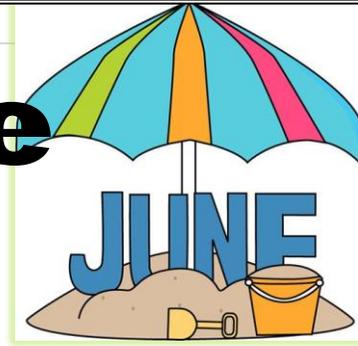




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Houghton Lake, Michigan 48629

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The View from Here

Homosexuality in the Church

It was big news back in 2001 when the Episcopal Church elected an openly homosexual priest to the position of Bishop. It's still in the news once in a while ... it's like seeing The Exodus in reverse ... poor, precious people led in exactly the wrong direction. Only a god of one's own invention approves conduct contrary to truth.

At the same time we know that as God's children, we need to recognize that homosexuals are God's creation and need our love as much as anyone else. We all need the love He has given to us in Jesus Christ. But in the case of our relationship with homosexual individuals how exactly is that going to be practiced? That's a tough issue, and I can guarantee we are not going to exhaust the subject in the next few paragraphs.

To begin with, we should make sure when we say "love" we don't really mean approval. We must make a distinction here: love and approval. Living in a democracy, we are encouraged to be approving of one another, whatever that person happens to be doing. Some states have laws against sodomy, but the prevailing attitude these days is when it comes to sexual practices, do whatever you want in the privacy of your own bedroom just as long as no one is hurt. That suggests a question: Is there an absolute truth? Might there be a moral standard that applies, even if you are in the privacy of your home and no one is being hurt? Historically, Christians have said, "Yes there is."

Most folks in the United States and Canada historically have identified with the Christian religion. That is not to say these are Christian countries. By law they are not. We have been oriented that way and that means historically most of us have been conformed toward the Bible.

The Bible has some very clear statements on this and here is just one, an extremely difficult passage. 1 Corinthians 6: 9 and 10: ***"Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral, nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders will inherit the Kingdom of God."*** The homosexual who might read this is offended by that. Also, loving family members who have a homosexual in the family circle, have to be torn apart by hearing a strong passage like that. But this is the conflict a Bible-believing Christian faces. How do I love a practicing homosexual and yet stay true to what God has told me about how to live life in His Word? This issue today is being framed in such a way that it is really asking us to choose between love and truth as if they were mutually exclusive.

One of the fascinating things about studying the Bible, and therefore studying about God, is that God cannot be divided. He is one whole, undivided God--- meaning the truth of God and the love of God are in harmony with one another. We as Christians have to study those Scriptures and find a way through this thorny issue in which love and truth are harmonious and not compromised.

In this day and age the issue of homosexuality is significant for many people, and it tears at the hearts of people. We want to approach this subject understanding how volatile it can be. Quoting the Bible produces a number of results. In Bible-believing Christians, it has a strong impact. But in folks who are caught up in this lifestyle, it may produce a number of reactions. One is anger---anger at God, anger at Christians. It may produce a rejection of the Bible and the church.



These days we are seeing something new rather than rejecting the church. People are changing the rules. In the name of inclusiveness and love we find some ministers performing marriage ceremonies for two homosexual people. There is another reaction that occurs in some people who practice the homosexual lifestyle, and that is guilt and hopelessness. They come to realize they are guilty. They have hurt themselves, hurt others and if they become ill and are facing death, despair rules their hearts.

Often homosexuals will say they were born that way, implying God created them that way and intends for them to be homosexuals. I don't know if that's true. I've heard it both ways. I do know the Bible tells us we are all born with original sin. Before we've even committed an actual sin, we are sinners from our conception. That tells me that even if we are born this way, it's not necessarily God-pleasing.

The question then remains: what can Bible-believing Christians do when confronted with this issue? The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, published in 1999 a plan for ministry to homosexuals and their families. It lists six goals.

The first goal is to confront the individual with his/her sinfulness and call him or her to repentance. However, before that happens, some other things should happen. You want to build a relationship with this person, and be a genuine friend.

Secondly, before you go to someone about God, go to God about that person. Pray about this long before you ever raise the subject. Next it's important to assure the repentant sinner of forgiveness in Christ.

Goal #3, according to this helpful plan for ministry, is to help the individual rely on Christ's love and strength, and to abstain from homosexual behavior. The act of repentance really has three parts. One is confessing your sin, whatever that sin happens to be. Secondly, look wholly to the cross of Christ for forgiveness. But third, something we often forget. Because of gratitude to God for saving you, seek to live according to His Word. And in this case, that means abstaining from practicing homosexuality. In truth, we can fill in the blank here - whatever the offense, repentance applies for all. As heart shattering as this issue is, homosexuality is not an unforgivable sin. There is forgiveness with Him, says the psalmist; that He may be feared. Feared here means respect and reverence.

The fourth goal of ministry to the homosexual is to assure this person of the acceptance of the church, whatever the sin might happen to be. People certainly don't want to go into a church where they're going to be clobbered over the head for something they've done wrong. It may be wrong, and they need to hear it, but we all want to be accepted. The church needs to remember that Christ died for all.

The next goal is to help the individual bear his or her burden without fear of recrimination and rejection by his or her sisters and brothers in Christ. It's not enough simply to get that person to say "I've sinned and I trust now in Jesus for forgiveness." We have to walk with them all the way. St. Paul told the Galatian Christians, bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. The law of Christ is the law of love.

The sixth and final goal is to keep ministering. Keep serving homosexuals and their families. They should be on our prayer lists; they should be on our care lists all the time. Again, that's what Christ would have us do for Him.

That's the View from Here.

Pastor Winter

Pastor Bill Winter

"NEWS FROM THE PEW"

Dad's, Sing Like You Mean It Because Your Kids Are Watching

by [Stephen Altrogge](#)

[The following are excerpts of an article written by Keith McCracken. May we as men and women, fathers and mothers, be inspired by the example of Keith's father.]



My father was a wonderfully eccentric man. He was a quick witted recluse and a virtual Picasso of *mechanicalia*. He worked third shift (11 pm to 7 am) for 37 years (without missing a day or ever being late) so as to avoid having his talents supervised into obscurity. To most people outside of his family he was hard to understand and blissfully unconcerned with anyone else's opinion of him. But despite all of that he was very overt about his faith in, and love for, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Though I hold many cherished memories of him, perhaps the most vivid was his excitement over singing certain hymns. By all accounts he possessed at best an average voice when it comes to uniqueness and tonal quality. But he sang his favorites with a conviction that was beyond convincing and was by far one of the

loudest and most joyful voices in a congregation of approximately 350. I remember looking up at him and checking him out while he was singing, "Is he for real," I would wonder. When he would catch me looking at him he would simply lock-eyes with me and sing all the louder while he broadened his grin to match proportion with his pleasure.

The now heart-softening aspect of these memories is that I am standing here in my church singing these same time impervious truths in front of my children. I catch them looking up at me and I wonder if I am anywhere near as good an example as he was. I get caught up and overwhelmed when I recognize the blessing that God had granted me in an earthly father. How diligent Dad was to bless me in an eternal way without ever making a point to tell me that he was doing it.

