

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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Sue Hickle
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Jennifer Kubesh

Church Newsletter
Jennifer Kubesh
Cydelle Klande

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

Randy Hickle,
Chairman

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

ORANGE ENVELOPES

Greetings in His holy name! A new church year is nearly upon us and we'll begin celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior soon. It is a time of joy and happiness. It is also at this time of the year we as brothers and sisters in Christ gather a special offering called the *Orange Envelope Offering*.

As we have been assigned by God to be good stewards (caretakers) of the earth, we are also commissioned by God to take care of all those things included in taking care of God's creation. One of many ways of being a good caretaker is through financial gift giving and the Orange Envelope Offering is one of the many means God helps us care for the gifts He's given to us to care for.

This year, we are blessed with several choices. They are:

- Snow Removal
- Adopting a Seminary student
- General Fund
- Other choice (to be written on the envelope), for example, Music, Education, etc.

Please indicate your choice(s) on the envelope and drop it off in the offering plate, at the church office, or mail it to church. Please have your envelope in by November 24th, 2019. Please include your name if you would like your donation to be tax deductible.

Your willing and joyful giving is never taken for granted. We may not always have the means to give as we'd like, but willing and joyful giving when we're able out of kindness, love, and concern for our given tasks is always pleasing to God. We pray that God not only blesses us to wisely use these gifts, but also those who give them, that His holy name will be praised and proclaimed to the ends of the earth.

THANK YOU for your Orange Envelope Offering gift.



Church News



Ushers Schedule:

Nov: Tony Nelson and Marv Maser

Acolyte Schedule:

Nov. 3rd: Carlie **Nov. 10th:** Chase **Nov. 17th:** Ethan **Nov. 24th:** Carlie

German Fest:

Thanks to everyone who baked, donated to silent auction, helped in the kitchen, and clean-up crew. Thanks to Dutch and Barb for bringing in tables for the silent auction. Thanks to John, Doug, and Tonette for helping with the pie auctions. We served 203 people, the silent auction was \$1,155.50, there were 19 pies for the pie auction bringing in a total of \$437, and miscellaneous donations were around \$30.00. Still working on final numbers, but although we had wet, snowy weather, we had a great turn out. Thank you, Randy and Sue, and Linda, for everything they do to make German Fest a huge success!

Church Website:

The church has a new website!! It is now up and running online! Take a look when you have a chance.... www.stpaulhinckleymn.org Stop by the office if you don't have a home computer and would like to check out the new site. Thanks to everyone for photos and help getting this going. (something about newsletters by email)

Altar Guild:

If you are interested in serving as the altar guild, please contact Wendy Kottke.

Maintenance List:

If anyone sees something to fix or repair around the church property, there is a clipboard on the back of the movable bulletin board in the narthex, please note the issue and date and the trustees will get it fixed. Thank you!

Our Stewardship from Sept 16th to Oct 20th, 2019



	Sep 16 - Oct 20, 19
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
GENERAL FUND DONATION	10,642.68
Altar Flowers	40.00
Building Fund	10.00
C.A.S.E.	460.00
GermanFest Income	3,729.00
Little Lambs Income	50.00
Mission Offerings	10.00
Sunday School	21.00
VBS Income	107.59
Total Income	15,070.27

Flower Chart:

Nov. 3rd: Mary Ann Lyon

.....in loving memory of John

Nov. 10th: Jennifer Kubesh

.....in loving memory of her grandmother

Nov. 17th: Arden Gruett

..... in loving memory of Lois

Nov. 24th: Matt and Jayne Maser

.....in honor of Isaac & Shelby's wedding anniversary

November 2019

3rd: Ryan Ausmus

4th: Charlie Ausmus

.5th: Mona Klar

Florence Benoit

9th: Jared Christensen

12th: Florence Berquist

Christina Somnuk

13th: Everett Mans

15th: Issac Maser

18th: Yvonne Cottrell

19th: Issac and Shelby Maser

20th: Phil Cain

21st: Gunnar Mans

22nd: Tony Nelson

MaKenna Kroschel

25th: Marlowe Zabrok

28th: Dylan Mans

30th: Norah Ausmus

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

Thank you.

