

# St. Pauli News in Detail



## Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 30, 2011

There will be a special congregational meeting following worship services to discuss the final report of the Task Force and the future direction of St. Pauli Church.

Copies of the report accompany this newsletter.

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## Greeting and Ushering

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| Oct. 2  | Eunice Grove      |
| Oct. 9  | (none determined) |
| Oct. 16 | Jerod Haugen      |
| Oct. 23 | Gary Iverson      |
| Oct. 30 | Marie Iverson     |

### 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.

## October Milestones



### Birthdays

- Oct. 12 Nancy Jensen
- Oct. 14 Pat Swanson
- Oct. 29 Joan Nelson

## Fall Supper

Roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, coleslaw, rolls, lefse & pie!

Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
Serving: 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$10.00  
K-age 12: \$5.00  
Pre-school: Free

If you are able, post the full-page notice found in this newsletter for the Fall Supper (or make copies) at your place of business or your apartment complex.

## Sunday School



Our Sunday School has a sign-up sheet in the narthex for volunteers to teach or assist. You don't have to sign up for the entire year, just enter your name for the Sundays on which you can help.

## Friends and Couples Night Out!

Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
Meatballs and gravy supper with all the trimmings served at 6:30 p.m.

Program: Duane Kotrba  
Cost: \$8.00 per person

See full-page notice for more details

# TURKEY SUPPER

SUNDAY, OCT. 9

Serving 4:00-7:00 p.m.

## ST. PAULI LUTHERAN CHURCH

4 mi. South of TRF on Hwy. #59 to  
Co. Rd. #20, go 3 mi. South – all tar  
(OR, 1 mile North of the Hazel Elevator)

Adults: \$10.00

Children, K-age 12: \$5.00

Pre-school: Free



Turkey & Dressing  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Glazed Carrots, Coleslaw  
Cranberries  
Homemade Lefse, Rolls  
Assorted Pies for Dessert

Shuttle Service Available

# Minutes of the Church Council

(During this critical time, the Council has met twice each month in August and September.)

## AUGUST 9, 2011

The St. Pauli Church Council held a special meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at St. Pauli Church. Members present: Faye Auchenpaugh, Arlo Rude, Wahna Smith, Pat Swanson and Jodie Torkelson. The meeting was called to order by Council President Smith at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Cuppett opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Board of Education Report:** Gary Iverson reported on the recent meeting of the Board of Education on the future plans for the St. Pauli Sunday School. The Board of Education anticipates at least 10 students and plans to actively recruit more.

Some of their plans:

- 1) Send letters to Calvary families with Sunday School age children inviting them to join our Sunday School.
- 2) Send letters to neighboring children who aren't attending Sunday School anywhere else inviting them to attend ours. Pastor Cuppett and Skip Swanson both have additional names for the Board of Education to contact.
- 3) Have a youth activities director instead of a Sunday School superintendent position. The new position would coordinate individuals to help with opening exercises, the Christmas program, and to chaperone various outings. This person would also coordinate with a county-wide youth director if one is hired by all the Lutheran churches in Pennington County.
- 4) Have students participate in the Sunday worship service. Older students in particular could usher, greet, and read.
- 5) Have a student memorization list tailored to the various age groups. The youngest children may only memorize one, short bible verse such as John 3:16. The older students would memorize more complicated pieces like the Nicene Creed or something else from the Catechism.
- 6) Talk with parents of confirmation-age students to see how many there will be and make plans accordingly.
- 7) Order bibles for Devin Haugen and Austin Jensen.
- 8) Review and order new Sunday School materials that the students will find interesting. Class sizes and materials will be decided based on the overall number of students in Sunday School. They may look at a class for younger students and one for older students much like the old one room school houses did.

9) Look at setting a date for a Christmas program.

10) Meet with anyone supportive of Sunday School at St. Pauli on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Parents, prospective teachers, students, etc. are all invited.

11) Suggest having Sunday School at 9:30am followed by 10:30am worship services. If Sunday School is too early the Board of Education felt that parents have a harder time getting children ready to attend. Before worship services will also give the Sunday School leaders additional last-minute time to help students prepare for whatever role they might take on in the worship service that same day.

Following his report, Iverson left the meeting at 7:50pm.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the St. Pauli Church Council meeting of July 7, 2011 were read.