Jack McCracken passed away on March 9th of 2010 from pancreatic cancer. The last day I saw him alive was March 8th. We were alone and I was brutally tired from all that had preceded. He could not speak or even open his eyes but the nurses assured me that he could hear so I just prayed for him and encouraged him to trust in Jesus and look for him to come soon. When my nephew arrived I felt comforted that dad would not be alone and I decided to return to my parent's house and get some rest. I asked my nephew for just a few moments alone with dad and I grasped his hand firmly, kissed his forehead and said, "You did a fantastic job as my father and I am so glad I got to be your son. Thank you for taking me to church. But more importantly thank you for going to church and being joyful there. Thank you for singing like you meant every word. You have no idea how that still affects me. I love you dad."

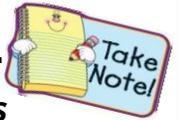
I decided to write this all out first as a means of expressing for myself what is sometimes difficult to verbalize. And secondly, as a means of encouragement to fathers in church, please sing like you mean it on Sunday morning. I am not asking you to fake anything but rather embrace the very meaning these songs were written for. Seek to express your joy in your Savior Jesus Christ by singing in response to what he has done for you, and in agreement with the truths imbedded in these songs. Neither am I encouraging you to do this specifically for your children's benefit but first for yourselves with the added comfort of knowing how much it will affect your children. I am simply encouraging you to worship in spirit and in truth. Sing strong because that is what God wants from

you. Trust God to bless your children because of what they see and hear.

Pastor Cordts, Pastor Counselor

Taken from the March 2015 - LWML Timberline News

News from the Branch .



From your Board of Directors

The 2015-2016 proposed budget has been finalized at the May 13, board meeting and will be brought before the Congregation for a vote at the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 7, 2015, at 11:00am. Also on the Agenda for this meeting will be the Proposed Service Schedule Change (see pg 11) and election of Board Members. This is your chance to be heard - please attend!

From Centershot....

Submitted by Fred Kleinert - Centershot



The first Centershot Nationals were held in Louisville Kentucky in early May, preceding the National Archery in the Schools national tournament. There were only a little over 100 participants from 10 different states. With the logistics and planning all done by Roscommon's Dr. Mike Ritchie it was deemed a success for the first ever Centershot Nationals.

The National Archery in the School Program is the same archery program that is used in Centershot. The Houghton Lake High School has been doing archery since their training in January of 2014. The middle school has been trained and has gotten the equipment thru grants from the Michigan D.N.R. and the Houghton Lake chapter of Whitetails Unlimited. As you can see these archery programs are supported by many organizations.

The National Archery in the Schools program was started by bow manufacturer Mathews Archery and its owner Matt McPherson. The state of Kentucky was the pilot for NASP. The National tournament is held in Louisville every May with over 11,000 participants. Since its' start in 2002 more than 12,000,000 kids have had the chance to enjoy archery.

Centershot was also the idea of Mathews Archery owner Matt Mc Pherson and was started in 2006. Roscommon's own Dr. Mike Ritchie was the second church to sign up for Centershot. The program has grown to over 3,000 churches around the world. The difference between NASP and Centershot is the teaching of the gospel. In our program here at St. John we have one of the best people teaching the gospel to the kids, Glen Bromm. Some of us have

tried our hand at teaching this part but Glen is by far the best, hands down. So the next time you see Glen give him a big thank you. I hope this brings some clarity to the difference between Centershot and NASP.

Centershot Meeting Dates:

☺ Saturdays - Fall Session Date To Be Announced

REMEMBER: Centershot is open to any student, ages 7 - 18 in grades 2-12. Students under age 10 should be accompanied by an adult.

Come on out and see how much fun this group has as it impacts the lives of our local youth!



VBS is coming!!!

June 15 - 19, 2015

Coming soon to St. John Lutheran Church - Chester the Squirrel will lead you on a merry adventure of discovering all that Jesus can do in and through you! Come join in the fun, games, crafts, stories, puppets, snacks and Centershot will also be back this year. Invite your neighbor, friend, and family to join in this activity-filled week.

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Adult Bible Study - Sundays Group is continuing with.... God Connects – A Course in Christianity

God Connects - a video series explaining the Christian Faith in a way that makes it easy to invite a friend, family member, or church visitor. Plain language and helpful illustrations present God's work of salvation in a concise manner. This series is ideal for those with questions of sin, judgment, redemption, Jesus, the believer's life, and more. **God Connects**—an excellent resource for amplifying and sharing key concepts of the Christian faith. Who has God put in *your* life that needs to hear His message?



We hold our classes each Sunday morning at 11 a.m. in the Luther Rooms. Please join us!

Lesson 6	Who is the Holy Spirit?
Lesson 7	Prayer
Lesson 8	Baptism
Lesson 9	Confession and Absolution
Lesson 10	Communion
Lesson 11	The End of Time
Lesson 12	The Christian Life

Join us every Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

✠ **in the Luther Room** *✠*

EXTRA! EXTRA! Your Neighbors in the Pew that made the local news

Whenever you come into the church building from the parking lot, take a look at the bulletin board outside the church office. During the course of the month you will see news articles from the Houghton Lake Resorter which highlight different members of our congregation and their contributions near and far.

If you, or someone you know in our congregation is being featured - please feel free to drop the article off at the church office and we'll make sure it gets posted!



News from the Womb

Submitted by Pamela Joles - Roscommon County "I AM" for Life

You breathed on me and gave me life. Without You, I am nothing. With You, I am more than I ever could imagine. Each pregnancy is a new miracle, and should hold wonder and an extraordinary sense of privilege that a new human being is being formed in one's body. If you are a Christian, there is a new awareness of the power and tenderness of our Creator as He knits this new life together, and a kind of amazement that we are cooperating with Him as He does His work in us. There's something very special about bring pregnant that is so much more than just having a baby. It's like taking a peek into eternity and seeing a piece of Heaven. The love of a mother for her baby is like a raindrop compared to the ocean of love that God has for that little one.



See you next month!

Reaching out to those in our Community who have a need...



It may seem that every time you walk into the building a new collection is being taken and we ask again for your generosity in supporting others in our community that have a specific need. Food for Project H.O.P.E. during Lent, followed by pet food for the Roscommon Animal Shelter, and currently we are participating in the diaper drive being sponsored by **Lutherans for Life**. Please know that thought and consideration as to the merit of each of these drives is weighed prior to asking for participation. By no means should any congregant member feel obligated to support each drive - we ask that you prayerfully consider what you can give and to which cause. As always, we are touched by the level of giving our congregation displays each month.

News from the Outreach Team. . . .

