



## June 20, 2018 Council Meeting St. Paul Lutheran Church

ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETING			
X	Pastor Grant Applehans	X	Chris Clark, Member at Large
X	Tom Miller, President		Julie Hyrkas, Member at Large
X	Shirley Zierke, Vice President	X	Tyler Kroschel, Member at Large
	Katie Fetterly, Treasurer	X	Arlie Post, Member at Large
X	Julie Coozenoy, Secretary	X	Jon Quale, Member at Large
	Janet Nutter, Guest		

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm by Tom Miller. Shirley Zierke opened meeting with devotions.

### CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda, Finance & Committee Reports)

- **A motion was made by Tyler Kroschel to accept the Consent Agenda (June agenda with changes, Finance & Committee Reports). Seconded by Shirley Zierke and unanimously approved.**

### MAY MINUTES

- On May 31, 2018, via email, a motion was made by Shirley Zierke to approve the May Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Pastor Grant and unanimously approved.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

MAY 2018	ACTUAL
<b>General Fund Offering</b>	\$17,719
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$24,695
<b>Total Expenses</b> (before mortgage)	\$19,147
<b>Net Income</b> (after mortgage payment)	\$5,548
<b>Mortgage Balance</b>	\$496,486
<b>Edward Jones Balance</b>	\$33,715

### PASTOR'S REPORT

Greetings in the LORD! This is a summary of my activity during the May/June period. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more information.

Worship:

- We celebrated Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sundays, as well as a couple of Sundays after Pentecost.
- In preaching I have been trying out some call and response, which was well received. I have been continuing to encourage prayer through phone alarms, finger labyrinths and green dots. few have partaken, but those who have reported finding it fun and connective.
- The first outdoor service had some bugs to work out - both with determining whether we are in or out getting the tech figured out. But the service went smoothly (if also coldly ;-)) We had 2 motorcycles, two bicycles and a trike that were enthusiastically blessed. Both the blessing and the fact that we were blessing were appreciated.
- We have also begun using my setting of the liturgy during the indoor service as it continues to be refined.
- Blessing of animals is coming up, as well as experimenting with using baked bread in August.

- I am currently working on expanding on the pool of lay preachers for the congregation - choosing good folks and offering support in process, inspiration and identifying and claiming the gospel in a text. Wendy Hazzard will be preaching for the first time July 1st, Jason Solomonson will be preaching Reformation Sunday and Mike Beaudette has agreed to preaching sometime in the winter or spring of next year.
- I will be on vacation July 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. As mentioned above, Wendy will be preaching on July 1<sup>st</sup> in a service without communion and Jim Mericle will be preaching and presiding over communion on the July 8<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Jim will also be covering pastoral emergencies while I am gone except for a brief window from June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> which will be covered by Pastor Linda Friesen.

#### Education:

- Education opportunities have slowed over the summer. The 12:30 adult class finished-up on the Gospel of Mark and will be taking a break for the summer. Study of the book of Revelation will take place this fall. 6:30 pm Sunday Bible study is now focusing on the book of Romans using the “Book of Faith” materials. Other classes, such as Adult Confirmation, walk through a book of the Bible chapter by chapter format, and men’s bible study have all been requested, and I have many ideas for what could be fun.
- I am considering developing a quarterly education team to prioritize ideas and investigate ways to get more congregational involvement in learning. I also did some continuing education for myself through the Global Event at the Western Iowa Synod Assembly. It was great to work with such fine musicians and learn a bit more about our brothers and sisters and mutual approaches to mission.

#### Congregational Care:

- Congregational care continued with pastoral visits to home and hospital as well as conversations in my office as well as telephone communications. The visitation team is doing quite well in their coverage and so has freed me to visit everyone quarterly and folks with pressing needs very regularly. During this time all direct requests for pastoral care were embraced, encouraged, and swiftly acted upon.

#### Administration:

- On the administration front, the communication team met to continue on our goals including launching the external communications team which is now meeting and working out scope and priorities of their work.
- I am finishing-up annual reviews with the staff.
- Softball league is underway at Ki-Chi-Saga Fields in Lindstrom on Tuesdays 6:30-dark. We are having a good time, with sufficient numbers participating. A good time is had by all :-)
- I have been meeting with Claudia Nelson in a summer/fall project to identify and address questions and inefficiencies in our recording and reporting of finances.
- The Narthex and Nursery team is forming and looking forward to its work of refreshing these spaces.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Grant

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

- Did not meet

#### **All God’s Children Preschool**

- No Report

#### **Building & Grounds**

- We got rid of two couches from the youth room as requested. We hauled away the 4 windows we removed last year. we did some tree trimming by the shed and moved the picnic tables to their summer locations. Two tables need repair and we will replace the broken braces as needed.

