

St. Pauli News in Detail



Greeting and Ushering

September 4	Wally Torkelson
September 11	Chad Torstveit
September 18	Val Torstveit
September 25	Myles Alberg

Altar Preparation: Barb Nelson

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Volunteer Opportunity!

Rally Sunday at St. Pauli is September 18th! This kicks off the start of the 2016-2017 Sunday School Year. The Board of Education is still in need of a teacher for Grades 2-3 and person(s) to lead music for their opening sessions. If you are willing to do either of these, please contact Kari Torkelson at 701-787-8769 or 701-793-3656. If you know of someone who may be interested in joining our Sunday School, please let us know!



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September Milestones



Birthdays

Sept. 1	Deb Ernst
Sept. 12	Nancy Jensen
Sept. 15	Cindy Cedergren
Sept. 16	Sally Torkelson
Sept. 17	Bruce Mathson
Sept. 18	Wally Torkelson



Anniversaries

None that we know of.

FALL EVENT

WELCA has decided to host another special event this fall in place of our traditional fall supper. We are excited to announce that Marilyn Hagerty, long-time *Grand Forks Herald* columnist, will be our guest speaker. (See a more complete article on her later in this newsletter.)



MARILYN HAGERTY

"How I went Viral"

followed by Question & Answer session

**Sunday, October 16th
2:00 p.m.**

We hope our congregation will again donate generously to this event so that we can continue to support the special projects and missions at the same level as we have in the past with the profits from our fall supper.

WELCA members will be finalizing the details over the next month, but early plans are to serve homemade pie and coffee. Perhaps Marilyn could even critique one of our homemade pies??

Confirmation Orientation

Orientation for first-year confirmands will take place at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 7th at the church. Classes will continue each Wednesday thereafter at 6:30 pm.

Minutes of the Church Council

June 16, 2016

The St. Pauli Church Council held its regular meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 7 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Members present: Arlo Rude, Cindy Cedergren, Kathy Alberg, Gary Iverson. 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 May 19, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

General Fund

Checking Account Balance as of 5/1/16:	\$ 28,689.30
May Income	2,924.08
May Expenses	(1,216.40)
Balance as of 5/31/16:	\$ 30,396.98

Investor Savings Balance 5/31/16: \$ 35,931.78
Edward D. Jones Balance 5/31/16 42,237.16

Memorial Fund Savings Account &
Certificate of Deposit Balance 5/31/16: 11,292.16
Mission Grant Fund Balance 5/31/16 2,002.07

Total Church Funds \$ 121,880.42

Rude also reported that two \$10,000 Certificates of Deposit were established after May 31.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Hansen reported he was pleased by the congregation's response to ELW Setting 10, when used for the first time on June 12. The Liturgy Task Force (Faye Auchenpaugh, Virginia Anderson, Deone Cerny, and Pastor Hansen) agreed to use Setting 10 during June, July, and August. They will review and discuss possibilities for the use of settings of the liturgy going forward. Congregational feedback and suggestions are very welcome.

At a congregational meeting on June 5, members of Redeemer Lutheran Church in TRF voted to end their parish relationship with Black River Lutheran Church on September 30, 2016. Since Pastor Ben Carlsen's call was issued by a Parish which will no longer exist, his call will end when the parish concludes. Bishop Wohlrabe will be meeting separately with the Redeemer and Black River Church Councils in the next week. He will be recommending to the Black River Council that they invite area ELCA congregations to an Area Strategy meeting of ELCA congregations. Pastor Keith Zeh from the Northwestern Minnesota Synod will be facilitating these conversations. Pastor Hansen recommended that St. Pauli send representative(s) to participate in the area

conversation. It will be helpful to engage in conversation with congregations in similar situations.

Pastor Hansen reported he will be available to lead worship at St. Pauli throughout the summer with the exception of August 14 and 21, when he will be leading worship at Trinity Lutheran Church, TRF, his home congregation.

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

New Members or Interest in Membership: No report.

Reports:

WELCA: No report; next WELCA meeting is June 22.

Board of Education: No report.

Old Business:

1. Treasurer Position: To follow up from the last Council meeting, Rude reported he spoke with Gale Schmitz, and Gale will develop a proposal in time for the next Council meeting to potentially handle the bookkeeping for the Church. The Council will review the proposal at that time.
2. Agreement with Pastor Hansen: A 3-month contract was approved by a motion by Alberg and seconded by Cedergren.
3. Planter/Unused Sign Base by Church Entrance: Rude will ask Myles Alberg to assist him in dismantling and removing the planter that formerly was the base for a church sign.

New Business:

1. Area Strategy Meeting with Area Churches: Rude and Iverson will plan to attend the meeting at Black River Church. The date for the meeting was unknown at the time.
2. Setting 10 Liturgy: No concerns or complaints regarding the change had been reported to any Council members or Pastor Hansen.
3. Congregational Picnic: After discussion, the date for the congregational picnic was changed to August 14. Pastor Hansen will be leading worship that day. Kari Torkelson will be asked to lead in his absence. This plan would reduce the need to find pulpit supply for no more than one Sunday (August 21). Other substitutes who may be available were mentioned.

Next regular meeting date: July 21, 2016.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cedergren, St. Pauli Church Council Secretary

Minutes of the Church Council

July 26, 2016

The St. Pauli Church Council held its regular meeting on Thursday, July 26, 2016 at 7 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Members present: Arlo Rude, Cindy Cedergren, Kathy Alberg, Gary Iverson. 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 June 16, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. An updated 2016 budget was also reviewed and approved, which indicated \$18,009.98 spent to date from a total operating budget of \$36,915.00.

General Fund

Checking Account Balance as of 6/1/16:	\$ 30,396.98
June Income	2,433.00
June Expenses	(22,033.05)
Balance as of 5/31/16:	\$ 10,796.93
Certificates of Deposit purchased 6/15/16:	\$ 20,000.00
Investor Savings Balance 6/30/16:	\$ 35,937.69
Edward D. Jones Balance 6/30/16	41,866.02
Memorial Fund Savings Account & Certificate of Deposit Balance 6/30/16:	11,292.27
Mission Grant Fund Balance 6/30/16	2,002.51
Total Church Funds	\$ 121,915.42

Pastor's Report: Pastor Hansen reported that all of the invited area congregations were represented at the Area Conversation which was initiated and hosted by Black River Lutheran Church, held on July 20. Bishop Larry Wohlrabe facilitated the conversation. Gary Iverson, Faye Auchenpaugh, and Pastor Hansen represented St. Pauli. Each congregation was invited to share a picture of how each are serving Christ, including ways in which they might offer or receive help from other congregations.

Redeemer Lutheran voted to conclude its parish relationship with Black River at the end of September. Black River is interested in becoming a partner with other congregation(s) in sharing a pastor. Zion Lutheran in Viking is formally discussing its future. Pastor Kristen Ostercamp is currently serving Zion and Oak Ridge on a contract basis. Congregations in Gatzke, Thief Lake, and Middle River are exploring possibilities for pastoral service. The Goodridge Parish is now being served by Pastor Phil Johnson on an interim basis following the retirement of Pastor Bob Dahlen.

Pastor Hansen asked the Council to pray for our brothers and sisters in area congregations as we all seek to serve Christ and support one another in ministry. He anticipates that congregations will stay in touch with one another as we seek to bloom where we are planted in Christ's service.

Pastor Hansen stated he has been pleased with the good attendance at worship this summer. Worship is the heartbeat of Christ's church. He stated he will be

conducting worship and preaching at Trinity Lutheran in TRF on August 14 and 21 during Pastor Volker's vacation and study leave.

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

New Members or Interest in Membership: No report.

Reports:

WELCA: Cedergren and Alberg reported on on a discussion at WELCA regarding whether or not we should plan a fall event, or if the congregation can support the charitable giving on their own. A decision will be made at the July 27th WELCA meeting. Iverson extended his thanks to WELCA for helping cover expenses for the confirmands to attend Camp Emmaus.

Board of Education: The Board has not met. Iverson reported that confirmation classes will begin on Sept. 7. He expects to have three new students in first year confirmation, and three returning to finish the course who will be confirmed this fall.

Old Business:

1. **Treasurer Position:** Rude shared a proposal from Gale Schmitz, CPA, to do the following: Provide monthly financial statements to the Council, which would include a balance sheet and income statement. The income statement would include the current month and year-to-date financial information. His fee for services would not exceed \$200 per month.

Rude stated that this arrangement would make handling of funds easier and provide consistency from year to year. The Council would have the option of canceling the contract at any time. Rude will visit again with Schmitz to address any questions. Rude stated that the congregation would have an opportunity to react to this proposal at a special meeting this fall.

2. **Service and Picnic on August 14:** Kari Torkelson has agreed to lead worship and provide the message for August 14, in Pastor Hansen's absence. Potluck picnic will follow.

3. **August 21st Worship Service:** No pulpit supply has been secured yet for August 21. Rude is making contacts with various people.

New Business:

1. **Report on Meeting at Black River Lutheran:** In addition to Pastor Hansen's report on the meeting, Iverson shared similar observations. He shared documents/reports that were distributed at the meeting, and asked Council members to read the section "Tending the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in Small-Membership Congregations" and discuss it together at the August meeting.

2. **Application for IRS income tax exemption:** Rude reported on recent conversations with an IRS representative, and he will be receiving a 24-page

application to complete. He hopes to work with Gale Schmitz on completing the application.

Next regular meeting date: August 18, 2016.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cedergren, St. Pauli Church Council Secretary

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Church Council

August 8, 2016

The St. Pauli Church Council held a special meeting on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 7 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Members present: Arlo Rude, Cindy Cedergren, Kathy Alberg, Gary Iverson. and Pastor Carl Hansen. Guest: Faye Auchenpaugh (who attended the July 20 meeting at Black River).

The meeting was called to order by Arlo Rude. Pastor Hansen opened with prayer.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda consisted of only one item: Email from Bishop Wohlrabe to Pastor Hansen concerning a request from Black River Church for a future meeting.

In summary, the email stated that the Black River Church Council would like to have further separate conversations with congregational leaders from Oak Ridge, Zion/TRF, and St. Pauli Churches. They envision small-group meetings with 2-3 members of the Black River Council meeting with Pastor Hansen and 1-2 members of St. Pauli's Council to discuss possibilities for future cooperative ministry. Pastor Hansen will

be contacted by Bryan Steiger, Black River's Council President, to arrange this meeting.

The purpose of this Council meeting was to discuss what the Council's response to this request will be.

Following discussion, the Council was in agreement that we are interested in talking with Black River. Even though we are very pleased with our current pastoral arrangement with Pastor Hansen, we need to look at the future as well. According to the information shared at the July 20 meeting at Black River, they have 246 baptized members, with their average Sunday worship attendance at 30.

At the next meeting with Black River, St. Pauli representatives will gather more information on what Black River is seeking.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cedergren
St. Pauli Council Secretary

St. Pauli Cemetery Association Board of Directors Meeting

June 16, 2016

The St. Pauli Cemetery Association Board of Directors met on June 16, 2016 at 7:50 p.m. at St. Pauli Church with the following members present: Arlo Rude, Kathy Alberg, Gary Iverson, and Cindy Cedergren.

Chairman Arlo Rude opened the meeting.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the May 19, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Rude reported the checking account balance as of 5/31/16 was \$32,258.08. The report was approved as presented.

Old Business:

1. The pine trees that have been offered by Larry Hurst range in size from 6-24". Larry will dig them out for use in the cemetery. Rude will research the best time to transplant them. Gary Iverson was asked to lead this project.
2. Project List: A project list developed by Rude, based on recommendations made in previous meetings, was reviewed and discussed.

Projects on the list include:

- a) Develop fees and finalize operation policies
- b) Landscaping (transplanting pine trees)
- c) Mowing contracts (guidelines/expectations for seasonal hiring)
- d) Work with Sexton to update the directory and develop measurement drawing for winter burials
- e) Move cemetery entrance sign (using existing wrought-iron sign)
- f) Build & install sign directing visitors to the church
- g) Purchase a fire-proof safe for records

Iverson suggested the Board also consider conducting a survey of the property sometime in the future.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cedergren
St. Pauli Cemetery Association Board of Directors Secretary

WELCA Minutes

May 25, 2016

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met on May 25, 2016 at 7 pm with seven members present. President Faye Auchenpaugh opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. The secretary's report for April was read, amended, and approved.

