

Saint Paul Messenger

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In our Tuesday evening Bible study on St. Paul, we have considered the biographical elements of his life and missionary journeys. This is important because a good number of the New Testament books were inspired by God through St. Paul's letters to the early Christian congregations. These letters are also known as epistles. In our Sunday worship services, one of the three lessons read is an epistle lesson, and most of the time the epistle lesson is from St. Paul. So to study the life of St. Paul can give us a little better perspective in connection with the scriptures we hear in church. Our course will continue every Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm. Throughout November. Please feel free to join us even if you have not participated earlier.

One of the "fringe benefits" of this course has been the discussion that has come about when people have questions. And some of our best questions have been unrelated to the lesson, but they have generated much interest and learning for all of us. So we try to study, and learn and have a good time in the process.

Pastor Turanski

The

President's Pen



Greetings to all St. Paul Members and friends!

These last few weeks have been very busy with getting ready for the upcoming Bazaar and all of the baking that was fun to do but is very time consuming. Thanks to God for giving the extra strength and ambition to do so. The proceeds from our bazaar really do have a wonderful impact on those organizations that we choose to help out. Special thanks go out to all who worked on the quilt, the yard sale, and any of the other activities in getting ready for this event. Even though our numbers are small, we do have very willing hands that always help out to make it successful.

The Tuesday night bible study on St. Paul has had a nice turnout and I know Pastor Turanski appreciates that fact. Please consider coming if you haven't already done so. We get in to some interesting discussions along the way that usually sparks extra enthusiasm from Pastor. We need to support our pastor as he is the one who actually drives the farthest to attend and lead us.

The Family & Friends Dinner that is chaired by Peg Walters and Donnie Sue Johnson continues to be a blessing to our community. I don't think people understand the amount of work that actually goes in to having this event each month. We, at St. Paul made the decision to be a part of this and I

know that when Peg asks for help I hope everyone considers contributing or working for this cause.

NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 11/13/16 DIRECTLY AFTER CHURCH. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Upcoming events to keep in mind are the Soup Luncheon that is to be held the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 20th. The Women's Group will be asking for help in providing all that is needed for this. We won't be having the traditional Turkey Dinner this year but thought something new might be nice. Let's plan to bring family and friends that Sunday.

Also, the annual Congregational Meeting will be held on December 11th after church. We have three individuals whose terms are over and will need replacements or encouragement to those to continue on. Our church needs everyone to participate and help out. Please plan to attend.

Blessings to all of you!

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Council Corner

St. Paul Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2016



Present: Deb Elliott, Jim Reider, Jim Whitten, Dave Schlaack, Peg Booher, Steve Mishler, Pastor Turanski

Absent: George White, Peg Walters,

Call to order by President Deb Elliott at 11:30 am in church basement.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Turanski

Congregational Comment: None

Approval of Agenda: Jim Whitten asked that the Commissioned Lay Leader appointments be added to Old Business.

Secretary's Report:

No meeting was held in September due to lack of quorum. Dave Schlaack motion to accept August 28 meeting minutes. – carried.

Treasurer's Report:

August Income: 4,965.00, Expenses \$6,966.97, Variance -2001.97

September Income: \$3,189, Expenses \$4,793.93. Variance, -\$1,604.93

Sept. 30 Ckg Bal: \$27,396.46, Spec. Acct Bal. \$5,466.27

Peg Booher advised that September Special Offering received for LSSM was \$10. Benevolence added additional \$90.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Steve Mishler, carried.

Pastor & Elders –Submitted in writing.

Tuesday evening study, "Odyssey of St. Paul", will continue each week until end of November.

NALC Michigan Mission District will meet here on Tuesday, Oct 19.

Pastor advised he will again be taking off the month of January. Terese Whitten will be preaching and leading services. Pastor suggested compensating her for filling in while he is away.

Worship and Music – Submitted in writing and verbally.

Jim Whitten reported that we are continuing the Folk Mass liturgy until

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Advent. A new gathering song will be incorporated into the current music beginning on Oct. 30. Ideas for Advent mid-week services are being considered. Terese Whitten has resigned from the committee and a new chairman has not yet been determined.

Property: - Submitted verbally.

Dave Schlaack reported that re-grading around the front & side of church has been completed. We hope to re-seed the lawn this fall. Gutters will be installed along roof eaves in critical areas between the fellowship hall and the sanctuary. Dave will get cost estimates to resurface/paint the parking lots.

Community Dinner – Report deferred to Old Business.

Call Committee: No report.

Jim Whitten reported that NALC has developed a workshop to help congregations work through the Call process. This information will be passed on to our Call Committee.

Motion to accept Reports, carried.

Old Business:

Community Dinner - Deb Elliott reported that the committee has set up an independent checking account. Jim Whitten noted that the original Council resolution that created this committee clearly called for all funds received and spent be handled by the St. Paul Treasurer. A copy of the original resolution will be given to members of council. Deb is planning to meet with the committee to

discuss the possible need for getting non-profit status to operate as a separate entity from St. Paul and how funds are to be handled until that time.

Urns for memorial bench. - Urns for outside bench have been received. The urn bases will be changed before planting is made.

