

St. Pauli News in Detail



Greeting and Ushering

September 3	Jim Rondorf
September 10	Jordan Rondorf
September 17	Arlo Rude
September 24	Barm Smith

Altar Preparation: Barb Nelson

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Rally Sunday!

Rally Sunday at St. Pauli is at 9:15 am on September 10th! This kicks off the start of the 2017-2018 Sunday School Year.

Potluck following services with Freewill Offering to Violence Intervention Project. Lydia Group A-G is in charge of the serving.

If you know of someone age three or older 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 will host another special event this fall in place of our traditional fall supper. This year, we are excited to announce that Jeff Menten & Paul Nye will provide a slice of festive fun and humor, punctuated by musical mastery entertainment. (See a more complete article on them later in this newsletter.)



Jeff Menten & Paul Nye
Sunday, October 15th
3:00 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.

The congregation will be asked to provide homemade pies to serve with coffee following the concert.

Please post the enclosed poster in your lobby or your place of work and help us to spread the word.

Minutes of the Church Council

May 30, 2017

The St. Pauli Church Council met on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Board Members present: Arlo Rude, Staci Reay, Gary Iverson, Larry Hurst, and Faye Auchenpaugh.

Pastor Carl opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved with the addition of chairs for the narthex.

Secretary's Report: The Acting Secretary's report for the April meeting was not available.

Treasurer's Report: Reay reviewed the statement prepared by Gale Schmitz. M/S/C (Auchenpaugh/Iverson) to accept as prepared.

Balances as of 4/30/17:

Checking Account as of 3/31/17	\$ 22,308.19
April Offering	\$ 3,403.85
Lent Offering	\$ 703.00
April Expenses	\$ (2,249.87)
Checking Account as of 4/30/17	\$ 24,165.17
Investor Savings as of 4/30/17	\$ 35,997.60
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 20,000.00
Edward D. Jones Investments	\$ 44,338.95
Memorial Fund Savings & CD	\$ 11,293.36
Mission Grant Fund Balance	\$ 2,024.20
Total Church Funds as of 4/30/17:	\$ 137,819.28

Pastor Carl's Report

Pastor Carl thoroughly enjoyed his trip to Texas in order to be part of his grandson Christopher's graduation at Texas A&M University. He is looking forward to granddaughter Megan's graduation from Lincoln High School on June 2.

He appreciates our thoughtfulness in having a reception in honor of Carley Cervantes' graduation and his 50th ordination anniversary following worship on June 11.

Pastor Carl will be preaching at Trinity (9:00) and St. Pauli (10:30) on July 23 and 30 and August 6 and 13. Pastor John Voelker will be on vacation and study leave in Hungary and other European countries.

Pastor Cathie Rhodes, our conference dean, is in the process of arranging for a special conference event celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation at one of the churches in Thief River Falls this fall.

Pastor Carl will be attending the Northwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly at Concordia College (Moorhead) on June 9 and 10. Pastor John Golv will be recognized for his 35th ordination anniversary and Pastor Carl for his 50th ordination anniversary.

He does not have other vacation plans at this time, but may go to Texas again in the fall.

Reports of members in sickness or distress: None.

Reports

1) WELCA: A watering schedule sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex. All parishioners are asked to help in this endeavor. The ladies have discussed the possibility of a pair of new matching chairs for the narthex. Auchenpaugh brought samples of those selected at the last meeting and the council agreed that she should obtain prices for them. We have also had an anonymous donation to the Memorial Fund to be used for purchasing the chairs.

2) Board of Education: Sunday School and confirmation classes have finished for the year and will resume in September.

3) Other: Rude reported he did some more tree trimming on the west side of the church.

New Members or Interest in Membership: Darin Hurst will be received as a member of the congregation on Sunday, June 18.

Old Business

Pastor Carl has viewed the Martin Luther DVD and thinks the congregation should see it sometime this fall.

New Business

Emelia Ray Thode, daughter of Amanda Nelson and Brian Thode, will be baptized on June 4th. Sponsors are Amanda Mix and Valerie Kompelien. Grandparents are Jim and Joan Nelson.

M/S/C (Hurst/Reay) that Auchenpaugh order the chairs for the narthex selected by the WELCA group.

