

St. Pauli News in Detail



Greeting and Ushering

March 1	Staci Reay
March 8	Jim Rondorf
March 15	Jordan Rondorf
March 22	Arlo Rude
March 29	Barb Smith

Cleaning: Clean prior to your Sunday to usher. Don't forget to check the wastebasket in the pastor's office.

Sunday Service:

- Light altar candles before service and put out flames after church.
- Act as Greeters and hand out bulletins.
- Usher for offering and communion.
- Count attendance and enter in log.
- Tidy up pews after church to make it ready for the next Sunday's services.

Altar Preparation: Roxane Rondorf

March Milestones

Birthdays

Mar. 4	Ken Cedergren
Mar. 10	Laurie Nelson
Mar. 13	Gabe Haugen
Mar. 15	Sue Kotz
Mar. 22	Deone Cerny
Mar. 26	Staci Reay

Anniversaries

Mar. 12	Neil and Sharon Bugge
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March is Food Shelf Month at St. Pauli. Many individuals and families depend on this service to help them through tough financial times. Checks may be made payable to St. Pauli Church, and then one check will be sent by the church to the Food Shelf. A basket for the donations is located in the narthex.

Lenten Service Schedule

This year's theme is "Thy Will Be Done."

March 4:	Pastor Linda Molitor – Oklee "God's Will and My Inadequacy" – Moses.
March 11:	Pastor Cathie Rhodes—Newfolden and Holt "God's Will and My Identity"—Mary.
March 18:	Rev. Ale Tulu – Zion TRF "God Will and My World View"—Paul.
March 25:	Rev. Jonathan Dodson – Plummer "God's Will and My Dreams"—David.
April 1:	Pastor Gary Graff – Red Lake Falls "God's Will and Joyful Service"—Jesus .

Journey with LWR this Lent!



As is our custom during the Lenten season, the congregation will take part in collecting Personal Care Kits.

March 1:	Bar of Soap (4 or 5 oz. in original wrapper)
March 8:	Bath Towel (sturdy, lightweight, max. size 27" x 52", dark color preferred)
March 15:	Toothbrush (adult size, in original packaging)
March 22:	Sturdy Comb (wide-tooth preferred)
April 5:	Nail Clipper (metal, attached file optional)

Delivering "Bags of Blessing"

We need people to periodically deliver our "Bags of Blessing" clothing donations to Northland Rescue Mission in Grand Forks. If you're making a trip already and can include a delivery, please coordinate with Virginia Anderson, stewardship chair, or Jan Strandlie, WELCA president.

Approved Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting

The St. Pauli Lutheran Church congregation held its Annual Meeting on February 3, 2019 following the 10:30 am worship service, with 19 members present. Council President Ivette Garrett called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. Pastor Carl Hansen led with an opening prayer of thanks, guidance and trust.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented with three additions: 1) church keys; 2) paintings; and 3) microwave.

Reports:

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the January 28, 2018 annual meeting, the July 15, 2018 special congregational meeting, and the September 23, 2018 special congregational meeting were presented. Motion made by Arlo Rude, seconded by Cindy Cedergren, to approve the minutes of all three meetings. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Barb Nelson questioned what the "Education Fund" line item was for. Treasurer Arlo Rude explained that these monies are set aside for such things as members attending conferences, assisting WELCA to pay a portion of Bible Camp expenses for confirmands, etc. "Pathways Bible Camp" line item is our membership fee.

Motion made by Skip Swanson, seconded by Ron Anderson, to approve the reports. Motion carried. The following is a summary:

Total Revenue including internal transfers	\$41,331.41
Total Operational/Special Projects Expenditures	(46,342.56)
2018 Revenue less Expenditures	\$ (5,011.15)
Asset Balances as of 12/31/18:	
Checking Account	\$ 21,496.15
Investor Savings Account	36,222.94
Certificates of Deposit	20,000.00
Edward D. Jones Investments	45,097.12
Memorial Fund	10,912.73
Mission Grant Fund	4,037.71
Education Fund	516.45
Total Church Funds	\$138,283.10

Pastor's Report: Pastor Hansen stated he had enjoyed his time with family over the past month and had attended services at several different churches, mentioning two sermons that were particularly outstanding. He had planned to take his Nebraska family to the symphony in St. Paul, but they had to turn around midway due to snowstorms. He continues to enjoy serving our congregation and the congregation expressed their pleasure with a hearty round of applause for Pastor Hansen. As of 2019, the Synod has approved our entering into six-month contracts with Pastor Hansen.

