



October 16, 2018 Council Meeting

St. Paul Lutheran Church

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE			
X	Pastor Grant Applehans		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
X	Katie Fetterly, Treasurer	X	Arlie Post, Member at Large
X	Julie Coozenoy, Secretary	X	Jon Quale, Member at Large
X	Janet Nutter, Guest		

Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm by Tom Miller and Tyler Kroschel opened meeting with devotions.

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda, Finance & Committee Reports)

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

SEPTEMBER MINUTES

- On September 25, 2018, via email, a motion was made by Shirley Zierke to approve the September Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Chris Clark and unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2018	ACTUAL
General Fund Offering	\$15,228.18
Total Revenue	\$27,117.30
Total Expenses (before mortgage)	\$24,561.93
Net Income (after mortgage payment)	-\$2,751.39
Mortgage Balance	\$471,083.18
Edward Jones Balance	\$36,013.15
Matching Funds from Congregation	\$6,790.00

PASTOR'S REPORT

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

In worship, we have been focusing on the theme: "Adventures in Discipleship: real questions, real challenges, real joys and real faith." to positive reviews. In and among, we also celebrated the 150th anniversary of the congregation and our ongoing partnership with Mtera and Migoli through worship. The interview with Pr. Andrea at the Tanzania service was well received and many positive reports have been flowing in from the 150th. Especially appreciated were the visits from former pastors and interns as well as folks who have moved away. The meal after worship was amazing. This day was such a success because of the hard work and creativity expended by the 150th team. They went above and beyond and ought to be commended for their great work! I still hope to form a preaching series team to discuss what might engage the hearts and minds of congregants and visitors. We have been regularly receiving visitors during this time.

Education continues in full swing. Wednesday adult classes are following the confirmation curriculum and enjoying the journey. It is enjoyable for me too, as I can dig in a little deeper with them while still giving a wide survey. The Sunday Evening has finished up with Romans and will be moving on to other material. I am especially interested to try out my "Family Photo Album prototype with them...it should be a lot of fun. This year we are focusing on the Old Testament using the Re:Form Curriculum. I offered a Bible 101 class for Adults over 2 sessions September 16th and 23rd I had three folks sign-up and four folks show up for the first session. We answered some questions and dove into the history around and in the Bible, as well as what the Bible is, along with answering folks specific questions and highlighting reoccurring motifs in the Bible.

Congregational Care continued with pastoral visits to homes, my office and over the telephone. During this time all direct requests for pastoral care were embraced, encouraged, and acted upon. On the administration front, External communications met, considered budget, priorities, and future plans for actions. I continue to meet with Claudia Nelson in a summer/fall project to identify and address questions and inefficiencies in our recording and reporting of finances. Work also continues on the Wedding and Funeral booklets, we hope to have the wedding booklet finalized soon and the funeral booklet completed later this fall. The Narthex and Nursery teams purchased materials that will be utilized over the next couple of months.

Altar Guild met to share experiences and discuss transition from Cindy's leadership. Three people that we should be considering how to honor this year are Cindy for her long tenure as head of Altar Guild, Arnie Ranta for his time directing the choir and Patti Lichtscheidl for her time as director of All God's Children preschool. Having hired a director for the preschool, we have now hired Julie Hyrkas as her Aid/assistant teacher and are fully staffed.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Grant

COMMITTEE REPORTS

150th Anniversary

- The 150th Anniversary Celebration was held on October 7th. We had over 225 people in attendance, five past pastors, the Bishop and a lot of fellowship.
- Through outside donations, we were able to cover the cost of the catered lunch.
- We still have commemorative Christmas ornaments for sale.

Administration

- No report

All God's Children Preschool

- No report

Building & Grounds

- No Report

Children's & Youth Report

- Sunday School: *Sunday School is for Children 4- 4th Grade, and takes place during 10:00 Worship on Sunday Mornings.*
 - Our Sunday School year has begun! This Fall, We've been walking through the Operation Christmas Child Bible Study "The Greatest Journey" that they do with children who receive the OCC Boxes- 12 stories from the Bible that invite children to know Jesus, be His friend and to follow HIM! We've also been in Worship for a few Sundays, our 150th, where we sang our new song "Who you say I am", and last week's Tanzanian Sunday. We are looking forward to "cozy lazy Sunday School", this MEA Sunday when we bring sleeping bags and watch some great movies together, and Children of Christ Sunday coming up Nov 11th.
- SPLASH 5/6: *SPLASH 5/6 is kind of a "Pre-Confirmation" period for our 5th and 6th Graders, and meet most Wednesdays.*
 - We started our SPLASH 5/6 year in September. We've been discussing prayer- how to talk to God, how to pray for others, and the Lord's Prayer. We talked about who our Mentors are, and talked about how to thank them. They are right now in the middle of a two week "homework" assignment- Random Acts of Kindness BINGO- they got a RAK BINGO board, and they are choosing what acts to do, and sending me photos of them doing those acts. Their parents must be very proud, they are doing amazing things!
- Confirmation: *Our Confirmation Program is for 7th, 8th and 9th Graders in our Church.*
 - Our Confirmation year has started!! The new Roster is organized, fees have been collected. And the Confirmation Volunteer Schedule for Fall and Winter had been made. Confirmation had their Fall Retreat last week, and my role in that is to organize drivers and Guides, get guide packets together with schedule, direction, maps, etc, and to be in communication with them throughout the retreat.

