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March 2020

HARVEST *Festival*

Harvest Event will be 19 years old this coming September!

Why was Harvest Event started? Members wanted to raise funds to begin construction on a new church as membership was rapidly outgrowing the building. Fay and Ron Prodell suggested a fund raiser. The first year was a craft sale which took place in the basement of the old church. The next year food was added. Those members that planned and worked toward the event have formed great friendships and developed a comradeship.

There are good stories to tell through the years such as cooking beans in the kitchen of the old Parsonage because there wasn't enough oven space or electrical capacity to cook everything in the church kitchen and having to carry them back to church as needed and Lois Seidl got a lot of exercise running back and forth so that the beans wouldn't turn into refried beans! Does anyone remember trying to cook in the old kitchen without a working fan?? Great stories of men of the congregation staying awake all night and taking shifts roasting a pig for many hours and having to spend that time together, so they played cards and told hunting and fishing stories! Even recently when it was decided to have broasted pork chops and the broaster broke down at the beginning of the event. Good thing the kitchen also has a deep fryer and the pork chops turned out as delicious as the broasted. These are the great memories that have formed the good friendships within our congregation.

What has the Harvest Event accomplished? As money was raised, over \$200,000 to date, those funds enabled the building of the church presently enjoyed by the congregation. Once the church was completed, the event continued to take place to pay towards the mortgage. After the mortgage was PAID IN FULL, this event has continued to fund other projects such as helping with expenses for the addition to the west door of the fellowship hall including handicap access door openers, new chairs to replace older folding chairs used in the fellowship hall, repair and replacement of aging

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Worship Services

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Services

Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

L.I.F.E. Hour

Sunday at 9:15 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Holy Communion is served the
1st & 3rd weekend of each month.

projectors in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Our congregation has also been able to give back to the community by donating a portion of the proceeds to Toys for Tots, local veterans, the Kewaunee County K-9 program, Journey's Club (a senior program located in the School Wing), Violence Intervention Program, Ruby's Pantry, East Shore Industries, Church kitchen upgrades, family emergency funds, direct donations to a family of a child suffering from cancer so they could have Christmas gifts, as well as the fire departments plus the EMT services of Luxemburg and Casco.

What will the proceeds of future Harvest Events be used for? The church now has a loan for the purchase of adjacent land for expanded parking lot use and hopefully other expansion in the future plus the purchase a tractor with equipment for snow removal as well as continued donations to community organizations.

Are you interested? This event is a great way to invite the community to our church, reach out to them to share a good meal, make new friends and have fun. By volunteering to assist with the Harvest Event, our members can also make new friends within our congregation, strengthen friendships and build comradeship. Non-members have been involved in the past and are always welcome to participate in any church event. This event has not changed a lot in all the years it has been taking place. Time for a change? Have ideas for new activities? A meeting will take place in March for anyone interested. By attending, you will not be committed to "sign up" for something. Please consider helping in some capacity by volunteering before, during and after the Event, donating a prize for the raffle or silent auction or donations in other areas that are taking place. There is also a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex of the church. Want to help but don't want to be a chairperson? Consider being part of a committee for one of the areas.

There will be a Harvest Event Planning meeting on Monday, March 9 at 6pm. Come with your ideas and join us!

Don't Give Up Witnessing For Lent! Invite a friend to experience it with you.

Each year the telling of Christ's Passion is a profound reminder of God's work on our behalf. In *Deliver Us: Jesus Sets Us Free*, we view the Savior's triumphal act of redemption in the light of Israel's exodus from captivity in Egypt. As Moses led Israel to the Promised Land, so has Jesus won victory for us through His life, death, and resurrection. In both events, God saves; through Jesus, God saves completely.

Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries can help keep your faith conversations going. Read, listen, e-mail, or print at lhm.org/lent.



NEWS & EVENTS

Is your contact information up to date?

Please help us update our records. We are requesting each member fill out a member information sheet and return in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you!

