



St. Paul Epistle

July

Dear Friends of St. Paul,

This month for my article I want to share with you some thoughts about the words “WAS IT YOU!”

Was it you who invited the visitors to church last week?

Was it you who extended that warm smile and handshake to that other visitor we had?

Was it you who noticed that a regular member looked gloomy, and then took a few minutes to share a word of care and support?

Was it you who has been very intentional about your financial giving and use of time and talents to the church?

Was it you who told our youth that their regular attendance at church and their use of gifts are very important to us as a congregation and the ministry we do?

Was it you who commented on how uplifting it was to be in church last week?

Was it you who brought those cans of food for the local food pantry in our community?

Was it you who volunteered yourself to serve on that new committee?

Was it you who prayed for the sick and hurting in our community of faith and for others in need throughout the world?

Your labors for the Lord do not go unnoticed. Thank you for your ministry at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

Partners together in Christ,
Pastor Brian

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2010

President Gary Aschenbrenner called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

AGENDA: Approved as is.

PRESENT: Gary Aschenbrenner, Dennis Gass, Cheryl Kappelmann, Wendy Reed, Mike Siewert, Lee Werlein, Cindy Wildenberg and Pastor Brian Staude.

ABSENT: Jim Newberg, Gary Retzak, Karyl Rommelfanger, Sue Vocke and Gina Wolff.

DEVOTION/PRAYER: Given by Pastor Brian.

MISSION IN MOTION REPORT: Bill Lamberg and Tom Reed were present. Kudos to all members of the Mission in Motion Committee for their hard work, diligence, support and positive attitude while working on the building expansion plans for St. Paul during the last three years. Tom Reed provided an up date in regard to the loan application process with the ELCA. He indicated that as a result of the new information that had been provided to the ELCA following the church's recent campaign which raised an additional \$104,900 in pledges for the project, (of these new pledges, \$61,380 is pledged for the next 12 months and is included in the project calculation) the ELCA has agreed to approve a loan in the amount of \$578,000. While this amount is \$53,000 more than what the ELCA had originally indicated they would support, we might have to defer completion of some items. This will be determined according to additional funding that might be provided or by what monies might remain in the contingency fund at the end of the project. Items that will be considered for deferment include the basement corridor lighting, the electric door openers, porcelain tile for the narthex, change of materials for the sound-board wall in the Sunday school area, and the sanctuary lighting. A Mission Investment Fund checking account will be established and all monies during the construction will be monitored and processed through the ELCA. We have been advised not to begin construction until closing for the project is complete and this is anticipated to happen in early June. There was consensus amongst the council that a temple talk be given on Sunday to advise the congregation of the latest developments concerning the recent campaign for funding and approval of the loan from the ELCA. All members of the Mission in Motion Committee will be invited to come forward during the temple talk. Tom Reed indicated that Hamann Construction has asked that a listing of owner representatives be included in the contract for the purpose of approving change orders, purchase orders, invoices, etc. A motion authorizing Tom Reed, David Dahleen, or Bruce Peters to act as owner representatives during construction of the project was moved by Werlein, seconded by Siewert and carried.

There was consensus to hold a groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, June 6.

President Gary asked Pastor to make an announcement in church on Sunday that volunteers are needed to replace light bulbs in the sanctuary.

Tom and Bill were excused at 7:45 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE: President Gary indicated he had received a letter from Don Vogt tendering his resignation as chair of the Scholarship Committee. Sue Vocke has agreed to assume the position.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We are falling short of the \$3,000 or more in receipts that are needed weekly to pay expenses during any given month. Our total budget to date should be at 33.30%. Currently, we are at 37.30%. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented was made by Siewert, seconded by Gass and carried. Treasurer Wildenberg went on record to personally thank Shirley Osieczanek, Kate Mealy and Roman Rommelfanger for serving on the auditing committee. No discrepancies were found.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: It was moved by Siewert, seconded by Werlein and carried to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2010 meeting.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Completed seven shut-in visits and two new member home visits. Will be attending Synod Assembly in Stevens Point on May 21 and 22 along with congregational members Don and Janet Vogt who will be serving as the church's delegates. Ascension Day worship with cluster churches scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 13 at First Lutheran. Small group ministry workshop will be held from 9:00-3:00 at Faith in Valders on Saturday, September 25. Vacation scheduled for week of May 23. Pastor asked if there could be an announcement in regard to a special Synod offering on Sunday, May 16--fifty percent will go to the ELCA Stamp-Out Malaria fund and 50% to the bishop's resource fund. There was consensus to approve the special offering.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thrivent Up-Date

Pastor Brian reported that the church has to be registered as a congregation before it is eligible to receive matching funds from Thrivent for any special event. Treasurer Wildenberg has completed the process. Because the building project will be underway during the next 5-6 months and to avoid any personal liability issues that could arise during construction, there was consensus to skip this year's rummage sale. Plans will be to hold one some time in 2011.

