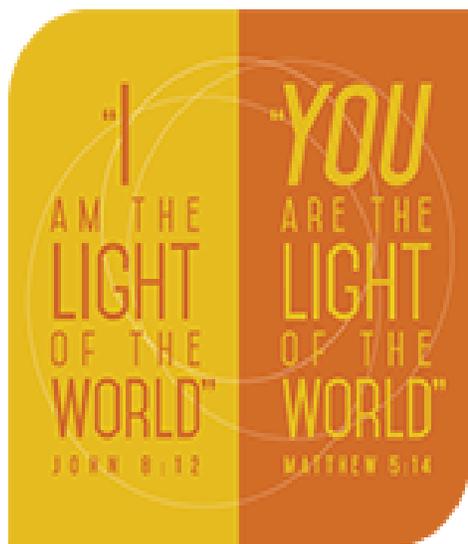


The Beacon

June, 2021



See Light, Be Light

In January 2021, National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman presented her poem "The Hill We Climb" at the presidential inauguration. The final lines read: "For there is always light, / if only we're brave enough to see it. / If only we're brave enough to be it."

How often we long for light!

Jesus says, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12) and invites us to turn to him. God is always bringing light into darkness, through helpers, healers, peacemakers, friends. Sometimes bravery is required to turn our focus from the negative to the positive — to see the light of God.

Jesus also says, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14, emphasis added) and calls us to brighten the gloom. That requires bravery, as Gorman notes, but as Christians we're urged to look for light not just to make our own lives better but to shine into others' lives too. The Holy Spirit gives us the needed courage — to both *see* and *be* light.

Starting Sunday,
May 30

Sunday Worship
Services

Service @ 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship/Coffee @
10:00 a.m.

Weekday Worship
Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.

June 2
Communion Service

June 16
Non Communion
Service

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Pastor: Rev. Steven D. Wilson (507)236-1181

Vicar: Mr. Jeff Hagen (507)236-3114



Spirit and Life

John 20:19-23

Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven;

if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

This event took place on Easter Sunday, the day of the resurrection of our Lord, when Jesus appeared to the disciples who were behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. Jesus greeted them and showed evidence of His resurrection by showing them His hands where the nail marks were and His side where He had been pierced. **The disciples had great joy in their hearts. He who was dead is alive!**

Our focus on Easter is the resurrection, but there is something more that happened when Jesus appeared to them. Jesus gave them a gift that was promised to them. **It was the gift of the Holy Spirit that He breathed upon them. He said: "Receive the Holy Spirit."**

The Greek word for Spirit is Pneuma (Pa-nee-ma) which also means breath. When Jesus breathed on the disciples He was breathing new life into the soul of the disciples. This is the empowering nature of the Holy Spirit. This gift of the Holy Spirit would come upon the disciples fifty days later on the day we know as Pentecost.

This event takes us back in time when God created the first human being. God formed man (Adam) from the dust of the ground and **breathed into his nostrils the breath of life**, and the man became a living being (Genesis 2:7). Adam's purpose was to be the caretaker of the garden (world) and to listen to God.

When God breathed life into Adam He became a live human being. The same is true for the disciples and the followers of Jesus on the day of Pentecost when the wind filled the room and tongues of fire separated and landed on each of them. **God breathed on them and they became a new creation.** This new creation of God is what we know as the Church. The disciples and followers of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit and able to do miraculous things from healing and speaking the Gospel in different languages. And the Church was very much alive and growing as people from every nation heard the Gospel spoken in their own language. **What an exciting time for Christians to be living in those days!**

The Holy Spirit continues to bring life and excitement into the Church today through the preaching and teaching of God's Word and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. The Church is still growing and the work of the Holy Spirit is bringing the multitudes to faith here and throughout world. The Holy Spirit is equipping and empowering the Church in every way to reach people of every language and every nation to hear about God's redeeming grace in Christ Jesus.

