

St. Paul's Church Council Meeting

March 9, 2025

The council meeting was held in the Fireside room on Sunday, March 9th after church. President Carrie Hawley called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Leah Schwiesow, Carrie Hawley, Ramona Lundberg, Roxi Rahlf, Jami Bolden, Brad Ruhd, Mark Bolden, and Pastor Dayna.

Pastor Report/ Devotions: Pastor Dayna received a drawing from a child at Children's message last week and shared how much joy it brought and how important children are in our church family.

Minutes: A motion to approve minutes from last month was made by Leah and 2nd by Brad. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Roxi shared they are in the process of handing over the financials. February did have more expenses than income. Motion to approve made by Monie and 2nd by Mark. Motion Passed.

Board Reports:

Stewardship: Ramona – Doing one month at a time

Deacons: Jami - Still one open position - may post calendar in back of church for sign up for June-August and then make calls for dates that are not filled

Parish Education: Will meet sometime in April with Becky from Methodist church to plan VBS. Last day of Sunday School is April 27th.

Property and Management: Prioritized list - looking at a couple of bigger things including pew ends and getting a bid to replace the carpet in fellowship hall. Also looking at some parsonage projects.

A motion to approve all board reports was made by Mark and 2nd by Roxi. Motion Passed.

Old Business

1. AED installation, training, and blessing date – will be installed by fire extinguisher by east door - easy to use, but if groups want training (teachers, kitchen workers, etc.), it can be provided
2. Lent and Holy Week plans - Wednesday nights devotional/fellowship at tables, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be youth led at 7 pm. No meal during Holy Week. Sunday service will have breakfast by youth and regular worship time.
3. Epistle/church communication – The Epistle will remain hub for church-wide communications.
4. Creating Building Use Form - Gathering samples
5. Review current church fees/charges for non-members - custodians \$50, church \$200 & Pastor \$150 - members asked for custodial fee only.
6. Copies of Model Constitution & St. Paul's by-laws - Have copies of by-laws and will begin revision process of the Constitution and by-laws as a council.
7. Review Spring dates: Final Sunday School & Senior Sunday - last Sunday in April, Confirmation - first Sunday in May.

8. Funeral hospitality/kitchen best practices/serving groups – There have been inconsistencies with people following protocol. Anything billed at Maynard’s for funerals **needs billed to Houseman’s** Funeral Home for single bill to family. Other kitchen purchases need to go through the kitchen chair. Office manager, custodian, Pastor, and the kitchen chair will be the only ones allowed to charge at Maynard’s for the church.

Motion made to limit access to charging for goods to office manager, custodian, Pastor, and kitchen chair made by Roxi and second by Leah. Motion passed.

9. Spring mission project: New Hope for Cancer/University Lutheran Center - will send checks from soup day funds
10. Youth Group bingo & Maynard’s gift - bingo went ok and our youth group won Maynard’s chili cook off and got a check for \$1,000 to St. Paul’s youth group
11. Confirm May-August Council meeting schedule - table until next month

New Business

1. Coffee Bar supplies & proceeds - operating on its own, proceeds used to go to “Coffee Hour” (fellowship) for kitchen supplies. Now proceeds go to youth group.
2. Pastor’s leader goals - table to next month
3. Time/Talent & congregational survey - looking at creating a new time and talent survey for fall.
4. Some new Worship space banners
5. Receipt of monetary gift – will be distributed as designated by donor

Next council meeting is April 13 after church.

Motion to adjourn by Mark, 2nd by Jami.

Last day of Sunday School

Sunday, April 27th the Sunday School children will go bowling for the last day from 11:00am to 12:30pm at the Clear Lake Bowling Alley. There will be pizza and drinks. We are asking that each student bring \$5.00 but no more than \$10.00 per family.



Pastor's Corner

In the spirit of being the body of Christ, we're completing projects to promote church-wide communications. A reminder: All information, including a calendar, can be found in our monthly newsletter ("The Epistle".) We will continue sending emails, posting on St. Paul's Facebook page and make calls/texts as needed.

Watch for our 2025 updated church Directory. This resource is for congregational use only. Paper copies will be available upon request. In it, you will find the addresses and phone numbers we have on file for active members. Friends of St. Paul's are also listed. We ask that you kindly take time to review your contact information, and let us of any edits or additions. It is helpful if you keep your family's contact current. Please note: If you notice missing information, it likely means the person does not wish their contact to be known. We have updated our three serving group lists to correspond to the Directory.

Coming in the fall will be St. Paul's updated draft of our Constitution to approve at our 2026 Annual Meeting. The process will entail sending an edited draft to the Synod for approval. Currently, St. Paul's has separate documents; our Constitution was adopted in 1998, while our by-laws in 2009. As recommended, we will combine the by-laws and Constitution into one complete document. If anyone is interested in assisting a team on this project, please contact the office.

Now, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. (1 Cor 12:27)

Christ's Peace, Pr. Dayna

Joy Circle

St. Paul's Women's Group will meet on April 9th in the Fireside Room at 9:30 am. **Note the time change.** Karna Lindner will lead the Bible study, Lesson #30 "Zacchaeus, Chief Tax Collector". Darla Toben, hostess. We welcome you to join us. Copies of the Bible study are in the library.

There will be ride sharing to the Medary Conference Spring Gathering at St John's Lutheran in Madison on Saturday, April 5th. Meet at the church at 8:00 am. The morning Guest speaker is Eden Schanzenback, Community Engagement Director for Call to Freedom. Call to Freedom is an organization who is organized to combat human trafficking. Come and learn more about the work going on in our state on this important topic. Bible study to be held in the afternoon along with Silent Auction.



Senior Sunday April 27th

We plan to celebrate Caden, Cassidy, David, Kyle, Rachel and Roxanne with the gift of a quilt during worship with fellowship to follow. We would like to recognize College and Technical School graduates with a listing in our bulletin, please email the office if you have a family member graduating.

REVENGE OF THE TIPPING POINT by Malcolm Gladwell examines the unseen mechanisms that incite drastic changes in society, revealing how small actions, ideas, or trends transform into significant phenomena that defines the world.

The Community Book Club will meet Friday April 11, 2025 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 10:00 to discuss the book entitled, REVENGE OF THE TIPPING POINT. Karlys Wells will lead the discussion. You are welcome to join in the discussion of this book.

PA SYSTEM

READER

April 6 Gary DeJong
April 13 Pam Lynde
April 20 Youth Group
April 27 Sienna Martinell

COMMUNION DEACONS

April 6 Kay Giesel
April 20 Youth Group

GREETERS

April 6 Alan & Rogene Severson
April 13 Karna Lindner
April 20 Youth Group
April 27 Martinell family

USHERS

April 6 Mick & Kim Hehn
April 13 Kay Giesel
April 20 Youth Group
April 27 Marlin Bauman



Confirmation is Sunday, May 4th during worship. Dusty Bolden, Kasen Hamann, Adella Hawley, Parker Holt, Levi Moyer, Ruth Nielsen, Emma Raml, Stella Stormo and Kaiden VonEye will affirm their baptism before their church family. Pictures for the group will be at 8:50am. There will be a reception following worship for the confirmands.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to give a Lily for our Resurrection Sunday services please fill out the form on the office manager's door. To help maintain freshness of the Lily's please bring them to the church during Holy Week.

Thank You's

Family of Eileen Engelbrecht-kitchen towels
Sd Synod-Mission Support
Tom & Lisa Lundberg-lights on cross
Gary & Sue DeJong-organizing cross project
New Orleans Women's & Children's shelter-bus passes donated by youth group