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Dear Congregation,

As fall draws closer, we are thrilled to announce the return of our vibrant church community. Mark your calendars for **the joyous Rally Day on August 18**, a delightful occasion at the Clara Eitmann Messmer Amphitheater. This will be our first Sunday back, returning to the 10:15 worship time. We will start with an uplifting outdoor worship service featuring a special blessing for our children's backpacks as they gear up for school. We will also extend blessings and support to our confirmands and their mentors as they embark on a new faith journey. After the service, we will enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of games, music, food, and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends!

Looking ahead to **September 8**, our Sunday school and confirmation classes will commence, offering enriching experiences for all ages. Our confirmation program, which is both fun and educational, promises to provide a solid foundation in faith for our eighth graders. If you know any eighth-grade students who would like to join, please reach out to me.

Sunday school classes will also resume, catering to all age groups, and I am thrilled to lead the Adult Sunday school class. We will delve into the profound teachings of the book of Romans, a cornerstone of Christian theology. This book offers deep insights into God's grace, the power of faith, and the transformative message of the Gospel. This book challenges and inspires us to live out our faith with renewed vigor and understanding.

With all these exciting events and opportunities for growth, there are countless reasons to reconnect with our church community after the summer break. From the joy of Rally Day to the enriching Sunday school and confirmation classes, we have a vibrant season ahead filled with fellowship, learning, and spiritual growth. Let us come together with renewed energy and enthusiasm, ready to embrace all God has in store for us in the coming months.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Andy

Catechism Corner: Reflections on the Evangelical Catechism

2. How do we obtain this kingdom?

A. The kingdom of God is made known to us and the righteousness of God is revealed to us in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. "He is the one Word of God we are called to trust and obey in life and death" (from the Barmen Declaration of 1934).

How do we obtain the kingdom of God? Our catechism teaches, "The kingdom of God is made known to us, and the righteousness of God is revealed to us in the Gospel of Jesus Christ." This reminds us that our efforts do not earn the kingdom but are graciously revealed through Jesus. He is the living Word, embodying God's righteousness and making God's kingdom present among us.

Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we see the fullness of God's love and justice, inviting us to enter into His kingdom by trusting in Him.

In this light, we are called to trust and obey Jesus in every aspect of our lives. His teachings and actions reveal how to live according to God's will. By following Jesus, we experience the kingdom of God here and now, living out the righteousness He exemplifies. This transformative relationship with Jesus shapes our actions, attitudes, and relationships as we participate in the unfolding of God's kingdom. Let us embrace this divine invitation, living faithfully in response to the Gospel and witnessing the reality of God's kingdom made known in Christ.

Question for Thought: How can you more fully trust and obey Jesus in your daily life, allowing His kingdom to be revealed through you? Remember, this is a personal journey, and your unique experiences and challenges are part of the process. You are not alone in this; we all strive to live in the light of Jesus' teachings.

GREETINGS CHURCH FAMILY,

I am Kenny Kunz, the Finance Committee Chair, and I would like to provide you with an update on our church's financial situation for the current budget year.

As we reach the halfway mark of our fiscal year, it's essential to share that we are currently 9% behind in giving to meet our budget. This shortfall significantly hampers our ability to support the ministries and missions central to our church's purpose.

We understand that these are challenging times for many, and we are grateful for the generosity and commitment that you have shown thus far. Your past contributions have significantly impacted us, enabling us to continue our missions and support our community. We kindly ask you to consider ways to increase your giving if possible. Every contribution, no matter the size, is invaluable to us and helps us close this gap, ensuring we can meet our financial goals.

For those interested in more information about giving or endowment opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact me directly (573-690-3807). I am available to answer any questions and provide additional details on how you can financially support our church's mission.

Thank you for your continued dedication and generosity. Together, we can achieve our goals and continue to make a positive difference in our community.

Blessings,
Kenny Kunz

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

During the 10:15 service on August 18 (Rally Day), Pastor Andy will bless all school backpacks. Students and teachers are encouraged to bring them to the church service.

ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS

EASTERN ASSOCIATION

The Fall meeting of the Eastern Association will be September 29, 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul UCC. Everyone is invited to attend.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, September 12 at 2:00 p.m. (please note change in time) in the church basement. Programs and speakers for the meeting will be announced soon in the weekly bulletin.

