



Monthly Minutes

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

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Congregational President

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Financial Secretary

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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

Dan Radue: bndan@bitter-neumann.net

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 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...

Derek Pantel	Sep 1	Dean Strauss	Sep 10	Jordan Stoelb	Sep 21
Myron Loose	Sep 2	Edward Strauss	Sep 11	Elijah Wildeman	Sep 21
Norman Wegner	Sep 3	Janice Stoelb	Sep 11	Annaliese Horn	Sep 22
Darren Herzog	Sep 3	Renee Bramstedt	Sep 12	Brittany Wehrmann	Sep 22
Danielle Damrow	Sep 4	Vernetta Grunwald	Sep 13	Joshua Grunewald	Sep 24
Tyler Krell	Sep 4	Clark Kleinhans	Sep 14	Steve Conto	Sep 24
Owen Bazile	Sep 4	Joan Grunewald	Sep 16	Elijah Horn	Sep 24
Teagan Truttschel	Sep 5	Samantha Yancy	Sep 17	Megan Bramstedt	Sep 25
Drake Schirmer	Sep 5	Marilyn Toepel	Sep 17	Grace Dais	Sep 25
Debbie Van Alstine	Sep 7	Nolan Lis	Sep 18	Peter Hahn	Sep 26
Bradley Fields	Sep 7	Jean Porter	Sep 19	Amanda Johnson	Sep 26
Wilbert Janke	Sep 7	Luther Curia	Sep 19	Mary Rammer	Sep 26
Derek Stauss	Sep 9	Evelyn Sprenger	Sep 19	Lynette Kirsch	Sep 27
Joshua Pieper	Sep 9	Derek Grunwald	Sep 20	Charlotte Hermann	Sep 27
Nathan Kracht	Sep 10	Sue Neuman	Sep 20	Siegmund Bulitz	Sep 27
Mardell Stange	Sep 10	Zachary Marten	Sep 20	Chad Hayner	Sep 29
		Natalie Sturm	Sep 20	Brittany Last	Sep 29

Happy Anniversary to...

Alan & Michele	Kuether	Sep 2	Branden & Kate	Schelk	Sep 20
Peter & Maryann	Hahn	Sep 3	Jim & Brittney	Stromski	Sep 21
Mike & Beth	Heilman	Sep 4	Betty & Francis	Klingeisen	Sep 23
Spencer & Angela	Panosh	Sep 4	Brandon & Melissa	Lis	Sep 23
Jeffrey & Lynn	Ledvina	Sep 7	David & Diann	Horness	Sep 26
Brian & Stacey	Grimm	Sep 16	David & Lynn	Trochta	Sep 29
Thomas & Carol	Quirt	Sep 20	Mark & Audrey	Kolosovsky	Sep 30
			Tim & April	Reinemann	Sep 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
August 7, 2019**

Attendees: Pastor Mueller, Pastor Bode, Kevin Mueller, Ed Strauss, Joey Balge, Jim Van Alstine, Bill Reichardt, Karl Leverenz, Dan Radue, Nick Schmidt, Trever Athorp, Corey Schroeder, and Kevin Reinemann. Todd Marten and Chad Marohn were attending the Town Herman Board Meeting to ensure the approval of the survey separating the Marohn residence from the cemetery..

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

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

Membership Action:

Transfer In:

1. David and Kristi Gonzales (Keegan and Dawson) from Shepherd of the Hills, West Bend
2. Andrew and Bonnie Dais (Grace) from St. Paul, Lake Mills

Transfer Out:

1. Seth Pahmeier to Mount Olive, Appleton
2. Jenny Lemke (Lillian and Evelyn) to Immanuel, Manitowoc

Profession of Faith:

Release:

Confirmation:

Adult Confirmation:

Baptism:

1. Jesse Bramstedt (DOB: 07/05/19; Baptism 07/21/19)
2. Harper Fields (DOB 05/06/19; Baptism 07/27/19)

Death:

1. Louise Zastrow

Current membership: Communicants: 699

Children/Other: 159

Total 858

A motion was made to accept all member action. The motion was seconded and carried.

