# St. Paul Lutheran Church

## Church Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, August 18, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

**Social Time** - 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Devotions** - Steve G.

**Call to Order & Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:07. **Present:** Pastor Dale, Pastor Carrie, Chris T., Carole E., Christina F., Thomas S., Steve G., Jamie H., Bruce S. **Absent:** Kimberly B.

**Consent Agenda** - Motion by Christina to consent to agenda. Carole seconded.

**Affirmations:** To all those helping with outdoor worship. Including: Tom Miller for mowing, Myron for hosta garden upkeep, Dave Haselbauer burned weeds in parking lot, Marc Marabella replaced toilet seat, 2 days of summer stretch doing cleanup and memory care visit, Carole England for organizing 55W Harmony in the Park outings. Chris Timmons for taking on Treasurer role. Jamie Hyrkas for making baptism boxes, Karen Rozeske and Humble Bees for baptism napkins and blankets, and Melissa Nelson taking on book keeping duties.

**Treasurer's Report:** July was a good month overall, and we continue to be encouraged by the continuing financial health of St. Paul Lutheran. Total revenue for **July was $18,368.75**, with **total expenditures of $21,099**. **Year to date, we have received $177,485 in revenue** and have had **$165,875 in expenditures**, giving us a **year-to-date net revenue of $11,610**. As always, more detailed financial reports are available in the church office. As a reminder, since paying off our mortgage, we remain committed to the four mortgage payoff priorities presented and approved at our Annual Congregational Meeting in January: 1) Staff Pay Increases, 2) Rebuilding Our Savings, 3) Investment in Facilities and eventually Facility Staff, and 4) Expanding Outreach Beyond Our Walls, both locally and globally. It is exciting to see our former mortgage dollars now becoming mission dollars. We are grateful for the generosity and faithful financial stewardship that have made this possible, and we look forward to how these resources can continue to strengthen the ministry and mission of St. Paul Lutheran.

**Pastor's Reports:**

### *Pastor Dale's Report – Monthly Highlights, July/August 2026*

***Affirmations:***

- ***Dave Haselbauer*** *for burning off the weeds in our parking lot.*
- ***All those*** *who regularly tend to our gardens and landscaping.*
- ***Marc Marabella*** *for replacing a broken toilet seat in the men's bathroom.*
- ***Tom Miller*** *for continuing to make sure our lawn is nicely mown, especially for outdoor worship Sundays.*

***Recent Highlights:***

- ***Summer Stretch*** *- two fun-filled days (July 29-30) with our youth and adult leaders.*
- ***Luca Scott Anderson-Clifford and Wesley Glenn Glifford baptisms*** *- August 16*

***Looking Ahead***

- ***Eliza Garding baptism*** *- August 23*
- ***Synod Mission Support Dinner*** *- August 24 - SPLC will be recognized for completion of Redevelopment.*
- ***Last Outdoor Worship and Blessing of the Animals*** *- August 30*
- ***Rally Sunday and Family Fun 5K*** *- September 13*
- ***Steven Greseth baptism*** *- September 20*
- ***Nora Jo Stiles baptism*** *- September 27*

***Ongoing Ministry:***

- ***Weekly & Monthly Groups/Teams:***
  - *Monthly H.E.A.L. (**H**ope and **E**ncouragement **A**fter **L**oss) Grief Group - five regular attendees*
  - *Vocal Choir (on hold for the summer)*
  - *Grounds & Grace Men's Group (on hold for the summer)*
  - *Church Safety Response Team (on hold for the summer)*
- ***Church Maintenance*** *– Coordinating needed repairs and facility upkeep, especially related to LADC*
- ***LADC Chapel*** *- off for the summer*
- ***Social Media*** *- Regular updates and announcements*
- ***Worship Leadership*** *- Weekly worship planning and music coordination*
- ***Sermon Preparation*** *- weekly (when preaching) consideration of preaching texts, commentaries, and current events.*
- ***Pastoral Care*** *- Home, hospital, and crisis visits; counseling and support*

## *Pastor Carrie's Monthly Report - August 18, 2026*

### *Appreciation*

- *Adults and youth that participated in Summer Stretch. Beautiful memories were made and the impact on our congregation and community was awesome!*
- *Carole England and all those who attended Harmony in the Park. Great music and great company!*

### *Highlights*

- *Summer Stretch-youth service and fun on July 29 and 30*
  *Weeding with Katie Edwards and playing games with memory care at the Meadows*
- *Youth at camp- Meredith Ruaner and Alexis Fashner this week and Dominic Maeckelbergh in August.*
- *Outdoor worship services*
- *Harmony in the Park with West of 55*

### *Ongoing/Upcoming*

- *Preaching and Pastoral Care*
- *Spiritual Direction group meetings*
- *The Synod Prayer Team*
- *Synod Fall Retreat Planning*
- *Cleaning organization*

- *Reimaging The Table and Faith formation for children and youth-confirmation, Wild Faith, Wild Explorers, Splash*
- *Young adult group-imagining what this might look like*
- *Joyful Noise-new children's choir starting in September*
- *Preaching at Wapo Boat-in Worship on Sunday, August 23*
- *Leading Woman's Bible Study Overview on September 19*
- *Baptisms of Steven Greseth and Nora Stiles in September*
- *Family, Fun and Faith 5K on Sunday, September 20*
- *Installation of Justin Grimm as St. Paul Area Synod on September 20*

