St. Paul Parish Press
November 2026

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St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church Council Meeting
October 13, 2026

Present:	Susie Bowles	Amanda Emans	Angie Fullenkamp	Larry Fogt
	Marcia Hickerson	Chuck Mangen	Mel Metz	Matthew Oellerman
	Scotti Oellerman	Dale Poppe		

Excused: Pat Burmeister, Randy Burmeister, Bill Oellerman and Jenny Wical
Special Guest: Pastor David Eidson

The October Church Council Meeting was called to order by President, Matthew Oellerman. Roll call was taken with 10 members answering the roll call. Chuck Mangen gave devotions and said a word of prayer. Susie Bowles agreed to provide council with devotions at the next meeting.

Secretary's Report:
The minutes of September 8th Council meeting were handed out for review. Minutes were approved as written with the correction of "September" Church Council Meeting and "August" in the Treasurer's report.

Treasurer's Report:
Treasurer Dale Poppe reviewed the September 2026 Treasurer's reports with Council members. Dale reported the total assets balance as of September 30th was $200,662.06 and total fund balance was $192,263.58. Dale mentioned that we now have available $112,000.00 funds from the Endowment Fund for improvements. We do have a balance of $16,000.00 to be paid out of this amount for the chimney repair. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Angie Fullenkamp and seconded by Larry Fogt. Motion carried.

Elder's Report:
Marcia Hickerson reported that everything is going well and that David Ott is doing better.

Deacon's Report:
Scotti Oellerman reported they are working on readers for (2) for Dec . 24th and (1) for Dec. 27th.

Trustee's Report:
Facebook video postings were passed around for the month of September.
Mel Metz reported that Superior Seal will get to our crack issue in the parking lot as soon as they can.

Old Business:
Chuck Mangen mentioned that Curbside Appeal is almost complete with the taking down of the chimney (to be level with the roof).

New Business:
Susie Bowles has agreed to take over the Pastorage Coverage for 2027. Pastor David Eidson will lead worship the 1st and 3rd Sundays, Pastor Ray Branstiter will lead the 2nd and 4th Sundays and Hunter Lenhart will lead the 5th Sundays (when applicable) of each month through June 2027. Dale Poppe will lead the Lenten Services and Good Friday service. Pastor David Eidson will lead Ash Wednesday and Pastor Ray Branstiter will lead Maundy Thursday. Pastor David Eidson will lead worship on Sunday, February 28th due to the Baptism of Nathaniel Underwood, as Kaitlin has already been in contact with Pastor Eidson.

Missy Mangen has agreed to take over the Lead for Alter Guild/Communion Preparations for 2027. We have agreed to have communion on the first four Sundays of each month. We are still in need of someone to take over the Treasurer's position for 2027. Dale has agreed to help show the potential candidate how his current process works.

Thank-you:
Lenhart Family

Special Offering:
Angie Fullenkamp moved that the November special offering go to Shelby County Special Olympics. Seconded by Amanda Emans. Motion carried.

Our next Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mel Metz and seconded by Angie Fullenkamp. Motion carried.
The meeting was closed with all standing and praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Susie Bowles
Recording Secretary

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church Quarterly Congregational Meeting
October 4, 2026

President Matthew Oellerman called the meeting to order and opened with a word of prayer.
The minutes from August 2, 2026 and September 13, 2026 meetings were read by Susie Bowles.
Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:
Treasurer Dale Poppe reviewed the Financial report. Expenses for the nine months ending September 30, 2026 were $58,211.77. Current fund receipts were $81,759.92 for the same time period, which was $23,548.15 more than what was spent. When we compare it to the previous year's nine-months, current fund revenues decreased $14,646.01. Reduced current envelope contributions and the lack of rent income from the parsonage was the main reason for the decrease. Current fund expenses increased $4,724.28. This was mainly in the utilities due to cold weather, and the increase in pulpit supply and travel costs. Increased expenses were countered with reduced real estate taxes and property insurance due to the sale of the parsonage. Janitorial supplies last year had a major purchase of supplies that will last through this year.

