

The Eagle

St. John Lutheran Church
Houghton Lake, Michigan 48629

January 2015!



The View from Here

God's Protection



In your daily Bible reading, I'm sure you've encountered Psalm 91. The topic today comes about as a result of reading Psalm 91. The Psalm is written from God's perspective, describing someone ... a believer ... someone who trusts in God. The Lord says, ***"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."*** I'm sure we would agree those are meant to be comforting words, but they can strike some folks much differently.

I say that because I had an encounter with a person after I had conducted a funeral awhile back. The person was a close friend of the deceased, someone who had died and left behind a family. This friend had held fast to the Lord in faith, even as she battled cancer. Even so, it didn't seem to this person with the question that God delivered or protected this friend. She certainly wasn't blessed with a long life. So, the individual with the question wanted help in understanding what had happened and what kind of comfort there might be for friends and family who find themselves in this situation. It's a pain-filled question and the answers are not easy.

As far as I know, nobody can say with absolute certainty who wrote this Psalm. Most experts say King David wrote it but some say Moses is the author. Either way, both men had their share of difficulties in life. King David suffered the death of children because of sin and rebellion. He was also a man acquainted with war and his best friend had to die in order for David to become king. Moses was brought up in the court of Pharaoh, but he ended up committing murder, was sent into exile, reluctantly ended up leading the Israelite people to freedom. During those 40 years of wandering about in the wilderness, Moses had to deal with people who rebelled, griped, complained, argued, and, I suppose, generally thought they could do the job much better than he did. So whoever wrote this Psalm, these fellows were no

strangers to problems.

Having said that, how could they believe they would be delivered, protected, rescued, and honored? Well, first, in this Psalm the Lord talks about giving His angels charge over us to keep us in all we do. It's one of God's promises and it is true. But that does not mean a Christian only experiences good things in this life. In other words, believing does not vaccinate one against evil. We are sinners living in a sinful world. The results of humankind's disobedience are all around us. We are not immune from them. What the Lord does promise is that He will keep us, help us, lead us through our various problems and pains. We should also note that the devil used this Psalm when he was tempting Jesus. The Savior replied that we shouldn't test the Lord, because God will do what is best for His people. He always does what is right and best. Remember how St. Paul had that unidentified ***"thorn in the flesh."*** The Lord didn't take away that thorn; He used it to teach Paul to rely on Him.

But how about those last verses... what do you do with those promises? If we look at those verses again, I think the Lord is speaking about this life **AND** our eternity with Him. I think you will see that indicated when it says, ***"Because we hold fast to the Lord in love, He promises to deliver us."*** We need to consider the

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situation in my example above ... this friend who died ... who loved the Lord, was she ultimately delivered? Absolutely! She is now in the arms of her Savior, her soul is in a place where there is no more crying, or cancer, or pain, as she awaits the Day of Resurrection. She will awake as if an instant has gone by and will be with the Lord along with all believers in Heaven. The Lord says He will deliver us from this world. Then He adds, **"I will be with him; I will answer him; I will rescue and honor him."** Were those promises fulfilled when this friend's soul was taken home to heaven? Indeed they were. And, the Lord is also keeping His other promise because our friend's soul is now in heaven in the very presence of Jesus, awaiting the Day of Resurrection when she will be reunited with her glorified body and all those who died in the faith.

That's important. She has it better than us. We are saved but still struggling, she has reached the goal of her faith. She is in the presence of Jesus, the Winner of her salvation ... the ultimate protection and deliverance!

That's the View from Here.

Pastor

Pastor Bill Winter

"NEWS FROM THE PEW"

"Departing in Peace"



Lutherans for Life sent out a beautiful letter recently regarding Physician-assisted suicide. So I will be referring to their gospel-motivated voice for life throughout my newsletter. Many believe we have the right to determine the time and matter of death. Physician assisted suicide is legal in five states. This number will keep growing if our world keeps considering suicide as a "death with dignity."