Submitted by Carolyn Wood

In Next Outreach meeting will be **Weds, June 10, at 7:00pm.**

Also - following the June 20, evening service out at the Garden, the Outreach Team will be hosting a **Strawberry Social.**



Update on the Animal Shelter Food Drive for Roscommon County Animal Shelter: The Trustees delivered 525 pounds of Cat Litter and 550 pounds of dog & cat food to the shelter on May 20. Thank you to Tractor Supply for discounting the food stuff & cat litter purchased with the funds from the Thrivent Action Team and Thank You St. John Members for all your support!!!

News About Synod Programs

Thrivent Choice Dollars . . .



Those members who have contacted Thrivent and asked that their Choice Dollars be specified to St. John for a specific ministry, please let Erma know to which ministry and the amount of your deposit. Thrivent only notifies a total amount for the month and a list of names without being specific about where to apply.

And for those Thrivent Members who have not yet taken advantage of this option, you may have Thrivent Choice Dollars available to direct to our congregation! You only need to make a phone call to **1-800-847-4836** and say "**Choice Dollars.**" Please have your Thrivent member # available when you call. The Thrivent Rep you speak with will let you know if you have "Choice Dollars" available and can direct those to St. John upon your request.

(Thrivent Information provided by Joan Jaguszewski, Thrivent North Central MI Chapter Records Director).

Thought for the Day...



There is no more lovely, friendly, and charming relationship, communion, or company than a GOOD MARRIAGE.

~Martin Luther

Remembering Those Who Serve....

Please pray for:



- Sgt Michael Boals
- AFC Travis Bromm
- SSgt Chris Bromm
- Darcy Mooney - Reserves
(Barbara Sny's Daughter)
- Will Mooney
- Matthew Petersen

Coming Attractions....

Save the Date....

Upcoming Dates to Remember

(Times can be found on the Calendar)



- June 04 - Elders Meeting
- June 06 - First Summer Evening Service at The Garden - 7:00pm
- June 07 - Annual Congregational Meeting
- June 10 - Board of Directors Meeting
Outreach Team Meeting
- June 11 - Ladies Bible Study
- June 15-19 **Vacation Bible School**
- June 20 - Eisbrenner/Troyer Wedding
- June 20 - Strawberry Social after 7pm
Garden Worship Service
- June 25 - Ladies Bible Study
- June 28-30 Pastor & Dick P. at Conference

Attention all Church Key Holders

As required by Church Policy #9 - "In July of every year ... all key holders will be asked to bring in their keys for a physical inventory." A notice will be placed in each holders mailbox in the next few weeks. Thank you!



THE GARDEN OF EATIN'
PLOTS ASSIGNED + PLANTING BEGUN!

Those of you who signed up to participate in this year's Garden out at the Reserve Road property have already been assigned your plots and the planting has commenced. We look forward to watching your gardens grow As has been done in the past, those with bragging rights, oops - I mean those with excess produce will share with the congregation and Project H.O.P.E.



It's Summer and that means

We've resumed our Summer Worship Schedule through the Labor Day Weekend! We are including a Saturday evening worship service in our weekly schedule with the **first garden service being held June 6.** These services will alternate between the pavilion at our property on Reserve Road and the sanctuary. As has been 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 waiting. If you've never attended one of these outside services, come join us as we lift hearts and voices to our Lord. Bring a lawn chair and your friends. Watch for special "after service" activities throughout the summer. The first one will be a Strawberry Social on June 20, 2015, hosted by the Outreach Team.



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

Your Coffee Hour Hosts This Month:

- June 7 - Brunch being served
- June 14 - Marlin & Arlene Shull
- June 21 - LWML
- June 28 - ?? Your name here ??



Changes in Membership . . .

We said good-bye . . .



Alvin Buss - May 21, 2015

You can find them on your dial ...



Lutheran Hour Ministries

If you'd like to listen, LHM broadcasts out of Saginaw.

WSAM - 1400am
 Sunday mornings - 8:30am

**Received from Kitte Rach -
 M.O.S.T. Donation Recipient**

"I was both overjoyed and speechless after opening your second gift towards my mission trip. What a blessing! I look forward to the day we go and I hope you will let me come to your church on my return. It would be my pleasure to show pictures and share stories of our trip. Again, please extend my sincere gratitude to your congregation.

Thank you,
 Kitte



On Sunday, July 19, 2015, St. John Lutheran Church will host a special 75th Anniversary Celebration. A church service will be held in the sanctuary at 2:30pm followed by dinner out at the Pavilion. The dinner will be catered by Fred's of Roscommon. Advance reservations will be required. Dinner tickets are available through the church office at no cost and will be available through July 1, 2015.

And that's all the latest this month over the fence and from your neighbors

*Until next month -
 Blessings!*



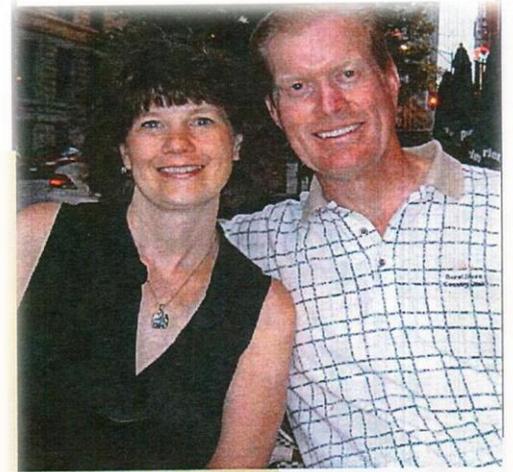
Catching up with . . .

PASTOR PAUL & DANA NAUMANN
(Daughter of Conrad Seidel)

(The following letter was by Conrad Seidel and is being reprinted with full permission.)

Dear Dad,

You may be surprised to hear that it is already 5 years I have been leading a team from St. Michael Church up to Lac Brochet, Manitoba through the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots. Every year our team goes to this remote community (about 2000 miles north and west of Portage, MI) and puts on a Vacation Bible School for the children. With each year God stretches us a little more in our efforts to reach out. Last summer with our largest most diverse team ever, besides doing the VBS, we also included three teen nights and we attempted two grandmother's tea nights. This year we started out our stretching by making our first Spring trip in April to Lac Brochet, where we were able to lead devotions on prayer in every school classroom, do a teen night which attracted 50 teens and put on a women's Bible Study where 6 women showed up, many to whom we were privileged to give their first Bible. Because of this we have decided to arrive in Lac Brochet a couple of days earlier so we can put on a mini retreat for the women before we start the VBS. So we will arrive in Lac Brochet on the morning of July 31 and stay until August 8, our longest trip ever. God is doing amazing things and we are always surprised by how He reveals Himself and the hunger of the people in the community for The Gospel.



Pastor Paul & Dana Naumann

Throughout the years we have gone to Lac Brochet we have seen so much that breaks our hearts. The destructive effects of alcohol and drugs, suicide (several summers ago a suicide happened while we were there), juvenile delinquency, physical and emotional abuse, dissention in the community as well as the harsh environment with rampant fires in the summer that threaten the community with evacuation and long dark winters, with subzero temps. There are so many things that are against these people, but God loves them and has put a call on my heart and the heart of our church at St. Michael to be part of His plan to reach out to Lac Brochet.

