

JULY AND AUGUST



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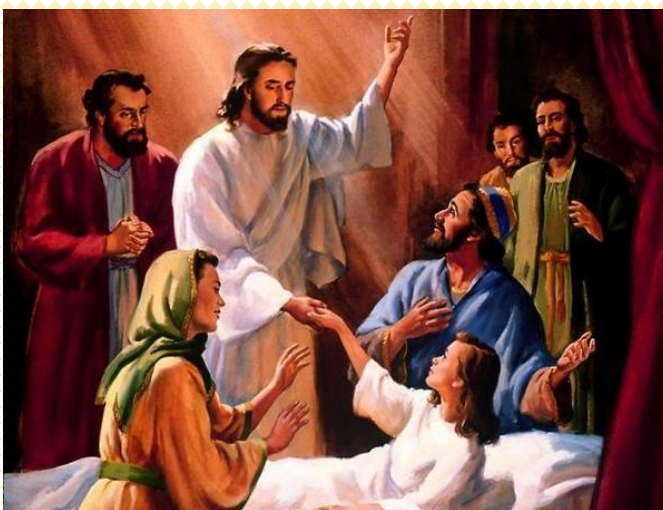
ST PAUL'S NEWS 2018

A DEAD GIRL AND A SICK WOMAN

MARK 5:25-29, 41-43.

²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum!*" (which means "*Little girl, I say to you, get up!*"). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.



"St. Paul's Church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ committed to helping all people by actively practicing the Gospel in word and deed."

PASTOR'S LETTER



Here's a little "reminder" from St. Paul as we enter into the warm, summer months: **"I urge you, brothers and sisters in Christ, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship"** (Rom. 12:1).

It's as though summer gives us a "chance to breath." Our schedules are relaxed, a vacation from work likely is in the making, and the kids are "sleep'n in" without the busyness of school. Perhaps summer is God's way of slowing people down, and, quite frankly, I like the idea. There really is nothing better than having a little extra time during the day or during the evening to devote to oneself.

But, then again, perhaps summer is God's way of causing people to reflect on his presence. I'm not able to speak for the masses, but I find that within the summer months there is more time to appreciate the goodness of the Lord. Times of relaxation allow for times of reflection, and, as we enter into the warm summer months, I would think that we all have a little more time to reflect on our hope in Jesus Christ and **"to offer our bodies as living sacrifices"** to the Lord God.

Opportunities for worship, of course, are scheduled elsewhere other than at St. Paul's here on Elmwood Avenue over the course of July and August. Whether we're on vacation or are unable to attend St. Paul's due to a planned summer activity, let's be reminded to include our gracious God as part of the day in one way or another. Remember to check the church directories on the web or even local newspapers of that vacation spot, or call the family together for a hymn or a prayer if formal worship is not available. In this way, we are found acceptable to God in our **"spiritual act of worship"** and are worthy of our calling in Christ.

And let's be reminded that God is ever with us on our journeys and also beside us as we relax at home. His presence is the special gift of his mercy and the summer months allow us a little extra time to relax, to travel, and to reflect on the great mercy of God.

May God bless us all as we recline in his grace!

Pastor Schultz



July 1	Reader/Acolytes Youth/Young Adult	Comm. Asst. Joe Norris Rick Sinnigen	Altar Guild Dawn Nahlik Yorqualla Makor	Ushers Leela Ballah, Seaniah Ballah Solomon Paye, Hardlyn
July 8	Jacqueline Pringle Cameron Arrundell		Dawn Nahlik Yorqualla Makor	Rick Sinnigen Mack Makor Onu Stevens, Andrew Mastrostefano
July 15	Bill Oehlkers Hawa Mulbah	Bill Oehlkers Corvah Akoiwala	Dawn Nahlik Yorqualla Makor	Kim King,Helen Miller, Bill King, Dennis Kollie
July 22	Patricia Martin Camille Arrundell		Dawn Nahlik Yorqualla Makor	Kevin Kehyei Danlette Norris George and Grace Dauda
July 29	Danlette Norris Cianneh Akoiwala		Dawn Nahlik Yorqualla Makor	Kim King,Helen Miller, Bill King, Dennis Kollie

August 5	Reader Youth/Young Adult Jacob Mastrostefano	Comm. Asst. Joe Norris Rick Sinnigen	Altar Guild Donna Bucu Kolu Clark	Ushers Leelah & Seaniah Ballah Solomon Paye Hardlyn Dauda
August 12	Kevin Riley, Titi Adekeye		Donna Bucu Kolu Clark	Rick Sinnigen Mack Makor, Onu Stevens, Andrew Mastrostefano
August 19	Rick Sinnigen Christopher Dauda	Bill Oehlkers Corvah Akoiwala	Donna Bucu Kolu Clark	Kim King,Helen Miller, Bill King, Dennis Koll
August 26	Andrew Mastrostefano Abiodun Adekeye		Donna Bucu Kolu Clark	Kevin Kehyei Danlette Norris George and Grace Dauda

Tumamee and I have been installing tarps (or as they're called here "tarpoleenes") over the perimeter of chicken wire. They can be rolled up during the day and down during rain, which is becoming more frequent as we march towards the rainiest months of August and September. I bought a 40' x 40' tarp that has been cut into 5' strips to both fit our application and be most cost effective. As with many items I buy here, I'm concerned about durability/longevity in this intense sun and heat. I'd be amazed if they last more than a year before they're spoiled by tough elements, rough handling, or both.