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Fish Fry

Proceeds from the fish fry fund raising event at American Legion amounted to \$545.50.

April 17 Spring Clean-Up

President Gary thanked everyone who participated.

Shanty Town

Several of our youth participated under the direction of their advisor, Gina Wolff. Pastor Brian gave a brief report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scholarship Committee Chair Resignation

Discussed previously under correspondence.

Scholarship Awards

Awards will be presented on Sunday, May 16 to Kate Marty and Jacob Dahleen.

Confirmation

Scheduled for Sunday, May 23. Ten students will be confirmed.

Groundbreaking Ceremony (not listed as agenda item)

The event will take place on Sunday, June 6. Pastor Brian, President Gary and members of the Mission in Motion Committee will participate in the actual ceremony. Teresa Satori will be asked to take pictures for the newspaper.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel (Mike Siewert)

Our new custodian, Mike Konitzer, is on duty and is doing well.

Finance (Dennis Gass)

Nothing other than what was reported during the Mission in Motion report.

Stewardship (Lee Werlein)

No report other than the committee will look into the ELCA's "Stewardship Key Leader Program."

Worship and Evangelism (Cindy Wildenberg)

Planned worship services for May. Cards are being sent out to visitors--Pastor follows up with visit to those who attend worship multiple times. Attendance data is needed over a two-year period before letters can be sent to non-participating members. Twenty-two visits have been made to fifteen different shut-ins.

Youth and Education

Pastor Brian commented on the May 2 youth worship service and what a great job the kids did. Confirmation camp is scheduled for June 14-18.

Building and Grounds (Gary Aschenbrenner)

No report other than looking for volunteers to help with bulb replacement in sanctuary.

Life and Growth (Cheryl Kappelmann)

Upcoming events include church camp out June 11 and 12; Brewer game on Labor Day (September 6); and possible outdoor worship service and brunch on July 11 (construction might interfere with the outdoor worship).

WOW (Wendy Reed)

- Will host coffee on Confirmation Sunday (May 23).
- Plans to purchase two projection screens.
- Discussed hosting a coffee on day of groundbreaking.
- Scholarship fund has been established through two donations and noisy offering for the children of St. Paul who want to go to camp. Sixty dollars will be given to each of the eight kids who will be attending camp. Discussed and prioritized items that might need to be deferred from building project.

CALENDER OF EVENTS:

- Scholarship Sunday, May 16.
- Ascension Worship, Thursday, May 13.
- Synod Assembly Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22.
- Last Bible Study Monday, May 24

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. and was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Reed

May 7, 2010

July

- 1 Traci Cherney, Sandy Mountain
- 2 Kay Avci, Jeffery Freund
- 4 Brittany Rittich, Linda Wold
- 5 Alexis Freund, Valerie Konecny
- 6 Jeffrey Horn
- 7 Paul Marty
- 8 Jacinda Horn, David Roedig,
Nancy Nicolai, Michelle Perrott,
Bailey McKenna
- 9 Joe Marty, Darrell Valenta,
Jonathan Vogt
- 11 Beth Luedtke
- 12 Lonnie Erdmann
- 13 Adam Carlson, Harlan Gaedtke,
Dan Schuh, MacKenzie Plagemann
- 14 Eileen Teuke, Cora Pritzl
- 15 Chuck Peppard
- 16 Donna Mowrer
- 18 Ryan Trost, Pam Campbell
- 19 Mary Lou York, Jeff Popham
- 20 Casey Schreiner
- 23 Brandon Barker, Barb Kukoski,
Logan Hofstra
- 24 Cynthia Hofstra
- 25 Cay Schmitt, Diane Smith,
Hyon Perrott, Karyl Rommelfanger
- 28 Mitchell Koch
- 29 Tanner Hadler, Mary Schilder,
Wendy Cihlar
- 30 Tara York
- 31 Benjamin Thompson

If your birthday is not listed or is listed incorrectly, please notify the church office.



OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE AND PICNIC/ POTLUCK BRUNCH

Please mark your calendars for the annual outdoor worship service on July 11th. We will be having a potluck brunch following the service, and Life and Growth will provide the main dish: Egg Bake. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Hope to see you there for worship, fun and friendship!

If you need any more information contact:
Cheryl Kappelmann
Life and Growth

The building will be closed for asbestos removal from July 7th through the 9th. The office will be closed so if you need to get a hold of Pastor Brian any of those days you will have to call him on his cell:905-5581

During Construction

With the narthex being unusable for a while, there will be little space to place announcements and sign up sheets. WOW has graciously purchased a computer and a portable screen that will be used before services to place announcements and pictures. The screen is not permanent and a much better screen will be purchased after construction. The new portable screen will eventually be placed in the basement.

If you have any information to be placed on the PowerPoint presentation, please let the church secretary, Joy Carlson or Mari Roedig know by Wednesday each week. We are also looking for someone to run the projector for Thursday evening services. Please contact one of the above if you are interested.

The Ministry of Listening

Think of a time when you really felt cared for. Chances are someone focused on what you had to say, was attentive to your needs, and listened to how you felt instead of telling you how you should feel or what you should do.

Listening is one of the most powerful ministry tools at our disposal. It demonstrates that you care about the other person. In Stephen Ministry, a great deal of time is spent in teaching and practicing listening skills because of its importance as a caregiving tool. You too can become a more caring listener by understanding and applying these six listening concepts from Stephen Ministry training:

LISTENING IS ACTIVE. It takes energy and commitment to listen really well. Focus your attention on what the other person has to say, instead of thinking of what you'll say next. Look at him or her while you listen, and nod along from time to time so the person knows you're tuned in.

LISTENING TAKES PATIENCE. Often you need to build trust before someone will open up to you. Constant, patient listening is a key.

LISTENING INVOLVES MORE THAN JUST WORDS. Pay attention not only to what is said, but to what is not said—or to what is said with a smile or a sigh. Pay attention to body language, too. Does it agree with or contradict a person's spoken words?

GOOD LISTENERS ARE'T COMPLETELY SILENT. They restate key thoughts or ideas to be sure they understood correctly or ask focused questions to encourage the person to reach a little deeper.

LISTENING HAPPENS OVER TIME. One conversation might build upon an earlier one. As you listen over several conversations, are there any recurring themes or patterns in what the person has said? Are there any contradictions from what was said earlier? These are signs there may be more to explore underneath.

LISTENING IS CONFIDENTIAL. A great way to build that trust and to show the person you really care for him or her is to maintain confidentiality and not to share with others what was told to you in private conversation.

Jesus was the model of a good listener. Much of his ministry was listening to people. By listening to what people had to say he demonstrated how much he really cared about them. Remember the stories of the woman at the well, Nicodemus, or the disciples on the road to Emmaus. All were times when Jesus showed his care and concern by first listening to people and then giving them what they needed.

We all want our church to be a caring place, where members and guests truly feel people care about who they are and how they feel. Just as Stephen Ministers use good listening skills to communicate how much they care, so can you. You can prayerfully consider attending Stephen Ministry training starting Monday, September 13th, at approximately 6/6:30-8:30/9PM, depending on the majority of the trainees' schedules. The Stephen Ministry training cost is FREE. First and Faith Lutheran will be providing Stephen Leaders (instructors) for the total of the 50 hours of training. The training is part of the 3 year commitment to being a Stephen Minister. Rich & Lyn Hanke offered their Door County cottage as a location for our weekend training retreat. We NEED ONLY 3 MORE volunteers to sign up; we already have 3 who signed up—Don Vogt, Marci Hafemeister(both from St. Paul's), and Kim Smith from First. We need at least 6 to have a better learning experience. How about you? Call Ann Unertl at First Lutheran (682-7742) and leave a message saying, "Yes, I want to be a Stephen Minister." Please LISTEN to God. Is He calling you to be a better listener by becoming a Stephen Minister?

