



March 20, 2018 Council Meeting St. Paul Lutheran Church

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

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Shirley Zierke. Julie Coozennoy opened meeting with devotions.

March 20, 2018 Council Agenda

- Motion was made by Julie Hyrkas, seconded by Chris Clark, and unanimously approved to accept the March Agenda.

Financial Report & Finance Team Report

General Fund Giving	\$29,028
Total Revenue	\$40,872
Total Expenses (before mortgage)	\$26,439
Net Income (after mortgage payment)	\$9,105
Mortgage Balance	\$497,740
Edward Jones (end of January)	\$33,759

- Motion was made by Julie Coozennoy, seconded by Pastor Grant, and unanimously approved to accept the February Financial Report.
- The Finance Team will be looking into writing grants.

Pastor's Report

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

- In worship, we continued the season of Lent centered on themes of cleaning and fresh starts as we celebrate the 150th and continue the refreshing and renewing initiative started last year.
- Sundays focused on the old Testament readings from the lectionary under the banner of "Fresh Starts." We had some fun with the movie "Frozen" and with the very able preaching of Shirley Zierke while I was away at my cousin's wedding.
- Mid-week Lent services have been using Holden Evening Prayer and rotating preachers with three other area congregations under the banner of "Spring Cleaning." The "preaching series imagination group" will be launching after Easter to provide a sounding board, incubator and receptor for preaching ideas.
- Puppets has been enjoyable to be a part of, and I hope that through this rebuilding semester we will have some contagious fun and excitement as we explore new methods and possibilities.
- I also preached out at the Parmly Care Center with appreciation expressed from the residents and staff for our church's support through my presence.
- Education opportunities continued in February/March. In the 12:30 adult class we are working through the Gospel of Mark especially looking at the theology of the cross and its implications for how we live our lives. Next, we will study the book of Revelation. 6:30 pm Sunday Bible study finished-up with Mark and has been wading into the book of Acts with an eye towards Romans and other letters of Paul.
- Confirmation has been diving into Paul with mentor groups. We have been spending several weeks going deep on particular texts (one per group) which we will be presenting in creative ways the evening of April 11th. I plan

to have judges at this event including at least one member of council. Check your calendar and consider if you can be part of this new and exciting event! Faith Papers have all been handed in and interviews have begun. This year I have been focusing with the students on how they could be leaders among us as they become adults in the church. The idea has been quite enthusiastically received, now to figure out how to make it happen... The date for confirmation is set at May 6. I also have a small group which is meeting once a month to catch up on the Luther Year to be confirmed in 2 years. Class is progressing well and is on schedule.

- First Communion class went quite well, focusing on “4 things Communion is For” I have a makeup date on Palm Sunday for two of the students and all will be receiving first communion on Maundy Thursday. Preschool continues with stories from Jesus’ life and songs from the USA and around the world.
- 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.
- Congregational Care continued with pastoral visits to a couple parishioners at home, and in the hospital and telephone communication with a few others. During this time all direct requests for pastoral care were embraced, encouraged, and swiftly acted upon.
- On the administration front, I will be doing annual reviews with the staff after Easter. Before this happens, I will be talking with the SPRRT team to discuss evaluation forms for next year along with some ideas I have for supervisory contracts for the next year.
- I have visited Trinity’s fish fry and have both information about their process and contacts for further questions.
- The first narrative budget video was a success – look for more after Easter.
- Adam Tilly is on the case looking for an affordable softball league for us to participate in. He has a couple of leads but at present, Forest Lake league seems overly costly and restrictive and others have yet to be found.

Committee Reports

150th Anniversary

- April 22nd will be the next congregational event for the 150th Anniversary. Celebrating our future will be the focus of this special Sunday.
- The Team is in the process of putting together a book showing our church’s history.
- Plans are underway for the “Big Event” on October 7. Past pastors and members are invited to this event.

Adult Education

- See Pastor’s Report

All God’s Children Preschool

- Preschool expenses exceeded income by a large margin in February which contributed in a growth of their deficit.

Audit Team

- Team is wrapping up their review and should have the report to council by the beginning of April.

Building & Grounds

- We usually gather every Tuesday evening to address any items brought to our attention via the maintenance request list found on the ushers table.
- This week we replaced the entire faucet in the janitor’s room, our previous fix did not last and a total replacement solved the leaking problem.
- We acknowledged that the fire extinguishers have been inspected and are good for another year.
- We worked on the drinking fountain, thought we had it, still needs work. We fixed a water leak in the kitchen. The on-demand water heater was leaking.
- The painting is done in the back hall, thanks to Cindy Gruett.
- We replaced burned out lights. We inspect all exit lights, exit signs, smoke alarms on a quarterly basis. We have implemented a once a month bio-drain cleaner application, our intent is to keep the drains open and reduce the calls to open them back up. We replaced furnace filters as needed.

