



Newsletter

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Director of Parish Music (DPM)

A lot of changes are happening at St. Paul this summer, and the one I am most excited about is the formation and calling of a Director of Parish Music. Peter Schimm (the son of our beloved Tom Schimm, who recently retired as our organist), has accepted the Spirit's call to undertake this important work.

I will let the official job description do most of the talking. Suffice to say on a personal level that, both of your pastors having a deep and life-long love of music, we are utterly thrilled to unleash a professional musician and director upon the worship life of the congregation.

Warm up your vocal chords; we are about to experience the beginning of a new and extraordinary musical life at St. Paul.

To quote an old adage: Bach gave us God's Word, Mozart gave us God's Laughter, Beethoven gave us God's Fire, God gave us Music that we might pray without words.

Here is the job description of the DPM; please pray for Peter and his family as they make the transition.

Job Description: **Director of Parish Music (DPM)**

Philosophy (from LCMS.org): Directors of Parish Music teach, foster, and edify the church's worship with their biblical and confessional musical leadership and direction. They support their pastors by assisting with worship planning, providing musical education, and directing choirs, ensembles and musicians for services in God's house.

Expectations: The DPM of St. Paul Lutheran Church & School is expected to be proficient in organ, as well as efficient in organizing, leading, inspiring, and teaching various groups of all ages. The DMP is expected to work with the pastoral staff in enriching the worship experience of St. Paul with musical excellence and devotional meaningfulness. Primary responsibilities include:

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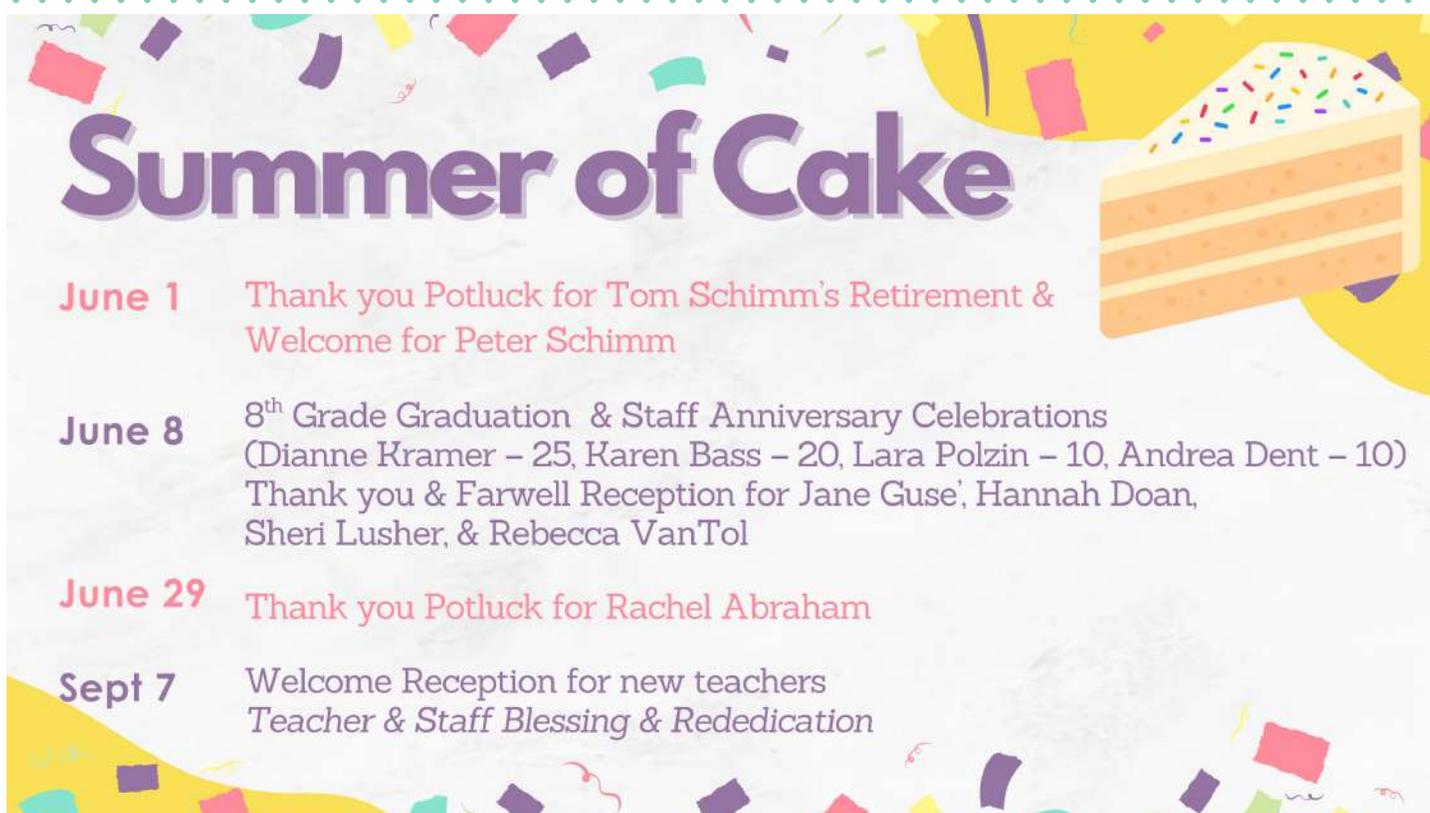
to serve.

Director of Parish Music (DPM)

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- Playing the organ at each worship service.
- Securing a substitute organist for any vacation time taken.
- Playing for funeral and wedding services, if available (at per diem rate).
- Cultivating and directing regular adult choir.
 - ◊ Incorporating the adult choir in worship services on a regular basis.
- Cultivating and directing regular bell choir.
 - ◊ Incorporating the bell choir in worship services on a regular basis.
- Educate students of St. Paul School in music fundamentals and performance arts.
 - ◊ This will be scheduled in cooperation with the school.
 - ◊ Any additional shared-time education the DPM wishes to do at other schools is accepted and encouraged.
- Enable younger musicians the opportunities to be incorporated into worship where appropriate.
- Maintain repairs, tuning, upgrades, etc. on church organ and other relevant instruments.
- Maintain and expand musical library of St. Paul according to available budget.

-Pastor Matyas



Summer of Cake

June 1 Thank you Potluck for Tom Schimm's Retirement & Welcome for Peter Schimm

June 8 8th Grade Graduation & Staff Anniversary Celebrations (Dianne Kramer – 25, Karen Bass – 20, Lara Polzin – 10, Andrea Dent – 10) Thank you & Farwell Reception for Jane Guse', Hannah Doan, Sheri Lusher, & Rebecca VanTol

June 29 Thank you Potluck for Rachel Abraham

Sept 7 Welcome Reception for new teachers
Teacher & Staff Blessing & Rededication

From the Principal's Office

It is a joy to be an Educator in May. The hard work is behind us, the anticipation of Summer Vacation is ahead. Unique events appear on the month's calendar such as Track and Field Day at Immanuel Frankentrost, Music Fest at Valley Lutheran High School, the Jr. Symphonic Band Spring Concert, various class Field Trips, Rocket Day, Run for Athletics, and Commitment Day. Something happened this month that was not necessarily scheduled for May, but I am so pleased and excited to share: the Ministry Center Loan is officially under the one million dollar mark.

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School is one entity. When one side of the road celebrates, both sides of the road get to celebrate. It is an incredibly unique experience being the Principal of St. Paul Lutheran School and being the wife of one of the two Pastors of the church. To say that our family is deeply invested in St. Paul is an understatement. We are all in, completely immersed, living in the parsonage, sharing the highest of highs and the lowest of lows with the good people of St. Paul.

To listen to the planning of the Ministry, see the plans, pray for the vote, watch the construction start, feel the china in my china cabinet rattle as the enormous equipment demolished the old church parking lot, and to see construction come to a halt following the governor's orders was not just as a bystander, I was living it. After construction resumed, the Matyas family prayed, watched, explored, peeked, and toured the skeleton of the Ministry Center as foundation, walls, and rafters began to take shape. In the summer and fall of 2020, we would frequently clean up the supper dishes and walk over the to the new build:

- "What room is this, Dad?"
- "Tell us again, where does this lead?"
- "Wow! This is huge!"
- "Look at this pipe."
- "Check out this ramp."
- "Are those going to be windows?"
- "Is this the door?"

We toured, we dreamed, we imagined, we laughed, we were giddy. Eventually the construction got to a point that we couldn't just wander over. So then, like a kid anticipating Christmas morning, we waited with the rest of the congregation for occupancy. In April 2021, a special dedication service took place. It was like welcoming a new family member into our life. A place, an extension of the church home, for new memories, new opportunities, new ministries, new conversations of life, Jesus, and fellowship.

The Ministry Center has been an incredible blessing to St. Paul, but it has been an extremely unique act of faith, obedience, reverence, and awe for the Matyas family. To know that the loan is now under a million is humbling. To be in fervent prayer that the debt gets knocked out in intentional, diligent, deliberate, yet eagerly and aggressively is the desire of my heart.

