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Newsletter
Jennifer Kubesh
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Church Council

Meets 2nd
Monday of each
month

John Frank,
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Chairman*

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Treasurer

Tonette Peterson,
Secretary

Tracy Peterson,
*Financial
Secretary*

Elders

Matt Maser
Toby Hickle
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Aaron Peterson

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Carol Robinson
Tony Nelson

St. Paul Lutheran Church



Greetings and His peace to you!

Winter is upon us. Ya, I know. “Duh” right? “Thanks for the new flash, Pastor Obvious.” After a couple of months of escaping the near sub-arctic cold that is our norm for most winters, we are finally getting the cold we expect and grump about. Saying or thinking “it’s just too cold” helps some, but we still bundle up and keep going. We are as close to hibernating as Minnesotans get. We very reluctantly give up our winter activities like fishin’ skiing, tubing, and sleddin.’ We still do it, ...just like when it’s warmer, ...only maybe a bit slower. We are locked in winter’s icy grip. Speakin’ of warmer, how many griped when it was too hot last summer? Being in the grip of this not warm weather is sure a pain in the neck and makes things less than efficient and certainly not fun. In reality though, it really is merely an inconvenience. Please don’t misunderstand what I mean. It is very dangerous weather if one doesn’t take precautions and respect what can happen if outside too long. This arctic-type cold affects everything that is alive and especially if it is warm-blooded like us. We are pretty much at the mercy of our weather for many things.

You might even say that we’re slaves to this weather, as it seems to influence doing or not doing something, especially if it’s not vital to our daily lives. We may not go for a walk, or wait to go shopping, and lots of other things we don’t do because it’s just not worth the risk. The cold controls us when we don’t do these things as we normally would. Just like the cold, the world and our sinful nature often have control over what we do. It stinks to have to admit to that and then look in the mirror, fully realizing that it is indeed us that is doing/does things that aren’t good. Sin has us in its icy grip just like winter does. We’re helpless to free ourselves from it and powerless to fight it without help. God provided that help in the form of Jesus the Christ. Jesus broke the grip of sin on us and provides eternal life. Sin like winter, doesn’t keep us in its grip forever because of Jesus’ death and resurrection. God provides that help daily and keeps us safe from harm as He hears our prayers.

In the 7th Petition of the Lord's Prayer we ask God "***But deliver us from evil.***" We are asking God to rescue us from all evil of body and soul, along with possessions and reputation. We also ask God that, as our earthly life is finished, we have a blessed end and be taken to live with Him in heaven.

The good news is that God has already delivered us from eternal life apart from Him by the resurrection of His Son! We are freed from the tyranny of the devil, the world, and damnation! Just like we are freed from winter by the warm weather thaws of the Spring sun!

When the next heat wave above 0° rolls around and temporarily frees us from winter's icy grip, celebrate our permanent freedom from eternal death won for us by Jesus. In fact, celebrate our freedom from sin, death, and the power of the devil every day!

God's richest blessings to you!

Your fellow servant in His name,

Pastor Mike Metzler



Church News

**February Ushers:**

Robbie Robinson
Aaron Peterson

February Elders:

Toby Hickle
Matt Maser

Acolyte Schedule:

Feb. 3rd: Ben Feb. 10th: Everett Feb. 17th: Cam Feb. 24th: Chase

Church Council:

We have several open positions on the Church Council. Open positions include: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Elder (2 open), and Trustees (2 open). Please consider serving as a council member for the church. Contact John if you have any questions, or would like to serve. Thank you!

Save the date:

Vacation Bible School will be on July 15-19 from 9am to noon. The theme is: Miraculous Mission.

Quilting:

Mondays at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome.

Start spring cleaning!

The Youth Group is having a garage sale in May. Donations are welcome starting after Easter, April 21st. The sale is Thursday May 9 thru Saturday May 11th. Watch for future newsletters and bulletins for more information.

The upcoming 2019 SUMMER GOSPEL NIGHTS SCHEDULE is as follows:

June 2 - KENT DUDLEY & BENDED KNEE, Solway, MN
June 9 - THE PREACHER'S DAUGHTER'S, Minneapolis, MN
June 16 - THE HOLY HOOTENANNER'S, Mahtowa, MN
June 23 - SONS OF PROMISE, Hinckley, MN
June 30 - THE OSTROM FAMILY, Brook Park, MN
July 7 - THE PAUL FAMILY BLUEGRASS BAND, Trout Creek, MI
July 14 - THE SLEWFOOT FAMILY BAND, Grey Eagle, MN
July 21 - MIKE, MARY, & REBECCA, Hinckley, MN
July 28 - THE MAHLSTEDT FAMILY, Cokato, MN
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

We will post this schedule again in future newsletters.

Shut-Ins:

Mona Klar
Lorraine Robbins
Bob and Lois Kendall
Janice Ladd
Pat Kunze

Flower Chart:

Feb 3rd: Kim Hopkins
.....in honor of Davie's birthday
Feb 10th: Mary Ellen Bruns
.....in loving memory of Harlow
Feb. 17th: Tony and Carol Nelson
Feb. 24th: Larry and Linda Marotz
.....in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary

Bible Study:

Bible Study is on Sunday Evenings
at 7pm and on Wednesday
mornings at 10am.

