

THE FORWARD

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
NEWARK, OHIO JULY 16, 2019



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SOUTHERN OHIO SYNOD ASSEMBLY JUNE 7-8, 2019 WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY – SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

VOTING I. Re-election of Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt - 288 legal votes were cast: 26 people received one vote each, 4 people received two votes each, one person received four votes, Bishop Dillahunt received 252 votes. **II.** Other elections – Synod Council members, Discipline Committee, Consultation Committee **III.** Approval of Finance Committee Report – As of May 1, our congregational support is approximately 9% below what we projected to receive in the 2019-2020 Mission & Ministry Plan. **IV.** Approval of Mission and Ministry Plan (Budget) for 2020-2021 **A.** Balanced budget **B.** Includes 2 ½ % raise for synod staff **C.** Compensation package for deacons (Word and Service Rostered Ministers) is equal to that for ordained pastors. As of Saturday morning, there were 331 voting delegates present, compared to 217 voting members present at last year's assembly.

THRIVE! CAPITAL CAMPAIGN Five campaign goals: 1) Equipping Lay Leaders 2) Raising Up Leaders for Smaller Congregations 3) Strengthening Rostered Ministers (includes helping to eliminate debt from seminary) 4) Launching New Congregations and Reaching New People 5) Enhancing Worship Practice.

WORKSHOPS - Of the six workshops offered on Saturday, we chose to attend a workshop about immigration and the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service in aiding immigrants. The speaker was himself an immigrant from Nigeria who has lived in the United States for 30 years. The statistics were very eye-opening.

INTERESTING THINGS WE LEARNED ALONG THE WAY Mission Support is the new name for what we used to call Benevolence, money sent to the synod by congregations. It is the synod's largest source of income. 40% of what they receive goes to the ELCA. Southern Ohio Synod owns rental property, a building in downtown Columbus which is actually vacant right now. They are looking for a new tenant.

Submitted by John and Katherine Jordan June 11, 2019

Financial Reports

Received 06/09/2019:	Year to Date	Attendance
Current \$ 4,918.00	\$ 98,401.07	Sat. 4 p.m. 22
Benevolence <u>389.00</u>	<u>2,946.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>71</u>
Total \$5,307.00	\$ 101,347.07	S.S. <u>11</u> Total 93

Received 06/16/2019:	Year to Date	Attendance
Current 2,108.00	\$ 100,509.07	Sat. 4 p.m. 16
Benevolence <u>151.00</u>	<u>3,097.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>53</u>
Total \$2,259.00	\$103,606.07	S.S. <u> </u> Total 69

Received 06/23/2019:	Year to Date	Attendance
Current 1,925.00	\$ 102,434.07	Sat. 4 p.m. 18
Benevolence <u>36.00</u>	<u>3,133.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>45</u>
Total \$2,443.00	\$105,567.07	S.S. <u> </u> Total 63

Received 06/30/2019:	Year to Date	Attendance
Current 5,158.00	107,592.07	Sat. 4 p.m. 17
Benevolence <u>16.00</u>	<u>3,149.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>52</u>
Total \$5,174.00	\$110,741.07	S.S. <u> 7 </u> Total 69

THANK YOU Thrivent members for directing your Thrivent Choice dollars to St. Paul's!

Total Income for Operations as of June 30, 2019	\$115,440.11
Total Operating Expenses as of June 30, 2019	<u>- 88,905.89</u>
<u>Balance</u>	\$ 26,534.22

PRAYERS Our prayers are requested for the following people: *Mike Daly, Marty Altmaier, Terri Beamer, Ruth White, Paul Baker, Mike Contoin, Ginny Baker, Stan Mozer, Bob Foster, Betsy Williams, Steve Sukara, Joe Kascandi, Jeff Kinser.*



Those with Long-Term Prayer Concerns: *Terrie Baker, Dawn Campbell, Fred Citrone, Ernest & Wanda Cooperider, Rose Godenschwager, Wilma Keller, Betty & Cliff Neighbarger, Terry Nelson, Frances Slebodnik, Gretchen Treneff, Margaret Marx, Alice Smith.*

If you need an address for anyone or wish to add someone to the list, please call the office

Notes to the Church and Congregation:

A QUICK VISIT FROM SOME OLD FRIENDS – A delegation from Mecklenburg will be passing through our area on August 18th, just long enough to share in worship and a potluck before heading on to Michigan. WELCA will be providing shredded chicken sandwiches, and you are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. The potluck will be right after the service.

SHUT-INS – If you are in need of pastoral care, or would like communion brought to your home, please contact the office and leave a message with Jodie between the hours of 10 and 2. Thanks!

