

St. Pauli News in Detail



Greeting and Ushering

June 2	Gary Iverson
June 9	Kari Iverson
June 16	Jim Kotz
June 23	Bruce Mathson
June 30 (11:30)	Barb Nelson
July 7	Staci Reay
July 14	Jim Rondorf
July 21	Jordan Rondorf
July 28 (11:30)	Arlo Rude
August 4	TBD
August 11	Mike Stickler
August 18	Jim Strandlie
August 25 (11:30)	Skip Swanson

Altar Preparation:

June:	Val Torstveit
July:	Sue Kotz
August:	Sharon Bugge

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Milestones – Anniversaries

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
August 11	Ryan and Katy Haugen
August 27	Wade and Marisa Benson

Milestones – Birthdays

June 11	Myles Alberg
June 11	Peter Grafstrom
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 31	Ron Anderson
August 6	Chad Torstveit
August 7	Aksel Haugen
August 11	Dennis McCollough
August 17	Faye Auchenpaugh



Special Congregational Meeting

June 2, 2024
following worship services

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss replacing the fluorescent basement ceiling lights.

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New Hugo's Fundraising Program

Hugo's has a new program called "Direct Your Labels" using their store-brand *Our Family* labels. We, as a church, will give this a trial run and see how it goes...

Here's what you do:

Cut out the UPC codes on all Our Family products you purchase and put them in the box provided on the narthex table below the church mailbox slots. The WELCA ladies will bundle them and bring to Hugo's for redeeming.

For each bundle of 500 we submit, we will earn \$25.

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Plant Swap



Several trunk lids were up and opened in the churchyard on Sunday, May 27, for our first-ever plant swap.

While we have had a lot of rain in May and the soil is very wet, several gardeners dug up extras from their gardens. Some of the array included potted plants.

We all had fun seeing what everyone else had brought!

Minutes of the Church Council

May 16, 2024

The St. Pauli Lutheran Church council held its regular meeting Tuesday April 11, 2024 at St. Pauli church. Members present: Marisa Benson, Wade Benson, Sue Kotz, Jim Rondorf, and Barb Nelson.

Council president Wade Benson called the meeting to order. Barb Nelson opened with prayer provided by Kevin Reich.

Approval of agenda: Approved as previously sent.

Secretary's report: Minutes of 02/15/2024 meeting were approved by Marisa, seconded by Sue. Carried.

Treasurer's report was approved by motion from Barb, seconded by Jim. Carried.

Checking balance end of February 2024:	\$24,430.51
March Revenue	3,185.00
March Expenses	<u>2,166.56</u>
Checking account balance end of March 2024:	\$25,448.95
Other account Balances end of March 2024	
Education Fund	\$ 1,441.01
Edward Jones	78,876.94
Memorial Fund	8,535.41
Mission grant	5,591.76
Savings	<u>37,963.02</u>
Total St. Pauli Balances end of March 2024:	\$157,857.09
Cemetery Ass'n funds end of March 2024:	\$ 72,976.19
Total funds end of March 2024:	\$231,234.57

Reports of members in sickness or distress: Marvin Torkelson

New members or those interested in membership: Dan and Kim Vandeventer have spoken with Kevin and will be requesting a transfer from St. John's. There are a couple more interested and considering membership.

Other Reports:

1. WELCA: No report
2. Board of Education: No report

Old Business:

1. Basement lights: no new report
2. Directional signs: Will be on hold. Kevin is still doing some more research.

New Business:

1. Motion made by Sue, seconded by Barb to renew Justin Folkedahl's contract for mowing. Carried.
2. Motion made by Barb, seconded by Jim to reimburse \$900.00 from the Education Fund for two Rondorf children to attend religious camps. Carried.
3. NW MN Synod is May 17-18 in Moorhead. Asking for representative.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:15

Respectfully submitted.

Barb Nelson, St. Pauli Church council secretary

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St. Pauli WELCA Minutes

April 11, 2024

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 7:45 pm with seven members present. The ladies had gathered at 7:00 pm and put together Personal Care Kits and Baby Care Kits and moved all – including quilts – up to the altar and front of the church for blessing on Blanket Sunday.

President Jan Strandlie opened the meeting with devotions titled "The Way to Perfect Peace" based on Psalm 119:114.