On November 2, Brittany Maynard killed herself and she called it dignified. I'm sure most of you heard about this case and she actuality produced a video letting the world know what her plans were. Missouri Synod's Life Ministries director, Maggie Karner, less known, has a terminal brain cancer and wrote in part: "Death sucks. And while this leads many to attempt to calm their fears by grasping for personal control over the situation, as a Christian with a Savior who loves me dearly and who has redeemed me from a dying world, I have a higher calling. God wants me to be comfortable in my dependence on Him and others, to live with Him in peace and comfort no matter what comes my way. As for my cancer journey, circumstances out of my control are not the worst thing that can happen to me. The worst thing would be losing faith, refusing to trust in God's purpose in my life and trying to grab control myself...Because our Savior, Jesus Christ, selfishly endured an ugly death on the cross and was laid in a borrowed tomb (no 'death with dignity' there), He truly understands our sorrows and feelings of helplessness. I want my kids to know that Christ's resurrection from that borrowed grave confirms that death could not hold Him, and it cannot hold me either—a baptized child of God!"

We can trust and know that Jesus holds each one of us in His arms! What a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of Christ by helping share the peace of Christ.

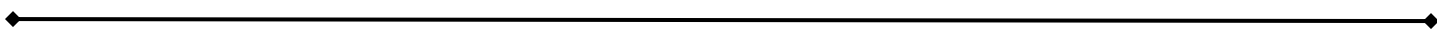
Thank you St. John members and friends for always helping me with your donations this past year to Project Hope, Roscommon County Right to Life, Roscommon and Collins Elementary, donations of yarn for Munson Cancer patients.

I wish you all the peace of Christmas! God Bless

Yours in Christ,

Pamela L. Joles

Board of Social Welfare



News from the Branch

From Centershot....

Submitted by Fred Kleinert - Centershot Ministries



Centershot season is here again. We have a new facility to use this year. Our classes will be at Artesia Youth Park on Loxley Road. The starting date is **Saturday, January 10th at 10am.**

Now that we have the ability to train archery coaches, we would like to open up the opportunity of having more adults become involved. You don't need to have any prior archery experience. Helping young people with the sport of archery is a fantastic way to give back.

We had a State Centersot meeting in West Branch on Saturday December 13th. Centershot Michigan is made up of participating Michigan churches. This 501c organization of churches has emerged to facilitate communication with each other, offer training, have organized shoots and share the gospel. Because this is THE pilot program for all of Centershot, we all agree we had better get it right.

If teaching archery is a commitment you are unable to make at this time, you can still support this program by directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John's Centershot Program. All you need to do is contact Thrivent Financial (800-847-4836) and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. They will be happy to help you. Charlie Reynolds has already taken this step and we wish to thank her for her help and donation. More on this when Charlie gets back from a warmer climate.

Again, if you ever wanted to make a difference in someone's life - try Centershot and see how much fun we are having.

Centershot Meeting Dates:

🎯 Next Centershot Session for Youth: **Jan. 10**

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 make some great memories with a Child!

The cure for boredom is curiosity.

There is no cure for curiosity.

-Ellen Parr

Our "Kidz" Celebrate the Season

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND GODS BLESSINGS TO ALL

Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, and members of the church who helped make our Christmas program a success. The children were amazing! Kidz Church finished out the first year and on December 21st we started our 2nd year of Answers in Genesis. What a wonderful and exciting teaching tool the Lord has given

us. It has been a great pleasure for Rick and I to teach the children this glorious curriculum for the first year. Now we would like to welcome and thank Monika Pfannes, aka Church Secretary and Glen Bromm, aka BOD, V.P. for

taking over the joy of teaching AIG for the 1st quarter of the second year. I am sure they will enjoy teaching these lessons as much as Rick and I have.

Remember to keep the true Light of the Season, the love, mercy and grace of our Lord, in your hearts.



News from the Womb

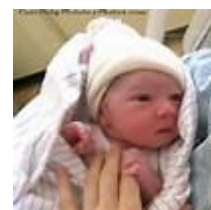
Submitted by Pamela Joles -
Roscommon County Right to Life



As we say goodbye to 2014 my prayer is that we all support "Sanctity of Life." Jesus shows us the way: protect the weak, lift the downtrodden, AND LOVE ALL GOD'S children (born and unborn). life needs your support and prayers.

**"Look what God has made!"
"God saw all that He had made
and it was good!"**

Please join us my friends!



LifeNews from Your Neighbors in the Pews

A Season of Letting Go . . .



This month we have celebrated the Homecoming of several friends as they entered their eternal rest.

Sharon Haener – Dec. 2, 2014
Rev. Herman Rossow – Dec. 9, 2014
Donald Thielman – Dec. 10, 2014
Benjamin Dunlap – Dec. 13, 2014
Henry J. Knoll – Dec. 24, 2014

And we said hello . . .

