

# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## Membership and Church Attendance

Why do we have official records of "membership"? So glad you asked.

Christians are called to devote themselves to fellowship (Acts 2:42–47), gladly hear the preaching of the Word (Matt. 18:20; John 8:47), and faithfully receive the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins (1 Cor. 11:26). Christians are called not to give up meeting together (Heb. 10:25), but to encourage each other as the day of the Lord approaches. Good order is necessary (1 Cor. 14:40) for the congregation's organization. Thus, we keep records in order to hold the people of God accountable to His house, best facilitate the care of our members, and maintain fairness of voting privileges. Membership is also a public way to show your confession; if you confess the Lutheran faith, then you should love the label as far as it goes.

An on-going conversation for any congregation's elders is that of official membership: how to maintain records, what (if any) requirements exist, what benefits does membership have, et cetera. I won't mince words: it's maddening. No one likes to talk about it. People take it personally, feelings get hurt, emotions hold sway over logic. To wit, this newsletter is informing you of what steps are being taken by myself and the board of elders to better facilitate our organization.

It must be recognized that *only membership in the invisible church is required for salvation* (cf. Rev. 20:12), and that official congregational membership is man-made. Scripture does not refer to congregational membership, let alone voters' assemblies, boards, and by-laws. Nevertheless, with everything in good order (again, 1 Cor. 14:40), it can still be said that such membership has a beneficial three-fold purpose:

1. To grant the member a sense of spiritual belonging and community. ("This is my family!")
2. To grant to all a certain expectation of spiritual care. ("This is my pastor/parishioner/fellow member!")
3. To provide a basis for temporal organization. ("This is my church!")

The first purpose is more for the individual; the second two are more for the congregation. A congregation, being housed and operated in a physical space, must have certain procedures in place for its maintenance (hence a constitution,

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*Saved by Jesus ...  
Sent to Serve*

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by-laws, and regular voters' assemblies). I cannot emphasize this enough: *official membership exists primarily because we live in the world, and someone must be legally responsible for the organization.* If you are a member of the congregation, you are entitled to a voice and are responsible for temporal matters. It is neither fair nor orderly to have several hundred *voting members* who have not darkened the door of the building for several years.

Let there be no mistake: this is a law-based system. Period. There is no Gospel in the constitution and by-laws. There is no Gospel in the management of buildings and land. There is no Gospel in a voters' assembly. These things exist to *facilitate* the Gospel, just like a Synod exists to facilitate congregational ministry; they free the ministry from temporal worries; they pay the pastor and teachers; they build buildings and keep the heat on. Because membership is law-oriented, requirements can and should be expected: namely, if you don't go to church here, you wouldn't consider yourself a member with all the legal responsibilities therein.

All that seems self-evident, but you'd be surprised how sticky it gets. For example, at this juncture, "Oh, I guess I'm not welcome there!" becomes a familiar phrase. In my experience, such reactions come from people who *already* have an axe to grind; they are simply looking to validate their pain. I can only hope that they reach out so we can help them heal. No church in their right mind thinks they exist solely for their own members. If you are not a member, *you still get Jesus.* Mercy is not something reserved only for the members of our congregation; grace is for everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord. The Lord's Supper is for everyone who believes it and confesses in unity with this church. Grace upon grace is poured out on anyone with ears to hear. And when I get an emergency call in the middle of the night, I do not check the membership rolls first. I just go.

But when the direction of the church's property, finances, and mission are discussed in official fashion, only those who have been actively involved should be allowed a vote. Hence, the necessary evil of congregational membership.

As of the writing of this newsletter, St. Paul Lutheran Church has 978 members. Of those members, 272 have not attended any type of worship service at St. Paul since *before* 2015. A few of those have not attended since 2006, and some have no record of worshipping *ever*. I am in the process of sending each of these people a letter asking them if they wish to continue their membership, and inviting them to respond. It's a slow process—I am writing each name by hand, and praying for each one individually.

