



Monthly Minutes

A publication of the boards and committees of St. Paul's.

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These four positions comprise the executive committee (or board of officers) of St. Paul's. Each position is accountable to the Council and the voters/congregation.

The president oversees activity of the budget, facilitates meetings, sees to the timely completion of business, and helps coordinate the congregation's work.

The recording secretary signs all deeds, contracts, official documents, and call documents, keeps the voting membership roster, and records and maintains minutes of Council and congregational meetings.

The treasurer pays all bills in a timely manner, provides monthly reports of financial activity to Council and to respective committees, quarterly reports to the voters, assists with the development of the budget, and oversees tax documentation for St. Paul's and workers.

The financial secretary oversees the counting, the counters, and the deposits of all financial contributions to the congregation. This person is responsible for submitting a report to the treasurer, and reporting these weekly to the congregation.

Elders Chairman

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The board of Elders exists to administer to the spiritual life of the congregation under the leadership of the pastors. The elders work for spreading the gospel both within and without the congregation. This includes seeking the straying, maintaining visits to the shut-in, disciplinary measures where necessary, tending to the pastors'/teachers' spiritual and physical health, encouraging Bible studies, and overseeing worship services/ushers.

Board of Education Chairman

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The board of Ed oversees the teaching staff, curriculum, needs, and education of our Lutheran Elementary School.

Stewardship Chairman

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This group welcomes and interviews new members to our congregation, maintains time & talents information, encourages congregational involvement, and plans various congregational events & outings.

Trustees Chairman

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The trustees manage the entire property, buildings, and grounds of St. Paul's. They coordinate routine maintenance, inspections, and recommend projects to the Council/voters.



Evangelism Committee

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The evangelism committee seeks to share the word with our community. It oversees the Car Show and Great Exchange events, and helps with publicity for the Living Nativity. Often the group develops materials for brochures, flyers, or postcards. It distributes these to our community. In the Silver Dollar Days Parade, the group assists with walking and advertising our church. There is also an online role with the St. Paul's website as well as advertising or promoting through Facebook or other social media.

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Youth ministry oversees the Sunday School and Sunday School teachers, Cradle Roll, Mindful Moms, Boy and Girl Pioneers, and Youth Group.

A Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to...

Jacqueline Yancy	Nov 1	Kyleigh Olson	Nov 9	Heidi Alfred	Nov 21
Norene Bauer	Nov 2	Donald Braatz	Nov 10	Payton Specht	Nov 22
Mariah Kirsch	Nov 2	Kenneth Fry	Nov 11	Kendra Horst	Nov 22
Andrew Van Alstine	Nov 3	Christopher Neuman	Nov 12	Travis Schnelle	Nov 23
Elissa Neemann	Nov 3	Declan Preuss	Nov 12	Scott Kolberg	Nov 23
David Trochta	Nov 4	Kristopher Sturm	Nov 13	Alan Kuether	Nov 23
Rachel Mueller	Nov 5	Alissa Kuether	Nov 14	Allison Leverenz	Nov 23
James Van Alstine	Nov 5	Justin Eirich	Nov 16	Cindy Conto	Nov 24
Gillian Curia	Nov 5	Abbigail Leverenz	Nov 16	Gretchen Andersen	Nov 24
Felicia Vant Hul	Nov 5	Kimberly Neuman	Nov 16	Doug Bramstedt	Nov 27
Hudson Launer	Nov 7	Caleb Olson	Nov 19	Eileen Perronne	Nov 28
Imogen Coaker	Nov 8	Emily Stewart	Nov 20	John Athorp	Nov 28
Louis Stewart	Nov 9	Caitlin Hahn	Nov 20	Jacob Rammer	Nov 29
				Bonnie Baumann	Nov 30

Happy Anniversary to...

