

St. Pauli News in Detail

October Happenings



Greeting and Ushering

Oct. 6 Chad Torstveit
Oct. 13 "Wing-It"
Oct. 20 Val Torstveit
Oct. 27 Faye Auchenpaugh

Altar Preparation: Shelley Mathson

FALL EVENT

Sunday, October 13th
3:00 pm

Cathy Erickson

Jan Strandlie is gathering names of workers. We need pie-bakers, set-up, serving and clean-up crews. Please help us publicize this event by sharing on Facebook, posting a flyer at your workplace, emailing or inviting your friends, etc. See Jan for extra copies of the flyer. We'd love to fill the church!

Group Cleaning

Monday, October 7
6:30 pm

We hope that EVERYONE, men and women, will come to pitch in on Monday the 7th. That way, we can get most of the work done without leaving it for the women to do all alone. We will top it off with a hot beverage and treat.

Church Together – Pie with the Bishop!

Come and gather with siblings in Christ to meet our new Bishop, Pastor Bill Tesch, enjoy some delicious pie and make a new friend or two! This will be an opportunity to hear from the Bishop, ask questions about our Synod and ELCA, and share our congregation's joys and sorrows with siblings in Christ from neighboring congregations.

If you aren't able to make our conference's date, please feel free to attend the next nearest one in Bemidji.

Conferences 1 & 2: Sunday, October 27, 2:00-3:00
Zion Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls

Conferences 4 & 6: Sunday, October 6, 2:00-3:00
Calvary Lutheran Church, Bemidji

WELCA Fall Gathering

Saturday, November 2

Gully City Hall
120 Main St, Gully

Registration 8:30 am. Program at 9 am, ending with lunch at 11:30 am. Program includes keynote speaker Olive Wiskow from Goodridge. Fee: \$10

October Milestones

Birthdays

Oct. 6 Pastor Carl Hansen
Oct. 15 Eileen Kotaska
Oct. 17 Larry Hurst
Oct. 20 Jim Nelson
Oct. 29 Joan Nelson
Oct. 31 Jim Kotz

Anniversaries

Oct. 25 Jim and Joan Nelson
Oct. 26 Myles and Kathy Alberg

St. Pauli Church Council Minutes

August 15, 2019

The St. Pauli Church Council Met on Thursday August 15, 2019 at 7:00pm at St. Pauli Church. Board Members Present: Virginia Anderson, Ivette Garrett, Erin Rondorf and Pastor Carl Hansen.

The meeting was called to order by President Garrett. Pastor Carl opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.

Secretary's Report: M/S/C (Iverson/Anderson) to approve the July secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report: M/S/C (Rondorf/Iverson) to approve the report as presented for the month of July.

Balances as of July 31 30 2019:

Checking Account	As of January 1, 2019	\$ 21,496.15
Revenue		\$ 23,924.69
<u>Expenses</u>		<u>\$ (25,997.86)</u>
Checking Account	As of July 31, 2019	\$ 19,422.98
Investor Savings	As of July 31, 2019	\$ 36,365.59
Edward Jones	As of July 31, 2019	\$ 69,341.34
Memorial Fund	As of July 31, 2019	\$ 11,055.33
Mission Grant	As of July 31, 2019	\$ 4,048.91
<u>Education Fund</u>	<u>As of July 31, 2019</u>	<u>\$ 517.89</u>
Assets		\$121,329.06
Checking Account		\$ 19,422.98
<u>Assets</u>		<u>\$121,329.06</u>
Total Church Funds		\$140,752.04

Pastor Carl's Report:

1. Pastor Carl will be attending Bishop-Elect Bill Tesch's installation as bishop of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead on Sunday, September 8 at 4pm. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome to ride along.
2. At this point Pastor Carl has no travel plans until December 29. He will be preaching at the Lord of Life

Lutheran Church in the The Woodlands, TX on January 26, 2020 part of the congregation's 50th anniversary celebration. He and Pastor Mary served Lord of Life from June, 1984 to September, 1989. He will be away from TRF from December 25, 2019 through January 29, 2020.

3. Thanks to WELCA for their gracious service at the funerals of David Davidson and Dolly Davidson.
4. Pastor Carl is a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. That seminary has now merged with Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg (of Civil War fame) and the combined seminary is now known as the United Lutheran Seminary. The Seminary is now located on the Gettysburg campus.

