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# St. Paul's Epistle—April 2024

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## Church Council Minutes—March 7, 2024

Attendance: Pastor Quast, Tim Anderson, Richard Christie, George Aitchison, Leanna Hasbargen, Leonard Morrison, Dave Wright, Neil Manninen and Sally Batdorf

Chairman Tim Anderson called the meeting to order. The opening devotion was led by Pastor Quast from the book "Celebration of Saints".

The Minutes and Treasurers reports were reviewed and approved.

Briefs: 1) The brick moulding on the exit door in the conference room has rotted and will be replaced. 2) There was discussion about the joint vacancy due to Call that Pastor Quast accepted. His last Sunday will be at the end of April. 3) \$25,000 was put into a 7 month CD at Border Bank, 4) The collection of hygiene kits is ongoing through Lent. We will be packing kits on April 9th. 5) Annual Easter Breakfast will be held and men are needed to help with serving and clean up. 6) A Joint Parish meeting was held concerning the upcoming vacancy. We will be voting on whether to call a Seminary Candidate or a Pastor from the field on March 17th. Pastor Bosma from Thunder Bay is interested in covering the vacancy. 7) James Miller from DBS Repair visited the church regarding the water problem in the basement and gave a few options.

There were no membership changes.

Richard Christie motioned to adjourn, seconded by Leanna Hasbargen.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Submitted by ~ Sally Batdorf, Secretary

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## Quarterly Meeting and Potluck—April 14, 2024

*Please have reports turned into the church office by Tuesday, April 9th. A sign up sheet will be available on the bulletin board to indicate what you'd like to bring for potluck, and if you can help with serving and/or clean-up.*



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## Farewell Dinner for Pastor, Jolene and Family:

We will be honoring Pastor Quast, Jolene and family on April 28, with a special dinner following worship.

Pastor has accepted a Call to be Director of Domestic Missions for the Lutheran Church—Canada, and will be moving to Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Pastor Quast has faithfully served our congregation since his installation on January 19, 2014, when he was installed as Pastor after having served one and half years as our vacancy Pastor.



**Northern Options for Women** has teamed up with Family Dollar and is sponsoring a Diaper Drive during the month of April. If you'd like to donate, please purchase a pack of diapers (any size ) and return them to the basket at church, drop them off in the cart at Family Dollar, or drop them at Northern Options.

*F*or I know the plans  
I have for you,  
declares the Lord...  
Plans to give you  
*Hope and a Future*  
Jeremiah 29:11

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## LWML News

We will once again be passing the Mite bucket after worship on the first Sunday of each month, and the donations go toward funding mission grants throughout the world. Each year millions of dollars are collected through Mites. That loose change really adds up!

Our next LWML Meeting will be held Sunday, April 14th at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room. The LWML Spring Rally will be held on April 18th at St. John's Lutheran in Park Rapids.

Our Annual Friendship Night will be held in May for all ladies. Please watch your bulletin for date and time.



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## April Birthdays!

April 1st: Amalia Swenson	27th: Jim Moorhead
4th: Judy Germain	29th: Byron Blake
7th: Lisa Bacon	30th: Ranae Whitbeck
8th: Ashley Hasbargen	
13th: Lisa Averill	
20th: Lois Averill and Rachel Hasser	
22nd: Sally Batdorf and Brenyn Swenson	



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*Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. (John 19:25-27)*



Jesus entrusted His mother to John's care. It was one of the last things He did as He was dying on the cross. He saw Mary's need for care—and perhaps John's need as well—and He gave them to each other.

What an honor that was for John, to be so trusted by Jesus! But if we think so, it's an honor we can share. Because the same Jesus who said "Behold your mother" to John has said to us, "As you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me" (Matthew 25:40b).

This is the honor He gives us: to take care of the poor, the sick, the lonely, the vulnerable, the ones nobody notices or cares about. It may be something great or something minor—a ride to the doctor, a phone call to check on them, a gift of tomatoes from your garden. You might help with someone's taxes or straighten out a paperwork tangle for them. Whatever you are doing, you are doing for Jesus.

And what an honor that is, to show love to the One who loved us first—so much He lay down His life for us!

**WE PRAY:** Dear Savior, show me how to love You through Your people. Amen.

**Reflection Questions:**

- \* How much does God notice of the everyday things you do?
- \* Name one tiny thing someone did for you that showed the love of Jesus.
- \* What could you do for someone to pass that love along?

Devotion written by Dr. Kari Vo.

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**A Note from Pastor Bernie Lutz**

This winter I picked up pneumonia and lots of lethargy and it has left me with about .02 % energy each day!

Elly and I spent two months in CA and AZ with my sister who suffered a stroke on All Saints Day. Early March Mr. Pneumonia sent me to the hospital. I am not complaining. I thank God for His healing power even though my response has been very slow. You... and many other faithful...have helped to bring the Good News about Jesus to countless people imprisoned with sin, death and the devil. This Easter... we send our thanks and love to you for your partnership in picking up our cross and actually carrying it boldly, courageously, and faithfully!!! It has been and is a joy to walk the walk with you. The Holy Spirit through the Word has kept us focused on the important things that really count. Soon my days here in this life will end, but I want you to know it has been a great joy to partnership with you and your people to do great things! Build cathedrals. Finance a English as Second Language for 30 students from Sudan, South Sudan and Ethiopia. Build Sunday Schools. Assist men to enter the Lutheran Ministry with a solemn and holy commitment. You have helped to bring Easter Joy to many. May the Holy Spirit fill you with Easter Joy and continue to keep you determined to Tell the Good News about Jesus, Our Savior and Lord. Christ is Risen! He has risen for Me. Let us share this JOY!

Thank you for your partnership! Great things are being done! Bernie and Elly

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