

March 2023

Issue 103

Volume 2

Sharing Good News

St. Paul's UCC Delano, Minnesota

*"May your troubles
be less. And your
blessings be more.
And nothing but
happiness come
through your door."*

—IRISH BLESSING

*****Birthdays*****

03/04 John Kappe
03/04 Jim Holm
03/06 Dianna Meyer
03/13 Wayne Keplinger
03/15 Ann Robinson
03/18 Tannah Frawley
03/22 Neil Carter
03/28 Laurence Rieder
03//29 Gretchen Stewart
03/20 Meg Conrard



*****Dates to be Noted*****

03/05 Communion
03/12 Council Meeting
03/12 Daylight Saving Time
03/17 St. Patrick's Day
03/20 First Day of Spring



*****Fellowship Hosts****

03/05 Hussing/McDonald
03/12 Specht
03/19 Crosby
03/26 Johnson

Here's Information on St. Paul's UUC Cemetery

ST. PAUL'S
UNITED Church
of
CHRIST
CEMETERY

cemetery road

MT. OLIVE
CEMETERY
WEST

↓

HWY 12





JANUARY 1954
DELANO Granite Works to make
GRANITE SIGN For Cemetery



Directory
St. Paul's
United
Church of
Christ
Cemetery

METAL BOX INSIDE ENTRANCE
To cemetery. This Box holds
MAP and listing of all
GRAVES

Schroeder Church
named for Christian
Schroeder who donated
land.
Name changed to
Salem.

St Paul's Burials
340 Interments
18 unknown persons
graves
369 grave sites available
Some early burials are
in Mt. Olive West
Cemetery

Lenten Soup Supper Meals

During Lent we are having Soup Supper Meals at the church on Tuesdays beginning February 28, 2023. Pastor Bridget and Sam kicked off the first supper with delicious Potato soup and bread. A sign up sheet is located in the Annex for those who want to participate hosting a supper.



Ecosense

Minimize Food Wastage

Statistics show that in the United States, 40% of food is wasted annually. Also, research shows that annually food that gets lost globally people across the world. Wasted food is thrown in landfills and with time decomposes to hazardous greenhouse gas, methane. Moreover, wasting food implies wastage of energy and water which was used to produce the food. Fortunately, there are measures we can take to reduce food wastage.

You can make a list of the food you are going to buy as well as the amount. It reduces impulse buying of food that we are likely not to eat and ends up in the trash. Also, you can plan the meals you will take for that week and include the ingredients for each meal.

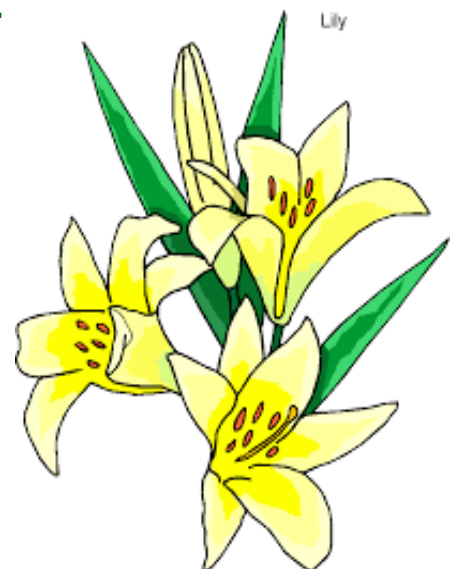
Monitor the trash. Always note down the food you throw in the bin and keep tabs on the pattern. To make the monitoring effortless, you can download an app to help you track. Moreover, you can opt to donate the food instead of tossing it in the bin. There are needy people all over the world who need the food you throw away. Adopt a habit of eating leftovers. Some of us don't eat the same meal twice.

Conversely, throwing away food because you don't want to eat it isn't constructive to the environment. Or if you don't love leftovers, but you practice farming, you can also create a composite pit. The composite hole will recycle the nutrients to the ecosystem and enriches the soil. Always remember to check for the expire dates on products.

Easter Flower Orders

The Easter flower sign-up sheet is located in the Annex. The deadline for your order is Sunday, March 19th. Your flowers will be displayed at the alter on Easter Sunday and to take home after the service. The following flowers are available:

Easter Lily	\$15	Hydrangea	\$45
Large Easter Lily	\$60	Begonia	\$18
Tulip	\$15	Bulb Garden	\$25
Kalanchoe	\$18	Cyclamen	\$18
Mum	\$18		



**St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting
February 19, 2023**

President David Rieder called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Following an opening prayer by Pastor Bridget Haefner, a quorum was attained. Twenty-nine people attended, twenty-one of whom were members of UCC, constituting a quorum.

On motion duly made and seconded, the agenda as written was unanimously approved. *

On the next motion and second, the Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting of was unanimously approved as written. *

Treasurer James Holm reviewed the financial picture for calendar year 2022, including the Offering summary, Investment Fund summary (ending balance date should read 12/31/22), and Mission Report. Also reviewed were the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet. In a few words, it was a good year. A big shout out was given by Jim to our many members who are generous with their time and treasure. *

Jim also presented the proposed 2023 Budget. * A question was raised by Hal Becker regarding per capita contributions. Hal Becker made the following motion.” To amend the 2023 proposed budget to include the UCC per capita not paid in 2022, the cost of upgrading computer Quick Books program, and the total replacement cost of new softener in 2023”. On motion made and seconded, the 2023 Budget was unanimously approved as amended.

Pastor Report- Bridget Haefner reported the post-church-service fellowship is enjoyed by many, and it has become hard to get people to leave. Bible studies will continue (Acts) following Lenten season, a simple dinner will be offered once each week during Lent, Ash Wednesday service may be eliminated this year due to weather. Stay tuned. Bridget gave thanks to all our very generous congregants. *

A Cemetery Report was provided by Judy Crosby. During 2022, the Cemetery Committee proposed, and the Church Council established, guidelines for headstones, grave markers, numbers of decedents per plot, including current cost. The first price increase in over 100 years. Judy will draw an updated cemetery map and plans on gathering additional church records going forward.*

Shala Holm reported on the status of the Five-Year Plan which is updated each October by the Council. A key item scheduled in the coming year is the church organist, (Margaret,) is retiring. A request for the names of potential organists is requested. As always, the Council seeks ALL your suggestions. * Come join us.

Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting Continued

Election of Council Members for two-year terms: David Rieder, Jim Holm and Laura Johnson were unanimously elected to serve two-year terms. Thanks to Shala for six years of great service. She will be missed.

There being no further business, Pastor Bridget led all in the “Lord’s Prayer” .

On motion from Mike Hagerty and seconded, the annual meeting of St. Paul’s United Church of Christ was unanimously adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

***Copies of reports, agendas, financial documents and Minutes referred to above were emailed to all members prior to the annual meeting and are incorporated herein by reference.**



Available in Sanctuary.



Solar United Neighbors Buyer's Group

It's a great time to join a 2023 Solar Buyers' Co-op! You get no-cost support from knowledgeable staff, volume discount rated from a vetted solar developer and a design proposal for your home. Imagine using free clean energy and receiving a 30% tax credit! Sign up for the Twin Cities Metro Co-op .

Financial Review

February 1–28, 2023

Income (offerings): \$2,068

Total Expenses: \$4,706

Total Income/Loss: (\$2,638)



Sharing Good News

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
201 Buffalo Street
P.O. Box 187
Delano, MN 55328

March 2023



Pastor Bridget Haefner

Church Phone: (763) 972-6689

Pastor Phone: (952) 457-1085



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.

Email: delanoucc@gmail.com