

St. Paul's Lutheran Church ELCA



July 2024

The Church Door

Country Fair July 17th



St Paul's Bakers

St Paul's is well known for the scrumptious baked items we sell. We would appreciate pies, cakes, breads, coffees, muffins, cookies, snacks, all those sweet things people love to buy at bake sales. Our Country Fair on Wed., July 17th, Drop off for baked goods is 7:30-8:45 a.m. We always have a great bake sale. We appreciate your contributions.

Plants and Crafts

The Country Fair July 17th is a great place for you to bring some plant cuttings or garden décor. We'd also appreciate your crafts and wood working projects. Drop them off Sun. July 14th or on Mon. 15th 9:00-4:00 or Tues 16th 9:00—12:00



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From The Pastor's Desk

Attention!

***St. Paul's Photo Directory
is in progress!***

Do you want to know more?

Meeting after service.

Check online calendar for dates.

When I took the call to serve as pastor at St. Paul's in October 2021, Tammy and Chuck provided me with the tools of the trade. Chuck purchased and set up a new laptop. Tammy showed me around the building and provided information on staff meetings and the various committees that keep the church running. Shirley J even had a local woodworker raise the office desk so I wouldn't keep banging my knees when I sat down!

Tammy also showed me membership directories. She has a working spreadsheet that she keeps current. However, the pictorial directories that she had stashed away were at least a decade old. Now, the council has been working to bring us up to date with a new directory.

Vice President Ron W and President Chuck have been researching and coordinating with a company called Instant Church Directory. Ron and Chuck led an informational meeting on June 23rd, and will provide other opportunities for info and questions. Ron crafted a privacy policy for

St. Paul's to ensure people know that personal information gathered by the church will be safeguarded and used only to communicate events in the life of the church. Likewise, Instant Church Directory has safeguards and policies in place to keep personal data secure. Bottom line, if you get spam phone calls about extending your car's warranty, the leak will have occurred from another source!

So, this is an appeal for you to participate in this project. We want everyone in the directory so we can communicate and keep the bonds of the congregation strong. A current directory can help us in day-to-day activities and is a useful tool as we pray for one another. Many of you haven't been new to the congregation in a long time. But take it from someone who was the new guy recently; a directory with contact information and photos is a great tool to welcome people into the community.

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Leif



Working toward a just world where all are fed

ELCA World Hunger

Hunger is a solvable problem. More than 820 million people, about 11% of people in the world today – are hungry. ELCA is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get to the root causes of hunger and poverty.

We start with relationships marked by conversation and listening. It is our global companion churches that first identify the local needs and related solutions to help make a difference. Then, we partner with communities to help make those solutions a reality. One of the women at our recent WELCA convention in Grand Rapids, Vicki Schmidt, told us about her effort for the last 10 years to end world hunger by biking. This year she will be 80 years old, and has pledged to raise \$8,800. There's a flyer in the narthex explaining her mission. She has asked for donations with an "8" in the amount, \$8.80, \$88.00, etc.

Submitted by Sharon Schwegel, Mission Interpreter

July Birthdays

Ben Clayton

Char Bergstrom

Ilene Jaycox

Sylvia Peterson

Gail DeBoer

Judy C Nelson

Edie Johnston

We would like to keep our Birthday list current. Please contact the Church office

St Paul's Lutheran WELCA minutes

Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 9:30 AM
Hostess: Laura Ristow
Bible Study Leader: No lesson today
Number attending: 12

President Laura Ristow opened the meeting by leading the group in the Statement of Purpose and the Mission Statement.

Treasurer's and Secretary's Reports: MSP

Quilts: We took 7 quilts to the Synod Convention Mon. and Tue. We also took the 61 school kits we had made at last September's God's Work, Our Hands event.

Prayer Shawls: We had a recent blessing of 57 during our church service

Old Business:

1. The NE MN women's annual synod convention was held at Zion Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids June 10 and 11. Laura Ristow, Sharon Schwegel and Diane Zaske attended, and gave a synopsis of the convention. There were break-out sessions to listen to speakers. Bishop Amy Odgren shared about the many programs our synod offers. World hunger is the ELCA focus this year, as it's the 50th year of the World Hunger emphasis.
2. Volunteers signed up to sell quilt tickets at the July flea market, as well as on Sundays in the Narthex.

3. Pickle making will follow today's meeting at 10:30.

New Business:

1. We voted to approve a \$500 donation to support our new energy efficient lighting project.
2. Volunteers signed up to distribute Country Fair flyers to businesses around town and surrounding areas.
3. Our August meeting will be a salad potluck luncheon following our 9:30 Bible Study and business meeting.
4. Our God's Work, Our Hands whole church activity on September 8 will be assembling school kits, as we have done in the past. A list of supplies needed will be in the August Newsletter and bulletins for those who would like to donate supplies.

