

# Epistle

*A welcoming community  
sharing Christ's love  
in service  
through relationships.  
Welcome. Share. Serve.*

August 2019

## REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR AMY JO

### A New Streamlined Structure

As part of our Healthy Church Initiative recommendations, Saint Paul's UMC has been working to streamline the leadership structure of the congregation. The changes are intended to encourage more people to serve in active ministry and have fewer people who need to be spending their time in meetings. The smaller committee structures will mean that while our smaller leadership teams will set the vision and organize the ministry of our congregation, it will take ALL of the people of Saint Paul's UMC to work together to move forward in ministry. We thank the many volunteers who are stepping down from formal committee meetings but continuing to use their gifts and wisdom to help lead Saint Paul's UMC in a faithful direction.

We will try out the new changes for a season, evaluating them in six months and again in twelve months, adjusting as necessary for effective leadership. Committee membership is in place for: Operations, Foundation, and

Finance, with the areas of Outreach and Member Enrichment still developing. The following chart shows the new committee names, areas of responsibility, and committee chairpersons for the new committees. Our new chairpersons come from past committee leaders (with the exception of one committee that had been without a committee leader), so we have a strong sense of continuity in leadership as we move forward.

A central (middle of the chart) leadership team is made up of each of the committee chairpersons, our lay member of annual conference, and a young adult representative. The central leadership team provides vision for Saint Paul's UMC as a whole. Each circle on the page is a separate committee area, containing a list of areas of responsibility for that committee. Thank you for your positive outlook as we grow forward together!

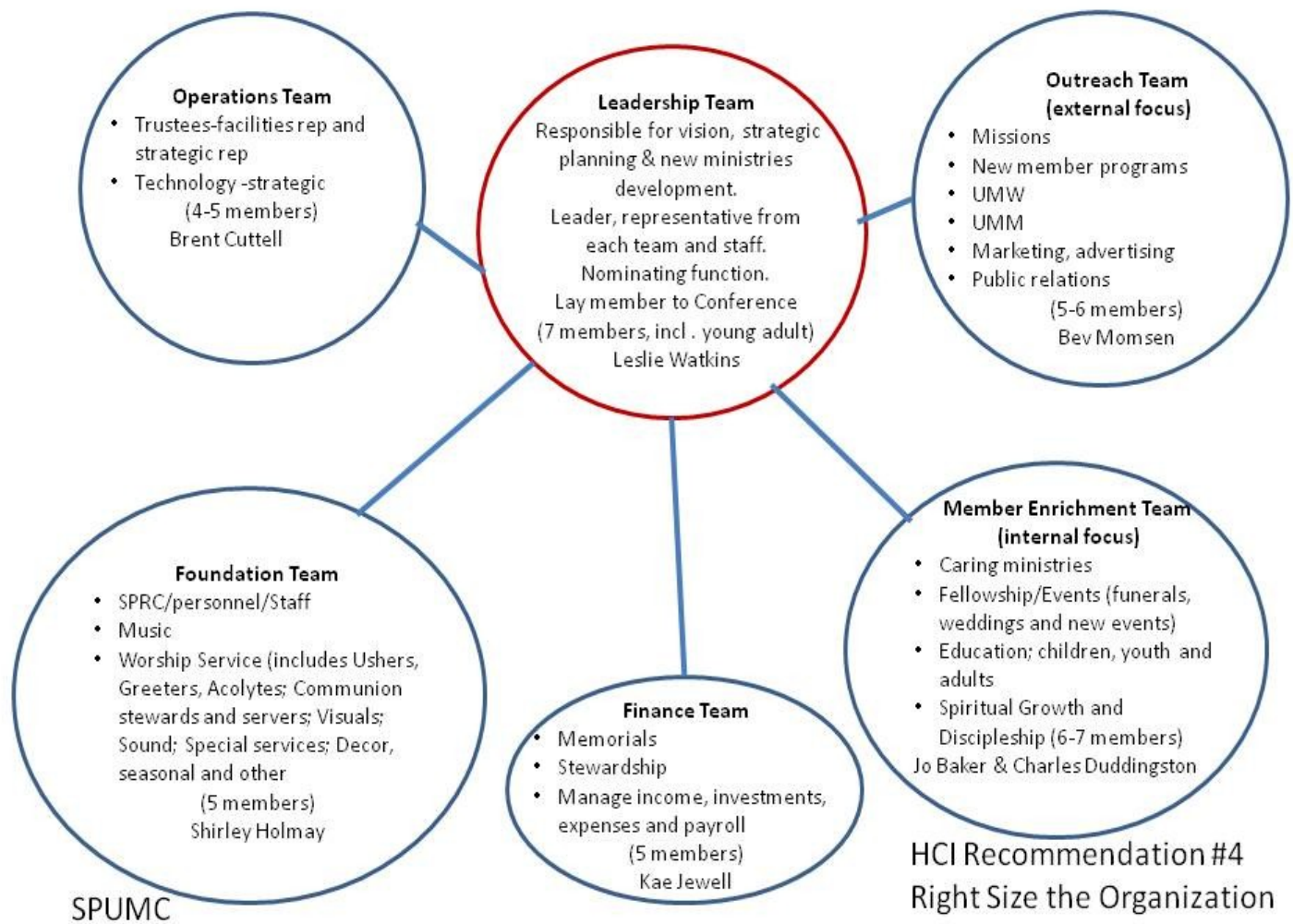
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Growing  
Healthy  
Churches

