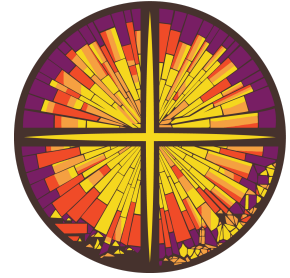


St. Paul Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 8, 2024



Gathered at 5:30 p.m. for Social Time

Devotions: Led by Carole England. The reading was from Hebrews. A story was read about the Dead Sea and the fact that the Jordan River flows into the Dead Sea but there is no outlet for the water to flow out. Because of this, nothing lives and the sea dies; Dead Sea. We are given gifts of talent, education, financial abundance which we may want to keep for ourselves in turn we would be like the Dead Sea. So we should share what we have and our lives will be more abundant. We prayed that God’s love flows through us to others.

Called to Order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Andy Buccanerro, Chris Timmons, Carole England, Christina Fashner, Karen Rozeske, Kimberly Bahls, Linda Welch, Pr. Carrie and Pr. Dale. **Absent:** Deb Cowing, Kristina Stoyke

Consent Agenda:

- New business added - Discussion of the storage shed the Scouts would like to put up on the church property.
- Motion made to accept Consent Agenda by Kimberly Bahls, seconded by Chris Timmons. Motion carried.

Affirmations:

- Chris Timmons for setting up the computer in the Library in order to live stream the worship service from facebook on Sunday mornings for individuals or families who need to step out of the sanctuary.
- Dave Haselbauer and Marc Marabella for getting the new dishwasher installed and ready to use.
- Jamie Hykras for repairing broken pews.
- All the cleaners who are volunteers. The building is looking great. Thank you!

Treasurer’s Report: Update Monthly Numbers

Through 09/30/2024	ACTUAL
General Fund Offering	\$151,544
Total Revenue	\$202,940
Total Expenses (before mortgage)	\$183,372
Total Expenses (after mortgage payment)	\$231,324
Net Revenue (after Mortgage payment)	\$ -28,383
Mortgage Balance	\$155,198
Edward Jones Balance	\$ 46,866

Pastor Dale's Monthly Report:

Highlights Include:

- September 18 - 55W Lunch & Laugh Birthday party! Thanks, Carole!
- September 22 - Church Sign Congregational Mtg - good meeting and attendance. Well done, Council!
- September 29 - ENGAGE Sunday (The Creeds) - Good energy, good learning, great attendance!
- September 29 - Five-week Book Study Kick-off! Great discussion and engagement
- October 1 - Executive Comm. preliminary 2025 (and beyond) budget planning

Upcoming:

- October 13 - New Member Reception (fourteen new members will be received!)
- October 15 - 22 - Vacation
- October 20 - Welcome Guest Pastor, Marla Amborn
- October 27 - Reformation/ENGAGE/Bible Sunday - This will be a great day of celebration and learning!
- November 10 - Stewardship Sunday
- November 17 - Pledge/Commitment Sunday

Ongoing:

- Generating interest in and donations for our new church sign (letters/phone calls/visits) - Only \$1,000 remains!
- Visiting with potential new members (fourteen joining on 10/13)
- Coordinating church maintenance repairs/needs when/as needed (especially as relates to Discovery Center)
- Social Media updates and announcements
- Weekly worship and music planning
- Pastoral care and counseling (includes visiting homebound/hospitalized)
- Synodical Committees (Iringa and BKB Post Secondary Scholarship)
- North Conference Rostered Leaders Gathering (monthly) SPLC hosted on 10/8

Pastor Carrie's Monthly Report:

Appreciation

- For the cleaners and for keeping the church clean

Highlights

- Book study "I think you are wrong (but I am listening)" by Sarah Stewart Holland and Beth Silvers
- Attended Mission (re)Developers Meeting
- Beginning of The Table
- Reaching out to new members

