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WE ARE
MORE THAN A CHURCH
WE ARE A FAMILY

Congratulations to
Seth Berg Countryman
son of Shawn & Michèle Countryman
who was baptized on September 8, 2019
at Central Park Lake by full immersion
after the God's Work Our Hands
worship in the park service
Seth's sponsor is Alce Countryman



God's Work Our Hands Sunday: 120 people gathered at Central Park near Amber September 8, 2019

See more on page 2 & 4

“Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.” -John 12:26

This is just a sample of recent generous gifts shared by members at St. Paul. If you have been a generous giver and your name is not listed, please know, as a community we could never glorify and proclaim the Good News without your faithful stewardship. Your brothers and sisters in Christ thank you! Can you think of someone you would like to acknowledge? Contact the church office and we will add them to our Generous Giving list in the next Pulse.

Generous Giving

We are grateful for:

All who helped with the cleaning of the CE and Church buildings during the week prior and on September 8th, “God’s Work Our Hands” Day. Your efforts are noticeably appreciated.

Are you an Inquirer, seeking more information about faith, who Jesus the Christ was and is, sacraments, religion, spirituality, Lutheran Christianity, or what being a member of the St. Paul community means?

If so, good news! We will be offering Inquiry sessions on Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:15 in the lower level of the Education Center (across the street from the church). In each session we will look at a topic lifted out of the Scriptures for that day and then move to discussing questions you bring.

Facilitated by a team of companions and me, we welcome all who desire to grow in the spiritual life. Consider committing to a series of discussions so you can form some relationships as well: **Sept. 29-Nov.10**, Nov. 17-Jan. 12. You are welcome to participate as long as you desire because the topics are non-repeating. Call me at 389-6153 if you have any questions.

Shalom, PRodney

PS This does not replace Fellowship in the hall.

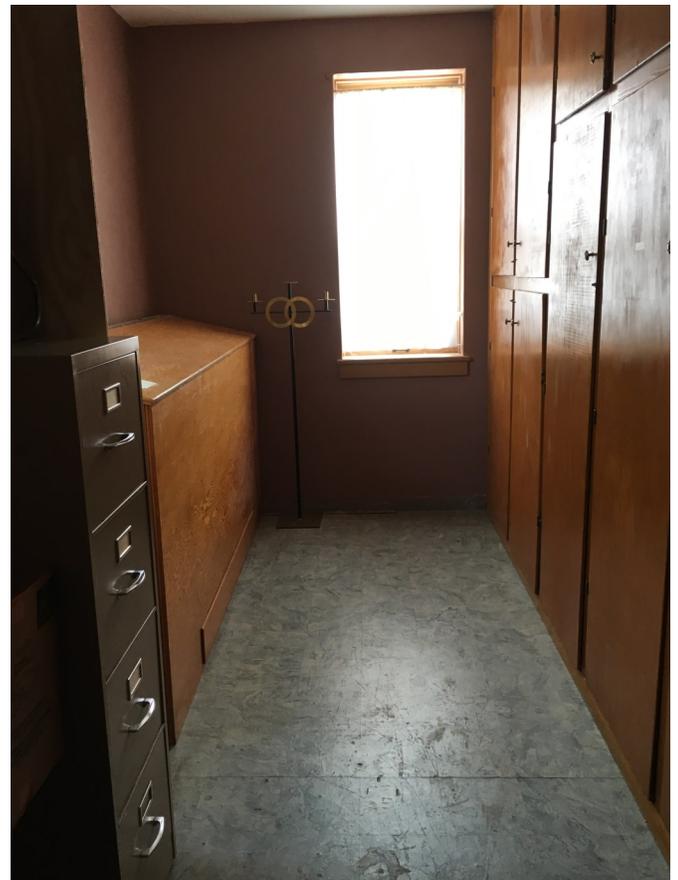


Kaileen Weaver’s husband, Curtis, otherwise known as the trash compactor.

God’s Work
Our Hands

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Thanks to all
who helped with
the cleaning!