Members have asked that a cordless microphone be installed on the lectern so that lessons that are read can be heard by everyone. Rude will install.

Following Pastor Carl's departure from the meeting, Auchenpaugh said that the WELCA group had suggested a card and gift certificate to the Olive Garden restaurant be given to him in recognition of his 50th ordination anniversary. Council agreed and will pay for the gift. WELCA is providing cake and ice cream for the reception.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. M/S/C (Hurst/Iverson) to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Faye Auchenpaugh
Secretary

June 15, 2017

The St. Pauli Church Council met on Tuesday, June 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Board Members present: Arlo Rude, Staci Reay, Gary Iverson, Larry Hurst, and Faye Auchenpaugh.

Pastor Carl opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved with the addition of baptismal towels and confirmation classes.

Secretary's Report: M/S/C (Reay/Hurst) to approve the Acting Secretary's report for the April 19th meeting and the Secretary's report for the May 30th meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Reay reviewed the statement prepared by Gale Schmitz. M/S/C (Hurst/Auchenpaugh) to accept as prepared.

Balances as of 5/31/17:

Checking Account as of 4/30/17	\$ 24,165.17
Income	\$ 2,983.00
Expenses	\$ (2,876.68)
Checking Account as of 5/31/17	\$ 24,271.49
Investor Savings	\$ 36,003.71
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 20,000.00
Edward D. Jones Investments	\$ 45,096.54
Memorial Fund Savings & CD	\$ 11,293.36
Mission Grant Fund Balance	\$ 2,024.20
Total Church Funds as of 5/31/17:	\$ 138,689.30

Pastor Carl's Report:

The 2017 Northwest Minnesota Synod Assembly was held on June 9-10, 2017 at Concordia College, Moorhead. Pastor Carl was pleased by the content and spirit of the Assembly.

He distributed copies and reviewed portions of Bishop Wohlrabe's Report to the Synod Assembly to Council members, saying it provides a candid, challenging and hopeful perspective on the state of the synod and the ELCA. In this report, the Bishop raised concerns about raising up servant-leaders, including both rostered ministers and lay leaders. (The full report is attached to these minutes.)

In addition to conducting worship at St. Pauli at 10:30 am on July 23 and 30, and August 6 and 13, Pastor Carl will also preside at worship at Trinity TRF on those dates at 9:00 am while Pastor John Voelker is in Europe.

Pastor Carl thank us for remembering his 50th ordination anniversary. He stated it has been and continues to be a joy to serve as a pastor in Christ's church and he is grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve at St. Pauli.

Reports of members in sickness or distress: None.

New members or interest in membership: Hurst has a couple of possibilities.

Reports

- 1) WELCA: Phyllis Miller will be speaking informally about Alzheimer's disease at the June 28th meeting. Guests are welcome.
- 2) Board of Education: Will possibly be meeting in July this year, but no date has been set.

Old Business

A generous, anonymous gift to the Memorial Fund specified that a portion of it be used to purchase the new chairs for the narthex. Auchenpaugh will order them.

New Business

1. M/S/C (Auchenpaugh/Hurst) approved a three-month agreement with Pastor Carl to continue serving our congregation.

2. Baptismal towels: Edna Rondorf has requested that she hand over the embroidering of these towels to someone new. Auchenpaugh will bring it up at the June WELCA meeting.
3. Confirmation classes: A new class will be added this fall in addition to the second-year confirmation classes, which presents a scheduling problem for the instructor, Gary Iverson. During discussion on this topic at the recent Lydia Circle meeting, Deone Cerny suggested the possibility of holding one class during Sunday School time. Iverson, the Board of Education and the parents will consider this possibility Iverson has been doing an outstanding job with the students and we want to frame the schedule so he can continue teaching and working with the students at this critical phase of their Christian instruction.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. M/S/C (Hurst/Iverson) to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Faye Auchenpaugh
Secretary

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July 20, 2017

The St. Pauli Church Council met on Tuesday, July 20, 2017 at 7:20 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Board Members present: Arlo Rude, Staci Reay, Gary Iverson, Larry Hurst, and Faye Auchenpaugh.

Pastor Carl opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved as submitted.

