

St. Pauli News in Detail



Stewardship

WELCA's Stewardship Projects are gearing up for the fall shipment to Lutheran World Relief. We are collecting **good/used or**

new items for Baby Care Kits. The following items are requested if you wish to donate to the kits:

- Sleepers (with no feet) or Sleeping Gowns (knit pants and top can be substituted for a sleeper)
- Receiving blankets (can be knitted, crocheted or flannel)
- Sweaters/Sweatshirts/Light Jackets (no heavy winter coats)
- Baby/Toddler Socks
- Hand Towels
- Bath Size Bar Soap
- Cloth Diapers (or flannel material for sewing diapers)
- Baby Shirts (pullover or button)—No "onesies" (unless they are cut off and hemmed already); no religious, military, patriotic symbols, no camouflage

Sizes preferred are 6-24 months.

Please—no stained, dirty or worn out items.

If you wish to donate any of these items, please deliver them to the basement of the church by October 1st.

If you're interested in learning more about this project, go to: lwr.org/get-involved/build-kits-of-care/baby-care-kits An item list is also found in the St. Pauli Handbook, pg. 18.

Thank you for your assistance in providing items for these kits. We cannot include or substitute items that are not on the list, except for those mentioned above.

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Milestones

Birthdays:

September 1 Deb Ernst
September 12 Nancy Jensen
September 15 Cindy Cedergren
September 16 Sally Torkelson
September 17 Bruce Mathson
September 19 Wally Torkelson

Anniversaries: None that we are aware of.

Special Congregational Meeting

A special congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, September 23, 2018 following worship services. The purpose for the meeting is to discuss church security and security systems.

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Historical Artifacts

We are looking for historical items for our new display cabinet. If you have anything to share or donate, please bring it to the church along with an explanation, if needed.

We are also looking for picture frames in the following sizes: 4x6, 5x7, 8x10, and clear plastic easels to hold books and other items upright. If you have plate or cup and saucer holders, those would be appreciated as well.

Finally, if you have historical photos to share, that would be wonderful. If you do not have digital copies, please bring your photos to Faye Auchenpaugh and she will digitize them and return them to you.

We want to have our display finished for our Fall Event.

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Greeting and Ushering

Sept 2	John Cervantes
Sept 9	Craig Folkedahl
Sept 16	Ivette Garrett
Sept 23	Bryan Grove
Sept 30	Jerod Haugen

Altar Preparation: Barb Nelson

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In Memoriam

Pastor James R. Swanson



Pastor James “Jim” Swanson, 79-year-old resident of Onamia, Minnesota, died on Monday, July 23, 2018, at the Mille Lacs Health System Long Term Care Center in Onamia.

Jim was born in Superior, Wisconsin to Carl and Mildred Swanson on October 19, 1938. He graduated Duluth Central High in 1956 and St. Olaf College in 1960.

Jim had a life-long fascination for boats and trains. After college, he worked on the ore boats on the Great Lakes for two years before attending Luther Seminary in St Paul. He was ordained at First Lutheran Church in Duluth in 1966. His first call was to Calvary and St. Pauli Lutheran Churches in St. Hilaire, Minnesota, where he served from 1966-1977.

Jim married Carolyn Armstrong from Twig, Minn., on August 5, 1967. They had two daughters, Rebecca and Elizabeth (“Dee Dee”).

Jim’s second call was to Trinity Lutheran Church in Cass Lake, where he served for 11 years while his family grew up. During his 50-year career in the ministry, he also served many churches as an Intentional Interim Minister. When his health began to fail, it was very difficult for him to retire from active ministry because he loved to tell the story of Jesus and his love.

A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, August 11, at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Onamia, Minnesota. Visitation was held one hour prior to service at the church.

Jim is survived by his wife of 50 years, Carolyn; his two daughters, Becky (Curt) Stacey and Dee Dee (Brant) Grages; and six grandchildren: Emily and Megan Stacey, and Luke, Tyler, Lily and Olivia Grages; his sister, Carolyn (Wayne) Weidner; and a large extended family.

Cards and memorials may be sent to: Carolyn Swanson, 39721 US Hwy 169, Onamia MN 56359.

*Photo at right taken at farewell luncheon for Pastor Swanson and family.
L to R: Carolyn, Elizabeth “Dee Dee,” Becky, Jim*



Pastor Swanson confirmed seven classes during his years of service at St. Pauli:

- 1968 — Deborah Folkedahl, Gary Iverson, Neil Rondorf, Jerry Skaaren
- 1969 — Jonathon Folkedahl, Eileen Iverson, Brenda Mathson, Neil Nelson, LouAnn Rondorf, David Rude
- 1970 — Candace Rude
- 1972-73 — Mark Folkedahl, Bryan Grove, Milan Iverson, Bruce Mathson, Kurt Nelson, Wallace Rondorf, Jodie Torkelson, Troy Torkelson, Timothy Rude, Julie Vettleson
- 1974 — Clair Mathson, Jean Nelson, Rick Bjorgaard
- 1975 — Pamela Grove, Vince Iverson, Keith Nelson, Shelley Torkelson
- 1976 — Charissa Bjorge, Pam Cerny, Jacki Davidson, Bruce Folkedahl, Marisa Johnson, Bradley Nelson, Cheryl Nelson

