



**St Paul Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting**

Tuesday February 21, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting due to snowstorm.

Devotions were given by Deb Cowing - "Trust & Thanksgiving gets us thru the day."

Called to Order by Deb Cowing at 6:38 p.m.

Members Present: Chris Timmons, Carole England, Deb Cowing, Karen Rozeske, Kathy Mills, Kristina Stoyke, Pastor Dale

Members Absent: Linda Welch, Ruth Koehly

Consent Agenda

- New Business Items to add to agenda.
 - Suggested that new members received have a short bio and picture in the bulletin/newsletter.
 - Council will look into a new photo directory at a later date.

Welcome New Council Members!

- Kristina Stoyke - First youth member in the Church Council at St Paul Lutheran
- Linda Welch – brings wealth of experience from serving on previous congregation church councils, including as president.

Treasurer's Report

Through 2/21/2023	ACTUAL
General Fund Offering	\$ 24,085
Total Revenue	\$ 31,160
Total Expenses (before mortgage)	\$ 32,973
Total Expenses (after mortgage payment)	\$ 42,057
Net Revenue (after Mortgage payment)	\$ -10,897
Mortgage Balance	\$ 244,408
Edward Jones Balance	\$ 40,999

- A vote to close the Youth Fund which has been sitting untouched for many years. The funds will go into the General Fund.
 - Motion to close the Youth Fund by Chris Timmons
 - Seconded by Karen Rozeske. Motion carried.
- The Puppet Fund and Altar Guild Fund will be discussed at the next meeting. These funds have not been touched for many years as well.

Pastor's Report

Highlights:

- Successful Annual Meeting. Productive, well done and well received. Good energy.
- Planning Lenten Theme - Just Wondering Jesus, Questions from the Roadside
 - This will kick off on Sunday February 26, 2023.
- **Taste and See Learning series at The Table**
 - Good response with good energy
 - 40 people on average attend every Wednesday evening.
 - Thank you to Deb and Holly for the meals.
 - Normal Table format will suspend during Lent. Will resume after Easter.
 - Sandwich Project! Made about 250 sandwiches - still have sandwich fixings in the freezer and at some time more will be made (possibly on Sunday after church)
 - Good turnout of volunteers. It was great fun for all ages
- **LADC (Lake Area Discovery Center)**
 - Attended a board meeting (via Zoom) today.

Pastoral Acts

- Baptism on Sunday February 19, 2023 (Thomas Daniel Hendrickson)
- Ongoing Pastoral Care and worship/sermon planning

Team Reports: Ministry

- **Worship & Music:** Continues weekly email chain (with all involved in worship planning/leading) sharing Hymns, Special Music, During Lent the ELW setting 10 will be used. Jeanne will continue to select hymns and liturgy as she is able.
- **Building & Grounds:**

Mark Marabella installed new kick plates on the swinging doors in fellowship hall. The ceiling in the foyer (door 6) by the preschool is leaking when the snow melts. The paint is bubbling/peeling and the carpet is wet. Fans are being used to dry them out. Ceiling will need to be examined and repaired.

Additional building and grounds team members are needed. Pr. Dale will check with current team members to see if they wish to continue. We will have to seek people to join the Building & Grounds Team.
- **Humble Bees:**

They continue to make pocket quilts and are now making lap quilts. Four Tanzanian quilts were sent to Tanzania with the Fish Lake Lutheran group, a total of 54 quilts. Pictures can be seen on the Bega Kwa Bega Facebook page of children receiving these quilts at the orphanage.
- **Global Mission Team:**

A successful Zoom meeting with Mtera and Migoli was held on February 8, 2023. An interest meeting for travel to Tanzania will be held March 19th after church.
- **Children, Youth and Family:**

No Report received. Faith Formation learning groups (SPLASH, Kid's Table, and Confirmation) are suspended during Lent. Will resume after Easter. Initial VBS planning and conversations have begun with Joanna K., Carrie S., and Lily S. (from the preschool).
- **Altar Guild:**
 - Thank you to Karen Rozeske and Brandy Timmons for taking on the Altar Guild lead as Co-Chairs.

- A new member has been added to the team, Vonny Tandberg.
- Appreciation is expressed to Claudia Nelson and Cindy Gruett for their past leadership.
- **Finance Team:** No Report other than the Treasurer's report
- **The Table:**
 - Donations received and meal expenses are being track by Claudia in Quickbooks and Breeze.
 - Question was asked if there is a way to get a debit card for an Aldi's account. Chris will look into this.

New Business

Council Liaisons for the Ministry Teams:

Worship & Music - Pastor Dale

Building & Grounds –

Humble Bees - Karen Rozeske

Global Mission Team - Ruth Koehly

Children, Youth, and Family - Kristina Stoyke

Altar Guild - Karen Rozeske

Finance Team - Chris Timmons

The Table - Deb Cowing

St Paul Lutheran Discovery Center (Preschool) - Pastor Dale

Church Cleaning Plan/Update:

- February cleaning went fine with no problems. The month of March will continue as during February with Steve and Carole England cleaning on Fridays and Brandy Timmons cleaning on Sunday or Monday. A more permanent cleaning plan will continue to be discussed at each month's meeting as we continue to evaluate our needs and available resources.

Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale:

- Deb Cowing will coordinate with others helping.
- Pre-Orders for hanging plants only will again be offered.
- Partner with the Preschool having their teachers here with activities for the children.

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast:

- A \$200 check was received by Pastor Dale in a Thank You card from the troop. We are grateful for this partnership, as well.

Ongoing Business

- **Associate Pastor Position Description** - Pastor Dale will have a draft for us to consider at our March meeting.
- **Ministry Site Profile** - Justin Grimm from the synod office suggests we start working on this. The Ministry Site Profile from 2 years ago can be used with minimal updated changes. Pastor Dale will also have a draft of this for council to review, in March.
- **LADC Discovery Center:** Attention was drawn to the snow and ice removal by the preschool doors to the playground. Problems with ants in some rooms. Both of these have to be looked into. If Summer enrollment doesn't increase our site might

close for the Summer and families already registered would attend Faith Lutheran's Discovery Center in Forest Lake (our sister site). Our hope is that enrollment is enough to keep ours open. Whether our site is open or closed for the Summer, our monthly lease payments will continue to be received. Enrollment is currently open for Summer and Fall programs. Fall enrollment is already looking good!

- **ELCA Strategic Ministry Covenant/Goals, Hopes and Dreams:** This was tabled until the Council Retreat in the Spring. We did receive the first monthly installment of \$800 for 2023 from the \$10,000 strategic ministry grant from the ELCA. The first quarterly installment of \$2500 from the Synod's \$10,000 gift was also received.
- **Lions Club Spring Fling:** Zella Oswald and Kathy Mills will coordinate this. May 6, 2023
- **Church Photo Directory:** Suggested we think about a new updated picture album. We will consider doing this as part of our overall membership update. More discussion will be had.
- **Feed my Starving Children Mobile Food Packing:** Lakes Area Feed My Starving Children MobilePack: Julie Coozenoy mentioned an opportunity for our congregation to join with Lakes Area Feed My Starving Children MobilePack, hosted at Hosanna Lutheran for a packing session. To reserve a group of spots before the reservation site opens to the general public, it is suggested to make a donation to the Lakes Area MobilePack, there is no minimum number of volunteers we must provide or specific dollar amount to donate. Julie will provide more information. Watch for it, and sign up!

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 21 at 6:30 p.m.

- Chris Timmons will do the devotions.

Adjournment: Karen Rozeske made a motion to adjourn and Kathy Mills seconded. The motion carried.

Pastor Dale closed with a prayer