

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2017



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Matthew 21:23

²³ Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?"

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"St. Paul's Church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ committed to helping all people by actively practicing the Gospel in word and deed."

Pastor's letter



“The Church in All Her Glory!” The Church in all her glory is just that: a group of people who gather **“together”** in a particular place **“for God’s glory”** through prayer, praise, and a humble spirit. This is an accurate description of what is happening at St. Paul’s. Consequently, I think of this place as: **“The Church in All Her Glory.”**

On Sunday, October 22, our congregation once again celebrates its German heritage with a special custom uniquely referred to as **Octoberfest**. On this day, we will recognize our German heritage through such foods as sauerkraut, bratwurst, German potato salad, and the likes. We will recognize our German-Lutheran heritage in a humble spirit of thankfulness and praise.

The next major event to be celebrated at our house of glory will be Thanksgiving, and this event will recognize the beauty of our multi-cultural congregation. Including members from Tanzania, Nigeria, Liberia, and other parts of the world, St. Paul’s will gather together to humbly offer thanks to God for all our blessings—not only for food and fellowship but especially for harmony among its members. This is not only unusual in the Lutheran heritage but it is extremely well pleasing to God our Heavenly Father.

All of which goes to show that **“The Church in All Her Glory”** is like the glory of the changing of the leaves—many, many colors combine to bring one glorious spectacle even as God, who created us all to be brothers and sisters in Christ, brings us together in a spectacular way for the sake of his glory. This is what I see at St. Paul’s Church, and I am so very proud to be its pastor!

In Christ,

Pastor Schultz



OCT. 1 PAUL MARTIN

OCT. 12 DOROTHY JAGER-REHBEIN

OCT. 2 HANNAH COOPER

SOLOMON PAYE

GEORGINA DAUDA

OCT. 14 DEBRA MICELI

OCT. 3 OYEWEMI KOLAWOLE

OCT. 19 LEELA BALLAH

OCT. 4 DENNIS T. KOLLIE

OCT. 21 ROSELLA BOLLINGER

OCT. 7 EDWIN BOGER

DONALD STOSKOPF

OCT. 9 HELLEN MILLER

OCT. 25 KAREN BURGESS COUTU

OCT. 10 GERTRUDE GRAY

JANA OSBORNE

ABRAHAM SHERIFF

JAMES UREY

JUSTIN UREY

OCT. 11 DANIEL BALLAH

OCT. 27 CHRISTOPHER DAUDA

LINDA FOLEY



Oct. 11 Mr. & Mrs. William King (9th)

Oct. 29 Mr. & Mrs. John Sinnigen (62nd)

Oct. 31 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Kollie (8th)

| | READER | COMM. ASSISTANT | ALTAR GUILD | USHERS |
|----|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1 | Youth | Corvah Akoiwala Bill Oehlkers | Irma Pereira Donna Bucu | Leela Ballah, Seaniah Ballah, Solomon Paye, Hardlyn Dauda |
| 8 | Bill Oehlkers | | Irma Pereira Dawn Nahlik | Rick Sinnigen, Mack Makor, As Abvailable |
| 15 | Pat Martin | Joe Norris Rick Sinnigen | Irma Pereira Dawn Nahlik | Kim King, Bill King, Dennis Kollie, Helen Miller |
| 22 | Abel Dobson | | Irma Pereira Dawn Nahlik | Kevin Kehyei, Danlette Norris, George Dauda, Grace Dauda |
| 29 | David Martin | As Available | Irma Pereira Dawn Nahlik | Kim King, Bill King, Dennis Kollie, Helen Miller |

MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL

Sept. 21, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Church Council was called to order at 7:03 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017 by President David Ballah. Present were: Treasurer Dan Robinson, Secretary David Martin, Financial Secretary Donna Bucu, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees James Woods, Chairperson of the Board of Stewardship Bill Oehlkers, Chairperson of the Board of Finance Richard Sinnigen, and Pastor Schultz. Dawn Reynolds was also present as an observer. The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Pastor. Corvah Akoiwala, representing the Board of Deacons, joined the meeting shortly after it was convened.

