

St. Pauli News in Detail



Greeting and Ushering

June 1	Craig Folkedahl	July 6	Evie Johnson
June 8	Bryan Grove	July 13	Jim Kotz
June 22	Jerod Haugen	July 20	David Lee
June 29	Gary Iverson	July 27	Bruce Mathson

Clean church **FOR** your Sunday.

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.
- Tidy up pews after church to make it ready for the next Sunday's services.

July 9

Altar Preparation: June: Val Torstveit
July: Barb Smith

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Lutheran World Relief

The WELCA ladies shipped the following to Lutheran World Relief the beginning of May:

- 7 quilts
- 13 school kits
- 15 baby care kits
- 17 fabric kits
- 22 personal care kits

Items for the personal care kits were collected on Sundays during Lent. We have retained 3 quilts for local emergency use.

June & July Milestones



Birthdays

June 17	Kathy Alberg
June 17	Sharon Bugge
June 27	Jan Strandlie
July 1	Val Torstveit
July 4	Kari Torkelson
July 7	Rylan Torstveit
July 7	Andrew Halvorson
July 9	Sharon McCullough
July 31	Ron Anderson



Anniversaries

June 1	Dennis & Barb Nelson
June 18	Arlo Rude & Deb Ernst
July 1	Bruce & Shelley Mathson
July 6	Ron & Virginia Anderson

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Minutes of the Church Council

April 24, 2014

The St. Pauli Church Council held its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at the church. Members present: Arlo Rude, Kathy Alberg, Evie Johnson and Barb Nelson.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Arlo Rude at 7:00 pm. Alberg led us in opening prayer.

Agenda was presented by Rude. Motion by Johnson to approve, seconded by Alberg, motion carried.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary's report was presented by Nelson. Alberg made a motion to approve, seconded by Johnson. Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses for March 2014: \$ 2,143.88
Income for March 2014: \$ 6,399.00

Account balances as of March 31, 2014:

Checking: \$ 8,856.78
Investor Savings: \$ 36,775.68
Memorial Fund: \$ 18,359.09
Mission Grant Fund: \$ 1,000.00
Edward Jones: \$ 38,913.45
Total: \$103,902.07

Cemetery Association: \$ 18,585.13

Nelson made a motion to accept, seconded by Alberg. Carried.

Pastor's Report:

Due to Pastor Hansen's absence, there was no pastor's report.

WELCA: Cluster II gathering will be on Saturday, April 26, 2014. Blanket Sunday is April 27, 2014 with shipping the following Saturday.

Old Business:

Reviewed the project list.

There was some discussion and review of the Mission Grant guidelines and application forms. Rude will look into this further.

New Business:

Records retention: Cindy Cedergren will go over old records and destroy unnecessary papers. She will be sure to keep anything important.

Lenten Services went well. Using the Holden Evening Prayer Service went well. Also, the round robin with pastors. The congregation enjoyed hearing the different pastors.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Barb Nelson, Church Council Secretary

Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Congregation

21 January 1915

A special meeting with the congregation was held at H. J. Torstveit's on January 21, 1915. Pastor Gryting was elected to be chairman, then A. A. Odegaard informed about why the meeting had been called; namely that the building committee wanted to know whether the members of the congregation would transport gravel for the basement under the church and perform some other transport that might be needed.

It was decided that the members of the congregation should drive loads with gravel and help to dig a hole for the basement under the church. And that, those who could not drive should pay two dollars for every load they should have driven. The rest was left to the building committee.

Then the meeting was ended.

O. Odegaard, Secretary

The trustees of the congregation:

A. A. Odegaard 1916

Ole Helgeson 1917

John Kval 1918

13 December 1915

The St. Pauli congregation held its annual meeting in the church on December 13, 1915.

The meeting was opened with hymn song and prayer by Pastor Gryting. Then the report of the secretary was read and accepted.

After which the trustees in District 1 through A. A. Odegaard that everything in his district had turned out well, and that Hans Amundson has paid to the congregation the one hundred dollars he had promised.

Ole Helgesen reported from District 2 that he had not been able to collect the sum that was expected from the members of the congregation in his district.

John Kval reported from District 3 that everything in his district was going well.

There were some discussions about what should be done with such members of the congregation who did not want to contribute to the expenses of the congregation, and it was left to the pastor to talk to them about it.

Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Luther League

31 August 1953

The St. Pauli Luther League met at the church on August 31.

"God Calling Yet" was the opening hymn. Scripture and prayer were given by Melba Gustafson followed by the hymn "God of Mercy, God of Might" by the choir. A reading "The Folly of Unhearing Jesus" was given by Mrs. Omar Lian. The choir sang "He Lives."