To summarize, membership exists for the sake of good order. Our goal is to ensure that everyone on our list receives the best spiritual care. Please join me in praying for the "inactive" members of St. Paul.

Oh, and sign the book in the pew.

-- PM



"There must be another way to record attendance for our services."

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Rev. Dennis Matyas  
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Mrs. Ruth Schian

Newsletter articles for the next newsletter are due on Wednesday, March 14, 2018. You may submit articles to the email address below or drop them off in the office. The newsletter will be out on Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

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# // LEAP Alliance //

## Lutheran Education Advancement Plan

Advancing Lutheran Education for Future Generations Across the Great Lakes Bay Region

### Pastors and Principals Meet Together Regularly

In 2011, representatives of our area Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod churches and schools began to engage in strategic planning for what would eventually become the "Lutheran Education Advancement Plan - LEAP Alliance." Already in those days, one of many objectives for building an alliance was to bring pastors and school principals together on a regular basis to collaborate on matters of shared ministry. Late in 2013, the first such "P2 Pastors and Principals Meeting" occurred. Such "LEAP P2 Meetings" are still occurring, three times each year.

Mrs. Jennifer Enge, Principal of St. John (Amelith) Lutheran School in Bay City, has been,

and continues to be the coordinator for the "LEAP P2 meetings" which are held at our various LEAP church/school sites, including churches that do not presently operate parish schools. The meetings often provide opportunities for touring the church and school sites and hearing the stories of ministry actions that occur there. At the "P2 Meetings," primary meeting attention is given to hearing and discussing interesting and timely meeting topics. Examples have been "Children's Church," "TEAM" Ministry," "Being a Lutheran in a Post-Churched Culture," "Funding Options," and many more.

While pastors have conferenced together often for

many years, and school principals have done the same, the "LEAP P2" pastor-principal meetings have proven to be beneficial and appreciated. Pastors and principals have shared resources and ideas as a result of the "P2 meetings." There have been best practice question-and-answer-conversations leading to learning what various congregations and schools are doing to meet needs and to respond to challenges. It has even been beneficial for our church/school leaders to learn once again that many of the challenges they face are rather universal. We pray God's continued blessing upon the "LEAP P2 Meetings"!

### Ah, the Season of Lent

Each Lenten season I am reminded of one of my favorite memories at the church I grew up in. At the end of each Lenten service it was tradition that the congregation of Mt. Hope in Allen Park would sing the first and last verses of "Abide with Me! Fast Falls the Eventide." Before we would sing the last verse, the lights would be turned off and a spotlight would shine on the cross. We would all then sing by memory the words to that song which goes:



*Hold Thou Thy cross  
before my closing eyes,  
Shine through the gloom,  
and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks,  
and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord,  
abide with me!*

I can still hear my mom's voice to this day as I listen and try to sing along. What glories we all await for what Christ has done for each and every one of us. May this season of Lent be a constant reminder of our need to look to the cross and be ever repentant of the darkness of our sins and then be assured of Christ's victory over the darkness of death that we may shine with Him in eternity knowing our sins have been forgiven! - Principal Jack Lustila

## CEF Investment Opportunity for School Families

For the 2017-18 school year Church Extension Fund is offering a promotional interest rate of 4% over their current published interest rate on a 5-Year Fixed Rate Note. This investment is limited to Michigan Lutheran School students currently enrolled in grades K-12 when they open a new **Lutheran Education 5-Year Fixed Rate Note**.



This is a great opportunity for students, parents, & grandparents to open one of these accounts. This promotional note is only available during the September 2017-June 2018 school year and is limited to one investment per student (\$100 min/\$1000 max). To learn more and for an application to invest visit [www.mi-cef.org](http://www.mi-cef.org) or call 800-242-3944.

## Trip to the Creation Museum & Ark Encounter

Your local Lutheran congregations of the Bay Circuit have planned a trip to visit the famous and informative Creation Museum and new Ark Encounter



this spring, and you are invited. Travel will be by bus, leaving Sunday, April 22 and returning on Tuesday, April 24 in the late evening. The price of \$325 (double occupancy) includes transportation, two hotel night stays, two breakfasts and admission to the exhibits. There are discounts for seniors 60+ and children. Additional costs for single occupancy.