Gary & Norene	Bauer	Nov 2	Wallace & Kathy	Gierach	Nov 9
Robert & Bev	Gumm	Nov 4	Nathan & Julie	Kracht	Nov 12
Siegmund & Regina	Bulitz	Nov 6	Robert & Shirley	Brooks	Nov 14
Robert & Mamie	Hansen	Nov 6	David & Patti	Wehrmann	Nov 24
Don & Barbara	Last	Nov 7	William & Teresa	Reichardt	Nov 24
Edward & Sandra	Strauss	Nov 7	James & Debbie	Van Alstine	Nov 28
Craig & Katie	Schuenemann	Nov 8	George & Bonnie	Baumann	Nov 29
			Kevin & Debra	Kirsch	Nov 30

**If you have a birthday or anniversary and it is not listed or listed incorrectly, we apologize. Please let us know so we can update your information.
Thank You!**



**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2019**

Attendees: Pastor Bode, Pastor Mueller, Todd Marten, Chad Marohn, Kevin Mueller, Joey Balge, Jim Van Alstine, Bill Reichardt, John Marten, Dan Radue, Trever Athorp, Corey Schroeder, and Kevin Reinemann. Meeting was called to order by Todd Marten. Pastor Bode opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

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Pastor Norv Kock, President of MLHS, presented the Federation Church Council Report. His report focused on current and future staffing, an update on the MLHS Capital Campaign, highlighting of academic programs focused on STEM and Youth Apprenticeship, and the continued success of the school's International Student program.

The Secretary's minutes from the September Council meeting were reviewed. A Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes as presented.

Membership Action:

Transfer In:

1. Molly Meitner, St. Paul's Onalaska, WI
2. Allysa Brooke Egstad, Morning Star, Jackson, WI
3. Donald & Janice Schroeder, St. Matthew, Appleton

Transfer Out:

1. Chris Becker to Martin Luther in Oshkosh

Profession of Faith:

Release:

1. Carrie Herzog - Out of ministry area

Confirmation:

Adult Confirmation:

Baptism:

1. Isaiah Alfred (DOB: 08/01/19 - Baptism 09/08/19)
2. Adaline Scheuer (DOB 08/05/19 - Baptism 09/15/19)
3. Ian Lecker (DOB 09/06/19 - Baptism 09/22/19)

Death:

1. Ron Hamann (09/09/2019)
2. Wilbert "Jiggs" Jahnke (09/20/2019)

Current membership: Communicants: 700
Children/Other: 163

Total 863

A motion was made seconded, and carried to approve all membership action.

Reports:

Pastor Report – Pastor Bode reported that family visits are ongoing. The **Mindful Moms** study unit on children in worship has generated plenty of interest and discussion. **Sunday School** has 82 students registered this year. This is an increase from 72 last year.



The **Youth Group** meets the last Sunday of each month and has one event planned each month. The September event was a bowling outing and 11 kids attended. The **Boy and Girl Pioneers** are now in a joint program with Calvary. Jim Van Alstine and Mike Heilman are leading the program for the Boys and Girls. The Boy and Girl Pioneers will double up in some events this year. **Christmas At St. Paul's** is set for December 15, 2019 from 9:00 - 10:30. The Ladies' Aid has inquired about refreshing the **Greeters** program. Pastor has met with Marilyn Eirich and Stefani Leverenz to understand how the program operated in the past. He is writing up guidelines for the group and looking for someone to organize it. Pastor Bode will be out of town October 3rd through October 5th. Both Pastors will be attending a conference from October 23rd through October 25th.

Pastor Mueller reported that much counseling work continues within the congregation. There are many people who will be participating in upcoming Bible Information Classes and Bible Study opportunities continue to go well. In addition, Pastor Mueller reported that the transfer several new responsibilities to the Secretary position is going very well. The staff continues to find a way to provide Stefani with a lunch break. Pastor Mueller reported on a unique outreach opportunity. He has been contacted by the golf coach from Concordia University in Ann Arbor, MI. Each year, the team visits this area to play against Lakeland and they have always travelled past our church. The coach reached out to Pastor to see if they could visit. This year, the team will be playing in the area the weekend of October 20th. The team will stop at St. Paul's to meet with Pastor Mueller and go through a Bible Class the morning of October 20th.

Elders Report – The Elders report that the changes made to the communion distribution process appear to be working smoothly. The Elders have created a Called Worker Recognition document. The document lists levels of recognition for our Called Workers based on their length of service to God's ministry. The document has been shared with the Board of Christian Education as well. The Elders have discussed where it is best to have Sunday morning Bible Class. They acknowledge there are pros and cons to both the gym and the church but decided it is best to continue to meet in the gym.

