



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

Trever Athorp: ctathorp@tds.net

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

Karl Leverenz: karl74.kl@gmail.com

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

Nick Schmidt: nschmidt0613@gmail.com

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...

Colton Panosh	Aug 2	Landen Hahn	Aug 12	Charlotte Anhalt	Aug 21
Colton Rabe	Aug 3	Brylee Schuenemann	Aug 15	Andrea Braatz	Aug 22
Hannah Walleser	Aug 3	Bryan Koeser	Aug 16	Kathy Bramstedt	Aug 23
Myles Schueler	Aug 3	Lynn Kraemer	Aug 16	Kathleen Koeser	Aug 23
Angela Hayner	Aug 4	Melissa Lis	Aug 16	Addison Meyer	Aug 23
Nick Eirich	Aug 5	Jonah Walleser	Aug 17	Coreen Schroeder	Aug 23
Jeremy Neemann	Aug 5	Sarah Ledvina	Aug 18	Aidan Dailey	Aug 24
Theresa Zarling	Aug 5	Marion Hoard	Aug 18	Jenny Walleser	Aug 24
Jocelyn Trochta	Aug 7	Payton Bramstedt	Aug 19	Alyssa Kirsch	Aug 28
Dylan Andrews	Aug 8	Andrew Meyer	Aug 19	Mike Heilman	Aug 28
Erin Plass	Aug 9	Audrey Dahm	Aug 19	Matthew Last	Aug 29
Beth Heilman	Aug 10	Jody Brooks	Aug 20	Susan Kober	Aug 29
Michele Kuether	Aug 11	Cole Anhalt	Aug 21	Peter Grimm	Aug 30
Nikki Leahy	Aug 12	Jaden Becker	Aug 21	Donna Pantel	Aug 30
Adaline Rieth	Aug 12	Lexi Schuenemann	Aug 21	Chelseigh Olson	Aug 31
Richard Kuether	Aug 12			Norbert Prange	Aug 31
				Arrianna Wolfert	Aug 31

Happy Anniversary to...

Aug 10	Carol & Lyle	Reinemann	Aug 5	Julie & Norman	Wegner
Aug 11	Carl & Marilyn	Toepel	Aug 7	Justin & Heather	Langdon
Aug 31	John & Dawn	Marten	Aug 12	Eric & Lisa	Specht
Aug 6	Steve & Cindy	Strassburg	Aug 31	Michael & Alicia	Duwe
Aug 20	Steve & Cindy	Conto			

**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
July 2, 2019**

Attendees: Pastor Mueller, Kevin Mueller, Ed Strauss, Joey Balge, Todd Marten, Jim Van Alstine, Bill Reichardt, Terry Roehrborn, 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 June Council meeting were reviewed. A Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes as presented.

Membership Action:

Transfer In:

Transfer Out:

1. Katherine Van Alstine, St. Paul's Saginaw, MI

Profession of Faith:

1. Zach & Elizabeth Theobald (Triton & Silas)

Release:

1. Megan (Hahn) Fibinger to attend LCMS church in Kohler

Confirmation:

Adult Confirmation:

Baptism:

Death:

1. Eugene Kuether (6/6/2019)
2. William Ausavich (6/14/2019)
3. Mary Schwenke (6/18/2019)

Current membership: Communicants: 701
Children/Other: 155

Total 856

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

Reports

Pastor Report – 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 – As stated in Pastor Bode's report, the Elders felt it was important to remain consistent and keep regular worship service times on July 28th. The teacher installations will take place during the 10:30 service. The Elders are evaluating ways to make the serving of communion more efficient. Any time that can



be eliminated can be utilized to introduce new elements into the worship service.

