

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church ELCA

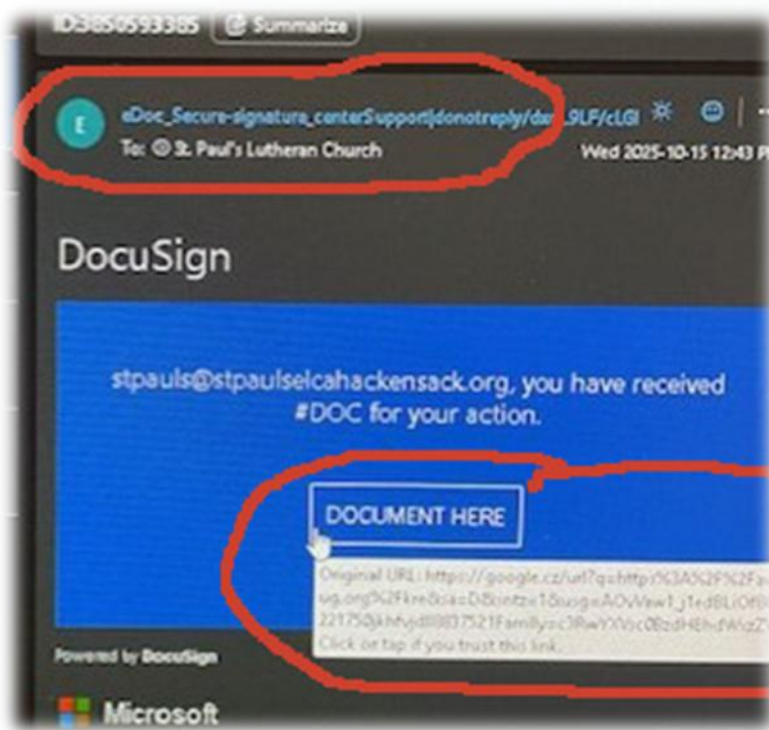


**November 2025**

## The Church Door

### It is that time of Year

This is our most busy and generous time of the year. We can easily fall for e-mail or phone Phishing scams. These bad actors are becoming very creative to deceive us. Below is a picture of an



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# Church Council

Meeting minutes

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2025 – St. Paul's Fellowship Hall and Zoom

Present: Laura R., Ron W., Chuck F., Shirley J., Deen S., Steve H. and Tonia K..

Absent: Pastor Leif and Russ T.

The meeting was convened at 9:37 a.m.

Devotions: Chuck F.

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 was on vacation.

Chuck reported that Pastor Leif has made arrangements for Pulpit Supply for October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor has been working with UCC and Lighthouse for the upcoming shared Advent Services. St. Paul's will host on Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> with a soup supper following the service.

### **Committee Reports:**

Property report – included in newsletter.

Tech team report – included in newsletter.

WELCA report – included in the newsletter. 5 women attended the Living Waters conference in Walker.

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

1. The electronic sign which was located within the road right of way has been removed during the highway 371 project. A decision on the future of the sign will need to be made at the annual meeting. Property committee continues to take the lead on this project.

2. Teen Challenge Choir – February 8, 2026. The Worship Committee will assist with coordinating a Brunch following the service.
3. Council Elections. Numerous council positions are expiring at the end of the year. They Include: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer which have a 2-year commitment. Additionally, we need 2 at large council members which have a 3-year commitment. If you are interested in any of these positions, please let our President Chuck Forsgren know.
4. 2025 Annual meeting will be on Sunday February 15, 2026, in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom following Sunday Service.
5. Hanging of the Greens is scheduled for Tuesday November 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.

### **New Business:**

1. MSP to allow the Hackensack Lions to use the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday January 21, 2026, from 12:30 – 5:30 to host a Blood Drive.

Devotions for next meeting – Pastor Leif

Next Council Meeting Date – November 19, 2025 @ 9:30

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tonia Kahler,  
Council Secretary





## Missions—FAITH IN ACTION

The organization that serves individuals by driving them to doctor and hospital visits, takes them shopping, etc. is in need of volunteers. Some of the coordinator positions have vacancies. The organization needs volunteers to fill these positions:

Bookkeeper/Data Management Coordinator

Volunteer Coordinator

To find more about these jobs, go to [faithinactioncass.com](http://faithinactioncass.com)  
Click on links to tell you about Jobs. Maybe you can't drive or help people do odd jobs in their homes, but are able to help in the office. Thank You

Submitted by Sharon Schwegel  
Mission Interpreter

## November Birthdays

**Pastor Leif E.**

**Carol W.**

**Nancy F.**

**Shirley F.**

**Wayne B.**

**Clydia J.**

**Dick R.**

**Diana P.**



# Women of the ELCA

## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCA MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 2025

Date: Thursday, October 9, 2025, 9:30 am  
Hostess: Garen Hebeisen  
Bible Study Leader: Laura Ristow  
Number attending: 11

Vice President Garen Hebeisen opened the meeting by leading the group in the Statement of Purpose and the Mission Statement.

Treasurer's Report: MSP

Secretary's Report: MSP

Quilting Report: One quilt a week is being finished

Prayer Shawls: One given - many finished and ready to be given. Located on shelves in fellowship hall.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. 5 members attended Living Waters Fall Conference on September 27. St. Paul's provided coffee treats. Half of the offering received went to World Hunger.
2. Laura R. reported on reaching out to Family Safety Network to adopt 3 families to provide Christmas gifts again this year. There has been a turnover of staff, and the contact had no info about Christmas Families program. She will contact Laura when she knows more. If not, we could check with other family resource centers in the area.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussed budget for 2026. It was decided to restore full funding to several items that were cut because of cancellation of Country Fair in 2025.
2. Shirley reported that there were 22 present for Fall Cleanup Day,
3. Pastor appreciation month is October. There is a basket for cards in narthex for the entire month, and coffee and cake will be served after church on Sunday October 13. Laura will pick up cake at Costco.
4. Lefse dates are scheduled for Oct 21,22 – Oct 28,29 -Nov 4,5

Next Meeting: **Thursday November 13 at 9:30 am**

Hostess: Loralee Torkelson

Bible Study Leader: Diane Zaske

Respectfully submitted:

Laura Ristow, Secretary

**November 2nd**





## Outreach minutes

Outreach met on Friday Oct.3rd. Present: Alice K., Florence K., Shirley F. and Garen H.

