

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church ELCA



## October 2024

# The Church Door

## God's Work, Our Hands.



“God’s Work Our Hands.” Sunday, is an annual day of service in which congregations come together to lend a hand, help build a future and repair their communities.

We joined in a time of fellowship, fun and service to others. This year we assembled school kits, rolled bandages and tied a quilt.

Lunch was served!

God’s Work, Our Hands.

Thanks to all who helped GWOH Sunday!

We Made:

200 rolled bandages

62 school kits

A tied quilt

Cut batting for 32 Quilts

We started observing God’s Work, Our Hands in 2015. Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations have participated in this opportunity and dedicated one day to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all people. Since we were younger then we *cleaned up the property line between the neighbor to the south and the Columbarium. Our GWOH crew brought tools for pruning and hauling, also work gloves, rakes, wheelbarrows, and chainsaws, for trimming the pine trees. A few potluck dishes had been brought. And was it delicious. The Volunteers wore the yellow T-shirts, that have become a yearly tradition.*

Look on Pages 6 -7 for pictures then and now

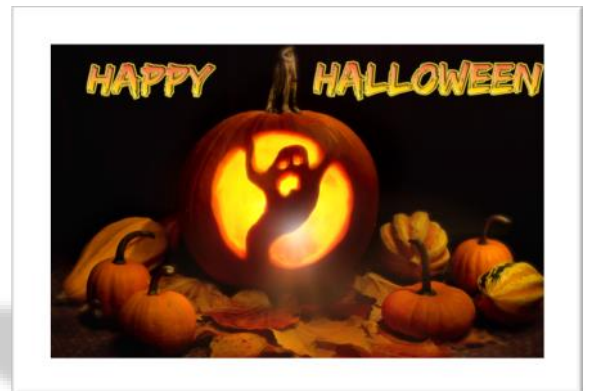


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## From The Pastor's Desk



Dear Friends,

This month, our Monday evening adult study is taking up a class by Pastor Max Lucado titled “What Happens Next, A Traveler’s Guide Through the End of This Age.” Max is a pastor and author of almost 100 books. This book is concerned with the end times. *Eschatology* is the study of the end times and what messages are available to inform our beliefs.

Max writes in his foreword that he has encountered two main reactions from people when broaching the subject of the end times. One camp is comprised of people who are reluctant to engage the subject. They feel it’s unknowable, and actually a distraction from what’s important here and now.

The other group is excited to learn about what the future holds. This study was requested by our members, so it’s apparent where they come down on the subject. They want to hear what the Bible and tradition have to say about what’s ahead.

After all, the future informs the present. The way ahead is not going to be the same as what has already come to pass. Why wouldn’t we want to explore a faithful treatment about the future?

We’ll report back on what we learn. And remember, our Monday evening zoom study is always hoping for more people to join!

Peace and Joy,  
Pastor Leif

Pastor Appreciation Month.

**SUNDAY**  
**TALKS**

October has been designated as Pastor Appreciation Month. Take time this month to extend a word or note of thanks to Pastor Leif for all he does for our congregation. There will be a basket in the Narthex where cards may be placed for Pastor Leif.



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## Crisis in the Holy Land

Presiding Bishop Eaton, ELCA has issued a plea for peace in the holy Land by:

Praying for all people who are grieving and suffering, and for war to end diplomatically in a lasting peace, rooted in justice and human rights for Palestinians and Israelis.

Advocating for cease-fire, a halt to U.S. arms to prevent further loss of life, and release of hostages and uncharged prisoners.

Walking with all who long for a just peace.

Read Psalms, Chapters 61 - 64. Prayers for Deliverance.

Submitted by Mission Interpreter, Sharon Schwegel

## October

**Pat Hedegaard**

**Darrell Zenk**

**Kathy Forbrook**

**Cindy Degonda**

**Lisa Tuller**

**Terry Bergstrom**

**Lynne Blomgren**

**Shirley Johnson**





## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCA MEETING AGENDA

Meeting date and time: Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 9:30 am

Hostess: Deloris Ressen

Bible Study Leader: Diane Zaske

Number attending: 10

Vice President Garen Hebeisen led us in the Statement of Purpose and Mission Statement.

### BUSINESS MEETING:

Secretary's Report: MSP

Treasurer's Report: MSP

Quilts: We continue to make about one each week. More volunteers are needed. 5 quilts were boxed up for Lutheran World Relief at last Sunday's Gods Work. Our Hands workday. They will be donated in June at the NEMN synod convention. Prayer Shawls: 1 was given today for Mimi B. following her hip surgery.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Living Waters Conference Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> at Zion in Grand Rapids. Sharon and Jeanette will attend.
2. God's Work. Our Hands report:
  - Cut batting for 32 quilts
  - 200 rolled bandages
  - 62 school kits assembled
  - Tied one quiltThe bandages, school kits and tied quilt will all be taken to the June NEMN summer convention.  
The batting will be made into quilts each week.