CONFIRMATION

We will be beginning a Confirmation class September 8th this year. The class will be open to all students entering the 8th grade this fall. Friends/nonmembers are also welcome to attend. One

requirement is that you will need to be baptized before you can be confirmed. Pastor Andy can arrange that. Please contact Pastor Andy for details.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School classes will resume September 8 at 9:00.

The next Christian Education meeting will be October 13 immediately following the church service.

LIT n' LATTE BOOK CLUB

Our book club is continuing to meet at Miss Clara's on the second Monday of every month. We meet at 10:00 for discussion and then enjoy lunch and fellowship together.

If you enjoy reading and sharing your thoughts and feelings about books (or just listening to the discussion) we encourage you to join the group.

Here is a list of book selections through June.

August 12 *Crow Lake*, Mary Lawson

Sept 9 *The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett*, Annie Lyons

We have many different churches and walks of life represented and all are welcome! If you have any interest or questions about the book club, call or text Nancy Kirchhofer at 573-291-1126.

PASTOR/PARISH COMMITTEE

The Pastor/Parish Committee is a standing committee of St. Paul. The purpose of the committee is to support a healthy relationship between the pastor and the congregation to enhance the effectiveness of the church's ministry. The committee serves in two primary ways:

- As an advisory group to the pastor: sharing ideas, dreams, expectations, and concerns of the congregation with the pastor.
- As a support group for the pastor's leadership: interpreting roles, functions, boundaries, opportunities and needs of the pastor to the congregation.

If you feel the need to voice a concern on any topic, please follow St. Paul's policy by speaking with a member of the committee. We all have a right to our opinions but we need to think about our actions and the potential consequences they might create. Open, honest discussion will help resolve issues as they might arise.

Current members of the committee are: Sharen Speckhals, Mike Grosse, Scott Jacob and Maureen Heck.

CELEBRATIONS

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, September 8 will be our Golden Anniversary Celebration hosted by the Family Life Committee. Invitations will be sent out to the Golden Anniversary Couples.

OUTREACH

NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: MEAL TRAIN FOR FOSTER PARENTS

We are excited to announce a new mission: the Meal Train for Foster Parents, which includes kinship and relative placements. This initiative, which will have a significant positive impact, aims to support children and families by providing meals during their transition into care. When families are referred, we will share their likes, dislikes, and any allergies to ensure the meals meet their needs. You can provide meals as often as desired. Typically, the support lasts for one to two weeks. If you would like more information on how to participate, you can contact Dawn Grosse

BACKPACK PROGRAM DONATIONS

Every year St. Paul UCC collects backpacks for Hermann School students. If you wish to donate a back pack or contents, please bring it to the church by August 11. There is additional information in the front and back of church.

CASA

Are you recently retired and/or looking for volunteer opportunities? Would you like to make a positive impact for a child in need?

CASA of Mideast Missouri advocates for the best interest of children of abuse and neglect who are currently placed in foster care in Franklin, Gasconade and Osage Counties. Our Volunteer Advocates are highly trained individuals that spend one-on-one time with foster children, getting to know their individual needs and concerns. Volunteers take this knowledge and use it to advocate for them before the courts, helping ensure their journey in foster care is safe, happy and never travelled alone. There are children in our area who need a CASA! **Could you be that someone?**

The next CASA volunteer training session will begin in October. To learn more or to apply, visit casamideastmo.org.

AFTER SCHOOL BEARCATS

The After School Bearcat mentoring program, with a mission to provide local students expanded academic, social, and enrichment opportunities is preparing for the 2024-2025 school year. The program will meet on Wednesdays from 3:15-5:00 p.m. The program needs volunteers to mentor or help prepare snacks. The program start date is targeted for August 28 and will meet each Wednesday through December 18. Sharen Speckhals, director for the program will be sending information to volunteers in the upcoming weeks.

If you are interested in co-directing with Sharen or volunteering as a mentor or helper with food, please call, text or email sharenspeckhals2011@hotmail.com or 573-220-0965.

MISSION CUP

The Mission Cup for August will benefit the Hermann Area Crusade Against Cancer. The Hermann Crusade Against Cancer was established in 2005 to assist those in our community who are battling cancer with expenses not covered by insurance. It is a tax-exempt 501©3 organization. To be eligible for funding, applicants must live in the Gasconade County R-1 School District. Applications can be picked up at the Southwest Medical office, HADH, The City Office (Melissa Overkamp) or hermanncrusadeagainstcancer.com.

