



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting
Meeting held in person or virtually
Tuesday, November 17, 2020 – 6:30 pm

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

X	Sarah Friesen-Carper, Pastor	X	Dale Brainard, Member at Large
X	Tyler Kroschel, President		Chris Clark, Member at Large
X	Andy Stoyke, Vice President	X	Jaime Fraley, Member at Large
X	Julie Coozenoy, Secretary	X	Arlie Post, Member at Large
X	Chris Timmons, Treasurer	X	Karen Rozeske, Member at Large

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by Tyler Kroschel and opened with God Sightings and devotions by Karen Rozeske.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A motion was made by Karen Rozeske to approve the consent agenda, Pastor’s, Committee’s & Financial Report. Seconded by Arlie Post. Unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of October 31, 2020	ACTUAL
General Fund Offering	\$ 11,780.00
Total Revenue	\$ 13,625.56
Total Expenses (before mortgage)	\$ 13,336.81
Net Income (after mortgage payment)	\$ 288.75
Mortgage Balance	\$ 366,814.88
Edward Jones Balance	\$ 39,992.58

BRIDGE PASTOR’S REPORT

Based on the two weeks Pastor Christoph has been at St. Paul Lutheran, he is happy with the way things are going.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Call Committee

- The Call Committee has conducted a “mock interview,” and was pleased with the results and the learning process. This week, they will receive names from the Synod to begin the formal interview process.

Children’s Ministries

- The Sunday school kids continue to meet every other week outside for lessons. It’s getting a little brisk!
- The SPLASH kids are meeting weekly on Wednesday evenings for class. They have been learning about various people involved with the Christmas story. Sundays after church they have been working on writing the Christmas program skit. The Sunday school and SPLASH kids will be doing some virtual Christmas songs and the program will be on video.
- Confirmation has been meeting on Wednesdays. They’ve been studying characters from the Old Testament. During Advent they will each be focusing on a different character and doing a self-study of that character. Then they’ll create a short video on what they learned to share with others.
- During my search for Christmas program skits, I came across one for a drive thru Nativity skit. Basically, folks would drive through the parking lot and stop at various “stations” where we would have actors telling a piece of the story. This could potentially be open to the public as a way to share the message this Christmas. Arlie Post and I will be coordinating this. We have a request out for set builders, folks to sew costumes for older actors, and supplies for the set and costumes. At this time, we have someone willing to make some costumes and someone who may have some building supplies to donate. We would like the council to decide what day and time to have this. Then we’ll move forward with finding volunteer actors. We’ll encourage the Confirmation kids and their families to get involved with this as a way to earn service hours, but we’ll likely need others as well.

- The National Youth Gathering that was originally going to be held this past summer in Minneapolis has again been postponed to the summer of 2022. We had a few kids interested in doing a mission trip next summer, but we have held off on registering until we know whether it will be safe to attend.

WAM – Worship, Arts & Music

- Indoor vs. Outdoor Services?
 - Received update on possibility of purchasing air cleaner/filtration unit for the sanctuary. The cost is about \$6k and other rules and procedures would still need to be followed.
 - Cold weather is affecting equipment.
 - This team recommends virtual services beginning November 29.
- Advent Services - Wednesday Evenings - December 2, 9, 16
 - Services will be available on-line – generally pre-recorded.
 - Confirmation students will provide brief videos about Old Testament characters that will included.
 - Kim will pursue adding music as possible.
 - Pr. Christoph will add prayers and/or other content.
- Advent Services - Sunday Mornings - November 29, December 6, 13, 20
 - The Holden Evening Prayer service will be used.
 - Current thinking is that services will be offered virtually – recorded live and pre-recorded.
 - Services will include lighting of Advent candles – possibly have families provide video from their homes.
 - Kim will play and lead music. Additional music may be added as possible.
 - Communion will be included.
- Miscellaneous
 - Paraments will be changed to blue. At this point, no indoor decorating is planned.
 - Drive-thru Christmas? Joanna discovered this opportunity on-line and will pursue this possible one-day event.
- Ended the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

- **PPP Loan:** Paperwork is being submitted for loan forgiveness
- **Chisago County Grant:** St. Paul Lutheran received a \$10,000 grant from the County of Chisago 2020 CARES Act Non-Profit Relief Grant Program to be used for mortgage payments made in April, May, and June of this year.
 - **Julie Cozennoy made a motion to use the grant monies to help offset the anticipated budget deficit for 2021. Seconded by Jaime Fraley. Unanimously approved.**
- **Worship Services for November/December:** The council agreed with WAM's recommendation to move worship services to all online, effective Sunday, November 29th. There will be Wednesday evening worship advent services – available online.
 - WAM recommended no decorations this season, the council would like to see very limited decorations, so the Council will coordinate putting up one tree in the sanctuary (socially distanced – days separating who is decorating or only one family putting up the tree).
- **2021 Pledges:** Within the next two weeks, pledge cards will be sent to the congregation

NEW BUSINESS

- **2021 Council Elections:** Three council positions will expire the end of January 2021 on the church council – Council Secretary and two members at large. Arie Post and Julie Cozennoy will work on recruiting members of the congregation to run on the ballot. Also, discussion was held around having a youth council representative.
- **2021 Budget:** There will be very little change in the 2021 budget due to the already stripped down budget we are running. The only difference will be the pastoral salary costs. 2021 budget will be brought to the December council meeting.
- **Boy Scout Building Use Request:** The Boy Scouts requested to start using the building again, following the state guidelines. The council agreed to this, with the understanding they would need to clean and strictly follow the guidelines. (this was decided before the lock-down announcement from the Governor on November 18)

- A motion was made by Julie Cozennoy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tyler Kroschel. Unanimously approved.

Date & Time: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Devotions: Tyler Kroschel

Julie Cozennoy

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St. Paul Lutheran Council Secretary

Summary of motions made at November Church Council Meeting

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Summary of motions made via Email between the October and November Council Meeting

- On October 20, 2020 Chris Clark made a motion to approve the October Church Council Minutes via email. Seconded by Tyer Kroschel. Unanimously approved.