Membership Report: Last year, a question was raised as to what constitutes "active membership." President Garrett has researched this concern and reported that our constitution under "Discontinuance of membership" states that members may be removed from the roll due to inactivity as defined in the bylaws and further states, "Such persons who have been removed from the roll of members shall remain persons for whom the church has a continuing pastoral concern."

Our bylaws state: "A confirmed member who in the judgment of the Church Council shows no interest in attending church services and does not partake of Holy Communion; and who does not contribute to the congregational treasury according to the congregation's records, for a period of two years, shall be presumed no longer to desire membership, shall lose the right to vote, and shall not be counted in the membership statistics of the congregation. However, his name and record shall be kept in the files for a period of five years thereafter. Such person shall be encouraged to take part in the congregational life, or to transfer elsewhere, as the situation may indicate to be advisable. If he resumes activity within the five-year period, he shall be restored to the active membership list; if not he shall be dismissed from the congregation and, if possible, shall be notified of this action."

Skip Swanson asked if donations to the Synod were based on membership. Pastor Hansen said they were at one time, but that is no longer the case. He also said that if a church is part of a multi-point parish, then there may be financial considerations because percentages of parish support are customarily calculated on the basis of membership numbers.

A motion was made by Cindy Cedergren, seconded by Sharon Bugge, to accept the following Membership Report. Motion carried.

Total confirmed members:	94
Baptized -Not Confirmed:	16
Total Baptized Members:	110
Members deceased in 2018:	1
Baptisms:	0
Confirmed:	3
Transfers In:	2
Transfers Out:	0
Average Weekly Attendance:	27
Total Number of actively participating in the life of the congregation:	67
Highest Attendance, Christmas Eve:	64
Lowest Attendance, November 4, 2018:	15

Board of Education/Sunday School Treasurer's Reports: A motion was made by Barb Nelson, seconded by Wahna Smith, to approve the reports. Motion carried.

WELCA Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Sharon Bugge, seconded by Barb Nelson, to approve the report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- 1) Special Projects: President Garrett reported that steeple repairs, roof shingling, repair of the west concrete basement wall will all be completed in 2019. Trees were removed in September 2018 for \$2,115.
- 2) Church Building and Property Security: Four game cameras and security signs were installed last fall and one game camera and sign at the cemetery. The council will continue to monitor building and property security.
- 3) Constitution and By-Law Review Committee: The committee did not meet in 2018 but will do so in 2019.
- 4) IRS Non-Profit Status: President Garrett contacted the ELCA head office and they emailed a copy of the 501(c)(3) document for St. Pauli Church. She said any member may have a copy if they so wish.
- 5) Internet Service: This will be installed this spring, which will make possible such things as streaming funeral services to the basement area, as well as online for friends and relatives who may be unable to attend.

New Business:

- 1) 2019 Budget: Garrett reviewed the proposed budget. One change is that instead of "Co-Treasurers," there will now be separate line items for "Treasurer" and "Financial Secretary." Cemetery mowing will be a donation to the St. Pauli Cemetery Association. Cindy Cedergren questioned whether or not there is a given number of years that for which we will continue to donate to the cemetery association. Wally Torkelson said he believed it was once we reached \$50,000 in cemetery funds.

Total Projected Expenditures for 2019 are \$51,525.00 including \$8,375 in special projects. This is a budget increase of \$1,020 over the previous year (2018). Motion by Kari Torkelson, seconded by Skip Swanson, to approve the budget as amended. Motion carried.
- 2) Synod Assembly June 7-9, 2019: This is an important assembly because a new bishop will be elected. Faye Auchenpaugh and Ivette Garrett have agreed to serve as delegates.
- 3) Bishop Wohlrabe's Annual Report: The report was included in the meeting materials and members were asked to read it on their own.
- 4) St. Pauli Cemetery Association Update: The checking account balance as of December 31, 2018 is \$23,331.52. A \$25,000 CD was purchased in November 2018 at Edward Jones. Total cemetery association fund balance as of December 31, 2018: \$48,331.52

- 5) Church Key: Now that Evie Johnson has moved, we need volunteers to have keys at their homes and can be available when other members need a key to get into the church. Kathy Alberg, Sharon Bugge, Bruce Mathson and Skip Swanson all volunteered.
- 6) Paintings: During searches for historic items to place in the display cabinet and cleaning of storage areas, three paintings by Furuseth were found. Garrett asked if anyone wanted them. Gary Iverson said that he would be seeing Furuseth family members and would return the paintings to them.
- 7) Microwave: Wade and Marisa Benson donated a new microwave that is smaller and more powerful than the one we presently have in the kitchen. Any member may purchase the old one for \$10.00.