Secretary's Report: M/S/C (Iverson/Hurst) to approve the Secretary's report for the June 15th meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Reay reviewed the statement prepared by Gale Schmitz. M/S/C (Hurst/Auchenpaugh) to accept as prepared.

Balances as of 6/30/17:

Checking Account as of 5/31/17	\$ 24,271.49
Income	\$ 2,174.00
Expenses	\$ (2,190.48)
Checking Account as of 6/30/17	\$ 24,255.01
Investor Savings	\$ 36,009.63
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 20,000.00
Edward D. Jones Investments	\$ 45,137.51
Memorial Fund Savings & CD	\$ 12,293.66
Mission Grant Fund Balance	\$ 2,024.54
Total Church Funds as of 6/30/17:	\$ 139,720.35

Pastor Carl's Report

Pastor Carl is conducting worship for the next four Sundays at Trinity at 9:00 am and St. Pauli at 10:30 am, while Pastor John Voelker is in Europe.

He anticipates that the date for our Thief River Falls Conference's 500th Reformation Anniversary will be set by the time of the next Council meeting.

Carter Scott Berg, son of Carter Scott Berg, son of Corey Berg and Nicole Axdahl, will be baptized at St. Pauli on July 23rd. Sponsors are Kenny and Heidi Asplin, and Chris Berg.

Pastor Carl says it is always a joy to participate in worship at St. Pauli with the wonderful congregational singing and excellent musical accompaniment. He expressed thanks to Marisa Benson for her donation of a baby grand piano to St. Pauli. "We will continue to 'make a joyful noise to the Lord.'"

He anticipates spending a week in Texas sometime during the fall and will give us dates as soon as possible.

Reports of members in sickness or distress: None.

New members or interest in membership: None.

Reports

- 1) WELCA: No report as Auchenpaugh was unable to attend the June meeting.
- 2) Board of Education: Will be meeting August 6th at 9:00 am at the church.
- 3) Other: Auchenpaugh will be on vacation and not able to play for church on August 6th and 13th.

Old Business

New chairs for the narthex have been purchased and are in place.

The 125th anniversary of the St. Pauli Congregation will be in 2020. Planning needs to begin in earnest over the next year or so.

New Business

- 1) Discussion to make sure that all is ready for the baptism on July 23rd.
- 2) Piano donation and use of existing piano: A donation letter needs to be developed for large gifts such as this. The Secretary will send handwritten notes for all donations including the recent gift of \$1,000 to the Memorial Fund. Rude will ask the congregation for suggestions on what to do with the existing piano and WELCA will discuss it at their July 26th meeting. As soon as the new piano is set up, Auchenpaugh will arrange for it to be tuned.
- 3) Rude will spray the Weed-B-Gone on the lawn for weeds and Round-Up on the parking lot area.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. **M/S/C** (Iverson/Hurst) to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Faye Auchenpaugh
Secretary

Minutes of Special Church Council Meeting

July 11, 2017

The St. Pauli Church Council met in special session on Tuesday, July, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Board Members present: Arlo Rude, Staci Reay, Gary Iverson, Larry Hurst, and Faye Auchenpaugh.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss Marisa Benson's offer to donate her Kohler-Campbell baby grand piano to the church.

M/S/C (Hurst/Iverson) to accept the gift of a piano from Marisa Benson.

Wade Benson will be bringing the disassembled piano from Illinois in a rental truck on Wednesday, July 19th.

Auchenpaugh has discussed the moving process with Joe Kezar of Kezar Music and he is willing to loan us his four-wheeled dolly. Rude will build temporary ramping up the stairs. Lyle Walseth will provide two men for additional labor.

Faye Auchenpaugh
Secretary

WELCA Minutes 2017 YTD

January 26, 2017

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met on Thursday, January 26, 2017 for a day of quilting followed by a meeting at 4:00 pm with seven members present. President Cindy Cedergren called the meeting to order and led with devotions and prayer. "Fish for people" was found in Matthew and "The joy of giving" from Psalms 112.

The secretary's report for April was read and approved.