Reports

Pastor Report – Pastor Bode reported that we are fully staffed for the upcoming Sunday School year. The Pastors plan to introduce the EHV, a Bible translation done by many WELS pastors, in worship and Bible classes soon. The digital version of the EHV has not yet been released. Many will be given the opportunity to sign up to purchase the EHV translation. Pastor Bode and Mr. Curia are exploring a concept called Christmas as St. Paul's. This would feature a longer service on Sunday, December 15th featuring songs and recitations by children and adults. The service would be held in the gym and the community would be invited.

Pastor Mueller has recently returned from vacation. He did report that shortly before his vacation, he was contacted by Sixel & Schwinn that they were ready to do some work in the gym. Pastor Mueller asked them to wire two backboards which could then be raised and lowered electrically. They agreed to do two hoops for free.



Elder's Report – The Elders continue to evaluate 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. This topic will be discussed in more detail at the next Elders' meeting. The Elders have given approval to Mr. Curia and Pastor Bode to continue to pursue the **Christmas At St. Paul's** idea.

Principal's Report – Mr. Marohn reports the faculty is holding inservice the week of 8/5/19. The time is used to acclimate our new teachers and touch base before the upcoming school year. A number of new initiatives will be in place this year:

- Daily morning worship
- Daily closing prayer
- FLEX periods on Wednesday
- Further soft skill integration and emphasis
- Behavioral expectations for students and teachers

New teachers Mrs. Meitner and Mr. Dais are off to a wonderful start. They have already proven themselves to be an asset to our ministry. We are thankful to God that they have joined our ministry.

Registration was held Tuesday, August 6th. We had a good turnout and were able to share information, collect information, and enjoy fellowship. The first day of school is August 26th.

The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program financial audit has been completed. A BIG thanks to Jim Van Alstine for all of his work. We have officially made it through our first year in the choice program!

Board of Education –The BCE will reconvene in August

Treasurer's Report – Jim Van Alstine presented the final financial report for the year ended June 30, 2019. The report shows a deficit of approximately \$13,750.

The July 2019 financial report shows offerings on par with July 2018. Net Income in 2019 is lower due to Windows to Ministry gifts received in 2018, added HVAC repairs received this year and the school security building enhancements. It is important to note that we will be reimbursed for the cost of the school security enhancements.

A comparison of cash and debt for July 2018 and 2019 was presented. The total debt declined from \$1,082,206 in 2018 to \$948,203 today. This is a total debt reduction of \$134,000.

Jim has created auto payments for utilities, insurance, and payroll taxes. The benefit of the auto payments is that we do not risk a late payment which leads to additional finance charges.

Jim reported that the audit team from Clifton Larson Allen was on site July 23rd through July 25th to complete the 2018-19 audit. While this was the first year, added time was planned to build a permanent file of our church and school. Some of the added procedures for this year were to send confirmation letters to our members who hold loans to the church, to verify the sale of the parsonage, and to use a building use and floor space calculation for assigning the shared property costs. Currently, no open questions remain for the audit.

A Treasurer's checklist is being created to show due dates for weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual activities. Written operating procedures for the Treasurer's role to document standard work will begin later in August.

The lone remaining account at National Exchange Bank is the Scrip account. Jim will be working to move the payments to the Bank First National account.

Trustee's Report – The trustees are working to schedule the completion of several projects. They will soon be completing the fan repair, creating a section of pews to accommodate members who utilize wheelchairs, and finishing the floor waxing. The focus this summer has been on routine maintenance.



Evangelism Report – The committee recently worked to prep for the Silver Dollar Picnic parade. The parade was rained out but the handouts will be used for other activities as needed. Preparation for the Car Show on August 10th is ongoing. Donation and volunteer lists were generated and all donations have been delivered. The Pepsi signs were prepared and put up in the community and on the church property to raise awareness about the car show.

Stewardship Report – The last Monday night bonfire is scheduled for August 19th. The first two evenings averaged about 30 people in attendance. The Stewardship Committee will map out the next 6 months of activities at the next meeting.

