



The *GOOD NEWS*

To provide hope by Reaching out and Connecting people to Jesus through the Holy Spirit and Encouraging them to share the same Good News.

July 2021



For kids age 3K-6th Grade

Register at stjohnlux.com

2021 Vacation Bible School 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. If you have a child or know of others that would like to attend VBS, please register online or by mail. 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.

VBS Donations are needed! Vacation Bible School needs some items. If you would like to donate, please take a tagged item from the bulletin board in the Narthex and return to the church office labeled VBS. Thank you!

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

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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.

Online giving is available!

Visit www.stjohnlux.com and click on
Online Giving.

Your Support Counts!

NEWS & EVENTS

Summer Bible Study: Please join us at 7:45 am (prior to church) for Bible Study on select Sundays in summer. We will be finishing the book of Daniel and starting the book of Esther. Contact Heidi VandenBush (920) 255-5840 with any questions.

July 18th | Esther 3 & 4 A Deadly Conspiracy
July 25th | Esther 5-7 Salvation for God's People

There is a severe shortage of ALL blood types right now – Especially type O. Donate Blood during the Luxemburg-Casco Community Blood Drive. The drive will take place in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, July 26, from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Appointments preferred. To schedule call 1-800-733-2767 or online at: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give>. As a bonus, all presenting donors will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card via email and will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win gas for a year (a \$5K value). Day of volunteers are needed to assist with the drive, as well as volunteers willing to make sandwiches, bars, and cookies (all food items must be individually wrapped). There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

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!

Updated Summer Meeting Schedule: The July 18 Voter's Assembly meeting and the July Church Council meeting have been canceled. The next Church Council meeting will take place on August 5th.

Ruby's PANTRY

July 10, 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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Elder Minutes - June 10, 2021

Open with Prayer

Elders Present: (include first and last name)

Gus Schmoll, Kevin VandenBush, Pastor Craig VanPay, Eric Nelson, Paul Derenne, Jeff VanDenBerg

Transfers In/ New Members: None

Released from Membership: None

Old Business:

New Business: Outdoor Worship Service, August 22nd

Planning on cooking Hamburgers and hotdogs for picnic to follow.

Will be gifting the old blue Hymnals.

Closed with Prayer

Submitted by: Jeff VanDenBerg

Trustee Meeting - May 17, 2021

Attended: Ken Batten, Dan DeGrave, Kevin VandenBush

Opened with prayer.

- Garage project is going well.
Still could use some more help on the weekends.
- We have been taking care of small problems as they arise.

Respectfully submitted by Kevin VandenBush

Kitchen Committee Minutes - June 3, 2021

Attended by: Deb VanDenBerg, Norene Giese, Shirley Piesler, Charlie Piesler, Lois Seidl, Carl Brewer

- Discussion took place on venting for Dorothy's Room (Kitchen storage area) with now having two large commercial freezers in the room. As the weather gets warmer, the room gets warmer and there is a concern about the freezers running so much. It was recommended to install some type of vent that will kick in when the air temperature gets to a certain point, similar to what is in the kitchen. Norene will talk with the Trustees for their assistance. Jandrin Refrigeration will be called to service all the coolers and freezers in the fall. The 2-door cooler will need to have the evaporator replaced at that time.
- The dishwasher has a seal that needs to be replaced and leaks whenever the dishwasher is used. It is planned to have the repair take place on June 7.

- The Church Council has decided to have a church picnic August 22 to celebrate Pastor VanPay's ordination which took place in January and could be by invitation only due to COVID. Norene shared her suggestion how each Council committee can be involved: Elders-cooking of hamburgers and hot dogs, Trustees-set up tables and put away, BOE-plan games and activities for the younger children, Evangelism and Stewardship-assist Apron Gang with the potluck meal for set up and clean up. Pastor VanPay-work with the youth group to do games such as softball, volleyball, or kickball. Apron Gang will provide the meat, buns, potato salad and baked beans. It is hoped that committee members will reach out to all members for assistance that day and by this help more members to be comfortable volunteering for events. An outdoor church service will take place also.
- Discussion took place regarding funeral meals in the future. The funerals that have taken place in recent months with the COVID pandemic, the majority of food was provided by Moe's Corner and consisted of broasted chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes/gravy, vegetable, dinner roll/butter and coleslaw. The family is responsible for the cost. It was decided by the Kitchen Committee that due to the fact that most members that work for the funeral meals are getting older and all meals in the future will need to be catered by a local restaurant such as Moe's. Decision to be made by the family. A list of possible restaurants and responsibilities will be created to give to the family and our local funeral directors.
- Dates will be set up for groups to assist in cleaning of the kitchen. Pastor Brewer will take care of emptying the deep fryer from the food sale in May and after that is completed there is a coupler that will need to be replaced on the fryer.