Principal's Report – Mr. Marohn reports that the teaching staff continues to meet regularly during the summer months. Great progress has been made in updating our textbooks and rearranging curriculum. The staff is appreciative of the support of the congregation's support of this initiative. Following is a list of the textbook changes:

- Science curriculum updated to a 2017 version of a series titled Science Fusion.
- Math curriculum updated to a 2019 series entitled Big Ideas Math.
- Wisconsin State History textbooks have been ordered. State history is a requirement of 4th grade Social Studies. We did not have textbooks prior to this purchase.
- US History textbooks purchased for 7-8 grade class.
- We are piloting Quaver Music which is a comprehensive online curriculum for Pre K - 8th.
- We purchased SPARK curriculum to be used in support of physical education in grades Pre K - 6.

The staff is working to create a Flex period on Wednesdays. This period will be used for unique learning experiences focusing on soft skills. The units for year one will be cultural study, fitness, cooking/baking, and woodworking. All students will participate in this unique curriculum.

Mr. Dais is getting acclimated and has attended the last two faculty meetings. Mrs. Meitner will be joining the staff after the first week of July.

The school security updates are underway and will be completed in July.

The summer basketball camps were a success and drew over 30 participants. The additional hoops were a blessing.

Board of Education –The BCE has presented the school's Mission/Vision statement to the Council for approval. Principal and Pastor evaluations are completed. The results will be gathered and sent to the Synod. The Athletic Handbook has been approved. The Parent Handbook is being updated and will be approved next month. School registration is August 6th.

Treasurer's Report – Jim VanAlstine presented the financial snapshot for the year which ended June 30, 2019. The report shows a deficit of approximately \$80,000. This deficit is offset by the unused funds from the sale of the parsonage. The balance of the parsonage funds were utilized to pay down the line of credit, pay off the remaining parsonage mortgage, provide additional financial support to MLHS and WELS, and purchase equipment for the school. It is also important to note that we were blessed with the additional positions filled by Pastor Bode and Mrs. Marohn.

Trustee's Report – The trustees have completed the HVAC repairs and begun replacing flood lights in the church. In addition they continue to look into replacing the lights in the parking lot with LED lights. The rebuild of the playground equipment has been completed. Grease trap pumping has been scheduled. Future projects include leveling the concrete at the main entrance of the church and school, shortening several pews in church to create wheelchair-accessible seating, and replacing the fraying carpet in the school. A "thank you" was extended to Ed Strauss and Majestic Crossing Dairy for their time donated to wash the residual stone from the rock salt used this winter.

Evangelism Report – The committee discussed preparations for the upcoming Silver Dollar Days Parade. Handouts with information regarding the Church and upcoming events including the Car Show and Living Nativity. The materials for the event were purchased thanks to a member applying for a Thrivent Action team grant. The preparation for the Car Show is also underway. The New Mover Mailer has been designed and will be ready for the July mailing. It was decided to reach out in a 5 mile radius of Howards Grove excluding the first mile from church. 5 miles reaches as far as Elkhart Lake, the north side of Sheboygan, and into Falls/Kohler.

Stewardship Report – There was no report at this time.



Officer's Report –

1. Faith for the Future Report

- a. A total of \$5,145 was given as financial aid to students to assist with tuition and expenses
 - i. \$2,450 was split equally between 5 students attending MLC
 - ii. \$2,450 was split equally between 10 students attending MLHS
 - iii. \$245 was given to one student attending WLA

2. Dais Family Move

- a. The move went very smoothly. Positive comments were received from the Dais family regarding the professionalism of Nomad movers. The movers said the family was very organized and appreciated the help provided by the congregation. The help provided at delivery in Howards Grove reduced the invoice to \$1,740 which is approximately \$1,000 less than quoted.
- b. We would like to thank those who showed up to help with the move as well as to the Altar Guild for providing lunch.

3. Update on Parsonage/Cemetery Survey

- a. The survey performed to separate the parsonage and cemetery into two separate properties continues to go through the municipalities for approval and registration. The Town of Herman, Village of Howards Grove, and Sheboygan County must all approve the change and officially notify residents before the changes can be finalized.