Children's & Youth Report

- **Sunday School** (*meets Sundays during 10:00 Worship, for Children P-4th Grade*)
 - February - We concluded our travels to the SPL Olympics and had closing ceremonies. We had another Children of Christ Sunday, although the weather did not cooperate, and there weren't many folks here- but still a fun day and so proud of kiddos who were brave enough to read, etc.
 - March - We continued through the Old Testament- finishing the Joseph story and moving onto Deborah, with a week off for cozy, lazy Sunday School for Spring Break.
- **SPLASH 1-4**
 - Tuesday February 13th- We had our Princess Party- We wore fancy dresses, and had a Tea Party and Dance Party and learn the expectations as a Princess to our (heavenly) Father.
- **SPLASH 3-5**
 - Tuesdays February 27 and March 6. We had a 10 Commandment Class. We dove into the meanings for US of each of the 10 Commandments, and really had some great discussion about "What ifs" of each rule for us. I was very impressed with the depth of our conversation and the understanding from these children!
- **Confirmation**
 - Both SPLASH 5/6 and Confirmation Kids have been meeting in Lenten Mentor Groups from Ash Wednesday through Easter. They are working on a Small Group project that they will present to the group in April on their part of Paul's story.
- **Mission Trip**
 - We had our last in-church Fundraiser of the year on March 4- our Chili Feed.
 - We had a BIG gathering for our March Dairy Queen night to thank them for their support.
- **Other stuff that Janet is doing/has done:**
 - Vacation Bible School- My imagination is hard at work on decorations and plans for VBS 2018 "Shipwrecked". It will be July 30-August 3 this summer. We will go to FMSC Tuesday and Neighbor's Night out Picnic is Thursday. Registration Forms are available, and Station Directors are being recruited!
 - First Communion Class- Pastor Grant and I held First Communion Classes on February 25th. We have 13 children that will have their First Communion will be during Maundy Thursday Services March 29th. We need to do a brief make up class for two of the children that were sick or had partial conflicts during our regular class this coming Sunday.
 - SPL Women's Book Club- Our February 19th Book Club gathering was postponed due to weather, we'll be rescheduling.
 - SPL Women's Day OUT- I organized a field trip of SPL Women to see the movie "I can only Imagine" last Sunday March 18th- Awesome movie!

Communications Team

- Has not met

Counters

- Council Treasurer is working with Kathie Marabella to come up with guidelines for counters.

Global Missions

- No Report

Loaves & Fishes

- Loaves and Fishes is sponsoring videos that further highlight our narrative budget. We showed the Worship video on March 11th. It was a lightly attended Sunday so we are going to show all four videos in April after Easter.
- The Blanket project is off to a good start. We have 18 blankets made so far with material donated to make 10 more. Our goal is to have 75 blankets to cover people with love during the Christmas season of our 150th year. Julie is making a poster to track our progress.
- Loaves and Fishes (Shirley) will take all the information gathered during the calls to members and put in a database to be shared with Team Ministry Leaders. Thanks to Council for helping out with the calls.

- We met with Thrivent (Brent and Emily) on Feb 15 after the last Council meeting. We learned more about Action Teams and Thrivent Choice Dollars. We worked with Brent to advertise these two benefits that St. Paul Lutheran is underutilizing.

Prayer Team

- The team continued our discussion based on the blog by Therese J. Borchard, "12 Ways to Pray During Lent." Rosie brought information to share about the Rosary which had come up in discussion last month. Assignments were made for Sunday Prayer Team coverage in April. We ended the meeting with intentional prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer.

SPPRT Team

- No report

Visitation Team

- We currently have a list of 10 people who are regularly being visited by team members. In addition to taking communion to those requesting this, we offered and Imposition of Ashes. We will give prayer shawls and send greeting cards when appropriate.

Worship & Music (WAM)

- No report

Old Business

- Council Spring Retreat, April 28. Reminder to have the book Power Surge: Six Marks of Discipleship for a Changing Church read.
- Summer Lawn Care Team. Chris Clark will be working on putting together a team of volunteers to do summer lawn maintenance.
- New coffee system has been ordered and will be delivered mid-April.

New Business

- Summer Worship: Ice Cream Social. Church Council members will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 29 after the outdoor worship service.
- Fundraising Guidelines: Tabled until the April Council Meeting
- Building & Grounds Guidelines & Contract: The guidelines for building use by outside groups are being reviewed.
- Softball Team: After discussion, it was decided a Co-Ed Softball Team was a good outreach group for our church to be involved in. The cost to each player will \$25, with the remainder of the costs coming from SPLC.
 - **Motion was made by Pastor Grant to use up to \$500 from designated funds to support the SPLC Softball Team. Seconded by Tyler Kroschel and unanimously approved.**

Next Meeting: April 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Devotions: Jon Quale

Motion was made by Julie Coozenoy seconded by Chris Clark and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Submitted by:

Julie Coozenoy

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St. Paul Lutheran Council Secretary

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