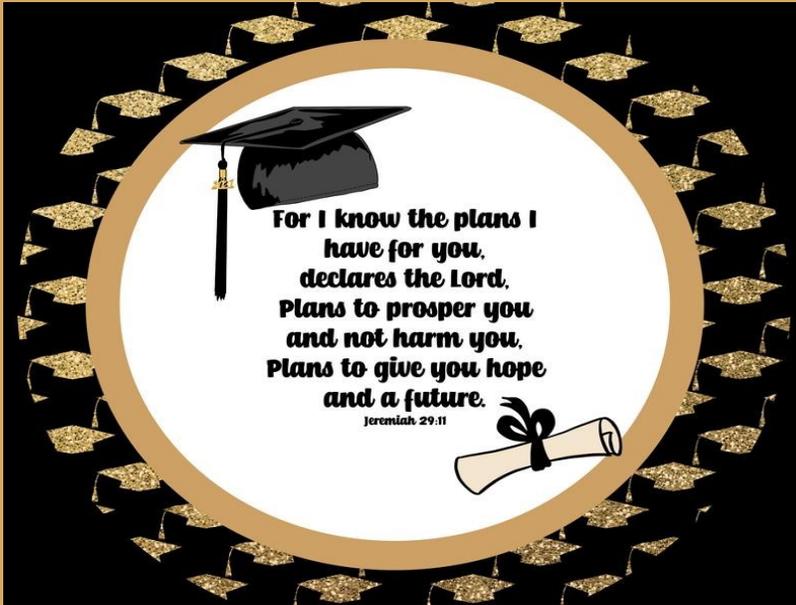
The work and purpose of the Holy Spirit will continue to work in the lives of Christians until the Lord Jesus returns on the last day when all the dead are raised from their graves, and all the believers in Christ are blessed with a **new and glorified life in heaven.**

Holy, Holy, Holy is our God!

Pastor Steve Wilson

**THEY SAW WHAT
SEEMED TO BE
TONGUES
OF FIRE
THAT SEPARATED
AND CAME TO REST
ON EACH OF THEM.**

ACTS 2:3. NIV



High School Graduates

High school seniors that are members of St. John's Lutheran this year include:

*Olivia Kate Anderson
Arianna Sylvia Brantner
Cayden Jo Gregory
Easton Thomas Gregory
Katelyn Layne Hummel
Gabriella Joy Lange
Katerina Sheila Lange
Makena Ann Larson
Nicolas Layne Rathman
Mersades Bria Ringnell*

We will honoring these graduates at our 9:00 service on Sunday, June 6.

Graduates: Please meet in the fireside room by 8:45 so that you can process in together as a class. Please also wear your graduation gown. Thank you.

Thank you to Sharon Huse for making the quilts for these graduates.

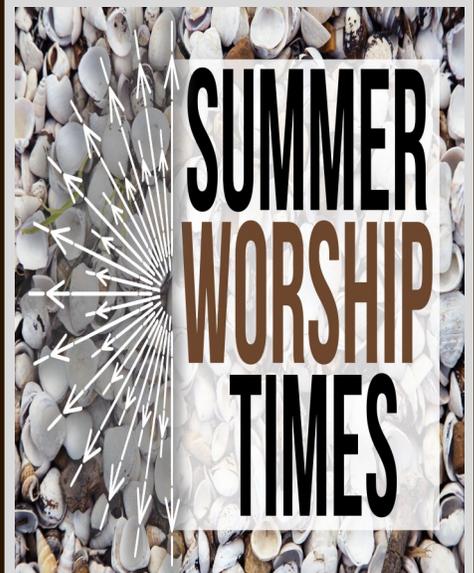
Pastoral Visits

Due to the privacy act, if you are hospitalized and would like a visit from the pastor or to be included in the prayers, you or a family member need to contact Pastor Wilson, Vicar Jeff or the church office.

Sunday Morning Worship
9:00 a.m.

Fellowship/Coffee
10:00 a.m.

Coffee and donut holes will be available after the service on Sunday mornings. Join us for this great fellowship time! Many thanks to the Board of Parish Service for serving the coffee and donuts!



Wednesday Services
First & Third Wednesday of
month @ 6:00 p.m.