- Dave is meeting with an insurance adjuster to look at or roof. Meeting is Friday June 15. Dave is also in contact with an energy audit company. The company Enerchange works with nonprofits at no charge to us to review our energy usage. They look back 3 years at our Excel bills, do an onsite inspection and make recommendations. More info in the next few months. We meet almost every Tuesday evening to do what we can. We are tending to focus on the exterior of the building and grounds during the summer

### Children's & Youth Report

- Sunday School/ SPLASH/ Confirmation: \_Sunday School, SPLASH and Confirmation are completed for the Summer Break. SPLASH will start again on Wednesday September 19<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation on Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday School will begin again on Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Mission Trip: Our MT Flamingo Invasion was a great success, and a great end of the year Fundraiser. I'm guessing we might see those flamingos again!
  - Our 2018 Mission Trip departs this Friday June 22 and will return Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>. There are 19 Youth and 6 Guides on this trip-
 

Guides:	Students:	Sydney Nenn
Julie Hyrkas	Jack Beaudette	Gretchen Ohr
Rhonda Tillman	Katie Galatowitsch	Josie Olson
Jamie Hyrkas	Wyatt Games	Noah Reed
Laura Walesheck	Madison Holihan	Anna Russ
Laura Martinson	Sam Hubrich	Marie Russ
Marshall Ihfe	Heidi Hyrkas	Grace Solomonson
	Kenny Hyrkas	Autumn Tillman
	Jacob Ihfe	Lily Walesheck
	Talia Martinson	Sierra Walesheck
  - They are heading to the Adirondack Mountains of New York, with stops at Niagra Falls on the way there, and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on the way back. They will spend their days in Kid's Club, Community Gardens and clearing local parks, and evenings exploring caves, mountains and the beach. I have been busy collecting paperwork and medical information and coordinating contact information for overnight stays at churches on the road.
- Vacation Bible School: Our VBS is July 30- August 3, and our theme is "Shipwrecked"- rescued by Jesus. We are getting Volunteers into the right roles and Registrations are coming in. Shirt deadline is next week, June 26<sup>th</sup>. In addition to VBS, We host families at our annual Neighbor's Night Out Picnic on Thursday evening August 2 and we go to FMSC as a group on Tuesday July 31<sup>st</sup>. We have had several "VBS decorating days" where families come in and make props and help decorate our rooms. This is not only helpful to me, but awesome for the kids to have ownership in their VBS, and fun to see where their decorations are being used. The children of SPL always love inviting their friends and family to VBS, and are really great hosts and are great examples of Sharing Christs Love with Joy!

### Communications

- We reviewed progress on how changes have been working in practice and fine tuning - surveys are in and looking good! We moved the needle a couple of points in overall connectivity and gained a few insights as well. The changes are minor which indicates we have been going down the right track. Well Done, good and faithful servants! this is something to celebrate!!!
- Online and credit card payment - we are still waiting to have a conversation with Hosanna. More to follow...
- External communication/marketing team - First meeting will be next Monday, June 11th. team members so far are: Carrie Reed, Pastor Grant, Wendy Hazzard, Jolene Cable and Courtney Storlie with Hannah Byl consulting.

We prioritized and Discussed further projects, next major projects will be:

- Setting up a protected space on the website to house online volunteering (which will also be used for the directory)
- Communicating what we have been doing on Facebook and some of the developed guidelines to hand over to the external team.

### Things discussed, but still in the wings:

- Developing an online directory for the congregation – from what I understand the final edits are in, so we should be seeing the final product by July.
- Considering how we might use a welcome table in the overall communication plan
- Figuring out ways to better support social connection across the congregation
- Expanding the base of people who know how, and have the passwords to run our systems (tech team?)
- Figuring out a sustainable schedule for ongoing maintenance and development of our communications.
- Anything else we should be tackling?