On the flip side, our total assets have increased $23,071.82 since January 1, 2026. The increase was mainly due to positive cash flow in the current fund.

Due to the short cut-off time with this meeting on the 4th, Dale does not have an updated Endowment fund report. Watch the Endowment Committee minutes after the meeting later in this month.

A motion was made by Chuck Mangen to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Ed Oellerman. Motion carried.

Old Business:
Chuck Mangen mentioned that Curbside Appeal General Contracting is scheduled to start on the chimney cap repair this week.
Susie Bowles has agreed to take over the Pastoral Coverage for 2027. Pastor David Eidson will lead worship the 1st and 3rd Sundays, Pastor Ray Branstiter will lead worship the 2nd and 4th Sundays and Hunter Lenhart will lead on the 5th Sundays.
Missy Mangen has agreed to take over the Lead for Altar Guild/Communion Preparations for 2027.
We are still in need someone stepping up as Treasurer for 2027. If anyone is interested, please contact Matt, Chuck or Dale.

New Business:
Matt Oellerman mentioned that Rebecca Grate is the Assistant to the Bishop for Discernment, Formation, and Digital Ministries. She will be focusing on the recruiting of Lay people and Pastoral coverage.

There being no further business, Angie Fullenkamp made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Bev Oellerman. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned with all standing and singing "The Doxology".

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Bowles, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - Botkins OH
Consolidated Fund Activity Report for September 2026

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Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
3.100.000	Current Fund Balance	165,763.94	6,525.42	5,438.63	0.00	166,850.73
3.200.000	Benevolence Fund Balance	759.00	184.00	0.00	0.00	943.00
3.300.000	Improvement Fund Balance	6,806.04	232.00	0.00	(100.00)	6,938.04
3.400.000	Memorials Fund Balance	15,802.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,802.46
3.600.000	Special Giving Fund Balance	1,835.00	370.00	1,835.00	0.00	370.00
3.700.000	Alms Fund Balance	69.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	69.00
3.800.100	Pass Thru Fund Balance	334.99	1,835.00	1,835.00	0.00	334.99
3.900.130	Kitchen Fund Balance	955.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	955.36
	Total	$192,325.79	$9,146.42	$9,108.63	($100.00)	$192,263.58

As of November 1, 2026, if you have any Pastoral Emergencies, please contact Pastor David Eidson (618) 697-9445) or Vice President of Council Chuck Mangen (937) 538-7562. All other question regarding church activities, etc. should be left on the church's voicemail (937) 693-3261 or sent by email to: stpaulsbotkins@nktelco.net. Thank you!

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - Botkins OH
Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2026

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
1.100.100	Checking Account 1	33,963.55
	Total Checking	**$33,963.55**
1.100.121	US Bank Money Market 2524	166,698.51
1.100.125	Money Market-PG	0.00
	Total Assets	**$200,662.06**
Liabilities		
2.000.000	*Accounts Payable/Vendors*	0.00
2.100.100	941 Payroll Withholding	871.44
2.100.110	State Tax Withholding	82.00
2.100.120	City Tax Withholding	70.73
	Total Payroll Liabilities	**$1,024.17**
2.100.130	Carpet Cleaning	1,867.95
2.100.140	Parking Lot (Sealing)	300.00
2.100.161	Insurance	5,150.00
	Total Accounts Payable	**$7,317.95**
2.100.125	School Tax Withholding	56.36
2.100.190	Security Deposit Payable	0.00
2.100.199	Accrued Interest	0.00
2.100.200	Notes Payable	0.00
2.200.100	Payroll Clearing	0.00
	Total Liabilities	**$8,398.48**
Fund Balance		
3.100.000	Current Fund Balance	166,850.73
3.200.000	Benevolence Fund Balance	943.00
3.300.000	Improvement Fund Balance	6,938.04
3.400.000	Memorials Fund Balance	15,802.46
3.500.000	Air Conditioning Fund Balance	0.00
3.600.000	Special Giving Fund Balance	370.00
3.700.000	Alms Fund Balance	69.00
3.800.100	Pass Thru Fund Balance	334.99
3.900.105	Restoration Fund Bal.	0.00
3.900.110	LS Bequest Fund Balance	0.00
3.900.115	Planned Giving Balance	0.00
3.900.120	Wilt Fund Balance	0.00
3.900.125	Gaming With God Balance	0.00
3.900.130	Kitchen Fund Balance	955.36
	Total Fund Balance	**$192,263.58**
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	**$200,662.06**

Men's Breakfast
November 2, 2026
7:30 a.m.
Topic:
Book Of Life?