Officer's Report – The council is looking for someone to step in as Assistant Financial Secretary on an interim basis. Volunteers or the names of potential candidates should be directed to Todd Marten.

WELS – The biennial synod convention was held July 29th to August 1st in New Ulm, MN. Highlights include an overview of the mission opportunity in Vietnam and declarations of fellowship with Christians in Kenya and Taiwan. Rev. Mark Schroeder was re-elected WELS President at the convention. Martin Luther College is starting a 2-year capital campaign called “Equipping Christian Witnesses”. The campaign will help MLC celebrate its’ 25th anniversary in 2020. There are three pillars of the campaign. They are Student Recruitment, Student Financial Aid, and Student Facilities. The student recruitment pillar’s goal is to raise undergraduate student enrollment from 750 to 900-1000 students. The student financial aid pill’s goal is to help students graduate with as little debt as possible. The student facilities goal is to build a new residence hall and renovate its’ current dormitories. The goal is to raise \$16 - \$18 million for this endeavor. For more information on the work of WELS Synod, please go to the WELS website at wels.net.

MLHS – Pastor Rick Krahn has accepted the call to chair the Religion Department and teach Religion for two classes. He will also assist with counseling and pastoral care for students at MLHS. He will be installed August 19th.

The quarterly Federation Delegate meeting will be held on Saturday, August 10th at 9:00 a.m.

The last outdoor concert of the summer will feature Koine on August 17th at 7:00 pm.

The MLHS school year is set to begin on Monday, August 19th with opening chapel service scheduled for 10:00 am.

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

New Business -

1. Alycia Cameron recently attended the WELS Women’s Conference in Watertown. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to reimburse Alycia \$150 for the cost of registration for the conference. As the leader of Mindful Mom’s, this conference will help Alycia with her role in moving our ministry forward.
2. The council approved the date of September 15, 2019 for the Living Nativity Fundraising Breakfast.

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Reinemann

St. Paul's Church Calendar—September 2019



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	2 6:00 pm Worship	3	4 10:00 am Mindful Moms 4:15 pm Public School Cate- chism 6:30 pm Church Council	5	6	7
8 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service	9 6:00 pm Worship	10	11 10:00 am Mindful Moms 4:15 pm Public School Cate- chism 5:30 pm Stewardship 6:30 pm Evangelism	12 2:30 pm Newsletter 4:15 pm History Committee Meeting	13	14
15 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service	16 6:00 pm Worship	17	18 10:00 am Mindful Moms 4:15 pm Public School Cate- chism 6:30 pm Board of Ed	19	20	21
22 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service	23 6:00 pm Worship	24	25 10:00 am Mindful Moms 4:15 pm Public School Cate- chism 6:30 pm Elders	26	27	28
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St. Paul's School Calendar—September 2019



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 pm Adult Bible Study	2 No School - Labor Day	3 Hamburger, Chips, Apple Slices	4 Pasta w/Meat Sauce, Breadstick, Salad	5 Crispy Chicken Wraps, Tater Tots, mixed fruit	6 Beefy Nachos w/ Toppings, Corn	7
8 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 pm Adult Bible Study	9 Pancakes, Sausage, Pears	10 PTF Meeting 6:30pm Brats, Baked Beans, Pineapple	11 Grilled Cheese, Chips, Peaches	12 Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots, Green Beans	13 Scholastic Picture Day Mini Corn Dogs, Watermelon, Baked Beans	14
15 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 pm Adult Bible Study	16 Spaghetti w/ Meatballs, Bread- stick, Salad	17 Parent Bible Study 6:30pm Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit	18 Turkey and Cheese Subs, Chips, Peaches	19 Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce, Broccoli	20 Pizza, Carrots w/ dip	21
22 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship Grades 3-4 sing both services 9:15 pm Adult Bible Study	23 French Toast, Sausage, Ap- plesauce	24 Parent Bible Study 6:30pm	25 Chicken Quesadilla, Oranges	26 Macaroni & Cheese, Roll, Corn	27 Chicken Patty, French Fries, Carrots	28
29 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 pm Adult Bible Study	30 Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit					