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Sharing Good News

St. Paul's UCC Delano, Minnesota



The Labor day holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.

****Birthdays****

09/01 Jane Larson
09/01 Charlie Leck
09/02 Anne Leck
09/09 Laura McDonald
09/14 Hal Becker
09/20 Gail Uecker



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

09/03 Communion
09/04 Labor Day
09/10 Council Meeting

Reminder...Bible Study
Acts of the Disciples is
on Tuesdays' at 6pm
09/05 Lesson 5
09/12 Lesson 6

****Fellowship Hosts****

09/03 Holm
09/10 Leck
09/17 Conrard
09/24 Rieders/Stewart



St. Paul's United Church of Christ Council Meeting Minutes—August 3, 2023

Call to order @ 10:30 AM

Started with a prayer initiated by President Mike Hagerty

Attendees: Mike Hagerty, Dave Rieder, Judy Crosby, Laura Johnson, Pastor Bridget

Absent: Jim Holm

Old Business:

- Motion to accept July minutes by Mike, seconded by Dave, motion carried.
 - Library- voted yay unanimously and moving forward with new bookshelves
 - Still need a replacement for our organist, an ad has been placed in the Herald Journal
 - Great National Night Out!
 - Africa-no update yet, looking at fall for a presentation
 - Bathroom report: No hard numbers yet- waiting on a plan and an in-house bid
 - Communion will be discussed in the future- wine monthly or only on special occasions.
- If you have input, talk to Pastor or Judy.
- 5 Year Plan: must talk about in October, 10/22/2023 11AM- NO COUNCIL MEETING

New Business:

- Looking for members to form a worship committee for: altar arrangements, hymns, how special services are arranged, baptisms, etc. 3-5 people- Let Pastor or council members know.
- Council meeting outlined as such: 10:40 council start time, 1 hr meeting time
- Looking for members to form a By-Laws committee to read and /or amend/ re-word parts of the church's constitution. Let Pastor or council members know if you have interest.
- Perpetual fund has not grown, more conversations to be had.
- August 20, 2023 Baptism Day
- Cemetery committee brought a proposal to separate church and cemetery financials. Cemetery By-laws were updated.

Financial Report:

- Motion to accept financial report by Dave, Mike seconded, motion carried
- Council members will ask our treasurer for more detailed reports

Pastors Report:

- On October 15, Bridget has a replacement for her vacation block- Pastor Bonnie, who has her Masters in Ministry.
 - Bible study on Tuesdays at 6PM, starting August 8th.
- *Next meeting is September 10, 2023 at 10:40AM.

Message from Pastor Bridget

Why I Love Our Church



From Trinity Sunday until the Reign of Christ Sunday we live in “Ordinary Time” It is a time to move from concentrating on the event of Christ in the world and shift to the impact of being in Christ in the world. A life in the unity of the Trinity is one of being shaped and sent daily in the image and in the purpose of Holy Love.

As much as we love special days there is a certain relief on the days that are ordinary. Ordinary in Jesus’ life seemed to be speaking in parables and having time with his disciples to explain the parables. He had dinner with friends old and new and took time to retreat for prayer. It was also ordinary to run into Pharisees now and then and to argue with them about what’s important and what’s not.

Ordinary time for us is a time to strengthen the bonds that bind us together as one. In a church our size we are blessed to know everyone. We hear about the ups and downs of our fellow travelers on this journey. We know there is someone who will sit with us when we can’t explain what it is that is weighing us down. We grieve for those we have lost, and we never forget how much better our lives are because of them.

It is impossible to convey how blessed I feel to be part of this church. I am touched by the way you accept all our members and friends so that everyone is included in worship and in fellowship. I see the troubles we sometimes have because our views of what is necessary are different from someone else’s. Yet as we listen to the other, we begin to see that we are not so far apart. We refuse to let the little things drive us apart.

This is a gift we all share, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.
(With a “Thank You” to Stevie Wonder)

ECOSENSE

In April of 2022 Jim and Shala Holm had 12 solar panels installed on their house in Buffalo. They contracted with All Energy Solar in St. Paul, and have been very pleased with their work from start to finish.

In case anyone is interested in adding solar to their home, Jim and Shala recommend All Energy and they have a special referral program through September 23, 2023.

- * From June 21 through September 23, 2023, Ambassador Referral Rewards will double which means:
- * *You Earn a \$50 gift card when anyone you refer gets a proposal OR \$1,000 when anyone you refer signs a contract with All Energy Solar*
- * Appointments for solar proposals and the contract signing must have occurred between June 21 and September 23, to qualify for double referral rewards.
- * AllEnergySolar.com/Refer
- *
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(Welcome New Member—James Woiwor—August 20, 2023



*****Two Baptisms on August 20, 2023*****



Ezra Hollendrung

(Pictured with Proud Parents Josh Hollendrung, Kathrine McCurry and Grandmother, Pastor Bridget)



Charlotte Johnson

(Pictured with Proud Parents Michael and Laura Johnson)

Financial Review August 1-31, 2023

Income (offerings): \$7,909
Total Expenses: \$9,673
Total Income: (\$1,764)



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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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