Elections:

Nominating Report and Nominations: President Garrett reported that Larry Hurst has asked to resign from the council for health reasons. Garrett said that he had been an excellent council member and we look forward to his being able to serve again when his health improves.

The nominating committee, Barb Nelson and Bruce Mathson, presented the following slate of candidates for the 2019 election:

Council Member: Gary Iverson – 1st year of second 3-year term

Council Member: Virginia Anderson—to finish 3rd year of Larry Hurst's first 3-yr term

Secretary: Erin Rondorf – 1-year term, with possible second term

Financial Secretary: Sharon Bugge – 1st year of 2-year term

Board of Education: Heidi Haugen – 1st year of 3rd term

Heating Caretaker: Myles Alberg – 1-year term without limits

Church Recorder: Valarie Torstveit – 1-year term without limits

Organist: Faye Auchenpaugh – 1-year term without limits

Voting: Garrett asked three times for nominations from the floor for any of the positions on the ballot. A motion was made by Skip Swanson, seconded by Wahna Smith, to accept the slate of officers as presented and ask the secretary to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

Closing: Garrett thanked the congregation for their faithful attendance and willingness to contribute so often and in so many ways. She asked that they give themselves a round of applause. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion by Barb Nelson, seconded by Bruce Mathson, to adjourn at 12:30 pm, followed by singing the Table Grace.

Faye Auchenpaugh
St. Pauli Church Council Secretary

Minutes of the Church Council

January 16, 2020

The St. Pauli Church Council met on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm at St. Pauli Church. Board members present: Virginia Anderson, Ivette Garrett, Gary Iverson, Erin Rondorf. Absent were Arlo Rude and Pastor Carl Hansen.

The meeting was called to order by President Garrett. Gary Iverson led us in opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted with the addition of mission grant request.

Secretary's Report: M/S/C (Garrett/Anderson) to approve the December 2019 report.

Treasurer's Report: M/S/C (Iverson/Anderson) to approve the report with exception of some point we will seek clarification on when Rude is back:

- a. Clarification of Organist expense (it was higher than budgeted).
- b. Clarification of Edward Jones (how it increased during the year).

Reports of members in sickness or distress: Prayers were given for various members recovering from surgery.

New Members or Interest in Membership: It was discussed approaching Llewellyn Lane as he has been attending services. We do not want him to feel pressured, so we will give it time. It was expressed that we enjoy having him worship with us.

Reports:

- a. WELCA—WELCA has been enjoying quilting and will be quilting next on February 5th and 6th. Anyone is welcome to join.

- b. Board of Education—A heartfelt thank you note was read from the ODC—they received the extra candy/peanut bags left over after the Sunday School program.

Old Business:

- 1) Bathroom remodel—A freestanding budget will be presented for approval at the annual meeting. Approx. \$400.
- 2) 125th Anniversary celebration in August—A freestanding budget will be presented for approval at the annual meeting.
- 3) Recording attendance—Cindy C. created a new sheet for 2020. We will continue to record attendance when ushering.
- 4) Constitution/Bylaws—The proposed amendments are at the Synod for review. It will be presented for approval at the annual meeting, assuming the Synod approves the updates.

New Business:

- 1) Pastor renewal—we will move to 6-month terms.
- 2) Annual Meeting plans:
 - a. Reports—All have been received
 - b. 2020 budget—We will remove the passthrough line from the budget
- 3) Mission Grant request—Kari Torkelson has requested funds for an upcoming mission trip. Will ask the congregation at the annual meeting for the amount we would like to give.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. M/S/C (Iverson/Anderson) to adjourn at 8:38pm.

Erin Rondorf, Secretary

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Minutes of the Women of the ELCA

January 8, 2020

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met at the church on January 8, 2020 with six members present after quilting from 10 am to 4 pm with seven quilters present.

President Janet opened the meeting with devotions.

Virginia will give Faye the total items sent to LWR for the annual meeting report. We encourage members to collect for Northland Rescue Mission throughout the year.

Secretary's report read and approved.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

Correspondence read from Autism Conference, Pathways, Feed My Starving Children, Sue Kotz and Violence Intervention.

Old Business:

Ivette and Jan have met with Don Schindler on restroom vanity. He will build and install for \$400. We will need to purchase the sink and top. Virginia will bring this to the Church Council.