God Bless the Memory of Pastor Jim Swanson

Minutes of the Church Council

May 17, 2018

The St. Pauli Church Council met on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Board Members present: Ivette Garrett, Faye Auchenpaugh, Larry Hurst, Gary Iverson, and Arlo Rude. Absent: Pastor Carl Hansen. Council President Garrett brought the meeting to order.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Secretary's Report: **M/S/C** (Iverson/Hurst) to approve the April 19, 2018 secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report: **M/S/C** (Iverson/Hurst) to approve the treasurer's report as presented.

Balances as of 4/30/18:

Checking Account as of 3/31/18	\$ 19,280.00
Income	\$ 4,420.00
Expenses	\$ (7,651.58)
Checking Account as of 4/30/18	\$ 16,048.42
Investor Savings	\$ 36,086.77
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 20,000.00
Edward D. Jones Investments	\$ 46,105.72
Memorial Fund Savings & CD	\$ 10,820.66
Mission Grant Fund Balance	\$ 4,027.93
Education Fund Balance	\$ 515.20

Total Church Funds as of 4/30/18: \$ 133,604.70

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Carl was not on hand to present a report.

Reports of members in sickness or distress: Concerns and prayers were said for those experiencing illnesses.

New members or interest in membership: None.

Reports:

- 1) WELCA: Stewardship quilts and kits have been shipped. Virginia Anderson, Faye Auchenpaugh and Ivette Garrett are the first volunteers to serve on the committee for the 125th anniversary celebration. We will ask Bruce Mathson if he will also serve.
- 2) Board of Education: Sunday School children did very well taking part in worship services on May 10. Confirmation classes have ended and students are prepared for confirmation, just being short of about five sermon notes. Pastor Carl wants confirmation to take place the end of October.
- 3) Tree trimming: Virginia and Ron Anderson and Arlo Rude spent a day going through the lower parts of the evergreens lining the north side of the parking lot, trimming dead branches and removing the refuse from the site.

Old Business:

- 1) Pulpit Supply: Russ Steer will provide the sermon on June 3 and Ivette Garrett will lead the service. Rude has had no luck to date in securing someone for May 27. Rude will lead the service and will look for an appropriate article to share in place of a sermon.

- 2) Library: This was discussed at the April WELCA meeting and no action was taken.

New Business:

- 1) Roofing Bids: **M/S/C** (Rude/Iverson) to recommend that the bid received from Builder's First Choice for 250# CertainTeed Max Def Moire Black Landmark Pro shingles for \$3,452.65 and Gary Senum as contractor in the amount of \$3,225.00 be accepted by the congregation.
- 2) A special congregational meeting was scheduled for June 3 following worship services. Announcements will be made on May 20 and May 27, along with bulletin inserts on those dates advising same. Auchenpaugh will also include it in the June newsletter.
- 3) Website hosting and security purchase: Marisa Benson manages our website and had been receiving at least monthly security warnings about potential data breaches and embedded, often hidden, files that were being uploaded to the directory and used to launch attacks on other sites. This was not a password problem, as she changed the password regularly and removed the offending files when notified. However, someone at sometime had simply hacked into the account and probably created his/her own back-door password. At any rate, she has been concerned about potential data loss or even hijacking of the site. She contacted the website host, GoDaddy, and asked the administrator there about a better solution. Together, they agreed that it was time to transfer the underlying database to a different server and purchase a security certificate that would allow for encrypted traffic and heightened security. (These are the "https" as opposed to "http" sites that you see.) Not only is this a good idea, it is becoming a viewing requirement for many browser security settings. Included in the purchase is active security monitoring, which is significantly better than the notification and manual removal she had been doing. By purchasing multiple years, she was able to secure a better price:
 - 3 years of hosting at \$107.64 instead of the annual \$95.88 fee we had been paying
 - 2 years of security certificates and monitoring at \$119.98
 - 3 years of backup at \$35.64**M/S/C** (Rude/Iverson) to reimburse Benson \$263.26 for the costs of website hosting, security, monitoring and backup.
- 4) Picnic: A member had asked about having a picnic this summer. The council suggested this be brought up at the May WELCA meeting.
- 5) Council meeting times: Hurst says meeting earlier in the day works better for him. We will consider this as we move forward.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

M/S/C (Hurst/Iverson) to adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

Faye Auchenpaugh, Secretary

Minutes of the Church Council

June 21, 2018

The St. Pauli Church Council met on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Board Members present: Ivette Garrett, Faye Auchenpaugh, Larry Hurst, Arlo Rude and Pastor Carl Hansen. Absent: Gary Iverson. Council President Garrett brought the meeting to order.

The agenda was approved with the addition of cemetery mowing.

Secretary's Report: **M/S/C** (Garrett/Rude) to approve the May 17, 2018 secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report: **M/S/C** (Hurst/Garrett) to approve the treasurer's report as presented.

Balances as of 5/31/18:

Checking Account as of 4/30/18	\$ 16,048.42
Income	\$ 2,366.00
Expenses	\$ (1,647.62)
Checking Account as of 5/31/18	\$ 16,766.80
Investor Savings	\$ 36,102.09
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 20,000.00
Edward D. Jones Investments	\$ 46,105.72
Memorial Fund Savings & CD	\$ 10,820.87
Mission Grant Fund Balance	\$ 4,028.96
Education Fund Balance	\$ 515.33

Total Church Funds as of 5/31/18: \$ 134,260.69

Pastor's Report:

The 2018 NW MN Synod Assembly was an inspirational and informative assembly that was held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Moorhead. The Assembly Service on June 9 was extraordinarily inspirational and thought provoking. All present joined together in making a joyful noise to the Lord.

Next year's assembly will include the election of a new bishop for a six-year term. Bishop Wohlrabe will be completing his twelfth year as bishop and will be retiring. The next assembly will be held in June 2019 at Concordia College.

Due to lower than anticipated income, the Synod staff has been reduced from ten persons to five over the past decade. It is anticipated that staff will need to reduce the amount of travel to synod congregations during times of pastoral transition and call. St. Pauli continues to grow in its giving to the NW MN Synod and the ELCA. Pastor Carl is thankful for the congregation's support of our joint ministries.

Pastor Carl is leading worship at Trinity at 9:00 am on June 17, June 24 and August 26 while Pastor Voelker is in Hungary. Pastor John Voelker is available for pastoral care when Pastor Carl is out of town. Voelker's cell number is 686-2237.

Pastor Carl has been informed "by higher authority" that he will need to be away on Sunday, September 2, and Sunday, September 30, for notable family birthday celebrations (including his own).

We will be switching to Setting 10 of the liturgy beginning with Sunday, June 24.

Reports of members in sickness or distress: Concerns and prayers were said for those experiencing illnesses.

New members or interest in membership: None.

Reports:

- 1) WELCA: A check has been mailed to Pathways to pay for one-half of Bible camp costs for Dawson and Mason Haugen. Our May speaker was outstanding. Cheri Benter, visually impaired instructor for the Thief River Falls school district, spoke of a student with severe sight issues that she was able to help with assistance from the St. Hilare Lions Club.
- 2) Board of Education: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- 1) Pastor Carl's contract renewal: **M/S/C** (Rude/Hurst) to renew for another three months.
- 2) Cemetery mowing: Bryson Bray, who had mowed the cemetery last year, is doing an internship in Denver, CO this summer and recommended Mike Foy as a replacement. Foy has agreed to mow this year, but requested an increase to \$80 per mowing from the \$75 we were paying last year. After mowing and trimming for the first time this year, Foy realized how much time it actually takes and wants to be paid \$100 per mowing. **M/S/C** (Auchenpaugh/Hurst) to pay Foy \$100 per mowing of the cemetery.
- 3) Special Congregational Meeting: The Board was presented with a copy of the church constitution and it states in chapter 10, C10.02, "the call for each special meeting shall specify the purpose for which it is to be held and no other business shall be transacted." This appears to make the motion made at the June 10 special meeting invalid, in that it included the removal of trees. C10.03 also states: "Notice of all meetings of this congregation shall be given at the services of worship on the preceding two consecutive Sundays *and* by mail to all [voting] members at least 10 days in advance of the date of the meeting. The posting of such notice in the regular mail, with the regular pastor affixed or paid, sent to the last known address of such members shall be sufficient. In cases of extreme emergency, the church council may call a congregational meeting outside the above guidelines." In light of this, a new special congregational meeting will be called for Sunday, July 15, following worship services for the purposes of tree removal and roof shingling. It will be announced on July 1 and July 8. Auchenpaugh will mail notices to all members on Monday, July 2.
- 4) Tree removal: Rude has spoken with Ben Nelson and he says he is not allowed to cut any trees right next to a power pole (nor can any other licensed tree removal service do so). Rude will talk with Red Lake Electric to see if they will remove those trees affected by this finding.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

M/S/C (Hurst/Auchenpaugh) to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Faye Auchenpaugh, Secretary

Minutes of the Church Council

July 19, 2018

The St. Pauli Church Council met on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Board Members present: Faye Auchenpaugh, Ivette Garrett, Larry Hurst, and Gary Iverson. Absent: Arlo Rude.

Pastor Carl opened the meeting with prayer. Due to the president not feeling well, the meeting was chaired by Larry Hurst.

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved as submitted.

Secretary's Report: **M/S/C** (Garrett/Hurst) to approve the Secretary's report for the June 21st meeting.

