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The View from Here

Why is the Resurrection So Important to Christians?



What a joy it was and IS to celebrate Easter again at St. John. I say it IS a joy, because we hear about the resurrection every Sunday, not just on Easter Sunday. We hear it every Sunday because it is so vital to the Christian faith every day, not even just every Sunday. The resurrection of Jesus makes all the difference in the world, not just for Christians, but for all people. And here's why: The Bible says that Jesus is the world's Savior, that He rose from the dead for all people, so that all people's sins could be forgiven. This resurrection teaching really goes to the heart of the Bible's message. Christians are just people who realize that Jesus is their Savior. The Bible's teaching about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is communicating about God at work for the world, for each one of us. And, the world teaches wrongly today that death is natural, that when we die, that's all there is!

The teaching about Jesus' literal resurrection is a foundational teaching about what it means to be human. We were meant to live with God, indeed, to live forever with God and with those we love. The reality of Jesus' resurrection is not just a truth of the faith, it's also an offer.

Jesus' resurrection is a reality that God wants for all people. The Bible says that Jesus, is the Firstfruits of all who believe ... the first One of many who put their faith in the resurrected One Who died for them. It is also an offer from God about our life with Him. Like Jesus said, "**Because I live, you will live also**" And He meant it.

The whole Christian faith really does hinge on whether Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus told His disciples several times that He would have to suffer, He would have to die, and that He would rise again. That shows the resurrection was clearly part of God's plan. So, the Bible is very clear that Jesus was crucified for our sins, and He was raised from the dead for our justification; our forgiveness before God the Father. In other words, no resurrection, no good news of the Gospel. Or, as Paul says in 1 Cor.

15, "If Christ had not been raised our faith is futile and we are still in our sins."

The Bible teaches that it really happened, Jesus rose. That teaching is so vital to our faith in Him. Think about those early believers, it meant everything that Jesus talked about, everything was true. So much of what He did seemed exactly the opposite of what they thought God should do for them. And here was God in the flesh saying He had to live, and die, and rise again so that they could be forgiven and

live forever with God by grace! Jesus is Who He says He is for you. He's alive forever, right here, right now; that changes how a person sees everything! Those first disciples who saw Him face to face were forever changed.

Think about the emotional rollercoaster they were on. Jesus' death had to crush them. I'm not sure we can even imagine their disappointment, their discouragement. Peter says to Jesus, "**Lord, we've left everything for you.**" On Good Friday, they lost Him. But all that changed because they had seen the Lord raised from the dead just as He said.

I think it's much the same for us too. If the resurrected Lord was for them, He is for us too and that means everything. Because He is alive, we can trust in His word. Because He is alive, our greatest enemies; sin, and death, and Satan himself have been overcome. Because He is alive, we can be confident that our future is secure in Him too. Jesus' resurrection means that we can be confident not only today but every day through faith in Him. He is the risen One Who is with us always and He's coming again to judge the living and the dead. Christ is risen ... He is risen indeed!

Pastor Winter

News on Bible Studies .

Sunday Morning Adults

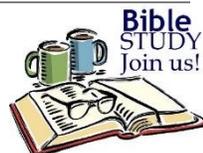
SMALL GROUP NEWS – The



Sunday 9:30 Small Group is continuing with **A Man Named Martin, Part 2 – The Moment.**

Here is a brief synopsis of what will be covered in this very short 3 session study ...

In *A Man Named Martin - Part 2: The Moment*, viewers will witness the interplay of personalities and events that led to the Protestant Reformation. From Luther's inner struggles of conscience and faith to his call for debate with the Pope to his scathing rebuke of erroneous church practice, this installment examines the semi-scriptural and oft-times unethical teachings and doctrines of the late Medieval Church and how Luther addressed them. From purgatory, penance, and indulgences to the treasury of merits of Christ, Masses for the dead, and the institution of the Papacy, Luther – and other like-minded reformers – had a



misinformation overload on their hands.

A cast of scholars and professional church workers share their expertise on the cultural and religious milieu in which Luther operated. A discussion guide, complete with numerous Internet links and helpful questions, assists viewers toward a deeper understanding of this critical period in the life of Christ's church on earth.

If you missed participating in this very interesting study on Thursday mornings, bring your coffee and join us.

PASTOR'S SUNDAY ADULT STUDY CONTINUES THIS SUMMER!!!! -

This entire Sunday School year we have spent time taking "*A Longer Look at the Lessons*", during the Adult Bible Study time at 11:00am.



What a joy it has been to spend time digging deeper into the scripture lessons of each week with you. I'm going to continue this study thru the summer and hope you'll continue to join me as we learn how much depth

there is to the beloved Word. See you Sundays in the **Luther Room at 11:00 - Bring a friend along you're your coffee!**

Ladies Bible Study Group:

Submitted by Monika Pfannes

It's time! We'll begin a new journey with "*The Girl's Still Got It – Take a Walk with*



Ruth and the God Who Rocked Her World" by Liz Curtis Higgs (author of *Bad Girls & Really Bad Girls*) on May 11 at 6:30pm. If you haven't joined us in the past – this would be a great time to jump in! This study includes a 10-20 min video segment, hosted by Liz Curtis Higgs, and then discussion. No homework – no commitment. Come when you can!

