7 MEN : 7 WEEKS

(What it means to be a man.)

In Seven Men, New York Times best-selling author Eric Metaxas presents seven exquisitely crafted short portraits of widely known - but not well understood - Christian men, each of whom uniquely showcases a commitment to live by certain virtues in the truth of the gospel.

Written in a beautiful and engaging style, Seven Men addresses what it means (or should mean) to be a man today, at a time when media and popular culture present images of masculinity that are not the picture presented in Scripture and historic civil life. What does it take to be a true exemplar as a father, brother, husband, pastor, coach, counselor, change agent, and wise man? What does it mean to stand for honesty, courage, and charity, especially at times when the culture and the world run counter to those values?

Each of the seven biographies represents the life of a man who experienced the struggles and challenges to be strong in the face of forces and circumstances that would have destroyed the resolve of lesser men. Each of the seven men profiled – George Washington, William Wilberforce, Eric Liddell, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Jackie Robinson, John Paul II, and Charles Colson – call the reader to a more elevated walk and lifestyle, one that embodies the gospel in the world to a more elevated walk and lifestyle, one that embodies the gospel in the world around us. (Author unknown)

Starting 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 22, 2017
at St. Pauls ***SIGN UP & JOIN US***

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes

March 2017

David called the meeting to order. Devotions were presented by Mark. Members present were Mike Hall, Eric Kocher, Mark Ebbeskotte, Tim Miller, Ben Ackerman, Sam Hopkins, and Michelle Breyley. Pastor Scherner was also present.

Secretary's Report: Ben made a motion to approve the minutes as printed and Mark seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The checking account balance is $33,903. Pastor suggested that any left over monies from donations for his trip to China be moved from the special projects fund to his discretioanary fund. Mike made a motion to do so and Tim seconded. Motion passed.

Deacon's Report: Mike reported an average attendance of 107 for the month. The communion count was 109. The total giving for the month was $11,958, with $8,883 current giving.

Trustee's Report: Discussed bids for masonry work on exterior.

Elder's Report: The elders noted that things are going smoothly.

Eric made a motion to approve the preceding reports and Mike seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor introduced an upcoming study for men.

Old Business: Reviewed some of the job descriptions for council members.

New Business: Eric made a motion to give the offering from the Easter Sunrise Service to the Youth Mission Trip. Mark seconded. Motion passed.
The May council meeting will be held on the first Sunday of the month due to Mothers' Day.

The next council meeting will be held on Apr. 9. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Kocher, Asst. Sec.

February 26, 2017

Council met after church. Mark Ebbeskotte moved, Mike Hall seconded the offering on Ash Wednesday go to Women of the Church. The remaining Wednesday Lenten services will be split Between Salvation Army and Hope Over Heroin. Maundy Thursday will go to Contract Crawford County and Good Friday offering to American Cancer Society Road Recovery Crawford County. Motion passed.

Jim Luidhardt, Secretary

April Birthdays

4/01 Julie Teynor
4/02 Susan Sutherland
4/04 D-Ann Geiger
4/04 Tonya Geiger
4/05 Wade Hopkins
4/07 Eldon Campbell
4/08 Sarah Beck
4/09 Melissa Shade
4/10 Charlie Britton
4/10 Trevor Seif
4/11 Brad Stuckman
4/13 Jennifer Geiger
4/15 Hans Scherner
4/16 Stacie Hargis
4/18 Betty Pfleiderer
4/18 Kathy Sheets
4/18 Alan Leonhardt
4/19 Marjorie Shealy
4/19 Karen Scherner
4/19 Blake Rittenhour
4/20 Tom Miller
4/21 Caeden Pfeifer
4/22 Rachel Webber
4/23 Dolores Geiger
4/23 Brady Sheets
4/24 Rhonda Campbell
4/24 Nick Rowland
4/25 Florice Leonhardt
4/25 Justin Leonhardt
4/27 Dorothy Schott
4/29 Steven Kocher

April Anniversaries

4/12 Doug & Veronica Vandayburg
4/15 Jim & Helen Luidhardt
4/15 Matt & Kayla Klime
4/24 Mike & D-Ann Geiger
4/30 Mark & Julie Teynor

We extend our sympathy to Dick & Betty Vance on the death of Dick's mother.
Also to Dan &Deb Feichtner on the death of their brother in law.

The Reformation Task Force held the first annual Quiz Bowl on February 26. Four team participated. The winning team was Maddie Rinehart, Charlie Britt, Maddie Britt and Marilyn Long. Congratulations! Thank you to all who participated and those who attended. Thanks also to Kathy Halsey and Rebecca Webber for working in the kitchen. Forty five people enjoyed roast beef sandwiches, chips, relish and cookies. A special thank you to Carrie & Amber Robertson for their work in getting the games ready. Also thanks to Jim Luidhardt, Tim Miller and Mark Schanzenbach.

Lent & Holy Week

April 5 Lenten Worship will be at 7 PM
"He Has Plans for Us" Rom. 4:1-8, 13-18

April 13 Maundy Thursday worship at Noon & 7 PM
"Why A New Commandment?" John 13:34-35

April 14 Good Friday worship at 7 PM
"No Condemnation" Romans 8:1-4

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 7:30 AM *
Easter Breakfast 8:30 AM
Easter Worship 10 AM

*Easter Sunrise Service message will be Martin Luther's Easter Service from March 28, 1529

Thank you to Mark Schanzenbach, Rachel Webber, Tyler Shade, Vicki Snodgrass and Nicole Britton for planning the Easter Sunrise Service.