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What does it mean to pray? Time to check in. St. Paul in the second letter to Timothy 1:3

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

Luke 18:9-13

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

After talking with my very good friend, Fr. Jim, about our prayer lives, I found myself flooded with many different experiences and truths concerning this dialogue we are engaged in with God. Fr. Jim and I offer them to you for your consideration. I would invite you to highlight any statements that resonate with you today.

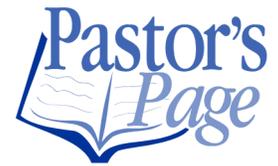
*My world is only as large as those for whom I pray. Prayer is an experience of having my world opened up a little bit larger. Prayer is not so much me telling God what I am concerned about. Prayer is letting God tell me what God is concerned about. Prayer can be dangerous work because God's concerns are always much larger than my own.

Prayer is an invitation to God to intervene in my life. It is a desire to let God's will prevail in my affairs. Prayer is opening a window to God so that I am not the king of my castle. God becomes the Lord of my soul. Prayer redirects my gaze so that God now becomes the focus of my life. Instead of fixating on my own problems and concerns I begin to stand in awe of the benevolence and mercy of God.

Prayer moves me from the narrowness of self-interest and allows me to begin to see the world as a place pregnant with the divine. Prayer is a process of radically turning of my heart toward God. I now begin to revel in the goodness and power of the Creator of the world. Prayer is a wonder because we begin to forget ourselves and we become aware of God. A beggar might turn to God for bread. Prayer occurs when the attention of the mind is directed neither to the hunger nor to the food I desire, but to God's rich mercy. This moment is prayer.

What does our prayer look like? Does my prayer turn my attention towards myself or towards the God who delivers me from bondage to myself? Does my prayer trick me into thinking that I can go it alone or does it reveal my deepest desire and desperate need for another? Does my prayer summon me towards anxiety and busyness or does prayer lead me to peace and wholeness

which is present in the cross and resurrection of Jesus? Does my prayer leave me in loneliness of self-preoccupation or does it join me in incredible solidarity with the lives and needs of our sisters and brothers?



Pastor Rodney Bluml

When we spend time in prayer we spend time trying to see what God sees. The Reign of God is the world that lies at the heart of one in which we normally live. Prayer can train us to see God's way. Prayer is God catching us off guard instead of us constantly being on guard for God. When we allow God to catch us off guard we stop guarding all of our selfish concerns and we begin to desire to serve as guards for God's concerns.*

Since we have entered into this Autumn season, let us spend time with this prayer as families and individuals, allowing it to open us to the ways, concerns, and movements of God...

Prayer for Autumn Days (Sr. Joyce Rupp, OSM)

God of the seasons, there is a time for everything; there is a time for dying and a time for rising. We need courage to enter into the transformation process.

God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves lying in colored patterns on the ground, our lives have their own patterns. As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives. We always need to recognize your power-filled presence. May we gain strength from this.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender. We must wait for harvest in faith and hope. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers touched with frost and windows wearing white designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to choose life. For all this, we are grateful. Amen

Creatively Connect

God's Work Our Hands Worship in the Park and Grounds clean up-day September 8, 2019



Great Conversations



Scavenger Hunt

The Messages:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Every action has a consequence either positive or negative. It is important to obey the commandments.

Luke 14:25-33 Prefer Jesus over father/mother, wife/children, brother/sisters and even your own life.



Great food and lots of desserts!



Praise Band provides uplifting music for the service.



Despite the rain (only during service time) 120 people came to Central Park for Worship. Events afterwards included a baptism, scavenger hunt, WD4 registration and great food with lots of desserts. It was great to see some new faces along side the "Old Faithfuls". Photos compliments of Shawna Giegerich , Shawn Countryman and Lois Ocenosak

Family Sugar Cookie Decorating

Remember when families would get together with grandma and bake cookies for friends, relatives, each other or just as a family tradition? Well, here's your chance to come together and bake cookies for Someone's grandma or grandpa.



