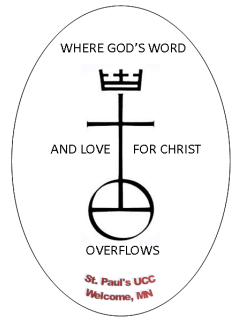




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St. Paul's United Church of Christ Council Minutes

May 10, 2017

Members present: Donnie Rudolph, JoAnn Wohlhuter, Jerry Ebeling, Greg Wohlhuter, Wayne Fritzing, Linda Schultz, Eric Hanson, Jim Kluger, Steve Olsen, Justin Portz, Vicki Nelsen

Meeting was called to order and opened with a word of prayer. April's Council Minutes were read.

Financial Secretary's report was presented. There were no questions. Treasurer's report was presented. Checking account balance is \$12,634.66. Day's Plumbing did some drain work at the parsonage. There were no other questions. Motion by Jerry, Second by Steve to accept reports as presented. There was one bill presented for mowing. Motion by Jim, Second by Eric to pay bill.

Larry Fullerton gave an update on the church investments. A report will be given at the June meeting.

Pastor Wayne reported that the April activities went well. The Fritzing's will be out of town on Sunday, May 14 attending their granddaughter's dedication in the cities. They will be on vacation the month of July. Dave Jurgens will be helping out with worship services. Pastor hasn't been able to set a date with the speaker for the Men's Steak Fry but will continue to look at options. Visits with shut-ins are going well.

Old Business:

Steak supper will be tabled until a speaker can be scheduled.

Memorial money has been received to be used towards the safe for records storage. We have started to organize the records and will be making a determination on what size and type of safe is needed.

Motion by Greg, second by JoAnn to purchase a light for the pulpit. All in favor.

The church sign is completed and we will be working with the city to get the sign put up.

Saturday, August 5th will be hosting a bus trip to the Minnesota Twins game at Target Field. We will meet at the church and take a charter bus to the game. There will be busing and tickets available for 45 people. There will be a signup sheet in the fellowship hall. This will be open to our church members until June 30. If we haven't filled the 45 seats, we will open it up to the public. Cost of the tickets will be \$40. More details will follow in upcoming newsletters.

New Business:

A work day has been scheduled at the church following worship and fellowship on May 28th. There are some repairs needed on the exterior of the church.

Cemetery work day has been set for May 17th. They will be working on trimming trees and cleaning up some overgrown areas.

We will be honoring the women of our church for Mother's Day on May 14th. Carnations will be handed out.

There will be 5 graduating seniors recognized on May 21st. Kaitlyn Cook, Emily Schultz, Macee Krumwiede, Jaxon Jurgens, and Jacob Rosenberg. We will be serving coffee cake and fruit cups during fellowship.

Motion by Jerry, second by Steve to change to 9 AM church service beginning on June 4 and going through August 27. All in favor.

St. Paul's will be singing at Goldfinch on June 11th at 3:30 PM. Meet at the church at 3 PM and we will car pool over. We will go to Jake's for pizza afterwards.

Motion by Jerry, second by Eric to pay \$125 for the Sunday's he is filling in for Pastor Wayne.

The janitor is responsible for unlocking and locking the church. If you need to arrange a time to have the church unlocked, please contact Kelley Clark.

Community worship will be held at St. Paul's on July 16th with Trinity. More information will follow in the June and July newsletters.

Next meeting will be June 7th at 7 PM. **** Please note change in meeting date ****

Motion by Jerry, second by JoAnn to adjourn. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Point to Ponder

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Pastor Wayne Fritzing



Battle Hymn of the Republic

A favorite hymn to sing on Patriotic Holidays is "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Here's the Story behind the hymn.

After the September 11, 2001 attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, a National Service of Prayer and Remembrance was conducted at Washington's National Cathedral. America's most powerful leaders prayed together and listened to brief sermons. They then joined voices to sing the defiant anthem, "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Its words seemed to perfectly signal America's intention to battle the forces of terror in the world. That intention is as strong today as ever. Americans cherish their freedom and democratic way of life.

"Battle Hymn of the Republic" was written by Julia Ward Howe, a leader in women's rights and an ardent foe of slavery. Julia, who came from a wealthy New York family, was married to prominent Boston philanthropist and humanitarian, Dr. S.G. Howe. They were both crusaders for progressive political and moral issues of the day.

In 1861, during the darkest days of the Civil War, the Howes visited Washington, and Julia toured a nearby Union Army Camp on the Potomac in Virginia. There she heard soldiers singing a tribute to John Brown, who had been hanged in 1859 for attempting to lead an insurrection of slaves at Harper's Ferry: "John Brown's Body lies a-mold'ring in the Grave." The music was rousing, but the words needed improvement. Julia's pastor, who accompanied her, asked her to consider writing new and better verses. That night, after the Howes retired to their room at the Willard Hotel, the words came.

"I went to bed and slept as usual, but awoke the next morning in the gray of early dawn, and to my astonishment found the wished-for lines were arranging themselves in my brain. I lay quite still until the last verse had completed itself in my thoughts, then hastily arose, saying to myself, I shall lose this if I don't write it down immediately. I searched for an old sheet of paper and an old stub of a pen, which I had the night before and began to scrawl the lines without looking as I learned to do by often scratching verses in the darkened room when my little children were sleeping. Having completed this, I lay down again and fell asleep, but not before feeling that something of importance had happened to me."

Julia gave her song to a friend who worked at *The Atlantic Monthly*. The magazine published it in February, 1862, sending her a check for five dollars.

We have just celebrated Memorial Day and think of the countless men and women who have given their lives so that we can celebrate our freedoms as Americans. Let no one take them away from us.



