



The Eagle

St. John
Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY .. AUGUST 19 .. 2:00 pm .. AT THE GARDEN!

We will be holding our Annual Church Picnic the third Sunday in August out at the Garden. The Walters will be grilling hot dogs and drinks will be available. A Volunteer Sheet is being posted for help with tables, games and clean-up. Everyone in the congregation is invited and we are looking forward to sampling all the different “Dish-to-Pass” items that are brought. So mark your calendars for next month!



Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

(Isaiah 64:8)



Dear friends in our Lord Jesus,
“Have Thine own way, Lord, Have
Thine own way, Thou art the Potter, I am
the clay.”

While the words of this hymn are not in our hymnal, they do summarize the verse from Isaiah printed above. We can learn much about our relationship with our heavenly Father by considering this image.

“Thou art the Potter” – We do not attach the importance to potters and pottery that people did in Bible times. It was used for cooking, cleaning, carrying, and concealing important items. Potters took great pride in their work we have learned much about the culture and art of ancient peoples from pieces of pottery that have been found. God is the Potter – He, with great pride, formed and shaped us according to His Will -- not all the same, but, whatever our calling, the same purpose, to give glory and praise to the God who made us. God shapes and moulds us according to His will through the events and circumstances of our life, even when we sometimes don’t like the shape that things are taking. St. Paul speaks to this problem using the same imagery in *Romans, chapter 9:20* *But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? “Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘Why did you*

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make me like this?'"²¹ Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?

God made us, fearfully and wonderfully, with various gifts and abilities. When sin had spoiled us and broken our relationship with God. His Son Jesus Christ became flesh and allowed Himself to be nailed to the Cross for our sins. When God raised Him from death, He gave us new hope to be re-shaped and re-fashioned into the design which the Potter intended for us.

We are the clay – we forget that part, too. And remember that the most important part of any pottery is what's inside of it. That's true for us as well. Again, St. Paul said:

2 Corinthians 4⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

It's what's inside us that matters, our faith in a God who formed us, sent His Son to save us, and sends His Spirit to bless us with His gifts. On the outside, some of us are wearing out! We may even be cracked pots! But we know that, inside, the treasure of the Gospel is making us new and shaping us to be vessels of God's love. Even the troubles and trials that come to us are God's way of shaping the clay to the form and for the purpose He intends.

God is the Potter, we are the clay. That's good news!

In Jesus,

Pastor Ted Voll



Woship Schedule

7:00 pm - Saturdays
8:00 - Blended
9:30 - Divine
9:45 - Kidz Church
Fellowship -Coffee &
Donuts after services!

Intentional Program –

Interim

Ministry

Where We Are

We would like to thank everyone who completed the survey in June. We have turned them into the Michigan

District Office and are now waiting for the results. Feedback from the survey will be included in the self-study and will be shared during a Congregational Event to be scheduled and announced soon.



Education Corner –

Submitted by Mike Michaelson-

KIDZ CHURCH

SPLASH CANYON VBS

2018 was a huge success!!



We thank God for the opportunity to share His promise of life eternal with the 29 children of our congregation and community. Children who attended included: *Skyler Baughman, Caleb Bertram, Dakota Bertram, Makensie Boals, Chloe Britton, Dominic Buchanan, Isabella Buchanan, Nickolas Dunn, Jreden Estevez, Shawn Freshwater, Colin Hamp, Remington Harkowski, Miles Hartman, Addison Hesselmeyer, Natasha Lovelace, Abigail Marshall, Lucas Miller, Lyla Miller, Levi Myers, Lyndon Myers, Olivia Nagy, Aden Scott, Zachary Seymour, Peyton Smith, Logan Stogeria, Eden Strayer, Jenna Trader, Tucker Tyner, Cassius Wilson.*

We also thank God for our Splash Canyon team of volunteers for their hearts of service: *Nolan Akers (games along with Coach Mike), Mindy Burtis (instructor-PreK),*



Brigitte Doehring (instructor), Kayla Doehring (helper), Krista Doehring (Puppet Ministry, helper), Mary Jane Hartman (crafts), Cindy Jones (Puppet Ministry,), Hannah Leedy (Puppet Ministry), Louise Nagy (instructor), Emily Pedersen (helper), Monika Pfannes (administrative support), Denise Reda (instructor), Paul Reda (equipment/material support), Margaret Rickwalt (crafts), Randy Seymour (instructor), Robin Seymour (snacks), Marlin Shull (equipment/material support), Erma Stevens (snacks), Lori Tift

(crafts), Leslye Vest (Puppet Ministry), Lindsey Vest (Puppet Ministry), Mary Vest (crafts, Puppet Ministry), Linda Voll (registration), Pastor Voll (daily opening & closing devotions), Judy Winter (crafts), Pastor Winter (daily opening & closing devotions),

Yours in Christ, Coach Mike!

