have church organizations and individuals who are providing items for the meals, but we need some additional items for the snacks, cookies and punch. Sign-up sheets are on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space. Monetary donations can be given to Ron or Christine Kemerley to cover the cost of the paper products and miscellaneous expenses. Encourage your children to invite friends and neighbors. What a blessing this is to feed these children and watch the seeds that are planted grow into strong Christians.

**Crocodile Dock Vacation Bible School
Sunday, July 10th – Thursday, July 14th
Light meal served at 6:00PM**

Vacation Bible School rotations start at 6:30PM – 8:00PM

[VOLUNTEERS NEEDED] — Sign-up sheet on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space and be sure to include your shirt size]



The July Sewing Day will be Tuesday, July 12th 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 9 ladies at the Tuesday, June 7th Sewing Day and 9 quilts were completed bringing the total of 74 finished quilts so far.**



Our church will again be helping to cook noodles at the Arlington Village Festival on Friday, July 22nd from 2:00PM – 10:00PM. There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space for 2-hour time periods. Ron and Christine will be there all day also. This is a wonderful service where our church can be seen helping in the community.

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.

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.

July 2022 Birthdays

Sunday, July 3 rd	Andrew Follas
Sunday, July 3 rd	Brady Griggs
Sunday, July 3 rd	Chad Ward
Sunday, July 3 rd	James Wolford
Monday, July 4 th	David Wolford
Tuesday, July 5 th	Gayle Smith
Wednesday, July 6 th	Britt Gibson
Thursday, July 7 th	Nolan Boehm
Thursday, July 7 th	Jon Russell
Friday, July 8 th	Sally Valentage
Sunday, July 10 th	Alexis Grieser
Tuesday, July 12 th	Brian Welly
Friday, July 15 th	Easton Boehm
Friday, July 15 th	Ethan Loetz
Friday, July 15 th	Chris Sheets
Friday, July 15 th	Jessa Ward
Saturday, July 16 th	Scott Grieser
Sunday, July 17 th	Qais Habib
Monday, July 18 th	Monique Carman
Monday, July 18 th	Wyatt Smith
Monday, July 18 th	Kimberly Trout
Wednesday, July 20 th	Cole Snyder
Thursday, July 21 st	Charlie Grieser
Thursday, July 21 st	Toni Loy
Thursday, July 21 st	Elsie vonStein
Friday, July 22 nd	Laurie Laird
Saturday, July 23 rd	Bob Coldren
Saturday, July 23 rd	Michael Stoltz
Saturday, July 23 rd	Gary Wilson
Sunday, July 24 th	Abigail Edmiston
Sunday, July 24 th	Grant Welte
Monday, July 25 th	Christopher Clark

Tuesday, July 26 th	Ryan Robinson
Wednesday, July 27 th	Becca Ludwig
Wednesday, July 27 th	Kreg Sheets
Wednesday, July 27 th	Megan Smith
Thursday, July 28 th	Jacob Henson
Thursday, July 28 th	Jean Ludwig
Friday, July 29 th	Roger Freed
Friday, July 29 th	Ron McDowell
Saturday, July 30 th	Brent Grieser
Saturday, July 30 th	Erica Habib
Saturday, July 30 th	Harlow Hankins
Saturday, July 30 th	Mason Smith

July 2022 Anniversaries

Friday, July 1 st	Craig and Denise Durliat – 27
Sunday, July 3 rd	Harold and Dawn Bower – 24
Thursday, July 7 th	Cody and Hannah Rader – 10
Friday, July 8 th	Steven and Jeanine Reichley – 33
Friday, July 8 th	Michael and Amy Rettig – 22
Saturday, July 9 th	Chad and Whittany Hirschy – 11
Monday, July 11 th	Mike and Cheryl Lentz – 36
Thursday, July 14 th	Nathan and Abby Norway – 5
Saturday, July 16 th	Steve and Natalie McClelland – 45
Thursday, July 21 st	Mitch and Jenna Wilson – 4
Friday, July 22 nd	Cameron and Elizabeth Haley – 16
Monday, July 25 th	Britt and Amy Gibson – 7
Wednesday, July 27 th	Dan and Kelly Settlege – 20
Thursday, July 28 th	Doug and Mary Coldren – 49

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ALTAR GUILD: Jan Grieser LECTOR: Mike and Elaine Ingram ORGANISTS: Sundays, July 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , and 24 th : Lisa Gossman Sunday, July 31 st : Janet Carey					1	2
3 FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST [WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR ARTHUR WILDE] 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 10:15AM Outreach Committee Meeting NO Contemporary Worship	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Church Office Closed	5	6	7	8	9
10 FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST [WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR CHRISTIAN DITTMAR] 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship 12:30PM – 3:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved for Boehm Reunion 6:00PM – 8:00PM Vacation Bible School / Light meal served at 6:30PM / Rotations begin at 6:30PM 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL	11	12 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day	13	14	15	16 9:00AM – 3:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved by Chris Sheets
“CROCODILE DOCK” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ——— SUNDAY, JULY 10TH ————— THURSDAY, JULY 14TH — 6:00PM – 8:00PM						
17 SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST [MESSAGE: ADAM WILLFORD] 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship	18	19 7:00PM Congregational Council Meeting 7:00PM WELCA Meeting	20	21	22	23 10:00AM – 4:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved by Merritt VonStein
24 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST [MESSAGE: TERRI DAVIS] 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30
LYO MISSION TRIP ——— SUNDAY, JULY 24TH ————— SUNDAY, JULY 31ST						
31 EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST [MESSAGE: TERRI DAVIS] 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship LYO Mission Trip Ends						