Matthew James Manning – Nov. 24, 2014

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

Your Coffee Hour Hosts:

Jan 4 - *Your Name Here?*

Jan 11 - *or maybe here?*

Jan 18 - *or maybe here?????*

Jan 25 - *definitely here.....*



. . . for all your prayers and concerns while Mary continues her fight against cancer. Her spirits are good and we appreciate everything everyone has done. A special thank you to Pastor for his visits. Please continue to keep Mary in your prayers. ~Erich Stark

. . . I would like to thank Pastor and everyone who sent cards & prayed for me during my recent knee surgery. ~Carol Schmidt

. . . Thank you for your cards, calls, visits and prayers. Thank you to the Carolers & cookies. God Bless you one and all. - Paula Fuller

Adult Bible Study - Sundays at 11 -



God Is Creator & Redeemer!

Sunday mornings in the Luther Room:

We are continuing to move through the Bible Study book learning to defend our precious Christian faith through the authority of God's holy Word.

It's never too late to jump in
and join us on our adventure!



Can't make Sundays at 11:00? -
Come join us Thursday mornings!!! 9:00

THURSDAYS:

BACK TO THE BEGINNING....

Our Thursday morning group has completed the study of Joseph and gained new appreciation and insight for what this special man entrusted with a very special role may have gone through. Have you ever considered the thoughts running through his head as he and Mary searched all of Jerusalem looking for their "lost" child? They searched Jerusalem for 3 days after having journeyed away and back for 2 days. 5 days not knowing where Jesus was - if he was hurt, hungry, scared, dead. Their imaginations probably ran wild. Have you ever picked up on or thought about why it took 3 days of searching to find Jesus? Like most parents of pre-teen children, the temple or church would not be the first place you'd search. The shops, streets and other places where "young people" hung out - but the temple? They must have exhausted all other possibilities before finding him in the temple. Imagine their relief when they did find him sitting among the adult men listening and asking questions. Mary probably had a whole speech ready to launch, only to be brought up short by the statement, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Nothing like being reminded to whom your child truly belongs.



As for our next journey - we are traveling back to the beginnings of the Christian Church. Come along and join us as we discover "**Christianity - The First Three Centuries**" - who knows what treasures we will find.





Church Directory Updates & Changes



Phone Number Corrections or Mailing Address Changes	
Blasius Paul & Deanna	New Address: 1415 N. 21st Street Manitowoc, WI 54220 989-915-2241
Blasius Rebecca & Elizabeth	New Address: 11430 Burton Way Roscommon, MI 48653
	

Coming Attractions....

Save the Date....

Upcoming Dates to Remember

(Times can be found on the Calendar)



Jan. 08	Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting
Jan. 12	Red Cross Blood Drive
Jan. 14	Ladies Aid Quilting Day
Jan. 14	Board of Directors Meeting
Jan. 14	Handbell Practice Resumes
Jan. 27	Roscommon County Right To Life Meeting

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

Thought for the Day...

The business of life is the
acquisition of memories

-Mr. Carson

Remembering Those Who Serve....

You may, or may not have noticed various bins under the mailboxes which seem to gather miscellaneous items and do not have a lot of fanfare or bright, colorful signs identifying their purpose. One such bin reaches out to those serving in our military and their families.

Overseen by Conrad Seidel, we can help military troops and families by donating unused, manufacturer coupons for their use at overseas bases where they will be honored up to six (6) months past the expiration date.

According to the website *Coupons To Troops* (www.couponstotroops.com) this idea has been around for several years...

Founded in 2009, Coupons To Troops was created to help spread awareness that US military families who are stationed overseas can use coupons, up to 6 months past their expiration date.



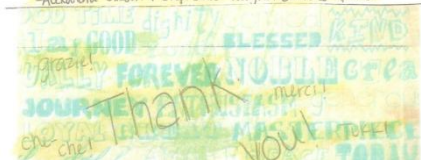
Below is a Thank You received from the Air Force Base in Turkey where our collected coupons are sent:

OCTOBER 14, 2014

Thank you to everyone who helped with cutting & organizing coupons! Our Incirlik base community has saved a lot of money thanks to all of you. We appreciate your support for our military members & their families. We can't thank you enough!

Thank you!

