



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2024

THANK YOU

I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN

PASTOR ROB SCHRADER

If you don't mind, open your Bible or your Bible app to Acts 20. Beginning at verse 7 you'll see a story in which Paul, while preaching a lengthy sermon that went on until midnight, caused a young man to fall asleep and fall out of a third story window! This isn't the part of the chapter I want to focus on, I just want you know that maybe my sermons weren't so bad after all!

I'd actually like to turn your attention to the text

immediately after that story in which Paul says good-bye to the elders of the church he started in Ephesus, because I think there are a few similarities to me saying good-bye to you all at St. Paul.

Paul was in Ephesus for three years (v.31) like I was at St. Paul for three years. Like Paul felt "constrained by the Spirit" (v.22) to leave and go to Jerusalem, I also feel led by the Holy Spirit to go to Berlin (though I hope that "imprisonment and afflictions"

do not "await me" like they did for Paul! (v.23)). And like Paul "knelt down and prayed with them all" (v.36), I have also been praying for you and the church.

Before departing, Paul saw fit to pass along some wisdom to this church he loved. Considering the similarities, I thought it might be good to do the same; I'm not nearly so wise as he is, so I'll borrow some Paul's thoughts and pass that same wisdom onto you as I prepare to leave.

Paul says, "Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock" (v.28). He says this because he knows that "after (his) departure fierce wolves will come in among (them)" (v.29). In his ministry, Jesus saw fit to pass on the same wisdom to his disciples (Matthew 7:15). And their wisdom is still pertinent for us today. The reality is that we live in a world where the devil has led many churches away from the truth of God's Word. We must be alert for false doctrine and hold fast to the God's truth that is found in the Scriptures. My first encouragement to you is to read your Bible so that you know it well and can, thus, defend against the wolves that will want to come into the church.

Next Paul says, "Now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified" (v.32). What another wonderful reason to be in God's Word! Not only does it help us to fend off false teaching, but it also builds us up and "makes us wise for salvation" as Paul similarly said in his second letter to Timothy (3:15). Just as there were many things that could discourage the Ephesian church, there are many things that discourage our modern church, too — but don't fear, God's Word is "able to build you up." And our greatest need is the same as that of those in the Ephesian church — we need to be saved from hell and into heaven. And amazingly, through "the word of (God's) grace", God works faith in our hearts so that we receive that salvific "inheritance." My second encouragement is the same as the first — continue to be in your Bibles.

Finally, Paul says, "We must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'" (v.35). First, Paul encouraged the Ephesian church to be in the Word; now, he encourages them to live out the Word. Without a doubt, it is the duty of Christians everywhere to act like our namesake: Christ. When we were "weak", "he was crucified in weakness" (2 Corinthians 13:4) to "help" us. Likewise, he is the God who, does not simply "receive" from us, but chose instead to "give" by sacrificing his own life on the cross so that we can "receive" eternal life from him. Called to imitate him, we are likewise to help the weak and give more than we expect to receive. My third encouragement is to live like Jesus Christ — helping and giving to all people.

Interestingly, the passage closes with the Ephesian elders "sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again" (v.38). Like Paul, I may not see you face to face again. But that does not mean we need to be "sorrowful". For, though the passage doesn't directly indicate this, I will see you again...in heaven. That is our great and certain hope as Christians! That is the reason we stay in the true doctrine, that is the reason we read the Word of God that builds us up and gives us our heavenly inheritance, and that is why we live out our Christian faith — so that through it all, we remain true to and grow in our faith in Jesus Christ, through which he promises to give us and all believers eternal life paradise! Friends, by the grace of God, I will see you again!

I am certainly sad to go. I will miss you all dearly, and I cannot thank you enough for your patience with me, your kindness towards me, and all of the love and the good (and hard) times that we shared! But I am joyful that I will see you again. This is not good-bye — rather, it's "See you later!" For, by the great grace of God and the all-sufficient sacrifice of Jesus Christ, we shall reign together, forever with him, in paradise! And in eternity, I think we'll have ample opportunity to make up for lost time. May God bless you and may God bless St. Paul Lutheran Church!

