



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

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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

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

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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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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...

Stefani	Leverenz	Oct 1	Lisa	Olson	Oct 8	Andrew	Reinemann	Oct 16
Debbie	Schueler	Oct 1	Joan	Goetsch	Oct 8	Derrick	Grimm	Oct 16
Joe	Goedeke	Oct 1	Eric	Vant Hul	Oct 8	Derek	Andrews	Oct 19
Jordan	Bramstedt	Oct 2	Maryann	Hahn	Oct 8	Ann	Austreng	Oct 19
Spencer	Panosh	Oct 2	Ann	Doro	Oct 8	Gary	Fields	Oct 19
Dennis	Eirich	Oct 2	William	Reichardt	Oct 8	Victoria	Perl	Oct 20
Trever	Athorp	Oct 3	Karen	Berg	Oct 9	Braxton	Schuenemann	Oct 25
Ronald	Kallies	Oct 4	Cindy	Strassburg	Oct 10	Jeff	Plass	Oct 25
Gregory	Johnson	Oct 5	Shawn	Stange	Oct 11	Bruce	Krewald	Oct 25
Amy	Binsfeld	Oct 5	Katie	Wehrmann	Oct 12	Amelia	Hermann	Oct 26
Teresa	Reichardt	Oct 5	Barbara	Gillis	Oct 13	Marge	Boeldt	Oct 26
Jeffrey	Ledvina	Oct 6	Graham	Mattek	Oct 13	Emma	Grunewald	Oct 27
Archer	Bode	Oct 6	Emma	Sprenger	Oct 13	Bev	Gumm	Oct 29
Fred	Pahmeier	Oct 7	Jane	Konik	Oct 15	Trinity	Curia	Oct 29
Megan	Wildeman	Oct 7	Lindsey	Scheuer	Oct 15	Murphy	Leistekow	Oct 29
Gene	Eckardt	Oct 8	Cindy	Stange	Oct 16	Craig	Fields	Oct 31

Happy Anniversary to...

Lee & Christy	Eick	Oct 3	Jenny & Kevin	Walleser	Oct 13
Daniel & Joan	Goetsch	Oct 3	Wayne & Theresa	Zarling	Oct 13
Jeremy & Elissa	Nesemann	Oct 3	Rachel & Lucas	Biertzer	Oct 16
Eugene & Rachel	Rabe	Oct 6	John & Jody	Brooks	Oct 25
Steve & Kathy	Sprenger	Oct 10	Shawn & Heidi	Alfred	Oct 27
Bryan & Kathleen	Koeser	Oct 10			

**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
September 4, 2019**

Attendees: Pastor Bode, Todd Marten, Chad Marohn, Kevin Mueller, Ed Strauss, Joey Balge, Jim Van Alstine, Bill Reichardt, Karl Leverenz, Kevin Oleck, Nick Schmidt, Trever Athorp, Corey Schroeder, and Kevin Reine-
mann.

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

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

Membership Action:

Transfer In:

Transfer Out:

Profession of Faith:

Release:

Confirmation:

Adult Confirmation:

Baptism:

1. Charlotte Radue (08/11/19)

Death:

Current membership: Communicants: 700
Children/Other: 162

Total 862

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

Reports:

Pastor Report – Pastor Bode reported that family visits are ongoing. He will be leading a study unit on Children In Worship and the Lord's Prayer this fall. 3 baptisms are scheduled for September. Sunday School sign up already has enrolled as many students as last year (72) and more are expected to register during the first week of class on September 8th. The Youth Group will meet the last Sunday of each month and have events planned monthly. Catechism classes in school have begun with 17 students. Public school catechism began September 4th with 9 students. We are anticipating a confirmand class of 11 this year.

Pastor continues to work on the proposal of a joint Ascension service with St. John/St. Peter and Calvary. The proximity of the congregations along with the fact that Calvary does not have an Ascension service makes this a good fit. With projected attendance to be 250 - 300 people, both St. Paul's and SJSP could accommodate that many people. The initial plan is for SJSP to host in 2020 and St. Paul's to host in 2021. The service time will be 6:30 pm and the host congregation will provide the usher staff. The pastors would take turns preaching and presiding each year. Pastor Bode would preach in 2020 and Pastor Wall would preside. Each congregation's members would use their own envelopes and they would be divided up by congregation. The cash contributions would go to the host congregation. SJSP's practice is to host an ice cream social following the service. St. Paul's would plan some refreshments in 2021.



