

**OCT 2019**

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Monday of each  
month

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*Treasurer*

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*Secretary*

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# *St. Paul Lutheran Church*

Greetings and His peace to you!

Fall has unofficially arrived and with it the changing of the colors from summer foliage to fall foliage. Also, with it usually comes the cooler temps (usually, although not as of late), and in the case of this month unusually high amounts of rain. Fall is normally a pretty great time of year. We are finally rid of those pesky mosquitoes, deer flies and horse flies, and are able to worry a bit less about those ticks as well. Speaking of them, ain't gonna miss any of those critters.

Fall also brings a unique feeling and smell that some enjoy every year at this time. The warm sun feeling of late morning or early afternoon as it warms up from the coolness of early dawn. Even the clouds start to look different. And that smell, .... there's nothing like it. The smell of drying grass and leaves. The smell of soft, comforting warmness. The smell of summer fading. Ya, it's true that summer fading means winter isn't too far off, but for that few weeks we enjoy the change as it happens and savor the beauty that can only come from one source.

Fall arriving also signals another feeling in some folks as well. For many, fall signals the time of year when many of us enjoy going hunting. Doesn't matter what you hunt. You still get that feeling of excitement at the thought of what this year will bring. The buck of a lifetime that slips into range with a perfect broadside or quartering shot. Or the sight of feet down on a flock of mallards or geese as they sail into your blocks as though they were on a string.

AWESOME! And then to be able to enjoy all the beauty of fall to boot! It is quite something to behold and even better to experience.

This season while you are out and about enjoying the artistic genius of our LORD, please also remember that this earth that we live on, .... this earth that is not only our home in this life, it is also the way God provides for us as His creatures. He made it so that His creatures had somewhere to live "that was good." That being said, He wants us to take care of His world.

When God put Adam in the Garden to care for it in Genesis 2, that was human creatures 1st Great Commission- to care for the earth. You already know what the 2nd one was- "Go and teach..." from Matthew 28.

This is the bigger picture of what stewardship is. Now, loosen the grip on your wallet, stewardship doesn't isn't always a reference to money. Money is only a small part of stewardship. Caring for our world is on a larger scale and is much more important and treating it with respect as well as gently reminding others that they ought to be doing the same. Caring for and respecting the earth doesn't just include not littering and such, it also includes care for and respect for the other creatures we share this earth with, including the animals we've been given to use food, whether we hunt them or not. God has given them to use to use in a proper and respectful manner, not to be abusing this privilege.

So for those that head afield this fall, enjoy the time in fellowship with your friends and family. Marvel at the beauty of the fall colors as God paints on His canvas. And recognize and treat with respect the majesty of our LORD in His earth and all the wonder that is often seen when we're looking at the natural world that God made and has allowed us to live in!

God's richest blessings to you and your family!

Your fellow servant in His name,

*Pastor Mike Metzler*

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!**

Welcome! St. Paul Lutheran has welcomed two families to our congregation.



Savannah, Bill, Michelle, and Barb Morgan



Rod and Star Lawin



# Church News



## **Ushers Schedule:**

**Oct:** Tonette, Nancy, and Jennifer

## **Acolyte Schedule:**

**Oct 6th:** Carlie

**Oct 13th:** Chase

**Oct 20th:** Ethan

**Oct 27th:** Ethan

## **Bible Study:**

**Sunday** morning Bible Study at 10:30am and also on **Wednesday** mornings at 10am. Everyone is welcome to attend!

## **German Fest:**

There is a meeting on Monday September 30th at 6:30pm. Please take some flyers and pass them around. As you all know, pies are needed for the pie auction, and items for the silent auction. The meeting on that Monday night is getting organized, who can help or clean up afterwards.

**German Fest is Friday, October 11th** (there is a flyer to hand out with details at the end of this newsletter, more copies will be available on the ushers table in Narthex).

## **Quarterly Meeting:**

Voter's Quarterly Meeting is Sunday October 20th, please have reports to Jennifer by Tuesday Oct. 15th.