ST. PAUL'S 2019 BIBLESCHOOL/DAY CAMP The program will be July 29 – August 2, 2019 from 9-4. We will have space available for 30 campers ages K – 6th grade. Please call Jodie in the church office to sign up to attend this fun-filled, exciting activity. Look for a registration form inside the bulletin. **If you can host one of our day camp helpers, please contact Mandy John or Sheila Carpenter ASAP.**

THE BISHOP IS COMING!!! Reverend Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt will visit our congregation **on August 25, 2019**. Rev. Dillahunt is our ELCA Bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod. Please mark your calendar. There will be a reception following the service and we sure could use some cookies! Let Jodie know if you can bring a couple dozen!

A CHANGE IN THE JANITORIAL SERVICE Amber Armstrong resigned her position and Shawn Cummings from New Jan II will be our new janitor. He will be cleaning 15 hours/week on Mondays and Fridays.

SEPTOBERFEST IS IN THE WORKS!!! So mark your calendars for September 28 for our annual party. The church service will begin at 4 p.m., dinner will be served from 5-7 p.m. and the Biergarten will be open from 5 - 10 p.m. We are looking for vendors for the Markplatz, so if your group has an idea for a booth, contact Denise Crews.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS Save the date September 8, 2019 for God's Work Our Hands. This is a special day when the ELCA joins together in providing service to their local community. If you have ideas of how St. Paul's can serve our community, please share them with any member of the church council.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY LAMP CANDLES
Flowers and candles are available for the remainder of July and August.

THE WHEN'S AND THE WHERE'S

- **ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB** meets the third Monday evening of each month at 7 p.m.
- **MATTHEW'S KITCHEN** continues to meet the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Danford Hall.
- **GAME NIGHT – July 19th** 7p.m. in Weisgerber Lounge. Bring your favorite board or card games or play someone else's favorite. Bring along a snack to share.
- **YOUTH NEWS** The August breakfast will be Sunday August 11th after the service. Come hungry!
- **FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP** Will be heading to Buckeye Lake on **August 21st**. We will be taking a paddle boat ride. For further details, call Jean Hovland at 740-366-5058 or Connie Baker at 740-334-8961.

Council 6/25/19 UNEDITED AND UNAPPROVED MINUTES for June 2019!

Council Minutes June 24 2019

Attendance: Greta Blegvad, Alice Beamer, Denise Crews, Anne Daly, Mark Finck, Mandy John, Al Miller, Jim Rengert, Kerrill Foster Absences: Jean Hovland, Matt Hummel, Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, Joe McDaniel, Betsy Williams

Call to Order: 7:02pm

Devotion: Devotional thoughts on Luke 1:57-67

Congregational Concerns: No congregation members present

Review and Approval of June 3rd Minutes: Reviewed and Approved

Committee Reports: Motion to accept committee reports, Jim. Seconded, Al. Motion Passed

Congregational Care: On June 7th, Gail Grangaard and Debbie Anctil visited Lois Lovelady, Gretchen Treneff, Fred Citrone, Dick Wagenhein, Alice Smith; a phone visit with Betty Neighbarger. June 11th, flowers were given to Jackie Casto and a sympathy card was sent to Wanda Cooperider in the loss of her brother Robert VanDyke

Education: No Report Evangelism: No Report Four Church Farms: Met at 6pm on June 18th. Next meeting will be July 16th 2019 **Old Business:** The septic tank was emptied by Hanes Co.-\$350.00. Matt Clark and his son are going to start mowing on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Clyde Cox was asked to keep track of fuel bill for mowing the field and turn them in for reimbursements

New Business: Pastor Bill Rauch has to file paperwork on the Statement of continued existence of the Corporation for the State of Ohio and change the statutory agent from Kerrill Foster to Bill Rauch. Voted and passed. It was decided in the future to go with Jack's Septic Tank Business as they are more reasonable. Bill Anderson will use Spectrum to take care of the weed problem on the next mowing day. One of the weedwackers needs fixed and Dan is going to check the blades on the John Deere and change oil if needed. There was discussion about removal of the old freezer as it keeps tripping the circuit breaker. It was brought up again to ask Pau Hanson and the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Glenford if they still wanted to join the Four Church Farm **Mutual Ministry: No Report Property: No Report Rental Property:** Did not meet, but old business to be discussed; 349 Hudson residents need to clean up the front porch. 2 properties haven't paid their June rent, one will be paying June and July on 6/25, and the other will be paying the remaining May balance and June rent plus a late fee. A work day is proposed but they would like some volunteers for that. **Technology/Website: No**

Report WELCA: May rethink the Pies for Pops day and place something in the back of the church to be picked up after the service due to number of helpers for the event. But it is still up for discussion. Somewhere around the end of July, the box will appear for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. **Worship:** Met on June 9th 2019. For summer worship services; change to setting 9, communion will be at the rail unless Pastor finds it easier to do stations when she returns, Kerrill requests old standard hymns for Saturday service and Matt will send them this week, Kathy Jordan is coordinating summer music. Discussion of the bishop's visit will be taken up next month

Kathy will probably direct the choir for a couple weeks, but is planning to have them sing for the Bishop's visit Due to low numbers in the children's choir, other options may need considerations. This will be discussed next month For the Listening Post Report; Council

agreed that Worship Committee is best suited to address worship issues in the report and the committee was asked to review it, Denise will put together a survey on traditions for review. It will be passed out at the July congregational meeting

Youth Ministry: Youth will be making breakfast on July 14th to coincide with the Congregational meeting. Cookies might be made for the Saturday July 13th meeting

Treasurers Report: Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Denise. Seconded, Alice. Motion Passed

Pastor's Report: No Report.

