

Five Loaves Supper



January 5th at 5:15 pm. Menu: Scalped potatoes and ham, mixed vegetables and buns. Members may bring a salad or dessert. Help is needed — for set-up, serve and clean-up.

Epiphany Service



A Circuit Epiphany Worship service will be held on January 6, 2022 at St. Paul's at 6:15pm. Please join us for this service.

Prayer Service



A Prayer Service is scheduled for Sunday, January 9th at 12:30pm. Prayers will be offered for ??

Installation of Vicar Anderson

Vicar Ray Anderson will be installed at St. Paul's Leola on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 4:00pm. You are invited to attend.

State of the Preschool Address



**Lighthouse
Preschool**

State of the Preschool Address: January 23, 2022

You are invited to attend a presentation by Alison Andreassen on how the preschool is doing at 9:40am in the fellowship hall. We have done a lot in the past few years and are excited about the opportunities the preschool will have in the future. You will also have a chance to ask any questions you may have. See you then!

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
December 20th, 2021 at 7:00pm**

Larry Jung opened the meeting with a prayer

Church Council

-Reviewed the November Meeting minutes. Steve Jacobson made a motion to approve the minutes. Tom Agnitsch seconded. Motion carried.
-Looked over Treasurer's Report. Taylor mentioned we have a positive \$95,000 difference for the year so far. Preschool numbers look good as well. Paul Swanston made a motion to approve the report. Jason Oberfoell seconded. Motion carried.

Elders - nothing new to report.

Preschool - Jason Oberfoell went over a couple of updates regarding the Preschool. Enrollment numbers are very good. Registration will open for next year in January.

Assign term limits for newly elected Council Members

-Tabled this decision for a later date after further discussion.

Appoint Church Administrator

-Steve Jacobson discussed that Cindy Jung has been taking on the duties of Church Administrator as of now. Steve recommended appointing Cindy as the Church Administrator effective immediately upon approval from the Senior Pastor (Pastor Bobby). Paul Swanston motioned to approve the recommended appointment. Jon Mesmer made a second. Motion carried.

Informational items

-Went over how meeting agenda will be in the next year for the Council Meetings.

Monitoring

-Taylor Beutler motioned to now have current President Clint Fjelstad, Vice President Steve Jacobson, and Treasurer Tom Agnitsch on the money market and checking accounts. Also to remove Taylor Beutler and Larry Jung from those signature cards. Paul Swanston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business

-Church Council calendar for the year 2022. Tentatively will have first meeting on Feb. 21st, 2022 at 7:00pm. Will discuss further at the All Boards Meeting (Council, Elders, School Board) that is on Jan. 22nd, 2022 at 3:00pm.

Time for Prayer

-First prayed for healing and the sick. Then prayed for caregivers. Prayed for Pastor Bobby, Pastor Smith and DCE Intern Michael Leapley. Also prayed for Deb Pederson's mother.

Paul Swanston motioned to adjourn the meeting. Taylor Beutler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Jason Oberfoell

Members in attendance: Larry Jung, Clint Fjelstad, Steve Jacobson, Tom Agnitsch, Taylor Beutler, Jon Mesmer, Paul Swanston, Jason Oberfoell, Tom Kaiser, Jerry Streckfuss, Nate Bode, Pastor Smith.

Check It Out!



Here are some of the things that we've been up to! The youth had a great time fundraising with Christmas wreaths and some hilarious shenanigans ensued (top-left picture). We also enjoyed our time ice skating with the whole circuit (bottom pictures). And the Sunday School Christmas program was music to our ears!



Events and Information

- Devotional Challenge Book Bible Study: The last 4 class periods are on January 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th.
- Jesus Door-2-Door: January 22nd (9am-4pm) at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Milbank, SD. The goal is to bring a big group of St. Paul's adults and youth to Milbank!
- Youth Group: 5-7pm on January 16th and 30th. We will spend our time analyzing song lyrics from a Christian perspective. The average person consumes 3 hours of music per day, but are we doing a good job of understanding what we are consuming? Come to youth group to find out!

Lighthouse Preschool News

Teaching God's children about their Creator, Savior, and Friend while preparing them for a lifetime of wonder, learning, and service.