PS: I thought I'd sneak in one more bad joke just for old times' sake: I gave my handyman a to-do list, but he only did items 1, 3, and 5. Turns out he only does odd jobs. Ha!

In Christ,

ROB SCHRADER
ASSOCIATE PASTOR



SPECIAL NOTE: Our Summer Worship Schedule has been extended through 2024 and potentially into 2025. See the July Church Council Meeting for more information.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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The children attending Child Care this summer have thoroughly enjoyed spending the majority of their day outside exploring center activities, playing on the playground and in the pools, and working in the garden. As August comes to a close, this will end and we will welcome new families and children to the center for Child Care, Preschool, and 4K.

Meet the Teacher Night is for all children currently enrolled and will be held on Tuesday, August 27 from 5:15-7:45 pm. Families can sign up for a time to drop off school supplies, explore the classroom and meet the teachers.

The 2024-2025 school year will begin September 3 for Preschool and September 4 for the 4K class. We are looking forward to another year filled with God's blessings!



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RECAP

Last month, 65 children and 47 volunteers came together for Scuba Vacation Bible School here at St. Paul. After seven months of planning and preparing, we were able to have a wonderful VBS. The theme of VBS this year was SCUBA, which was themed under the sea. The main point that we learned about each day was how God is our friend.

On Day 1 we learned that God is a friend who is real. Children learned about Elijah and the Prophets of Baal at Bible Adventures. They also memorized John 6:69 at Sticky Scripture.

On Day 2 we heard about the story of Jonah and how God showed compassion to the people of Ninevah. This Bible story fit in with the Bible Point of the day that God is a friend who loves.

On Day 3 we learned that God is a friend that we can trust. What a better story about trust that Jesus calming the storm from the Gospel of Mark?

On our final day at Vacation Bible School, we learned that God is a friend forever. We heard about Jesus rising from the dead and how we get to have eternal life with him. Thank you to everyone that was involved in VBS this year. **Save the date for VBS 2025- July 27-30, 2025 from 3-6PM.**



AWANA/SUNDAY SCHOOL: Registration opens for Sunday School and AWANA is now open! Please register soon as this helps us prepare our classrooms for the school year.

Sunday School planning is in the works for this fall! We invite all 3K through 5th graders to sign up for Sunday School. The registration link can be found on our website. Sunday School takes place during the 9:30 am worship service. Students are excused about halfway through the service to head to their classrooms for an age-specific learning opportunity.

AWANA is held Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30pm for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. AWANA is set up with small group and large group time.

Memorization of Bible passages is also a part of this ministry. To ensure fall kickoff happens smoothly, we need a few things:

- 1- Students to register in the month of August so that we can plan for supplies, leaders, and assistants.
- 2- Volunteers to sign up to help in all the areas of AWANA. High school students through adults are encouraged to think and pray about serving on Wednesday nights.

BACKPACK BLESSINGS – SUN, AUG 18 AT 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE: All students are welcome and encouraged to bring their backpacks to church on Sunday, Aug. 18. We will have a special prayer and blessing for your school year. We will also have sweet treats and backpack tags for all our young worshippers to pick up in the back of church.

3RD GRADERS BIBLES – SUN, AUG 25 AT 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE:

This is a special time for our 3rd graders as they receive their very own Bible to bring with them to church, Sunday School, and AWANA. We pray that these Bibles are read together as a family and relationships are deepened through the power of the Gospel.

SAVANNAH- LEAVE OF ABSENCE: I will be taking maternity leave end of August through the end of October. I will not be in the office or available through email. If you have questions about Children Ministry events or programming, please email Nicole Dollevoet at nicoled@stpaulfalls.com with your questions.

CAMP LUTHER: This summer, we had six children/youth attend Camp Luther in Three Lakes, WI for a week of youth camp. These children experienced swimming, archery, kayaking, and time to recharge in the Word. Camp provides scholarships and does its best to give each child an opportunity to attend. If are interested in sending your child next summer, chat with Nicole or Savannah.



YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. PAUL

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YOUTH MISSION TRIP RECAP

June 22nd our awesome group of 27 youth and adults set towards Pittsburgh to serve a Week of Hope. Along the way we did a little bit of sightseeing in Ohio showing off our mini golf, arcade playing, and go-carting skills. The next day we drove into to downtown Pittsburgh for an hour-long boat tour and then some time at the zoo. Sunday afternoon is a process of checking in, unloading our 5 vehicles, and getting settled in. Evening programming started and our group of 27 joined with 61 other youth and adults from all over the US. We settled into our crews of 7-12 people and learned of our assignments for the week.

Our groups served in a variety of ways: from sorting and preparing food at food banks and distribution centers to helping with yard work for neighbors in need. Several crews also stayed on site and helped clean out the churchs' current and future location. Each day added a great variety and kept us working hard. Tuesday night we had free time to explore Urban Air and took some awesome photos at the top of the Duquesne Incline. We were given many tasks back at the lodging church from helping in the kitchen to hospitality duties. Wednesday night we explored our identity in Christ by

placing our name tags on the cross. Our van groups powerfully prayed for each other. Friday morning, we loaded up those vehicles and started the long trek back home. We faced a number of construction areas, heavy rains, and all sorts of fun on the way home. We praise God for the many blessings he showered upon this group.

We are looking forward to 2 trips next summer. We have a few fundraisers coming up during the month of August/September. Please check out our website to see how you can get involved! Plans are starting to come together for **confirmation this fall.**



Please keep in your prayers our Confirmation ministry, including all of our students, mentors, and leaders. Watch your email for the registration link and mark your calendars for kick-off night, August 28th.

I am currently looking for adult mentors and high school helpers. If you would like more information about Confirmation and how you can serve in this area of ministry, please give me a call in the church office.

HOME VISITS FOR 6TH GRADERS: One of my favorite parts of ministry is doing home visits. I am excited to connect with our 6th graders as they enter confirmation this fall! Watch for my emails on how to set up your home visit!

SOUTH PIER ICE CREAM: We had a great Youth/Young Adult event at South Pier. To follow the latest youth/young adult ministry schedule and even get a sneak peek of what fall has to offer check out our website. <https://stpaulfalls.com/youth-young-adult/>

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY KICKBALL is taking place on August 4th at River Park, and we invite everyone to come out for a game or two! Please bring a dish to pass and enjoy some great fellowship with your church family.

DISTRICT YOUTH EVENT is taking place August 11th in Brookfield. We are excited to attend this event and join up with Lutheran youth from all over Southern WI.

FALL SERVICE WEEKEND OPPORTUNITY for all Children, Youth, & Families! We are headed to Camp Luther (Three Lakes, WI). Sign-up for this October event is happening NOW. See Nicole for letter of intent for this trip! So, if you have ever wanted to help on a weekend-long mission trip, this is your opportunity!

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY EVENTS

Please come and join us Sunday August 4 6-7:30 at River Park for Children, Youth, and Family Kickball! We will be serving dinner and then will gather for a game of Kickball. This event is FREE and we hope that you will join us! Please bring a dish to pass for potluck dinner.



Children, Youth & Family Kick Ball

Sunday, August 4
6 - 7:30 PM
River Park

Come Out & Join Us!






DINE TO DONATE

River Park Restaurant- Falls
Wed., Aug 21st
All Day






St. Paul Children, Youth, & Family Service Weekend

CAMP LUTHER WI
OCTOBER 18-20, 2024



Come and join us for a weekend of service, fellowship, and worship!

Please see Nicole if interested






THE GATHERING PLACE

LEAH ZEHEL, DIRECTOR
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The Gathering Place Car Show and Brat Fry is back! This year it will be held August 19th (a Monday) to be able to accommodate even more car show regulars. With many other car shows on Tuesdays we wanted to give a Monday a try to make our show even bigger and better!

And who wants to cook on a Monday anyway? Come out and get a burger or a brat! **August 19th from 5:00-7:00, at St Paul's Lutheran Church Sheboygan Falls.** This year there will be plenty of room for food lines and additional seating.

