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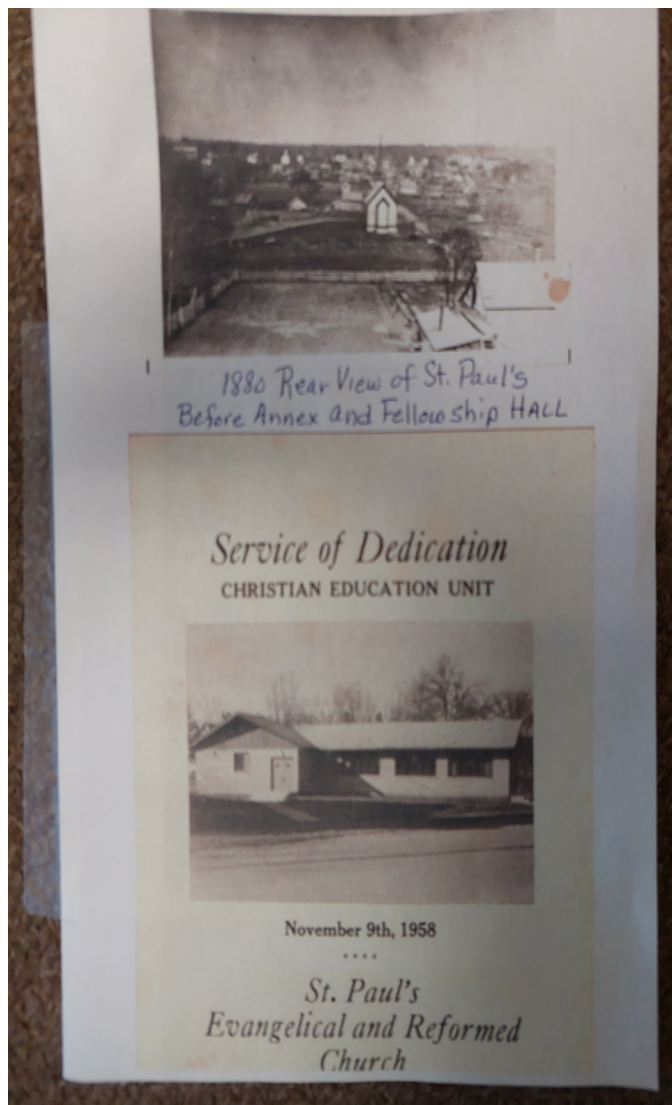
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Sharing Good News

St. Paul's UCC Delano, Minnesota



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Annex was added to church and Fellowship Hall connecting both buildings in 1982 approx.

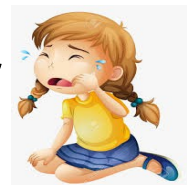
Birthdays

11/04 Steve McCurry
11/11 Carolyn Goble
11/12 Mike Hagerty
11/24 Logan Rieder



Dates to be Noted

11/06 Communion
11/06 Daylight Savings Ends =
11/08 Election Day
11/13 Council Meeting (after Fellowship)
11/24 Thanksgiving



***Fellowship Hosts**

11/06 Hussing/McDonald
11/13 Holm
11/20 Leck
11/27 Open

Reminder

Bible Study will continue in November on every Tuesday at 5:15 p.m.

Cultural Responsive Dinner Liberia Pics October 29



Indigenous People's Day Pics October 17



Here's an article in the Delano Herald Journal written by Lani Brown-Worley

St. Paul's United Church hosted the indigenous people event Oct. 17

BY LANI BROWN-WORLEY

Monday, Oct. 17, St. Paul's United Church of Christ (201 Buffalo St., Delano) hosted an educational Indigenous Peoples' event with two speakers, one from the Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition, and a woman who works with the Bureau on Indian Affairs in Minneapolis.

They talked about the little-known history of Native American boarding schools. More than 30 people attended to learn about this secret abuse of children.

Last year in a proclamation, President Biden said we should "honor Native Americans, their resilience, and their contributions to American society throughout history, even as they faced assimilation, discrimination, and genocide spanning generations."

This past July, Pope Francis was in Canada, on what he called a "Pilgrimage of Penance." He traveled around to apologize for the Catholic Church's role in residential school systems where Indigenous children were mandated to attend. Residential schools were funded by the U.S. and Canadian governments but administered primarily by the

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Catholic Church along with local government agencies and other church denominations.

The mandate was to erase the culture and language of Indigenous children and make them Christians. After being stolen from their families as young children, they were forbidden to speak their native languages, their hair was cut, and they were given new names.