## **Newsletter Deadlines:**

The third Friday of every month will be the new deadline for Newsletter info. Please add a reminder to your calendar and we will remind you in the bulletin as well. Thank You!

## **Thank you:**

Thank you to everyone that helped with another year of Summer Gospel Nights concert series. Our church is blessed with the opportunity to hold these concerts and we can be very proud that we have a community willing to support two churches with these music venues. There are so many people that help to make it a success, from helping with posters to taking the collection, opening and closing up the church and even just spreading the word and praying for the success and safety of the groups that are performing, it all is part of what makes it come together. Hopefully, it was a blessing to many in their own walk of faith, besides being just a great way to get together on a Sunday night in the summertime. Special thanks to Loren and Carolyn, for really coming through when needed so many times.

~Wendy Kroschel

**Thank You** to Chuck, Vern, Carol and the boys, and Tony for the upkeep on the lawn. You are appreciated!!

**Our Stewardship from Sept 1st to 15th, 2019**

GENERAL FUND DONATION	7,796.00
C.A.S.E.	90.00
Little Lambs Income	80.00
Mission Offerings	10.00
Sunday School	8.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7,984.00</b>



**Flower Chart:**

Oct 6<sup>th</sup>: Larry & Linda Marotz  
 .....in loving memory of family gone home  
 Oct 13<sup>th</sup>: Shawn and Karissa  
 .....in honor of their wedding anniversary  
 Oct 20<sup>th</sup>: (Open)  
 Oct 27<sup>th</sup>: (Open)

Please submit articles for the newsletter to Cydelle Klande  
[cydelleklande@gmail.com](mailto:cydelleklande@gmail.com)

**The deadline for information for the newsletter will be October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please submit reports by then.**

**Shut-Ins:**

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

**October 2019**

2nd: Carolyn Vogler  
 Deb Sikkink  
 3rd: Nancy Williams  
 4th: Kelly Christensen  
 Tianna Day  
 5th: Larry Gregg  
 8th: Lucille Signore  
 9th: Jerry and Rebecca Perrotti  
 10th: Pastor Mike  
 12th: Shawn and Karissa Ausmus  
 Matt and Jayne Maser  
 Allison Kubesh  
 13th: Sue Hickle  
 Leah Ausmus  
 15th: Dayton Hawkinson  
 16th: Kelsey Odendahl  
 21st: John Frank  
 Ronnie Brant  
 Cydelle Klande  
 22nd: Doug Kottke  
 26th: Troy Peterson  
 28th: Bailey Gorsenger  
 Eddie Welch  
 31st: Barb Schroeder

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

# The Buck Stops Here !



**GUYS !!** Single or married. Have you ever wondered *why* we do some of the things we do, and don't (or won't) do other things ? How *does* God want His men in Christ to be? Not just towards each other, but towards our wives and children, .... and the world.

Did you quit reading the paragraph above because you think you've got a 'good bead' on what 'being a man' is ? Good, ...then I challenge you to join us and see if you're right. What *really* makes 'a man' ? Does your definition match God's definition ?

**LADIES!!** This is not just for the guys ! You need to be aware of how God intended *His world* to function and YOU are a critical part of God's order in His created world.

Come and find out how we as Christians are responsible for some of the things that are happening in the world. Then hear how we as Christians need to not only take responsibility for, but also how to start re-claiming those things. Join us on Sunday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am for the 1<sup>st</sup> in a 2-part Bible studies series that looks at how God wants His children in Christ to be.

We need to get-it-together and be the Christian men and women that God intended us to be!

No more excuses, .... and no more finger pointing!

**The Buck Stops Here** with us and the Gospel goes forth !

# Youth Group

There is an opportunity for youth and interested adults to participate in a circuit-wide trip to the Higher Things Conference in Maryville, Missouri, July 7-10, 2020. If you would like to learn more about this, please speak to Pastor or Rebecca. For planning purposes, the circuit group needs to know about each congregation's interest in participating by October 15.