Principal's Report – Mr. Marohn reported that Mrs. Belitz is again assisting with St. Paul's students this year. She works Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition to teaching a math class, she helps to challenge advanced students and provide additional support to students who need it. It is to be noted that Mrs. Belitz is paid for one day but donates her time for the other day.

It has been a busy start to the school year:

Career Day was Tuesday, October 1st. A different approach was taken this year as students went to 3 different businesses. They visited Bitter-Neumann Furniture, Concept Motors, and Fire Station 4 in Sheboygan. Special thanks to Dan Radue, Mike and Lisa Olson, and Lieutenant Justin Langdon for allowing the students to visit their place of business.

Grandparents' Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd. We anticipate having 70 - 80 grandparents visit that day.

Veteran's Day Dinner is scheduled for November 11th. The primary goal is to honor the Veterans within our congregation. The next step is to be able to honor additional veterans within our community.

The first **PTF Bible Study** began in September. It is a 4-week Bible/Book study and 24 parents attended the first week.

The first Choice payment has been received for this school year. The amount was \$21,120. We would like to pursue the Special Needs Scholarship Program for the school. This program would require some additional administrative support but that cost could be offset by the additional funding. The benefit of this program is that St. Paul's would be able to better serve the children of the school. The deadline for applying for this program is March 1, 2020. If we are not ready for this program by March of 2020, we will continue to pursue the program for the following year.

Board of Education – Mr. Radue provided additional details about the Christmas At St. Paul's service. Mr. Curia and Pastor Bode continue to plan the service. PTF has agreed to donate \$700 toward the rental of chairs. An additional \$100 has been donated by the AV committee. A private donor has committed to cover additional costs for the service. PTF has also donated \$250 for Grandparents' Day and \$250 for supplies for the Veteran's Day dinner. BCE will be having an open forum at next PTF meeting on November 12th. The BCE has joined Mr. Marohn to begin looking into an International Student program. More discussion and re-



search will follow on this topic. The BCE will be putting together a solid staffing plan as they move forward with their action plan.

Treasurer's Report – Jim VanAlstine reported that offerings through the 1st quarter are right on budget. An additional \$18,000 in income has been received for Debt Reduction, Faith For The Future, and the School. Standard expenses are also coming in at budget. An HVAC bill for work performed in March was received in July. This invoice contributes toward a net cash loss of \$11,400 through the first 3 months. This total includes \$10,500 in payments made toward mortgage principal. Jim also reported that the financial support staff is being filled and the training is progressing smoothly. This support staff not only helps us meet sound accounting practices but also reduces the workload required of the Treasurer.

Trustee's Report – John Marten reported the second stage of the AC unit was out of freon and needed to be recharged. Terry Roehrborn will clean all units in the mechanical rooms and monitors them regularly. The exhaust fans in the restrooms require cleaning. The grease trap was recently cleaned out but the service agent pointed out that the trap will need to be replaced soon. This will need to be budgeted in 2020 as early estimates place the cost as high as \$10,000 to replace the unit. The quote for rekeying the 4 entrances has been received for a total of \$200.

Evangelism Report – The September meeting of the Evangelism committee was focused on discussing the results of the New Mover Mailers. It was decided to send teams to visit the homes in a designated area. The committee has discussed having congregation members join committee members in visiting the new homeowners. The committee also discussed possible upcoming events and ways to get information to community members.

Stewardship Report – The summer campfires were a great experience and there was positive feedback provided. The 4 evenings averaged 15 to 20 attendees each night. The Stewardship committee will be looking for ways to improve the event in 2020.

We will be partnering with Urban Artique for the second year on October 24th. Participants will be creating a round wreath shaped stained board decorated with a choice of an image and color. Cost will be \$40 per attendee and members can sign up in the church office or call the secretary. A motion was made, carried, and approved to allow wine to be served at the event. Snacks and other beverages will also be served during the event.

Officer's Report – Brett Horne has assumed his role as assistant financial secretary. We thank Brett for stepping in to assist the congregation by fulfilling the requirements of this role. We have contacted CRW Insurance and Financial Services to provide a quote for health, life and LTD. The renewal date with our current carrier, Vizance of Hartland, WI, is November 1st.

