

St. Pauli News in Detail



ANNUAL MEETING

January 26, 2012
11:30 am
after worship services
Potluck dinner to follow

IMPORTANT: Designated persons must submit their organizational reports to Arlo Rude no later than January 12th for inclusion in the St. Pauli Annual Report.

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CONGRATULATIONS!



Jordon and Eric Rondorf are the proud parents of a baby girl, Ella Jae, born December 28th and weighing 6 lbs. 14.2 oz. Edna Rondorf is her great-grandmother and grandparents are Jim and Roxane Rondorf. We welcome little Ella to our St. Pauli family!

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Greeting and Ushering

Jan. 5 Keith Nelson
Jan. 12 Staci Reay
Jan. 19 Edna Rondorf
Jan. 26 Jim Rondorf

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.

Altar Preparation: Barb Nelson



January Milestones

Birthdays

Jan. 3 Dolly Davidson

Anniversaries

Jan. 2 Pastors Carl and Mary Hansen
Jan. 3 Jim and Jan Strandlie

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St. Pauli Handbook

The 2014 handbooks have been completed. Printed copies are in your church mailboxes.

Minutes of the Church Council

NOVEMBER 14, 2013

The St. Pauli Church Council held its monthly meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at St. Pauli Church. Members present: Pastor Carl Hansen, Evie Johnson, Arlo Rude, Kathy Alberg, Wahna Smith and Barb Nelson. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rude at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Carl Hansen opened the meeting with prayer.

Agenda was presented by Rude. Motion to accept by Johnson, seconded by Smith, motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report presented by Barb Nelson. Alberg made a motion to accept, Johnson seconded, carried.

Treasurer's Report

Johnson presented the Treasurer's report for October.

Expenses: \$ 3,101.54
Income: \$ 3,286.00

Account balances as of October 31, 2013:

Checking: \$ 5,894.02
Investment savings: \$ 35,745.92
Memorial fund: \$ 18,354.06
Edward Jones: \$ 37,924.19
Total: \$ 97,918.19

Cemetery Association fund balance: \$ 13,025.13

Motion by Nelson to accept, seconded by Smith, motion carried.

Johnson reported that she had received a \$1,000.00 check designated for organ repair. It is in the general account as we have no account set up for this purpose. It will be discussed at the annual meeting.

Pastor's Report

With organist Faye Auchenpaugh having surgery and other activities and absences, Pastor Hansen suggested we move introduction of liturgical Setting #8 to our service on January 5, 2014. Pastor Mary has a recheck in Rochester the week of November 20-22, and more if necessary.

Thanksgiving Eve services will be held at Zion at 7:00 pm. Pastor Mark Helgeland will be preaching. Pastor Hansen will be helping in other ways with the service.

Christmas Eve services will be held at 5:00 pm on December 24. We will use the same order of service as last year with communion.

Pastor Hansen and Mary will be on vacation in Texas from December 26-January 3. We will need pulpit supply for December 29.

Pastor Hansen suggested we, as a congregation, contribute to the Ministry in the Philippines in the wake of the hurricane.

Other Reports

WELCA: Met October 18th. Fall Supper went well.

Board of Education: Sunday School program is December 22nd at the 10:30 am service. Val Torstveit is doing the program this year. Thank you to her.

Old Business

Budget: Will be setting up figures at the next meeting.

Barb Nelson made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Philippines disaster fund, seconded by Johnson. Suggestion was also made to ask the congregation to donate at a special offering during the December 1st worship service. Motion carried.

Project Summary Review

A lot of the projects have now been completed, however Constitution and Bylaws are yet to be reviewed. Smith will work with Rude on this and look for one more person to help.

Membership growth committee is still in need of another member.

Fall Supper went very well.

New Business

Rude will check if Johnson Funeral Service would like the wicker lecturn back, since it was given to us by the former owners of the funeral home.

Pastor Hansen's agreement for January through March 2014 will be ready. Rude will take care of that.