**New Business**

- **Member-at-Large Vacancy and Appointment -** With Steve Greseth transitioning from his Member-at-Large position to serve as Council Secretary for the remainder of Chris Timmons' elected Secretary term, the Member-at-Large position is now vacant. Steve's current Member-at-Large term is scheduled to end in January 2027. Member **Matt Rauner** has agreed to serve as Member-at-Large for the remainder of Steve Greseth's term. The Council is asked to consider and vote on the appointment of Matt Rauner to fill the vacancy, with his term ending in **January 2027**.

  **Proposed Motion:** that Matt Rauner be appointed to serve as a Member-at-Large on the Congregation Council for the remainder of Steve Greseth's term, with the term ending in January 2027.

  Christina proposed. Jamie seconded. The remaining council members approved unanimously. Matt will be notified of his appointment and will begin serving in the Member-at-Large position at the September Council meeting.

- **Bookkeeping and Banking Update -** As a follow-up to last month's Council action regarding the transition of Chris Timmons from volunteer bookkeeper to Council Treasurer, Pastor Dale reports that Office Administrator **Melissa Nelson has agreed to assume the congregation's bookkeeping responsibilities**. Chris and Melissa have met to complete training and transition the bookkeeping duties and responsibilities. In addition, as discussed and approved at last month's meeting, **Council President Christina Fashner and Vice President Carole England have both completed the necessary steps with the bank to become authorized check signers** for the congregation. Only **one authorized signature is required on checks** written by Melissa. The Docusign email is routing for appropriate signatures/approvals but **No further Council action is required**.

**Action Items -** Review the following three action items from our renewed Strategic Ministry and Mission Goals:

1. **Expanding Fellowship and Congregational Life:** Christina F. has publicized the opportunity for occasional **hobby and skill-sharing workshops** designed to strengthen relationships and encourage members to share their gifts and interests with one another. To date, two members have volunteered to lead workshops: **Chris Timmons on jam making** and **Myron Carpenter on automobile maintenance. Jamie Hyrkas has offered to a baptism box making session.** Additional participants and workshop leaders will be encouraged. **Christina is waiting for a few more leaders/topics to come forward and then promoting to the congregation.**

2. **Hospitality and Congregational Care:** Hospitality and Congregational Care: Christina F. has been in contact with Travis, the Wyoming Stagecoach Days Coordinator, regarding the congregation's booth at Wyoming Stagecoach Days on September 19. Additional information and specific booth details are expected this week. Once received, the information will be shared with Discovery Center staff and other interested church members to help coordinate participation. Christina has also been collecting donated items that can be used as prize giveaways at the booth. To date, Christina has received offers to staff the booth from Pastor Dale and Jamie. She needs more volunteers!

3. **Stewardship and Long-Term Sustainability:** Carole E. is coordinating the congregation's **Time & Talent Fair following worship on September 20**, providing an opportunity for members to learn about and share their gifts in support of the church's ministries. Carole has contacted all committee, team, and group leaders with information about the event. Tables will be set up in the Narthex for each active church group, and group leaders are being encouraged to attend to answer questions and promote their ministries. Leaders who are unable to attend are asked to arrange for a representative to be present. Groups are also welcome to provide an optional display for their table. Brandy T. is creating a bulletin board highlighting the congregation's active groups and their leaders and will provide table tents for each group's space. The organizing team includes **Arlie Post, Brandy Timmons, and Carole England.**

**Ongoing Business**

- **Line of Credit UPDATE**. **Chris T. will provide an update on repayment.** Chris T. will provide an update on repayment. The Executive Committee was unable to find a time to meet in August. **A meeting will be scheduled by Pastor Dale prior to the September 15 Council meeting** to develop a timetable for full repayment of the Line of Credit.
- **To date, approximately $4700 of principal has been paid and $1085 of interest paid.**

**Ministry Team Reports** - The following individual reports will not be reviewed. Council members are encouraged to review the Pastor's reports and/or reach out to the respective liaisons for any questions or additional information regarding what's happening within them.

- **Creation Care Team** (Pr. Carrie)
- **Worship & Music** (Pr. Dale/Pr. Carrie)
- **Building & Grounds/Grounds & Grace** (Steve/Jamie). Next meeting is September 26.
- **West of 55 Senior Group** (Carole E.). Events are planned through November.
- **Safety Response Team** (Pr. Dale/Bruce)
- **Humble Bees** (Pr. Dale/Pr. Carrie)
- **Children, Youth, and Family** (Pr. Carrie/Christina F./Thomas S.)
- **Altar Guild** (Chris T.)
- **Congregational Care** (Kimberly)
- **Hospitality** (Christina)

**Next Meeting**

- **Tuesday, September 15**
- Devotions: Jamie.  Bruce will do devotions for October 9th meeting

**Christina moved to adjourn meeting.  Carole seconded**

**Adjournment & Lord's Prayer**