

Voice of the Saints

*St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church & Lighthouse Preschool
Aberdeen, SD*

July 2021

Hope and Humility

¹“O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.”² But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. ³ O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forevermore” (Psalm 131).

It is an affront to the world and our sinful nature to find hope outside ourselves. It's not that we do not look for comfort and assurance in others or institutions or monetary surety, but we do so for the preservation of our will and our desires. The hope to which David refers in Psalm 131 is substantively different.

The reality of God's power and authority as manifested in an infinitely complex universe reduces David in Psalm 131 to a dependent child. Because of this, the future toward which David looks is no longer an extension of David but of God, and with this understanding David recognizes how reliant he is on his Heavenly Father. Yet, David has confidence. Why? Because of faith.

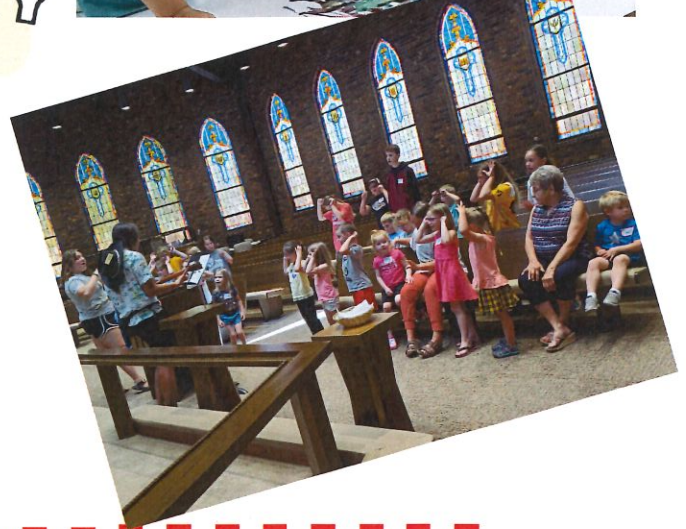
David trusts in his Heavenly Father. In Israel's history and in David's own life, God had shown Himself to be a God of deliverance and salvation, a God who desires restoration and reconciliation. Because of this, the humility David experiences in the face of God's power only strengthens his hope since this God of power is for David and God's people.

God being for His people will then most clearly be seen in Jesus. The Word by which all things were made becomes flesh to redeem those in the flesh, winning for us reconciliation and new life with His cross and empty tomb. Nevertheless, the hope we have in Christ is still preceded by humility, the humility accompanying our realization of God's undeserved grace and the humility accompanying our realization that the God of the universe comes to us through His means of grace (the Word, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper). True hope will be absent unless we first recognize that we're not God and that the God who is in control is for us. We have both of these assurances in Christ our Lord, and thus we have true hope!

In Christ,

Pastor Bobby

VBS 2021



St. Paul's Clean-up Day
June 5, 2021



**St. Paul's Church Council Meeting Minutes
June 21st, 2021 at 7:00pm**

Larry Jung opened with a prayer.

May 17th, 2021 Council Meeting minutes were reviewed. Nate Bode made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Paul Swanston. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jason Oberfoell to approve the April 2021 Treasurer's report. Nate Bode seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussed May 2021 Treasurer's report. Had discussion about Pastor's bonus due to vacancy of assistant pastor will end when Pastor Jacob Smith arrives. Jacob Smith will be installed on July 11th. Deb Pederson motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Steve Jacobson second. Motion carried.

Paul Swanston made a motion to prorate Assistant Pastor Smith's first paycheck from his start date of July 11th, 2021. Taylor Beutler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Individual Board Minutes were looked at. Personnel hired a new janitor. Previous janitor fell ill and was too much to continue duties. Spring Clean Up went well. VBS was the week of June 14th. Received a Thank You card from the Camp Omega staff who put on the day camp for the week. Also received a Thank You card from Pastor Koch and Board of Elders at Emmanuel in Milbank for partnering with them on the OAFB trip to Wisconsin and Michigan. Thanked us for the use of the van as well.

Trustees reported that the work behind the altar will hopefully be done this fall. Also, the cost for the windows in the sanctuary due for repair went up. When we received the bid to when we voted to approve the bid, cost went to roughly \$9,151.

Elders discussed at their meeting current Covid policies and will discuss further with Pastor a plan to transition back to normal.

Nate Bode made a motion to approve the individual board minutes. Tom Agnitsch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Bobby gone to Camp Minneboji. Nothing new to report.

Nominations for district and synod officers and voting delegates will be tabled to a further date for Council to recommend to Voters Assembly. Nate Bode made the motion to table. Steve Jacobson second. Motion carried.

New Business - CD (Fund 3.1050) has a maturity date of July 18th. Will automatically renew for next year.

