



St. Paul Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 31st, 2021 – 6:30 pm

- **Devotions & God Sightings** led by Tyler Kroschel. Discussion of John 6 (Feeding of 5000 and how God’s grace was present in the midst of their hunger. True for our congregation as well.)
- **Meeting called to order** by Tyler Kroschel
- **Members present:** Pastor Dale Stiles, Chris Clark, Andy Stoyke, Zella Oswald, Tyler Kroschel, Karen Rozeske, Jaime Fraley, Chris Timmons and Dale Brainard (Zoom). Jaime Fraley will record minutes.
- **Consent Agenda**
 - June Minutes approved
 - Approve Agenda - Andy Stoyke moved, Karen Rozeske seconded, all approved.
 - Finance & Budget Reports

As of August 30th, 2021	ACTUAL
General Fund Offering	\$124,742.00
Total Revenue	\$127,342.54
Total Expenses (before mortgage)	\$106,719.62
Net Income (after mortgage payment)	\$15,673.08
Mortgage Balance	\$328,705.66
Edward Jones Balance	\$43,628.67

- **Pastor’s Report**
 - Alternating in/outdoor worship services has gone well this Summer.
 - Adult Bible Study ended in July, will resume on 9/15, well attended.
 - Met with Abby Head, Bill Bouthilet, and Tom Thompson from Troop 9142 and registered as SPLC's new Charter Representative.

- Was selected as North Conference Clergy Representative on St. Paul Area Synod Iringa Committee (3-yr term)
 - July 28 marked my 25th anniversary of ordination (1996). Will be honored by SPAS at celebration luncheon on 9/13
 - August 7 - Sandy Danielson Funeral (not at SPLC)
 - VBS was great fun and well organized. Thankful to for Joanna K. and all of hers and her volunteer's hard work
 - Thankful for time away and for the pastors who led worship and provided emergency pastoral care for me when I was on vacation.
 - Met with TJ Malaskee from Northwood Farmers Club in Wyoming about possible leasing of church space. Space was insufficient.
 - "What's Your Story?" Fall Stewardship Appeal (10/31 - 11/21) Stay tuned for more information.
 - Ongoing:
 - conversations with Covid Response Team
 - worship and sermon prep/planning
 - visitation (mostly over phone lately)
 - pastoral care for church/community members
- Committee Reports
 - Children's Ministry
 - Sunday school will begin on Rally Sunday, Sept. 12 with a registration/recruitment day where they will take the kids' pictures for their agent badges (name tags). They are using the International Bible Investigators curriculum. Each week they will be going on a mission to find the missing Biblical heroes. Class will begin after the Sunday worship service.
 - The SPLASH kids will be creating short videos using puppets to assist in the Sunday school curriculum. Paulette Miller is assisting in creating a villain costume and a director costume for the puppets. In addition to making the videos, the SPLASH kids will be using the re: form curriculum and doing some lessons on who Jesus was along with some other tough questions kids have. We are hopefully going to be able to do in person classes the entire year, but this curriculum worked well when we had to meet virtually last year. We will meet Wednesdays after Confirmation. We will begin September 15th.

- Confirmation will begin on September 15 with registration and orientation. Classes will be held Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. This year the students will be studying themes of the New Testament.
- We will be sending out an email soon to find out who is interested in going on a mission trip and/or attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering July 24-28, 2022. It will be held in Minneapolis and is open to youth who are in 8th-12th grade this fall.
- The Rocky Railway VBS was successfully held July 26-30. Pastor Dale and Carrie led the opening and closing sessions. Joanna coordinated and took pictures. Connor Fraley and Sam Kroschel took care of the sound booth/projection needs. Jaime Fraley and Fran Nordhausen ran the Imagination Station, Kathy Mills and Sam Kroschel were in charge of the Kid Vid Cinema, Zella Oswald, Paulette Miller, and Sheila Byl were in charge of the Bible Adventures Station, Katie Fetterly and Lauren Kroschel were in charge of the snacks station, and Arlie Post and granddaughter Ella ran the game station. Karen Carlson assisted with registration and greeting each day. We had 65 total participants. 29 Preschool through 4th grade students attended. The remaining participants were junior or “senior” leaders. We had very few high school aged volunteers, but the junior leaders stepped up and did a great job leading their groups. The majority of the kids attending were not members of our congregation. Masks were worn inside, but not required outside. To my knowledge, we did not have any cases as a result of our week together. The kids raised over \$300 for Operation Smile Train. We have yet to set a date for next year’s VBS. Typically it would be the last week in July, however this overlaps with the National Youth Gathering dates. There are a few families in our congregation that haven’t been able to attend due to conflicting annual events, so a change in dates may allow them to attend as well.
- Visitation Ministry
 - The Visitation Team visited and gave communion to Josie Peterson, Pat Crawford, and Barb Hastings. Fran also talked to Judy Rudnick about Arnie.
- Keenagers
 - The group met at Village Inn on August 11 for lunch. It was a nice social time together.

- Old Business
 - COVID 19 team update - Team recently decided to extend alternating in/outdoor worship through the month of September. Will reevaluate at the end of September before making a decision about October worship. The Church council affirms, supports, and appreciates the decisions made by the Covid Response Team.
 - Church Goals Review- currently working on the goal of reopening the church preschool. The option for reopening we're considering for the preschool would also help meet goals of 1.) "renewing, creating, and engaging in local shared ministry opportunities and experiences, and 2.) to provide congregational (intergenerational) community building opportunities. We will continue to review and evaluate our goals monthly.
 - Copier lease - the decision was recommended and approved to stay with the current Loffler Company and to renew our contract with them. A new machine will be delivered and installed in a few weeks. Thank you to Chris Timmons, Claudia Nelson, and Melissa Nelson for their work, time, and research on this project.
- New Business
 - Reopening of church preschool - Janet Miller, Executive Director of Lakes Area Discovery Center (LADC) met with us via Zoom. Pastor Dale and her have had initial conversations about a possible partnership. Janet explained what a partnership would look like and answered all of our questions. Discussion followed. It was decided to pursue this opportunity with LADC. LADC's Board of Directors will meet November 11 and will also need to approve a partnership. We pray this works out as it would be a wonderful opportunity for our congregation, for LADC, and for our community. To find out more about LADC, visit their website at www.ladcfamilies.org
 - A Blood Drive has been scheduled with the American Red Cross at our church on January 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - Stagecoach Days- decision was made to abstain from participating this year and will readdress for next year.
- Next Meeting - Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 p.m. Devotions led by Jaime Fraley
- Adjourn & Pray - Karen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Pastor Dale closed the meeting with a prayer.