LISTENING IS A GREAT GIFT WE CAN GIVE TO ONE ANOTHER, AND ONE WE CAN ALL USE IN ORDER TO MAKE OUR WORLD A MORE CARING PLACE.

Ann Unertl

**PICTURES TAKEN ON THE DAY OF OUR GROUND BREAKING
CEREMONY, JUNE 6TH, BY MATT SWADNER**

June Attendance

<u>Thursday</u>		<u>Sunday</u>	
3	26	6	124
10	21	13	94
17	24	20	91
24	23		

ST. PAUL ELCA Financial Statistics - Unified Checking Account

	<u>Gifts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Surplus/(Deficit)</u>	<u>Surplus/(Deficit)</u>
May	\$12,620.66	\$14,746.69	-\$2,126.03	-14.42%
Year to Date	\$65,774.85	\$73,938.95	-\$8,164.10	-11.04%

Expenses continue to exceed giving regarding the operating budget and unfortunately the summer months historically show a downward trend in giving. It is important that we do whatever we can to avoid utilizing our line of credit this early in the year. Please remember, even though we are building an addition here, we still need to maintain our giving for the day to day expenses. Thank you to all the generous givers we have here who help keep the place going

God's Blessings,
Glen Wildenberg
Treasurer

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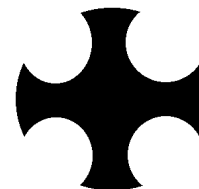
Financial Secretary: Janet Vogt
Treasurer: Glen Wildenberg

Custodian: Michael Konitzer

Music: Mari Roedig, Sandy Marty, Len Brouchoud, Paul's Pickers, Linda Wallander,
Beth Luedtke, Betty Swadner, Sue Riesterer

Choir Director: Mari Roedig

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July Worship Calendar

4th

Communion
WOV Setting 5
Organist – Mari Roedig
Special Music – Mari Roedig

11th

Non-Communion
Guitar Liturgy
Special Music – Paul’s Pickers
Special Event – Outside Service and Family Picnic

18th

Communion
WOV Setting 5
Organist – Mari Roedig
Special Music - ????

25th

Non - Communion
ELW Setting 3
Organist – Sue Riesterer
Special Music - ?????

Thursday Evening Communion Services at 6:15 p.m.

Musicians

1st – Len Brouchoud

8th – NO SERVICE-BUILDING CLOSED

15th – Sandy Marty

22nd – Linda Wallander

29th – Linda Wallander

If you are interested in doing special music for any service, please contact the church office or Mari Roedig to reserve a date. Thanks to all who share their talents.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 7, 8 AND 9 THE BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL
So there will be no July 8th Thursday evening service.

July 10 - Fry out at Piggly Wiggly for new building fund (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

July 11 - Outdoor Worship Service followed by Congregation Brunch/picnic.

July 18 - Bandits Game at 1 p.m.

July 25 - Choir/Musician Picnic at Roedig's from 2 p.m. - ?

Please keep these dates in mind when planning your summer vacations.

Remember there will be construction going on here so any events planned need extra care taken so no one gets injured.



Worship Schedules

July

Thursday

1

L - Don Shawhan
G - Chuck & Julie Peppard
CA - Chuck Peppard

8

NO SERVICE
BUILDING CLOSED FOR
ASBESTOS REMOVAL

15

L - Kate Mealy
G - Nancy Duckart
CA - Chuck Peppard

22

L - Darlene Coon
G - Don Shawhan
CA - Don Shawhan

29

L - Grace Peppard
G - Lee & Darlene Coon
CA - Bob Peppard

Ushers for Thursday
Lee and Darlene Coon

Sunday

4

L - Mari Roedig
G - Randy & Mary Jo Murray
CA - Julie Bubolz & Becky Thompson
NNS - Not available

11

L - Barb Staude
G - Outside service
NNS - Not available

18

L - Laurie Lamberg
G - Pam Campbell family
CA - David Dahleen
NNS - Mia Pritzl

25

L - Betty Swadner
G - Jim & Kay Heyduk
NNS - Joy Carlson

Ushers for Sunday
Bill and Laurie Lamberg
Paul Thompson, Michael Thompson

Altar Guild

Thurs.: Nancy Duckart, Dana Kornely, Carol Chermak
Sunday: Julie Dahleen, Lynn Erdmann