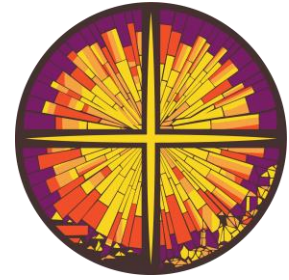


St. Paul Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 6:00 p.m.



Social Time - 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Devotions – Pastor Dale

Call to Order – 6:18 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Bruce Spangler, Pastor Dale Stiles, Pastor Carrie Stiles, Steve Greseth, Christina Fashner, Jamie Hyrkas, Chris Timmons. **Absent:** Kimberly Bahls, Thomas Stoyke, Andy Buccanero, Carole England

Consent Agenda – Christina made motion, Bruce seconded

Affirmations

- **Pastor Dale** for 30 years of service
- **VBS volunteers** and participating families!
- **Myron Carpenter** for power washing the amphitheater.
- **Martha's Servers** for another wonderful and hospitable funeral luncheon for Allan DeWolf.
- **Pastors Dale and Carrie** for continuing bible study throughout the summer

Treasurer's Report

- Our net revenue through June came in at \$13,626.72.
- Through 7/20 we've received \$134,102 in General Fund giving. That's 108 % of our expected giving through the 29th week of 2026 and \$15,253 over our GF giving through the same week in 2025.
- Year over Year total revenue is down \$47,610 due to the additional review received for the mortgage payoff campaign in 2025, but because of efforts in 2025 to pay off the mortgage our 2026 expenses are also down \$68,907.

Through 6/30/2026	ACTUAL
General Fund Offering	\$126,469
Total Revenue	\$159,113
Total Expenses	\$145,491
Net Revenue	\$13,627
Edward Jones Balance	\$67,100

Pastor's Reports

New Business

- **Treasurer Vacancy** – Andy B. has informed Pastor Dale that, due to increasing home and work commitments, he is no longer able to attend regular Council meetings or fulfill the responsibilities of Treasurer. He has now missed four consecutive regular Council meetings and has graciously offered to continue assisting the congregation in an advisory capacity whenever needed. When Andy agreed to

serve as Treasurer in January, he recognized that his work and family schedule might eventually make it difficult to continue in this role. As a result, this comes as no surprise, and we are grateful for his willingness to serve and fully support his decision.

In accordance with **C11.04 of the Congregation Constitution**, the Council may declare the office of Treasurer vacant when an officer has been absent from four successive regular Council meetings without cause or is otherwise unable to serve. As part of this transition, it would be appropriate to request a brief written letter of resignation from Andy for the congregation's records and to formally acknowledge and thank him for his faithful service.

Once the office has been declared vacant, the **Council will consider appointing current Council Secretary Chris T. to serve as Treasurer for the remainder of Andy's elected term.** Chris has already expressed his willingness to do so. If Chris is approved as Treasurer, the office of Secretary will then become vacant. Again, in accordance with C11.04, the Council will begin the process of identifying and electing a qualified voting member to complete the remainder of Chris's term as Secretary.

It was decided that this turnover in the Treasurer role is a good opportunity to enhance our financial controls and oversight.

- Chris will be removed from the signer list at First Resource Bank. As President and Vice-President, Christina and Carole will be added as signers and will take over the signing of checks. Still only one signature will be required. This will enhance our financial controls through separation of duties.
- Mellisa, our Office Manager, has agreed to take over the bookkeeping duties (still within her allotted hours), further enhancing our financial controls.
- Executive Committee will look into the audit process as there hasn't been an internal audit in some time. Our congregation's Constitution (C13.03.) requires an annual independent audit of the church's financial records and internal controls by at least three voting members who are not members of the Congregation Council.
- Steve Greseth agreed to take over the Secretary position until the end of 2026. Steve will decide prior to the end of 2026 if he will continue through the end of 2027 (end of the current term)
- At next month's meeting (August) Council will appoint and vote to approve a member to complete the remainder of Steve's Member-at-Large term (Jan. 2027)

Motion to approve Chris Timmons taking over Andy Buccanero's remaining term made by Christina and seconded by Bruce.

Motion to approve Steve Greseth taking over as Secretary until the end of 2026 made Christina and seconded by Jamie.

Motion to remove Chris Timmons from the signer list and add Christina and Carole made by Bruce and seconded by Jamie.

All motions were approved.

Action Items - Review the following three action items from our renewed Strategic Ministry and Mission Goals:

1. **Expanding Fellowship and Congregational Life:** Christina F. will initiate, publicize, and recruit participants for occasional **hobby and skill-sharing workshops** designed to strengthen relationships within the congregation.
2. **Hospitality and Congregational Care:** Christina F. will coordinate and promote the congregation's participation at the church booth during **Wyoming Stagecoach Days on September 19**. She will also extend an invitation to LADC to partner with the congregation in this community outreach opportunity.
3. **Stewardship and Long-Term Sustainability:** Carole E. will coordinate and encourage participation in a congregational **Time & Talent Fair following worship on September 20**, helping members discover and share their gifts in support of the church's ministries.

