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¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

"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

When the day came. . . .

When the day came. . . . we all went to the park and had a good time playing games and eating lots of good food. When the day came. . . .we were all pleasantly surprised by the way things took place. When the day came. . . .my mom and dad were thrilled to see the whole family together. When the day came. . . .

To start a sentence off with the phrase “When the day came” it generally implies that some eager anticipation had taken place prior to the event. We have all been eagerly waiting for the arrival of spring. When the day came, the trees again were green and the flowers were poking their heads up out of the ground.

Can you imagine how the disciples must have felt when the day finally arrived and the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them. Jesus had promised the coming of the Holy Spirit, and they had been anxiously waiting for better than a month, fifty days after the resurrection to be exact.

Then it happened! St. Luke says, **“When the day of Pentecost came they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting”** (Acts 2:1-2). When that day came, thousands committed to Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit, and thousand upon thousands were saved by their faith in Jesus Christ.

Pentecost is soon to be celebrated once again at St. Paul’s Church. We now are in that period of “eager anticipation.” We are eagerly waiting the full fifty days to be fulfilled on Sunday, June 9. In the meantime, however, we celebrate the joy of new members here at St. Paul’s on Sunday, May 5. And, at the same time, we rejoice once again as we have recently celebrated the joy of Holy Baptism with Jose and Jennifer (Smith) Rodrigues as they brought their beautiful little boy, Cristiano, to the Lord on Sunday, April 29. And, of course, let’s not forget that very, very special day—for when the day comes, it will be Mother’s Day on Sunday, May 12.

God is good all the time!
Pastor Schultz



May Birthdays

1st Tongor Langer
 2nd Titilayo Adekeye
 Lisa Goodlin
 Nucha Varfley
 Taurus Varfley
 4th Kevin Riley
 6th Kathy Fruggiero
 Pauline Dobson
 Ruth Phillips
 7th Alvin Buffington
 8th Melitta Lambert
 9th Marion Gbaie
 11th Andrew Hencler
 14th Donald Kuepker

 Arthur Watson
 15th Kolu Clark



17th George Dauda Sr.
 Haley Stamp
 18th David Ballah
 Elizabeth Riley
 Marthin Faria

 19th Muriel Anderson
 21st Mark Richard
 23rd Corvah Akoiwala
 24th Danielle Schultz

 31st Versa Stamp



May Anniversaries

15th Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Clark (8th)
 23rd Mr. & Mrs. Corvah Akoiwala (21ST)
 24th Mr. & Mrs. Julius Kolawole {22ND}

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Readers/ Acolyte	Comm. Assistant	Altar Guild	Ushers
5	YOUTH/ YOUTH	RICK SINNIGEN STEVEN NAGBE	DONNA BUCO	LEELA BALLAH SEANIAH BALLAH SOLOMON PAYE HARDLYN DAUDA
12	KEVIN RILEY/ HAWA MULBAH		DONNA BUCO	RICK SINNIGEN STEVEN NAGBE ONU STEVENS ANDREW
19	BILL OEHLKERS/ GEORGE ROBERTS	JOE NORRIS BILL OEHLKERS	DONNA BUCO	KIM KING BILL KING DENNIS KOLLIE HELEN MILLER
26	PAT MARTIN/DANE WATSON		DONNA BUCO	KEVIN KEHYEI DANLETTE NORRIS GEORGE DAUDA GRACE DAUDA

Council Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2019

Our meeting was called to order at 7:21pm, on Thursday, March 21, 2019, by Vice President Corvah Akoiwala. Present were: Chairperson of the Board of Finance Richard Sinnigen, Chairperson of the Board of Deacons Joe Norris, Treasurer Dan Robinson, Financial Secretary Donna Bucu, Chairperson of the Board of Social Ministry Danlette Norris, Pastor Leon W. Schultz and Deacon, Trustee Steven Nagbe.

Meeting began at 7:21pm being lead in prayer by Pastor Schultz.

Approval of Minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2019, Church Council Meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Dan Robinson presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of January through February 2019. Total income during this period was \$30,823.15 and total disbursements were \$33,164.67, resulting in a deficit of \$2,341.52

Pastor's Report. Pastor had no official acts to report. No confirmation class in progress due to lack of eligible age group at this time. Pastor is currently working with Deacon, Steven Nagbe to increase our congregation through minor changes to our music before service and after, to try and encourage younger people to want to attend. Steven has live streamed Pastor's sermons available for the past couple of weeks. And bringing forward what St. Paul's Church has to offer through social media will also contribute to encourage growth within our congregation.

