

This newsletter is a monthly publication of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Articles and information pertinent to the life and mission of the congregation may be submitted to the church office or by email. Space limitations may require editing of material.

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Church Newsletter
Jennifer Kubesh
Cydelle Klande

Church Council
Meets 2nd
Monday of each month

Randy Hickle,
Chairman

Matt Maser, *Vice Chairman*

Tracy Peterson,
Treasurer

Tonette Peterson,
Secretary

Cydelle Klande,
Financial Secretary

Elders
Robbie Robinson
Toby Hickle
Aaron Peterson
Isaac Maser

Trustees
Rick Williams
Carol Robinson
Tony Nelson

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Greetings and His peace to you!

Woo-hoo! It's still summer!!... but, ...where'd the other half go?

Summer is flying by and it seems that we haven't slowed down much at all. That may be true, however, some have had a rejuvenating kind of busy.

8 of our youth and 5 leaders spent 5 days in Minneapolis at the convention center and at US Bank stadium for the 2019 LC-MS National Youth Gathering. Our days started about 7 or 8 in the morning and we returned to the hotel anywhere between 11:30 pm to 12:30 am. We learned that we're not alone both in our faith in Jesus the Christ and that other Christians have the same things happen to them as we do. We learned about our **REAL, PRESENT, GOD** by studying **Psalm 46**. Especially the first 7 verses. Please ask one of the youth members who went the gathering to tell you about what he or she 'took home' from this event.

Next, some of those same youth group members also helped out with VBS right after getting back from the gathering. The theme for this year's VBS was **Miraculous Mission** where we learned about God who made everything including us, that God keeps His promises, that Jesus came for us, that Jesus saves us, and that Jesus will come again and take us with Him! We learned some new songs and Bible verses and sang our hearts out as we are C... we are C-H... we are C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N (s).

Please enjoy the pictures of our children having fun and learning about our living God!

Your fellow servant in His name,

Pastor Mike Metzler



"Welcome to our church—even though you're sitting in our family pew . . ."

Church News



Ushers Schedule:

Aug: Larry Marotz and Jim Jarvis

Acolyte Schedule:

August 4th: Carlie **August 11th:** Everett **August 18th:** Everett **August 25th:** Ethan

Fellowship:

There are openings available, take a look and see what Sunday will work for you to bake and serve. Thank you!!

New Council (all positions have been filled):

Chairman: Randy Hickle

Vice Chair: Matt Maser

Treasurer: Tracy Peterson

Financial Secretary: Cydelle Klande

Elders: Robbie Robinson, Toby Hickle, Aaron Peterson, Isaac Maser

Trustees: Carol Robinson, Tony Nelson, Rick Williams

What happen to summer?

The tentative plan for Sunday School to start is Sept 15th. Confirmation is on Wednesday's after school starting on Sept 18th. We are thinking of starting CASE on October 2nd. This will give us time to prepare. Exact dates and times will be in the next newsletter and upcoming bulletins.

Also, we are in need of teachers or even volunteers for Sunday School and CASE, please let us know. You do not have to commit to the entire year, but any help on any of the days would be greatly appreciated.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

If you have someone or something that you would like Pastor Metzler to include in either his personal prayers and/or in our public Prayer of the Church on Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer request card, located on the Usher's table, and place it in his mail tray or contact him at the Church Office.

It is important that all of our members receive pastoral care when it is needed, especially during times of sickness or other difficulty. If you know of an individual, even if it is a non-member, who would appreciate and benefit from a pastoral visit, please contact the church office or Pastor Metzler. Thank you.

Shut-Ins:

Mona Klar
Lorraine Robbins
Bob and Lois Kendall
Janice Ladd
Pat Kunze
Kristi Graber
Vivian Kelm
Marjorie Pike
Florence Benoit



August 2019

- 3rd: Jim and Betty Christensen
- 7th: Marv and Lynette Maser
Jim and Mary Jarvis
Mitchell Klar
- 9th: Chad Mans
- 10th: Everett Ausmus
Kay Gregg
- 12th: Dutch and Barb Schroeder
- 15th: Dutch Schroeder
Chase Klar
- 16th: Ethan Perrotti
- 18th: Garret and Michelle White
- 19th: Loren and Carolyn Vogler
Ray Graber
Jacob Perrotti
- 20th: Robbie Robinson
- 21st: Isaiah Swenson
- 24th: Bob Kendall
- 29th: Carol Pangerl
- 30th: Hayden Peterson
- 31st: Tony and Carol Nelson

If we are missing anyone, please let Jennifer or Cydelle know! Thank you.

Flower Chart:

August 4th: Mary Ann Lyon
.....in loving memory of John

August 11th: Dutch and Barb Schroeder
.....in honor of their wedding anniversary

August 18th: (open)

August 25th: Tony and Carol Nelson
.....in honor of their wedding anniversary

Please submit articles for the newsletter to Cydelle Klande
cydelleklande@gmail.com

The deadline for information for the September newsletter is August 23rd, 2019.