Outreach Team -

So who are we? The members of the Outreach Team try to plan events that include both members of the church and members of our community. Our June event was a Strawberry Social at the Garden. Everyone enjoyed the ice cream and fresh strawberries - the perfect ending to a wonderful worship service!



Community Meal - We will again be hosting a Community Meal on Wednesday, July 11.

Everyone from the church and community is welcome to come and enjoy a *Summer Cookout* featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, and ice cream sundaes! Come and bring a friend from your neighborhood. This is a wonderful way to show people that St. John is a welcoming place to worship and form friendships.



Enjoy a good game of baseball on a summer day? Those interested can attend a Loons baseball game on Sunday, August 5. Cost is \$10. You can also purchase vouchers for a hat (\$5) or food (\$5). Children do receive a free food voucher when they enter the stadium. Tickets are limited, so sign up now! Tickets can be paid with check or cash to Carolyn Wood and must be purchased before July 22. Sign up on the sheet posted in the bulletin board above the drinking fountain. Don't miss the fun! Questions? Call Carolyn Wood at 586-215-2820.



Coming in September ... Once again we will be hosting the Annual Family Fun Fest on Saturday, September 22, from 11:00am - 4:00pm. Activities will include

a bounce house, hay rides, pumpkin painting, giant bubbles. The Puppet Ministry will be there. Don't forget to enjoy a Hot Dog! This event is a chance for all of us to help bring God's Word to those who may not hear it, all while having a great time!

Want to get more involved in the community? The Outreach Team can always use a few more hands and hearts. We meet the first Wednesday evening of each month but will be skipping July due to the 4th of July Holiday. Our next meeting is therefore scheduled for August 1, beginning at 7:00pm. Come and see what YOU can do to bring our unchurched neighbors closer to God!

News From CEF . . .

Paul R. Wills, Vice President of Marketing, Church Extension Fund of Michigan.



From long and short term savings plans to traditional and Roth IRAs, investments in the Church Extension Fund help fund your future and the future of congregations right here in the Michigan District. To learn how you can make a difference, call CEF today at 800.242.3944 or visit CEF online at www.mi-cef.org.

Paul R. Wills

For Today's Families

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Remembering to Bathe

July 2018

Kids and baths. They either love them or they hate them. If left to their own devices, kids may not even remember to bathe. It's truly a good thing that parents are in charge of the bathing routine for those first few years.

I like to think back to when my own children were born, to the many special moments in those early hours and days! One notable moment for me, and for many parents, is the first bath. There's a bit of excitement in knowing that - finally! - the child will be made clean and fresh, totally rid of all gunk of birth, ready to start anew. And bonus: baby can be done with the stripy hospital blanket (you know the one) and at long last be placed into that special outfit that mom and dad painstakingly selected as *the* first outfit.

After all of the excitement and snuggles and enjoyment, however, it becomes apparent that, before long, baby will need another bath. This time not because of the birth gunk, but because they've made themselves dirty. Spit-up, sweat, tears, dirt, you name it, it's there. So another bath it is. On it goes, day by day and week by week, for the rest of their life. Dirty to clean. If they remember to bathe, or course.

Isn't it just a little bit like Baptism? Paul says in Galatians 3:27, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." In Baptism, we were made clean. The gunk of birth, which we might call original sin, is washed away. It's gone! For the First time, God gets to put that fancy new garment on us. You know, the one He painstakingly selected and provided for us: His own Son, Jesus. In our Baptism, we put on Christ. We're snugly wrapped up in His righteousness and goodness. What joy!

Of course, even after Baptism, we may find that, just a little while later, we've gone and dirtied ourselves up again. So what's a Christian to do? As Lutherans, we know that there is but one Baptism, and we don't head for the front of the church for another wash every time we sin. Instead, we heed Luther's advice and remember our Baptism.

It's not always easy. Just like a child may have trouble remembering to bathe, we don't always recognize our sin and need to recall that we are made new in Baptism, wearing the exquisite garment of Christ Himself. When we remember our Baptism, we do more than just reminisce on a past event – we take to heart the reality that we were made holy and clean, forgiven of our sins, knowing that reality is still true for us today.

So make the sign of the cross each day, just as it was made over you at your Baptism! Teach your children and grandchildren to do the same. Find out the date and celebrate your baptismal anniversary each year by lighting a candle, signing a Baptism hymn, and praying that God would continually remind you of the promises that He made to you in your Baptism. And most important, know with certainty that even when *you* forget to remember, God never forgets. The "rebirths" of His children are etched into His mind forever, and He'll keep you safe and warm in that special post-bath robe of righteousness, even Christ Himself, until you're finally home with Him.

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. See their current newsletter on page 14 this newsletter.



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. Their current newsletter is on page 15

And also for all who are serving in the military!

Other Church News...

ANNUAL CHURCH KEY AUDIT –

St. John Lutheran Church Policy #9, "... all key holders will be asked to bring in their keys for a physical inventory."

It's that time! Please make sure you stop by the office before July 31, to sign this year's key register.

