

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2018**

Council discussed Chapters 9 and 10 from *Liturgy of the Ordinary*. After devotions, scripture and prayer by Pastor Sarah, the October 18th, 2018 church council meeting was called to order by President Gary Crawford.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Council reviewed minutes from the previous meeting. Esther Levering noted Thrivent grants covered all but \$100 of the cost for Meet Your Neighbor Night held on October 7th. Claudia Fetter made a motion to accept the September council minutes with above addendum noted. Second by Larry Reiff. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bobbi Jo Bell presented the September Financial Statement as well as the Quarterly Statements. Claudia Fetter made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Debb Crawford. Motion passed.

The Budget Committee will be meeting soon.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at St. Paul's Waldo on Saturday, December 1st. Greg Price will unlock the church for this event. The 2019 blood drive dates are February 16th, April 20th, July TBA, September 28th and December 7th.

Names are being accepted for the Green Bucket Project throughout the month of October. These requests will be reviewed by the Elders and Pastor Sarah.



The Christmas Decorating Committee will meet on Saturday, December 1st to decorate the church. Gary Crawford will contact the chairman to remind them of this date.

Items will be collected for the Christmas Clearinghouse from November 26th through December 9th.

The Live Nativity at the Fairgrounds will be on December 2nd. Watch for a sign-up sheet.

PASTOR'S REPORT

The Intergenerational Bonfire is October 21st at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Claudia and Tom Fetter. There will be a brief youth meeting at 4:30 regarding the 2019 Mission Trip.

Addison Buck will be baptized on Wednesday, October 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

All are welcome. Cake and punch will follow.

The Fresh Produce Distribution for the winter season (November-March) will be held on Thursdays at All Occasions Barn. Toilet paper is collected each month. The additional donation requests are:

- November 1st – Lip Balm and Lotion
- December 6th – Socks
- January 3rd – Tissues and Paper Towels
- February 7th – Soap (dish, body, bar)
- March 7th – Shampoo and Conditioner

It was recommended for next year to have the hats/scarves/mitten donation request in November.



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The Advent Devotionals will focus on scripture from the Sermon on the Mount (What a life of discipleship looks like?). The wreath decorating and devotional book distribution will be November 11th following morning worship. The youth will host a baked potato bar for the meal.

Pastor Sarah will be in Germany October 26th through November 3rd for the International Women's Seminar. Pulpit supply for October 28th will be Rev. Shari Ayers.

Trunk or Treat will be held October 31st from 5:30-7:00 p.m. There will be a *Where's Waldo* search for trick or treaters.

All Saints' Sunday is November 4th. Rev Hugh Daley will preach. Pastor Sarah plans to preside pending her return from Germany goes as planned. Elders will light the candles for those who have died. Pictures will be displayed of those we are remembering. Anyone is welcome to bring a picture to the church office or bring it that morning.

Rachel Kidwell will be baptized on November 11th. Linda Lovell and Kelly Talley will be her sponsors.

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held Wednesday, November 21st at Peace Community UCC.

Christ the King Sunday is November 25th with continuous communion.

Mid-week Advent Services will be December 5th, 12th and 19th. A meal will be served before each service. Holden Evening Prayer will be observed around the cross.

Next year's church theme is BIBLE. A year-long Bible reading plan is being devised and will begin January 1st, 2019.

ELDERS REPORT

Claudia Fetter did the October shut-in visits. Ed Stofcheck will do them in November.

Claudia has been contacting family members regarding memorials that haven't been designated.

DEACONS REPORT

The eternal candle was discussed. New eternal candles cannot be purchased. Chuck Buck made a motion to have Joy Candle refurbish the candle we have at a cost of \$10 for freight. Bobbi Jo Bell seconded. Motion did not pass. Further discussion. Jeff Griffin made a motion to purchase a battery-operated candle and place in the existing hanging holder. Seconded by Chuck Buck. Motion passed.

Discussion of the candles and candelabras ensued. Debb Crawford made a motion to purchase 2 bottles of Joy Candles Brass Polish for the candelabras and to refurbish them through Joy Candles in January 2019 for all 16 candles. Included in the motion was also to purchase one replacement candle. Second by Claudia Fetter. Motion passed.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Greg Price reported Mike's Roofing replaced the missing shingles and looked for the leak. No report on the leak was available at meeting time. Don Isler is overseeing this issue.

The heating and cooling upgrade began October 15th. Completion is estimated at 2 weeks. Payment was discussed. Debb Crawford made a motion to take a loan for \$15,000 to cover the remaining balance. Ed Stofcheck seconded. Motion passed.



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PARISH BOARD OF EDUCATION

Margaret Heimlich reported the Children's Christmas program practice will begin November 4th during Sunday School and Children's Church. The program will be presented December 16th.

Election of Sunday School officers will be December 9th during Sunday School.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Esther Levering reported the next circle meeting will be November 13th.

The Handbell Choir Festival is Sunday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m. in Delaware. A Thrivent grant is being considered to cover lunch costs.

The Women's Community Christmas Dinner is December 6th at 6:00 p.m. at Waldo UMC. The Lutheran women are in charge of the decorations and vegetable or salad. All family members are invited. St. Paul's will be in charge of this program next year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The chairman is aware and the committee is scheduled to meet.

OLD BUSINESS

Gary Crawford reported the Treasurer's Committee has brought a recommendation forward for the position of Treasurer, Penny Ward. Bobbi Jo Bell made a motion to approve this recommendation, second by Larry Reiff. Motion passed. The official start date for Penny will be January 1, 2019.

Dave Weichenthal reported the church website is coming together and hopefully will be up and running in mid-December.

NEW BUSINESS

Maintenance was completed on the organ on October 18th. It was noted maintenance on the organ (as well as on the pianos) would fall under the Maintenance Budget line.

Don Isler has requested use of the educational wing on Saturday, November 17th from Noon-5:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 27th from 3:00-8:00 p.m. Chuck Buck made a motion to grant this request. Seconded by Ed Stofcheck. Motion passed.

The next council meeting will be November 15th at 7:00 p.m. Chapter 11 of *Liturgy of the Ordinary* will be discussed. Claudia Fetter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Debb Crawford. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned with council saying The Lord's Prayer.

Respectively

Submitted,

Kelly Talley, Recording

Secretary

PRESENT: Pastor Sarah, Gary Crawford, Ed Stofcheck, Claudia Fetter, Chuck Buck, Larry Reiff, Jeff Griffin, Dave Weichenthal, Greg Price, Bobbi Jo Bell, Debb Crawford, Kelly Talley, Margaret Heimlich, Esther Levering.

EXCUSED: Hal Clase, Jim Wellhausen, Jillian Russell, Chris Pepple, Don Isler.