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Summer Services

Sunday

9:00 am

Wednesday

7:30 pm

We will continue to stream the 9am service each week on the St John Lutheran Church Facebook page.

- **The Lutheran Hour** radio program proclaims the salvation story of Jesus every week to more than 1 million listeners on nearly 1,800 stations throughout North America, as well as on the American Forces Network, through a mobile app, and online.
- **New Podcast "Speaking of Jesus" Available Now**
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- Lutheran Hour Ministries' booklet ministry, **Project Connect**, is designed to provide down-to-earth insight about things people deal with every day—grief, stress, prayer, relationships—and more. You can share **Project Connect** booklets with friends and neighbors; or your congregation can place handy **Project Connect** display racks in the church narthex, clinics, schools—anywhere someone might need a message of hope. Nearly 60 topical booklets are currently available— with dozens available in Spanish or as an audio file. For more information visit www.lhm.org/projectconnect - or pick up a booklet in the church Narthex.

Please note: Pastor Brewer's article will appear in the July edition of the newsletter.

Ruby's PANTRY

June 12, 2021

Parking lot opens & In person registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Food Distribution from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

\$20 donation for an abundance of food.

Express Track: Reserve your bundles ahead of time with Express Track! Visit rubyspantry.org and create an account. If that time is full, try a different one. Come to Ruby's on the day of the pantry at the designated time. It's that simple! We apologize we do not have an express track pickup lane at this time.

**You will receive an abundance of grocery items!
Drive-thru distribution at St. John Lutheran Church
700 Heritage Rd. Luxemburg WI**

Online giving is available!

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www.stjohnlux.com

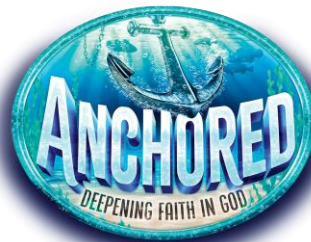
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Counts!

NEWS & EVENTS

Garage Construction Help needed! If you are able and willing to help in the garage addition, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of church or talk with Pastor or one of the Board of Trustee Members: Ken Batten, Dan DeGrave, Kevin VandenBush.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! On Sunday, August 22, there will be a church picnic to celebrate Pastor VanPay's ordination which took place in January. Due to the coronavirus, it was invitation only. This is the time that all members can come give good wishes to Craig. An outdoor church service will take place at 10:00 am with a picnic lunch afterwards. Apron Gang will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad and baked beans. The rest of the meal will be a potluck and we look forward to having as many members as possible attend. It is hoped to have activities for the children, maybe a baseball or kick ball game or two for kids and adults?? And time for fellowship among all church members. So, mark your calendar for August 22 and plan to join your fellow members. Watch for more information to come in future newsletters and weekly bulletins!



2021 Vacation Bible School

If you love working with kids, we have a job for you. We are looking for youth group members, high school students and adults willing to help with Vacation Bible

School. VBS will be held July 19, 20, and 21st from 8:30 am – 11:30 am and will be structured for children aged 3K-6th Grade. Volunteer sign-up sheets are located on the back table in the Narthex. If you have a child or know of others that would like to attend VBS, please register online or by mail. **VBS Registration is underway.** Online registration can be found at: <https://www.stjohnlux.com/vacation-bible-school> or pick up a registration sheet from the VBS table in the Narthex.

St John Church E-mail is changing to stjohnlux@gmail.com. Please update your records. Thank you!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Elder Minutes – May 20, 2021

Open with Prayer

Elders Present:

Pastor Carl Brewer, Pastor Craig VanPay, Eric Nelson, Paul Derenne, Jeff VanDenBerg, Gus Schmoll, Kevin Lampe

Transfers In/ New Members: Jeff & Tonia Dalebreau and their children: Kamryn, Kyleigh and Kolton Delebreau

Released from Membership: None

Business:

- Put communion cards back in pews
- Summer hours: Sunday 9:00am, Wednesday 7:30pm (Memorial Day Weekend – Labor Day Weekend)

Next Meeting: June 10, 2021 / 6:00 pm

Closed with Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Jeff VanDenBerg

Stewardship Committee - May 17, 2021

Members present: Gail Trembl, Dana Engelking and Brenda Reckelberg and Pastor Brewer
Guest: Ed Trembl

Keys for all Committee members

I emailed Dan, but didn't receive a response. Pastor will follow-up with Sue H to get keys for Dana and Brenda.

Blood Drive

Since the last meeting the Red Cross reached out to Gail to let them know there was an additional Blood Drive scheduled for May 24th. Gail has been working on getting volunteers and sandwiches/desserts.

Cookbooks

Gail dropped off 5 cookbooks and picked up the money from the sales of the other cookbooks.

Church Directory

We are reaching out to Life Touch to see if there is any openings for this fall to perhaps have them do the church directory this year.

SHAPES

A meeting has been scheduled for us and the Evangelism committee to meet on June 2nd at 6:00pm.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next council meeting is May 20th.

Next stewardship meeting is to be determined.

Submitted by: Carmine Nell

Outreach Minutes - May 17, 2021

Attendance: Miriam Hemp, Jenny Shaw, Jean Loberger, Peggy Miesler, Nancy Loberger and Pastor Brewer

We opened our meeting with a reading and prayer.

Diaper Express was a big success. Jean Loberger and Norene Giese handed out the items on Saturday May 15 from 10 – 12.

Pastor Brewer wants to schedule a Shapes Class in fall. We discussed a timeline from the first meeting of Shapes, meeting to discuss their results and give suggestions on how their skills can be used in the Congregation.