Elder's Report – The Elders have been reviewing the communion distribution process with the intent to make it more efficient so that time would be available to add other elements into the worship service. The Elders reported the following:

- The current practice of offering individual cups and common cup will continue on Sundays. Only individual cups will be offered during Monday services.
- Communion helpers and pastors will commune during the Agnus Dei in Sunday services.
- The explanation of close communion will be printed in the bulletin and/or projected and will simply be referenced by pastors prior to distribution.

The Elders had been asked to develop a policy for reimbursing called workers and lay people who attend seminars. Following discussion, the Elders sent this matter back to the Council because it was not related to matters of worship.

The Elders have begun reviewing the guidelines for recognizing those who have provided years of service to our congregation. The discussion will continue with focus on when to honor those who have served the ministry of St. Paul's.

The Elders have approved the aforementioned plan for a joint Ascension service with Calvary and St. John/St. Peter.

Principal's Report – Mr. Marohn began his report by recognizing how blessed we are to have a talented and hardworking staff to lead our school. Along with this year's focus on soft skills, teachers are working hard to implement new behavioral expectations for students and teachers. The faculty has spent time considering school safety plans and procedures. Lock-down and evacuation drills are scheduled for October.

Each school day begins with worship and prayer in the sanctuary and concludes with the entire school joining together to sing the Doxology. St. Paul's has added a FLEX hour to the curriculum this year. The FLEX lessons are for one quarter and will consist of the following topics: Baking & Cooking, Woodworking, Tennis, and Cultural Study.

Twelve students are enrolled at St. Paul's and in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. Nine of these students are full-time and three are part-time. The total anticipated voucher payments are \$84,483. These payments are received quarterly in September, November, February, and May. We are researching the idea of entering the Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP). The SNSP would provide financial support to help serve students with special needs and/or learning disabilities. The deadline to declare our intent to participate is March 1st.

The School Security upgrades, including cameras, key readers, locks, and software, are installed. The system is functioning while final tweaks and programming training are being completed soon. The installation of window film is scheduled for September 5th.

12 students (9 members and 3 non-members) are currently enrolled in preschool. 9 students make use of the full-time option. The volleyball teams have begun practicing with Mr. Dais as coach while Mr. Matthew Schlieve is serving as the soccer coach for the K-2 and 3-4 grades.

Board of Education –No report at this time.

Treasurer's Report – After two months the contributions in 2019/2020 are ahead of last year's pace by approximately 3%. Expenses are also ahead of the previous year creating a negative cash flow thus far. The deficit is due to the practice of paying bills when due rather than when funds are available as well as making regular payments to WELS and MLHS. Jim Van Alstine reports that he does not believe we will utilize the line of credit because of tuition payments and anticipated increase in contributions as we move out of the summer months. Jim also reported that other members will continue to assume additional responsibilities to assist Jim as well as create division of responsibilities which is required by WPCP program.



Trustee's Report – The Trustees reported that the floor waxing was completed prior to school opening thanks to the efforts of John Marten and Greg Johnson. They will be replacing a broken exhaust fan and continuing on their list of projects. In addition, they will look to purchase a tool box to secure and organize their tools.

Evangelism Report – The Car Show held on August 10th was a success with 50 cars and a lot of community interest. The committee will discuss how to improve and establish a mission for evangelism at next year's event.

The New Mover Mailers program has concluded the first month of activity. 58 mailers were sent out to new residents of the area.