As always my first and foremost need is your prayers. I cannot even count how many times prayer has opened doors and provided answers that we would never have had. God has met our needs and allowed us access to the people in Lac Brochet in a deeper and more profound way only through those answered prayers. It is always with great pleasure that I have an opportunity to give our prayer partners a copy of the LAMP devotional that we use while we minister in Lac Brochet, knowing we are reading the same devotions and our prayers are lifted up by yours is such an encouragement. Secondly I ask for your financial support. God has supplied to many of our needs along the way even to the point that we had a surplus in our funding, but now with the extra trip taken in April and the increase in airfare costs there is more need than ever. My prayer for you is that is you feel God leading you to support this ministry, in any way as a prayer partner and/or as a financial supporter that you will know that there are children and adults who are hearing the Gospel and that their lives are being changed through you.

You can email me directly if you would like to be my prayer partner. Contributions can be made out to St. Michael Lutheran Church, with LAMP:Dana, in the memo line; and submitted to St. Michael; 7211 Oakland Drive, Portage, MI 49024. You will receive a receipt for your tax deductible contribution.

I thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request and I look forward to sharing with you the results of God's leading and His Grace to the Lac Brochet Community this summer.

Dad - Thank you for all of your prayers it is a blessing to share what God is doing with you. Thank you too for sharing the mission with your church. That is so awesome!

Only By His Grace,

Dana

St. John Lutheran Church - Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2015

I. Call to order

Bill Schmidt called to order the regular meeting of the St. John Board of Directors at 7:00 pm on May 13, 2015. Pastor Winter opened the meeting with a reading from Matthew 13:24-34, The Parable of the Weeds, The Mustard Seed and the Leaven; and commentary by Martin Luther.

The first order of business was a **motion** made by Peter Daellenbach to allow Monika Pfannes to record minutes of the meeting in lieu of Paul Reda who is absent. Second by Erma Stevens, approved with no opposition. Motion carried.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Bill Schmidt, Glen Bromm, Erma Stevens, Peter Daellenbach, John Wood, Louise Nagy, Marlin Shull, Jim French and Pastor Winter. Guests present: Paula Fuller, Fred Kleinert and Monika Pfannes.

Persons absent: Paul Reda, Secretary (excused); Pamela Joles, Social Welfare (excused)

III. Proposed 2015-2016 Budget

Bill Schmidt requested this item be opened to questions from the attending guests at this time as a courtesy if they needed to leave before the end of the meeting. Paula Fuller stated that the proposed budget looked good to her and there were no other comments. Bill Schmidt thanked Jim French & Erma Stevens for their diligent preparation. **Motion** was made by Louise Nagy to accept the Proposed Budget to be presented to the congregation for vote on June 7, as prepared. Second: Erma Stevens. Motion approved and carried with no opposed.

IV. Guest Remarks

Paula Fuller was present to discuss plans for the up-coming 75th Anniversary. Bill Schmidt stated that:

- a Celebration Committee has been formed and had their first meeting this date in the morning.
- The celebration date will be Sunday, July 19, 2015.
- Erma Stevens has agreed to be Chairperson and other committee members are: Dick Pedersen, Jim French, Pastor Winter, Monika Pfannes and Bill Schmidt.
- The Celebration Service will take place in the sanctuary at 2:00pm followed by a catered dinner out at the Pavilion at 5:00pm. The dinner will be catered by Fred's of Roscommon.
- Volunteers will be needed and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin boards.
- Dinner will require reservations in order to attend.
- Pastor Winter stated that the guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Richard Wolfram.
- Pastors from both the Gladwin and Timberline Circuits will be invited with their spouses as well as the 3 seminarians that were supported by St. John and St. John former Pastor Arnold Brammeier.
- Paula Fuller has been asked to "resurrect" the choir for this celebration.

V. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed by the board members and a **motion** was made by Jim French to approve as presented. Second: Louise Nagy. Motion carried.

VI. Approval of Treasurer's April 2015 Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by the board members and a **motion** to approve as presented was made by Glen Bromm. Second: Jim French. Motion approved and carried.

VII. Board Activity Report

- **Board of Ed** - Louise Nagy reported that Vacation Bible School would be June 15 - 19 and the supply order would be going in yet tonight. The last day for this year's Kidz Church/Sunday School would be May 31. No other items.
- **Board of Evangelism** - John Wood reported that the Outreach Team has secured 3-4 bids for a sign to be placed out at the Reserve Road property but all came back extremely high (\$4,000-\$6,000). Kirk Koupal secured an outdoor sign from *Outdoor Signs of America* for much less. OSA was contacted and a quote obtained for a 40" x 96" sign with 4 lines. Cost would be \$529 (\$378 for sign & brackets, \$151 S&H). To have an electric sign would be an additional \$68. We would be responsible for posts, cement and installation. Discussion followed regarding possible vandalism including creative word scrambles using letters. It would be possible to fabricate some type of clear cover that could be locked down and opened only to change wording. Paula Fuller asked about required permits and ordinances for a permanent sign. John Wood has been talking to the township and has received verbal approval as long as visibility isn't obstructed for those entering and exiting the property. Bill Schmidt made recommendation that the permit be secured prior to purchase of sign. **Motion** to obtain the sign from Outdoor Signs of America contingent on getting the required permit from the township prior to purchase with cost not-to-exceed \$600 made by Louise Nagy. Second: Glen Bromm. Motion approved and carried.

Glen Bromm reported that the local townships will not be participating in the M-55 Corridor Community Garage Sale and therefore the proposal to give out hot dogs at that event is not needed.

John Wood also reported that the donations collected for the Roscommon County Animal Shelter will be delivered by the Trustees on the 20th. The additional \$250 donation from Thrivent will be used as follows: \$230 to purchase food & cat litter from Tractor Supply Company and \$20 to purchase lunch for those transporting the donations. TSC will give a 10%-15% discount on items purchased from them.

- **Board of Trustees** - no report
- **Board of Elders** - Peter Daellenbach reported that the Elders that will be participating in the May 30 & 31, 2015, services to cover during Pastor's vacation have been selected and the names were shared. No communion will be served at any of the services. Also a memo has been prepared to be distributed to the congregation in their mailboxes outlining the proposed Service Time Changes that will be included on the agenda of the annual meeting. This memo will also be published in the upcoming newsletter.

VIII. Old Business

none

IX. New business

- a) **Church Picnic** - The date has been set for the 3rd Sunday in August, August 16, 2015. This will be announced in the weekly bulletin and upcoming newsletters. John & Carolyn Wood will be chairpersons for this event and will be helped by Dick Pedersen and Erma Stevens. The quantity of beverages provided will be reduced to avoid surplus.