Transfers

In: Marc and Heidi Haugen and children Noah and Gabe have requested transfer in from Redeemer.

Out: Craig Lawrence has requested to transfer out to Trinity.

Smith made a motion to accept such transfers, seconded by Johnson, motion carried.

Nominating Committee

Smith will contact a couple more members to help her.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Nelson, Church Council Secretary

Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Congregation

11 December 1911

The St. Pauli Scandinavian Lutheran congregation held its 18th annual meeting in the church on Dec. 11, 1911.

The meeting was opened by Pastor Palm with reading from the scriptures and prayer. After which he declared the meeting opened and everyone free to speak.

The secretary read his report from the last annual meeting and it was unanimously accepted with the addition of the cost for the steeple and concerning the representation at the district meetings.

The treasurer read his report, which again showed a deficit in receipts, as not everybody had paid the same. The report was unanimously accepted.

It was proposed and supported and unanimously accepted that the young people of the congregation contribute to the expenses of the congregation just as the older members.

The religion school committee reported that there had been held two months school and at the same was paid for.

A. A. Odegaard reported on behalf of the cemetery committee and this was unanimously accepted.

It was proposed and accepted to elect Ole Valsvik as trustee for three years.

Proposed and accepted to elect the same as before as secretary and treasurer and sexton.

Proposed and accepted to leave to the cemetery committee to *[illegible]* and take the measures of the cemetery and further improve it.

Proposed and supported and accepted to hold school term as before.

Accepted to re-elect the same school committee as last year and likewise to re-elect the same committee as last year and proposed and accepted to see to it that the next district meeting *[illegible]* to St. Pauli congregation, and to have the church consecrated during the same.

Proposed and accepted to perform what is necessary for the church. A committee were appointed: A. A. Odegaard, C. Oien and J. Amundson.

Proposed and supported and accepted to reserve a sum of ca. one hundred and fifty dollars to the

expenses of the congregation with a raise of the pastor's salary of ca. twenty-five dollars.

Proposed and accepted to elect Mrs. Palm to take care of the Sunday School. After which the meeting was ended on proposal with the Lord's prayer.

The trustees elected:

A. A. Odegaard 1913

Ole Helgeson 1914

Ole Valsvik 1915

Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Luther League

28 June 1953

The St. Pauli Luther League met at the church on June 28.

Opening the program, the congregation sang "Take My Life." Scripture and prayer by Connie Alberg. The congregation then sang "I Need Thee Every Hour."

The title of the program was "Ask." Patty Torkelson gave the part of the First Leaguer and Doris Belange gave the Second Leaguer.

A hymn was sung by the congregation, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." The part of the Third Leaguer was given by Ila Belange and the Fourth Leaguer by Wahna Torkelson.

A hymn "Ye Lands of the Lord, Make a Jubilant Noise" closed the program.

The business meeting opened with the secretary's report which was accepted as read.

There was a discussion of a roller skating party. We decided to have just a roller skating and have a wiener roast later in the summer.

A motion was made and seconded to send Melba Gustafson as delegate to Bible camp and to send \$5.00 to help with some of the expenses.

A motion was also made and seconded that we send with Beverly Rolandson \$10.00 for her registration fee and offering at the Luther League Convention in Moorhead and Fargo.

Announcements were given and the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and Table Blessing.

Servers were the Ole Lian, Melvin Torkelson, Clayton Mathson and Horace Dalager families.

Proceeds: \$11.85

Signed: Betty Rude, Secretary

Sale of leftovers from Luther League party was \$3.13. Sold after services on August 31.

Editor's Note: We received this final part of the Iver Kleven story just in time for our January newsletter.

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

The Life of Iver Kleven (part 2)

(The quotes have been taken from Iver's handwritten autobiography which was translated from Norwegian as completely as possible.) Written by his great-grandson Dick Evenson, Bemidji, and edited by his great-great granddaughter Kae Johnson, Bemidji.

