



Monthly Minutes

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

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Treasurer

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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. The person is responsible for submitting a report to the treasurer, and reporting these weekly to the congregation.

Elders Chairman

Kevin Mueller: hawkeye034@gmail.com

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.

Youth Ministry

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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...

April	Bower	Jun 1	Sheryl	Nehls	Jun 12	Andrew	Rieth	Jun 25
Griffin	Schirmer	Jun 1	Brittany	Bull	Jun 12	Richard J.	Kuether	Jun 25
Oliver	Eick	Jun 2	Germaine	Doro	Jun 13	Austin	Patzke	Jun 26
Annabella	Haas	Jun 3	Lucas	Rasmussen	Jun 13	Carol	Kallies	Jun 26
Daniel	Kuether	Jun 3	Barbara	Last	Jun 14	Robert	Munnik	Jun 27
Elijah	Alfred	Jun 3	Nathan	Ledvina	Jun 15	Elizabeth	Mueller	Jun 27
Hannah	Krell	Jun 5	Justin	Denhof	Jun 17	Claire	Dailey	Jun 28
Kayla	Sprenger	Jun 5	Joesph	Flores	Jun 19	Kerri	Dittmar	Jun 30
Chad	Marohn	Jun 6	Brooke	Heilman	Jun 22	Hannah	Schroeder	Jun 30
Wayne	Zarling	Jun 10	Benjamin	Leistekow	Jun 22	Robert	Kober	Jun 30
Alison	Koeser	Jun 11	Richard	Stoelb	Jun 22	Austin	Trochta	Jun 30
David	Hoppe	Jun 11	Max	Scheuer	Jun 23	Brian	Stauss	Jun 30
Kaylee	Kleinhaus	Jun 12	Mamie	Hansen	Jun 24	Reese	Kolosovsky	Jun 30

Happy Anniversary to...

Robert & Elizabeth	Munnik	Jun 5	Duston & Maddie	Rabe	Jun 16
Dawn & Gregory	Johnson	Jun 5	Richard & Janice	Stoelb	Jun 20
Megan & Luke	Bramstedt	Jun 6	Robert & Susan	Kober	Jun 20
James & Mary	Truttschel	Jun 7	Philip & Rebecca	Meyer	Jun 22
Jeff & Kimberly	Plass	Jun 8	Dale & Kathy	Bramstedt	Jun 29
William & Margene	Kolberg	Jun 11	Thomas & Susan	Phelps	Jun 29
Andrew & Kimberly	Rieth	Jun 14	Karl & Stefani	Leverenz	Jun 29
Tom & Stephanie	Damrow	Jun 15	Mike & Nikki	Leahy	Jun 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
April 25, 2019**

Attendees: Pastor Bode, Kevin Mueller, Corey Schroeder, Ed Strauss, Trever Athorp, Karl Leverenz, Nick Schmidt, Joey Balge, Dan Radue, Todd Marten, Chad Marohn, Shawn Alfred, and Kevin Reinemann

Meeting was called to order by President Marten. Pastor Bode opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

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

Membership Action:

Transfer In:

1. Rose Lindemann (from St. John's Newtonburg)

Transfer Out:

1. Michelle Sickenger (to St. Mark, Green Bay)
2. Alan & Sarah Bublitz, Talia (to Calvary, Sheboygan)

Profession of Faith:

1. Jeremy Rasmussen (former WELS member, finished adult instruction)

Release:

1. Gerald Fenner (at his request)

Adult Confirmation:

1. Heather Rasmussen (finished Adult Instruction)

Baptism:

1. Owen Carl Leahy (4/7/19)

Current membership: Communicants	684
Children/Other	169
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Total	853

Reports

Pastor Report – Pastor Bode reported that family visits are ongoing. The Spring Choir Concert will take place on May 19th during both services. Ascension Day is May 30th. the topic of Sharing Your Faith with 10 in attendance. April highlights include serving a Lenten dinner, participating in the Youth Passion service and serving Easter breakfast.

Elder's Report – The Elders continue with delinquent visits. The Monday Easter service was conducted on a trial basis this year. 9 people were in attendance. The Monday service will not be held following Easter Sunday in 2020.