Homebound:

Mona Klar

Lorraine Robbins

Bob and Lois Kendall

Janice Ladd

Pat Kunze

Kristi Graber

Vivian Kelm

Marjorie Pike

Florence Benoit



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

The deadline for information for the newsletter will be November 15th, 2019. Please submit reports by then.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Thanksgiving Eve Service is on Wednesday, November 27th at 7pm.

Advent Services will be on Wednesdays, December 4th, 11th and 18th with **supper at 6:00 pm** and **Service at 7pm.**

Christmas Eve Service is 7pm

Christmas Day Service is 9am.



Poinsettias: Cannot believe it is almost that time already!! Look for a sign-up sheet coming up in a few weeks. Poinsettias is a wonderful way to remember loved ones during the holiday season or to honor a loved one.



Youth Group

The next meeting date is on Wednesday, Nov 13th (tentative, this may be changed to the 20th).

Circuit Event Nov 16th 1pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Pine City

It is time to order your Christmas wreaths and decorations in order to have them for the holiday season. Look for order forms in the Narthex.

If you would like to receive updates on activities and opportunities with youth group, please join our remind group by texting @ygstpaul to the number 81010. If you prefer notifications by email you can sign up at this link from a computer – rmd.at/ygstpaul

Circuit Youth Worker

Hello and blessings to you!

The youth had a good time at the event in August! We went hiking through Robinson Park and into Banning State Park, it was quite the adventure! Afterwards we had some snacks, a short devotion and discussion time.

The Confirmation Retreat in September was hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and went well! We had eight confirmation students and eight adults in total. The Retreat included three Bible study sessions based on the Apostles Creed in which Pastor Maunula took us through.

We did a Bible scavenger hunt, played an add on with the game Duck-Duck-Grey-Duck, played Jedi training, and we played a couple of ice breakers at the beginning of the retreat.

Pastor Metzler, our host pastor, led us in several worship services throughout the retreat.

Thanks to everyone to came, participated and helped out!

We did not have a youth gathering for October, but there will be one at Zion Lutheran Church in Pine City on the 16th of November at 1:00 and until 3:30 pm. Mark your calendars for the youth gathering at Zion Lutheran Church in Mora for January 19th and the event will start at 2:00 pm. Please keep in touch with your youth leaders and pastors and watch your newsletters and bulletins for continued updates.



Thank you,
LeAnn Gregoire
Circuit Youth Worker

C.A.S.E. / Confirmation

CASE is going well, welcome Isla, Eli, Abe, Liam, Marlowe, Levi, Croix, Caleb, Norah, Corbin, Charlotte, Jordan, Piper, Noah, Grady, Hannah, McKenna, and Nik.

The kids have chapel, music time around 2:30 to 3pm. Then the Confirmation Kids, Ethan, Carlie and Chase go to class with their snack and the kids take their snacks to their classrooms and then have their lessons and once in a while, craft time. Pick up time is at 4pm. If you like to bring in snacks, let Jennifer know.

NOVEMBER CASE SCHEDULE

There will be CASE and Confirmation on November 6th, 13th, and 20th.

There is NO CASE or Confirmation on November 27th.

Sunday School

Sunday School is on Sunday mornings after worship service. Kids, bring a friend!! All are welcome! If you would like to help with Sunday School anytime during the year, please talk to Karissa.

Sunday School is getting ready for the Children's Christmas Program! Starting today, they will start getting things lined up for the program. If your child would like to be part of the program this year, please have them here every Sunday through the end of December. Rehearsals are every Sunday at 10am. The exact date of the program is yet to be determined. Watch for the date in December's newsletter.

Thank You Karissa, Yonna, Tracy and Jayne for everything you do for our kids!!



Little Lambs

After a little late start, things have been going well for us and we are definitely keeping busy! We have a Bible Story each week and have spent time talking about all the wonderful things God created. We also talked about how Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sinned. We learned that God protects us like He protected Noah and his family and we enjoyed playing with the animal toys like the animals on the ark. We know God wants us to forgive others like Joseph forgave his brothers.