*Pastor Buke will be unavailable a week earlier than planned (the last week in July), and there is no one to do the Saturday services. Matt VanWinkle has said that if Pastor Betsy is not back by August, he could start back up again. Other options are being looked into for supply pastors. Discussion on personnel issues.

Old Business Church Handbook Greta has finished updating the Church handbook and a copy will be placed on the table in the hallway for people to look over. Mecklenburg 2020-Meeting June 2nd 2019

A group of 10 are confirmed for the trip and 5 more are considering. The age range is 35-60. More details to come. God's Work our Hands September 8, 2019 No work projects have been suggested at this time

LOMO July 28th-Aug. 2nd, 2019 Sheila Carpenter/ Amanda John are site coordinators Housing is still needed for the camp leaders and an advertising poster should be put in front of the church to fill the remaining spots Bishop Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt will visit St. Paul's Lutheran Church Aug. 25th, 2019

More details to come next month

New Business Kathy Jordan will lead a committee for the Music Director Position The committee met Wednesday June 19th, 2019. They revised the contract for the position slightly and brought the thought to council about raising the salary for the position to be more competitive. It was discussed that salary could be adjusted based on experience. A motion to post the job salary at \$7,500 and negotiable based on experience up to \$8,500 was made by Alice. Seconded by Anne. Motion Passed.

7 members from Mecklenburg will be at St. Paul's Saturday Aug. 17th-Sunday Aug. 18th Pastor Martin Waak and a group of officials and pastors will be re-visiting St. Paul's on August 17th and 18th and want to have a discussion on church membership with the congregation. Housing is needed for 3 people from the group. They would be arriving the 17th in the afternoon and it was proposed to have a potluck on Sunday the 18th with the congregation and invite other Lutheran churches to join in the discussion. Notes from Kathy and John Jordan from the Southern Ohio Synod assembly
A copy of the report will be posted on the bulletin board for anyone interested

Roundtable: It was decided to let our current cleaning woman go due to lingering issues and find an alternative. Kerrill will look into multiple cleaning services and come back with options

Closing Prayer

Listening Post Corner

Thanks again for all that participated in the Congregational Meeting. We are continuing to work through the Listening Post report with your help.

Council has updated the church handbook. You will find it in the red notebook in the lobby. You will note that this is an interim update with a number of items identified that require new policies. So it is a work in progress.

One of the reasons we could not completely update the handbook is the fact that our constitution is out of date. The ELCA is voting on an update to the 2016 model constitution this summer and we will need to update our document to comply. This gives us the opportunity to deal with governance issues identified in the Listening Post report. If you are interested in helping to draft the new constitution, contact the office. The goal is to have a new constitution ready for the December or January congregational meeting. Look for updates in this spot.

I don't have a quick question for this month. Instead we are going with a survey. We have lots of traditions here at St. Paul's. And traditions are part of what defines us as a congregation and ties us together across generations. They make us unique. We have been blessed by have had a history of pastors for a long period of time. The outcome is that it is difficult to separate traditions that have come from the pastor and traditions that are part of the fabric of our congregation. Hence we don't know what to hold on to and what to give up. The Listening Post report recommended that we inventory our traditions and decide which are essential, which we can let go and if there are new traditions to add. So we are asking you. The enclosed survey was presented at the Congregational Meeting. If you missed it, now is your chance to weigh in. Look over our list and rate each one on its importance. If we have missed something, please add it. Surveys can be dropped off in the box at worship or sent to the office. **The deadline is August 4, 2019.** After we tally the results, the Worship Committee will evaluate changes to services as we plan through the year. Remember only the Ten Commandments are set in stone!

Congregation Traditions Survey-Due Back by August 4, 2019

Traditions are important. They help to identify ourselves as St Paul's. They also help to pass practices and history from generation to generation. When you have a minister for a long period it becomes difficult to separate traditions that are important to the pastor and traditions that are important to the congregation.

The Listening Post report identified three areas related to traditions and practices at St. Paul's. The report recommended that we identify traditions and practices that should be carried across pastorates and generations. At the same time the report recommended that we identify traditions that we can let go and new traditions that we should add.

