

The Herald July 2022

The time has come... time to transition from my interim role at St. Paul's to First Call.

What are the chances? "St. Paul's" in Clear Lake, South Dakota has called me to serve. Tim and I will be making the move over the next weeks. My last Sunday to preach in Warren will be on July 10th. We're anticipating ordination and installation for July 23rd in my new church.



These ten months have been full of joy doing ministry with you all! As I've commented before, we feel blessed. I am confident we have a solid leadership plan in place with Pastor Janice coming on board.

June was memorable for our life as the body of Christ. I will always remember our six confirmands. Also, First Communion with Gavin was memorable. The cook-out at Hartzell's was a success. We did some toe-tapping with No Worries Band in the sanctuary. Between packing, interviewing, some home visits and preparing for worship each week, the month went by fast.

There are many things I could say... but for now, God's peace be with you now and always! It will be very hard (and sad) to leave. I so appreciate St. Paul's willingness to be a teaching church through the decades. You are making a difference in raising up strong leaders! I will go away with a song in my heart. Among many lyrics – "How can I keep from singing?" Our God is great and glorious. Amen and amen.

Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow a seed..." (Matthew 13). Friends in Christ, keep on sowing seeds of faith and love!

In Our Walk with Jesus,
Interim Pastor Dayna



Come Join Us;

Pastor Dayna's last Sunday with us is Sunday, July 10th.

Come Join Us to hear her last sermon with us and for a potluck luncheon after service.

Meat, beverage and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass and come join us for some lively conversation and memories.\



St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting for May 17th, 2022.

Present: Linda Balbac, Kathy McKee, Anita Fry, Sue Bourquin, Roger Kent, Daylon Niemann, Danica Skattum

Absent: Pastor Dayna. **Guest:** Pastor Janice Diefenthaler. Prayer by Anita Fry.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were presented from Council Meeting of April 19h, 2022. Danica moved to accept the Secretary's Report. Sue seconded. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Report was presented for April 2022. Anita made a motion to approve the report. Sue 2nd and motion carried. The cost of Quickbooks was discussed. There is a cost of Quickbooks itself and another cost because of doing payroll. We are paid up until January 1st 2023. Sue is going to do some research on other avenues going forward.

Committee Reports:

Parish Education: Confirmands will meet before service on the 5th of June. I will be doing a wrap up for the year for Sunday School. No information on VBS at this time.

Properties Committee:

- New toilet has been put in at parsonage in downstairs bathroom by Long Electric
- Door knob has been replaced in small office

Stewardship:

Worship/Evangelism:

- Hymns were selected for June. "No Worries" band will be here on Saturday, June 25th at 5:30pm.
- Confirmation to be held on Sunday, June 6th.

Memorial Committee: Roger reported a balance of \$12,093.04.

Mutual Ministry:

Welca: Checking: \$3,000.20

Pastor's Report:

- I've graduated from WTS! It has been an intense four years of learning, transitions and milestones. Tim and I are looking forward to our future.
- We are in route to South Dakota for a meet and greet. It is likely we will have a First Call soon. It will be a process. I plan to continue status quo at least through June. I want to see a smooth transition for St. Paul's.
- Continued to send notes to folks and making visits as I can. Looking forward to a special Confirmation Sunday worship.
- Will attend Northern II Synod Assembly as a voting member. Plan to attend the SD assembly as a visitor (June 3) to return that Saturday.
- Pastor Denver and Bishop Jeff know about Pastor's Janice offer for pulpit supply.
- I'm grateful for the time we've had so far in ministry together in Warren. I adore my banner that Shirley made. I am a better leader for having served these months. St. Paul's is to be commended for your years of raising up leaders.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Kathy will get a cookout scheduled at Hartzell's.
- Kathy, Sue, Linda, Danica, and Anita went to Good Shepherd in Lena on Monday, May 9 and met with their council to discuss the possibility of sharing their pastor. After discussion with our council and the cost that this

was going to be, it was decided that this would not work for St. Paul's at this time. In the meantime, Pastor Janice Diefenthaler has offered her services to St. Paul's. After some initial discussion Anita made a motion that we use Pastor Janice for pulpit supply when Pastor Dayna is done for three months. Linda 2nd and motion carried.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 21st, at 6:30pm. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer. Minutes submitted by Anita Fry