~Thank you! Monika

Michigan District News...

A Word About Aging...

Devotion found in the May-June 2018 Volume 8 – Issue 3 of Tagliches Manna published by Plain Precepts Publications and written by Howard Yoder, Shipshewana, IN.

Stump or Trunk?

And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. (Malachi 4:6)

What worth is there in the stump of a tree? It is dead, decaying, generally unlovely, and in the way. It is evidence that a live tree once stood there, but no more. It has been cut off from the living, green top. There are multiple reasons why this takes place.

Now let us examine another part of a tree – the trunk. It is alive, supporting the life that has sprung out of it. It is transferring much needed nutrients to the living growth above it. The green young matter takes nourishment from the trunk and gathers life-giving sunshine from above. In turn some of these nutrients flow down and serve as food for the trunk.

Might there be a similarity in this and our older generation? Would you rather be a stump or a trunk? We know that the time does come for all humans to leave this earth. However, the separation need not happen before then. If an older person becomes disconnected from the young, he will likely soon feel useless, unlovely, and in the way. Whereas, one that stays connected will remain useful and feel needed.

Staying connected surely has to happen from both sides. Like the trunk of a tree, an older person might be past the time of vibrant physical work and mobility. Yet, such a person can stoutly support the young people around, feeding them spiritual life-giving “nutrients”. The younger generation can honor the aged for their strength, experience, and advice. Young ones also gather much sunshine and transfer joy back to the aged. This helps the older ones to resist the decay that surrounding elements tend to inflict.

We realize that earthly disconnections are inevitable. But may we relate back and forth, so the separation with our older members does not occur before the Almighty God in His infinite wisdom takes each loved one home according to His perfect timing.

Cherished memories keep even our deceased loved one from becoming a “stump”.

Register at this website: HEREWESTAND.MICHIGANDISTRICT.ORG/HEREWERIDE

AUGUST 4TH, 2018 – HERE WE RIDE – FREE BICYCLING EVENT!

Sign up to Ride, Sign up to Volunteer, Sign up to Donate



Here We Ride

JOIN US FOR A FREE EVENT...

Starting and finishing at Bethany, Charlevoix, you and your family are encouraged to ride the distance you choose: rides of 5, 10, 25, 50, and 100 miles are available (and anything in between – just turn around when it feels right).

- Long-ride Cyclists begin as early as 7 a.m.
- Opening Worship and Welcome at 9 a.m.
- Main ride starts at 10 a.m.
- Ride with family and friends at your own pace along the beautiful Little Traverse Wheelway
- Staffed Rest Stations along the route
- Explore the cities of Charlevoix, Petoskey, Alanson, Harbor Springs, and Bay Harbor
- Fun, Festivities, and Food back at Bethany Lutheran, Charlevoix when you return!

As mentioned above, Here We Ride is intended to be entirely FREE for ALL PARTICIPANTS. However, you are encouraged to gather pledges and donations to contribute toward the Michigan District’s ‘Here We Stand’ campaign. (details on back)

For more information, and to register, please visit: HEREWESTAND.MICHIGANDISTRICT.ORG/HEREWERIDE

Here We Ride – Aug. 4, 2018 Bethany Lutheran, Charlevoix



We will ride along the Little Traverse Wheelway...

Along with a fun-filled day of riding bikes, getting to know one another, eating good food, and enjoying God’s beautiful creation, the Here We Ride event is intended to help raise funds to support the ‘Here We Stand’ campaign. The campaign has a goal of raising \$10 Million in support of various ministry efforts within Michigan and around the World. Whether you ride or not, please consider supporting the efforts of the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod by donating, sponsoring riders, or volunteering to help at this, or any of the other events happening this year. To God be the Glory! Thank You for your help!

Here We Stand

Overall Goals for three year, District-wide Campaign

Professional Church Worker Scholarships	\$3,000,000.00
Innovative Missional Ministry	\$3,000,000.00
Michigan District Endowment	\$3,000,000.00
International Ministry	\$1,000,000.00
Total	\$10,000,000.00

This Month



Having a Birthday this month:

July 3	Bill Wilton
July 5	Remi Harowski (age 10)
July 7	Trudy Roberts
July 8	Lynda Kot
July 11	Shirley Gensley
July 12	Cheryl Hnizda
July 13	Melissa Akers
July 14	JoAnn Gall Alekszander Pfannes
July 15	Amy Koupal Mona Previch
July 16	Justin Akers Easton Friend (age 9)
July 17	Randy Booth Cheryl Daellenbach John Gottschling
July 18	Stan Gawlik
July 19	Karen Czada Hudson Joles (age 6)
July 23	Rosalie Todd
July 25	Roger Dolland
July 26	Dave Lauria
July 27	Barbara Duwe
July 28	Kathleen Dale Cindy Jones
July 29	Ruth Sanker
July 30	Anita Faust Jean Ferguson Dorothy Lowery