For details contact your church office or call Pastor Jung at 313-530-3639. Non-refundable deposit of \$50 per person due by March 18. First come first served.



## Support St. Paul As You Shop

Amazon shoppers can go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) so that 0.5% of your purchase is donated to St. Paul. Go to [smile.amazon.com/ch/38-6006641](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-6006641) and log in to your Amazon account to support St. Paul Lutheran.



Kroger shoppers with the Kroger Plus card can go to [Kroger.com](http://Kroger.com) to *Savings & Rewards*, then *Community Rewards*, and click on *Enroll Now*. Find St. Paul Lutheran School-Bay City Organization # 83115.

## Altar Flowers

**The Altar Flowers Calendar** for 2018 is displayed on the wall in the cry room. To sign up for providing flowers

in church, please write your name on the calendar. Your only responsibility is ordering the flowers for your selected date.



## Ladies Aid News

Our January Ladies Aid meeting was opened with a devotion by Julia Appold. Devotion was based on Ephesians 2:8-10 "For you are saved by grace through faith, and this not for yourselves; it is God's gift--not from works, so that no one can boast. For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of

time so that we should walk in them." God offers us His gift of eternal life, salvation, & rescue from sin through Jesus' death on the cross.

It was decided to donate \$10,000 of bake sale monies to the building and grounds improvement fund. Members brought gifts for our "Wellspring Shower," and we played a White Elephant gift exchange game.

We thanked Hilda Dijak for her 3 years of service as our President. The March meeting will have Morgan Auernhammer leading us in lite exercise and chair exercise, so dress comfy.



## Making a Difference

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Mark 5:16

"Making a Difference" was the theme of the 2018 Rose Parade. The Petal Pushers used Mark 5:16 as a basis for the Lutheran Hour float making a difference by "Bringing Christ to the Nations." Lutheran Hour Ministries, Southern California LLL, and the Petal Pushers are making a difference. Millions of people see the witness that the

float creates on television and on the parade route as the only Christian float in the parade.

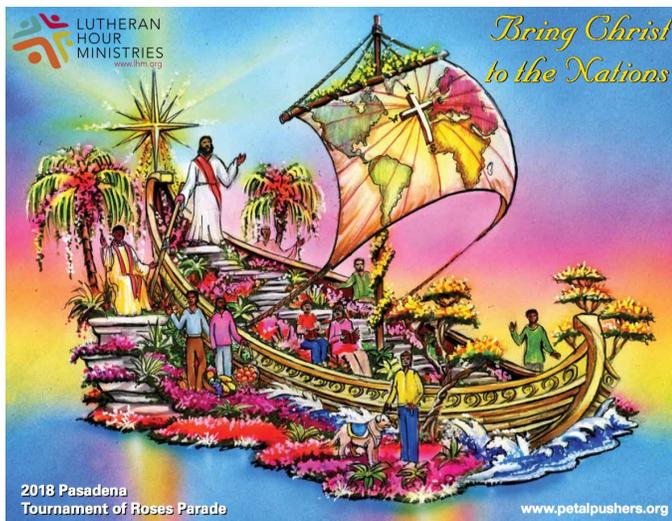
The Petal Pushers are joined by thousands of other volunteers from all over the country and from many walks of life. The opportunities are plentiful to share faith as conversations take place during the float building. The Petal Pushers are making a difference as they share the message of Jesus as they do their "work."

The LLL hosts the Lutheran Hour Outreach Booth. The

and seeds were planted as the people were offered the chance to have us mail the postcards for them anywhere in the world. The postcards and the conversations were making a difference.

As volunteers handed out postcards, they were asked, "How is your float making a difference?" A volunteer replied, "Jesus makes a difference in all our lives." A lady overheard the conversation and said, "Jesus has been making a difference for a LONG time." We know the difference Jesus makes. So, let our light shine, so others can see the difference Jesus makes in your life. It will make a difference in their lives!