WOMEN in Mission

LWML Minutes May 12, 2021

President Lynne Mulso called the meeting to order. Pastor Wilson gave a devotion called "Balancing Act". Our busy lives are a balancing act. We should let our decision, our yes or no, be guided by God's will for us.

- ◆ Secretary's report was read and corrected. Motion was made by Dee Anderson and seconded by Norma Brolsma that the LWML would no longer be serving lunch after funerals. Should have been Dee Anderson made a motion and seconded by Diane Nelson that the LWML would no longer be serving lunch after funerals.
- ◆ Correspondence was read.
- ◆ Mary Swanson, treasurer, gave her report.
- ◆ Diane reported on grocery receipts.
- ◆ Lynne Mulso gave a report of Spring Zone Rally that was held here. Wendy Rogotzke will be our zone delegate to National Convention June 24-27 in Lexington Kentucky and Carol Henning will be alternate.
- ◆ Martin Luther High School is project of the month.
- ◆ Vice President, Judy Hybbert read about Lamp Ministry which is in northern Canada where there is much depression and alcohol abuse. The grant is used to train people .
- ◆ Mites were collected.
- ◆ Sally Yahnke shared that a committee would be organizing for lunch after funerals.
- ◆ LWML pledge was given.
- ◆ We prayed the Lord's Prayer and table prayer.
- ◆ Lunch was served by Mary Swanson.
- ◆ 17 members present, also present Pastor Wilson and Vicar Jeff.

Submitted by
Lois Ziemer, Secretary

Willing Recipients

A young graduate longed for a certain sports car and knew his dad could afford it. So on the big day, he was infuriated to receive instead a leather-bound, embossed Bible. He threw it down and left for good.

Years later, after his father died, the son entered his father's study with sorrow and regret. Sorting through belongings, he found the gift and this highlighted verse: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" (Matthew 7:11, ESV). Suddenly something dropped from the back of the Bible: a key with a tag from the dealer of the car he'd wanted long ago. On the tag was his graduation date and the words "Paid in Full."

**LWML
Meeting
Wednesday, June 9
2:00 p.m.**

LWML Cards For Sale

The LWML is selling a variety of boxed cards. They are located on the counter in the fireside room. Please take time to look over their great selection of cards. The cost is marked on the boxes. Please leave your money in the container or drop it off at the church office. Thank you.



“Yes, there is a reason, Part 3”

We are making our way through our Divine Worship Service that we conduct here at St. John’s and throughout the churches of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Last month I covered the Invocation, Confession and Absolution, and the Kyrie. We continue this month working our way through the parts of our worship service, which is the: **Hymn of Praise:**

On the night of Jesus’ birth, the angels let loose their earth-shattering song of praise: “Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

On that specific occasion, their praise gave utterance to the good news that the Son of God had come in the flesh. Heaven had come down to earth! And ever since, the Church has continued to rejoice in the miracle of our salvation.

In our hymnal, there are two Hymns of Praise: “Gloria in Excelsis” and “This is the Feast”. Throughout the church year, we alternate between those two hymns or we choose another hymn from the Lutheran Service Book Hymnal which come from the “Praise and Adoration” section. During Advent and Lent, we switch to either a Hymn of Advent or a Hymn of Lent.

Through these hymns, our focus is on the incarnate Son of God, the only-begotten Son, the Lamb of God, and only Son of the Father. This is the heart and substance of the Christian Faith, that Jesus, the Son of God, came to “take away the sin of the world”. In heaven we will be gathered around the throne and the Lamb, confessing that He alone is holy and He alone is the Lord.

Following the Hymn of Praise comes:

Word of God (readings):

Frequently we conclude the reading of Holy Scripture with the phrase, “This is the Word of the Lord.” More than just a ‘word’ from God, this is His revelation in which He makes known to us His will, most specifically, His merciful will that desires our salvation.

Ultimately, this word points us to the Word, the incarnate Son of God. He is God’s final and full revelation to us, the mirror of the Father’s heart.

In the opening verses of Hebrews the writer makes this point: “In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old by the prophets, but now in these last days, he has spoken to us by His Son.” (Heb. 1:1-2a).

