

ST. PAUL'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

June 2022

Pastor's Message



"If your friends all decided to jump off a cliff, would you do it?" I just can't seem to escape the sound of my mother's voice echoing this oft-repeated phrase. This rebuke usually followed a particularly bad decision inspired by less-than-wise friends. Growing up I foolishly considered seeking counsel from my mother to be a last resort. As I've grown, so has my appreciation for her advice.

King Rehoboam once found himself in need of advice on a difficult matter. Jeroboam and all of Israel asked him to lighten the burden of forced labor that his father, King Solomon, had laid on them (2 Chronicles 8:8). In return they promised him, "We will serve you" (2 Chron. 10:5).

Rehoboam began wisely by taking counsel from the elders of his kingdom, who advised him to reduce the burden as the people asked. "If you will be kind to this people and please them, and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your servants" (2 Chron. 10:7).

Rehoboam also sought out the opinion of his young friends. They advised him to lord it over the people and boast, "My little finger is thicker than my father's waist. My father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will make it even heavier. My father scourged you with whips; I will scourge you with scorpions" (2 Chron. 10:10-11).

Who to listen to? Rehoboam decided to heed his younger friends' advice, seemingly because it stroked his ego. He replied to Jeroboam and the people as his young friends suggested, then appointed a new taskmaster over forced labor (2 Chron. 10:18). The people responded by stoning the taskmaster to death and rebelling against Rehoboam. His entire 17 year reign was fraught with rebellion and war (2 Chron. 12:13-15).

Difficult decisions are part of our everyday life today too, whether personal decisions or those our elected leadership make on behalf of our congregation. Where do we turn for advice? Rehoboam began by asking advice from people he recognized as spiritually mature. Age itself does not make you wise, nor are devout people necessarily wiser than non-believers. But the elders he consulted had demonstrated spiritual maturity and wisdom over many years serving King Solomon. In contrast, Rehoboam's younger friends seemed to have only one claim on his attention—they were his pals.

In Rehoboam's situation, heeding the wiser counsel would have required him to exercise patience, kindness, generosity, gentleness, and self-control. These are five of the nine "fruits of the Spirit" listed in Galatians 5:22. These are not merely virtues one obtains via practice and hard work; they are gifts of God's spirit (Gal. 5:25). Had Rehoboam practiced these virtues, this good advice would have led to peace for the whole nation (2 Chronicles 10:7). In contrast the bad advice tempted Rehoboam to give into his own envy, haughtiness, boastfulness and ruthlessness, and to gratify his own ego.

At St. Paul's we have a rich history of spiritually mature leaders prayerfully seeking wise counsel in the Word and will of God whenever faced with a difficult decision regarding the Ministry of our church. May God continue to bless us with this strong foundation for generations to come!



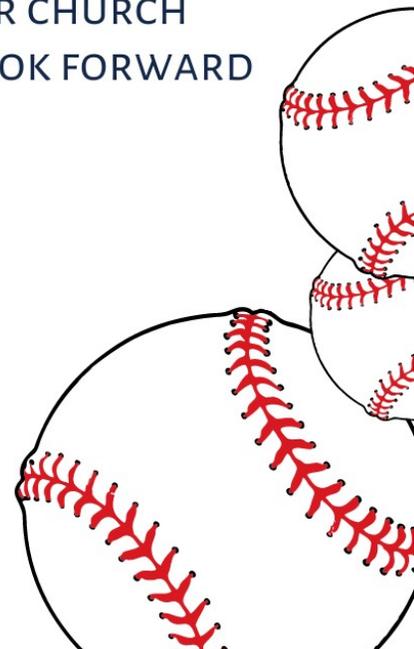
BREWERS GAME!



ON SATURDAY JUNE 4TH THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE HOSTED A BREWER OUTING. WE HAD 48 BREWER FANS ATTEND. WE MET AT CHURCH AT 11:30 AND TOOK A CHARTER BUS TO AMERICAN FAMILY FIELD. ON THE BUS RIDE LUTHER HAD TRIVIA QUESTIONS FOR THE GROUP AND HAD PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS!



WE TAILGATED AS A GROUP AND ENJOYED BRATS, HOT DOGS, CHIPS, PASTA SALAD, SALAD & FIXINGS, COOKIES AND DRINKS. WE HAD LOTS OF GOOD CONVERSATIONS, FOOD AND CORN HOLE. THE BREWERS DID LOOSE, BUT WE ENJOYED BEING AT AMERICAN FAMILY FIELD WITH OUR CHURCH FRIENDS. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR NEXT EVENT.