The treasurer's report was approved as read:

Income	\$ 209.50
Expenses	\$ 295.88
Checking account balance	\$ 875.27
Savings Account balance	\$ 2,760.10
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 5,999.31
(Renewed at .3% interest)	

Stewardship Report: Virginia Anderson explained the bar coding system for Lutheran World Relief shipments, giving us the ability to track the location of the boxes sent from our congregation.

Education Report: No report.

Old Business: Cleaning night was successful, thanks to the men and women who helped with that project.

Fall event ideas: A local group "Sing for Life" was a suggestion made by Virginia Anderson. Darcy Reese is the local contact for the group. We will continue to discuss ideas for the fall event at upcoming meetings.

A thank you note was shared from Lutheran Social Services for the \$200 donation from the April potluck offering (plus WELCA funds to equal \$200).

New Business:

The Liturgy Task Group met with Pastor Hansen and recommended using Setting 10 for the summer months, starting June 12th. Any other changes to the liturgy will be discussed in the fall, with possibly alternating liturgies during the church year.

Church Grounds: Concerns were raised about the grass in the perennial beds. A watering schedule will need to be discussed for the summer months.

It was noted that Lydia Circle will meet on June 8th at the church, with potluck snacks for lunch.

The meeting closed with prayer partners shared, Offering, the Lord's Prayer and Table Grace. Hostess was Deone Cerny.

Following the meeting, Faye Auchenpaugh provided a very interesting and informative program on the art and history of quilting.

Next meeting is June 22, with Evie Johnson as hostess; Program by Lydia Circle H-Z.

Cindy Cedergren, WELCA Secretary

June 22, 2016

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met on June 22, 2016 at 7 pm with six members present. President Faye Auchenpaugh opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. The secretary's report for May was approved as read.

The treasurer's report was approved as read:

Income	\$ 34.00
Expenses	\$ 32.30
Checking account balance	\$ 877.07
Savings Account balance	\$ 2,760.56
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 5,999.31

Stewardship Report: No report.

Education Report: No report.

Old Business: Fall event discussion continued. The group posed the question – should we not hold an event and see if the congregation can support the charitable donations we've typically given? We will make a decision at the July meeting. A member suggested we consider combining the WELCA and Lydia Circle into one meeting, since attendance at individual meetings is lower than expected. This will also be discussed at the July meeting and a decision should be made before the 2017 handbook/schedule is planned.

New Business: A schedule for watering the outdoor plants at the church was established, with Kathy Alberg, Cindy Cedergren, and Faye Auchenpaugh volunteering to water throughout the summer.

Policy Amendment: A motion was made by Kathy Alberg, seconded by Wahna Smith, to amend the WELCA policy regarding confirmation camp fees. The "maximum of \$60" was deleted, since this amount is outdated. Motion carried.

Deone Cerny made a motion to donate \$240 to Gary Iverson to be used at his discretion for confirmation activities. Evie Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

The Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) convention is scheduled for September 16-17 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Perham, MN. Scholarships are available for new attendees. Faye Auchenpaugh shared the schedule and program and asked if anyone wished to be nominated for an officer position. The physical offering for the convention will be gently used purses filled with a variety of personal items. There was interest from the group in collecting and donating these items for the offering.

The meeting closed with prayer partners shared, Offering, the Lord's Prayer and Table Grace.

Next meeting is July 27, with potluck snacks and program by Lydia Circle Group A-G.

Following the business meeting, the program consisted of sharing stories about what we did as children or young adults during the summer months. The stories were entertaining and were enjoyed with root beer floats for refreshments.

Cindy Cedergren, WELCA Secretary

July 27, 2016

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met on July 27, 2016 at 7 pm with eight members present. President Faye Auchenpaugh opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. The secretary's report for June was approved as read.

The treasurer's report was approved as read:

Income	\$ 259.50
Expenses	\$ 799.40
Checking account balance	\$ 337.17
Savings Account balance	\$ 2,560.56
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 5,999.31

Stewardship Report: Discussion was held on purchasing school supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits. Virginia will research the option of purchasing backpacks from one of the websites recommended on the LWR website.

Education Report: No report.