They made the trip overland from Valdres to Christiania (Oslo) with all of their belongings. It was necessary for immigrants to provide their own food and clothing including sleeping blankets. They boarded the wooden sailing ship, the Victoria, together with 329 other immigrants. Their living quarters were below deck with bunks that lined every wall. Three openings on the deck allowed one to go up or down as needed. Immigrants cooked on deck but slept below. The Victoria, under the direction of Captain Gunderson, sailed from Oslo April 25, 1867. The trip to Quebec took seven weeks. Often there was some problem on board. Iver became the leader of the immigrant group and tried to make the going easier by speaking to the captain about any difficulty the group experienced. In this way the journey went reasonably well. They arrived in Quebec, Canada on May 31. Some difficulty arose about health concerns with some of the immigrants. Three or four days went by with all having to stay on board. Once again Iver stepped up and got the problems resolved and the immigrants off the ship. They got on boxcars to go by rail to Lake Ontario where they boarded boats for the trip through the Great Lakes. They entered America at Detroit where they were processed. Iver had been known as Braaten in Norway, registered on the ship as Knutsen, but now had to choose a permanent last name. It is interesting to me that he chose the name Kleven - the name by which his father was known in Norway. He honored his father. They left the boats at Milwaukee, Wisconsin to travel overland to Madison where Martin met them and provided a house to stay in. It was June 15, 1867 and they were finally in America.

“The next day after arriving, I rode with Martin to Bonnets Prairie where he had contracted a brick church. Martin had concern for me. He took me with him on this work and permitted me to lay brick from the start and up, so that I might learn the trade. I learned so much that I built several barns and livinghouse basements later, so what I learned through him proved to be very worthwhile. I have Martin Iverson, next to God, to thank for helping me out of poverty in Norway.”



The Iver Kleven family ca 1883
back L to R Knut, Gilbert middle Mathilda, Inger
front Lene, Anne, Iver

Iver worked with Martin that summer. He moved to Springdale, Wisconsin that fall and took work with whoever would hire him. This work continued through the winter and the next summer. He quickly took to the American way of living, but had difficulty with the language.

“The worst for me was that whenever an American spoke to me I had to stand there like a fool. But this changed after a while so I could make myself understood to them too.”

Children were also a big part of their lives. They had their two young sons who traveled from Norway with them. The following spring a third son was born. He died a short time later but was followed by another son a year later. He also died. Ingrid was born next, followed by Marie Mathilda (my maternal grandmother) and Alene. Many of the settlers in Springdale were also from Valdres, so Iver and his family felt more at home there. People hired him to do work for them so he could pay the costs of living. Finding a house to live in was a much greater problem. Those living there had built small houses, just big enough for their families. Iver finally found a room with Erik Bingham. He continued to work for others and managed to gain a little savings. A year later, the Kleven family moved in with Lasse Thoreson and stayed there about a year. Gradually, Iver gained more money until he began contracting to build for others. For the first time he was in charge of his future. His work was well thought of and many contracted with him to do their building. In 1869, Iver used his money to buy 80 acres of land on which he built a small house. His family had their own place and Iver had his own business and a farm.

Contracting was good and money began to come in. He bought a 40-acre piece of land bordering a small town in Springdale and set up a sawmill. Iver reasoned that settlers would need buildings, which, in turn, required lumber. He could sell them lumber and then build their houses from that lumber. This much business required him to hire men to do the work. His business expanded and more money came in. He bought 20 acres of land next to his 40 acres in 1880. A year later the railroad came through his land. He built a depot and became depot agent. The contracting and lumber businesses

grew rapidly. He borrowed money and increased the size and volume of his lumberyard. He became the largest lumber dealer in the area. His boys, Knut and Gilbert (Gulbrand), were now old enough to carry on the contracting work. Iver took care of the lumberyard and depot. He built a large hardware store on his land in order to sell the goods necessary for people of the area. Increasing the size of the business required money beyond his means, so he borrowed. This troubled him, but was necessary.