I know from my nose to my toes, that when the debt is paid off, God will use the momentum to look at the other side of road. I am excited to see what He does with increased enrollment, full classrooms, and gifted and talented staff whose hearts desire is to lead little ones to know and love Him who made us.

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From the Principal's Office

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I tell people all the time, "The Matyas Family is blessed to be a part of this chapter of St. Paul Frankenlust's history." St. Paul has been around for over 175 years. Today (May 19) is Pastor and my 18th wedding anniversary. I turn 40 on May 21. This summer will mark our 8th year here at St. Paul, and I am concluding my 3rd year as Principal. The numbers matter little to our Heavenly Father who is outside of time and created time. But to my human heart, that counts a lifetime in moments, milestones, and minutes, I am in awe of what He has done, what He is doing, and what only He knows will happen.

I would encourage you to help pay down and off the Ministry Center Loan. I would invite you into the journey of working together to achieve more than anyone of us could do individually. I am looking forward to celebrating the debt being gone, and then dreaming about what could be built. Join the Matyas Family and the dozens of St. Paul families/households who monthly contribute to the paying off of the Ministry Center. Leadership is currently estimating that it will be paid off in 5 years. What if our hearts burned within us to boldly move quicker?

In spring of 2023, our oldest daughter had the amazing opportunity to celebrate her Confirmation Party in the Ministry Center's Fellowship Hall. We had family and friends gathered in a place that did not exist two years prior. Might you have a child or grandchild that would benefit from a classroom space that has not yet been built? Do you think God has a future baby you have not yet met who could use a space not yet built? God can do immeasurably more than we could ever imagine. Those who have eyes to see it, take note. The Holy Spirit is moving in and around this place. I kneel in humility and awe. Join the journey that continues to move forward, the journey that is allowing more young people to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest Scripture.

Dear Heavenly Father,

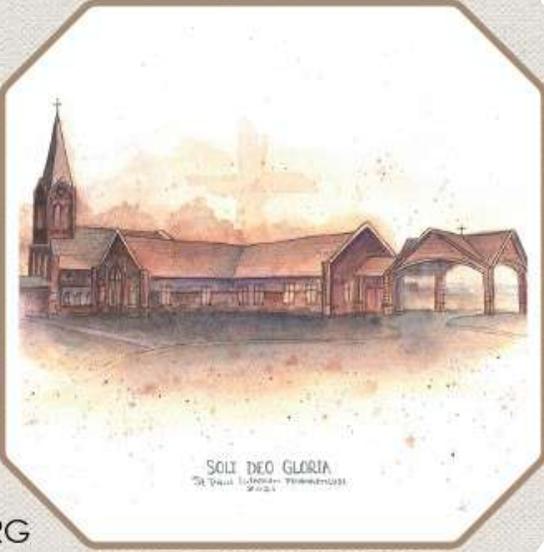
To you we give all honor and praise. Lord, thank you for all of the gifts you grant us. Our health, our relationships, our homes, our families, and our finances. Help us to be a good steward of all of these gifts. St. Paul is on a journey of paying off a loan. Continue to guide this journey. Open the hearts of your people. Give them courage, faith, and boldness. Bless their consideration and sacrifice. Enrich their lives and grant them transcendent peace. To you alone be all honor, glory, and praise.

Bless this petition in Jesus' Name,

Amen.

-Principal Mrs. Valerie Matyas

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New Member Class

"We Believe, Teach, and Confess"

Join us this summer on Sundays starting June 1 in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 - 10:15 for an extended Bible Study on the core tenets of our faith. This class will also function as our Adult Confirmation class for anyone wishing to join St. Paul. Childcare will be provided.



Welcome our Newest Member!



"We are looking forward to spending more time in the area and Jim being a member of St. Paul Church. Karen is Catholic and attends a local Catholic church. Having recently sold our Gaylord cottage, Jim transferred his membership from Trinity Lutheran, Gaylord. Jim was a member of St. Paul many years ago. We have five children (Karen 3, Jim 2) three of which live in this area. Karen's two sons live in Chicago & Maui. We recently celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. Karen is a nurse and retired upon the sale of her three uniform stores in the Tri City area. Jim is a retired CPA and was a partner with Yeo & Yeo in Saginaw. We live in Bay City and spend our winters in Florida. We look forward to making new friends & renewing old friendships at St. Paul."