- b) **Integrity Financial Planning** - Pastor reminded the board that Financial Advisor Bob Britton will be attending the June 12, 2015 board meeting to make a presentation. He will be accompanied by Kregg Rooze.
- c) **Church Office Items** - Monika Pfannes presented the following items for board approval:
- **Grant Opportunity** - The grant previously submitted to the Wiebe Foundation on behalf of Centershot will be updated and revised for submittal to Thrivent for consideration under the *Stand With Your Community Reformation 2017* program. Submission dates are Aug. 1 - Nov. 16.
 - **Shepherd Staff Upgrade** - Currently church is running Ver 7.5 (2006) and we have the opportunity to upgrade to the 2015 release for a discounted price of \$399 (\$224 svgs). Also available is Unite 360 Website Program with set-up cost of \$199 plus \$19/mth fee. Our current website is through Lutherans Online and they are phasing out that free service so a new service is needed. Erma Stevens made a **motion** to purchase the upgraded software and website package. Second: Marlin Shull. Motion approved and carried.
 - **Member Records** - Monika asked for approval to purchase manila file folders to create individual file folders for congregational families/members rather than bulk hanging files by alphabet. Cost approximately \$50. No motion needed - approved as office supply expense.

X. Correspondence

Monika read thank you note received from Kitte Rach for Board approved monetary donation toward her upcoming mission trip. Thank you note will be published in newsletter as Kitte states she would like to share pictures and stories of the trip upon her return.

XI. Miscellaneous

Upcoming Board Nominations. The following positions are coming up for election at the June Voters Meeting: **Secretary, Board of Evangelism, Board of Christian Ed, Board of Trustee, Board of Stewardship.** Jane Radulski and Barb McIntyre have both "thrown their hats into the ring" having spoken with Pastor. Paul Reda is considering re-election. John Wood will be stepping down at this time.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Erma Stevens made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Second: Glen Bromm. Bill Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

After close of the meeting Paula Fuller expressed concern regarding the sidewalk running through the parking lot and its current condition. To avoid possible injury - repair, replacement or removal should be considered.

Fred Kleinert wanted to thank the Board for all their support of the Centershot program. There will be a Fall session and they are considering holding it in the evening. He will provide additional details in the months to come.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Monika L. Pfannes

Minutes subject to approval at the next Board Meeting - June 10, 2015

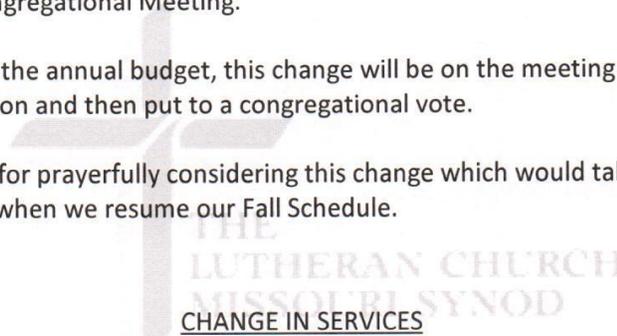
Memorandum

To: All Congregational Members
From: Your Board of Elders
Date: May 17, 2015
Re: Proposed Service Schedule Change

Below is the Proposed Service Schedule Change that was presented and approved by the Board of Directors to be presented to the Congregation at the June 7, 2015, Annual Congregational Meeting.

Along with the annual budget, this change will be on the meeting agenda with time for discussion and then put to a congregational vote.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this change which would take effect after Labor Day when we resume our Fall Schedule.



CHANGE IN SERVICES

WHAT: Proposed Schedule: Blended Service @ 8:00-9:00
Coffee/Fellowship time - 9:15-10:30
Sunday School/Bible Study @ 9:15-10:15
Divine Service @ 10:30-11:30

When: Start September 13, 2015

Reasons:

- Opportunities for families to attend Sunday School or Bible Study and worship together
- Interaction of church membership before and after Sunday School/Bible Study
- All activities will be completed prior to 12:00 noon
- Sunday School/Bible Study teachers can attend the church service of their choice with their families

St. John Lutheran Church
Fiscal Year 2014-2015
July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015
Month Ending April 30, 2015

<u>SALARIES</u>	<u>April 2015</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pastor's Salary	\$ 4,352.00	\$ 43,520.00	\$ 52,224.00
Pastor's Housing Subsidy	600.00	6,000.00	\$ 7,200.00
Pastor's Retirement & Ins.	2,269.80	22,091.50	\$ 26,900.00
Pastor's Social Security	-	5,992.00	\$ 7,990.00
Car Displacement	400.00	4,000.00	\$ 4,800.00
Car Expense	48.00	1,002.00	\$ 2,000.00
Employees Social Security	509.40	2,179.40	\$ 2,800.00
Organists	559.56	5,525.68	\$ 7,500.00
Secretary	1,272.50	9,872.50	\$ 12,000.00
Office Mgr - Federal & State Taxes Withheld	-	741.60	\$ -
Custodian	1,022.10	7,133.17	\$ 8,554.00
Guest Preachers	-	750.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total Salaries	\$ 11,033.36	\$ 108,807.85	\$ 132,968.00
<u>PROPERTY</u>			
New Property Expense/Improvement	\$ 22.61	\$ 1,322.12	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment Purchases	424.77	1,330.55	\$ 3,000.00
Supplies Lawn & Repairs & Snow plowing	636.18	5,011.14	\$ 7,000.00
Electricity	442.86	4,392.63	\$ 5,000.00
Telephone	146.93	1,468.90	\$ 2,200.00
Fuel-DTE Gas	328.00	3,511.00	\$ 4,750.00
Sewer Usage	198.00	792.00	\$ 800.00
Disposal	77.73	749.47	\$ 900.00
Insurance	-	4,597.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total Property	\$ 2,277.08	\$ 23,174.81	\$ 29,650.00
<u>Charities</u>			
Synod's Work	\$ 800.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,600.00
Lutheran Home & Family Services	-	500.00	\$ 500.00
Social Welfare	-	504.62	\$ 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	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous Charities	-	200.00	\$ 500.00
Veterans of the Cross	-	500.00	\$ 500.00
L.A.M.P.	-	500.00	\$ 500.00
Roscommon County Right to Life	-	500.00	\$ 500.00
Total Charities	\$ 800.00	\$ 12,404.62	\$ 15,500.00
<u>Special Projects</u>			
Major Repairs	0	0	\$ 2,000.00
Total Special Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00

St. John Lutheran Church
 Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015
 July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015
 Month Ending April 30, 2015

CHURCH SUPPLIES

	April 2015	Year to Date	Budget
Bulletins & Worship Aids	\$ 282.50	\$ 3,822.87	\$ 4,800.00
Altar Guild	225.50	1,455.81	2,000.00
Postage	49.00	388.58	750.00
Office Supplies	1,742.71	12,967.61	10,000.00
Portals of Prayer	-	600.00	900.00
Confirmation Materials	-	-	600.00
Sunday School & VBS	-	857.42	3,000.00
Puppet Ministry	49.95	291.73	500.00
Total Church Supplies	\$ 2,349.66	\$ 20,384.02	\$ 22,550.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Conferences	\$ 551.45	\$ 2,154.15	\$ 2,000.00
Evangelism	91.20	679.30	1,000.00
Outreach	-	47.90	1,000.00
Centershot Ministries	-	855.00	1,000.00
Coffee & Donuts	183.42	1,766.41	2,400.00
Other Miscellaneous	108.13	3,594.28	4,000.00
Transfer to Savings	-	-	-
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 934.20	\$ 9,097.04	\$ 11,400.00