Housekeeping News You May Not Have Known–

Confidentiality Agreement

St. John has an agreement with Roscommon County AA that allows them to use our facility for meetings twice a week. Part of this agreement is that our congregational members keep confidential the names of the people using our facility. Please honor this agreement by never mentioning the names of people



you may have seen entering, attending, or exiting from one of their meetings. Also, please remind others of this agreement if you hear any of those names, or reference to these meetings being mentioned. Thank you for your cooperation.

News From the Branch –

Submitted by Glen Bromm-

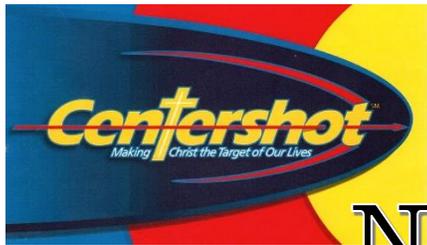
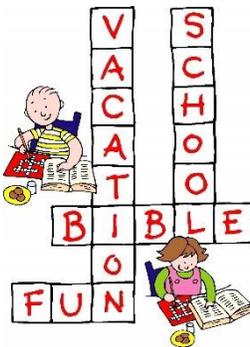
KIDZ CHURCH



There will be a planning meeting on **Monday, May 8, (7:30pm)** for our VBS program tentatively set for July 10-14. If you would like to help with this year's VBS, please join me

for this meeting. There are many different areas needing volunteers and we would love to have you lend your talents. If you have been looking for a way to serve please consider joining us in this ministry.

Yours in Christ
Glen Bromm



NEWS!

Submitted by Kaitlyne Warmack-

As part of our last Centershot session for this school year, we gave away a brand new Genesis Bow to one of our participants – **Ethan Palmerton!** Ethan was awarded the new bow because he met all of the following criteria during this session:



- attended 6 of the 8 Saturday sessions
- memorized & recited the 11 steps of archery
- memorized & recited the salvation poem
- memorized & recited John 3:16
- knew all the whistle commands
- completed all 8 flights in the workbook

We would like to congratulate Ethan on his achievement and all the other participants who made this such a great experience. There were several of you who were in the running for that bow and we hope you'll try again at our next session! We will be starting up our Fall Session on **Saturday, September 23, 2017**, focusing on Discipleship and then Stewardship, ending the weekend before Hunting Season begins. In the meantime don't forget ...

Brand New for Summer 2017!!!



Come join us for our
**Open Shoot
Summer Archery
Session**

Every age – Every level welcome to join!

When & Where
~Saturday morning - 9:30am-11:30am
~Artesia Youth Park (Centershot location)



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We are continuing to meet Saturday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30am for Open Shoot Saturdays. Anyone is welcome to come, even those new to archery. Instructors are there to help all levels of archers. Want to try your skills against other archers? – talk to an instructor! There are opportunities for us to participate in local competitions. As with all our sessions there is no financial commitment for our Open Shoot sessions. As an added bonus, this is a drop-in, come when you can activity. No sign-up necessary!

News From . . .

The Board of Directors

If you've peeked in the kitchen lately, or maybe on your journey to pick up a Sunday morning donut, you may have noticed that the 2 stoves purchased by the Board have been installed. The old unit was moved out, the new ones connected and then they were fired up in time for the Pancake Supper on Maundy Thursday!



The Outreach Team

Submitted by Barbara McIntyre

The Outreach Team will hold their next Community Meal **Weds, May 10** beginning at **5:00pm**. Please join us for a meal of Sloppy Joes, coleslaw, chips & dessert! This is such a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our community! If you can help support this ministry by making a dessert or cookies, please call Carolyn Wood (586-215-2820). Desserts can be dropped off that day.

Interested in becoming more involved in our Outreach efforts? Come find out what Outreach is all about, and our plans for the upcoming months at our next meeting **Weds., May 3, at 7:00pm**.



News From . . .

Submitted by Barbara McIntyre



Ladies Aid & LWML



The next Ladies Aid/LWML meeting is May 18. I know this is late in the month for us, but the Rummage Sale is taking place the first Thursday (our regular meeting date) and Curves is holding their Relay For Life Fashion Show on the following Thursday, May 11.

At our meeting, we are going to honor our mothers by sharing a memory. Everyone is encouraged to bring something to the meeting: an apron, cookbook, piece of jewelry, any item belonging to your mother, and then sharing a story with the group. Please join us for this tribute walk down memory lane. Our meeting starts at 1:00pm, but many of our ladies bring a

sack lunch at noon, sharing a time of fellowship before the meeting. Come join in! And don't forget ...