Dartball News

The Dartball Team just ended their 2016-17 season. The fifteen teams in the League started on the first Monday night of November, and ended on the first Monday night of March with the tournament at Colonel Crawford High School. We had two Monday nights off during the Christmas Holiday Season. St. Paul was fortunate, having a very good season with 27 wins and 15 losses, good for second place in the Northern Division, one game behind Tiro Lutheran. At the Tournament, we won our first two games winning against Windfall U.C. C. 5-3 and Peace Lutheran of Galion 8-2, lost to St. John's U.C.C. of Bucyrus 1-3, good for 2nd place in our bracket.

At the Awards Night, the following teams received trophies: Regular Season, Northern Division, Tiro Lutheran, First (28-14), Sulphur Springs St. Paul (27-15), second; Southern Division: First Galion Trinity Lutheran (31-11), Peace Lutheran, Galion (27-15), second.

For the Tournament, there were two Brackets, (A)—Galion Trinity Lutheran, First, and Chatfield Evangelical Pietist taking Second. In Bracket (B)—Bucyrus St. John's U.C.C. took First and Sulphur Springs St. Paul, Second. There were also many Ribbon Awards given, none of which went to our Team.

The following people played for our Team this past season: Shawn Auck, Dan Feichtner, Bob Geiger, Doug Heydinger, Eric Kocher, Jim Luidhardt, Mick McCallister, Michael Schimpf and Walter Schimpf. Jacob Kocher played with us one night.

We have a good time and enjoy the time together, visiting and fellowship. We really could use more players. If interested, male or female, talk to anybody on the Team.

Women of the Church Circle Meetings for April

Rebecca Circle
Bible Study:
Devotions:
Hostess:

Dorcas Circle
Bible Study: Alice Schimpf
Devotions: Alice Schimpf
Hostess: Meet at church

Committees for April
Altar: Melissa Shade, Chris Shealy
Visiting: Chris Krahling, Betty Ebbeskotte
Greeter: Joyce Schanzenbach, Dorothy Schott
Food: Margaret Brinkman, Michele Breyley

Thankoffering
Lent is a time of slowing down and reflecting. In doing so, we are reminded of all the many blessing we have been given. Today we are beginning our Thankoffering collection. Mission Bank labels are being handed out for you to put on a container of your choice. As you give thanks over the next 8 months, please share with others by filling your Mission Bank. This money will be used to help others in the Crawford County area in November. Extra Mission Bank labels are available on the East entrance cabinet. Thank you!

All Ladies Welcome…
to the Mother/Daughter Tea to be held here at St. Paul on Sunday, April 23rd at 2:00 PM.
Lisa from Lowe-Volk Nature Center will be our guest along with some of her nature friends.
All ladies, of all ages are welcome for a fun afternoon!

March 5, 2017, Women Board Minutes

There were 8 members present at the March board meeting held after church. Betty opened the meeting with prayer.

- It was decided not to read the December board minutes.
- **Treasurer**, Marilyn Long, transferred our money from United Bank to People's Savings and Loan. The current checking account balance is $2,347.57.
- After some discussion, it was decided to keep all funds together rather than have a separate sewing fund and general fund.
- **Mission Action**, Karen Scherner, said her committee was very excited about the projects the ladies participated in last year. She and Margaret will be meeting very soon to plan the 2017 projects. Betty reminded them about getting containers or reminding ladies to save in their own containers for Thankoffering Sunday this coming November. They will be removing the winter flowers off of the Schnarrenberger graves soon and will put the new ones on for spring.
- **Vice President**, Joy Britton, isn't sure on the date of the Mother-Daughter yet. She is working on the program first and will decide. There is currently no Vice President for the Rebecca Circle so she is asking for volunteer(s) to help her and will ask someone if nobody offers.
- There was discussion on what to do with the leftover cookbooks that sell for $13 each. Many ideas were discussed with a few being selling them at a stand at the Farmer's Market in Bucyrus; having them on display and for sale at the Reformation celebration in October; or possibly having a bake sale and cookbook sale combo somewhere.
- The Ash Wednesday offering of $446 was given to the Women of the Church.
- There was approximately $500 given in 2016 in the Thankoffering Boxes. It was decided to give $250 each to the Jericho House and Voice of Hope.
- Margaret Brinkman made a motion, 2nd by Karen Scherner to give $150 quarterly to the local soup kitchen.

- Deb Feichtner made a motion, 2nd by Barb Kocher to give $80 per quarter to the NALC.
- Betty announced that the Interdenominational meeting at Camden Falls, Tiffin, is coming up on Saturday, April 8th. If you are interested in going, get your registration in for $25 before March 30. It goes up to $30 after that date.

Betty closed the meeting by everyone saying the Lord's Prayer.

Deb Feichtner, Secretary

April 2017

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2 Sunday School 9 AM Worship 10 AM	3	4 Rebecca Circle 7 PM	5 Dorcas Circle 9:30 AM Lenten Service 7 PM	6	7	8
9 Sunday School 9 AM Worship 10 AM	10	11	12	13 Maundy Thursday service Noon & 7 PM	14 Good Friday Worship 7 PM	15
16 Easter Sunrise Service 7:30 AM Easter Breakfast 8:30 AM Easter Worship 10 AM	17	18	19 Choir 7 PM	20	21	22 Mallory Gray/Trevor Seif wedding
23 Sunday School 9 AM Worship 10 AM	24	25	26 Choir 7 PM	27	28	29
30 Sunday School 9 AM Worship 10 AM						