

St. Pauli News in Detail



Greeting and Ushering

June 7 Skip Swanson July 5 Val Torstveit
 June 14 Craig Torkelson July 12 Myles Alberg
 June 21 Wally Torkelson July 19 Ron Anderson
 June 28 Chad Torstveit July 26 F.Auchenpaugh

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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Help to Celebrate Skip Swanson's 80th Birthday!

Skip Swanson will be 80 years old July 29th. His brother Leonard will celebrate his 87th birthday the day before.

To mark these landmark birthday anniversaries, Skip and his son Brad are hosting an Open House at their home on Saturday, July 25th, beginning at 4:00 pm.

This is an occasion not to be missed!
Skip says, "Absolutely no gifts!"

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 29	Skip Swanson
July 29	Connie (Alberg) Kolden
July 29	Michele Halvorson
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 16, 2015

The St. Pauli Church Council held its regular meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7 p.m. at St. Pauli Church.

Members present: Arlo Rude, Cindy Cedergren, Kathy Alberg, Ron Anderson, and Pastor Carl Hansen.

The meeting was called to order by Arlo Rude.

Pastor Hansen opened with prayer.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: No report was available at the meeting, but the report was shared with Council members via email following the meeting. Balances as of 3/31/15 were as follows:

March General Fund Expenses	\$ 2,588.88
March General Fund Income	\$ 3,890.00
Checking Account Balance	\$ 19,713.59
Investor Savings	35,847.82
Edward Jones Investment Accounts	41,970.43
Memorial Fund Balance	11,245.65
Mission Grant Fund	<u>1,001.04</u>
Total Fund Balances:	\$ 109,778.53
St. Pauli Cemetery Association	21,575.13

Pastor's Report: Pastor Hansen will teach first Communion classes on April 19 and May 3 during the Sunday School hour to four students. First Communion is tentatively planned for May 17.

This year's Lenten round robin seemed to be well received by the participating congregations. Pastor Mark Helgeland will be retiring as Senior Pastor of Redeemer and Black River Lutheran Churches at the end of August.

Pastor Hansen is planning to attend the N.W. Minnesota Synod's convention on Sat, May 16 in Moorhead. St. Pauli is entitled to send two lay delegates to the Assembly.

Pastor Hansen's summer travel plans may be changing from the previous plans. He will keep the Council posted.

Reports of Members in sickness or distress: Council members shared prayer concerns of members.

New Members or Interest in Membership: No report.

Reports:

- WELCA – Church cleaning is in progress this week. Virginia, Jan, Ron & Arlo will meet to discuss plans for cabinetry in the northwest corner of the basement. April 26 is Blanket Sunday, with potluck following.
- Board of Education – The Council supported the recommendation that the Board purchase five Spark Bibles, designed for middle school age students.
- Men's Group – Does not meet

Old Business: Arlo reported he had recorded two worship services on the MIDI Sequencer, plus some hymns.

New Business:

Easter Sunday Service Time: Discussion was held on whether to continue scheduling the Easter service at 7 a.m. or consider a later service time. Pastor Hansen had no objections to changing it if the congregation chooses to do so. This topic could be placed on the annual meeting agenda for a vote. Cindy Cedergren will bring up the topic at a WELCA meeting to obtain their input.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday: This is a Sunday set aside as an opportunity to serve our community in ways that share the love of God with all people. The date for 2015 is September 13, but churches may select another date of their choosing. Additional information can be found at www.ELCA.org/dayofservice. The Council decided to include a bulletin insert in the March 29th bulletin as an opportunity to get the congregation thinking of a project that would be suitable for the congregation, including the youth. Ideas will be forwarded to Arlo Rude and the Council will review them and make a determination.

The Lord's Prayer was prayed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cedergren
St. Pauli Church Council Secretary

Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Congregation

10 December 1923

St. Pauli Congregation held its annual meeting in the church on December 10, 1923.

The meeting was opened by Pastor Grimsrud with hymn song and prayer. Thereafter the report of the secretary was read and accepted and then the report of the treasurer was read and accepted.