When: Friday, October 18th

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Where: Church Kitchen in Fellowship Hall

Bring your families, grandparents, parents, someone from the community and help us start a new tradition! We will have the cookies baked we just need **YOU** to come and help decorate the cookies on Friday evening for the **Anamosa Care Center**. We will deliver them on Saturday at 6 p.m. for their treat after dinner. **All are welcome!!**

If you have any questions feel free to contact Kaileen at the church office or on her cell (951) 553-5728

TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER, 27TH



TIME: 3-5PM

WHERE: GRAVEL PARKING LOT NEAR C.E. BUILDING

Bring the Entire Family out for this SAFE & FUN event! There will be Games, Grilled hotdogs, Goodies and CANDY! Costumes are Welcome!

We are in need of people to host a trunk and hand out candy, promotional items, or both. You are encouraged to decorate your trunk, but it is not a requirement. Please sign up at the back of the church at any service before Wednesday, October 16th. If you have any questions or would like to sign up over the phone feel free to call the church office or Kaileen Weaver directly. Kaileen- 951-553-5728

Intentionally Grow

Throughout the school year St. Paul will offer many opportunities to grow in your faith formation. Please join others to discuss the following topics. There is no charge for these events.

St. Paul will be offering a series of discussions to help support you in the role of a faithful steward.

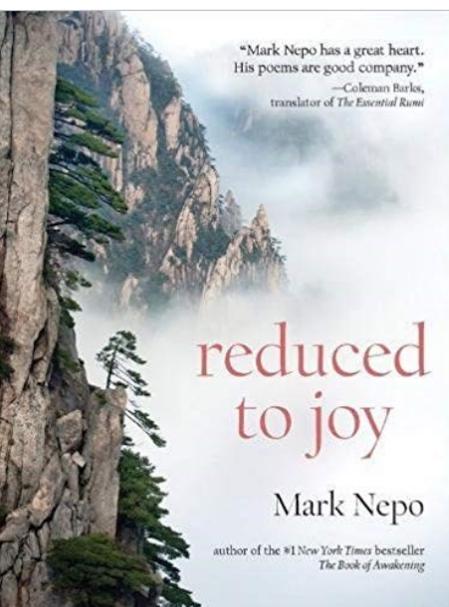
Each topic stands alone so come for any that serve your needs. Co-facilitated by Teresa Hackenmiller, Thrivent Financial, and Pastor Rodney from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. {Childcare is available. Please notify the office of your childcare need by the Wednesday before the session}.

Oct. 6 Parents, Kids and Money Matters® Starting a "wise with money" journey can begin in childhood. This family workshop includes fun tools to help parents talk to their children about spending influences and share, save and spend options. (For kids ages 6 to 10 and their parents.)

Oct. 13 Parent, Teens and Money matters - Competing in a game with parents helps teens gain a better understanding of decisions about their money. Participants learn the value of making intentional choices using share, save and spend options.

Oct. 20 From Me to We. Establishing a solid financial foundation is important for all couples, especially newlyweds. As a couple, discover what values you have in common, where your money attitudes may differ and what it takes to create a solid financial future.

Oct. 27 Heart-to-Heart: As Your parents (and YOU!) age - Aging and the changes that come with the need for additional caregiving can have a significant impact on your personal finances as well as your family relationships. This workshop reviews the considerations to make in planning for changes that arise as we age and provides tips for starting healthy conversations with family members that can lead to positive outcomes.



In November following the financial series Lois Ocenosak will lead discussion around the book *Reduced to Joy* by Mark Nepo. Here is a review of his book. "Mark Nepo has a rare quality of writing, one that fills you up even as it drops you into emptiness. Through his sensibilities we touch what is human: he plucks at our heartstrings with naked candor and metaphorical mastery. Brilliant, profound and accessible, the poems in this collection are like precious treasures rising from the deep, glistening reminders of what really matters." — **Julie Clayton**, *New Consciousness Review*

If you are interested please pick up a copy and start reading! (New it is about \$12.50 Used on Amazon prices vary.)

Here are a couple URL's to brief interviews with Mark Nepo by Oprah Winfrey to get an idea of the wisdom that flows through his books.