The treasurer's report for the year ending December 31, 2016 was read and approved:

Income	\$ 274.50
Expenses	(\$ 2,655.38)
Checking account balance	\$ 223.40
Savings Account balance	\$ 2,161.90
CD balance	\$ 6,006.85

Thank you notes were read from Women of the ELCA, Lutheran World Relief, Little Brother/Little Sister, Can-Do Canine, Haiti Medical Mission, VIP, and Northland Rescue Mission.

Stewardship Report: Virginia Anderson had applied for and received a Thrivent Action Team card for \$250. She will bring and deposit the fund at Oklee Quilting and we can use as needed for quilting materials. Thank you, Virginia.

We have completed eight quilts in our first quilting day. A great start. Kathy Alberg purchased a wooden holder-hanger for the kids' activity bags. The ladies approved payment and Myles Alberg will hang it in the narthex.

Discussion of Christmas cards. Everyone thought they were beautiful. Faye Auchenpaugh will watch for a discount coupon and will reorder.

Education Report: No report.

New Business:

- The annual meeting is January 29. Lydia Circle H-Z serving.
- Lydia Circle will meet February 11 at the home of Kathy Alberg.
- Internet service was discussed.
- Tammy Haugen is in charge of altar care in February.
- The Triennial Gathering theme is "All Anew." Faye Auchenpaugh brought up the quilt and labyrinth challenge.
- Faye Auchenpaugh asked for a second person to sign checks in case she is unable to do so. Cindy Cedergren volunteered.
- The Conference Gathering is at Trinity in Thief River Falls on April 29.
- Next meeting is February 15 and 16 at the church, with quilting from 10:00-4:00.

Prayer partners were exchanged. The Lord's Prayer was prayed. Offering taken and table grace said. Thank you to Cindy Cedergren for the delicious lunch of lasagna. It was a fun and successful day.

Kathy Alberg, WELCA Secretary

February 16, 2017

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met on February 16, 2017 at 4:00 pm with six members present. President Cindy Cedergren opened the meeting with devotions from Luke 10.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

The treasurer's report given with the ending date of January 31, 2017 was approved as read:

Income	\$ 272.75
Expenses	(\$ 41.36)
Checking account balance	\$ 434.77
Savings Account balance	\$ 2,162.17

Stewardship Report: Virginia Anderson had purchased needles, thread, batting and materials at Oklee Quilting for the graduation quilt. After two days of quilting, there were seven quilts made and a lot of organization of remaining materials in our barrels.

President Cindy reminded us of the health care kits that we will be collecting during the Lenten season.

Due to many of our ladies being gone, Lydia Circle will be canceled for March.

Old Business: Discussion of back cabinet for WELCA storage. Jan Strandlie and Virginia Anderson were on the committee and they will look into the project. The display case for the basement was also discussed. Faye Auchenpaugh will look into that project.

New Business: Our next meeting will be held after the March 22 Lenten service.

The April meeting will be held Tuesday the 25th due to a conflict with the Thief River Falls Concert series. Lydia Circle to be announced.

Spring cleaning night for the church will be Tuesday, April 4.

On February 26 we will welcome the Cervantes family and later the Ryan Haugen family as new members. Faye will purchase gifts.

We were reminded of the 90th birthday celebrations coming up: Edna Rondorf and Shirley Johnson.

April 29th is the Conference Gathering at Trinity in TRF.

Servers for Lenten services:

- Mary – March 8 and 29
- Lydia A-G – March 15 and April 5
- Lydia H-Z – March 22

Offering taken and prayer partners exchanged. Lord's Prayer prayed.

Cindy thanked all of the ladies who had worked this Wednesday and Thursday on quilting. Thank you to Sharon Bugge for the delicious lunch on Wednesday and Evie Johnson for the pizzas on Thursday.

Kathy Alberg, WELCA Secretary

April 25, 2017

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met on April 25, 2017 at 7 pm with six members present. President Cindy Cedergren called the meeting to order and read an Easter story about gifts.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

The treasurer's report was approved as read:

February:

Income	\$ 42.00
Expenses	(\$ 319.97)
Checking account balance	\$ 156.80
Savings account balance	\$ 2,162.34

March:

Income (no WELCA or Circle meetings in March)	
Expenses	(\$ 95.69)
Checking account balance	\$ 61.11
Savings account balance	\$ 2,162.52

Treasurer Faye Auchenpaugh said that after making payments in April, the checking account balance would be \$7.42. She will transfer money from savings.