TOTALS - MONTH / YEAR TO DATE / BUDGET

	\$ 17,394.30	\$ 173,868.34	\$ 214,068.00
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INCOME SUMMARY

Worship Services	\$ 17,670.00	\$ 175,538.30	Income / Expense Comparison Current Month \$570.65 Year To Date \$4,700.03
Coffee & Donuts	193.03	1,689.78	
Interest	0.92	11.72	
Donations	50.00	993.58	
Miscellaneous	51.00	334.99	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 17,964.95	\$ 178,568.37	

CHECKING ACCOUNT

	Previous Balance	Income	Expenditures	Balance
General Fund	\$ 18,003.69	\$ 17,964.95	\$ 17,394.30	\$ 18,574.34

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

	Income	Expenditures	Balance
General Fund Savings	\$ 2.81	\$ -	\$ 16,450.48
Teddy Bear Fund	\$ 0.12	\$ -	\$ 2,826.23
Improvement Fund	\$ 215.32	\$ -	\$ 7,538.72
Memorial Fund	\$ 330.25	\$ -	\$ 5,971.97
Univ/Sem Ed Fund	\$ 0.25	\$ -	\$ 5,780.06
Youth Fund	\$ 2.33	\$ -	\$ 4,983.93
Bell Choir Fund	\$ 0.12	\$ -	\$ 2,308.75
Flower Fund	\$ 80.01	\$ -	\$ 306.85
Parsonage	\$ 0.62	\$ 111.00	\$ 14,059.75
School Bldg. Fund	\$ 50.07	\$ -	\$ 1,671.73
Thrivent Choice Funds	\$ 0.20	\$ -	\$ 4,634.75
Choir Fund	\$ 0.02	\$ -	\$ 551.29
Kidz Church/VBS	\$ 0.01	\$ -	\$ 285.77
M.O.S.T. Ministries	\$ 0.10	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,863.62
Praise Team Fund	\$ 0.01	\$ -	\$ 180.17
Centershot Ministries	\$ 230.03	\$ 700.00	\$ 201.27
Family Fun Fest	\$ 0.03	\$ -	\$ 755.73
Building Fund	\$ 0.13	\$ -	\$ 3,026.09

Church Extension Fund-Dedicated Fund Balance	\$ 1,410.00
Church Extension Fund-One Year Fixed Rate Note	\$ 16,219.38
Church Extension Fund-One Year Fixed Rate Note	\$ 23,552.90
CEF 24 Month Step-up Note	\$ 45,746.39
Credit Union Savings Account	\$ 2,110.04
2 Year Fixed Rate Note	\$ 48,440.96

ST. JOHN LADIES AID/LWML MEETING, MAY 7, 2015

Our May meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M. by Marilyn Meyers, our president. Pastor Winter led us in singing "O God, My Faithful God". For National Day of Prayer he also led us in a prayer for the nation. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 was the basis for his devotion.

Roll call was taken with 22 members present.

A motion was made by Erma Stevens and seconded by Ruth Serniuk to accept the April minutes as presented.

Treasurer's report was given by Erma Stevens. Beginning balance \$3509.87, expenses \$164.88, income \$2180.06, ending balance \$5525.05. CEF \$3,195.47. Petty cash \$2.70.

Thanks to Mona Previch and Ruth Serniuk for a tasty luncheon.

OLD BUSINESS

Rummage Sale – income was \$516.25 for baked goods and \$1253.75 for rummage with a total of \$1770 income.

NEW BUSINESS

Bake Sale – will be held after the Saturday night service on July 11 and after the 8:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. services on Sunday, July 12.

A Strawberry Social – will be held at the pavilion on Saturday, June 20, following the service.

On Sunday, June 7 – there will only be one service at 9:30 A.M. with our Annual Congregational Meeting at 11:00 A.M. A pancake breakfast will be served after the meeting.

A fall Rummage Sale – will be held on October 1 & 2 with set-up on September 29.

LWML

Treasurer's report – prepared by Denise Reda, showed a beginning balance of \$474.92, income of \$168, expenses of \$200 and an ending balance of \$442.92.

Spring Rally – held on May 2 at Our Savior Gladwin had two speakers – Pastor Steven Mahlburg and Mark Shoepf from Wheat Ridge.

Bakers – for May 17 will be Barbara Duwe, Pat King, Erma Stevens, and Carolyn Wood.

LWML – National Convention in 2016 will be held at Boyne Mountain.

Lutheran World Relief – kits will be changed from baby care kits to school kits.

LWML - National Convention in DesMoines – Sylvia has a list of items needed.

Quilting – will not be held this month.

There will be no Ladies Aid/LWML meeting for the months of June, July, and August. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 3.

We adjourned at 1:45 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Andrews

Minutes subject to approval.

**LWML Michigan District
Timberline Zone
Spring Rally
Our Savior Lutheran Church
Saturday, May 2, 2015**

Theme: Blessings

The LWML Timberline Zone spring rally was called to order by Zone President Carol Wegener at 10am. A warm welcome was given by Sue Alexander, President of Our Savior, Gladwin. Zone V. President, Carol Stuhr was excused; so Zone President Carol gave the response and thanked the ladies of Our Savior for all their work for hosting this rally. Pastor Krach, Gladwin, led us in an opening prayer.

President Carol introduced Pastor Steven Mahlburg, Ethnic Ministry Developer, serving in the Asia Pacific Region. Pastor presented a very interesting mission, using power point pictures, in which he and his family will be involved in China. Each of us were invited to be on his newsletter email list.

Business meeting opened at 11:07am by Zone President Carol Wegener in the name of the Holy Trinity.

Standing roll call: 57 + Pastors Cordts, Mahlburg, Krach & Mrs. Mahlburg. Hale: 6, AuGres: 4, Gladwin: 22, W.Branch: 2, Tawas City: 1, St. Helen: 6, Standish: 2, Prescott: 7, Houghton Lake: 4, Harrison: 4.

Ingatherings: All our societies have been busy with many ministries which included monetary gifts for today's speakers: Rev. Mahlburg (China missionary) & Mark Schoepp (Director for Wheatridge). Summarized for all societies: 687 quilts for LWR; 12 quilts for Ann Hume (Haiti); 10 quilts for fire victims; 62 health kits; 17 baby care kits; 120# soap; 10 sewing kits; 35 Africa dresses; 100 pillow case dresses for New Dawn Shelter; 50 wheel chair bags; 25 lap robes; 696 used card crosses; 6+ pr. glasses; 100 school supplies for local students; 53 Christmas boxes for shut-ins; soldier gift boxes; pop can tabs; used card fronts & stamps; Easter baskets for shut-ins; items for food pantries; 48 backpacks for school kids; diapers for CPC; \$500 scholarship money for 2 students; Christmas gifts to Well- spring; help for homeless shelter; used Portals of Prayer; diapers for Lutherans for Life; 49 Angel Tree gifts; cleaning supplies, books, food for Ronald McDonald House; monetary pledges for CPC Walk; bakeless sale for missions; youth help for Bethesda.