<https://youtu.be/yNsAo4c0BVA>

<https://youtu.be/E9beErjhQe8>

A sample poem from this book and his explanation: <https://youtu.be/tlsV096HQ-8>

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Creatively Connect & Joyfully Serve

Are you looking for a way to creatively connect with others in our church family? The Member Care Committee would welcome others to join them in their ministry. Some of the ministry opportunities include providing meals to families in need and sending greeting cards for special life events. For more information, please contact Verna Lewison 462-2135 or Karen Biere 462-3188.

Did you know.....
there is a Crisis
Text Line for those who are in crisis
and want to
communicate via texting?

Volunteers are available 24/7
Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to
741741

GRIEF SHARE
Grief Support Group
Time is the only cost! Help and encouragement
after the death of a spouse,
child, family member, or friend

Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30PM ALL ARE WELCOME!
Christian Education Building - Lower Level
(Enter from gravel parking lot, first door on left.)

Nancy Lyon Douglas
Questions? Call 319-462-4841

Tuesday Evenings
Prayer
5:30pm **MINISTRY**

Oct. 1 Shinrin Yoku, meet in Wapsi Country Club Parking Lot, includes walking in woods RJB
Oct. 8 Taize style - Jane
Oct. 15 Yoga - Tori Lansing
Oct. 22 Visio Divina - Lois
Oct. 29 Holden Evening Prayer – Lois & Rodney
Nov. 5 Drumming for Healing Rodney

Oct. Food Bank Rotation
Ralph & Sandra Andresen

Oct. Bread Baker
Verna Lewison

Helpers for Worship Services are located on the back of the calendar.

Pray for Our Military

Please pray for our men and women currently serving in the military:

- Jeremy Fall
- Allen Gilbert
- Kalib Seeley



Please call the church office if you would like to be added or deleted from this list.

Lutheran World Relief Items Needed.... Last Call!

Thank you to all who have answered Jesus' call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and welcome the stranger. There is still time to make last minute donations. Boxes will be packed mid-October and shipped on October 19. If you still have donations please bring them to the Lutheran World Relief display in the back of the sanctuary.

Thrivent Action Teams will help to collect items, and Thrivent Seed Money will be used to complete the kits as needed.

Personal Care Kit for each kit, we need: Questions? Contact Dee Ihlenfeldt @ 319-540-3944

- 1 lightweight bath towel
- 2 bars of soap
- 1 adult toothbrush in original packaging
- 1 nail clipper
- 1 wide tooth sturdy comb

A little from every family
can go a long way

Fabric Kit:

- 2 pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric (no knits, no 100% polyester) new, not washed: 2-1/2 yds of 60" wide or 3 yds of 42-25" wide, or 4 yds of 36" wide
- 2 spools of matching or neutral colored general purpose thread, 250-300 yds each

School Kit:

- 70-sheet spiral notebooks (4 per kit)
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers (5 per kit)
- Ballpoint pens, blue or black ink, no gels (5 per kit)
- 30-centimeter rulers, can have inches on one side
- Box of 16-24 crayons
- 1 Pencil sharpener (hand-held)
- 1 Blunt scissors
- 1 2 1/2 in. Eraser

The supplies to the left are for LWR. If you would like to donate school supplies locally please see the flyer on the bulletin boards. Your generosity is appreciated.

Lutheran World Relief Team: Dee Ihlenfeldt, Karen Biere, Nancy Hart, Myra Powell, Jan Allaire, Virginia Danielson, Pam Humpal



Check it Out . . .

from the St. Paul Library in the room behind the Sanctuary.

Forty Chances - by Howard G. Buffet

Seated on a John Deere tractor in the middle of an Illinois soybean field is not where you might expect to find the son of the world's third richest man (Howard E. Buffett). But HGB (Howie) loves farming. He is also a philanthropist. His father gave each of his three children a fortune to invest in humanitarian causes. HGB has invested in soil and water conservation projects around the world, promoting sustainable farming. And he has supported local research and seed production to suit the variable soils and weather patterns of Africa. His son Howard W. Buffett, who farms near Omaha, is also joining his father on trips and has made the case for improving the outcome of foreign aid at the Davos World Economic meeting. Even if you do not have a farming background this is a very interesting book. We have 3 copies, (Inspirational Section.)

