



St. Paul's Epistle—January 2022



Church Council Minutes—December 2, 2021

Those in attendance: Richard Christie, Leonard Morrison, Leanna Hasbargen, Pastor Quast and RaNae Whitbeck

Chairman Richard Christie called the meeting to order. Opening devotions were given by Pastor Quast.

Leanna Hasbargen read the minutes in the absence of the Secretary.

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.

Briefs: 1) The chairlift has been serviced. Three batteries were replaced. 2) Eighteen boxes were filled for Operation Christmas Child. 3) It was the consensus that \$500 would be sent to Lutheran Island Camp for debt reduction. 4) Election of officers will take place on December 19th. 5) Pastor has been in touch with the Anglican Church regarding re-establishment of the ministerial association. We may be welcoming more people into the community as a result of the new construction/businesses in the community.

There were no membership changes. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by~ Acting Secretary, RaNae Whitbeck

Recently I was reading an article where the writer posited these questions: "Why is that when you walk through a mall you may laugh and talk out loud but when you walk in a museum you whisper and are more serious? Why is it that the latest piece of technology may inspire oohs and aahs and a chatter of excited conversation but a well-cared for antique instills silent admiration?" Perhaps it is because we have an innate respect for that which has withstood the test of time. We value that which seems to last. Why? Because we live as temporal beings in a temporal world. We see everything around us as fragile, fading, and finite. Everything ends. The oldest living person in the world currently is 118 years old. Quite amazing. However, even more amazing is how long people in the Old Testament times lived. Seven and eight hundred years old was not uncommon. Methuselah lived to be 969 years old. But you know what happened? Even Methuselah's life came to an end, and today you won't even find a remnant of his body. Looking at Jesus, however, we see something different. He is not temporal. Even though He died, He was raised from the dead and lives FOREVER. The angel proclaims that "His kingdom will have no end." It's so easy to look at Jesus like everything else in this world. We may be tempted to mark His life with its beginning at conception and its end at death, or possibly resurrection, or maybe even His ascension. But Jesus ascended into heaven, where He rules today. His kingdom NEVER ENDS. Today we continue the struggle to prolong life and to make us look good while we get older. In the end, however, we know we will fail. Our life on this earth will end. But the Child born in Bethlehem and laid in a manger has changed that end to our lives. He was not a normal child. He has the name, "Son of the Most High." As such He not only amazed those who wanted to see miracles and confounded those who wanted to hear wisdom; He turned time inside out. For God's children, Jesus made the end of life on earth the beginning of eternal life in heaven. He made the consequences of sin, our death, the doorway to eternal life. Who else but the Son of the Most High could do all this? No one! This is Jesus, our Savior, He is the Christ our Lord and King, Emmanuel – God with us FOREVER! "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end" (Luke 1:32,33). A blessed Advent, Christmas, and New Year to you!

President Don Fondow, MN North District, LCMS

Results of Election of Officers for 2022— Held December 19, 2021

Chairman: Tim Anderson

Vice Chairman: Richard Christie

Secretary: Sally Batdorf Financial Secretary: Beverly Moorhead

Trustees: Brett Lucek, Ryan Christie, John Hopkins, Gary Buffington and George Aitchison

Elders: Dave Wright, Steve Rutkowsky, Tony Lucek, Richard Christie and Leonard Morrison

We are still seeking an individual to take over the Treasurer position, if you are interested, please contact Pastor Quast. Our current Treasurer, Leanna Hasbargen, will train whomever would like the position. Installation of Officers will take place on Sunday, January 16th.



Sunday School Update

Sunday School classes will resume January 9, 2022 after taking our Christmas break. We have been focusing on the birth of Christ and will soon move on to all His miracles.

It is a joy to see all the little faces come to class! If you 'd like to get involved in the program, a sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board. Feel free to sit in on a class to get familiar with our format.

Our classes are open to all children ages 4 through 6th grade. Bring a friend!

ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK— SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

Please submit annual reports to the church office by Wednesday, January 19th. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board for the potluck .

January Birthdays!

1st: Monica Cash

2nd: Audrey Winger

3rd: Dianne Kelly

4th: Phyllis Kennedy

8th: Asher Hart

17th: Courtney Kelly

21st: Meredith Kittleson

22nd: Jenica Whitbeck

24th: Liz Hams

26th: Cale Wright

28th: Dorlyn Desens

31st: Julia Quast