Ongoing

- Preaching and Pastoral Care
- The Table and learning for all ages
- HEAL group was on hold and will start up again on 2nd and 4th Thursdays
- Spiritual Direction group meeting once a month
- Organizing meals for The Table
- Organizing cleaning for preschool bathrooms and church cleaning

Upcoming and Planning For:

- Visitor and New Member Outreach
- Promoting Screenagers on Sunday, October 13
- Bishops Theological Convention Oct. 13-15
- Wild Faith for Littles on Saturday, October 26
- Begin planning for Mission Trip-summer 2025
- Bibles Milestone- for 3rd Grade and Preschool

New Business:

- **Church Council Position Openings** - Deb C. (president), Kristina S. (member-at-large), and Linda W. (member-at-large) terms all end in January. None of them will be continuing on for a second term. Three members have been approached and asked to pray about serving in this way.
- **Exec. Committee update** - met on Tuesday, October 1 for preliminary 2025 budget planning and began brainstorming potential mortgage payoff options. Andy B. gave a report on this conversation.
- **Scout Shed** has not been approved as of now. This is tabled for a month. More information is needed with questions answered. The cost is all on the Scout Troop including the insurance for the added building. A new action item follow up will include the building and grounds committee (Dave H. and Marc M.) and the Scout leaders to a meeting to discuss and receive all the information to proceed forward. A congregational vote will then be needed.

Action Item Follow-Up:

- **Hospitality** - One hundred church business cards were printed at Rapid Press and are available in the narthex for members to take and hand out.
- **Youth Room and Kid's Table Room update** - Nova K. and Kristina S. have thoughts on the decorating of the Youth Room and Christina F. and Pam H. continue to brainstorm ways to decorate the Kid's Table room. These rooms will be works in progress for a while. Supplies come in all the time. Action Item to be removed, as completed.
- **Speakers to be put in the narthex update** - Last month Chris T. shared his concern of a potential echo in the narthex due to install of external speakers. Instead a computer was put in the library so the worship service can be live streamed on facebook for those who need to step out of the sanctuary during worship. Action Item to be removed as completed.
- **Reimagining the current Cry Room** in the sanctuary into a Prayer Room (Prayer Team use, weekly individual meditative prayer space and pastoral prayer/counseling space, etc) Kimberly Bahls and Carole England will be looking into this action. Ideas were discussed on the interior design with a couple chairs, a table, a table where candles can be lit for prayer concerns. This action item is continuing.

Ongoing Business:

- **Review additional SPLC Strategic Ministry and Mission Goals.** Three action items have been checked off the list. Next we plan to concentrate on creating a new Congregational Care Team and redefining the Global Mission Team.
- **New Church Sign update:** City permits are being obtained. \$8,300 received to date. \$3,700 remains. The Hallberg Foundation will give us \$2,500! That leaves \$1,000 left to be raised.
- **Bridge the Gap update** - current funds raised are \$25,618/\$30,000 (\$4,382 remains)
- **LADC Discovery Center (Preschool) update** - an 80% enrollment has been met which means an additional \$2,500 for the church.

Ministry Team Reports:

- **Creation Care Team** (Kristina S.) - No report
- **Worship & Music** (Pr. Dale/Pr. Carrie) - On Sunday October 6 there was a guest bass player in the praise band.
- **Building & Grounds** (Pr. Dale) - The installation of the new dishwasher is complete.
- **Senior Group** (Carole E.) - 17 are planning to visit the Sunrise River Apple Orchard for a hayride which includes picking a couple apples, lunch and visiting the farm store and the grounds. The group will return to church for apple pie and ice cream with a mini bible study.
- **Humble Bees** (Karen R.) - Two quilts from Maureen Sausen will be raffled
- **Children, Youth, and Family** (Pr. Carrie/Kristina/Christina) - No Report
- **Finance Team** (Chris/Andy) - No Report

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, November 19, 6:00 p.m.
- Devotions: Linda Welch

Adjournment 7:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Christina F. and seconded by Kimberly B. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Carole England, Council Secretary