Secretary's Report: Read and approved. M/S/C (Cindy/Sue).

Treasurer's Report: For the period February 9 thru April 17. Checking Account: Income \$320.00, Expenses \$613.56. Balance \$1,648.73. Savings balance as of March 31: \$589.76. CD balance remains at \$6,323.29. Cindy suggested a donation to Lutheran World Relief for shipping. M/S/C (Virginia/Sharon) to donate \$125 to LWR for shipping. Treasurer's report was approved. M/S/C (Sue/Virginia)

Stewardship Report: 15 Baby Care Kits, 26 quilts (1 will be saved as a fire quilt), 37 Personal Care Kits, 2 graduation quilts. This is a record high for personal care kits; the previous high had been 32. Shipping date is the first week in May.

Council Report: The church is paying for the Rondorf children to attend Bible Camp. The church will also pay for the CPR fees of \$20/person. 13 total have signed up for classes on April 22 and 23. There will be a private baptism after church on April 28.

Communications: We received wonderful thank you cards from various recipients of the Valentine's Day soup meal that included cards made by our Sunday School children: Inez Mathson, Jim and Joan Nelson, Wally Rondorf and his girls, Jim and Jan Strandlie, and Sally and Craig Torkelson. Thank you letters from the TRF Area Community Fund for the \$200

donation. Thank you from Hospice for \$200 made on Giving Hearts Day so it will be matched.

Synod Conference Spring Gathering: Virginia, Sue and Kathy will attend this Saturday from 8:30 - noon at Redeemer Church in TRF. Cost is \$10 per person. We are donating \$25 for the Unit offering and a \$10 Gathering fee. We will discuss increasing these amounts this fall.

Annual Synodical Women's Organization Convention: September 20-21 at Christ the King Lutheran in Moorhead.

Old Business: Thank you to Cindy for arranging for the CPR classes. Thank you to Kathy for having the altar vases cleaned. Thank you to the quilters, everyone who served Lenten services, and to the Mary group for serving the Easter brunch.

Phone numbers have been corrected for the handbook. There is an error for the October Lydia circle date. It should be October 9 at 7 pm.

We discussed whether or not to re-order the Christmas cards with the St. Pauli photo on the front. Decision was to not do so.

New Business:

Cindy let the council know she has contacted Tammy Swick to clean again the beginning of June. Val Torstveit will be holding a graduation open house at the church the end of May.

Status of Heritage Center wall hanging: Virginia took it home and hung it on the line during a moderately breezy day and it looks nice following this airing. We are wondering where it will be hung because there is now a TV in that spot. Faye will call Gary Johnston to see when we can visit Angus church to look at their framed hanging of the prayer. Jan washed the old backing so it can be re-used.

Next meeting is May 22. Jan will share program given at the Lion's Convention in January about the world food bank and how it works. Sue is serving.

Prayer Partners were exchanged and offering taken. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Faye Auchenpaugh, Secretary

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Congratulations to our High School Graduates!

WELCA President Jan Strandlie presented our 2024 high school graduates with quilts handmade by our quilting ladies.

Lainey Dicken is the daughter of Kari Iverson and the late Billy Dicken.

Rylan Torstveit (not pictured) is the son of Chad Torstveit.

We wish them the very best for their futures!

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On Mother's Day, the Sunday School kids sang several songs during worship services

Here they're singing with American Sign Language.



And they made bouquets for every mother at church!



Aren't they just the cutest!!

L to R: Kyland Rondorf, Aksel Haugen,
Elsa Haugen, Ella Rondorf, Shea Iverson.

It may be hard to spot them, but here we are,
holding our bouquets up for you to see!



The OTHER Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to stop beating myself for not doing things perfectly, the courage to forgive myself because I'm working on doing better, and the wisdom to know that You already love me just the way I am.