Stewardship Report: Evie Johnson read the report from Virginia Anderson. Ready for May shipping: 7 Baby Care, 38 Health Care Kits (26 from the congregation and 12 from the Sunday School), and 14 quilts. We also have one quilt made for our graduate. Shipping is May 6 from 8 am to noon.

Virginia had purchased material for diapers and receiving blankets with the remaining Thrivent funds. She hemmed 25 diapers and 8 receiving blankets. Two receiving blankets were also made from used material. Shirley Johnson has donated \$40.00 toward stewardship projects.

Old Business: Cindy thanked everyone who helped serve Lenten services and the Easter breakfast. Four pans of rolls, juice and coffee were served for Easter morning.

Cindy read a letter from Lutheran World Relief. Our school kits have been sent to Djibouti. Yemeni families have been fleeing to Djibouti.

Faye Auchenpaugh read an invitation from Hospice in Fargo for a May 4th recognition of donors.

Northland Rescue Mission has their annual Women's Journey luncheon on June 8 at Alerus. Tickets need to be purchased.

Cindy read a thank you from Shirley Johnson from her birthday.

New Business: Council has asked if church women would be interested in having two matching chairs in the back of the church. Cindy had looked up some styles and had pictures. Cindy will check into more information and we will discuss again at our next meeting.

Pastor Carl's 50th anniversary of his ordination is May 23. It was decided we would serve cake and ice cream. A possible date is June 11. Faye will bring information back to the Council and a possible gift to be given also.

Cindy reminded us of the Spring Gathering Saturday, April 29. Wahna Smith made a motion of \$25.00 for the spring and fall unit offering. Seconded by Deone Cerny. We also give \$10.00 as a gathering offering.

Potluck on Blanket Sunday. Offering to Lutheran Social Services. Mary Group is in charge of serving.

The Triennial Convention is July 13-16 at Minneapolis. A bus is leaving from Thief River Falls on Thursday and returning Sunday. Cost: \$85.

May 14 is the last day of Sunday School. Kari Torkelson will be leading worship.

SWO Convention September 14 in Detroit Lakes. They will be collecting suitcases or duffle bags with supplies for children going into foster care. Kevin Wallevand will speak on human trafficking.

Lydia Circle will meet May 10th at the home of Sue Kotz.

Program: Work on stewardship projects.

Prayer partners were exchanged. Offering taken. Lord's Prayer prayed. Table grace said. A delicious dessert was served by Deone Cerny.

Kathy Alberg, WELCA Secretary

May 24, 2017

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met on May 24, 2017 at 7:00 pm with six members present.

President Cindy Cedergren led us in a devotion titled "Renewal of Sight." It is a series sent out by the ELCA in preparation for the 10th Triennial.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved:

Income	\$ 355.00
Expenses	(\$ 188.69)
Checking account balance	\$ 227.42
Savings account balance	\$ 1,862.68
CD balance	\$ 6,006.85

Stewardship Report: The graduation quilt was finished and displayed and will be presented on June 11th.

Cindy will order cake. This will be served after church in recognition of graduate Carlie Cervantes and Pastor Carl in recognition of the 50 year anniversary of his ordination.

Old Business: Cindy had checked at Poppler's and Slumberland and had more pictures of chairs to show.

Pastor Carl and family



Pastor Carl with little John and Shelly Cervantes



Spring Conference was well attended. Virginia Anderson, Faye Auchenpaugh and Wahna Smith had been in attendance. They had good speakers and the ladies had served a delicious salad luncheon.

New Business: The flower beds are in pretty bad shape. Those who can come and help weed will meet Wednesday, May 31, at 6:30 pm.

Joan Nelson sold her greenhouse. Kathy Alberg made a motion to pay Joan \$40.00 for flowers. Seconded by Evie Johnson and carried. A schedule was set up for watering flowers for summer. There are still openings. Contact Cindy.

Fall Conference will be held September 14 and 15. More information to follow.

Next meeting is June 28. Circle H-Z is in charge of the program. Potluck snacks. June 14th Lydia Circle at the home of Virginia Anderson.

Program given by Circle A-G on Martin Luther.

