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Church Council
Meets 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

Greetings and His peace to you!

We've been exploring some truths lately like having difficulties being good soil, being good, productive seed, and that we need to do better

The truth that is the Word of God is what we need to hear, but always what we want to hear. As our selfish human nature rebels against God, it only wants to hear those things that please our wills. These things that please us are bad for us in the long run, and they are NOT things that are God's will for us, nor something that He is pleased with. So how can we tell that what we're hearing is true and pure Word of God? Get into the Scriptures. In 2 Timothy 3:16 Scripture itself tells us that "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness." That means that Scripture is how God talks to us and helps us to understand His will and helps us understand and discern between our selfish wills and His just and righteous will. It doesn't get any more plain than that, so, read your Bibles and hear the Word of God to keep your ears hearing the truth that is only from our living Triune God in heaven.

While it is true that we cannot help but naturally turn from God and follow our own sinful, selfish wills, we thank our Father in Heaven for sending the Holy Spirit for calling, gathering, keeping and sanctifying you in the true faith that is only through our Redeemer and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

The real truth is still about Jesus, and His life freely and willingly given on the cross for you and me. The more we hear the truth, the more we not only appreciate what's been done for us solely out of love, but we'll be more joyfully willing to share it with the rest of this lost, misdirected world that desperately needs to find hope through both knowing about and knowing that Jesus is their Savior too!

God's richest blessings to you and your family!

in His name,

Pastor Mike Metzler

Pastor's Hours ~ Mon-Thurs: 9am to Noon Fri & Sat: Off

Church News



Usher List:

August: Doug Maser and Tess Maser **September:** Jerry Perrotti and Jacob or Ethan Perrotti
October: Grace and Tracy Peterson

Acolyte Schedule:

August 2nd: Ethan **August 9th:** Nik **August 23rd:** Grady **August 23rd:** Grace
August 30th: (open)

VBS:

Vacation Bible School will not be held this year due to COVID-19. We have packets for families to pick up at the church. See everyone again in 2021!! Stay safe and healthy.

German Fest:

Currently, we are on hold with GermanFest; more to come later.

Thank you to all who have donated by mail and via e-offering on the website during this difficult time. We appreciate it very much so.

CASE: Tentative start date is Wed, Oct 7th, 2020. This date may change. Letters will be sent out with more information soon. If you have not updated your address at the church, please do so asap. Any concerns about CASE, please email the church (st.paulhinckley@yahoo.com). We are happy to answer any questions or suggestions you may have. Thank you!!

Confirmation we are hoping to start in mid Sept.

First-year students tentative start date will be Sept 20th, 2020.

Second year students tentative start date will be Sept 16th, 2020.

Sunday School we hope to also start on Sept 20th, 2020 after service.



LITTLE LAMBS

We can open this fall!!

- We can have 10 kids + 1 adult in the room. We currently have 7 kids enrolled to date. Sharon Tvedt will be our teacher this fall.

- * We plan to open with one morning class on Monday and Thursday.

- We need to write a COVID-19 preparation plan (we do most of the stuff already, add temp checks). All staff need to read it, available for parents to read, a copy if they want it and it needs to be posted

- Masks: as of right now they are not required in our county but are recommended. They are not effective if they are not worn correctly by the children. Will have to see what the governor says. We will keep everyone updated as decisions are made.

If COVID restrictions increase and are not in the students' best interest we will close until they are lifted.

Any questions, please contact Ms. Staci 612-801-2674.





Stewardship for 7/1/20 to 7/19/20

General Fund	\$4,405.00
Altar Flowers	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$4,425.00

August 2020

- 3rd:** Jim and Betty Christensen
- 7th:** Marv and Lynette Maser
Jim and Mary Jarvis
Mitchell Klar
- 10th:** Everett Ausmus
Kay Gregg
- 15th:** Chase Klar
- 16th:** Ethan Perrotti
- 18th:** Garret and Michelle White
- 19th:** Ray Graber
Jacob Perrotti
Loren and Carolyn Vogler
- 20th:** Robbie Robinson
- 21st:** Isaiah Swanson
Rod and Star Lawin
- 29th:** Carol Pangerl
- 30th:** Hayden Peterson
- 31st:** Tony and Carol Nelson

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

Thank you.

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WE CANNOT CHANGE THE CHURCH LIGHTBULB ... OUR FOUNDERS PUT IT IN, NEW LIGHTBULBS MAY BE DANGEROUS, IT'S NOT IN THE BUDGET ...

Flower Chart:

- August 2nd:** Mary Ann Lyon...
in memory of John
- August 9th:** Tonette and Family
in memory of Joyce
- August 16th:** Barb Schroeder...
in memory of Dutch
- August 23rd:** Tony and Carol Nelson...
in honor of their wedding anniversary
- August 30th:** Troy and Tonette Peterson...
in honor of Hayden's birthday

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Unapproved council minutes
7-13-20

Present: Tonette Peterson, Tracy Peterson, Randy Hickle, Tony Nelson, Toby Hickle, Matt Maser, Pastor Mike, Rick Williams, Jennifer Kubesh, Carol Robinson,
Meeting was called to order by Randy at 7:02pm. Pastor opened with a prayer.