Alaska Mission Trip

Dear St Paul Family,

In about 3 weeks we will be getting on a plane and heading to Anchorage, AK for year number 18 of ministry that we have had the honor and privilege of being a part of in Cooper Landing. One of our first years in Cooper Landing, there was a delightful 3 year old girl, whose name is Leihla, who had a contagious smile and joy about her that just lit up the room. She has attended VBS every year. When she turned 10, she became more of a helper than a participant. All the kids in the community knew her. She was key in making the youngest of kids feel safe and at "home" when they came to VBS. Leihla has been a huge blessing to us and her community in the role she had (most likely without her really even knowing she was doing that!) Leihla graduated from high school last year and is now attending college to be a nurse. What a joy and delight to see her grow up each year - not just grow up in body but more importantly in her spiritual life. She loves Jesus. She wants to serve her community and share that love with others. That is just one of the things that makes going to Cooper Landing each year worth it. We plant seeds. We water seeds. We love. We do what we can, and even through our brokenness God does that He does so wonderfully.

Thank you so much for being a part of this ministry with us.

If you would like to donate to this ministry, you may send your gift to Cooper Landing Lutheran Church c/o Marilyn Gravenhorst PO B0x 785 Cooper Landing, AK 99572. In the memo please mark for VBS.

Thank you for your hearts and your prayers!!

Schultz Family

THE PRAYERS OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILETH MUCH!

AND WE PRAY A PRAYER FOR ACCESS TO BIBLES.

Over the past 30+ years of writing these articles I've come across many prayers and requests from those subjected to various degrees of persecution. The singular request that tops the list is, "Please send us Bibles!" The next request is for prayers for those dear people now who need godly intervention. It is with those two requests in mind that we now pray for BIBLES.

"Dear heavenly Father,

Thank you that your word never fades away and always accomplishes your redemptive purpose.

We pray that in this generation, every Christian in a hostile area or restricted nation will have his or her own Bible.

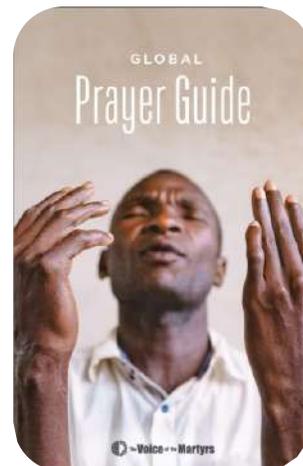
May our brothers and sisters who take risks to smuggle and distribute Bibles to remote villages remain fearless, trusting solely in you. As Bibles are distributed, we pray that roads will be open, bridges will be stable, weather will be favorable, vehicles will remain operational and those smuggling Bibles will remain undetected by all intent on stopping them. Direct each Bible into the hands of a receptive soul.

May God's Word bring transformation to each one who receives a copy.

In Jesus' name, Amen."

The above prayer request was taken in its entirety from the '2025 Global Prayer Guide' from The Voice of the Martyrs organization.

Please keep our fellow believers in prayer often and always remember to give a witness to our Christian faith because we are called, "Christian" for a reason. He who calls you to it will equip you for it.



Missionaries & Foreign Workers Supported by St. Paul

Matthew, Kali, Laurel, Eleanor, and Caroline Wood serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Medan, Indonesia.

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Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Puerto Rico.

June & July Newsletter:

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Acolyte and Reader Schedule for June 2025

Acolytes:	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Readers:	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Sun., June 1	Molly Haas	Max Finney		Scott Engelhardt	—
Sun., June 8	Hunter Duffey (8th Grade Graduation)	Emmiley Lusher		—	Jeremy Warren
Sun., June 15	David Dent	Wesley Marlette		—	—
Sun., June 22	Isaac Matyas	Elaina Covieo		Ben Helmreich	Howard McMullen
Sun., June 29	Ethan Matyas	Delano Bach		—	—

Altar Guild and Ushers in June 2025

Altar Guild:	8 a.m. Ushers: Group #3	10:30 a.m. Ushers: Group #6	Head Usher:
Joanne Behmlander	ART ZEILINGER 992-4602	BRIAN APPOLD 293-0195	Dale Jezowski 327-7613
Melissa Appold	Bob Schlicker	Scott Weiss	
Sally McMullen	Jason Schlicker	Jeffrey Olson	
	Peter Auernhammer	Eddie Switek	
	Dan Bebow	Mike Meyers	
	Sawyer Bebow		

Family Elder List

<u>Family Name:</u>	<u>Elder:</u>	<u>Family Name:</u>	<u>Elder:</u>
A - Ba	Abraham-Bass	Ki - L	King-Lutz
Bb - Bz	Bebow-Bush	M - O	MacLeod-Ott
Ca - E	Campbell-Engelhardt	P - Sb	Parker-Sawicki
F - G	Finney-Gurnee	Sc - T	Schaefer-Trogan
H-Kh	Helmreich-Kernstock	V - Z	VanCise-Zimmer
	Terry Burkard		DJ Bourdow
	Mike Appold		Scott Weiss
	Jeremy Begick		Jeremy Warren
	Ben Burnison		Howard McMullen
			Jerry Schlicker

Your elder should be able to answer any church related questions you may have, or they can find the person who can answer your question.