We had stockpiled wood dust in the warehouse and needed to bag it for transporting to the poultry area. Forty-five rice bags later, our truck was sufficiently full in our estimation and we hauled it up the hill. We set out a large tarp and dumped out all the bags to allow the wood dust to dry in the sun (and they say it "disinfects" the wood dust...not sure if that's accurate or if it's just killing spores so we're not laying out moldy bedding). We cleared the pen of all construction debris, swept it, and installed a 4-foot high section of tarp supported by ropes hanging from the 20-foot long central truss to partition the large space into a more appropriate half-size during the chicks first few weeks. Tumamee then sprayed the area with a bleach solution to disinfect it prior to laying down the wood dust.



The workers started installing trusses on the second half of the first poultry house (pen #2). There's a newfound vigor in the work crew with Sam here. Last night I walked to the poultry house to check out the lights and he was leading a crew meeting. Like a Scout Master telling stories around a campfire, the workers listened intently, hanging on every word and laughing in unison to jokes intertwined with moral lessons. He emphasized some interesting things for an all-testosterone meeting: love, respect, accountability, taking self-initiative, doing the job right so good references result. He's a teddy bear in a linebacker body and has a clear alpha-male presence. I was impressed how he managed the meeting in such a way that rules of conduct were developed by the group and not imposed from above. Everyone was given an opportunity to air any grievances so nothing was left festering. When all were finished, rules reestablished, and team building complete, he ended with prayer. A true role model for all. I hit the light switch and was satisfied by the location and lumens. Now to confirm they stay on all night and this will be checked off of my pre-chick checklist (or "chicklist").

JULY

1 John M. Stamp 27 Benjamin Robinson
 3 Soonkaru Varfley 28 Trudy Kohm
 6 Robert Russell 31 Nellie Cooke
 7 Jerry Mulbah, Jr. 29 Rachel L. Kollie
 Corrine Stoskopf
 14 Jerry Mulbah, Sr.
 11 Mack Makor
 16 Shaheed Patterson
 Catherine Stoskopf
 17 Patricia Martin
 22 Stanley Urey, Jr.
 24 John D. Sinnigen
 Helen Smith
 25 Wilma Varfley
 27 Ansu Baysah



AUGUST

3 Jeanne Long
 Hilde Rapp

 9 Ingrid Mercer
 10 Kim Cook

 15 Joaquim Barros
 Centeio III
 17 Kwayah Makor
 18 Tonia Dahn
 23 Abraham Kerkula
 27 Hawa Mulbah
 Elaine Slavin
 30 Edith Jourdan Grittner

JULY ANNIVERSARIES


16 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fruggiero (35)
 17 Mr. & Mrs. William Oehlkers 58)
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cook (13)

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

13 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Watson (63)
 21 Mr. & Mrs. David Martin (30)
 21 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Richard (19)
 26 Mr. & Mrs. George Dauda (12)



JULY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 	5	6	7 Team #1 James Woods
8 10 AM Worship with Communion	9	10	11	12	13	14 Team #2 Rose Ko- lawole
15 10 AM Wor- ship	16	17	18	19	20	21 Team #3 Rich Norris
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**MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL
MAY 17, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Church Council was called to order at 7:15 p.m., on Thursday, May 17, 2018, by David Ballah. Attending: President David Ballah, Vice President Richard Sinnigen, Financial Secretary Donna Buco, Chairperson of the Board of Stewardship Bill Oehlkers, Treasurer Dan Robinson, and Pastor Leon Schultz, also as a visitor, Dawn Nahlik.

Approval of Minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2018.

Treasurer's Report. Dan Robinson presented the Treasurer's Report for the period January through April 2018. Total income during this period was \$79,225.20 and total disbursements were \$59,588.25, resulting in net ordinary income of \$19,636.95. The balance of Memorial Funds as of April 30, 2018, is \$251,498.85.

Pastor's Report. Pastor reported that he baptized Amari Liam Pratt on April 22, 2018, he is the son of Princess Pratt. Pastor also reported more baptisms being scheduled for the near future, one in early July, with the Smith family.

Trustees. Not much to report, Donna was the only Trustee present at the meeting. Just True Green, fertilization and weed control application on Friday the 18th to our lawn here at St. Paul's Church. All else is well, nothing pressing.