Happy Birthday



AND GOD'S BLESSINGS!



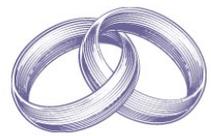
Clay	Schroeder	Jul 1
Karen	Kuhn	Jul 1
Danielle	Sturm	Jul 1
William	Hemenway	Jul 1
Sawyer	Mikkelson	Jul 2
Talia	Mueller	Jul 2
Charlotte	Radue	Jul 3
Porter	Moyer	Jul 4
Jesse	Bramstedt	Jul 5
Sarah	Mueller	Jul 6
Courtney	Boys	Jul 6
Braden	Sixel	Jul 6
Eric	Eickhoff	Jul 7
Erica	Jackett	Jul 7
Connie	Kuether	Jul 7
Richard	Nack	Jul 8
Brenna	Schueler	Jul 8
George	Baumann	Jul 9
Terry	Roehrborn	Jul 9
Brad	Lauersdorf	Jul 9
Joseph	Balge	Jul 9
Beth	Pahmeier	Jul 9
Jason	Pieper	Jul 10
Miriam	Headrick	Jul 10

Mike	Austreng	Jul 10
Rodd	Schirmer	Jul 11
Susan	Phelps	Jul 11
Craig	Stewart	Jul 12
Justin	Langdon	Jul 13
Katherine	Fields	Jul 14
Erin	Stange	Jul 14
John	Marten	Jul 14
Cora	Kolosovsky	Jul 14
Eileen	Belitz	Jul 15
Benjamin	Smith	Jul 15
Jeremy	Pieper	Jul 15
Jesse	Pieper	Jul 15
Darlene	Jaeger	Jul 16
Isabelle	Anhalt	Jul 17
Landon	Mayer	Jul 17
Jackie	Hayner	Jul 17
Linda	Hamann	Jul 18

David	Wehrmann	Jul 18
Mackenzie	Lawrence	Jul 20
Bryan	Mayer	Jul 20
Eli	Midthun	Jul 21
Carrie	Bruns	Jul 22
Ellamae	Eagan	Jul 23
Hadley	Sheahan	Jul 23
Luke	Bramstedt	Jul 23
Presley	Lis	Jul 24
Lindsey	Hansen	Jul 24
Sawyer	Eick	Jul 25
Briar	Bull	Jul 25
Douglas	Dier	Jul 25
April	Reinemann	Jul 25
Kalen	Eirich	Jul 26
Courtney	Greenwald	Jul 27
Alex	Patzke	Jul 27
Devyn	Becker	Jul 27
Carol (Lyle)	Reinemann	Jul 28
Tammy	Lawrence	Jul 29
Mark	Kolosovsky	Jul 29
Sawyer	Sixel	Jul 30
Thomas	Cameron	Jul 31
Steve	Schueler	Jul 31



Happy Anniversary!



Adam & Amanda	Bode	Jul 3
Kevin & Elisa	Menzer	Jul 5
Nick & Amy	Binsfeld	Jul 6
Andy & Christina	Sprenger	Jul 7
Brian & Kelly	Stauss	Jul 9
Todd & Lisa	Marten	Jul 11

Thomas & Alycia	Cameron	Jul 12
David & Holly	Clappes	Jul 13
Aaron & Sarah	Mueller	Jul 14
Trever & Courtney	Athorp	Jul 15
Tim & Brittany	Bull	Jul 18
Scott & Jackie	Mayer	Jul 19

Elisa & Casey	Carr	Jul 19
Brad & Felicia	Tinker	Jul 20
Richard & Rebecca	Merkel	Jul 22
Zacharias & Elizabeth	Theobald	Jul 24
Mike & Lisa	Olson	Jul 25
Dan & Jenny	Radue	Jul 26

"Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." ~Mark 10:9

Council Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2022

Attendees: Pastor Bode, Pastor Mueller, Todd Marten, Brett Horne, Eric Eickhoff, Eric Vant Hul, John Marten, Brandon Lis, Lynn Litt, Chad Marohn and Eric Specht.

The meeting was called to order by Todd Marten.

Pastor Bode opened with a 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:

1. Confirmation - Youth

- a. John Athorp
- b. Logan Binsfeld
- c. Mason Carpenter
- d. Trinity Curia
- e. Kyle Heilman
- f. Taylor Mattek
- g. Addison Meyer
- h. Mazey Ostermann
- i. Victoria Perl
- j. Megan Schuenemann
- k. Aiden Wehrmann

2. Baptism

- a. Lesley Reineking (May 15, 2022), daughter of Robin and Scott.
- b. Sage Hess (May 19, 2022), daughter of Courtney and Derek.

