

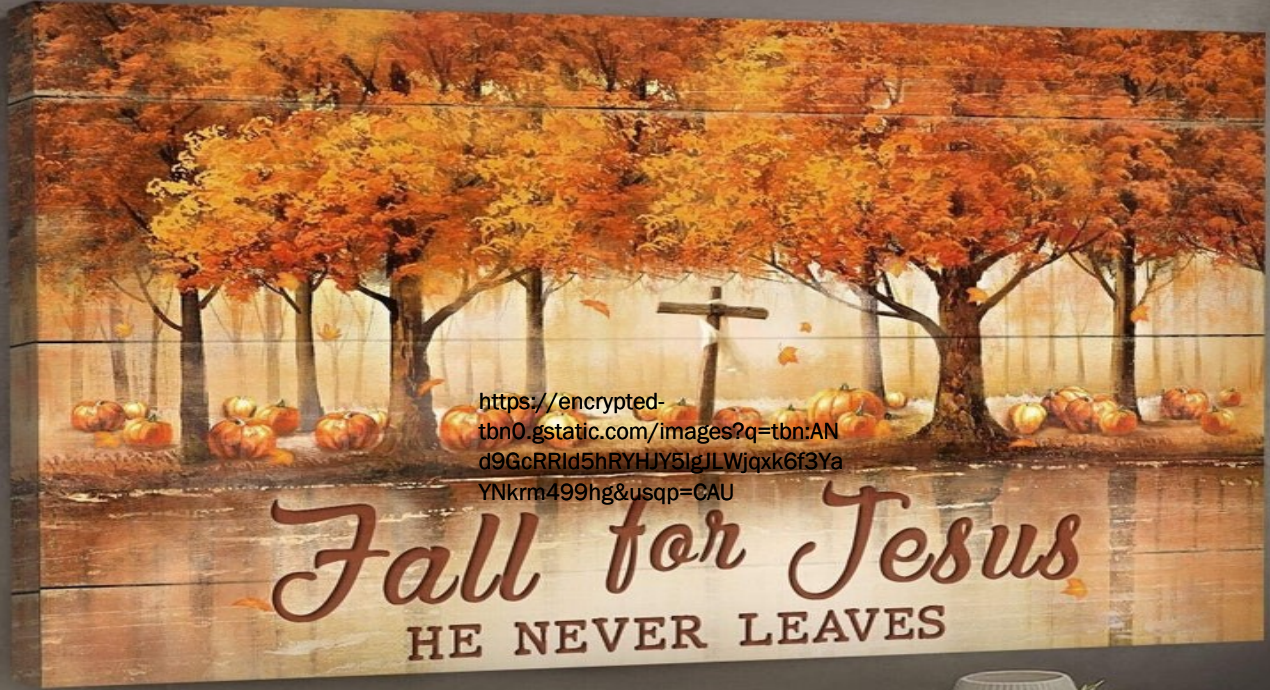
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# Sharing Good News

## St. Paul's UCC Delano, Minnesota



### **\*\*Birthdays\*\***

- 10/02 Shawn Worley**
- 10/03 Gary Fragodt**
- 10/06 Sam McCurry**
- 10/14 Margaret Groskreutz**



### **\*\*Dates to be Noted\*\***

- 10/01 Communion**
- 10/09 Indigenous People's Day**
- 10/22 Five Year Planning Meeting (after church)**
- 10/26 Liberian Fundraising Event (see page 4 for details)**
- 10/31 Halloween**



**Note: No Council Meeting October**

### **\*\*Fellowship Hosts\*\***

- 10/01 Holm**
- 10/08 Open**
- 10/15 Hagerty**
- 10/22 Open**
- 10/29 Haefner, McCurry and Woirwor**



## St. Paul's United Church of Christ

### Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes September 10, 2023

Call to order @ 10:35 AM

Started with a prayer initiated by President Mike Hagerty

**Attendees:** Mike Hagerty, Dave Rieder, Judy Crosby, Laura Johnson, Pastor Bridget, Gretchen (non-voting member)

#### **Old Business:**

- Motion to approve minutes by Laura from August 6, 2023, seconded by Dave- motion carried.
- Library- 2 defects on shelving, Jim has reached out to the company for resolution.
- Teamwork Africa- Powerpoint is fantastic, date for fundraiser to be updated ASAP.
- Concrete repair on East side of building done, west side is on Dave's agenda. Bathroom done until more parts arrive for the men's bathroom. Will update when there is more information.
- Bathroom handicap access will be presented and updated when more information is available. Project projected for the end of 2023.
- Cemetery Committee request: to separate money so that the cemetery fund gets interest alone. Jim will ask Larry Olsen for more information/options.
- 5 year planning meeting October 22, 2023 following the Sunday service. Congregation invited. No council meeting in October.
- New organist still not nailed down, Gretchen will be available part-time for accompaniment.

