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From Cynicism to Hope

I talked with a person the other day who has given up on watching the news. "It's all one sided" was the comment. I've talked with other people who have given up on politics, or at least any notion that something good can come from it. Who can you believe these days? It's easy to throw in the towel.

I get it. But still, we have to recognize this "giving up" for what it is. It is the victory of the "cynic" within ourselves. And what we are actually doing, when we "give up" this way, is spreading hopelessness. It's all a bunch of (fill in the blank). That's hopelessness isn't it?

Cynicism is difficult to resist. Because it makes you feel righteous and smart to "give up" on things. It looks like a position of superiority. You feel that good feeling of being certain and right. That's why cynicism is so popular. It makes you feel strong.

But cynicism must be resisted at all levels, we must be a people of hope instead! And that happens in a very simple way. When it all seems to be such a mess, when we've lost our trust, the way to move from cynicism to hope, is not to just throw in the towel, but to do this: Experience the pain of it.

Listen: Jesus brought hope to the world how? By experiencing the pain of the world's mess on the cross. The way of cross is the way to move from cynicism to hope. In Romans 5 Paul writes: "and not only that, we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

We live in difficult times. Don't throw in the towel but experience the pain of it. Don't judge it, just experience it. Share it with someone you love. Man, this really hurts. It won't be long until you realize that you are not alone, that many are with you, and you discover the power of a love that surrounds you. It's not hopeless after all! You are following in the footsteps of Jesus....who never gives up on us.

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In honor of our many Fall Family Birthdays
and
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Thank You so much for your Sponsorship!



The 2021 Sponsor sign-up sheet has been posted. If you have a major event you would like to honor by your sponsorship, be sure to sign up early to get the month you want. Thank you!

COMMUNION RESUMES OCTOBER 4

We are back to in-church worship and are resuming the sacraments.

Please join us for communion every first Sunday of the month starting on October 4 and we will be following all state and local guidelines for COVID prevention.



St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for September 16, 2019

Jamie Members present were Jamie Schultis, Pastor Mark Liscom, Tyler Wolken, Darin Weers, and David Henrichs. Members not present were Gary Bergmeier and Melvin Beran. The meeting was opened with sharing life and faith stories with each other. The council reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Jamie moved to accept the minutes and David seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

See the treasurer's report in the section below the minutes. (not provided)

Memorial Treasurer's Report

Darin reported that the interest on the account was \$0.48 bringing the balance to \$6,308.86. David moved to accept the report and Tyler seconded. Report was approved.

Pastor's Report

4 worship services, 1 confirmation class, 1 youth meeting, 3 text studies, 1 cluster meeting, 1 Christian Ed. Meeting, and created an e-mail list serv for weekly emails of text studies and prayers requests.

- Pastor Mark has been working on the updating and fixing the church website. Check out all the new updates at stpauldiller.org.
- Pastor is looking at getting a new iPad that will be more compatible and have the updates he needs.
- Pastor is looking into getting a camera for his new computer so he can do Zoom meetings and Skype.

Jamie made the motion to give Pastor permission to go ahead and purchase a computer camera. Darin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman's Report

Jamie wanted to give a thank you to the Christian Education team for getting CROSSWALK up and going again. (Beth Roelfs, Kristin Hennerberg, Kristen Heideman, Sheri Schultis, Pastor Mark, and Tyler Wolken) CROSSWALK is always looking for volunteers to help on Wednesday's for a short time. Please consider helping if you can.

Committee Reports

Christian Education- The team has been working on getting CROSSWALK going and preparing for a larger group this year. The team is always looking for volunteers who can help on Wednesday's for a short time to help facilitate, teach, help at stations, serve snacks, or clean up.

Memorial- N/A Property- N/A Communication/Outreach- N/A Nominating-N/A Food Stand-N/A

New Business

The council's main objective was to determine when and how the congregation would move back in to the church. The council set a date of September 27th to move back into the church but still offer drive-in service with audio only. There will still be communion October 4th if members feel comfortable. The council set out these guidelines for the congregation if they choose to worship inside the church.