General Fund		
Income		3,278.00
Expenditures		8,067.62
Net Income		-4,789.62
Building Fund		
Income		604.00
Expenditures		192.63
Net Income		411.37
Account Balances		
General Checking		4,435.75
General Savings		50,346.70
Building Savings		8,241.40
CD – General & Building		14,927.50
VBS Checking		1,053.32
Youth Checking		1,662.77
Window Fund		595.05
Budget Per Sunday for General		\$1,786.15
Budget Per Sunday for Building		\$113.46



Thank you to everyone who made the cookout fundraiser on Friday such a success!!! Weren't the porkchops sandwiches delicious?!?! \$600.00 was made from this cookout.

A special thank you to Matt and the staff at Hartzell's, you are all such a valuable asset to our community!!

Thank you Kathy, Roger, Joyce, Linda and Pastor Dayna for all of your help.



The Warren United Methodist Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and St. Ann's Catholic Church are excited to lead you!

There are signups for Volunteers and Food Donations in the church narthex!

Warren Cooperative VBS

I Am His Masterpiece - An Art Filled VBS

We are all created in His image! Please join us for this one day Art Filled Vacation Bible School where we will create many different things in many different ways. We will also learn about the Lord's many creations, us included! This is for children entering preschool - 5th grade.

July 8th, 2022 @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church
12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Families are welcome to join us at 5:30 p.m. for a short presentation of our day followed by our hot dog picnic! We are excited to learn about all of God's masterpieces and create some of our own!

For more information, or to get a sign-up form please contact Sara Janecke from St. Ann's Catholic Church, Danica Skattum from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, or Jenny Carter from Warren United Methodist Church. You may also leave a message at 815-745-3444 and one of the ladies will get back to you.



St. Paul's hosted the "No Worries" Band on June 25th at 5:30 in the evening. The concert was to be outside in the park gazebo, but because of rain, it was moved into the church.

The band played and sang many gospel favorites along with some bluegrass songs and even an instrumental composition, from the banjo master, Terry O'Malley.

The audience got into the act by calling out songs for the band to play and many sang along with their favorites. A few youngsters and young at heart folks danced along in the back of the church.

The evening ended with refreshments and fellowship time together. Many thanks to "No Worries" for a wonderful evening.

Online Giving made that much easier!!! Check out our website for simple steps to give your offering online!!! You can make a personal donation to St. Paul's and other enrolled organizations through Thrivent's online giving platform. Thrivent will pay the processing fees, so your entire donation goes to your cause.

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No Worries Schedule

- July 3 – Albany United Methodist, Albany, IL – 10:15 am
- July 10th – St. Paul's Lutheran, Elizabeth, IL – 9:00 am
- July 10th – Oakley Courts, Freeport, IL – 1:00 pm
- July 31st – Derinda or Massbach, Lutheran Church – 9:00 am



Lessons & Hymns for the Month of July



July 3 – 4th Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:[1-6], 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

ELW Holy Communion –

“We Are One In Mission” – ELW 576
“For The Fruits Of All Creation” - ELW 679
“God Bless Our Native Land” - ELW 891

July 10 – 5th Sunday After Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

ELW Holy Communion –

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” - ELW 836
“My Life Flows In Endless Song” – ELW 763
“God Be With You Till We Meet Again” - ELW 536

July 17 – 6th Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10
Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

ELW Holy Communion –

“When Morning Gilds The Skies” - ELW 853
“Lord Whose Love In Humble Service” - ELW 712
“Go, My Children, With My Blessing” - ELW 543

July 24 – 7th Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-115 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

