

St. Paul UCC Council Meeting

January 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Myra Hanenkratt with council members including Matt Ranly, Tom Brandewie, Lynda Ranly, John Mohrman, Lindsey Quellhorst, Tim Nevels, Bryan Trego, Shelly Zeller, June Oaks, Mimi Messick, Barb Holdren, and Becky Strang.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report was reviewed and approved by Lindsey Quellhorst and 2nd by Tom Brandewie, minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report as of December was reviewed with a motion to accept by Shelly Zeller and Lindsay Quellhorst seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Deficit for the year: This deficit will be covered by PPP loans. Motion to accept was made by Lynda Ranly and Bryan Trego seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Team Reports

Discipleship: Meets again January 17, 2023.

Worship: Decided to continue to offer Saturday worship services on Communion weekends only.

Finance: Will meet again in May

Budget: set for 2023

Stewardship: No Report

Deacon's Report: Have ushers for January-May

Elder's Report: Shelly Zeller will be Junior Elder

Trustees Report: No Report

Staff Reports:

Maintenance Report: Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks.

Tom Brandewie and I replaced the old floodlights on the west side of the educational building with new LED floodlights.

Boiler number four was dripping some water. Found a hole in the heat exchanger. Patched it with the product recommended by Roesner Energy.

We have an intermittent problem with the assembly room and chapel heat. Working with Roesner Energy to find the problem. We think it is a bad connection preventing the circulating pump from turning on.

Trisco Systems finished the brick repair on the north side of the sanctuary. Funded by New Bremen Foundation.

Other small things taken care of as needed.

Lay Minister of Visitation: Participated in the service at Elmwood Assisted Living

- Designed, printed, wrote notes in the cards and mailed 43 Christmas cards – I continue to make my own cards and incorporate my photography and photos to make it more interesting and personal along with a personal hand-written note. This month was a photo of the church doors with the Christmas wreaths
- Two home visitations with Rev. Becky with communion
- Text and email prayer concerns to the prayer chain at least weekly
- I have taken several calls and texts for prayer requests
- Called two people checking on them after their hospital stays to see how they were doing and to see if they needed anything
- The censures for Bryan Trego and Jeff Paul were affirmed and approved by council.

Abby's Report: May God be close to you now, for strength and comfort and may His peace overflow in the days to come! This Christmas season we were surrounded by those we love and blessed by the ones who love us most. May today be happy and each tomorrow be filled with greater joy for 2023!

Sunday School resumed on January 8, 2023 to begin the second part of the Narrative Lectionary leading us from Epiphany, through Lent, Easter and to the Day of Pentecost. Thank You to all of our teachers and youth leaders for your extra effort put forth during the Christmas season and for your commitment to our students each and every week! Be sure to catch the youth on Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 10: 15 am for a Children's Worship featuring the history of St. Paul Church through the eyes of our youth.

Youth Group will also resume this week, Wednesday January 11th at 5:30 pm for SPLASH, 6:30 pm dinner, and JH/SR & Confirmation beginning at 7:00 pm. Our youth & youth leaders wrote many Christmas cards for our homebound, nursing home folks and members in our congregation this holiday season. Please know that we are praying

for you and continue to keep your family in our thoughts and prayers in 2023! If you would like to get involved with Youth Group, Sunday School or help cook a meal for Wednesday evening youth please contact the church office at 419-629-2502.

We are forever grateful, as always, to share this New Year of working together in Christ's love, to collaborate to reconcile and restore all God's creation. As Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." With hearts rejoicing, we wish you well and best of luck! Abby

Save the Date for Upcoming Youth Events:

- Sunday, January 8th – Sunday School resumes at 9 am
- Wednesday, January 11th – Youth Group resumes at 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 25th – Guest Speaker at Youth, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm
- Sunday, February 19th – Children's Worship at 10:15 am
- Wednesday, February 22nd – Ash Wednesday Service
- Sunday, March 19th – St. Paul Bowling Bash for All, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
All are invited for Pizza & Bowling at Speedway Lanes, New Bremen
- Sunday, April 2nd – Palm Sunday Parade, Rite of Confirmation at 10:15 am
- Sunday, April 9th – Easter 10:15 am (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)
- April 16th – Children's Worship at 10:15 am
- May 14th – Senior, Teacher and Youth Leader Recognition
- SUMMER '23 PLANS ARE COMING ALONG ☺ DATES TBD ☺

Pastor Becky's Report:

Worship

Christmas Eve 2022. (Note: A Bitter, Cold Night) Open House: 38. 11:00 p.m.: 78

Online: 228

February 19. Transfiguration Sunday. Children's Worship

March 26. Confirmation Statements read during worship

April 2. Rite of Confirmation. Holy Communion both Saturday and Sunday

April 6. Maundy Thursday

April 7. Good Friday

April 9. Easter. Holy Communion

April 16. Holy Humor. Children's Worship

May 21. My last Sunday at St. Paul Church. The Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer will preach.

*Worship Team decided to continue to offer Saturday worship services on Communion weekends only.

Confirmation going very well. We have three students. Jeff Paul, Shelly Smart, and Lisa Weigandt teach on a rotating basis.

Lisa Weigandt has a team of folk organizing St. Paul's 190th Anniversary celebrations in 2023.

Justine Homan is our Nursery Champion. Nursery is now staffed during worship services.

Art Camp Festival 2023 will be Thursday June 8 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Theme: Happy Birthday, St. Paul!

Jim and I have contracted covid19 twice in 2022—the second time was exponentially worse. I will be masking in public settings.

Vacation 2023 (6 weeks' vacation; 6 weekends per year)

March 9-14. Six days; one Sunday

May 22-31. 10 days; one Sunday

I am a facilitator for the Heartland Conference's Excellence in Ministry Program.

Pastoral Care Documentation (December 13-January 10)

Hospital: 5 Notes Written: 16 Continuing Ed: 0

Nursing Home Visits: 2 Office Visits: 9 Home Visits: 16

Phone Calls: 20 Funerals: 0 Baptism: 0

Coffee Shop Attendees: 14 Home Communion: 75 Wedding: 0

Nursing Home Worship: 0 First Communion: 0

Old Business

2023 Council Vice President: Thank you to Matt Ranly for accepting this position.

Sanctuary Brick Repair – Trisco Systems Inc: Project funded by New Bremen Foundation.

New Business

2023 Mission Project of the Year: Cancer Association of Auglaize County Motion was accepted by Lynda Ranly, and seconded by Lindsay Quesllhorst, motion passed.

2023 Monthly Missions: approved by council

Resignations: The council received the resignation of Barb Holdren. We would like to thank Barb for all her hard work and dedication to this Church. Lynda Ranly made a motion to accept the resignation and Tom Brandewie seconded, motion passed.

Church Bulletin Weekly Mailers: transition from weekly to monthly. Motion to accept by Lindsay Quellhorst, seconded by June Oaks. Motion passed.

Development of a Personnel Team: 3-4 person team to oversee the transitions happening within the church, and to have a system in place for issues that arise.

Announcements: C.O.R. charter organization representative from St. Paul will be Brenda Haynes

Search Committee Members: John Gilberg, Kathy Nedderman, Ben Bergman, Morgan Felver, Tracy Oldiges, Terri Mullins, Gavin Dicke, Mimi Messick. Motion to approve by Bryan Trego, Matt Ranly seconded. Motion accepted

Motion to approve Bryan Trego, seconded by Matt Ranly. Motion approved

Next meeting – February 14th, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Mimi Messick, Secretary

Myra Hanenkrafft, President