Reports of members in sickness or distress: Prayers were given for various members experiencing sickness.

New Members or interested in membership: No Report Given

Reports:

- a. WELCA – Thank you to WELCA for serving at David Davidson's and Dolly Davidson's funerals. The women were quick to volunteer to serve.
- b. Board of Education – Rally Sunday will be September 15, 2019.
- c. Other – n/a

Old Business

- a. Carpet on entry step – Five Store Flooring has options. Rondorf will enquire about installation as well.
- b. Constitution/bylaws review date – the group will schedule to meet again in October.
- c. 125th Anniversary meeting date – the group will schedule to meet again in October.

New Business

- a. Pastor Contract Renewal – we will adjust to a bi-annual schedule.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. M/S/C (Anderson/Rude) to adjourn.

Erin Rondorf, Secretary

Minutes of the Women of the ELCA

August 28, 2019

(No meeting was held in July)

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met on August 28, 2019 with six members present.

President Jan Strandlie called the meeting to order and led in devotions and prayer.

Secretary's report was read and approved. June and July treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Virginia A. reported from that Kathy A. has made 15 backpacks for Lutheran World Relief and Virginia has purchased items needed to fill them with money donated for that project by Shirley J. and Virginia.

Jan read correspondence: a thank you from the Davidson family for serving David's funeral, and requests for donations from Northland Rescue and Salvation Army.

Old Business:

Jan thanked everyone for helping serve Dolly and David Davidson's funerals. There was discussion on special plates purchased for serving potlucks, funerals, etc.

New Business:

There was discussion on changing our funeral serving policy and it was decided to leave it as stated in the handbook.

Discussion on purchasing more chairs or possibly renting them for our anniversary celebration. This will be brought up at Council meeting. Jan thanked those who brought chairs for Dolly's funeral. There was seating for 97 people.

The 31st annual synodical convention will be held September 20-21, 2019. WELCA donates \$100 yearly so we will only send "Mom items" for the physical offering. A motion was made to spend \$20.00 and Cindy C. will take care of this. No one plans to attend.

Faye A. showed fabric that Damita Underwood, her daughter, has donated for quilting and backpacks.

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

Lunch was served by Jan, which we enjoyed while discussing our Fall Event which is scheduled for October 13th at 3:00 pm. It was decided to ask Cathy Erickson to be

the entertainment, with a second choice of Bruce Elseth and Paul.

Sharon Bugge, Secretary

Treasurer's Reports for June and July

May 31, 2019 checkbook balance:	\$ 730.88
June income:	310.50
June expenses:	<u>(249.74)</u>
June 30, 2019 checkbook balance:	\$ 791.64
July income:	100.00
July expenses:	(349.00)
July 31, 2019 checkbook balance:	\$ 542.64
Savings account balance 7/31/2019:	\$ 840.14
CD balance 6/30/2018:	\$ 6,038.40

Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Congregation

Note the proposal to change the congregation minutes from Norwegian to English, making the following year (1939) the first year the minutes are written in English.

St. Pauli congregation held its annual meeting in the Church on November 10, 1938.

The meeting was opened by Pastor M. L. Dahle with hymn song and reading from the Scriptures. The report of the secretary was read and accepted as it was read. The report of the treasurer was read and accepted as it was read.

Pastor M. L. Dahle reported that he, during the course of the year, had held 22 divine services and that he had taught a confirmation class and that he had visited the ailing as often as possible.

It was proposed and supported to receive Selmer Urdahl with family and Willie Gilbertson with family as members of the congregation. Unanimously accepted.

The following officials were elected.

Secretary: O. J. Snetting

Treasurer: Tobias Stene

Trustee: Joe Torstveit, 3 years

School committee: Mrs. Carl Finstad, Helmer Finstad, Olaf Snetting

Assessment committee: Nels Nelson, Carl Alberg, Iver Iverson

Organist: Mrs. Carl Alberg

Substitute: Evelyn Nelson

Sexton: Nels Nelson

It was proposed and supported to pay Iver Iverson \$3.00 a year to take care of the cemetery. It was proposed to change the report of the congregation to the English language.

On proposal the meeting was ended.

Secretary, O. J. Snetting

29 July 1938 Letter

To Whom it May Concern:

That I, William Gilbertson, as First Party and Olaf Snetting, Joe Torstveit, Emil Thune, and H. Finstad acting as building committee for St. Pauli Lutheran Church.

