



**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
**Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 6:30 p.m.**

**Devotions & God Sightings** - Deb Cowing

**Call to Order & Roll Call** - Zella Oswald.

- **Members Present:** Deb Cowing, Adam Tilly (remote), Zella Oswald, Pastor Dale Stiles, Ruth Koehly, Kathy Mills, Karen Rozeske and Chris Timmons. Absent: Dale Brainard
- **Consent Agenda:** (needs a motion to approve and a second) Karen R. made motion, Ruth K. seconded, all in favor. No new items to add to agenda.
- **Finance and Budget Report:** Chris Timmons
  - Above & Beyond Deficit Reduction Appeal \$17,824.94

<b>As of May 23, 2022</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
General Fund Offering	\$98,079
Total Revenue	\$111,210
Total Expenses (before mortgage)	\$79,018
Total Expenses (after mortgage payment)	\$ 100,330
Net Revenue (after Mortgage payment)	\$ 10,880
Mortgage Balance	\$289,511
Edward Jones Balance	\$53,795

**Pastor Dale’s Report** - officiated Marion Reed’s funeral. There were two confirmands this year - Kristina Stoyke and Maddie Miller. Confirmation has ended for this program year. First outdoor worship scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend, May 29. Outdoor worship - July 10 - guest band, Cornerstone. Elly Coppersmith funeral will be June 4. I’ve been appointed to serve as North Conference Cluster Leader for Bega Kwa Bega. Ongoing worship/sermon prep and pastoral care. Looking forward to slower pace this Summer. Thankful for our elected leaders, Melissa in the office, and our congregation as a whole. There is

a lot of good, positive energy right now.

## Committee Reports

- **Children, Youth & Family Report** - Joanna Kroschel - The Sunday school kids wrapped up their International Bible Investigator's unit on Sunday, 5/15. The kids led the service, played a bell song, and showed the congregation how they solved the mystery of the missing Biblical hero, Esther. They celebrated the last day with cake. SPLASH wrapped up on Sunday as well with a lesson on how God is still creating things today. They went on a nature walk to see things newly created as well as things growing for 100 years. Confirmation has wrapped up. The kids being confirmed spent a couple evenings with Brandy Timmons making their stoles. Confirmation will take place this Sunday. The annual plant sale was a huge success! Exact figures are not available yet, but we made more than last year. We had beautiful weather for the event and had a lot of community members stop in. VBS will be held Aug 1-4 from 5:30-8pm with an optional dinner from 5-5:30. Registration forms are available. Decorating is under way. Additional helpers are always welcome! Donation request slips are on the bulletin board.
- **No Additional Reports**

## Old Business

- St. Paul Lutheran Discovery Center (Preschool) Update - Pastor Dale
  - Set up roadside feather banners (enrollment)
  - Passed state inspection (pending install of plug-in CO2 detectors and addition of shovelable walking path from toddler room to front parking lot. Discovery Center licensing coordinator is working with the state to clarify. LADC thought there would be no cost to SPLC for this upgrade.
  - Registration underway. Plan to open 9/1/22
- COVID Response - Pastor Dale
  - No update this month.
  - Social distance ribbon to be removed 5/29 as previously decided.
- Blood Drive Follow-Up and Update - Kathy M. 30 individuals gave blood. The next event is tentatively scheduled for the middle of November.
- ELCA Strategic Ministry Covenant/Goals, Hopes & Dreams Discussion - Pastor Dale
  - Provide/Increase Intergenerational Congregational Community Building Opportunities  
There will be opportunities with the switch to a Wednesday Sunday School.  
Restarting bread breakers was also discussed as an opportunity.
  - Renew and increase ongoing worship and music ministry opportunities.  
Bell choir and youth bell choir were discussed as options.

## New Business

- Steve and Julie Lundgren membership removal, per their request. Email/Domain leadership transition ideas. We are grateful for Steve's technical contributions regarding our church email and website domain maintenance.

- Property & Grounds Spring Clean-up review - There was good turnout both days. There was discussion about the broken tiles in the entryway. Chris T. will replace over the Memorial Day weekend.
- Ice cream floats are scheduled to be served by the council on Father's Day, 6/19.

### **Next Meeting**

- Tuesday, June 21, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 19 - Dinner together in place of regular monthly meeting. Will discuss any necessary items if needed.

**Adjournment** (needs a motion and a second) Ruth made a motion, Karen seconded, all were in favor.

**Close with the Lord's Prayer**