Treasurer's Report: **M/S/C** (Auchenpaugh/Garrett) to accept the report as presented.

Balances as of 6/30/2018:

Checking Account as of 5/31/2018:	\$ 16,766.80
Income	\$ 22,815.26*
Expenses	\$ (21,184.53)*
Checking Account as of 6/30/2018:	\$ 18,397.53
Investor Savings	\$ 36,116.93
Certificates of Deposit at NSB	\$ 0.00
Edward D. Jones Investments	\$ 65,823.16
Memorial Fund Savings & CD	\$ 10,856.08
Education Fund Balance	\$ 515.46
Mission Grant Fund Balance	\$ 4,029.95
Total Church Funds as of 6/30/2018:	\$ 135,739.11

* This includes the transfer in of a \$20,000 CD from Northern State Bank and the purchase of a \$20,000 CD at Edward D. Jones.

Pastor Carl's Report:

Pastor Carl will be involved in family events on Sunday, September 2, and Sunday, September 30. Pulpit supply will be needed on those two Sundays.

Trinity Lutheran in Thief River Falls will be celebrating its 125th anniversary at an afternoon service on Sunday, September 23.

Pastor Carl has been invited to participate in that service, but he will be available to conduct worship that morning at St. Pauli.

Pastor Carl has received information from Luther Seminary about an experimental program for preparing pastors for ordained ministry. Over the next few years, there will be three groups of 30 persons each that will engage in an accelerated program to prepare for ordained ministry. These candidates will complete their coursework over a two-year period, and will also be involved in a pastoral internship during that time. Luther is receiving a special grant to underwrite this process. Currently, the average Luther Seminary graduate owes more than \$40,000 in student loans when they graduate. It is hoped that this experimental program will be helpful in opening the door to ordained ministry to potential candidates who have been unable to consider the ministry as a full-time vocation.

Reports of members in sickness or distress: Concerns and prayers were said for those experiencing illnesses.

New members or interest in membership: None.

Reports.

- 1) WELCA: No WELCA meeting in June. Lydia circle meeting was held at Valley Home with Shirley Johnson as hostess.
- 2) Board of Education: Meeting will be held August 12 to order materials and schedule the coming year.
- 3) Confirmation classes start September 12 with a new class of three students so far. Confirmation is tentatively scheduled for October 28th.

Old Business: Roofing project may need to wait until spring because the contractor has another job scheduled.

New Business: None

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. **M/S/C** (Garrett/Iverson) to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Faye Auchenpaugh
Secretary

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WELCA Minutes

July 19, 2018

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met on June 27th at Valley Home with nine members present.

President Cindy called the meeting to order and led us in prayer.

Secretary's report read and approved.

Faye presented the treasurer's report as follows:

Savings \$1,565.48
May Income: \$20.00

May expenses: \$305.02
Checkbook balance as of May 31, 2018: \$303.68
CD: \$6,024.88

Stewardship Report: Virginia and Evie will go down and organize materials in our new storage unit.

Ivette and Faye reported from Council. Some of our bylaws are in need of review and will probably be on the agenda for the annual meeting. Also, could this information be available

to everyone online? Pastor Carl will be gone the first and last Sundays in September.

Old Business: WELCA will pay for one-half of camp fee for Dawson and Mason Haugen: \$365.00.

Faye and Sharon will do watering of flowers for July. Virginia will do Tuesdays in August.

New Business: Cindy will do altar care for August 5th.

If anyone is interested in special dishes to be in the display case, set them aside for Marisa.

Cindy read a thank you for Lutheran Social Services.

Desirae Rambeck will speak on her work with autism at our next meeting. Janet is hostess.

Our CD for \$6,024.88 has matured and an online motion and vote approved that we move the CD to Border State Bank.

Cindy asked for a vote with a two-year maturity. Majority approved and carried. A motion was made and approved for

Cindy Cedergren and Faye Auchenpaugh to sign for the CD at Border State Bank.

Our Fall Event is scheduled for October 14. Cindy has a list of possible entertainers. If anyone has other possible program ideas, bring them to Cindy.

No Lydia Circle in July. Janet will host Lydia Circle on August 8th.

Ladies will be working on a graduation quilt. Bring ideas to Cindy.

Prayer partners were exchanged and the Lord's Prayer prayed.

Program: July study from the *Gather* magazine.

Table grace said. Thank you to Ivette for serving a smorgasbord of treats.

Kathy Alberg, Secretary

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“The Closing of a Rural Church”

Dave Hill Editorial Opinions, *Northern Watch*, July 14, 2018

Rural churches were one of the very first things built on the plains. There used to be more of them. Still, the white steeples we do see on the horizon direct our eyes heavenward. It's a pleasing architectural feature because we know it was a sanctuary to the people who came before us, and a landmark to those traveling through the plains.

I attended the [final] service at a rural church a couple of weeks ago. It was a sad and beautiful service.