Secretary minutes of the spring board meeting 3-16-15 were not approved at this spring rally & will need to be approved at our next board meeting.

No correspondence. We signed 3 zone shut-in cards for Elfrieda Kihn, Ruth Trapp, Ruth Gertz. Sylvia Tumath will mail them.

Reports of Elected Officers.

- * **President Carol's** report in your folders today.
- * **V. President C. Stuhr's** report read by Z.President Carol.
- * **Treasurer's** report given by **Arlene Bowling**. Report in your folders.

Reports of Appointed Chairpersons.

- **Parliamentarian.** Carol Wenzel - excused.
- **Mission Service.** Debbie Adams - excused.
- **Christian Growth.** **Karen Schmitt** reported on our upcoming **Zone Retreat on Saturday, Sept. 19 at Bambi Lake Baptist Retreat Center**, Roscommon. You have a flyer and a registration form in your folders. Cost is **\$16 per person**. Deadline is August 25th. Speakers will be Rev. Ted Voll, Rev. Fred Cordts, and Vicki Lewis (who will talk about making plan from plastic bags to be used in missions).
 - **Theme: Count Your Blessings** Num. 6:24-26. You will enjoy fellowship, good food, the camp surroundings, & learn to recognize abundant blessings in everyday life.
 - **Ingatherings for Wellspring: School supplies/gift cards & plastic grocery bags. Each society will bring one snack to share in the afternoon. Bring your Bibles & bring a new friend.**
- **Member Development.** Vacant.
- **Pat Morley – Rep. from Mich. District LWML.** Pat brings greetings to you from District President Willie Marie Henry. You have Willie Marie's report in your folders. Pat reviewed the **new District LWML Goals** with us. She encouraged us to check out District's Web site online. Pat mentioned using the Quarterlies; discussed how to interest new people for LWML and stressed importance of prayer. She mentioned the Mite Box. National LWML's Mission Grants have been blessed by God through you. Goal of \$1,830,000 has been met. District's Mites of \$235,000 has been reached for Michigan's District Mission Grants for biennium 2014-2016. You have a copy of Mission Grants in your folders and you can put a copy in your church bulletins to encourage prayers for continuing this mission goal. Pat welcomes you to **National Convention in June in Des Moines, Iowa.** **There are a few seats left on the bus; contact Terry Tody (989-244-1734) or Pat Morley (9313-418-2159) asap if you need a bus ride.** A form in your folder for you to apply to assist committees at Nat. Convention. Gifts from the Heart (Ingatherings) are listed for you to be a part of this Mission. A registration schedule form you have for Nat. Convention also. **MOST Mission trip to Nicaragua July 31-Aug. 8 (for eyeglass ministry) is needing more team members.**

Contact Dee Veitengruber if you are interested (call Pat Morley/she can get you in touch with Dee). Your form in your folders. Nat. President Kay Kreklau invites you to join her in prayer each Saturday at 9am for 9 minutes (9@9).

- **Archivist/Historian. Pat Metzger** reported that she has all her files in order.
- **Pastoral Counselor. Pastor Cordts** thanks ladies who host today's rally and to prayerfully consider help for Pastor Muhlburg's ministry to China. Pastor has enjoyed working with the retreat committee and looks forward to seeing all of you at our zone retreat.

Unfinished Business.

- **Zone ingatherings for National Convention.** President Carol reminds us of this form in our folders to encourage your congregation to help. Your ingatherings can be taken on the bus.
- We have **2 ingatherings today** for our two speaker's missions.
- **Postage stamps.** Carol hasn't been in touch with Barb yet and she is unsure what to do with the stamps. She has part of a package ready to be mailed out to Germany. She reviewed the information on where we mail the stamps with us.
- Our zone bylaws state for our **elections to be done at our fall rally.** At our fall rally we will vote for Z. President and V. President. The nominating committee chairs: Kay Kernstock, Lois Hernandez, Nancy Brondstetter have completed calling all societies and reported that we have nobody to run for these offices at this time. If we do not get nominees by the fall rally for an election, Z. President Carol Wegener and V. President Carol Stuhr have agreed to run again.
- Our zone bylaws indicate we need to make a motion to send a zone delegate and alternate to the National Convention. Your zone president is usually the one who is your delegate. Motion made by Arlene Bowling to have Carol Wegener be our zone delegate for Nat. Convention. Seconded by Kay Forster; motion carried. Motion made by Linda Cordts to nominate Debbie Adams to be our zone alternate for Nat. Convention; seconded by Sue Carr; motion carried.

New Business.

- Fall Board meeting – Monday, Sept. 21. Gladwin brings refreshments.
- Timberline Zone Fall Rally – Standish Oct. 1st (Thursday).
- LWML MOST trip – discussed previously.
- Zone retreat – Sat. Sept. 19
- 2016 spring rally at St. Helen (skit by Prescott)
- 2016 fall rally at Prescott (skit by St. Helen)
- Lois Hernandez presented information on the response of Lutheran World Relief to the Earthquake in Nepal, so that we could see where some of our quilts may have gone. LWR has shipped 9,240 quilts and 1,000 Personal Care Kits to Nepal in April 2015. Lois also brought information regarding the availability of "Worship for Shut-Ins". This is a program provided by Lutheran Ministries Media that is available to LCMS congregations in a DVD format normally at a cost of \$520.00 per year (\$10 per Sunday). It provides a very nice LCMS church service with music and an inspirational message for those who are unable to attend a church service. Due to a 2013 LWML Grant this program is available to congregations free of charge for the year 2015, providing it is shared with an extended care facility. Up to 20 copies of the DVD can be made to share with shut-ins or nursing homes. What a wonderful way to show others what an LWML Grant can help to provide.

Standish 'players' presented a well done skit entitled " Going Fishing ".

Sherry Snow led us in a luncheon prayer.

A delicious luncheon was provided by our Our Savior ladies. Thank you.

Afternoon session resumed with President Carol leading us in our LWML Pledge, Mission Statement, song, & offering.

Pat Morley introduced our guest speaker Mark Schoepp, director for Wheatridge.

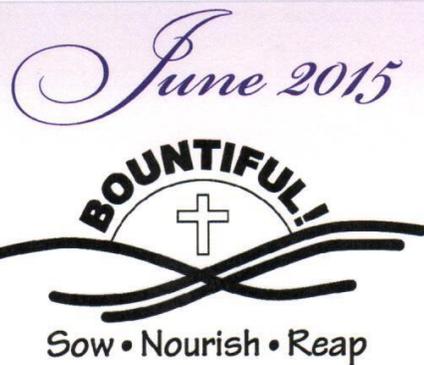
Pastor Cordts led us in closing prayer with blessings of our ingatherings & included prayer concerns.

President Carol followed by leading us in the Lord's Prayer and closed our rally at 2:55pm.