LADIES AID RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

Mark your calendars! Clean out your closets! Gather those unwanted, gently used items & donate them! Sale dates are: Thurs., May 4, 9am-3pm and Fri., May 5, 9am - 1pm

Please no torn or stained clothing.
Items can be brought to the church starting Monday, April 24.

ATTENTION BAKERS!

Baked goods are needed! So get out your pots & pans - fire up the oven and have at it! You can drop off your yummy creations on Wednesday, May 3rd. Bakery sales are a large part of the overall profit of the rummage sale. *Thanks for your help!*

News From the Synod for Today's Families -

The Downside

May 2017



Let's be honest. Being a Christian has it's perks. We get hope of eternal life, forgiveness of sins, the promise of salvation. It really doesn't get any better than that!

But then let's be honest again. Being a Christian does have a downside too. Rejection, persecution, suffering. Of course, all people living on this earth experience suffering - why should we and our families be any different?

Because, according to 1 Peter, the suffering of a Christian is different. When we suffer for the sake of the faith, it is ultimately for our good.

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. (1. Peter 2:19-21)

When we suffer for our faith, we are just following after Christ, who first suffered. And our children - they, too, suffer, following in our footsteps and Christ's.

While there's nothing worse than seeing your child suffer – and not being able to help – we also recognize that this Christian suffering produces all manner of good things. Elsewhere in Scripture, our Lord says:

We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Romans 5:3-5)

We want our children to endure, to have character and hope. But the way there is the way of the cross, following Christ. This is what we teach our children, that suffering is the normal way of life for the Christian. It is because of the knowledge of that reality that our families won't be taken by surprise when they're afflicted, especially because of the faith. If we teach our children to expect suffering, and to see that hand of God guiding them through it, we give them a precious gift.

This gift is important for all of life, whether your child is in preschool, high school, college, or their first job. Contrary to what the world – and even some other so-called Christians – teach, following Christ does not typically lead to riches and comfort in this life. He earlier we come to realize that truth, the better. So how do you teach this to your children?

- When disaster strikes, use it as an opportunity to talk about suffering and how God can work good even through the worst circumstances.
- Discuss persecution and what it means for a person to stand firm in the faith, even under pressure to deny what he or she believes.
- If your child is ever rejected or teased for his or her faith, encourage your child with a reminder of the Lord's promises of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

No one enjoys suffering, and most of us don't pray for it, but when it comes our way – and it will – we and our families will meet it head on.

Christ is our head, and what goes for Christ, goes for us. The suffering, yes, but especially the perks.

Author: Dcs. Jennifer L. Miller

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News From Lutheran Witness ...

Article from *The Lutheran Witness*, April 2017, written by Rev. Matthew Zickler, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Western Springs, IL.

Suffering in Easter

Dr. [Martin] Luther knew suffering well. In the midst of Easter joy, how does our Lord help us understand our own struggles in this life?



Right now we are observing the season of Easter and celebrating the resurrection of our Lord on the first Easter Sunday. We rejoice that our Lord, Jesus Christ, by His sacrifice for us on the cross and by His resurrection from the tomb, has won the victory over sin, death and the devil for us.

And yet we still have suffering in this life. Luther understood this, and in light of that understanding, he preached a sermon specifically on the topic in Coburg in 1530. Why would God afflict us in this way? Doesn't He love us? Doesn't He care for us?

Luther addresses this as well. First, "in this way [God] wants to make us conformed to the image of his dear Son, Christ, so that we may become like him here in suffering and there in that life to come in honor and glory."

Second, "even though God does not want to assault and torment us, the devil does, and he cannot abide the Word." The devil wants us to suffer because of God's Word, but God allows this suffering so that we learn that the Word is greater than the devil.

Third, Luther says, "it is also highly necessary that we suffer not only that God may prove his honor, power, and strength against the devil, but also in order that when we are not in trouble and suffering this excellent treasure which we have may not merely make us sleepy and secure." God gives suffering so that we always look to the treasure we have in Jesus and His eternal promises, which will be ours forever.

Lastly, Luther says, "Christian suffering is nobler and precious above all other human suffering because, since Christ himself suffered, he also hallowed the suffering of all his Christians." When Christians suffer, it is a suffering Christ Himself has made holy for them. And not only has Christ made our suffering holy, but there is also special hope: that this work conforms us to the image of Jesus. This work points to God's own words and promises to us that He will overcome the world and the evil one. He is the God who proved His

love and sent His Son to die for us. If He has done this, will He not certainly in His love do what is best for us in all things? He will! This is our comfort in all suffering.

News From . . .

The Church Office

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Friday: 9:00am – 12:00pm

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Don't forget to join us for Fellowship Between Sunday morning services!

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed
Please sign up in the Kitchen



News From . . .