3. MSP during 2025 budget discussion that we contribute up to \$500 for Katie's Fund (women in ministry). Officers will work on the budget and present it for a vote at our Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pastor Appreciation Sunday will be October 13. Cake will be served following church. A basket for cards will be in the Narthex during October.
2. Annual reports for the February 2<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting are due by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Diane will prepare the WELCA report.
3. Lorelee shared upcoming lefse work days. Tuesdays are for peeling and boiling potatoes and set up. Wednesdays are for frying, packaging and fun!
4. Wednesdays include lunch!  
Oct. 22 and 23    Oct. 29 and 30    Nov. 5 and 6

Next meeting: Oct. 10, 2024 at 9:30

Coffee hostess: Garen Hebeisen

BS leader: Diane Zaske

Respectfully submitted: Diane Zaske, Secretary

## Winter Weather Policy

### Winter Weather Policy

With the advancement of technology and our use of streaming we will not be canceling our services due to inclement weather. We will close our building.

Our Building will be closed after it has been determined:

1. The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather **Warning**.
2. Walker, Hackensack, Akeley Schools are **closed**.
3. **State Patrol advises no travel.**

***Pastor and the President will determine the need to close the building.***

The congregation will be notified by:

1. Our answering machine will have a message.
2. A message will be placed on the Website/Facebook
3. A mass-email will be sent.

Approved 2022



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## *From The Archives 2015 — Quilters Start the New Season*

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### Quilters started their new official season

*We meet regularly 9:00 a.m. Mondays*

If you have ever been interested in quilting, but never really got started, here's your chance! There are all kinds of jobs which require no special sewing talent. If you don't want to have anything to do sewing, but just like to get out of the house and spend time with fun women drinking coffee, (with goodies), come and join us. (But if you're good at telling jokes, that's a plus --goes with the coffee.)


We do much more than laugh and talk and drink coffee. Hundreds of quilts are made, which go to all kinds of organizations to help all kinds of people--shelters for the homeless, or the abused; comfort for anyone who needs to know that someone cares.

We also hand stitch a special quilt to raffle at our Country Fair. In the midst of all our laughter and talk, much good happens. Come and be a part of us! (Did I mention the coffee?--and the goodies?)

June Smith





A Huge and  Heartfelt Thank You to all who participated in "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday! The Clean-up looks great, the potluck was Superb! Pastor Judy 2015







**2024**  
**Thank You Volunteers!**



# Church Council

## Meeting minutes

### **ST. PAUL'S CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

September 18, 2024 – St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

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

Absent: none

Council President Chuck Forsgren convened the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Devotions: Ron Wedin

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 is reaching out to prospective new church members regarding officially joining St. Paul's. New member Sunday will be scheduled to welcome them into our congregation.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Property Report – included in the newsletter.

Tech team report – included in the newsletter.

WELCA report – included in the newsletter.

God's Work our Hands Sunday was a huge success with a great turn out of smiling workers.

Thank you to all that attended! WELCA is looking for a new President and Treasurer for the upcoming year.

#### **Old and Ongoing Business:**

1. Membership Surveys have been distributed. If you have not completed your survey, please take some time to complete it and turn

it into the office. To date there have been 33 surveys returned. Chuck will begin summarizing the results and provide feedback once completed.

2. Creation of the new photo directory is in process. To date there have been 55 families that have provided their information which is included 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. A church directory APP is available. A printed copy of the directory will be available upon request. Contact either Chuck or Ron with any questions you may have.
3. St. Paul's annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday February 2, 2025. The deadline for submitting your annual reports to Tammy is January 1, 2025.
4. The electronic sign will need to be removed and relocated during the highway 371 project planned for 2025. More information to come.
5. The ramp on the sidewalk is scheduled to be repaired/fixed on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Once this has been completed work on the sidewalk can begin.
6. Fall Clean Up Day is scheduled for Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

#### **New Business:**

1. Hanging of the Greens has been scheduled for Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
2. [If you would like a DVD copy of St. Paul's 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, please sign up on the clip board that is located in the Narthex. In addition, the DVD will soon be available to view on St. Paul's website.](#)

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# Property Committee

Meeting minutes

Tech Report



## ST. PAUL'S SEPTEMBER 2024 PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 9 AM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dick Ristow, Jim Jacobsen, Dan Knicley, Deloris Resden, Dave Kahler, Lewie Schrupp, Russ Torkelson, Chuck Forsgren, Terry Bergstrom,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jim Madland

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**BUNN COFFEE MAKER:** Researched, ordered and installed by Dick Ristow. Thank you, Dick. Discussed disposition old Bunn. The committee felt it should be donated to ARCC in Akeley. Terry Bergstrom offered to take it there.