-Alexandra Gibson & Stephanie Vaughn (Air Force Spouses)



If you have any manufacturer coupons, even expired, please consider passing them along to this worthwhile cause. Conrad stated he ships approximately 40,000 coupons in a box and pays for that shipping by collecting old Cell Phones and Ink Cartridges.

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



*Until next month -
Blessings!*

St. John Lutheran Church
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2014

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
Board of Evangelism: John Wood-absent
Board of Trustees: Marlin Shull
Board of Stewardship: Jim French
Board of Social Welfare: Pam Joles-absent Pastor Winter in for her.

Bill Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM.

Pastor Winter opened with prayer.

Monika Pfannes proposed a row of mailbox's for the children. It was decided that would be okay to do.

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the October meeting by Jim French. Glen Bromm seconded the motion. Motion approved. There was no November meeting because quorum was not met.

Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report for October by Peter Daellenbach. Paul Reda seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report for November by Glen Bromm. Jim French seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Guest were: Carol Schmidt, John & Dorothy Sommer, Jerry Andrews, Kirk Koupal, Glen & Barbara Ruhlig, Arlene Schull, Jim & Mona Previch, Fred Kleinert, Jim Mueller, Judy Winter, and Dick & Gail Kukuk.

There was discussion about the change in the times of the services. It was decided to table the discussion until the January meeting.

Board Reports:

- * **Board of Christian Education:** There will be practice Saturday, December 13th for the children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 14th.
Monika and Glen will be joining the teaching staff for Kidz Church.
- * **Board of Social Welfare:** Pastor was in for Pam and gave her report. In November there were five referrals of people who need help. They were referred to the appropriate resources.
Advent donations will go to Project Hope. Clothing from Thrivent was taken to Collins Elementary. Clothing donated to the church went to Roscommon Elementary. 12 turkeys were donated to Project Hope.
- * **Board of Elders:** The movie "A Matter of Faith" was viewed by the Outreach Team and it was decided it was not worth the cost to bring it to the church for viewing.

Erma stated desserts are needed from the Board members for December 17th Advent dinner.

A motion was made by Louise Nagy to dismiss. Marlin Schull seconded the motion. Motion approved.

An executive order was initiated. Motion was made by Erma Stevens to approve. Peter Daellenbach seconded the motion. Motion approved at 9 pm.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Paul Reda, Secretary

Minutes are subject to approval at next meeting

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SALARIES

	<u>October 2014</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pastor's Salary	\$ 4,352.00	\$ 17,408.00	\$ 52,224.00
Pastor's Housing Subsidy	600.00	2,400.00	\$ 7,200.00
Pastor's Retirement & Ins.	2,148.90	8,595.60	\$ 26,900.00
Pastor's Social Security	-	1,997.00	\$ 7,990.00
Car Displacement	400.00	1,600.00	\$ 4,800.00
Car Expense	184.00	539.00	\$ 2,000.00
Employees Social Security	497.01	1,154.48	\$ 2,800.00
Organists	399.56	2,257.92	\$ 7,500.00
Secretary	1,272.50	3,830.00	\$ 12,000.00
Office Mgr - Federal & State Taxes Withheld	-	508.80	\$ -
Custodian	1,021.94	2,855.17	\$ 8,554.00
Guest Preachers	250.00	500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total Salaries	\$ 11,125.91	\$ 43,645.97	\$ 132,968.00

PROPERTY

New Property Expense/Improvement	\$ 1,074.30	\$ 1,182.88	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment Purchases	-	62.37	\$ 3,000.00
Supplies Lawn & Repairs & Snow plowing	349.39	1,886.57	\$ 7,000.00
Electricity	363.18	1,478.12	\$ 5,000.00
Telephone	146.52	587.50	\$ 2,200.00
Fuel-DTE Gas	411.00	1,455.00	\$ 4,750.00
Sewer Usage	198.00	396.00	\$ 800.00
Disposal	75.13	296.69	\$ 900.00
Insurance	-	500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total Property	\$ 2,617.52	\$ 7,845.13	\$ 29,650.00

Charities

Synod's Work	\$ 800.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 9,600.00
Lutheran Home & Family Services	-	-	\$ 500.00
Social Welfare	-	50.00	\$ 1,000.00
Community Fund	-	-	\$ 200.00
Lutheran World Relief	-	500.00	\$ 500.00
Katie Conference Endowment Fund	-	-	\$ 200.00
Local Charities	-	-	\$ 500.00
Lutheran Hour Ministries	-	500.00	\$ 500.00
Sowers Fund	500.00	500.00	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous Charities	-	-	\$ 500.00
Veterans of the Cross	-	-	\$ 500.00
L.A.M.P.	-	-	\$ 500.00
Roscommon County Right to Life	-	500.00	\$ 500.00
Total Charities	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 15,500.00