Social Ministry. Danlette Norris reported that the amount raised from her Corn Beef and Cabbage Fundraiser was \$320.00. These funds will be given to the Altar Guild Fund. Danlette also has her annual prayer breakfast scheduled for, Saturday April 6 at 10:00am. A free will offering will be collected and applied toward the Gbarnga Lutheran Mission Project. Danlette is also planning a dinner for June. Plans for that will be forthcoming.

Trustees. Steven Nagbe reported he met with Rick Lees from F.G. Leess & Son and three valves need to be installed to combat our sewer back up issue. Steve addressed Trustee Andrew Mastrostefano's suggestion that with installing one valve would be sufficient. This did not seem to be enough. Another issue was discussed was redirecting the down spouts from our gutters so that massive amount of rain water wouldn't overtake the system. We accepted the recommendation concerning our back flow issue to install our valves to correct our problem.

A motion was made to have a Voters' Meeting asking approval of \$40,000.00 to be used to fix our back up issue. Motion was approved.

Closed in prayer by Pastor Schultz.

Motion to adjourn at 8:53pm

Respectfully submitted

Donna L. Bucu

MINUTES OF\
VOTERS' MEETING
Sunday, Mar. 31, 2019

A meeting of the Voters' Assembly was held on Sunday, Mar. 31, 2019, in the Sanctuary following the worship service. The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by President David Ballah, Sr. Pastor Schultz opened the meeting with a prayer.

Acceptance of Minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes of the Dec. 9, 2018, Voters' Meeting.

Trustees' Request for Authorization. President Ballah recognized David Martin. David explained that on three occasions in the past nine months (June 28, Sept. 26, & Jan. 24), during periods of heavy rain, the toilets in the church basement had overflowed and caused widespread flooding. The drain in the outdoor stairwell that serves as a fire exit from the school basement had also backed up, causing flooding in the school basement. On each occasion an environmental response company had to be called to clean up. While the cost of these cleanups was largely covered by insurance, our insurance company, GuideOne, has notified us that it will not renew our policy when it expires on April 30, 2019, because of excessive claims. Our insurance agent, Craig Wert, has advised us that in order for him to find another insurance company willing to insure the church, we must be able to show that we have taken action to prevent a recurrence of the flooding. Mr. Wert also has cautioned that the insurance will cost more than our existing policy with GuideOne.

David said that the purpose of today's meeting was to consider a request from the Trustees to spend up to \$40,000 in Memorial Funds to: 1) fix the flooding problem and 2) maintain insurance on the church after our present insurance policy expires on April 30. David described a four part fix that our longtime plumbing and heating contractor, F.G. Lees & Son, has recommended: 1) installing check valves in the underground pipes to prevent the toilets from overflowing (estimated cost: \$20,200); 2) disconnecting the downspouts so that water from the roof is deposited on the lawn and not into the sewer line (estimated cost: \$1,820); 3) relocating the steam vent above the storage room window and relocating the drain line from the window well to above ground (estimated cost: \$1,500); and 4) constructing an awning, canopy, or roof over the outdoor stairwell so that water does not fall into it (no estimate obtained yet).

David emphasized that the Voters were not being asked whether to accept the proposal from Lees as the Trustees were still investigating other alternatives. David said that he had presented Lees' proposal only to help the Voters understand the scope of the problem and why the Board of Trustees was requesting authorization to spend up to \$40,000. The question before the Voters, David said, was whether to authorize the Trustees to spend the amount required to solve the flooding problem in the manner the Trustees determined was most cost effective and to enable the church to maintain insurance coverage after April 30.

Herb Jeschke made a motion that the request from the Trustees for authorization should be granted. The motion was seconded by Don Kuepker. After discussion, the motion to authorize the Trustees to spend up to \$40,000 in Memorial Funds to fix the basement flooding problem and to enable the church to maintain insurance after April 30 was passed unanimously.

Pastor Schultz thanked David for his work. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m., with the recitation of The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Martin, Secretary

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY MAY 12, 2019



MEMORIAL DAY MAY 27, 2019



NEW MEMBER WELCOME MAY 5, 2019

WITH A SPECIAL LUNCHEON FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

WILLIAM J. DOE
MARIE GAYEE
ALICE STEVENSON
LARRY NICHOLS
LISA ANN NICHOLS
MARY LOWAY
GAADIAH K. GIDDINGS
JACOBLINE DORBOR