

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Quarterly Report to the Voters Assembly
July 25, 2021 10:45am in the ARC

All confirmed members are invited to participate in our Voters Assembly meeting by reading these reports and attending the Voters Assembly Meeting in the ARC (gym); additional items of business may be added to the Agenda below. Members who are twenty-one years of age and older are invited and encouraged to become part of the Voters Assembly; you may become a voting member by requesting membership at this meeting. 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. Our Constitution and Bylaws may be found on our website www.StPaulsDec.com under the links / voters info tab to the far right on the menu. Printed copies may also be found by the Church mailboxes.

AGENDA
VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING
July 25, 2021

CALL TO ORDER – Michael McRae

OPENING PRAYER – Pastor Kretzschmar

REVIEW OF CURRENT & ADMISSION OF NEW VOTERS – Melinda Carlson

REVIEW OF APRIL & JUNE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – Melinda Carlson

PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Kretzschmar

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Don Olson

ELDER TEAM REPORT – David Burrell

OUTREACH TEAM REPORT – Pedro Santaliz

EDUCATION TEAM REPORT – Maribeth Morgan

TRUSTEE TEAM REPORT – Rich Maschke

OLD BUSINESS

1. DCE Call Committee Report – Dan Jones / Jennifer Kimmett
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NEW BUSINESS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- Please continue to refer to the website at www.StPaulsDec.com, weekly emails, phone calls, and texts for news and announcements;
- Record your worship attendance and prayer requests on the homepage link;
- Continue to support the work of the Lord through this place with your tithes and offerings;

Great ministry is happening and needs the continued support and prayers of every member!

ADJOURNMENT – The Lord's Prayer

Michael McRae
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Pastor's Report – July 25, 2021

Rev. Dr. Aaron C. Kretzschmar

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.'"
(John 20:21)

St. Paul's verse for 2021 is John 20:21, with our theme as: We are a SENT people!

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule ending on July 25th

Drive-In Worship Service at 8:00 AM

Sanctuary Worship Service at 9:30 AM (with Facebook Live simultaneously—now using Sling Studio)

Radio Worship Service at 11:00 AM (on 98.5 FM, recorded from Sanctuary service)

Regular Worship Service times resume on August 1st (8:15 AM Sanctuary; 10:45 AM CrossLife)

KTT Recent Events/Activities

KTT Closing Program and Dinner – Wednesday, July 21st

Swamp John's Fundraiser – July 22nd

Last Day of Summer KTT – July 23rd

The Action Bible copies were ordered for each KTT youth (50 children)

St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool

Preschool Teacher Orientation – Thursday, July 29th at 9:00 AM

Preschool Parent Orientation – Wednesday, August 4th at 6:30 PM

Preschool starts for Fall – Thursday, August 5th

RETURN TO CHURCH Campaign at St. Paul's

Return To Church Sunday – Sunday, August 1st

Rally Day for Sunday School – Sunday, August 8th

FaithLinks KickOff (Confirmation Class begins) – Wednesday, August 11th

Acolyte Training/Refresher – Sunday, August 15th

Special Sermon Series Starts on August 1st

Special Sunday Morning Sermon Series

RESET: Jesus Changes Everything

August 1st – *It All Starts Here: "Jesus, Reset My Heart"*

August 8th – *I Am What I Think About: "Jesus, Reset My Mind"*

August 15th – *Good News For Bad Times: "Jesus, Reset My Voice"*

August 22nd – *Soul At Peace, Hands At Work: "Jesus, Reset My Hands"*

Information about sermon series included in congregation-wide postcard mailing

This serves as a good invite opportunity as well (family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc.)

Outreach/Education Effort

Working with Outreach Brd on distributing to St. Paul's neighbors 100 LHM booklets *"Who Is Jesus?"*

Bo Paradise is recruiting people to do the distributing

Susan is working on a St. Paul's flyer and has secured bags and other materials to hang on doorknobs

Materials will be distributed in August to houses and apartments around St. Paul's

Gaining a DCE to Serve at St. Paul's

St. Paul's Voters Assembly extended a Divine Call to Skylar Smith on June 6th

Visit with Skylar the week of June 29th to July 1st went well

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and all of the preparations involved for the Call and the visit

Skylar has now accepted the Divine Call! So please continue to pray

as we prepare for her arrival!

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Treasurer's Report Fund Activity Summary

Total Funds in the Bank 12/31/20 to begin 2021	\$298,826.43	
Balance on Hand 6/30/21	\$379,700.24	<i>\$80,873.81 increase during 2021 includes \$73,965 PPP2 Loan</i>
Thrivent Building Loan Balance	\$264,973.82	

Breakdown by Fund	Balance 1/1/2021	Income during 2021	Disbursements during 2021	Balance 6/30/2021
Budgeted Operating Expense Fund	0.00	231,120.85	-221,926.58	9,194.27
"Emergency Fund"	130,885.20	3,170.25	-2,500.00	131,555.45
"Savings Accounts"		9,757.96	-8,174.37	80,434.19
Donor-Restricted Funds		75,333.23	-5,907.53	158,516.33
Total Funds in the Bank		319,382.29	-238,508.48	379,700.24

Investment of Funds	Balance 1/1/2021	Interest	Transfers	Balance 6/30/2021
BBVA Checking	43,522.61		-100,000.00	21,226.17
BBVA Money Market	59,048.25	17.57	100,000.00	159,065.82
Lutheran Church Extension Fund	18,270.67	15.02		18,285.69
Southern District Extension Fund CDs	177,984.90	3,137.66		181,122.56
Total Funds in the Bank	298,826.43	3,170.25		379,700.24

