



EPISTLE

July 2019



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On a beautiful summer day this letter to you concerns a heavy topic, the events surrounding death.

In recent months, a number of members of the congregation have experienced the death of loved ones, family, and friends, including members of this community of faith. Death has come suddenly to some and for others the process of dying has taken months and can take years. I seek to provide pastoral care to those who are facing illness, disease, and death. I am not alone in this ministry. Members of this community of faith, family, and friends all share in this ministry to and with each other. When all do this ministry in unison, it is profound to witness and experience.

When someone dies, family members are faced with an incredible number of decisions in a short period of time when they are least capable of making those decisions. Pastors and funeral directors attempt to guide them in making these decisions. As a Pastor, I value greatly my partnership with Funeral Directors who view what they do as "ministry."

There are many others who minister in this time of need. There is the on-going support of the community to those who are mourning, many who themselves are mourning. At the time of the funeral or memorial service, musicians, singers, funeral meal servers, caterers, and others, all share their gifts for the sake of the community, all share a partnership.

Know I value greatly the partnership I share with all of you in this ministry. As I write, I am aware of two memorial services at which I will preside in the coming weeks. One of these is a distance from Door County, and I am grateful to those with whom I will share the drive and ministry.

Know all we do in the name of Jesus is to be about health and healing. This ministry matters. We die in Christ, and we have eternal life in Christ. By God's grace we have this day to live life in Christ to minister to our neighbors, and the neighborhood is all of creation. We have eyes to see and ears to hear, use them. We have minds and hearts to discern and hands and feet to move us, use them. Our partnership in the Gospel is needed.

I need you. If you know of someone in need, don't assume I know, tell me. We partner with each other, in Christ, in this ministry.

Peace be with you.
Pastor Frank



ANDERSON DOCKS-OLOGY 2019 SUNSET SERVICES

JULY 10, 17, 24, 31, AUGUST 7, AND AUGUST 14 (SIX WEDNESDAYS AT 7:30 PM) DOCKS-OLOGY

An annual worship opportunity hosted by Ephraim Moravian Church; the community is invited to worship together. Each week a different local Pastor shares the message and special music is provided. On July 10, Pastor Frank will share the message and St. Paul Choir will share their gifts. Join others from the larger community, bring a chair, share in this unique worship experience, and enjoy the sunset.



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP

Looking for a weekly opportunity to reflect on the Word and apply it to your own life? Then perhaps the Women's Spiritual Growth Group (aka Weekly Women's Bible Study) is for you!

We meet on Thursdays from 9-11 AM at various locations. We are currently taking a break for the months of July and August. Watch for next month's Epistle where we will announce the new study for the months of September and October. We hope you are able to join us!

All are welcome. Each session stands on each own so you can come any time, as often as you can. For more information or to sign up, contact Debbie Jones at debbie.jones.pmp@gmail.com, 651-328-1261.

WEEKLY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*There will be NO Men's Bible Study on Friday, July 5th.

Please join or visit the St. Paul Men's Bible Study for fellowship and study in a relaxing atmosphere. We meet every Friday at 8:30 AM for breakfast and/or coffee and discussion. Contact Gary Jones at 651-271-9094 for location details.

MONTHLY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesday, July 9 at 9:00 a.m. in our Multipurpose room at church to discuss the July study. The title for the study is 'For Just Such A Time Like This.' Our Summer study is the book of Esther. This session explores the acts of being silent and speaking. The study is taken from the July/August issue of the *Lutheran Woman* publication titled *Gather*. Copies of the study will be available. New members are always welcome. Call Kathy Olson at 920-868-3723 with any questions.



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

This month we will discuss the book, The Last Castle: The Epic Story of Love, Loss and American Royalty in the Nation's Largest Home, by Denise Kiernan. The true story behind the magnificent Gilded Age mansion Biltmore—the largest, grandest residence ever built in the United States by George Vanderbilt on 125,000 acres of North Carolina wilderness. Edith Vanderbilt became mistress of the 175,000 sq. ft. chateau, filled with priceless art and antiques, and of the village beyond its gates. When fortunes shifted and changing times threatened her family, her home, and her community, it was up to Edith to save Biltmore. Our meeting date is Tuesday, July 16 at 1:00 pm at the home of Jan Meier. Please contact Jan at janetdmeier@gmail.com or 920-212-0499 for directions.



SERVANTHOOD



CONNECTIONS

July - the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer! What a joy to experience the warmth of the sunshine, the extended daylight hours, and the excitement of summer visitors and entertainment! We are truly blessed to be a part of this Door County community whether we are sharing it with others or experiencing it ourselves.

But have you ever thought about what it would be like if your ability to get out and about had been curtailed? Physical illness/pain or recovery from surgery, loss of a loved one or loss of a job, depression, or anxiety - these are just a few of the causes that can lead people into feelings of loneliness and hopelessness and prevent them from the mobility they once enjoyed.

But there is Hope in Jesus! Regardless of our circumstances, He is always by our side. We are never alone. Perhaps you can be that person that represents the hands and feet of Jesus bringing love and caring to others. Sometimes it is a matter of something as simple as a phone call, a card, or a visit that can truly make a difference.

We have each been blessed with gifts intended to be used for the good of others. How has the Lord gifted you? Rejoice in all that God has given you and pass on His abundant love and mercy to others.

If you are aware of someone who could use some extra encouragement, you can also reach out to Pastor Frank or Debbie Jones (debbie.jones.pmp@gmail.com or 651-328-1261.) The Connections Ministry team is available to share Christ's love to those who need a listening ear. They are also available to bring communion to those who have been unable to come to the Lord's table.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." -1 Peter 4:10



KNIT & CROCHET FOR THE KIDS

(MEETS TUESDAY, 1:15 PM
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM)
***NO JULY/AUGUST GATHERING
WILL SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER**

Kidnits is a group of women - men are welcome too – who meet the first Tuesday of the month to knit and crochet for an organization called Knit for Kids. Sponsored by World Vision, Knit for Kids collects hand-made garments from groups like Kidnits and sends them to children in need all over the world. Even if you want to stay in the warmth of your home and knit/crochet/tie fleece blankets, Kidnits welcomes your handmade items. There is even a stash of yarn and knitting needles at church.

There is a current need for older children's hats, so people are welcome to knit/crochet hats at home if they are unable to join the group. Contact Betty Eisenhauer or Treiva Wilterding for more information.



BLANKET ANGELS

(MEETS BI-MONTHLY ON THE 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS - 1:00 PM - FELLOWSHIP AREA)
***NO GATHERING ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 3RD**

Every month, Blanket Angels get together the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays to make colorful, warm, soft, and cuddly (no two alike) fleece blankets we call Angel Blankets. Angel Blankets are distributed to individuals of all ages in Door County. We have put together and distributed 246 beautiful fleece blankets since we began our project, May 2017. Join us this month on July 17th, downstairs, in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00-2:00 PM. Materials are provided...no experience necessary!! Bring scissors if you have them.



PRAYER SHAWLS

What a wonderful response we have had to the invitation to pass on prayer shawls to those in need! We are now at the point where we need MORE prayer shawls! For those of you who have been blessed with the gift of knitting, here is a great opportunity to put those gifts to work! The pattern is simple (just knits and purls). To obtain a copy of the instructions, stop by the credenza in the narthex or contact Debbie Jones (651-328-1261 or debbie.jones.pmp@gmail.com.)



SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019 - 11:00 AM

A special Congregation meeting for St. Paul's Lutheran Church Juddville is called for Sunday, July 14 at 11:00 AM for the purpose of approving \$36,000 dollars from the Emergency Endowment Fund to replace the existing septic system and storage shed on Church property. Church members of record will be eligible to vote. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Todd Rockway at todd.rockway@gmail.com or 847-738-4617.



SEPTIC SYSTEM AND STORAGE SHED REPLACEMENT REPORT – JUNE 25, 2019

The Maintenance Committee reports back in the fall of 2015 indicated that there were issues with the steel septic tank that had been installed some time before 1990. At that time there were issues of the steel rusting.

The septic tank was inspected this past November by Reinhard Plumbing as directed by St. Paul Church to comply with the code requirements of the Door County Sanitarian. The result of the inspection was that there were significant rust issues and that the drain field was saturated which indicated that the system needed to be replaced.

Vander Leest Soil Testing was called to perform a soil test and to design a new septic system based on the soil test results. The test results indicated that a “conventional” system could be used. The new system will comply with all current Door County Sanitarian codes.

As to the process, the old tank will be emptied and removed. Reinhard’s proposal, which is available, includes all the details of the new code compliant system. The project typically takes a week to install from start to finish – provided the weather cooperates. I have been told that there will be minimal disruption to the inside plumbing. The start date would be a Monday. The first day may find the toilets in-operable.

To install the new septic system, the old storage shed must be removed. The current condition of the shed is such that it will not “survive” moving it, therefore a new storage shed is proposed to be installed. The existing shed is 8’ x 12’. The proposed new shed is 12’ x 24’. The added space will allow more efficient use of the space in that every time something is needed from the shed, most of the stored items need to be moved or removed from the shed. The new shed is built by and installed by Sunnyview Storage Sheds from Maribel, WI. They will custom build the shed, install a crushed stone base, install, and level the shed with an entry ramp.

It is planned to extend electricity to the new shed for minimal lights and a work outlet.

The septic system is projected to cost \$27,274.00 including county sanitary permits, equipment, electricity, and installation.

The storage shed is projected to cost \$7,795.00 including county zoning and local building permits, purchase, and installation of the shed.

The total is \$35,069.00 which will be taken from the Emergency Endowment Fund.

There are informational displays in the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex. Handout copies are available in the Narthex.

Any questions, please call Tom Prohl 715-459-4914.

Peace, Tom Prohl, Council Vice-President and Property Chair

ELECTRONIC GIVING



Before you leave Door County for a vacation, you can now manage your giving to Our Lord online! Giving online is strictly voluntary, is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring and/or one time contributions to the church and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at www.stpaullutheranjuddville.360unite.com;
2. click on the Give Online button;
3. click on the Create Profile button; then
4. follow the onscreen instruction to create an online profile and to schedule your contributions.

The secure online giving application is provided through Vanco Payment Solutions and is used by ELCA congregations nationwide.



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes – Summary
June 17, 2019

Mission: *St. Paul Lutheran Church is a welcoming family bringing Christ into people's lives by developing, nurturing, and supporting disciples.*

Council Members Present: Todd Rockway, Tom Prohl, Greg Ehlke, Amy Jo Campbell, Jim Eggers, Dave DeCock, Gary Jones.

Not Present: Pastor Frank (Confirmation camp)

Meeting Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Council President Todd Rockway.

Devotions: Tom Prohl provided an opening devotion and a prayer.

Community of Faith Report: General comments; we have seen good use of the playground.

Reports:

- **Ministry Reports are available in the church office.**
- **Financial Report – Greg Ehlke, Treasurer**
 - a. Greg Ehlke will prepare a bulletin insert to provide a financial status briefing for the congregation.
 - b. Greg Ehlke presented the financial report
 - Offerings in May were \$19.2K, or \$1.4K above budget, Ministry Expenses in May were \$16.7K, or \$3.2K below budget. Undesignated cash (i.e., the Checking – Other sub-account) in the Nicolet Bank checking account was 24.6K as of month-end
 - Offerings for the eight-month fiscal year-to-date period (Oct'18 - May'19) totaled \$137.3K, which is \$4.7K below budget, projected fiscal full year expenses appear on pace to approximate \$240K, close to the level approved at the Annual Meeting last October notwithstanding higher Utilities expenses incurred during the current year. The fiscal year-to-date Net Loss excluding Dedicated Funds and Endowment-related activity was \$22.0K
 - Financial Report approved, Tom Prohl / Dave DeCock (Motion, 2nd).
 - c. Special Meeting Date set for July 14th to present and approve the septic system project. We will need 2 announcements to the congregation about the special meeting.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. Budget discussion for 2020

We did a review of all the transactions in QuickBooks for the past 1 ½ years to ensure we had all the details and would not miss any key items. Greg will do a draft budget based upon the Council discussion and have it available for review at the next meeting. Each committee leader previously sent Greg their budget needs for the coming year and we will use that input in addition to our transaction review to create the next budget.

2. Audio System Enhancements

Problems continue with the current sound system. We have a proposal to replace the system and Council plans a vote to approve the plan and expenditure. The upgrade will be paid from the undesignated Memorial Fund.

3. Adjournment with The Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, July 15, 2019; 6:30 PM, Tom Prohl will provide devotions

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Monday, July 7, 2019; 1:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Gary Jones, Secretary