Auchenpaugh made a motion to approve the minutes. Rude seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Because this was a special meeting of the Council, there was no Treasurer's report.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Cuppett had discussions with Thrivent about the housing equity money that has been set aside for her under St. Pauli's name. There are forms that need to be completed to move the money to an IRA in her name. Pastor Cuppett will get the forms to the Church Council for signature.

Torkelson made a motion to approve paying the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter housing equity money to Pastor Cuppett through the Thrivent account. Swanson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Pastor Cuppett will turn over her transportation expenses to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

Swanson made a motion to table discussion about a severance package for Pastor Cuppett until the next meeting. Rude seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Pastor Cuppett will make sure Val Torstveit has all the information necessary for her to complete the annual membership report for St. Pauli.

**New Business:** Pastor Cuppett stated that Calvary Church obtained Pastor Ehling as pulpit supply for Rally Sunday. Discussion was held on the need for St. Pauli to also obtain pulpit supply for the month of September. Torkelson will contact Pastor Wollenzien about communion Sunday on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Auchenpaugh will contact Randy Steer about Rally Sunday on September 11<sup>th</sup> and Pastor Carl Hanson about another Sunday.

**August 23, 2011**

Discussion was held on worship and Sunday School times. All agreed that it will be beneficial to St. Pauli to have a set time for worship that doesn't change from month to month as we try to recruit additional members. Rude made a motion to set the worship service time at 10:30am and the Sunday School at 9:30am each Sunday. Swanson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Torkelson will notify The Times newspaper of our new worship and Sunday School times and because we are no longer part of a parish that we should be listed separately like other churches.

Swanson shared a draft of the brochure she has been working on as a member of the Task Force and asked the council members for input. Auchenpaugh offered to draft a letter to the four townships surrounding St. Pauli and include the brochure in our efforts to ensure the public knows we are open and continue to thrive.

Auchenpaugh volunteered to put together the weekly church bulletin and the monthly church newsletter. Rude said he would make sure the parish secretary was aware of this by contacting Calvary's council president.

Rude said that he and Gary Iverson would arrange to pick up the copier from Pastor Cuppett's home and set it up in the new office space in the west room upstairs. Auchenpaugh and Rude will work on the furniture and shelving for the area.

Discussion was held on what type of landscaping could be completed in time for the Fall Supper. It was decided that flowers such as mums could be planted and a general tidying up around the church should be done.

Auchenpaugh will write a grant to the Hartz Foundation to try to cover expenses of the steeple repair. Rude will obtain an estimate of the cost for her to include in the grant request.

A packet of information from Bishop Wohlrabe called, "When a Pastor Resigns", was reviewed. Several forms need to be completed by the Council President and an exit interview with the Pastor needs to be set up. Everyone will review the material further and it will be discussed at the next meeting which was set for Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm at St. Pauli.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer. Motion by Swanson, seconded by Rude to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodie Torkelson, Church Council Secretary

The St. Pauli Church Council held a special meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at St. Pauli Church. Members present: Faye Auchenpaugh, Arlo Rude, Wahna Smith, Pat Swanson and Jodie Torkelson. The meeting was called to order by Council President Smith at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Cuppett opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Edward Jones Portfolio Analysis:** Todd Mack, Financial Advisor from Edward Jones, was present to discuss the church's portfolio and to offer guidance on a \$10,000 bond that was called. The bond had been paying over 5% annually. Because of the market volatility, it was recommended that the church stay with a balanced fund. St. Pauli currently has money in the Capital Income Building Fund which is a balanced fund. Another balanced fund discussed was the Income Fund of America. Torkelson made a motion to invest the \$10,000 from the called bond into the Capital Income Builder Fund and to increase our investment by \$1,000 in order to take advantage of the lower price point break offered to investments of \$25,000 or more. Swanson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:** Torkelson distributed and read the minutes from the August 9, 2011 special council meeting. Rude made a motion to approve the minutes. Auchenpaugh seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Auchenpaugh distributed the July expenditures and income, 2011 budget year-to-date, investment detail, and cemetery association balance statements for review. Expenditures for July totaled \$4,132.98 including church/cemetery mowing, shared expenses with Calvary from May and June, and piano tuning. Income for July totaled \$4,274.00. The checking account balance is \$9,326.48 and total assets are \$78,133.38. Torkelson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Rude seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Following discussion, Rude made a motion that the church present Pastor Cuppett with a \$3,000 gift upon her departure. Auchenpaugh seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The gift will be presented to Pastor Cuppett at the going-away dinner following church services on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Cuppett returned the book "Discovering Hope" to the council and shared the "My Bible" key so a copy could be made for our church. She also discussed service to the congregation's home bound parishioners and how we could provide

communion through the use of pulpit supply. The council will work this out with the ordained pastor who provides pulpit supply for our communion Sunday each month.