May 21 marked our last day of Sunday School. During worship, the kids sang and then played bells while the choir sang. We gave out attendance awards to Adam Wohlhuter (9 year), Nayeli Asmus (5 year), and Naiya Asmus (4 year).

We started the year rallying "Team Jesus", journeyed through the stories from Jesus' birth to his rising from the tomb. We also studied some of His parables.

A very big thank you to Nichole Asmus, Darin Cook, and Kristie Cook for teaching this year and to Lisa Wohlhuter for helping with music and songs for the kids to sing. We couldn't do this without your help.

We appreciate the all the support we get from out church family.

Anyone interested in helping with Vacation Bible School or next year's Sunday School, please contact Vicki Nelsen or a council member.

Please watch website and July newsletter for VBS details.

On Sunday, May 21 we recognized 5 young people.

Emily Schultz - daughter of and Jeff & Dawn MCW. Will be attending Mankato State and explore computer science / mass media.

Katelyn Cook - daughter of Amber, Kristie & Darin. MCW. Will be attending the U of M Morris as focus on first year generals.

Maycee Krumwiede - daughter of April and Steve, Nathan. MCW. Will be attending SDSU in Brookings for Psychology and Criminal Justice

Jacob Rosenberg - son of Travis & Kristine MCW. Will be attending Iowa Lakes in Estherville.

Jaxon Jurgens - Cindy & Dave. Fairmont. Will be attending South East Tech in Sioux Falls for law enforcement.

All will be graduating from their school on Sunday, June 4th.



Afternoon Guild— Next meeting is Thursday, June 1 at 1:30 pm.

Evening Guild - The guild is off for the summer, gearing up for September coffees.

Be sure to read the back page and that talks about our kick-off for the "Little Free Library".

We will probably start with more childrens books, but eventually we will see how it goes and probably start putting in more books for the adults. Maybe even putting up another one. We'll see !!!

We still have the prayer chain, so be sure when you know of someone who may need extra prayers please call Carol Shoberg at 728-8972 or 507-236-2833 (cell) to have her start the prayers.

We had a good time at our Guest Day in May, delicious lunch served, we can say !! Thank you to the guests who came. Hildegard Bunge won the door prize, a beautiful planter.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Remember - Church starts at 9 am through the summer months				1 1:30 pm Afternoon Guild	2	3
4 9 am Worship Holy Communion	5	6	7 7 pm Council mtg	8	9 2017 MN Conference UCC Annual meeting—	10 June 9-11 Our church float in the Fairmont parade.
11 9 am Worship 3 pm Singing at Goldfinch MC	12	13	14  14 JUNE FLAG DAY	15	16	17
18 9 am Worship Float in Sherburn parade. 	19	20	21 	22	23	24
25 Blue Jean Sunday 9 am Worship in Fellowship Hall	26	27	28	29	30 	



On Sunday, June 11, we, as in anybody who would like to, are going to go to Goldfinch Memory Care and sing. We will sing for about 1/2 hour and then on to Jake's Pizza for supper.

After the group sang at Christmas time, we saw how much the people really enjoy music, so we are going to give singing hymns and other familiar songs a try.

Meeting at the church at 3 pm.

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FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

JUNE Food Buyer - Steve Olsen - 728-8338

4 Buddy and Patti Posivio
11 Nichole, Nayeli and Nayia Asmus
18 Darrell and Dee Krueger
25 Greg Wohlhuter

Larry and Jane Fullerton
Russell and Barb Plumhoff
Jim and Carol Kluver
Council food buyer

JULY Food Buyer - Greg Wohlhuter - 236-2416

2 Dee Hartwig and Joan Anderson

Greg and Lisa Wohlhuter



5 Becky Olsen
8 Jessica Fisher
8 Evelyn Knepper
11 Blake Robert Peltier
17 Wayne Fritzingler
26 Jay Wohlhuter

2 Jim and MaryAnn Wohlhuter
5 Floyd and LaVonne Rosenberg
8 Wayne and Marilyn Fritzingler
12 Roger and Linda Schultz
15 Ed and Marlene Abel
17 Wayne and Dee Hartwig
22 Don and Rhonda Rudolph
24 Howard and Eileen Abel
27 Larry and Jane Fullerton
29 Barb and Dwain Hartwig



Please remember our shut-ins, home-bound and assisted living members

Goldfinch:

Alice Minick
Gwen Monk

Lakeview Methodist

Elsie Simon

Homebound

Rhetis Rosenberg
Pat Koenecke

Temperance Lake

Mel Schmidt

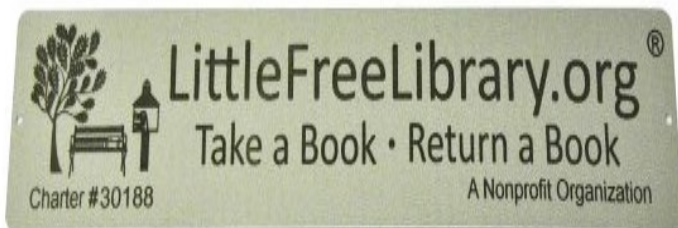
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If you have moved or are moving, please notify the church office so we are not charged postage expenses for Change of Address. Thank you !



On Wednesday, May 31, free root beer floats will be served at the Welcome City Park at 5 pm

A new 'Little Free Library' has been added to the park and it "kick-off time" You are invited to bring a book to donate or just come to see if there is a book that you might like to take home. And of course, enjoy a root beer float, to celebrate the 'Little Free Library'. Come join in the fun. All ages are welcome.

YOUR PARK! YOUR LIBRARY!!