Serving During Worship Services

ELDERS

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

9:30

July 1 – Erich Springer & Bob Tarvis
July 8 – Bob Greger & Bill Serniuk
July 15 – Kirk Koupal & Dan Nagy
July 22 – Bill Serniuk & Bob Tarvis
July 29 – Bob Greger & Rick Joles
Saturday
July 7 – To Be Determined
July 21 –

READERS

July 1 – Sonya Springer
July 8 – Sandra Arnold
July 15 – Darlene Arnold
July 22 – Lynn Tate
July 29 – Sonya Springer
Saturday Monika Pfannes

ORGANISTS

July 1 – Carol Newman
July 7 & 8 – Sandy Akin
July 15 – Carol Newman
July 21 & 22 – Carol Newman
July 29 – Sandy Akin

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.

Celebrating Anniversaries:

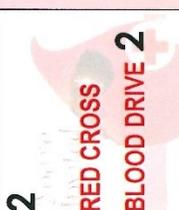
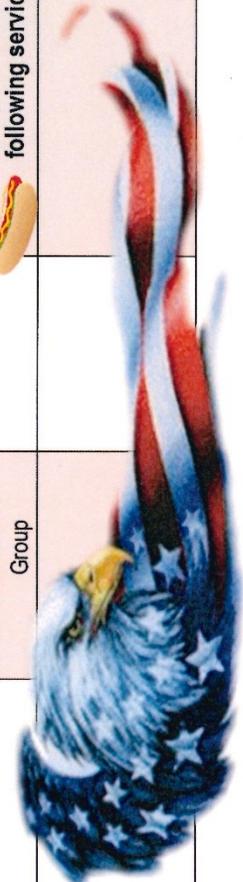
July 1	Bob & Darlene Arnold	57 yrs
July 2	Bill & Carol Schmidt	63 yrs
July 7	George & Susie Dougherty	34 yrs
July 8	John & Carolyn Wood	51 yrs
July 9	Todd & Cindy Jones	41 yrs
July 10	Chris & Jackie Rondo	8 yrs
July 19	Hank & Debbie Kern	38 yrs
July 22	Stan & Beth Christler	23 yrs
July 27	Roger & Kaitlynn Warmack	5 yrs



Fellowship Hosts Needed!!!
Please sign up in the kitchen.
July 1 - July 8 - July 22 - July 29
July 15 - LWML

JULY 2018

Events & Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Don't Miss Out on a Miracle 8:00 - Blended Service 9:30 - Divine Srv w/Communion Installation of 2018-2019 Board of Directors	2  RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 2	3 10:00 - AA	4 	5 10:00 - Adult Bible Class 6:00 - Praise Team 7:00 - Elders Meeting	6	7 10:00 - AA 7:00 Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion
8 Stand Up For Jesus 8:00 - Blended Service w/Communion 9:30 - Divine Service 11:00 - Adult Bible Study	9	10 10:00 - AA	11 9:00 - Trustees 5:00 Community Meal 7:00- Board of Directors	12 10:00 - Adult Bible Class 6:30 - Ladies Bible Group	13	14 10:00 - AA 7:00 Worship at the Garden  Hot Dog Fellowship following service
15 Not So Famous Amos 8:00 - Blended Service 9:30 - Divine Srv w/Communion 11:00 - Adult Bible Study	16	17 10:00 - AA	18 9:00 - Trustees 7:00 - Transition Team	19 10:00 - Adult Bible Class 6:00 - Praise Team	20  High School RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Articles Due Newsletter	21 10:00 - AA 7:00 Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion
22 Lift High The Cross 8:00 - Blended Service w/Communion 9:30 - Divine Service 11:00 - Adult Bible Study	23	24 10:00 - AA	25 9:00 - Trustees	26 10:00 - Adult Bible Class 6:30 - Ladies Bible Group	27	28 10:00 - AA 7:00 Worship at the Garden  Hot Dog Fellowship following service
29 The Blessings of Baptism 8:00 - Blended Service 9:30 - Divine Srv w/Communion 11:00 - Adult Bible Study	30	31 10:00 - AA				

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 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: Kirk Koupal - Transition Team, Sharon Meinecke - New Board Member, and Jane Radulski - New Board Member

CALL TO ORDER: As outlined in the Church Constitution, President Jim Mueller called the Organizational Meeting of the Newly Elected Board to order at 7:05 pm. Jim reviewed Constitutional wording regarding filling board positions. Board members entering their 2nd year were asked if they would like to continue in their current position. No change was requested by existing members. The newly elected members, Sharon Meinecke and Jane Radulski, introduced themselves and were welcomed to the Board of Directors. President Mueller then offered the following positions to the new members: Evangelism - Jane Radulski and Social Welfare - Sharon Meinecke. These positions were accepted. A motion was then made by Jeff Krentz, second by Louise Nagy, to close the Organizational Meeting at 7:13 pm. Installation of the 2018-2019 Board of Directors will be July 1, 2018, during the 9:30 am Divine Service. President Mueller then called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

OPENING: Pastor Voll opened the meeting with a prayer and devotion based on Psalm 121:1 "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? and the lenten hymn "*Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*" (LSB 435). We are to look to Calvary's hill which is where our help comes from. When we look to the cross, let it remind us of an umbrella protecting us during our life walk.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: After review of the minutes from the May 9, 2018, Board of Directors meeting, a motion was made by Jim French, second by Paul Reda, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: During review of the Treasurer Report for May, Jim French pointed out that the payment to DTE was higher than normal as May is the month the budget plan is reconciled for the year. Jim also paid the June DTE bill in advance so the line item reflects two months rather than one. Also TIM is paid in full as we overpaid during the last budget year. A motion was made by Monika Pfannes, second by Louise Nagy, to accept the May report as presented. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

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

VBS: Starts this coming Monday. Louise Nagy has been invaluable organizing this year. Attendance is the one unknown. Erma Stevens will be handling the snacks. They are still ending the week with a Hot Dog lunch on Friday and also hosting a Hot Dog Social after service on Sunday, June 24.

Board of Elders: Peter Daellenbach had no report.

Board of Evangelism: Louise Nagy updated the following:

Community Meal: The next meal is being planned for July 11. Due to the 4th of July holiday, no Outreach Team meeting is scheduled.

Board of Stewardship: Erma Stevens stated as the budget for the next fiscal year has been presented and approved by the congregation, she has no further report.

Board of Social Welfare: Paul Reda reported the church received two (2) requests, and both were referred to other agencies.

Board of Trustees: Marlin Shull updated on the following:

Roof: The leak seems to have returned with the last storm. The contractor has been contacted and will be coming back.

Furnaces: Replacement of the furnaces is moving forward.

Sprinklers: The owner of the company we have used in the past is having surgery and unable to perform the work needed to check the system for leakage. The trustees have postponed repair of the system and are running the sprinklers by hand for now. They are considering using another company to check and repair the system. A motion was made by Louise Nagy, second by Peter Daellenbach, to authorize Marlin Shull to seek another company to repair the sprinkler system. Motion carried.

Garden: Marlin spoke with *The Bug Lady* from Houghton Lake. She was very upfront and stated due to the lack of bushes at the Pavilion the mosquito spray has nothing to adhere to and it would not be worth spraying. She suggested fans and Citronella as deterrents.

Kitchen Cabinets: Kirk Koupal presented a drawing and estimate to replace the “serving island” cabinets in the kitchen. The existing counter would be reused, and color of the cabinets is to be decided by the Ladies Aid. A motion was made by Erma Stevens, second by Jeff Krentz, to install new cabinets with a cost up to \$2,000. Motion carried.

Water Filter: Kirk Koupal reported that installation of the water filter for the church kitchen will be in another month. The Pest Control System for the bats out at the garden is already installed.

Fellowship Hall: The trustees replaced the wooden tables in the fellowship hall with the white plastic tables. The wooden tables are very heavy to move and can now be loaned out as the older wooden tables have been disposed of. Those who wish to borrow tables will be responsible to pick them up. A motion was made by Monika Pfannes, second by Peter Daellenbach, that the wooden tables previously in the fellowship hall now be stored in the garage and will be available to be loaned. Motion carried.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor Voll had no formal report. Updated that he will be at District Convention June 24 - 26.

Intentional Interim Ministry Program: Pastor Voll reported the following:

Church Council Response Form: Pastor reported that several forms are still outstanding and requested that the forms be turned in as soon as possible.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20 at 7:00pm.

Pink Survey Form: The surveys completed by the congregation will be sent in and the Self-Study is coming along nicely.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trees - Marlin Shull stated that there is still one (1) tree in question as to whether it stands on St. John property or Consumer Energy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Johnson Outdoor Signs - Jim French reported we have received the annual service contract renewal letter. Cost is \$500. Louise Nagy will check with others to see if there may be an alternate service technician in this area. Decision was tabled.

LMS Donation - A motion was made by Louise Nagy, second by Monika Pfannes, that a \$500 donation from the “Miscellaneous Donation” line item be made to the Latino Mission Society. Motion carried. Pastor Voll will be contacting them to schedule a time for them to come up and lead a service, or make a presentation to update what they are doing.

Church Use Permit - Monika Pfannes reported that *Wellspring (Lutheran Social Services)* has requested use of a room and projector to hold Foster Parent training classes Wednesday evenings during the month of September. This would be four (4) Wednesdays - Sept. 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 5:00 - 9:00pm. A motion was made by Jim French, second by Jeff Krentz, that we accept the request as presented and waive the fee for use. Motion carried.

