

# The Epistle

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ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## ST. PAUL'S STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

*May 18, 2019*

This year's fundraiser was a success and the weather cooperated. Since 2016, we've had to reschedule our annual event due to rain and even held it in the Parish Hall in 2018. This year's event was profitable and the best since 2015.

\$5,522.57 - Total Sales

(\$ 760.68) - Less Expenses

**\$4,761.89 - Net Proceeds**

Thank you to the planning committee and all those who worked so diligently behind the scenes in the weeks leading up to the event, to helping with set-up the night before, and throughout the day of the event.

Expenses were a record low for 2019. Thank you to all those who donated items for this event through monetary donations, baking scrumptious items for the bake table, purchasing items from the "strawberry tags" to using Thrivent Action Funds.

**Reserve the date: Strawberry Festival - Saturday, May 16, 2020**

I am blessed to have a caring and supportive church family who came together as a team in making this event a fun day for our community.

- Sheila Kahler

## Church Events

### July 1 - July 6

Carnival Week

### Tuesday, July 2

Congregational Life 7pm

### Sunday, July 7

Worship 9:30am

### Monday, July 8

Finance 7pm

### Tuesday, July 9

Mission Trip Returns 11am

Council 7pm

### Sunday, July 14

Worship 9:30am

VBS Meeting 10:45am

### Sunday, July 21

Worship 9:30am

### Monday, July 22

Worship & Arts 7pm

### Tuesday, July 23

Executive Council 7pm

### Sunday, July 28

Worship 9:30am

# Welcoming the New Vicar

June 16, 2019

We are excited to announce that with the recommendation of the Call Committee, The Council unanimously voted to enter into a contract for the Fall 2019 semester with seminarian Vicar Phillip Beck. Vicar Phil will begin his fall contract with St. Paul's on September 11<sup>th</sup> in the office, with his first sermon being delivered on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Vicar Phil will be working 25 hours a week. Included in that will be Sunday morning services, Council meetings, Worship and Arts meetings as well as calling on the sick or shut-ins. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Troy, Trisha or any member of Council.

Proverbs 3:5-6

*"Trust in the Lord  
with all your heart  
and lean not on  
your own  
understanding;  
In all your ways  
acknowledge Him  
and He will make  
your paths  
straight."*

**Breaking** **GOOD** **News**

**EXTRA! EXTRA!  
READ ALL ABOUT!!**

August 5th-9th from 6-8pm

Register **TODAY** online!

It's the VBS time and we need volunteers like you to help make this year's summer experience the best it can be for our community's children!

Please attend the July 14th planning meeting right after service in the Education Wing for more details about how you can help. And spread the word—VBS registration is available online through our website under the Children and Youth Ministry tab!

<http://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org/youth-ministry/>

## Where in Wyoming Are They?

The Mission Team, comprised of four youths: Joey Valcarcel, Delanie Burriss, Daniel Mildenstein, and Ryan Fulmer, and three adults: Russ Mildenstein, Jay & Belinda Burriss, left for their mission trip on Sunday, June 30th. They arrived at the Wind River Reservation Sunday evening and are preparing to serve along side 50 others from across the country this week. After they have completed their week of service, they will check out some of the glorious sights in Wyoming including Yellowstone National Park and the Teton Mountains. We look forward to hearing all about their trip upon their return, please hold them up in prayer as they travel, serve and sightsee!





# Church Council

*May 14, 2019*

Reviewing the Succession Plan when Pastor Schlak's time with St. Paul's ends June 30, 2019 (as Interim Pastor).

Executive Committee met with Pastor Ron (April 30th) and began the discussion about the succession plan and what that would entail; continue the discussion at the May Council meeting.

Initially, Pastor Ron was going to be with St. Paul's through end of January 2019; extended his time through end of June 2019. Being respectful of his time (upcoming planned vacation and being away for 4 Sundays during the summer) and extending his contract with us, it was best to make June 30th his end date.

- June 23rd - will be Pastor's Ron last sermon
- Need supply pastors for July/August - Cost Savings: Pay Supply Pastor Rate + mileage; no benefits
  - July 21 - Karen (ELCA Stewardship)
  - August - Tori Varcancel can do a sermon re: Mission Trip
  - If we hire a Vicar, ask him/her to be a supply pastor one Sunday
  - Having supply pastors during the summer provides that separation between the interim pastor and when a Vicar is hired.

Office Administrator - is a self-starter. Need to make sure we keep them supported during the succession planning process.

Note: There was a lot of information for council to process/discuss. How to disseminate this information to the congregation? It was decided to do a Q&A during the sermon time at May 19th worship service. Pastor Ron offered to train lay people to make communion calls with shut-ins before he leaves. He will make an announcement on Sunday for any interested folks wanting to do this ministry.

## For Pastoral Emergencies

For pastoral emergencies during the summer, please contact the office via phone or email. We will contact Vice Pastor Burt Lane, who is on call for follow up.

