

St Paul Lutheran Church

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Epistle

May 2022

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God's work. Our hands.

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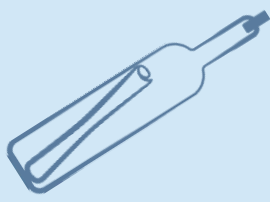
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Pastor's Page

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,
Christ didn't create us for this.

Again, today I struggle for words. I am sickened. I am angry. I am sad beyond words. Another place people call 'home' has been added to a long list of places that will forever be associated with a mass shooting. Dead children and teachers, my fingers shake as I type these words.

I will pray. This is not enough. In the Bible, the people of God would pray. God expected more, demanded more. To pray without changing words and actions is to make God a puppet who will do what we wish. God will always enter into our lives and partner with us, but God does not come to us on our terms. He comes to us with grace and love.

We say we are a great nation, but we are the only nation in which the number one cause of death of children is by a gun.

In the latest state where there has been a mass shooting, a person doesn't need to purchase a gun license, there are no background checks to see if a person is fit to possess a gun, and a person does not need training to purchase a gun.

There are people who should not possess weapons that can be used for mass destruction. If you disagree, stop praying and keep counting the dead.

I often ponder what God must be thinking. I ponder, based on the scriptures: "it's not that they are not doing something, they aren't doing anything! And then they pray, for what?"

Children, teachers, the elderly, worshippers, all have died in the last month because of mass shootings. We pray, and do nothing. The number of mass shootings has been growing exponentially each year, and we pray and do nothing.

It's time we put aside our wants, and address the needs of our neighbors, children, teachers, the elderly, worshippers, everyone. "Love one another as I have loved you."

Or we can pray without action, and then we will pray some more as we bury more of our neighbors.

God didn't create us for that!

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

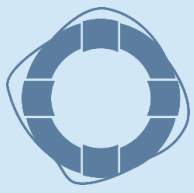
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June Calendar



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Office Closed	2 Office Hours 9:30am – 12:30pm	3 Office Hours 9:30am – 5:30pm Men's Zoom Bible Study 8:30am	4
5 8am & 9:30am Sanctuary & Parking Lot Worship	6 Office Hours 9:30am – 2:30pm	7 Office Closed Kidknits Meeting in the Prayer Garden 1pm	8 Office Hours 3:30pm – 6:30pm	9 Office Closed	10 Office Hours 9:30am – 5:30pm Men's Zoom Bible Study 8:30am	11
12 8am & 9:30am Sanctuary & Parking Lot Worship	13 Office Hours 9:30am – 2:30pm	14 Office Closed 10am Worship & Music Meeting	15 Office Closed 6:30pm Church Council Zoom Meeting	16 Office Hours 9:30am – 12:30pm	17 Office Hours 9:30am – 5:30pm Men's Zoom Bible Study 8:30am	18
19 8am & 9:30am Sanctuary & Parking Lot Worship	20 Office Hours 9:30am – 2:30pm	21 Office Closed Christian Women's Book Club 1pm	22 Office Closed	23 Office Hours 9:30am – 12:30pm Women's Spiritual Growth Group Potluck 11am	24 Office Hours 9:30am – 5:30pm Men's Zoom Bible Study 8:30am	25
26 8am & 9:30am Sanctuary & Parking Lot Worship	27 Office Hours 9:30am – 2:30pm	28 Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30 Office Hours 9:30am – 12:30pm		



Volunteer Schedule

Please contact the church office at 920-868-2826 if you would like to be added to the volunteer contact list.

Worship Volunteers - June 2022

Song Leaders
June 5th: Jan Meier
June 12th: Jeff Kuchenbecker
June 19th: Jeff Kuchenbecker
June 26th: Jan Meier

Musicians
June 5th: Jacob Beranek
June 12th: Jacob Beranek
June 19th: Jacob Beranek
June 26th: Jacob Beranek

Pastor
Pastor Frank Kauzlarich

Volunteers	5 Sunday	12 Sunday	19 Sunday	26 Sunday
8am Assisting Minister	✓ Pam Davis	✓ Jane DeCock	✓ Pam Davis	✓ Jane DeCock
9:30am Assisting Minister	✓ Cathy Mestek	✓ Pam Davis	✓ Cathy Mestek	✓ Debbie Jones
8am Indoor Usher	✓ Mary Anne Scherer	✓ Andrea Esau		
8am Outdoor Usher	✓ Clarence Scherer	✓ Leslie Montag		
9:30am Indoor Usher		✓ Sue Beranek	✓ Jill Dew	✓ Tom Beranek
9:30am Outdoor Usher		✓ Tom Beranek	✓ John Dew	✓ Sue Beranek