Easter Sunday Choir Practice: Join us for choir practice on Monday, March 16, 23, 30, and April 6 from 6pm – 7:15 pm. New voices are encouraged and welcome to join! Questions? Contact Jean Loberger at (920) 536-1226. Thank you for sharing your talents!

Lenten Soup Suppers: Please join us on Wednesday evenings prior to our 7pm worship service for Lenten Soup Suppers served at 6 p.m. If you are interested in being one of our soup chefs for the evening please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Feel free to bring a dish to pass such as sandwiches or desserts. There is also a sign-up for kitchen and fellowship hall cleanup. Thank you!

St. John's Mission Team is hosting a Palm Sunday breakfast on Sunday, April 5, 2020. Breakfast will be served from 8 am to 12 pm. The menu includes: Eggs (with an assortment of toppings), pancakes, sausage, bacon, Pastor's homemade biscuits & gravy, fresh fruit, juice, milk, & coffee. The morning's free will offering will go toward the summer mission trip. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex for volunteers and dessert donors.

Ruby's Pantry Update - On March 1st, Ruby's Pantry will be launching their new website. What this means for guests and any new volunteer that has NOT done an application in 2020? They will need to create an online account at www.rubyspantry.org. You will be required to enter an email address to set up an account. Volunteers will be available onsite at St. John on Sunday, March 8th from 8:00 am – 11:30 am, for those who do not have access to an internet through a computer or smartphone. Any questions feel free to contact Jenny Tenor 920-370-5849 or Sue Raduenz 920-619-7475.

Help us decorate the Sanctuary for the celebration of Easter! We are accepting monetary donations toward the Easter Flower Fund. Donations can be made "in memory of", "in honor of", "in celebration of" or "anonymously".

Please be sure to designate your wishes. There are order forms and envelopes on the table in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your donations! Any Questions? Contact Jackie Glander at (920) 655-7047.

All Sunday sermons are available online. If you would prefer a copy of the service DVD please let the church office know via email at: stjohnlux@centurylink.net or (920) 845-5250. DVD copies will not be available unless requested.

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St. John Lutheran Church

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Palm Sunday Brunch

Sunday

April 5, 2020

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Brunch Menu:

Eggs (w/ an assortment of toppings),

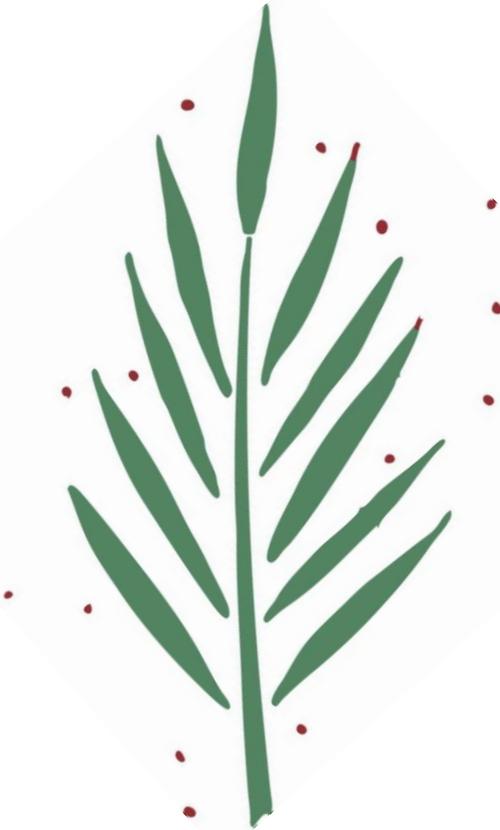
Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon,

Pastor's homemade Biscuits & Gravy,

Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk,

Coffee & Desserts

Free Will Offering



Polka Worship Service

8:00 am & 10:30 am

St. John Lutheran Church
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(North of L-C Schools)

**All proceeds will go toward the
St. John Youth Group Mission Trip**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOE Minutes

February 12, 2020

*Members present: Jodi Reinhard, Loren Vandenberg, Ryann VanErem, Heather Vande Vyver, Shelly Piesler, and Pastor Brewer

