

St. Pauli News in Detail



Greeting and Ushering

- Feb. 2 Gary Iverson
- Feb. 9 Alberg (sub for J. Kotz)
- Feb. 16 Bruce Mathson
- Feb. 23 Barb Nelson

Cleaning: Clean *prior* to your Sunday to usher. Don't forget to check the wastebasket in the pastor's office.

Sunday Service:

- Light altar candles before service and put out flames after church.
- Act as Greeters and hand out bulletins.
- Usher for offering and communion.
- Tidy up pews after church to make it ready for the next Sunday's services.

Altar Preparation: Tammy Haugen

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February Milestones

Birthdays

- Feb. 15 Jordan Rondorf
- Feb. 20 Gary Iverson
- Feb. 25 Arlo Rude
- Feb. 26 Evie Johnson
- Feb. 27 Edna Rondorf



Anniversaries

None that the editor is aware of



Ash Wednesday Services

February 26
7:00 pm

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QUILTING



Two more days of quilting opportunities!

Wednesday and Thursday
February 5-6
10:00 – 4:00

Join the fun! We made a record number at our January quilting day.

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MISSION WORK

Thanks to the combined efforts of our congregation and Sunday School students, we shipped the following to Lutheran World Relief in 2019:

- 26 quilts
- 42 personal care kits
- 27 baby care kits
- 15 school kits

Minutes of the Church Council

December 19, 2019

The St. Pauli Church Council met on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 7:00pm at St. Pauli Church. Board Members Present: Virginia Anderson, Ivette Garrett, Gary Iverson, Erin Rondorf, Arlo Rude 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.

Secretary's Report: M/S/C (Rude/Iverson) to approve the November 21, 2019 secretary's report.

Treasure's Report: M/S/C (Iverson/Anderson) to approve the report as presented for the month of November.

Balances as of November 30, 2019

Checking	As of 1/1/19	\$ 21,496.15
Revenue		\$ 35,032.94
Expenses		\$ (42,319.79)
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Checking	As of	\$ 14,209.30
Account	11/30/19	
Balance		
Investor	As of	\$ 36,438.57
Savings	11/30/19	
Edward Jones	As of	\$ 70,568.83
	11/30/19	
Memorial Fund	As of	\$ 11,086.77
	11/30/19	
Mission Grand	As of	\$ 4,054.33
Fund	11/30/19	
Education	As of	\$ 518.59
Fund	11/30/19	
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	Total Assets	\$122667.09
	Checking Account	\$ 14,209.30
	Assets	\$ 122,667.09
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	Total Church Funds	As of \$ 136,876.39
		11/30/19

Pastor Carl's Report:

1. Pastor Carl will be leaving for Texas after Christmas Eve Services and planning to return Monday January 27th.
2. Along with visiting family, Pastor Carl will be preaching at the 50th Anniversary Service in Woodland TX on Sunday January 26th
3. Pastor John Voelker will be available while Pastor Carl is away.

Reports of members in sickness or distress: n/a

New Members or interest in membership: n/a

Reports

- a. Welca- The Basket of Promise went over very well. Welca will be quilting for the Dialysis center. The next quilting event will be January 8th.
- b. Board of Education: The Sunday School program will be during regular service time on December 22nd.

Old Business:

1. Carpet on the steps- it didn't get installed due to the wet fall.
2. Danita Torkelson mowing the cemetery
3. Bathroom Remodel- Numbers will be brought to annual meeting
4. Conference/Synod Expenses nomenclature- remove cemetery
5. Constitution and Bylaws committee- M/S/C (Iverson/Anderson) approval was given to submit to the Synod for approval.
6. 125th Anniversary Committee- Budget estimates will be presented at the annual meeting

New Business

1. Pulpit supply for December 29 is Kari T, January 5th will be Pastor Bob Dahlen, Jan 12th Kari T, Jan 19th Steer, and Jan 26 will be Phyliss Johnson doing an Ag presentation.
2. Pastor Contract renewal- will be renewed in January again for 6month terms M/S/C (Rude/Iverson).

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

Erin Rondorf, Secretary

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Record Number of Quilts made in January



It may not be easy to count them in this photo, but when seven WELCA ladies gathered in January, they made a record number of quilts for one day – NINE!!

St. Pauli WELCA Minutes

November 20, 2019

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met on November 20, 2019 at 7 pm with six members present. President Jan Strandlie called the meeting to order and led us in devotions.