Only through Him – God’s only Son – are we able to know the Father’s favor and grace.

Next, we have:

Sermon or Message:

In the sermon, God speaks to us with his two-edged sword of condemnation and promise – Law and Gospel. The subject of the sermon is both God and us.

Through the sermon we come to a better understanding of ourselves, especially our need for God’s forgiveness. But we also come face to face with God’s mercy and love.

The pastor who gives the sermon speaks to you using God’s Word, given to him through the power of the Holy Spirit. Many will tell you that it is not their word that is spoken, but it is God’s Word given to them through Jesus and the words of the Holy Spirit.

Week after week, God’s faithful hear the voice of their Good Shepherd, preparing them, in a sense, for that final day when Jesus calls them to their eternal reward in heaven.

Next month I will bring you part 4 of your “tour” of the worship services of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Thank you to all the Sunday school teachers who faithfully led our children through their classes in this “less than normal” school year! Thank you also especially to Cassy Roben for all her hard work and dedication to the kids in her role as Sunday school Superintendent!

May God bless you, watch over you, protect you, and guide you as we come together in worship and fellowship with our Lord.

Vicar Jeff

Planning Council Meeting
(Board Chairmen and
Church Officers)
Wednesday, June 9
6:00 p.m.

Worship Attendance

Sunday, May 2: 226
(Confirmation Sunday)
Wednesday, May 5: 29
Sunday, May 9: 159
Sunday, May 16: 143
Wednesday, May 19: 16
Sunday, May 23
(Service was held in park)



"A dad is a son's first hero and a
daughter's first love."

"To the world you are a dad. To
our family you are the world."

Preschool /Kindergarten VBS

June 7-11 from 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Theme is Bible Heroes



For children entering preschool
this fall through those who
completed kindergarten this year.

Registration sign up is on our
church website. Forms are also
available at the church.

We have a great group of volun-
teers who will be working with
the kids all week long and there will be lots of singing, games,
crafts and of course stories of Bible heroes!

New Opportunities For Sharing Your Time, Talents and Treasures From the Board of Stewardship

New Ways to "Give" to Your Church

Our new website is now ready to use at <https://www.sjsherburn.com>. If you would like to explore the ability to make donations to church via automatic bank withdrawal, credit card or by text, click on the "GIVE" tab at the top of the page, go to "Donate Online" or "Text to Give" and follow the simple instructions. Online donation is **safe and easy**. You can make a one time donation or set it up to donate on a regular basis. Thank you for supporting your church with your gifts. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the church office.

Is God Calling You to Serve?

Our new website gives you a list of opportunities to share your gifts in service to our church. The "Get Involved" tab has a Spiritual Gifts Survey which outlines the many different areas and ways in which you can give your time and talents to the church. It offers you the opportunity to identify the special talents that you would be willing to share with us, and also lets us know what areas of service you may be interested in. God gives **all** of us gifts and talents. What we do with those talents are our gift to God. Please take a few moments to complete the Spiritual Gifts Survey online or if you prefer, we have paper copies available at the church office. The gifts we have received are not ours alone. God gave them to us for the purpose of serving Him and serving other people. Each of us has something to give. What gifts has God given you? If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.

CAMP OMEGA

Jr. & Sr. High

FOOD.FUN.FAITH

NIGHT



WHEN: Wednesday, July 14th

TIME: 6pm

WHERE: Connie & Paul Markquart's on Clear Lake
**19 West Clear Lake, Ceylon

WHAT: Camp Omega counselors & some high energy fun!

Campfire & Smores!

Great food!

**Rides can be provided

****An email with RSVP will be coming soon!/****



CAMP OMEGA DAY CAMP

for grades (going into) 2nd thru 6th

Yes! That's right!

Camp Omega is coming to St John's Lutheran church!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Monday, July 12 – Thursday, July 15 9am to 3pm
- Friday, July 16 9am to Noon

A registration email, church website, or fb sign-up will be coming soon!



