

St. Pauli News in Detail



Greeting and Ushering

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| June 2 | Ryan Haugen |
| June 9 | Darin Hurst |
| June 16 | Larry Hurst |
| June 23 | Gary Iverson |
| June 30 | Jim Kotz |
| July 7 | Bruce Mathson |
| July 14 | Barb Nelson |
| July 21 | Staci Reay |
| July 28 | Jim Rondorf |
| August 4 | Jordan Rondorf |
| August 11 | Arlo Rude |
| August 18 | Barb Smith |
| August 25 | Wahna Smith |

Altar Preparation: (1st and 3rd Sundays)

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| June: | Val Torstveit |
| July: | Barb Smith |
| August: | Ivette Garrett |

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Summer Edition

Your editor is again taking a couple of months off during the summer, so this is the rather thin (for me!) June-August "Summer Edition" of the newsletter.

Have a great summer!

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Milestones – Anniversaries

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| June 18 | Arlo Rude and Deb Ernst |
| July 1 | Bruce and Shelley Mathson |
| July 6 | Ron and Virginia Anderson |
| August 1 | Jim and Sue Kotz |
| August 3 | Ken and Cindy Cedergren |

Special Notes

Brad Swanson's ashes will be interred following worship services on Sunday, June 16th. Skip is inviting everyone to a light lunch at the church following the interment to celebrate Brad's life.

Pastor Jim Swanson's widow, Carolyn, and their two daughters, Becky and DeeDee, will be our special guests at worship that same day. You will get a chance to visit with them also during the lunch prepared in honor of Brad. Calvary Church and past confirmands of Pr. Swanson's have been invited to attend services.

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Thank You!

To everyone who helped with Spring Cleaning. Every item on the lists was completed this year. This wouldn't have been possible without the number of members who came to help. Your volunteerism is appreciated!

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Milestones – Birthdays

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| June 17 | Kathy Alberg |
| June 17 | Sharon Bugge |
| June 27 | Jan Strandlie |
| July 1 | Val Torstveit |
| July 4 | Kari Torkelson |
| July 7 | Rylan Torstveit |
| July 9 | Sharon McCollough |
| July 29 | Skip Swanson |
| July 29 | Connie Kolden |
| July 31 | Ron Anderson |
| August 6 | Chad Torstveit |
| August 11 | Dennis McCollough |
| August 15 | Cindy Cedergren |
| August 17 | Faye Auchenpaugh |

Minutes of the Church Council

April 18, 2019

The St. Pauli Church Council met on Thursday April 18, 2019 at 7:00pm at St. Pauli Church. Board members present: Virginia Anderson, Ivette Garrett, Gary Iverson, Erin Rondorf and Pastor Carl Hanson.

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 with the addition of new business.

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

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

Balances as of March 31, 2019:

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| Checking Balance | As of 1/1/19 | \$21,496.15 |
| Revenue | | \$7,877.00 |
| Expenses | | \$(11,339.08) |
| Checking Balance | As of 3/31/19 | \$18,034.07 |
| Investor Savings | As of 3/31/19 | \$36,285.50 |
| Edward Jones | As of 3/31/19 | \$67,839.82 |
| Memorial Fund | As of 3/31/19 | \$10,913.86 |
| Mission Grant | As of 3/31/19 | \$4,042.69 |
| Education Fund B | As of 3/31/19 | \$517.09 |
| Assets | | \$119,598.96 |
| Checking Account | | \$18,034.07 |
| Assets | | \$119,598.96 |
| Total Funds | As of 3/31/19 | \$137,633.03 |

Pastor Carl's Report:

1. A memorial service for Sylvia Lokken will be held at St. Pauli on Saturday May 4 at 11:30.
2. There will be a "Meet the Bishop Candidates" event in TRF in May. The date is TBD.
3. The Northwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly will be held at Concordia College, Moorhead on June 7-9. Because we

will be electing a new bishop it is his plan to remain for the entire Assembly, so pulpit supply will be needed on June 9.

4. Pastor Carl will travel to Avalon TX to visit his son Kevin and pass on his vehicle, as it is a Hanson family tradition. He will return to Grand Forks on May 29th with a new car.

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

New Members or interested in membership: No report.

Reports

- a. Welca – Welca has been busy. They put together 42 care kits this year.
- b. Board of Education Sunday School sang in church on May 5th
- c. Other -n/a

Old Business

- a. Constitution/Bylaws – meetings will begin in May. Emails will be sent to volunteers.
- b. 125th Anniversary timelines- meetings will begin in June. Emails will be sent to volunteers.
- c. Modem- Sjoberg's internet. WiFi is up and running in the church.

