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Birthdays

04/05 Cliff Specht

04/07 Geralyn Lucht

04/14 Michelle Hussing



Dates to be Noted

04/01 April Fools

04/07 Communion

04/11 Pet Day

**04/21 Council Meeting
(after fellowship)**

04/22 Earth Day



Fellowship Hosts

04/07 Holm

04/14 Open

04/21 Specht

04/28 Open



Fellowship

*****St. Paul's United Church of Christ*****

March 10, 2024

11:00 am-12:09 pm

Members Present: Michael Hagerty, Jim Holm, Dave Rieder, Kevin Handt and soon to be Associate Member, Meg Conrard. Mike opened with a prayer.

2024 Slate Continued positions include: Mike as President, Dave as Vice, Jim as Treasurer. New members are Kevin as Member At Large and Meg Conrard as Secretary. Motion by Jim, seconded by Kevin. Carried.

Past Minutes Council approved the January 21, 2024 Minutes and the January 28, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes. Kevin made motion, Dave seconded. Carried.

Financial Report Jim explained a change in the report format. Previously, Quickbooks Desktop was used to format the report, now a Quickbooks Online program will be used saving the church a few hundred dollars in subscription fees. Current Checking Acct. balance: \$15,345.52, up from \$12,792.67 (1/21/24). Green Wealth Investment Acct. \$404,921.08, up from \$399,217.25 (12/31/23).

Cemetery Committee The Council revisited the topic of separating the Cemetery fund from the General Fund. Members felt that the money should stay in the General fund for maximum interest with the provision that a change in the By-Laws might clarify that the money (\$52,335.00) be secured as a perpetual sum in the event of the dissolution of the church in the future.

Roof An insurance payout has been issued to the church for hail damage incurred August 2023. Dave Rieder has been given authorization to purchase the necessary materials to replace the sanctuary roof this Spring. Upon completion, a second check will be issued by the insurance company. Any extra monies will be used for other building improvements.

Pastor's Report None.

MN UCC Conference Two delegates are needed to attend the Conference, to be paid for by the Church.

Pastor Search Committee The committee continues to be in communication with Cindy Mueller regarding the three candidates currently being considered for the ½ Pastor position.

Bridget's Retirement Party Mike, Kevin and Meg will set up Fellowship Hall for 3/17/24 celebration. Jim will secure a wireless mic for use. Food will be catered.

By-Laws The By-Laws will be sent to the Congregation for review and any revisions will be implemented after Congregation and Council approval. There are currently 43 members on the church rolls.

Bathroom Currently the Ladies Room is ¾ finished with painting and finishing remaining and the Men's room still needs flooring and fixtures. EDC is 3/17/24. Dave Rieder suggested the possibility of renting Fellowship Hall in the event of inclement weather during Rieder concerts as well as the possibility of utilizing the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for weddings and other outsider use events.

Miscellaneous Business Ad in paper will need to be corrected when a new Pastor is called, Meg Conrard will be brought in as Associate Member 3/17/24.

Our Church Prayer for Pastor Bridget's Retirement

Dear Lord,

As we gather in gratitude and admiration, we lift our hearts in prayer for our beloved Pastor Bridget who has faithfully served our church with unwavering dedication and boundless love.

As she embarks on the journey of retirement, we offer our heartfelt thanks for the countless blessings she has bestowed on our congregation and community.

As Pastor Bridget transitions into this new chapter of life, we ask for your continued guidance and blessings. May she find peace and fulfillment in the precious moments of rest, reflection, and grandchildren.

Bless her abundantly, O Lord, and surround her with your grace and favor. May she always feel the warmth of our love and gratitude, knowing that she will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

In your name, we pray.

Amen



Pastor Bridget's Retirement Party Pics—March 17, 2024



Pastor Bridget's Retirement Party Pics Continued



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