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## New Organizational Structure SPUMC June 2019



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Chairperson: Leslie Watkins

Operations: Brent Cuttell

Foundation: Shirley Holmay

Finance: Kae Jewell

Outreach: Bev Momsen

Membership Enrichment: Jo Baker &amp; Charles Duddingston

Lay Member of Annual Conference: Carol Egan

Young Adult Representative: Katie Hamilton

**Operations:**

Chairperson: Brent Cuttell

Class of 2019: David Bunting &amp; Dan Hamilton

Class of 2020: Stan Genadek, Nancy Grinager, Jo Reck

**Foundation:**

Chairperson: Shirley Holmay

Class of 2019: Lindsey Bunting

Class of 2020: Janice Frame

**Finance:**

Chairperson: Kae Jewell

Financial Secretary: Bob Walker

Memorials: Rhea Nyquist

Payroll: Luke Wilson

Treasurer: Curt Almberg

Central Leadership Representative: Leslie Watkins

Foundation Representative: Shirley Holmay



# CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Helping families  
nurture lifelong  
disciples of Christ

**ONE ROOM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

During the summer and running through August 25<sup>th</sup>, we combine both of our children's Sunday School classes into one—One Room Sunday School (ORSS). ORSS begins at approximately 10:15 am, after Children's Chat in worship.

We like to give our regular Sunday school teachers throughout the year

a summer break. If you have an interest in helping teach one Sunday this summer, please contact Lani Thompson at [lanithompson@stpaulsmn.org](mailto:lanithompson@stpaulsmn.org)

**Dates still open:**

- ◆ August 4
- ◆ August 18
- ◆ August 25

# REACHING OUT

Living our faith  
and connecting  
with our  
neighbors



## NEIGHBORS INC. FOOD SHELF

Neighbors' Food Shelf continues to need donations now that school is not in session. Peanut butter, pancake mix & syrup, tuna and pasta are always in demand. Thank you for continued support.

## GARLOUGH SCHOOL

School starts September 3<sup>rd</sup>! We are currently collecting school supplies for Garlough (see page 5). In addition to that, there are other ways you can help!

- ◆ Financial donations will help us buy outdoor clothing for kids, books, special requests from the school, and to help reduce school lunch debt.
- ◆ Volunteer to be a Reading Buddy! Garlough kids are grades K-4...prime time to learn to read. Help with early readers once a week and feel rewarded with this fun work. Contact Carol Egan, [merryhands@gmail.com](mailto:merryhands@gmail.com) to volunteer.
- ◆ Contribute to Sheridan Story. We have promised \$1,000 for this school year to help provide weekend food to families who experience food insecurity. We will not be helping pack the food into backpacks, but we intend to honor our pledge to help purchase the food. (Write checks to St. Paul's UMC with *Sheridan Story* on the memo line.)
- ◆ Pray for the teachers, staff, and administration and all the kids and volunteers at Garlough!

Thanks for your support.

## NEIGHBORS' DUCK RACES, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>

**11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Location:** Southview Blvd  
South St. Paul

**Activities:** In addition to the races – which will run approximately every 15 minutes – check out the meet and greet opportunities with Delbert the Duck mascot, play games, make crafts and get your temporary duck tattoo! Youth coloring contest winners will also be announced.

**Cost\*:** Ducks are \$5 each and can be purchased by completing a duck adoption certificate available at St. Paul's UMC (on the narthex table closer to the date of the event), [www.neighborsmn.org](http://www.neighborsmn.org) or at the event. Most of the kid's activities are free, although some games may require a fee to play.