Youth Group will be getting rolling again soon with Wednesday gatherings and some local service activities and other events. A calendar will be going out soon to families. We would love to have as many youth grades 7 and up as possible. Feel free to bring a friend! Circuit Youth events are also starting back up. The tentative schedule is shown below.

Specific dates will be shared as they become available.

November- Zion Lutheran Church, Pine City

January- Zion Lutheran Church, Mora

March- Trinity Lutheran Church, Isle

May- Peace Lutheran Church, Finlayson

August- St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hinckley

While summer is just wrapping up, it is almost time to order your Christmas wreaths and decorations in order to have them for the holiday season. Look for order forms in the next few weeks.

**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](http://rmd.at/ygstpaul)**



# C.A.S.E. / Confirmation

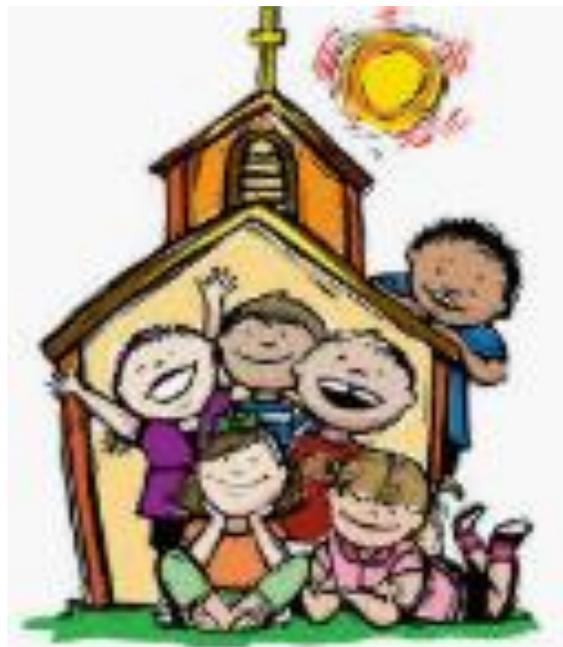
**CASE:** Forms have been mailed or handed out, please bring in the completed forms and payment by the first day of class. If anyone would like to bring in a snack or homemade cookies, please let Jennifer know what day you plan on bringing that in. There is NOT going to be a sign-up sheet this year. And if you would like to help in anyway, also let us know. To let everyone know, we are locking the doors at 3pm for safety reasons and if parents or grandparents need to pick up their child early, please let us know.

Confirmation is on **Wednesday's**. The bus will be available beginning October 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Welcome, Carlie, Chase, and Ethan!!**

Any questions, talk to Pastor Mike.

# 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.



# Little Lambs

## Get to know our new Preschool Teacher!!

My husband Bill and I live near Finlayson where we are members at Peace Lutheran Church. We have three grown children and seven grandchildren. We are blessed to have Troy and Karissa and their families living close in Hinckley and often travel to Oklahoma to see Shanna and her family.

I retired four years ago after 25 years teaching library media at Hinckley and Finlayson Elementary School. Before that I taught in Finlayson, Home Ec, Early Childhood Education and Library at various times for twelve years. I did not run out of things to do in retirement, but when Little Lambs needed a teacher, I saw it as a way to serve God and the community. Teaching Little Lambs is one of the very few jobs I would come out of retirement for as I enjoy working with preschoolers. I am looking forward to a busy, exciting year here at Little Lambs.

**Sharon Tvedt**

**Welcome to Preschool**

**Conor, Wyatt, Kyzen, Aubrey, Bella and Isaac!!**

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A “Big Thank You” to the sheriff’s office for school supplies this year!



**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
**Unapproved Council Minutes**  
**9-9-19**

**Present:** Pastor Mike, Tonette Peterson, Tracy Peterson, Toby Hickle, Rick Williams, Matt Maser, Aaron Peterson, Randy Hickle, Carol Robinson, Tony Nelson, Robbie Robinson, Cydelle Klande, Jennifer Kubesh

Meeting was called to order by Randy at 7:00pm. Pastor opened with a prayer.