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son to make a difference in our lives. Help us to make a difference in the lives of others by sharing the love, peace, and hope that Jesus brings to the world. Amen.



Tournament of Roses arrange tours of the float building facility. Thousands of people walked by as the LLL handed out postcards (7,000+)



# Bay Area Zone Breakfast Prayer Service

Living as God's People  
*Believers are a people blessed by God...*  
*(1 Peter 2:9-12)*

A Mite Offering will be received.

Saturday, March 10, 2018  
Zion Lutheran Church, Bay City  
9:00 a.m. Registration  
\$5.00 for Breakfast  
RSVP to Kay Arnold  
989-751-0855 by March 6, 2018



## One Girl's Experience: From the Philippines to Philippians

There are so many stories of persecution "out there" that it would take years to recount them, but most are left on the "cutting room" floor. What follows is an account which makes a strong statement about trials Christian children face even at their young ages.

This child's name is Reyna, and she's from the southern Philippines where she attends school. Many do not realize that this predominately Roman Catholic island nation has a very strong and influential population of Muslims. Little Reyna felt that influence during her 6<sup>th</sup> grade year in school. She came from a strong Christian family and knew that Jesus was her friend and Savior. The pressure to renounce her faith started with her teacher and fellow classmates who were Muslim.

She had to take an Arabic class where the teacher required students to memorize a Muslim prayer to be able to pass the class. She was a very good student, yet this was one requirement she knew she couldn't meet. At her young age she realized that this was going to become a big test of her faith. The pressure from the teacher intensified and other students joined in calling Reyna, "kafir," which means, "good for nothing infidel."

Although Reyna was very unhappy about the assignment, she memorized the Muslim prayer. Then her teacher announced that the class would

attend a mosque and pray that prayer in the mosque. Reyna and another Christian classmate tried to tell the teacher they couldn't pray in a mosque. "I don't care," the teacher replied, slamming her fist down. "You must comply or else you will fail in this subject. Besides, you should revert to your Islamic faith." Case closed and then to the mosque.

Reyna wore the traditional Muslim dress and veil coverings. She felt so hot and feverish. As the ceremony went on and on she felt dizzy and overwhelmed. She fainted. Only one other

student helped her. The teacher eventually allowed the helping student to find a juice box which gave Reyna some needed fluid and revived her. However, the teacher insisted that Reyna had to complete the ceremony. God's graciousness intervened, and Reyna didn't have to say that feared prayer.

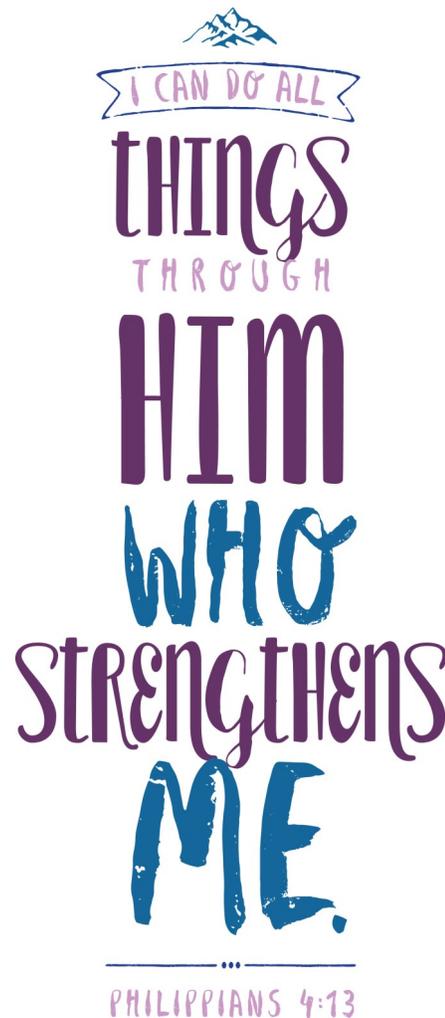
Reyna continues in her faith. She is one of our Lord's courageous people. She said in the quoted article, "Despite what happened, I did not hate my teacher or my classmates...I just prayed that God would bless her."

