



The Eagle



2015

St. John Lutheran Church
Houghton Lake, Michigan 48629

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St. John Celebrates 75 Years!

Sunday, July 19, 2015, the congregation of

St. John Lutheran Church - Houghton Lake

will celebrate its 75th Anniversary with a special Church Service of Praise and Thanksgiving beginning at 2:30pm, followed by a catered dinner out at The Garden (weather permitting).

We have invited Pastors from our own Gladwin Circuit, the neighboring Timberline Circuit, previous Pastors of St. John as well as seminarians we have supported and a son of the congregation who is a current pastor in our area.

The final preparations are being made and we look forward to sharing this very special day with our entire Church Family.



The View from Here

Christianity Spreading Faster Outside than In?

Doesn't it seem that Christianity is spreading faster in other parts of the world than here in North America? If so, why is that?



As a preamble to the answer, we must remember and keep in mind that according to Revelation 7 God is bringing people to faith from every tribe and nation; so we shouldn't be surprised to see it happening all over the world!

It is a fact that many people are being brought to faith in Jesus in what's been called the "Global South." In some of those countries the Christian faith is forbidden. We learned that when we heard our new T.I.M partner back on June 7th of this year. In Africa, many parts of Asia, and the Middle East, many areas of Central and South America, we are seeing a rapid increase in the number of believers.

What accounts for that increase and why are we not seeing that same kind of activity in the U. S. and Canada, I believe, is that just as in the United States, there are people coming to faith in Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit working through the Word of God to transform their hearts and lives. People in the Global South are hungering and thirsting for an eternal hope that the risen Savior Jesus gives, perhaps more so than in North America, because in many of those places people are facing oppression, violence, and suffering of all kinds. That can create an openness to the hope and help of the Savior Jesus. There is something about desperation in the face of tribulation that causes people to cry out to God for help. And God calls out to them in Hebrews 4; it says **"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need"** (Hebrews 4:16).

I believe a really important question is this: *Are we crying out to God for help?* We have immense challenges in our nation. But it is important to know that even here, even now, God is still mightily at work and there are many who are still turning to God for answers. I know the studies and statistics have been painting a bleak picture of the Christian Church in the United States and Canada, but the same Spirit of God is alive and well.

Make no mistake however; each nation, region, and community has its own obstacles to overcome. I believe that in the West, we're struggling with a long list of challenges: **materialism** distracts us from what is important, giving people a false feeling of contentment; **post-modern philosophy** causes people to doubt truth and so they become cynical about everything. And then, of course, with all the stuff we have there is a **narcissistic individualism** that leads people to focus selfishly on themselves and not even consider the things of God. So, I find that people feel more overwhelmed today with everything, causing a hopelessness amidst abundant blessings. Once you miss that purpose of life that's found in Christ, it's easy to become apathetic and complacent. Some of the worst tendencies of people come out when they have all that they want and they still aren't satisfied. In reality, that can even affect us forgiven sinners.

For example, the church sometimes becomes embroiled in infighting at the very brink of the harvest of souls for the Kingdom. Or, our faithful confession as Christians can become tainted by immorality, racism, and meanness. We all must be on our guard not to get in God's way even among us and through us. We always need to remember that we too are forgiven sinners, even broken healers, and we are bearers of Christ's news alone!

I believe that's why the church seems to be developing more slowly here. In fact, our wealth and prosperity, which are blessings from God, can be a distraction to His eternal riches of grace in Christ. And, I also believe there are times and seasons for the movement of the Holy Spirit.

So, let's prayerfully realize that these challenges exist everywhere, and certain challenges arise at certain times in every nation's life, but, amidst it all, our calling is clear in all those places. With love for our neighbors, we preach "Christ Crucified" the power of God for all who believe. Today's opportunity is tomorrow's harvest; today's harvest brings unique challenges too.

Nevertheless, let's rejoice in all that our faithful God is doing all around the world. With that joyful spirit, let's see what God can still do with us here in this place too. Let's learn to be ourselves ... graced people in Jesus, for others, people who strive to live graciously where God has planted us!