**Secretary's report** was accepted as amended to read "the proposed amendments to the constitution will not be brought up at the October quarterly, pending approval from the synod.". Motion by Toby and second by Aaron.

**Treasurer's report** accepted as read. We will transfer \$5,000.00 from the savings into the checking. We will transfer Eagle Scout balance of \$695.68 to the general fund. Pending action of cutting the Youth Worker to PT. Motion Carol Second by Tony. Income: \$64,150.66. Checking 3,607.29 Expense \$86,435.75  
Savings \$63,612.18 Net Income \$-22,285.09

**Pastor's report:** office visits, home visits, hospital visit, attended various meetings, elders meeting, concert, newspaper articles, website consultant meeting, Chaplain's group events, funeral, LL open house, circuit pastor's breakfast, prepping for SS, CASE, Confirmation and Bible Studies

**Old Business:**

- \*Shutters have been ordered
- \*5 kids enrolled in LL. New teacher is Sharon Tvedt.
- \*The bent shingle has been fixed. The ceiling in the furnace room is near completion of repair. There is a roof vent present. Bids for spray foam insulation will be received
- \*The Carillon will be sent in for evaluation and possible repair. A donation of \$1000.00 for this has been received.

**New Business:**

- \*A budget committee is putting together the budget
- \*GermanFest will be October 11th from 5:00pm-7:00pm.
- \*Orange Envelopes will be going out soon.
- \*Snow removal bids are being accepted
- \*Mentoring our youth and children. Please team up with a youngster while doing various tasks (usher, altar guild, fellowship, music, property upkeep, etc) to keep them active in our church!
- \* A new toy chest is needed in the play yard. Maybe Little Lambs can provide this.
- \*A clock will replace the wreath in the fellowship hall

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm upon motion by Matt and second by Tracy, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully Submitted by Tonette Peterson*

# CREATION MOMENTS

*Proclaiming Evidence for Truth*

## THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

### Remarkable Hummingbirds



*Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. (Matthew 10:31)*

One of the delights of living in the Pacific Northwest of the United States is being able to watch the hummingbirds. As soon as we saw these remarkable little birds for ourselves, my wife and I knew we had to attract them to our yard. So we invested in feeders and kept them topped up with sugar solution through the summer months. Two species seemed to predominate in our garden – the orange-bellied Rufous and the beautiful, iridescent green Anna's hummingbird.

Of course, nothing previously seen on the TV screen could prepare me for the delight of watching the little creatures fly backwards as they finished feeding. They rarely landed, so we had no view of their wings, which move so fast that they are just a blur.

Normally, when a bird's wings upstroke, this is simply to get the wings back in position for another downstroke. Hummingbirds are different. Both strokes have power. The amazing way in which hummingbirds beat their wings uses a huge amount of energy for such a tiny bird. In fact, it has been estimated that hummingbirds need an energy input, which, if scaled up to human dimensions, would be the equivalent of us eating 1,300 hamburgers a day! So much energy would be produced that we would actually catch fire!

Ref: Dreves, D. (1991), *The Hummingbird: God's Tiny Miracle*,  
< <https://answersingenesis.org/birds/the-hummingbird-gods-tiny-miracle/> >, accessed 9/26/2018.  
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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						
6 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10:30am Bible Study	7	8	9 10am Bible Study 2:30pm CASE 2:30pm Confirmation <b>1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF CASE</b>	10	11 <b>GERMAN FEST!!</b> 5pm to 7pm 	12
13 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10:30am Bible Study	14 7pm Council Mtg	15	16 10am Bible Study *NO CASE *NO Confirmation	17	18 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">MEA Break-No School</div>	19
20 9am Worship 10am Fellowship <b>10am Quarterly Meeting</b> 10am Sunday School 10:30am Bible Study	21	22	23 10am Bible Study 2:30pm CASE 2:30pm Confirmation	24	25	26
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# COME JOIN OUR WORSHIPPING FAMILY

OCTOBER 2019

**Worship: Sunday at 9:00 am**

**Sunday School: Sunday at 10 am**

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