Food Pantry & Prayer Shawls

Food Pantry

As it says in the Bible: Jesus broke the loaves and fish to feed 10,000. We at St Paul help to feed the people in need with the donations to the food pantry. This month we brought food to Stella Maris in Fish Creek. We had a nice variety of food. Thank you. Mary Anne & Clarence Scherer



Prayer Shawls

We have recently received a donation of 8 prayer shawls from a member who winters outside the Door County area. THANK YOU! Stop by the credenza in the narthex to see these new additions of love, prayer, and support. If you are aware of someone in need of one, please pick one up from the credenza or from the table outside on Sunday before or after worship or call the office during the week. For additional information, contact Debbie Jones at 651-328-1261 or debbie.jones.pmp@gmail.com.

Save the Date



Pentecost Outdoor Worship

We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church!

Both the 8am & 9:30am worship services on Sunday, June 5th will be held in the Prayer Garden behind the Church building. Please dress casually and we encourage you to wear red. Note that outdoor worship is weather dependent and please bring your own chair if you are able. Some folding chairs will be available as needed, unfortunately we don't have enough for everyone.

Summer Boating Celebration

Summer is right around the corner and St. Paul Lutheran is gearing up for a special celebration of fellowship. On Sunday, June 26th you are invited to a Summer Boat & Picnic Celebration. Please meet us at 1pm at the Sister Bay Marina for a 1 ½ - 2 hour trip on the water in the Norra Dorr, a power catamaran, or the Edith M. Becker, a gaff rigged schooner. Pastor Frank will lead a worship service on the Norra Dorr. Following the boat trip, we will hold a potluck picnic at the Sister Bay Town Hall.

To register for the boat trip, contact the church office at 920.868.2826 or stpauljuddvilleoffice@gmail.com. This summer brings new opportunities to gather as a church community and give thanks for our beautiful surroundings. We hope you all will join us for worship on the water next month!

Peace Praise Band

July 19th and August 16th - Peace Praise Band will be performing on Tuesday evenings in the Prayer Garden.

1st Annual St Paul Golf Outing

Be sure to join us for the 1st Annual St. Paul Golf Outing on Sunday, July 31st at Maxwellton Braes Golf Course in Baileys Harbor. Tee times will begin at 1:00 P.M. and you can choose to play either 9 or 18 holes. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex or you can contact Greg Ehlke (920-868-1092).

The cost for the event (which includes the green fee, a cart and a box lunch with water) will depend on whether you choose to play 9 or 18 holes. For the women and men playing 9 holes the cost will be \$32 while the cost for those playing 18 holes will be \$44. Let's have some fun together!





Bible Studies

Women's Spiritual Growth Group

On May 26, the Women's Spiritual Growth Group completed its spring session. We will be taking a break from meeting through the summer months. We will, however, have a time of fellowship and celebration in June. We have tentatively planned a potluck brunch on June 23 at 11:00. If you are interested in attending and learning more about our discussions, please contact Debbie Jones at 651-328-1261 or debbie.jones.pmp@gmail.com

Our fall session will begin in early September for approximately six to eight weeks. Watch for the announcement of the study topic in the August Epistle.

Men's Zoom Bible Study

The St. Paul Men's Bible Study group continues to meet via Zoom every Friday at 8:30 am. If you would like to join the group, please send an email to Gary Jones at gary.jones09@gmail.com.

Christian Women's Book Club

Join the women of St. Paul's at their next meeting on Tuesday, June 21 at 1:00 pm at the Kress Center in Egg Harbor. The book to be discussed is "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption," by Bryan Stevenson. This book will make you upset and it will make you hopeful as it explores the deep stain of racial injustice in American life through the perspective and experiences of Bryan Stevenson. Your host is Dolores Hermann. Contact Dolores at dolores.e.hermann@gmail.com or 743-1675. All women are welcome.



Connections

Among other things, Connections is a "shared outreach ministry" which encourages each member of St. Paul to connect with others in need. As we see needs each day in our daily living, we have opportunities to share the love and light of Christ with others.