Old Business: The Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) convention was discussed again. Deone Cerny made a motion to give the same amounts as last year for the following offerings taken at the convention: \$20 each to the Triennial offering, Unit Offering, Convention Expense Offering, and Bible Women Project. The motion also included that WELCA would cover the registration fee for anyone interested in attending the conference. Jan Strandlie seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion was also held on the individual donations of a new or gently used purse for the physical offering. Individuals may select whatever personal items (on the suggested list) they wish to include in the purse. It was suggested these items be brought to the August meeting. The President will send out an email reminder.

A discussion was held on the suggestion to combine the WELCA and Lydia Circle meetings. The group thought this change would not be favorable and may diminish the communication and connections among members. It was decided to continue with the current plan and revisit the idea, if needed, at a later time.

Discussion on the fall event continued. More suggestions for a possible program were brought up: Verlyn Anderson, Art Lee, Marilyn Hagerty, and Pastor Ale Tulu. It was decided to ask Marilyn Hagerty to provide a program, tentatively Oct. 23. Other dates to consider are Oct. 16 or 30. We would serve pie and coffee. Thrivent funds may be available again.

New Business: The Congregational Picnic is scheduled for August 14. No particular group is designated to serve, so whoever is available to do so will handle it.

The meeting closed with prayer partners shared, Offering, the Lord's Prayer and Table Grace.

Next meeting is August 24, with Wahna Smith as hostess.

Following the business meeting, members of the Lydia Circle Group A-G provided a program with a theme of seasonings.

Cindy Cedergren
WELCA Secretary



Advice from An Old Farmer

Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
A bumblebee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.
Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.
Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
You cannot unsay a cruel word.
Every path has a few puddles.
When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
The best sermons are lived, not preached.
Most of the stuff people worry about
ain't never gonna happen anyway.
Don't judge folks by their relatives.
Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and
think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
Don 't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none.
If you find yourself in a hole,
the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal
with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
Always drink upstream from the herd.
Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that
comes from bad judgment.
Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier
than puttin' it back in.
If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try
orderin' somebody else's dog around.
Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.
Leave the rest to God.

MARILYN HAGERTY

Guest Speaker at our 2016 Fall Event

Sunday, October 16th
2:00 p.m.



Marilyn Hagerty has been with the *Grand Forks Herald* since 1957, when her late husband Jack Hagerty became editor of the paper.

Hagerty gained fame in March 2012 when her review of a new Olive Garden restaurant in Grand Forks was noticed by online news sources and she became an overnight sensation among both critics and admirers.

Hagerty's career in newspapering began in the 1940s when she was a high school student and worked for the *Pierre, SD Capital Journal*. By the 1970s, she had a regular column, and she also began a column of historical reminiscences, *That Reminds Me*.

Anthony Bourdain's Foreword to *Grand Forks: A History of American Dining in 128 Reviews*

Published by Ecco/Anthony Bourdain Books, Hagerty's book *Grand Forks: A History of American Dining in 128 Reviews* is a collection of her reviews and is, as Bourdain puts it "the antidote to snark" with straightforward reviews of restaurants in and around Grand Forks.

Bourdain explains why people should read the book:

"Reading these reviews, we can see, we can watch over the course of time, who makes it and who doesn't. And you will understand why the opening of an Olive Garden might be earnestly anticipated as an exciting and much welcome event." Her reviews, writes Bourdain, offer up "a fascinating picture of dining in America, a gradual, cumulative overview of how we got from there...to here."

"The territory covered here is not New York or Paris or London or San Francisco. And Marilyn Hagerty is none of those people.

"For 27 years, Marilyn Hagerty has been covering the restaurant scene in and around the city of Grand Forks, population 52,000. She also, it should be pointed out, writes a total of five columns a week, about history and local personalities and events, in addition to her writing about restaurants and food. As one might expect, she knows personally many of her subjects. Given the size of her territory, it is not unusual for her to write about the same restaurant two or more times in a single year. In short, she is writing about a community that she is very much a part of.

"If you knew her name before picking up this book, it was probably because of her infamously guileless Olive Garden review which went viral, causing first a tidal wave of snarky derision--followed by an even stronger anti-snark backlash--followed by invitations to appear on Anderson Cooper and the TODAY Show, dinner at Le Bernardin, an appearance on Top Chef, an Al Neuharth Award, a publishing deal--a sudden and unexpected elevation to media darling.