We then heard a report by Beverly Rolandson on her trip to the Luther League Convention at Moorhead, MN. The congregation sang "Oh, Happy Day When You Shalt Stand."

The business of the last two meetings were read by Vice President Doris Belange in the absence of the secretary and were approved as read.

There was no old business but for new business the president read a letter from the Augsburg Publishing Company.

A motion was made and seconded that we pay for the Luther League party out of Luther League funds.

We closed by praying the Lord's Prayer and singing the table blessing.

Hostesses were Herman Rude, Edwin Nelson, Joe Belange and Theo. Bjorge families.

Proceeds: \$15.75

Secretary Betty Rude

Then the report of the treasurer was read and accepted.

After that, Oscar Seeland and wife and children (Ruth and Mabel) were admitted to the congregation.

The cemetery committee reported that the cemetery had been surveyed and that it would not be (*illegible*) as soon as possible, and it was left to the secretary to send the Hamar congregation an invoice for the expenses there had been for the cemetery, so that they might pay their share.

J. Kval reported on behalf of the school committee that the Ladies Aid took care of the school so the committee did not have to.

More was reported that there had been held two months of religion school and that Pastor Gryting had been teacher.

Then a building committee was elected, the same as before, namely A. A. Odegaard, T. Stene, and C. Oien. A.A. Odegaard reported on behalf of the building committee that it was the greatest hope and wish of the building committee that the members of the congregation would help so they could have the church repaired and they then could have it consecrated and the foundation stone laid. C. Oien reported that some gravel had arrived, but not as much as is needed and that they have a contractor who could perform the job, but they did not have the materials necessary to do it. It was proposed and supported that the building committee should contact the young people if possible to make them help with some of the transport.

Thereafter the following officials were elected:

As trustee for three years: A. A. Odegaard

As secretary for one year: O. Odegaard

As treasurer for one year: H. Torstveit

As sexton for one year: O. Seeland and as salary for the same seven dollars

A school committee was elected the same as before.

Lignings committee the same as before. As deputy to the Synod in Minneapolis was elected A. A. Odegaard, and Ole Valsvik and C. Oien were elected as substitutes. And the congregation decided that their deputy should vote for the majority outlook and the congregation should pay half of the costs for travel for the deputies.

As deputies to the district meeting this year were elected A. A. Odegaard, O. Peterson, Ole Valsvik and Ole Helgesen.

It was decided that the pastor's salary should be \$135.00 for the coming year.

On proposal the meeting was ended.

O. Odegaard, Secretary

TWO THINGS TO REMEMBER IN LIFE:

"Take care of your thoughts when you are alone", and
"Take care of your words when you are with people."

Inspiring and Positive Quotes

Father's Day Sermon

Pastor Carl Hanson

June 16, 2013

Deuteronomy 6

Is there any father or grandfather here this morning, who, after your child or grandchild was born, kept them totally out of sight, never talked about them with anyone else, and, if someone asked about them, you responded with an embarrassed stammer? Now I don't know about you, but I've never met a father or grandfather who fits that description.

I can't think of a more surefire conversation starter than to ask about a father or grandfather about their new addition. Ask any question and out comes the smart phone with the pictures, or if you are a dumb grandpa like me, out comes the wallet with the photos. And then there are the stories about how wonderful and unique the child is. For father or grandfather not to talk about their pride and joy is about as difficult to imagine as a farmer not talking about the weather. You HAVE TO talk about your child. You let everyone know. The mere mention of their name brings a huge smile to your face. Even the most dignified adult breaks into "goos" and "coos" at the sight of any infant. With the passage of time, the excitement of having a child may become a little less obvious. But your sense of pride and joy and caring, and your willingness to talk about your child, is right next to the surface whether your child is 5 days or 50 years old.

As eager as we are to talk about our joys in and our hopes for our children, it seems to me that dads and granddads are often the opposite when it comes to speaking of God. To speak of God in public or even in our own homes is to die of terminal embarrassment. It is as if we are ashamed of having anything to do with God. Research shows that 50% of ELCA families don't speak of God with our own families. We often act about God as a 16 year old acts about their parents: wishing that their parents would drop out of sight and not embarrass us. My sense is that this reluctance to speak out about God is even more prevalent among Christian men than among Christian women.

