

ST. PAUL'S TROY LUTHERAN

MAY 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Paul's:

There is an elephant in the congregation. Here it is: What is a congregation to do when it is facing a financial issue? Should it immediately begin to make cuts, trying to find the places that it feels should be cut out of the budget? That sounds like the easy thing to do. It seems like the best way to approach the upcoming budget. When there is no money in the bank to fall back on, what are you supposed to do? The initial thought is cut, cut, cut.

But is that the best thing to do? Does that actually do what we want it to do? Does that balance the budget? I know that some will say yes. Others will say no. What is the answer? It is found somewhere in the middle. From a purely financial perspective, you cannot keep doing the same thing and expect to have different results. With that thought in mind, there are those who want to get rid of a part or all of the school. Is that the answer? Really? Can you be sure? Or is that something that just sounds like it might do the trick. No one has honestly looked at that, studied the impact of a change in the classroom structure of the school and the impact upon the congregation. It just sounds good.

At the same time, to keep things as it is also challenging. Without changing what has been going on here at St. Paul's, there will be no change in financial status of the congregation. There needs to be an increase in giving. There needs to be an increase in the school registration. There needs to be more students in the school. There needs to be a greater utilization of the ECC/Daycare. The congregation cannot afford to keep the school and daycare open at the level they are right now. That is what has made the financial situation that we are facing. In order to do that, the congregation has for years, had extra money in the bank to cover a deficit in the budget. With that money gone, something must be done.

Here is where the question gets difficult. It isn't as easy as we like to make it. Cut, cut, cut! Remain the same! Keep the same course of action! Which is right, which is wrong? We have to stop at this moment and change our thinking. Instead of thinking "right" and "wrong," or "my way" and "their way," we each need to think differently. The answer is that we need to work together, talk together and see each other as members of the same congregation who are all working for the same goal – the mission of the Lord as carried out by St. Paul's congregation. There is NO church vs. school in this equation. That thinking does not come from the Lord but from our sinful natures. If we have that in mind, then we have lost sight of the ministry of St. Paul's congregation, for the school is a part of the ministry of the congregation, in the same way that worship is a ministry of the congregation.

So, what is going on right now?

The Church Council is guiding the various boards of the congregation in their working together. The Board of Elders is working to reach families in the congregation that are less than active to help them to become regular in worship attendance. The Board of Stewardship and Finance is crunching the numbers, working on a budget that is fiscally sound, keeping the congregation moving forward financially. The School Board is working to figure out how to take the amount of funding that is in the budget and make it stretch to continue the education of the students in St. Paul's Congregation School at the level they need to be, while also working to figure out how to increase the enrollment at the school and improve the usage of the ECC/Daycare. The Board of Christian Education is trying to figure out how to encourage families to get their children to Sunday school (both those that attend St. Paul's school and those who don't) and other members into Bible study so they can grow in their understanding of the Word. The Board of Evangelism is working on how to reach out into the

community to bring folks to Christ and to St. Paul's congregation. The Board of Trustees is working to keep the facilities in top condition.

And all of that is happening through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It has to be. If the Spirit is not guiding us, then what is? Each of us in the congregation would be seeking what we think should be done – and it would be done in MY way. There is no “my” way here. If you have that thought in mind, then you are not listening to the Holy Spirit. We need to stop, listen to what the Lord tells us about the Word and Sacrament ministry of St. Paul's church and then work together, talk together, pray together that we will find the right direction to go.

Where is the Christian Church to be found? Where the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity and the Sacraments are administered according to God's command. That is where the Church is to be found. How is that carried out in each congregation? It is the same and yet it is different. It is the same because it is the same Word and the same Sacraments. We believe, teach and confess the Word of God and adhere to the Confessions of the Lutheran Church. If that is not what we are doing, then we have drifted away from the mission of the Lord for St. Paul's congregation.

Does this mean we have to have a K-8 school? Of course not. Does it mean we should not have a K-8 school? Of course not. Either one of those thoughts betrays that “I” have a personal agenda for the congregation. And there is no room for a personal agenda in this congregation. There is only room for the work of God as a unified congregation. Each one of us must submit ourselves to the Lord. *“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”* (James 4:7-8 ESV) Each one of us should submit ourselves to the will of God, not only in this situation, but each day of our lives.