The Jesus I Never Knew - A DVD narrated by Phillip Yancey (editor-at-large of Christianity Today magazine). Using clips from decades of films about Jesus, Yancey brings a new understanding of Jesus' miracles, grace and the difference He makes in our lives today.

Abbreviations Used
 G&G Grounds & Goodies
 LL CE Lower Level Christian Education
 bldg
 UL CE Upper Level Christian Education
 bldg
 FH Fellowship Hall (lower level church)
 R&R Rubber & the Road Scripture Study

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12pm Sisters G&G 5:30pm Prayer Church 6:00pm Grief Support LL CE 6:30pm R & R Library 8:00pm AA CE UL	2 7:00am Good Guys Bible Study McOtto's 8:00am Lutheran Men in Mission LL CE 6:00pm Wed. Worship 6:00pm WD4	3		5
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Wednesday Service 6:00 pm

	Usher/Greeter	Reader	Communion Prep	Comm. Server	Powerpoint
Oct. 2 nd	Jim/Eunice Conley	Beth Hora	Dorothy Wood	Beth Hora, Summer Parks	Beth Hora
Oct. 9 th	Ken/Pam Humpal	Beth Hora	Ken/Pam Humpal	Marge Bohlken Beth Hora	Beth Hora
Oct. 16 th	WD4 Students	WD4 Students	Darla Algoe	WD4 Students	WD4 Students
Oct. 23 rd	Ken/Pam Humpal	Dorothy Postel	Marlene Serbousek	Dorothy Postel Darcie Tenley	Darcie Tenley
Oct. 30 th	Darla Algoe	Darla Algoe	Donna Selk	Doug/Jody Fairbanks	Myra Powell

8:30 Service

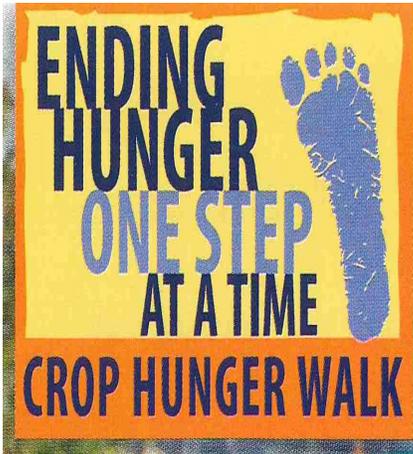
	GREETERS/ USHERS	READER	COMMUNION PREP	COMMUNION SERVERS
Oct. 6 th	Lynn/Cindy Decious	Jane Ortgies	Dee Ihlenfeldt	Dave/Jane Ortgies Dee Ihlenfeldt
Oct. 13 th	Lance/Michelle Toenjes	Pat Jensen	Ed Gerst/ Susan Koppenhaver	Conor Fortune, Dale/Pat Jensen
Oct. 20 th	Ed Gerst/ Susan Koppenhaver	Lois Ocenosak	Don/Dorothy Harmon	Brian/Michele Lubben, Jay Willems
Oct. 27 th	Don/Deb Hardersen	Sherri Evans or Tom Sabotta	Wilma Anderson, Verna Lewison	Wilma Anderson, Sherri Evans, Tom Sabotta

Oct. 6 **PowerPoint** Conor Fortune **Video** Linda Kenney; Oct. 13 **PowerPoint** TBA **Video** Linda Kenney
 Oct. 20 **PowerPoint** Grant Lubben **Video** Grace Lubben; Oct. 27 **PowerPoint** Conor Fortune **Video** Linda Kenney