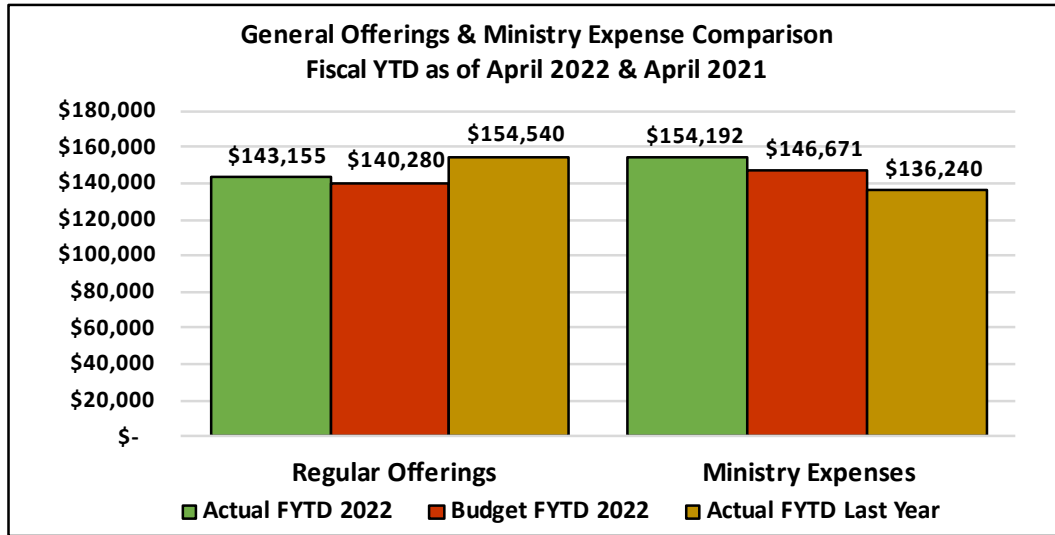
What a delightful time of the year to be in Door County! It is green! The flowers are blooming; the birds are singing; the tourists and seasonal workers are returning! The calendars are filling up with graduations, weddings, and the abundance of Door County "happenings." Family and friends are arriving to share in the Door County experience.

As we share our abundance with those who come to us, let us not forget to reach out to those who may be constrained by limited mobility or other losses. Perhaps you can bring joy to the heart of someone just by your smile, a phone, call, or a note. Jesus has commanded us to love each other as He has loved us. Love is more than an emotion. It is a choice - an act of our will. Let us choose to show Christ's love as we share our time and our abundance through helping, encouraging, and reaching out to those in need.

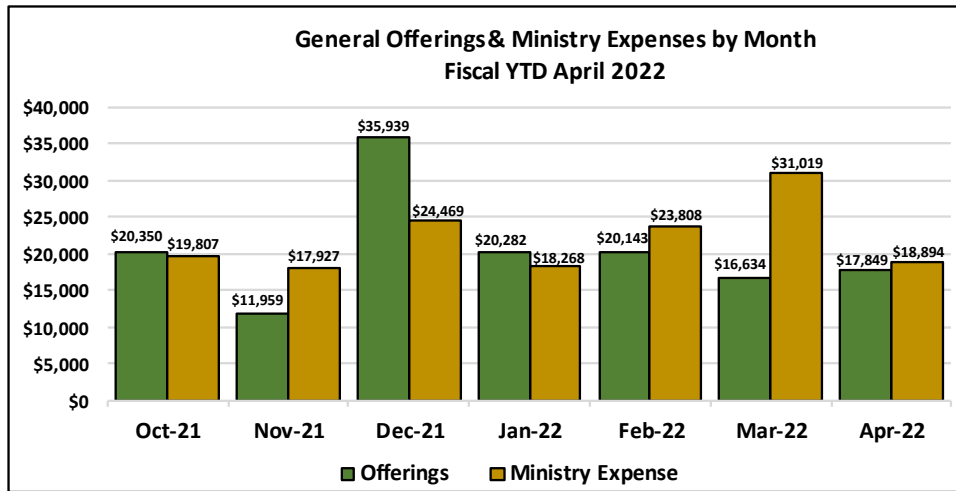
"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." -John 13:34-35



Financial Update



- FYTD = Fiscal Year-to-Date. St. Paul Lutheran's fiscal year begins on 01-Oct.
- The 2021-22 fiscal year Ministry Expenses budget is \$250,954
- Regular Offerings in the seven months of the current fiscal year were greater than budgeted by \$2,875 (\$143,155 - \$140,280) but were \$11,385 less than received in the comparable prior year period
- Ministry Expenses were higher than in the prior year period by \$17,952, principally reflecting higher Benevolence expenses, increased heating costs and a full year payment of Insurance premiums (which were \$14,530, \$1,932 and \$950 higher, respectively)