Loralee Torkelson resigned from the committee.

We put up new pictures on the picture board. We went over wreath sales and because our supplier raised her prices we had to raise ours. We divided up the business's to call on. We updated the form that outreach does for Chuck.

Garen Hebeisen Recorder



## Tech Report 10/10/25

1. A big Thankyou to Kim for her joining the tech team and streaming on Sundays when they are at home up here!
2. We purchased a newer used laptop that has Windows 11 on it for the Zoom meetings. This will improve our ability to connect to the Fellowship Hall Samsung TV.
3. We purchased a new 20x pan/tilt/zoom camera for the Sanctuary. This gives us a better camera to show Sunday services, and special occasions.
4. We are preparing for the Toth wedding. We will record the ceremony for them.
5. The next couple of months we will be getting the Chancel piano set up and preparing for the Teen Challenge choir on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and the annual meeting on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.
6. Chuck is working on the Policy/Procedures manual. Still gathering and updating existing procedures. This will be hardcopy in a 3-ring binder kept in the Conference room. And it will be in our Media2 folder for storage. More to come on this.

Many Thanks to Mike, Char, Tammy, Tim, Alice, and Kim for all your efforts!  
If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions please don't hesitate to contact me.  
Chuck Forsgren



## 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:

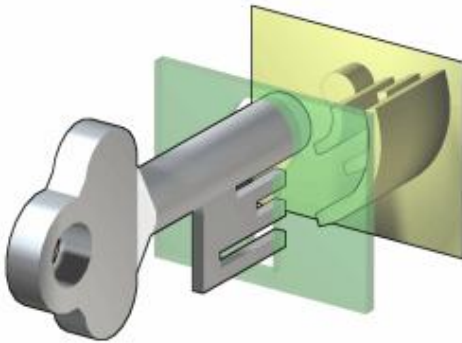
1. The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather **Warning**.
2. Walker, Hackensack, Akeley Schools are **closed**.
3. **State Patrol** advises no travel.

***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



Please make sure the deadbolt is seated in the slot appropriately. You may have to push on the door to get it locked.



***November 25th***

Scams From pg.1

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What cannot be read in the pop up window is the document coming is from a g-mail account in the Czech Republic.

Doing this simple check by hovering your mouse curser over these areas and do not recognize the e-mail address don't click on any of part of the e-mail, immediately report it as fishing .

If the e-mail comes from an e-mail address ending in Yahoo.com, Google.com, etc. any personal provider not an actual business it is likely a scam.

I have also inserted a document "How to Spot a Phishing Scam" from the Attorney Generals Website.

My reason for this article is to inform you of the creativity of Bad Actors and how easy it is for anyone to fall for them, especially at this time of year.

Tammy  
Office Administrator

# Property Committee

Meeting minutes



## ST. PAUL'S OCTOBER 2025 PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OCTOBER 7, 2025

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave Kahler, Lewie Schrupp, Russ Torkelson, Dan Knicely, Dick Ristow, Jim Madland, Pastor Leif, Chuck Forsgren, Terry Bergstrom, Deloris Ressen, Shirley Johnson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jim Jacobson

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Sidewalk Replacement:** Dave Kahler continues to keep in contract with Northfork, Cement Contractor.

**Fire Extinguisher:** The yearly extinguisher maintenance will be done soon. Chuck will request a bracket for a spare extinguisher at that time.

**Samuelson/Laney:** Discussed: M/P to Renew Preventative Maintenance & Service Agreement for 3 boilers at quoted price for the next 3 years. Boiler Repair: Chuck advised that Samuelson/Laney would be repairing the boiler on Thursday, 10/8/25.

**Adams Pest Control:** Yearly Price Increase from \$303.75 to \$325.01 effective: 1/20/26. Approved

**Review Fall Church Clean-up:** The Committee was pleased to have 11 people join the Property Committee for a total of 22 hard workers. The Cleaning list will be updated before Spring Cleanup.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Custodian time off:** Dan Knicely has requested time off October 14, 2025 to October 23, 2025.

Dick Ristow volunteered to fill in for him. Thank you, Dick!

**Snow Removal Contract:** Chuck is working on a new contract with Brian Schultz.

**Tree Overhanging Solar Panels:** Will wait till Spring.

**Electronic Sign:** Steve Hoopman removed the sign from the Highway Project. Replacement TBD.

**Pastor Appreciation: Sunday, October 11, 2025.** Deloris Ressen is hosting the event.

**Hanging of the Greens:** Property Members are asked to help on November 25, 2025 @ 9 AM.

### ADJOURN:

**NEXT MEETING:** NOVEMBER 4, 2025, if needed

## We are still in need of Help in the Tech room.

If you are interested, come and ask. If you like computers or want to learn more, come and ask. If you have worked in the field and have something to contribute, come and ask. We need in put about equipment and software. Our personal lives are busy as is yours, we would like to build a schedule so no one has to be here every Sunday. Come talk to any of the tech team, Alice, Chuck, and Tammy.

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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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***Wreath Sales Deadline  
for Ordering  
November 13***

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