“In the beginning, yes, for several years after I began my business I borrowed money from others so that I did a large amount of business on borrowed money. I myself must say that is a risky way. Yes, in the long run not worthy of recommendation to do business on borrowed, and as long as I must use a stranger’s money I am not a free man any more than a commoner in Norway.

If I must brag about myself, I was an extremely prudent business man, always safe calculations in advance and always with a little profit. Now I have become in a wise manner a free man. Now I have shaken off the shackles of the commoner’s harness. Now no longer come orders from overseers that I must work the field. Now I have cast off this burden and curse, neither was I referred to as a commoner or slave.”

By 1885, Iver had a large and thriving lumber and contracting business, he owned land, and had begun to deal in real estate. The town honored him by renaming itself, Klevenville. He became a grain dealer and rented several large elevators. Kleven was a name respected and known by all in the area. He also wrote many letters to Norway telling of his time in America and the good life he had. The local newspaper published his writings, and he was quoted by authors who wrote about the Norwegian immigration. Life was good. He sold his first store in 1890 and built a larger one near the tracks, taking George Swenson as a partner to manage that store.

Poor health for both him and Anne in 1894 caused him to give up most of his businesses. His sons took over the lumber and contracting businesses, moving them to Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin. He gave the store to George Swenson, who married Iver’s oldest daughter, Inger. She managed the Klevenville store and the post office. At that time he retired, but retained his postmaster office. Marie Mathilda became the area beauty and kept Iver’s financial accounts until she married a minister and went off to North Dakota. Alene, the youngest child, eventually married a dentist and moved to southwestern Minnesota. Iver and Anne lived in their big, beautiful house next to the general store and enjoyed their time together. They had struggled through many bad times and had conquered them all by strong will and hard work. Now it was time to sit back and enjoy their time. They moved to Madison in 1903, living in a house their sons built. No doubt they thought of that as a better place to live and enjoy their wealth, but they grew lonesome for the little town carrying their name and five years later moved back to their house by the store.



The Kleven General Store Klevenville, Wisconsin ca 1893
Inger’s Millinery Shop was added to the original building



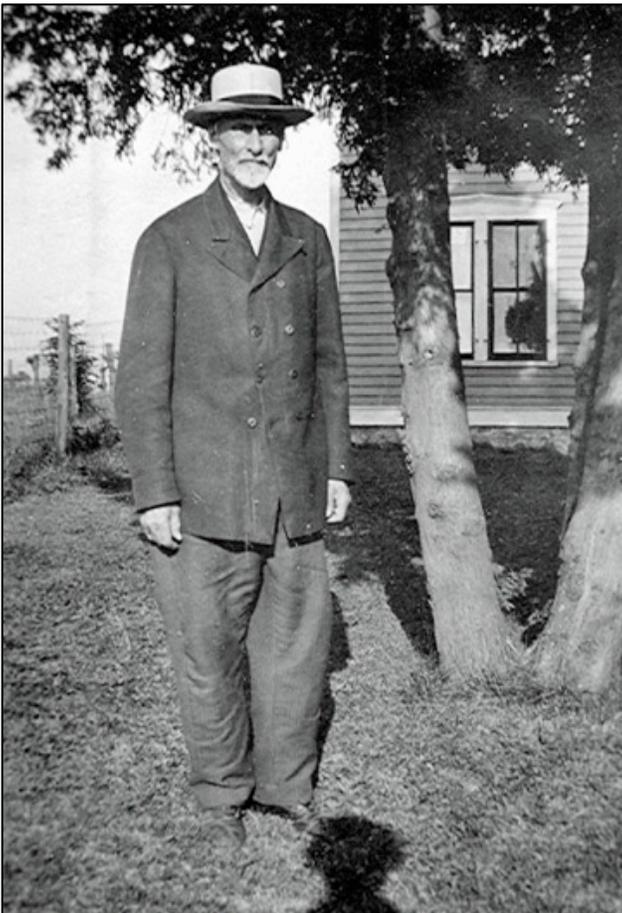
Kleven house in Klevenville ca 1905
Iver and Anne Kleven

“The other day I said to my wife, “You remember the day we were married almost fifty years ago. At that time we were young, in good spirit, good health, and ready to begin the journey through the world. We began with four empty hands, void of the world’s goods and gold, not as much as a tree stump to stand on which we could call our own, no roof over our heads where we could hide from the day’s storm. Yes, we were poor at that time.”