"Why was that?"

"What is it about the 86-year old Ms. Hagerty that inspired such attention and affection?"

"Why should you read this book?"

"Of the 7,000 pages of articles and reviews I read while assembling this collection, there is little of what one would call pyrotechnical prose. Ms. Hagerty's choices of food are shockingly consistent: A "Clubhouse sandwich," coleslaw, wild rice soup, salads assembled from a salad bar, baked potatoes. She is not what you'd call an adventurous diner, exploring the dark recesses of menus. Far from it. Of one lunch, she writes:

"There were signs saying the luncheon special was soup and a Denver sandwich for \$2.25. In places where food service is limited, I tend to take the special. I wasn't born yesterday."

"She is never mean—even when circumstances would clearly excuse a sharp elbow, a cruel remark. In fact, watching Marilyn struggle to find something nice to say about a place she clearly loathes is part of the fun. She is, unfailingly, a good neighbor and good citizen first—and entertainer second.

"But what she HAS given us, over all these years, is a fascinating picture of dining in America, a gradual, cumulative overview of how we got from there... to here.

"Grand Forks is NOT New York City. We forget that—until we read her earlier reviews and remember, some of us, when you'd find sloppy Joe, steak Diane, turkey noodle soup, three bean salad, red Jell-o in OUR neighborhoods. When the tuft of curly parsley and lemon wedge, or a leaf of lettuce and an orange segment, or three spears of asparagus fashioned into a wagon wheel, were state of the art garnishes. When you could order a half sandwich, a cup of soup. A pre-hipster world where lefse, potato dumplings and walleye were far more likely to appear on a menu than pork belly.

"Reading these reviews, we can see, we can watch over the course of time, who makes it and who doesn't. Which bold, undercapitalized pioneers survived—and who, no matter how ahead of their time, just couldn't hang on until the neighborhood caught up. You will get to know the names of owners and chefs like Warren LeClerc whose homey lunch restaurant, The Pantry, turned down the lights to become the sophisticated French restaurant Le Pantre by night. And Chef Nardane of Touch of Magic Ballroom who, in his 6,200-square foot ballroom, served cheesecakes inspired by Debbie Reynolds and Elizabeth Taylor, and envisioned an exclusive private membership club with frequent celebrity entertainment. And Steve Novak of Beaver's Family Restaurant, who when Marilyn visited his establishment, spoke of reviving his beaver act, complete with costume, for birthday parties.

"And you will understand why the opening of an Olive Garden might be earnestly anticipated as an exciting and much welcome event.

"Ms. Hagerty is not naive about her work, her newfound fame, or the world. She has travelled widely in her life.

"In person, she has a flinty, dry, very sharp sense of humor. She misses nothing. I would not want to play poker with her for money.

"This is a straightforward account of what people have been eating—still ARE eating—in much of America. As related by a kind, good-hearted reporter looking to pass along as much useful information as she can—while hurting no one.

"Anyone who comes away from this work anything less than charmed by Ms. Hagerty—and the places and characters she describes—has a heart of stone.

"This book kills snark dead."

Jim and Jan Strandlie are Outstanding Seniors



Jim and Jan Strandlie have been named Pennington County's Outstanding Senior Citizens for 2016. Pennington County recognizes both a male and female recipient of the award each year.

This year, the recipients happen to be married to each other.

"It's an honor," said Jan. "I think it's very rewarding to help others and work with people doing good things."

"It's a great honor to be awarded this from the people of Pennington County," Jim added. "It culminates something that Jan and I have been doing all these years. It's humbling ... we've had a lot of fun."

Jim and Jan are Roseau natives, but with a six-year age difference, they didn't know each other growing up. Jim is a 1955 graduate of Roseau High School and a 1959 graduate of Concordia College with a double major in history and political science. He later obtained a Master of Arts degree in educational administration from the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Jim worked as a high school principal at various locations in Minnesota. While working in Floodwood, he worked with a superintendent from Alaska named Dale Sandahl. Sandahl ended up returning to Alaska after three years, and when he was departing, Sandahl told Jim that he could get him a job in Alaska if he ever desired it.