Many of our ancestors came to America looking for a place they could call “home.” Most settled in Minnesota, North Dakota or South Dakota. The only parallel I can think of today is when we leave home after high school or college. Most of us eventually “find” ourselves and a home or a place with firm foundation, where we feel comfortable, where we can set down roots and grow.

Our northern plains remind us of our limits every day. Summer temperatures can be over 100 degrees Fahrenheit, and winter temperatures 40 to 60 degrees below [wind chill]. Though the plains invite us to explore the rich grasses and vast, blue skies that seem to go on forever, we are constantly reminded of our limits by the harsh winds, astonishing quiet and thunderous storms.

Most of us have become accustomed to modern conveniences and cannot fathom the difficulties our ancestors faced as they sought to set down roots on the plains. It's clear, however, that shortly after building their homes, they started working on churches and establishing a firm foundation for those of us who followed.

Today, we still hold these churches close to our hearts because they were sanctuaries for our ancestors and because

many believe they represent hope, stability and community from a less complicated, simpler era.

We also cling to these churches because it's where communities began – where marriages, births, first communions and deaths were recorded and celebrated. It's where two young boys, Olaf and Irving, sat in the pews poking each other and laughing during the pastor's sermon until the pastor stopped the service to chastise them. Both men, now in their upper 80s and early 90s, smiled at the telling of that story.

Fishes and loaves? It was at these churches where, in spite of the challenges, feasts of amazing bounty unfolded from simple ingredients. It was also at these churches where parishioners learned valuable lessons that helped shape their lives and values, and helped them steer through tough seasons on the plains.

At some point, church and community became synonymous. How could we not admire that?

Times have changed – the population losses a part of a long trend, and the results, expected.

At the closing of this church, the pastor drew some parallels to stories in the Bible and in life that were fascinating. As the picture albums and written histories were carefully handed over to a caretaker, the procedure helped some come to terms with its closure and understand a new mission or purpose without the church.

Yes, it's difficult to see these old churches fade away – their service now complete. The pastor reminded us, however, that our service is not.



***St. Pauli Lutheran Church
Rural Thief River Falls
Sunday, October 14, 2018
4:00 pm***

----Bluegrass Gospel Music----

**Annual Fundraiser with proceeds supporting various charities.
Homemade pie & ice cream following the program. Pies for sale while
supplies last.**

Freewill Donation

**St. Pauli Church is located at 11015 170th Ave NE, Thief River Falls, just six miles south of
Thief River Falls on Hwy. 59 & County Road 20.**

Everyone is Welcome!

GOD IS LIKE

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in some way to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results.

GOD IS LIKE BAYER ASPIRIN:
"He works miracles."



GOD IS LIKE A FORD:
"He's got a better idea."



GOD IS LIKE COKE:
"He's the real thing."



GOD IS LIKE HALLMARK CARDS:
"He cares enough to send His very best."



GOD IS LIKE TIDE:
"He gets the stains out that others leave behind."



GOD IS LIKE GENERAL ELECTRIC:
"He brings good things to life."



General Electric

GOD IS LIKE SEARS:
"He has everything."



GOD IS LIKE ALKA-SELTZER:
"Try Him, you'll like Him."



GOD IS LIKE SCOTCH TAPE:
"You can't see Him, but you know He's there."



GOD IS LIKE DELTA:
"He's ready when you are."



GOD IS LIKE ALLSTATE:
"You're in good hands with Him."



Allstate

GOD IS LIKE VO-5 HAIR SPRAY:
"He holds through all kinds of weather."



GOD IS LIKE DIAL SOAP:
"Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?"



GOD IS LIKE THE U.S. POST OFFICE:
"Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination."



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OUR SEED AND CHEMICAL BUSINESS EXPANDS

Northland Partners, Summer 2018 issue
By Ryan Anderson, General Manager, CHS Ag Services

This summer, concrete will be poured for a new state-of-the-art seed plant and chemical warehouse. This new facility will be located next to the CHS Northland Grain elevator at Hazel, Minnesota. The new plant will feature 70,000 units of soybean and wheat seed storage, as well as a fully automated seed treater for both crops.

We've outgrown our current seed facility at St. Hilaire, with only 18,000 units of space. We need to be faster and have more bulk storage, especially for our soybean growers. The new facility will allow us to inventory more soybean seed up front, offering a better selection of varieties in bulk. It will also give us a bigger and faster treater, which allows us to load out seed faster for our growers. And, it will give us a better menu of

options for seed treatments, including plant growth regulators.

When this building project is finished in the spring of 2019, CHS Ag Services will move its seed business from St. Hilaire to Hazel.

The new construction at Hazel will include warehouse space for bulk and packaged chemical. Its containment system will accommodate multiple bulk tanks and will provide crop protection products to our Thief River Falls and St. Hilaire customers.

Once the new seed and chemical facility is complete, we'll look at adding a shop and office at Hazel, and eventually building a dry fertilizer plant.