Little Lambs can open while following strict guidelines. They are offering 1 morning (M, Th) class with 10 kids for this year to ensure proper cleaning. Currently, there are 7 enrolled, and Sharon Tvedt has offered to teach for this year.

Secretary's report was accepted as read

Treasurer's report accepted as read. Motion Carol second Tony.

Income: \$71,752.19 . *Checking* \$32,644.53 *Expense* \$61,354.26 *Savings* \$58,961.73 *Net Income* \$10,397.93 (noted that the Savings total includes the \$20,000 loan for Pastor as well as all memorial funds, and the checking acct includes the \$15,000 PPP loan)

Pastor's report: home and office visits, 1 funeral, confirmed 2 students, attended webinar, pizza party for confirmands and parents, attended circuit youth event, attended ordination/installation in Leaf Valley, completed adult membership class, will be holding an adult instruction class, writing for newspaper, continue to live stream worship and message & meditation

Elder's report: Board of Fellowship has begun contacting members. A safety & medical team is still being worked on. SS, CASE, and Confirmation schedules are being worked on. If we continue to live stream, we need to invest in some equipment (could cost up to \$1200). This will be discussed at quarterly. Pastor Kleppe is our emergency contact when Pastor Mike is gone. He will notify the council and elders 2 weeks in advance of any time off requested.

Old Business

- *Cleaning lists will be posted and need to be done regularly.
- *VBS will be discussed at the voters meeting
- *Upon motion by Toby and second by Carol, we recommend D&E to the voters to complete the furnace project.
- *The roof was still leaking. An area was sealed.... hoping this takes care of the problem.
- *Tracy continues to stay up to date with the legalities of the PPP loan.

New Business

- *A rebate from MN Power for \$68.40 was received for some updates on exterior lighting that was done.
- * We would love to get our attendance back up. Extra cleaning and sanitizing have been taking place to ensure we stay as safe as possible.
- *Quarterly meeting will be July 19th following worship.

We adjourned at 9:12pm closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Tonette Peterson, St. Paul Lutheran Church council secretary

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Quarterly Voter's Meeting
(unapproved)
7-19-2020

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Hickle at 9:47 AM with 16 members present. Pastor opened with a prayer.

Secretary's report was accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was accepted as read upon motion by Jayne Maser and second by Karissa Ausmus

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YTD expense \$61,354.26 *Net income* \$10,397.93 Savings includes memorial funds and \$20,000.00 pastor loan, that cannot be used for operation. Noted that there is an option to give an offering online on SPLC website. We will check into possibly setting up Amazon Smile to receive contributions.

Pastor's report includes home/office/hospital/off site visits, 2 funerals, 1 baptism, various meetings, Youth Group activities, Confirmation, chaplaincy tasks, newspaper articles, CASE, LL, PALS event, 2 Lent worship services, men's retreat, safety training, in house/online/parking lot worship, online devotions

Youth Group has been busy with various activities including a Zoom meeting, circuit event, church cleaning and bike trail trash pick-up. A future confirmation retreat is in the works. No financial statement was provided, but will be available at the next meeting. No YG report from the circuit worker was provided, but will be available at the next meeting.

Little Lambs has seven students enrolled. There will be one morning class, and all guidelines will be followed.

Fellowship: continue to serve for funerals (prepackaged for now), food pantry here, purchased Bibles for SS, look forward to events as deemed safe.

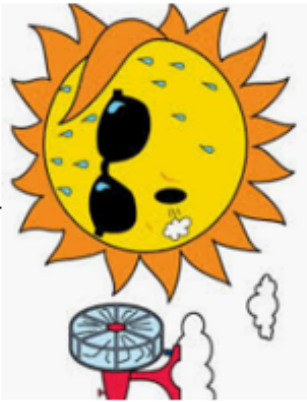
Old Business -The roof leak has been located (bell tower) and will be repaired soon. Insurance agent is working with us.

New Business -Upon motion by MaryAnn Lyon and second by Jayne Maser, we will hire D&E to install 4 new furnaces at an estimated cost of \$15,000.00
-Kroschel has extended an invitation to their parking lot VBS -We will be sending out Take Home activity packets for our kids starting next Sunday.
-The Paul Family Band has asked to put on a concert here. We are not holding any concerts at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09AM, closing with the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted, Tonette Peterson, Council Secretary

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
2	3	4 3pm Msg & Meditation online	5	6	7 3pm Msg & Meditation online	8	
9 9am Worship	10 7pm Council Mtg	11 3pm Msg & Meditation online	12	13	14 3pm Msg & Meditation online	15	
16 9am Worship w/ Communion	17	18 3pm Msg & Meditation online	19	20	21 3pm Msg & Meditation online NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22	
23 9am Worship	24	25 3pm Msg & Meditation online	26	27	28 3pm Msg & Meditation online	29	
30 9am Worship w/ Communion	31						

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