Dates to Remember:

June 25-28, 2015	LWML National Convention, Des Moines, IA (Bus leaves on June 24 th)
July 1, 2015	Deadline for Timberline Zone News submissions (mail / email to Carol Stuhur)
July 31-Aug. 8, 2015	MOST mission trip to Nicaragua for eyeglasses
Sept. 19, 2015	Zone Retreat – Bambi Lake Retreat Center "Count Your Blessings"
Sept. 21, 2015	Fall BOD meeting, West Branch (refreshments by Gladwin)
Oct. 1, 2015	Fall Rally, Standish (skit by Gladwin)
Nov. 1, 2015	Deadline for Timberline Zone News submissions (mail / email to Carol Stuhr)

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Kernstock
Zone Secretary



PRAYER #1

Heavenly Father, Creator of all, we thank You for the ideas, discussion, and guidance granted to the women in leadership roles as they met and planned for the 2015 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Lord God, please be with and continue to bless the women on the many committees of the 2015 LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, as they put convention plans into action. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

PRAYER #3

God of order, we know You preselected the guest speakers, Bible study leaders, and special speakers for the 2015 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention. Thank You for inspiring them as they come to Des Moines in June to share messages of You. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER #4

Father, please bless the officers, committees, delegates, and guests as they prepare to attend the 2015 LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. Grant them safe travel and allow each to sow seeds of love for Christ along the way. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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AND KEEP PRAYER GUIDE IN YOUR BIBLES
FOR DAILY MISSION SUPPORT REMINDERS.

BOUNTIFUL!

Sow • Nourish • Reap

The Time is NOW to get your suitcase out, pack your walking shoes (for the Mission in Motion/ Mission Pledge Walk), your LWML purple clothing, and to make sure you have room to bring some Gifts From the Heart ingathering items (see the Des Moines Convention insert in the *Winter Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* for a detailed list).

Once you arrive, whether by plane, bus, or auto, you can look forward to enjoying:

- The worship proclaimers: Rev. Gregory Seltz, of The Lutheran Hour Ministry on Thursday evening and on Sunday morning, Rev. Keith Piotter, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bettendorf, Iowa;
- Keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. James Lamb, Lutherans For Life;
- The Mites in Action Speakers: Carly Hatcher, Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries; Tim Hetzner, Lutheran Church Charities; Rev. Dr. Tilahun Mekonnen Menedo, Concordia College, Alabama; and Rev. Jim Rivett, Southern Illinois District Prison Ministry Coordinator;
- Singing led by Dr. Dina Vendetti; and
- The wit and humor of Jan Struck.

There are 33 mission grants on the ballot. All are very exciting ministries. Our delegates and officers will prayerfully select and by the time we leave Des Moines, we will have new mission grants to prayerfully support.

It has been 30 years since LWML gathered in convention in Iowa. The world has seen many changes – dress, hair styles, communication, and technology – but the warm smiles and hospitality of the women of the Iowa Districts remains the same! They are preparing the way for each convention attendee to be fed by God's Word and Sacrament, nurtured through worship and fellowship, and equipped to sow, nourish, and reap in the Lord's harvest field long after the convention adjourns.





2015

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Jacqueline Jammer</i>	2 <i>Kayla Doehring</i> <i>Krista Doehring</i> <i>Don & Dawn Lingenfelter</i> - 26 yrs	3 <i>Jack Simon</i> <i>John & Carol Gottschling</i> - 54 yrs	4 <i>Lily Akers</i> <i>Kirk Koupal</i>	5 <i>Matt & Anna Stogiera</i> - 11 yrs	6 <i>Carl Schilling- 92 yrs</i> <i>Franklin Spiess</i> <i>Donald Wolf - 94 yrs</i>
7 <i>Myles Eisbrenner</i> <i>Keith Pfannes</i>	8	9 <i>Nancy Schuneman</i> <i>Carolyn Wohlfeil</i>	10	11	12 <i>Anna Stogiera</i>	13
14 <i>Carrie Schmidt</i> <i>Jeff & Lynne Fossitt</i> - 35 yrs <i>Larry & JoAnn Gall</i> - 57 yrs	15	16 <i>Connie Janik</i> <i>Frank Ticknor</i>	17 <i>Shannon Akin</i>	18 <i>Gary Malcho</i>	19	20 <i>Marilynn French-88 yrs</i>
21	22	23 <i>Sally Johnson</i> <i>Rick & Jane Radulski</i> - 9 yrs	24 <i>Becky Greger</i> <i>Woody & Janice Holbrook</i> - 48 yrs	25 <i>Celia Schnell</i> <i>Arlene Shull</i>	26 <i>Tammy Mitchell</i>	27 <i>Janet Chambers</i> <i>Mary Conklin</i> <i>Lois Pike - 88 yrs</i> <i>George & Marilyn Meyers</i> - 51 yrs
28 <i>Nathan Hanovich</i> <i>Ken Vest</i>	29 <i>Helen Gretzinger 91 yrs</i> <i>Glenn & Barb Ruhlig</i> - 58 yrs	30				

JUNE 2015

Events & Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 - Gospel 101	2 10:00 - AA	3 9:00 - Trustees	4 4:30 - TOPS 7:00 - Elders	5	6 10:00 - AA 7:00 - Blended at The Garden
7 <i>We Don't Lose Heart</i> 9:30 - Divine Srv w/Communion 11:00 - ANNUAL VOTER'S & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	8 6:30 - Gospel 101	9 10:00 - AA	10 9:00 - Trustees 7:00 - Board Mtg 7:00 Outreach Team Meeting	11 4:30 - TOPS 6:00 - Ladies Bible Study	12	13 10:00 - AA 7:00 Blended with Communion
14 <i>Walking By Faith</i> 8:00 - Blended with Communion 9:30 - Divine Service 11:00 - Adult Bible Study	15 6:30 - Gospel 101	16 10:00 - AA	17 9:00 - Trustees	18	19	20 10:00 - AA 3:00 - Eisbrenner / Troyer Wedding 7:00 - Blended at The Garden Strawberry Social
	VBS Week - Camp Discovery				4:30 - TOPS	
21 <i>A Big Mouth</i> 8:00 - Blended Service 9:30 - Divine Srv w/Communion 11:00 - Adult Bible Study Father's Day 	22 6:30 - Gospel 101	23 10:00 - AA	24 9:00 - Trustees	25 4:30 - TOPS 6:00 - Ladies Bible Study	26	27 10:00 - AA 7:00 Blended with Communion
28 <i>Outrageous Curiosity</i> 8:00 - Blended with Communion 9:30 - Divine Service 11:00 - Adult Bible Study	29 6:30 - Gospel 101	30 10:00 - AA 12:30 - BUNCO with Pizza & Bev				

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS MEETING!
 The Annual Voter's Meeting will be held
 Sunday, June 7, 2015 at 11:00 am.
 Weekend Service Schedule is as follows:
 Sat., June 6, - 7:00 at the Garden
 Sun. - June 7, ONE Service only at 9:30 with Communion