Stewardship Report – During the most recent meeting, the committee outlined a plan for fellowship activities in the coming months:

- September 16th (Monday) - Bonfire Night
- October 24th (Thursday) - Board and Brush Event held at church;
Will also introduce new members since the mid-winter brat fry at the chicken dinner
- November & December - tentatively scheduling cribbage and/or sheephead night. Dates to be determined.
Also plan to encourage volunteerism during these months with a number of Christmas activities taking place at Church.
- January - Tentatively scheduling cribbage and/or sheephead night.
Will also introduce new members since the chicken dinner at the mid-winter brat fry.
- February - Tentatively scheduling cribbage and/or sheephead night.
- February 8th (Saturday) - Cornhole Tournament or Murder Mystery
Discussions have also focused on bringing in or taking a trip to see ComedySportz.

Officer's Report – Geese have made a home on the soccer/softball fields. Several deterrents are being considered to help them seek a new home. The officers plan to meet with CRW out of New Holstein to review our current long-term disability, life, and health insurance coverages. Our current supplier is Vizance Agency of Hartland, WI.

WELS – The Women's Ministry Conference was held July 18-20 at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI. More than 325 women attended to learn how women thrive in any circumstance when they understand they are part of the spiritual house God is building.

Members are encouraged to visit the WELS website for more information on the work of WELS Synod. Please go to the WELS website at wels.net.

MLHS – 2019 - 2020 enrollment is 208 students which includes 19 international students. The Capital Campaign continues with individual visits and considering plans to have regional alumni gatherings in Milwaukee, Madison, and other areas.

The teaching staff is full at the beginning of the year. Anticipated staffing needs for next year are already being considered given that there are known changes for next year.

A Thanksgiving meal is being planned for First German on Thanksgiving Day. This is a Federation wide event that President Kock will coordinate. The event will require many volunteers to be successful.

Old Business - The Reimbursement Policy was presented to Council for review.

St. Paul's will reimburse the following people for expenses or fees they incur when asked or required by our congregation or synod to attend a conference, seminar, or convention:

1. Called Workers
2. Lay members who are asked to attend Synod or district conventions
3. Church/School Secretary

Following discussion of the policy as presented, a motion was made and carried to approve the policy as presented.



New Business -

1. The “Christmas At St. Paul’s” service has been approved by the Elders and Board of Christian Education. Connor Rehbein has offered the use of his keyboard for the service. The service will require significantly more chairs than we own. A motion was made to rent 400 chairs from Grand Rental Station at a cost of approximately \$800. The motion was carried and approved by Council. The Elders and BCE are asked to continue to work with Pastor Bode and Mr. Curia to plan the service and identify additional needs for the service.
2. Brett Horne has offered to serve as Assistant Financial Secretary. A motion was made and carried to approve having Brett fulfill the duties of this role. Brett will be replacing Dean Strauss due to his health issue.
3. The trustees have been asked to investigate rekeying the 4 entrances with new locks and keys. This request is made following the installation of the new security systems installed in the building.
4. The October voter’s meeting will be held on October 13th or October 27th. The Council will announce the date soon so everyone can plan accordingly.

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Reinemann

Member Highlights

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



Evelyn Sprenger
Born September 19, 1926

Evelyn was born in 1926 on the Heusterberg farm near Millersville. She attended Millersville grade school and Howards Grove High School.

Evelyn married Lester Sprenger at Trinity Lutheran Church in Howards Grove in 1947. They moved to the house she is still living in after the wedding. She joined St. Paul’s in 1947. She has four children – three girls and one boy.

She has been blessed with 6 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren.

She likes to color and do word games. At St. Paul’s she has been a member of the Ladies Aid and the Altar Guild.

She has two favorite hymns: “Amazing Grace” and “How Great Thou Art.”

Evelyn remembers when all the ladies needed to wear hats to church. She says many things have changed over the years.

From St. Paul’s history committee: Barb Gillis



**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
Board of Education Minutes
August 21, 2019**

Opening devotion from Pastor Bode based on Ephesians Chapter 4.

Previous meeting minutes were approved.

Pastor's Report:

- MVO (Mission, Vision, Objectives) was approved by the council and the voters.
- New teachers were installed in July and gifts were given.
- Daily chapel devotions are being prepared, to be delivered by male Called Workers.
- Christmas at St. Paul's will be Dec. 15th An adult and child combined service.