Check out all the cars, grab a brat or a burger, and listen to some great music by our DJ Rob Peterson! This fundraiser is a great way to support The Gathering Place and Memory Matters activity programming.

We rely on these fundraisers to be able to keep our participant fees low! This way we can help even more individuals with memory loss.

Nicole and her youth group gang will also be there with some great ice cream treats: what a great way to support two amazing missions of the church!

If interested in bringing a car to be part of our car show, please contact Leah at The Gathering Place (920) 627-6847.



LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

MATTHEW TSCHUDY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we prepare to enter the 2024-2025 school year, I am blessed to be able to join this amazing Crusader community as Sheboygan Lutheran's Executive Director. At Sheboygan Lutheran, we are blessed with the opportunity to teach and share with the student body the truth about Jesus. The world in which we live will often teach truth as relevant to our circumstances, but at Sheboygan Lutheran, students are able to build their formative education off of the truth of God's Word, and the reality of what Jesus' death and resurrection means for us. As the young men and women entrusted to our care continue to learn and grow academically, physically, and spiritually, everything they learn is centered on the truth of Jesus.

I am thankful and encouraged that all our families are making the decision to enroll their sons and daughters here. Our mission statement of **Preparing Christian Leaders – One Student at a Time** guides us to not only educate our students in a Christ-centered educational environment, but to also prepare our students with the Christian leadership skills necessary for life after high school. As you

look at the world around us, it is evident that Christian leadership is needed. Sheboygan Lutheran High strives to address that need. It is an absolute pleasure and honor to serve in a high school where this mission is the focus. Our world needs more Jesus, and our students are developing lifelong critical and creative thinking skills that are all centered on the truth of God's Word. Whether students are working in a classroom, competing in athletics, participating in the fine and performing arts, or contributing to one of our many student body organizations, they are developing necessary and valuable Christian leadership skills to prepare them for life after high school.

As we continue to roll through the summer, I pray that our Crusader community can find some time to relax and renew themselves. I am looking forward to a wonderful upcoming school year and am eager to get to know the amazing families at Sheboygan Lutheran. Go Crusaders! For Him!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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LCMS HISPANIC MINISTRY

REV. DAVID BLAS

Operation Backpack for 2024-2025 is on Saturday, August 3rd, 2024, at Good Shepherd Sheboygan. We are already collecting school supplies. If you're willing to be part of this, please bring the school supplies to Good Shepherd.

You can also send a donation with a memo, Operation Backpack, to the following:

Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach

730 County Rd PPP
Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin
53085

For further info contact Rev David Blas
630-229-2455.



LOVE INC.

BONNIE JONES, COORDINATOR

It is very rare when God allows us to see the fruit of our actions, and when He blesses us with this knowledge, we must shout it from the rooftop!

A neighbor contacted the Love INC Connection Center seeking help with some home repairs. Our faithful Handyman Ministry visited her and offered to pray with her. She declined, stating that she was not interested in spiritual things. However, at subsequent visits, she mentioned that she had been diagnosed with cancer and was possibly interested in learning more about their faith. The team leaders got permission to share her information with a pastor who then followed up weekly to provide guidance and encouragement. After several weeks, the neighbor asked the pastor if she could be baptized!

The baptism date was set and then the neighbor was given the terrible news about her cancer diagnosis. There was nothing else the medical profession could do for her. She spoke with the pastor, and stated that she was at peace with this news because she KNEW SHE WAS LIVING FOREVER since she believed in Jesus! Praise the Lord!

We thank God for our volunteers and for our partner pastors. Putting their love in action brought this neighbor to salvation and eternal life! There is nothing more important than that! We thank God for the work of the Holy Spirit through our ministries.

Join the Love INC movement and put your love in action.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

JULIE JONES, COORDINATOR

We CELEBRATE God's amazing healing and restoration!

Celebrate Recovery now has BABYSITTING available! Contact Julie for more information.