The Secretary's Report was read and approved. Virginia made a motion to approve the September minutes, Ivette seconded. Cindy made a motion to accept the October minutes, Kathy seconded. Carried.

Treasurer's Report was placed on file.

Checking balance as of September 30	\$ 547.55
<u>Income:</u>	
Lydia October offering	16.00
Pie sales	237.00
Cash box setup for event	100.00
Fall Event freewill offering	2,215.00
Fall Event donation	100.00
October WELCA offering	25.00
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Change for cash box	(100.00)
Kathy Alberg, material for altar cloths	(37.99)
Kathy Alberg, pie plates	(14.00)
Gathering fee	(10.00)
Unit Offering	(25.00)
Telephone	(24.65)
Checking balance as of October 31:	\$ 3,028.91
Savings balance as of September 30:	\$ 870.73
Interest	.30
Savings balance as of October 31:	\$ 871.73
CD	\$ 6,098.78

Fall Event:

Thrivent card	\$ 250.00
Donations	2,315.00
Pie sales	<u>237.00</u>
Total Income:	\$ 2,802.00
Cathy Erickson	(250.00)
Pie plates	<u>(14.00)</u>
Net Profit:	\$ 2,511.87

We have not received the KTRF radio bill.

Stewardship:

Virginia reported that we sent 15 backpacks and 15 baby kits in the fall. There was some confusion on shipping date because it was a week later than usual. There was some discussion on quilts for dialysis patients and Northland Rescue.

Virginia also talked about the conference held in Gully, MN. Seventy women attended. The new president for the NW Synod is Marilyn Grandstrand. It will be held at Zion in TRF next year and they may ask for help. The Spring Conference cluster Gathering will be held at Bethany in Red Lake Falls. This year's physical offering was sent to homeless in the Fargo/Moorhead area.

Old Business:

Kathy gave an update on the altar cloth. The front will have a cross with praying hands on either side and the back a cross.

Christmas Brunch is scheduled for December 7th at 9:30am at the School House. Charge is \$10.

Sue Kotz's brother died and the Lydia Circle will send a memorial. Evie Johnson's brother also died. We will keep them in our prayers.

Janet spoke about Lion's Day of Community Service on February November 22nd.

Sunday School Program will be on December with potluck following (Lydia G-Z).

Ron and Virginia will pick up a Christmas tree. No time was set for decorating it.

New Business:

It was decided not to order more Christmas cards.

Wednesday, December 4, at 2 p.m. at Janet's was set for preparing next year's handbook.

Discussion on new procedure for Box Tops for Education. This may be put in the handbook. Discussion on listing officer duties in book.

Kathy has agreed to do decorations for the 125th anniversary and she showed items she has purchased. It was agreed that they would be good. Ivette questioned if the church or WELCA should pay for these. She will bring up at council.

It was decided to donate \$2,000 from the Fall Event as follows:

Women of the ELCA Scholarship	\$ 200
ELCA Good Gifts	500
Pennington County Salvation Army	300
Little Brother/Little Sister	150
Northland Rescue Mission and physical items	50
Pennington County Christmas	150
TRF Area Community Fund	150
Feed My Starving Children	200
Pathways	200
Autism Conference	<u>100</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 2,000

Sharon made a motion to approve these amounts. Ivette seconded. Motion carried.

Virginia and Cindy gave our Thankoffering program. Prayer partners were exchanged. Lunch was potluck.

Secretary Sharon Bugge

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Coffee with Rev. Eldon Person

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Gary Rolandson and Bev (Rolandson) Larson had coffee recently with Rev. Person.

Minnesota's Poet Laureate Joyce Sutphen

Joyce Sutphen grew up on a farm in Minnesota. She earned a PhD in Renaissance drama from the University of Minnesota, and has taught British literature and creative writing at Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, Minnesota. Her first collection of poems, *Straight Out of View* (1995), won the Barnard Women's Poets Prize.

Subsequent collections include *Coming Back to the Body* (2000), a Minnesota Book Award finalist, *Naming the Stars* (2004), winner of the Minnesota Book Award, and *First Words* (2010). She has received a McKnight Artist Fellowship and a Minnesota State Arts Board Fellowship and was named Minnesota's Poet Laureate in 2011.

Here are a couple of your editor's favorites.



Just For the Record

It wasn't like that. Don't imagine my father in a feed cap, chewing a stem of alfalfa, spitting occasionally.