Note: Turn lanes were added to County Road 3 this summer to accommodate increased traffic at the new facilities.

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How Well Do You "KNOW YOUR MINNESOTA"

Quiz Contest 1942

This was the Sectional Test given to students.

1. Who is the present governor of Minnesota? (Stassen)
2. When was Minnesota admitted into the Union? (1858)
3. What is the Minnesota state bird? (Goldfinch) Eight bird choices were proposed in the late 1940s, which in addition to the common loon included the eastern goldfinch, the mourning dove, the pileated woodpecker, the scarlet tanager, and the wood duck. Each of these was eligible because they were not the state birds of another state. A decision was delayed due to citizen indecision, but a letter-writing campaign over a decade after the original proposal led to the selection of the loon.
4. What are two names that Minnesota is commonly called? (Gopher State, North Star State)
5. What is the tallest building in the state? (Foshay Tower, 32 stories)
6. What river has its beginning at Lake Itasca? (Mississippi)
7. What Fort in Minnesota is used as a training station and induction station for our U.S. Army? (Ft. Snelling)
8. Who is sometimes called the "Railroad King of Minnesota?" (James J. Hill)
9. Who was the first governor of Minnesota as a state? (Henry Sibley)
10. To what political party does Governor Stassen belong? (Republican)
11. What river in Minnesota flows north? (Red River)
12. Name the three iron ranges in Minnesota. (Mesabi, Cayuna, Vermillion)
13. What was the Pembina Trail? (A trail used by the early fur traders in going between Mendota and Pembina.)
14. What does the name Minnesota mean? (Sky tinted or cloudy water)
15. Name three things on the Minnesota State Seal. (Man, plow, horse, Indian, sun, field, etc.)
16. What are two Indian Reservations in northern Minnesota? (Red Lake, Leech Lake, White Earth, Bois Forte.)
17. What nation in Europe was the first to send explorers to our state? (France)
18. Minneapolis was first called _____. (St. Anthony)
19. Hibbing is famous for its _____. (Iron ore)
20. The largest city in Minnesota is _____. (Minneapolis)
21. Where is our State School for the Deaf? (Faribault)
22. What office is held by Mike Holm? (Secretary of State)
23. Minnesota is divided into how many counties? (87)
24. What is our state flower? (Moccasin or Lady Slipper)
25. Who is represented by the man with the plow on the State Seal? (Farmer)
26. The first white men here were engaged in what type of work? (Fur trading)
27. Which of the Great Lakes is touched by Minnesota? (Superior)
28. Name the two Indian tribes who lived in Minnesota at the time the white men came. (Dakota and Chippewa)
29. What is the nickname for Duluth? (Gateway City)
30. What part of Minnesota is called the "Iron Ore Capital of the World"? (Northeastern part around Hibbing, etc.)
31. Where was the U.S. flag first raised in Minnesota? (Pike Island)
32. What part of Minnesota is meant by the "Arrowhead Region"? (Northeastern)
33. What is the greatest manufacturing city in Minnesota? (Minneapolis)
34. What is the most important root crop of Minnesota? (Potatoes)
It might be sugar beets in 2017.
35. What city is separated from Fargo by the Red River of the North? (Moorhead)
36. What city has the largest paper mill in our state? (International Falls)
37. What city is called the Iron Ore Capital of Minnesota? (Hibbing)
38. What city is our greatest tonnage port? (Duluth)
39. Name the first two French fur traders in Minnesota. (Radisson and Groseiller)
40. What was the original name for St. Paul? (Pig's Eye)
41. What world-famed aviator was once a resident of Little Falls? (Charles Lindberg)