Creative Worship - Monika Pfannes reported that the Creative Worship software used primarily for the Blended Service bulletins, with parts incorporated into Divine Service as well, had previously been provided by Pastor Winter. Concordia Publishing House is now offering this software as an electronic download for \$60/quarter or we can continue to purchase the DVD/CD for \$75/quarter. Monika asked that the church continue to purchase the DVD/CD as this will allow wider use of the program across multiple computers rather than one-time download onto one computer. A motion was made by Erma Stevens, second by Paul Reda, to purchase the DVD/CD of Creative Worship. Motion carried.

Folding Machine - Monika Pfannes reported that the folding machine is working thanks to the effort made by the service technician from Dunn's.

Office Hours - Monika Pfannes reported that the new office hours are working out well.

Music - Jane Radulski asked if the organists can request reimbursement for music purchased by them for use during service. Jim French said there is a budget line item for that and organists can be reimbursed for music purchased for the church.

VISITOR REMARKS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

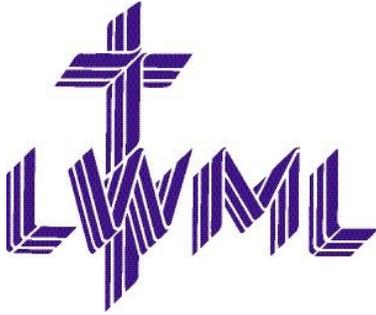
MISCELLANEOUS: No report.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Jeff Krentz, second by Erma Stevens, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm 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 – JUNE 7, 2018

We met at Buccilli's at 12:00 noon for our final meeting until September. We were called to order at that time.

Roll call was taken with 15 members present.

A motion was made - by Erma Stevens and seconded by Arlene Shull to accept the May minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Beginning balance \$4403.20, income \$1363.00, expenses \$848.34 ending balance \$4917.86, petty cash \$2.70, CEF \$3,328.60.

Happy June birthday to Arlene Shull and Lois Pike.

Congregational birthday and anniversary cards will be taken care of for the month of June by Judy Winter.

OLD BUSINESS – none.

NEW BUSINESS – none.

LWML

A motion was made – by Erma Stevens and seconded by Betty DeWitt to make a donation of \$200 each to POBLO and Latin Missionary Society. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Beginning balance \$1059.18, income \$482.00, expenses \$333.00, ending balance \$1208.18.

Bakers – Thank you to those who baked for LWML Sunday in May and to those who will be baking for June. Thank you also to our servers.

Rotating Prayer Day Service – will be discussed at our meeting in September.

Postage Stamp – collection will no longer be taking place.

Quilting – will be continued in September.

Mites – Please fill and return your mite boxes. Donations are down.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 6. Please join us for fellowship and your sack lunch. Dessert will be provided by the hostess for the day.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Andrews

Minutes subject to approval.

St. John Lutheran Church
Fiscal Year 2017-2018
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018
Month Ending May 31, 2018

SALARIES	Previous Balance	May 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	3,600.00	400.00	4,000.00	2,400.00
Car Expense	747.56		747.56	1,000.00
Employees Social Security	2,395.66		2,395.66	3,050.00
Organists	5,517.25	392.48	5,909.73	7,980.00
Office Manager	13,770.78	1,033.91	14,804.69	15,860.00
Custodian	8,092.26	604.63	8,696.89	9,155.00
Guest Preachers	0.00	400.00	400.00	1,000.00
Interim Pastor(s)	10,000.00	2,500.00	12,500.00	25,000.00
Mich Dist LCMS - IIMP (10%)	1,000.00	250.00	1,250.00	Included line above
Total Salaries	\$ 93,057.31	\$ 5,581.02	\$ 98,638.33	\$ 116,304.00
PROPERTY				
Reserve Rd Expense/Improvement	\$ 610.46	\$ 24.13	\$ 634.59	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment Purchases	818.96		818.96	\$ 3,000.00
Supplies Lawn & Repairs & Snow plow	6,633.95	694.20	7,328.15	\$ 7,000.00
Electricity	4,813.34	442.18	5,255.52	\$ 5,500.00
Telephone	1,647.23	164.71	1,811.94	\$ 2,200.00
Fuel-DTE Gas	2,286.02	1,027.88	3,313.90	\$ 4,750.00
Sewer Usage	792.00		792.00	\$ 800.00
Disposal	1,137.30	128.79	1,266.09	\$ 1,050.00
Insurance	4,146.00	13.00	4,159.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total Property	\$ 22,885.26	\$ 2,494.89	\$ 25,380.15	\$ 30,300.00
Charities				
Synod's Work	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 9,600.00
T.I.M. (Sri Lanka/Pastor Mahlburg)	0.00		-	\$ 3,000.00
Lutheran Home & Family Services	500.00		500.00	\$ 500.00
Social Welfare	953.37		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	500.00	\$ 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	\$ 12,753.37	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 14,053.37	\$ 19,000.00
CHURCH SUPPLIES				
Bulletins & Worship Aids	\$ 3,527.06	\$ 358.75	\$ 3,885.81	\$ 4,800.00
Altar Guild	1,285.72	133.27	1,418.99	\$ 2,000.00
Postage	626.00		626.00	\$ 750.00
Office Supplies	3,339.32	537.77	3,877.09	\$ 5,500.00
Technology Expenses	8,333.16	1,554.73	9,887.89	\$ 7,000.00
Portals of Prayer	432.00	305.40	737.40	\$ 900.00
Confirmation Materials	0.00		-	\$ 600.00
Sunday School & VBS	1,476.22	790.27	2,266.49	\$ 3,000.00
Puppet Ministry	165.01	33.86	198.87	\$ 500.00
Praise Team	0.00		-	\$ 600.00
Total Church Supplies	\$ 19,184.49	\$ 3,714.05	\$ 22,898.54	\$ 25,650.00