One of Your Fellow Members
Share Group Opportunities

Last month we shared that Todd & Cindy Jones would like to start one or more share groups for members of St. John. A Share Group is a small Bible study group made of six or more individuals, or couples, who get together regularly (2 or more times per month) to study God's Word, study how it relates to current events, share in prayer needs and

fellowship with one another. These groups often get involved in special church needs and outreach to their community. These groups will be using Share Group materials available from The LCMS, Lutheran Hour Ministries and other sources providing Christian topics. If you are interested in being part of, or joining a Share Group, please fill out the form found in last month's newsletter or contact the church office. Groups will be formed based on the information provided. If you have any questions, please call Todd (863.255.6691) or Cindy (863.255.6692).

May Coming Attractions....

Save the Date....

(Times can be found on the Calendar)



- May 02 – Rummage Sale Set Up
- May 03 – Outreach Meeting
- May 04 & 05 – Rummage & Bake Sale
- May 04 – Elders Meeting
- May 06 – LWML Timberline Zone Rally
- May 07 – Confirmation Day
- May 08 – Red Cross Blood Drive
- May 08 – VBS Meeting
- May 09 – Party Volunteers Meeting
- May 10 – Community Meal
- May 10 – Board of Directors Meeting
- May 11 – Relay for Life Fashion Show
- May 11 – Ladies Bible Study
- May 14 – Mother's Day
- May 18 – Ladies Aid/LWML
- May 19 – May Newsletter Deadline
- May 20 – Pedersen/Manifold Wedding
- May 22 – Interim Information Meeting
- May 23 – Pastors' Winkel - Harrison
- May 25 – Ladies Bible Study
- May 27 – Summer Worship Schedule begins
- May 29 – Memorial Day – Office Closed

News From the Airwaves -

You can find them on your dial ...

Lutheran Hour Ministries broadcasts out of the following stations:



Station	City, State	Freq/Band	Day, Time
WSAM	Saginaw	1400 AM	Sun 8:30a
WFCX	Traverse City	94.3 FM	Sun 7am
WFDX	Traverse City	92.5 FM	Sun 7am

you can also listen online at: www.lutheranhour.org

News From the Web –

A Holy Experience is authored by Ann Voskamp
(www.aholyexperience.com).

This coming fall the Ladies Thursday Night Bible Study Group will be opening the pages of Ann Voskamp's "The Broken Way." Below is a blog based on this book

DEAR YOU WHO FEELS WOUNDED

Dear Thriver,

I once held a bird in my hand.



No one else could see it, but I felt it. I felt it's heart thumping hard and afraid.

It happens - there are ways to look fine on the outside... and no one knows what you've really survived.

But honestly? You didn't just survive, so let's toss that myth right at the outset.

The way you keep walking? You may be wounded. You may be hurting. You may be limping. You may feel alone and overwhelmed and an unspoken broken - but **you're no victim. And you're not just a survivor. You're a Thriver.**

You may bleed but you rise.

Yeah, it may not feel like it - but you are seen ... how you just keep keeping your chin up and living brave through the hurt and how you keep taking one step out of bed and another step through the door - and how you keep scaling mountains by relentlessly taking steps *forward*.

But I wanted you to know - your wounds are seen and *it's okay*.

Not that you badge-flash your scars or anything.

Or try to hid them, ashamed.

It's just sometimes I see a passing flicker in your eyes, old pain shooting white right though.

But mostly, quietly, **the scars just become you, who you are - they just become the way your skin pulls mottled and raised over your soul and this is how you fit.**

How you can looked healed and thickened and



still feel so thin? Yeah, I know.

If someone brushed by you just a certain way? You'd blue tender and sore all over again or just spill without a sound.

Inside, the warrior is small.

The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.

I just - I just wanted to reach out and - just touch, glance, your wounds. You don't have to say anything. Explain anything, excuse anything. I just wanted to touch them - *you* - acknowledge them. *You*. Bless them, you, without a sound.

I just wanted to whisper your way: **Wounded Warriors win. There is no remission of sins or the crossing of finish lines without things getting bloody.**

You are so brave to keep facing the light. To keep facing the light. To keep walking toward Home.

The Scarred Savior will know you're His - by your own scars.

And when He cups your face, that moment when His scars touch your skin? *You'll be wholly healed.*

Hang on. Press in. Look up.

Can I just whisper? I know you must feel like people, the Church, have wanted you to go away. Sweep your scars under the proverbial rug. *Erase you, avoid you, silence you.*



Because it's too uncomfortable for us, the neighbors, the church, the Body, to face our own culpability in scars. Face our own fallen disfigurement. *Pollyanna wasn't the only one who wore rose-colored glasses.* Few like to admit that we come from a long line of Roman soldiers who have crucified our own.

I know and I'm sorry - When it comes to the bloodied and wounded, we suddenly all lose our thin, bare necks and become turtles, shirk back into our see-nothing shells.