We discussed reaching out to young families that have been hesitant to return to church due to the pandemic. Jean Loberger volunteered to take the lead on this project. We were able to provide a package to 11 families from our Congregation. We have decided to do this again next year with our Cradle Roll to hand out the weekend of Mother's Day.

We would also like to offer the marriage enrichment class again. The members that lead the previous class are willing to do it again during the winter months early next year.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 2nd at 6:00. We will also be meeting with the Stewardship committee to explain the Shapes program to see if they can assist us with the program.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Loberger

Trustee Meeting - May 17, 2021

Attended: Ken Batten, Dan DeGrave, Kevin VandenBush

Opened with prayer.

- Ken looking into fixing leaking dishwasher.
- Garage addition going well, concrete is poured, walls are framed.
 - Forest Construction is donating a person and machinery to help set trusses.
 - Sheeting on Friday, Setting trusses on Saturday weather permitting.
- Fundraisers have been going well
 - Sweet rolls raised \$900 profit
 - Rummage sale raised \$2000 profit
- Deep fryer needs attention, it doesn't stay lit, possibly thermos coupler
- Thank you to all who are helping with garage construction
 - Pizza and refreshments will be provided for all volunteers on Saturday.
- COVID plan was taken care of and up to date.

Dan closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Kevin VandenBush

Church Council Meeting – May 20, 2021

Members present: Pastor Brewer, Pastor VanPay, Edward Tremel, Rob Funk, Norene Giese, Kevin Lampe, Jeff VanDenBerg, Loren VanDenBerg, Gail Tremel, Brenda Reckelberg, Kevin VandenBush, Ken Batten, Peggy Miesler

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tremel.

Pastor VanPay opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the April 22 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jeff VanDenBerg. Seconded by Peggy Miesler. Motion carried.

Pastor reported the additions in membership in the past month through transfer from St. Paul Lutheran Church: Jeff, Tonia, Kamryn, Kolton and Kyleigh Delebreau. Confirmation took place this past Sunday, May 16, for seven students. There are also weddings taking place for the month of May.

Rob Funk provided the budget for January 1 through April 30, 2021:

- Total Undesignated Contributions - \$106,378
- Total Church Revenue - \$116,654
- Total Expenses - \$109,261
- Total Assets - \$320,235
- Difference: Contributions minus Total Expenses = negative \$2,883
- Ruby's Pantry: Savings - \$3,280 & Checking - \$3,730
- Paid on Loan 2021: \$6,000 – Loan Balance: \$132,898
- Apron Gang: Savings - \$25 & Checking - \$4,708

Rob noted that due to the increase of the loan for the garage, the \$2,000 monthly payment was not noted in the statement from the bank for April.

Elders –

- The Delebreaux family was received into membership.
- Beginning Memorial Weekend, May 30, there will be one service at 9:00 am on Sundays with the Wednesday evening service remaining the same. Attendance will be monitored on Sundays and if needed, two services will take place at 8:00 and 9:30 am.

Trustees –

- Ken Batten is looking into fixing the leaking dishwasher.
- Garage addition is going well. Forest Construction is donating assistance to set trusses. Thank you to all who have been assisting with the garage construction.
- The garage fundraisers went well with \$900 profit from the sweet roll sale and \$2,000 profit from the rummage sale.
- The deep fryer in the kitchen will be needing attention, it doesn't stay lit, perhaps a thermos coupler.
- The Covid plan was taken care of and is up to date.

Stewardship Committee –

- A request was made for food donations for the Red Cross Blood Drive on May 24. The Red Cross has now approved volunteers to help at the drives and to donate food.
- Cookbooks have continued to be sold and are still available for \$15.
- The Committee is looking into possibly doing a Church Directory this fall in time for families to order pictures for the holidays.
- There will be a meeting with the Evangelism Committee on June 2, 6:00 pm, to discuss a SHAPES workshop.

Board of Education –

- The core group for Vacation Bible School has met to organize the July event for children. Volunteers will be needed for July 19, 20 and 21.
- Sunday School will begin the weekend after Labor Day, September 12. The BOE is currently reviewing possible curriculums. Wendy Havel will be the Superintendent after Terri Batten resigned. Thank you to Terri for her leadership.

Evangelism Committee –

- The Diaper Express in conjunction with the village wide rummage sale on May 15 was a big success plus eleven bags of diapers, wipes, sleepers and blankets were given to church members to reach out to the younger families in our congregation. This took place on Mother's Day May 9.
- A SHAPES class will take place this fall. A joint effort with the Stewardship Committee.
- The Committee is looking into having a Marriage Encounter Class.

Future Needs Committee – Will be meeting in the fall.

Old Business –

- A reminder was given that St. John will be celebrating 150 years in another three years.
- A summer worship/picnic will take place on August 22 for the entire congregation to celebrate Pastor VanPay's ordination. An outdoor service will take place at 10 am with the picnic to follow. Norene shared that assistance from all the committees will be requested to assist in set up and clean up. Hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and baked beans will be provided by Apron Gang along with pot luck food donations from all in attendance.
- Ken Batten provided update on the progress of the garage addition which is going well. Jeff Dart has been providing leadership in the construction.

New Business –

- Discussion took place regarding updates for the current phone lines through CenturyLink. The internet, previously provided by CenturyLink, was recently switched to another carrier. The building has two

phone lines with one needed for the fire sprinkler system. More information will be obtained for other carriers and cost.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, June 17, 7:00 p.m. in person and Zoom.

Rob Funk moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kevin Lampe. Motion carried.

Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norene Giese, Council Secretary



For kids age 3K-6th Grade

Register at stjohnlux.com