The schools' goal was to assimilate the children and rid them of their cultural ties to their families. The plan was to keep them from ever returning to their parents.

The apology from Pope Francis came after years of allegations detailing abuse and neglect at these residential boarding schools that resulted in the deaths of over 150,000 Native children. Methods of discipline at Minnesota boarding schools were harsh. Some schools had cells or dungeons

where students were confined for days and given only bread and water. Minnesota boarding schools recorded epidemics of measles, influenza, blood poisoning, diphtheria, typhoid, scarlet fever, tuberculosis, pneumonia, trachoma, and mumps, which swept through overcrowded dormitories. Students also died from accidents such as drowning and falls.

The policies implemented led to the deaths of thousands of students through disease, hunger, and malnutrition, and have left a legacy of intergenerational trauma. Today families are combing the vast cemeteries belonging to over 400 boarding schools, looking for their relatives who died while in these schools.

Ten members of the Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition are leading the way to assist families in resolving the trauma caused by the boarding school mandates.

To fully understand the present, it's important to know about the past. To learn more, go to: <https://boardingschoolhealing.org> and <https://boardingschoolhealing.org/truth-commission/>

*****October Council Meeting Minutes *****

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Council Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2022

Call to Order: Dave @ 10: 50am

Review and approval of Council Minutes from September 11, 2022 – Shala made motion to approve, Jim seconded, and motion carried.

Review and Approval of financial statements – Normal Financials = Judy motioned to approve, Dave seconded, and motion carried.

Pastor's Report- Bible study going well. A "joyful surprise" per Bridget. Often a different perspective with different bible versions. Recently the first Baptism in front of whole church in many years. Congratulations to Isaac, Sarah and IJ. Welcome aboard Sheriana Marie.

Newsletter Ideas – Need Ecosense articles as we missed last month. History input a great addition.

Old Business

Website/Social Media improvement update by Mike & Jim – Work in process and welcome input.

Indigenous People's Day Event on Monday Oct. 17th – We are hosting, contact Lani to help.

Holiday season ahead – Will order memory friendly song books. Large print? Need help with planning and execution for Advent/ Christmas Eve. New format ideas?

Church cleanup – Dave will advise on big items. May have day for decorating /cleaning. Revisit in November. "See something, say something".

New Business

October 29 Culturally Responsive dinner – Liberia – Shawn and Lani meeting as we speak. Will send recipes. Bring a dish. James will speak.

Cemetery Committee update – Committee recommends a price increase for Members only to purchase a cemetery plot. The new price will be \$500. The plot will include up to two urns, and/or one casket and one headstone. After much discussion, Dave made a motion to accept price increase, Mike seconded and motion carried. The new plot increase will take effect after Annual Meeting in February. Members will be able to purchase plots at current price (\$100) until then. Our Cemetery neighbor Mount Olive will be upgrading driveway. After obtaining cost of project, we will entertain contributing up to half of said cost.

Judy will continue to handle Cemetery transactions.

***October Council Meeting Minutes Continued ***

MISC.

A generous donation of books for a lending library was accepted. Freshening up the Fellowship hall with pictures of events and possibly an occasional group picture of our congregation is up for consideration.

5 Year plan meetings have been set for 10/27 and 11/3 @ 6pm

Next Council meeting will be held on 11/13 after fellowship.

Mike made a motion to adjourn, Jim seconded, and all agreed to adjourn @ 12:34pm.

Ecosense

EVERYONE who is eligible MUST vote on November 8! Please consider voting for candidates who support actions that will work to address climate change. Some elected officials and candidates for office minimize the effects of climate change and are proposing no solutions. The Citizen's Climate Lobby (CCL) is a good resource for information about actions that can be taken.

Their website states that "CCL is a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change. These core values guide our staff and volunteers to be focused on what we see as the single most impactful solution to climate change – a national carbon fee and dividend."

Please VOTE! Be an informed voter!

Submitted by Jim Holm

Financial Review

October 1–31, 2022

Income (offerings): \$6,199

Total Expenses: \$4,436

Net Income: \$1,763



Planning for Advent and Christmas Eve

If you have ideas about how we should approach the Advent services including things like lighting the candles on the Advent wreath, picking hymns, special readings and readers. We can also plan for Christmas Eve readings and hymns and Christmas day hymns and liturgy as Christmas Day is on a Sunday this year. We can plan a little while during and after fellowship in November.

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Pastor Bridget's Usual Office Hours

Mondays: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thursdays: 9:30 am - 11:30 pm

(Other times as requested. Call Bridget anytime!)

All are welcome at our in-person services, Sundays at 9:15 AM, or a Zoom link is also available.

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