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## St. Paul Lutheran

Chuck Meyer, pastor at St. Paul Lutheran church, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on Saturday, September 23. He has been the pastor at St.



Paul for the past year and a half. Chuck said "It has been the longest year of my life." (tongue in cheek)

Chuck was born in Sioux City, but moved to Omaha with his family when he was 4. He went to Central High School and to Midland College. He worked at Walmart, then moved to Connecticut to

work for two years.

When he got married he moved to Lincoln, Nebraska where his wife was a youth minister. He got the urge to go into the ministry. Chuck went to Wartburg College in Dubuque and got his first ministry in Sinai, South Dakota where he worked in two churches for five years. Now he is in Treynor. He is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation pastor in his family, which originated as part of the Germans in Russia.

Chuck talked about changes in the church High School cell groups and the "Cherish Our Church" campaign.

Each High School grade, 9-12, meets in a cell group on Wednesday nights, 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 or 10:00 p.m. The youth share their highs and lows for the week and just talk. Friends are welcome. Sometimes they play games or watch movies. Last year the cell groups were in host

family homes. This year the 9-11<sup>th</sup> graders meet at the church and the seniors still meet in a home. They have food available to snack on.

October 1 at 5:00 p.m. is a celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> year of the Reformation.

The Cherish Our Church campaign is trying to raise \$500,000 in five years. The goals are:

1. Tuck-pointing the Church
2. Fix the paint in the chapel that is cracking
3. Repair roof leaks
4. Install a lift from the Sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall
5. Pay off the parsonage

## Meeting Minutes

Kirk Vorthmann conducted the meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club on September 23. The meeting began with humor by Ken Graham, Gary Funkhouser, Dale Willenborg, and Keith Denton followed by the pledge of allegiance. Mick Guttau provided the opening prayer.

Kirk Vorthmann won the 50/50 drawing. Steve Chambers won the attendance prize, but did not collect. There were 16 members and one guest at the meeting.

Dee Guttau celebrated her birthday by bringing cinnamon rolls. John Klein also celebrated his birthday. Bill and Ann Vorthmann celebrated their 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Kevin Underwood contributed to the Youth Fund to announce a soup supper and bake sale for his church on Sunday, 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the town hall in McClelland. They are having at least three different kinds of soup. Mick Guttau contributed because his picture was in the paper for the opening of the College View Elementary School bank.

Josh and Marty Lammert had twins this week.

Gerald Forristall passed away this week. He was a charter member of the Treynor Optimist Club. The club will have a card for members to sign next week.

The can kennel sorting on Wednesday had a lot of helpers

Ann Vorthmann and Judy Gutttau are working on a celebration for the Can Kennel reaching \$150,000 in cans.

The club will put up flags on October 5 at 4:30 p.m.

#### **Calendar**

- Oct 5 – Put up flags
- Oct 7 – Board Meeting

#### **Birthdays**

- Sep 22 - Dee Gutttau (recognized)
- Sept - John Klein (recognized)
- Oct 17 – Marsha Underwood
- Oct 29 – Bill Vorthmann

#### **Anniversaries**

- Sep 26 – Bill & Ann Vorthmann (recognized)
- Oct 13 – Dale & Dianne Willenborg

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Now is the time to pay club dues. They are \$75 again this year.

The school is needing help teaching financial literacy. Volunteers are needed to teach five classes beginning in January.

Oct 17 – Dennis & Kay White

#### **Speakers**

Sept 30 - Terry Bahl (bicycle ride across USA)

#### **Programs**

September - Ken Graham  
October - Gary Gutttau  
November - Mick Gutttau  
December –