Principal's Report – St. Paul's has placed a request with the Synod for a graduate to teach kindergarten next year. Mr. Marohn points out that due to the shortage of teachers, there is no guarantee that we will be assigned a graduate. Assignment day is Saturday, May 18th. Mr. Curia is in week two of his deliberations over the call he is holding to teach 5th grade along with music responsibilities at Peace Lutheran in Hartford, WI.

The staff has completed its' review of Mathematics textbooks. The decision has been made to utilize the Big Ideas series. Pricing is being worked out with the publisher. The faculty continues to work on strengthening the school's Language Arts curriculum. The staff has not been happy with the samples received as modern trends are moving away from literature toward more informational text. Our school's philosophy is to continue to focus on literature and efforts will now be shifted to instructional efforts.

8th grade graduation is Sunday, May 19th during the 10:30 service. The largest graduating class of 14 students includes Luke Clappes, Danielle Damrow, Nicholas Eirich, Emmanuel Ellison, Elijah Horn, Kaylee Kleinhans, Luke Marohn, GraceAnn Oleck, Caleb Olson, Robert Perl, Abigail Sohn, Payton Specht, Emma Sprenger, and August Wall.

The WPCP (Choice Program) registration window has expired for the 2019-2020 school year. We received a total of 12 Choice applicants for next year. This is an increase of 3 over last year. The projected revenue from the Choice program is approximately \$81,500 (using last year's rates). This is an increase of approximately \$15,000 over this school year. We will receive one more payment for this school year in May for this year's Choice students totaling \$16,477.

The onsite visit for accreditation has been scheduled for January 20th through January 22nd. The committees have resumed their self-study work for their assigned standards with a deadline of June 15th for completion of the committee work with recommendations.

samples have also been gathered for evaluation. The plan is to have the new textbooks in place for the 2019 - 2020 school year.

Miss Cassie Krug has returned the call to teach kindergarten. We have reached out to the Synod to begin the process for requesting a graduate on assignment day. Mr. Marohn noted that the Synod currently estimates there is a shortage of 200 teachers and given our current staffing, we may not be considered to be greatest in need.

The faculty has one more week of Bible Study and WELS teaching standards. The remaining meetings will be spent preparing for the 2019-2020 school year.

St. Paul's remains on a long list of schools waiting for security installations. St. Paul's received a grant last summer for the security upgrades including shatterproof film on doors, electronic locks on doors and a camera to see activity at the doors. The delay is simply due to the long list of schools who have received the grant.

The mounted basketball hoops have been ordered and are schedule to be installed in late May. This will allow for use of the extra hoops during summer basketball camps.

The school is currently undergoing the second Parental Choice audit. \$49,432 has been received from the Choice Program and one more payment of \$16,477 is expected.

An Accreditation group is being formed with the goal of gaining accreditation by the start of school in Fall.

Board of Education –Dan Radue added on to the accreditation report from Mr. Marohn that the BCE is working to get more policies formalized and written to comply with accreditation standards. The BCE is reviewing the tuition for non-member students. The BCE feels the tuition may have been a factor in failing to attract some non-member students recently. To aid in the recruitment of non-members, the BCE has empowered the Principal to act as necessary to get the students to enroll.

Treasurer's Report – The Council meeting was held a week earlier than normal and therefore the monthly financial report was not available at this time.

Shawn Alfred announced that he has resigned the position of Treasurer. The Council thanked Shawn for his service to the congregation and recognized his efforts in leading the consolidation of financial accounts and helping set us up to comply with the CHOICE program. The council voted to approve the appointment of Jim Van Alstine to complete the term as Treasurer.



Trustee's Report – The installation of the new operating system for the HVAC is complete. The retention pond on the south side of the property needs some attention. The drain pipe needs to be cleared of debris and young trees. The work will be performed when the area dries out.

Evangelism Report – The committee has established roles for the Great Exchange. The New Mover Mailer is being designed and will be ready soon. The committee continues to plan for regular canvassing of the area to share St. Paul's ministry.

Stewardship Report – The committee reported a fun schedule of events for the upcoming months:

- Wine & Cheese/Chocolate at the Blind Horse in the afternoon of May 5th.
 - Monday Night Campfire socials will be held following the Monday service on:
 - a. June 17th
 - b. July 15th
 - c. August 19th
 - Urban Artique or Board and Brush event will be finalized for October.
- The committee continues to do the New Member Welcome and bio assignments.