Special Projects

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

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CHURCH SUPPLIES

	October 2014	Year to Date	Budget
Bulletins & Worship Aids	\$ 204.00	\$ 1,702.33	\$ 4,800.00
Altar Guild	-	261.80	\$ 2,000.00
Postage	107.80	212.08	\$ 750.00
Office Supplies	1,059.80	3,089.29	\$ 10,000.00
Portals of Prayer	-	200.00	\$ 900.00
Confirmation Materials	-	-	\$ 600.00
Sunday School & VBS	68.43	454.75	\$ 3,000.00
Puppet Ministry	42.37	92.32	\$ 500.00
Total Church Supplies	\$ 1,482.40	\$ 6,012.57	\$ 22,550.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Conferences	\$ 510.12	\$ 1,346.70	\$ 2,000.00
Evangelism	70.80	234.00	\$ 1,000.00
Outreach	-	47.90	\$ 1,000.00
Centershot Ministries	125.00	490.00	\$ 1,000.00
Coffee & Donuts	91.82	583.83	\$ 2,400.00
Other Miscellaneous	220.92	367.17	\$ 4,000.00
Transfer to Savings	-	-	\$ -
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 1,018.66	\$ 3,069.60	\$ 11,400.00

TOTALS - MONTH / YEAR TO DATE / BUDGET

	\$ 17,544.49	\$ 65,823.27	\$ 214,068.00
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INCOME SUMMARY

Worship Services	\$ 15,769.50	\$ 71,190.42	Income / Expense Comparison Current Month \$1,541.69 Year To Date \$6,479.80
Coffee & Donuts	177.35	627.48	
Interest	0.95	3.53	
Donations	50.00	413.58	
Miscellaneous	5.00	68.06	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 16,002.80	\$ 72,303.07	

CHECKING ACCOUNT

	Previous Balance	Income	Expenditures	Balance
General Fund	\$ 21,895.80	\$ 16,002.80	\$ 17,544.49	\$ 20,354.11

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

	Income	Expenditures	Balance
General Fund Savings	\$ 3.66	\$ -	\$ 16,454.89
Teddy Bear Fund	\$ 0.23	\$ -	\$ 2,824.95
Improvement Fund	\$ 112.54	\$ -	\$ 6,798.54
Memorial Fund	\$ 0.47	\$ -	\$ 5,749.16
Univ/Sem Ed Fund	\$ 0.47	\$ -	\$ 5,777.43
Youth Fund	\$ 2.73	\$ -	\$ 4,968.05
Bell Choir Fund	\$ 0.19	\$ -	\$ 2,307.69
Flower Fund	\$ 0.05	\$ 210.00	\$ 374.70
Parsonage	\$ 650.81	\$ 111.00	\$ 10,556.26
School Bldg. Fund	\$ 0.12	\$ -	\$ 1,521.03
Thrivent Choice Funds	\$ 0.35	\$ -	\$ 4,276.74
Choir Fund	\$ 0.04	\$ -	\$ 551.04
Kidz Church/VBS	\$ 32.77	\$ -	\$ 226.24
M.O.S.T. Ministries	\$ 75.18	\$ -	\$ 2,287.60
Praise Team Fund	\$ 0.01	\$ -	\$ 180.07
Centershot Ministries	\$ 40.02	\$ -	\$ 259.12
Family Fun Fest	\$ 95.07	\$ 168.99	\$ 731.40
Building Fund	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00
Church Extension Fund-Dedicated Fund Balance			\$ 1,408.24
Church Extension Fund-One Year Fixed Rate Note			\$ 16,174.99
Church Extension Fund-One Year Fixed Rate Note			\$ 23,488.14
CEF 24 Month Step-up Note			\$ 45,643.39
Credit Union Savings Account			\$ 2,109.25
2 Year Fixed Rate Note			\$ 48,200.32