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- General Offerings in the first seven months of the 2021-22 fiscal year varied substantially (i.e., from a low of \$11,959 in November to a high of \$35,939 in December)
- Monthly Ministry Expenses were less variable, ranging from \$17,927 to \$31,019 in the current fiscal year-to-date period
- The higher Ministry Expenses recorded in December, February and March reflected the strong support for, and timing of, Benevolence disbursements (e.g., Ukraine Relief)
- Offerings received for Ukraine Relief, which totaled \$7,738 in the months of February through April, were timely remitted to Lutheran World Relief (including \$1,990 in April)



Council Minutes



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Mission: St. Paul Lutheran Church is a welcoming family bringing Christ into people's lives by developing, nurturing and supporting disciples.

Council Members Present: Betty Eisenhauer, Karen Peterson, Greg Ehlke, Cathy Mestek, Peder Nelson, Jeff Kuchenbecker and Pastor Frank *(all attending remotely via Zoom given COVID-19 pandemic social distancing)*

Excused/Absent: Bob Kufrin

Others Attendees: None

Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Betty Eisenhauer at 6:30 P.M.

Devotions

Pastor Frank provided an opening devotion and prayer based on a reading from Acts.

Agenda Approval

The previously circulated agenda was reviewed and accepted.

Minutes

The previously circulated minutes from the March 16, 2022 meeting, following a motion made by Jeff Kuchenbecker and seconded by Peder Nelson, were approved.

Record of Electronic Business Approval

Betty reported that there were no actions approved by electronic means since the prior Council meeting on March 16th.

Pastor's Report and Global Benevolence Update

Pastor provided a report on various matters. These included:

- Pastor expressed his thanks for all of the worship and music leaders. He noted that many visitors attended services recently, especially on Easter Sunday.
- Many letters of thanks were recently received from organizations that have benefitted from our Offerings and Benevolence donations including Door of Life, Lakeshore Cap Inc., the Door County Community Foundation and Lutheran Disaster Response.
- Pastor plans to lead a new Bible Study beginning in May.
- Pastor stated that a committal will be held on May 21st for a member of the Honold family and that Jim and Pat Eggers will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary soon.
- Pastor requested that he be permitted to announce that a benefit for a member of our Administrative Assistant's family will be held at the Kress Center Library. Upon motion, made by Jeff and seconded by Karen, the Council approved Pastor's request.
- Pastor advised the Council he intends to take some vacation time beginning in May.

Financial Report

- The financial summary for March 2022, previously distributed by email for review and presented by Greg Ehlike, highlighted that Total Offerings for the month approximated \$16,900 and Ministry Expenses approximated \$31,000. Offerings in March were \$11,500 lower in than the comparable prior year month and approximately \$3,100 lower than budgeted. Ministry Expenses were approximately \$11,200 higher than in March 2021 and \$7,200 higher than budgeted.
- Offerings in March included \$5,200 received for Ukraine Relief, \$245 for Urgent Need and \$76 for Global Benevolences. The higher Ministry Expenses versus the prior month principally reflected \$5,700 remitted to Lutheran World Relief for Ukraine Relief donations received in late February and March, \$5,000 provided to benefit Local Benevolence organizations and \$700 of higher heating costs, partially offset by \$800 of higher Staff Ministry Expenses.
- Regular Offerings for the current six-month fiscal year-to-date period totaled \$125,300, or approximately \$3,500 lower than the prior year period, while Ministry Expenses totaled \$135,300 which were \$19,500 higher than the prior year period. It should be noted that Total Benevolence disbursements (which were made to benefit others locally and nationally) were \$15,625 higher than in the comparable prior year period and principally responsible for the higher year-over-year Ministry Expenses.
- The Ordinary Net Loss (excluding Dedicated Funds and Endowment-related activity) was approximately (\$9,600). The congregation's cash liquidity was sufficient to cover six months of Ministry Expenses as of March 31st.
- Greg then noted he planned to review current write-ups of Financial Processes that will be retained in the church's Records Retention Management system with the Church Council at this and future Council meetings. He then summarized his write-up on Insurance coverages that was previously distributed earlier this week by email to the Church Council. Greg also noted that he has handed off to the Church Office .pdf copies of Treasurer-related records generated since he assumed the Treasurer position in 4Q'18.
- The Financial report was approved by the Council pursuant to a motion made by Karen and seconded by Jeff.
- A copy of the March 2022 Financial Summary, along with the financial statements and schedules provided to the Council, was ordered to be filed with the records of the meeting.