Officer's Report – There was no activity to report at this time.

WELS – This year's Women's Ministry Conference will feature the theme of "Women are the living stones of the congregation".

MLHS – Joel Ungemach has returned the call to Arizona Lutheran Academy. A special delegate meeting will be held on April 27th to consider how to move forward with the Director of Mission Advancement position. The recommendation is to make it a called position. "Aaron" Goetzinger is still holding the call for the position of Religion teacher. The Prism Concert is scheduled for May 11, 2019. The Capital Campaign Kick-Off event is scheduled for May 4, 2019 at Fox Hills in Mishicot.

Old Business - There was no old business at this time.

New Business -

1. The Trustees recommended to Council a plan to add handicap accessible seating in the sanctuary. They propose removing approximately 4' from 4 different pews (located 5 and 6 rows from back of church on both sides of aisle) to create the space necessary to accommodate those who utilize wheelchairs and walkers. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve this proposal.
2. Several options were reviewed to assist the Dais family with their move from Lake Mills this summer. One option is to hire a moving company. A quote will be requested from a company with experience in moving called workers. A second option is to seek volunteers from the congregation to assist the family in similar fashion to the recent moves of the Bode and Marohn families. The Dais family will also be asked for their preferences.
3. The Council reviewed the proposed 2019/2020 budget. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the budget. It will be presented to the voter's for adoption at voter's meeting on May 5, 2019.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried and the meeting was closed with prayer.

Faithfully submitted by Kevin Reinemann



**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
Board of Ed Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2019**

Pastor Bode opened with a devotion on the New Covenant through Communion.

Pastor's Report

Graduation service 10:30 May 19

Reviewed and proposed an Annual BCE Calendar of duties

Principal Report

- Creating a Professional Growth plan for faculty members.
- Math textbooks series has been selected. Language Arts textbooks are being evaluated.
- Mr. Curia has received a call to teach 5th grade and music at Peace Lutheran in Hartford WI.
- PTF elected Alycia Cameron to President and Gillian Curia secretary.
- 9 students already enrolled for Pre-school 2019-2020
- Accreditation continues to move along and an on-site visit is tentatively planned for January 2020
- 25 students participated in the Music and Academic fair at MLHS
- Basketball camp is being organized

Old Business

- School budget yet to be finalized by Church Council
- Board members reviewed some questions from the accreditation committee. Thomas Cameron is going to follow up with the board.
- The kindergarten teacher is going to be requested for MLC assignment day on May 18th.

New Business

- Non-member tuition rates are under review. Several discussion points were made.
- Currently St. Paul's School has had no non-members enrolled at the non-member rate of \$5,300. Compared to member rates of \$675. Board members have granted the Pastors and the Principal the option to work with families if needed to address tuition challenges. In addition the Board is reviewing existing policies for Non-WELS tuition families.

Minutes respectfully submitted by, Travis Krell

St. Paul's Church Calendar—June 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service 1:00 pm Sue Vant Hul using commons	3 6:00 pm Worship	4	5 10:00 am Mindful Moms 6:30 pm Church Council	6	7	8
9 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service 1:00 pm Morgan Lautz (Dittmar) using commons	10 6:00 pm Worship	11	12 10:00 am Mindful Moms 1:30 pm History Committee Meeting/Social at Pigeon Lake 5:30 pm Stewardship 6:30 pm Evangelism	13 2:30 pm Newsletter	14	15
16 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	17 6:00 pm Worship Bonfire in parking lot following worship	18	19 10:00 am Mindful Moms 6:30 pm Board of Ed	20	21 5:00 pm Canticum Novum Concert	22
23 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	24 6:00 pm Worship 9am - 11am Culinary Camp	25 9am - 11am Culinary Camp	26 10:00 am Mindful Moms 6:30 pm Elders 9am - 11am Culinary Camp	27 9am - 11am Culinary Camp	28 9am - 11am Culinary Camp	29 Perrone/Mauer Wedding
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St. Paul's School Calendar—June 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship	3 4	4 5	5 6	6 7	7 8	8 School Cleaning Weekend
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