- Masks will be highly encouraged but not mandatory.
- There will be printed songs sheets or you can use the hymnals.
- No tables or chairs will be available for social gatherings after church.
- No coffee or snacks offered after church service.
- Social distance yourself when sitting in the pews.
- Hand sanitizer will be available around the church.
- The bathrooms will be cleaned after each service.

These will be the guidelines for the foreseeable future until we see improvement in Covid restrictions.

The council also talked about changing the signage on the outdoor sign.

The next council meeting is set for October 21, 2020 at 7:30PM. David moved to adjourn the meeting and Jamie seconded. Meeting was adjourned. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Tyler Wolken, Council Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT Giving Received to Date for 2020



	January-March	April-June	July-September	Totals for Year
Current	\$29,722.10	25,259.00	23,822.00	78,794.10
Benevolence	2,060.65	580.00	780.00	3,420.65
World Hunger	1,048.25	100.00	375.00	1,523.25
Special Designations	280.83	1.00	970.00	1,251.83

We need \$30,333.63 in CURRENT per quarter to meet the 2020 budget.



Women's Bible Study



Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on September 14, 2020 at 1:30pm and was led by Irene Gibson. Holy Time: Holy Memory: Why we remember: and how God re-members us. The god of the universe, of all places and all times, is present with us in our remembering.

Our study texts were from 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, Luke 22:2-23, Exodus 16:1-3 and Numbers 11:4-6.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "For the Bread Which You Have Broken." We closed with a Hymn, "Let Us Break Bread Together," and a prayer for Holy Cross Day (today - Sept. 14) and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Four (4) members answered roll call and one guest. Our offering was \$10.00.

Old Business: All School Kit Bags are finished with roping. They will be filled. Work Day is August 25th.

New Business: School Kit Bags have been filled and boxed, ready to be shipped. Work Days will be Sept. 22nd and 29th.

After Grace, Cleo Perkins served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be October 12, 2020 at 1:30pm, October book. Linda Behrends will lead the Bible study.

~ Irene Gibson, Recorder



We pray for the following church members and those in need:

Franklin and Betty Damrow, who both have returned to the Kensington after hospital/rehabilitation stays

Julie Schmidt, who fell and suffered a hand fracture, but is home and recovering

Jeanette Bures, who fell and fractured her leg, and is now recovering at home

Howard Behrends, who has been hospitalized recently

Ray Landenberger and Darlene Balderson, who have recently been moved to Heritage Care Center in Fairbury

Jean Weers, who is home recovering from an injury

Jamie Hennerberg, who is in treatment and chemotherapy

Cindy Bartlett

Please remember in your prayers all of our members and extended church family who are not able to be with us, those that are in assisted living and care centers and those who may be in need of God's comfort, healing and peace:

Betty and Franklin Damrow, Margery Keefover, Ray Landenberger, Darlene Balderson, Howard Behrends, Jeanette Bures, Jean Weers, Cindy Bartlett, Jamie Hennerberg, Julie Schmidt, Skylar Folkers and Eden Lottman



CrossWalk Christian Education

No words other than BLESSED is how we feel at Crosswalk. A year ago we started with 17 kids which we thought was a lot. That number grew up to 24 over the year. Today we had 42 kids join us!!! To see so many kids grow their faith and learn about God is as good as it gets. We are truly grateful for the team that helps put this together each week and the older youth that help us keep order in the small groups. Thank you all!!! Here are a few pics from our first few classes as we begin our new year. *Pictures and paraphrased text from St. Paul's Facebook Page*





Be a Sponsor

St. Paul is currently seeking individuals who would like to serve as a Sponsor for our Confirmation Students. We presently have 9 students in our Confirmation Program.

Being a friend to the student and possibly attending a confirmation class together would be some of the possibilities of being a Sponsor. Community service is also another phase of the Confirmation program and a Sponsor would certainly be welcome to participate. Of course, planned activities and events depend on up-to-date COVID policies and guidelines and whatever people are comfortable with participating in.