After that the following officials were elected:

Secretary: O. J. Snetting, one year

Treasurer: T. Stene, one year

Trustee: Martin Mathson, three years

Apportionments Committee: Ole Odegaard,
Paul Borgie, Ed Viken

Sexton: the same as before, Joe Torstveit.

Then was proposed and supported to elect a committee to discuss the matter of religion school with the Ladies Aid, namely Ole Odegaard, Ole Valsvig and Nels Nelson.

Then was elected a committee of three men to collect to the different accounts: namely Ole Pederson, Emil Thune and Ole Helgeson. After this, it was decided to allow four hundred dollars for the expenses of the congregation.

Then it was proposed and supported to authorize the trustees to alter the loan and if possible to borrow the money at a lower interest rate.

On proposal the meeting was ended.

Olaf Snetting, Secretary

7 July 1924

St. Pauli congregation held a special meeting in the church on July 7, 1924.

The meeting was opened by Pastor Grimsrud with hymn song and prayer. Then he informed about the reason for this meeting, namely to discuss what ought to be done about the church building. It was proposed and supported that the secretary should look up the Storm and Fire Insurance policies.

Kermit Finstad said that the old Hamar Ladies Aid had one hundred dollars that they wanted to give to have the church interior repaired. Chairman Pastor Grimsrud suggested that we should accept this offer with gratitude.

Then it was proposed and supported to paint the church twice and to put a handrail on the entrance stairs and put new panes of glass in the windows, where necessary, and to buy screens for the basement windows.

It was proposed and supported that the trustees should see that this work was done. Proposed and supported to apply to the youths' club to ask if they would help to pay for this work.

On proposal the meeting was ended.

Olaf Snetting, Secretary

Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Young People's Society

29 May 1927

The St. Pauli Young People's Society held its last meeting at the church Sunday evening, May 29, 1927.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Jacobson. Song by audience Hymn No. 15.

The following program was rendered:

Reading – Minnie Stene

Song – Gust Gustafson and Helen Wiken

Recitation – Anna Stene

Scripture Reading and Talk – Rev. Jacobson

Song by audience, Hymn No. 166.

The next meeting was decided later. The meeting adjourned. Lunch was served by Mrs. Olaf Snetting and Mrs. O. Odegaard. The proceeds were \$23.25.

Oscar Odegaard, Secretary

Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Luther League

21 March 1954

A special Luther League Officers' meeting was held at the Joe Belange home on Sunday, March 21. President Doris Belange called the meeting to order. During the business meeting, Herman Rude and Mrs. Theo. Bjorge were chosen as Senior Advisors. Ways of encouraging the attendance at Luther League meetings was discussed and also the dedication of the illuminated cross. The meeting closed with devotions.

Signed: Pat Torkelson, Secretary

25 April 1954

The St. Pauli Luther League held its monthly meeting at the church on April 25th in the evening.

President Doris Belange led us in scripture and prayer.

A song was sung by the congregation, "Thy Word, O Lord, Like Gentle Dews."

An interesting movie was shown called "The Street."

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" was then sung by the congregation at the end of the movie.

The business meeting opened with the Secretary's report, which was read and accepted. Doris Belange then read a letter received from the Lake of the Woods Bible Camp, thanking us for the \$15 donation sent them.

The meeting then closed with the Lord's Prayer and Table Blessing.

Servers were: Mrs. Melvin Torkelson, Mrs. Arnold Helgeland, Mrs. Clayton Mathson, and Mrs. Ole Lian.

Proceeds: \$18.55

Signed: Pat Torkelson, Secretary

Easton Timothy Berg is Baptized



On Sunday, May 17th, Corey Berg and Nikki Axdahl presented their son Easton Timothy Berg to be baptized as a Child of God during worship services.

Sponsors were Carrie Gunderson, Chris Berg, Tami Paulowski and Matt McFarland.

*"... Child of God,
you have been sealed
by the Holy Spirit
and marked with the
cross of Christ forever."*

We welcome Corey and Nikki as New Members

On May 17th, we also rejoiced as we welcomed Corey Berg and Nikki Axdahl, along with their son Easton, as new members of St. Pauli Church.



The Gardener

She dug the plot on Monday –
the soil was rich and fine,
She forgot to thaw out dinner –
so we went out to dine.