3. Transfer Out

- a. Jake & Heather Lambrecht (and children Enoch, Roman, Eden, Phinehas, Apollos) to St. John, Neillsville, WI (with Pastor Wilke) 6414 St. Hwy. 73

4. Release

- a. Jill Quast & daughter Olivia (moved to MN and active in a non-WELS church)
- b. Amber Bruns (not officially a member, removing from database)

5. Death:

- a. Karen Herzog (May 13, 2022)
- b. Germaine Doro (May 21, 2022)

Current membership: Communicants = 668

Children/Other = 187

Total = 855

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Reports

Ministry Staff

Mr. Curia:

Initial planning is underway for St Paul's 160th Anniversary.
Choir will be recessing for summer, many musicians have expressed a desire to have a break but will continue to find ways to add variety to summer services.
Beginning plans for next year's music
Collecting feedback from musicians/teachers

- **Bible Study**

- Seven Letters to the Seven Churches
 - Sunday mornings
- Men's Evening Bible Study
 - Will pick up again in June
- Wednesday morning
 - Will continue current study on Romans until completed
- Meeting with Pastors in June to flesh out Bible study plans for next year ● **June**

Absence Excuse

- I will be chaperoning for the Youth Rally which falls on the June Elders meeting.

Pastor Bode:

Joint Ascension Service was May 26 @ 6:30.

Utilized the offering boxes for each congregation involved.. The offering will go toward the Home Missions effort: 100 new missions in 10 years.

Pastor Mueller:

Continuing BIC. Planning for upcoming Bible studies is underway.

Elder's Report

We agreed to end the livestream at the end of summer. This is due to a desire to bring people to the house of the Lord. The video is still uploaded and able to be viewed at 10:30 am on our website. Eric Eickhoff will make this announcement over summer to the congregation.

Principal's Report

St. Paul's has requested to host student teachers from MLC in 2022-2023. If assigned they would serve in the Kindergarten classroom with Mrs. Meitner and 3-4 grade with Mrs. Mueller during the second semester.

The Faculty has inservice scheduled after school is dismissed.

5-31-22 - ELA Curriculum

6-1-22 - Crisis Response with Deputy Multer

6-2-22 - 2022-2023 Planning

6-3-22 - 2022-2023 Planning

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WPCP families have been notified of vouchers for the 2022-2023 school year. St. Paul's had 24 students accept vouchers for the upcoming year (20 full-time and 4 half-time). All students have been verified in the intent to participate portal. This does not mean all students will attend St. Paul's but it is a good indicator of approximately how many WPCP students we will have. St. Paul's received fourth quarter payments for both WPCP and SNSP.

Board of Christian Education

We have been taking 20 - 30 minutes each meeting to discuss layout of new classrooms, staffing and classes.

Treasurer's Report

Jim is currently out of the country and will have a report when he returns.

Trustee's Report

There has been a water leak that has been repaired. The first 2 weeks of July the School Building will be closed for floor waxing and restroom sinks to be repaired as well. There has also been some lawn repair taken care of from moving the stable.

Evangelism Report 1. On June 21st, the Evangelism Committee will make a presentation, to the Bible Information Class, about ways to grow in Christ and how to serve at St. Paul's. 2. The New Member Partner Program has been developed. Partners for new members are being selected with their training to take place on July 13th or 16th. 3. A half a dozen bios about new members have been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

4. Plans to develop a new church member photo directory have begun. More details will be provided to the congregation within the next 2 months.

5. A new member handbook will also be developed later this year. Ideas and a new format are being reviewed.

Stewardship (Activities) Report

We are preparing for the car show in August.

Officer's Report

We reviewed the suggestions made after the proof reading was completed for the handbook. 1. **Faith for the Future** - The current amount in this fund is around \$58,000. The Officers approved \$13,200 to be dispersed from this fund to the following students who will be attending WELS High Schools, or Martin Luther College:

MLC (\$1,200 each): Sam Eickhoff, Marissa Marten, Megan Marohn, Bryce Marohn, Ty Marohn, Kayla Sprenger

WELS High Schools (\$600 each):

Elise Mueller - Luther Prep School Natalie Sturm - MLHS

Chelseigh Olson - WLA Callie Sawall - MLHS

Caleb Olson - WLA Caitlin Marohn - MLHS

Luke Marohn - MLHS Kyle Heilman - MLHS

Mariah Austreng - MLHS Trinity Curia - MLHS

The \$1,200 the MLC students receive from St. Paul's will be matched by a grant from MLC. This matching grant was increased from what was \$1,000 the last few years. MLC plans to increase this amount by a fixed percentage on a yearly basis going forward.

