



The Carillon

JANUARY, 2021



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
*Everyone Engaging the Entire Community
for Christ*



2020 – GOOD RIDDANCE! BUT WHAT WILL 2021 BRING?

"2020 was the worst year, ever! Nothing good happened!" 2020 was HARD for everyone. The "Poor Me" mentality likely affected all of us. Did you have a special event planned? Did you focus on the event not being what you had planned & hoped for and let that overshadow the true reason for the event? Or, did you take a moment to acknowledge the change in plans, but then embrace the reason for the event and leave the disappointment 'at the door'?

Attitude can make the world of difference. Are you a 'Glass Half Empty- Pessimist' or 'Glass Half Full- Optimist'? Life, especially Covid-19, forced us to endure much change over which we had no control. Change is HARD. It is especially hard when you don't agree with or have any control over the change. I'm sure none of us ever imagined how Covid would force the church to change. No indoor services, drive-in communion. There are still churches who have not begun holding indoor services. Will people become complacent staying home in Christianity has changed. Many say Christians are hypocritical. Aren't we to 'love one another, like Jesus loves us'? Do we show love to others in our daily lives? What about people in our community? Christians seem to only care about those that think exactly like themselves. The above sentiments were especially brought out during the recent political campaigns. Is that who St. Paul's has become?????

The 'Community of the Church' is very important. Worshiping and working together can strengthen one's faith. Isn't there 'Strength in Numbers'? It is time for us, St. Paul's Lutheran, Chicago Heights, to work together and change. The congregational surveys reflected that. Survey results will be presented at the January church council, voters meeting and included in the February Carillon. How will these changes look? What programs will we do? Some programs may involve going back to basics or a mix of 'old and new'. Critical is that in order to sustain long term change, we will need to be well organized so our resources and volunteers are utilized most effectively. Everyone will need to be open to the process or programs looking differently than what each of us may think is the best way. We MUST work together.

God has led St. Paul's to issue a 'Divine Call' for an Intentional Interim Pastor (IIP) and God willing we may have an answer by early January. IIPs are trained to help churches closely examine themselves and implement change best for GOD'S KINGDOM. Not what is best for you, me, St. Paul's. God never said the road would be easy. Change will require 'tweaks' or 'redos' before it is most effective. On behalf of the congregation, let us all approach 2021 and the changes as a 'Glass Half Full-Optimist' because we have GOD on our side.

Blessings for a Happy and Exciting 2021. Pam Meyer- Congregation Chair

Looking at the Past and the Future in Christ

Happy New Year! Usually when you get back to work or school, or your friends, you are often asked, "What did you get for Christmas?" For many adults, the DNA genealogy kits have been extremely popular over the years. To many, the idea of finding someone famous in their family, or had a unique life, is worth the effort. Knowing where you came from is interesting and gives you an appreciation of your past.

For most people, you can go back several generations but then things get cloudy and is hard to continue the "family tree." Only one person in history can one find all the relatives that lead up to that person. Who is that? The one we just celebrated his birth back on Christmasour Savior, Jesus Christ.

There is a complete genealogy for Jesus from the first human all the way to Him.....look at Matthew 1:1....**The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah.**

¹ This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:

² Abraham was the father of Isaac,

Isaac the father of Jacob,

Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

³ Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,

Perez the father of Hezron,

Hezron the father of Ram,

⁴ Ram the father of Amminadab,

Amminadab the father of Nahshon,

Nahshon the father of Salmon,

⁵ Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,

Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,

Obed the father of Jesse,

⁶ and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

⁷ Solomon the father of Rehoboam,

Rehoboam the father of Abijah,

Abijah the father of Asa,

⁸ Asa the father of Jehoshaphat,

Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram,

Jehoram the father of Uzziah,

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⁹ Uzziah the father of Jotham,

Jotham the father of Ahaz,

Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,

¹⁰ Hezekiah the father of Manasseh,

Manasseh the father of Amon,

Amon the father of Josiah,

¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.