Here I get to what I believe is the real issue in this situation. It is a spiritual problem. We do not have the will of God first in our lives. Worship is not first and foremost in our lives. It is secondary to other things in our lives. That shows itself in worship attendance. You can say that attending worship doesn't show the depth of your spiritual life. I would counter that with the fact that is untrue. If you have a deep spiritual life, you would be listening to the will of Your Father when He tells you that He will meet you in worship, in Word and Sacrament. Can you read the Word by yourself? Of course. But I would challenge you in asking, “Do you”? Can you recall your baptism apart from worship? Sure, but do you? Can you receive the Lord's Supper without attending worship? Nope. That is unless I bring it to you because of health issues keeping you from attending worship. Spiritually we are challenged because worship is not at the center of our lives. (Some will say that it is, and that is great. But do not become self-righteous here and puff yourself up because you attend worship. Give thanks to God that you do and ask that He would keep you in His grace in how you are in your worship life.) Here I would challenge each of you to consider how often you attend worship. If it is less than weekly (for reasons other than health or work), why is that? Why do you, as a child of God, tell your Lord that you don't need to weekly be fed from Word of Sacrament? Are you really that holy, that righteous, that you can go several weeks with God's Word and the Lord's Supper? Think again.

The majority of the congregation does not attend Bible study. Seriously. Only about 25% of the members of St. Paul's attend any regular Bible study (and I am being generous). Did you learn it all in confirmation class? How long ago was that? There is no single one of us that can say that we do not need to study the Word of God. Jesus says, *“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”* (John 15:5 ESV) How can we, as a congregation, bear good fruit (serving the Lord in the mission of the church) if we are not attached to the vine? Can a plant bear fruit if it is not watered? Can an apple branch bear apples without being connected to the apple tree? Of course not. So why do we, as children of God, believe that we can bear good spiritual fruit in this congregation, when we are not in the Word, guided by the Word, growing in our faith in regular study of the Word?

I am saying these things as your pastor, the under shepherd of the Good Shepherd. I have been given the charge to care for spiritual life of each member of this congregation. Have I been a faithful shepherd? I would have to

say that I have not been as good of a under shepherd as I should have been. Why? Because, I too, am sinful. I have to admit that I have been hurt by some actions within the congregation and as such, it had affected the way I thought and acted. It was wrong. I admit that. And I have asked the Lord to forgive me. I also ask the congregation to forgive me for that. Having said that, it doesn't change the fact that as I look at St. Paul's spiritual life, I would say we are challenged. All of us need to repent of our self-centeredness and our lack of spiritually focused actions and ask the Lord and one another to forgive us. Only as we do that, admitting our personal sinful actions, can we begin to see changes taking place in our congregation.

Will the financial situation turn around? Only if we return to the Lord, trust Him only and work together for what He wants. We cannot expect to be blessed when the focus of our ministry in the congregation has failed to be in the spiritual walk with the Lord. As individuals in the congregation, we are challenged to focus not on ourselves but on the will of the Lord. It begins in the work of the Holy Spirit within each of us. Then, as our lives become more focused on the closer walk with God, the financial doesn't become the focus of what we are doing. Instead we will begin to focus on the ministry of the Lord, the wonder of the Gospel and the direction that reaches out from the Lord to others (and not to ourselves).

There will be much going on in the congregation over the next month. As we go through this month, please continue to pray for all of us, that we will work together in the name of the Lord. But this doesn't mean that we will be done at the end of this month. Each one of us need to commit ourselves to regular use of Word and Sacrament as well as continued study of the Word so that we can grow in faith.

May the Lord continue to bless us as we work together in the ministry of the Lord.

In Christ's service,
Pastor Schuessler

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

May 1: Trecia Winte; **2:** Jessica Hughes, Joy Lucht; **4:** *Bill & Linda Beuth*, Heather Fournie, Emma Kilzer, Mel Niebruegge, *David & Chelsie Sedlacek*, Laura Thomas; **5:** Mindy Fischer, Brad Hasquin, Beth Repp; **6:** Fisher Buesching, Lucy Doyle, Casey Harlow, Alissa Moody, Joe Walls; **7:** *Fred & Susan Gilomen*, Isaiah Schlechte; **8:** *Ted & Debbie Flath*, *Jim & Michelle Mesenbrink*, Keith Miller Sr.; **9:** Beulah Jones; **10:** *Scott & Michele Martens*, Mason Sipes, Dorothy Taake; **11:** *Mark & Cindy Ponce*, *Tom & Terri Schmitt*; **12:** *Ron & Darleen Fenimore Sr.* Mikinley Fields; **13:** *Sam & Terri Furfaro III*, Terry Giger, Connie Liter; **14:** *Greg & Kacie Bamert*; **15:** Jim Diemer, Addison Mallette, Jo Ann Niebruegge, Kevin Pedigo, Nathan Reese; **16:** Brent Bloemer; **17:** Greg Brumm; **18:** *Jerry & Ashley Fields*, Vicki Krueger, Sheryl Moore; **19:** Diane Keller, Taylor Unger; **20:** Grace Cottingham, Amanda Daniels, Heather Kenison, *Jimmy & Shelly Rood*, Bobby Ross IV, Mila Garcia; **22:** *Don & Pam Brannon*, *Steven & Gwenn Buesching*, Sally Koval, *Paul & Jen Loethen*, Shirley Schmitt; **23:** Steve Buesching, *Brandon & Lindsay Jones*, *Howard & Carolyn Oakley*, Carolyn Oakley, Jim Rood; **24:** Bonnie Criley; **26:** Kelly Felax; **27:** Tiffany Pedigo, *Richard & Kathy Sury*, *Tom & Alice Unger*; **28:** Dwain Eggemeyer, Paul Lawrenz, *Kirk & Rachel Levo*, *Harold & Lisa Niebruegge*; **29:** Scott Taylor, Maleah Thomas; **30:** *Nathan & Krissy Reese*; **31:** *Kevin & Kim Campe*, Heather DiRosa.