Sherburn Holiday Festival
Saturday, June 19

Our youth at St. John's Lutheran will have their "walking taco" food stand once again during the festival on the east side of the shelter house in the park. Help support not only the St. John's Youth but also the Sherburn Lion's Club at this year's Sherburn Holiday Festival!



Save Your Hy-Vee Grocery & Gas Receipts And Fareway Grocery Receipts From Fairmont

The LWML is asking that you save your Hy-Vee grocery and gas receipts and Fareway receipts and drop them off at the church in the container in the front entry. The LWML will be reimbursed \$1,000.00 from Hy-Vee for a total of \$150,000.00 worth of Hy-Vee receipts. Fareway will do the same.

It is great to have the receipts keep coming in and we appreciate and thank you for your continued support!

| HyVee Goal | FareWay Goal |
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Sherburn Blood Drive

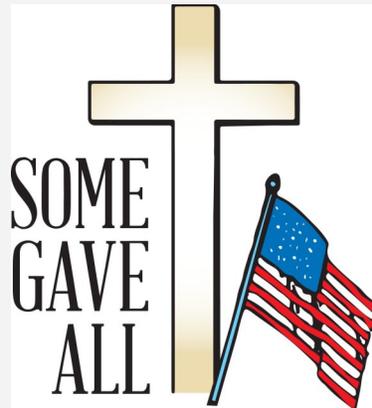
Monday, June 7,
1:00-6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God Regional
Worship Center

For Appointments visit
redcrossblood.org or call
Dorothy 236-5764 .



Temperance Lake Ridge Services will be on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 10:00 a.m.



Sherburn Cemetery Door Offering
Door Offering taken on Sunday, May 30 will be for the perpetual care of the Sherburn Cemetery. Please make checks payable to Sherburn Cemetery Association. Thank you.

Bridal shower for Jessica Roben, bride to be of Joey Streeter will be held on Saturday, June 5 @ 10:00 a.m, Trinity Lutheran in Alpha. Friends and relatives are invited to attend!



90th Birthday Open House
Join us in celebrating Joan Rosen's 90th birthday. There will be an open house from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 5 at St. John's Lutheran Church. If you cannot make it, birthday cards and wishes can be sent to Joan at Goldfinch Room 330, 850 Goldfinch Street, Fairmont, MN 56031

Sherburn City Wide Garage Sales will be June 10-12. Contact Sheila at Martin County Star to list you garage sale for \$10.00. Listings will be available at Carseys during June 10-12.