¹² After the exile to Babylon:

Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel,

Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,

¹³ Zerubbabel the father of Abihud,

Abihud the father of Eliakim,

Eliakim the father of Azor,

¹⁴ Azor the father of Zadok,

Zadok the father of Akim,

Akim the father of Elihud,

¹⁵ Elihud the father of Eleazar,

Eleazar the father of Matthan,

Matthan the father of Jacob,

¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

¹⁷ Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

When you look at these people, notice Jesus' ancestors were not kings or rich and famous people. Among those listed above, there are "liars and thieves (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob). Murderers and adulterers (David). The half-faithful and half-foolish (Hezekiah). Foreigners (Ruth and Rahab). Prostitutes (Rahab). Broken families (David, Uriah, Bathsheba). Child abusers (Manasseh). These are Jesus' people. This is whom He comes from."

This list shows Jesus came for all people....those "good" and those "bad." He came for all us sinners to save us. As we begin this new year, let us always know that no matter what comes in 2021, we are now saved through the blood of Jesus Christ, who came to earth to save us all.

Happy New Year.

Douglas Rebeck, Head Elder

Excerpt and inspiration taken from the Lutheran Hour Advent Devotions, **"God with Us"** And the title of the devotion for November 30th. Written by Dr. Karl Vo.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN VOTERS' MEETING November 8, 2020

The November Voters' Meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Chairperson Pam Meyer.
Present were: 23.

OPENING DEVOTION: NID District President Rev. Dr. Allen Buss opened with a prayer.

DISCUSSION AND QUESTION/ ANSWER SESSION: Rev. Buss shared with the members present the process in Calling an Intentional Interim Pastor (IIP) for St. Paul's. He also answered several questions presented to him.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Liz Bellamy and seconded by Jennifer Jacobs to approve the Voters' Minutes to the Oct. 6, 2020 "Special Voters' Meeting." Motion was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: We received a letter and a contribution from Maralyn Brauer, Arrow, OK.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The assembly was read the names on the 2020 Ballot.

Motion was made to set aside term limits, along with allowing individuals to hold more than one board position. A motion was made by Doug Rebeck and seconded by Ladye Allen to approve the ballot acclimation. The motion was approved. A motion was made by Liz Bellamy and seconded by Diane Goers to approve the Nominating Committee Report. Motion was accepted.

BOARD OF ELDERS: Doug Rebeck reviewed church attendance from Sept. – Oct.: average 47 attended indoor and 29 attended the drive-in. Three deaths: Pat Holtz, Michael Bushong, and Gwen Hensley. The Call Committee is still waiting for information of potential Intentional Interim Pastors (IIP) to go through paperwork and eventual interviews. The Call Committee and Council met to draw up goals of our congregation we wish potential IIP and permanent pastors to be aware of. Sunday School/Youth Group has started. Vacancy pastors have been scheduled through Dec. and now Jan.-Feb. schedules are being worked on. The Elders released this year's Holiday Services. We now are offering both wine/wafer and juice/wafer Communion Cups. **A motion was made by Liz Bellamy and seconded by Cherie Weber to approve the Elders' report. Motion was approved.**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Dorothy Stelter reported relays were fixed on the boiler, were able to get a contract with Kerwin Laurie for snow plowing and salting, and an estimate has been received for repairing the school sidewalk at \$4,200. **A motion was made by Judith Cohrs and seconded by Brian Goers to approve the \$4200 bid. Motion was approved. A motion was made by Liz Bellamy and seconded by Brian Goers to approve the Trustee's report.**

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN YOUTH: Liz Bellamy reported on the start of this year's Sunday School/Youth Group. They started on Oct. 25th working under CDC guidelines. Attendance so far has been 3-4 for the little ones and 1-2 for youth. The children will be distributing Thanksgiving baskets to our shut-in again using CDC guidelines. There were over 100 in attendance at the "Trunks or Treats" event. The youth helped with the PADS activity. The Youth Group may start their meetings after the New Year. **A motion was made to accept the Youth Report by Pam Meyer and seconded by Judith Cohrs. Motion was approved.**