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Employees Social Security	-	1,154.48	\$ 2,800.00
Organists	443.28	2,701.20	\$ 7,500.00
Secretary	800.00	4,630.00	\$ 12,000.00
Office Mgr - Federal & State Taxes Withheld	-	508.80	\$ -
Custodian	558.45	3,413.62	\$ 8,554.00
Guest Preachers	250.00	750.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total Salaries	\$ 9,612.63	\$ 53,258.60	\$ 132,968.00

PROPERTY

New Property Expense/Improvement	\$ 26.20	\$ 1,209.08	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment Purchases	59.68	122.05	\$ 3,000.00
Supplies Lawn & Repairs & Snow plowing	579.82	2,466.39	\$ 7,000.00
Electricity	426.38	1,904.50	\$ 5,000.00
Telephone	146.64	734.14	\$ 2,200.00
Fuel-DTE Gas	411.00	1,866.00	\$ 4,750.00
Sewer Usage	-	396.00	\$ 800.00
Disposal	74.55	371.24	\$ 900.00
Insurance	-	500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total Property	\$ 1,724.27	\$ 9,569.40	\$ 29,650.00

Charities

Synod's Work	\$ 800.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 9,600.00
Lutheran Home & Family Services	-	-	\$ 500.00
Social Welfare	-	50.00	\$ 1,000.00
Community Fund	-	-	\$ 200.00
Lutheran World Relief	-	500.00	\$ 500.00
Katie Conference Endowment Fund	-	-	\$ 200.00
Local Charities	-	-	\$ 500.00
Lutheran Hour Ministries	-	500.00	\$ 500.00
Sowers Fund	-	500.00	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous Charities	-	-	\$ 500.00
Veterans of the Cross	500.00	500.00	\$ 500.00
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Altar Guild	33.92	295.72	2,000.00
Postage	19.60	231.68	750.00
Office Supplies	2,212.16	5,301.45	10,000.00
Portals of Prayer	-	200.00	900.00
Confirmation Materials	-	-	600.00
Sunday School & VBS	-	454.75	3,000.00
Puppet Ministry	-	92.32	500.00
Total Church Supplies	\$ 2,465.68	\$ 8,478.25	\$ 22,550.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Conferences	\$ -	\$ 1,346.70	\$ 2,000.00
Evangelism	76.50	310.50	1,000.00
Outreach	-	47.90	1,000.00
Centershot Ministries	-	490.00	1,000.00
Coffee & Donuts	203.46	787.29	2,400.00
Other Miscellaneous	208.26	575.43	4,000.00
Transfer to Savings	-	-	-
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 488.22	\$ 3,557.82	\$ 11,400.00

TOTALS - MONTH / YEAR TO DATE / BUDGET

\$ 15,590.80	\$ 81,414.07	\$ 214,068.00
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INCOME SUMMARY

Worship Services	\$ 18,616.05	\$ 89,806.47	Income / Expense Comparison
Coffee & Donuts	250.05	877.53	
Interest	1.00	4.53	Current Month \$3,527.55
Donations	165.00	578.58	
Miscellaneous	86.25	154.31	Year To Date \$10,007.35
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 19,118.35	\$ 91,421.42	

CHECKING ACCOUNT

	Previous Balance	Income	Expenditures	Balance
General Fund	\$ 20,354.11	\$ 19,118.35	\$ 15,590.80	\$ 23,881.66

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

	Income	Expenditures	Balance
General Fund Savings	\$ 3.66		\$ 16,458.55
Teddy Bear Fund	\$ 0.24		\$ 2,825.19
Improvement Fund	\$ 92.57		\$ 6,891.11
Memorial Fund	\$ 0.49		\$ 5,749.65
Univ/Sem Ed Fund	\$ 0.49		\$ 5,777.92
Youth Fund	\$ 2.68		\$ 4,970.73
Bell Choir Fund	\$ 0.20		\$ 2,307.89
Flower Fund	\$ 100.03		\$ 474.73
Parsonage	\$ 660.90	\$ 45.00	\$ 11,172.16
School Bldg. Fund	\$ 0.13		\$ 1,521.16
Thrivent Choice Funds	\$ 0.36		\$ 4,277.10
Choir Fund	\$ 0.05		\$ 551.09
Kidz Church/VBS	\$ 21.02		\$ 247.26
M.O.S.T. Ministries	\$ 0.19		\$ 2,287.79
Praise Team Fund	\$ 0.02		\$ 180.09
Centershot Ministries	\$ 0.02		\$ 259.14
Family Fun Fest	\$ 12.06		\$ 743.46
Building Fund	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,025.00
Church Extension Fund-Dedicated Fund Balance			\$ 1,408.24
Church Extension Fund-One Year Fixed Rate Note			\$ 16,174.99
Church Extension Fund-One Year Fixed Rate Note			\$ 23,488.14
CEF 24 Month Step-up Note			\$ 45,643.39
Credit Union Savings Account			\$ 2,109.25
2 Year Fixed Rate Note			\$ 48,200.32