Next Meeting: July 11, 2024

Hostess: Sharon Schwegel

Bible Study Leader: Diane Zaske

Respectfully submitted:

Diane Zaske, Secretary

Country Fair Donations

"Nearly New" and craft items can be dropped off in St. Paul's Fellowship hall Sunday 14 **or** Monday 15th 9:00-4:00 **or** Tuesday 16 9:00—12:00. Please price your items when you drop them off.

Craft items Please give us an indication of a price



SENDING KIDS TO CAMP

We are contributing for Hackensack kids to go to church camp this year.



Note on your contribution as
"Sending kids to Camp" by
July 18

Technology Report

1. No plans to change any hardware at this time.
2. We are coordinating with Hope Lutheran on the 6/23 Sunday where Hope kids will be providing music for part of the service. We want to get their music recorded with our system.
3. The church photo directory is getting started. We will be putting in individual pictures of the Tech Team. Please provide a picture of yourself that we can use in the directory.
4. We learned that while using cell phone for outdoor services, to use the phone service provider rather than the Wi-Fi. This is because of Spectrum upload bandwidth. In the near future this problem should be alleviated because Spectrum is making changes to their system to upload bandwidth will match the download bandwidth. Which for St Paul's will be 300 Mb.
5. We are determining if St Paul's really needs 2 phone lines. A second line was set up years ago for a fax line. We rarely need fax anymore. This would save \$40/month.
6. The Tech Team is initiating a training night. This will be 7:PM on the fourth Thursday each month. Anyone interested in learning more about St Paul's technology are welcome to attend!
7. Mike is still willing to work on setting up appointments with council members to get Microsoft 365 set up on their home computers. This includes explaining the software, and how to operate it.
8. Many Thanks to Mike, Char, Tammy, Tim, Chad, and Alice for all your efforts!
9. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions please don't hesitate to contact me.

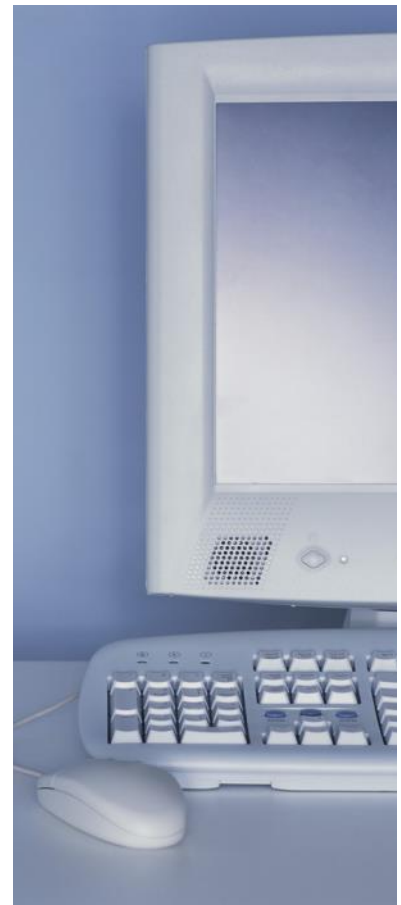
Chuck Forsgren 402-525-1127



St. Paul's Choir

Practices on
Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

All voices are welcome!





Church Council

Meeting minutes

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2024 – St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

Present: Pastor Leif, Laura Ristow, Russ Torkelson, Alice Knowles, Chuck Forsgren, Shirley Johnson, and Tonia Kahler

Absent: Ron Wedin and Steve Hoopman

Council President Chuck Forsgren convened the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Devotions: Pastor Leif

President's Opening Prayer

Mission Statement: "Proclaiming and serving Christ in the Heartland and beyond"

Additions to Agenda – None

Secretary's Minutes – MSP to accept as printed.

Treasurer's Report – MSP to accept as printed.

Pastor's Report – Pastor conducting graveside funeral service for a nonmember today. Kids to Camp presentation during Sunday's June 23 service.

Committee Reports:

Property Report – included in the newsletter.

Tech team report – included in the newsletter.

WELCA report – included in the newsletter.

Old and Ongoing Business:

1. Membership Survey is being created to determine ways to better serve St. Paul's congregation. No updates. Tabled until July meeting.
2. New photo directory to be created using Instant Church Directory. Ron Wedin and Chuck Forsgren are coordinating this project. There will be an informational meeting following the church service on June 23 in the Fellowship Hall.
3. Russ has updated the compassion fund procedure which will be used as a guideline for future requests from St. Paul's members who may be in a financial crisis.