Who are we hiding? Who is this that embarrasses us so that we do not pronounce God's name, except when we're here in the pews or when we smack golf ball into a water hazard or hit our finger with a hammer. God is the God who created us in partnership with our parents. God made us his own in Holy Baptism. God has given to us the blessing of children and brought them into his family in baptism. And now our children share in the greatest inheritance there is: the inheritance of eternal life with Christ and all of God's children.

What is there to hide? Who is there to hide? Listen to what God says to us through Moses: *"You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."*

God is saying that we are to wear our faith on our sleeve. *"You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead."* What's in our heart is displayed on our hand. As many wear a symbol of our marriage on our finger, so the adornment of a cross on our person and in our homes bears public witness to the God who saves us and reaches out to all of humanity in grace, mercy and peace. That's a God we want others to know about and to know, just as we want others to know about and know our spouse and our children.

Christianity is a personal faith...But it is not a private faith. There is a difference. Christianity is personal in the same sense that my relationships with Mary and each of our children and grandchildren are personal. These relationships are as personal and distinctive as each of us is personal and distinctive. And there are many aspects of our relationships that are private. But it is a matter of appropriate public knowledge that I wear this ring in witness of the relationship that I have with Mary. It is appropriate that my office is adorned with pictures of my children and grandchildren. I want others to know them because I am thankful for them and proud of them. So too our relationship with God is personal; but not private.

Scripture tells us that our personal and public witness to Jesus Christ begins at home. It doesn't end there, but does begin there. *"Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise."* Children need to learn of their heavenly Father at home. For our children's most important and influential teachers go by the

names of dad and mom; and many times by the names of “grandpa” and “grandma.” Despite the embarrassment of that 16 year old who might wish that you disappear for a while, your children and grandchildren want to know you. They want to know what you think, what you have experienced, what you feel and what you believe. If they don’t know in whom you believe and what you believe, they will discover what others believe and go down other paths. I have a second verse to add to the first hymn that I ever learned. That verse goes like this: *Jesus loves me. This I know because daddy and mommy tell me so.*

I’m a numbers nut. I accumulate miscellaneous numbers and facts that are of varying value. Today’s numbers are 85/60/45/15. They tell you about some odds. But I wouldn’t suggest that you use them when buying a Powerball ticket. I think that these numbers are much more significant than the Powerball.

85.....60.....45.....15. As Luther said, “What does this mean?”

- **85**—If you were raised in a home where both your dad and mom worshipped regularly and faithfully, chances are 85% that you will worship faithfully and regularly as an adult.
- **60**—If your Dad worshipped faithfully and regularly, but your Mom did not, chances are 60% that you will worship regularly when you are an adult.
- **45**—If your Mom worshipped faithfully and regularly while you were growing up, but your Dad did not, chances are 45% that you will worship regularly as an adult.
- **15**—If neither of your parents worshipped regularly as you were growing up, chances are 15% that you will worship regularly and faithfully as an adult.

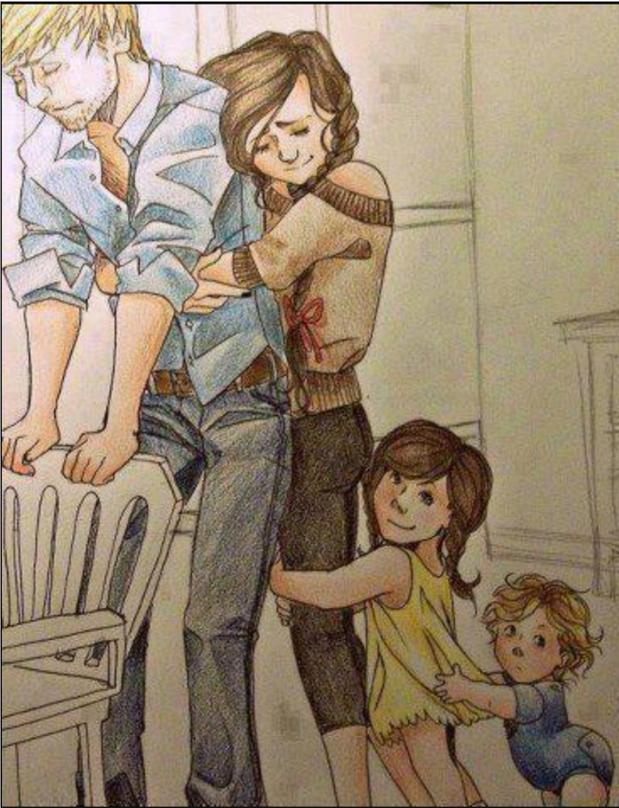
Research shows that the example of Fathers is the single most important human factor in the future worship life of your children. Moms come in a close second. When it comes to religious faith and practice, children will most likely do what you do both now and later on in life. More than you may think, children will do what you do and avoid doing what you do not do. Our children need godly fathers and mothers, grandfathers and grandmothers more than anything else.

