



The Eagle

**St. John
Lutheran Church**

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SUNDAY .. JUNE 3 .. 11:00am



The Annual Congregational & Voter's Meeting will be held the first Sunday in June. The agenda includes voting on the 2018-2019 Church Budget and new board members. Per the Church Constitution - only those members present at the meeting will be able to vote. We will also be filling out the Intentional Interim Program Survey regarding the kind of new Pastor we desire and the direction St. John wishes to be led. The results will be included in the self-study.

Please plan on attending this very important meeting. A Breakfast Brunch will be served immediately following the meeting.

...⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:5)



Dear brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus.

You probably know how this sentence ends: The best defense is _____

_____ (a good offense). In sports, this is true. But it is also true in our spiritual lives. The best defense against the attacks of the devil is to use the spiritual weapon which God has given us, the "sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God" (Ephesians 6:17), and to apply that Word of God to the day to day temptations and troubles that we face.

Jesus talked about the same strategy, a good offense, when He was teaching His disciples and said, "I will build My Church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." (Matthew 18:16). Jesus intention is not that His followers barricade themselves within safe walls and wait for the devil to attack, but to storm the very gates of hell with a weapon more powerful than anything the devil has in his arsenal, the Word of God.

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We are assured of this victory because Jesus, our Lord and Master, won it for us when He gave His life on the cross for us and triumphed over death. We are “more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” (Romans 8:37).

Let me share with you here a paragraph from St. John Lutheran Church’s Constitution, which, I believe, describes the Biblical strategy that we can follow in being God’s Church:

“ARTICLE III – Purpose

The purpose of this gathering of believers is to glorify and praise God, strengthen and support fellow members, and to reach a lost world with the Good News of Jesus Christ so that more can be saved. We shall be compelled by the love of God towards these endeavors as He works in us through the Word and Sacraments.”

Now, let me ask that good Lutheran question, “What does this mean?” It means that as individuals, we don’t have to be ashamed to call ourselves followers of Jesus Christ. In many ways, our Christian faith is under attack. The values and vision which the Word of God sets before us are being challenged by our culture. We do not respond to these attacks with swords or guns, but the Word of God, the truth about the Father, our Creator, the Son, our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, our Guide and our Guard. Jesus’ victory means that we live our lives in confident hope, confessing His Name and speaking His truth in love.

It means, for our Church, that we also can “go on the offensive” with the Word of God and the Sacraments, which are the tools that He gives us to bring His forgiveness and grace to a fallen world.

I would like to suggest that you prayerfully consider this statement of purpose and how our Lord wants you to be involved in carrying out the objectives that it describes. I also commend it to you thoughts during this time of interim, as you prepare to call a Pastor to be your spiritual leader.

I would hope that, in the weeks ahead, we can re-examine our beliefs and values and, armed with God’s Word, “go on the offensive”, bringing the Word of God and the love of Christ to those around us. Remember, we can’t lose!

The final victory is ours in Christ. It’s His Church, and He said He would build it in such a way that the very gates of hell would not prevail against it. Through His Word and Sacrament, He is building and shaping us together to be a “spiritual house to offer sacrifices acceptable to God.”

May God’s Holy Spirit unite us as His people so that we can be a mighty army to storm the gates of hell!

Sincerely, in Jesus,

Pastor Ted Voll



Woship Schedule

8:00 - Blended
9:30 - Divine
9:45 - Kidz Church
Fellowship -Coffee &
Donuts after services!

Intentional Interim Ministry

Program –

Submitted by Pastor Voll

Another Important Survey!

As part of the interim process, another survey will be coming beginning **June 3**. Following our single worship service, and before the Congregational assembly, all worshippers will have the opportunity to fill out a survey regarding the kind of new Pastor the Congregation desires and the direction you wish to be led. This survey will also be available after worship services on June 10 & 17. You may also come by the Church Office during office hours (8:00am – Noon) June 4 – 15 to complete the survey. The survey is anonymous, must be completed at the church and may not be taken home. The results of the survey will be included in the self-study and will be shared at another Congregation Event meeting later this year.



Thursday Morning Bible Study - Pastor



Voll has begun a new topical study of the “Book of Revelation”.

This group will continue to meet weekly on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall throughout the summer. Copies of the study booklet are available from Pastor Ted Voll. You are welcome!

Ladies Bible Study Group - The Thursday



Night Ladies Bible Study Group has an open invitation to all ladies of St. John - if you haven't joined us already, please consider attending our Thursday night study. We'd love to get to know all our Sisters-in-Christ better!

Correction ...

Last month we printed a beautifully written article on our library which paid tribute to its caretaker of many years, Mona Preovich. Due to an oversight on my part entirely, I missed including the correct credit line. The article was written by Gloria Owaski who has agreed to continue the role of librarian to our congregation and its library. Gloria has been working on updating and organizing the shelves of books in our library as well as incorporating new books being received.



In her words, "The library is for your use. See what books are there. Choose one (or more), sign it out, and return it when you are finished. The use of the library is intended to be easy and friendly. Visit it between services on Sunday or during the week when the doors are open. Grab a book and run!"



~Monika Pfannes

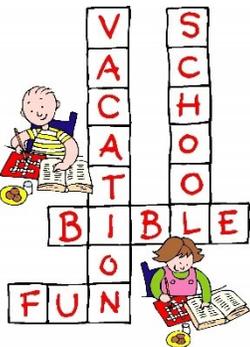
Education Corner -

Submitted by Mike Michaelson-

**KIDZ CHURCH
SPLASH CANYON VBS
is only 3 weeks away!**



In order to make this year a success we are still in need of volunteers in several areas. Volunteers do not need to commit to every day or every hour of the VBS schedule. The more volunteers we have, the easier we'll be able to rotate people in and out of different areas. Please prayerfully considering filling one of the areas



listed below:

- Registration Table: 2-3 people
- Teachers: 4
- Teacher Helpers: 1 for each class
- Crafts: 5
- Snacks: 2-3
- Games: 2-3
- Floaters: 2-3



We are in need of the following items to create our 4-Station Team Water Rapids Race:

- 4 - 10 foot sections of rain gutter (this is the track)
- 2 Saw Horses
- 1 tube of "Gutter Caulk" or Silicone Aquarium Sealant (to keep the water in)
- 4 life jackets (suitable for children)
- 4 large serving spoons (to create rapids)

Dates have been scheduled to complete the necessary tasks to make this year's VBS enjoyable for both staff and students:

- June 4: Prop Night with Pizza
- June 12: Organization Meeting, Pizza, Final Prop Night, and did we mention: Pizza?
- June 18-22: VBS Week! 9am - Noon
- June 24: During the 9:30 service, VBS recap with song and a Hot Dog Social following service.

Please contact Mike Michaelson (517-290-1241) or Louise Nagy (989-389-7708) if you can help or if you have any questions.

Yours in Christ, Coach Mike!

For Today's Families -

Who Are You to Judge?



June 2018

Of all the popular biblical themes that Christians and non-Christians alike love to quote, there is one in particular that stands out: "Judge not, lest you be judged." Have you heard folks toss this casually into many a conversation? I sure have.

It sounds noble, of course. And, hey, it's in the Bible! Luke 6:37 really does say,

Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven.

That settles it, right? Jesus says not to judge, so we dare not utter a negative thought about someone's lifestyle choice or pet sin. In fact, we shouldn't even *think* anything but warm fuzzies about someone's choices. Better to let God sort that out. Even within our families, it's difficult to speak out against our children's sin (or our sister's, brother's, parent's ... you get the picture).

However, the truth is, we've got it all wrong. If we take a look at the context in Luke 6, we can clearly see what God is calling us to do: He's calling us to speak the truth in love. Just as Christ did throughout His entire ministry and beyond.

You see, Jesus had to contend with the Jews, who were busy making decisions about who was in and who was out, who was part of the kingdom and who was not. "Judge not" isn't a warning or command against speaking to our brother or sister who is caught in sin; rather, it is a warning against declaring a person condemned to hell for that sin. "Judge not" refers to judging someone's salvation, not judging the precarious situation in which they put themselves through their sin.

From one sinner to another, we are to speak the truth in love to our neighbor. We show true concern and compassion to our family, friends, and other loved ones when we refuse to turn a blind eye to their blatant sin. It's about pulling them back from the fire, saying, "Careful! That's hot!" It may not be popular, but caring for our neighbor in this way – and especially caring for our children in this way – is the most loving thing we can do.

As parents or grandparents, we also don't want to allow our children or grandchildren to fall back on the "Don't judge me!" mantra. We know better. Sometimes, it's simply our job to judge that behavior, guide them toward better choices, and even share with them the stark reality of what could happen if they continue down that path. When we love someone, we hesitate to let them misuse that phrase, to use it to justify themselves or excuse their sin.

So now that we have a handle on the true meaning of "don't judge," how can we move forward to speak the truth in love?

1. Prepare yourself – it's definitely not the path of least resistance to share your concern with someone.

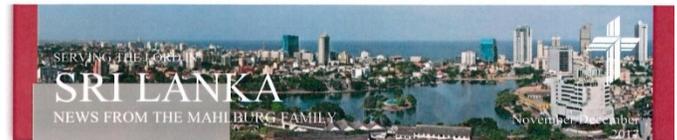
2. Understand that there may be pushback – and sometimes it simply takes time for a person to hear your concern.
3. Be sure to speak the truth *in love* – not by mocking or demeaning. Choose your words carefully.
4. Know that if your words are taken as condemnation, he or she may also condemn your effort. Take heart.
5. Above all, pray for your loved one and pray also that God would use you to gently and lovingly bring His truth to bear on his or her life.

Author: Dcs. Jennifer L. Miller

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Praying for those in Mission

St. John Lutheran Church supports various Missionaries around the world. As newsletters are received from them we will pass them along.



The Mahlburg Family – currently serving in Sri Lanka.