### Counters

- No Report

### Global Missions

- No Report

### Loaves & Fishes

- No Report

### Martha's Servers

- No Report

### Outreach

- No Report

### Prayer

- Jan Ranta opened the meeting with prayer.
- July Sunday Prayer Team assignments were made.
- The team read and talked about some of the prayers in the book of Psalms - Psalms 12, 51 138.
- The meeting closed with intentional prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer.

### SPPRT

- No Report

### Visitation

- We reviewed the list of people being visited and were reminded to pray for them as well as for our team member, Jan Brainard, and the families of those who recently died.
- A copy of the report of the April Team Meeting that was sent to the Council was shared so that all members would be aware of the information given to the Council.

### Worship & Music (WAM)

- No Report

### OLD BUSINESS

- Data Storage Back-up: Our yearly subscription for Carbonite Back-up is due to expire the end of June. This back-up is for 250GB of storage. We are currently using 93% of the quota. We are going to have the picture storage taken off from the mainframe back-up; lowering the percentage of use.
  - **A motion was made by Arlie Post to renew the Carbonite back-up subscription for a period of one year for \$283.49, excluding photo back-up. Seconded by Shirley Zierke and unanimously approved.**
- Guidelines: The council is continuing to work on a complete set of guidelines that will cover all ministry and staff.
- Ice Cream Social: The church council will be sponsoring an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>; all council members have signed-up or been assigned an item to bring.

- Stagecoach Days: Registration has been submitted for SPLC's booth for Saturday, September 15. We will be looking for volunteers to man the booth as the date gets closer.
- Summer Lawn Care: There is a team of volunteers mowing the church yard and cemetery.
- Summer Outdoor Worship Services: Volunteers have signed up to set-up for outdoor services for the remaining outdoor worship services (weather permitting).
- Technology Team: A request was received that SPLC create a technology team.
  - **A motion was made by Julie Cozennoy to create a Technology Team. Seconded by Jon Quale and unanimously approved.**
- Welcome Center: Pastor Grant has put together a team to work on updating our nursery and creating a welcome center in the Narthex. More information to follow at the August Council Meeting.
- Council Retreat Follow-up: We continued discussion about how we are living the Six Marks of Discipleship and ways to continue growing in our faith. Focus was around our values.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Insurance Claim for Roof: Insurance adjustor came out to look at the roof damage. No report back yet from adjustor, expect report back for the July Council Meeting
- Emergency Fund: If SPLC continues to run at a deficit, resulting in us not being able to pay our bills, what emergency account should the Church Treasurer take funds from?
  - **A motion was made by Pastor Grant to use the Beebe Memorial Fund as our reserve fund (in the case of being unable to pay the bills). Seconded by Tom Miller and unanimously approved.**
- Job Descriptions: Pastor working with SPPRT team to review job descriptions.
- Meeting Nights: Pastor Grant brought the idea of having all team meetings held on one or two nights per month. Pastor Grant is going to contact other churches that are currently doing this to see how it is working.
- Scrip Fundraising: Members purchase gift cards for America's most popular retailers, SPLC earns money with each gift card purchase. There is no cost to try this fundraiser.
  - **A motion was made by Tom Miller to implement the Scrip fundraiser. Seconded by Jon Quale and unanimously approved.**

Next Meeting: WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 (executive session BEFORE)

Devotions: Katie Fetterly

- **A motion was made by Julie Cozennoy to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Tom Miller and unanimously approved.**

Church Council went into Executive Session at 9:15 pm

Submitted by:

*Julie Cozennoy*

Julie Cozennoy

St. Paul Lutheran Council Secretary

**Summary of Motions Made at June Church Council Meeting**

- A motion was made by Tyler Kroschel to accept the Consent Agenda (June agenda with changes, Finance & Committee Reports). Seconded by Shirley Zierke and unanimously approved.
- A motion was made by Arlie Post to renew the Carbonite back-up subscription for a period of one year for \$283.49, excluding photo back-up. Seconded by Shirley Zierke and unanimously approved.
- A motion was made by Julie Coozenoy to create a Technology Team. Seconded by Jon Quale and unanimously approved.
- A motion was made by Pastor Grant to use the Beebe Memorial Fund as our reserve fund (in the case of being unable to pay the bills). Seconded by Tom Miller and unanimously approved.
- A motion was made by Tom Miller to implement the Scrip fundraiser. Seconded by Jon Quale and unanimously approved.
- A motion was made by Julie Coozenoy to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Tom Miller and unanimously approved.