Brave Reyna wants to become a teacher! She said, "I want to help children like me. I want to show them the love of Jesus that I have experienced. I want to help my people read and write so that they will also read the Bible for themselves."

Praise God for His graciousness and strengthening for Reyna and all other Christian children facing persecution for their faith. May He bring His strong goodness to all His people around the world. We desperately need to stand strong and courageous for our faith. He assures us that we can do all things through Him because He strengthens us. (Philippians 4:13.)

The preceding account was taken from Open Doors FRONTLINE FAITH newsletter, December 2017.

- Anonymous



## Acolyte and Reader Schedule posted for March 2018

<b>Acolytes:</b>		<b>Readers:</b>	
<b>Sun., Mar. 4</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Vanessa Burkhard	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> Hogan Bourdow	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> John Schlicker
			<b>10:30 a.m.</b> Gene Behmlander
<b>Wed., Mar. 7</b>	<b>3:15 p.m.</b> Blake Lowe	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Jake Appold	
<b>Sun., Mar. 11</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Cadence Swartz	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> Emily EauClaire	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Herb Matthes
			<b>10:30 a.m.</b> Sam Britton
<b>Wed., Mar. 14</b>	<b>3:15 p.m.</b> Max Behmlander	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Grace Appold	
<b>Sun., Mar. 18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Leah Jezowski	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> Alina Damic	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Larry Bourassa
<i>Y5-4th Gr. Sing 10:30</i>			<b>10:30 a.m.</b> Brian Appold
<b>Wed., Mar. 21</b>	<b>3:15 p.m.</b> Deanna Zeilinger	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Noah Doan	
<b>Sun., Mar. 25</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Allie Kochanny	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> Rachel Mammel	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Tom DePrekel
			<b>10:30 a.m.</b> John Rodgers
<b>Thurs., Mar. 29</b>	<b>3:15 p.m.</b> Hogan Bourdow	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Cadence Swartz	
<b>Fri., Mar. 30</b>		<b>8:00 p.m.</b> Dylan Appold	

## Altar Guild, Elders, and Ushers serving in March

### Altar Guild:

Dorothy Helmreich  
Sally McMullen

### Elders:

Mike Appold  
Don Krueger  
Roger Hendrick  
Rich Doan

**Ushers:** (Ushers for 8:00 a.m. and any evening services during the first half of the month.)

### Group #2

Randy Appold (239-2072)  
Weston Appold  
Greg Behmlander  
Matt Appold  
Daryl Appold  
Rylan Appold

**Ushers:** (Ushers for 10:30 a.m. and any evening services during the last half of the month.)

### Group #5

Bob Campbell (249-4344)  
Terry Burkhard  
Richard Doan

**Head Usher:** Rollan Berger  
(684-5944)  
Cell (450-6618)

## March Greeters

### Greeters:

**8:00 a.m.**  
**Sun., Mar. 4** Jean Appold & Mary Lou Appold  
Anthony & Kathleen Colone

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**Sun., Mar. 11** Dale & Lynn Jezowski  
Arthur & Jamie Zeilinger

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**Sun., Mar. 18** Tom & Nancy Hoerauf  
Lura Gehrman & Rita Tilley

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**Sun., Mar. 25** Angela Buda  
David & Stacey Hildebrant

### 10:30 a.m.

Steve & Debra Neuman  
Loraine Diment & Paul Begick

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Ronald & Ardith Reuther  
Bill & Bonnie List

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Marie Hendrick & Jean Begick  
Jack & Kathy Lustila

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Vaughn & Margie Begick  
Janet Beckers & Paulette Beckers

**St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2018  
(APPROVED)**

Chairman Ben Helmreich called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Ben led Council in an opening prayer.