WELS – WELS reports will resume with the Voter's Meeting on October 13th.

MLHS – There are 4 primary topics to report from the recent MLHS meeting:

1. Maintaining and working to increase the traction of Capital Campaign will be critical to the timing of the start of the projects.
2. The Constitution of MLHS is being reviewed and revised.
The faculty is aware of 2 upcoming vacancies on the teaching staff. The process for seeking replacements will begin in November.
1. The Federation is discussing adding a position at MLHS called Curricular Coordinator. This position will work with the grade schools in the Federation in an effort to standardize curriculum. The initial vision for this position will be ½ time spent on curriculum and ½ time spent in another capacity serving MLHS. The position will be funded 50% by the participating schools and 50% by MLHS. The MLHS Board of Directors has approved the concept and it will now be brought to the individual schools for their approval.

Old Business - No old business was discussed at this time.

New Business - No new business was presented at this time.

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Reinemann



**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
Board of Education Minutes
September 18, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 6:48.

Attendees: Pastor Bode, Chad Marohn, Kevin Oleck, Dan Radue, Travis Krell.

Pastor Bode opened with a devotion. Asking us to consider how we as individuals can be generous, and how we can enhance our school's efforts to spread the Gospel.

Pastor's Report: A variety of called workers are assisting in daily chapels at the school and the change to daily chapels has been well accepted. Chapel offerings are being streamlined with Sunday School students to encourage faithful giving from students without asking a child to do both Sunday and during Wednesday chapel. The Christmas at St. Paul's event continues to be planned. Some additional expenses were discovered and everything is now fully funded by donations, some groups from St. Paul's and a generous anonymous donor.

Principal's Report: The new teachers continue to be a great addition to the school. K-2 has a new assessment. Career day is coming up soon along with a new way of doing it. The students will visit local businesses Bitter Neumann, Concept Motors and the Sheboygan Fire Dept. Members who work at those locations will be speaking with students. The school security grant received an extension. All the work is physically done and St. Paul's spent nearly all of the \$19,000 grant. Enrollment in all day 4K is 12 students, 9 members and 3 non-members. Mr. Dais is serving as our volleyball coach. K-2 and 3-4 soccer is being coached by Mr. Matthew Schlieve. Mr. Marohn recapped the board on his research of the Special Needs Scholarship Program. There are great advantages to our school such as offering students help with speech and language issues. Many students with ADHD, Autism and learning disabilities could also be assisted. Mr. Marohn has quickly gained a lot of knowledge of the program. He stated that many of our current students could benefit from this program. An Individual Education Plan would be identified per student. The deadline for St. Paul's to enter the program is March 1st. Continued research is being conducted. The Board is fully supporting this idea. Mr. Marohn briefed the board on some details of how to enter an international student program.

Old Business: Discussion of Christmas at St. Paul's

New Business: Review of the PTF report. -A plan has been created for called worker anniversary recognition. The BCE will reference this policy annually and assist as needed in planning for observing anniversaries near the end of the school year.

- The board reviewed the action plan that had been approved at the last voters meeting. 3K, science and fine arts are a focus of the plan for St. Paul's. Sarah Mueller is going to help define the needs of a science program and science room going forward. A fine arts room would also be created. -The board needs to create a staffing plan for the future. The action plan creates many different options for how to properly staff the school and all of these options need to be thoroughly vetted before proceeding.

Respectfully submitted by Travis Krell



Member Highlights

History Committee Biographies of St. Paul's Members Blessed to Live 90 Years or more



Richard Edgar Kuether
Born August 12, 1923

Richard Kuether, husband of the late Elaine Heuer, had four sisters and three brothers, who have all passed away. Richard has one son and one daughter and is a grandparent of four. Richard has been attending St. Paul's since he was seven years old. He came here from Minnesota when his father, Rev. Herman Kuether, accepted a call to preach here. He went to Millersville school and then Sheboygan Falls High School.

