

## St. Paul UCC Council Meeting

**June 14th, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Roland Dicke with council members including Myra Hanenkratt, Tom Brandewie, Amy Opperman, Tracy Oldiges, Lynda Ranly, John Mohrman, Lindsey Quellhorst, Kirk Dicke, Eli Schmitmeyer, Bryan Trego, and Barb Holdren.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary's Report was reviewed and approved by Lynda Ranly and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Myra Hanenkratt, minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report as of May was reviewed with a motion to accept by Lindsey Quellhorst and Lynda Ranly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Team Reports

**Discipleship:** Still looking for someone or a group to head up the Community Meals

**Worship:** No Report

**Finance:** Met in May and got things figured out

**Stewardship:** All planned

**Deacon's Report:** No Report

**Elder's Report:** No Report

**Trustees Report:** Sprayed weeds around the Church

### Staff Reports

**Maintenance Report:** Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks. Made and put on cardboard backs for some blessing pantry shelving. Turned off the gas to the kitchen range so that it could cool down for oven cleaning. Some of the range top pilots would not burn properly when I tried to light them. Cleaned pilots lights, lit and readjusted them. The frame of an access hole for above the ceiling in the east hall of the educational building was coming down. The metal-jacketed wiring added for the sanctuary AC was pushing it down. I pushed the cable up so that it was resting on a two by four and fastened it in place. Fastened frame back up where it belongs. Other small things taken care of as needed.

**Abby's Report:** June was a very busy month of planning youth activities around St. Paul Church and within our wider community as well as our Art Camp Street Festival. Our youth have enjoyed days at the library, splash pad, parks, movement with Jenn Snider and Fishing at the Knost residence too. Pastor Becky has left for surgery on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> and she will return on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, I continue to assist Barb with Pastoral duties inside and outside of the church. I have enjoyed watching our St. Paul Youth play in the Cardinal Recreational Club league along with visiting many others from our congregation at the youth events that were in June. Remember to mark your calendars for our July Youth events. In everything give thanks!

**SALT Report:** Elyssa and I have been assisting Barb and Rev. Becky with office jobs around the church. We continue to plan summer events such as Family Fun Night, Parent Date Night, Retiree Luncheon and more! We have visited people in the community and done Home Communion with Rev. Becky and plan to visit folks while she is out for surgery. We are getting ready to update the church website, assist Julia with volleyball games, and other tasks involving the community. Elyssa and I have also assisted with reading in church, cleaning the educational building, delivering Communion packets to homebound folks, and writing bulletins. We have many fun events planned this summer and can't wait!! Eli & Elyssa

Pastor Becky's Report:

Worship

June 19. The Rev. Dan Busch, Preaching (Becky recuperating from surgery)

June 26. Bryan Trego, Preaching (Becky recuperating from surgery)

July 3. The Rev. Jeanette Tangeman, Preaching (Becky recuperating from surgery)

July 10. Elyssa Mullins and Eli Schmitmeyer, Preaching. (Becky recuperating from surgery)

July 17. Becky's scheduled return to the pulpit

August 7. Rowan Sharp Private Baptism. Easton Langenkamp Private Baptism

August 21. Sam Simon, Preaching

September 11. Kick-Off Sunday. Bible Presentations. Commissioning of SS teachers and youth leaders. Beth Bretz to give a Blessing Pantry update

**\*Worship Team decided to offer Saturday worship services on Communion weekends only, beginning September 3.**

I am visiting homes most Thursday afternoons to bring home communion. Anyone who would like to accompany me needs to let me know.

I have written 20 weeks' worth of character-based curriculum for all ages. We will begin using this with youth groups in the fall.

Lay Minister of Visitation/Parish Nurse Staffing: Information will go to the congregation in July when I return from medical leave

Letters will be sent to confirmation families in late June/early July.

We have two SALT Interns for Summer 2022: Elyssa Mullins and Eli Schmitmeyer. They are knocking SALT out of the park!

Bryan Trego is filling part time in during my absence. Thank you, Bryan!!!

Discipleship Team Reboot: We currently have lots of "Champions" of ministries of St. Paul. The one large missing piece is Open Table Community Meals.

Art Camp Festival last week was a resounding success—despite the rain. I imagine we fed 350+ people. A great time was had by all.

Stewardship 2022

Planting Seeds: October 16

Taking Root: October 23

Rain Come Down: October 30 (This is also All Saints' Sunday)

Thriving: November 6

Harvest: November 13 (and Stewardship Sunday)

\*These five above themes will be lifted up during worship throughout the year as we give reports on the many missions/ministries of St. Paul Church.

Vacation 2022 (6 weeks' vacation; 6 weekends per year)

Jan 27-February 1. Six days; one Sunday

April 20-25. 6 days; one Sunday

October 14-October 22. 8 days; one Sunday

December 27-January 3 (8 days; one Sunday)

I am a facilitator for the Heartland Conference's Excellence in Ministry Program. My group has begun meeting in-person combined with our Zoom Room technology. Very handy!

Pastoral Care Documentation (May 9-June 14)

Hospital: 8 Notes Written: 0 Continuing Ed: 0 Nursing Home Visits: 13 Office Visits: 9 Home Visits: 11

Phone Calls: 27 Funerals: 1 Baptism: 1 Coffee Shop Attendees: 20 Home Communion: 68

Wedding: 1 Nursing Home Worship: 0 First Communion: 0

### Old Business

**North Ed Building Ramp/Ground Repair & East Sanctuary Sidewalk/Ground Repair:** We are hoping to start in June now as long as the weather does not cause any delays.

### New Business

**Lawn Mower:** Our current lease for our lawn mower is up and needs reviewed. It was discussed that a smaller lawn mower would be better suited for our needs now. It was decided to approve up to \$5000 towards a newer/smaller lawn mower and not to renew the lease agreement. This was the better choice. Tom Brandewie made the motion and Kirk Dicke seconded it, motion was approved.

**Announcements:** Next meeting – July 12th @ 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

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Amy Opperman, Secretary

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Roland Dicke, President