4. The theme for this year's Hackensack Sweetheart Days float will be float my boat "Fisher of Men". Diane Zaske will be coordinating again this year. The parade is scheduled for Tuesday July 16th. If you are interested in helping, please contact Diane.
5. St. Paul's Country Fair – July 17, 2024.
6. Hackensack Kid's Fishing Contest – St. Paul's sponsoring July 23, 2024
7. July council meeting rescheduled to July 24 due to conflict with Country Fair.
8. Blood drive at St. Paul's – August 20, 2024
9. God's Work Our Hands will be on Sunday September 8th.

New Business:

1. Kids to Camp – there are several Hackensack youths that are attending camp this summer. If you would like to contribute to a fund to assist with their camper's fee, please designate on your offering. In addition, there will be a collection basket available after the service on June 23rd. The deadline for donations is July 18th.
2. Discussion was held on the possibility of having meals catered for funerals vs our members providing them. It was decided that further information is needed. Pastor Leif and Tonia Kahler are going to contact some local businesses and report their findings at the July council meeting.
3. Fluorescent lighting in the church is being replaced with LED bulbs. Work begins the week of June 25th.

Devotions for next meeting – Laura Ristow

Next Council Meeting Date – July 24, 2024

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer at 10:13 a.m..

Respectfully submitted by Tonia Kahler, Council Secretary

Property Committee

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ST. PAUL'S JUNE 2024 PROPERTY COMMITTEE Report

JUNE 2, 2024, 9 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Ristow, Chuck Forsgren, Jim Jacobsen, Dave Kahler, Dan Knicely, Russ Torkelson, Lewie Schrupp, Shirley Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Madland, Delores Ressen, Terry Bergstrom

INTRODUCE BRIAN SCHULTZ, Landscape caretaker.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **STEEPLE CLEANING:** Steve Hoopman was contacted. Tabled till next month
2. **BUNN COFFEE MAKER:** Shirley – Tabled till next month

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **GROUNDWIRE ON WATER FAUCET BY S.E. DOOR:** Chuck will check it out
2. **LANDSCAPING:**
 - Trim trees by forest on East Side of Church. Tabled
 - Trim Crab Apple Trees on lawn? Wait until fall.
 - Prune shrubs that did not get pruned on cleanup day due to rain.

- Downspouts- make them plumb at new siding areas. Committee will discuss after meeting
 - Downspout – is it possible to extend the downspout away from the garden? See above.
1. **WATER IN BASEMENT:** No doubt due to the heavy rain and clogged downspout. Cleaned after mtg.
 2. **PAPER STORM SHREDDING SERVICE:** First National Bank is not offering the service this year. Tabled till Fall.
 3. **LAWN SERVICE CONTRACT:** MSP to approve the rate of Lawn Services, using his own equipment as of this date to: **Mowing: \$140.00 per mow and \$30.00 per hour for additional Services per request.**
 4. **LED FIXTURES:** Russ presented a quote from Kane Electric in the amount of \$4,000.00 to convert 104 fluorescent tubes to LLED lights. This includes all the lights in the fellowship hall, kitchen, bathrooms and conference room. The bid also includes disposal of ballasts and fluorescent tubes. Kane Electric will furnish and install all LED tubes and ballasts. **MSP to accept the Kane Electric bid. Installation to begin the week of June 25, 2024.**
 5. **COUNTRY FAIR:** Committee members were asked to help pick up tables on Monday July, 15th @ 8:30 AM at the Community Building. Any questions, call Louie Shrupp.

ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING: July 2, 2024 if necessary (watch announcements).

Sweetheart Parade Float 07-16-24

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Our Congregation is centered upon the person of Jesus Christ our Lord, Head of the Church and of this congregation. As members of Christ's Church, we seek to be His disciples as we serve each other, members of our community, and His Church throughout the world.

"Proclaiming and Serving Christ in the Heartland and beyond"

This year St. Paul's float will be Chuck's fishing boat featuring the slogan: Jesus said, "I will make you fishers of men". Decorating will be minimal. What can you do to help? We need 3 people to ride in the boat. We need 4 people to walk in the parade carrying our church name sign, and our Country Fair sign. We also need 6 walkers to pass out treats to the children attending the parade. It's always a fun time! Let Chuck or Diane and Rick Zaske know if you can help. Sweetheart Days will be a week later than in the past, so the parade will be Tuesday, July 16 at 6 pm. We will assemble at 5 pm behind the Co-op. That is the night before our 41st annual Country Fair! Thank you for helping the Hackensack area know we are an active and visible part of our community!

Diane Zaske

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