They have several fundraisers during the year and also accept monetary donations. Memorials can be given in honor of your loved ones at Toedtman & Grosse funeral home. As of June, they have helped 245 applications and have disbursed \$501,820.17.

The Hermann Crusade recognizes all survivors and their caregivers and remembers those who have lost their battle to cancer.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Paul UCC members are asked to bring food items for the community food pantry and place them near the church office. Requests for August are desserts, paper towels, and bathroom tissue. Requests for September are sugar, shortening, and margarine. Monetary gifts are always welcome.

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

Anyone who is in need of assistance may call the Hermann Area Ministerial Alliance at 573-569-2082. The 5th Sunday offering of each month is designated for the Ministerial Alliance.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Girl Scout Troop 30657 has constructed a Little Free Pantry, as a project toward earning the Girl Scout Silver Award. It is located in front of the Hermann United Methodist Church on Hwy. 100 West, and needs: canned food, personal care items, kid-friendly snacks, and non-perishables. Donation boxes are located in the grocery stores and in the narthex and front entrances of St. Paul UCC. Please donate and help everyone out. Good job girls!

TOUCH OF HOPE PROJECT

The Women's Fellowship is assisting the "Touch of Hope" project. This group distributes purses or shoe bags to women, men and children for various reasons such as domestic violence or homelessness, primarily in the state of Missouri. They fill the bags with personal care items to make them feel supported, such as new/gently used purses, new hygiene products such as tampons, pads, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, disposable razors, combs, brushes, lotion, first aid supplies, etc. There is a collection box near the church office. On it is a list of items requested. Information about this project is posted outside the church office.

BENEVOLENCES INCOME

June 2024 Benevolences

	AMOUNT DONATED	AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED
Non-Budgeted Benevolence		
Hermann Food Pantry	351.15	251.15
Emmaus Homes	138.00	138.00
Samaritan Outreach	756.50	756.50
One Great Hour of Sharing	365.00	365.00
Gasconade Co. R-1 School	10.00	0.00
Riverbluff Industries	124.00	0.00
CWS Blanket Fund	200.00	200.00
Camp MoVal	57.11	0.00
Back Pack Program	127.00	0.00
Special Olympics	530.25	520.25
Hermann Crusade Against Cancer	248.65	0.00
Backstoppers	272.00	272.00
Total non-budgeted benevolences	3,179.66	2,502.90

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to Jesse and Krystal Witthaus & family on the recent passing of his grandmother Clarene "Mutzie" Grass.

Our sympathy to the family of Mary Fritz who passed away July 6 following a long battle with cancer. A celebration of life for Mary will be held at her home, at a date to be determined.

Our sympathy to Ashley Lamke and family on the recent passing of her father Robert Fricke.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers are requested for Mary Korman, Marilyn Rethemeyer, Sharon Elliott, Robert Buesking, Moe Peters, Gary Grannemann, Joe Claus, Megan Daniels, Glen Holtgrewe, Janet Mueller, Shawn Davis, Tim Randles, Jane Mueller, Richard Fennesey, Christine Gleeson, Jeanne Hoffman, Jan Dial, Nancy Kirchhofer, Joe Hart, K.C. VonBehren, Nancy Wright, Jim Elliott, Rhonda Nauman, Brenda Todd, Avery Sherrow, staff and residents of area hospitals and care centers.

NURSING HOME & SHUT-INS

St. Paul members and friends who are residents of Victorian Place, Frene Valley of Hermann Stonebridge, and other shut-ins may enjoy a call or a card. If you know of someone living at home, in a care facility, or a caregiver who needs a church member to call or visit, please contact the church office so that we can reach out to them.

The Nurturing Committee; Church Office at 486-5525.

FRENE VALLEY OF HERMANN STONEBRIDGE

Janet Mueller

VICTORIAN PLACE (2120 Village Lane)

JoAnn Lenger, 573-282-0923

Gladys Schulte, Rm. 24

OPPORTUNITIES

ENDOWMENT FUND

There is a copy of the endowment policy on the back table. You may consider making a gift to St. Paul that will support this historic congregation into perpetuity. For as little as \$1,000 you can establish a named fund that will support this ministry even after you are gone. Please contact the church office with any questions.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Stewardship committee would like to mention a feature of the new tax law that could be of benefit to those who have attained age 72, who hold investments that are subject to RMDs (required minimum distributions) from IRA accounts. The account owner may direct the distribution check to an exempt charity, avoiding federal and state taxes, rather than receiving the required RMD check themselves. To be tax exempt, the distribution must be made payable directly to a qualified charity or church.