Youth Group

Youth Gathering July 11 – 15

We cannot offer enough thanks to our congregation for all the amazing support of our group – both financially and through prayer and encouragement. Your kindness and generosity allowed thirteen of us to have an amazing experience spending time with Jesus and 22,000 other Lutheran Christians in Minneapolis.

Many positive comments were posted about the politeness and kindness of the members of this large group toward those they encountered from the general public, to the stadium workers, security, law enforcement, bus drivers, hotel staff, volunteers and even the local news. It was exciting to hear of the impact that the presence of our large group had on those people encountered across the city.

We also had numerous opportunities to grow individually through learning sessions. We provided service as a group to help pack meals for Feed My Starving Children and participated in a service immersion for the homeless and refugees. There were opportunities for hands-on activities, recreation, and a 5K for charity. Worshipping together with these groups in word and song in morning bible studies, evening mass events, and the Monday worship service with communion was moving and unforgettable.

The group is excited to share more with all of you at a special service on Sunday, August 11. We are also planning a meal of thanks for our congregation.



REAL.
PRESENT.
GOD. | 20 | LCMS Youth
19 | Gathering



VBS

Thank you to everyone that made our week of Miraculous Mission VBS out of this world! We had a great time, and we had 24-27 kids each day. Our offering went to Feed My Starving Children. Our leaders were Pastor, Connie, Alyssa, Sharon, Tracy, Karissa, Jayne, and youth leaders Everett, Bella, and Eddie.





2019 SUMMER GOSPEL NIGHTS SCHEDULE

Concerts are on Sunday evenings throughout the summer at 6:30pm at the church. Free will offering. Come listen to some wonderful music!

August 4 - THE BENSON FAMILY, Faribault MN

August 11 - The MYSTERY MOUNTAIN BOYS, East Central MN

August 18 - THE KLASSEN FAMILY, Worthington, MN

August 25 - KENNY KRONA, Cambridge, MN



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Unapproved Council Minutes
7-8-19

Present: Pastor Mike, Tonette Peterson, Tracy Peterson, Jennifer Kubesh, Toby Hickle, Rick Williams, Tony Nelson, Cydelle Klande, Randy Hickle, Isaac Maser

Meeting was called to order by Randy at 7:03pm. Pastor opened with a prayer.

Secretary's report was amended to delete Maria Bernhardt as treasurer upon motion by Cydelle and second by Rick. Minutes accepted as amended upon motion by Cydelle and second by Tracy.

Treasurer's report accepted as read upon motion by Tracy and second by Rick
Income: \$50,942.83. Checking \$8,157.67 Expense \$68,677.54 Savings \$63,403.17
Net Income \$-17,734.71

Pastor's report: office visits, home visits, attended various meetings, elders meeting, concerts, newspaper articles, chaplaincy call, vacation, 2 acts (transfers out), youth group activities.

Old Business

*Upon motion by Toby and second by Tony, Matt Maser will accept the Vice Chair position.

*Upon motion by Rick and second by Toby, Cydelle Klande will accept the Financial Secretary position, and Tracy Peterson will accept the Treasurer position.

*Upon motion by Tony and second by Tracy, Isaac Maser will accept the Elder position.

* Roof issues: Randy and the trustees will work on getting the problem areas fixed.

*The dumpster area will be addressed.

New Business:

*A fix-it sheet will be posted on the back side of the bulletin board. If you notice something needing attention, please write it on the sheet.

*The usher list will be posted at least 6 months in advance so people have time to prepare.

*A list of guidelines for concerts will be drawn up for future groups.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm upon motion by Tony and second by Cydelle, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Tonette Peterson

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Chance Couldn't Make Life



The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD. (Proverbs 16:33)

Every so often, it is important to remind ourselves why we believe what we believe. The reason why we do not believe in the theory of evolution is that it is contrary to the way God said He made things. It is said that evolution tells us *how* God made the world, while Genesis tells us *why* God made it. This is not the case. There are places in the Bible, such as Isaiah 45, where God indeed tells us why He created, but Genesis 1 is not one of them. Genesis 1 simply reports how God made everything.

If evolution were true, then the very first living cell would have had to be formed from inorganic molecules getting together and producing a self-replicating structure. This would require information, and that information would presumably be in a molecule similar to DNA, or perhaps RNA. Yet, molecules do not react by themselves to cause such a structure to emerge. Chance does not create the required structures and information.

As long ago as 1966, H. Enoch was saying, "Our hope of producing life seems to be dwindling away as our knowledge of cell chemistry advances." A random selection of letters does not produce the works of Shakespeare. In the same way, order and complexity in nature exist only because that is the way God has planned and designed it to be. Some things may look random at times, but they are not.

Ref: Enoch, H. (1966), *Evolution or Creation* (Rushden: Evangelical Press), p. 60. Image: Public Domain.

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AUGUST 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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4 9am Outdoor Worship (weather permitting) 10am Fellowship 6:30pm Concerts	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship 6:30pm Concerts	12 7pm Council Mtg	13	14	15	16	17
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25 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship 6:30pm Concerts	26	27	28	29	30	31

COME JOIN OUR WORSHIPPING FAMILY

AUGUST 2019

Worship: Sunday at 9:00 am

Sunday School: Sunday at 10 am

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For God so Loved the World



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