That First Party agrees to rebuild church basement. That first Party to furnish all material.

Construction to be as follows. Base to be 2 feet wide and one foot deep. Reinforced with steel not less than three rods, and walls to be 10 inches and 3 ties in wall lengthways, and 2 tie rods between each, rounded up and down.

Old concrete slabs to be placed on top of old floor and a new concrete floor placed on top of same, top of floor to be trowelled to a smooth finish. Size of windows to be agreed on later. If new windows are to be used, congregation to furnish same.

Work to be done in workmanship manner, a mixture of not less than one part of cement to six parts of gravel. New steps and platforms also to be erected from concrete and filled as far as possible with slabs, and railing replaced.

First Party to furnish wind insurance for period of construction.

For said job, the congregation agrees to pay First Party the sum of Eight Hundred dollars. Four Hundred dollars of same to advance for materials.

Signed,

William Gilbertson, contractor

Building Committee: H. I. Finstad, Joe Torstveit, Emil Thune, O. J. Snetting

Historic Minutes
St. Pauli Lutheran Church Women (L.C.W.)

21 July 1966

The regular meeting of the LCW was held at the Church Thursday afternoon, July 21st. Hostesses Mrs. Eugene Rondorf and Mrs. Louise Iverson.

Meeting opened with the hymn, "Breathe on Me, Breath of God."

Scripture taken from I Thessalonians 5:15-18 and prayer by Mrs. Theo Bjorge.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Next meeting June 4th with Mrs. Lyle Bjorge and Mrs. Walter Wiskow as hostesses.

Business meeting adjourned.

Program was presented by the Calvary L.C.W. of St. Hilaire.

Worship meditation by Mrs. Walter Wiskow.

Lord's Prayer prayed and Table Blessing sung.

Mrs. Norman Nelson, Secretary

Historic Minutes of the
St. Pauli Young People's Society and Luther League

7 August 1932

The St. Pauli Luther League held its last meeting at the Ole Lian home Sunday afternoon, August 7, 1932.

The meeting was called to order by President Olaf Thorstveit.

The following program was rendered:

Song by Audience

Two Songs by Choir

Song by Audience

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read.

Motion was made and seconded that we have our next meeting in two weeks.

A program committee was to be elected by the president later on.

Meeting adjourned.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Tobias Stene, Mrs. Ed Hogenson, Mrs. Ole Lian. Proceeds: \$10.15.

Anna Stene, Secretary

21 August 1932

The St. Pauli Luther League held its last meeting at the church Sunday evening, August 21, 1932.

The meeting was called to order by President Olaf Thorstveit.

The following program was rendered:

Song by Audience

Song by Choir

Recitation by Helen Alberg

Song by Myrtle and Evelyn Nelson

Song by Choir

The following program committee was appointed: Minnie Stene, Nellie Nelson and Carl Alberg.

Motion was made and seconded that we have our next meeting in two weeks.

Meeting was closed with song by Audience.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Odegaard, Mrs. Snetting and Mrs. Lokken. Proceeds: \$13.10.

Anna Stene, Secretary

1956 Board Meeting at Gustafson's

Scripture and Prayer by Rev. Person.

Luther League was divided into two groups:

Lyle Bjorge, Leader, Group 1

Carol Rude

Gary Rolandson

Patricia Torkelson

Lorrie Weckwerth

Connie Alberg

Carmen Loken

Loren Engelstad

Fern Mathson

Leo Loken

Corrine Torkelson, Leader, Group 2

Beverly Rolandson

Wahna Torkelson

Janice Finstad

Robert Arneson

Roger Hanson

Gail Iverson

Curtis Johnson

Betty Rude

Each group was to plan and give programs alternately and plan an activity wanted. Corrine's group to give the March 18th program.

It was decided that the Luther League meet the second Sunday in each month, except when in conflict.

Gary Rolandson, Secretary

Carolyn Swanson and daughters Becky and DeeDee visited St. Pauli in June

Pastor James R. Swanson came to the St. Hilaire parish in 1966 as his first call and served here until 1977 when he accepted a call to Cass Lake, MN.

During his time here, he experienced three life-changing events: He married his wife, Carolyn, in 1967, and two daughters, Becky and DeeDee (Elizabeth) were born. We were all saddened when he passed away in July 2018.