Worship & Music "Music Technology Purchase" Update

Cathy Mestek and Jeff Kuchenbecker provided a report on Worship & Music matters, including a summary of a proposal to enhance the congregation's musical worship capabilities. The report included:

- Plans are underway to hold at least two outdoor worship services this summer.
- Jeff advised the Council that he had received, and that the Worship and Music Committee had reviewed, a proposal from Camera Corner Connecting Point ("CCCP") to purchase a standalone sound system to enable services to be held outdoors beginning this summer. The proposal, which included a portable Public Address

system with needed speakers and a mixer, totaled \$2,374.93. Jeff requested that the Council authorize up to \$3,500 to purchase this system from CCCP plus an appropriate keyboard to support outdoor worship services. After discussion, upon motion, made by Greg and seconded by Peder, the Council approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Church Council authorizes the purchase of a standalone sound system and supporting equipment from Camera Corner Connecting Point at a cost of approximately \$2,374.93 plus the separate purchase of an appropriate keyboard in a combined aggregate amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 (three thousand five hundred dollars) such purchases to be funded from the Memorial Account.

Property & Maintenance Security System Update

Peder reported on his recently completed review of physical security for St. Paul's buildings. He noted that:

- A review has determined that the installation of an electronic keypad for the main entry way doors is not feasible for use in combination with our emergency exit doors.
- Our property insurer, Church Mutual, has stressed that we should perform an annual inspection of our playground to ensure safety standards (e.g., mulch depth levels) are maintained.

Peder closed his report by indicating a quote for a survey of cemetery plots is being planned for.

GA Computer Co. Status Update

Betty Eisenhauer provided an update on efforts to clarify the ongoing computer support role provided by GA Computer Services. She noted that Bob Kufirin has provided a list of topics that should be included on the agenda of a planned meeting of this service provider with our Administrative Assistant and Financial Secretary. The topics, among others, included standardizing offsite backup for our various computers (i.e., Pastor Frank's and the Financial Secretary's laptops and the Administrative Assistant's desktop computer).

Old Business

Summary Activity Planning & Calendar

Betty led a discussion on establishing a calendar for various activities to 're-engage' members in the current fiscal year. The following updates were provided to better develop a calendar for such activities:

- Sailing and Picnic Event: Peder has secured a commitment for use of a fellow captain's 65 foot catamaran sailboat (which has a capacity of approximately 125 guests) plus his sailboat (which holds approximately 23 guests) for a Sunday afternoon sailing from the Sister Bay marina. Plans to permissibly hold a picnic by the Sister Bay Town Hall after the early afternoon sailing was also discussed. The Council agreed Sunday, June 26th would be the date set for this Fellowship event. Peder will need support from a working group to make this event a success.
- Golf Outing: Greg is forming a small group of members to plan for a golf outing. Given the date has now been established for the sailing and picnic event on June 26th, Greg will work toward a late July or early August date for the golf outing which will include a

spiritual component as part of the event. An update will be provided at the next Council meeting.

- Outdoor Worship Services: Jeff and Cathy are working out details planned Sunday outdoor worship this summer. The number of such services, and possible Fellowship aspects after such worship services, has yet to be determined.

New Business

Review and Action on Important Policies

Betty then stated that one aspect of the Records Retention Management updating effort will be to ensure all policies approved by the Council are documented in a uniform manner. She then asked the Council for their comments, if any, on the review of two previously established policies, namely, the policies on Post-Secondary School Scholarships and Alcoholic Beverage Use, which were distributed by email prior to this Council meeting for review. She noted these policies are now documented in a uniform manner and requested that the Council formally review, and if appropriate, re-approve these two policies at this time.

After discussion, the Council, upon motion made by Betty and seconded by Greg, approved the restatement of the policy on Post-Secondary School Scholarships.

The restated policy on restrictions of Alcoholic Beverage Use was tabled for review until the next meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M. with the praying of The Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 18 2022; 6:30 P.M. via Zoom. Cathy Mestek will provide the opening devotion.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Ehlke, Acting Secretary

Thank You to Our Helpers

To all the wonderful men and women who volunteered at St Paul Lutheran this past month, we thank you for your incredible help. The month of May was a time of many accidents and illnesses among our church community. We would like to extend our particular thanks to everyone who visited, wrote, and prayed for those in need of care. Your kind words and support keep our church community strong. Thank you, to all!