#### **New Business:**

- No new business; we will work through our old business until something pressing presents.

#### **Financial Report:**

- Checking account is up \$4200 from August 6, 2023.
- Dave has been reimbursed for all of his hard work on the bathroom.

-\$200 not added to cemetery fund yet- GERALYN will fix ASAP

-Green Wealth Management account is up.

-We will draft more information on our donation categories, to better inform the congregation.

-Motion to accept financial report by Dave, Mike seconded, motion carried.

#### **Pastors Report:**

-Bible study going well on Acts.

-When will part 3 of Acts begin? Stay tuned.

-Worship committee has formed and will meet September 17th, 2023.

-World Communion Day to be reviewed by committee

Pics From Philippines Cultural Responsive Dinner - September 23, 2023



Presenter Cathy



A Dish from the Philippines

**ECOSENSE**

**Eco Fair 2023**

Would you like to hear directly from a climate scientist about individual solutions to the climate crisis happening in our world?

On Saturday Oct. 7 from 10am-2pm, St. John's Episcopal Church in Minneapolis will be holding Eco Fair 2023, and the keynote speaker will be Dr. Heidi Roop.

Dr. Roop is the director of the University of MN Climate Adaptation Partnership, and she has written a climate action handbook that outlines many solutions an individual can take to mitigate climate change.

There will be information tables and other speakers on key topics, as well.

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## News Release

St. Paul's United Church of Christ's member, James Woiwar, was born and raised in Liberia, Africa. Today, James lives in Minnesota but travels to Liberia often. He brings us news of the hardships of his relatives and others. They do not have enough wells for the small villages, so the women and children need to travel great distances to get water and do laundry. They also have many orphaned children who need a home.

Working with an organization called Teamwork Africa, James explained how we could build a well for \$2,500 that would meet the needs of an entire village. We also learned about the children whose parents have died from AIDS among other things and need a home. We can support a child in a village orphanage for \$150 per year providing the child with safety, food shelter and an education.

Last year, St. Paul's UCC church built a first well in a small village in Bong County, Liberia.

On Thursday, October 26, St. Paul's will hold a fundraising evening in the Fellowship hall at 5:30 pm. We will serve a meal of hot dishes and pie. Our goal is to raise enough money to build two more wells (\$5,000) and support 35 orphaned children of Bong County, Liberia (\$5,250 for one year)

We invite all community members to join us for the presentation about Liberia and to help with their struggles. We, in Wright County, are rich in our health, home and heart, and could ease the struggle for quality life for our global neighbors in Liberia.

St. Paul's is located at 201 Buffalo Street, Delano



**\*\*\*Message from Pastor Bridget\*\*\***



Have you noticed how reticent most people are when they are asked to do something they do not think they're good at? The place I most often hear, "no I can't do that" is when they are asked to read scripture.

This isn't a big surprise because most of us aren't familiar with ancient Hebrew and Greek, and Latin. Many seminaries require students to study these ancient languages so they can better interpret the scriptures. Lucky for me, that wasn't required at United Seminary or the United Church of Christ. Learning new languages in my 50's would have been even worse than the two years of Spanish I took in high school! "Hola!:" is all I remember of that. take comfort from knowing the people they read to will not know how to pronounce the difficult words either.

But there is a more difficult request that people usually run from.

Any Guess?

**Would you be willing to lead the hymns?**

Now that **Margaret Groskreutz** has retired, we are scrambling for musicians. **Gretchen Stuart** has graciously offered to play the piano or the organ once a month if she is in town and has sufficient time and energy. We have advertised in several places and connected with people who might know somebody, but. alas, this seems to be an old fashioned skill. Our organ has decided to be a pain and is refusing to play hymns Margaret recorded before she resigned,

**“But away with the gloom and doom! We can speak, we can sing, we have lovely voices as shown by the chatter before the service begins!**

**An organist or pianist; a guitarist, a drummer, these are frostings on the cake but the cake can exist without the frosting.**

So as we stumble in the shortening days be ready to sing with gusto. Sing without worry of what others are thinking. They are just as self-conscious as you. We will all sing more meaningfully if we forget our egos and offer our prayers and hymns to God - who gave us these gifts to use, not to apologize for.

Say “Thank You to our God, to the Christ with us, and Holt Spirit, who leads us on.  
Amen

**Financial Review September 1-30, 2023**

Income (offerings): \$3,119  
Total Expenses: \$5,333  
Total Income: (\$2,214)



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**October 2023**



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## **Pastor Bridget's Usual Office Hours**

Mondays: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Thursdays: 11:00 am - 1:00 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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