ST. JOHN LADIES AID/LWML MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2014

Our December meeting was called to order at 11:40 A.M. by our president, Marilyn Meyers. Pastor Winter led us in singing "Holy Infant, Infant Lowly" followed by his devotion based on Matthew 2:16.

A Christmas finger food luncheon was enjoyed by all.

Roll Call was taken with 19 members present.

November minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report was given by Erma Stevens. Beginning balance \$4,170.83, income \$6.16, expenses \$58.33, ending balance \$4118.66. Petty cash \$2.70. CEF \$3191.48.

We sang Happy Birthday to Ruth Serniuk.

OLD BUSINESS

Advent Light Service – "Christmas Carols Tell the Story" was well attended. The Vest girls prepared the refreshments. Judy Winter was thanked for her work in preparing the service.

NEW BUSINESS

Project Hope – Pam will be called and asked to attend our January meeting. A motion was made by Dorothy Sommer that we purchase turkeys and ham for \$100 - \$150 to give to Project Hope for Christmas. Motion was seconded by Wanda Ebel. Motion passed.

LWML

Treasurer's report - was given by Denise Reda for both October and November. October beginning balance was \$1,357.74, income \$141.20, expenses \$709.89, ending balance \$789.05. November beginning balance was \$789.05, income \$137.00, expenses \$200.00. Ending Balance \$726.05.

Bethlehem Breakfast – will be held on Saturday, 12/6 at Zion Lutheran in Tawas.

December bakers – will be Esther Gonzales, Marilyn Meyers, Mona Previch, and Denise Reda.

Quilting – will be held on January 14.

Prayer Breakfast – will be sponsored by LWML in the spring.

LWML Spring Rally – will be held in Gladwin on May 2, 2015.

September Retreat – will be held in Roscommon - Bambi Lake on Saturday, September 19, 2015.

National Convention – will be held in Des Moines, Iowa from June 25 to June 28, 2015. Convention will vote on grant requests.

Our next Ladies Aid/LWML meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2015.

We adjourned our meeting with the Lord's Prayer which was followed by our finger food luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Andrews

Minutes subject to approval.

January 2015!

Events & Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3 10:00 - AA
4 "Contagious Confidence" 8:00 - Blended Service 9:30 - Divine with Communion 11:00 - Adult Bible Study	5 7:00 - Fit For Life	6 10:00 - AA	7 9:00 Trustees <i>No Handbells</i>	8 9:00 Bible Study Ladies Aid/LWML 4:00 - TOPS 6:00 - Praise Team 7:00 - Elders	9	10 10:00 > AA - Parish Hall >Centershot @ Artesia >Circuit Forum (St. Luke - Harrison)
11 "Solidarity with Sinners" 8:00 - Blended with Communion 9:30 - Divine Service 11:00 - Adult Bible Study	12 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 7:00 - Fit For Life	13 10:00 - AA 11:00 - RTL Board	14 9:00 LWML Quilting Day 6:00 - Handbells 7:00 - Board Mtg	15 9:00 Bible Study 4:00 - TOPS	16	17 10:00 - AA >Centershot @ Artesia
18 "Body Language" 8:00 - Blended Service 9:30 - Divine with Communion 11:00 - Adult Bible Study	19 7:00 - Fit For Life <i>M.L. King Jr. Day</i>	20 10:00 - AA	21 6:00 - Handbells	22 9:00 Bible Study 4:00 - TOPS 6:00 - Praise Team	23	24 10:00 - AA >Centershot @ Artesia
25 "Living Life with Purpose" 8:00 - Blended with Communion 9:30 - Divine Service 11:00 - Adult Bible Study	26 7:00 Fit For Life	27 10:00 - AA 6:30 Roscommon Cnty Right To Life	28 6:00 - Handbells	29 9:00 Bible Study 4:00 - TOPS	30	31 10:00 - AA >Centershot @ Artesia