We also talk about a letter of the alphabet most weeks. We started at A and have gotten through E now. We have many posters, puzzles, and objects that we use relating to the letter of the week. Students also bring something from home starting with that letter to talk about.

We concentrate on one color and one shape each month. In September we used red sticker dots on our apple trees and used red play dough. In October, we painted orange pumpkins and used orange tissue paper on a leaf pattern. We also did a project using circles and even ate some circles. We work on numbers by using objects from the Fall season or any holidays like Halloween.

Free play, outside play, stories and book time and of course, snack time are all highlights that complete our day. Our time goes too fast with so many fun things to do!

There will be NO preschool on Tuesday November 12 and 14th so to make those days up, the preschool is having class on Wednesday October 30th and Wednesday November 6th.

And there is preschool on Wednesday November 20th because there is No preschool on Thanksgiving, November 28th.

Mrs. Sharon, Isaac, Conor, Wyatt, Kyzen, Bella, Aubrey and Charlie



**St. Paul Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
Unapproved
10-14-19**

Present: Pastor Mike, Tonette Peterson, Tracy Peterson, Matt Maser, Randy Hickle, Carol Robinson, Tony Nelson, Robbie Robinson, Jennifer Kubesh, Isaac Maser

Meeting was called to order by Randy at 7:00pm.

Pastor opened with a prayer.

Secretary's report was accepted as read

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

Income: \$82,854.81 . Checking \$13,247.41

Expense \$99,804.10 Savings \$58,710.68

Net Income \$-16,949.29 (noted that the Savings total includes the \$20,000 loan for Pastor as well as all memorial funds)

Pastor's report: office visits, home visits, attended various meetings, elders meeting, newspaper articles, website work, Chaplain's group events, Little Lambs, Confirmation, Bible Studies, Gideon's dinner, Germanfest, PALS event, new members received, altar guild meeting

Old Business

*Rebecca and Carol would like to keep the youth circuit worker for another year. This will be brought to the quarterly.

*Spray foam bids have been received. (Lisenby \$2500.00) (Mann Brothers \$3500.00). Motion by Tracy and second by Carol to hire Lisenby Spray foam Insulation Services.

*Orange Envelopes will be going out soon. Options are Adopt A Student, General Fund, Snow Removal.

*Miller Roofing will be assessing leaks & issues with Randy.

*There is a "fix it" list on the back of the bulletin board. If you notice a repair needed, please jot it down. Thank you to Rick and the trustees for their hard work in tending to these matters.

New Business

*Germanfest went well. Thank you to everyone that made this successful.

*Upcoming special service dates and times will be discussed at the quarterly.

*Snowplowing bids were received. Motion by Tony and second by Carol to hire Jeff's Outdoor Services.

*The furnace and AC aren't working in the education wing. Eric Prachar will come look at this.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm upon motion by Tracy and second by Carol, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Tonette Peterson

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
Quarterly Voter's Meeting
(unapproved)
10-20-2019**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Hickle at 10:09 AM with 24 members present. Pastor opened with a prayer.

Secretary's report was accepted as read upon motion by MaryAnn Lyon and second by Randy Rabe.

Treasurer's report was accepted as read upon motion by Carol Robinson and second by Robbie Robinson

Checking \$13,247.41 Savings \$58,710.68

YTD income \$82,854.81 YTD expense \$99,804.10 Net income -\$16,949.29

Savings includes \$23,720.30 memorial funds and \$20,000.00 pastor loan, that cannot be used for operation

Accepted as read upon motion by Jeanette Schaefer and second by Lynette Maser

Pastor's report includes home/office/hospital/off site visits, 2 official acts, various meetings, Youth Group activities, Confirmation, PALS meeting, chaplaincy tasks, newspaper articles, CASE, VBS, summer concerts, GermanFest, Bible Study, Gideon's dinner.

Youth Group is starting up October 23 with Wednesday meetings. Various activities, service projects, and fundraisers are being planned. Christian Youth Worker: upon motion by MaryAnn Lyon and second by Greg Kroschel, the youth group will pay her \$50/month and SPLC will pay her \$150/month for one year, and then we will reevaluate.

