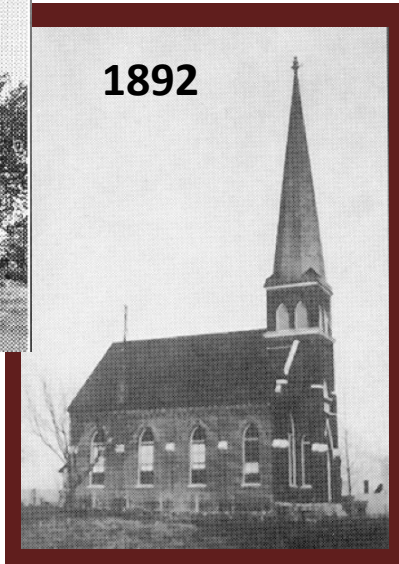
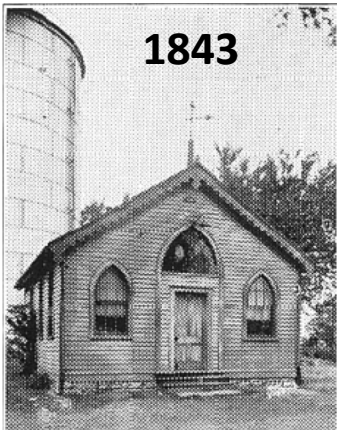


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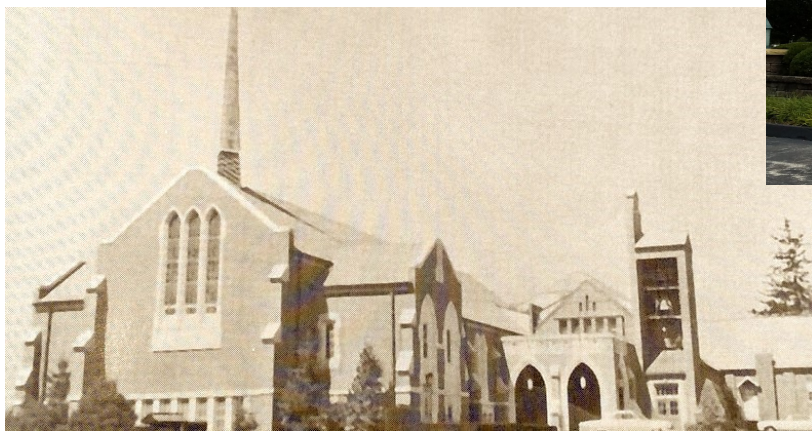
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ELDER NEWS & MINUTES

Elder Board Minutes July 10, 2023

Elders Present: David Brewer, Dwight Holmon, Joyce Lindstrom, Pastor Terry Schoenfeld, Frank Serdy, David Smith and Barbara van Dyk **Absent:** Carter Maier and Bob Schalk.

Opening Prayer: Frank Serdy

Approve June Minutes: Motion to approve June 12 (amended), June 24 and June 25 minutes.
Motion made by Joyce Lindstrom; second by David Smith; motion passed.

Update from Deacons:

Recommendations on raises, or bonuses, for staff were discussed and approved.

Year-to-date deficit in the General Fund is -\$65,718

Chuck Caesar reported attendance is at approximately 110, plus those participating other media.

The Deacons are in the early stages of discussing a stewardship campaign and recommending a Stewardship Committee for Elder approval.

Employee Retention Credit money has still not been received.

Old Business:

David Brewer reported Wednesday night worship grew a bit in attendance. In August, the Ukrainian Baptist Church will be participating in the service. David urged Elders to attend these worship services.

Barbara van Dyk reported the Search Team continues to meet regularly and good progress is being made under the leadership of Marco Van Raalten. A number of profiles have been received and several people from the Team are following up with phone calls.

Joyce Lindstrom and Frank Serdy reported on the July 9 Listening Session.

Lisa Stahlhut (through Bob Schalk) gave her thoughts regarding continuing the children's ministry program on Wednesday nights and how the Elders might support her. This was met with unanimous approval.

New Business:

As a representative of the Personnel Committee, Joyce Lindstrom will obtain a copy of the latest lead pastor job description for Pastor Terry to consider and, if necessary, discuss with the Personnel Committee and the Elder Board.

