

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**Quarterly Report**  
**April 10, 2022 Voters Assembly Meeting**  
**at 12:00 noon under the Tent (in the ARC if inclement weather)**

**All confirmed members are invited to participate in our Voters Assembly Meeting** by reading these reports and attending the meeting in-person on April 10 or by submitting any questions by email to Craig Baker ([cy3a@earthlink.net](mailto:cy3a@earthlink.net) or calling the Church Office if you do not have email). Members who are twenty-one years of age or older are invited and encouraged to become part of the Voters Assembly; you may become a voting member by attending the meeting and requesting to become a voting member during the "Admission of New Voters" after the opening prayer. This is an excellent time to become part of the Voters Assembly and take part in the business of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**AGENDA**

**VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**April 10, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER – Craig Baker

OPENING PRAYER – Pastor Kretzschmar

REVIEW OF CURRENT & ADMISSION OF NEW VOTERS – Melinda Carlson

REVIEW OF January MEETING MINUTES – Melinda Carlson

PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Kretzschmar

DCE REPORT – Skylar Smith

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Sue Bosco and Don Olson

ELDER TEAM REPORT – David Burrell

EDUCATION TEAM REPORT – Rhonda Reece

OUTREACH TEAM REPORT – June Asher

TRUSTEE TEAM REPORT – Rich Maschke

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. St. Paul's Revitalization Plan
2. Preschool Tuition Discount Incentive
3. Legacy Endowment Fund
4. New Church Directory Committee
5. 125th Anniversary Committee

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. KTT Tuition Discount Initiative
2. 24 July and 23 October Voter's meetings with Potluck meals. Combined Service.
  - a. 24 July: 9:30am Sunday School. 10:45am Combined Traditional Service. 12:00pm Potluck Lunch
  - b. 23 Oct: 9:30am Sunday School. 10:45am Combined Contemporary Service. 12:00pm Potluck Lunch
3. Other – *please submit items by email (or calling the Church Office if you do not have email).*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Please continue to refer to the website at [www.StPaulsDec.com](http://www.StPaulsDec.com), weekly emails, phone calls, and texts for news and announcements; record your worship attendance on the homepage link; and continue to support the work of the Lord through this place with your tithes and offerings. Great ministry is happening and needs your continued support and prayers!

**ADJOURNMENT** – The Lord's Prayer

*Craig Baker*  
[cy3a@earthlink.net](mailto:cy3a@earthlink.net)

**Pastor's Report**  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Rev. Dr. Aaron C. Kretzschmar**

*"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'"*  
(Acts 20:35)

St. Paul's verse for 2022 is Acts 20:35, with our theme as: Blessed in giving!

Palm Sunday Tent/Drive-In Service – Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

Holy Week Worship focusing on *The Crucified King* in the Gospel of Matthew  
Holy (Maundy) Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> — Matthew 26:17–30; *The King's Feast*  
Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> — Matthew 27:45–50; *The King Forsaken*  
Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> — Matthew 28:1–30; *The King Raised*

Confirmation Worship and Activities

Confirmand Banner Making – Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>  
Confirmation Oral Exam Service – Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
Confirmation Sunday – Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

Current Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study – *Foundations of the Faith*

**Kidz, Tweenz, & Teenz (KTT) Families Covenant with St. Paul's**

*"The LORD bless you and keep you"*  
(Numbers 6:24)

Bless us with your participation at St. Paul's church,  
we want to bless you!

General Covenant Agreement

Member (or joining) KTT Families that attend Sunday School twice a month and Worship Services twice a month will be given a 25% percent discount on regular fees (program cost) at St. Paul's KTT.

Covenant Specifics

- Please tell Charlotte about your interest in participating in the KTT Covenant.
- Please speak with Pastor if interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's. Ten new member classes are required to join.
- Please always sign attendance pads each week to record attendance in both worship and Sunday School.

As a congregation we are blessed in blessing you!  
Bless us as part of our church family!