Riverwalk has been reserved for our Christmas Brunch on December 5, 2020. Janet thanked Faye for hosting this year's Christmas Brunch and Kathy, Sue and Virginia for their work on the altar cloths.

Prayer partners exchanged, offering taken, and the Lord's Prayer prayed.

Sharon Bugge, Secretary

RURAL REVIVAL

Sunday, March 15, 2020

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Concordia Lutheran Church, Fertile

Worship with “Red River Worship”

Messages from Bishop Bill Tesch and Rev. Dr. Aaron Suomala Folkerds

It's a tradition. In rural communities across the Midwest, people weathered hardship by being there for each other – Neighbor for Neighbor. When times get tough, we draw together and reclaim our sources of hope: our faith in Jesus Christ, our resilient communities and services, our legacy of being there for each other.

Come and experience a revival of hope in our heartland featuring “Red River Worship!” Discover best practices for moving forward in stressful times! Hear an encouraging message of being there – God for us and all of us for one another – Neighbor for Neighbor!

What is “Red River Worship?” They are a team of writers, singers, musicians, and worshippers passionately pursuing the presence of God in their families, their friendships, their ministries, and their worship, and they are thrilled to partner their talents and hearts to give glory to God.

Red River Worship began on both sides of the Red River. They are all members of local Church worship bands, including Good Shepherd Worship in Moorhead and Fargo, and Calvary Church Worship Band in Alexandria. After leading a worship together each Sunday morning for a few years, each member felt called to reach outside the church walls to help all experience God. They intentionally balance music, Scripture, and real life stories to help all experience God.

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FIRST COMMUNION

Maicie Cervantes and Gabe Haugen passed instruction and received their first communion on Sunday, March 1st.



PRAYERS NEEDED

SUE KOTZ

January 19th – A reply from Sue to our message that church had been canceled:

"Oh, Faye, it just doesn't quit does it? How are things going up there? We're here in sunny Florida and every day one of us says, 'Good grief we're outside and it's 75 degrees!'

Not sure if you heard, but on our way down, we stopped in Macon, Georgia for a cup of coffee at McDonald's and I took a bad fall face forward and broke my left arm just above the wrist. I broke both bones and there were bone fragments that broke off too.

There were people around and one told us the best hospital was 15 minutes away. The first doctor I saw said, 'Oh you should have gone to Starbucks and gone thru the drive-thru!!'

Made me laugh anyway. I have 6 pins on the outside of my arm with a steel bar connecting them. They stick up about 3 inches. I have never heard of that before. Looks like 8-12 weeks before they come out.

Uff-da!!! I think of you all often. Stay safe." -Sue

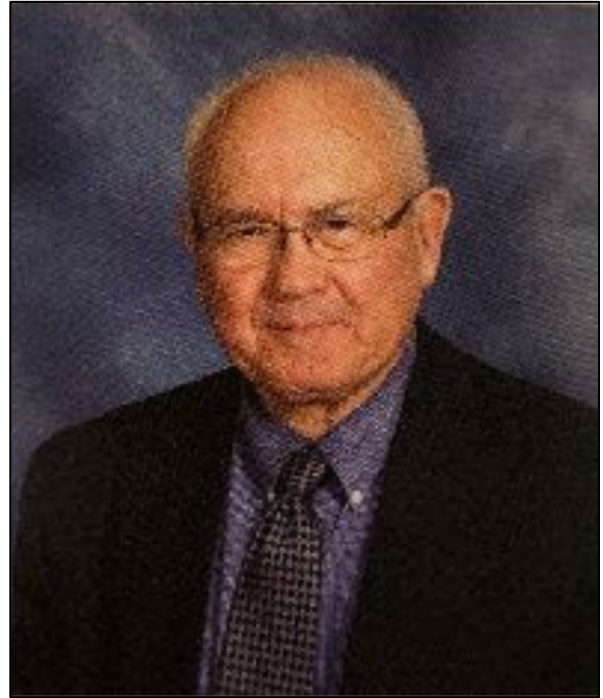
Can you imagine? Six pins sticking out of your arm about 3"? With a connecting bar?

Beginning of February—The story continues. Two weeks after her message, Sue needed surgery because healing wasn't going well.

She is doing much better and we will continue to pray for her. Looking good, Sue!



FORMER BISHOP ARLEN HERMODSON



We received the following from the NW MN Synod office. You may recall that Bishop Hermodson served Trinity Lutheran in Thief River Falls and his wife is the former Marilyn Waale, who grew up in Thief River Falls.