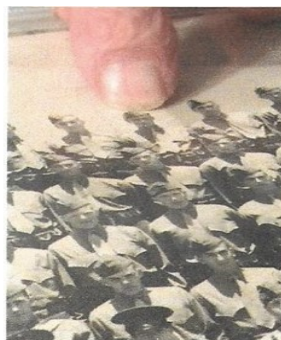
Richard worked for Motor Transport Company for 32 years. He drove trucks for a year and a half before joining the Marine Corps in June 1943, serving for 33 months. He served in a tank battalion that saw duty in the Pacific Theater of World War II, which took him to Saipan, Marianas Islands, Sasebo and Kyushu and much of Japan. The major stretch of his service happened around the time of the Normandy Beach landings, making his theater service lesser known but many men served and died for their country there.

After his discharge from the army in February 1946, Richard returned home. He married Elaine Heuer on May 22, 1948 and then had their children. They were married for 60 years until Elaine passed away in 2008.

Today Richard attends church and lives across the street from St. Paul's. He still enjoys going out in the woods with his son and cutting wood when the weather is suitable. Richard enjoys being an outdoorsman.

Meeting with Mr. Kuether was a pleasant experience. The visit told me not just about his life but reminded me that the history is important. Traditions can be lost, and important people can be forgotten. That is something I would hate to see happen.

Mr. Kuether is a good man, a good father and grandfather, husband, veteran, and committed member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.



Left: Richard's dog tags, service certification, licenses and other documents from his military service. Middle: Mr. Kuether points to himself in his basic training group. Right: Richard and Elaine following his return from service in 1946.

Interviewed by Anthony Lis



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Wilbert (Jiggs) Janke
Born September 7, 1922

Wilbert was born in 1922 to Paul and Clara Janke. He says he got the name "Jiggs" from his father. Whenever they put a nickel in the music machine, he would do a little jig. He grew up in Howards Grove and went to Howards Grove grade school. He graduated from Sheboygan Falls High School in 1940. Following High School, Jiggs joined the Army 83rd Infantry, 329th Regiment. During World War II, he fought on Europe and in the Battle of the Bulge. He was wounded 3 times, receiving 2 Purple Hearts and a Silver Star. Completing his service to his country, he came home and became a carpenter, a trade he was taught by his step-father, Gus Wedemeyer.

On August 31, 1946 he married Mabel Sprenger at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. They were blessed with one child, a daughter in 1962 when they adopted Cindy. They also had 3 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great grandchild. Mabel went to her heavenly home in 2001.

Being a carpenter was his lifelong trade, working for Dankardt and Quasius Construction Companies. Jiggs retired in 1986, but continued doing special projects in his barn workshop.

Jiggs enjoyed canoeing and remodeling/building boats. When he was 85, he built a shanty boat and sailed down the Erie Canal with his friend Ron.

Jiggs served his Lord in regular church attendance, ushering and serving as an Elder. He used his carpentry skills when the parsonage was being built, and he built and donated the cupboards in the new church kitchen. Jiggs loved his Lord and looked forward to meeting HIM. He entered eternal life on September 19, 2019.

From St. Paul's history committee: Jan Radue

St. Paul's Church Calendar—November 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Dartball tournament in gym
3 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service	4 6:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm Choir	5 6:30 pm Sunday School Teachers Meeting	6 8:10 am Chapel 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Mindful Moms 4:15 pm Public School Catechism 6:30 pm Church Council	7 6:30 pm Bible Information Class 6:30 pm Bible Study on Christology	8	9
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St. Paul's School Calendar—November 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Dartball tournament in gym
3 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship Sunday School Sings 9:15 pm Adult Bible Study	4 8:30 am 3rd-4th Grade Future Lancer Trip	5	6	7 4:00-8:30pm Parent-Teacher Conferences	8 Noon Release 12:30-3:30pm Parent-Teacher Conferences	9
10 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 pm Adult Bible Study	11	12 6:30pm PTF Meeting	13	14	15	16
17 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 pm Adult Bible Study	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship Gr. 5-8 (Junior Choir) Sings 9:15 pm Adult Bible Study	25	26	27 Adult Choir Sings No School - Thanksgiving Break	28 Adult Choir Sings No School - Thanksgiving Break	29 No School - Thanksgiving Break	30