Iver never forgot those old times in Norway and the struggles they went through. He had come to America asking only for a chance to succeed by his own enterprise. Now they could sit back in the comfort of their successful efforts and enjoy the time they had left. Together with their families, Anne and Iver, in 1911, celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding at the beautiful home they had in Klevenville. Many of Iver’s and Anne’s people had also come to America and settled in that area. They joined the festivities. It was, however, not as joyous as they would have liked. Anne had suffered a serious stroke the year before and had lost many of her physical abilities. She would be confined mostly to a chair or bed for the rest of her life.

For the next 10 years, Iver cared for her in their home, getting her up each morning, cooking meals, and doing the necessary work to make her life easier. She loved to sit by the window and watch the activity of the town. Anne died on November 6, 1920 from gangrene, probably caused by bedsores. Iver had a difficult time living alone. He was eighty-five years old and physically weak. A letter from him to his sons asked if they would take him in to live with them. There is no record of that happening. His daughter, Inger, lived on the second floor of the old general store next to his house. He moved in with her in 1923.

One evening he complained of chest pains and retired to bed. She heard him singing in his bedroom for a while. The morning came, but he did not come to breakfast. They found him dead in his bed. It was November 6, 1925, exactly five years after Anne’s passing. Many felt that he had willed himself to death. He was buried next to her in the Springdale Cemetery, also exactly five years later.



Iver Kleven ca 1923



Anne and Iver Kleven ca 1890

In Memoriam

***Glenn Engelstad,
who was baptized, confirmed and married at St Pauli,
has passed away.***



Glenn R. Engelstad was born on March 27, 1931, to Mons and Olga Engelstad of rural Thief River Falls, MN. He was one of eight children: Ruby, Lavern (Vern), Marie, Cleo, Iva Lee, Alfred, Glenn, and Loren.

He married the love of his life, Ruby Alberg (daughter of Carl and Louise Alberg), on September 6, 1952, at St. Pauli Lutheran Church. Ruby and Glenn had three children - Dan, Greg, and Rick.

They moved to Seattle in 1957. Glenn retired in 1994 after working at Vitamilk Dairy for 37 years.

After retirement he took an active role with the Lions Club. He and Ruby were very active in their church, most recently Bethesda Lutheran Church, where Glenn developed a passion for feeding those in need.

Glenn was preceded in death by his son Rick, his parents, and all of his siblings. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ruby; sons Dan and Greg (Kathy), three grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.



Glenn Engelstad's Confirmation Class, June 30, 1946

Back row: Leo Lokken, Glenn Engelstad, Alfred Engelstad, Wallace Torkelson, Margaret Erickson

Front row: Daniel Helle, Arlene Thune, Rev. Fjelstul, Lois Lian, Ronald Finstad

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PUNS FOR AN EDUCATED MIND

“Learn from the mistakes of others. Trust me...you can't make them all yourself.”

1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye-doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whisky-maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber-band pistol was confiscated from an algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
9. A hole has been found in the nudist-camp wall. The police are looking into it.
10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
12. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: “You stay here; I'll go on a head.”
13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
14. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: “Keep off the Grass.”
15. The midget fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
16. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
17. A backward poet writes inverse.
18. In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
19. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
20. If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.
21. A vulture carrying two dead raccoons boarded an airplane. The stewardess looked at him and said, “I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.”
22. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, “Dam!”
23. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it, too.
24. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, “I've lost my electron.” The other says, “Are you sure?” The first replies, “Yes, I'm positive.”
25. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.
26. There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.