That's the View from Here.



Pastor Bill Winter

News from the Pew

Submitted by Pamela Joles - Board of Social Welfare

God is Pro-Life

- Everybody is a human person. No exceptions.
- Every human person is of invaluable worth. No exceptions.
- Everyone is deeply loved by our Lord. No exceptions.



Our God is the "I Am" God. He is eternal, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. The life in humans comes from God; there is no life apart from God. Humans are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139-14). God is Pro-life. From the time we are conceived until the time God stops our beating heart, He definitely has a purpose for our lives.

Just as we hear about a women's right to end a pregnancy, we also hear about a person's right to die. We have all heard or read that a terminally ill person has the right to choose when he/she wants to die. God clearly states in Deuteronomy 32:39, "Now see that I, even I, am He, and there is no God besides Me; I kill and I make alive." It is God who determines the time for each of us. God gave life to us in the womb. "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." (John 11:25-26). God is Pro-Life.

News from the Branch . . .

From Centershot . . .

Submitted by Fred Kleinert - Centershot

Centershot was part of the St. John Vacation Bible School again this year. We made the decision to only instruct the older kids and had thirteen participants, 4 boys/9 girls. We were excited to have a lot of returning participants which also made coaching with our limited resources much easier. The program went very well and by the day 3 most of the kids were hitting some bullseyes. I want to thank my wife, Kay, for being there every day and also Glenn Bromm and Alekz Pfannes for the days they could help out. Thank you to everyone who has made donations to St. John Centershot program. We are currently looking at some new ideas for Centershot here at St. John with more information to follow in the future. The kids commented that they were very happy that archery was part of VBS again this year.



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 has come!!! . . . and gone

Chester the Squirrel and friends spent a fun-filled week discovering all that Jesus does in and through his children of all ages! Check out the Newsletters and Crafts posted on the bulletin in the education wing hallway. If you weren't able to join us this year - we'd love to have you participate next year!!!!

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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 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

A huge thank you to St. John's for participating in the "Baby Bottle Drive" for the Caring Pregnancy Center in West Branch! Please watch for our total donation, we are still turning in baby bottles. Our Lutherans for Life Diaper drive is going well, we will be donating diapers to the "Baby Pantry" at Wesleyan Church, Women's shelter in Grayling and the "Caring Pregnancy Center" in West Branch. I personally want to thank you my sisters and brothers in Christ! When I ask, you give!



Abortion does more than destroy a life, it stops a story. Assisted suicide and euthanasia does more than end a life, it stops a story. These are stories that God wants told to bring honor and glory to HIS name.

See you next month!

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

THANK YOU AGAIN to everyone who has donated to Project H.O.P.E., the Animal Shelter and, most recently, Lutherans for Life Diaper Drive. Your generosity is overwhelming and so appreciated!!!

News from the Outreach Team. . . .

Submitted by Carolyn Wood

The Outreach Team met on Weds., June 3, 2015. Team members set a date for the 3rd Annual Family Fun Fest (September 26, 2015) and discussed the different items needed to make this year's event another neighborhood success. They are getting all the necessary paperwork and permits in order to put up the new marquee sign out at the garden; organized a Strawberry Social (held June 20 after the garden service) and also a Patriotic Picnic scheduled for July 4th before the evening service. Also in the works are plans to have "Concerts at the Garden" beginning next summer featuring local Gospel Groups



including 2nd Mile out of Gladwin (check out their website).

If you are interested in joining this active team of church members, join us at our next meeting being held Weds. July 1st at 7:00pm.

News From the Synod. . .

With the recent spotlight on the United States Supreme Court regarding the legality of same-sex marriage, we felt it beneficial for all congregational members to know what the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod stand is and why. This is addressed in a lengthy letter from President Matthew Harrison which was received May 19, 2015 and is published on Page 5-6 of this newsletter.



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." If you have a church key - please stop by the church office sometime this month to sign the audit form. -Thank you!