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| 1 | Audrey Amborn | 17 | Helen Menssen | 1 | John & Linda Tirevold |
| 1 | Jeremy Wink | 17 | Janee Wagenman | 2 | Jim & Cheryl Oelkers |
| 1 | Paul Troe | 18 | Hannah Cole | 3 | Chuck & Marlene Kuntz |
| 1 | Cable Schumann | 18 | Opal Yahnke | 4 | John & Jeanne Frappier |
| 1 | London Thate | 19 | Allison Sharma | 4 | Paul & Jane Weseman |
| 2 | Dan Hanson | 19 | Jordan Humphrey | 5 | Ron & Mary Johnson |
| 3 | Mycah Bliesmer | 21 | Michele Anderson | 6 | Tyler & Lauralee Nolte |
| 5 | Joan Rosen | 21 | Marceline Meyer | 7 | Mike & Jamie Bliesmer |
| 5 | Madeline Meyer | 21 | Avalynn Knight-Steele | 9 | Jordan & Opal Schwager |
| 6 | Tim Brolsma | 22 | Mandi Kosbab | 10 | Kellen & Ashley Fausch |
| 6 | Connie Markquart | 22 | Bailey Larson | 11 | Doug & Anne Sheppard |
| 7 | Mike Bliesmer | 22 | Lori Meyer | 12 | Rod & Dawn Duncan |
| 7 | Eric Chase | 22 | Vivienne Madden | 13 | Kaleb & Morgan Chingren |
| 7 | Pat Huse | 24 | Nick Amborn | 14 | Nathan & Mary Whitehead |
| 7 | Jacob Johnson | 24 | Camdyn Ballard | 15 | Kevin & Audrey Diekmann |
| 7 | Peter Nolte | 24 | Harmony Buchmeier | 19 | Marv & Nancy Hansen |
| 7 | Cordell Weber | 24 | Doug Sheppard | 20 | Brad & Ann Harris |
| 8 | Dee Anderson | 25 | Harper Reese | 20 | Brian & Rebecca Sokoloski |
| 8 | Journi Becker | 25 | Rebecca Behne | 21 | Taylor & Megan Morgan |
| 8 | Emily Meixell | 26 | Miranda Bliesmer | 22 | Guy & Mallory Rudolph |
| 8 | Ken Peters | 26 | Tom Miller | 23 | Dustin & Jessie Kennedy |
| 8 | London Truesdell | 26 | Houston Schubert | 23 | Jeremy & Chelsea Wink |
| 9 | Cliff Anderson | 27 | Nathan Amborn | 24 | Tom & Lisa Crosby |
| 10 | Rusty Olson | 27 | Nate Klima | 24 | Don & Francie Ziemer |
| 11 | Mat Amborn | 27 | Chuck Sodeman | 25 | Tucker & Tracie Schumann |
| 11 | Cindy Crissinger | 29 | Emily Klima | 27 | Lynn & Mary Thate |
| 11 | Nick Holm | 30 | Mark Lange | 28 | Nate & Mary Janssen |
| 11 | Janet Lepird | 30 | Nathan Zender | 28 | Ryan & Tracy Swanson |
| 11 | Bob Malo | | | 29 | Miah & Jasmine Fitzgerald |
| 12 | Kristin Gabrielson | | | 29 | Tom & Tammy Gregory |
| 12 | Madison Klima | | | 29 | Brian & Tina Krumwiede |
| 12 | Kevin Norem | | | 30 | Richard & Danielle Cummings |
| 12 | Karl Olson | | | | |
| 13 | Christina Cole | | | | |
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| 14 | Alexis Janssen | | | | |
| 15 | Katie Lange | | | | |
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| 15 | Dan Sparks | | | | |
| 15 | Mary Whitehead | | | | |
| 15 | Asher Anderson | | | | |



Holy Spirit

God's gift of the Holy Spirit

You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says 'Jesus is accursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit". (1 Corinthians 12:2-3)

When something takes our heart away from the Lord it is an idol. Every sin is a matter of idolatry. We are led astray from fearing, loving and trusting God above all things. As we trust in wealth, or effort, or pride, or greed, or lust, or sloth, we are really doing nothing other than allowing ourselves to be held captive to worthless idols.

In the same way, unfaithful stewardship is a matter of idolatry. When we hoard our resources for fear that we might be left with nothing, we fail to confess that Jesus is Lord of our life and will provide for us. So, in the area of stewardship, we are very often very Corinthian. We are led astray by worthless idols.

But it is the Holy Spirit that leads us to forsake these idols and embrace the wonderful, liberating truth that Jesus is Lord! This means it is not our decision in matters of stewardship. It is really the Holy Spirit that is leading. What you make as a commitment to the Lord's work is not your

decision. It is guided by the Holy Spirit. The only thing we can really do is get in the way.

Today, as you prayerfully consider your stewardship of the Lord's simple gifts, pray that the Holy Spirit will lead you away from worthless idols and by His power confess with your life, your lips and your gifts that Jesus is Lord. Let Him speak through you today!

Prayer

Spirit of God, You have carried the Word of God and spread it across the generations and globe. We can't confess Jesus with our lips, lives or stewardship without You in our lives. Work in and through us that this precious gift would be shared simply and freely through us. Amen.



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May 4, 2021

Dear St. John's Lutheran,

The Banquet is grateful for the many volunteers, donors and guests who make up The Banquet ministry. Without generous donors, we could not assist the hundreds of families who come daily seeking food for the body and soul.

The Banquet began in 1985 serving one meal per week. Now, only through generous donations like yours, volunteers at The Banquet prepare and serve 16 meals per week at two permeant locations. We serve breakfast and supper Monday through Friday and lunch on Saturdays at our main location on 8th & Indiana Avenue. Volunteers at our west location on 5th & Marion Road prepare and serve supper Monday through Friday. These additional meals are helping guests, many without transportation, access supplemental food to help stretch their grocery budgets. The guests truly appreciate the support they receive through this ministry.

Thank you for your gift of \$1,500.00 toward the purchase of food for The Banquet guests.

Banquet fast facts:

- The Banquet serves nearly 200,000 meals and 8,000 gallons of milk to guests living in poverty each year.
- More than 1,500 guests receive personal necessities such as hygiene items, warm socks and sweatshirts and undergarments for Christmas each year.
- The Banquet's Project: SOS (Supply Our Students) gives more than 6,000 backpacks filled with school supplies to school students living in and around Sioux Falls every year.
- Volunteers are the heart and soul of this ministry. Nearly 20,000 volunteers cook, serve, answer phones, sort supplies, work with children and help with the building and grounds.

The Banquet is a non-profit, 501(c) 3 agency which relies solely on private donations of materials and cash to pay for milk, coffee and juice; food and equipment; staffing and building costs. The Banquet receives no city, county, state, federal or United Way monies for any of its projects or programs. Thanks again for your support of The Banquet ministry.

Sincerely,

Bless you for this amazing gift!
Tamera

Tamera Jerke-Liesinger
Executive Director, The Banquet
605-335-7066
tamera@thebanquetsf.org

*Please accept this letter as your tax receipt. The Banquet is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization and no goods or services were exchanged for this contribution nor is The Banquet's list sold or shared with any other agencies.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING 5-4-21

President Paul Stueven called the Planning Council Meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting: Pastor Wilson, Vicar Jeff Hagen; Paul Stueven (President); Robb Larson (Vice-President); Mary Whitehead (Treasurer); Mary Johnson (Secretary); Cassy Roben (Board of Education); Ryan Kahler (Board of Elders); Marlene Stueven (Board of Stewards); None present (Board of Trustees); None present (Board of Parish Services); Sheri Markquart (Youth Committee) via cell phone: Nate Amborn (Technology Committee)

Pastor Wilson opened with a short devotion and prayer.

Secretary's Reports

The motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of last Planning Council meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Confirmation was Sunday, May 2. The Parish Committee and 7th Grade Confirmation Class and parents did an excellent job serving the fellowship time.

The LWML voted to no longer have a Funeral Committee as a part of their organization. An anonymous person talked to Pastor Wilson and commented that a church of our size should be able to provide a family lunch after a funeral. Pastor Wilson suggested to this person to "go with it" and find people to help serve. Serving on a Funeral Committee is part of the time and talent survey that is going to be published soon.

Vicar's Report – Upcoming Dates to Remember

MAY

May 5 – 3:45 p.m. Jr. High FFF; 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship w/communion; 6:45 p.m. Youth Advisory Meeting

May 7-9 -- Jeff off

May 8 – Sathoff graveside service (Pastor)

May 9 – 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship; 9:15 a.m. SS/Bible Study

May 10 – 6:00 p.m. Board of Education meeting

May 12 – 2:00 p.m. LWML Meeting

May 14 – Gregory/Holm Wedding rehearsal (evening – Pastor)

May 15 – 3:30 p.m. Jordan Gregory/Nick Holm Wedding

May 16 – 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship w/communion; 9:15 a.m. SS/Bible Study; .9:15 a.m. 7-12 Youth/Parents NYG Trip meeting

May 17 – 10:00 a.m. Temperance Lake Ridge Worship; 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Ruby's Pantry

May 17-22 –Finals week for 3rd Quarter for Jeff at CTSFW

May 19 – 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship – Jeff (no communion); 6:45 p.m. 7-12 Youth/Parents NYG second meeting

May 20 – Circuit Pastor's Meeting in Windom

May 22 – Jeff & Pastor conducting Roebbeke funeral Family Service at Sherburn Park

May 23 – 9:15 a.m. Outdoor SS; 10:30 Worship at Sherburn City Park; 6:00 p.m. Senior Banquet at Church