In addition to parting thoughts, Pastor Cuppett presented the council with a gift of \$100. \$50 is to be used for office supplies and \$50 for piano tuning. The letter explaining and accompanying the gift is attached.

**Old Business:** Torkelson will check on the process for updating The Times information on our church. If the updates can be done once per month and emailed to The Times, Auchenpaugh will do so when putting out the monthly church newsletter.

Rude and Auchenpaugh will work on setting up the office space. Rude will get the copy machine from Pastor Cuppett's house prior to the meeting tomorrow night with the Bishop.

The church brochure updates were reviewed. Swanson will get 1,000 printed for inclusion in the letter being sent to the surrounding townships and to hand out at the Fall supper.

A draft of the new newsletter was reviewed. Torkelson will get an electronic copy of the St. Pauli church drawing and mailing labels to Auchenpaugh so she can get the newsletter finished for mailing.

**New Business:** The St. Pauli Task Force had several ideas on better organizing our church's space including shelving, built in cabinets, bulletin board locations, etc. The council will gather all of the suggestions and ideas from the Task Force and any other interested church members and then discuss at a later date.

A letter from Church Mutual insurance was reviewed. The letter stated that any water-related damage (tsunami, tidal wave, sewer backup, broken pipes, etc.) will now be excluded from coverage under our insurance. Auchenpaugh will pull the policy to see what is covered and the council may look at getting quotes from other insurance carriers to provide better coverage.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Motion by Torkelson, seconded by Rude to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodie Torkelson, Church Council Secretary

## September 7, 2011

The St. Pauli Church Council held a special meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at St. Pauli Church. Members present: Faye Auchenpaugh, Arlo Rude, Wahna Smith, Pat Swanson and Jodie Torkelson. The meeting was called to order by Council President Smith at 7:10 p.m.

**Interim Pastoral Services:** Although pastors have been lined up to provide pulpit supply through most of October, the council met to discuss engaging an interim pastor for up to a year while the congregation searches for a future parish relationship.

According to those who were in attendance at the church services on September 4<sup>th</sup>, the congregation was very impressed by the personal warmth and sermon of Pastor Carl Hansen. Auchenpaugh shared an email exchange that she had with Pastor Hansen after he preached at St. Pauli about his willingness to visit with us about our vision and what role he could potentially play with our church. The council was pleased that he was willing to discuss the future with us and felt that in addition to his preaching, his background in leading a 5-point parish would be helpful in guiding us in our future alignment.

Auchenpaugh will contact him to set up a meeting with the council on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St. Pauli. Prior to the meeting, Rude will share a copy of the St. Pauli Task Force's final report with Pastor Hansen as background on our church's vision.

At the meeting on the 20th we will try to engage him as an interim pastor to lead worship every Sunday and for special services at Lent, Easter, Christmas, etc. We would also like him to visit the homebound, those in hospitals, and current and potential members of the congregation. We would also like him to give us guidance on our future alignment with another church.

**Old Business:** Auchenpaugh stated that additional funds are needed to finish the landscaping around the church. Previously the council approved \$500 via teleconference to be spent on landscaping. An additional \$500 will be requested from the WELCA to complete the project. The additional funds will provide for sod, mulch, and landscaping fabric.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer. Motion by Auchenpaugh to adjourn at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodie Torkelson, Church Council Secretary

# *Friends and Couples Night Out*

St. Pauli Church invites you  
for an evening of good food, fellowship & fun!

**Wednesday, October 26, 2011**

Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Program: Duane Kotrba and his wooden miniatures

Cost: \$8 per person

Invite your best friend, your favorite couple,  
or someone you want to know better.