Ongoing Business

- **Line of Credit UPDATE.** Chris T. will provide an update on repayment. A meeting of the Executive Committee still needs to happen to develop a timetable for the full repayment of the LOC. Pr. Dale will try to get this scheduled in the next month.

Principal Paid	Interest Paid	Principal Remaining
\$ 3,680.77	\$ 930.27	\$ 26,319.23

- **Church Property Vision Team** – In April 2026, our potential partner has selected their new President who began officially on March 23. Pastor Dale recently reconnected with our potential partner regarding the potential development partnership previously discussed. They responded that they are currently bringing their new CEO up to speed on business development conversations, including our proposal, and indicated they hope to be in touch again soon. **At this time, our team continues to remain reconnected and in a waiting period** as they discern potential next steps under new leadership. We continue to hold this opportunity in prayer and wait for further communication.

Ministry Team Reports - The following individual reports will not be reviewed. Council members are encouraged to review the Pastor's reports and/or reach out to the respective liaisons for any questions or additional information regarding what's happening within them.

- **Creation Care Team** (Pr. Carrie)
- **Worship & Music** (Pr. Dale/Pr. Carrie)
- **Building & Grounds/Grounds & Grace** (Steve/Jamie)
- **West of 55 Senior Group** (Carole E.)
- **Safety Response Team** (Pr. Dale/Bruce)
- **Humble Bees** (Pr. Dale/Pr. Carrie)
- **Children, Youth, and Family** (Pr. Carrie/Christina F./Thomas S.)
- **Altar Guild** (Chris T.) Committee is looking for new members.
- **Congregational Care** (Kimberly)
- **Hospitality** (Christina)

Next Meeting

- **Tuesday, August 18**
- Devotions: Steve Greseth

Adjournment & Lord's Prayer

Pastor Dale's Report – Monthly Highlights, June/July 2026

Affirmations:

- **VBS volunteers** and participating families!
- **Martha's Servers** for another wonderful and hospitable funeral luncheon for Allan DeWolf.
- **Myron Carpenter** for power washing the amphitheater.

Recent Highlights:

- **Guest Band, Cornerstone, at Outdoor Worship** - June 21 (root beer floats)
- **Shared Ministry Meeting** with Pastor Dave and Sam Cole from Linwood Cov. Church - June 24
- **Vacation Bible School** - June 29 - July 2
- **Hosted the Bega Kwa Bega North Conference Gathering** - July 7
- **Bob Carlson Funeral**, Kozlak-Radulovich Blaine Chapel - July 10
- **Allan DeWolf Funeral** - July 11
- **Cola Mathison Funeral** - July 14
- **30th Ordination Anniversary Recognition, Outdoor Worship and Congregational Potluck** - July

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Looking Ahead

- **Eliza Garding baptism** - August 23
- **Last Outdoor Worship and Blessing of the Animals** - August 30
- **Rally Sunday and Family Fun 5K** - September 13
- **Steven Greseth baptism** - September 20
- **Nora Jo Stiles baptism** - September 27

Ongoing Ministry:

- **Weekly & Monthly Groups/Teams:**
 - *Monthly H.E.A.L. (Hope and Encouragement After Loss) Grief Group - five regular attendees*
 - *Vocal Choir (on hold for the summer)*
 - *Grounds & Grace Men's Group (on hold for the summer)*
 - *Church Safety Response Team (on hold for the summer)*

- **Church Maintenance** – Coordinating needed repairs and facility upkeep, especially related to LADC
- **LADC Chapel** - off for the summer
- **Social Media** - Regular updates and announcements
- **Worship Leadership** - Weekly worship planning and music coordination
- **Sermon Preparation** - weekly (when preaching) consideration of preaching texts, commentaries, and current events.
- **Pastoral Care** - Home, hospital, and crisis visits; counseling and support

Pastor Carrie's Monthly Report - July 21, 2026

Appreciation-

- All the VBS volunteers, both adults and youth, made such a memorable experience for the kids involved.
- For Lakes Area Discovery Preschool for the work together on a fun week of VBS!

Highlights

- VBS- all the ages and energy celebrating and playing together!
- Youth at camp- Meredith Ruaner and Alexis Fashner this week and Dominic Maeckelbergh in August.
- Outdoor worship services
- Congregational picnic and celebration of Pastor Dale's ordination anniversary
- Working with Sam Cole on call in pastoral ministry

Ongoing/Upcoming

- Preaching and Pastoral Care
- Spiritual Direction group meetings
- The Synod Prayer Team
- Cleaning organization
- Bishop Lull "Thank you Celebration" Sunday July 26
- Summer Stretch-youth service and fun on July 29 and 30
- Research and reimaging The Table and Faith formation for children and youth
- Leading Synod Women's Bible Study on September 19
- Baptisms of Steven Greseth and Nora Stiles in September
- Family, Fun and Faith 5K on Sunday, September 20
- Installation of Justin Grimm as St. Paul Area Synod on September 20