



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 9, 2024

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

Devotions: Led by Linda Welch including a prayer for those who suffer from cancer.

Called to Order at 6:10 by Deb Cowing

Present: Deb Cowing, Carole England, Chris Timmons, Christina Fashner, Kimberly Bahls, Karen Rozeske, Linda Welch

Absent: Andy Buccanerro, Kristina Stoyke

Consent Agenda:

- Motion to accept Consent Agenda: Motion made by Linda Welch, Seconded by Deb Cowing, Motion carried.

Affirmations:

- Adam and Jessica Tilly for their strength and love.
- The youth who were volunteers for VBS.
- All of the 29 volunteers involved with VBS.
- Jamie Hyrkas for the wonderful Baptismal Boxes.
- Marc Marabella & Dave Haselbauer for the installation of motion light sensors in all the bathrooms.
- Linda Welch and Emily Stegner for jumping in to clean when needed.
- Deb Cowing for hosting the council retreat.
- For the two families who provided scholarships for the 5 youth attending camp this summer.

Treasurer’s Report: Current monthly numbers are looking good. No concerns at this time. Good news!

Through 03/31/2024	ACTUAL
General Fund Offering	\$ 112,734
Total Revenue	\$ 147,369
Total Expenses (before mortgage)	\$ 123,548
Total Expenses (after mortgage payment)	\$ 155,516
Net Revenue (after Mortgage payment)	-\$ 8,147
Mortgage Balance	\$ 169,637
Edward Jones Balance	\$ 46,866

Pastor Dale's Monthly Report - July 9, 2024

Highlights Include:

- June 12, 19, 26 - Wednesday Campfire & S'mores
- June 4 - Pr. Carrie and I provided music for SPAS Honoree Luncheon
- June 9 - Bible Camper Blessing Sunday
- June 11 - Council Retreat
- June 14-16 - SEEDS campers at WAPO
- June 17-21 - VBS!
- June 23 - Guest Worship Band - Cornerstone
- July 7 - Baptism - Harper Marie Hanson
- July 8 - David Tilly Funeral

Upcoming:

- TZ Trip - July 17-31
- Pulpit Supply Lined up for July 21 (Kathie Marabella/No communion) and July 28 (Pr. Emily Rova-Hegener) Pastor Sarah Kerkes (Zion Chisago City) will be on call for pastoral care emergencies.
- August 4 - TZ Group lead worship and share experiences
- August 7 - 55W Harmony In The Park, Lindstrom
- August 10-17 - Vacation to Grand Tetons. Pulpit Supply August 11 Pr. MaryKay Ashley

Ongoing:

- Working on getting three new church sign designs/bids (Twin City Sign, DeMars Sign, ThinkDigital)
- Working on getting Youth Room space prepped and ready for LADC to move in. Created new youth space in two Sunday School rooms.
- Coordinating church maintenance repairs/needs when/as needed.
- Tanzania Trip Planning
- 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)

Pastor Carrie's Monthly Report - July 9, 2024

Appreciation:

- All the VBS volunteers- there were 29 volunteers involved
- Linda Welch and Emily Stegner for jumping into to clean when needed
- Deb Cowing for hosting the council retreat
- For the two families who provided scholarships for the 5 youth going to camp.

Highlights:

- LADC Kinderstart graduation
- VBS! Youth at Bible Camp
- Summer campfires

Ongoing:

- Preaching and Pastoral Care

- HEAL group that has been faithfully attended
- Spiritual Direction group

Upcoming and Planning For:

- Tanzania Trip
- Beginning to plan for fall schedules-starting to look at curriculum for the fall programs
- Moving and prepping the new Youth Room and Children's Room

New Business:

- Reviewed the new SPLC Strategic Ministry and Mission Goals. The Council began to prioritize and name action items.
- 5K planning: After church on Rally Day, T-shirts will be given out to those registered. Registration is \$25 per person and \$75 per family
- Discussed Visitor and New Member Follow-up including Outreach

Action Items:

- **5K action:**
 - Work on registration: Deb Cowing and Carole England
 - Planning the route: Deb Cowing and Pr. Carrie Stiles
 - Design and order T-shirts: Pr. Dale Stiles and Pr. Carrie Stiles
 - Snacks and Water along the route: Kimberly Bahls, Christina Fashner and Karen Rozeske
 - Advertising/Marketing (contacting Bruce's and the Wyoming Bank): Melissa Nelson
- **Hospitality-** Marketing and visitor acknowledgement and New Members: Christina Fashner and Linda Welch. Keeping the branding consistent and establishing a QR code. Including handouts at church and in the community bringing in new members, creating visitors welcoming protocol, cards, Stagecoach Days involvement.
- **Painting** of the new youth rooms: Christina Fashner will contact a possible person to do the walls (patch and do a base paint) in the new youth rooms.
- **Painting** of the new LADC room (Kinderstart): Deb Cowing will paint.
- **Speakers** to be put in the narthex for any worshippers needing to step out of the sanctuary during worship and/or for overflow worship seating as needed. Chris Timmons will look into this action item.
- **Reimagining the current Cry Room** in the sanctuary into a Prayer Room (for 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 item beginning in the Fall.

Ongoing Business:

- **Bridge the Gap UPDATE:** There are 3 more Bridge the Gap Sundays. \$22,000 has come in to date.
- **LADC Discovery Center (Preschool) UPDATE:** The fire marshall checked the new Kinderstart room (old youth room) for compliance. There is a new site director, Morgan Lindholm.
- **Church Sign UPDATE:** A final drawing and plan was presented to the council members. All agreed on the appearance, design and text. Will run by LADC and send back for final revisions.
- **Church cleaning UPDATE:** The permanent volunteer (Beth Fredericks) is doing a great job. Thank you gifts were discussed. The Humble Bees will make a quilt to be given to her for our appreciation.

Ministry Team Reports:

- **Creation Care Team** (Kristina) - no report
- **Worship & Music** (Pr. Dale/Pr. Carrie) - covered in Pastor's report

- **Building & Grounds** (Pr. Dale) - A new dishwasher has been ordered by Dave Haselbauer and purchased. It should arrive in August. Half of the cost will be covered by LADC (\$4000) and the other half will come from the building fund/Martha's Servers.
- **Senior Group** (Carole E.) - A Picnic with hot dogs provided and outside yard games on the church property on July 10th and Harmony in the Park Lindstrom is planned for August.
- **Humble Bees** (Karen) - Do not meet during the summer
- **Children, Youth, and Family** (Pr. Carrie/Kristina/Christina) - covered in Pastor's report
- **Altar Guild** (Kimberly) - No report
- **Finance Team** (Chris/Andy) - No report

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, August 20, 6:00 p.m.
- Devotions: Christina Fashner

Adjournment 7:45 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Kimberly Bahls and seconded by Karen Rozeske. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Carole England, Council Secretary