Prayer partners were exchanged. Offering taken. Lord's Prayer prayed. Table grace said. A delicious rhubarb dessert was served by Virginia Anderson.

Kathy Alberg, WELCA Secretary

June 28, 2017

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met on June 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm with eight members present. President Cindy Cedergren led us in a responsive devotion "Renewal of Hope."

The secretary's report was read and approved.

Cindy gave the treasurer's report prepared by Faye Auchenpaugh:

Income	\$ 279.19
Expenses	(\$ 303.24)
Checking account balance	\$ 203.37
Savings account balance	\$ 1,862.85
CD balance	\$ 6,018.80

Our guest speaker for tonight is Phyllis Miller. Evie Johnson made a motion to give her a donation of \$50. Wahna Smith seconded. Carried.

Stewardship Report: None.

Old Business: President Cindy thanked everyone who helped with the June 11 celebration and those who helped prepare the flower beds. We still need someone to water in August. Contact Cindy.

Discussion on storage unit. Jan is on the committee and asked for input from the ladies. She will bring back to the committee.

Cindy reminded us of the "Bag of My Own" project that will be brought to Fall Conference in Detroit Lakes on September 14 and 15.

New Business: Edna Rondorf has been embroidering the baptism cloths for many years and she would like someone else to take over. Kathy Alberg will check with someone who has an embroidery machine. Thank you to Edna.

We now need to use a charge card when making purchases at Hugo's. Cindy handed them out.

No Lydia Circle meeting in July. We will meet on August 9 at the home of Cindy Cedergren. The October 11th Lydia Circle may need to be changed because of a conflict (Norwegian choir concert at Northland College).

Next meeting is July 26. Lydia A-G are in charge of the program. Jan Strandlie is the server.

Prayer partners were exchanged. Offering taken. Lord's Prayer prayed.

Program: Phyllis Miller spoke on her personal experiences with Alzheimer's Disease.

Table grace said. Thank you to Evie Johnson for serving us a delicious dessert.

Kathy Alberg, WELCA Secretary

July 26, 2017

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met on July 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm with eight members and one guest present. President Cindy Cedergren led us in a responsive devotion "Renewal of Life."

The secretary's report was read and approved.

Faye Auchenpaugh gave the treasurer's report as follows:

Income	\$ 11.00
Expenses	(\$ 53.14)
Checking account balance	\$ 161.23
Savings account balance	\$ 1,862.83
CD balance as of 5/25/17	\$ 6,018.80

Stewardship Report: Virginia Anderson asked about buying supplies for school kits. Kathy Alberg has made 16 bags and 12 need to be filled. Virginia will shop for supplies. Virginia read a thank you from Lutheran World Relief.

Old Business: Jan Strandlie and Virginia Anderson had met and presented us with some ideas for the storage cabinets. ProBuild and Don Schindler have been contacted. Jan will have Schindler give us an estimate.

Faye will bring information on the display case for the ladies to discuss.

Sharon Bugge and Kathy Alberg will be watering for August.

Virginia will check with Thrivent for baptism gifts. Sue Kotz and Kathy Alberg will work on baptism cloths.

New Business: SWO Conference in Detroit Lakes September 14-15 at Fair Hills Resort. President Cindy reminded us again of the "Bag of My Own Project." Virginia made a motion to donate \$20 for the "special expense fund" for conference. Jan seconded. Carried.

Discussion on ordering Christmas cards. Wahna Smith made a motion to order 300, seconded by Virginia and carried. Faye will make the order.

Plummer-Emmanuel will host the Fall Conference 2 gathering on October 14.

Cindy brought a suggestion of entertainment for our Fall Fund Raiser: Paul Nye and Jeff Minten. Jan and Kathy will check with Thrivent about action team funding.

Cindy read a letter from the Amazon Smile Foundation. They will donate .5% of what you spend to church-wide groups.

Prayer partners exchanged. Offering taken. Lord's Prayer prayed. Table grace said. Jan served us her delicious wild blueberry pie.

Kathy Alberg, WELCA Secretary

NEW MEMBER



Darin Hurst was received as a new member of the congregation on Sunday, June 18th.

Welcome, Darin!