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Summer Office Hours

The office will be open in June & July every Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday from 8:00-3:00 p.m. If you need anything outside of the available hours, please email at office@stpaulbaycity.org.

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Newsletter articles for the next newsletter are due on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. You may submit articles to the email address below or drop them off in the office.
Website: www.stpaulbaycity.org
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**St. Paul Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes of April 10th, 2025
(Approved)**

Chairman Jason Schlicker called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Pastor Schultz led us in an opening prayer.

Council members in attendance include: Jason Schlicker, Weston Appold, Pastor Matyas, Pastor Schultz, Valerie Matyas, DJ Bourdow, Greg Behmlander, Judy Spielhaupter, Leeta Theiss, Lynn Hendrick and Sharon Schlicker.

Acknowledgement of Blessings - Katie Fehn has accepted to be a teacher at St. Paul and the Call Committee is moving forward with candidates to fill the Y5-K position. Thankful for Tom Schimm and his many years of service at St. Paul. Blessed with our Lenten services and the fellowship dinners each week.

Minutes - *A motion passed* approving the minutes from March 13th, 2025 council meeting.

Treasurer's Report - No report yet. The Board of Business Management is meeting next week. Andy Wiess is helping with the financials.

Committee Reports

Auditing Committee - No report

Gifts and Memorials - A request from the Board of Youth for \$500.00 for a shed, anchors and signs for collecting cans for continued youth fundraisers. *A motion passed* to approve this request.

Ballot/Voters Meeting May 18th - Weston Appold discussed the upcoming elections including board vacancies that will need to be filled. A notification will be put in the bulletin and on the digital display, informing of the upcoming elections and if anyone is willing to be on a board.

BOARD REPORTS

Board of Elders - Chairman DJ Bourdow reported the following:

1. Baptism: Owen Hayward
2. Thankful for Tom Schimm's many years of service, sharing his talents with our congregation.
3. Preparing for the Call process for a music director.
4. Continuing to pursue peaceful releases.

Board of Trustees - Chairman Greg Behmlander reported they are continuing to do repairs at church and school.

Board of Education - Chairman Judy Spielhaupter reported the following:

1. Katie Fehn accepted our contract to teach during the 2025-2026 school year. Aaron Keup declined our Call. As a result, a Call is being issued to Megan Gallagher.
2. As of April 3rd, 110 students have paid the enrollment fee.
3. Staff updates:
 - a. Gretchen Jurek - resigned as bookkeeper
 - b. Rachel Abraham - accepted a Call to Immanuel, Frankentrost
 - c. Jane Guse' - retired
 - d. Kelly Schimm - new bookkeeper effective 3/17/25
 - e. Katie Fehn - accepted contract for elementary teacher position
 - f. Jeannie Doyle - ended as janitor
 - g. Romanow Building Service - new janitorial service effective 4/21/25
4. A new Call Committee has been formed for the Y5/K position. They are requesting a special Voters meeting on April 27th regarding the Call. An email will be sent to the congregation notifying of this Voters meeting.
5. Upcoming events
 - a. Staff Appreciation Week is May 5th - May 8th

- b. 8th grade graduation/staff anniversaries will be on June 8th at the early service. A reception will be held between services.
- c. Rachel Abraham's farewell will be on June 29th.

Board of Business Management - Chairman Lynn Hendrick reported Kelly Schimm has started in the office. They met with the staff regarding the State of Michigan earned sick time requirement and updated the handbook. Romanow Building Service will be the janitorial service starting April 21st. A quote was obtained to clean the carpets in the church and Ministry Center for \$3,575, which they will discuss at their next meeting. They will be supporting upcoming needs for the teacher's Calls and contracts.

Board of Youth - Jason Schlicker reported the following on behalf of Chairman John Schlicker:

SNYG

- 1. The Lenten dinner was held on March 19th and raised approximately \$600.00. Thank you to Vicki Begick for leading the dinner and to everyone who participated.
- 2. The Easter breakfast will be on April 20th. Thank you to Allison List and Christy Swartz for organizing this event. Signup Geniuses have been created for food donations and volunteers.
- 3. The 2025 - 2026 parent orientation will be on May 4th. An announcement will be in the bulletin.