- We welcomed our new Board of Education members- Heather Vande Vyver and Ryann VanErem.
- Began planning the Life Hour appreciation dinner which is set for Sunday, April 19.
- Discussed options (buying a starter kit/themes- downstairs) for VBS for this summer and trying to get a committee to be in charge to organize it. We will also be sending out a survey to VBS parents to gain feedback on if they would prefer during the day, night, or weekend.
- Youth Groups were discussed. Possibly looking for someone to partner with Craig and/or create a subcommittee under the Board of Education.
- The need for classrooms and space was also discussed.
- Confirmation date is May 3 which is the last day of Life Hour.
- Next meeting: March 18 at 5:30
Submitted by Shelly Piesler

Trustee Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. and opened with prayer.

Members present: Ken Batten, Dan DeGrave, Lloyd Loberger. Pastor Brewer also attended.

Items covered in the discussion included:

- 1) Review of the ByLaws of St. John's Constitution pertaining to the Board of Trustees, its scope makeup, function and duties.
- 2) Discussion regarding the progress in the disposal of obsolete equipment and furniture including chairs, chair carts, tables and piano took place.
- 3) The Trustees will begin the process of how best to implement a financial review of the church records.
- 4) The Trustees will receive bids for cleaning the carpet and pews, and painting the exterior doors.
- 5) A decision was made to draw up a new "table and chair request form" so those seeking to borrow tables and/or chairs would have a more pertinent form than the one currently in use.

Meeting adjourned 8: p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd Loberger

Evangelism Team Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 6, 2020, 7 p.m.

Team members present: Jenny Shaw, Sarah Seering, Jean Loberger, Nancy Loberger, Peggy Miesler, Jodi Kinnard, Sue Raduenz, Pastor Brewer

The meeting opened with prayer & scripture by Jean Loberger & Jodi Kinnard

New Board Members: Nancy Loberger and Peggy Miesler were honored for accepting their nomination and commitment to the Evangelism Leadership board.

Ruby's Blessing Box Update

*Sue Raduenz shared that the Ruby's leaders have just learned that each Ruby's site is now responsible for contributing a minimum of \$10.00 per blessing Box issued. In the past, the Ruby's organization had donated 100% of each blessing box share. The Evangelism team will assist Ruby's leaders in developing fundraising options to help offset the blessing box fee.

SHAPES Program update

- Sue Raduenz, Jenny Shaw & Pastor Brewer updated the team of continued Shapes Program development & needs. Sue, Jenny & Pastor are looking at ideas to help create & support opportunities for participants to use their identified spiritual gifts within our Church.
- Jenny & Sue are working on defining the Shapes operational structure, identifying future goals & creating a promotion plan moving forward in St. John's. Jenny & Sue are also working on identifying consultants/mentors, who are already sharing their spiritual gifts within St. John's, to be matched with mentor participants sharing the same spiritual gift or passion.
- Pastor updated the Evangelism team that he has asked the new St. John's Visionary Committee for assistance and vision in helping create assess ability to opportunities within our church for gifts to be used. To assist in this, the current church governing structure is being reviewed for possible changes.

Men's Event Update

*Pastor will be sending out surveys to the Men's group this week, to help determine dates and times of the new Men's study, "Man Up".

New Business

*Stepping out of our comfort.... Discussion on infusing Jesus's scripture & prayer into "ALL" church activities as we welcome others. The Evangelism Team will look at how we can assist & support groups/individuals leading activities within our church with resources to accomplish this.

Marriage Event:

*Sarah Seering agreed she and Neil will look into possible event/study options.

The meeting ended in Prayer by Sarah Seering

Next Evangelism Team Meeting date: Monday, March 16th at 7 p.m.