BOARD OF EVANGELISM: Jeff Albrecht reported that the board sponsored the Harvest Festival and Car Show on Oct. 3rd. This, along with the Pumpkin Patch (Oct. 3 and 4), drew many people from the community. For All Saints' Day, the board sent out letters inviting families of those who passed this past year, to our service to remember their loved ones. The board continues to invite those who have not been in church for quite a while. **A motion was made by Liz Bellamy and seconded by Diane Goers to accept the Board of Evangelism report. Motion was approved.**

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BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION: Pam Meyer announced that the Investment Committee is comprised of Jeff Albrecht, Judith Cohrs, Burt Schild, and Brian Goers. St. Paul's requires two signatures on checks. Given the need that a signature may be needed on short notice and with less signer, Elizabeth Bellamy and Kristine Anderson have agreed to serve as check signers. They would be added to the currently authorized check signers of Jeff Albrecht, Mark Becker, James DesJardins, Brian Goers and Dorothy Stelter. **A motion was made by Jeff Albrecht and seconded by Brian Goers to approve Elizabeth and Kristine as seconded by Brian Goers to approve Elizabeth and Kristine as additional new check signers.** The Payroll Protection program (PPP) funds (\$12,950.00) have been used in accordance with the Federal Loan guidelines. At least 75% was used for employee payroll so no loan repayment is required. Pam Meyer is completing the paperwork required by our lender-First Midwest Bank-which accounts how the monies were used. **A motion was made by Liz Bellamy and seconded by Cheri Weber to approve the Board of Administration Report. Motion was approved.**

TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE: Burt Schild presented the current financial situation. Those signing checks are Mark Becker, Jeff Albrecht, Brian Goers, Jim DesJardins, and Dorothy Stelter. **A motion was made by Liz Bellamy seconded by Cheri Weber to approve the Treasurer's/Financial Committee Report. Motion was approved.**

2021 BUDGET PROPOSAL: Mark Becker entertained a motion to help Deer Creek from Nov. to Aug. resulting in a \$2000 reduction of the amount they give to St. Paul's, due to the low enrollment figures. **A motion to approve a monthly reduction of \$2000 for Deer Creek effective November 2020 through August 31, 2021 was made by Doug Rebeck and seconded by Brian Goers. Motion was approved. A motion to approve the 2021 budget was made by Doug Rebeck and seconded by Liz Bellamy. Motion was approved.**

ST. PAUL'S REPRESENTATIVE FOR THRIVENT: St. Paul's has been notified by Thrivent Financial Trust that we are a listed beneficiary in the estate of Carol Pause, a lifelong member of St. Paul's. A Thrivent Trust Account will be established and requires St. Paul's name representative who will have the authority to manage. Thrivent funds per directives by the Voters. **A motion was made by Doug Rebeck and seconded by Brian Goers to Approve Pam Meyer, Mark Becker, and Jeff Albrecht as St. Paul's Representatives for the Thrivent Trust account established for the Carol Pause bequest. Motion was approved.**

REQUIRED HARASSMENT TRAINING: All board, committee volunteer, and staff of St. Paul's are now considered "Mandated Reporters" who are responsible to call out instances of abuse or harassment concerns while on our property or any St. Paul's event. All will be expected to take a computer based instructional class and produce a certificate of participation which must be kept on file in the church office.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY: Pam Meyer reported that the congregational survey results are near completion and will be shared with the congregation soon.

Motion was made by Cheri Weber and seconded by Doug Rebeck to adjourn the meeting. Motion Approved.

Douglas Rebeck, Substitute Secretary

INSTALLATION/REDEDICATION

On Sunday, January 10, 2021, there will be an "Installation/Rededication" for our officers, and board/committee members at the 10:00 am service.

This involves those newly elected as well as those currently serving.

We start the New Year with God's blessings upon those serving St. Paul's congregation as officers or on boards/committees

The *Portals of Prayer* for daily devotions from January 1 to March 31 are in the Narthex. Please help yourself to either the regular or the large print booklets

Enjoy the daily devotions

Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord, at the beginning of the New Year, I remember that you are a God of beginnings and endings. You created the world, with all its eternal patterns. Winter begins in frost, and ends in Spring's thaw. Spring begins in new, green life, ending in Summer's heat.