National Youth Gathering

- 1. The dates are 7/19/25 - 7/23/25.
- 2. The envelope drive fundraiser brought in over \$1,000 from many donations from generous people. May resume this fundraiser as the date draws nearer.
- 3. The greeting card fundraiser will be removed for Palm Sunday and Easter, but will resume after that.
- 4. The JW Marriott on Canal Street has been confirmed.
- 5. The flights are reserved departing 7/18/25 at 6:05 a.m. from Detroit and returning 7/24/25 at 11:50 a.m.

SNYG

- 1. More dedicated leaders are still needed. The Matyas and Cmeyla families volunteered to be a part of the "hosting" rotation.
- 2. A Gifts and Memorials request is submitted for the shed, anchors and signs.

Junior High

- 1. 11 students are interested in attending the gathering in Frankenmuth in August. Will be pursuing getting St. Paul registered so parents can sign up their kids individually.
- 2. A debit card has been set up for their account.

Sunday School

- 1. The Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 12th. Approximately 4,000 eggs have been filled. Praying for the blessing of good weather.

VBS

- 1. VBS is scheduled for 6/23/25 - 6/27/25.
- 2. The Lenten dinner raised approximately \$600

Confirmation

- 1. There are 8 confirmands and they will process into church on Palm Sunday, holding their banners. The Confirmation retreat will be April 27th - 29th.

Board of Discipleship - No report

Unfinished Business

- 1. Narthex space optimization - presently looking for a painter
- 2. Basement bathrooms have been nicely upgraded by Scott Martin.

New Business

- 1. Voters meeting agenda

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Matyas closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Schlicker, Secretary

Next Council Meeting - Thursday, May 15th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

**Voters Meeting Minutes
St. Paul Lutheran Church
January 12th, 2025
(Approved)**

Chairman Jason Schlicker called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. Pastor Matyas led us in an opening prayer.

Minutes - The minutes from the May 19th, 2024 Voters Meeting minutes were approved as written

Treasurer's Report - Lynn Hendrick reported the following: We had a 2024 actual YTD net loss of \$32,218. If our home revenues would have been the same as 2023, we would have had a balanced budget. We were over budget with school expenses to support the growth at school which required increased supplies, textbooks and staff. These expenses were fully covered by the increase of school tuition in 2024. Electronic giving has increased. We have strong cash and fund balances. Building funds and gifts and memorials are not included in the church home revenue. The Ministry Center balance as of 12/21/24 is \$1,045,880. Going forward, the 2025 budget proposal includes an 8% student tuition increase, 3% staff salary increase, additional 3rd or 4th grade teacher and a full time music director for church and school. *A motion passed* to adopt the 2025 budget.

Gifts and Memorials - Vice-Chairman Weston Appold reported the following:

1. 10 student desks - \$400.00
2. 10 student chairs - \$486.00 plus shipping costs of \$350
3. 1 lunch table for school - \$2,400.00

Nominating Committee - Vice-Chairman Weston Appold reminded the congregation there will be elections at the May Voters meeting. Keep in mind possible candidates for the positions that will need to be filled.

Narthex Space Optimization Committee - Pastor Matyas explained the narthex project which would include mailboxes, painting, removal of the pew and bulletin boards and the quilt to be moved to a new location (in the narthex). *A motion passed* for the narthex upgrade not to exceed \$8,000 from the building fund. The planning committee will be the execution team for this project. The bathroom downstairs will also be updated with new flooring and painting, funded by an anonymous donor.

Board of Elders - Chairman DJ Bourdow reported the following:

1. Membership changes
 - a. Transfer in - 7
 - b. Affirmation - 4
 - c. Transfer out - 9
 - d. Baptisms - 11
 - e. Deaths - 10
2. The Elders are studying the Augsburg Confession.
3. Had a great Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas season. Thankful for those who helped set-up and take down decorations.
4. They are cleaning up the membership roster.
5. Please reach out to an Elder if anything is needed. Current Elders include: DJ Bourdow, Ben Burnison, Howard McMullen, Mike Appold, Terry Burkhard, Scott Weiss, Jeremy Warren, Jerry Schlicker, Jeremy Begick and Brian Appold.
6. Thankful for our continued blessings at St. Paul Church and School.