This concept is not new to St. Paul as several years ago we did have an active Sponsor program with the Confirmation class. This proved to be a very rewarding and heartwarming experience which created some lifetime friend relationships.

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact either Marla Weichel or Jamie Schultis. Let's fill these 9 spaces with Friendship and a golden opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our Youth.

Confirmation students will be assisting with the assembly of kits with the WELCA work groups as a service project on October 7. We look forward to serving and learning together after a very long break. It is good to serve God and each other!

Our Youth resumed activities in September with a Youth meeting and on the 27th had an activity where they went mini golfing and enjoyed some much-needed fellowship time.

More meetings and activities are planned, following the guidelines to keep everyone healthy. Check out the church website for updates to any scheduled activity or meeting.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October Wedding Anniversaries



October 2, 2004

Mr. & Mrs. Shawn & Jill Lottman

October 10, 1998

Mr. & Mrs. Chris & Stacy Schlichtman



October Birthdays



- 1 Jeremy Meyer
- 1 Corina Lottman
- 2 Jill Scheele
- 2 Jill Holliger
- 2 Lance Lawton
- 4 Pastor Mark Liscom
- 4 Steve Fugett
- 6 Megan Langenberg
- 7 Jill Lottman
- 7 Cale Clifford
- 9 John Denner, Jr.
- 9 Sarah Schmidt

- 9 Jarod Gold
- 9 Madeline Lottman
- 9 Valerie Lottman
- 10 Jeanette Bures
- 14 Ray Landenberger
- 14 Jonathan Schmidt
- 15 Zachary Warren
- 15 Tynleigh Sasse
- 16 Kendra K Weers
- 17 David Duis
- 18 Phyllis Wiemers
- 18 Kevin Banahan

- 19 Josie Hennerberg
- 20 Marla Weichel
- 20 Bradley Hawkins
- 21 Scott Pretzer
- 22 Robert Weers
- 25 Janet Whitehead
- 26 Patrick Hemphill
- 27 Linda Beran
- 27 Noah Gold
- 29 Dylan Nippert
- 31 Sheri Schultis
- 31 Samantha Clifford



October 4 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion
Drive-In, Facebook, or Inside Seating

October 13 Sunday Worship Service
Drive-In, Facebook, or Inside Seating

October 18 Sunday Worship Service
Drive-In, Facebook, or Inside Seating

October 25 Sunday Worship Service
Drive-In, Facebook, or Inside Seating



November 1 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion
Drive-In, Facebook, or Inside Seating



Worship Assistants, Greeters and Ushers are NOT scheduled for the foreseeable future due to COVID-19. When In-Person worship resumes, all will be rescheduled



Madeline Parde

Morgan Kapke

Myleigh Weers

Cale Clifford

Brennan Schultis



Pastor Mark

Beth Roelfs

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Pastor Mark



Coffee will not be served for the foreseeable future due to COVID-19. When the state mandates allow and In-Person worship resumes, the coffee list will be rescheduled.

October 2020



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Please check the weekly bulletin at the church or the website for updates in the calendar/schedule as some events were not available at press time and the changing COVID situation may alter the schedule as well.</p>				1	2	3
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 4 Worship Service 9:30 AM</p> 	5	6	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</p> </div> <p>Confirmation Service Project 7:00pm</p>	8	9	10
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 11 Worship Service 9:30 AM</p> <p>Youth Meeting 6:30pm @ Church</p>	12 <i>Eunice Circle</i> 1:30pm	13	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</p> </div>	15	16	17
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 18 Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>	19	20 <i>Newscaster items due</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</p> </div> <p>Council Meeting 7:30pm</p>	22	23	24
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 25 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> Worship Service 9:30 AM</p> <p>Youth Meeting 6:30pm @ Church</p>	26	27 <i>Work Day</i> All Day	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</p> </div> <p>CONFIRMATION 7:00 pm</p>	29	30	31 <i>Reformation</i> 



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