RMDs required from other investments such as 401(k) or 403(b) accounts do not qualify for this tax exemption. However, this same benefit can be obtained by transferring the desired RMD amount from these accounts to an IRA before December 31 of the year before the RMD is required.

So, for those over 72 with investment accounts, this new tax provision can be a major advantage to church members. And, this exemption is not limited to the required minimum—more can be distributed if desired.

If you have questions, you may contact Kenny Kunz, Finance/Budget Committee Chairman. For more information, a call to your tax advisor or financial institution is advised.

MEMORIAL

Current Fund

In memory of Oliver J. Rupp and Henry J. Heinlein on Father’s Day

Wayne Rupp and Family

WORSHIP SERVICE

6/2	6/9	6/16	6/23	6/30	7/7	7/14	7/21	7/28
71	57	88/	70	77	80	58	48	61

RECOGNIZING OUR CHURCH FAMILY

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES



50+ ANNIVERSARIES

Stan and Carolyn Massman will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on August 1. Gordon & Linda Heck will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary on August 11. Joe & Janet Hart will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary on August 20. Jack & Patricia Wendleton will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on August 21st. Wayne & Maureen Heck will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary on September 2, 1967.

Congratulations to all!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following members of our church family who will celebrate anniversaries in the month of August.

- 2 - Michael & Dawn Grosse
- 7 - Howard & Barbara Schutt
- 11 - Gordon & Linda Heck, Glenn & Debbie Brethorst
- 14 - James & Susan Elder, Jerry & Rhonda Scheible
- 15 - Kenneth & Carol Kunz, Rodger & Mindy Kiepe
- 20 - Joe & Janet Hart
- 21 - Jack & Pat Wendleton
- 23 - James & Janet Murphy
- 27 - John & Nicole Koch, John & Diane Lause
- 30 - James & Megan Boedges
- 30 - Merlin & JoAnn Cramer

Congratulations to the following members of our church family who will celebrate anniversaries in the month of September

- 2 - Wayne & Maureen Heck
- 3 - Robert & Diane Kottwitz, Doug & Debbie Smith
- 8 - Corey & Theresa Isaak
- 9 - Bill & Lolly Rogers
- 10 - Kurt & Janelle Bickmeyer, James & Manda Rucker
- 12 - Darren & Rebecca Rector, Scott & Diane Witthaus
- 13 - Shawn & Rebekah Mayberry
- 16 - Jason & Melissa Eikermann, Jesse & Krystal Witthaus
- 20 - Larry & Sharon Fredrick, Shannon & Dawn Pfautsch
- 21 - Keith & Wanda Ruediger
- 23 - Craig & Kate Schannuth
- 28 - Thomas & Andrea Held
- 29 - Matt & Jennifer Rogers, Ben & Sara Williams

Congratulations to all.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthday greetings are extended to the following members of our church family who will celebrate birthdays in August.

1	Gigi Mueller, Jerry Scheible, Sharen Speckhals, Grace Berkemeyer	17	Evan Marinaccio, Jill Bacon
2	Bart Toedtmann	18	Steve Beckmann
5	Rob Schwartz	20	Zoe Schafer
7	John Lause, Lolly Rogers	21	Chery Fricke
9	Scott Witthaus	23	Carol Schluss
11	Marjorie Boedges, Justin Pfautsch	26	Lindsay Oncken
12	Darren Rector	28	Peyton Schaefer
13	Brooke Schaefer	29	Jeff Scheible
14	James Murphy	30	JoAnn Lenger, Gilbert Witthaus
16	Stephen Hasty, Jocelyn Schluss, Seth Witthaus	31	Julie Ruediger, Ernst Uthlaut

Birthday greetings are extended to the following members of our church family who will celebrate birthdays in September.