Note from the Office – we have been asked to not publish specific information pertaining to those serving under Global Lutheran Outreach online. If you would like a copy of newsletters received from either the Heiney Family or the Talsmas, please let the church office know and a copy will be placed in your church mailbox. Thank you

The Heiney's - serving in Africa through Global Lutheran Outreach

The Talsmas - also serving in Africa through Global Lutheran Outreach



The Naumans - serving in Lac Brochet, Manitoba, Canada through LAMP



The Orozco Family - Latino Mission Society currently in St. Johns, Michigan

And also for all who are serving in the military!

Other Church News...

2018 ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY DATES – We've



completed our first pick-up of trash for the year with only one rainout date! Thank you to everyone who comes out to gather the trash. We'll be announcing dates for the Fall Pick-up later this summer.

-Bob Collison & Pastor Bill, *The Trash Guys*

CPR TRAINING- The CPR Trainer from Denton

Township was unable to make the scheduled CPR Training class originally scheduled for Saturday, May 19. Jeff Krentz is working with Denton Township to set up a new date. We'd like to encourage all Elders & Ushers to consider attending the workshop and learning how to use this valuable piece of equipment in the event of an emergency.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE –

Hurray! It's Summer! We have begun our Summer Worship Schedule! We are now including a Saturday evening worship service in our weekly schedule. The **first garden service will be held June 16** with a Strawberry Social following service hosted by the Outreach Team.



Not sure when to head out to the Pavilion and when to worship in the sanctuary with communion? Saturday services will alternate and follow the 8:00 Blended Communion Schedule. As we have done in past years, when communion is served at the 8:00am Sunday service (2nd & 4th Sundays of the month), Saturday evening service will also receive communion and be held in the sanctuary. The remaining Saturdays (1st & 3rd) will be held out at the Pavilion.

The Praise Team is ready and the Pavilion is waiting. If you've never attended one of these outside services, you are in for a treat as we lift hearts and voices to our Lord. Bring a lawn chair, invite your friends and ***Come join us out at the Pavilion!***



Michigan District News...



NASCAR SUNRISE CHURCH SERVICE AND RACE DAY PACKAGE

The Sunrise Service/Race Day package includes:

- Admission to the Sunday Sunrise Church Service at 10 a.m. (with Rev. Joel Hess from Emmanuel, Cadillac officiating);
- Drivers Q&A/testimonial;
- Sunday race ticket (Grandstand Section 21-31 Rows 3-14); and
- Admission to the Saturday night concert.

All for only \$55/person. For every ticket purchased, \$5 will be donated to benefit ***Here We Stand*** ministry initiatives through the Acts 2 Enterprise Urban Outreach programs.

The worship service will be held in the Drivers Q&A tent in the MIS Fan Plaza and will last 45-60 minutes. Purchase tickets at misppeedway.com/sunriseservice or call Josh Belt at 517.592.1226.

Be sure to enter "LCMS" as the Church Group that provides this offer after checkout. Your order confirmation will show the charity donation.

What a wonderful opportunity this is for us to share the Gospel and love of Christ with all of those who will be attending worship that morning!



News From Church

Extension Fund . . .

Submitted by Paul R. Wills, Vice-President - Marketing-



Do You Need a Change of Direction?

In today's uncertain economy, you may feel like you are walking up the down escalator. But changing direction might be easier than you think. An IRA from Church Extension Fund can deliver excellent returns, while also helping to finance the growth of Michigan churches, schools and ministries. CEF can also help you transfer an existing IRA or roll over your 401(k) to a CEF IRA – just another way you can change directions. CEF can get your savings dollars and the ministries that mean the most to you moving the right way, toward a bright future. Call CEF at 800-242-3944 or visit the web site at www.mi-cef.org to discover more.

A Word About Aging. . .

Submitted by Marlin Shull, who cut this article out of a newspaper many years ago.

Age is a gift!

A gift ... The other day a young person asked me how I felt about being old. I was taken aback, for I do not think of myself as old. Upon seeing my reaction, he was immediately embarrassed, but I explained that is was an interesting questions, and I would ponder it, and let him know.



Old age, I decided, is a gift.

I am now, probably for the first time in my life, the person I have always wanted to be.

Oh, not my body ... the wrinkles, the baggy eyes and the saggine butt. And often I am taken aback by the old person that lives in my mirror, but I don't agonize over those things for long.

I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, or my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I've aged, I've become more kind to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend.



I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but that looks so avante garde on my patio. I am entitled to overeat, to be messy, to be extravagant. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they

understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 am and sleep until noon?

I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50s and 60s, and if I at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love ... I will.



I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the bikini set.

They too will get old.

I know that I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And, I eventually remember the important things.



Sure over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when a beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turn gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep groves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

I can say "no," and mean it. I can say "yes" and mean it.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.



So to answer your question, I like being old! I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be.

And I shall eat dessert every single day.