- **Mission Trip:**
 - We had Mission Trip Sunday on September 23rd, where our 2018 Mission Trip group will be shared their trip with us.
 - Our 2019 Mission Trip will be a return to Benton Harbor MI, (We went there in 2014) work dates July 7-12, so Trip Dates are approximately July 6-14. We have 14 Students and 4 Guides going on the trip this summer. Our deposit has been paid to Youthworks. I am busy planning and scheduling for our first two Fundraisers:
 - -Friday October 26- Sunday October 28 Mission Trip Craft Retreat
 - -Saturday November 17 Turkey BINGO
- **Other Stuff that Janet Does:**
 - 150th Anniversary - I'm added a few fun things to what the 150th Anniversary Committee has planned to add to the fun, especially for the kids. I made the Children's Bulletin, took the large group photos, made the table toppers and the Sunday School kids made bookmarks as a gift to the Congregation, and they sang a new song.
 - Feed my Starving Children - I organized a SPL Trip to Feed my Starving Children last Wednesday. Approximately 70 SPL Members and family and friends packed food together. FMSC is always such a great night of serving together.
 - Safeguarding God's Children - I am preparing for this year's round of Safeguarding God's Children. It is our hope to get 100% of parents- so all teachers, guides, helpers, etc who work with Children at St Paul Lutheran to these classes once a year. We come pretty close. If you haven't signed up yet, please do, and THANK YOU to the Council for their Support. Having the Council's Support makes it easier to hold these classes and continue to strive for full participation. Also, Thank you to Cheryl Glassel, who has the perfect background to be able to hold these classes with me and to answer questions that people have.
 - Council Photos - No one mentioned the Council Photo last time, so no one must read to the end of my reports, ha. I have been requested to take individual photos of council members, so will be doing that tonight as you come in. THANKS.

Communications

- See Pastor's Report

Counters

- No Report

Global Missions

- From September 27 Meeting: Tanzanian Sunday Service is October 14th with one service at 9:00. Tanzanian treats, provided by the Global Missions Team, will be served following the service. Joining us for this service will be Pastor Andrea Mwalilino and the Tanzanian Choir from MN Swahili Christian Congregation in Minneapolis along with Jenn Cockburn and Bill England who will share about their experience in Tanzania. Decorating and set up for this service will take place Friday, October 12th at 4:45pm. Global Mission Team members will serve as greeters, ushers, reader, worship assistant and alter guild for this service. Creation Vacation Fundraiser held September 21st and 22nd at St. Paul Lutheran was well attended. 28 people Friday night and 36 people Saturday. Total deposit is \$1672.41. This amount is before the tithe back to church.

Loaves & Fishes

- Our meeting covered just two topics: 1. The Amazing (G)Race and 2. Pledge Drive.
- For the Amazing (G)Race, we have 11 teams with a little over 100 people participating. We are planning to give out a fun prize mid-way for the team in the lead and then a bigger prize at the conclusion for the winning team. Reminders were sent out to all the leads to get their team reports in to Shirley within 2 weeks of their service.
- Fall Pledge Drive: We will include a pledge card with the 3rd quarter statement as well as a letter introducing the budgeting process used by Council and Finance this fall. In an effort to save money, we will hand out as many statements on Sunday, October 21st and then mail the rest on Monday. We would like to do short (3 - 5 minute) testimonials this fall during worship that help us understand what our church means to its members. We identified three people that we will ask for this.

Martha's Servers

- No Report

Outreach

- No Report

Prayer

- Pr. Grant opened the meeting with prayer. Prayer Team assignments were made for November services. Discussed getting the prayer quilt back into the Prayer Corner in the Sanctuary. Read from Holy Ground: An Alphabet of Prayer by Julie K. Aageson; the topic was Beauty. Ended the meeting with intentional prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

SPPRT

- No Report

Visitation

- From September 19 meeting: We currently have 5 people who regularly receive visits and 8 visitors. We reviewed the list. Cards are sent and prayer shawls given when appropriate. We discussed the council request to submit a budget request for next year and the use of the \$250 the team was given by the Outreach Team this year. We agreed to request \$250 for Team needs in 2019. This would be used for an additional communion kit, greeting cards and postage. and for small gifts for the folks we visit at Christmas time.

Worship & Music (WAM)

- No Report

OLD BUSINESS

- Scrip Fundraising: Looking for volunteers to assist with selling Scrip cards on Sunday mornings.
- Insurance Claim for Roof: We received the first payment for the claim on the roof. Repairs will be made yet this fall.
- Matching Gifts program: We will transfer the funds received to the general fund
- Veteran's Day: We will be honoring Veteran's in May in conjunction with Memorial Day.
- Parking Lot
 - **A motion was made by Tyler Kroschel to accept the bid for filling the cracks in the parking lot. Motion seconded by Shirley Zierke and unanimously approved.**

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 20th (executive session BEFORE)

Devotions: Arlie Post

- **A motion was made by Tom Miller to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jon Quale and unanimously approved.**

Submitted by:

Julie Cozennoy

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St. Paul Lutheran Council Secretary

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