Sometimes the church doesn't want to know details or listen to wounds weep or wade into the bloody mess. ***Christ is the Truth - but too many of His people run from the Truth.***

If Christ is The Truth - then where there isn't Truth, there isn't Christ. *Why ever be afraid of the Truth? You only need fear the Truth of anything - if you think Christ isn't capable of redeeming everything.*

If we believe in the sovereign grace of God, the redemptive restoration of God - *then we are never afraid of the Truth.*

And maybe our deafening silence sometimes in the Body, in the Church, is just this: **Truth necessitates confrontation - and a whole lot of us are more chicken than Christian.** Sometimes, we'd rather save our own skin, than the skin of the bruised and battered and beaten. *We can be more in love with self-preservation than with Savior-glorification.*

Sometimes ... sometimes, as communities, families, churches: **We'd rather make pain invisible than say injustice is intolerable - so the injustice continues.**

So we pretend you, the wounded, don't exist, so we can pretend the sin that caused this wound doesn't exit - because ultimately, our actions prove it: *we don't really think the Wounded Healer exists.*

We act like we forget: That God can raise up phoenixes from ashes - that *this. is. what. He. does.*

And that which we refuse to thank Christ for - we refuse to believe Christ can redeem.

Wounded One? Thriver? You gotta believe - there's a whole lot of us who believe. A whole lot of us who are getting to our feet and sticking out our necks and we want you to know: *we want you.* You, not masked ... you, not prettified, but you with your messy scars and your tender blue places and all that just-below-the-skin-hurt.



Because when we ignore suffering - we ignore the Suffering Savior.

We need you. We needed the wounded, we needed the limping, we needed the hurting, we needed the broken and messy - you are us. We need to cup your tears, to water hard and brusted places, *or there's no growth in the Kingdom of God.*

We need your raw story - or we lose any hope of the redemptive Story. We need to hold your broken heart - or we have no heart.

I.am.sorry.

I am sorry for how alone you have felt. *How abandoned, how ignored.*

We need you - It is the scarred ones who make the Body of Christ sensitive.

It is the wounded ones who make us heal.

And it is the hurting ones who make us honest and it is the broken ones who put us back together again and *it is the scarred ones who make the Body of Christ sensitive.*

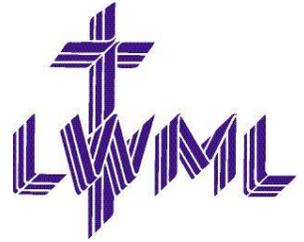


Once, yeah, we found a trapped and wounded bird.

And when we simply cupped it close and listened to it's heart - it turned toward the light and flew.



A very Happy Mother's Day



LADIES AID/LWML MEETING – APRIL 6, 2017

Meeting called to order at 1:00 P.M. Hymn for the day was “Christ the Eternal Lord” and Pastor gave his devotion based on John 6:61-69.

Roll call was taken with 15 members present.

Minutes for March were accepted as presented.

Thank you to Eleanor Rabideau for our luncheon dessert today. Dessert in May will be provided by Barb McIntyre and Ruth Serniuk.

Treasurer’s report shows a beginning balance of \$4968.64, income of .08, ending balance \$4968.72. CEF \$3,213.94. Petty cash \$2.70.

Happy April birthdays to Kathy Ketelhut, Denise Reda, Aileen Singbiel and Sonja Springer.

Sonja Springer gave us an informational presentation about the Keyrx Prison Ministry which is a lay led, non-profit, non-denominational, Christian based prison ministry whose purpose is the Christianization of the correctional institution.

Mother’s Day is May 14. It was suggested that we think of something our mom’s have done or something they have said in the past that we would like to share at our next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Rummage/Bake Sale - Set-up will be Tuesday, May 2, beginning at 9:00 A.M. Sale days will be Thursday, May 4, from

9:00 A.M – 3:00 P.M. and Friday, May 5 from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

Junior Confirmation – will be held on Sunday, May 7. A motion was made by Kathy Ketelhut and seconded by Sonja Springer to purchase two dozen carnations for the confirmands and to purchase Easter flowers for our shut-in’s. Motion passed.

LWML

Quilting – will be held on Thursday, April 20.

Coffee Hour Bakers – Thank you to bakers for March – Arlene Shull, Aileen Singbiel, Erma Stevens, and Sylvia Tumath.

Coffee Hour Bakers – for Sunday, April 23, will be Carol Andrews, Erma Stevens and Sylvia Tumath.

Personal Care Kits – for Lutheran World Relief are still in need of light weight blankets.

Spring Rally – Saturday, May 6 in Oscoda. Speaker will be Barbara Hoffmeier.

National LWML Convention – will be held from June 22 – 25 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Fall Retreat – at Bambi Lake, Roscommon, will be held on September 16. Cost is \$16.