**Prizes:** This year's grand prize is a \$500 shopping trip to a local retailer of the winner's choice!

\*All proceeds go to Neighbors, Inc., for programs serving low-income people in northern Dakota County.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION FOR GARLOUGH SCHOOL

Summer is winding down, and that means it's time to collect school supplies for Garlough Environmental Magnet School, with whom we have a partnership. The list of supplies they need is very long. Please see the full list on the bulletin board at church. Please carefully watch for specific brand names or descriptions of their request. Here is a summary list to help you get started shopping:

- ♦ backpacks (large) - the kids are small, but they need large backpacks! Please do not buy the mini size backpacks.
- ♦ headphones that cover the whole ear
- ♦ glue sticks
- ♦ bottle of Elmer's School glue
- ♦ 24-count Crayola crayons
- ♦ Clorox wipes
- ♦ Broad Tip Classic Color Markers (10 count)
- ♦ Solid Color Pocket Folders
- ♦ 1-inch three-ring binder
- ♦ Fiskar brand scissors - child size
- ♦ full size box of Kleenex
- ♦ dry erase markers
- ♦ spiral notebooks, solid color, wide ruled
- ♦ wide ruled loose leaf paper
- ♦ erasers
- ♦ colored pencils, 12 count



A collection bin is located in the narthex.  
These items are due to church by **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**.

# FINANCE

## Support of our church and its mission



### WHAT'S NEW?

Pastor Amy Jo has previously written about the structural changes to our organization as a result of the recommendations from the Healthy Church Initiative. One of the goals of the new structure was to free up the time people spend in meetings so as to provide more time for supporting the mission of our church. The new finance committee has been put in place and we are a smaller group. We thank those who have served on the finance committee in the past years. One of the other tenants of the new structure is to make use of ad hoc committees to complete specific tasks. I hope that when we call to ask for assistance we can count on your support. The new team is made up of the following members:

Curt Almberg – Treasurer  
Kae Jewell –Leader  
Rhea Nyquist – Memorials  
Bob Walker – Secretary  
Luke Wilson - Payroll

You'll notice that memorials and what we traditionally thought of as finance are now one team. The commonality of the work in both areas supports the combining of these efforts. Rhea has worked with memorials for some time and will continue to bring her background and expertise.

We have three things that have been purchased this year with memorial funds; planters and flowers for the entries to the building, Spark Story Bibles for children to use during worship and three Handbell music stands. There are also three items under consideration for memorial purchases. If you have any thoughts or questions on the memorial funds, please contact Rhea at 651-457-5623 or rheajn34@gmail.com.

All of the finance team is here to serve you. If you have any questions or items you would like to discuss, feel free to contact any of us.

Here is an update on our finances through June. As you can see, we are running at a slight deficit (excluding apportionments) through the first six months of the year. Expenses are in good shape and everyone is doing their part to spend thoughtfully. Our operating budget for the year is \$277,633. If we had paid the apportionments due through the first six months, we would have spent \$136,782.20 or about \$3000 less than what would be expected for the first six months of the year.

Grace and Peace, *Kae Jewell*

General Fund Income	\$115,837.59
Less General Fund Expenses	<u>\$120,661.70</u>
Balance	\$ (4,824.11)
Less Unpaid Apportionments	<u>\$16,120.50</u>
Deficit After Unpaid Apportionments	\$(20,944.61)

## EVENTS

What's  
happening and  
when



### NIGHT TO UNITE TUESDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00—7:00 pm

*Night to Unite is coming.  
Bring the whole family and  
invite your friends!*

**Where:** St Paul's United Methodist Church

**When:** August 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00—7:00 pm

**What:** Meet your neighbors, enjoy food, yard games and lots of fun water activities for kids—so be sure to bring swimsuits and towels. The Fire and Police Departments will also be making a visit to the church.

### HANDBELL RETREAT WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup>

5:00—8:00 pm

The sound of ringing bells is a joy to the ear. At Saint Paul's UMC we are blessed to have a bell choir that is joy-filled and growing. A special hand bell workshop has been scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup>, at which a guest conductor will work on special techniques with our ringers. If you have an interest in ringing, this summer provides a perfect time to try it out and participate in preparation for both the bell workshop and for music for the fall season.

Contact Lane Skoglund-Anderson, [laneskoglundanderson@gmail.com](mailto:laneskoglundanderson@gmail.com), for more information.



**Fall Kick-Off Sunday**  
September 8<sup>th</sup>

**Rummage Sale**  
September 21<sup>st</sup>

**Blood Drive**  
October 5<sup>th</sup>

**Turkey Dinner**  
October 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Fall Festival**  
October 26<sup>th</sup>

## SMALL GROUPS

United with  
purpose



### MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will not meet in August. Questions? Contact Dick Robinson, 651-207-8643 or dickrobinson2@msn.com.

### UMW CIRCLES

#### Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will not meet in August. Questions? Contact Annie McGuire, 651-254-7265.

#### Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will not meet in August. Questions? Call Beda Lewis at 651-554-3600.

#### Rachel Circle

Rachel Circle will not meet in August. Questions? Contact Barb Jorgenson, 651-414-0054.

### UMW Meeting

The UMW officers will meet on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm at church.

### SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION, 9:00 am BERTELSEN LIBRARY

There will be no meetings in August.

### WEDNESDAY ADULT EDUCATION BOOK GROUP, NOON BERTELSEN LIBRARY

There will be no meetings in August.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ways to  
serve the church



Volunteers are needed for the following dates/activities. Does a date work with your schedule? Guidance will be provided, if needed. It's as simple as calling the church office, 651-452-5683, and letting us know!

### Weeding around the church

- ♦ July 28-August 10
- ♦ August 25– September 7
- ♦ September 8-21

### One Room Sunday School Leader

- ♦ August 4
- ♦ August 18
- ♦ August 25



**Please pray for the following:**

**Joys:**

Barb Helmken's friend, Phil, with successful stem cell replacement

**Deaths:**

Georgejean, Shirley Holmay's cousin, July 11<sup>th</sup>

**Health Concerns:**

Mike LaGuire's daughter, Cheryl, with a new breast cancer diagnosis

Barbara Fillion, healing of her general health

Colleen McNett, healing for her leg

Daniel Berntsen, Shirley Holmay's friend and former co-worker,

very seriously injured when hit by a vehicle while riding his bicycle to work

John and Nancy Grinager's niece, Natalie, healing from calciphylaxis

The late Yeen Chong's violin teacher, Clarence Heavner, recovering from heart surgery

Kathy Detert's neighbor, Mary, with bone cancer

Barb Goin's friend, Laurie, recurrence of brain cancer

Thomas, with kidney stones that require extra attention

Nancy Grinager's sister-in-law, Dedra, fighting lung cancer

Barb Helmken; for Lisa with breast and ovarian cancer, John

Kae Jewell's uncle, Bob Grich, in hospice care

Jo Reck's mother, struggling with near blindness

All homebound with health problems

**Additional:**

For all parents who have lost a child/children as the hidden tears are the most painful

For guidance in search for new job/path

For guidance for our President

For young people in bad relationships

For recovery for those experiencing an overdose

*Please call the office with joys and concerns*

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - noon

**LANI'S OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Tuesday, 12:00—8:00 pm

**SUMMER SUNDAY****SCHEDULE**

Adult Education: 9:00 am

Worship: 10:00 am

One Room Sunday 10:15 am

School

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAYS SCHEDULE**

Adult Education: 9:00 am

Kidz 2gether Worship: 10:00 am

Brunch: 11:00 am

Communion will be offered the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of every month.

**CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIR:**

Leslie Watkins

**ST. PAUL'S STAFF:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Amy Jo Bur,

[pastor@stpaulsmn.org](mailto:pastor@stpaulsmn.org)

**Director of Children, Youth and Mission:**

Lani Thompson,

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**Director of Music Ministry:**

Lane Skoglund-Anderson,

[laneskoglundanderson@gmail.com](mailto:laneskoglundanderson@gmail.com)

**Administrative Assistant:**

Diane Pelinka,

[info@stpaulsmn.org](mailto:info@stpaulsmn.org)

**grat·i·tude**

[grat i tood]

*noun*

the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

**THANK YOU TO THE COUNTERS IN JUNE**

Barb Goin

Kae Jewell

Rhea Nyquist

Bob Walker

Leslie Watkins

Melissa Wilson

**Mission Team to Charleston WV****SUNDAY SCHEDULE STARTING****SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>**

Education Hour for All: 9:30 am

Worship: 10:30 am

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Italicized events are conducted by outside groups renting space at the church.</i>				1	2	3
<b>4</b> 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion— 10:15 am One Room Sunday School	5	<b>6</b> 5:00 pm—7:00 pm Night to Unite	7	<b>8</b> <i>10:00 am Quilters</i>	9	10
<b>11</b> 10:00 am Kidz 2gether Worship w/Communion 10:15 am One Room Sunday School 11:00 am Potluck 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Brunch	12	13	14	15	<b>16</b> Newsletter Deadline	17
<b>18</b> 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am One Room Sunday School	<b>19</b> <i>6:45 pm 4H</i>	20	21	22	23	24
<b>25</b> 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am One Room Sunday School	<b>26</b> 6:00 pm UMW Executive Mtg	27	<b>28</b> 5:00—8:00 pm Handbell Retreat with teacher and dinner	29	30	31

**St. Paul's United Methodist Church**

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