Dacotah Bank informed us that we will have to get a new credit card. Their servicer is no longer going to be used. Will get more information as it comes.

Motion to accept Memorials and Gifts (Sharron Schaffer - \$100 - Parament Fund) made by Paul Swanston. Second by Tom Agnitsch. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be July 19th, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Jacobson. Deb Pederson made the second. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Members Present: Larry Jung, Nate Bode, Steve Jacobson, Deb Pederson, Paul Swanston, Jon Mesmer, Jason Oberfoell, Taylor Beutler, Tom Agnitsch.

LWML Meeting— June 10, 2021

THEME: WOMEN AT WORK FOR THE LORD

Present: 11

members

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Betty Ochsner.

OPENING DEVOTION: Women at work for the Lord devotion was led by Roberta Adolphsen written by a previous LWML president.

Th League Pledge was said in unison by the group. Free will offering was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Joyce and seconded by Vicki to approve the May minutes. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was approved and placed on file for audit.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. We are still looking for someone interested in ordering for the Gift Shop.
2. Reminder of the Workshop coming up September 17th at 12pm until the 18th at 3pm in Pierre.
3. Markers were purchased and received from Naeir for use by the Pre-school and Sunday school.
4. Discussion was held in reference to the Constitution and By-Law changes. A motion was made by Darlene Wahl and seconded by Diana Bladow to approve the changes. Motion carried.

CIRCLE REPORTS:

Good Cheer: A funeral was served on June 1st with the assistance of both circles.

Publicity: Completed the June Newsletter.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A Thank you card was received from Michael Leapley. Correspondence was received from Orphan Grain Train, Lutheran Bible Translators, and Concordia Seminary Adopt-a-Student program.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Aberdeen Zone LWML Spring Workshop was May 26, 2021 in Ferney SD. Speaker was Laurel Wempe from the volunteer ministry program at the SD Women's Prison. Gloria Anderson, Sally Kushman and Betty Ochsner gave an overview.
2. VBS is scheduled for June 14-18 from 9-3. We are still in need of some volunteers to assist with snacks and lunches.

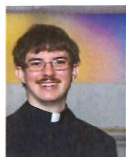
The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting was adjourned by Betty O.

The next meeting will be September 9th at 11:00am with Good Cheer serving. No meetings will be held in July and August.

Submitted: Deb Pederson, Secretary



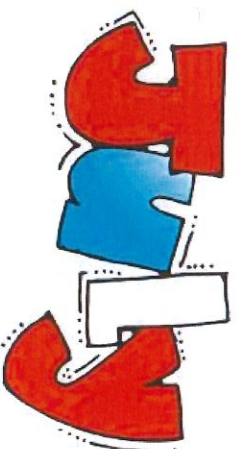
Five Loaves Supper for July and August has been canceled. . Help is needed (talent and experience not necessary) — for set-up, serve and clean-up. Call Sally at 225-3731 or the church office to sign up.



The Installation and Ordination of Jacob Smith, will be held on Sunday, July 11, 2021 at 4:00pm. A supper will be served after the service. Please come and welcome Pastor Smith to St. Paul's.

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)
& Lighthouse Preschool

Rev. Samuel Bobby (605) 415-5578
 Rev. Jacob Smith (586) 556-6077



Every Sunday
 Divine Service @ 8am
 Bible Study @ 9:15 am
 Divine Service @ 10:45 am

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
4 Daniel 4:1-18 2 Peter 1:1-15 Coin Banks	5 Daniel 4:19-37 2 Peter 1:16-21 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:15 pm Worship 7:00 Elder Meeting	6 Daniel 5:1-31 2 Peter 2:1-10 7:00 pm History of Christian Thought	7 Daniel 6:1-7:8 2 Peter 2:10-22 6:00am Men's Bible Study 7am Personnel Meeting 12:15pm Worship 5-7pm Youth Group 6:30 Grief Share	1 Daniel 1:1-2:16 1 Peter 3:8-22	2 Daniel 2:17-45 1 Peter 4:1-19	3 Daniel 2:46-3:30 1 Peter 5:1-14
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25 Neh 7:66-72 Rev 2:12-17 Food—The Journey	26 Neh 8:1-12 Rev 2:18-29 6:15 pm Worship	27 Neh 8:13-18 Rev 3:1-6 7:00 Bible Study— Calling for Life	28 Neh 9:1-15; Rev 3:7-13 6:00am Men's Bible Study 12:15 Worship 5-7pm Youth Group 6:30 Grief Share	29 Neh 9:16-38 Rev 3:13-22	30 Neh 10:1-39 Rev 4:1-11	31 Neh 11:1-36 Rev 5:1-14 1:00 pm Youth Servant Event