1	Kenneth Kunz, Carissa Rethemeyer, Summer Witthaus	17	Katy Menke
2	Donald Watson, Lydia Mayberry	18	Gary Blackwood
5	James Boedges, Jared Stiegman	19	Megan Boedges
6	Kenneth Meyer	20	Kelly Brethorst, Carol Uthlaut, Kurt Blaufuss
7	Anne Althausen, Kent Sherrow	21	Shirley Tilly
8	Sharon Fredrick, Jane Rehmert, Aiden Eikermann	23	Grant Ruediger
9	Chantelle Watson	24	Wayne Heck
12	Matt Wesselschmidt	26	James Elder
13	Julie Kopp	27	Rodney Mochel, Shannon Pfautsch, Mary Struttman
15	Teresa Grotewiel, Amanda Korman, James Rucker	28	Jesse Witthaus
16	Staci Elsenraat, Lois Mochel, Jeffrey Mueller	29	June Faerber, Amy Horton
		30	Kristan Wilson

ADMINISTRATIVE

ACTIVITY BAGS FOR CHILDREN

We have put together church bags with crayons, color pages and plain paper for children to enjoy during the service. They are on the tables as you come into the sanctuary. Please take any papers with you after the service and replace the bags on the tables so we can refill them during the week. If you have suggestions for other things to include, please let the office know.

DROPBOX is located near the office door. Please use it for any office correspondence, offerings, etc. when office is closed.

HOURS FOR CHURCH SERVICES

Beginning August 18 (Rally Day), services at St. Paul will begin at 10:15 a.m.

CHURCH VAN

Please call the church office 486-5525 if you would like the church van to pick you up for worship service at St Paul. This service is free.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open 9-noon on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays; and other dates/times by appointment or by chance.

If you need to contact the church, please email churchoffice@hermannucc.com or call 573-486-5525; messages will be returned by the next business day. If you have an issue that needs immediate attention, you may call Pastor Andy at 618-578-2772.

NEWSLETTER MAILING

If you wish to receive the newsletter via e-mail, send an e-mail to churchoffice@hermannucc.com with your name and indicate that you want to receive the newsletter by e-mail. If your email address changes, please keep the church office updated.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Please keep the church office updated on any changes to your phone number, e-mail or address. It is often difficult for us to contact you because you have changed your phone number. You can call or e-mail the church office at churchoffice@hermannucc.com.

To change your contact information, complete and return this form to the Church office, or put in the offering basket.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address/Zip: _____

Email: _____

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone who helped with landscaping.

Thanks to LaNette Kotthoff for changing out flowers in the church

Thanks to everyone who helped to record and display the liturgy on the projection system.

Thanks to Nancy Kirchofer, Susan Lenger, Matt Wesselschmidt, Todd Anderson, Steve Lenger, and Derek Menke for serving as liturgists.

Thank you to Anne Althaus, Mary Leeper and Elaine Lalk for helping with office work recently.

Thank you to everyone who provides music every Sunday, including LaNette Kotthoff, Lois Kruse, Margie Greene, Craig Schannuth, Becky Mayberry, Dawn Maune, Jim Oncken, Colter Scheible, the Senior Choir.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generosity with a donation of \$251.15 to the Hermann Food Pantry. The Community Foundation of the Ozarks, along with our regional affiliate foundations, is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in our region and we are grateful for the confidence you have shown by entrusting your gift to us.

Sincerely,

Winter Kinne, President & CEO, Community Foundation of the Ozarks.

Hello St. Paul United Church of Christ,

Emmaus Homes extends a heartfelt gratitude for your generous gift of \$52.00. Your support is invaluable to us and plays a crucial role in our mission.

Emmaus is proud to be a leader in providing services to people with developmental disabilities, and our standard of care is not possible without your gift. Your support directly contributes to making a tangible difference in the quality of life of our clients, who can thrive within their homes and communities.

Emmaus depends on the support of dedicated donors like you. Our faith community is instrumental in sustaining our efforts. We truly hope that the congregation at St. Paul United Church of Christ is thriving. Thank you again for sharing your blessings with the people of Emmaus.

With Gratitude,

Lisa Key, Chief Development Officer

Dear St. Paul,

Thank you for your donation of purses and money. You have helped us so much. Because of your help, we have been able to help over 16,000 women, men and children.

Thanks. Julie McCollum

Dear St. Paul UCC Congregation,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for your generous donation to our local Special Olympics. It is through the kindness of individuals like you that we can continue our ability to offer this amazing event for our local athletes and those in districts near and far.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and commitment to the Special Olympics movement.

Warm regards, Missy Ash

Dear Friends from St. Paul UCC,

Thank you for your generous gift to the CWS Blankets program (\$200.00). As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of unprecedented challenges, you are standing with them. Now more than ever, we are so grateful for your generous support.