Fall Rally – will be held on October 5 in Hale, MI.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11. Please come to enjoy fellowship and your sack lunch, with dessert provided, between 12:00 – 1:00 P.M. and meeting beginning 1t 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Andrews

Carol Andrews

Minutes subject to approval

**St. John Lutheran Church Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2017**

Members Present:	President – Jim Mueller Vice-President – Jeff Krentz Treasurer – Erma Stevens Secretary – Jane Radulski Board of Christian Education – Glen Bromm Board of Elders – Peter Daellenbach Board of Evangelism – Barb McIntyre Board of Stewardship – Jim French Board of Social Welfare – Paul Reda Board of Trustees – Marlin Shull Spiritual Leadership – Pastor Winter	Absent:
	Guests: Monika Pfannes	

President Jim Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pastor Winter opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Erma Stevens, second by Paul Reda, to accept the minutes of the March 14th Special Meeting as presented. Motion carried. A motion was made by Glen Bromm, second by Jeff Krentz, to accept the minutes of the March 8th board meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – A motion was made by Jeff Krentz, second by Barb McIntyre to accept the previous month's Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

Board of Christian Education: A planning meeting for VBS was held and a second meeting will be held on May 9. The curriculum has been selected. Due to scheduling conflicts of volunteers, the second week of July (July 10-14) has been tentatively selected. This will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Board of Elders: The elders approved three applicants for membership: Garrett & Christine Joles (with children Hudson, Reece and Cooper) and Kathy Ruttkofsky.

Board of Evangelism: Barb McIntyre reported that an Outreach Team meeting will be held on May 3 to plan events for the rest of 2017. They will hold another Community Meal on Wednesday, May 10.

Board of Stewardship: The new budget is ready for distribution to the congregation and will be voted on at the annual meeting in June.

Board of Social Welfare: Paul Reda received two requests for gas money, and one request for assistance with a generator & food money when a tree took out the person's electric service. These requests were handled through the proper channels.

Board of Trustees: The new washing machine in the parsonage is running well and the tenant is happy. The two new stoves have been installed in the kitchen and those who have used them are also pleased. The vent is working well at this time.

Pastor Winter: See New Business

Old Business:

- *Investment* – The CD (Certificate of Deposit) that had come due has been cashed in. A lengthy discussion was held concerning reinvestment of the money withdrawn. A motion was made by Glen Bromm, second by Jim French, to invest \$50,000 with CEF (Church Extension Fund) in a 1-year Fixed Rate note. Motion carried.

- *Washing Machine Repair* – Hometown Heating & Cooling, the company who gave us the estimate for repairing the old washing, is telling us (via e-mail) that we owe them \$65 for a service call plus money for work performed. No work was done beyond making the estimate. Monika has repeatedly told them that we need a bill on company letterhead to pay for the estimate; however, Hometown says that are a “no-bill” company and that they do not send out bills. We will again tell them that we will pay the \$65 estimate fee WHEN we receive a bill for that amount. No further payment will be made.
- *Parsonage* – A driver on M-55 ran up the curb of the parsonage and did some lawn damage. Even though the license plate number was obtained, it is an illegal plate and the driver cannot be traced. An accident report will be filed with the Denton Township Police Department for future reference.
- *Church Cleaning* – An inside cleaning of the church and basement will take place on April 26. Items can be given away or placed in the Rummage Sale set for May 4th & 5th.

New Business:

- *Deacon-in-Training* – Glen Bromm would like permission from the BOD to check into sponsoring two of the children in the Teen Bible Class and their parents on a trip to the Creation Museum. He was asked to investigate the costs involved and report back to the BOD.
- *Election of New BOD Members* – Jeff Krentz, as Vice-President, will be making up a ballot of eligible candidates for re-election. At this time there are 5 members whose terms of office will expire in June.
- *Pastor’s Report* – Pastor Morrison has resigned as Circuit Counselor and Pastor Winter will be taking over as the Circuit Visitor. A special meeting with The Rev. Dr. Richard Wolfram to discuss our up-coming vacancy and Intentional Interim Minister with the BOD could be set for May 22, 25, or June 14. Pastor will find out which date works for Pastor Wolfram.

Glen Bromm is eligible to attend a Deacon’s Conference at Camp Arcadia in September. Pastor would like the Board to use money normally set aside for him to pay for Glen to attend, including travel expenses. A motion was made by Peter Daellenbach, second by Jeff Krentz, to pay \$300-\$400 for Glen to attend. Motion carried.

Correspondence: A thank you note was sent to Darren Radulski of ABC Warehouse for his help in procuring the washing machine and stoves at a substantial savings to the church.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm following the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Radulski

Minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting.

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SALARIES

	<u>Mar 2017</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pastor's Salary	\$ 4,540.00	\$ 40,854.00	\$ 54,474.00
Pastor's Housing Subsidy	600.00	5,400.00	\$ 7,200.00
Pastor's Retirement & Ins.	2,431.96	21,506.89	\$ 29,382.00
Pastor's Social Security	2,083.00	6,251.00	\$ 8,334.00
Car Displacement	400.00	3,600.00	\$ 4,800.00
Car Expense	63.98	701.30	\$ 2,000.00
Employees Social Security	-	1,700.44	\$ 3,050.00
Organists	664.92	4,295.52	\$ 7,500.00
Secretary	1,004.17	11,746.80	\$ 15,450.00
Custodian	540.79	6,650.60	\$ 8,975.00
Guest Preachers	-	-	\$ 1,000.00
Total Salaries	\$ 12,328.82	\$ 102,706.55	\$ 142,165.00

PROPERTY

New Property Expense/Improvement	\$ 22.59	\$ 455.40	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment Purchases	2,311.20	3,886.19	\$ 3,000.00
Supplies Lawn & Repairs & Snow plowing	215.45	5,380.36	\$ 7,000.00
Electricity	407.01	4,155.55	\$ 5,500.00
Telephone	318.08	1,432.46	\$ 2,200.00
Fuel-DTE Gas	216.00	1,944.00	\$ 4,750.00
Sewer Usage	-	594.00	\$ 800.00
Disposal	95.81	779.99	\$ 1,050.00
Insurance	-	4,268.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total Property	\$ 3,586.14	\$ 22,895.95	\$ 30,300.00

Charities

Synod's Work	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 9,600.00
T.I.M. (Pastor Mahlburg)	-	1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Lutheran Home & Family Services	-	-	\$ 500.00
Social Welfare	-	126.91	\$ 1,000.00
Community Fund	-	-	\$ 200.00
Lutheran World Relief	-	500.00	\$ 500.00
Katie Conference Endowment Fund	-	200.00	\$ 200.00
Local Charities	-	-	\$ 500.00
Lutheran Hour Ministries	-	500.00	\$ 500.00
Sowers Fund	-	-	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous Charities	-	50.00	\$ 500.00
Veterans of the Cross	-	-	\$ 500.00
L.A.M.P.	-	-	\$ 500.00
Children's Assessment Center	-	-	\$ 500.00
Lutherans for Life	-	500.00	\$ 500.00
Total Charities	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 10,576.91	\$ 19,000.00

Special Projects

Major Repairs	0	0	\$ 2,000.00
Total Special Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00

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CHURCH SUPPLIES

	<u>Mar 2017</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Bulletins & Worship Aids	\$ 729.70	\$ 4,034.04	\$ 4,800.00
Altar Guild	78.00	1,153.30	2,000.00
Postage	6.59	442.55	750.00
Office Supplies	1,127.24	10,228.91	12,500.00
Portals of Prayer	216.00	648.00	900.00
Confirmation Materials	332.29	552.29	600.00
Sunday School & VBS	226.07	613.95	3,000.00
Puppet Ministry	-	146.86	500.00
Praise Team	-	-	600.00
Total Church Supplies	\$ 2,715.89	\$ 17,819.90	\$ 25,650.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Conferences	\$ 199.00	\$ 1,095.17	\$ 2,000.00
Evangelism	61.20	845.83	1,000.00
Outreach	76.74	1,043.41	1,000.00
Centershot Ministries	984.00	1,074.05	1,000.00
Coffee & Donuts	143.82	1,391.32	2,400.00
Other Miscellaneous	219.11	2,975.14	4,500.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 1,683.87	\$ 8,424.92	\$ 11,900.00

TOTALS - MONTH / YEAR TO DATE / BUDGET

\$ 21,914.72	\$ 162,424.23	\$ 231,015.00
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INCOME SUMMARY

Worship Services	\$ 17,148.14	\$ 149,970.70	Income / Expense Comparison Current Month \$4,627.55 Year To Date \$10,076.69
Coffee & Donuts	138.69	1,438.41	
Interest	0.34	3.62	
Donations	-	865.00	
Miscellaneous	-	69.81	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 17,287.17	\$ 152,347.54	

CHECKING ACCOUNT

	<u>Previous Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General Fund	\$ 15,138.28	\$ 17,287.17	\$ 21,914.72	\$ 10,510.73

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General Fund Savings	\$ 47,336.56	\$ -	\$ 128,854.29
Teddy Bear Fund	0.22	-	2,880.06
Improvement Fund	36.52	-	6,904.59
Memorial Fund	0.60	-	8,038.67
Univ/Sem Ed Fund	0.25	-	3,286.53
Youth Fund	2.72	-	5,043.47
Bell Choir Fund	0.18	-	2,311.85
Flower Fund	30.02	-	269.35
Parsonage	1,421.17	426.97	22,052.12
School Bldg. Fund	0.15	-	1,999.20
Thrivent Choice Funds	0.38	-	5,015.23
Choir Fund	0.04	-	552.14
Kidz Church/VBS	2.01	-	159.86
Together In Mission (T.I.M.)	75.14	-	1,943.86
Praise Team Fund	0.01	-	180.32
Centershot Ministries	88.06	-	841.82
Outreach Team	30.56	-	859.09
Building Fund	0.46	-	6,030.62