**ELECTRONIC SIGN:** Chuck has been in discussion with Bill Kennedy. Highway Project has been approved by MN Dot. Discussed at length. Chuck to inquire value if we choose to take it down and not reinstall. No action taken.

**SIDEWALK SINKING:** Committee reviewed the quotations and determined that it is a priority to repair the sidewalks.

M/P to accept bids from DBS to raise and repair the front ramp in the amount of \$1,121.32. Also accepted the bid from Robert Triplett to replace the sidewalk from the kitchen service door to the area near the hydrant in the amount of \$2,425.00. Chuck Forsgren will coordinate the two projects.

**PAVERS ON OUTSIDE OF THE CONFERENCE ROOM:** No action taken in September. Waiting for a bid from Peterson.

**QUOTATIONS RECEIVED:** Ryan Mills

Landscaping

\$3,400.00

Kade Peterson

**GUTTERS:** Suggestions have been made to replace & install at least 6" gutters to handle heavy downpours to alleviate paver problems. Dick Ristow will get two bids from Gutter Contractors.

**TRIMMING CRABAPPLE TREES:** Brian Schultz

will complete trimming Crabapple Trees in the fall so bugs will not invade the tree.

**WEED & FEED LAWN:** Brian Schultz will apply fertilizer & weed control as weather permits.

**BOILERS:** SAMULELSON/LANEY performed the Annual Inspection per Contract. Boilers check out good.

**PRUNING SHRUBS:** COMPLETED IN AUGUST  
**THANKS TO ALL WHO WERE ABLE TO COME!!!!**

**FERRELLGAS CONTRACT:** St Paul's has agreed to a contract of \$1.599 for the 2024-2025 heating season beginning September 1, 2024 to July 31, 2025. Members are asked to call Susie or Katy @ 218 828 4470 to confirm membership.

**INSULLATON APPEARING AT BOTTOM OF BASEMENT STAIRS:** Custodian and Chuck will investigate.

**ANNUAL FALL CLEAN-UP:** TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024, 9 AM **DISCUSS:**

**MENU:**

- Morning Coffee: Deloris
- Same as previous years. Lewie and Dave – Sloppy Joes,
- Buns – Dick
- Beans – Jim J
- Salad, P Chips & Pickle- Shirley
- Dessert - TBD

**REQUESTED DUTIES:** Shirley will prepare Cleaning Opportunities as other years.

- Paint Service Doors depending on weather
- Heat Cable in Gutters

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3. The columbarium committee is in the process of repainting the faceplates on the niches. They will be notifying niche owners/family members.

Devotions for next meeting – Pastor Leif  
Next Council Meeting Date – October 16, 2024  
Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer at 10:03 a.m.  
Respectfully submitted by Tonia Kahler,  
Council Secretary

## FALL PROPERTY CLEAN-UP

Tuesday, October 8  
Beginning: 9:00 AM  
Projects: Windows, Pews, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Narthex etc.  
Lunch furnished by Property Committee.

Thanks! Property Committee



## Lefse-Making Schedule 2024

*This is an annual fundraiser event .  
It's special ingredient is laughter.  
There are a variety of days to choose from.  
Please feel free to join us this year.*

Tuesdays we will peel, cook, rice, and mix.

Wednesdays we will add flour, ball, roll, bake, and package lefse.

There are jobs for everyone. No experience necessary.

Wednesday is our busiest day. Lunch will be provided.

**We need people to make the lefse, but also to dust, package, and sell lefse.**

### **Tuesdays-12:30**

October 22  
October 29  
November 5

### **Wednesday-9:00**

October 23  
October 30  
November 6



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### **Tech Report 9/13/24**

We are experiencing problems with our pew camera. Troubleshooting to see if it is a camera or cable issue.

The 100-yr anniversary DVD is ready to start being distributed. We have DVD's, labels, and cases. We'll be asking for the names of those who are interested in receiving a DVD.

The new camera controller is working well. We are practicing using it during the services. It can control both the 20x and N. Sanctuary cameras.

The church photo directory is progressing. Ron has been taking pictures every week and we are getting close to having all our active members pictures. Ron, Tammy, and Chuck will have another meeting then we will start printing directories for people who cannot view them on-line.

The Tech Team is having a training night. This will be at 7:PM the fourth Thursday each month. September training will be on the StreamYard program.

We installed a TV on the shelf on the Right side of the choir loft for pastor to see what slide is on. Also using a wireless "clicker" so he can control advancing slides during his sermon, or in a pinch could run the whole service. Still evaluating this equipment.

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.

The council is conducting a survey to see what activities the congregation would like to see the church do, and how the congregation is utilizing our tech services. Hope to get direction by the end of the year.

Many Thanks to Mike, Char, Tammy, Tim, 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



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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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