

St. Paul's Lutheran Church ELCA



August 2024

The Church Door

On Line Picture Directory

Is in Progress.

Several of you have attended one of the informational meetings about this picture directory. This information might be a review but there is a small fraction of this congregation that do not use, have, or retired their computers, tablets or cell phones. This article is for them. You may want to read it just for a refresher.

This picture directory is for all members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. It does not matter what level of membership you have. You must fill out a form (Church Directory Information) and return it to the church. To obtain this form, it is attached in this newsletter. No one has to participate in this directory. simply do not fill out or return the form.

I can hear it now,

1. "I do not want to use this technology or learn it." We have the ability to print this directory for you and can post your information for you.

2. "I don't have a picture." You do not have to post a picture.

We have a person in church Sunday's that can take your picture and post it for you.
2. "I don't trust technology." That is ok. Only you can change your information. We have only three assigned people that can make changes to the directory after you notify them.

I will be putting more information in the newsletter addressing any concerns or misinformation floating around. Please read Pastor's desk for more information about the picture directory.
Submitted by Tammy Harding



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From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

I have to tell a story on myself. President Chuck and I were having a conversation on a variety of subjects. He mentioned that we have a way to go to get our new church directory functioning well with maximum participation. I said I still haven't received the email link to upload our family information and photo. To his credit, Chuck didn't get worked up, but simply repeated what he's told everyone already: to get the link, you must first fill out the form with the information you want in the directory and return it to the church office. One would think the pastor would know the procedure for this important project!

So, here's how to get started:

1. Get the information form at church and fill it out with your address, email, and phone number(s).
2. Return the form to church.
3. You will then get information about access

to the directory.

4. From there you can edit the information with your access, to include any digital photo you wish. Or, Vice President Ron will take a photo for you.

Of note is that you have control of your information from the outset. The information form asks about each bit of your data; do you want this piece contained in the directory?

We hope to get the first draft of the directory up and running by **September 1st**.

Here's where an online directory shows its great advantage. If we need to add someone, or you move or get a new phone number, the information can be edited to keep it current. We will be able to print copies for those who want them, or you can print at home if you choose.

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Leif



Caption describing picture or graphic

Greatest Mission

Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them Do Unto You
Matthew 7:12 (ESV)

So in everything do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. Take care of one another, whether as a family member to another family member, a coworker, a stranger.

We can act through programs like Faith in Action, Lions, Food Shelf, Habitat for Humanity, Share and Care, and so many more worthy organizations. With all the turmoil and unrest in our country and the world, we need to get back to basics.

Submitted by Sharon Schwegel

August Birthdays

Diane Zaske

David Kahler

Florence Kargel

Chuck Forsgren

Pat Clayton

Sharon Schwegel

Deloris Ressen

Lois Watkins

Diane Allison



Church Council

Meeting minutes

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 2024 – St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

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

Absent: Alice Knowles and Steve Hoopman
Council President Chuck Forsgren convened the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Devotions: Laura Ristow

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 performed a baptism on Saturday July 20th. Advised the council of a phishing scheme that came into the church.

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 Surveys have been drafted to help understand the congregation's needs and to provide feedback to the council. Look for more information to come.
2. Creation of the new photo directory is in process. Rod Wedin has been taking photos after Sunday Services and will continue throughout the month of August. In addition to your photo, you will need to complete an informational sheet with the data to be used

in the directory. If you have a photo that you would like to use, instructions on how to upload to the directory can be provided. Contact either Chuck or Ron with any questions you may have.

3. St. Paul's won first place in the Best Religious float category at this years Sweetheart Days parade! A big thank you to Diane Zaske for coordinating and all that participated in this fun event!
4. St. Paul's Country Fair was a huge success! Thanks to all that helped!
5. St. Paul's sponsored the Kids Fishing Contest on July 23rd. Thanks to all that helped!
6. Blood drive at St. Paul's – August 20, 2024
7. God's Work Our Hands will be on Sunday September 8th. We will be making school kits this year.
8. Catering for funerals was discussed. It was decided that WELCA oversees funerals and should make any decisions regarding this option. The Council will assist if requested.
9. The LED lighting project has been completed.

New Business:

1. St. Paul's annual meeting will be held on February 2, 2025.
2. The electronic sign will need to be removed and relocated during the highway 371 project planned for 2025.
3. It has been brought to our attention that the sidewalks in front of the church are uneven. The areas of concern have been painted

Council Continued

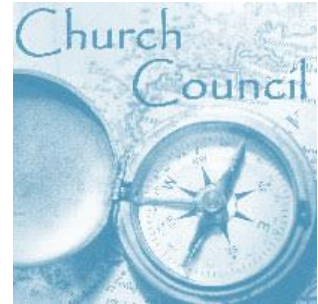
yellow for visibility/safety purposes. The Property Committee will look at options to fix/level them.

Devotions for next meeting – Russ Torkelson

Next Council Meeting Date – August 21, 2024

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer at 10:30 a.m..