I grew up in a Christian home. My Dad and Mom might have missed worship one or two Sundays a year. Both my Grandpa and Grandma McFall and my Grandpa and Grandma Hansen worshipped regularly and faithfully. I thank God for the quiet and yet strong witness to the Christian faith that I absorbed as a child from gracious and godly parents and grandparents.

It is my prayer that our gracious and loving Heavenly Father will support, guide and bless all Fathers and Mothers and Grandfathers and Grandmothers in their ministry to the children and grandchildren entrusted to their care.

Amen.





SON: "Daddy, may I ask you a question?"

DAD: "Yeah sure, what is it?"

SON: "Daddy, how much do you make an hour?"

DAD: "That's none of your business. Why do you ask such a thing?"

SON: "I just want to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?"

DAD: "If you must know, I make \$100 an hour."

SON: "Oh!" (With his head down).

SON: "Daddy, may I please borrow \$50?"

The father was furious.

DAD: "If the only reason you asked that is so you can borrow some money to buy a silly toy or some other nonsense, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. Think about why you are being so selfish. I work hard everyday for such this childish behavior."

The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door.

The man sat down and started to get even angrier about the little boy's questions. How dare he ask such questions only to get some money?

After about an hour or so, the man had calmed down, and started to think:

Maybe there was something he really needed to buy with that \$50 and he really didn't ask for money very often. The man went to the door of the little boy's room and opened the door.

DAD: "Are you asleep, son?"

SON: "No daddy, I'm awake."

DAD: "I've been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier. It's been a long day and I took out my aggravation on you. Here's the \$50 you asked for."

The little boy sat straight up, smiling.

SON: "Oh, thank you daddy!"

Then, reaching under his pillow he pulled out some crumpled up bills. The man saw that the boy already had money, started to get angry again. The little boy slowly counted out his money, and then looked up at his father.

DAD: "Why do you want more money if you already have some?"

SON: "Because I didn't have enough, but now I do."

"Daddy, I have \$100 now. Can I buy an hour of your time? Please come home early tomorrow. I would like to have dinner with you."

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little son, and he begged for his forgiveness.

It's just a short reminder to all of you working so hard in life. We should not let time slip through our fingers without having spent some time with those who really matter to us, those close to our hearts. Do remember to share that \$100 worth of your time with someone you love? If we die tomorrow, the company that we are working for could easily replace us in a matter of days. But the family and friends we leave behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives. And come to think of it, we pour ourselves more into work than to our family.

Some things are more important.

CLUSTER 2 SPRING GATHERING at ST. PAULI



**Cluster 2 officers: Virginia Anderson (left rear),
Deidre Nordin and Deloris Haugen (front)
Speakers: Wenda Sang and Kari Torkelson (rear)**

Cluster 2 Spring Gathering was held at St. Pauli church on Saturday, April 26, 2014. The women of Trinity Church in Thief River Falls provided and served the morning coffee and treats, and the women of St. Pauli provided the lunch as well as the entertainment. The theme for the gathering was “Have You Paid Your Do’s?” The theme verse was Philippians 4:13: “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.” St. Pauli member Virginia Anderson is an officer for Cluster 2.

Rev. Carl Hansen gave the morning devotions followed with special music by Cindy Arlt from the Plummer parish. Wenda Sang talked about Stewardship – reminding us that God asks that we give not only financially, but to give of ourselves, our time and talents.

St. Pauli member Dr. Kari Torkelson, optometrist, gave a slide presentation about her mission trip to Tanzania, Africa with other optometrists, helping those who may benefit from eye glasses and also education on eye care. She told us they bring the glasses that are donated to the Lions Clubs and other organizations to Africa with them. During the short time they were there, their team saw over 3,000 patients, being able to help most of them.

The St. Pauli WELCA ladies put on a short humorous skit on what a “Ladies Aid” meeting might have looked like in 1895.

Kathy Englund reported on the upcoming events: Triennial in Charlotte, NC and the annual NW MN SWO convention. She encouraged each congregation to nominate a woman for the Mary Magdalene award and to send a delegate to the convention. Lois Bylund, SWO president, thanked us for everything we do for the Women of the ELCA.