Please consider attending if you
can! Everyone is welcome!

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

**The deadline for information
for the March newsletter is
February 15, 2019.**



February 2019

- 1st: Brad Hopkins
- 3rd: Davie Hopkins
- 6th: Jennifer Schroeder
- 9th: Cody Kendall
Steve and Deb Sikkink
- 10th: Ron Rabe
- 12th: Isla Zabrok
- 13th: Lois Kendall
Casey Wimmer
- 14th: Jeanette Schaefer
JD and Chelsey Bottelson
- 15th: Jayne Maser
- 16th: Carla Wimmer
- 18th: Greg Wickstrom
- 21st: Arden Gruett
- 23rd: Kristi Graber
- 24th: Hannah Swenson
Nichole Hansen
- 26th: Shawn Ausmus
Larry and Linda Marotz
- 27th: Doug Maser
Tim and Sue Davis
Liam Rogneby
- 28th: Genoa Gregg
Diane Rogneby

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

Youth Group

February Calendar of Events:

- Youth Group Meetings - 6th and 27th
- Serve Fellowship – 17th
- Youth Circuit Event - Friday, February 22, in Finlayson, evening event – not a lock in.
- Fundraiser – Chocolate Covered Strawberry and Homemade Caramels Sale (see order form in the narthex)
- **New tubing date:** Sunday, February 17 - meet at church at noon.
- Sunday, February 10th right after church, youth needed to help wrap caramels, make and package strawberries to fulfill sale orders.



Youth Circuit Update

Hello and blessings to you!

I have been able to meet with most of the youth leaders from the congregations. As a result, I will be sending out a monthly newsletter to them containing dates of upcoming events, a Bible study topic, an activity and/or craft, a book review, and prayers of the youth leaders so that they can pray for one another.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the lock-in from January due to low numbers, but we are having a Circuit Youth Gathering at Finlayson on February 22nd, 6:30-9:00 pm, this is not a lock-in.

Please watch your newsletters and bulletins for continued updates!

Thank you!

LeAnn Gregoire

Circuit Youth/Lay Worker



CASE

CASE Update: We have around 20 kids, and the kids are having fun. Thanks to everyone who brought in home made goodies and snacks. A sign up sheet is on the fellowship door if you wish to bring in a home made baked goodies, (reminder, no peanut butter or nuts) pre packaged snacks, chips, ice cream. We need enough snacks for 25 people. If you are bringing the snack, we would like to have it by Wednesday at 2pm.

Reminder: There is NO CASE on Wednesday Feb. 13th.

Feb. 6, 20, 27

March 6, 13, 20
(No Case during spring break, March 27th)

April 3, 10, 24
(no case on April 17th)

May 1, 8, 15
Last day will be on May 15th.

Any questions, talk to Jayne, Yonna, Jennifer, or Pastor Mike. Thanks

CONFIRMATION

Hello everyone!

The students are doing well and we have 'caught up' while discovering answers to many very good questions and important topics. We are on schedule to be prepared for examination day and are currently going through the Petitions of the Lord's Prayer as well as reviewing the memorization from the parts of the catechism we have covered

Examination day is on Saturday May 18 from 9 -11 am at the church. The 5 students, Cam, Bailey, Hayden, Everett, and Ben, will be examined by the Elders and myself. Parents and grandparents will also be present to observe and quietly encourage their confirmand.

Confirmation day is Sunday May 19, with the confirmands being confirmed in the regular service.

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Unapproved council minutes
1-14-19

Present: Tonette Peterson, Tracy Peterson, Aaron Peterson, Matt Maser, Jennifer Kubesh, Toby Hickle, Greg Kroschel, Carol Robinson, John Frank, Vern Volk, Jeff Nelson, Beth Kalbow

Meeting was called to order by John at 7:04pm. Toby opened with a prayer.
Secretary's report was accepted as read upon motion by Carol and second by Vern
Treasurer's report accepted as read upon motion by Greg and second by Carol
Income: \$3,797.32. Checking \$15,712.59 Expense \$4,236.72 Savings \$75,056.73
Net Income \$-439.40

Jeff Nelson and Beth Kalbow presented info on TreeHouse. This is a faith based program located in Sandstone that helps encourage at risk teens through mentoring, career planning, support, guidance. They are looking for drivers, mentors, fundraising, board of directors financial support. Please contact Beth at 763-486-3297 for more info, or check treehousesandstone.org

Pastor's report: office visits, Bible Studies, attended various meetings, Little Lambs lessons, CASE, elders meeting, confirmation class, youth meetings and activities, newspaper articles, chaplaincy meeting and banquet, concert, caroling

Old Business:

- *Caroling went well
- *Shutters have been installed
- *Bookshelves to expand the library will be completed in February
- *Old organ is gone
- *Jennifer will order 2 new signs to replace the existing signs at the corners of 48/61 and 18/61.

