



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. 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 Group

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Sunday School Superintendent

Craig Schuenemann: craig.schuenemann@yahoo.com
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...

Jul 1	Karen	Kuhn	Jul 9	Louise	Zastrow	Jul 17	Isabelle	Anhalt
Jul 1	Clay	Schroeder	Jul 9	George	Baumann	Jul 18	Linda	Hamann
Jul 1	Sawyer	Sawyer	Jul 9	Joseph	Balge	Jul 18	David	Wehrmann
Jul 2	Talia	Mueller	Jul 10	Jason	Pieper	Jul 22	Carrie	Bruns
Jul 2	Betty	Klingeisen	Jul 10	Mike	Ausreng	Jul 23	Luke	Bramstedt
Jul 2	Sawyer	Mikkelson	Jul 11	Susan	Phelps	Jul 24	Presley	Lis
Jul 6	Sarah	Mueller	Jul 11	Rodd	Schirmer	Jul 25	April	Reinemann
Jul 6	Courtney	Johnson	Jul 12	Craig	Stewart	Jul 25	Douglas	Dier
Jul 6	Braden	Sixel	Jul 13	Justin	Langdon	Jul 25	Sawyer	Eick
Jul 7	Connie	Kuether	Jul 14	Cora	Kolosovsky	Jul 27	Angela	Panosh
Jul 8	Richard	Nack	Jul 14	John	Marten	Jul 27	Devyn	Becker
Jul 8	Megan	Megan	Jul 15	Eileen	Belitz	Jul 27	Courtney	Greenwald
Jul 8	Brenna	Schueler	Jul 15	Jeremy	Pieper	Jul 27	Alaz	Patzke
Jul 9	Terry	Roehrborn	Jul 15	Jesse	Pieper	Jul 28	Carol	Reinemann
Jul 9	Beth	Pahmeier	Jul 17	Landon	Mayer	Jul 30	Sawyer	Sixel
			Jul 17	Jackie	Hayner	Jul 31	Thomas	Cameron

Happy Anniversary to...

Jul 3	Adam & Amanda	Bode	Jul 11	Todd & Lisa	Marten
Jul 5	Kevin & Elisa	Menzer	Jul 12	Thomas & Alycia	Cameron
Jul 6	Carol & Ronald	Kallies	Jul 13	David & Holly	Clappes
Jul 6	Nick & Amy	Binsfeld	Jul 14	Aaron & Sarah	Mueller
Jul 7	Andy & Christina	Sprenger	Jul 15	Trever & Courtney	Athorp
Jul 7	Gabriel & Megan	Wildeman	Jul 25	Mike & Lisa	Olson
Jul 9	Brian & Kelly	Stauss	Jul 26	Dan & Jenny	Radue
			Jul 30	Donald & Pamela	Braatz

**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
June 5, 2019**

Attendees: Pastor Bode, Pastor Mueller, Kevin Mueller, Corey Schroeder, Ed Strauss, Trever Athorp, Karl Leverenz, Nick Schmidt, Joey Balge, Dan Radue, Todd Marten, Chad Marohn, Jim Van Alstine, Bill Reichardt, 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 May Council meeting were reviewed. A Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes as presented.

Membership Action:

Transfer In:

1. Paul & Paula Bartel—Divine Word, Plover, WI

Transfer Out:

1. Paula Hahn to Calvary, Sheboygan (at her request, lives closer)

Profession of Faith:

1. Matt & Kayla Boenisch, Hailey and Nathan

Release:

1. Tony Berg to his own care (lives in Green Bay)
2. Dale Rabe to his own car (requested)

Confirmation:

Mary Athorp, Alyssa Binsfeld, Luke Clappes, Danielle Damrow, Nicholas Eirich, Elijah Horn, Kaylee Kleinhans, Ben Leistikow, Amanda Lohmier, Luke Marohn, GraceAnn Oleck, Caleb Olson, Robert Perl, Zachary Prem, Brooke Schuenemann, Payton Specht, Emma Sprenger, Jacqueline Yancy

Adult Confirmation:

- 1.

Baptism:

1. Lexi Marie Knoener (5/12/2019)
2. Cooper Larry Eick (05/19/2019)

Current membership: Communicants: 682
Children/Other: 169

Total 851

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

Reports

Pastor Report – The Pastors will continue to do Family visits throughout the summer.

Craig Scheunemann and Pastor Bode will be securing Sunday School staff, purchasing curriculum materials, and preparing schedules this summer. Mike Leahy is working with Pastor Bode in formulating plans for next year's youth group.



Preliminary discussions have taken place regarding the possibility of a joint Ascension service in future years between St. Paul's, St. John/St. Peter, and Calvary. Further discussion on Pastor rotations and location of the service will take place.

The Evangelical Heritage Bible will be introduced this summer. This translation was done by many of our WELS pastors. The EHV will be introduced to the congregation on an introductory basis. No action to adopt or approve the translation is being sought at this time.