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Special Projects	Previous Balance	May 2018	Year to Date	Budget
Major Repairs	\$ 1,300.00		1,300.00	\$ 3,000.00
Total Special Projects	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 3,000.00

MISCELLANEOUS	Previous Balance	May 2018	Year to Date	Budget
Conferences	\$ 752.00		\$ 752.00	\$ 2,000.00
Evangelism	769.10	61.20	830.30	\$ 1,000.00
Outreach	1,770.62	136.30	1,906.92	\$ 1,500.00
Centershot Ministries	137.85		137.85	\$ 1,100.00
Coffee & Donuts	1,529.28	118.97	1,648.25	\$ 2,400.00
Other Miscellaneous	4,325.89	470.31	4,796.20	\$ 4,500.00
Pastor's Retirement Party	7,995.77		7,995.77	\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 17,280.51	\$ 786.78	\$ 18,067.29	\$ 27,500.00

TOTALS - MONTH / YEAR TO DATE / BUDGET	\$ 166,460.94	\$ 13,876.74	\$ 180,337.68	\$ 221,754.00
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INCOME SUMMARY

Worship Services	\$ 175,643.11	\$ 15,260.44	\$ 190,903.55	Income / Expense Comparison Current Month \$1,647.37 Year To Date \$14,466.59
Coffee & Donuts	1,237.31	148.67	1,385.98	
Interest	0.75		0.75	
Donations	1,127.00	115.00	1,242.00	
Miscellaneous	1,271.99		1,271.99	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 179,280.16	\$ 15,524.11	\$ 194,804.27	

CHECKING ACCOUNT

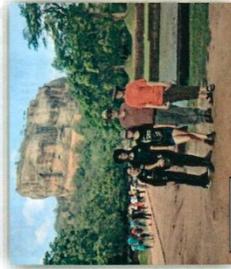
	Previous Balance	Income	Expenditures	Balance
General Fund	\$ 21,935.54	\$ 15,524.11	\$ 13,876.74	\$ 23,582.91

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

	Previous Balance	Income	Expenditures	Balance
General Fund Savings	\$ 78,982.01	\$ 12.03		\$ 78,994.04
Teddy Bear Fund	2,484.17	0.31		\$ 2,484.48
Improvement Fund	8,890.62	66.09		\$ 8,956.71
Memorial Fund	10,282.19	76.26		\$ 10,358.45
Univ/Sem Ed Fund	2,390.21	0.29		\$ 2,390.50
Youth Fund	5,080.74	2.96		\$ 5,083.70
Bell Choir Fund	2,315.38	0.29		\$ 2,315.67
Flower Fund	219.66	15.03		\$ 234.69
Parsonage	27,547.43	653.38		\$ 28,200.81
School Bldg. Fund	2,422.52	0.30		\$ 2,422.82
Thrivent Choice Funds	5,333.87	0.66		\$ 5,334.53
Choir Fund	552.88	0.07		\$ 552.95
Kidz Church/VBS	269.10	149.63	18.13	\$ 400.60
Together In Mission (T.I.M.)	2,402.27	45.30		\$ 2,447.57
Praise Team Fund	180.57	0.02		\$ 180.59
Centershot Ministries	843.11	0.10		\$ 843.21
Outreach Team	938.46	0.11		\$ 938.57
Building Fund	6,039.89	0.74		\$ 6,040.63
TOTAL SPECIAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 157,175.08	\$ 1,023.57	\$ 18.13	\$ 158,180.52

	Previous Balance	Income	Expenditures	Balance
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

Family News



Sigiriya

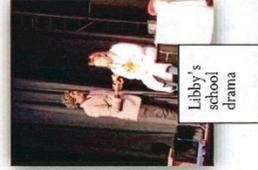


Dambulla

We took a trip to visit some cultural sites in Sri Lanka. We visited the cave temples at Dambulla, the ancient ruins at Anuradhapura, and ruins of the ancient fortress at Sigiriya. Liberty and Skye competed in a school drama competition. We also celebrated Skye's 15th birthday.



