

June 2024



St. Paul's Epistle

Church Council Minutes ~ May 2, 2024

Those in attendance: Tim Anderson, Richard Christie, Neil Manninen, Dave Wright, John Hopkins, Leonard Morrison, Leanna Hasbargen, Stephanie Morrison and Sally Batdorf

Chairman Tim Anderson called the meeting to order. Opening prayer was given by Leonard Morrison.

The Minutes and Treasurer's Reports were reviewed and approved.

Briefs: 1) Tim read an email from Pastor Quast regarding leading our worship services on May 12 and June 9th. The Council approved. 2) Pastor Moeller from Baudette is willing to do some evening services. Tim will contact him. 3) Trustees will be repairing some shelves in the kitchen cabinets. 4) Stucco work on the building will start when we secure someone to do the work. 5) We will hear in mid May if we are getting a candidate from the Canadian seminary (We did not). 6) The Church Council will not meet in June, July or August unless a special meeting is required. 7) The city needs to inspect our water lines for lead. Richard Christie will contact the city regarding this. 8) Stephanie Morrison is on call for Jury Duty through June. The church office may be closed due to this for a day or two.

There were no membership changes.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Submitted by ~ Sally Batdorf, Secretary

Lawn Care—June 2024

May 26-June 1: Tim Anderson, Josh Koenig, and Harry Batdorf

June 2-8: Jed, Brenyn, Jordan and Dave Swenson

June 9- 15: Richard, Ryan, Ralph and Joe Christie

June 16-22: Tony, Brett and Adam Lucek, Ralph Johnson

June 23-29: Steve Rutkowsky, Dan Andrade, Roger Hasbargen & Leonard Morrison

June 30-July 6: Ken, Rick and Randy Leerssen

Worship Schedule for June:

June 2: **9 a.m. Worship**

June 9: **9 a.m. Worship**

All other Sundays in June, the time has yet to be determined. Times will be posted on our Facebook page, on the church answering machine and on our website: stpaulifalls.com

Worship
SCHEDULE

Sunday School News:

THANK YOU to everyone involved in our Sunday School program! We had a great end of the year party: A puppet show, popcorn, cotton candy and games!

We also made our decision on where our Sunday School offerings would go: \$250.00 to Christ's Care for Children Kenya Orphanage, \$150.00 to the Clausing Family who are missionaries in Tanzania and \$125.00 to Lutheran World Relief to purchase a piglet and hen and chicks for impoverished families. Thanks to all the kids for their offerings and for wanting to spread Christ's love to others!



LADIES!

Our annual Summer Dinner is taking place on Tuesday, July 9th at 5:30 p.m. at the Thunderbird Lodge. A sign up sheet will be posted soon.

Mark your calendars for this fun night! We will be carpooling from church.



The righteous man walks in his integrity; **His children are blessed after him.**

PROVERBS 20:7

Northern Options for Women has once again supplied us with baby bottles to take home and fill with change, dollars or checks. The money raised will go toward providing free of cost services such as: Pregnancy & Parenting education, ultrasounds, cribs, diapers and much more! Please bring your filled bottles back to church by Sunday, June 16th.



Don't forget to check out our **church library** for reading materials this summer. We've got selections for all ages as well as DVD's.



June Birthdays

Happy birthday to our church family members celebrating in June!

June 1: June Alleman and Jordan Swenson

3rd: Sara Bacon and Sue Johnson

5th: Janice Leerssen

7th: Destry Whitbeck

17th: Rebecca Wright



A Devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries.....

*O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.
Psalms 130:7*

Many years ago Leigh Harline and Ned Washington put their talents together and wrote a song. It reads,

"When you wish upon a star, makes no difference who you are
Anything your heart desires will come to you
If your heart is in your dreams, no request is too extreme
When you wish upon a star as dreamers do."

Their song concludes with

"Like a bolt out of the blue, fate steps in and sees you thru
When you wish upon a star, your dreams come true."

Most of us like that song. We like the idea that dreams come true. We like the concept that if we wish hard enough, long enough, and are sincere enough, we will eventually get what we want.

It's a great idea. Too bad it isn't so.

Our dreams don't always come true, do they? All of us know of someone who wished upon a star -- who poured out an ocean of wishes upon a galaxy of stars, but their dreams didn't come true. In spite of our wishes and dreams, disappointment, discouragement, doubt, depression and death still come.

Since sin entered the world that has been a fact of life.

Thankfully, for followers of the Savior, there is another fact of life. We are blessed to know the Christ who had been crucified by a Roman death squad has risen from the dead. Nobody dared dream *that* could be a possibility, but it did happen.

Jesus rose from the dead and showed to all that sin would no longer rule us; Satan could no longer claim us, and death no longer had the last word in our lives. Jesus rose from the dead and His resurrection changes the really important things of life.

No, I'm not going to say He changes everything and makes every moment of our lives filled with sweetness and light. I can't say that. Christians are still poor; they still die of cancer; they still have personal problems and difficulties. But because of Jesus these pains and problems are seen for what they really are: temporary and transitory.

It is my prayer the risen Jesus has risen for *you*. It is my hope the Holy Spirit has placed within your heart a faith and confidence in the Christ whose steadfast love and blood-bought forgiveness gives us an unconquerable hope.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, in the midst of the messes of life, I give thanks You have shown me that You are in charge and these hurts are fleeting. May I look past the results of sin and see my Savior who comes and carries and helps me conquer. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

In Christ I remain His servant and yours,

Rev. Ken Klaus, Speaker Emeritus, Lutheran Hour Ministries

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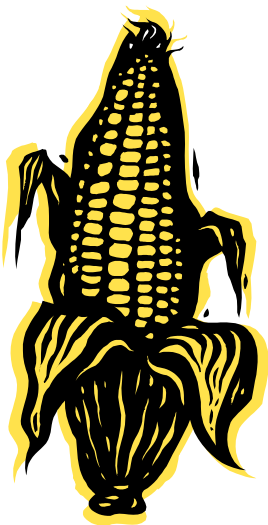
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This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard

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You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

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