WELS – On July 13, 2019, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will host the first annual “Taste of Mission” event. It will be an afternoon event that emphasize the countries in which WELS has mission fields. The ethnic cuisine from two countries will be served. Former missionaries and committee members who have served WELS missions will share their experiences and thoughts.

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary has a new President effective July 1st. Rev Earle Treptow has accepted the call to serve as seminary president. He replaces Rev. Pau Wendland who will return to a full time teaching position after having served as President since 2004.

Rev. Jonathan Hein, Coordinator of Congregational Services released a recent update on the “Generations To Come” campaign. The statistics of the current membership with WELS was again highlighted. Noted that in the last 5 years WELS has lost 22,400 baptized members. Some of these losses were souls who have gone to their eternal home but too many are souls who have drifted away from church. A strong effort needs to be taken to slow this loss of souls. The “For The Next Generation to Come” campaign kicked off last year with the goal to raise 1 million dollars to fund this effort to enhance WELS ministry efforts and help slow the loss of souls. Presently WELS is at the halfway point in reaching their monetary goal.

For more information on the work of WELS Synod, please go to the WELS website at wels.net.

MLHS – Pastor Jason Baldwin is currently holding a call to teach Religion.

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

New Business - The council reviewed the Mission/Objectives and Vision statement as presented by the Board of Education. A motion was made and carried to approve the statement as presented.

Faithfully submitted by Kevin Reinemann



**Board of Ed Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2019**

Attendees: Chad Marohn, Dan Radue, Kevin Oleck, Thomas Cameron and Travis Krell.

Mr. Marohn opened with a prayer.

Pastor's Report

Pastors report was previously submitted and was reviewed by members. Pastor Bode's report provided sound rationale for keeping current school mascot and scripture from Matthew 5:16 to reinforce our commitment to letting our light shine before others. As the flame on the lamp on a stand, not under a bowl. Installation of new teachers is going to be July 28.

Principal Report

The new 5-6 grade teacher, Mr. Andrew Dais visited the school and is now living in town -The new Kindergarten teacher is about to get married and become Mrs. Meitner. She will start at St. Paul's after the fourth of July. -The new school year will have all students meeting together for on a daily basis in the morning and afternoon for worship and a prayer together. -Flex time is going to be one hour on Wednesdays where teachers will spend time with students exploring a non-academic subject. More information is coming. -Mr. Marohn presented the congregation our Mission/Vision/Objective. It was well received. -3 additional students have entered the School Choice program for the 19/20 school year. -31 Student athletes attended the basketball camp. The new hoops have been a great addition.

Old Business

The next Church Council meeting will review the Mission/Vision/Objective statements prior sending to voters at the next quarterly meeting. -Mr. Marohn performed end of year teacher evaluations.

New Business

St. Paul's athletic handbook was approved. -Student/Parent handbook is currently being reviewed. Simplification of dress code is an example of possible changes. -August 6th is Registration night for the 2019/2020 school year. - Dan Radue and Mr. Marohn provided an update from Long Range Planning.

Mr. Marohn closed with prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by, Travis Krell

St. Paul's Church Calendar—August 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 pm Bible Study	2	3
4 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	5 6:00 pm Worship	6	7 10:00 am Mindful Moms 6:30 pm Church Council	8 2:30 pm Newsletter	9	10 St. Paul's Car Show
11 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	12 6:00 pm Worship	13	14 10:00 am Mindful Moms 6:30 pm Evangelism	15	16	17
18 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	19 6:00 pm 6:45 pm Worship Bonfire after church	20	21 10:00 am Mindful Moms 5:30 pm Stewardship 6:30 pm Board of Ed	22	23	24
25 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	26 6:00 pm Worship	27	28 10:00 am Mindful Moms 6:30 pm Elders	29	30	31

St. Paul's School Calendar—August 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship	5	6 Classroom Orientations 5:15-6:15pm Registration 6:30-8:00pm	7	8 Classroom Orientations 5:15-6:15pm	9	10
11 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship	26 First Day of School	27	28	29	30 No School	31