Scripture:
Philippians 4:2-9

November Schedule

Communion:
Nov. 1 Amanda Emans
Nov. 8 Amanda Emans
Nov. 15 Amanda Emans
Nov. 22 Amanda Emans
Nov. 29 Amanda Emans

Worship Leader:
Nov. 1 Ray Branstiter
Nov. 8 David Eidson
Nov. 15 David Eidson
Nov. 22 David Eidson
Nov. 29 David Eidson

Organist/Pianist:
Nov. 1 Jenny Poppe
Nov. 8 Jenny Poppe
Nov. 15 Jenny Poppe
Nov. 22 Angie Watt
Nov. 29 Angie Watt

Readers:
Nov. 1 Susie Bowles
Nov. 8 Pat Burmeister
Nov. 15 Susan Metz
Nov. 22 Alice Emery
Nov. 29 Cindey Eidson

Please continue to remember the people in our community that still need your help with food! Please place in red food wagon at entrance of church! Thank you!

~Prayer Requests ~

Ashley Holthaus, health concerns
April Husmeyer, health concerns
Thelma Lachey, recovery from fall
Connie Mangen, health concerns
David Ott, health concerns
EMT, Fire & Polic Personnel
Companion Congregation Domingos Martin

All sick members of St. Paul and the family and friends of members, are placed on our prayer list. National and Local concerns, joyous events, thankful praise and any other concerns, are included on this list. Please keep us updated on previous prayer requests and contact the church office with any changes.

Prayer Link:

Marcy Braun	419/905-5362
Doris Naseman	937/419-9014
Susie Bowles	937/726-3309
Judy Platfoot	937/538-8283
Sandi Wilt	937/693-3340

All Prayer Requests should be called into Marcy Braun on her cell number. Leave a message and she will pass on your information!

Please remember our members:

Shirley Counts
Landings of Sidney, Rm. 603
1150 W. Russell Rd.
Sidney, OH 45365

Larry Platfoot
Elmwood Nursing Home, Rm. 1036
711 N. Walnut
New Bremen, OH 45869

David Ott
Rose Lawn Manor, Rm. 9
420 E. Fourth St.
Spencerville, OH 45887

Doris Naseman
Apt. 211, 2500 N. Kuther Rd.
Sidney, OH 45365

Phyllis Stiles
100 Red Oak Dr., Rm. 427
Cridersville, OH 45806

Barb Maurer
Elmwood Nursing Home, Rm. 1038
711 N. Walnut
New Bremen, OH 45869

November Birthdays:
Bill Miller 11
Marcia Hickerson 13
Nancy Wilt 19
Joshua Henline 25





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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

November 2026

Worship Services;
10 a.m. every Sunday
See Worship Schedule for Sunday's with Communion!



NOVEMBER 2026



Special Offering: Special Olympics

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 All Saint's Sunday 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 	**2**	**3** 9 a.m. Knitting	**4**	**5** 8 p.m. Dartball:Botkins @ Wapak Salem	**6**	**7** 7:**30 a.m. Men's Breakfast**
8 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion	**9**	**10** 9 a.m. Knitting	**11** 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study	**12** 8 p.m. Dartball:Wapak First @ Botkins	**13**	**14**
15 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion	**16**	**17** 9 a.m. Knitting	**18**	**19** 8 p.m. Dartball: Moulton @ Botkins	**20**	**21**
22 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion **December Newsletter information due into office!**	**23**	**24** 9 a.m. Knitting 8 p.m. Dartball: Botkins @ Jackson South	**25**	**26** 	**27**	**28**
29 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion	**30**					