Submitted by; Jenny Shaw

Elder Minutes

Date: February 5, 2020

Open with Prayer

Elders Present: (include first and last name)

Larry Jorgenson, Mike Lambert, Eric Nelson, Paul Derenne, John Hanmann, Kevin Lampe,

Jeff Van den Berg, Pastor Carl Brewer, Vicar Craig VanPay

Transfers In/ New Members:

Name: <i>(include all family member names joining)</i>	Type of Transfer: <i>(Church, new member class, Affirmation of Faith)</i>
Sandra Krause	Affirmation of Faith
Russ and Sherri Veese	Affirmation of Faith
Robert and Jane Glander	Affirmation of Faith
Adam and Elizabeth, Adalyn Gryskiewicz, Adjrien Vehrs	Affirmation of Faith
Andy and Marvel Reed	Transfer in from Shepherd of the Hills Luth Church In Ruidoso, NM

Released from Membership: None

Old Business: Delinquent list discussed

New Business: Welcomed new elders: John Hanmann, Kevin Lampe, Jeff Van den Berg. Thank you to outgoing elders: Marv Perleberg and Neil Seering

Discussion of Wednesday night Lenten services and Holy Week services.

Ash Wednesday is February 26th will have light supper at 6pm, followed by Lenten Worship Service at 7pm. Suppers and Worship Service will continue every Wednesday during Lent.

April 5th – Palm Sunday will be a polka service. There will be a regular Worship Service on Monday night April 6th.

April 9th – Maunday Thursday Worship Service at 7pm

April 10th – Good Friday Worship Services at 4pm and 7pm

April 12th – Easter Sunday Worship Services at 8am and 10:30am. No Monday night Worship Service April 13th.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3rd at 7pm

Closed with Prayer

Submitted by: Larry Jorgenson

Voter's Meeting – January 26, 2020

52 Voting Members present.

Pastor Brewer opened the meeting with prayer.

Council President Ed Trembl asked if there were any new voting members that needed to sign the Voter's Register and be approved before the meeting began. The following members were attending their first Voter's meeting: Kevin and Stacy Lampe. Ken Batten moved to accept the above listed people as voting members. Jeff Van Den Berg seconded. Motion approved.

Minutes of the October 27, 2019, Voter's Meeting were reviewed. Mike Lambert moved to approve the minutes. Marv Perleberg seconded. Motion approved.

Pastor reported the following changes in membership:

November: Chris denHeijer was released to Grace Lutheran Church in Manitowoc, Stacie Zdroik transferred to Raized, Amy Lutzke and Shawn and Tammy Maedke were granted peaceful release for inactivity.

December: Transfers In/New Members – Raquel White/Affirmation of Faith, Trevor Kinnard/Affirmation of Faith, Dennis and Beverly Dalebroux/Affirmation of Faith. Transfer Out – Shane and Kelsey Sampo transfer to Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Green Bay. Released from Membership – Susan Beirl and Joel Warren/Granted peaceful release for inactivity.

January: new members Aaron, Hannah and Emisley Pribyl, Samantha Stauber and Preston Olszewski through the New Members Class.

- New Business - Elections took place before other agenda items to allow time if a paper ballot was needed:
 - ✓ Secretary: A request for nominations took place three times, no nominations. There is one candidate for one open position. The nominee is Norene Giese. Charlie Piesler moved to close the nominations and cast an unanimous ballot for Norene Giese for Secretary. Lloyd Loberber seconded. Motion approved.
 - ✓ Board of Education: A request for nominations took place three times, no nominations. There are two candidates for two positions. The nominees are Ryann VanErem and Heather Vande Vyver. Marilyn Mueller moved to close the nominations and cast an unanimous ballot for Ryann VanErem and Heather Vande Vyver for Board of Education. Mike Lambert seconded. Motion approved.
 - ✓ Board of Elders: A request for nominations took place three times, no nominations. There are two candidates for two open positions. The nominees are Kevin Lampe and Jeff Van Den Berg. Lloyd Loberger moved to close the nominations and cast an unanimous ballot for Kevin Lampe and Jeff Van Den Berg for Board of Elders. Larry Heling seconded. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Trustees: A request for nominations took place three times, no nominations. There is one candidate for one open position. The nominee is Dan DeGrave. Marv Perleberg moved to close the nominations and cast an unanimous ballot for Dan DeGrave as Trustee. Sid Jorgensen seconded. Motion approved.
 - ✓ Board of Evangelism: A request for nominations took place three times, no nominations. There is one candidate for one position. The nominee is Peggy Miesler. Lloyd Loberger moved to close the nominations and cast an unanimous ballot for Peggy Miesler for Board of Evangelism. Marilyn Mueller seconded. Motion approved.