P.S. Is your special day listed above? If not, please contact the church office so the records can be updated.

CONGRATULATIONS! We congratulate the 8 young men and women that were confirmed in their faith on April 22nd. They are *Amanda Marie Beuth*, *Logan Joseph DiRosa*, *Kamryn Olivia Fandrey*, *Jack Charles Kenison*, *Steven Michael Leitschuh*, *Anna Grace Reese*, *Timothy James Stille* and *Cayla Elizabeth Wilderman*. We ask the Holy Spirit to guide each of them as they grow in their faith. Each of us should continue to support and encourage them in their walk of faith.

ELECTION RESULTS: We would like to congratulate and thank those who were elected to serve in the various offices of the congregation at the April 9th Voters' Meeting.

Those elected are:

Vice-Chairman – Alan Kilzer

Board of Elders – Mike Hampton Sam Italiano, Jason Powell, and Nathan Reese

Board of Trustees – Dave Meseke

Board of Christian Day School/ECC – Jackie Jackson, Jason Kesterson and Cathy Wilderman

Board of Christian Education – Jennifer Wittenberg

Board of Stewardship & Finance – Katie Meyer and Tony Sipes

Board of Evangelism – Tim Wittenberg

Installation of **all Officers/Board Members for 2018-19 will be the weekend of *June 30 & July 1* in all services. The installation is for all current and newly elected Officers and Board members.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS – The Sunday morning Bible study is studying the *Book of Acts*. This study shows how the early Church took the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria and then into the entire world. There will be many practical applications for our lives as we learn how important it is to share the message of the Gospel in our lives and our communities. Bible class is in the church fellowship hall (basement) and runs from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues to meet on the 1st/3rd Wednesday of the month in the church kitchen. The dates are May 2 & 16 beginning at 9:45 a.m. All women are welcome to join the study.

PLEASE REMEMBER...Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13 and Father's Day is Sunday, June 17!

GRADUATE INFORMATION: If you have a son or daughter or relative that is graduating from high school, college or graduate school this year, please call the church office (667-6681) or email the office kbrumm@saintpaulstroy.org so we can put it in the church bulletin. We would like all information by May 14th.

LUTHERAN SUMMER CAMP – GRADES 5-8: LUTHERAN SUMMER CAMP SAVE THE DATE!!

1st Week is Monday, June 24th – Friday, June 29th (for students currently in 5th and 6th grades).
2nd Week is Sunday, July 1st – Friday, July 6th (for students currently in 7th and 8th grades).

This year, camp will be held at **Camp Sherwood Forest in Troy, Missouri Cuivre River State Park**. Applications for camp are available by going to their website.

MEN'S MINISTRY: The *Men's Breakfast* gathers on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 7:00-8:00 a.m. at the Troy Cracker Barrel. All men 18 years of age and older are invited to come and join the fellowship while we enjoy a fine breakfast. The dates in May are May 12th & 26th.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CHURCH AND SCHOOL DURING May - June:

- **Trivia Night**, Friday, **May 4th** at the Collinsville VFW. Call 667-6681 to reserve a table. It is not too late!
- **St. Paul's School Awards Banquet**, Thursday, **May 8th**, dinner served promptly at 6 p.m. followed by awards.
- **St. Paul's Band Concert**, Wednesday, **May 9th** at 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Come enjoy a short concert by our band students.
- **Ascension Worship**, Thursday, **May 10th** at 7:00 p.m.
- **St. Paul's Preschool Program**, **May 16th** at 6:00 p.m.
- **St. Paul's School Eighth Grade Graduation** Thursday, **May 17th** at 6:00 p.m.
- **St. Paul's School last day of classes and Field Day** Tuesday, **May 22nd**, regular dismissal.
- **Vacation Bible School**, **June 11th through June 14th**, registration will be at 8:30 a.m., classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. – Noon. **The closing program is June 14th at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Installation of St. Paul's officers and board members**, Saturday/Sunday, June 30/July 1 at all services.