Did you know... that 2 out of 3 people attend CR for NON-addiction issues?

We all have struggles. What do you struggle with?

Step 8 - We made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all. Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6:31 NIV

Step 9 - We made direct amends to such people whenever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others. Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:23-24 NIV

Principle 6 - Evaluate all my relationships. Offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me and make amends for harm I've done to others, except when to do so would harm them or others.

"Happy are the merciful." Matthew 5:7a TEV; "Happy are the peacemakers" Matthew 5:9 TEV

Amends and Forgiveness – Two of the hardest things we may ever have to do in our lives. However, we find that we will only be able to find freedom from the pain of our past hurts, hang-ups, and habits when we can:

- 1) Forgive those who have hurt us
- 2) Take ownership of the things we have done wrong and ask for forgiveness

Are you tired of carrying the pain from past hurts? Are you willing to try a different approach to dealing with the pain in your life? Are you ready to take that first step in your journey of recovery from life's difficulties? You were never meant to walk this life journey alone...

Entrance #4 - 300 Wing

Dinner: 6:00PM

Large Group: 6:30PM – 7:30PM

Open Share Group (Gender Specific): 7:30PM – 8:30PM

Fellowship: 8:30PM – 9:00PM

No Sign-Up necessary,

The only requirement is confidentiality!

Everyone is Welcome!

We are waiting for you!

****SAVE THE DATE****

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Praise In The Park – River Park Large Shelter

(More details to come)

For additional information contact Julie J. @ 920-207-1397

You were never meant to walk this life journey alone... Come join us at Celebrate Recovery!

Your forever family is waiting!

You are not alone!

THANK YOUS & OTHER NEWS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you for your donation of 21 pounds of soup, for the Community Cafe, to Sheboygan County Food Bank. We're grateful for your thoughtful gift that will help make sure nutritious food reaches local families, seniors, and children who are facing hunger. Together, we can keep up our important work alongside our dedicated volunteers so that no one in Sheboygan County goes hungry.

-Sheboygan County Food Bank

OTHER NEWS

BELL CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED: Our Bell Choir is in need of new members. To have a full Bell Choir, we need 11 bell ringers. This year, we are down to 8 bell ringers. If we continue to dwindle, we will not be able to have a Bell Choir. It would be wonderful if the younger people in our congregation would start filling our openings. Is that you? Please contact Mary Ann or members of the Bell Choir to get started. We will train those who are interested.

36TH ANNUAL TRASH 'N TREASURE: Check those basements, attics, garages, and drawers for items in good, clean condition that you no longer need. Sheboygan County's largest rummage sale will be Saturday, September 21, sponsored by St. Paul Friends Club. Proceeds fund Mission Projects!

Drop off information and volunteer sign up begins in August! If you have any questions, please all Lorrie Wilson, aka Trash Queen at 920-467-6880.

ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS: The Rev. Edward W. Albertin Living Memorial Fund scholarship grant for 2024 is \$2,000.00 to Anna Splittergerber, third year, Concordia University, Mequon, WI, Elementary education and \$1,250.00 to Josephina Albertin, first year Concordia University, Mequon, WI, Secondary education.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN UPCOMING EVENTS: We're less than three months away from our eleventh annual FMSC Mobilepack event and we still have some spots to fill on our Saturday, October 12 shifts, 8:00 - 10:00am and 11:00 AM -1:00pm. Form your team and sign up by contacting Diana Shircel at stpaulfmsc@outlook.com. Want to volunteer on your own? That's okay, too!

Mark your calendar for more opportunities to support:

Dine & Donate Night – On Wednesday, August 21 stop at River Park Family Restaurant in Sheboygan Falls for a meal. A portion of the day's proceeds goes toward our mission.

Money Tubes – Available at the Welcome Center. A great opportunity to teach the act of giving to the little ones in your life! Drop a quarter in at each meal to give others a meal.

THANK YOU to all who attended the Ducktona Pancake Breakfast, which supports our eleventh annual FMSC MobilePack. It looked a little different than other years, with the change in location, and we truly appreciate you pivoting with us to make it a success. We couldn't do it without your support.

WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY: The Tuesday Women's Bible Study will begin our weekly study September 10th, 9am-11am. Our first study will be Twelve Extraordinary Women by John Macarthur. We are in need of 2-3 new nursery workers. This is a paid or volunteer position. Please reach out to Heidi. gudmundson@gmail.com or (920) 217-9359 if you have any questions.

PILLOWCASE DRESSES TO GUATEMALA: The amazing result of many, many hours of sewing by our St. Paul seamstresses and some dear friends, 384 pieces of children's clothes are on their way to needy children in Guatemala. Our St. Paul Mission Team has taken five suitcases packed with 303 pillowcase dresses and 81 pairs of britches (shorts) for boys.

There is a limit to how much our Mission Team can transport to Guatemala. So, in addition to the 384 items of clothes they took along, 75 dresses were shipped to Little Dresses for Africa headquartered in Michigan.

The dedication and selfless devotion of the St. Paul seamstresses and dear friends who accomplished this huge mission project demonstrates their Christian caring and strong belief that serving others is truly serving God.

Many thanks to our seamstresses and the people who made very generous donations of pillowcases, fabric and other sewing notions. Our intention is to continue the Pillowcase Dress Mission. Our bin in the Giving Area has lots of pillowcases to take and make into dresses and also where finished dresses and shorts are deposited. God's work—our hands!

CHRISTIAN BOOKCLUB: A new Christian Fiction Bookclub will be meeting at St Paul starting Monday September 16, 2024 from 6:30-8:30 PM at St Paul. Our book club choice for September is “*The Extraordinary Deaths of Mrs. Kip*” by Sara Brunsvold. We plan on meeting the 3rd Monday of each month and our October book will be “*A Lady’s Guide to Marvels and Misadventure*” by Angela Bell. Please reach out to Tessa Backhaus at tessa.backhaus@gmail.com if you have any questions.

JULY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE FISCAL YEAR END TREASURER REPORT: The Congregation approved a 10.1% budget increase for 2024-25. With final numbers, the actual increase is budgeted at 9%. A year-end financial comparison was shared from the past 19 years. This was our first deficit year since 2019.

HOME MISSIONS & MISSION PARTNER SCRIP 2024-25: \$9,271.60 is remaining from the 2023-24 fiscal year for designation, which will be 50% to FMSC, 25% to Hispanic Ministry and 25% to the Guatemala Mission Trip.

Home Missions 2024-25

Bridgeway House - \$1,000
 Concordia Seminary Adopt-A-Student - \$1,000
 FMSC - \$3,500
 Good News Jail & Prison Ministry - \$1,000
 Stepping Stones - \$1,000
 Reins - \$1,000
 Pay It Forward - \$1,000
 Salvation Army - \$1,000
 Mary's Room - \$1,000
 Camp Luther - \$1,500
 Hispanic Ministry - \$4,500
 Lighthouse - \$1,000
 Love, Inc - \$2,000

Lutheran Ed Scholarships - \$5,000

Morning Meditations - \$1,200
 Rebuilding Together - \$3,500
 The Upper Room - \$1,500
 Trinity Milwaukee (Fire Rebuild) - \$2,000
 Guatemala Mission Trip (Aug 2026) - \$2,000
 National Youth Gathering - \$2,000

Mission Partner Scrip 2024-25

Guatemala Mission Trip (Aug 2026) - \$1,000
 LCMS Missionaries in the Dominican - \$1,000
 Hispanic Ministry \$1,000
 Soles for Jesus - \$1,000
 Anchor of Hope - \$1,000

POLICY #41 - UNDESIGNATED MONETARY DONATIONS: This policy is reviewed annually to adjust the designations based on the needs of the congregation. This fiscal year designations will be 20% Current Expense, 40% Capital Improvement, 10% Home Missions & 30% General Endowment.

MINISTRY FUNDRAISING MATCH PROGRAM: The Ministry Fundraising Match Program for last year was well received. \$38,897 was matched amongst 11 different ministries. \$21,675 was unused. The program was very well received and will be continued for this year.