Remembering Those Who Serve.... Please pray for:

SSgt Chris Bromm
Darcy Mooney - Reserves
(Barbara Sny's Daughter)
Will Mooney
Matthew Petersen
Justin Stensrud - Air Force



Coming Attractions.... Save the Date...

Upcoming Dates to Remember

(Times can be found on the Calendar)

July 01 - Outreach Team Meeting
July 02 - Board of Elders
July 04 - Patriotic Picnic at the Garden
July 08 - Church Washing Day
Handbell & Choir Practices
July 09 - Ladies Bible Study Night
July 13 - Red Cross Blood Drive
July 15 - Handbell & Choir Practices
July 19 - **75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**
July 23 - Ladies Bible Study Night





THE GARDEN OF EATIN'

**SEEDS ARE A-SPROUTIN' &
PLANTS A-GROWIN'!**

If you haven't been out at the Church Property recently you're missing a beautiful site! The Garden of Eatin' is a work of art like Joseph's Coat of Many Colors. Individual plots reflect individual tastes - but together they are a joy to behold! Thank you to all participants for your hard work. We look forward to hearing about your bountiful harvests!

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

Your Coffee Hour Hosts This Month:

July 5 -
July 12 -
July 19 - LWML
July 26 -



Harrison encourages pastors: “We speak the truth in love to all” on same-sex marriage

Dear brothers,

In the face of another radical cultural shift — a denial of God and His creation, a rejection of Christ, the Ten Commandments and God-given natural law (Romans 1) — a great Lutheran responded with truths that are also true for our times:

The lie is the death of man, his temporal and his eternal death. The lie kills nations. The most powerful nations of the world have been laid waste because of their lies. History knows of no more unsettling sight than the judgment rendered upon the people of an advanced culture who have rejected the truth and are swallowed upon in a sea of lies. Where this happens, as in the case of declining pagan antiquity, religion and law, poetry and philosophy, life in marriage and family, in the state and society — in short, one sphere of life after another falls sacrifice to the power and curse of the lie. Where man can no longer bear the truth, he cannot live without the lie. Where man denies that he and others are dying, the terrible dissolution [of his culture] is held up as a glorious ascent, and decline is viewed as an advance, the likes of which has never been experienced. (Hermann Sasse, Union and Confession, 1936)

In just a few weeks, the Supreme Court is expected to rule on the legality of same-sex marriage in America and roll out the implications of that ruling for individual states. I expect the ruling to create an alleged constitutional right to same-sex marriage, contrary to God's created orders, natural law and the inerrant Scriptures. This will be the earnest beginning of a very long struggle for faithful Christians who will, more and more, be driven from participation in the culture. We shall come to know and understand parts of the Word of God like never before. "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:20).

Brothers, the battle has already been won. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, has already defeated the foe. Satan surrendered at Golgotha. It is finished.

But what do we do? If the Supreme Court rules that same-sex marriage is legal in every state or must be recognized in every state, what is our response?

We stand fast (2 Thess. 2:15). We live in and by our Savior, who calls us to stay the course, to repent of our sin, to

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

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

*Until next month -
Blessings!*



One more thought....

Remember during the times life gets tough and



**When You Need
A Place To
Lean...**

be in the Word of God and in prayer. We redouble our teaching on God's gift of marriage. And we show love and mercy to those harmed by the dissolution of God's ordering of marriage and family, intended for protection for all. We take legal action where absolutely necessary. "Public remedy, made through the office of the public official, is not condemned, but is commanded and is God's work, according to Paul (Romans 13)" (Apology XVI 59).

The plan fits the nature of the Church: she is enduring and eternal. She speaks Christ's forgiveness and peace to men and women struggling with same-sex attraction and heterosexual attraction alike, in and out of season. She doesn't do flash-in-the-pan or drive-by ministry. She works in the world for the long haul. She doesn't change her tune or stop her singing. She keeps telling real people about a real Jesus, from black-robed Supreme Court justices to the protestors on the steps of that building to the young people in college watching the ruling unfold to those of us who never imagined we would see this seismic shift in our lifetime. And she lives to demonstrate the mercy and love of Christ (1 John 3:15ff).