She planted roses Tuesday –
she says they are a must,
They really are quite lovely
but she forgot to dust.

On Wednesday, it was daisies –
they opened up with sun,
All whites and pinks and yellows –
but the laundry wasn't done.

The poppies came on Thursday -
a bright and cheery red,
I guess she really was engrossed –
she never made the bed.

It was violets on Friday –
in colors she adores,
It never bothered her at all –
all crumbs upon the floors.

I hired a maid on Saturday –
my week is now complete,
My wife can garden all she wants –
the house will still be neat!

It's nearly lunchtime Sunday –
and I cannot find the maid,
Oh no! I don't believe it!
She's out there WITH A SPADE! –



My wonderful garden has taught me much. Gardening contributes to my sense of balance by helping me to slow down. It is meditative, relaxing, and nurturing. Most of all, it provides me with considerable inspiration, joy, and grounding.

I look forward to being with it when it is away from me during winter and rejoice in our reunion every spring. It is an old, trusted friend that never fails me.

The personal rewards come not only from the results, but the act of gardening itself. It is the one way I can nurture my world on my own terms and aim for the results I want to possibly have a hand in achieving. I eagerly look every day for the signs of a response to my nurturing. The responses I see and smell are gifts from above and a connecting point to something much higher and greater than us. These celebratory gifts affirm my joy to be alive.

Despite its joys and pleasures, gardening is not appreciated by or suited much for the lazy! It teaches that hard work, patience, and perseverance will likely pay off, but is not guaranteed, just as in other areas of life. Just when you have weeded more than you thought you could, there will be more shortly! That is when we learn that the act of weeding itself is meditative, just as washing dishes can be, in its repetitive motion. But there is the added benefit of being outside; feeling the wind and the sun against our skin. We are reminded again how nice it is to be alive, connecting to the earth and the world, while making it neater.

Occasionally, without much intent, I am surprised by my garden (and life). I marvel and am in awe that something unexpected has grown to delight my view and taste buds. How amazingly sensual gardening can be! Did I expect that flower to be such a vibrant yellow? I didn't know I had such bright red tulips!

It is my personal paradise that fills me with immeasurable pride. And it sure doesn't hurt when the neighbors comment on its beauty or how they look forward to seeing my magnificent Irises every year. They are part of the ritual marking the official beginning of spring and summer.

I am sad to see the end of my gardening season, just as I am sad to see the end of anything meaningful in my life. However, all I can do is recall the beauty brought into my life as a result of my garden and loved ones in my life. I treasure the moments with both. They will never come again.

But I can look ahead to unimaginable wonder, beauty, learning, and love again the following year in my garden and life.



A DOG'S LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Before humans die, they write their last will and testament, give their home and all they have to those they leave behind. If, with my paws, I could do the same, this is what I'd ask...

To a poor and lonely stray I'd give my happy home; my bowl and cozy bed, soft pillow and all my toys; the lap, which I loved so much; the hand that stroked my fur; and the sweet voice that spoke my name.

I'd will to the sad, scared shelter dog the place I had in my human's loving heart, of which there seemed no bounds.

So, when I die, please do not say, "I will never have a pet again, for the loss and pain is more than I can stand."

Instead, go find an unloved dog, one whose life has held no joy or hope, and give my place to him.

This is the only thing I can give...

The love I left behind.

Author Unknown



The Back Page

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

"Hello, is dis the Redwood Falls Sheriff's Office?"

"Yes. What can I do for you?"

"I'm calling to report 'bout my neighbor Ole Johnson. He's hidin' marijuana inside his firewood! Don't quite know how he gets it inside dem logs, but he's hidin' it dere."

"Thank you very much for the call, sir."

The next day, twelve of Redwood Falls' finest Sheriff's Deputies descend on Ole's house. They search the shed where the firewood is kept.

Using axes, they bust open every piece of wood, but find no marijuana. They sneer at Ole and leave.

Shortly thereafter, the phone rings at Ole's house.

"Hey, Ole! Dis here's Sven. Did the Sheriff come?"

"Yah!"

"Did they chop your firewood?"

"Yah!"

"Happy Birthday, buddy!"