Your contribution provides warmth, comfort, and hope to neighbors near and far. It provides a tangible reminder to migrant families that they are not alone as they seek safety. It wraps refugees in warmth as they arrive in the United States to build a new future. It provides comfort to our neighbors who have lost homes or are struggling in the face of extreme challenges. Around the world your support means relief and hope.

Because of you, Church World Service is able to respond when disasters occur and support is needed. Thanks to your compassion, we can and will change lives.

Sincerely,

Rick Santos, President and CEO, Church World Service

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – May 20, 2024

Members present: Pastor Andy Wilson, Craig Schannuth, President, Derek Menke, Vice-President, Maureen Heck, Treasurer, Dawn Maune, Secretary, Mary Leeper, Vicki Estes, Scott Jacob, Dawn Grosse, and Chantele Watson.

1. Pastor Andy led the Council in prayer.
2. The floor was open for comments. It was mentioned that the Hymn Service was fun.
3. The May agenda was approved as Dawn Grosse made the motion to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Mary Leeper. The motion carried.
4. The April minutes & addendum were approved as Derek Menke made a motion to approve the minutes; Scott Jacob seconded the motion; the motion carried.
5. Old Business
 - A. Paint eaves: The lift was delivered and was paid for by credit card as the lift company would not take a check. The lift rent was \$6800.00. Darren Schutt is looking into paint cost. A motion was made by Maureen Heck to transfer \$8000.00 from Project Property to cover the cost of lift rent and hopefully the cost of paint. Mary Leeper seconded the motion, motion carried. Darren said he will start on the prepping and painting next week.
 - B. It was stated that the small paper pads in the pews need to be replaced.
6. New Business
 - A. Mission Bucket for June: Crusade Against Cancer. July will be Back-to-School supplies. Passing the bucket is producing more donations.
 - B. Pastor's Report: Pastor Andy shared the events of last month as well as upcoming events. He reported that the Baccalaureate Service was well attended, the Hymn sing Sunday went well, and worship attendance is holding steady. Dawn Grosse picked up the rest of the blue hymnals and all red hymnals have been replaced in the pews. Dawn is also checking at school to see if there is space to recycle the old hymnals there. Pastor Andy talked about an outdoor movie night in July, no date set yet, more planning needed. Pastor Andy mentioned occasionally needing an aid for children's time and will seek volunteers. He also reported that the church received a \$1000 donation from the Hermann Fraternal Order of Eagles to go toward After School Bearcats.
 - C. Treasurer's report: Maureen Heck reported that Keely Uthlaut is still working with the office and the software to simplify the books. Maureen also updated us on the hood suppression system. The company said the replacement could wait until next year so there was only \$1000.00 transferred from Project Property for the security system upgrade.
 - D. Ushers: June is Dawn Maune's month.
7. Council reviewed upcoming events: Maureen Heck informed the council that the Samaritan Outreach location will be open for distribution on the last Saturday of June.
 - A. Sunday, May 26: 8:00 Adult Sunday School; 9:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15 Memorial Sunday Worship Service w/bells
 - B. Saturday, June 1: Men's Breakfast 8:00
 - C. Sunday, June 2: Adult Sunday School 8:00; Worship Service w/communion 9:00
 - D. Sunday, June 9: Adult Sunday School 8:00; Worship service 9:00
 - E. Sunday, June 16: Adult Sunday School 8:00; Worship service 9:00
 - F. Monday, June 17: 7:00 Council meeting
 - G. Sunday, June 23: Adult Sunday School 8:00; Worship service 9:00 followed by Fun Day at the Park 10:30-1:00
 - H. Thursday, July 4: Chicken & chips for sale at the VFW
8. Tentative Scout meetings: May 21, June 4, 11, 18, 20

June 18: 8:00 Quilters

9. There being no further business, Derek Menke made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dawn Grosse seconded the motion; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.
10. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer
Respectfully submitted, Dawn Maune, Secretary

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – Addendum, May 3, 2024

Maureen Heck made a motion to transfer \$20,000 from UCF #637 (Endowment Fund) to the Current Fund for May expenses and \$2000 from UCF #631 (Project Property) to cover the bills for the hood suppression system and the security system bills.

This motion was seconded by Dawn Grosse and eight council members approved the motion; the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn Maune, Secretary

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – June 17, 2024

Members present: Pastor Andy Wilson, Craig Schannuth, President, Derek Menke, Vice-President, Maureen Heck, Treasurer, Dawn Maune, Secretary, Mary Leeper, Vicki Estes, Scott Jacob, Dawn Grosse, and Chantele Watson.