Approval of Minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the Aug. 13, 2017, Special Church Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Dan Robinson distributed a Treasurer's Report for the period Jan. 1 through Aug. 30, 2017. Total income during this period was \$151,864.99 and total disbursements were \$138,586.88, resulting in net ordinary income of \$13,278.11. The balance of Memorial Funds as of Aug. 30, 2017, was \$203,154.96.37. Dan noted that pursuant to the Lease the monthly rent paid by Children's Friend increased on Aug. 1st by 3% (to \$3,382.09).

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to refer to the Board of Finance the question of whether a portion of Memorial Funds should be invested in something other than the Lutheran Church Extension Fund which is currently paying a very low rate of interest.

Pastor's Report. Pastor reported the baptisms on Aug. 20 of Alexia Marie Makor and Brianna Renae Makor. A new member welcome will be held on Sunday, Oct. 22. Confirmation Class will start on Sunday, Oct. 8, meeting downstairs from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday School has resumed. Bible Class continues to meet at 9:00 a.m. with 8-9 people attending regularly.

Deacons. Corvah Akoiwala reported for the Deacons. They are in the process of verifying the member information for the church directory. They hope to complete this task by the end of October. Bill Oehlkers asked about the status of the request he made in May that the Board of Deacons staff the Board of Christian Education. Corvah said he had no information about this and would have to speak with Joe Norris.

Trustees. James Woods reported that during the past month Children's Friend has twice reported that water has leaked into a cubicle in the basement of the school. It appears that the water is coming from a leak in the roof. We contacted our roofer, Derek Matusek. He said that he would fix the problem without charge.

Derek has provided an estimate for replacing the roof. It is \$69,082.00. David Martin stated that he had spoken with Jack Sinnigen and Don Kuepker and neither of them can remember the school roof ever being replaced. Thus, the roof appears to be the original roof from when the school was built in 1956. **A motion was made, seconded, and passed to obtain two more estimates for replacing the school roof.**

James further reported that participation in the Caretaker Teams has declined. David Ballah offered to contact team members and remind them when their duty day is scheduled. The glass on the sign on the front lawn, which was recently broken by vandals, has been replaced with plexiglass donated by Dawn Nahlik.

Finance. Rick Sinnigen, noting that it would soon be time to prepare the 2018 church budget, requested that boards and committees submit their funding requests for next year to the Board of Finance in the near future.

Stewardship. Bill Oehlkers reported that at the current rate of giving it is projected that offerings will increase by \$19,000.00 this year. This would result in the church receiving that amount in matching funds under The \$30,000.00 Challenge.

Old Business.

Accounting Software. Bill Oehlkers asked about the status of the software review committee which had been established by a motion passed at the May Council meeting. (The committee consists of the Treasurer, Rick Sinnigen, Bill Oehlkers, Joe Norris, Pastor, and Donna Buco.) Dan responded that he looked into the matter and found that almost all of the available software for churches require payment of a monthly fee. It was suggested that Dan contact Peter Horn at Our Redeemer as he may have helpful information.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. The meeting concluded at 8:29 p.m. with the recitation of The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Martin, Secretary

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 Worship 10:00am Communion | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Gbarnga Board Meet- ing 7:00pm | 6 | 7 9:30 Team 1 James Woods |
| 8 Worship 10:00am | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 9:30 Team 2 Donna Buco |
| 15 Worship 10:00am Communion | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Council Meeting 7:00pm | 20 | 21 9:30 Team 3 Richleau Norris |
| 22 Worship 10:00am New Member | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 9:30 eam 4 David Martin |
| 29 Worship 10:00am | 30 | 31  | | | | |



Need a match?

Here's a very good match. Every dollar increase in your envelope giving from last year will be matched up to \$30,000.

IRA (Individual Retirement Account) Did you know?

Do you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and are you over age 70 and 1/2? If the answer is yes, you probably know that you must withdraw a certain amount of money from your IRA each year. This withdrawal is known as a required minimum distribution (RMD), and it constitutes taxable income to you. However, if you have the money go directly from your IRA custodian to St. Paul's, the money will be excluded from your taxable income (meaning you will not have to pay taxes on it) and St. Paul's will receive the entire amount. In this way, you will be helping both yourself and St. Paul's. You will be satisfying your RMD without increasing your taxable income, and St. Paul's will receive the entire RMD (no taxes will be withheld)