Pastor Mueller has been approved to serve on the MLHS Board as he fills the vacancy position of Secretary. The position has two years remaining on the term and is eligible to be re-elected for two more terms.

Pastor Mueller has been asked by the Living Nativity committee to begin working on a new audio sound track for the event. The sound track will likely incorporate new music incorporating the talents of the Curia family.

Elder's Report – Chairman Kevin Mueller reiterated the Elders approval to introduce the EHV translation in worship, Bible Study, and catechism. The Elders have not recommended formal adoption of this Bible at this time. Confirmation in 2020 will take place the first weekend of May. Examination will take place on Saturday followed by Confirmation on Sunday. The Confirmands will be the only ones to commune on confirmation Sunday. The Elders continue to work with delinquent members.

Principal's Report – Mr. Marohn reported that he has been in contact with new teachers, Mr. Dais and Miss Paggi. He has been addressing all questions but plans to allow them to focus on their moves to the area before he asks them to begin prepping for the upcoming school year. A celebration of Mrs. Bramstedt's ministry is scheduled for Sunday, June 16th.

The school is continuing their emphasis on educating the whole child and soft skill development. The staff has worked to make it easier for the students to understand. The messaging will attempt to communicate a Gospel motivated emphasis on Respect and Responsibility.

Mr. Marohn worked with Pastor Bode and Pastor Mueller to create a Mission-Vision-Objectives-Action Plan. Pastor Bode crafted the Mission and Vision statements and Pastor Mueller wrote the objectives and action plan. This plan will be reviewed by Council before being formally approved. Pastor Bode and Mr. Marohn will present it to the congregation on Sunday, June 16th.

Johnson Controls has been in touch regarding the installation of new security features and this should be completed by the end of June.

The installation of basketball hoops is complete and has met and surpassed all expectations.

We had twelve applicants for vouchers through the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program for the upcoming school year. All twelve were selected and the families have accepted the vouchers. We also received our 3rd and final payment from this year's Choice program. The final payment was \$16,477 which brought the total received to \$65,909.

Board of Education –The committee has reviewed and approved the school's public relations strategy, outreach plan, inreach plan, and school new family sponsor program.

The discussion regarding options for choosing a new mascot continued but the Board has decided to keep the current mascot. The BCE is currently completing the faculty evaluation process. The evaluations will be reviewed during the June meeting.

Mr. Radue has asked the Council to review the Mission/Vision statement individually and will seek Council approval at the next monthly meeting.

Treasurer's Report – A financial report was not available at the time of the meeting. Jim Van Alstine shared his plan to separate accounting processes. Transaction processing will be performed by different people than reporting and budget functions. This separation of duties is essential for complying with audit requirements and also distributes the workload throughout several willing volunteers. Following is a brief summary of responsibilities:



Transaction Processing

Invoice Processing - Stefani Leverenz

Payment Processing - Marilyn Eirich

Cash/check Receipts - Sara Kleinhans

Payroll Processing - Stefani Leverenz, Christi Probst, and the firm of Clifton Larson

Bank reconciliations of QuickBooks to bank statements - TBD

Reporting

Review of Accounts - Jim Van Alstine

Financial Statements - Jim Van Alstine

Budget

Annual Preparation - Jim Van Alstine

Set up in QuickBooks - Jim Van Alstine

Monthly Council and Quarterly Voter's Reports - Jim Van Alstine

Preparation of format required for DPI related to School Choice - Jim Van Alstine with Shawn Alfred assisting

Trustee's Report – The preparation for Family Work Day (June 8th) is ongoing. Mulch and stone have been delivered. The secondary AC unit has been repaired. The transition to LED lights will begin soon as continue as the budget allows until all lights have been replaced. The LED lights are a direct replacement for existing lights so it is only a matter of changing bulbs.

Evangelism Report – The committee reviewed The Great Exchange. They have considered future dates and potential changes to the event. The new mover mailer design continues and should be ready soon.

Stewardship Report – Tim and Brittany Bull have agreed to join the committee. 20 people attended the Wine & Cheese Event in May at the Blind Horse. The committee is looking forward to Campfire Nights following Monday services. The first night is set up for June 17th.

Officer's Report – The Dais family move is scheduled for June 10th and 11th. Nomad Movers will be moving the family for a cost of approximately \$2700. This total will vary depending on the amount of help we are able to provide in Howards Grove on the 11th.
The survey of the parsonage and cemetery is complete. The cemetery has now been removed from the Marohn property.
The decision to move payroll services to Clifton Larson is due to their ability to provide resources to meet our needs.