Most importantly, she speaks of the One who came for sinners — all sinners — and of the One who showed His love for us by dying for us. She simply stays the course.

That's why you, dear brothers in the Office, will need our prayers in the days ahead. And you will have them. Legal marriage may be redefined, and outcomes we never imagined will occur. But these don't surprise or alarm us. The crumbling culture merely proves that what began in the Garden of Eden is still prevalent today, that we are sinners among sinners, that we are all in need of Christ's mercy and grace. This world is wending its way toward the end (Matthew 25). The story ends well (Revelation 7). That is what those in the pew and those disenchanted by the people in the pew need to hear, and will always need to hear, the most.

Beyond the theological consequences of this ruling, however, there are also practical implications, and I urge you to consider the following:

(1) The Synod's legal team is carefully examining the potential ramifications of this case. It will likely be a messy ruling that will require time to unpack. We may discover that there is ultimately no constitutional protection for the Synod, its institutions, you or your congregation. We don't know, but we will be reporting back to you with our findings.

(2) Your congregation should give serious thought to obtaining counsel from your own attorney. Also consider utilizing the [Synod's document on marriage policies for member congregations](#), which offers sample provisions limiting the use of church property to marriages that are consistent with LCMS beliefs. The day may come when even this legal protection will not be enough, but it may assist you and your congregational leadership in forestalling issues as long as possible.

(3) Be prepared to discuss what marriage will look like in the future. Will LCMS pastors eventually be forced, as agents of the state, to perform same-sex marriages? If that happens, will we be prepared to let the state perform the legal marriage ceremony, while we as pastors provide a religious ceremony for those marriages that are in keeping with our confession of faith as Lutheran Christians? We must have these discussions as pastors and as a Synod, and we may even need to make decisions at the next Synod convention in the summer of 2016.

(4) Know that I, as Synod president, stand with you. What protections will the Synod or even the Constitution offer you? I don't know. But here is what I am personally sure of: The Gospel is enduring. It never changes. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. We as pastors are called to repent and to be faithful to Him — and to His Gospel — alone. Will we be fined for not performing same-sex marriages? Potentially. Will we be thrown in jail? Maybe. A recently deceased Catholic bishop (Cardinal George) described what I believe we shall now begin to face: "I expect to die in bed, my successor will die in prison and his successor will die a martyr in the public square. His successor will pick up the shards of a ruined society and slowly help rebuild civilization, as the church has done so often in human history."

Make no mistake, the battle has been won. The devil has been defeated. The Victor reigns triumphant in mercy, love and truth. The Gospel knows no limits, but proclaims the gracious kingdom of our Lord to all, through Christ's Word and Sacraments.

The temptation will be to run out into the melee, to abandon the home front or to give up all together. But we are called instead to repent, to be ready, to move confidently into the future, come what may. We speak the truth in love to all. We share Christ's forgiveness with each person He sets in our path.

And the Lord will work all things for good, even these trying times. He is faithful, brothers. He will do it.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison

President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

St. John Lutheran Church**Congregational Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2015**

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Board of Directors President Bill Schmidt.

Pastor Winter opened with prayer.

President Bill Schmidt welcomed the congregation.

Bill reminded everyone of the 75th Anniversary Celebration dinner and said they need to get free reservation tickets from Monika.

Bill also stated that T.I.M. has been put on line in the budget.

A motion was made by John Wood to approve the minutes of June 1, 2014. Dave Outman seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Peter Daellenbach of the Board of Elders addressed the congregation. He stated that the Elders need the family information forms returned as soon as possible. He also said some parishioner's mailboxes are full and to please pick up their mail.

There was discussion about the proposed change in time of the 9:30 service, coffee hour, Bible class and Kidz Church. Peter answered questions from the congregation.

Bill made a motion to elect the five people running for board positions to the Board of Directors. Congregation approved.

Ballots were handed out for voting on the service time change and budget approval. Voting took place and ballots were collected.

A motion was made to adjourn by Chris Lauria and seconded by Jerry Andrews. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned.

Pastor Winter closed with prayer.