Sunday School is going well. Additional teachers and help are always welcome! Will be starting Christmas program practice soon.

CASE is going well but would like some more adult help.

Little Lambs is going well. Seven students are enrolled.

There is a maintenance repair list on the back of the bulletin board. If you notice something needing repair, please note it on the list.

Old Business

- Carillon is not repairable. Three quotes ranging from \$5,000.00 - \$12,000.00 were received for a new system. A decision was tabled until more info is received and brought to the council to make a decision. Memorial funds from Vernetta Christensen will be used, as well as \$1,000.00 from the Vogler family. We will also receive \$1,000.00 credit for our old system. Motion Robbie Robinson and second Sue Hickle.
- GermanFest went well. Served 203. \$437.00 pie auction, \$1155.00 silent auction, \$69.00 card sales. \$3454.00 was the totaled earned, expenses have not been paid yet.
- Motion Lynette Maser and second by Jeanette Schaefer to continue the Summer Gospel Concerts. Hoping to get more members to attend the concerts.
- Website is up and running (stpaulhinckleymn.org)

New Business

- Budget was presented allowing the addition of the youth worker for \$1800.00 and Summer Gospel Concert \$1800.00
 - Advent worship will be at 7pm with supper at 6pm
 - Christmas Eve worship will be at 7:00pm and Christmas Day worship at 9:00am
 - Orange Envelopes will be going out soon. Adopt-A-Student, Snowplowing, and General are designations
 - Church handbells are allowed to leave the building upon motion MaryAnn Lyon and second Greg Kroschel. Randy will check to be sure they are insured in case of an accident
- Upon motion by Robbie Robinson and second by Jeanette Schaefer, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm

Respectfully Submitted, Tonette Peterson, Council Secretary



If you would like to mail a holiday card to our home bound's, here are the addresses. They would love to hear from you!

Vivian Kelm
PO Box 292
Hinckley, MN 55037

Janice Ladd
47718 Blue Heron Trail
Rush City, MN 55069

Pat Kunze
710 Spring Lane #6
Hinckley, MN 55037

Florence Benoit
525 Westchester Dr NE #312
Pine City, MN 55063

Bob and Lois Kendall
710 Spring Lane #24
Hinckley, MN 55037

Lorraine Robbins
27295 Groningen Road
Sandstone, MN 55072

Mona Klar
110 7th St North
Mora, MN 55051

Kristi Graber
710 Spring Lane
Hinckley, MN 55037

Marjorie Pike
13949 Emma Rd
Hinckley, MN 55037



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THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

An Expanding Universe



Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain. (Psalm 104:1-2)

Most people have heard of red shift without necessarily knowing what it means, apart from knowing that it has something to do with stars and galaxies.

Wave forms can appear to be altered if the source of the waves is moving away or towards us. We notice this effect with sound waves – for example, if we are watching a train approaching and passing by. If an object is moving towards us, then its waves will appear to arrive at us slightly shorter than they should be. Shorter waves result in higher pitch. When the train recedes, the waves reach us stretched out a bit, which makes a lower-pitch sound. Therefore, the train approaches with a high pitch sound, but then the sound changes to a lower pitch sound as it passes us.

Something similar happens to light from distant galaxies. In visible light, the longest wavelength is red, while blue light has a shorter wavelength. So red shift does not necessarily imply that an object is red. It tells us that bands in the galaxy's spectrum are of longer wavelength than expected, so it is called a red shift. In a random universe, one might expect an equal number of red and blue shifts. In practice, blue shifts are rare.

The red shift is probably caused by space itself expanding. And this is consistent with what the Bible says in Psalm 104: "He stretches out the heavens like a tent."

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						
3 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10:30am Bible Study	4	5	6 10am Bible Study 1:30pm CASE 2:30pm Confirmation	7	8	9
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24 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10:30am Bible Study	25	26	27 10am Bible Study 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship	28 Thanksgiving Day! 	29	30



COME JOIN OUR WORSHIPPING FAMILY

NOVEMBER 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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