

AGENDA
VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING
April 23, 2023

CALL TO ORDER – Craig Baker
OPENING PRAYER – Pastor Kretzschmar
REVIEW OF CURRENT & ADMISSION OF NEW VOTERS – Melinda Carlson
REVIEW OF JANUARY VOTER MEETING MINUTES – Melinda Carlson
PASTOR'S REPORT & OFFICIAL ACTS – Pastor Kretzschmar
DCE REPORT – Skylar Smith
FINANCIAL REPORTS – Leesa Pittman
ELDER TEAM REPORT – Bill Darwin/Gary Nagy
EDUCATION TEAM REPORT – Rhonda Reece
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TEAM REPORT – June Asher
TRUSTEE TEAM REPORT – Rich Maschke

OLD BUSINESS

1. Defibrillator update – Rich Maschke

NEW BUSINESS

1. 125th Anniversary Committee Planning Efforts – Craig Baker
 - a. Review committees
 - b. Frames for Pastor photos and confirmation classes
2. Safety Committee standup

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Voters Assembly Minutes
January 29, 2023

See attached sign in for attendance.

Craig Baker opened meeting @ 12:00 noon by asking Pastor Kretzschmar to lead us in prayer.

Melinda Carlson read the minutes from the last assembly meeting. Carol Morgan made the motion to accept as read. Sue Boscoe made the 2nd. The motion carried.

Pastor Kretzschmar presented the pastor's report-there were no comments.

Skylar Smith presented the DCE report and Education report-there were no comments.

Leesa Pitman presented the Financial reports-Craig Baker presented some ideas from the vestry, education and trustee teams are working on to help with expenses. There were no other comments.

Craig presented the Elder's report-there were no comments.

June Asher presented the Parish Outreach report-No report in the package. She presented the Parish

Outreach team is working on an event for March. They are meeting the 1st Thursday of each month @

6:30. Craig will present the name change for Parish Outreach vote during the Old Business for a vote. There were no other comments.

Rich Maschke presented the trustees report-there were no comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

*Leesa Pitman presented the Endowment Team update-they have had conference calls with Thrivent and are planning a Kick-Off event with Faithlinks on March 1, 2023 @ 6:00. Will also have a dinner.

*125th Anniversary events being planned

NEW BUSINESS:

*Name change for Parish Outreach 2nd vote- Craig Baker presented to assembly, Rich Maschke made the motion to accept as presented, Bob Sullivant made the 2nd motion. The motion carried.

*Voter meeting change from One per Quarter to Two per year in April and Oct to be held between services. Craig Baker presented the proposal, some discussion, Bob Sullivant made the 1st motion to accept as presented, June Asher made the 2nd motion. The motion carried.

*Craig presented the new Elders have been chosen (previously approved)

*Craig presented the Trustees Board has been chosen Rich Maschke-leading, Conner Baker, Rick Daniel, Lynn Hemrick, Don Olson, Drew Reichenbach.

Bob Sullivant made the motion to accept as presented. Carol Morgan made the 2nd. The motion carried.

*68th Regular Convention of the Synod (Milwaukee 29Jul-3Aug)

Craig presented and asked for names of called and ordained nominations. Carol Morgan nominated Matthew Harrison- President of Synod nomination. Rich Maschke made the 2nd. The motion carried. Craig asked for names for 1st Vice President-there were none.

Craig asked for names for Regional Vice President-there were none.

Some discussion- Bob S asked what are duties of 1st vice pres. & regional vice pres. Jobs. Pastor Kretzschmar will serve as our called and ordained person.

Craig Baker will serve as our lay person.

Carol Morgan made the motion to accept these nominations. June Asher made the 2nd. The motion carried.

Mark Baske has been chosen as St. Paul's Lutheran Church representative during the convention. The vestry passed for his expenses.

*OTHER-Craig Baker gave an update on the Morgan Co Cross. (Funds are not tied to the church but want to give information to anyone who would like to donate.)

Asked for any other remarks or questions:

Rick Daniel asked if there was an update on the defibrillator we discussed from before? No update. We will put on the Vestry agenda to discuss.

No other comments.

Pastor closed with prayer at 12:52 pm

St. Paul's Voters Meeting – April 23rd, 2023

Rev. Dr. Aaron C. Kretzschmar

*“For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.”*

(Psalm 100:5)

St. Paul's Congregational Theme for 2023, our 125th Anniversary, “Through the years, the Lord is faithful!”

New Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study – *Philippians: Embracing Joy*

Do you need a shot of joy or a boost of holy optimism in your life? If so, you will be encouraged by Paul's emotional words to the Philippians. Even though the apostle was writing from a jail cell, he could still speak of the joy, purpose, and belonging that he had found in Christ. In this short letter, he reveals how you can likewise fix your eyes on Jesus in spite of your circumstances and know that you can do all things through Christ because the tomb is empty!

Kidz, Tweenz, and Teenz (KTT) Chapel – I lead every other Wednesday at 4 PM

St. Paul's Preschool Chapel – I lead every other Thursday at 10 AM

Youth Confirmation Class

Every Wednesday at 6:15 PM through the end of April

Confirmation Sunday Service will be on May 7th at 8:15 AM

Oral Examination Service will be Friday, May 5th at 6:30 PM

Banner Making is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19th at 7:00 PM

Adult Confirmation Class – Wednesdays at 8 PM in-person and by Zoom

12th Grade Seniors Recognition during worship – Sunday, May 21st

On my heart for 2023: Reaching out to Inactive Members (using St. Paul's 125th Anniversary as a springboard)

Elders are making “porch visits” to St. Paul's inactive members once a month

Elders are also assisting with visiting to the homebound (21 members currently)

A St. Paul's Leadership Verse for 2023: Jeremiah 24:7, *“I will give them a heart to know that I am the LORD, and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart.”*

A St. Paul's Leadership Theme for 2023: “Pray, Speak, Act” that God's people would return to worship Him.