42. Why, with its great supply of iron ore, is Minnesota not a great iron and steel manufacturing state? (It lacks coal.)
43. What is the great flour milling center? (Minneapolis)
44. What city is called the "Granite City"? (St. Cloud)
45. What is the length of the term of the session of the legislature? (90 days) *Now it says the Constitution limits the session to 120 legislative days in any biennium.*
46. Who becomes governor in case of a vacancy? (Lt. Governor)
47. What parallel forms part of the northern boundary of Minnesota (49th)
48. How long must a person be a resident of the state before he/she can vote in a state election? (6 months)
49. What state official has custody of the state seal? (Secretary of State)
50. What is the metropolis of Minnesota? (Minneapolis)
51. Who was the first man sent by the U.S. Army to Minnesota? (Lt. Zebulon Pike) *The very same person for whom Pike's Peak is named.*
52. Who discovered the Falls of St. Anthony? (Father Hennepin)
53. Who discovered the source of the Mississippi? (Henry Schoolcraft) *He was guided there by a group of Ojibwe.*
54. Where is the State Prison? (Stillwater)
55. Where is the State School for Girls? (Sauk Centre)
56. Where is the State Reformatory for Boys? (Red Wing)
57. Where is the State Reformatory for Women? (Shakopee)
58. Where is the State Reformatory for Young Men? (St. Cloud)
59. Where is the State Orphanage? (Owatonna) *No longer open. They were called "State Schoolers." There were 10,635 of them between 1886 and 1945: kids orphaned, abandoned, or abused and sent to Owatonna, home of the Minnesota State Public School for Dependent and Neglected Children, once the third largest institution of its kind in the nation. The Minnesota State Public School Orphanage Museum was founded to "Remember the Children" who lived there. **For some, it was a circle of hell; for others, a save haven.** You can explore the Museum, historic Cottage 11, the Children's Cemetery, and interactive campus to get a glimpse of what life was like for the children who called the orphanage their home.*
60. Where is the Gillette Hospital for Crippled Children? (St. Paul)
61. Name two State Teachers Colleges. (Mankato, Winona, St. Cloud, Duluth, Moorhead, Bemidji)
62. Whose home was called the "Mount Vernon of Minnesota"? (Sibley's)
63. Who built the Great Northern railroad? (James J. Hill)
64. What is Minnesota's greatest mineral? (Iron ore)
65. Who was the first Englishman to explore Minnesota? (Jonathan Carver)
66. What was the name given to the early pioneers who settled without permission in Minnesota? (Squatters)
67. What two towns were attacked and besieged and a portion of the defenders killed in the Dakota outbreak? (Ft. Ridgley and New Ulm)
68. Name two famous treaties by which white men gained land from the Indians. (Traverse de Sioux, Mendota, Old Crossing)
69. What is the largest and most important iron range? (Mesabi)
70. What are two methods of mining used in Minnesota? (Open pit and underground)
71. By what three great river systems is Minnesota drained? (St. Lawrence, Mississippi and Red River)
72. What is the name given to the rugged highlands in the northeastern part of Minnesota? (Misquah Hills)
73. How does Minnesota compare in size with other states in the Union? (Eleventh)
74. What city is at the junction of the Minnesota and Blue Rivers? (Mankato)
75. What supplied Minneapolis with cheap power and therefore gave it an early start in manufacturing? (Falls of St. Anthony)
76. In what county is the capital located? (Ramsey)
77. What percent of the farms in Minnesota raise gardens? (80%) *I wonder what that percentage is now?*
78. Where is the largest iron mine in the world? (Mesabi range)
79. Where is the largest steel plant in Minnesota? (Duluth)
80. What explorer came as far as Squaw Point in Thief River Falls? (Beltrami)
81. What city is our seaport? (Duluth)
82. Give the approximate length and width of Minnesota. (400x350 miles)
83. Who was our first territorial governor? (Alexander Ramsey)
84. What star on the American flag stands for our state? (32nd – the last on the 4th row)
85. How many glaciers covered our state? (Four)
86. What large lake covered the northwest part years ago? (Lake Agassiz)
87. Name the city that grew up around St. Anthony Falls. (Minneapolis)
88. What water route did the settlers use to get here? (Ohio-Mississippi)
89. What is the population of Minnesota in round numbers? (2,650,000) *in 2017, this number was 5.56 million. The Minneapolis metro area has 3.5 million and is the 16th largest in the U.S.*
90. How did the U.S. get the part of Minnesota that lies west of the Mississippi River? (By the Louisiana Purchase of 1803)
91. What mineral is imported to be used in manufacturing? (Coal)
92. Who was the first man to raise grain in Minnesota? (La Verendrye)
93. What was the Enabling Act? (It fixed the present boundaries of the state)
94. What is the purpose of the Preamble? (Set for the purpose of the document)
95. What is the "Queen City"? (Virginia)
96. Which boat or brig carried the first cargo of ore through the Sault Ste Marie Canal? (The Columbia)
97. Name two types of juries in our state. (Grand and petit)
98. Where is the home of the famous Mayo Clinic? (Rochester)
99. What city is important for pottery? (Red Wing)
100. What nationality of people do we have the most of in Minnesota? (Swedish) *Now they say the highest reported ancestry is German.*
101. What nationalities are predominant in St. Paul? (German and Irish)
102. What man was closely associated with our highways? (Babcock)
103. What Act established Minnesota as a territory? (Organic)
104. What court takes care of children? (Juvenile)
105. What was the principal way of travel here in the early days? (Water)
106. What is the greatest meat packing center? (St. Paul) *Now Austin and Worthington.*
107. What Minnesota city is built on the hills near the great bend of the Minnesota River, as it turns from a southeast to a northeast direction? (Mankato)
108. Give the name of the hills over which you would have to fly if you were to fly over the highest part of our state? (Misquah Hills) *When the region was resurveyed in 1961, Eagle Mountain was found to be the highest point. On the list of highest natural points in each U.S. state, Eagle Mountain ranks 37th.*
109. From what city is most iron ore shipped? (Duluth)
110. What is the largest lake in Minnesota? (Red Lake)

The Irish Potato Famine Begins: September 1845

In September 1845, Irish farmers noticed the leaves on their potato plants starting to wilt and turn black. When the potatoes were dug up, they initially appeared to be fine, but then rotted within days. A fungus called *phytophthora infestans*, accidentally brought from North America, was rapidly spreading. The cool, moist climate of Ireland allowed the spores to thrive. Virtually overnight, entire fields were infected.

