



**St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting  
Tuesday, June 20, 2023**

**Devotion** – A reflection on the hymn, “This Is My Father’s World”, led by Pastor Dale

**Called to Order** by Deb Cowing at 6:35 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chris Timmons, Carole England, Deb Cowing, Karen Rozeske, Kathy Mills, Kristina Stoyke, Linda Welch, Pastor Dale Stiles. **Members Absent:** Ruth Koehly.

**Consent Agenda:**

- New Business Items to add to agenda
  - Lutheran Night at the Twins
  - Blood Drive, Friday November 10, 2023

Motion to accept these New Business items made by Karen Rozeske. Seconded by Chris Timmons. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Through 6/20/2023	ACTUAL
General Fund Offering	\$ 99,656
Total Revenue	\$ 132,190
Total Expenses (before mortgage)	\$ 111,060
Total Expenses (after mortgage payment)	\$ 143,028
Net Revenue (after Mortgage payment)	\$ (10,838)
Mortgage Balance	\$ 226,101
Edward Jones Balance	\$ 40,999

**Pastor’s Report:**

**Highlights:**

- **Discovery Center Graduation** (opening prayer and welcome) - May 31
- **Dale Brainard funeral** - June 3
- **Josephine Scheurell baptism** - June 11
- **June Jurek funeral** - June 16
- **Wednesday night** Campfire and S’mores
- **Met with Bishop’s Assistant**, Pastor Justin Grimm and the Call Committee on June 7 (orientation)
- **Met with Midco** sales rep and technician about new phone install on June 26
- **Met with Dave H. and Excel tech** about new Ecobee Smart thermostat training
- **Received anonymous financial donation** to help cover additional staffing needs. Met with Exec. Committee to discuss matching fund plan.

- **Started serving communion by intinction** again (outdoors) and using two serving stations (in/outdoors)
- **Tanzania 2024 trip** and financial planning (16 participants - July 18-30, 2024) Participants include: Pastor Dale and Carrie Stiles, Will & Katie Fetterly, Steve & Carole England, Kroschels, Clarks, Arlie Post, and Katie Edwards.

#### **Upcoming:**

- **Cornerstone guest band** leading outdoor worship this Sunday, June 25
- **VBS** - July 10-14
- **Family vacation** to Boston: August 5-14 (pulpit supply 8/6 & 8/13)
- **Rally Sunday planning** (including “Bridging the Gap” theme and matching appeal intro.)

#### **Ongoing:**

- **Planning indoor/outdoor worship services** with Jeanne and the worship team. Will begin passing offering plates and sharing the peace again in upcoming Sundays.
- **Pastoral Care and Counseling** (including baptism orientations and funeral prep.)
- **Vision for Shared Pastoral Ministry**
- **LADC** monthly partnership and quarterly Board meetings
- **Bega Kwa Bega** Iringa Committee and Secondary Scholarship Committee meetings

#### **Ministry Team Reports**

- **Worship & Music:** Summer Schedule has begun. Communion by Intinction and passing offering plates will begin again.
- **Building & Grounds:** New smart thermostats were installed. New exterior security lights are up and functioning. Four AC condensers have been repaired. A plan to repair carpet molding in the narthex. It has been measured to be replaced. Marc Marabella will begin on the Council as the Building & Grounds liaison. Andy Norwick volunteers to repair furnaces.
- **Humble Bees:** Harper Timmons was presented with a graduation gift which was a laundry bag full of necessities. They continue to meet twice a month. New members are needed.
- **Global Mission Team:** Has not met. Reevaluate in the fall and start up again
- **Children, Youth, and Family:** No report
- **Altar Guild:** A meeting was held on June 7 with several new members joining. Starting up with intinction on Sundays again.
- **Finance Team:** Has not met. Chris will keep current members informed. New members are needed.
- **The Table:** Off for the summer.

#### **New Business**

- **The anonymous donation will be matched** in a two-year campaign. The congregation is aware of this matching gift. On Rally Sunday, September 10, “Bridging the Gap” will begin. Fundraising will help with this match. Envelopes specifically for “Bridging the Gap” will be printed.
- **The Call Committee** will interview Carrie Stiles tomorrow, June 21, 2023 for the Shared Pastoral Ministry position. The call committee met 3 other evenings to gather information and plan for this interview. The Synod has been notified of the steps the Call Committee has done. We are right on target with what is required by the Synod.
- **Church Land Exploration:** A task force will be formed to proceed with this exploration.
- **Church Sign Exploration:** A task force will be formed to look into grants and other opportunities toward a new sign. LADC is willing to help cover the cost of a new sign.

- **Fundraising ideas to assist the Matching campaign:** Some ideas are a SPLC 5K, which could develop into an annual event and a Classic Car Show combined with outdoor worship inviting all classic car enthusiasts from the community to bring their cars. Other ideas are welcome.

### Ongoing Business

- **The Church Phone System** is scheduled to be installed and training will be 6/26. There are 3 phones in the office and 1 in the fellowship hall.
- **Church Cleaning** has been working but more volunteers will be needed in the future. Steve and Carole England have given the office a schedule of when they can clean through September and beginning in October will be cleaning only once a month.
- **Vision for Shared Pastoral Ministry Update**
  - **The Call Committee will interview** Carrie on Wednesday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m.
  - **Following the interview** and the Call Committee's approval, the Council will vote and Carrie will be notified. The Synod will then do their part to complete this Call. A special congregational meeting will be set for July 16. Per the Church Constitution we need two weeks notice of the meeting to publicize verbally and in print. Paper ballots will be used. Karen Rozeske and Kathy Mills will check in the people at the meeting and also count the ballots.
- **LADC Discovery Center:** The preschool will be meeting at Faith Lutheran Discovery Center for the month of June so a new outdoor play system can be installed at St. Paul Lutheran and to allow time for a new lead teacher hire. A new Rainbow play system was installed on June 13. The old playset was sold on Facebook Marketplace for \$250 which went into the general fund.
- **ELCA Strategic Ministry Covenant/Goals Hopes & Dreams** has been tabled and will be revisited at the July Council Meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

- Tuesday July 18, 6:30 p.m.
- Marc Marabella's first meeting
- Devotions: Linda Welch

### **Adjournment:**

- Deb Cowing made the motion to adjourn. Second by Chris Timmons

### **Closed with the Lord's Prayer**

Submitted by Carole England, Church Council Secretary