

July 2025 Council Notes

The St. Paul Lutheran Council met on Sunday, July 13, 2025, after worship. In attendance were President Lonnie Egdorf, Elder Dave Kruse, Deacon Brent Hoegh, Trustee Dave Tiedemann, Treasurer Norman Winselman, and Pastor Owen Hoegh.

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Pastor Owen.

The minutes of the June 1, 2025, meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed, showing inflows of \$8,245 and outflows of \$10,332.89, with an ending balance of \$61,477.49. Treasurer Norman noted that property and workers' compensation insurance was renewed with Church Mutual. The new premiums for all coverage are approximately \$1,000 higher than the previous year.

Elders proposed a change to the giving statements for members, suggesting that only one statement be issued annually at the end of the year. This change is proposed to begin in 2026. Elders will provide a sample statement for the council to review.

Trustees reported that concrete slabs were poured. They also reported issues with the air conditioning units. One outside unit will be replaced at an approximate cost of \$3,900. Two other units had issues that required parts and have been repaired.

Pastor reported his visitations for the past month, along with planning for the confirmation class and other new programs that may be offered. The first Wednesday potluck will continue this year.

The group discussed the topic of worship and the frequency of the green hymnal's singing liturgy, guided by feedback gathered from the congregation. Some have enthusiastically welcomed those 7 times the liturgy was used. Most have not indicated much of an opinion on the topic. Some do not prefer the liturgy, citing their perceived association between the singing liturgy and ELCA practices that our congregation has distanced itself from. Although the green book singing liturgies predate the existence of the ELCA and singing during some parts of worship go back centuries before, the council wants to be responsive to the perceptions of the congregation's members - even in this case in which opinions vary greatly and are attached to misunderstandings. Pastor shared that "the primary matter in worship is the hearing of God's Promise Word that faith attaches itself to. This 'delivery of the goods' guides all decisions in worship. If something presently gives ears to the Gospel, we do it! If something serves to shut ears to God's mercy, we don't do it. The difficulty lies when there are elements that seem to open *some* ears and close others. Knowing that "faith" and "the work of the Holy Spirit" are not visible for us to see also adds to the difficulty! Still, in Christ, we can enter into all of these situations and make decisions boldly." For now, there are no specific plans to include the green book singing liturgy in future worship services. The council will look into other possibilities for including singing/chanting the Kyrie/Gloria/etc. that could add to our worship. These options would come from other Lutheran hymnals, but not from the LBW (green book) produced jointly by the LCA & ALC.

New Business: 1)The farm committee requested the council's approval to remove the fence around the farm ground. The proposal would leave the posts in place for boundary marking. The council approved the removal. 2)It was also proposed to conduct an annual review with Pastor by the call committee. The council approved moving forward with this.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, August 3, after worship. **Meeting Adjourned**

St. Paul Lutheran Church Messenger

August 2025

- The **Church Council** will meet on Sunday, August 3, at 10:30am.
- **Hull Sand Volleyball League** is scheduled on the evenings of August 6, 13, 20, and 27. They will be playing at 6:00pm and 7:30pm.
- **SHARE Group** will meet on Thursday, August 21, at 11:30am at the Hull Pizza Ranch.
- The **St. Paul Jr. Lutherans** will have an outing on August 24 in the afternoon. They will be going to Lake Shetek.
- The **St. Paul Lutheran Church Quilters** will not meet during the summer.
- The **First Wednesday Potluck** will not meet during the summer.
- **Team Faith** will not meet during the summer.
- **Men's Breakfast** will not meet during the summer.
- **Confirmation Class** will not be meeting in August.
- **Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study** will not meet during the summer.
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Women's Duties: Marcella Suter and Karen Mosier

August 2025 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
9:30am: Worship w/Communion 10:30am: Church Council Meeting3	4	5	6:00pm & 7:30pm: Hull Sand Volleyball6	7	8	9
9:30am: Worship10	11	12	6:00pm & 7:30pm: Hull Sand Volleyball13	14	15	16
9:30am: Worship w/Communion17	18	19	6:00pm & 7:30pm: Hull Sand Volleyball20	11:30am: SHARE Group21	22	23
9:30am: Worship Afternoon: Jr Lutherans to Lake Shetek24	25	26	6:00pm & 7:30pm: Hull Sand Volleyball27	28	29	30
9:30: Worship31						

August Birthdays:

6th – Sheryl Tiedeman
6th – Collin Schroeder
8th—Aubrynn Tiedeman
9th -- Hunter Rozeboom
10th---Beau Schroeder
15th – Julene Anderson
16th – Nancy Nielsen
17th – Elisabeth Even
18th – Becky Duin
24th – Jeff DeStigter
26th – Eric Van Beek
26th – Michelle Wellendorf
29th – Nathan Tiedemann
30th – Collin Wellendorf

August Anniversaries:

10th – Ron and Linda Vanden Bosch
15th – Dale and Diane Fick
28th – Jeff and Lynn DeStigter