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Three Hutchinson brothers went on the May 2024 Honor Flight



Left to Right: James, Marvin and Merton

Merton R. Hutchinson, Minnesota Army National Guard, SP4: I grew up in Thief River Falls and reside there today. I joined the National Guard in 1962 and served until 1967. When I was finished with basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, I served in the Motor Div. at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. I loved being a radio operator while in the service—it was fun to talk a lot! After my discharge, I began truck driving—which I still do today, as well as driving a school bus. I really love school bus driving. My sweet wife, Juanita, and I were married in 1967. Before her untimely passing, we became parents four times. Sadly, we lost our only son. I'm a proud grandfather of 17 and great-grandfather of 15. In my spare time I enjoy spending time working in our yard. I'm very much looking forward to making this trip with my twin brother, Hutch, and younger brother, Jim. I am a member of the Middle River American Legion.

Marvin J. "Hutch" Hutchinson, US Army, SP5: I come from the Thief River Falls area and am proud to still live in this community. I joined the Army and served from 1958 through 1962. After graduating basic training at Fort Carson, Colorado, I began my service as a combat engineer and a cook. The Army brought me to Camp Hovey, Korea; Fort McCoy, Wisconsin; and Delta Junction, Alaska. After the Army, I would spend many years working as a trucker. My gorgeous wife, Eileen, and I wed in 1964. We are the proud parents of three children. I am taking this trip with my twin brother, Merton, and younger brother, Jim, both of whom are also Army veterans. I am a member of the VFW and American Legion.

James W. "Jim" Hutchinson, US Army, SP4: Proud Thief River Falls, Minnesota resident here. I was in the Army for three years, from 1962 through 1965. After graduating basic training at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, I spent the rest of my days in service at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. I was assigned to the 1st Transportation Co. in Nuremburg, Germany. There, I was a truck driver and an M-14 rifle sharpshooter. When my days in the military were over, I continued to drive truck for many years. My amazing wife, Norma, and I married in 1967. We raised six fantastic children. Sadly, we lost Norma in 2016. I am a member of the American Legion.



The Hutchinson Brother's found their uncle's name on the Korean War Veterans Memorial "Wall of Remembrance." Roscoe Earl Hutchinson survived WWII, but died in Korea.

PIONEER 90.1 RADIO

CONCERTS IN THE PARK 2024

FLOYD B. OLSON PARK, THIEF RIVER FALLS

- MAY 30 **BREAKING UP THE BOYS CLUB & ONE ACT RIVAL**
- JUNE 6 **BRIAN WICKLUND & MIKE DOWLING**
- JUNE 13 **TRF AREA COMMUNITY THEATER**
- JUNE 20 **WHALEN & THE WILLOWS**
- JUNE 27 **SHELL SHOCK**
- JULY 11 **'57 CHEVY**
- JULY 25 **MONROE CROSSING**
- AUG 1 **SLOUGHGRASS**
- AUG 8 **TRIPLE FIDDLE**
- AUG 15 **SONGWRITERS' NIGHT**
- AUG 22 **ROBBY VEE**
- AUG 29 **THE WOODPICKS**

THURSDAYS 7 PM
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MUSIC, YARD GAMES, AND FUN!

WEATHER BACK-UP AT THE TRF EAGLES CLUB
BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET!

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CLEAN WATER LAND & LEGACY AMENDMENT



Thursday, July 11, 4:00 - 8:30 pm



Pennington County Fair

July 17-21, 2024

Fair Parade
July 11, 7:00 pm

Norwegian Day at Fair
Saturday, July 14
11:00 – 2:00 pm

Serving *smørbrød, rømmegrøt, søt suppe, vaffler med toppings, småkaker, kaffe, lemonade, lefse*

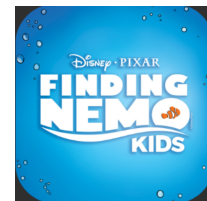
(Open-faced sandwich, cream porridge, sweet soup, waffles with topping, cookie, coffee, lemonade, lefse)

Proceeds go to the Snorre Lodge Concordia Language Village scholarship.

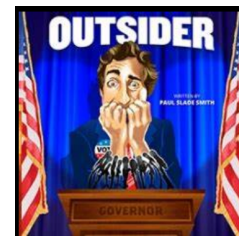
TRF Area Community Theater



June 4-7 Tickets: \$14.00



June 25-27 Tickets: \$12.00



July 9-11 Tickets: \$14.00



July 24-26 Tickets: \$12.00

Summer is county fair time, and we all have memories of riding on a Tilt-A-Whirl at one time or another.