**DCE Report – Skylar Smith**  
**Voters Meeting – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Sunday School**

- We are looking for people who may be interested in leading more Sunday School classes or Wednesday Night FaithLinks classes. If you or if you know someone, would be interested in leading a class let me know! We would like more options for people to have the opportunity to find a place they can be part of. (Examples: Young Adult Class, Women's Class, Men's Class, Parenting Class).

**FaithLinks**

- We have about 8-10 KTT kids joining us on Wednesday's for FaithLinks!
- We would love to help pull in their parents potentially on Wednesdays as well, so if you feel led to lead a Wednesday Night FaithLinks class, please talk to me or a member on the Education team.

**Vacation Bible Study**

- July 25-29<sup>th</sup>
- Theme: Group's Monumental

**Preschool Parent Appreciation**

- First Monday of the month from 7-9am
- We will offer parents a to go breakfast and a parenting tip from Family Life Ministries.
- This is great opportunity for the parents to meet church members, so if you're available to join us in greeting the parents, we would love to have you.

**Bible Reading Challenge**

- We began a Bible Reading Challenge for this year, challenging everyone to be in the Bible daily.
- Everyone can sign up for daily text reminders through the Remind app or by texting "@stpaulsbrc" to 81010.
- Daily reminders can also be found on our church Facebook page.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

- I am leading a Wednesday morning Bible Study from 10:30-11:30am in Room 316.
- Anyone is welcome to join if you are able.
- We are studying the Book of Romans currently.

*Skylar Smith*  
DCE

## **Elder Report to Voters**

**April 10, 2022**

1. **Worship:**

Onsite worship attendance for 2022 is averaging 102+ each Sunday. The weekly attendance has gradually increased from 88 in January to 115 in March.

Elders continue to assist Pastor in the worship services each Sunday and Wednesday Lenten services.

In implementing SPLC's "revitalization plan", an item has been added to the Elder's meeting agenda dedicating time for each Elder to make phone calls to members of their miniflock.

2. **Member care:**

Would you be willing to adopt a person from the shut-in list (Doug, Carol, Randy, Duron, Del and Sandra, Ginnie, Paul, Kaye, Dottie, Peggy, Adriana, Jerry, David, Mary, Marilyn, and Jo). This would involve occasionally sending a greeting card (birthday, Thinking of You, holiday card (Christmas, etc)). Also, to make a phone call letting them know the church loves them and cares about them.

3. **Upcoming event:**

Easter breakfast hosted by the Elders. We will be serving breakfast in the ARC beginning at 9:15am next Sunday. It will be opportunity to visit with your friends, eat a delicious meal, and enjoy the children's Easter egg hunt activities. Invite a friend to join us.

4. **Publicity:**

We have placed an Ad in the Decatur Daily announcing our Easter season worship services. Depending on the response to the ad we may use opportunity ads in the future in the paper, radio, or possibly billboard.

*David Burrell*

Elder Team Chair

## Education Team Report April 10, 2022

### Sunday School-

- Attendance is increasing.

### Middle School

- Easter candy donations are needed Easter egg hunt
- Middle school and high school will host the Easter egg hunt
- Confirmation Oral Exam April 29, 6:30pm
- Confirmation is May 1 (Grace, Matthew, Alyssa)

### High School

- Planning for National Youth gathering-July 9-13
- Fund raising –Yard sales, bake sales, egging yards
- April 6 – make crosses with LWML
- April 16- Egg your yard
- April 30- yard sale

### Young Adults-

- Had a wonderful time at the Mardi Gras dinner and parade
- Planned a game night

### Preschool

- 56 on roll- only openings in PreK 4
- March 7-Parents came in to sign children in and see the rooms. Skylar had prepared parenting tips that were given out with a to-go breakfast.
- Have an aide for toddlers. May have teacher and afternoon staff.

### KTT

- 36 coming consistently and interest from a few more.
- Raising funds for summer program and hiring staff.
- Thanks to all that have contributed to the fundraising bulletin board.
- Send flyers home for Easter Sunday, breakfast and egg hunt.
- Summer camp prices will increase to \$65 a week -includes breakfast and lunch

*Rhonda Reece*  
Education Team Chair