**All are Welcome!**



Please RSVP by October 22 to Cindy Cedergren by calling  
681-6939 (leave your name and # attending) or by  
Email: [Cindy.Cedergren@northlandcollege.edu](mailto:Cindy.Cedergren@northlandcollege.edu)

# Part 2 The beginning



...THE STORY OF GOD  
AND HIS PEOPLE

(Genesis 2:4-17)

**B**ack in the day...

...when God first made the Earth, God looked down and he saw that there was no one to take care of it. So God reached down into the ground and scooped up some stuff from the earth. He took the stuff from the earth into his hands and formed it into a man. But the man just laid there on the ground like a lump of clay. There was no life in him. So God bent down again and breathed into the man - and the man became alive! The man's body was made from the earth, but his life came from the breath of God. Always remember that. Your life is the breath of God.

God called the man, 'Adam.'

Then God planted a garden in Eden for Adam to live in. And since God is God, he is a pretty good gardener. He planted all kinds of trees in his garden; apple trees, and pear trees, banana trees and mango trees, fig trees and who knows what other kinds of trees in his garden. God wanted to make sure there was plenty of good things to eat. (Don't ask me why he didn't plant any candy trees!).

In the middle of the garden God also planted two special trees. One was called the Tree of Life, and the other was called the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. And God made a stream of clear, cool water to flow through the middle of the garden to water it and keep it green.



Then God brought Adam to the garden and he told him, "Take care of my garden. You may eat the fruit of any of the trees that I have made to grow there. But be careful. Do not eat any of the fruit from the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. If you eat any of that fruit, you will die." So Adam began to live and work in the garden God had made for him.

Adam dabbles with photography  
(Okay, not really!)

BUT...

Adam was sad.

The garden was a wonderful, beautiful place. Yet Adam was lonely, and...

# Everybody Needs a Friend

Genesis 2.18-25

Even though the garden God had made for him was the most beautiful place there could ever be, Adam was lonely. Adam needed some company. So God reached into the ground again and took some more stuff from the earth. This time he made every kind of animal and every kind of bird. He brought them all to Adam to see what he would call them.

It must have taken a long, long time to think up all those names! Luckily, he didn't call them things like 'Foo Foo' or 'Snuggems' or 'Pooky' or anything like that. Instead, he called them 'gerbils' and 'rabbits' and 'rhinoceroses.' And he called the birds 'eagles' and 'egrets' and 'ruby throated warblers.'

Well, actually, we don't know WHAT Adam named them. He didn't speak English. But he named each kind, and that's important because people are the only ones that name things. Your dog knows what a squirrel is, but he doesn't call it a squirrel. He just barks at it! But naming things is one of the things that shows we are different from all the other creatures that God made.

But even with all the animals around to keep him company, God saw that Adam was still sad. Monkeys are fun to play with, but they don't have very much to say... and they have terrible table manners.

So God made Adam fall asleep (he must have conked him on the head or something), and while Adam was sleeping, God took one of his ribs. God took Adam's rib and he made a woman from it.

When Adam woke up, God brought Eve to him (that's what Adam named her later on), and Adam said, "At last! Here is someone like me! Her bones were made from my bones, and her body was made from my body. I will call her 'woman' because that means she was taken out of man."

At last Adam was happy.

And so Adam and Eve lived together in God's garden. And do you know what? They were naked and nobody cared...or thought it was funny!

But that's another story...

Next time...  
"BIG TROUBLE"

# The Back Page

## Like A Pumpkin

When you consider it, being a Christian is a lot like being a pumpkin...



- God lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off you.
- He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff – including the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed.
- Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for the entire world to see.

## Answer to last month's "Bible Brain Teaser"

I once made a re**mark** about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lu**lu, ke**pt people look**ing so** hard for **facts**, and for others it was a **revelation**. Some were in a **jam, es**pecially since the names of the books are not capitalized, but the **truth** finally struck home to **numbers** of readers. To others, it was a real **job**. We want it to be **a mos**t fascinating few moments for you. **Yes, there** will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require **judges** to help them. I will quickly admit **it usually** takes **a minister (reference to Ecclesiastes)** to find one of the 17, and there will be loud **lamentations** when it is found. A little lady says **she brews** a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can com**pete**. Relax now, for there really are the names of 17 books of the Bible in these sentences. (I have never heard of "aminister," have you? -Faye)