



ST. PAUL'S NEWS APRIL 2019



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UPCOMING EVENTS

6TH ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST WILL BE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 6, AT 10:00AM. DONATIONS GOING TO GLTC.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF GBARNGA LUTHERAN MISSION PROJECT, INC

MEETINGS AND SERVICES

**DEACONS MEETING SECOND TUESDAY
APRIL 9, 7:00 p.m.**

COUNCIL THIRD THURSDAY—to be determined

**MAUNDAY THURSDAY SERVICE
APRIL 18, 7:00 p.m.**

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
APRIL 19, 7:00 p.m.**

MATTHEW 28:5-7

5The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.
6He is not here: he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.
7Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you”



“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

On Sunday, April 14, we will once again hear our favorite Christian refrain, **“Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest!”** (Matt. 21:9) as we celebrate Palm Sunday. Then, on Sunday, April 21, comes the High Festival of the Church Year: Easter Sunday. There will be flowers and hymns, choir anthems and a special atmosphere of Christian love due to the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. These things and many more always make the Easter Season a special joy here at St. Paul’s. We have so much for which to be thankful—and a special thanks to our organist, Ron Brown, for his efforts in the presentation of beautiful music.

We do have much for which to be thankful! That is a theme we ought to carry in our hearts all the days of our lives. I realize that there are days when things appear to be less than desirable. Sickness strikes; financial burdens loom large; accidents occur, and death suddenly removes loved ones from our presence. Even so, we still have the confidence to say, **“Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest!”**

That’s what Easter is all about, namely, recognizing Jesus, **“the Son of David,”** as the blessed Savior who **“comes in the name of the Lord.”** The resurrection of Jesus is God’s highest and greatest revelation that there is more beyond this life than our present circumstances. There is the glorified Christ who died on Good Friday and was raised again on the Third Day just as he promised, saying, **“Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days”** (Jn. 2:19).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ and our part in that resurrection is the key to balance our daily living; it is that part that gives us the courage to say **“Blessed is the Son of David”** in spite of sorrow and pain. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is that part within us that lifts us up and links us with Job, saying, **“I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another”** (Job 19:25-27). And this is the part within me that makes me want to say in closing, **“Yes, we do, indeed, have much for which to be thankful!”** HAPPY EASTER!

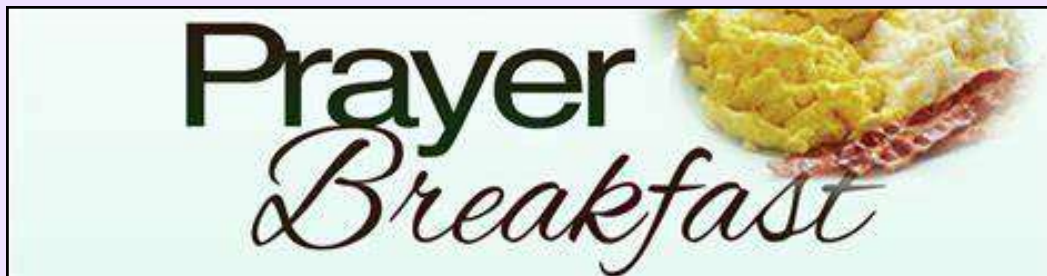
In Christ,

Pastor Schultz



Apr. 4 Irma Pereira
Eunice Stoskopf
April 5 Dawn Nahlik
Apr. 8 Roberta Decontee
Apr. 13 Kumba Forkpa
Apr. 24 Norma Sonstroem
Apr. 25 Alison Schultz
Apr. 27 Judy Crump
Apr. 28 Gerda Jourdan
Camille Arrundell
Apr. 29 A. Barton Buffington
George Dauda Jr.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



SIXTH ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

WHERE: ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, 445 ELMWOOD AVE., PROVIDENCE, RI 02907

WHEN: 10:00AM –11:30AM

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE **GBARNGA LUTHERAN MISSION PROJECT, INC.**