Summer begins in sunshine and ends in Autumn's breezes.

And Autumn's color leads to the white of Winter again.

As another year ends and begins in our lives, help us to remember that you have made a world of cycles. When fortune turns to trials, or hardship turns to joy, help me take delight in the life I've received from you.



THE 2021 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are in the Narthex. All envelopes are in alphabetical order. Please pick your envelopes up.
Thank you to all who shared their monetary blessings with St. Paul's in 2020.



Season's Greetings and Happy New Year 2021...a New Year that we pray will bring peace, healing, and comfort! Although our church has had to provide additional opportunities to worship, modify our communion distribution, cancel some seasonal activities, and other traditional norms, the ladies of the Guild continue to work in the service of our Lord to maintain the beauty of our altar during the holiday season. Whatever challenges this "New Year" brings, let us not be swayed from our Faith and Trust in God. Blessings, St. Paul's Altar Guild

Please contact Marilyn Harris by phone, text, or email if you wish to put flowers on the Altar for any special occasion. Her contact information for phone or text communication is (708) 533-5467 or email marilynharris030@gmail.com.

Wishing all a Very Happy New Year
From the Altar

JANUARY Wedding Anniversary

Renate & Shawn Pocius Jan. 05

*Love doesn't make the world go 'round.
Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.*



December 13, 2020

VOTERS' MEETING

The December Special Voters' Meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Chairperson, Pam Meyer. Present: 31 (22 indoors and 9 in cars), and Rev. Kristopher Whitby.

OPENING DEVOTION: NID Assistant to the President, Rev. Kristopher Whitby opened with a prayer.

SOLE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: *Voting on whether to issue a Divine Call to Rev. Gary Schultz from Westfield, WI, to be called as our Intentional Interim Pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.*

Chairperson, Pam Meyer, opened the meeting with an explanation of how we ended up with one candidate. There were three names given, but before we even received the paperwork, they both declined (one didn't want to leave their location and the other reason was unknown).

Head Elder, Douglas Rebeck, handed out the CV's with a ballot attached. He presented the information on Rev. Schultz regarding background, skills, previous church worship, and his responses to questions from the Synodical list of questions. After going over these items, the voters inside the church were given a chance to answer questions. Then, questions the people in their cars had, were also answered.

Chairperson, Pam Meyer, then went through financial concerns and shared the anticipated cost for this pastor.

The Voters were then asked to circle either "yes" or "no" whether the Voters should vote to issue a Divine Call for the position of Intentional Interim Pastor. After ballots were collected, all ballots were entirely "yes."

The voters ended in singing the "Doxology" and the meeting was adjourned. Chairperson, Pam Meyer and Vice Chairperson, Mark Becker and Head Elder, Douglas Rebeck met in the Pastors' Office to call Pastor Schultz to inform him of this action. A message was left on his home phone.

Douglas Rebeck, Substitute Secretary

**HOME PURPOSES
FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Each week contribution envelopes are counted and entered into the computer. Expense checks register instantaneously in the ACS system but show up monthly on the bank statements. Weekly financial reports and other finance matters are sent monthly to accountant Kathy Park for reconciliation. In short, although St. Paul's monetary items are being addressed daily, final results are not publicized until the entire financial process is completed and that takes 1-2 months depending on the circumstances.

HP Expenses:

January 1, 2020 – October 31, 2020

Board of Elders Expenses	\$74,940.26
Board of Trustees Expenses	\$83,374.79
Board of Administration Expenses	<u>\$28,042.30</u>
Total Home Purposes Expenses	\$186,357.35
Home Purposes Revenues	\$210,179.58
Home Purposes Expenses	<u>\$186,357.35</u>
Result	+\$23,822.23

1/1/2020 – 10/31/2020

Have a blessed and happy 2021

St. Paul's Finance Team

St. Paul's Officers and Committee Members 2021 (* denotes new term)

Chair: Pam Meyer* (1 year)
Vice-Chair: Mark Becker* (1 year)
Secretary: Doug Rebeck* (2 years)

Board of Elders:
William Anthony* (3 year), Joe Bova, Brian Goers, Edward Kircher, Douglas Rebeck

Board of Trustees:
Chet Hiestand* (3 years), James Des Jardins, Gloria Graham-Smith, Dorothy Stelter, two vacant.

