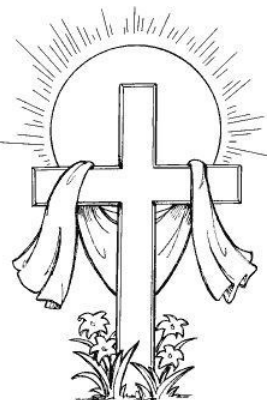


APRIL 2019

St. Paul's Epistle



Church Council Minutes—March 7, 2019

Those present: Pastor Quast, Richard Christie, Dave Wright, Tony Lucek, Leanna Hasbargen, Steve Rutkowski, Ken Leerssen, George Aitchison and Sally Batdorf

Chairman Richard Christie called the meeting to order. Opening devotions were by Pastor Quast on the topic, "You Will Be My Witnesses". There were no changes to the agenda. The minutes were approved. The treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. It was decided that the missions fund will be used for monthly payments to the MN North District. George Aitchison motioned to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Dave Wright.

Briefs: 1) The Elders study on 1st Peter, chapter 3 was completed. 2) The trustee's are looking into cost saving measures on our insurance policy. 3) The lease is complete on our Xerox copy machine and it will be picked up March 20. 4) Lent services will alternate between St. Paul's and the Church of the Lutheran Hour. 5) Pastor Jeff Lee from the MN North District will lead worship on March 10th. 6) \$306.00 was collected during the Pancake Breakfast sponsored by our Sunday School. The money will be used for mission projects.

Membership changes: Removed by death: Norman Vollrath, passed away on February 7, 2019. His memorial service will be held April 13, 2019.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by ~ Sally Batdorf, Secretary

Quarterly Meeting and Potluck

Sunday, April 14th, 2019

Please have reports turned in by Wednesday, April 10th.

A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board to help with serving, clean up and indicating what you will be bringing for the potluck!



HOLY WEEK

Lent and Holy Week Schedule

April 3: 7 p.m. Lenten Worship in Fort Frances

April 10: 7 p.m. Lenten Worship at St. Paul Lutheran

April 18: Maundy Thursday Worship at 5 p.m.

April 19: Good Friday Worship at 7 p.m.

April 21: **EASTER SUNDAY** Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:45 a.m.

Those Serving Our Church—April, May and June 2019

April: Elders- All Altar- Lori Boquist and Heidi Swenson Greeters: 7th: Zelpha Crawford 14th: Rita Anderson and Doris Schattschneider 21st: Steve and Mary Bacon 28th: Harry and Sally Batdorf

May: Elders- Ken Leerssen and Richard Christie Altar—Leanna Hasbargen and Mary Bacon Greeters: May 5th: Marc and Kathy Gorden 12th: Lori Boquist and Heidi Swenson 19th: John and Michelle Hopkins 26th: Deb Larson

June: Elder: Steve Rutkowski Altar: Kristen Wold and Catherine Crawford Greeters: 2nd: Brent and Lisa Bacon 9th: Sue Frank and Phyllis Kennedy 16th: Bruce and Shirley Schmidt 23rd: Dianne Schoewe 30th: Dave and Rebecca Wright



A Note From Our 2018 Summer Vicar Martin Hill



Dear Friends at St. Paul Lutheran, I hope this finds you all doing well! The seminary has just begun its spring quarter and all of us second year students are looking forward to vicarage—wherever I go, it won't be International Falls, but it'll do! We just came back from a choir tour in Florida, where there was plenty of sunshine and beach time. I think half the guys from the choir are considering calls to Florida! THANK YOU for all your prayers and continued support.

God's blessings, **Vicar Martin**



April Birthdays

Happy birthday to these members of our church family celebrating this month!

April 1: Amalia Swenson

22nd: Sally Batdorf & Brenyn Swenson

4th: Judy Germain

24th: Martha Buchholz

6th: Sadie Morrison

27th: Jim Moorhead

7th: Lisa Bacon

29th: Byron Blake

8th: Ashley Hasbargen & Doug Lite

30th: RaNae Whitbeck

13th: Lisa Averill

20th: Lois Averill



MAIN STREET LIVING is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North, Minnesota South and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30 minute remastered program called "This is the Life" from Lutheran Hour Ministries. It airs on Sunday Mornings throughout the state of Minnesota. "MAIN STREET LIVING NORTHLAND" is broadcast every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Central time on KBJR Channel 6 NBC



April 2019 Program Notes:

April 7: Rev. Ed Borchardt, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Frazee, MN, presents the message: "Strength Doesn't Come From Within" based on Philippians 3:8-14. Today's special LHM Easter program is: "The Puzzle Club Easter Adventure".

April 14: Rev. Chris Brademeyer, St. John Lutheran Church, Oakes, ND, presents the message: "Who is this King?" based on Matthew 21:1-9. Today's special LHM Easter season program is: "Easter Is".

April 21: Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, delivers today's Easter message. Today's special LHM Easter season program is: "3 Days".

April 28: Rev. Robert Wentzel, Trinity Lutheran, Bemidji, MN, presents the message: "My Name Is Thomas" based on John 20:19-31. Today's This Is The Life program is: "Miracle in Chinatown".

Devotion From Lutheran Hour Ministries

For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

It has been a good many years since a middle-aged Milwaukee school teacher invested her life savings in a business enterprise which had been sold to her in a most elaborate manner. Unfortunately, the person who did the selling was a swindler. Only after her investment had disappeared and the wonderful dream of a wealthy future had been shattered, did she contact the office of the Better Business Bureau. They were shocked at how badly and completely she had been swindled.

"Why on earth," they asked, "didn't you come to us first? Didn't you know about the Better Business Bureau?" "Oh, yes," said the lady sadly, "I've always known about you. But I didn't come because I was afraid you'd tell me not to do it." As strange as the true story sounds, every one of us is forced to admit that we have done the same when it comes to the will of God.

Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden were afraid God would tell them not to. So they ate first. When it came to the trial and death of Jesus, the Priests were afraid to read about the Old Testament Messianic prophecies. They might have found God didn't want them condemning an innocent Man. Pilate didn't go to God, but trusted his own political devices. The mob that called for Jesus' death didn't go to God, but followed their blood lust. That's the way it was for people in the Bible. Sadly, you and I have to admit we are often just as guilty.

We also have acted according to our own will, and only afterwards visited God. We followed that path of action because we were afraid God would say "No!" Yes, humanity likes to go its own way. Which is why Jesus is so very different. Jesus didn't think that He knew better than His Father. He didn't put His will first. Even though it meant He would end up dying for the people who hated Him, Jesus always consulted the will of His Father both first, last, and always.

Thank God that He did. Because He followed His Father's wishes and died on the cross of Calvary, the plan of salvation is completed. Now, after His third-day resurrection from the dead He is glorified and those who believe in Him are saved.

THE PRAYER: Lord Jesus, I often act and then ask. Help me get my priorities right. Accept my prayers of thanks that you have been glorified in following the Father's will. Help me praise You for walking the path which has saved me. In Your Name I ask it. Amen.

In Christ I remain His servant and yours, Pastor Ken Klaus

Speaker emeritus of *The Lutheran Hour*[®]