Carolyn and the two girls paid us a visit this June. It was so much fun to see them!



Following church services, we had lunch and fellowship in the basement. To our surprise, the Swansons brought the quilt back to us that we had given them as a farewell gift in 1977! The photo at left shows them receiving it at that 1977 goodbye gathering held at the home of Herman and Beatrice Rude.



Shown in the photo at right are the choir members who sang at the farewell gathering: Dana Loken, Jana Loken, Clayton Mathson (partially hidden behind Jana Loken), Inez Mathson, Wally Torkelson (partially hidden behind Inez Mathson, Jodie Torkelson, Cindy Peterson, Janet Strandlie.



Also present at the June 2019 services were several of the many young people (photo at left) whom Pastor Swanson had confirmed.

Back row left to right:

Marisa (Johnson) Benson, Shelley (Torkelson) Mathson, Bruce Mathson, Gary Iverson, Eileen (Iverson) Kotaska

From row left to right:

DeeDee Grages, Carolyn Swanson, Becky Stacy

Nordic Countries are Crazy for Coffee

Source: International Coffee Organization



Coffee is one of the world's most beloved hot beverages.

With a Starbucks on almost every corner, McDonalds converting to McCafe, and Dunkin Donuts as an integral part of many morning commutes, it's hard to believe that anyone drinks more coffee than Americans. Yet, on a per-capita coffee consumption basis, the USA is a medium-sized beverage, in a sea of extra large coffee drinking nations.

While coffee drinking originated in Yemen in the 15th century, and the image of a Parisian cafe or a Roman espresso bar are often the first thought when it comes to the "home" of coffee drinkers, none of these nations break the top ten in terms of how much coffee each citizen consumes. So how do the countries of the world stack up when it comes to coffee consumption?

10. Canada: 6.2 kg per capita (13.67 lbs.)

Canada stands out as the only non-European country to make the list of the world's top ten coffee producers. From east to west, Canadians love their coffee. Although popular chains are common across the country, every city in Canada is often home to a number of independent shops as well. The drink is so popular in this country of 33 million that the Coffee Association of Canada calls it the most commonly consumed beverage in the country.

Despite the prevalence of coffee shops in Canada, many Canadians prefer to drink their coffee at home. Cold weather and long winters have been stated as a popular pull factor, drawing residents into the allure of the hot brown beverage.

9. Luxembourg: 6.5 kg per capita (14.33 lbs.)

Luxembourg may be a small country, but its love for coffee is big. This small western European country drinks around 6.5 kg per capita per year, on average. In the capital of Luxembourg City, coffee shops abound, serving both simple filter drip coffee as well as artisan drinks. Some of the espresso drinks unique to Luxembourg include a "lait Russe," or "Russian Milk," which is essentially a latte, or a "cafe gourmand," a type of espresso drink originating in France that is intended to be served with a dessert.

8. Belgium: 6.8 kg per capita (14.99 lbs.)

When you think of Belgium, visions of waffles and beer may dance in your head, but Belgium has a long history of pairing their national obsession with chocolate with their 1.35 cups of coffee per day.

As a former colonial power in Africa, Belgium was able to feed its demand for coffee by growing the plant in the Congo and Rwanda. Today, with coffee shops in every town, it's easy to grab a quick cup to accompany the world-famous waffles that are the nation's answer to a donut.

7. Switzerland: 7.9 kg per capita (17.42 lbs.)

Like many countries making this list, coffee is a social activity in Switzerland. Espresso-based drinks are particularly popular in this central European country, including the "caffè crema," a type of espresso drink similar to an Americano that is said to have originated in Switzerland near the Italian border. Unlike many of its Scandinavian counterparts, filtered coffee is less popular amongst the Swiss.

For the average Swiss who drinks up to five cups a day, coffee can be an expensive pastime, as a cup of coffee in a cafe can be as high as \$3.50 US dollars.

6. Sweden: 8.2 kg per capita (18.08 lbs.)

In Sweden, there is a concept known as "fika," which literally means "to have coffee." Within this concept, the pairing of cookies or pastries is implied. A variety of situations can qualify as a "fika," whether it be a break during the working day or a social gathering. The one important common denominator is that there is coffee involved.

Many Swedes take their coffee very seriously, to the point where it is not only a beverage in the country, but a way of life. Although coffee can certainly be enjoyed in the comfort of one's home, alone, coffee is for the most part a social interaction. In major cities like the capital of Stockholm, coffee shops, chains and independent locations alike, can be found in abundance.

5. Netherlands: 8.4 kg per capita (18.52 lbs.)

In 1616, the Dutch were the first Europeans to obtain live coffee trees, brought back from Mocha, Yemen by Pieter van der Broecke. The beans from these coffee bushes were then used to begin Dutch coffee cultivation, with the colonies of Java and Suriname eventually becoming major suppliers of coffee to Europe.

Nowadays coffee houses in Amsterdam are well known for serving coffee alongside another specialty item, marijuana, but don't let that cloud your vision. Coffee culture is still strong and rich in the Netherlands. On average, the Dutch drink 1.84 cups per day.

Coffee is served in the home for "Koffietijd" (Coffee Time), usually with cookies and cakes. Interestingly, the coffee

culture is somewhat split between the north and south and along religious lines. The north was traditionally populated with Protestants who prefer to serve coffee with only one cookie, seen as a gesture of modesty. In the south, traditionally populated by Roman Catholics, Koffietijd typically includes "vlaai," a large sweet pie.

4. Denmark: 8.7 kg per capita (19.18 lbs.)

If the Nordic nations are the kings of coffee, this nation is appropriately the Danish Prince of the hot brown drink. Residents sip about 1.46 cups of coffee per day.

Like other Scandinavians, coffee in Denmark traditionally is served at each meal and becomes the central focus during special occasions, served with cookies, cakes, and small sandwiches. Danes rank slightly better on another statistic, having the 6th most expensive coffee in the world, so each of those 1.46 cups cost them a pretty krone. So grab a Danish-made Bodum coffee press and some aptly named danishes, and dream about spring in Copenhagen.

3. Iceland: 9 kg per capita (19.84 lbs.)

There must be some correlation between cold climates and a cup of coffee - perhaps it adds a perfect touch of coziness to staying inside on a cold, dark day. Like its other northern European counterparts, the island country of Iceland enjoys, on average, 5 cups of coffee a day per person!

In the capital city of Reykjavik, you won't find coffee giants like Starbucks or Second Cup. However, there is no shortage of smaller, independent coffee shops scattered across the city, many in close radius to one another. In case there was any question whether or not Iceland takes its coffee drinking seriously, the country hosts competitions which place baristas and roasters against one another, in a quest to find the country's highest quality brew.

2. Norway: 9.9 kg per capita (21.83 lbs.)

Like most European countries, coffee in Norway was first made popular among the wealthy in the early 18th century. Even though Norway was a relatively poor country, being

ruled by Denmark at the time had its benefits; in this case, lots of cheap java.

Kaffe is typically served black at breakfast and with dessert after dinner. Norwegians also commonly invite people over specifically for coffee, served with cakes and pastries. The average Norwegian drinks nearly 3.6 cups of coffee a day, which means the roughly 5 million people of the nation consumed a combined 36,472,000kg in 2012. If you are ever in rural Norway don't forget to try "karsk", a cocktail made with weakly brewed coffee and a hefty helping of vodka or moonshine. Don't worry, if it's too strong you can always light it aflame to burn off some of the alcohol!

1. Finland: 12 kg per capita (26.46 lbs.)

If you've ever met a Finn, you know that the national average of 12 kg per capita is probably on the low end for most in Finland. If you were to take children out of the calculation, the national average would rise even higher!

Coffee is typically consumed all day, every day, and coffee breaks are required by most workers' unions. Special occasions and post-church luncheons are celebrated with a coffee table - a buffet of cold sandwiches, breads, cookies and cakes, and of course endless "khavi."

The most popular coffees in Finland are very light roasts, much lighter than anywhere else in the world. This probably originated early on when Finns would purchase green coffee berries to roast themselves at home. The traditional Finn way of brewing coffee is a variation on Turkish coffee where water and coffee grounds are brought just barely to a boil repeatedly.

The Finnish coffee culture may stem from varying influences such as Lutheran work ethic, Swedish rule, and several prohibitions on coffee, but one thing is for sure: coffee isn't going anywhere anytime soon. If you are ever invited to a Finnish home, prepare to be met with hot pots of coffee. Just don't ask for decaf; it's virtually non-existent in this Nordic country.