Board of Trustees - David Dent reported the following on behalf of Chairman Greg Behmlander:

1. Completed Projects

- a. New siding and gutters at Pastor Matyas' house.
 - b. Asphalt and catch basin repair - thank you to Danny Bourdow, Billy Bourdow and Troy Duffey for donating labor and supplies for the catch basin.
 - c. Cut curb and replaced cement pads at the Ministry Center to make it handicap accessible
 - d. Installed lights for the church sign making it visible from both directions.
 - e. Set up the nativity scene with help from the Men's Club and the Youth Group. The trustees feel the original nativity scene is good and there is no need to replace.
 - f. The 5th/6th grade classroom received a new mini-split.
2. Future Projects
 - a. Fixing the humidity issue in the Ministry Center - 1st bid is \$12,000.
 - b. Streetlights by parsonage and cemetery will be replaced.
 - c. School parking lot guardrail and pothole repair.
 - d. The school office and principal's office will receive a new mini-split.
 4. As per the last Voters Meeting, 3 additional trustees were added.
 5. Request - We all need to do a better job cleaning and picking up the Ministry Center when using it. We have noticed food and various things on the floors numerous times when we come for meetings or when doing maintenance at church or the Ministry Center.

Board of Education - Chairman July Spielhaupter shared the following:

1. School Accreditation
 - a. The Michigan District has requested a Spring 2026 visit.
 - b. An orientation, led by a District representative, will take place on January 23rd, 2025.
 - c. Members of the staff and BOE will be involved in the process.
2. Enrollment
 - a. PreSchool - 23
 - b. Y5 to Grade 8 - 114
 - c. Total students - 137
 - d. Goals for 2025-2026 school year are to maintain and sustain enrollment (130-140 students) and to make sure we have adequate staff and space to service that amount of students.
3. New Positions
 - a. Part-time 1st Grade teacher
 - b. Part-time 4th Grade teacher (with one section of 6th Grade)
 - c. Part-time kitchen help
 - d. Part-time office help
4. Christmas Programs
 - a. PS/Y5/K held their program on Sunday, December 15th.
 - b. 1st - 8th grades held their program on Wednesday, December 18th at 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Board of Business Management - Chairman Lynn Hendrick reported that the budget has been their main focus. Also, reviewing assistance for VLHS students tuition of St. Paul members. There is one who will receive \$1,000 college assistance. They will be meeting with each staff member to discuss compensation and benefit packages. This year the St. Paul farmland is up for bidding.

Board of Youth and Children's Ministry - Chairman John Schlicker reported those serving on this board include Tiffany List, Shasta Duffey, Megan Kusterer, Vicki Begick, Jeremy Gehrman and John Schlicker.

1. SNYG
 - a. The youth received compliments on the Christmas Eve Vespers Service with approximately 70 people attending.
 - b. The Wild Game Dinner will be on 1/26/25. Requesting all donations to be in by 1/19/25 to give an opportunity to inventory. Almost \$4,000 has been received so far for the silent auction.

Planning to set-up on 1/20/25 and will finish on 1/25/25 if needed. Over 30 businesses have donated.

- c. A Lenten dinner fundraiser is scheduled for March.
 - d. The National Youth Gathering is 7/19/25 - 7/23/25. Christy Swartz has volunteered to be our primary adult leader with 10 kids and 4 chaperones attending. \$150 registration fees have been collected and the estimated cost per person is \$1,500. There will be meetings scheduled for the parents of the youth going on the trip in the next 2 months with subsequent meetings as the date approaches.
 - e. Still in need of additional SNYG leaders. Congregation provided meals are always appreciated. The sign-up board is outside the Youth Room.
2. Junior High
 - a. David and Andrea Dent started this group in the fall for grades 6-8. They continue to get strong attendance on Sunday mornings and also meet in the evening once a month.
 - b. Collecting fleece to make tie blankets for our shut-in members. Tentatively scheduled to make the blankets on 1/19/25.
 - c. The Junior High Youth Gathering is 8/5/25 - 8/7/25 in Frankenmuth. Will be getting cost estimates.
 3. Sunday School
 - a. Approximately 15 kids attend regularly.
 - b. The next event will be the Easter egg hunt.
 4. VBS
 - a. Looking for artificial Christmas trees for VBS, if any congregation members have any they would like to donate.
 - b. Will meet later this month to order supplies.

Board of Discipleship - Chairman Leeta Theiss reported they are sending out postcards to visitors that sign the friendship pads. They are using a database to eliminate duplicate mailings. Those serving on this board include Leeta Theiss, Margie Begick, Elaine Blondin and Virginia Hutter.