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

DATE READERS /ACOLYTES COMM. ASSIST. ALTAR GUILD USHERS

7	Youth Dane Watson	Rick Sinnigen Steven Nagbe	Mary Abbenante Helen Miller	Leela Ballah Seaniah Ballah Solomon Paye Hardlyn Dauda
14	David Martin Ciannah Akoiwala		Mary Abbenante Helen Miller	Rick Sinnigen Onu Stevens Andrew Mastrostefano
21	Rick Sinnigen Christopher Dauda	Joe Norris Bill Oehlkers	Mary Abbenante Helen Miller	Kim King Bill King Joe Norris Helen Miller
28	Danlette Norris George Roberts		Mary Abbenante Helen Miller	Kevin Kehyei Danlette Norris George Dauda Grace Dauda



MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL

February 21, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Church Council was called to order at 7:04 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019, by President David Ballah. Present were: President Ballah, Treasurer Dan Robinson, Secretary David Martin, Financial Secretary Donna Buco, Chairperson of the Board of Deacons Joe Norris, Chairperson of the Board of Finance Richard Sinnigen, Chairperson of the Board of Social Ministry Danlette Norris, and Pastor Leon Schultz. Also present was Dawn Nahlik. The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Pastor. Vice President Corvah Akoiwala joined the meeting in progress.

Approval of Minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the Jan. 17, 2019, Church Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Dan Robinson presented the Treasurer's Report for the period Jan. 1 through Jan. 31, 2019. Total income during this period was \$15,290.60 and total disbursements were \$19,628.21, resulting in a deficit of \$4,337.61. Current offerings are approximately \$3,000.00 less than budgeted primarily because of the cancellation of a worship service in January due to snow. Dan has not yet received a statement from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund showing the balance of memorial funds as of Jan. 31, 2019. However, Dan said that, except for the addition of interest, there should be no change in the amount of memorial funds (which as of Dec. 31, 2018, were \$248,662.34).

Pastor's Report. Pastor had no official report. There are presently no children in the congregation eligible for confirmation. Attendance at the Bible Class has declined, and Pastor is looking for ways to build it back up. He is planning a presentation on Feb. 24th about his recent trip to Liberia and visit to the Gbarnga Lutheran Mission School.

Deacons. Joe Norris reported that the Deacons meeting was canceled due to inclement weather. However, Joe said that he wanted to express the thanks of the Deacons to the members who "church sat" while Pastor and Donna were in Liberia. Joe also thanked Corvah for his work in completing the church directory.

Finance. Rick Sinnigen said that he would give his report when the Council considered Old Business.

Trustees. David Martin reported that Guide One, our insurance company, wants us to file a claim with the City for the damage sustained as a result of the Jan. 24, 2019, sewer line backup. David has obtained the claim form from the City. With respect to fixing the sewer line problem, David said that he is still waiting for the written proposal from F.G. Lees & Son. A ceiling light in the parish hall is not working. David has asked Bill King to look at it.

Social Ministry. Danlette Norris reported that the amount raised at St. Paul's for the purchase of a new truck for the Gbarnga Mission is now almost \$2,000.00.

Old Business. Church Directory. Dan reported that the bill for printing the church directory was \$1,500.00 and that it has been paid.

Dumpsters. Rick Sinnigen asked if anyone had observed the dumpsters overflowing since his report at the January Council meeting that Waste Management wanted us to increase the size of the dumpsters due to an overflow problem. Because no one on the Council had observed any overflow, it was agreed that Rick should respond to Waste Management by saying that we have not observed any overflow since the last incident but that we will continue to monitor the situation.

New Business. Computer. Dan reported that the church computer, which is ten years old, has been extremely slow. His efforts to de-clutter it were only partially successful. Accordingly, he purchased a new computer and is now in the process of transferring what was on the old computer to the new one. The new computer cost approximately \$600.00 and was paid for using funds designated for furniture and equipment.

Dan explained that the church financial program, “Helpmate,” which is on the old computer, is no longer available. He is concerned that the old computer may cease to function. If it does, we would not have the ability to provide giving statements to members. The Council agreed that, to prevent future problems, the church computers should only be used for church business and that the church secretary should decline requests from members who ask to use them for personal business.

Gbarnga Report. President Ballah asked that the Gbarnga Lutheran Mission Project give a full report to the Council at its next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with recitation of The Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Martin, Secretary

These minutes were approved at the Mar. 2019, Church Council meeting.