1. Pastor Andy led the Council in prayer.
2. The floor was open for comments. No comments.
3. There was a correction made to the June agenda to remove the Fun Day event on item H that was copied from item A. The agenda was approved as corrected as Scott Jacob made the motion to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Dawn Grosse, the motion carried.
4. The May minutes were approved as Maureen Heck made a motion to approve the minutes; Mary Leeper seconded the motion; the motion carried.
5. Old Business
 - A. Paint eaves/lift rental: Darren had reported that everything that could be reached with the lift has been done. This included: Fix roof leaks, replace gutter clips, replace 36" gable vent, install ice stops/dams, scrape, paint, caulk. The soffit/facia is aluminum. The south side and other unfinished areas were discussed. Options were setting up scaffolding, getting a crane with a bucket, or getting bids from outside sources to finish. The decision was made to get bids from outside sources.
6. New Business
 - A. Mission Bucket for July will be Back-to-School supplies.
 - B. Pastor's Report: Pastor Andy shared the events of last month as well as upcoming events. Pastor Andy reported that the van shuttle for St. James UCC/Clary Cemetery went well with approx. 55 people in attendance. The movie night in July was briefly discussed and was thought that maybe it would be better attended after Sunday School is back in session.
 - C. Treasurer's report: Maureen Heck reported that there has been no progress made in how the accounting is being done or reported. She wasn't sure how often Keely Uthlaut has been there to help. Craig Schannuth said he would contact Keely and will get together with the office staff to show them how to use the software as designed. It was also asked why some of the funds in the benevolences were not distributed.
 - D. Ushers: July is Mary Leeper's month.
 - E. Parking lot: Darren Schutt was present and reported that he had shot grade and laid out the retaining wall and provided a drawing to expand the lot below the parsonage to add 12-15 spots. Darren estimated that rebar would cost approx. \$16,000 and concrete \$14,000. This does not include rock or asphalt. Darren stated that his employer would donate the equipment, but we would need to pay for the dump truck and any operators. Adding more

lighting was also mentioned. It was stated that we would likely need approval from the city to expand and they would need engineering drawings. With the uncertainty of the total cost at this time, it was decided that Craig Schannuth would contact Terry Kirchhofer and get a bid on fixing the existing lot with new asphalt and lines to maybe gain some extra parking spots if the lines are done efficiently.

- F. The council discussed a personal matter of a member.
- 7. Council reviewed upcoming events: The Fun Day at the Park on June 23, was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.
 - A. Sunday, June 23: 8:00 Adult Sunday School; 9:00 Worship Service
 - B. Thursday, July 4: Chicken & chips for sale at the VFW
 - C. Saturday, July 6: Men’s Breakfast 8:00
 - D. Sunday, July 7: Adult Sunday School 8:00; Worship Service w/communion 9:00
 - E. Sunday, July 14: Adult Sunday School 8:00; Worship service 9:00
 - F. Monday, July 15: 7:00 Council meeting
 - G. Sunday, July 21: Adult Sunday School 8:00; Worship service 9:00
 - H. Sunday, July 28: Adult Sunday School 8:00; Worship service 9:00
- 8. Tentative Scout meetings: June 18, 20, July 2, 9, 16
- 9. June 18: 8:00 Quilters
- 10. There being no further business, Derek Menke made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Vicki Estes seconded the motion; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.
- 11. The meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer
Respectfully submitted, Dawn Maune, Secretary

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8-6 Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale	2 8-6 Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale	3 8-noon Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale 8:00 Men's Breakfast
4 9:00 Worship Services w/communion	5	6 7:00 Scouts	7	8	9	10
11 9:00 Worship Services	12 10:00 Book Club	13 6:30 Scouts	14	15 7:00 Scouts	16	17
18 10:15 Services Rally Sunday	19 7:00 Church Council	20 8:00 Quilters 7:00 Scouts	21 3:30 Training for After School Bearcats volunteers	22	23	24
25 10:15 Worship Services	26	27	28 3:30 After School Bearcats	29	30	31

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1 10:15 Worship Services w/communion	2	3 7:00 Scouts	4 3:30 After School Bearcats	5	6	7 8:00 Men's Breakfast 10-1 Shower
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August 18, 10:15 a.m.