Watch the bulletin and/or Troy Lutheran for more information on upcoming events!



LWML BI-MONTHLY MEETING IN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL, May 21st, 7:00 p.m. *Devotions:* Shirley Rood; *Speaker:* Birthday Boxes; *Servers:* Shirley Rood and Nancy Klaustermeier. All ladies of St. Paul's are invited to attend!

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) News for May:

It's time for PB&J! May Congregation In-gathering: Peanut Butter and Jelly. School's about to be out and children in our community will be home for lunch. Please donate peanut butter and jelly so that all children will have access to a nutritious lunch. Baskets will be available in the narthex for your donations. Thank you!!

Dates to come:

Monday, May 21, 7:00 pm: LWML Meeting in St. Paul's Basement Fellowship Hall. Our activity will be Birthday Boxes for Concordia Seminary. (Each box needs a cake mix, frosting, candles, napkins, plates, etc. Could be inside a photo box.) Servers will be Shirley Rood and Nancy Klaustermeier. Please come!

THERE IS A COUPON BOX on the LWML table for any coupons that you do not intend to use. These coupons will be used to purchase items for Ministry Unlimited, the Seminary, or the Military. All you need to do is drop your unused, unexpired coupons in the box and they will be used for the good of those in need. Thank you for your help! Your coupons are being put to good use!

VBS IS COMING SOON! VBS is June 11th -14th (Monday – Thursday) from 9-12 a.m. Vacation Bible School registration is now available! Our theme this year will be *Splash Canyon*. Please use the link below to register your child/children by **MAY 27th**! We are also looking for people who would like to use their God-given gifts to help us run a fun and successful VBS. If you are interested in helping during all or part of the week of June 11th -14th. Please use the same link to sign up! www.vbsmate.com/stpaultrov Any questions please contact Joy Lucht at djlucht87@gmail.com or call (309) 824-6622.

BLOOD DRIVE-THANK YOU! The blood drive on Tuesday, April, 3rd collected 23 units of blood. These will be used to serve up to 92 patients at our local hospitals. What a blessing! The next Blood Drive will be in August.

ST. PAUL'S SCIENCE SUMMER CAMP – GRADES 5-8: Week of July 10th. Hosted by Jennifer Doyle. Mark you calendar and sign up information in this Troy Lutheran.

METRO-EAST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS: Information for their various summer camps at www.melhs.org.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL MAY 2018 TRACK MEETS

May 4	Conference Meet at Belleville East HS
May 12	District Meet at Freeburg HS
May 19	State Track Meet at Concordia River Forest
May 20	State Track Meet at Concordia River Forest

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

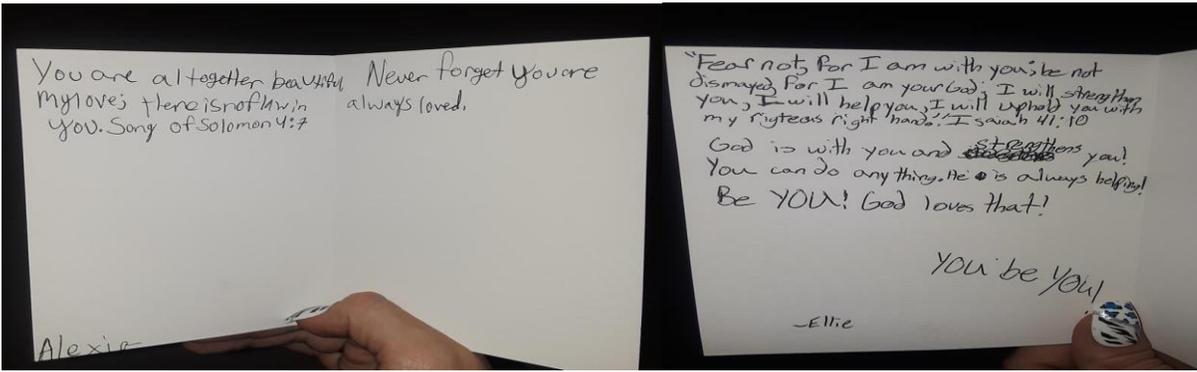
This verse from Hebrews 13:8 is our theme for our school year. Read it again and take a moment to reflect on the power of those words. What a comfort it is to come back to this verse time and time again as we move through life facing different trials and unknowns. What power there is in knowing that despite the entire world throws our way, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday as He is today and as He will be forevermore. He is our one constant in this life; He will always stand by us, always provide for us, always love us. What a tremendous blessing it is to partner with you in sharing this same message each day with the children who enter our school building! Because of you and the mission we have here at St. Paul's, we are building disciples who will carry the message of God's saving grace to the world around us. We have a chance to instruct, to love, to nurture, to care for the future leaders and servants for Christ because you make it possible. St. Paul's Church has a big role to play in our community and I am excited for the ways we can further our outreach when we join together in our mission!