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Financial Plan Summary

	2021 YTD Actual	2021 Financial Plan	
Income			
Firstfruits (Current) Giving for Budgeted Expenses	231,121	\$496,781	47%
Expenses			
Total Elder Expenses	127,115	299,156	42%
+ <i>Preschool Ministry</i>	10,523	30,460	35%
<i>Other Education Expenses</i>	694	8,800	8%
Total Education Expenses	11,217	39,260	29%
++ <i>KTT Expenses - utilities, janitors, consummables</i>	6,839	7,805	88%
<i>Other Parish Outreach Expenses</i>	1,027	1,985	52%
Total Parish Outreach Expenses	6,866	9,790	70%
Total Trustee Expenses	53,616	98,897	54%
District Missions Tithe	23,112	49,678	47%
Total Expenses	221,927	496,781	45%

2021 Giving by Month

Giving Goal: \$41,400

6-Month Average: \$38,601



Paycheck Protection Program Loans:

PPP1 Loan Forgiven

PPP2 Loan Status - \$73,965 received March 25, 2021

Reimbursement period completed June 10;

Forgiveness application not yet available

Elder Report to Voters

7/25/21

1. Worship:

"Return to church" campaign announcing re-opening is under way. Every family/member will get notified of upcoming worship schedule via postcard, pastor announcements, Epistle, Elder contact, One Call Now, etc. Starting Aug 1 worship services and Sunday School classes will return to pre-COVID schedule:

8:15am – Traditional in sanctuary

9:30am – Sunday School classes (children & adults)

10:45am – Contemporary in the ARC

Drive-In service will be discontinued.

Elders will be re-storing the Narthex & ARC to normal - re-arranging & returning tables, returning equipment (music stands, mics, platforms, crosses, etc) to their original locations.

Serving common cup communion will be delayed until it's clear that everyone is comfortable with communing with individual cup at the communion rail. Ushers will limit the number going to the communion rail to ten. Communion packets will be available for those members who do not wish to go forward for communion.

Offering collection will remain the same in the Sanctuary with the offering plates in the Narthex. CrossLife will collect offering by circulating plates or baskets.

Six host families have volunteered for CrossLife. A new schedule & updated duties for serving has been issued.

Jim Forthman has recruited usher volunteers for Traditional service.

2. Jeff Pittman will serve as Elder replacing Mike Ater for the remainder of the two year term (thru 2022).
3. Elders will host first FaithLinks meal on Wed., Aug 11.

Education Team Report

July 2021

- Preschool:
 - First Day of Preschool August 5th
 - Enrollment holding
 - Bringing on new teachers to fill the three that left.
- Elementary School:
 - Currently working on calling potential teachers - be on the lookout for a call. Or if you wish to volunteer, please reach out and join us for Training.
 - Sunday School Teacher Training August 1st at 9:30 in the Library.
 - Sunday School Rally Day August 8th – There will be an opening for kids of all ages then they will split into their classes.
 - Nursery – 2 years – Mrs. Charlotte
 - FAITHLINKS to Return Wednesday August 11th.
 - TIME CHANGE: Dinner Starts at 5:30. Class Starts at 6:15
 - Melinda Carlson to lead Wednesday Night KidLinks August to December.

- Middle School Youth:
 - Swim Nights had started again at the Gilchrist house from 5:30 to 8. For rising 6th graders – High schoolers.
 - Confirmation resumes August 11th at 6:15. Looking at having 4 rising 7th graders joining the class.
 - Maribeth Morgan will be teaching Sunday Morning Class at 9:30
- High School Youth:
 - Swim Nights
 - Beginning stages for National Youth Gathering. Registration is coming soon!
 - Sunday morning Bible class to be taught by Heather and Ramond Asher
 - Wednesday Nights to be a game night returning.
- Young Adults:
 - Felicia and Sal have stepped down from leading this group. Anna Marie is now the contact person for the Young Adults.
- Adult Bible Study:
 - Current classes taught by Mike Widmar, June Asher and Mike McRae.

Maribeth Morgan
Education Team Chair

Outreach Team Report July 2021

Bo Paradise will be distributing pamphlets describing who Jesus is. Pedro will contact people to help distribute them in bags throughout the neighborhood. Bags will also contain a flyer for worship times. Pastor will ask Susan if there are enough pens to add to the bag.

KTT dinner is being held on July 21. Don Olson is cooking with perhaps help from Mr. Carlson. Pedro will get more volunteers to assist Don and the Burrell's. Pedro will coordinate to make sure we have enough food and drinks.

Pedro will send emails asking people if they are willing to take over Outreach next year. One person already said they were interested. Outreach also will need to attend to build up the hospitality team (greeters, etc.), social media, and education (how to be an effective ambassador for Christ). All areas will need some leadership to make them come to fruition.

Austinville Elementary school supply giveaway is fast approaching. We are asking the congregation to pray and donate money between now and July 25. First day of school is scheduled for August 5. Money will be collected in offering plates (via designated envelopes), mail in, or on the church website. All money will be used to buy in bulk for discount and timed to coincide with the tax free holiday in Alabama. Anna Marie came up with a nice poster, on the fly, to be posted on the church Facebook page for the giveaway. Thanks Anna Marie!

We did not discuss Outreach participation in FaithLinks dinner because we ran out of time. There is an open date for August 25 or September 1. I will email Outreach members on what day is the best and contact Jane Burrell.

Very Respectfully submitted,
Pedro Santaliz