WELS – The 65th WELS Biennial Convention will be held July 29th through August 1st at MLC in New Ulm. The theme is “For the Generations to Come”. The emphasis will be on worship, essays and decisions will focus on that theme and highlight the challenges and privileges we have as we carry out the mission that God has given us. Along with the privilege we have to hold God's saving truth for ourselves and also the responsibility we have to pass it down to those who will come after us. Luther Curia will serve as a delegate for the Northern Wisconsin District as a teacher and staff ministry delegate.
At the WELS Home Mission meeting, financial support was authorized for a new congregation in Houston, Texas and a ministry enhancement in Oshkosh, WI because of the need from the UW Oshkosh campus.
The Hmong Outreach in Vietnam will continue through June 2019. The goal is \$2 million to purchase land, construct a campus and cover 2 years of operational cost.
Four years ago a catastrophic earthquake hit Nepal and killed 20,000 people and destroyed 7 churches. WELS Christian Aid and Relief responded at that time with bare necessities such as blankets, food, and clothing along with the support of knowing they were not being forgotten. At the fourth anniversary of this disaster, the 7 churches have been rebuilt. This achievement was celebrated with over 700 people attending. For more details on the above, please go to the WELS website at wels.net.



MLHS – 48 students graduated May 25th. 3 teachers are leaving this year. Jennifer Monke and Jon Meyer are retiring. Pastor Tom Meisner accepted a call to Ohio.

The 1st Annual Exemplary Service Award (scholarship) was given to one male and one female student. Pastor Schroeder has returned the call to be the Religion Teacher. The call meeting for this position will be June 6th. MLHS has received an “emergency call” of a seminary student to assist with teaching religion next year. The call for Director of Mission Advancement was returned. The current plan is to see how the Pastor call goes before determining how the DMA duties will be covered.

Pastor Aaron Mueller will serve as the Secretary of the Board of Control for the balance of the term (2 years).

The Capital Campaign efforts continue with individual visits.

The summer concerts have been scheduled:

June - Branches Band

July - St. Marcus Gospel Choir

August - Koine

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

New Business -

1. The new teacher installation will take place on July 28th. The Elders will determine if we will have one or two services that day as well as the time of the service. The Annual Church Picnic will be held following the service(s).
2. The July Council Meeting will take place on July 2nd.
3. The July Voter's Meeting will take place on July 14th following the 10:30 service.
4. A motion was made and carried to support the MLHS Summer Concert series with a donation of \$200.00.
5. At the time of the sale of the parsonage, a survey was conducted for that property at the request of the Marohn's (buyers). The survey revealed the cemetery was included in this parcel and needed to be separated. Therefore, a subsequent survey was required. The total cost of the surveys was \$1673.75. The situation was clarified in detail for the council and a motion was made and carried that St. Paul's would pay for \$1223.75. The balance of \$450 would be paid for by the Marohn's.

Faithfully submitted by Kevin Reinemann



**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
Board of Ed Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2019**

Pastor Bode opened with devotion.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Bode mentioned ways to welcome the new teachers.

Principal's Report - New Kindergarten teacher wants to visit as soon as possible and tour the school. -June 10-11 organizing helpers to move the Dais family into their new home. -St. Paul's is fully staffed for the 19-20 upcoming school year. -June 8-9 school cleaning and maintenance. -New basketball hoops to be fully installed -In the 18-19 school year \$65,909 was deposited from students in the choice program. After the 19-20 deadline there are 12 students slated to participate in the program. -Mr. Marohn continues to help lead the accreditation process. -June 17-20 Basketball camps are planned.

Old Business -Reviewed questions from the accreditation committees. -The board reviewed and approved the school's Public Relations strategy, Outreach Plan, Inreach Plan and New School Family Sponsor Program.

New Business -Alycia Cameron is going to organize a "Scrip Shower" to get gift cards gathered for the incoming teachers. -Forms were received to fill out evaluations of Pastor's and Principal. To be done annually per the BCE calendar. -Board reviewed sister congregations support of the school, discussing amounts and purpose. -Board members will prepare to approve the athletic handbook prior to the next meeting. -A new Mission/Vision statement was discussed and approved to send to Church Council.

June 19th is next scheduled meeting

Minutes respectfully submitted by, Travis Krell

St. Paul's Church Calendar—July 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00 pm Worship	2 6:30 pm Church Council	3 10:00 am Mindful Moms	4 6:30 pm Bible Study	5	6
7 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	8 6:00 pm Worship	9	10 10:00 am Mindful Moms 5:30 pm Stewardship 6:30 pm Evangelism 7:00 pm Stephen Bautista Concert	11 2:30 pm Newsletter 6:30 pm Bible Study	12	13
14 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service Voters Meeting after late service	15 6:00 pm Worship Bonfire following worship	16	17 10:00 am Mindful Moms 6:30 pm Board of Ed	18 6:30 pm Bible Study	19	20
21 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	22 6:00 pm Worship	23	24 10:00 am Mindful Moms	25 6:30 pm Bible Study	26	27
28 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service Church picnic & teacher install	29 6:00 pm Worship	30	31 10:00 am Mindful Moms 6:30 pm Elders			