Respectfully submitted by Tonia Kahler, Council Secretary



Tech Report

1. We are currently testing a new camera controller. This controls our PTZ cameras to get different views during services.
 2. On Sunday 7/14 we had the internet quit working on the Media computer. It appears it was an intermittent cable issue. But it did point out that we couldn't get to the service slides while they are in the cloud in the Media 2 folder. So, we will look into saving the slides locally to the Media computer and/or have slides on a USB drive to be used in emergency situations.
 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 called Spectrum and had the 2nd phone line removed. This will save St Paul's \$40.00/month.
 5. The Tech Team is having a training night. This will be at 7:PM the fourth Thursday each month. Which will be the 25th this month. Anyone interested in learning more about St Paul's technology are welcome to attend!
 6. Mike is 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.
 7. The council is reviewing a survey to see how the congregation is utilizing our tech services.
- Many Thanks to Mike, Char, Tammy, Tim, Chad, and Alice for all your efforts!
- If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions please don't hesitate to contact me. Chuck Forsgren 402-525-1127











ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCA MEETING Minutes

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCA MEETING AGENDA

Meeting date and time: Thursday, July 11, 2024
9:30 am

Hostess: Sharon Schwegel

Bible Study Leader: Diane Zaske

Number attending: 9

President Laura Ristow led us in the Statement of Purpose and Mission Statement.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Secretary's Report: MSP

Treasurer's Report: MSP

Quilts/Prayer Shawls: No reports

OLD BUSINESS: Country Fair prep progress was discussed. Many volunteer opportunities still remain. Hopefully people will sign up for the vacant spots!

NEW BUSINESS: There will be a new slate of officers to vote on this fall. Please consider stepping up and taking your turn. Following the meeting we tied labels on our 105 jars of spicy garlic dill pickles that will be sold at the Country Fair.

Next meeting: August 8, 2024 at 9:30 am. This meeting will be our annual salad luncheon. All members and seasonal attendees of St. Paul's are encouraged to attend: bring a salad AND a friend!

Coffee hostess: Laura Ristow and Lorelee Torkelson – They will provide morning coffee, and dessert following our salad luncheon.

Bible Study Leader: Laura Ristow

Respectfully submitted: Diane Zaske, Secretary

A HUGE THANK YOU!

We had a great Country Fair Event on July 17th, and it would not have been possible without the efforts of all the members of the congregation who worked to make it possible. So many people (I think I counted 25!) helped on Monday picking up and staging tables for the event, moving nearly new items to the tables, arranging the crafts table, staging the outdoor items and plants, setting up the bake sale tables and beginning the pricing process. On Tuesday the work continued until everything was in place for the big event. The new kitchen crew was up working each day as well, making sure we were ready to provide a delicious lunch to all. They did a great job! When the doors opened at 9:00 am Wednesday there were 42 people lined up waiting to get in! I only wish I could list each of you by name, but you know who you are and this Thank You is for you!

Property Committee

Meeting minutes

Tech Report



St. Paul's July 2024 Property Committee Report
July 2, 2024, 9 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chuck Forsgren, Lewie Schrupp, Terry Bergstrom, Russ Torkelson, Jim Madland, Dick Ristow, Deloris Ressen, Dan Knicely, Shirley Johnson
MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Jacobson,

OLD BUSINESS:

- **STEEPLE CLEANING:** Steve Hoopman felt that due to the high cost of securing equipment or contracting with professionals required to clean the steeple, he recommends not to proceed with the project.
- **BUNN COFFEE MAKER:** Consensus of committee is to wait until Deloris gives us a shout out to replace.
- **LED LIGHT FIXTURES:** Russ informed us that people have stepped up and donated more than half of the quoted \$4000.00. Once again a huge Thank You to our congregation members.
- **INSURANCE:** Premium Increase \$5792 to \$7209 beginning June 15, 2024 Property deductible increase from \$2,000 to \$5,000. A 1% hail/wind deductible has been added to the policy. Shirley will contact the insurance company to see if raising the deductible to \$10,000 would be worth it.
- **GROUNDWIRE ON WATER FAUCET BY SACRICY DOOR:** Chuck will complete the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **SHINGLE ON ROOF NEEDS REPAIR:** Committee will check & repair.

- **GUTTERS ON OFFICE ADDITION:** It appears that the Gutters on the East side of the Conference Room are slanting towards the Church causing water to pool on the patio and drain to the basement. Committee checked Gutters after meeting.
- **LANDSCAPING DUTIES:**
 - 1) **ADD MULCH TO PATH IN GARDEN;** Dick Ristow will pick up mulch and complete.
 - 2) **PRUNE SHRUBS AFTER BLOOMING:** Table till August
 - 3) **SPRUCE TREE ON LAWN TO SOUTH OF OFFICES IS DYING:** Table till August
 - 4) **PAINT TRIM ON EXTEROR DOORS:** Table till Fall
 - 5) **COUNTRY FAIR:** The Property Committee will meet Monday July 15 at 8 AM to pick up tables from the Community Building. All who are able are asked to help.

Note; Men who are able were asked to come on Wednesday to help with heavy lifting for customers who purchase large items.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

- Brushes for removing snow from the Solar Panels have been moved to the Narthex Closet for the summer.
- M/S/P to remove the second phone line in the office that was once used for the fax machine, saving \$40.00 per month with Spectrum.

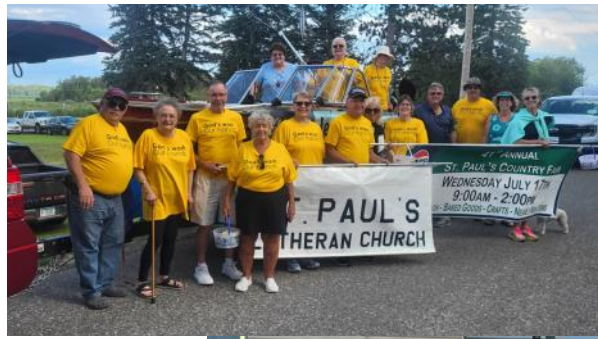
Adjourn:

Next Meeting: August 6, 2024, 9 AM

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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.

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