The Irish potato famine, also known as the Great Hunger, had begun. The 1851 Irish census recorded more than a *million deaths* between 1845-1849.

Even before the famine, Irish farmers lived in extreme poverty. They were tenant farmers, working land owned by the British. The absentee landlords collected rents, but rarely, if ever, visited their properties. Middlemen, who often managed the farms, sought to increase rents by dividing the farms into smaller parcels. The farms became too small to hire help, leaving many Irish unemployed. In order to survive, farmers had nothing to depend on but a small plot of potatoes to feed their families and livestock.

When the famine hit, farmers fell behind on rent. Some British landlords evicted starving peasants and burned their homes. The blight continued and peaked in 1847, also known as "Black '47" because suffering was so extreme. Weakened by hunger, many Irish succumbed to starvation or diseases like dysentery, typhus, and infection.

The British response to the deepening crisis was slow. Parliament passed the Soup Kitchen Act which led to nearly 3 million people lining up each day for a bowl of soup, often their only meal of the day. Unable to keep up with demand, many of the soup kitchens went bankrupt and the government shut down the program. It wasn't until 1997 that Britain apologized for their response to the famine, saying they had "failed their people."

Desperate to escape the crisis, a flood of emigrants loaded into Canadian timber ships bound for North America. Passage was cheap because the ships were not intended for human cargo, and conditions were horrific. They became known as "coffin ships" because so many died during the voyage.

Starving and desperate, more than 1.5 million Irish sought refuge in the United States. Today, many Americans of Irish descent can trace their heritage back to this pivotal time in history.

The Famine Memorial sculpture in Dublin was created by Rowan Gillespie and unveiled in 1997. The sculptures consist of emaciated men and women trudging along the banks of the river, with various expressions of sadness, despair and determination. To really drive the point home, the bronze sculptures also include a starving dog walking behind the people. They are one of the most photographed public art pieces in all of Ireland.

This sculpture is a permanent memorial to the many people who emigrated because of Ireland's Great Famine. It's built on



the departure site of the *Perseverance*, one of the first famine ships to leave the area in 1846. The ship's captain was a 74-year-old man who quit his office job to transport the starving people from Dublin to America. All passengers arrived safely and the *Perseverance* was one of the first of thousands of ships to make that epic crossing. Statistics estimate that even now there are more Irish people living outside of Ireland than within its borders, and this haunting piece is a stark reminder of when that emigration began and why.

Just a few steps away from the sculpture is a tall ship moored in the water that is set up as a famine museum. The Jeanie Johnston is a replica famine boat and is a fitting backdrop to the memorial statues. The original Jeanie Johnston made 16 emigrant journeys to North America between 1847 and 1855, carrying over 2,500 people with no loss of life.



THE BACK PAGE

Cowboy Joe was telling his fellow cowboys back on the ranch about his first visit to a big-city church.

"When I got there, they had me park my old truck in the corral," Joe began.

"You mean the parking lot," interrupted Charlie, a more worldly fellow.

"I walked up the trail to the door," Joe continued.

"The sidewalk to the door," Charlie corrected him.

"Inside the door, I was met by this dude," Joe went on.

"That would be the usher," Charlie explained.

"Well, the usher led me down the chute," Joe said.

"You mean the aisle," Charlie said.

"Then, he led me to a stall and told me to sit there," Joe continued.

"Pew," Charlie retorted.

"Yeah," recalled Joe. "That's what that pretty lady said when I sat down beside her."

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"There will be a meeting of the Board immediately after the service," announced the pastor.

After the close of the service, the Church Board gathered at the back of the auditorium for the announced meeting. But there was a stranger in their midst -- a visitor who had never attended their church before.

"My friend," said the pastor, "Didn't you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?"

"Yes," said the visitor, "and after today's sermon, I suppose I'm just about as bored as anyone else who came to this meeting."

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At a Wednesday evening church meeting a very wealthy man rose to give his testimony.

"I'm a millionaire," he said, "and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I can still remember the turning point in my faith, like it was yesterday.

I had just earned my first dollar and I went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew that I only had a dollar bill and had to either give it all to God's work or nothing at all. So at that moment I decided to give my whole dollar to God. I believe that God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a rich man today."

As he finished, it was clear that everyone had been moved by this man's story. But, as he took his seat, a little old lady sitting in the same pew leaned over and said: "Wonderful story! I dare you to do it again!"

When a young minister was still single, he preached a sermon he entitled, "Rules for Raising Children."

After he got married and had children of his own, he changed the title of the sermon to "Suggestions for Raising Children."

When his children got to be teenagers, he stopped preaching on that subject altogether.

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