This list of students will be published in the bulletin, as well as an announcement to increase congregational awareness and continued support of this fund.

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Copier - Pastor Mueller updated the Officers on the progress of the negotiations between our current copier provider, Marco, and a possible new provider in Rhyme. *Update: As of this report, a decision was made, and a contract was signed with Rhyme to provide copier services to St. Paul's. Thank you to Pastor Mueller and Erin Radue for their work on this.*

3. **Personnel Handbook** - The Officers will be looking for Council approval of this document under New Business. Please see the attached link [here](#).
4. **Position Descriptions** - Now that the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws have been approved, there is a need to update position descriptions for the various committees and groups in our church and school. The last official update was in 1993. The Officers will begin to sort through the current descriptions and then ask each committee or group to update their respective positions as necessary.
5. **Youth Rally Funding** - The Officers were asked to consider any possible additional funding opportunities to help defray the increased transportation costs to the 2022 Youth Rally in Knoxville, TN. The Officers decided against another free will offering. Pastor Mueller and Lynn Litt offered to provide \$1,500 of unused budget money from Evangelism. This will help bring the costs closer to what they were in past years.

WELS

The following link will take you to the WELS report by Mike Austreng of the Elders. 1.

[WELS Report](#)

MLHS

- o Campaign update - still matching gifts up to \$600,000 and looking to generate additional funding / pledges. Groundbreaking delayed until fall, 2022. More up-to-date info, pictures, and video [at this link](#).
- o Pastor Andrew Schwartz from Bremerton, WA is holding the call to be the 2nd pastor on staff.
- o New Board of Control members elected in May: teacher Rick Zimmerman, as well as Greg Kolar and Mark Rogne.
- o Staff transitions: Mr. Hulse to guidance director, Mr. Durkee to mission advancement PR, and seeking to hire a donor relations coordinator.
- o 25 years in the ministry marked for Mr. Scott Lohberger.
- o Graduation is May 28 at 10 am.

Old Business

1. Growing Forward Update
 - a. Finance Committee [Jim]
 - b. Capital Campaign Committee [Eric]

Is pretty well wrapped up
 - c. Building Committee [John]

All dates for the construction documents are still in effect June 3rd for 50% and June 24th for 100%. After review the documents will be available for bidding.
Groundbreaking is tentatively scheduled for early August if the schedule is kept. We are meeting weekly with Quasius and Abacus.

New Business

- 1) [Personnel Handbook](#) Was approved by the council.

Motion to close the meeting

Pastor Mueller closed with a blessing Respectfully submitted by Eric Specht

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY DANCE NIGHT



On Friday, May 13th, the activities committee hosted a St. Paul's Family Dance Night. About 100 people attended the event, which took place in the school gym. The lights were dimmed, and the gym was decorated with a spinning mirror ball, strobe lights, glowing balloons, a smoke machine, and neon streamers. Everyone was able to grab glow sticks and necklaces and join in on a dance-off. The projection screen displayed videos for dancers to follow along and learn the dance moves. Dancers were able to show off their moves to win candy prizes. Pastor Bode had fun shaking a leg to the song "Footloose". Pizza, snacks, and refreshments were served to help energize our dancers. It was a great night of fellowship and we look forward to hosting this fun event again!

July 2022

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:00a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship	4 6:00 p.m. Worship	5 7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym	6 9:30 a.m. M.M. Playdate 6:30 p.m. Council	7	8 7:00 p.m. WELS Night Brewer Game	9
10 8:00a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship	11 6:00 p.m. Worship	12 6:30 p.m. Elders 7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym	13 9:30 a.m. M.M. Playdate 5:30 p.m. Evangelism 5:30 p.m. Activities Committee	14 7:00 p.m. M.M. Burning Brightly @ Megan Bramstedt's	15	16
17 8:00a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship	18 6:00 p.m. Worship	19 7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym	20 9:30 a.m. M.M. Playdate 6:30 p.m. School Board 6:30 p.m. Officers	21 6:30 p.m. Craftmen's Study	22 5:00 p.m. Food Truck Movie Night	23
24 8:00a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship	25 5:30 p.m. Trustee 6:00 p.m. Worship	26 7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym	27 9:30 a.m. M.M. Playdate 6:00 p.m. Upper Grade Basketball Open Gym at St. Paul's	28	29	30
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