Minutes of the St. Pauli Board of Education

August 6, 2017

Members Present: Kari Torkelson, Val Torstveit

Others Present: Gary Iverson

Sunday School Calendar: Sunday School will start with Rally Sunday on September 10th and classes starting September 17th. The last day of Sunday School will be May 13, 2018. There will be no Sunday School on the following days: October 22nd, November 26th, December 24th, December 31st and April 1st. The Sunday School Christmas Program will be December 17th during regular church service at 10:30am.

Students and class sizes: As of today we will have seven students in Sunday School and four students in confirmation. There are two students in 6th grade that will wait to start confirmation until next year. We will have a PreK-Grade 1, 3rd-4th, and 6th grade classes and one confirmation class.

Teachers: We will need three Sunday School teachers and one confirmation teacher. Gary Iverson has agreed to teach confirmation and Val Torstveit and Heidi Haugen have agreed to teach Sunday School. We will contact Shelly Cervantes to see if she is willing to teach again this year.

Curriculum: It was decided to continue using the Whirl Curriculum for Augsburg.

Budget: Our current balance is \$1,330.00

Confirmation: Gary Iverson will teach again and doesn't need us to purchase supplies for the curriculum. He will talk to the parents of the two 6th graders to see if they agree to start their children in confirmation next year instead of this year.

Other: We need to check on which students are in third grade and will receive a Bible.

Submitted by
Kari Torkelson

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BAPTISM

Carter Scott Berg,

son of Corey Berg and Nicole Axdahl, was baptized at St. Pauli on Sunday, July 23, 2017. Carter was born December 26, 2016. His sponsors are Kenny and Heidi Asplin, and Chris and Cassie Berg.



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JEFF MENTEN & PAUL NYE

An eclectic performance weaving modern and old time classics along with Scandinavian, Celtic, ragtime, and blues. Join Menten and Nye for a slice of festive fun and humor, punctuated by musical mastery entertainment.

St. Pauli Lutheran Church

11015 - 170th Ave. NE, Thief River Falls, MN

Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017 * 3:00 p.m.

***FREEWILL OFFERING with Proceeds going to various charities
Homemade pie & coffee following concert***

Jeff Menten & Paul Nye

Violin & Guitar

A slice of festive fun punctuated by musical mastery entertainment at its finest.

The duo of violinist Jeff Menten and fingerstyle guitarist Paul Nye offer up a unique blend of acoustic music that cleverly weaves modern and old time classics and Celtic and Scandinavian tunes with ragtime and blues, plus some of Nye's originals.



As seasoned veteran musicians, Menten and Nye have individually logged tens of thousands of miles and performed nearly as many shows in their respective musical careers.

Menten graduated with honors from University of Minnesota, Mankato with a music degree in Violin Performance. He has performed with several symphony orchestras, and played professionally with Mariachi Estrella in Austin, Texas. In 1995 he was awarded "Instrumentalist of the Year," "Best Classic Country Performance," "Best Band" (The Radio Flyers), and the "Archie Hill Horizon Award" at the Minnesota Country Music Association competition. Menten operates the Pine-to-Prairie School of Music and has been teaching string instruments to students of all ages for 30 years. A number of his students are from the Staples-Motley area.

Nye began playing guitar as a teenager. His professional career has taken him from coast- to-coast with numerous touring groups. He has shared the stage with renown Minnesota guitarists Leo Kottke and Michael Johnson and has opened for a number of national groups in his career. Nye has released six recordings of original music in his career. For the last 13 years, he has focused his craft on writing, recording and performing children's music; releasing three independent recordings of music for kids in that time. In 2017, one of Nye's songs off his 3rd kid's CD was nominated as "Best Children's Song" in the International JPF Awards, considered by industry professionals to be the "Grammy's of Independent Music." Over 240,000 songs were submitted in 70 genres of music for the 2017 JPF Awards. Nye's interactive, engaging kids performances have taken him to libraries and schools across the state. Nye is presently in the process of recording a guitar instrumental CD of old hymns he grew up listening to.

Both Nye and Menten perform weekly during the summer months with the Woodtick Theater Band in Akeley. Join the acoustic duo for a slice of festive fun punctuated by musical mastery entertainment at its finest.