Church Extension Fund-Dedicated Fund Balance	\$ 1,417.30
Church Extension Fund-One Year Fixed Rate Note	\$ 16,432.91
Church Extension Fund-One Year Fixed Rate Note	\$ 23,835.15
CEF 24 Month Step-up Note	Cashed In
Credit Union Savings Account	\$ 2,113.02
2 Year Fixed Rate Note	\$ 49,296.73

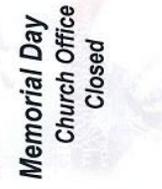
2017 Birthdays & Anniversaries

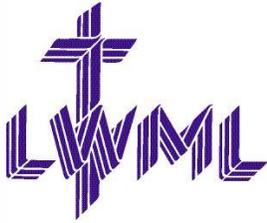


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 James Leedy	2 Ethan Britton Ron & Laura Johnson - 47 yrs	3 Justin & Melissa Akers - 14 yrs	4 Jim Previch Don & Sandy Tallman - 38 yrs	5 Pam Champeau Bob Jacoby	6
7 Ron Hnizda	8	9 Louise Ticknor	10	11	12	13
14 James Gall	15 Ashley Boals Frank Granica Robert Jenkins Christine Pontillo	16	17	18 Carol Blanchard	19	20 Pat Polens Clarence & Donna Michela - 68 yrs
21 Nancy Normile	22 Matt & Brigitte Doehring - 18 yrs	23 Pamela Joles	24 Bianca Mueller	25	26 Dee Bromm	27 Delores Boik Gerry Martindale Louise Nagy Jeff & Anita Faust - 39 yrs
28	29 Rich Kukuk Helen Miller Don Tallman	30	31 Pat Sawulski			

May 2017

Events & Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<p>Confirmation Day (9:30) "Dying for Sheep" 8:00 - Blended Service 9:30 - Divine Srv w/Communion A Confirmation Brunch will be serviced after service.</p>	<p>9:00 - RUMMAGE SALE SET UP! 10:00 - AA</p>	<p>9:00 - Trustees 7:00 Outreach Mtg</p>	<p>4:45 - TOPS 6:00 - Praise Team 7:00 - Elders</p>	<p>RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE</p>	<p>10:00 - AA LWML Timberline Zone Spring Rally 9:00 - 3:30 at Trinity Lutheran - Oscoda</p>	
<p>7 Confirmation Day (9:30) "Dying for Sheep" 8:00 - Blended Service 9:30 - Divine Srv w/Communion A Confirmation Brunch will be serviced after service.</p>	<p>8 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 7:30 - VBS Mtg</p> 	<p>9 10:00 - AA 7:00 - Retirement Party Volunteers Information</p>	<p>10 9:00 - Trustees 5:00 Community Meal 7:00 Board of Directors Meeting</p>	<p>11 10:00 - 4:00 Curves Relay for Life Fashion Show 4:45 - TOPS 6:30 - Ruth - The Girl's Still Got It</p> 	<p>12 10:00 - AA</p>	<p>13 10:00 - AA</p>
<p>14 Speaker: Glen Bromm, Deacon-In-Training 8:00 - Blended with Communion 9:30 - Divine Service Mother's Day</p>	<p>15 Tentative Sanctuary & Edu Wing Reserved for Student Auditions 12:30 - 9:30pm</p>	<p>16 10:00 - AA</p>	<p>17 9:00 - Trustees</p>	<p>18 12:00 Ladies Aid / LWML 4:45 - TOPS 6:00 - Praise Team</p>	<p>19 Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>20 10:00 - AA Pedersen/Manifold Wedding</p>
<p>21 "A Joyful Jesus" 8:00 - Blended Service 9:30 - Divine Srv w/Communion</p>	<p>22 Tentative Sanctuary & Edu Wing Reserved for Student Auditions 12:30 - 9:30pm 5:00pm - Interim Information Meeting with Rev. Wolfram</p>	<p>23 9:00 - Winkel - Harrison 10:00 - AA</p>	<p>24 9:00 - Trustees</p>	<p>25 4:45 - TOPS 6:30 - Ruth - The Girl's Still Got It</p>	<p>26 Summer Schedule Begins!</p>	<p>27 10:00 - AA 7:00 Blended with Communion (Sanctuary)</p>
<p>28 "Remembering" 8:00 - Blended with Communion 9:30 - Divine Service</p>	<p>29 Memorial Day Church Office Closed</p> 	<p>30 10:00 - AA</p>	<p>31 9:00 - Trustees</p>	<p>ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS MEETING! The Annual Voter's Meeting will be held Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 11:00 am. Service Schedule: Sat., June 3, - 7:00 at the Garden Sun. - June 4, ONE Service only at 9:30 with Communion</p>		



TIMBERLINE SPRING RALLY

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

5625 N. US 23

989-739-9292

REGISTRATION/COFFEE: 9-10:00AM

RALLY: 10:00-3:30PM

SPEAKER:

BARBARA HOFFMEIER

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

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MONETARY DONATIONS

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