Did You Know the Tilt-A-Whirl was Invented in Minnesota?

On April 24, 1926, Herbert W. Sellner filed an application with the United States Patent Office for an "Amusement Device" designed for parks and resorts. His goal was to provide riders with "pleasurable and unexpected sensations" by swinging, snapping, and rotating them in an unpredictable pattern. He named his creation the Tilt-A-Whirl, and it became the most popular ride made by his Faribault-based Sellner Manufacturing Company.

Herbert Sellner was born in Faribault in 1887. His father was a skilled cabinetmaker, and Herbert inherited his father's creativity and talents. In 1912, at the age of twenty-five, he established the Sellner Woodcraft Company in Faribault to manufacture mission furniture, lamps, and other wood articles. Sellner also created the Ideal Lamp Company. A 1917 catalog listed magazine racks, smoking and telephone stands, folding dining tables, and lamps with leaded stained-glass shades. When World War I affected supply availability, Sellner began manufacturing wood toys for children.

By 1923, Sellner's creativity evolved, and he invented both a water toboggan slide and a water wheel that became popular items at bathing beaches. The slide was thirty feet high, featured a 100-foot-long track, and occupied a space of eighteen by 100 feet. With twelve toboggans priced at fifty cents a ride, the owner could earn \$6.00 every hour.

The slide had a ramp with raised treads (instead of steps) that were easier for riders to climb while carrying a toboggan. It was popular not only in the United States but also in Canada, Switzerland, Jamaica, and Sweden. In 1925, Sellner applied for a patent on the water wheel, which also had a diving platform. The wheel was eight feet high; swimmers either lay on the wheel to spin into the water or dove from the platform. The Swooper, created in 1928, looked like an elevated, oval Ferris wheel. Because it was too bulky for a carnival to transport and manage, only about fifteen were built.

In 1926, the first Tilt-a-Whirl—a ride with nine cars that held two passengers each—was built in Herbert's neighbor's garden in Faribault. This original Tilt-a-Whirl was purchased

for \$4,500 by the Wildwood Amusement Park in White Bear Lake for its 1927 season. Gross profit that year was \$30,000.

The Tilt-a-Whirl first appeared at the Minnesota State Fair in 1926 and had 4,233 riders over the seven days that the fair was open. Each ride cost fifteen cents. In 1927, Sellner built a

factory at 515 Fowler Street in Faribault to accommodate his growing business.

By 1928, the Tilt-A-Whirl design was already modified and required three men to operate it: a clutch operator, a ticket taker, and a ticket seller. Model 9-36 had nine cars (three red, three orange, and three blue) and held thirty-six riders. It could earn as much as \$162 per hour. Model 7-28 had seven red cars that carried twenty-eight riders and could earn

\$126 per hour. Each car had a colorful canvas canopy, a seat cushion stuffed with curled hair, and a lap bar to keep riders in place. The cars had linoleum floors and were made of pine and oak and reinforced with iron brackets. A collapsible ticket office with a small cash window and money drawer, canvas covers for each car, and a TILT-A-WHIRL entrance sign with twenty-eight lights were included.

In 1995, Tovah Sellner took over Sellner Manufacturing after the loss of her husband Bruce Sellner; her daughter Erin Sellner joined her in 1998 and the two of them ran the business together.

Modern rides are constructed of steel, aluminum and fiberglass, and are powered by seven small electric motors, and has seven cars.

Modern Tilt-A-Whirls cost in excess of \$300,000 to purchase. A Tilt-A-Whirl package comes with a choice to employ either the famous domed tipkarts (which were re-introduced during the 1930s), or Waltzer-style open squat podkarts having headrest bars (that option was introduced by Sellner Manufacturing in 2003).

The oldest operating Tilt-A-Whirl is a 1927 model, traveling with Tom Evans United Shows in the US Midwest. Between six- and seven hundred Tilt-A-Whirls are in operation.

Conneaut Lake Park in Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania, still has its original Tilt-A-Whirl from 1949.



THE BACK PAGE



"Anyone can love the mountains, but it takes a soul to love the prairie." Willa Cather

And just a bit of humor...

Salesman: This car will seat 6 people without any problems!

Me: I don't think I know 6 people without any problems.