January 2015!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Leah Ripple - 94</i> <i>Lee & Nan Akin</i> <i>George & Joy Gordon - 59 yrs</i>	2 <i>Dick Pedersen</i>	3
4 <i>Jim French</i>	5	6 <i>Nathan Joles</i> <i>Ralph Urech - 82</i>	7 <i>Bob Arnold</i> <i>Shannon King</i>	8	9 <i>Erich Stark</i> <i>Leslye Vest</i> <i>Lindsey Vest</i>	10
11 <i>Elizabeth Bassett</i>	12	13 <i>Sandra Byberneit</i>	14 <i>George Mandley</i> <i>Rich & Lois Moran - 70</i>	15 <i>Carl Gushen - 93</i> <i>Darrell & Jan Dengler - 49 yrs</i>	16 <i>Dan Peer</i>	17
18 <i>Fred Riske</i> <i>Marlin Shull</i>	19 <i>Matt Doehring</i> <i>Rosalie Lepper-Ernst</i> <i>Paul Reda</i> <i>John & Dorothy Sommer - 64</i>	20 <i>Tom Janik</i> <i>Judy Winter</i>	21 <i>Jan Dengler</i> <i>Bill & Ruth Serniuk</i>	22	23	24 <i>Wanda Ebel</i> <i>Kathleen Kobman</i> <i>Chloe' Koupal - 13</i>
25 <i>Keadyn Curns - 12</i>	26 <i>Justin Akin</i> <i>Walea Britton</i> <i>Martha Dougherty</i>	27 <i>George Meyers</i> <i>John & Ruth Sanker - 47 yrs</i>	28	29	30	31

January 2015

PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Prayers for Building Homes and Hope in Haiti

PRAYER #1

Heavenly Father, many lives were lost and homes were destroyed in the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. The love and compassion of people from around the world has and continues to lift them up in prayer. Give them strength to rebuild their lives without loved ones as well as rebuild structures to become vibrant small communities. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

PRAYER #2

Dear Lord, the Building Homes and Hope in Haiti Project will provide transitional housing and jobs during the rebuilding of Haiti. We thank You for stimulating their economy by providing them jobs. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER #3

Gracious Father, the Lutheran Village concept will provide permanent homes, churches, schools, orphanages, and medical clinics to rebuild lives in new villages in Haiti. We give thanks to You, God, for new beginnings. In the name of Christ, Amen.

PRAYER #4

God of goodness, we thank You for the support and sponsorships by congregations, individuals, and districts of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod so that housing applicants may build permanent homes in Haiti. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

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FOR DAILY MISSION SUPPORT REMINDERS.

MISSION GRANT STORY

BUILDING HOMES AND HOPE IN HAITI \$100,000

Building Homes and Hope in Haiti is the response of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Office of International Missions following the January 2010 earthquake that struck that island nation. The lives lost exceeded 200,000 and damages occurred to makeshift homes as well as to large public buildings (hospitals, schools, etc.).

The LCMS Office of International Missions is partnering with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti and the Lutheran Church of Haiti to provide permanent housing through the Lutheran Village concept. This concept has seen success in other areas of the world. The villages will eventually include a chapel, school, orphanage, guest house, medical clinic, and one- and two-bedroom houses. The Lutheran Village concept begins by placing transitional shelters on or near the acquired property. Transitional shelters are assembled by local laborers and teams of volunteers from the United States. Successful applicants for the permanent housing in the Lutheran Village have the opportunity to live in the transitional shelters while waiting for their houses to be built. These applicants must also participate at an appropriate level in the home building and agree to loan repayment schedules based on each applicant's personal ability to repay a loan. No applicants are turned away simply on their ability to repay a loan and grants are available for all applicants.

The Building Homes and Hope in Haiti Project seeks and depends on support and sponsorship from congregations, individuals, and districts of the LCMS, as well as regular volunteers from the United States to assist local Haitians in constructing the homes. The Building Homes and Hope in Haiti fund pays the local workers, thus stimulating the economy.

A job site manager and a business manager are hired on two-year contracts to insure completion and sustainability of the projects at each site. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti and the Lutheran Church of Haiti will appoint a Board of Directors to oversee job site managers and business managers. They will also be responsible for receiving home ownership applications. The mites for this mission grant are part of start-up funds. Please pray for continued support and sponsorship so more villages can be planted in Haiti.