No bib-overalls over bare shoulders, no handkerchief around his neck. Don't imagine he didn't shave every morning.

The buildings on his farm weren't weathered gray; the lawns were always mowed. Don't imagine a car in the weeds.

I tell you this because you have certain ideas about me, about farmers and their daughters.

You imagine him bumbling along, some hayseed, when really, he wore his dark suit as gracefully as Cary Grant.

The one thing you're right about is that he worked too hard. You can't imagine how early and how late.

~ Joyce Sutphen

How to Listen

Tilt your head slightly to one side and lift your eyebrows expectantly. Ask questions.

Delve into the subject at hand or let things come randomly. Don't expect answers.

Forget everything you've ever done. Make no comparisons. Simply listen.

Listen with your eyes, as if the story you are hearing is happening right now.

Listen without blinking, as if a move might frighten the truth away forever.

Don't attempt to copy anything down. Don't bring a camera or a recorder.

This is your chance to listen carefully. Your whole life might depend on what you hear.

(from *FIRST WORDS*, Red Dragonfly Press, 2010)



Heart Rate Monitor

Finnish manufacturer Polar filed its first patent for the fingertip heart rate monitor in 1977 to be used as a training aid for the Finns' national cross-country skiing team. In 1982, it launched the first wireless, wearable heart rate monitor — the Polar Sport Tester PE2000.



The wireless monitor was designed as a watch that recorded the pulse of the person wearing it. The monitor became a hit and helped the company expand to more than 80 countries around the globe. The watches and related products are now mainstays in fitness and cardio training.



FUN FACT

The wireless monitor's predecessor was the fingertip heart rate monitor, developed in the University of Oulu electronics laboratory and introduced by Polar in 1977. The users held a fingertip to the battery-operated device and waited for a readout.



Iconic NORDIC Inventions

Norway and its Scandinavian neighbors have crafted more than their fair share of iconic items, from toys to kitchen tools. Here, *Viking* kicks off a three-part series celebrating Nordic innovations.

BY OLIVIA HERSTEIN



Look for parts two and three of this series in the October and November issues!





Cheese Slicer

Norwegian carpenter Thor Bjørklund patented the Ostehøvel cheese slicer in 1925 and established a factory in Lillehammer. The must-have kitchen tool is widely used in the United States and in European countries, such as the Netherlands, Switzerland and Germany.

NORWAY'S MOST POPULAR CHEESES

Brunost
Jarlsberg
Gjetost
Nøkkelost

According to lore, Bjørklund was seeking an easier alternative to slicing cheese with a knife, and he found inspiration in one of his tools — a

carpenter's plane — in designing the new cheese slicer. In addition to hard cheeses, the tool easily cuts through potatoes and other vegetables.



In 1963, Danish inventor Nils Jagd Jensen expanded on the cheese slicer design, inventing the double-stranded wire cheese slicer — and another essential kitchen gadget was born.

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MORE NORDIC TOYS:



*bObles
bobles.dk*



*Permafrost
permafrost.no*



*Playsam
playsam.com*

LEGO Bricks

LEGO bricks — those ubiquitous, beloved, colorful plastic bricks that grew out of a Danish carpenter's small workshop became one of the world's most popular toys. The name LEGO is an abbreviation of the two Danish words "leg godt" — "play well." Ole Kirk Kristiansen founded the LEGO Group in 1932 in Billund, Denmark, which originally manufactured stepladders, ironing boards, stools and wooden toys. He later passed the firm down to his son. Now his grandson, Kjeld Kirk Kristiansen, owns the company along with his children. In 1958, the LEGO Group patented and launched the interlocking brick with its "stud-and-tube coupling system," that we know and love today.



A LEGO brick from 1958 would still interlock with a LEGO brick made today. They are part of a universal system.

FUN FACT:
In Latin, the word "lego" means "I put together."



Fun Facts about Finland

Last month we had fun facts about Canada. This month we turn to Finland.

- 1. Finland is the happiest country in the world.**

The latest 2019 UN report stated that Finland replaced Denmark as #1. The Nordic countries are in general always at the top, but Finland made a big climb this year to number 1.
- 2. It can be very expensive to drive faster than the speed limit.**

Speeding fines in Finland are calculated on the violator's total income. This means that millionaires can face fines of up to \$100,000 when driving faster than the speed limit.
- 3. Unique Finnish Sports.**

Heard about any of these sports? In Finland, they are totally legitimate sports.

 - Wife-carrying championship
 - Mosquito hunting competition
 - Mobile phone throwing
 - Swamp Football
 - Air Guitar
- 4. There are 187,888 lakes within Finnish territory.**

That's a lot of lakes, so no wonder that the country is sometimes referred to as "the land of thousands of lakes".
- 5. And the average Finn consumes 12 kilos of coffee each year.**

Nordic countries are famous for being heavy coffee-drinkers and the Finns are not an exception. How many cups per year is hard to estimate, but the average Finn will consume as much as 12 kilos of coffee annually!
- 6. Heavy Metal is huge in Finland.**

In fact, there are more Heavy Metal bands per capita here than anywhere else in the world. In 2006, the Finnish Heavy-metal band Lordi took over the Eurovision Song contest when they won the competition with their song "Hardrock Halleluja".
- 7. Finland also has the world's highest annual consumption of milk per capita.**

Finns also drink a lot of milk. In fact, they have the world's highest annual consumption of milk per capita!
- 8. There are more Saunas than Cars.**

Heard about the Finnish Sauna tradition? If you have, then you will probably not be as surprised by this fact about Finland, but yes, there are more Saunas than cars! Even Burger King in Helsinki has a Sauna.
- 9. Finnish is not similar to the Scandinavian languages.**

Danish, Norwegian and Swedish are quite similar and when making a small effort it's not hard to understand the 3 of those languages, even though they are not exactly the same. Finnish however, is something completely else. The Finnish language is part of the Finno-Ugric language group and is way more similar to Estonian than the Scandinavian languages, even though it neighbors the Scandinavian countries. It's not even an Indo-European language, it belongs to the Uralic language family, which makes it quite unique and cool since most European languages are a part of the Indo-European language tree!
- 10. Finland has free education, even at the university level.**

One of the things Finns should really pride themselves with is the fact that they offer free education for students, even at university level. This also applies to international students from EU/EES. Non-EU-nationals can also enjoy free tuition fees if the classes taken are taught in Finnish or Swedish, or doctoral studies in any language.
- 11. The Finns love Salmiakki (Salty Licorice).**
- 12. The Finnish Passport is one of the best.**

Finns can pride themselves on having the third best passport in the world, just shortly behind Germany, Singapore, and Japan. This means that they can visit the most of the countries in the world without getting a visa.
- 13. Northern Lights, Midnight Sun & Polar Night.**

These spectacular events can all be experienced here. During the winter, you can see the Northern Lights, and also experience the Polar night in the Northern parts of the country. It's the darkest months of the year and for several weeks the sun won't rise. The opposite occurs during summer when the sun never sets, also known as the midnight sun.
- 14. Finland was the first country in Europe to give all women the right to vote.**

As one of the most gender equal countries in the world nowadays this fact might not come as a huge surprise, but at the time they allowed women to vote back in 1906, this was definitely something special. New Zealand and Australia did allow women to vote a couple of years before, but it was here in Finland that all women, no matter social status, could fully vote and also stand for parliament.
- 15. Freedom to Roam – The Right to Public Access**

Just like the neighboring Scandinavian countries, you can enjoy the freedom to roam and have the right to public access. Which basically means that you can forage mushrooms, berries and flowers, camp, walk and enjoy nature as long as you don't litter.

Bonus Fact: The coldest temperature measured was -51.5 degrees Celsius

If you travel here during the winter months, make sure that you bring a warm jacket. While you probably won't have to face the record low temperature, the average temperature in Helsinki during the winter months is still -5 degrees Celsius. The coldest temperature measured in the country was back in 1999 in Kittilä where the temperature went all the way down to -51.5 degrees Celsius (-60.7 °F).

5 x Fun facts about Finland and the Finns

- The first prize in the wife-carrying championship is the wife's weight in beer
- In Finland when someone earns their Ph.D, they get a top hat and a sword
- There's a resort where you can sleep in a glass igloo and watch the northern lights
- Riding a Hobby Horse is a sport
- In Finland, they have 'National Sleepy Head Day', where the last person in a family to wake up is thrown into a lake or the sea by the rest of the family.

The Back Page

Sad News from Minnesota!

The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 75.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin.

Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Better Crocker, and Captain Crunch. The gravesite was piled high with many flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded.

Born and bread in Minnesota, Doughboy rose quickly in business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes.

Despite being a little flaky at times, he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions.

The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes. Lunch was served the Hostess Twinkies.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, three children: John Dough, Jane Dough and Dosey Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

