



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting minutes
Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Devotions by Karen Rozeske

God Sightings: Above and Beyond Deficit Appeal successfully completed
Witnessing community support in life altering situations

Call to Order by Zella Oswald at 6:55 p.m.

Members Present: Pastor Dale Stiles, Zella Oswald, Ruth Koehly, Kathy Mills, Adam Tilly, Deb Cowing, Chris Timmons, Karen Rozeske, Carole England

Members Absent: Dale Brainard

Consent Agenda: Motion to Approve by Karen Rozeske, Seconded by Deb Cowing, Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Above and Beyond: \$40,000 deficit accomplished – Great job by all
Edward Jones Endowment withdrawal of \$4,500 for Mortgage and \$2,200 for
Tanzanian Companionship

YTD: Offerings received has surpassed YTD amounts prior to pandemic

As of October 31, 2022	ACTUAL
General Fund Offering	\$174,378
Total Revenue	\$ 222,494
Total Expenses (before mortgage)	\$ 190,413
Total Expenses (after mortgage payment)	\$ 243,693
Net Revenue (after Mortgage payment)	\$ -21,198
Mortgage Balance	\$262,756
Edward Jones Balance	\$53,795

Pastor's Report:

- Ongoing planning of The Table (worship, theme, and faith formation lessons). "Together: Celebrating Community" learning series ends November 15. This has been a great opportunity to bring generations together for meal, worship and learning. Very thankful for all the volunteers that helped make this happen.
- Introduction of the new keyless church entry system. In partnership with the Discovery Center, Melissa and I have worked on transferring from a keyed entry system to a new keyless (fob) system. This benefits our congregation as well as a safety measure for the Discovery Center students and their families. We are grateful for this new system. Thank you for patience as we continue to figure out the learning curve and glitches that may arise initially.

- The completion of Above and Beyond Deficit Reduction appeal. As we neared the completion of our deficit reduction/elimination appeal (earlier than expected) I began planning how we might celebrate and acknowledge it during worship on Stewardship Sunday, November 13. A catered coffee bar and sheet cake were purchased, paid for out of excess AB funds received. I have shared my gratitude throughout the appeal, and will continue to, moving forward. So grateful and excited for what God will build upon our newly laid foundation.
- Melissa and I have continued to update our church website and maintain it on a regular basis. This has taken intentional work and planning in order to make sure it is user friendly and easy to navigate. We always welcome any feedback on areas for improvement.
- Another successful Blood Drive was held on Nov. 11. Thank you to Kathy Mills and Zella Oswald and Karen Rozeske for their work planning and volunteering at the drive.
- A Guide to Proportional Giving, and Time and Talent: Art of Giving forms were mailed out on Nov. 4. These were asked to be returned on or before Nov. 20. That day during worship a prayer of blessing will be shared for the pledges made for 2023.
- Monthly LADC Partnership meeting was Oct. 27. This is a time each month for Melissa and I to touch base with our Discovery Center Site Director, Lily Strain, and LADC Exec. Director, Janet Miller. All is going well, and we are all grateful for the encouraging start to this new partnership.
- Continue to lead chapel every Tue/Thurs the second and fourth weeks of the month for the Discovery Center. These times are highlights of my week.
- Attended LADC Quarterly Board Meeting on Nov. 8. As a partner congregation with LADC, I represent SPLC on their Board. Another great way to stay involved and engaged in this partnership.
- I have been busy planning closing worship for the annual Bega Kwa Bega Fall Festival on Sat. Nov. 19 at King of Kings Lutheran in Woodbury. I serve on the Synod's Iringa Committee and was invited to serve in this way. This too, is a great way to stay involved and engaged at the synod level of our BKB partnership.
- Been busy planning ahead for Advent – "Messengers of Joy" will be our Advent Med-week theme on Wednesday nights.
- First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 27 for three of our young people
- Ongoing pastoral care concerns – both immediate and continued – for members of our church and community.

Committee Reports:

Children's Ministry submitted by Joanna Kroschel

- The Table continues to be a success with families attending regularly. We continue to break out into smaller groups after the meal and short service. The groups consist of preschool-4th graders, SPLASH 5th-6th graders, Confirmation 7th-9th graders, and adults. We've had a regular kitchen crew but could use a few more families/individuals in to rotate to prepare the meals.
- Plans are in the works for the Christmas program on Dec.18th. Rehearsals will likely take place on Sundays. We are not going to do the Drive Through Nativity this year.

No Additional Reports

Old Business

St. Paul Lutheran Discovery Center (Preschool): Pastor Dale

- Child proof locks on the cabinets in Fellowship Hall need to be installed. The Preschool will purchase the child proof locks but someone to install them will be needed.
- Lifetouch Pictures were taken of the Preschool children and staff. Pastor Dale and Melissa also got their pictures taken so the church's website will now be updated with their recent photos.

ELCA Strategic Ministry Covenant/Goals, Hopes & Dreams: Pastor Dale

- Goals were set at the council spring retreat to have the Bell Choir and Choir resume. This has been completed. The goal of developing a quilting group has also been completed.
- Grants from both the St. Paul Area Synod and the Department of Evangelical Mission (DEM) located in the ELCA Churchwide Offices in Chicago have been received by our church for 2022. St. Paul Lutheran is considered a redevelopment church and is given these grants for this purpose. Pastor Dale discussed with Justin Grimm, from the St. Paul Area Synod these grants and what has been done in the last year. We will be given grants again in 2023 to help with programming and development.

Ideas for 2023 emphasis (like Above & Beyond in 2022) *Renew and Anew* which would focus on bringing back some old programs/events and starting some new programs/events for the involvement of the congregation.

Nominating ballot for the annual meeting on January 29, 2023:

President (Zella's completed position) – Deb Cowing – term ending 1/25
Secretary (Jaime's vacated position) – Carole England – term ending 1/24
Member at Large (Deb's vacated position) - term ending 1/24
Member at Large (Adam's completed position) - term ending 1/25
Member at Large (Dale B.'s completed position) - term ending 1/25

Remaining Council Members:

Vice President – Karen Rozeske (term ending 1/24)
Treasurer – Chris Timmons (term ending 1/24)
Member at Large – Ruth Koehly (term ending 1/25)
Member at Large – Kathy Mills (term ending 1/24)

New Business

Jaime Fraley Resignation from Church council effective Oct. 27: Accepted with a vote by the Church Council. Thank you, Jaime, for your time and talent given on the council.

Carole England, temporary Council Secretary until the congregational vote on January 29, 2023: Accepted with a vote by the Church Council.

2023 Initial Budget Presentation and conversation by Chris Timmons: No changes to previous presentation/conversation. Chris will be giving a Treasurer's report to the congregation after worship on December 11, 2022.

Blood Drive was successful. A request to schedule the next one on May 18, 2023. This needs to be added to the church calendar.

Advent: Wednesday evenings soup suppers with the Holden Evening Prayer service to follow.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday January 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Devotions: Pastor Dale Stiles

Adjourn: Chris Timmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Rozeske seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer