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EPISTLE

August 2019



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

God is always faithful, forgiveness and new life are always present in Jesus, and the Holy Spirit continues to stir in us. I always give thanks for this reality and look forward to what God has in store for us as individuals, families, and as a community of faith.

THANK YOU, FAREWELL & GODSPEED – SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH

Sandy Kauzlarich, a member of St. Paul and for these past years our Administrative Assistant, has resigned and announced that she has sold her home in Egg Harbor and will be moving back to the Chicago area. We wish her well and pray for her in this time of transition. As a congregation, we will be thanking her and wishing her farewell and Godspeed during the 9:30 AM worship on August 4th. You are encouraged to come worship and give thanks to her for the ministry we have shared and the gifts God has lifted up in her as we have partnered in the Gospel.

Sandy came to this position as the first person to occupy it. Therefore, everything she did was a first. The leadership had an idea of what might be needed, but we soon learned what some of us already knew, that the position and the one who exercises it is central to the ministry we share. Sandy has shown devotion to our Lord and to her work. She has responded to the needs of many, all while creating what we now have as a template of what we need to move forward. Sandy has been flexible with her time to meet the many needs of the congregation. She has sought to be faithful in her response to the Lord through her compassionate response to others. We wish her well as we say farewell and as she reconnects with family and friends in the Chicago area.

WELCOME – SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH

During the 8:00 AM worship on August 4th, we will welcome seven families who will be joining us as members of this community of faith in the ministry we share. In the coming month, we look forward to welcoming an additional eleven families, or more, in the ministry we share.

God's people have always been on the move, and God has always gone with us. Jesus is present where the community of faith is found, in the Word proclaimed and lived, in the water and the Word, and in the bread and wine.

May God continue to bless us in our coming in and going out, this day and for evermore.

In Christ,
Pastor Frank



ANDERSON DOCKS-OLGY 2019 SUNSET SERVICES

AUGUST 7 AND AUGUST 14 (WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 PM) DOCKS-OLGY

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. Join others from the larger community, bring a chair, share in this unique worship experience, and enjoy the sunset.



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - Door County is in full vacation mode with visitors filling our streets. Church attendance has been excellent and many visitors to the County have also been visiting St. Paul. The need for volunteers at worship services does not take a vacation. Many thanks to the few people who have been volunteering to serve as ushers, assisting ministers, and communion assistants. Please sign up to help in one of these capacities, St. Paul needs you. The August spots are empty right now.



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 20 at 1:00 PM. This month we will discuss the book, "Little Fires Everywhere," by Celeste Ng. The Richardson family lives in the planned community of Shaker Heights, Ohio—a place of wealth, comfort, and stability—and they are a clan that embodies those traits. But when Mia, a single mother, and her fifteen year old daughter, Pearl, rent a house in the area, their very different lives will merge with those of the Richardson family and will threaten to upend this carefully ordered community. Debbie Jones will host and you can call her at 651-328-1261.



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 9:00-11:00 AM at St. Paul in the Multipurpose Room. We are currently taking a break for the months of July and August, but will start up again on **Thursday, September 5**, with a six-week study by John Ortberg called "**If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat.**" There is a companion book by the same name for anyone interested in some thought-provoking summer reading.

Each week we will begin our session together with a short (10-15 minute) companion video that positions the week's discussion. Our topics will include:

- Session 1: *Water-Walking?*
- Session 2: *The Tragedy of the Unopened Gift*
- Session 3: *Find Your Calling and Get Your Feet Wet*
- Session 4: *Facing Our Challenges, Conquering Our Fears*
- Session 5: *Good News for Cave Dwellers*
- Session 6: *Learning to Wait on Our Big God*

We will "discover how to discern God's call, transcend fear, risk faith, manage failure, and trust God...John Ortberg invites you to consider the incredible potential that awaits you outside your comfort zone."

All are welcome.

For more information or to sign up, contact Debbie Jones (debbie.jones.pmp@gmail.com or 651-328-1261) by **August 8** to be included in the group order for the study guide. We hope you are able to join us!

† WEEKLY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Please join or visit the St. Paul Men's Bible Study for fellowship and study in a relaxing atmosphere. We meet every Friday, 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, August 13, at 9:00 AM in our Multipurpose Room at church to discuss the August study. We will complete our summer study of the book of *Esther*. We will discuss that the book of *Esther* is the basis of the Jewish festival of Purim which is celebrated each year in late winter/early spring. The festival commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people from Haman's plot to annihilate all the Jews in a single day. We will learn a bit about some of the traditions that make up this festival.

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 868-3723 with any questions.



SERVANTHOOD



CONNECTIONS

August - beautiful, glorious summer in Door County! What a joy to share this special place with our family, friends, and other out-of-town visitors! Yes, it can be frustrating with the drivers who fail to recognize that the speed limit is faster than 20 mph, but we can also learn from them to slow down and appreciate this gift from God!

Have you ever stopped to consider what your life would be like if everything was in slow motion? For many of us, our daily responsibilities and schedules keep us in high gear from morning to night. But, what if everything suddenly stopped? What if you became physically unable to independently leave your home? What if loss of a loved one or loss of a job or loss of a dream left you emotionally empty? What if your pain and suffering left you spiritually bankrupt? These and many other debilitating challenges can happen to any of us at any time.

But God has created us to live in community. He has commanded us to love others as He loved us. He has blessed us abundantly so that we might abundantly bless others. What does that look like in your busy schedule?

Perhaps the next time you become aware of someone in need of encouragement, a listening ear, or a ray of hope, you might be the one to offer Christ's light and love. Sometimes it is a matter of something as simple as a smile, a phone call, a card, or a visit that can truly make a difference. Sometimes that "someone in need" is you. Sometimes, what you really need is a reminder to slow down, breathe, and give thanks to God.

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.

"Be still [cease striving] and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." - Psalm 46:10

KNIT & CROCHET FOR THE KIDS



(MEETS MONTHLY ON THE 1ST TUESDAY,
1:15 PM MULTIPURPOSE ROOM)

NO AUGUST GATHERING
SEE YOU SEPTEMBER 3RD

Kidnits meets at 1:15 PM in the Multipurpose Room at church on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning again in September. A little information about this group is in order for those who may be thinking about attending or supporting us. Kidnits knits and crochets for an organization called 'Knit for Kids.' Sponsored by World Vision, 'Knit for Kids' collects hand-made garments and sends them to children all over the world. Imagine some of the children in war-torn or struggling countries receiving a new sweater, hat, mittens or blanket of their very own! The joy must be unreal to have an article of clothing they have never had before. To date, Kidnits has sent 386 items to World Vision. In turn, we receive a letter identifying the countries where our items have been delivered and if there is a need for specific items (currently, hats for older children are needed).

We first began meeting in the fall of 2016 and would love to have you join us. Those new to knitting or crocheting are welcome and there is a stash of yarn and needles just waiting to be used. If you can't attend, but would like to be part of the group, we accept monetary donations to purchase yarn or contributions of non-wool knitting worsted weight yarn. 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)

THIS MONTH - AUGUST 7TH AND 21ST

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 August 7th 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 knit and purl). To obtain a copy of the instructions, stop by the credenza in the Narthex or contact Debbie Jones (debbie.jones.pmp@gmail.com or 651-328-1261.)



- **Challenge Match Met!** - your Church Council extends its sincere thanks to all who increased their giving to take advantage of the anonymous members' Net Deficit Reduction – Matching Gift Challenge. Since June 16th, over twenty households increased their giving by \$9,480 to more than meet the anonymous members' \$6,600 matching gift challenge. This has enabled our congregation to reduce the fiscal year deficit from \$22,000 at May month-end to \$6,600 as of June month-end. With your continued generosity, let's work to wipe out the remaining net deficit by our September 30th fiscal year-end.

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.stpaullutheranjudenville.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
MAINTENANCE AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE
JULY 2019**

- ✓ A lot has happened behind the scenes pertaining to the new septic system. Soil testing was done. A new system was designed. Reinhard Plumbing submitted their bid. Requests for competitive bid went out, no one responded.
- ✓ A special congregational meeting was held July 14th at which the body attending voted unanimously to have the septic system replaced and replace the storage shed. Also voted on was to use funds from the Emergency Endowment Fund. As of this writing, contacts have been made and we are awaiting what the schedule will be for the work to be done. Reinhard Plumbing has indicated that they have been extremely busy and have indicated they will schedule the Church job as soon as possible. I am expecting that we will need to wait a least a month or two. We have been assured that will not be a problem other than I am sure we are all anxious to have the work done.
- ✓ The playground benches built last fall are being painted colors to match the playground equipment. Materials have been purchased to construct two picnic tables for the playground area. I am happy to report that there have been several families stop and use the equipment. On a very positive note, we have not “lost” any of the basketballs we had provided.



Other remaining items that fall under the Maintenance/Cemetery Ministry are occurring as expected and within budget.

Chris Kuhn continues to keep our church sparkling clean. He is detailing areas as he has time. He recently cleaned the kitchen appliances. Be sure to thank him when you see him.

If there are any other concerns found in the church, please let me know. Thank you for your support.



St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – Summary July 15, 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, Pastor Frank, Gary Jones. **Not Present:** Jim Eggers

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
 - a. June Financial Statements will be posted to the website.
 - b. Deficit Challenge Update, we've received contributions from 21 households thru July. As of today, we have received a total of \$14,720 including the match of \$6,000 and we are within approximately \$3,500 of wiping out the deficit
 - c. Greg will contact John Hermann to ensure the \$36,000 withdrawal request from the Emergency Endowment Fund invested with the ELCA Foundation is timely completed by the St. Paul Endowment Fund Committee to fund the septic system project
 - d. Greg passed out the preliminary 2019-2020 budget for everyone to review for the next meeting when we will finalize the numbers
 - e. We should consider a listening session after both services to get input on where we should be sending our benevolence funds each year. Council may consider 1 benevolence each quarter for a larger amount instead of scattering the funds. Approve the Financial Statement; Tom Prohl, Dave DeCock (Motion/2nd)
 - c. Special Meeting on July 14th had 36 members present who approved the septic system project.

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 for review at the next meeting.

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, August 19th, 2019; 6:30 PM, Tom Prohl will provide devotions

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Monday, August 12th, 2019; 1:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Gary Jones, Secretary



**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2019**

AGENDA

1. Meeting Call to Order by Council President Todd Rockway
2. Quorum Determination
 - a. It was determined, based upon the sign-in sheet, that we have a quorum to hold the meeting.
3. Opening Devotion & Prayer
 - a. Pastor Frank opened the meeting with prayer
4. Review the Resolutions for a New Septic System and a new storage shed.
5. Resolutions:

RESOLVED, that as recommended by the St. Paul Lutheran Church Council, the replacement of the church's septic system by Reinhard Plumbing and the purchase of a new storage shed from Sunnyview Storage Shed in Maribel, WI, both as substantially described in Annex A, be authorized in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$36,000; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funding for the replacement of the church's septic system and purchase of the new storage shed referenced in the foregoing resolution be, and it hereby is, authorized by making a withdrawal of up to \$36,000 from the St. Paul Lutheran Church Emergencies Endowment Fund (account number E271937) invested with the ELCA Endowment Fund; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officers or members of the St. Paul Lutheran Church Council be, and each of them hereby is and they collectively are, authorized to execute the necessary contracts or to take such other actions as may be required to effect the replacement of the church's septic system and the purchase of a new storage shed both as substantially described in Annex A; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Paul Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Committee members, Pastor Frank Kauzlarich, the Church Council President and the Church Council Treasurer be, and each of them hereby is and they collectively are, authorized to take such actions as may be required to effect (i) the withdrawal of up to \$36,000 from the St. Paul Lutheran Church Emergencies Endowment Fund (account E271937) invested with the ELCA Endowment Fund and (ii) the deposit of such funds by electronic means or following receipt of such funds by mail from the ELCA Endowment Fund into the St. Paul Lutheran Church Select 300 Interest Checking account maintained at Nicolet National Bank; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Paul Lutheran Church Council President or an appropriate member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church Council is hereby directed to report on the status of the completion of the replacement of the church's septic system and the purchase of a new storage shed at the next annual Congregation Meeting.

6. Results of the Congregational Vote.
 - a. Motion to accept the resolution (Tom Prohl, Ed Eickenberg - Motion/2nd, & Passed)
 - b. Vote on the Resolutions – Passed Unanimously (36 votes)

Motion to end the meeting. (Debbie Jones/Amy Jo Campbell, - Motion/2nd & passed).

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Gary Jones, Secretary