Barbara van Dyk reported she would like to form a committee to coordinate both the Church Picnic and a celebration for our church's anniversary. This was approved by the Elder and Deacon Boards, with an approved date of September 17, immediately following the worship service.

Joyce Lindstrom passed out copies of the Elder Board Handbook and pointed out some possible corrections. Joyce will prepare an abridged version of this Handbook for Elders' consideration.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Terry Schoenfeld reports that, in addition to preaching and working with the Elder Board and church staff, he plans to begin visiting congregants of St. Paul's.

He again stressed the need for St. Paul's to: Love God; Love One Another; Love the Lost. The Elder Board will assess whether we are making progress in these areas.

In addition to the monthly Shepherding Meeting, Pastor Terry recommends the Elders begin to study the book of Romans. This Bible study will begin in September, immediately following the Shepherding Meeting. Any others interested in going through this study will be invited.

He also recommended, at the Shepherding Meeting, we focus on praying through the Psalms.

Closing Prayer / Motion to Adjourn:

Pastor Terry / Motion made by Joyce Lindstrom; second David Smith; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara van Dyk, Elder Board Secretary

Minutes Approved 08/14/23

TOWN HALL MEETING

Pastor Terry Schoenfeld / Marco van Raalten Philosophy of Ministry / Pastoral Search

During this time of transition, St. Paul's needs to **"AIM"** for the bullseye / know what we are shooting for. We have to determine where we're heading, continuously evaluate how we are doing, and know that we'll never be perfect.

A - Abide - Love God - We seek to depend on God for all things. *** We can show our love for God through songs and preaching of our worship service. We need to not marginalize God but tap into His unlimited power! St. Paul's needs to find a pastor who is passionate about preaching and is "Word centered".

I - In Pursuit - Love one another - We seek hearts that strive to love and pursue each other. *** We can love and support others in the church through prayer and small groups. We need to strive to build people up and lead them to maturity in faith.

M - Mission - Love the lost - We seek to be people of compassion, always looking for ways to love our neighborhood, city, and world. *** We need to pray for and champion people who are passionate about ministry, coming along-side them to serve the Lord and the community around us.



Marco van Raalten and the Pastoral Search Team will be using **"AIM"** as a roadmap to the heart of St. Paul's. It is a great tool to show what we want in our next pastor, and also show prospective candidates what kind of culture they are considering to serve. **"AIM"** sharpens our mission statement to: 1. Lead us into radical dependance on God, 2. Lead us in pursuit of one another, and 3. Lead us on a mission to our community and world. The Search team is working on a list of interview questions based on St. Paul's **"AIM"**. They would appreciate your continued prayers.

DEACON UPDATE

The Deacon Board reported good news at the Town Hall Meeting on August 27th. St. Paul's has received the Employee Retention Credit applied for some time ago in the amount of \$150,000. \$50,000 will be dedicated to begin to replenish the Depreciation and Reserve Fund. The remaining \$100,000 will be dedicated to the Settlement Fund. While this is indeed welcome news and is a positive step towards rebuilding our reserve resources, we as a congregation must continue to prayerfully consider our regular tithes and offerings for support of the General Fund. A big thank you goes out to our Financial Administrator, Cindy Heuermann, for her work completed through the extensive application and follow up process with government agencies.

SMALL GROUPS

One way we can sharpen our **"AIM"** is by joining a small group. Groups will meet at St. Paul's and other locations on different days of the week starting the week of September 24th. Pastor Terry will be preaching through the book of Ephesians this Fall, and the small groups will meet weekly for a deeper study and application using *Knowing the Bible: Ephesians, a 12 Week Study* by JL Packer. Small Group Leaders are needed. If you are interested, contact Susan Musselmann or David Pollmann. Watch your weekly bulletins for more information on how to sign-up. Books will be available for pick-up at the church picnic on September 17.

MISSIONS NEWS

Nate & Faith Walter Visit on August 13th

St Paul's welcomed missionaries Nate and Faith Walter who visited with us during the fellowship time on August 13th. They provided information on their work welcoming pilgrims from the Camino del Santiago in Spain along with other efforts in the area to support the local community. We were thankful to have them visit along with Nate's father, our former Associate Pastor Dan Walter, and his wife Pat.