10:30 Service

	Ushers	Reader	Comm. Prep	Comm. Server
Oct. 6 th	Fred Austin, Curtis Weaver Family	Kaileen Weaver	Nancy Lyon-Douglas	Shawna Giegerich Nancy Lyon-Douglas Seth Secrist
Oct. 13 th	CJ Sullivan Family	Paula Sisler	Serge/Paula Sisler	Greta Lundsgaard-Vaughn Paula Sisler, Staci Sullivan
Oct. 20 th	Rob Robertson Family	Kristy Robertson	Amy Christianson	Sally Clapp Addie Dales Amy Christianson
Oct. 27 th	Ben Coyle Angie Thomas	Ben Coyle	Jeff/Barb Switzer	Ralph/Sandra Andresen Linda Kenny

Oct 6 **PowerPoint** Dean Lambertsen **Video** Ivan Lambertsen; Oct 13 **PowerPoint** Ruby Robertson **Video** Sebastian Goldsmith
 Oct 20 **PowerPoint** Emma Dales **Video** Logan Dales; Oct 27 **PowerPoint** Samuel Kenney **Video** Sean Hollett
 Substitute—Seth Secrist



Bridges of Jones County Crop Walk 2019

On Sunday, October 13 the annual fall CROP walk will be held in Anamosa at the Wapsipinicon State Park. Walkers will gather outside the park at the Hale Bridge parking lot off of Shaw Road at 2:00 p.m.

CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. Money gathered in CROP walks fund local food pantries, domestic disaster relief and poverty reduction projects around the world. (Watch for packets later at the back of church)



We are updating our directory!

Did you miss out on the last photography event?
Are you a new family?
Has your family changed?

Schedule your photography session
and be included in the update!

Photography date: **November 18, 2019**

Our last directory was created only a year ago but we have had many changes. We have new families, kids who are adults now, and growing families. We would like you to help us capture these changes!

The new photos taken this year will be added to the 2018 photos, so if you are happy with last year's photo you do not need to participate in this year's photo session. If you are wanting a different look in the directory you are welcome to sign up for a photo session. Every participating family receives a free 8x10 portrait and a printed copy of our directory. An electronic copy is also available if desired.

In addition to an updated directory, St. Paul will be able to participate in a special promotion through Shutterfly who will donate 8% of all purchases that happen through our unique storefront URL from now through 2023.

Our Photograph date is **November 18th** and you can sign up by following this link: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b24b1yy2/>

When we reach 25 slots filled a second day will be assigned to us if needed. We will let you know the second date as soon as possible. If this date is not good for you call Lois in the office and she will tell you of other options.

Joyfully Serve



Quilting Update...

The last work days for St. Paul's Lutheran World Relief quilts are Monday, September 30 and Monday, October 7 beginning at 1 PM. Anyone who can tie a knot is welcome to gather to tie quilts on those days.

Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits will grace the sanctuary and be blessed during worship services on October 13. They will be packed on Monday, October 14, and taken to the Cedar Rapids shipping point on Saturday, October 19.

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Exciting worship experiences are happening at St. Paul! Many volunteers are behind the scenes making sure preparations have been made for meaningful worship services. We are looking for individuals to assist with preparations by serving on one of the following committees:

Altar Guild – This ministry involves caring for the altar and its furnishings and linens. Paraments and banners need to be changed and displayed for each liturgical season. A listing of liturgical colors and dates will be provided. A list of suggested banners for each season will also be provided. Altar linens need occasional laundering, as well as communion linens.

Decorating Committee – This ministry involves enhancing the worship environment through the use of seasonal decorations. Fall florals are to be placed in the sanctuary in October. Poinsettias are to be arranged in the front of the sanctuary for Christmas Eve, as well as lilies for Easter Sunday. The Christmas tree, wreaths, and greenery are to be displayed the week before the first Sunday of Advent. Other ideas will emerge!

Please contact Nancy Stout (310-480-1336) or the church office if you are able to assist with these worship ministries.



Council Minutes Sept. 9, 2019

Welcome/Check-in: Welcome and call to order from Nancy at 6:35 am after a prayer from Pastor Rodney.