May 30 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship; 10:00 fellowship/coffee (summer schedule begins)

JUNE

June 2 – 6:00 p.m. Midweek worship w/communion (Pastor)

June 6 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship w/communion (honoring graduates);10:00 a.m. coffee/fellowship

June 7-12 – 9:00-11:00 a.m. Preschool/Kindergarten VBS

June 7 – 10:00 a.m. Temperance Lake Ridge Worship

June 9 – 2:00 p.m. LWML meeting; 6:00 p.m. Planning Council

June 11 – Ringnell/Wedding Rehearsal (evening)

June 12 – Andrew Ringnell Wedding

June 13 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship; 10:00 a.m. coffee/fellowship

June 16 – 6:00 p.m. Midweek worship –Jeff (no communion)

June 20-27 – Pastor Wilson gone on vacation

June 20 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship; 10:00 a.m. coffee/fellowship

June 21 – 10:00 a.m. Temperance Lake Ridge Worship; 5:30-7:00 p.m. Ruby's Pantry

June 27 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship; 10:00 a.m. coffee/fellowship

(Planning Council Minutes Continued)

Board of Elders-Ryan Kahler

Sunday, May 23 there will be Sunday School at 9:15 and one Worship Service at 10:30—both at the Sherburn City Park. Those attending will be encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Jeff will put up sound system at the park. Summer schedule will begin Sunday, May 30 with one service at 9:00 a.m.

Board of Education-Cassy Roben

The plan is to have Sunday School participate in the service at the park May 23. Hopefully, members of the youth group will serve donuts and coffee at the park. Pastor will have a devotion for the Senior Banquet. One of our greeters has volunteered to help with the Children's' bulletin. The Board of Education will be meeting Monday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Youth Committee-Sheri Markquart—via cell phone

There are mandatory meetings set for the youth and their parents. They will be discussing the National Youth Gathering; get feedback from the parents as to what they want from the church for their kids and vice versa; and discuss a servant event. The Youth Advisory Board will meet Wednesday, May 5 @ 6:45 after church: Amanda Amborn, Steve and Molly Roben, Ryan and Chris Kahler, Robb Larson, Mandi Kosbob, Sheri Markquart, Pastor and Jeff. The Youth plan to hand out flowers to mothers at the church services on Mother's Day. So far \$375 has been raised for the Flamingo fundraiser project.

Board of Parish Services-No members present

Board of Stewardship-Marlene Stueven

Vanco-which enables online contributions to the church via credit card or automatic withdrawal or text will be available on the new website. There is also a plan to have short video on the website explaining this process and promoting contributions.

Board of Trustees-No members present

Vicar Jeff brought up that there is a fluorescent light "out" in the sanctuary. It needs to be replaced. And it was discussed to replace all the lights with LED, dimmable lights, Some switches would also need to be replaced.

Technology Committee-Sheri Markquart—via cell phone

4 televisions have been ordered for the Sunday School rooms for online learning. At this time there is not a schedule of people who work with slide preparation and streaming of the services. Hopefully this will be worked out during the summer months. The new website is almost ready to launch and convert from the present one. There will be many more options available to use on this new site. It was suggested that a tutorial could be set up for the Kingdom Builders Meeting.

Mary Peterson is recruiting people to start a Praise Band with instruments. There was much discussion regarding the technological needs for this to work well.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at approximately 7:00. Motion carried. Jeff closed with prayer and we joined with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
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June 6 "**Out of the Depths**"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

When our words fail us, we find God's word of promise in the words of Psalm 130. (Psalm 130)

June 13 "**Clearly Christian: Good**"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Many think they know what Christianity is all about, but Dr. Michael Zeigler asks, what if what they think it is, it isn't?

June 20 "**Clearly Christian: Spiritual**"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God is above all, but that doesn't mean material "stuff" is somehow beneath Him. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the unique nature of Christian spirituality. (Genesis 1:31)

June 27 "**Clearly Christian: Judgmental**"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler (Matthew 7:1-5)