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- ✓ Stewardship: A request for nominations took place three times, no nominations. There is one candidate for one position. The nominee is Carolyn Jorgenson. Dan DeGrave moved to close the nominations and cast an unanimous ballot for Carolyn Jorgenson for Stewardship. Mike Lambert seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Budget report for January 1 to December 31, 2019:

- Church Revenue - \$329,521
- Total Expenses - \$278,347
- Total Assets - \$290,711
- Contributions minus Operating Expenses in positive \$28,121

- Ruby's Pantry – Savings: \$2,828 Checking: \$676
- Apron Gang – Savings: \$25 Checking: \$3,804
- Elders Report –
 - ✓ The mailing to inactive members was completed. Some members have begun attending church regularly and some letters came back due to no current change of address.
 - ✓ Church attendance has returned to normal levels after the holidays.
 - ✓ Thank you to Marv Perleberg and Neil Seering for their service the past three years.
- Trustees Report –
 - ✓ Thank you to Jeff Dart for his three years as Trustee, thank you to Ken Batten to fill the unfinished open two-year term and to Dan DeGrave for serving.
 - ✓ A reminder to all those leaving office to turn the church key over to their successor.
 - ✓ The baby grand piano previously donated to church needs a new home, per information in the Sunday bulletin, anyone interested in taking the piano should contact Lloyd Loberger, Pastor Brewer or Vicar Van Pay.
- Board of Education –
 - ✓ As stated in the Statistical Report for 2019.
 - ✓ Raized will no longer be part of our Vacation Bible School, looking at options.
- Stewardship Report –
 - ✓ Two successful blood drives took place in 2019.
 - ✓ The cookbook will be available in time for Mother's Day.
 - ✓ Thank you to Lisa Lemens for serving the past three years and to Carolyn Jorgenson for serving in the future.
- Evangelism Report –
 - ✓ Nancy Loberger will be filling the remainder two years of Myles Behling's term as he needed to resign due to a job change.
 - ✓ Thank you to Peggy Miesler for serving for the next three years.
 - ✓ Ask those present to consider participating in the SHAPES workshop. The workshop will help to think differently by finding where a person's strengths are and how to use within the church community and to reach outside to the community.
- Kitchen Committee –
 - ✓ Changes will be taking place in the Kitchen with moving some of the equipment and adding another sink specifically to be used for food preparation.
 - ✓ Plan to have a cleaning date in the kitchen after the Palm Sunday brunch.
- Harvest Event –
 - ✓ The Event will take place on Saturday, September 26. Assistance will be needed and if anyone is interested in helping in specific areas where someone has already signed up, add your name!
 - ✓ Norene Giese will write up a short history of why the Harvest Event was created and place the information in the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter. Any information from those involved in the past is welcomed.
- Old Business –
 - ✓ Future Needs Assessment- Pastor Brewer shared the committee will have their first meeting on January 28. They will be looking ahead at future building needs of the congregation. Part of this process will be the SHAPES workshop. The SHAPES program will help to identify spiritually gifts of members and how those gifts can be used in existing programs and/or help to create and decide how to move forward as a congregation and how it all fits together. This committee will give their recommendations to the Trustees who will then present it to the Church Council.

- ✓ Land Acquisition/Tractor – The land purchase has been completed and the tractor is here and has already been used for cleaning the parking lot.
- New Business –
 - ✓ Nancy Loberger shared that an account has been established for anyone wanting to donate stock gains or annuity payments as charitable donations to the church. Anyone having questions on how this process works can contact Nancy.
 - ✓ Next Voters' meeting will be Sunday, April 26, 2020.

Rob Funk moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Lambert seconded. Motion approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Norene Giese
Council Secretary