Council Members in attendance: Ben Helmreich, Tom Deprekel, Andy Wiess, David Schultz, Jack Lustila, Virginia Hutter, Jean Begick, John Schlicker, Scott Weiss, Jeremy Warren, Greg Behmlander, and Pastor Matyas.

Chairman Ben Helmreich welcomed new Council Members Virginia Hutter - Chair of the Board of Stewardship, and Jeremy Warren - Chair of the Board of Elders.

**Minutes-A motion passed** approving the minutes from the December 14, 2017 Council Meeting as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report**-Andrew Wiess, Chairman of the Board of Business Management, presented the Treasurer's report. Andy reported that the Church and School ended 2017 with a net income of \$64,721.53. In 2017, giving was up approximately \$40,000 from 2016 giving. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

**Committee Reports**

**Planning Committee**-Pastor Matyas briefed Council on the following:

1. Ministry Center Architect
  - a. The Planning Committee intends to contact the original architect for the Ministry Center.
  - b. They want to meet with him, and update the plans to reflect our current needs.
2. Plan Updates
  - a. Members are brainstorming how to update the original vision for the Ministry Center for our current needs.
3. Members update
  - a. David Schultz, Pastor, and Jack Lustila are ex officio members of the Committee.
  - b. Sam Britton has been elected Chair.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**Board of Elders**-Chairman Jeremy Warren reported on the following items of business:

1. Officers
  - a. Chairman-Jeremy Warren
  - b. Vice Chair-Richard Doan
  - c. Secretary-Roger Hendrick
2. Family Prayers
  - a. Instead of praying for members on their birthdays, we will be praying for specific church families each week.
  - b. The Elders will be contacting the selected members to ask about their specific prayer concerns.
  - c. This also serves as a great way to touch base with any members who have not been in church in a while.
3. Member Outreach
  - a. Pastor is drafting a letter to send to members who haven't worshiped at St. Paul in 5 years.
4. Membership Changes
  - a. Release:
    - Cortnie Allen and children, Madelyn and Hayden Deal
    - Kevin List
    - Rylie Neuman

**A motion passed** approving the membership changes.

**Board of Trustees**-Chairman Greg Behmlander updated Council on the following:

1. School Roof
  - a. Kayla Schlicker, with DuroLast Roofing, presented 3 bids received for the replacement of the school roof.
    - The work would be completed over spring break.
    - The job is anticipated to last approximately 3-4 days.
  - b. Based upon her experience, Kayla recommends the bid from Beyer Roofing.
    - Their base bid is \$41,808.00
    - To furnish and install 2 wall mount ladders there would be an additional cost of \$4,600
  - c. Mrs. Sny (the daughter of DuroLast's founder) has graciously offered to donate the materials for the job, which would reduce the cost of \$46,408 significantly.
  - d. **A motion passed** to recommend to Voters to accept the bid from Beyer Roofing, at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.
2. School entrances
  - a. The gym door entrance is scheduled to be replaced with a new handicap accessible system the weekend of January 19-20th.
  - b. The auditorium door is scheduled next to be made handicap accessible and to replace the lock set.
3. Old Plow Truck
  - a. Bids are being accepted on the old plow truck until January 15th.

**Board of Education**-Chairman John Schlicker shared the following items of Board of Ed business:

1. Board of Ed Job Assignments
  - a. Chair: John Schlicker
  - b. Secretary: Kristen Glasser
  - c. Gifts and Memorials Committee: Rachel Appold
  - d. Nominating Committee: Rachel Appold and Allison List
  - e. Wellness & School Meal: Rachel Appold and Megan Kusterer
  - f. Anniversary: Allison List and Megan Kusterer
  - g. Hospitality Handbook Special Project: Kristen Kolberg
2. Children's Christmas Program
  - a. Adding a daytime program is in discussion.
3. Ice Cream Social