Commissioned Lay Leaders

The following proposal was approved at the August 28, 2016 council meeting to be voted on by the congregation, at the next annual meeting: *Shall Terese Whitten and Ruth Mowat be appointed as Commissioned Lay Leaders at St. Paul to perform the following duties: 1) Preach from the pulpit of St. Paul when authorized by the Pastor. 2) Lead worship at St. Paul, including the distribution of pre-consecrated elements, when authorized by the Pastor. 3) Perform other Pastoral duties if authorized by the Pastor. 4) Commissioned Lay Leaders would be expected to be reasonably available to make emergency Pastoral visits in the absence of the Pastor if requested by congregation members. 5) Compensation for these duties would follow guidelines established for Supply Clergy when leading an authorized St. Paul service.* If approved by the congregation, this appointment would officially authorize duties that Terese and Ruth are already performing. Jim Whitten reported that he had talked with Ruth and Terese about the possible appointment. He will present them with the list of duties which will be published in these minutes.

Further discussion of the topic of compensation was held. A motion by Dave Schlaack, 2nd by Steve Mishler to

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authorize compensation to Commissioned Lay Leaders for conducting services, when authorized by the Pastor, at the current level of \$150 per Sunday service plus mileage. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Annual Meeting & Installation. Council agreed that our Annual Meeting will be scheduled for Sunday, December 11, 2016. Installation of Council, Elders, and Commissioned Lay Leaders will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2016, before Pastor Turanski leaves for vacation in January. Terese Whitten will be asked to prepare the congregation Voters List and present it to Council at the November meeting.

Need for new Council members.

Discussion of who is going off council and their possible replacements. Steve Mishler, Dave Schlaack & George White's 3-year terms will end in December. Peg Booher was appointed to serve only this year until December. Potentially 4 members of Council can be elected at the annual meeting. Jim Whitten's term ends in Dec. 2017. Deb Elliott, Jimmie Reider & Peg Walters terms end in Dec. 2018. Deb Elliott urged those eligible, whose terms are ending, to consider standing for re-election. Also, to talk with others who we feel may be ready to serve on Council.

Appreciation for Rick Machleit. Motion by Jimmie Reider to give gift cards totaling \$100 to Rick for his work on the church building and grounds. 2nd by Steve Mishler. Motion passed. A card will be

available at the 10/23 service for members to sign.

Gas Meter Cover. Peg Booher reports that DTE does not provide covers for their gas meters. They suggesting purchasing a cover from stores such as Lowe's or Menards. No action taken.

Correspondence:

Several requests have been received for donation. They were passed to the Benevolence Committee.

It was noted that contributions to our monthly special offering recipients has dwindled this fall.

A motion by Steve Mishler, 2nd by Jimmie Reider, to send \$200 to Water Mission, in response to a request from NALC for financial help. Motion passed.

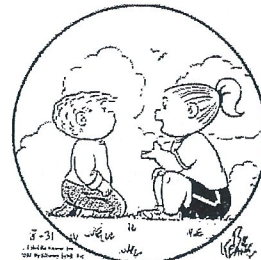
Suggestion Box: No suggestions.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting November 13, 2016.

Submitted by Jim Whitten, Secretary

ST PAUL FINANCES FOR SEPTEMBER 2016				
BUDGET	INCOME	EXPENSES	TO BUDGET	INCOME TO EXPENSES
\$5,400.00	\$3,189.00	\$4,793.93	-\$2,211.00	-\$1,604.93



"Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a GIFT. That's why it's called 'the present.'"



Please remember that **Thank Offering Sunday** is scheduled for Sunday, November 20th. There will be a short Temple Talk prior to the service and the your thank offerings will be collected during the service at the regular time of offering.

Offerings this year will go to WISE.

NALC Michigan Mission District News

St Paul hosted the Annual Michigan Mission District meeting on October 18th. This meeting is an opportunity for members of all the NALC churches in Michigan to come together and share what is going on in their congregations. All eight churches were represented. Among the ideas discussed was the possibility of a district wide project that would spread the good news of Christ.

Also discussed was whether or not to develop a district constitution rather than continue under the current district charter.

The meeting closed with a worship service and prayer for each other as we continue to live God's call on us.

Thank you to Vera Bailey and Terese Whitten who organized the lunch for this meeting and coordinated all the details.



St. Paul's 2016 Harvest Soup Lunch

November 20, 2016

Soup, rolls, and tableware will be supplied

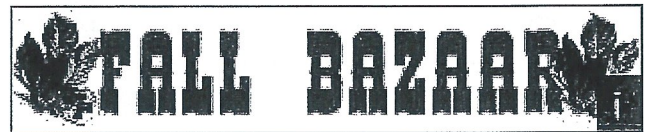
Please sign up at church or call Peg Booher (231 734-3444) with the number attending and your favorite salad or dessert to pass.

Garage Sale Update



The *Little Libraries* program will receive a donation of \$400 from our garage sale. This will be good for two (2) locations and someone to steward them. MOISD will further support these. In two years the program will be reevaluated.

Thank you to Carol Roberts and her helpers for all their work on the sale!



A huge thank you to everyone who made the St Paul Bazaar a great success. Special thanks to Deb E. Peg B. Joyce & Vera B. who organized this event. The luncheon, the bake goods table, and the cookies by the pound table were all overflowing with goodies thanks to the generosity of the people at St. Paul. The many visitors enjoyed our ventors and all we had to offer making it a great day. Congratulations to Susan Owings who won the beautiful quilt.