DCE and Board of Education Report for April 23rd Congregation Meeting

Preschool

- 73 children are enrolled now.
- 60 for summer
- 61 for fall at this time. We know we will have more enrolments.
- We are looking for two teacher aides for the fall.
- The financial aspect of preschool is greatly improving. Letters now go out monthly to parents with payment information.
- Parent Appreciation for May will be in conjunction with Muffins for Mom's on Thursday, May 4th.

KTT

- 46 children in the program.
- Partnering with Decatur City Schools 73 program and has made a significant improvement overall with grades.

Easter Highlight

- 20 children participated in the egg hunt this year.
- One preschool family joined us!

FaithLinks

- Averaging 20 children every Wednesday.
- Final Faithlinks will be April 26th. Plan to do ice cream sundaes and the obstacle course bouncer. Will need helpers if you are available.

Sunday School

- Enduring Faith Curriculum
- Sunday School Offering is going towards Because International's the Shoe That Grows

Middle school Youth

- Summer Swim Nights with High School Youth will begin Wednesday, June 7th from 5:30-8pm

High School Youth

- Egg Your Yard Fundraiser went great!
- Averaging 4-7 HS Youth at Sunday School, Faithlinks, and Youth Nights

High School Senior Recognition Sunday

- Scheduled for May 21st.
- 7 Seniors are being recognized.

Young Adults

- Meeting monthly
- Averaging 5 people currently!

Vacation Bible School

- June 19th through 23rd from 9am-12pm
- Volunteer Information Meetings on April 30th and June 11th at Noon
- Online Registration is live and paper registrations will be available soon.
- Volunteer and Donation Boards will be up soon.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Financials
1st Quarter, 2023

March 31, 2023

Balance of Funds December 31, 2022 **338,026.98**

Assets	
Checking	48,061.20
Money Market	79,093.87
LCEF	503.43
SoCEF	244,163.42

Liabilities	
Note Payable to Thrivent	234,207

Balance of Funds March 31, 2023 **371,821.92**

33,794.94 *net gain*

Income

Interest Income	1,999
Restricted Funds Income	4,384
Lg FirstFruit Gifts for Monthly Transfer	26,887
Financial Plan Income	216,248

Current First Fruits Giving	
Jan FF	45,290
Feb FF	38,001
Mar FF	<u>33,593</u>
	116,884

Expenses

Financial Plan Expenses	208,214
Retricted Funds Expenses	<u>7,509</u>

249,518 215,723 33,795 *net gain*

Financial Plan

<u>Financial Plan Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>1Q23 Plan</u>	<u>2023 Plan</u>
Current FirstFruits Income	116,884	112,500	450,000
Preschool Tuition/Fees	98,444	88,013	352,050
KTT Fees	<u>920</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Total Financial Plan Income	216,248	202,013	808,050

<u>Financial Plan Expenses</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>1Q23 Plan</u>	<u>2023 Plan</u>
Elder Expenses	85,582	80,178	320,711
Education Expenses	828	1,329	5,315
Preschool Expenses	101,806	102,750	411,000
Outreach Expenses	357	516	2,065
KTT Afterschool Expenses	3,417	2,580	10,320
Trustee Expenses	31,995	40,946	163,782
PS & KTT Copayments	(27,459)	(27,460)	(109,840)
Mission Tithe	<u>11,688</u>	<u>11,250</u>	<u>45,000</u>
Total Financial Plan Expenses	208,214	212,088	848,353

Financial Plan Activity 8,034 (10,076) (40,303)

<u>Activity by Ministry (Income - Expenses)</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>1Q23 Plan</u>	<u>2023 Plan</u>
Financial Plan Activity	8,034	(10,076)	(40,303)
Preschool Ministry Activity	(3,361)	(14,738)	(58,950)
KTT Afterschool Ministry Activity	(2,497)	(1,080)	(4,320)
FirstFruits minus PS & KTT Ministries	(13,567)	(21,718)	(86,873)

Spring 2023 Trustees Report

- Working on Converting Fluorescent lights in preschool to LED to reduce energy usage and maintenance costs. We are approximately halfway through with the project. Special thanks to the church volunteers.
- Completed tile repairs in main hallway between the lobby and the sanctuary.
- Installed a wireless intercom system and doorbell system at preschool
- The handrail project behind the kitchen has had a few delays but we hope to finish it up this spring.
- The purchase of an AED for the church has been brought up at previous voters' meetings and has been considered. The facts are that an AED costs between \$1100-2500 with battery replacement every 2-5 years and replacement pads that need to be replaced every 2 years. AEDs go obsolete about like PCs and would be expected to require replacement every 5-10 years. Monthly inspections and yearly refresher training is recommended, which would be another cost. In our area of Decatur there is very good EMS service with quick response times.

Due to the extended costs, availability of EMS and the need for someone to be responsible for the maintenance and training we feel that the church cannot pursue this service at this time.

We are planning to schedule a bush trimming and general outside cleanup on Saturday April 29 starting at 9am. Please mark your calendar. We could use a good turnout because of the die-back due to the freeze this winter.