We have card-making projects throughout the year in art class as a way to combine our faith with our art. Our students create homemade cards to reach out and lift others up with the Word of God. We pray for the people who will receive our cards. We offer prayer in our cards for those who are sick or grieving the loss of a loved one. We make cards of thanks for those who serve and protect us and for those who lift us up in their prayers and support us in our mission. Recently, we picked encouraging verses to share with those who are homeless or in need. Our cards were combined with many more written by our church and school families and included in the care packages for the homeless at St. Paul's Servant Day on April 14. Next we will partner with our friends of LWML in our last card project of the school year. As these women of mission assemble birthday boxes for Concordia Seminary families, we will create the birthday cards to accompany them. Together we will let our seminary families know the blessing they are and the reminder that they are in our prayers as they commit their lives to ministry.

What else can we accomplish when we work together for the good of His kingdom? How does God plan to further the mission outreach of St. Paul's Church through the School? Let us pray and listen and follow His lead.

-Lauren McLaughlin, St. Paul's

Art Teacher



St. Paul's families worked together to gather supplies for 67 care packages to be distributed to the homeless and those in need in the Granite City area. Working together, we created 100 cards of love and encouragement to bless those receiving these packages.



St. Paul's families bringing God's love out into the community during our Servant Day April 14.

SATURDAY: May 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Acolyte: ; **Elders:**; **Ushers:** Brion Boeshans, Kevin Campe, Sam Italiano and Seth Schaefer; **Greeters:** Jim & Shirley Rood; **Organist:** Claudia Loethen; **Altar Guild:** Jennifer Mallette and Wendy Sievers.

SUNDAY: May 6 at 8:00 a.m.

Acolyte: Jack Kenison; **Elder:**; **Ushers:** Jim Kesterson, Mark Leitschuh, Kyle Norris and Ken Sipes; **Greeter:** Sheryl Moore; **Organist:** Claudia Loethen; **Altar Guild:** Jennifer Mallette and Wendy Sievers.

SUNDAY: May 6 at 10:30 a.m.

Acolyte: Cayla Wilderman; **Ushers:** Ted Fedder, Bruce McLaughlin, Dave Thomas and Tim Wittenberg; **Greeters:** TBA; **Bulletin Collator:** Whitey & Jo White; **Organist:** Claudia Loethen.

THURSDAY: May 10 at 7:00 p.m. Ascension

Acolyte: Ellie Corder; **Elder:**; **Ushers:** Ted Flath, Sam Italiano, Kyle Norris and Seth Schaefer; **Organist:** Jo White; **Altar Guild:** Jennifer Mallette and Wendy Sievers.

SATURDAY: May 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Acolyte: Logan Di Rosa; **Elder:**; **Ushers:** Brion Boeshans, Kevin Campe, Sam Italiano and Seth Schaefer; **Greeters:** Larry & Kathy Brokering; **Pianist:** Jen Wittenberg; **Altar Guild:** Ted Fedder.

SUNDAY: May 13 at 8:00 a.m. Happy Mother's Day

Acolyte: Abby Kesterson; **Ushers:** Jacob Doyle, Steve Doyle, Ted Flath and Jason Powell; **Greeter:** Yvonne Rieger; **Organist:** Claudia Loethen

SUNDAY: May 13 at 10:30 a.m. Happy Mother's Day

Acolyte: TJ Stille; **Elders:**; **Ushers:** Ryan Kaffer, Jason Kesterson, Mark Schlemmer and Tony Sipes; **Greeter:** Ruth Schmitt; **Bulletin Collator:** Don & Nancy Thomas; **Organist:** Claudia Loethen; **Altar Guild:** Ted Fedder.

SATURDAY: May 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Acolyte: Maccenna Fischer; **Elder:**; **Ushers:** Brion Boeshans, Sam Italiano, Randy Jones and Seth Schaefer; **Greeters:** Bob & Joyce Hoffmann; **Pianist:** Tim Wittenberg; **Altar Guild:** Mary Ann Bonneville and Bonnie Levo.