Stewardship. Bill Oehlkers reported the picture board he constructed was accepted with enthusiasm and positive reaction. With this in mind we hope this will lead to completion of the new picture directory by the Deacons'.

Cost of the Trash Collection. Rick Sinnigen reported that he would be contacting Waste Management to inquire about more details regarding their information packet Rick supplied the council with. Some more information was needed and also Rick did not feel comfortable with moving forward until David Martin had a chance to look over their policies.

Also Dan Robinson will make a call to our existing company to see if we are under contract.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. The meeting ended at 7:51 p.m. after closing with the Lord's Prayer by Pastor Leon Schultz.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Buco, Financial Secretary

MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL

JUNE 21, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Church Council was called to order at 7:03 p.m., on Thursday, June 21, 2018, by President David Ballah. Present were: President Ballah, Vice-President Richard Sinnigen, Treasurer Dan Robinson, Secretary David Martin, Financial Secretary Donna Buco, Chairperson of the Board of Deacons Joe Norris, Chairperson of the Board of Stewardship Bill Oehlkers, Chairperson of the Board of Social Ministry Danlette Norris and Pastor Leon Schultz. The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Pastor.

Approval of Minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2018, Church Council meeting as corrected.

Treasurer's Report. Dan Robinson presented the Treasurer's Report for the period Jan. 1 through May 31, 2018. Total income during this period was \$93,033.12 and total disbursements were \$75,623.47, resulting in net ordinary income of \$17,409.65. The balance of Memorial Funds as of May 31, 2018, is \$251,685.17.

Pastor's Report. Pastor had no official acts to report.

Deacons. Joe Norris reported that the Sunday School teachers would like to have more volunteers so that they could alternate between teaching and attending the worship service. The Deacons plan to talk with Ron Brown about introducing alternative worship music along side of traditional music. Corvah Akoiwala will investigate the cost of having two projection screens that would serve as electronic bulletin boards to aid in the worship service. The Deacons feel that we should make preliminary preparations for finding a new organist so that we will not be caught flatfooted in the event Ron Brown decides to retire. The Deacons have also finalized a plan to get the Church Directory out to the congregation by September 1st at the latest. They apologize for the delay. The Deacons did not discuss the church hall rental policy because they did not have a copy of the suggestions from the congregation. In response to this statement, Bill Oehlkers told Joe that he had emailed the suggestions to Joe some time ago. Joe said that he had not seen them and was sorry about the oversight. Bill said that he would resend the suggestions.

Trustees. Donna Bucu reported that the fire extinguishers have been serviced. The Elmwood Beautification Project has offered to give the church as many trees as we want at no charge. **A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the offer of free trees and to plant them along the side of the church and school building on Carter Street and also along the fence on our back lot, provided that prior to planting Dig Safe is notified and all sewer, water, gas, etc., connections are identified so that the roots of the trees will not invade these lines.** David Martin reported that our roofer, Gordon Chandler, had replaced the rusted out portions of the down spouts on the outside of the building directly behind the stage. During a recent rain storm, water had poured through the holes in the down spouts into the outside stairwell behind the stage. Because the drains in the stairwell were clogged, it filled up and water flooded into the basement. Pastor and Donna cleaned up the water.

Stewardship. Bill Oehlkers said he had no report.

Finance. Rick Sinnigen said he had nothing to report.

Social Ministry. Danlette Norris reported that the fundraising walk and the dinner had raised a total of \$1,036.00 for the Sunday School. Social Ministry donated the cake for Frieda Hervey's 95th Birthday Celebration which was held following the service on June 10. Danlette said that sufficient funds have been raised to purchase the freezer for the kitchen.

Old Business. Trash Collection. Dan reported that he had made repeated attempts to find out if we have a contract with our current trash collector. Each time he was referred to another person and then put on hold for long periods of time with no one picking up. He will make one more attempt. If it fails, he will notify Rick Sinnigen and David Martin, and David will draft a letter notifying them that we are terminating their service as of a certain date (at least 30 days in advance).

New Business. Pulpit Coverage. Bill Oehlkers reported that he had great difficulty finding a pastor to conduct the worship service on Sunday, June 24, when Pastor is on vacation. Because no nearby pastor is available, the Rev. Dr. Mark, Schaarschmidt has agreed to come from Woodbury, CT, a two hour and fifteen minute drive one way.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to pay the Rev. Schaarschmidt the guest preacher fee of \$150 plus \$150 for mileage for a total of \$300.00. The Council felt this was fair since it will take approximately six hours for him to drive to Providence, conduct the service, and then drive home.

Ambit Energy. Donna distributed a flier left by two men from Ambit Energy. They have a program under which the church would receive money if members switched their electrical supplier from National Grid to Ambit. The Council decided that it did not want to become involved in the program. Dan Robinson noted that his parents had switched suppliers in the past. While their bills were initially lower, they later increased.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. The meeting ended at 8:28 p.m. with recitation of The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Martin, Secretary