Happy Birthday Skye



Libby's school drama



Anuradhapura



Skye's school drama

*In God's peace,
Steven & Martha,
Autumn, Liberty, Skye, Rose, and
Duncan*

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Wisdom to better help and encourage our church partner in Sri Lanka.
- More opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus
- Autumn as she prepares to begin university in the U.S.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

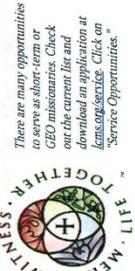
- New believers.
- The opportunity to spread the message of Jesus around the world.

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- People who are not ashamed of the Gospel.
- The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage us and partner with us.

CONSIDER:

- Adding us to your congregation's mission budget as a *Together in Mission* partner. (Call 888-930-4438 for details).
- Starting, continuing, or increasing financial support for mission work in Sri Lanka. (See below)
- Having a Skye update with your congregation, Bible study, Day School, Sunday School, Women's group, etc.



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GED missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."



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Train Up A Child



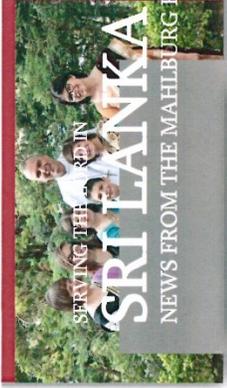
Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

Most of the children in our church partner attend schools that are taught in the Tamil language. There are some that attend English language schools. This means that all their topics are taught in English. However, they live in communities which primarily speak Tamil and Sinhala, not English. Often their parents speak no or little English. This means that it is difficult or impossible for the parents to provide help with their school work, nor are they able to practice English outside of school. I was asked to teach an English language Bible class for the youth in the upcountry. I was eager to do this.

The class has been a real blessing for me. I enjoy connecting with the youth and look forward to building lasting relationships with them. Most important, I pray that their faith will be strengthened and their relation with Jesus.



Autumn and Duncan joined me to help with Bible study related activities.



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NEWS FROM THE MAHLBURG FAMILY



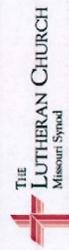
PATANA

Over a dozen congregations and mission stations belong to our church partner in Sri Lanka. I visited Patana this month which marks a milestone for me. With Patana, I have visited all of the active congregations and mission stations in the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church.

I will continue to make visits as I serve here, but now when I visit, I will be building upon connections I have already made. I pray continued visits will help me to build up and encourage these people with the Word of Christ.

Family Dates

- Wedding Anniversary August 11
- Birthdays:
 - Steven January 27
 - Martha December 11
 - Autumn September 13
 - Liberty July 15
 - Skye May 29
 - Rose March 19
 - Duncan July 24



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Song of Solomon 2:12

Look! Flowers are blooming in the fields; the season of singing has arrived...

Summer Service Camp, 2018

What God has done through this camp over the past 3 years still amazes us and keeps us going!

Please pray for the youth who will come from different areas of Michigan to serve the students enrolled in the state-run summer school for migrant children this July.

Through this camp, the Gospel will be proclaimed daily to migrant students, youth volunteers, teachers and parents.

Some of the youth who want to come serve are local young men, just entering High School in the fall. They have been a part of our After-School Program and have served in this camp for the past 3 years!

Please pray about sponsoring them to come and serve the children from their own countries.

The cost for one youth to attend camp is **\$125 for the week** (food,

Thanks to God, there are **4** Hispanic young men who want to attend.

Please send your donation designated for "Camp Scholarship" to Latino Mission Society at 8704 W Townsend Rd St Johns MI 48879.

Be a part of what God is doing in their hearts to serve.

and info to have on record for each child.



Another Great year for After-School Program

We had our last After-School Program and are glad to have had this year to work with the kids. Some of you came and served the meal, helped tutor the students (pictured here) or sent Thrivent Choice Dollars to help us keep this program up and running! **Thank you for your partnership to serve these children.**



Two Super Volunteers

The Trooper on the right is a monthly giver in support of the work we do at LMS. To become a **monthly supporter** in any amount, please send your gift and a note of your intentions to Latino Mission Society at 8704 W. Townsend Rd. St Johns, MI 48879.

The other Trooper pictured here is speaking Spanish - what a great asset!

Great job, guys - you are appreciated.

Troopers Volunteer to Provide Child I.D. Cards

A few State Troopers we know gave up their own time to come and make legal child I.D. cards for our Hispanic families. Pictured here is the baby Brooke helped the mother with during her doctor visits, labor and delivery! She is getting her tiny little fingerprints done. The Troopers scanned the prints, then took photos





Coming Attractions...
 (Times can be found on the Calendar)

- July 02 – Red Cross Blood Drive
- July 04 – FOURTH OF JULY! Church Office Closed
- July 05 – Elders Meeting
- July 11 – Community Meal
 Board of Directors’ Meeting
- July 12 – Ladies Bible Study
- July 18 – Transition Team Meeting
- July 20 – Houghton Lake High Blood Drive Fundraiser
 Newsletter Deadline
- July 26 – Ladies Bible Study



Saturday Evening Worship at the Garden will be held **July 14 & July 28 – Come Join Us at the Pavilion!**