St. John Lutheran Church
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2015

Members present: President: Bill Schmidt
Vice President: Glen Bromm
Secretary: Paul Reda
Treasurer: Erma Stevens
Board of Elders: Peter Daellenbach
Board of Christian Education: Louise Nagy-absent
Board of Evangelism: John Wood
Board of Trustees: Marlin Shull
Board of Stewardship: Jim French
Board of Social Welfare: Pam Joles

Bill Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM.

Pastor Winter read a devotion and opened with a prayer.

Installation of the new Board will be June 28th at the 9:30 service.

A motion was made by Pastor Winter to adopt installation of the new officers to their positions on the Board of Directors. Bill Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Motion was made by Glen Bromm to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Jim French seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report for May by Jim French. John Wood seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Board Reports:

Board of Social Welfare: Pam stated the Roscommon County Children's Assessment Center is in need of clothes, sizes 4 – 10. She will check with local charities to see about donations. A motion was made by Glen Bromm to donate \$500.00 to the Assessment Center. Paul Reda seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Board of Trustees: Marlin stated there has been complaints about the cracked sidewalk in the parking lot. He is waiting on a bid for patching the holes with asphalt. Stumps at the church property need to be removed. He is waiting on a price.

At this time Bob Britton and Kregg Rooze from Integrity Financial gave a presentation on financial planning for the Church's and individual's investments.

Board of Elders: Peter stated a group from Christian Education, Evangelism, and the Elders will be getting together on Wednesday, July 15th at 7:00 pm. They will be discussing children's attendance in Sunday School. This will be their first meeting.

Board of Evangelism: Regarding the new sign for the property, Miss Dig has been notified. The Outreach Team would like to have a contemporary Christian concert in July at the pavilion. They are looking in to bands.

Erma requested to pay bill for Mindy Burtis to be re-certified in food safety. A motion was made by Glen Bromm to approve. Pam Joles seconded the motion. Motion approved.

New Business: Glen proposed putting a thank you in the bulletin for all the volunteers who do the many jobs that help the church operate successfully.

Bill discussed Policy #13 and recommended adding the “We Stand Fast” policy. A motion was made by Peter to approve. John Wood seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Pastor recommended closing out the M.O.S.T. Ministries fund and sending \$2,000.00 to the Orozco family. A motion was made by Erma to approve and seconded by Peter. Motion approved.

There being no other matters to bring before the BOD, a motion for adjournment was made and approved. The Board closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Paul Reda, Secretary

Minutes are subject to approval at next meeting

St. John Lutheran Church
 Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015
 July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015
 Month Ending May 31, 2015

CHURCH SUPPLIES

	May 2015	Year to Date	Budget
Bulletins & Worship Aids	\$ -	\$ 3,822.87	\$ 4,800.00
Altar Guild	53.74	1,509.55	2,000.00
Postage	98.00	486.58	750.00
Office Supplies	1,891.93	14,859.54	10,000.00
Portals of Prayer	200.00	800.00	900.00
Confirmation Materials	-	-	600.00
Sunday School & VBS	380.02	1,237.44	3,000.00
Puppet Ministry	-	291.73	500.00
Total Church Supplies	\$ 2,623.69	\$ 23,007.71	\$ 22,550.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Conferences	\$ 574.81	\$ 2,728.96	\$ 2,000.00
Evangelism	94.77	774.07	1,000.00
Outreach	63.00	110.90	1,000.00
Centershot Ministries	-	855.00	1,000.00
Coffee & Donuts	60.87	1,827.28	2,400.00
Other Miscellaneous	-	3,594.28	4,000.00
Transfer to Savings	-	-	-
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 793.45	\$ 9,890.49	\$ 11,400.00

TOTALS - MONTH / YEAR TO DATE / BUDGET

	\$ 15,591.08	\$ 189,459.42	\$ 214,068.00
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INCOME SUMMARY

Worship Services	\$ 20,236.36	\$ 195,774.66	Income / Expense Comparison Current Month \$5,119.79 Year To Date \$9,819.82
Coffee & Donuts	262.50	1,952.28	
Interest	1.01	12.73	
Donations	120.00	1,113.58	
Miscellaneous	91.00	425.99	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 20,710.87	\$ 199,279.24	