SUNDAY: May 20 at 8:00 a.m.

Acolyte: Emma Kilzer; **Elder:** ; **Ushers:** Mike Salanitro, Ken Sipes, Brett Sollberger and Joe Walls; **Greeters:** Glenn & Jeanette Gindler; **Pianist:** Jen Wittenberg; **Altar Guild:** Mary Ann Bonneville and Bonnie Levo.

SUNDAY: May 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Acolyte: ; **Ushers:** Jason Kesterson, Colin McLaughlin, Mark Schlemmer and Tony Sipes; **Greeter:** Kay Butts; **Bulletin Collator:** Alice Unger; **Pianist:** Tim Wittenberg.

SATURDAY: May 26 at 6:00 p.m.

Acolyte: Cayla Wilderman; **Elder:**; **Ushers:** Brion Boeshans, Sam Italiano, Seth Schaefer and Kyle Sipes; **Greeters:** Len & Judy Suess; **Organist:** Jo White; **Altar Guild:** Darrell & Debbie Wittenberg.

SUNDAY: May 27 at 8:00 a.m.

Acolyte: Brylee Proffitt; **Ushers:** Jacob Doyle, Steve Doyle, Mike Hampton and Fred Patterson; **Greeter:** ; **Ushers:** Mike Hampton, Jim Kesterson, Mark Leitschuh and Jason Powell; **Greeters:** Josh & Jennie Hunt; **Organist:** Jo White.

SUNDAY: May 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Acolyte: Jack Kenison; **Ushers:** Keith Jackson, Ryan Kaffer, Colin McLaughlin and Tim Wittenberg; **Greeters:** Roy & JoAnn Harris; **Bulletin Collator:** Pat Watson; **Organist:** Jo White; **Altar Guild:** Darrell & Debbie Wittenberg.

Church Council Meeting
April 18 2018

Attendance:

Alan Kilzer-Vice Chairman
John Nerht-Elders
Pastor
Sarah Salanitro-Board of Christian Ed
Rebekah Norris-Financial Secretary
Jason Kesterson-Board of Stewardship & Finance
Dave Thomas-Board of Christian Day School
Tonya Hupp-Planning Chair
Donna Bloemer-Board of Evangelism

Alan Kilzer called meeting to order

- A. Devotion by Pastor-"The Righteousness Of A Steward"
- B. Jason Kesterson made a motion to approve agenda. Alan Kilzer 2nd. Motion passed.

New Business-Vicki Krueger resigned from role as recording secretary, replacement to be sought.

- C. March 22 minutes

Jason questioned the 33,000 number for the deficit-there was zero

Moved to change spelling of "northex" to "narthex"

Moved to change number to 65 (?)

Moved to change date (April 17 to April 18)

Remove "this would not to supplement or count on as part of the budget but ideally to raise funds for one off projects."

Jason moved to approve minutes, John Nerht 2nd, motion passed.

- D. Goals to review with Tonya Hupp

- a. Suggested more streamlined goals-each board's goals come from different people
- b. School staff must add goals
- c. Work with the team replacing Tedd for marketing
- d. Tonya to come to council meetings quarterly to review progress
- e. All boards email goals and progress directly to Tonya

- i. Tonya.hupp@gmail.com

- ii. Tonya.hupp@us.af.mil.com

- f. Tonya returns to council meeting July 18th, 2018

- E. Elders

- a. Discussed budget
- b. Council Proposed 5% increase in salary for Pastor
- c. Worship requirement begin discussed
- d. Proposed budget for computer for Kathy compatible with Shepherd Staff

F. Pastor

- a. Youth Easter breakfast served 60
- b. 8 students to be confirmed April 22, 2018
- c. LWML dinner
- d. Evangelism workshops well received
- e. New Member Dinner June 3

G. Trustees

- a. Mowing set up with Lawn service
- b. Need to budget ~\$5800 for new fire panel

H. Day School/ECC

- a. Marketing-who's job?
- b. Tentative Fall 2018 attendance policy pilot
- c. Church attendance consequences fall on...?
Jason Kesterson moved to extend meeting 15 minutes-John Nerht 2nd
Motion passed
- d. Bargain Bonanza even went well

I. Board of Christian Education

- a. Young Men's Bible Study to be revamped
- b.

J. Board of Evangelism

Overall marketing effect-where can we go?