David & Shawna Boerema Visit on August 20th

The Boeremas are part of the EFCA APEX program. Apex is the student missions program for the Evangelical Free Church of America. They exist to serve the local church by helping to mobilize the next generation to take the gospel from here to everywhere. They do this by offering students—the most sendable and teachable part of our society—bite-sized missions opportunities. David is striving to reach the goal of helping 100 next generation students get on the field by 2025. David sees great hope and potential in young people and loves the energy this age group has to change the world and make an impact for the kingdom of God.

Update from the Debbie & Mike Edwards (Reach Global)

St. Paul's supported missionaries, Mike and Debby Edwards, moved to San Francisco in 2018 to explore the role that "international missions" might play in expanding local churches. After years of research and discussion, it is now official! The EFCA Executive Counsel has asked Mike and Debby to launch a ReachGlobal City Team in the San Francisco Bay Area. This is the first time ReachGlobal has taken the approach used in Europe to serve the church in America.



Why is a ReachGlobal Team (EFCA International Missions) needed in America? The major metro areas of the U.S. West Coast and Northeast are equally as challenging as the cities of Europe for the mission of the church. This creates an urgent moment for pastors, church planters, and missionaries to collaborate in fresh ways to express the Gospel. Frankly, missionaries and pastors have different experiences and even think differently. Serving together will make their roles better than each working on their own.

What are the key benefits that the EFCA is expecting from a U.S. ReachGlobal team?

- Partnerships with local churches that increase ongoing ministries which specifically deepen relationships between believers and not-yet-believers.
- A training pathway for disciple-making specifically oriented toward missionaries equipping evangelists and providing ongoing development.
- An internship path for young adults to "live on mission" in a secular world, while increasing their value for local church ministry.
- Developing church planting core team members with an increased motivation in evangelism to serve on church planting teams.
- Nurturing church partnerships from outside the Bay Area that benefit from investing in a mission field closer to home.

CHURCH PICNIC



OFFICE HOURS CHANGE

Starting September 25, The Church Office will be open Tuesday through Friday.

Contact the church office if you need special accommodations to enter the church on Mondays.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP / 10 DAYS OF PRAYER

This year, 10 Days of Prayer will also be Wednesday Worship. If you have enjoyed praying for Christian unity in the St. Louis area in the past, please attend as we host this prayer for the nations. This year's theme is "Cry for the Harvest!" Our prayer region in 2023 is east and southern Africa. The global prayer focus is on Kabul, Afghanistan. Please be on the lookout for flyers and prayer guides. More information will be offered in the weekly church bulletin, church website, and the 10 Days website. If you'd like to be involved in planning our evening, please contact Letitia Wong (314-443-8105).

Visit www.10days.net for details on the global prayer movement!



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

To the Women at St. Paul's:

As you may have noticed, Women's Fellowship has not chosen a Challenge Letter mission project this year. Our hope is that you will use this opportunity to direct your Challenge offerings to St. Paul's Church along with your regular giving. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's with "Challenge" written in the memo line. Thank you for your faithful support!

Please join us at our next Women's Fellowship meeting on September 13, 2023. Bring your own lunch. Dessert and drinks are provided.

YarnWorks Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 14, 1-3 pm, at the home of Sieglinde Schnellbacher, 2619 White Manor Ct. 63114. Questions? Call 314-210-0065. You do not need to know how to knit or crochet - we will teach you! We look forward to seeing you!

DO YOU NEED MORE OF GOD?

Healing Hearts

a Women's Ministry retreat
for women who are a
part of the St. Paul's community

Saturday, October 7th

\$10 per person - includes breakfast & lunch

Register with Elizabeth Thomas - bluebird213@gmail.com



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

There is a **Special Sunday School event** on September 10th (10:45a.m. until the special adult bible fellowship is finished). Children will meet in the Power Plant for a special lesson and snacks!

Regular Sunday School will start on September 24th (11a.m.). 2nd graders will be presented with bibles during the service that day.

Did you know we have a **Children's Library** filled with both religious and secular books? Your child can read about Noah or about Fly Guy's latest antics. We have books for children from babies to middle school ages. We have board books for our youngest readers and chapter books for older children. Please take time to check it out on the lower level in the Sunday School hallway.

Happy Anniversary!