Principal's Report:

- There is excitement for the school year to begin. Daily chapel will be held and a closing prayer will be had at the end of the day with all grades, teachers and any parents who wish to join.
- Curriculum has been completed and 6 different areas will be reviewed annually, with all areas of curriculum being covered across a 6 year rotation.
- Teachers are writing a professional growth plan. Chad will focus on visiting classrooms more this year to observe and help teachers grow.
- Our new teachers are already proving to be a valuable asset to St. Paul's.
- The first PTF meeting is scheduled for Sept. 10th.
- Following a successful audit we are now officially entering our second year in the School Choice Program.
- There is a value in exploring a possibility to enter the special needs branch of choice program. Children with ADHD, learning disabilities and speech therapy could greatly benefit from such a program. There are many tasks and questions involved and more details are needed.
- On site Accreditation visit is scheduled for January 19-22.
- 12 students enrolled into the 4k program, not all students are attending everyday.

Old Business:

Mission/Vision/Objectives were approved by the church council and the voters.

New Business:

- Reviewing any potential staffing that may arise for the 20-21 school year.
- Long range planning for the school could include special needs students or international.
- PTF meetings are scheduled for Sept. 10th, Nov. 12th, Feb 11th and April 21st.
- The board of education will hold open forums in Nov. and Feb.
- Set up for the Christmas at St. Paul's event will require additional chairs to be rented and borrowed.
- Registration went smoothly, TADS has been very helpful.

Respectfully submitted by Travis Krell

St. Paul's Church Calendar—October 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 pm Parent Bible Study 6:30pm	2 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Mindful Moms 4:15 pm Public School Catechism 6:30 pm Church Council	3 6:30 pm Bible Study on Christology	4	5
6 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service	7 6:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm Choir	8 6:30 pm Evangelism 6:30 pm Parent Bible Study 6:30pm	9 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Mindful Moms 4:15 pm Public School Catechism 5:30 pm Stewardship	10 1:30 pm Ladies Aid 2:30 pm Newsletter 6:30 pm Bible Study on Christology	11	12 Schroeder/Mielke Wedding
13 Voters' Meeting & Chicken Dinner 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service	14 6:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm Choir	15 6:30 pm Parent Bible Study 6:30pm	16 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Mindful Moms 4:15 pm Public School Catechism 6:30 pm Board of Ed	17 6:30 pm Bible Study on Christology	18	19 Living Nativity Recording
20 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service	21 6:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm Choir	22	23 Grandparents Day - 1:00pm Release Pastors' at district conference	24 Pastors' at district conference 6:30 pm Bible Study on Christology 6:30 pm Board and Brush Stewardship Event	25 Pastors' at district conference	26 Rathsack/Ditmar Wedding
27 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Youth Group Meeting 10:30 am Worship Service	28 6:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm Choir	29	30 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Mindful Moms 4:15 pm Public School Catechism 6:30 pm Elders	31 6:30 pm Bible Study on Christology		

St. Paul's School Calendar—October 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Career Day 8:30-11:30am Parent Bible Study 6:30pm 4:00 pm B-Team Volleyball vs. Wayside, Brillion at Home	2	3 3:30 pm Girls A & B Volleyball Practice	4 4:30 pm A-Team Volleyball vs. Immanuel, Wayside, Sturgeon Bay at Sturgeon Bay	5 B-Team Volleyball Tournament at Wayside
6 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship Gr. 5-8 (Junior Choir) Sings 9:15 pm Adult Bible Study	7	8 Parent Bible Study 6:30pm	9	10	11	12 A-Team Volleyball Tournament at MLHS
13 4K & K Sing 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 pm Adult Bible Study	14 Scholastic Picture Retake Day	15 Parent Bible Study 6:30pm	16	17 9:30 am 1st/2nd Future Lancer Field Trip	18	19
20 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship Gr. 1-2 Sing 9:15 pm Adult Bible Study	21	22	23 Grandparents Day - 1:00pm Release	24 State Teachers' Conf. - No School	25 State Teachers' Conf. - No School	26 4:00 pm - 6:00pm Trunk or Treat at Calvary Sheboygan
27 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship Adult Choir Sings 9:15 pm Adult Bible Study	28	29	30	31		