Study of Apostles' Creed takes us through doubt, joy and sorrow

from "Seeds for the Parish" Summer 2017

This fall, you can take part in a three-session *Gather* Bible study on the Apostles' Creed and what we together say we believe. *Gather* is the magazine of Women of the ELCA.

In "The Apostle's Creed," Bible study author Julia Seymour, pastor at Lutheran Church of Hope in Anchorage, Alaska, wrote: "For our life of faith together, creeds are more than just words. They are vessels for carrying one another through doubt, joy and sorrow."

Bible study sessions

Session 1: I believe in God

The Apostles' Creed is one of the oldest unifying symbols of Christianity. Groups of early Christians needed a tool for teaching and evangelism that explained the basics of their faith. The Apostles' Creed shaped their baptismal training, blessing in dying and how communities of faith defined themselves in faithful union.

The first article of the creed talks about God, the Holy Creator and Parent of all things. We will explore what the Apostles' Creed says about God—and what it leaves undefined—as well as how this stirs our holy imagination.

Session 2: I believe in Jesus Christ

In Scripture, Jesus is called the Messiah, the Son of God, a teacher, a healer, the pioneer of our faith, the rock of our salvation, Son of Man and other titles. In the Apostles' Creed, Jesus' life and ministry is briefly summed up. Jesus is described as God's only Son and our Lord—one who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born by the Virgin Mary, who suffered under Pilate, who was crucified, died and was buried.

The creed is a definition of the work of the Father, Son and Spirit, yet there is also a fullness to being follower in the way of Christ that is not described in the creed. How does the creed encompass faithful living in imitation of Christ? What does it mean to believe even more about Jesus and following Jesus than we say in the words of the creed?

Session 3: I believe in the Holy Spirit

In the Trinity, the Holy Spirit is revealed not through the characterization but through the power of the Spirit in action. How do we understand the communion of saints, forgiveness, resurrection, the church and all that will be, as the revelatory work of the Holy Spirit? As part of the Trinity, the Spirit carries the same weight as the Father and the Son, yet many of us are drawn to one part of the Trinity more than others. How can we use the creed to perceive and honor the Spirit and the Spirit's work?

Check the St. Pauli 2017 Handbook for dates, places and times for the Lydia Circle Bible Study. Everyone is welcome!

Grand Champion Electric Exhibit



Blaine Torstveit received a Grand Champion ribbon at the Pennington County Fair this year for his electric project.

His father Chad had rescued some Tigershark dealer sign fronts from the crusher many years ago at Arctic. Blaine built the frame of the sign and wired in some LED lights with a switch for his electric project.

Congratulations, Blaine, on a job well done!

The Back Page

My daughter and I went through the McDonald's driveway window and I gave the cashier a \$5 bill. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her 25c. She said, "You gave me too much money."

I said, "Yes, I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar back."

She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request.

I did so, and he handed me back the 25c, and said, "We're sorry but we don't do that kind of thing."

The cashier then proceeded to give me back 75 cents in change.

Do not confuse the people at McD's.

We had to have the garage door repaired. The repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a 'large' enough motor on the opener. I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower.

He shook his head and said, "You need a 1/4 horsepower."

I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4 and he said, "NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two."

We haven't used that repairman since.

I live in a semi rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local city council office to request the removal of the DEAR CROSSING sign on our road.

The reason: "Too many dears are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore."

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?"

To which I replied, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?"

He smiled knowingly and nodded, "That's why we ask."

The pedestrian light on the corner beeps when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an 'intellectually challenged' co-worker of mine.

She asked if I knew what the beeper was for.

I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red.

Appalled, she responded, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?!"

She is a government employee. . .

When my husband and I arrived at a car dealership to pick up our car after a service, we were told the keys had been locked in it.

We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door.

As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked.

"Hey," I announced to the technician, "its open!"

His reply, "I know. I already did that side."

My daughter went to a Mexican fast food and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce.'

He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce.

Fred called a church and asked to speak to the Head Hog of the Trough.

Secretary: "How rude! I'll have you know we would NEVER EVER refer to our pastor as a hog!"

Fred: "Okay, then just take a message. I have come into a bit of money so I was calling to give your church \$10,000."

Secretary: "Well, hold the phone, dearie. I think I see that big fat pig coming down the hall right now."