Council Members Present: Nancy Stout, Shawn Countryman(NP), Tom Sabotta(NP), Stacie Sullivan, Barb Wilson, Doug Fairbanks, Angie Thomas, Colin Stiffler, Jason Geltz

Non-Council attendee: Michele Countryman (Executive Secretary)

Approve Agenda/Minutes from August meeting: Angie Thomas motioned approval of August minutes and a second from Colin Stifler. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report to Church Council:

1. Funeral: Lucille Zimmerman, Lois Terrell (friend of the parish)
2. New Members: Curtis, Kaileen, Ayden, Naomi & Bruce Weaver; Jamie & Kinsley Hamblin
3. Baptism: Seth Countryman
4. Held first meeting with confirmand and their parents on Aug. 28. We anticipate 9 participants again this year.
5. We will continue to offer 5:30 Tuesday weekly prayer experiences including a variety of prayer modalities including: Drumming, Holden Evening Prayer, Taize style, meditation, movement, Visio Divina, etc.
6. The next Men's Craft Night is scheduled for 5:45 p.m. Sept. 15 at Scooter's.
7. I continue to serve as the Chaplain for the Hope Conference and have quarterly synod meetings to give direction to that ministry. Next one is 10-2 on Sept. 17.

Financial Reports

Financial report will be available to the council approximately one week prior to the council meeting. Things are going pretty well however donations are down. Insurance premiums and WD4 curriculum purchases came due this past month. The bills resulting from the lightning strike have almost all been paid. **Action Item:** Verify whether or not the last speaker bill was submitted and provide feedback at the next meeting. Barb Wilson made a motion to approve treasurer's report with Jason Geltz as a second. Ayes carry.

Old Business:

Continued discussion on Program Church model - Goal #2 is to develop the ministry to help those broken by circumstances. All agreed it should continue to be a goal as it is important for members to feel like St. Paul is the place to go for communication, resources and support. We have many support services currently being offered. We do need more help with home communion visitation beginning in October. **Action Item:** Identify home communion visits and who will prepare kits after September.

Welcome cups or ink pens: The decision was made to give out nice looking writing pens rather than cups. **Action Item:** Nancy will check with Lois to find and order the pens. A motion by Angie Thomas was made to order 500 pens once a vendor is identified with a second by Doug Fairbanks. One dissent with a request to get a price quote before proceeding with the order. **October Agenda Item:** This topic will be discussed further in October.

**The topic was reopened to discuss at 8:33 pm where an amended motion to decide on the pen purchase be made after a price is reviewed was made by Pastor Rodney, with a second from Jason Geltz. Ayes carry*

Sound System: Identifying someone to permanently take on this role continues to be a challenge. Is there a person in the community free during the daytimes to learn the system, help with funerals, etc.?

God's Work, Our Hands - Sept. 8 Rally Sunday Outdoor Worship & Meal & Work debriefing: Worship, Meal, and Work – overall it went well. 120 attendees and members of all ages. We even had a few campers attend. Consider keeping this on the annual calendar.

Parsonage: Ken continues to rent the parsonage and will give us notice when he is moving out.

Vacuum purchase & church cleaning: The crew that worked after Rally Day was phenomenal. A lot got done in the CE building, storage shed, and church. A concern was addressed regarding the hostas and evergreens. The hostas will be removed this fall, but we'll wait until the spring to remove the evergreens. A new vacuum was purchased and carpet cleaning was budgeted to occur this fall.

New Business:

Donation to Anamosa Ministerial Association: To continue their outreach into the community 2019-20, they are in need of donations. Doug Fairbanks made a motion to contribute \$500 with a second from Colin Stiffler. Ayes carry.

Synod Assembly delegates: Ed Gerst and Susan Koppenhaver have requested to attend this year as St. Paul voting attendees. Colin Stiffler to inform Ed and Susan that they will attend as St. Paul assembly delegates with a second by Barb Wilson. Ayes carry.

Time and Talent survey – A short survey focusing on areas of need will be sent out to the membership. **Action Item:** Pastor Rodney and Lois will send time and talent survey examples to Doug and Stacy for the Stewardship committee to work with in forming a new one.