New Business

- a. Update on recording attendance – seems to be going well.
- b. Faye and Ivette have volunteered to attend the Synod Assembly in June as voting delegates. They are registered to attend.
- c. Outdoor Carpet has worn out. Will review to replace it as a safety concern.
- d. Pulpit Supply- council will bring ideas to form a list for weeks when we need pulpit supply

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

Erin Rondorf, Secretary

Minutes of the Women of the ELCA

22 May 2019

The Women of the ELCA met at 7 pm Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at the church with seven members and one guest present. President Jan Strandlie opened the meeting with devotions (on balancing our work and pleasure) and prayer.

The secretary's report was read and approved with two corrections. The backpacks Kathy made will be shipped in the fall and Synod Assembly, not Convention, in June 2019.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Stewardship report by Virginia. 25 quilts were shipped, one given to senior graduate Aleshia Abeyta and one kept for an emergency. 12 baby care kits, 42 personal care kits. Kathy A. has already made two quilt tops for next winter's quilting and Faye's daughter Damita sent a box of fabric for quilt backs. Virginia has checked on where our kits go and

most have gone to Africa. She hasn't been able to track the quilts.

Old Business: Janet apologized for not getting the Build a Bigger Table application forms turned in. It was decided to check on turning them in late.

Janet reminded us of Northland Rescue's "Bags of Blessings" asking for items for Christmas gifts (pajamas, pants, shirts, etc.).

Five St. Pauli members attended the Spring Gathering in Middle River.

Janet thanked everyone for helping serve the Sylvia Lokken funeral. It went well and we received a \$300 check from the family.

Spring cleaning went well. Thank you to everyone who helped.

New Business: Janet read a letter from Sheriff Kuznia asking for donations for the Child Safety Program. She will

do some further checking and include it in our November gift giving.

Prayer partners exchanged and the Lord's Prayer prayed.

Sharon Bugge, Secretary

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I Opened a Book

"I opened a **book** and in I strode.
Now nobody can find me.
I've left my chair, my house, my road,
My town and my world behind me.
I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,
I've swallowed the magic potion.
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king
And dived in a bottomless ocean.
I opened a book and made some friends.
I shared their tears and laughter
And followed their road with its bumps and bends
To the happily ever after.
I finished my book and out I came.
The cloak can no longer hide me.
My chair and my house are just the same,
But I have a **book** inside me."

— Julia Donaldson

THE BACK PAGE

Fathers Lead by Example

by John Norberg, humor columnist
Courtesy of Federated Publications, Inc.

Today is Father's Day, and I think of my dad. He died a long time ago, but I still think about him all the time.

Sometimes I even have dreams in which he tells me what I should be doing. That's strange because I don't remember him lecturing me about what to do when he was alive. He simply showed me the right way through his example.

My wife says one of the reasons she married me was because she knew I had a good role model.

I think of my dad when he was the age I am today. I also remember myself in those days and the things that I did. It's all very clear to me now.

I must have driven him crazy!

Like most boys, I didn't grow up dreaming about becoming a father. Boys grow up dreaming about becoming professional baseball, football or basketball players. When those dreams disappear they set their sights elsewhere: CEO of international corporations; researching a cure to cancer and heart disease; ending poverty, war and maybe even the curse on the Chicago Cubs.

But then one day they put a baby in a man's arms, tell him he's a daddy, and everything for him changes completely in that moment. Guys who set out to conquer the world suddenly realize they're holding the whole world in their arms.

Years ago my wife and I and our children sometimes celebrated Father's Day during June family vacations to St. Petersburg Beach in Florida. We went there often on vacation.

I can remember walks on that white sand beach with our youngest daughter, Elizabeth, when she was just a little girl. She loved to walk through the cool, wet sand and let the gulf water roll over her little toes. I reached my arm down and held her hand.

Sometimes while we walked I would stop to watch a big, sleek boat race across the water. I stood there holding the hand of our little girl and thinking how I would love to ride in one of those boats.

Last January it finally happened. Friends invited us on their boat in St. Petersburg.

As we moved through the blue, gulf water on that beautiful boat, I looked way back toward the beach and I saw something I will never forget. I saw a young father holding the hand of his little girl as he watched our big, sleek boat race by.

Riding in that boat was everything I always dreamed it would be. But I realized there was one thing in the world I had enjoyed even more: Walking through the wet sand holding the hand of our little girl, letting the gulf water roll over our toes.

I wish we could do it just one more time.

My wife and I have three children, now all grown. My message to them is simple. This Father's Day you don't need to give me a thing. I already have the best gift in life a man can have: The opportunity to be a dad and a granddad.

This Father's Day you can give your dad ties and golf balls and even boat rides.

But his real gift will always be you.

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1. Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
 2. Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
 3. Italians drink a lot of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
 4. Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.

CONCLUSION:

Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.