- a. 175-200 people were in attendance; \$104 was raised for Tuition Assistance.
- 4. School Closings
  - a. It was agreed that, in the future, weather related school closures should be based on when the Bay City Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather.
- 5. Burk Fund
  - a. Funds received from the Burk fund will be utilized to help bridge the gap for Pre-K students going into kindergarten.
  - b. Assistance would be on a need basis, tentatively \$50/month for 10 months.
- 6. Hospitality Handbook
  - a. Kristen Kolberg requested to work on a special "Hospitality Handbook" to record past fundraisers and events, with information about the aspects of the event (number of attendees, amount of food purchased and used, contacts for services and goods, and the like).
  - b. If any other Boards, Committees, or groups have information that would be relevant, please reach out to her.
- 7. Upcoming Events
  - a. Basketball games are starting.
  - b. There is a staff in-service day scheduled for January 15th.
  - c. Lutheran Schools week starts January 21st.
  - d. A LEAP workshop is scheduled for January 30th from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Faith, Bay City.

**Board of Business Management**-Chairman Andy Wiess presented the Board of Business Management Report:

- 1. Board of BM Committee Assignments and 2018 Officers
  - a. Gifts & Memorials: Sally McMullen
  - b. Planning Committee: Katie Helmreich
  - c. Nominating Committee: Katie Helmreich
  - d. Board Chair: Andrew Wiess
  - e. Board Secretary: Andy Weiss
- 2. Budget Surplus
  - a. **A motion passed** to recommend to Voters that a portion of the 2017 budget surplus be dispersed to staff using the same disbursement plan used for the 2016 budget surplus.
- 3. Missions
  - a. The transition of the "Missions" line on the offering envelopes from being our congregation's Michigan District support to missionary work support will occur in 2019. Michigan District support would then become a budget line-item percentage of general fund receipts.
- 4. Hot Lunch Program
  - a. The BofBm is working with Heidi Schultz to switch the hot lunch program from state support to being self supported for 2019.
- 5. Church Amps
  - a. The amps at church, installed in 1999, are failing and are in need of replacement. David received quotations for 3 different options available to us.
  - b. Following discussion, **a motion passed** to fund the replacement of all 3 amplifiers at church out of the Elmer Wagner Fund, at a cost of \$3,173.

**Board of Youth**-Chairman Scott Weiss updated Council on the following Youth Board items:

- 1. Lock In - The Youth lock in is scheduled for February 23rd.
- 2. Food of Faith - The Youth will be volunteering for the Food of Faith program on February 15th.
- 3. Camp Restore - The dates for the Camp Restore retreat are July 27-31st.

**Board of Evangelism**-Chairman Tom Deprekel shared the following with Council:

- 1. Lutheran University
  - a. Tom is in discussions with someone to spearhead the Lutheran University concept at the local universities.
  - b. The possibility of members from the Youth Board be an active part of Lutheran University was suggested.

**Board of Stewardship**-No Report

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. School Security system - **A Trustee member will be assigned to follow up on a security system for the school.**
- 2. Website- The website redesign is almost complete.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Chairman Committee Appointments
  - a. **A motion passed** approving the Chairman's appointment of Barb Appold, Megean Zeilinger, and Lynn Hendrick to the Audit Committee.
  - b. **A motion passed** approving the Chairman's appointment of Bob Hofford and Sue Jerome to the Endowment Committee.
- 2. 2018 Burial Fees
  - a. **A motion passed** to recommend to Voters that the current fees for burials remain the same for 2018 (Members: \$300 for cremation, \$600 for full casket. Non Members with burial rights: \$1000 for cremation, \$2000 for full casket.)
- 3. 2018 Spending Allowances
  - a. **A motion passed** to recommend to Voters the following emergency spending allowances: Trustees - \$5,000 per incident, Council - \$5,000 per incident, and Board of Business Management - \$5,000 per incident.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m, with a prayer led by Pastor Matyas.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Begick, Secretary

**Next Voters Meeting**-Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

**Next Council Meeting**-Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

# St. Paul Lutheran Church Calendar

# MARCH 2018

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