BURGLAR ALARM MONITORING: We have a great deal of false alarms with our monitoring system, which results in the police department being called. The Council would like the building to continue to be monitored. After discussion, it was suggested to look at a different vendor if and when our security grant is accepted for our surveillance cameras.

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Given the pastoral vacancy, **it was decided to maintain the summer worship schedule through the end of 2024 and potentially into 2025.** This will be monitored and adjusted if needed. Only one Pastor will serve each worship service instead of both serving.

SENIOR PASTOR UPDATE: : Pr Kyle shared the pastoral transition report with the Council, all of Pr Rob's areas are being covered by either Pr Kyle, Pr Tom, or lay leaders.

A Call Team will be formed to look from the field initially. If we haven't filled the position by mid-November, we will switch to taking a call from the seminary. At that time, a Congregation Meeting will need to be called for approval.

Savannah is no longer eligible to accept her Call as she was unable to complete a class, which she plans to do next year. The Council has extended her Call until August 2025.

VBS was very successful this week. A staff retreat will be held on July 29 for teambuilding.

JUNE CONGREGATION MEETING FOLLOW UP: A more detailed update on the financial bottom line will be given at the next Congregation Meeting. The Council has also adjusted policy #41 to assist in helping the bottom line. Brad Ten Pas has also approached the Council with some ideas on planning for long term capital projects.

ELDER TEAM UPDATE: The non-attendance policy that Pr Kyle works annually will be postponed this year given the Pastoral vacancy. The Call process as discussed and the interim plan was shared. The Elders reviewed the Fourth Commandment.

WALK IN - COLUMBIARIUM: The team is currently seeking bids. They are planning to present to Council at the September Meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report - June 2024			
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024			
Financial Results- Fiscal Year End Actual, Budget & Variance			
	12 Months Ended 6-30-24 Actual	12 Months Ended 6-30-24 Budget	Variance from Budget (Short)/Over
General Offerings	\$ 1,234,449	\$ 1,350,170	\$ (115,721)
Other Income	\$ 50,984	\$ 31,440	\$ 19,543
Mission Offerings	\$ 94,391	\$ 85,768	\$ 8,623
Total Income	\$ 1,379,824	\$ 1,467,379	\$ (87,555)
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,306,593	\$ 1,381,611	\$ (75,018)
Mission Support	\$ 94,094	\$ 85,768	\$ 8,326
Total Expense	\$ 1,400,687	\$ 1,467,379	\$ (66,692)
Surplus (Deficit) Total	\$ (20,864)	\$ (0)	\$ (20,864)
Capital Improvement Fund			
	Monthly Activity Increase (Decrease)	Balance at Month End	
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 8,743	\$ 321,526	
Membership Report			
Baptized Members	2,035	Confirmed Members	1,735

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday: Closed
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Pastors

Kyle Backhaus, Senior Pastor
Robert Schrader, Associate Pastor
Tom Gudmundson, Pastor Emeritus
Donald Hasse, Pastor Emeritus

Worship Schedule

Thursday: 6:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 & 9:30 AM

The Gathering Place & Memory Matters

The Gathering Place: 920-627-6847
The Gathering Place
Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday:
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Memory Matters
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Children & Youth

(During the school year)
Sunday School: 9:30 AM service
AWANA Wed Night: 6:00 PM
Confirmation Wed Night: 6:00 PM
Youth Group Sunday Night: 5:30 PM

Lay Leaders
Tom Splittergerber, Congregation President
Jeff Berg, Congregation Vice President
John Rische, Head Elder
Donna Felch, Treasurer

Early Childhood Center

3 year-old Class

ECC Phone: 920-467-6733

(during school year)
Tuesday & Thursday:
9:00 - 11:30 AM or 12:30 - 3:00 PM

4K Class

(during school year)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday:
8:30 - 11:30 AM

Child Care

Monday through Friday:
7:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Ages 2 1/2 - 5 years – call for Drop-ins

Wee Care Nursery

During Sunday Service, 9:15-10:45



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