New Business

1. District Convention Nominations
 - a. Jeremy Warren (Lay Representative)
 - b. Rev. Dr. Dennis Matyas (Pastoral Representative)
 - c. *A motion passed* for Jeremy Warren to be our Lay Representative.
2. District Convention Representatives
 - a. Rev. David Jung (Circuit Visitor)
 - b. Rev. David Davis (District President)
 - c. Rev. Derek Riddle (Treasurer)
3. Concordia University Ann Arbor - Pastor Matyas gave an update

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment passed. Following a moment of silence for Ricky Schmidt, Sandra Gillespie, David Foster, Susan Leinberger, Floyd Appold, Marilyn Appold and Diane Rachwitz, Pastor Matyas led us in a closing prayer.

The meeting closed at 1:20 p.m.
57 members were in attendance

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Schlicker, Secretary

**Special Voters Meeting
Call for 3rd & 4th Grade Teachers
St. Paul Lutheran Church
March 16th, 2025
(Approved)**

Chairman Jason Schlicker called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Board of Education Chairman Judy Spielhaupter led us in an opening prayer.

Committee Process:

Judy Spielhaupter explained the call process. The Call Committee consisted of Valerie Matyas, Pastor Schultz, Justin Garcia, Natalie Michaels, Rachel Appold, Donna Ott, Kara Marner, Troy Duffey and Judy Spielhaupter. From the District, Valerie Matyas obtained names of potential candidates for the positions. The Call Committee reviewed the Commissioned Minister Information Forms and sent emails to 8 people, with 4 stating they were not interested and the 4 remaining did not respond. The job opening was listed in our bulletin and area church bulletins. One person responded and two additional people contacted the school directly. References were called and in person interviews were performed.

Introduction of Candidates:

1. Kara Marner presented Katie Fehn's summary.
2. Rachel Appold presented Megan Gallagher's summary.
3. Donna Ott presented Aaron Keup's summary.

A motion passed granting the Call Committee permission to extend a call or contract to the third candidate, in case the first two candidates declined. A recommendation on the candidates was given by the Call Committee. Questions were addressed.

A question was called and the motion on the floor was up for a vote to accept the Call Committee's recommendation of issuing a call to Aaron Keup and a contract to Katie Fehn with the understanding that if one of them declines, a call would be extended to Megan Gallagher. The vote will be by a show of hands. Pastor Matyas instructed the members to raise their right hand if in favor and then to raise their left hand if opposed. Motion was carried. *A motion passed* to make the vote unanimous.

Pastor Matyas led us in singing the Doxology. Pastor Schultz led us in a closing prayer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

79 members were in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Schlicker, Secretary

**Special Voters Meeting
Contract/Call Y5/K Teacher
and Director of Parish Music
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Sunday, April 27th, 2025
(Approved)**

Chairman Jason Schlicker called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Pastor Schultz led us in an opening prayer.

Y5/K Teacher

Andrea Dent explained the call process. The Call Committee consisted of Valerie Matyas, Pastor Schultz, Andrea Dent, Natalie Michaels, Judy Spielhaupter, Rachel Appold, Donna Ott, Kara Marner and Troy Duffey. The Call Committee reviewed the Commissioned Minister Information Forms and emails were sent to 8 people. Out of the 8 people, 6 were not interested and 2 did not respond. The job opening was listed in our bulletin and area church bulletins. Two candidates from other Lutheran schools expressed interest in the position, references were contacted and interviews were conducted.

Kara Marner summarized Hannah Lewicki, as was stated in the agenda packet. The recommendation from the Call Committee is to extend a contract to Hannah Lewicki for the Y5/K teacher position. The meeting was opened for discussion. Valerie Matyas and Pastor Schultz elaborated and questions were addressed. *A motion passed* to call the question and end discussion. *A motion passed* to extend a contract to Hannah Lewicki as the Y5/K teacher at St. Paul Lutheran School.

Director of Parish Music

Pastor Matyas explained the role of a Director of Parish Music and introduced Peter Schimm.

Pastor Matyas, Pastor Schultz and DJ Bourdow met with him for an interview and discussed great possibilities for the future at St. Paul. Tom Schimm is retiring and Gary Heckman will be our organist until June 1st. Pastor Eichinger also remarked on his positive interaction with Peter while at St. Johns, Amelith. Discussion took place and positive remarks were given. *A motion passed* to call Peter Schimm as the Director of Parish Music at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Pastor Matyas led us in singing the Doxology.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

67 members were in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Schlicker, Secretary

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School Calendar

June 2025

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