ST. PAULI
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

3:00PM



Sunday, October 13, 2019

Cathy Erickson Band

Homemade pie and ice cream
following the program

Freewill Donation

Pies for sale while supplies last

11015 170th Ave. NE

Thief River Falls

3.5 miles SE on Hwy 59, then 3 miles S
on County Road 20

Proceeds from this annual fundraiser support our
various charities

Old and gray, man and dog

As years pass for both hunter and companion, appreciation grows.

By Bill Klein, Special to the *Star Tribune*, August 19, 2019



A gun dog in old age provided a dignified subject when Minnesota artist Jim Killen of Owatonna painted "Faithful Companion." (www.killencollection.com)

It's pure serendipity, the two of us being in our late 70s together. Neither of us ever planned on being old. Oh, there was the undeniable march of the calendar. But that was always something to be ignored. We didn't have time to think about aging, we had ducks to hunt.

Planned or not, here we are, both on the cusp of 80, both with beards long ago gone gray. He's got some arthritis in a leg that causes him to limp when there is rain in the forecast. Time to pay the piper for those youthful retrieves in icy November water. I've got a growing list of health issues that often come with the septuagenarian territory. What is — is.

Doc the black Labrador and I joined forces in 2008, when I plucked him and his wagging tail from a litter of eight in a local breeder's barn. If the old saw about being allowed one great dog in your life is true, Doc is mine. He could do it all afield. In addition to his remarkable retrieving skills, he had a passion for the sport of duck hunting to match mine. That is the indelible bond we carry forward into retirement.

Mornings these days stand in stark contrast to our duck camp. There the alarm jangled in the dark of night signaling the start of a

frenetic race to beat dawn to the boat and blind. Toast-gulping, gear-grabbing, Thermos-filling chaos, all with an amped-up 80-pound retriever straining to go, go, go. In retirement, we're normally up at the crack of 8 o'clock, tending a more gentlemanly pace in our morning routine. Doc often chomps a Milk Bone after he pads around his outdoor domain sniffing out the telltale scents of night-critter interlopers. I may linger over a third cup of coffee with the morning paper.

Let's be honest here. Neither Doc nor I have a plate piled high with mandatory activities. One another's company is enough to fill the day. As a companion, he is always grinning, tail-thumping happy. Always. There's a lesson there. I find his joy contagious.

My wife was raised in a home without pets. She was always a little nervous around big dogs.

Until Doc. He has a habit of nudging her hand with his nose until he's certain she loves him too.

The only time I have to raise my voice with Doc is to curb his insistence on introducing himself to every new person he sees. A certain FedEx driver pops out of his truck on our place armed with a pocketful of treats to distract dogs on his appointed rounds. Doc runs right past the dropped treat. He's far more interested in greeting the driver.

For me, Doc is an in-the-moment attachment to yesteryear's hunts; to the hundreds of hours we spent together in duck blinds; to wing shots made and missed; to heroic retrieves made in impossibly difficult conditions. When, on our current day walks, we flush a pair of mallards from our back pond, I see again that look. It's the look that speaks of his love for the hunt.

Oh, did we love the duck hunts. From early October on the Coteau des Prairies in North Dakota to the mid-November sloughs of South Dakota and in our own western Minnesota duck camp in between, we pursued waterfowl with a passion. We were truly the boys of autumn.

As I aged I found hunting partners harder to come by. Deaths, failing health and, frankly, fewer Minnesota ducks thinned the corps of friends I could talk into heading west.

The worst part of hunting alone is making a spectacular shot on a downwind greenhead with no one there to witness it. Doc was always there and anxious to "get back" for the retrieve.

Toward the end of our active hunting careers, bagging ducks became less important to us.

Watching a prairie sunrise from behind cattails; admiring freshly repainted decoys rigged just so on the water; enjoying one another's company was well worth the drive out and home. And being together now in our dessert days makes all those memories more vivid.

When Doc was in his prime he was recruited by his breeder and matched with a promising bitch as a stud dog. The resulting litter was predictably black, handsome and full of hunting DNA.

This means there's a good chance, now years later, that a litter of Doc's extended progeny is squirming under a heat lamp in some Upper Midwest barn. If you are a duck hunter looking for a gun dog, pick the puppy that can't stop wagging his tail.

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What Driverless Vehicles Could Mean to You

Reprinted from Minnesota LTAP Technology Exchange, September 2019

Driverless vehicles raise new questions about how we live, travel, work, and connect. Will we own vehicles or share them? How will we ensure that everyone is served by the new infrastructure? Who will regular it? And who will pay for it?

Such questions brought together a team of University of Minnesota researchers led by Zhi-Li Zhang who holds the endowed Quest Chair in the U's College of Science and Engineering, to search for the answers. Under a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation, the team is studying the potential impact of vehicle automation on communities.

Here are some of the ways the researchers believe autonomous vehicles will affect individuals and communities.

You probably won't own a vehicle.

For many people in urban areas, using app-based ride services like Uber or Lyft is easier and more economical than owning a car, finding parking, and paying for gas and insurance. As the world transitions to automated vehicles (AV), researchers believe it's more likely that we'll ride in cars owned by someone else—probably a company like Waymo—and pay per trip or through a subscription service.

The cloud will steer your car.

Proponents of AVs say the technology eliminates congestion by replacing human decisions with a centralized control system that determines the most efficient way to get all vehicles to their destinations. Cars wouldn't have to stop at intersections, and a "smart cloud-based commuter system" (SCCS) would slow or speed each vehicle to prevent crashes.

Flowers might grow in the streets.

Because the technology that controls AVs is so precise, the width of our roads could be reduced. What's more, an SCCS could direct traffic so efficiently that just one (or two, at most) lanes could accommodate a large volume of vehicles. That means more space could be devoted to bike lanes, walking paths, or even gardens.

Parking lots, meters, and garages will vanish.

Roughly a third of all land in urban areas is used for parking and storing cars. Surface lots, street spaces, parking garages, and even your home garage could be repurposed in a world where a fleet of AVs are in constant circulation.

Vehicles will be places for working, sleeping, crafting.

If you don't have to pay attention to traffic on your ride to work, you'll be free to do other things.

Your car will run your errands.

Will AVs make us more productive? Imagine a world where AVs deliver your groceries, drop the kids at soccer practice, and pick up your dry cleaning.

Everyone will be able to hitch a ride.

AVs offer huge potential benefits to the elderly, disabled people, and others who cannot drive. Researchers worry, however, that without proper incentives or regulation, some communities will be left behind. Policymakers will have to ensure that ride providers don't serve only affluent communities. They'll also have to consider the potential impact on rural areas, which may not have enough people to attract ride providers or the funds to build digital and physical infrastructure.

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New Minnesota Laws as of August 1, 2019

Work-Zone Flaggers Allowed to Report Traffic Violators

A new law went into effect on August 1st that allows flaggers to report work zone traffic violators. If drivers ignore a construction zone flagger, they could be ticketed for a violation whether state troopers are there or not.

According to the revised Minnesota statute, "a citation may be issued even though the violation did not occur in the officer's presence." To do so, a qualified work-zone flagger must provide a report of the violation within four hours of the incident. The report must include a description of the vehicle and the time of the incident.

To be qualified for reporting, a work-zone flagger must have completed training that includes information on flagging operations, equipment, traffic laws, observation and accurate identification of motor vehicles, and delegation of duties involving a report.

Hands-Free Law

Minnesota's new hands-free law applies to all drivers—including employees—anytime, anywhere. It does not matter who owns the phone.

Employees may use their phones while driving, but only in hands-free or one-touch activation mode. No typing or scrolling is allowed while driving or as part of traffic. Hands-free or hand-held is allowed, however, when there is an immediate threat to life and safety.

The law for commercial vehicle drivers remains the same: hands-free and one-touch.

Organizations are asked to update their traffic policies and develop and communicate clear rules and regulations for mobile phones. Employer policies can be stricter than the law.

The Back Page

Your editor is back with those church ladies and their typewriters! These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services.:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

A little three-year-old boy is sitting on the toilet. His mother thinks he has been in there too long, so she goes in to see what's up.

The little boy is sitting on the toilet reading a book. But about every 15 seconds or so, he puts the book down, grips onto the toilet seat with his left hand, and hits himself on top of his head with his right hand.

The mother says, "Billy, are you all right? You've been in here for a while."

Billy says, "I'm fine, Mommy. I have just haven't gone potty yet."

Mother says, "Okay, you can stay here for a few minutes. But, Billy, why are you hitting yourself on the head?"

Billy says, "Works for ketchup."