January 2022

Little Children tell the Christmas Story



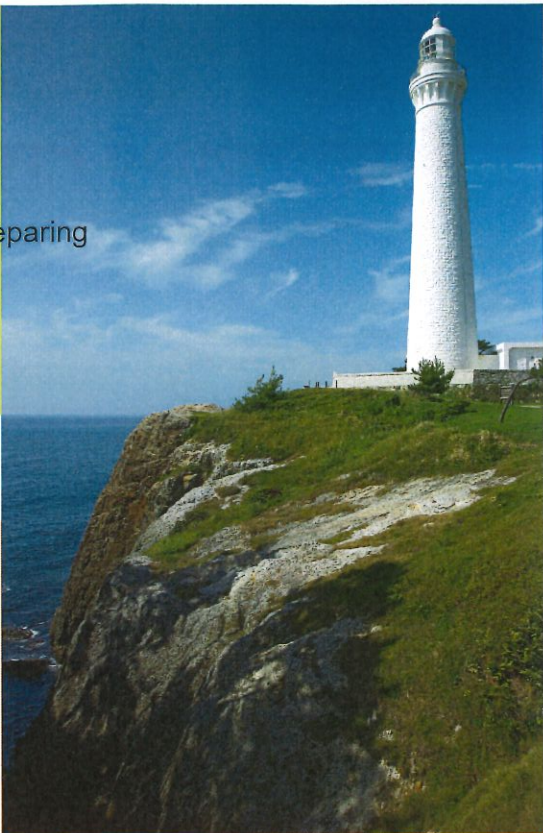
The Preschool had our Christmas Program in front of a large crowd of parents, grandparents, friends, and church members. The Children sang songs while scripture was read leading us

to contemplate the items we see around this time of year and how they point us to Jesus, and the wonderful news that the Savior of the world came to us to save us from our sin. What great news inside a little package!

Please keep these kiddos in your prayers this holiday season

Please also share the word that registration opens up in January for the coming 2022-2023 school year.

**Interested in hearing more about the Lighthouse Preschool?
Come to our State-of-the-Preschool Address on Sunday,
January 23rd at 9:40 in the church gym!**



Upcoming Dates:

**December 22-Jan 3
Christmas Break!**

**January 23-27
National Lutheran
Schools Week**

Reminders:

**Save Those
Grocery Receipts**

**Now Accepting
Snack Donations**

December 17, 2021

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Members,

Blessings to you in the name of Jesus, through whom we share the experience of being children, both as a stage of life and as those being cared for by our Heavenly Father. We have been blessed with the task of sharing the Gospel to the next generation and it has been my sincere blessing and privilege to do this at the Lighthouse Preschool for the past 3.5 years. This letter is to inform you that after much thought and prayer I will be stepping down from my position as Director for the Lighthouse Preschool. I plan to transition out of my responsibilities by the end of January.

There are a few reasons for this decision. The main one is that it has been very difficult for me to balance life with a new baby and continuing to work. Another is that our family is enjoying homeschooling, which is also difficult to balance with the daily duties of directing a preschool. Both of these things were completely unforeseen a couple years ago when we transitioned the director position to a part time position. That arrangement was one that I saw being suitable for a very long time, but as mentioned before, we never could have imagined COVID or a new baby at that time! On top of these reasons, there is also the fact that the Lord is working through His word and sacraments in my husband's congregations. Because he is the sole pastor of both congregations, the increase of work, albeit exciting work, is falling solely on His shoulders. I am needed on the home front more than before.

As per the new by-laws, I have arranged for the interim director position to be filled by Jenelle Siebert. She is the person next to me that knows the most about the everyday working of the preschool and will do very well to keep everything afloat until a permanent decision for director can be made.

As mentioned before, I plan to end my daily responsibilities on the last day of January. This will give me a chance to ensure the new registration/enrollment cycle is well underway. I will be available after this date by phone, text, in person meetings, and email to help assist in any way I can. I plan to offer my help in planning/executing the Spring Silent Auction and to attend the first Schoolboard meeting in the new structure on Feb. 3rd with Jenelle.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at the preschool. The children are a blessing, the families and employees are wonderful, and the congregation is incredibly loving and gracious. I have especially enjoyed helping the preschool become more stable organizationally and financially, which will set it up to continue for many more years. We were beginning to look into the next steps of deciding how to diversify or better equip our facility to continue doing what we are doing for more children. I am sad to miss these exciting conversations but will be supporting and rooting on the church and preschool the entire time!

I will continue to pray for the preschool and the members at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and give thanks that Aberdeen is still a smallish town where I am likely to bump into many of you in the course of a day.

May the Lord continue to bless and keep you in His care,

Alison Andreasen



Lighthouse Preschool

Registration is now open for
the

2022-2023

School Year!

Please call 725-1855 for more
information or grab a
registration packet in the
narthex for yourself, a friend, or
a family member!

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
2 5-7 Circuit Youth @ Our Savior	3 6:15 Worship Service 7:00 pm Elder Mtg	4 7:00 Devotional Challenge Bible St	5 6:00 am Men's Bible St 10am 1 Samuel Bible St. 5:15 Women's Bible St. 5:15 Five Loaves Supper 6:30 Confirmation	6 9am Good Cheer Circle 6:15 pm Circuit Epiphany Service	7	1 8
9 12:30pm Prayer Service 1:00 Elder Meeting	10 6:15 Worship Service	11 7:00 Devotional Challenge Bible St	12 6:00 am Men's Bible St 10am 1 Samuel Bible St. 5:15 Women's Bible St. 6:30 Circuit Confirmation	13 9am Quilting 11:30 LWMl meeting and lunch	14	15
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