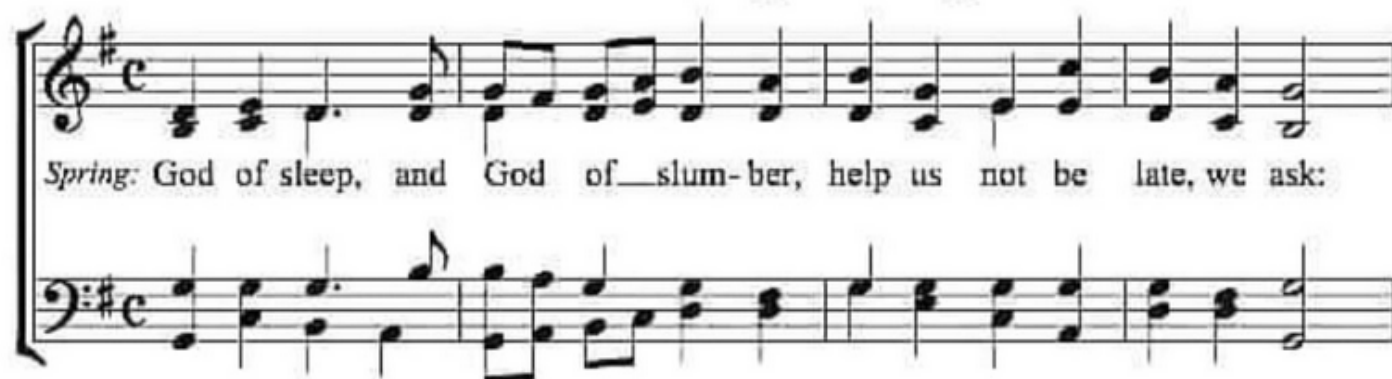
Dear Siblings in Christ,

It is with a heavy heart that we must share the news that former Bishop, Arlen Hermodson, has been recently diagnosed with stage-4 cancer. He is currently seeking treatment options. Please keep him, his wife Marilyn, and their family in your prayers at this time.

Let us pray,

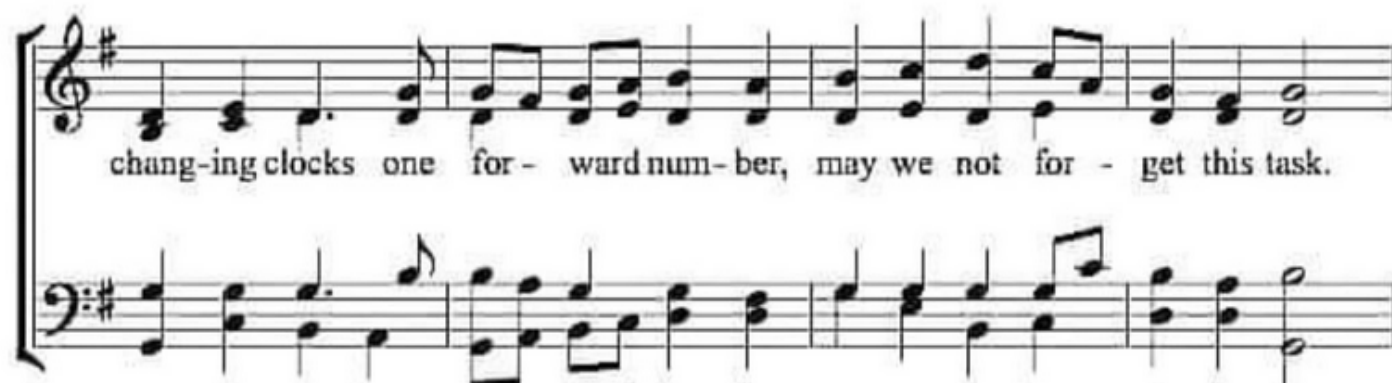
Lord Jesus, in the night before your suffering and death, you struggled with all you were about to encounter. Be with Arlen and his family in this anxious moment as they face difficult choices about medical treatment, especially those that may involve suffering and pain. Through it all, Lord Jesus, be a strong complain and guide along the way, for your love's sake. AMEN.

Time Change Song



Spring: God of sleep, and God of slum-ber, help us not be late, we ask:

The first system of musical notation for the song. It consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.



chang-ing clocks one for-ward num-ber, may we not for-get this task.

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.



Choir di-rec-tors, preach-ers, teach-ers, all will bless your ho-ly

The third system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.



name, if to Sun-day church on time we came.

The fourth system of musical notation, which concludes the song. It continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

WORDS: Dean McIntyre, 1995
MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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Resourceful? YES!



The polls are open!