Board of Stewardship:
Judith Cohrs* (3 years), Ruth Hansen* (3 years), Pamela Meyer

Board of Evangelism:
Linda McGourty* (3 years), Melissa Metzger* (3 years), Jeff Albrecht, Gloria Graham-Smith, Marilyn Harris, Burt Schild, two vacant

Board of Christian Youth:
Liz Bellamy* (3 years), Karen Des Jardins* (3 years), Kristin Kalus* (3 years), two vacant

Nominating Comm:
Rita Canon* (3 years), Shirley Miller* (3 years), Burt Schild* (3 years), Cherie Weber

Financial Secretary:
Shirley Morrison

Asst. Financial Secretary:
Burt Schild* (2 years becomes 2022 Financial Secretary)

Financial Associates:
Julie Albrecht* (2 years) Terry Schultz* (2 years), Ralph Bramstadt* (2 years), Joyce Michael* (2 years), Willie Rush* (2 years), Kristine Anderson*, Janice Heaney, Shirley Miller, Holly Petrelli, Phyllis Schimke,

Note: *all newly elected individuals as well as those already serving in their current positions, will be installed/rededicated at the 10:00 am worship service on January 10th. Let us start the year with God's blessings to all who serve St. Paul's through these boards and committees.*

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

Allen, Julie	Jan. 11
Anderson, Brian Jr.	Jan. 23
Bartlett, Dexter	Jan. 08
Baum, Marlene	Jan. 18
Bellamy, William	Jan. 26
Cannon, Rita	Jan. 07
Dandino, Ralph	Jan. 18
Dau, Ashley	Jan. 11
Dehning, Gay	Jan. 27
Des Jardins, Kalyn	Jan. 19
Dickey, Natalie	Jan. 02
Flatley, Katherine	Jan. 26
tafson, Leona	Jan. 08
Hanninen, John	Jan. 10
Hanninen, Klara	Jan. 08
Heusmann, Katherine	Jan. 26
Holtz, Ethan	Jan. 25
Holtz, Heather	Jan. 12
Kirchner, Lynette	Jan. 16
Mantel, Patricia	Jan. 20
Mayer, George	Jan. 23
Meyer, Bruce	Jan. 19
Middleton, Susan	Jan. 13
Most, Denise	Jan. 05
Perrot, Caroline	Jan. 19
Quinn, Robert	Jan. 05

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Rab, Kevin	Jan. 25
Rush, Leslie	Jan. 21
Schultz, Carol	Jan. 19
Schultz, Mary	Jan. 25

Special Birthdays

George Mayer - 85 years
Marlene, Baum - 84 years
Ralph Dandino - 84 years

Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to all of you,
Happy Birthday to you.

God's Blessings to you,
God's Blessings to you
God's Blessings to all of you,
God's Blessings to you.

Blessed Birthday
From Everyone at
St. Paul's Lutheran Church





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<p>Newly elected individuals as well as those already serving in their current positions –January 10 10 AM worship service</p>					<p>1 New Year's Day</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3 Second Sunday of Christmas 10 AM service w/comm. Inside/Outdoor SS 9AM</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 The Baptism Of our Lord 10 AM Service Inside/Outdoor SS 9AM</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 2nd Sunday After Epiphany 10 AM Service w/comm. Inside/Outdoor SS 9AM</p>	<p>18 Martin Luther King Day</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 10 AM Service Inside/Outdoor SS 9AM</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

31 4th Sunday after Epiphany
10 AM Service
Inside/Outdoor
SS 9AM

Happy New Year



Sunday Worship 10 AM
Inside/Outdoor

Sunday School –Youth- 9 AM

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