ELW Holy Communion –

“How Firm A Foundation” - ELW 796
“Be Thou My Vision” - ELW 793
“What A Friend We Have In Jesus” -ELW 742

July 31 – 8th Sunday After Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Psalm 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

ELW Holy Communion

“Gather Us In” - ELW 532
“Just As I Am, Without One Plea” - ELW 592
“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less” – ELW 596



Card Lady for July – Bonnie Anderson

Highlights of this year's Northern Illinois Synod Assembly

The 2022 Northern Illinois Synod Assembly was held via Zoom on two Sunday evenings, June 5 and 12, and then in person at Augustana College, Friday evening, June 17 and Saturday, June 18 under the theme, “For the Sake of the World” from our synod’s mission statement, Walking Together, Loving Christ, Loving all, for the sake of the World.

The election of a new bishop was a high point of this year’s assembly. The final 3 candidates that stood for election were: Rev. Stacie Fidlar, Pastor of St. John's in Rock Island, Rev. Dr. Janet Hunt, Pastor of 1st Lutheran in Dekalb, and Rev. Josh Ehrlar, Pastor of Trinity in Mt. Morris. The final three candidates had the opportunity to speak to the assembly on Saturday morning before the 4th ballot. The Rev. Stacie Fidlar was elected on the 5th ballot and will begin her 6-year term on September 1, 2022.

Bishop Jeff Clements will be retiring from ministry in August after being elected in 2016. He has faithfully served in the Northern Illinois Synod for 39 years, after being ordained in 1983

Our assembly was centered in worship together. We heard reports from our officers, learned about our synod committees and their work, agencies, and institutions as well as our Synod's role in church wide ministries, engaged in general elections, adopted the FY 2023 budget and salary guidelines. We prayerfully considered four resolutions, celebrated retirements and special anniversaries of rostered ministers and congregations. We remembered those rostered ministers who have died since our last assembly in prayers of remembrance. Even though this assembly was a mix of online reading and online Zoom meetings, all the attendees felt so blessed and grateful to be able to meet, talk and share with each other in person after being away since 2019.

The council and myself thank you for your prayers and support to reach out to spread the love of Christ inside our church, and outside in our communities, and the world through your gifts. I encourage you to go to the synod website, Northern Illinois synod.org. to get more information and see what is going on in ELCA outside our walls here at St. Paul.

Yours in Christ,
Linda Balbac

Volunteers are needed at the Food Pantry

Saturday, July 2, 9am
Saturday, July 9, 9am
Saturday, July 16, 9am
Saturday, July 23, 9am
Saturday, July 30, 9am



Volunteers are needed to help unload the truck

Monday, July 11, at 10:30am

Call Shirley Miller at 815/745-3441 or Joyce Kent at 815/745-3340 if you are interested.

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pastor Dayna's Day Off	2 9 am Food Pantry Happy Birthday Abby Harris
3 10am Worship	4 Happy 4th of July	5 5:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting	6 Happy Birthday Mike Harris & Dennis Lancaster	7 Happy Birthday Larry Oomens	8 Pastor Dayna's Day Off 12 – 5:30pm VBS	9 9 am Food Pantry Happy Birthday Kerry Schultz
10 Pastor Dayna's Last Sunday 10am Worship	11 10:30am Food Pantry Food Truck Delivery	12 Happy Birthday Dennis Kent	13 Happy Birthday Lori Hanisko	14	15	16 9 am Food Pantry
17 10 am Worship Happy Birthday Julie Niemann	18 Happy Birthday Tess Albrecht	19 9:45 am Bible Study St. John's Pearl City 6:30pm Church Council	20	21 Happy Birthday Linda Balbac & Roger Hicks II	22	23 9 am Food Pantry Happy Birthday Willie McKee
24 10 am Worship Happy Birthday Jerry Kent, Jr	25	26 Happy Birthday Carrie Harris	27	28	29	30 9 am Food Pantry Happy Birthday Alaina Vance