Servant Day-52 people served

K. Board of Stewardship/Finance

- a. Talking with all boards to re-evaluate budget-can we streamline more?
- b. 8:10pm Jason moved to extend meeting another 15 minutes, passed

L. New Business

- a. Need to replace recording secretary-put a note in the On Deck?
- b. Special Council Meeting May 9th-budget

Jason Kesterson moved to adjourn, Dave Thomas 2nd

Streuter Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 9, 2017 Roland Barkau Golf Course

Okawville, Illinois

**Proceeds to the S.I.D. Student Aid
Edowment Fund**

Check In: 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Shot Gun Start: 8:30 a.m.

Complete cost of golf outing: \$80 per person
(Golf, Golf Cart, Mulligan, Skin Game and Food)

Hole In One Contest-\$5,000, sponsored by Insurance Planning & Management, Greg
Toensing

Please return your registration form by May 31, 2018 Make checks payable to:
Southern Illinois District

We look forward to sharing the day with you!

For more information call (618) 234-4767 or sidlcms.org

Bob Streuter Memorial Golf Tournament Registration Form

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ GOLFERS: 1. _____

3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

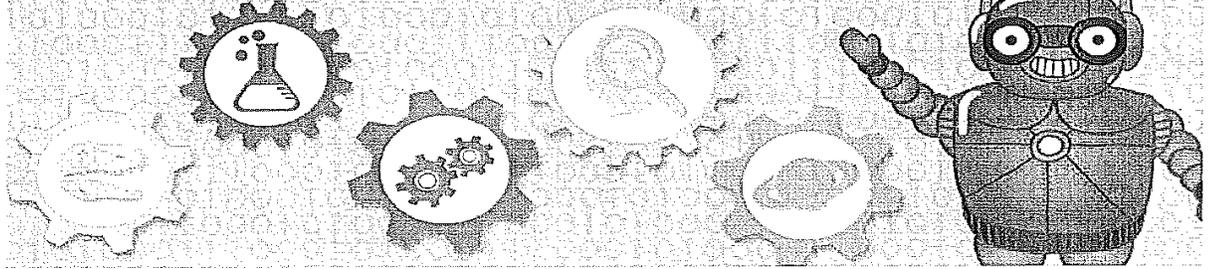
_____ I am a single golfer. Please place me on a team.

I am unable to attend, but am enclosing a gift to support the Tournament, in the
amount of \$ _____

of GOLFERS x \$80 each = _____ total enclosed or due at the course

Return to: Bob Streuter Golf Tournament by May 31
2408 Lebanon Ave.

Summer Science Camp



106 N. Border St. Troy, IL 62294
July 30-Aug. 3, 2018 9am – noon
Students entering grades 3-6



Saint Paul's 
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CHURCH AND SCHOOL

If you love science, experiments, and making discoveries about the world around you, or simply want to know more about how the world works, then our science camp is for you! This summer we will be exploring five areas of science using hands-on STEAM techniques along with the scientific method. You will work in groups to perform experiments, analyze data, and invent ways to improve your results.

Lab Safety and the Scientific Method – Students will learn lab safety techniques and their importance. They will explore the scientific method, gather data, and have fun with bubble gum.

Sound Waves – Students will see, feel, and become waves of sound. They will create beautiful looking music for you to see and hear, and come home with their own dancing ooblec!

Rainbows and Light - Students will discover how God uses the sun to create various colors in our world and how colors blend and separate. They will also learn about coding for color on computers, and how light is used to project images.

Water and Weather – Students will say, "WOW!" when they experience the wonderful world of water and discover how important it is to our living world. God truly had an amazing plan for us during creation!

Energy – Students will construct solar powered windmills, create and bake in a solar oven, and create toys of their own using various sources of energy.

Science Camp will be hosted by Mrs. Jennifer Doyle. Mrs. Doyle has a degree in biology from McKendree University and is a certified science teacher. She has six years of teaching experience in subjects ranging from Conceptual Chemistry to PreAP Biology.

This camp is open to anyone entering 3rd-6th grade. Invite your friends and family!
To register, turn this form in along with your payment to the St. Paul's School Office by June 1st.
Hurry, camp fills up at 30 students!



STEM SCIENCE SUMMER CAMP

Dates: July 30-Aug. 3, 2018 Times: 9:00am-noon

Where: 106 N. Border St. Troy, IL 62294 Hosted by: Jennifer Doyle

Students entering grades 3-6 Cost: \$30/student - due upon registration

Please enroll the following student for Science Camp:

STUDENT NAME _____ ENTERING GRADE _____

Father _____

Contact numbers _____

Mother _____

Contact numbers _____

Other _____, relationship _____

Contact numbers _____

Allergies or medical information _____

The student will be going home with _____

The student has my permission to walk home. Yes No

I give permission for photos of my child to be used for promotional purposes. Yes No

Students are to conduct themselves in a safe, Christian manner during camp. If they do not, they will be sent home and there will be no refund.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Quarterly Voters Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2018

The following minutes are unofficial until approved by the voters at the next meeting.