Around that time, Jim went through a divorce from his first wife. Ready for a change, Jim called Sandahl to see if he could fulfill his promise. Sandahl was able to get Jim a job as an assistant principal at a middle school.

Jim spent a total of 11 years in Alaska, from 1979-90. In 1983, he married his second wife, who passed away in 1966 due to complications of a brain aneurysm.

Two years later, Jim returned to Roseau. Jim and Jan met on a blind date in 1991 and they were married in 1992. Between their previous marriages, Jan had four children and Jim had two children; together they have 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Jan is a 1961 graduate of Roseau High School. She didn't go to college right away after graduation and instead chose to begin working. She moved to Thief River Falls in 1966 and began working at Northland College in 1975.

"I was there for 30 and a half years," Jan said. "I was always in the library and I ended up as the assistant librarian."

In addition to working at the college, Jan also took classes at Northland and graduated with an AA degree in 1981. She started taking classes at Bemidji State University but never obtained her bachelor's degree.

Jan also had a hand in getting Jim hired at the college. Jim taught classes from 1991 through 2005 and served as interim dean of academic affairs on two occasions.

Jim retired from Northland in fall 2005 and Jan retired from the college in January 2006. Though they both have been active

volunteers throughout their adult lives, retirement offered the Strandlies more time to give back.

"At Concordia, you learn to serve, but I don't know if I really got into service until I was at the college," Jim said.

At Northland, Jim learned the value of service learning and helped create the school's academic service learning program. Through the program, students learn and develop through active participation in service learning experiences that meet community needs and enhance what is taught in the curriculum.

Since leaving Northland, both Jim and Jan have been very active in organizations like the St. Hilaire Lions Club, Sons of Norway Snorre Lodge 70, and St. Pauli Lutheran Church.

They were board members of the Thief River Falls Community Arts Council from 1996-2009, which resurrected the community theatre program.

Together, they have also been the driving force behind the creation of Norwegian Heritage Week and Norwegian Heritage Day at the Fair.

"We have such a great committee. I look forward to that the most," Jan said.

Jan added that the week-long celebration is fun but the planning sessions are fun too. The planning committee includes seven members who plan the one-week event for almost a full year.

Both Jim and Jan have served in leadership positions within the Lions Clubs International organization. Jim has been a St. Hilaire Lions Club member since 1996. He served as president in 1999-2000 and again in 2000-01. He has also served as a zone chairman from 2002-04 and governor of District 5M11 for one year in 2005-06.

More recently, Jim has served as a trustee for the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation from 2007-13; and since 2013, he has served as a trustee for the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation.

Jan officially joined the St. Hilaire Lions Club in 2005. She has held numerous offices and in 2011 she became the club's first female president. She is currently the secretary.

Jan has served as a District 5M11 Board member since 2010. She has served as zone chairwoman for three years, 2010-13; and zone chairman mentor for four years, 2013-present.

Jim and Jan have been delegates to over 20 District Lions and over 10 multiple District Lions conventions. They have attended four International Lions Conventions and five Lions USA/Canada forums. They have also attended two International Sons of Norway Conventions.

Next year, Lions Clubs International will celebrate its 100th anniversary and Jim and Jan are serving as co-chairs of District 5M11's Centennial Service Challenge and Celebration Committee.

The Strandlies are also active in more than a dozen other organizations and activities too numerous to mention.

Outside of volunteering, the Strandlies are avid travelers. They are cottage owners at Buffalo Point in Manitoba and enjoy spending as much time there as possible.

They have also served as tour escorts for past Bergan Travel trips to places like Mackinaw Island, MI; North Shore; Minneapolis; Winnipeg; and six trips to Alaska.

Former St. Pauli Members Fund Raise for Worthy Causes

And you can help!

Rachel (Mathson) Kleber writes:

Dear St. Pauli Family,

I recently participated in a Facebook challenge to drink more water for a week to improve my health. As I was getting aggravated with the amount of bathroom breaks I was increasingly taking and complaining about how many ounces I still had to get in to reach my "ounce goal" for the day, it became clear my American-self needed a reality check. Be grateful.

My fingers hit "Submit" and like that I was registered with Team World Vision for a half marathon in November.