## Church Council Continued...

### **Congregational Life Ministry**

*(see report dated May 7, 2019)*

Outreach Project (Linda Yopp) - tabled to next council meeting.

### **Property**

*(verbal report)*

- Alley side of the church - the snow slate board screws are rusted out. Cost to fix the slate board is \$2,700 with PJ Roofing.

Funds to cover the Cost: Improvement Fund

- Motion by Mary Ann Ferguson to accept the \$2,700 proposal with PJ Roofing to fix the snow slate boards on the alley side of the church; seconded by Betsy Galliher.

### **Council approved.**

- Trees on Property - Looking for someone to cut down some trees for the wood
  - A tree is split at ground level on the side by the Fauble's.
  - Tree in the front of the church/parsonage - roots are going into the sewer
  - Pine Tree - near Parsonage driveway - ruining the garage's roof and paint on cars. There is a leaning tree by the parsonage garage.
  - Will need a waiver from insurance company for someone to remove trees if not done by a licensed tree removal company
  - Motion by Mary Ann Ferguson to permit Diane Fauble to find a company to remove trees for wood; need waiver with insurance company; seconded by Trish Varcancel.

### **Council Approved.**

# *So your Pastor is retiring...*

## What Comes Next?

The significant change for pastors, congregations and the synod, will correlate with the pastor's calling. In every situation there are special needs and opportunities to show love for one another, as well as prepare for a brighter future.

### Step 1

Pastor retires or resigns

### Step 2

Synod appoints an interim pastor for approval by council (Interim pastor is NOT available for call to that congregation)

### Step 3

Transition team is chosen for purpose of completing Ministry Site Profile

### Step 4

At completion of Ministry Site Profile a Call Committee is chosen by council

There are significant differences in the process of hiring an employee to a company and the calling of a pastor. The Call Process of a Pastor is a patient one that requires time, stringent research and prayer, as well as the cooperation of the pastoral candidate, the synod, and the congregation for the interdependent process to function.

### Step 5

Synod Pastor meets with Call Committee to give instructions

### Step 6

MSP is officially sent to Synod office for candidate search

### Step 7

Synod office forwards potential candidate information to Call Committee for review and interview

### Step 8

Potential Candidate is Seminarian Student with two semesters left—to be a contractual 'temp to perm' position (or 'rent to own')

In final reflections, the process is to guide you to the question and answer of the following quote, "In our deepest reflection and prayer, do we believe God is moving us to call this pastor to speak for Christ and serve Christ in our parish?" We must have faith that God's presence will aid in your discernment.

### Step 9

Call Committee interviews Seminarian (Vicar) and recommends to Council for contractual hire while Vicar finishes seminary

### Step 10

Council approves contract for Fall 2019 with re-negotiations to happen for Spring 2020 Semester

### Step 11

Spring 2020 Call Committee recommends to Council/Congregation for full call to be extended

### Step 12

Congregational meeting for vote to extend Call to Vicar

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Vacation Time

Heading out of town this summer however still wish to give your tithe to St. Paul's? Consider easy enrollment in our Electronic giving program through our new and improved website:

[www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org/give](http://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org/give)

## Summer at the Food Bank

Means fewer donations are received, and our shelves can get bare. Hunger doesn't take a summer vacation, and neither do our clients. Donate a food item for every day you are on vacation (or every day you wish you were on vacation).

Items most in need are cereal, macaroni and cheese, and Hamburger Helper. Other needs are peanut butter, canned fruit, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned peas, and baked beans.

If you have a garden, please remember the Food Bank. Our clients love fresh garden fruit and vegetables throughout the summer. Garden produce can be dropped off at the Food Bank Mondays, 6:30 – 7:30 or Thursdays, 1:00 – 3:00, lower level of Walkersville Town Hall. Food Bank Email: [gvfb21w@gmail.com](mailto:gvfb21w@gmail.com)

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Walkersville, hosts its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual

## German Dinner

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019, 3:00–7:00 pm

at the Walkersville Vol. Fire Co., 79 West Frederick St., Walkersville, MD

### "ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET"

Adults \$18

Children (ages 5-12) \$6

Under 5 Free

Carry-out available— \$1.00 extra

Pre-purchase tickets online via our website

## LIVE German Music! | Bake Sale | Arts & Crafts

### AUTHENTIC GERMAN CUISINE:

•Sauerbraten

•Spaetzle

•Bratwurst

•Bauernwurst

•Weisswurst

•Sauerkraut

•Cucumber Salad

•Red Cabbage

•Stringbean Salad

**Dessert:** Bundt and assorted cakes

Coffee and Iced Tea included;

Oktoberfest beer and wine available for purchase.

For more information, call Russ & Amy Mildenstein | Home (301) 845-2037 Cell (301) 646-3304

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

Shareholders Luncheon

12pm

## Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

Worship & Picnic in the Park

9:30am