Opening Devotion

Prayer

Motion to amend the Agenda with the following changes:

Move the voting of the officers before review of the reports made by Chairman Jacob Doyle

Motion to add a discussion of the feasibility of the School added to the agenda made by Brandon Beckemeyer 2nd by Penny Schuessler and the motion was passed

Motion to approve January 21, 2018 minutes as printed made by Ted Flath 2nd by Jason Kesterson and the motion was passed

Motion to approve the ballot with the following additions

Jason Kesterson made a motion to add Jackie Jackson to the ballot for the School Board as a write in

Brandon Beckemeyer made a motion to add Rachel Beckemeyer to the ballot for School Board as a write in

Updated ballot approved.

Normal discussion of reports unless otherwise noted

Board of Elders

Pastor report

Board of Trustees- Noted cost of updated Techelectronic Panel which will be approached with a request of dedicated giving

Board of Christian Day School and Early Childhood Center/Principal

Board of Christian Education

Board of Evangelism –Appreciation of Servant Day was expressed by Adaline Amen

Board of Stewardship and Finance

Requested report of sustainability study asked by Adaline Amen

Financial Secretary Report

Budget Summary Reports

Unfinished Business

FY 18/19 Proposed Budget Cover Sheet

- Current fiscal situation, as stands April 4th
 - Projected deficit of \$40,225
 - Projected cash on hand we are going to run out by the end of April
 - Possibilities include using Memorial Fund in the name of Jean Sims in the amount of \$10,000.00
 - Question asked if used, will it be paid back as in the past was not done. Responded at this point there is not a plan to pay it back as it was given to be used as we see fit
 - Question to ask if the family would be contacted before using
 - Utilize the unexpected expenses account
- The proposed budget does not assume any increase giving in either Giving or Building fund
- Changes in Tuition for FY 18/19
 - Projection of \$217k in tuition and fees – noted there will be families that will be supplemented with the Tiger fund
 - Question asked is the Tiger fund used only for members are or are there non-members also being given tuition assistance.
 - Answered – not all families receiving tuition assistance is members of St. Paul's
 - Question how short are we on the Tiger fund?
 - Final need was \$23K, we have collected high teens
 - Question is why is there such a large increase in member fees while only 1% in non-members
 - Responded with to bring into align with other Lutheran schools in the area
 - How did we come up with the projected enrollment, we always have a projected number then always come up short
 - Answered what we did with pre-school 3's is we could only go by averages, so we took the last 5 years and averaged that which is what was submitted in January
 - It was stated that last year there had been 35 students in the 3's before the year started and in the past 5 years that there was about 35 children each year
 - Was determined for the 3yr old class, it is what is currently enrolled
 - Discussion of how tuition assistance is collected
 - No changes in the daycare for fees
 - Daily rate
 - \$18.00 a day for before and/or aftercare
 - \$26.00 a day all day
 - Current set up is based on daily rate

- We are working on a process beginning next year with anyone using less than 5 days a week is going to be considered a drop in rate, and the fee will go up. We can see a potential fall out, but overall an increase in the revenue

Budget does not assume an increase in employee wages

- One thing to note the Elders have proposed an increase in the church secretary and pastor salary of 5%
 - The Finance Board does not feel that it would be fiscally responsible, that would increase the budget by \$5300.00
 - Question how long has it been since Pastor and Kathy received a raise
 - It has been more than 2 years since the pastor has had a raise.

Discussion around the budget proposal - A request to have multiple budgets be presented to be voted on in June which includes with the school, without the school, with a reduction in grades in school.

New Business

Election of officers

Vice Chair: Alan Kilzer

Elders: Sam Italliano, Nathan Reese, Mike Hampton and Jason Powell

Trustee: Dave Meseke

School Board: Jason Kesterson, Jackie Jackson and Cathy Wilderman

Board of Christian Education: Jennifer Wittenberg

Board of Stewardship and Finance: Tony Sipes and Katie Meyer

Board of Evangelism: Tim Wittenberg

Motion made to destroy the ballots approved

Continued discussion related to the feasibility of the school – Brandon Beckemeyer stated he is not necessarily wanting the school to close, but to ensure the school does not close the church.

Motion to bring the meeting to a close was made and the motion was passed.

Meeting came to a close with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Vicki Krueger

Recording Secretary.