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Inger-Kristine Riber, Norwegian pianist, and Heidi Luosujärvi, Finnish accordionist, provided special music for church services at St. Pauli on Sunday, May 11. They were here to perform a concert the following evening as part of Norwegian Heritage Week (NHW) in Thief River Falls. Five of the six NHW committee members are from the St. Pauli congregation: Faye Auchenpaugh, Andrew Halvorson, Wahna Smith, and Jan and Jim Strandlie (who hosted the two young ladies in their home).

On this bicentenary of Norway’s congregation, it was fitting and appropriate that these two wonderful and accomplished young ladies chose music by Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg for our services – Inger played the prelude and Heidi the offertory. In addition, Inger led the congregation in The Lord’s Prayer in Norwegian.



**Inger-Kristine Riber, Norwegian pianist
Heidi Luosujärvi, Finnish accordionist**



Everyone, including those attending the Monday evening concert, was stunned to hear Heidi’s playing on a classical accordion (Italian chromatic button instrument similar to the one in the photo on the left). This was not your customary Whoopie John music we all know! These accordions weigh about three times as much as the more familiar keyed instruments and are too heavy to play standing up. Instead, they rest on the player’s left thigh and the musicians use the movement of their entire upper body to help squeeze the bellows as they play. The instrument has three registers, which the player changes by pressing her/his chin on the appropriate button on the top of the accordion. To hear Heidi play, go to: [youtube.com/watch?v=8uTSYKKxEPI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uTSYKKxEPI)



WORLD MALARIA DAY 2014

WE DID IT – THANK YOU!

Dear Friend,

Thanks to you and thousands of supporters like you, together we surpassed our goal of \$250,000 for World Malaria Day. Because of your overwhelming generosity, gifts for the ELCA Malaria Campaign totaled \$300,000, given in addition to \$100,000 of matching funds. **We are able to launch malaria work in Namibia this year. Thank you!**

In Namibia, our primary companion in malaria work is the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia. The church is present mainly in the northern part of Namibia, where the threat of malaria is most severe. Right now, start-up plans are being finalized, and thanks in part to your gifts, these plans are able to become reality.

Starting work in Namibia is just one example of the amazing things our church can accomplish together. When each of us contributes toward a shared purpose, our gifts are multiplied and magnified. I can't say it often enough – thank you! In Christ's service,

Jessica Nipp Hacker
Coordinator, ELCA Malaria Campaign
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

June 2014 Bizarre and Unique Holidays

(Who dreams up some of these??)

Month Holidays: Aquarium Month
Candy Month
Dairy Month
Fight the Filthy Fly Month
Gay Pride Month
National Accordion Awareness Month
National Adopt a Cat Month
National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month
Rose Month
Turkey Lovers Month

June 1: Dare Day, Flip a Coin Day
June 2: National Bubba Day, National Rocky Road Day
June 3: Repeat Day (I said "Repeat Day")
June 4: Applesauce Cake Day, Hug Your Cat Day, Old Maid's Day
June 5: World Environment Day
June 6: National Doughnut Day (always the first Friday in June), National Gardening Exercise Day (get out and exercise with your plants), and National Yo-Yo Day
June 7: National Chocolate Ice Cream Day
June 8: Best Friends Day, Name Your Poison Day
June 9: Donald Duck Day
June 10: Iced Tea Day
June 11: (Thank you! There is not a designated holiday for June 11th!)
June 12: Red Rose Day
June 13: Blame Someone Else Day (first Friday the 13th of the year) and Sewing Machine Day
June 14: Flag Day, World Juggler's Day (Saturday closest to June 17th)
June 15: Father's Day (3rd Sunday) and Smile Power Day
June 16: Fresh Veggies Day
June 17: Eat Your Vegetables Day
June 18: Go Fishing Day, International Picnic Day, National Splurge Day
June 19: World Sauntering Day
June 20: Ice Cream Soda Day, Take Your Dog to Work Day (Friday after Father's Day)
June 21: Go Skate Day, National Hollerin' Contest Day (third Saturday in June)
June 22: National Chocolate Éclair Day
June 23: National Columnists Day, National Pink Day
June 24: Swim a Lap Day
June 25: Log Cabin Day, National Catfish Day
June 26: Beautician's Day, Forgiveness Day
June 27: Sun Glasses Day
June 28: Paul Bunyan Day, Insurance Awareness Day (now who do you think invented that!?!)
June 29: Camera Day, Hug Day, Waffle Iron Day
June 30: Meteor Day

The Back Page

What do these seven words all have in common?

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

Are you peeking or have you already given up? Give it another try. Look at each word carefully. You'll kick yourself when you discover the answer. No, it is not that they all have at least 2 double letters. Let me know if you found the answer – I didn't!

Answer is below!



Answer:
In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.