If you're familiar with my track career, you know cold weather and my running legs do not mix. I'm more of a May to September outdoor runner...and now I'm more than a decade and a half older than my track days, knees are older, my children keep me busy...there are many reasons why this initially seemed like a bad idea.

But the reason it IS a good idea outweighs those. Water changes the lives of children. They have better health, improved nutrition, and can go to school instead of spending the day fetching water. Through World Vision's water projects across Africa, \$50 will provide clean water for one person for a lifetime.

Having a 6- and 3-year-old at home, I was saddened to learn that nearly 1,000 children under age 5 die every day from diarrhea caused by dirty water, poor sanitation, and improper hygiene. My kids eat too much ice cream, get a tummy ache, and I feel bad for them. We go tent camping and have to walk 50 feet for clean water from a pump and that's "a lot of work." I can't remember if we've flossed the kids' teeth this week, and I feel concern for their hygiene. Reality check.

My fundraising goal of \$1,310 allows me to run the race set before me knowing that every mile I run is providing clean water to 2 people for a lifetime. Much more motivating and meaningful than running to fit into a smaller dress size!

I hope you can give, but if you can't, please pray for me and the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's World Vision Team as we train together in the months ahead, and for all children in Africa or in your neighborhood who deserve a better life.

You can make an online donation on my personal fundraising page, or if people are more comfortable sending a check made out to World Vision, my address is:

Rachel Kleber
319 Birchwood Lane
Verona WI 53593

Thank you! Love, Rachel

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LouAnn (Rondorf) Klym writes:

Dear St. Pauli Church Members,

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is LouAnn Rondorf-Klym and I am a past member of St. Pauli. My mother Edna, brothers James and Wallace, and nephew Jordan are still members there.

I am involved with my local Lutheran church, Community of Hope, (27817 SW Stafford Rd, Wilsonville, OR 97070; Tel: 503-682-3945) near Portland, Oregon. We have been supporting this organization for international beneficence:

African S.M.I.L.E.
(Singida Medical Improvements Learning Environments) Inc.
PO Box 501; Wilsonville, OR 97070
Tel: (503) 694-1001

African S.M.I.L.E. is focusing on a small community in Tanzania. The purpose of this organization is: To promote the principles of Christianity for the people of the Singida region of Tanzania by partnering with them to develop strong self-sufficient communities through improved medical care, better living conditions and expanded educational opportunities.

If St. Pauli Lutheran Church, any of its members, or any other Lutheran churches in the area would like to learn more about African S.M.I.L.E. or contribute to its mission, please do not hesitate to go to africansmile.org or contact:

Mr. Don or Linda Etzel, cell: (503) 970-5870,
dvetzel75102gmail.com OR
African S.M.I.L.E., (503) 694-1001, info@africansmile.org

Also, please do not hesitate to contact me, if you have further questions or comments.

Best regards, LouAnn

READER PICKS

"A Constellation of Vital Phenomena" by Anthony Marra. A story of the transcendent power of love in wartime, this is a work of sweeping breadth, profound compassion, and lasting significance. In a small rural village in Chechnya, eight-year-old Havaa watches from the woods as Russian soldiers abduct her father in the middle of the night and then set fire to her home. When their lifelong neighbor Akhmed finds Havaa hiding in the forest with a strange blue suitcase, he makes a decision that will forever change their lives. He will seek refuge at the abandoned hospital where the sole remaining doctor, Sonja Rabina, treats the wounded. For Sonja, the arrival of Akhmed and Havaa is an unwelcome surprise. Weary and overburdened, she has no desire to take on additional risk and responsibility. But over the course of five extraordinary days, Sonja's world will shift on its axis and reveal the intricate pattern of connections that weaves together the pasts of these three unlikely companions and unexpectedly decides their fate.

The Back Page

Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive, double-paned, energy-efficient kind.

Today, I got a call from Home Depot who installed them. He complained that the work had been completed a year ago and I still hadn't paid for them.

HHHHellooooo..... just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid.

So, I told him just what his fast-talking sales guy told me last year... that these windows would pay for themselves in a year.

Hellooooo? It's been a year, so they're paid for, I told him.

There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally hung up.

He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot.