New Business:

- * Miller Roofing assessed the leaks on the roof.. They will follow up.
- * Randy Hickle has volunteered to work on the Usher list. Watch for your name!

Thank you!

*Thomas Aadland and Krista Young are the missionaries assigned to us through Missionary Central.

*New communion registries will be in use soon. Watch the bulletin for info

*Motion by Matt and second by Carol to raise Jennifer's wage to \$12.00/hour, effective 1-1-19.

*Thank yous were received for Christmas bonuses.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm upon motion by Greg and second by Carol, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Tonette Peterson

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Quarterly Voter's Meeting (unapproved)
1-20-2019

Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Frank at 10:01 AM with 30 members present. Matt Maser opened with a prayer.

Secretary's report was accepted as read upon motion by Greg Odendahl and second by Jayne Maser.

Treasurer's report was accepted as amended with the -53.24 moved to Sunday School expense, upon motion by Judy Hopkins and second by Tracy Peterson Checking \$15,712.59. Savings \$75,056.73 YTD income \$3,850.56 YTD expense \$4,289.96 Net income -\$439.40

Pastor's report includes home visits, office visits, pre-marital counseling and wedding, various meetings, Bible Studies, Youth Group, Confirmation, Little Lambs, circuit meeting, chaplaincy tasks, caroling, newspaper article,

Youth Group is going well. Various fundraisers are in the works in preparation of the national gathering. Several activities are being planned.

Sunday School is going well. Additional teachers and help are always welcome!

Old Business

- Caroling went well
- Thomas Aadland and Krista Young are our two sponsored missionaries through Missionary Central. Info on these families will be posted on the bulletin board.
- Window shutters have been installed.

New Business

- A constitution review committee is being formed. Looking for 3 members to be included. Sue Davis has volunteered. If interested, please see John Frank.
- Lent begins March 6, 2019. Judy will be calling people to provide food for the suppers before worship.
- Easter worship will be 6:30AM and 9:00AM
- Pancake breakfast will be served between services on Easter. Proceeds will go to the youth group. John would appreciate help. Please see him!
- Library shelving is being made and will be installed in February
- TreeHouse is looking for volunteers. Please see John for more info.
- The council is working with Miller's Roofing on the roof issues.
- Looking for ideas to spend some memorial funds on. A piano was suggested. Other ideas are welcomed by the council.

-Open council positions to be voted on in April include: chairman, vice chairman, 2 elders, 2 trustees, and 1 treasurer. See John to nominate someone or if you are interested.

-Church garage sale will be May 9-11. proceeds to benefit the youth group. Watch newsletters and bulletins for upcoming info and to make donations

-VBS will be July 15-19. Teachers and helpers are needed! Please see Jennifer or Tonette!

-Synod president election will be taking place. Jayne Maser motioned to nominate Pastor Harrison for President

and the incumbent for Vice President. Second by Connie Odendahl

-Second quarterly will be April 28, 2019.

Upon motion by Tony Nelson and second by Dave Hopkins, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40AM closing with the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted, Tonette Peterson, Council Secretary

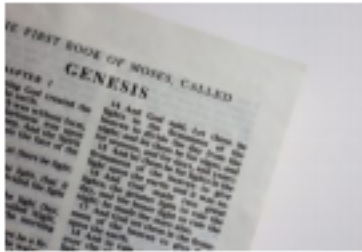


CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Four Powerful Words



In the beginning God... – Genesis 1:1a

The first four words of the Bible are incredibly important. "In the beginning, God..." These words boldly declare the truth about how we should view the universe we live in. They tell us that there was a beginning. There was a time when all the things that

now are were not. And before all that, before even time itself, was God.

The four words refute all naturalistic explanations of the universe. They refute evolution because they make clear that there was a planning intelligence behind the universe rather than blind, random chance.

Yet, the words also refute a mere theistic intelligent design model because they reveal that the Creator was not an impersonal, unknowable entity but has all the divine attributes on which the remainder of the 66 books of the Bible will expand. These four powerful words suggest that we should go on to learn more about this wonderful God who has made all things well and who takes the trouble to be mindful even of humans like us.

These four powerful words refute atheism by boldly declaring that God does indeed exist. As the title of one of Francis Schaeffer's books puts it, "He is there, and He is not silent". The four words also refute agnosticism because the God Who Is There is someone that we can know and learn more about. The four words also refute deism because the God who is declared to have created is described, known, and knowable. He is not an abstract concept, but a reality.

Genesis is the foundational book of the Bible. And these four powerful words are the foundation phrase of Genesis.

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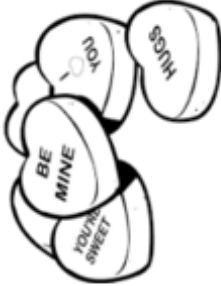
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COME JOIN OUR WORSHIPPING FAMILY

February 2019

Worship: Sunday at 9:00 am

Sunday School: Sunday at 10 am

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