CHECKING ACCOUNT

	Previous Balance	Income	Expenditures	Balance
General Fund	\$ 18,574.34	\$ 20,710.87	\$ 15,591.08	\$ 23,694.13

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

	Income	Expenditures	Balance
General Fund Savings	\$ 3.01	\$ -	\$ 16,453.49
Teddy Bear Fund	0.12	-	2,826.35
Improvement Fund	258.31	-	7,797.03
Memorial Fund	50.25	-	6,022.22
Univ/Sem Ed Fund	0.24	-	5,780.30
Youth Fund	2.54	-	4,986.47
Bell Choir Fund	0.09	-	2,308.84
Flower Fund	80.01	-	386.86
Parsonage	650.58	45.00	14,665.33
School Bldg. Fund	0.07	-	1,671.80
Thrivent Choice Funds	1,995.19	-	6,629.94
Choir Fund	0.02	-	551.31
Kidz Church/VBS	0.01	-	285.78
M.O.S.T. Ministries	0.08	-	1,863.70
Praise Team Fund	0.01	-	180.18
Centershot Ministries	70.01	-	271.28
Family Fun Fest	0.03	-	755.76
Building Fund	0.12	-	3,026.21

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 Lutheran Church
Fiscal Year 2014-2015
July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015
Month Ending May 31, 2015

<u>SALARIES</u>	<u>May 2015</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pastor's Salary	\$ 4,352.00	\$ 47,872.00	\$ 52,224.00
Pastor's Housing Subsidy	600.00	6,600.00	\$ 7,200.00
Pastor's Retirement & Ins.	2,269.80	24,361.30	\$ 26,900.00
Pastor's Social Security	-	5,992.00	\$ 7,990.00
Car Displacement	400.00	4,400.00	\$ 4,800.00
Car Expense	139.00	1,141.00	\$ 2,000.00
Employees Social Security	-	2,179.40	\$ 2,800.00
Organists	664.92	6,190.60	\$ 7,500.00
Secretary	800.00	10,672.50	\$ 12,000.00
Office Mgr - Federal & State Taxes Withheld	-	741.60	\$ -
Custodian	558.45	7,691.62	\$ 8,554.00
Guest Preachers	-	750.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total Salaries	\$ 9,784.17	\$ 118,592.02	\$ 132,968.00
<u>PROPERTY</u>			
New Property Expense/Improvement	\$ 72.61	\$ 1,394.73	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment Purchases	85.58	1,416.13	\$ 3,000.00
Supplies Lawn & Repairs & Snow plowing	510.20	5,521.34	\$ 7,000.00
Electricity	368.99	4,761.62	\$ 5,000.00
Telephone	147.02	1,615.92	\$ 2,200.00
Fuel-DTE Gas	328.00	3,839.00	\$ 4,750.00
Sewer Usage	-	792.00	\$ 800.00
Disposal	77.37	826.84	\$ 900.00
Insurance	-	4,597.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total Property	\$ 1,589.77	\$ 24,764.58	\$ 29,650.00
<u>Charities</u>			
Synod's Work	\$ 800.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 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	\$ 13,204.62	\$ 15,500.00
<u>Special Projects</u>			
Major Repairs	0	0	\$ 2,000.00
Total Special Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00

Got Exchange Student?**Homes needed for Lutheran students from Germany**

Marie-Claude Dijoud [mcdijoud@emfusa.org]

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 3:58 PM

Attn.: Editor of Church Newsletter

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are a small non-profit, foreign-exchange student organization looking for caring host families in your community, and we need your help! **We have Lutheran students from Germany that would like to come for the 2015-2016 school year and are waiting for their match with a volunteer host family.** The state of the economy makes it difficult to locate qualified families for our students and many school districts in the United States limit the number of exchange students they are willing to accept to just a few. This is why it is important for host families to apply early. I do believe that sharing the life of an American host family and going to school contributes to a better world understanding and is an unforgettable experience for both the student and the host family. American students benefit from meeting foreign students. In the past, Lutheran churches have been very helpful in assisting us in finding volunteer host families. **We would appreciate it if you could help us by making an announcement at church, forwarding my e-mail to families in your church community, or printing the following information in your church bulletin.**

**OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME
to a Lutheran exchange student from Germany
for the coming 2015-2016 school year**

Volunteer host families (with or without children) as well as single people are needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for the coming school year, one or two semesters, starting in August. EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange program. It is not too late to apply. For more information on EMF students, please call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 1-800-467-8363 or visit our web site at www.emfusa.org

Thank you very much for your help! These students are anxious to learn that a home has been found for them. Your contribution to this cause is most appreciated. Please help us make their dream come true!

Kind regards,

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

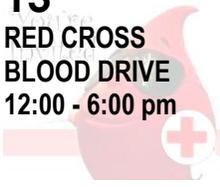
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Tyler King Bob & Darlene Arnold - 54 yrs	2 Bill & Carol Schmidt - 60 yrs	3 George Gordon Bill Wilton	4
5 Remi Harowski - 7yrs	6	7 Trudy Roberts George & Susie Dougherty - 31 yrs	8 Lynda Kot	9	10	11 Shirley Gensley
12 Cheryl Hnizda	13 Melisa Akers	14 JoAnn Gall Alekz Pfannes Leonard & Katherine Kauffman - 22 yrs	15 Mark Eisbrenner, Sr Amy Koupal Mona Previch	16 Justin Akers Easton Friend - 6yrs	17 Cheryl Daellenbach John Gottschling	18 Stanley Gawlik
19 Fred Bowman - 92yrs Karen Czada	20	21	22 Stan & Beth Christler - 20 yrs	23 LianaGranica	24 Kyle Akin	25
26 Barbara Duwe David Lauria	27	28	29 Ruth Sanker	30 Anita Faust Jean Ferguson - 86yrs Ilene Lepper - 84yrs Dorothy Lowery Marilyn Meyers	31	August 1st



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Events & Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 - Trustees 7:00 Outreach Team Meeting	2 4:30 - TOPS 6:00 Praise Team 7:00 - Elders	3	4 10:00 - AA 4:00 - Patriotic Picnic 7:15 - Blended at The Garden
5 <i>God's Greatness, or Strength?</i> 8:00 - Blended Service 9:30 - Divine Srv w/Communion 11:00 - Adult Bible Study	6	7 10:00 - AA	8 9:00 - Trustees 9:30 - Church Clean-up 6:00 - Handbells 7:00 - Board Mtg 7:15 - Choir	9 4:30 - TOPS 6:00 - Ladies Bible Study	10	11 10:00 - AA 7:00 Blended with Communion <i>LWML Bake Sale!</i>
12 <i>Truth Suffers & Serves</i> 8:00 - Blended with Communion 9:30 - Divine Service 11:00 - Adult Bible Study <i>LWML Bake Sale!</i>	13 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 12:00 - 6:00 pm 	14 10:00 - AA	15 9:00 - Trustees 6:00 - Handbells 7:00 - Mtg of Elders, Outreach & Education Boards 7:15 - Choir	16 4:30 - TOPS 6:00 - Praise Team	17	18 10:00 - AA 7:15 - Blended at The Garden
19 <i>Capacity for Compassion</i> 8:00 - Blended Service 9:30 - Divine Srv w/Communion 11:00 - Adult Bible Study 2:30 - 75th Celebration Service 5:00 - Dinner at the Garden	20	21 10:00 - AA	22 9:00 - Trustees	23 4:30 - TOPS 6:00 - Ladies Bible Study	24	25 10:00 - AA 7:00 Blended with Communion
26 <i>The Redeemer or Rationalization?</i> 8:00 - Blended with Communion 9:30 - Divine Service 11:00 - Adult Bible Study	27	28 10:00 - AA	29 9:00 - Trustees	30 4:30 - TOPS	31	August 1 10:00 - AA 7:15 - Blended at The Garden