Listed below are a list of traditions, old and new, that we practiced in the past and present and maybe the future. Remember some of these are proposed future traditions based on the Listening Post comments.

For each tradition rate it from

0-3 0-I don't think this is important and we can stop

1-It is not something I appreciate but others do,

2-This is important to the congregation

3-I look forward to this and would miss it

Advent

____ Lighting the Advent Wreath ____ Travelling Holy Family ____ Community Dinner

____ Children's Pageant ____ Healing Service ____ Put Chrismons Tree up for Advent

Christmas ____ Chrismons ____ Poinsettias at Altar ____ Celebrating the Naming of Jesus

Epiphany ____ Blessing of the House ____ Moving Wise Men

Baptism of our Lord ____ Godparents Day

Transfiguration ____ Farewell to Alleluia ____ Burning of Palms ____ Pancake Breakfast

Lent ____ Midweek Service ____ Soup Supper ____ Small Group Book Study

Holy Week ____ Palm Procession ____ Blessing of Palms ____ Washing of Feet

____ Tre Ora Service ____ Procession of Cross ____ Stations of the Cross

____ Tenebrae Service ____ Lighting candles at Cross

Easter and Easter Season _____ Easter Vigil _____ Easter Lilies/Mums at Altar

_____ Singing Resurrected Light _____ Raised Bread for communion

Sundays after Pentecost _____ Communion at Rail _____ Communion from Stations

_____ National Day _____ Blessing of Backpacks _____ Rally Day _____ Grandparents Day

_____ Mecklenburg Sunday _____ Singing A Mighty Fortress for Reformation

_____ Candlelighting for All Saints Day _____ Cloud of Saints Photos for All Saints

_____ Veteran's Day

Other _____ Using a Sending Hymn for Festivals _____ Using a Sending Hymn for all services

_____ Baking Bread for First Communion _____ Using the Nicene Creed for Festivals

One suggestion from a congregation member was to move Advent to November (eliminating Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and Christ the King) and celebrating Christmas all the month of December.

_____ Yes, We need a longer Advent and Christmas celebration

_____ No, The November events are important and Advent belongs in December or I don't want to rush Christmas

_____ I don't have an opinion either way

Here is your chance to make suggestions about old and possible new traditions you would like to add to the church. (Feel free to add a sheet of paper)

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Mark Your Calendars

August will be bringing us a slew of visitors. On August 17 we will be housecleaning the church in preparation. Bring your buckets and meet at the church at 1 pm.

On August 18 a group of representatives from Mecklenburg will be visiting. We will be having a potluck lunch and exchanging ideas on outreach and growing our congregations. This is a great lead in to addressing the Listening Post section on identifying our mission and role in the community. Please bring a dish to share and your own plates and silverware so we can spend our time in discussion not dishes.

On August 25, Bishop Dillahunty will be visiting at the 9:30 am Sunday service. Come and hear the news of the synod. There will be a reception afterwards.

Ocktoberfest is in the works. So mark your calendars for September 28 for our annual party. Church service will begin at 4 pm, Dinner from 5-7 pm and the Biergarten from 5-10 pm. We are looking for vendors for the Markplatz, so if your group has an idea for a booth, contact Denise Crews.

Preliminary Vacation Bible School

Registration Form K-6th Grade July 29-

Aug 2, 9-4

VBS!

Child's Name _____

Grade _____ Age _____

Allergies _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Phone/cellphone _____

WELCA NEWS - School Kits for Lutheran World Relief - The summer is rushing by and we will soon be seeing sales on school supplies. This is the best time to pick up donations for the LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KIT PROJECT. The children and WELCA hope to prepare at least 50 kits and would greatly appreciate your contributions of the following items for each bag: 4 – 70 sheet notebooks, 1 ruler (which includes metric measure), 1 pencil sharpener, 1 pair blunt safety scissors, 5 unsharpened pencils, 5 blue or black ball point pens, 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons, and 1- 2 1/2 in. eraser. The bags are to contain exactly these items. A box placed in the entry area of the education building to receive your donations will have an updated list of what is still needed. Thank You!

Ruth Circle's next meeting is August 14th, 9:30 a.m., at Florence Knerr's.

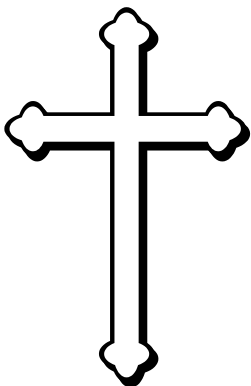


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**SUNDAY
SCHEDULE**
Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m.
Sunday School for all
ages 11:00 a.m.



**SATURDAY
WORSHIP**
4 p.m. year-round

*"The Mission of St. Paul's
Evangelical Lutheran
Church is to **SHARE**, at all
times and with all people,
the Good News of **GOD'S**
GRACE, through
CHRIST JESUS."*