~Author Unknown

This Month

Having a Birthday this month:

June 1	Jacqueline Jammer
June 2	Kayla Doehring Krista Doehring
June 3	Dennis Dusseau
June 4	Lily Akers Kirk Koupal
June 6	Franklin Spiess
June 7	Keith Pfannes
June 9	Nancy Schuneman
June 12	Anna Stogiera
June 14	Roger Weiss
June 16	Connie Janik Frank Ticknor
June 18	Gary Malcho
June 19	Art Ketelhut
June 23	Sally Johnson
June 25	Arlene Shull
June 26	Tammy Mitchell
June 27	Lois Pike Pastor Ted Voll
June 28	Nathan Hanovich Cheryl Hill Ken Vest
June 29	Helen Gretzinger
June 30	Rosemary Schalk



Celebrating Anniversaries:

June 2	Don & Dawn Lingenfelter	29 yrs
June 3	John & Carol Gottschling	57 yrs
June 5	Matt & Anna Stogiera	14 yrs
June 8	Dave & Margaret Rickwalt	50 yrs
June 14	Jeff & Lynne Fossitt Larry & JoAnn Gall	38 yrs 60 yrs
June 19	Bob & Martha Cook Pastor & Linda Voll	42 yrs 36 yrs
June 23	Rick & Jane Radulski	12 yrs
June 24	Woody & Janice Holbrook	51 yrs
June 26	Roy & Phyllis Garland	14 yrs
June 29	Glenn & Barb Ruhlig	61 yrs



Serving During Worship Services

ELDERS

8:00 am Peter Daellenbach, & Jim Leedy
4th Sunday Jim Leedy & Erich Springer

9:30

June 3 – Rick Joles & Dan Nagy
June 9 – Erich Springer & Bob Tarvis
June 10 – Scott Bockelman & Bill Serniuk
June 17 – Kirk Koupal & Erich Springer
June 23 – Bob Greger & Dan Nagy
June 24 – Rick Joles & Mike Michaelson
June 30 –

READERS

June 3 – Sonya Springer
June 10 – Sandra Arnold
June 17 – Darlene Arnold
June 24 – Lynn Tate
Saturday – Monika Pfannes

ORGANISTS

June 3 – Carol Newman
June 9 & 10 – Sandra Akin
June 17 – Carol Newman
June 23 & 24 – Jane Radulski

PRAISE TEAM

Cheryl Daellenbach - keyboard, vocals;
 Chris Lauria - vocals;
 Jim Leedy- guitar & vocals;
 Dale Mollard - bass guitar;
 Judy Winter - keyboard, vocals;
 Pastor Winter - guitar, vocals.

Fellowship Hosts Needed!!!

Please sign up in the kitchen.

June 3 - June 10 - June 24

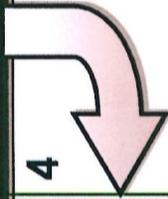
June 17 - LWML



ANNIE 2018

Events & Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS MEETING! The Annual Voter's Meeting will be held Sunday, June 3, 2017 at 11:00 am. Weekend Service Schedule is as follows: Sat., June 3, - No Saturday Service this Week Sun. - June 4, ONE Service only at 9:30 with Communion</p>						
<p>3 Weird & Wonderful Words 9:30 - Divine Service w/Communion Beginning at 11:00 Annual Meeting with Fellowship Brunch to follow</p>	<p>4 6:00 VBS Prop Night with Pizza</p>	<p>5 10:00 - AA</p>	<p>6 9:00 - Trustees 7:00 Outreach Team Meeting</p>	<p>7 10:00 - Adult Bible Class 12:00 - Ladies Aid Mtg @ Buccilli's 6:00 - Praise Team 7:00 - Elders</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 10:00 - AA 7:00 Worship Service with Communion</p>
<p>10 The Blame Game Mike Michaelson, Worship Leader 8:00 - Blended with Communion 9:30 - Divine Service 11:00 - Adult Bible Study Here We Stand at MIS - 2:00pm</p>	<p>11 Church Office closed.</p>	<p>12 10:00 - AA 6:00 VBS Meeting, & Prop Night with Pizza</p>	<p>13 9:00 - Trustees 7:00 - Board of Directors Meeting</p>	<p>14 10:00 - Adult Bible Class 6:30 - Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 10:00 - AA 7:00 - Worship at The Garden Strawberry Social</p>
<p>17 We Aim to Please 8:00 - Blended Service 9:30 - Divine Srv w/Communion 11:00 - Adult Bible Study Happy Father's Day!!! Pancake Breakfast after Services!!!</p>	<p>18 All Week 9am - Noon</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 9:00 - Trustees</p>	<p>21 6:00 - Praise Team</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 10:00 - AA 7:00 Worship Service with Communion</p>
<p>24 Were You There? 8:00 - Blended with Communion 9:30 - Divine Service 11:00 - Adult Bible Study VBS Hot Dog Social Today!</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 10:00 - AA</p>	<p>27 9:00 - Trustees</p>	<p>28 10:00 - Adult Bible Class 6:30 - Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 10:00 - AA 7:00 - Worship at The Garden</p>



VBS Week - Splash Canyon

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

President - Jim Mueller
Vice-President - Jeff Krentz
Treasurer - Jim French
Secretary - Monika Pfannes
Board of Education - Mike Michaelson
Board of Elders - Peter Daellenbach
Board of Evangelism - Louise Nagy
Board of Social Welfare - Paul Reda
Board of Stewardship - Erma Stevens
Board of Trustees - Marlin Shull
Spiritual Leadership - Pastor Voll

ABSENT:**VISITORS:**

CALL TO ORDER: President Jim Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

OPENING: Pastor Voll opened the meeting reading "Article III - Purpose" statement from our Church Constitution which is based on several biblical texts including: Matthew 5:16, Galatians 6:1-2, 1 Corinthians 12, Matthew 28:18-20, and 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. Pastor Voll stated that during the interim process questions regarding a "Mission Statement" for the church have been raised. He encouraged all board members to review this statement and consider whether our "Purpose" is also our "Mission."

SECRETARY'S REPORT: After review of the minutes from the April 11, 2018, Board of Directors meeting, a motion was made by Jim French, second by Mike Michaelson, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: After review of the Treasurer Report for April, a motion was made by Paul Reda, second by Erma Stevens, to accept the April report as presented. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

Board of Christian Education: Mike Michaelson no new news and gave the following update:

VBS: Prep/Prop Nights have been scheduled. Dates include June 4, 12 & 24. He will provide a full list for Monika to publish in the June Newsletter. VBS has traditionally held a Hot Dog Social on Friday, however this year they would like to have some of the children and parents sing during the 9:30 service on Sunday, June 24, with a Hot Dog Social to follow service.

Board of Elders: Peter Daellenbach recommended to the Board that Cheryl Hill's Application for Church Membership be accepted. No Elder has been assigned yet, she has received envelopes and a mailbox. Louise Nagy seconded the recommendation. Carried.

Board of Evangelism: Louise Nagy updated the following:

Community Meal: Tonight's Community Meal served 65 meals plus 8 carry-out meals. This number is lower than the same time last year and the team will be discussing possible reasons and changes that could be made to increase attendance.

Board of Stewardship: Erma Stevens stated no report - proposed budget will be presented to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting June 3.

Board of Social Welfare: Paul Reda reported the church received 3 requests. One person was not reachable. We assisted one with electrical bill and referred one to Salvation Army.

Board of Trustees: Marlin Shull updated on the following:

Roof: The leak appears to be repaired.

Furnaces: The cost to remove and replace the two roof units will be \$13,605 plus \$500-\$1,000 for additional electrical wiring needed.

Sprinklers: Trustees will be checking the system for leaking since all has been dry in the basement since the system was turned off last winter.

Pests: The Pest Control company has completed their spring spray for bugs.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Voll reported he and Linda have several family events happening (a niece is getting married, they are anticipating the birth(s) of their first grandchild(ren) and his son & pregnant daughter-in-law are in the process of moving which is requiring their assistance.

Vacation: He will be on vacation from May 22 through May 29. Guest Pastor Rev. Farrukh Khan plus a guest will be filling in that weekend and talking about his ministry POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach). After discussion regarding the appropriate honorarium and mileage Peter Dallenbach made a motion, second by Jeff Krentz, that St. John present an \$300 honorarium to Pastor Khan and a \$100 honorarium to the guest speaker in addition to the Free Will Door Offering to support the POBLO ministry. This amount includes travel expenses. Motion carried.

June 10: Pastor stated he may also be gone the weekend of June 9-10 to attend his niece's wedding. He has spoken with Mike Michaelson who is willing to conduct the services for that weekend. Communion elements will be consecrated before he leaves.

Intentional Interim Ministry Program: Pastor Voll reported the following:

May 8 meeting: We've entered the survey portion of the Interim process. Three surveys will be conducted: Worship Attendance, Long Pink Member Survey, Church Council Response Form.

Church Council Response Form: Being handed out tonight. Contents remains anonymous. All responses are confidential. This response form are the individual's thoughts only. No right or wrong answers. If you don't know, leave it blank. Remember the 8th Commandment - do not slander. Forms to be returned to Pastor or Linda in the envelopes provided and should be returned by the next Board Meeting.

Worship Attendance: We have two (2) more weeks left of this survey. Results will be tabulated and entered into the Self-Study by Pastor & Linda.

Pink Survey Form: This survey will be handed out to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting to be completed that day. Any member who wishes to complete a survey and who is absent that day will have the opportunity June 10th or 17th as well as being able to stop in at the church office during office hours between June 4th - June 15th. These surveys cannot be taken home and must be completed on-site. Peter Daellenbach, Kirk Koupal, and Jim Leedy will take surveys to our shut-ins and return them to Pastor Voll. Results of this survey will be shared at the next Interim Congregational Event which should take place late July/early August.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cell Phone for Social Welfare - Paul Reda reported that the phone has been purchased and activated.

Election of Officers - The following Board Members are up for re-nomination: Peter Daellenbach (Elders) - Yes; Louise Nagy (Evangelism) - No; Paul Reda (Social Welfare) - No; Erma Stevens (Stewardship) - Yes; Jim Mueller (President) - Yes. Two congregation members have agreed to place their names on the slate of proposed Board members: Jane Radulski and Sharon Meinecke. This list will be published May 20 & 27.

Election wording in Constitution - Jim Mueller has been reviewing the wording in our Constitution which includes that board members may request to be considered for a specific board position. This has not always been done in the past. Issue tabled until formation of new Board as any constitutional changes must be presented to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting for approval.

June 3, 2018 - Morning will consist of: Service, Closing Hymn, Survey, Congregational Meeting, Fellowship Brunch

NEW BUSINESS:

Father's Day Breakfast - The Thursday Night Ladies Bible Study Group will be putting on a Father's Day Pancake Breakfast for the men of the congregation.

Kitchen Repairs - Marlin Shull reported that the kitchen drawers and cabinets of both islands need to be replaced. They have been repaired numerous times. He will ask Kirk Koupal to price replacing these cabinets.

Wooden Tables - Marlin Shull asked the Board to consider replacing the heavy wooden tables with the white plastic ones. He will look into the cost to do so.

Trees - Trees located on the north end of the church property need to be removed. Marlin will get current pricing to have that done and will also speak with adjoining property owners as the trees are located right on the property line.

Reserve Road Garage/Shed - Marlin Shull stated that the Trustees will be cleaning out the garage at the property. If anyone has something out there they wish to keep that item(s) needs to be claimed and removed. If it is not needed by the church it will be disposed of. Monika will put an item in the bulletin so stating.

Fund Raiser - Kelly Remer of American Red Cross on behalf of The Houghton Lake High School National Honor Society has asked to use our Parish Hall to host a fundraising Blood Drive on Friday, July 20. They will provide all the manpower as the Forensics Club did last year. No objection to their use was raised and the Church Use Permit was signed.

RISO - Monika Pfannes stated that the 5-year lease on the RISO Duplicating Machine will end on July 9. We need to give the company 60 days written notice on our intent. We have three options: 1) we can purchase the machine for \$1, and then pay for a service contract and supplies; 2) return the machine to Xerox in Texas at our expense; or 3) enter a new lease with a replacement machine and MOS will then pick-up this machine when they deliver. If we purchase the machine we could donate it to a church in need, such as the two congregations Deacon Bromm is called to if they are interested. Jeff Krentz made a motion, second by Louise Nagy, that St. John purchase the RISO Duplicator and donate it to another church. Motion carried. Monika will send required e-mail this evening to comply with the 60 day required notice. Monika will also contact Deacon Bromm.

Office Hours - Monika Pfannes requested that the Church Office Hours be adjust from Monday - Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm, Fridays 9:00am-12:00pm to Monday - Friday 8:00am - 12:00pm. It was confirmed that the office would continue to be open 20 hours per week. Erma Stevens made the motion, second by Jeff Krent, that the church office hours be changed as proposed. Motion carried.

VISITOR REMARKS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

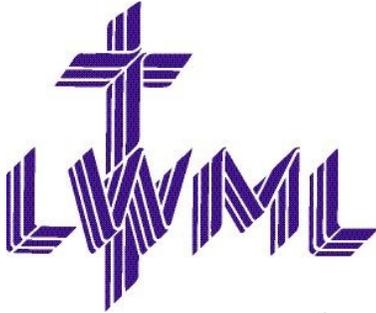
MISCELLANEOUS: No report.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Paul Reda, second by Erma Stevens, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm with the Lord's Prayer. Motion carried and the meeting was so closed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monika Pfannes

Minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting



LADIES AID/LWML MEETING, MAY 10, 2018

Our May meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. Pastor Voll, on this Ascension day, opened his devotion by having us read, responsively, from Psalm 12:3. We sang, "A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing".

Roll call was taken with 12 in attendance.

A motion was made by Erma Stevens and seconded by Betty DeWitt to accept the April minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report – beginning balance \$4,511.12, income \$10, expenses \$117.92, leaving an ending balance of \$4403.20. Petty cash \$2.70. CEF \$3,228.30.

Thank you to Ruth Serniuk for making taco salad and Erma Stevens for the strawberry dessert we were served today.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Speaker – for today was Ann Hume, President of God's Children Haiti. She presented a slide show and told of many of the amazing things that happen in this orphanage. A motion was made by Erma Stevens and seconded by Ruth Serniuk to give \$500 to God's Children Haiti. Motion passed.

Election of Officers – was held. Our current officers – President- Eleanor Rabideau, Vice President- Arlene Shull, Treasurer- Erma Stevens, Secretary-Carol Andrews will continue to serve.

Congregational cards – for the month of May will be made by Barb Ruhlig.

LWML

Spring Rally – was attended by Denise Reda and Margaret Rickwalt. Theme for the rally was Christian Stewardship. District Convention will be held in July and National Convention will be held in 2019, Fall Rally will be held in Houghton Lake, 2019.

Fall Rally – A vote will be taken pertaining to a Rotating Prayer Day service that moves from church to church.

Treasurer's report – Beginning balance \$1026.18, income \$81.00, expenses \$48.00, ending balance \$1,059.18.

Update – LWML calendar will be updated by Denise Reda each month.

God's Children Haiti – Ann Hume was given a donation of \$200.

Bakers - Thank you to those who donated finger foods for LWML Sunday in April and to those who will be donating in May. Thank you, also, to the servers. Your help is appreciated.

Quilting – will be held on Wednesday, May 23, from 9:00 – 12:00.

Reverend Khan – POBLO's Director of Development will be preaching on the weekend of May 26 & 27 while Pastor Voll is on vacation.

We closed at 2:15 with the Lord's Prayer.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 7, at Buccilli's, beginning at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Andrews

Minutes subject to approval.

St. John Lutheran Church
Fiscal Year 2016-2017
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018
Month Ending April 30, 2018

SALARIES	Previous Balance	April 2018	Year to Date	Budget
Pastor's Salary	\$ 27,837.00	\$ -	\$ 27,837.00	\$ 27,837.00
Pastor's Housing Subsidy	3,600.00		3,600.00	3,600.00
Pastor's Retirement & Ins.	12,236.80		12,236.80	15,162.00
Pastor's Social Security	4,260.00		4,260.00	4,260.00
Car Displacement	3,200.00	400.00	3,600.00	2,400.00
Car Expense	747.56	0.00	747.56	1,000.00
Employees Social Security	1,806.61	589.05	2,395.66	3,050.00
Organists	4,935.73	581.52	5,517.25	7,980.00
Office Manager	12,040.71	1,730.07	13,770.78	15,860.00
Custodian	6,912.52	1,179.74	8,092.26	9,155.00
Guest Preachers	0.00	0.00	-	1,000.00
Interim Pastor(s)	7,500.00	2,500.00	10,000.00	25,000.00
Mich Dist LCMS - IIMP (10%)	750.00	250.00	1,000.00	Included line above
Total Salaries	\$ 85,826.93	\$ 7,230.38	\$ 93,057.31	\$ 116,304.00
PROPERTY				
Reserve Rd Expense/Improvement	\$ 493.69	\$ 116.77	\$ 610.46	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment Purchases	388.99	429.97	818.96	\$ 3,000.00
Supplies Lawn & Repairs & Snow plow	6,213.40	420.55	6,633.95	\$ 7,000.00
Electricity	4,272.09	541.25	4,813.34	\$ 5,500.00
Telephone	1,482.67	164.56	1,647.23	\$ 2,200.00
Fuel-DTE Gas	2,032.00	254.02	2,286.02	\$ 4,750.00
Sewer Usage	594.00	198.00	792.00	\$ 800.00
Disposal	1,019.96	117.34	1,137.30	\$ 1,050.00
Insurance	4,146.00	0.00	4,146.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total Property	\$ 20,642.80	\$ 2,242.46	\$ 22,885.26	\$ 30,300.00
Charities				
Synod's Work	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,600.00
T.I.M. (Sri Lanka/Pastor Mahlburg)	0.00		-	\$ 3,000.00
Lutheran Home & Family Services	0.00	500.00	500.00	\$ 500.00
Social Welfare	783.28	170.09	953.37	\$ 1,000.00
Community Fund	0.00		-	\$ 200.00
Lutheran World Relief	500.00		500.00	\$ 500.00
Katie Conference Endowment Fund	200.00		200.00	\$ 200.00
Local Charities	100.00		100.00	\$ 500.00
Lutheran Hour Ministries	500.00		500.00	\$ 500.00
Sowers Fund	500.00		500.00	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous Charities	0.00		-	\$ 500.00
Veterans of the Cross	500.00		500.00	\$ 500.00
L.A.M.P.	0.00		-	\$ 500.00
Northern Michigan Children's Assess C	500.00		500.00	\$ 500.00
Lutherans for Life	500.00		500.00	\$ 500.00
Total Charities	\$ 11,283.28	\$ 1,470.09	\$ 12,753.37	\$ 19,000.00
CHURCH SUPPLIES				
Bulletins & Worship Aids	\$ 3,426.64	\$ 100.42	\$ 3,527.06	\$ 4,800.00
Altar Guild	1,075.72	210.00	1,285.72	\$ 2,000.00
Postage	591.00	35.00	626.00	\$ 750.00
Office Supplies	3,055.04	284.28	3,339.32	\$ 5,500.00
Technology Expenses	7,805.86	527.30	8,333.16	\$ 7,000.00
Portals of Prayer	432.00		432.00	\$ 900.00
Confirmation Materials	0.00		-	\$ 600.00
Sunday School & VBS	1,476.22		1,476.22	\$ 3,000.00
Puppet Ministry	165.01		165.01	\$ 500.00
Praise Team	0.00		-	\$ 600.00
Total Church Supplies	\$ 18,027.49	\$ 1,157.00	\$ 19,184.49	\$ 25,650.00

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<u>Special Projects</u>	<u>Previous Balance</u>	<u>April 2018</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Major Repairs	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -	1,300.00	\$ 3,000.00
Total Special Projects	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 3,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS				
Conferences	\$ 339.00	\$ 413.00	\$ 752.00	\$ 2,000.00
Evangelism	662.60	106.50	769.10	\$ 1,000.00
Outreach	1,512.21	258.41	1,770.62	\$ 1,500.00
Centershot Ministries	137.85	0.00	137.85	\$ 1,100.00
Coffee & Donuts	1,327.18	202.10	1,529.28	\$ 2,400.00
Other Miscellaneous	4,219.36	106.53	4,325.89	\$ 4,500.00
Pastor's Retirement Party	7,995.77	0.00	7,995.77	\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 16,193.97	\$ 1,086.54	\$ 17,280.51	\$ 27,500.00
TOTALS - MONTH / YEAR TO DATE / BUDG	\$ 153,274.47	\$ 13,186.47	\$ 166,460.94	\$ 221,754.00

INCOME SUMMARY

Worship Services	\$ 156,884.11	\$ 18,759.00	\$ 175,643.11	Income / Expense Comparison Current Month \$5,846.98 Year To Date \$12,819.22
Coffee & Donuts	1,116.71	120.60	1,237.31	
Interest	0.75		0.75	
Donations	1,127.00		1,127.00	
Miscellaneous	1,118.14	153.85	1,271.99	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 160,246.71	\$ 19,033.45	\$ 179,280.16	

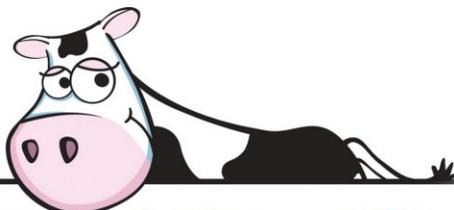
CHECKING ACCOUNT

	<u>Previous Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General Fund	\$ 16,088.56	\$ 19,033.45	\$ 13,186.47	\$ 21,935.54

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

	<u>Previous Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General Fund Savings	\$ 78,969.88	\$ 12.13		\$ 78,982.01
Teddy Bear Fund	2,483.87	0.30		\$ 2,484.17
Improvement Fund	8,829.42	61.20		\$ 8,890.62
Memorial Fund	10,255.89	26.30		\$ 10,282.19
Univ/Sem Ed Fund	2,389.92	0.29		\$ 2,390.21
Youth Fund	5,077.99	2.75		\$ 5,080.74
Bell Choir Fund	2,315.09	0.29		\$ 2,315.38
Flower Fund	315.62	331.54	427.50	\$ 219.66
Parsonage	27,609.93	3.50	66.00	\$ 27,547.43
School Bldg. Fund	2,422.22	0.30		\$ 2,422.52
Thrivent Choice Funds	4,673.28	660.59		\$ 5,333.87
Choir Fund	552.81	0.07		\$ 552.88
Kidz Church/VBS	255.62	13.48		\$ 269.10
Together In Mission (T.I.M.)	2,381.97	20.30		\$ 2,402.27
Praise Team Fund	180.55	0.02		\$ 180.57
Centershot Ministries	843.01	0.10		\$ 843.11
Outreach Team	938.35	0.11		\$ 938.46
Building Fund	6,039.12	0.77		\$ 6,039.89
TOTAL SPECIAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 156,534.54	\$ 1,134.04	\$ 493.50	\$ 157,175.08

	<u>Previous Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance</u>
CEF - One Year Fixed Rate Note	\$ 1,424.43			\$ 1,424.43
CEF - One Year Fixed Rate Note	\$ 16,597.86			\$ 16,597.86
CEF - One Year Fixed Rate Note	\$ 24,074.40			\$ 24,074.40
CEF - One Year Fixed Rate Note	\$ 50,520.37			\$ 50,520.37
CEF - Two Year Fixed Rate Note	\$ 49,979.81			\$ 49,979.81
Credit Union Savings Account	\$ 2,116.88			\$ 2,116.88



June Dairy Month



Coming Attractions....

(Times can be found on the Calendar)

- June 02 – Adopt-a-Highway (Reserve Road)
- June 03 – Annual Congregational Meeting
- June 04 – VBS Prop Night
- June 06 – Outreach Team Meeting
- June 07 – Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting at Bucillis
- June 07 – Elders Meeting
- June 11 – Church Office Closed
- June 12 – VBS Meeting & Final Prop Night
- June 13 – Board of Directors’ Meeting
- June 14 – Ladies Bible Study
- June 16 – First Garden Service with Strawberry Social
- June 17 – Father’s Day with Pancake Breakfast
- June 18 - 22 – **2018 Splash Canyon VBS**
- June 22 – Newsletter Deadline
- June 24 – VBS Hot Dog Social
- June 28 – Ladies Bible Study



FATHER'S DAY