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Scott & Jannet Dieckgraefe	9/1	39 years
Fred & Margy Robinson	9/2	61 years
Ed & Janet Rolle	9/7	55 years
Kenneth & Mary Broky	9/9	45 years
Ronald & Barbara Hueffmeier	9/9	56 years
Robert & Karen Tucker	9/9	20 years

Paul & Rosemary Wilson	9/10	57 years
John & Debbie Graeler	9/15	39 years
Jeff & Christy Drake	9/22	22 years
Paul & Rebecca Daniel	9/24	40 years
Rick & Beverly Millard	9/25	19 years

Happy Birthday!

Kelly Schjenken	9/2	Sue Jackson	9/10	Matthew Jepsen	9/17
Paul Wilson	9/3	Leslie Koewing	9/10	Don Andrews	9/18
Rosemary Wilson	9/3	Lucas Pfeiffer	9/10	Mark Immekus	9/19
Jim Crews	9/5	Rich Niedringhaus	9/11	Sieglinde Schnellbacher	9/20
Carol Carinci	9/8	Carole Stahlhut	9/11	Nancy Crews	9/21
		Jill Pasteris	9/12	Lee Carlson	9/23
		Alan Mueller	9/16	Walter Gummertsheimer	10/5

MEMORIALS

Naomi Ruth Lebsock (nee Kroese), age 78 of Frontenac, Missouri, was called home to heaven to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, August 19, 2023. She was born on January 30, 1945 in Lincoln, NE, to Edward and Lucille Kroese. She was raised in Panama, Nebraska and married the love of her life, Eddie Lebsock, on June 17, 1966. They had one child, Cindi. Naomi was the church organist and gave piano lessons. They later decided to follow Cindi to St. Louis, Missouri in January 1995. Naomi was also very faithful to her Lord and was an active member of St. Paul's Evangelical Church. In her free time, she enjoyed golf, bridge, gardening, dominoes, and watching sports, especially the Cornhuskers and Cardinals. Most importantly, she cherished her family and spending time with her grandchildren. Naomi is survived by her husband of 57 years, Eddie Lebsock; daughter, Cindi Wagner; son-in-law, Mike Wagner; three grandchildren, Jacob, Nathan, and Samantha Wagner, and two brothers, Ron Kroese and Stan Kroese

Robert Arthur Summers, age 95, passed away on Saturday, August 19, 2023. Robert was the beloved husband of the late Marlene L. Summers (nee Graue); dear brother of Jimmy Summers, the late Donald Summers, the late Gene Summers and the late Kenneth Summers; devoted uncle, great uncle and friend to many. Bob wished to be remembered as a generous, conscientious, caring and compassionate person. He was one who accepted responsibility in taking care of others. His spiritual life had always been guided by John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Bob will be dearly missed by all that knew and loved him.

Terry Daniels Terry Douglas Daniels, age 77, of University City, went home to be with his Lord on August 19, 2023. He was born 2/25/1946 in St. Louis and was raised in Arkansas along with his brother Wayne [deceased] and sister Trish [deceased]. He graduated from Lafayette High School. He was the beloved husband of Jeanne Speroulas. They were married May 17, 1986 at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox church. Terry was a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne and served two tours in Viet Nam in 1966-1968. He was active at St. Paul's including serving as vice-chairman of the Elder Board and was proud of the men's ministry. He volunteered in Pastoral Care at Mercy Hospital for several years and even while going through cancer treatment, he ministered to people at Mercy and SLU. He is survived by his wife Jeanne, sister-in-law Janet, son Bob [Kirsten] and grandchildren Brin, Maya and Beckman. He was very outgoing and loved people and will be greatly missed by his family, his many friends, and the people whose lives he touched.

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Sundays

Worship Service	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time	10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays

Quilters and Project Linus	9:30 a.m.
Prayer & Care Meeting	1:30 p.m.

9/3	Communion
9/4	Missions Team 7:00pm
9/10	Guest Speaker - Sean Maney 9:30 Special Sunday School Event 10:45am
9/13	Women's Fellowship 11:30am
9/14	YarnWorks 1pm
9/17	Church Picnic 10:45am-3pm
9/18	White Cross 9:30am
9/20	10 Days of Prayer / Wed. Worship 6:30pm
9/24	Adult Bible Fellowship & Children's Sunday School Resumes 11:00am
9/25	Quilts of Valor 9:30am
9/30	Pray with the Elders 9am