ALY Insurance: A question was raised regarding the status of insurance for the ALY group activities. Nancy Lyon Douglas talked to insurance and found out we are covered for activities occurring at the church. Further conversations will occur once additional information is gathered on the topic.

Young Mom's Coffee Request: A request has been made to consider offering a young mom's coffee club using the church Fellowship Hall once or twice a month to talk, give advice, bond. A formal request has been requested by the council for further consideration.

Nativity set. Council will discuss options for how/if replacement will occur at upcoming meetings.

Communications (Requests/Responses):

Lisa Bierman's vacation request was considered for fall 2019 and endorsed by the council. A revised contract will be drawn up for this year accounting for the vacation time. A new contract for 2020-21 will include vacation time. Lisa will no longer be held responsible for funeral custodial work.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Pens
- Memorial team to provide education on Memorial fund procedures, requests, and bylaws
- All Leadership

Upcoming Conferences/Meetings/Schedules/Coming Events:

- WD4 starts on Sept. 11th

Time and Date of Next Meeting: Oct. 14th following All-Leadership meeting at 6:00

Adjourn/Closing Prayer: Closing prayer from Nancy Stout. Motion by Doug Fairbanks to adjourn @ 8:30 with a second by Colin Stiffler. Ayes carry.

Balances of St. Paul Bank Accounts as of 08/31/2019:

CHECKING	SAVINGS
General Fund Checking Acct. Beginning Balance \$30,434.16 Ending Balance \$18,507.54	Budget Reserve Savings Acct. Beginning Balance \$273.34 Ending Balance \$273.34
Land Maint & Repair Checking Acct. Beginning Balance \$8,976.26 Ending Balance \$9,174.26	Land Purchase Development Savings Acct. Beginning Balance \$25,569.16 Ending Balance \$27,013.73
Luther League Checking Acct. Beginning Balance \$2,404.12 Ending Balance \$2,404.12	Luther League Savings Acct. Beginning Balance \$642.08 Ending Balance \$642.08
Seminary Support Checking Acct. Beginning Balance \$809.05 Ending Balance \$809.05	Fidelity Savings Account (Closed) Ending Balance \$0.00
Memorial Trust Checking Account Beginning Balance \$21,120.90 Ending Balance \$21,150.90	

Mortgage Acct. (Closed)
 Beginning Property Purchase Amount \$258,250.00
Mortgage Balance \$ZERO
 100.0% Mortgage Paid

Description of Performance on Operating Budget	\$	Actual to Budget	\$ to Breakeven
Regular Giving Through August 31st	\$38,420.37		\$13,022.99
Average per month	\$19,210.19		\$6,511.49
Expenses Through August 31st	\$50,519.77		\$ 923.59
Average Expenses per month	\$25,259.89		\$ 461.80
Annual Budgeted Amount	\$308,660.16		
Budget per month	\$25,721.68		

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Return Service Requested



October Birthdays

David Oldham	10/1	Ethan Ewing	10/21
Avery Ludwig	10/2	Ashleigh Jayne	10/22
Darcy Jacobs	10/3	Kristi Fortune	10/22
Lillie Geltz	10/3	Lisa Folken	10/23
Wesley Meyer	10/4	Susan Koppenhaver	10/24
Cole Millard	10/5	Angela Kramer	10/26
Morgan Austin	10/8	Bob Algoe	10/27
Pamela Humpal	10/8	Diana Easterly	10/27
Patsy Hardersen	10/9	Lois Ocenosak	10/27
John Capron	10/10	Darla Algoe	10/28
Jim Hankemeier	10/10	Madalyn Heims	10/28
Lacey Smith	10/11	Grant Lubben	10/29
John Minzenmeyer	10/13	Ken Shover	10/30
Kaylee Fairbanks	10/13	Madyleine Moenck	10/30
Preston Geltz	10/13	Angie Thomas	10/31
Barb Farr	10/15	Kandace Reinhardt	10/31
Larry Ricklefs	10/15		
Jim Albrecht	10/18		
Tom Sabotta	10/18		
Trishelaina Loney	10/19		



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