Respectfully submitted,
Norene Giese

Outreach Minutes - June 2, 2021

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

We opened our meeting with prayer.

We meet with the Stewardship Committee for this meeting. We presented the Shapes Program to them requesting their assistance to help rollout the program to the Congregation. Stewardship is willing to help us with Shapes. We are working on dates to do the Shapes Program with them and our members. We are very appreciative of their support.

We hope to be ready to rollout Shapes to our Congregation later this year.

Shapes program is designed to help find your talents and skills to serve our Church and community.

Submitted by Nancy Loberger

Board of Education Minutes - June 14, 2021

*Members present: Loren Vandenberg, Heather Vande Vyver, Janice Krueger, Kathy Nelson, Stacy Fett

VBS

- Currently have 24 kids signed up.
- Looking for a couple more adults to lead stations in the preschool
- Could use a couple more teens or adults to lead crews or help at stations
- Terri Batten has secured a Thrivent grant to help with purchases

Aug 22-Outdoor Service/Picnic

- BoE is working on organizing activities for all ages
- Lawn games such as bean bag toss, yard yahtzee, ladder golf, nine-square, etc
- Sucker pull
- Sidewalk chalk
- Parachutes

Next meeting: July 12 at 6:30 PM in person

Submitted by Loren VanDenBerg

Church Council Meeting – June 17, 2021

Members present: Pastor Brewer, Pastor VanPay, Edward Treml, Rob Funk, Norene Giese, Jenny DeGrave, Jeff VanDenBerg, Kathy Nelson, Gail Treml, Brenda Reckelberg, Kevin VandenBush, Dan DeGrave, Ken Batten, Peggy Miesler

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

Pastor Brewer opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the May 20th meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rob Funk. Seconded by Kathy Nelson. Motion carried.

Pastor reported there were no changes in membership.

Rob Funk provided the budget for January 1 through May 31, 2021:

- Total Undesignated Contributions - \$132,545
- Total Church Revenue - \$148,658
- Total Expenses - \$131,857
- Total Assets - \$314,685
- Difference: Contributions minus Total Expenses = positive \$688
- Ruby's Pantry: Savings - \$3,280 & Checking - \$3,730
- Paid on Loan 2021: \$7,865 – Loan Balance: \$131,565
- Apron Gang: Savings - \$25 & Checking - \$4,708

Elders –

- Norene Giese joined the Elders for their meeting to discuss their responsibilities for the church picnic on August 22. Also discussed the gifting of the blue hymnals no longer being used. Pastor VanPay will check with other congregations. The hymnals will also be placed in the narthex if any members would like one.
- No changes in membership.

Trustees –

- Garage addition is going well. Help will be needed for continued work. Dan DeGrave will look into insurance coverage for the addition.
- Spraying for bugs and wasps has taken place both inside and outside of the buildings.
- Asked whether insurance should be taken off the plow truck, it will stay on for now.

Stewardship Committee –

- Met with the Evangelism Committee regarding the SHAPES Program.
- So far, 129 pints have been donated at Red Cross blood drives at St. John. The next blood drive will be July 26th. Blood donors were appreciative of the donated sandwiches and snacks.

Board of Education –

- Thus far 24 children are currently enrolled for Vacation Bible School in July. A lead adult is still needed for the preschool group as well as other helpers. Terri Batten was able to obtain a Thrivent grant to help with expenses.
- Discussed games for children for the August picnic.

Evangelism Committee –

- Will be working with the Stewardship Committee for the SHAPES Program. Dates are to be decided for later this year. The SHAPES Program is designed to help find your talents and skills to serve our Church and community.

Future Needs Committee – Will be meeting in the fall.

Old Business –

- Updates on the garage addition include finish outside covering, electrical/insulation/inside wall coverings, white steel ceiling? Will make it brighter inside, holding off on purchase of inside wall coverings as prices are starting to go down. Any funds left from loan when the garage is completed will go back to pay down the loan.
- The Village will be starting the road project soon. The Village Engineer will contact the Trustees regarding additional drainage for the lawn and parking lot. Gas services will be moved 10 feet on the property.

New Business –

- Discussed phone upgrade that needs to take place by the end of the year. Cost will be \$4,000. StarLink may be a possibility for the phone lines along with our internet already being provided by them.
- Will need a sound system for the church picnic service in August. Suggestions?
- Discussed the current containers for members to put their donation envelopes and attendance cards. Some members have mentioned that their check has not cleared from an April donation, possible that some envelopes may have slipped into the waste basket??

Dan Degrave moved to cancel the July Council meeting and Voters' meeting on July 18. Seconded by Rob Funk. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, August 5, 7:00 p.m. Will also be making final plans for the church picnic.

Rob Funk moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jeff VanDenBerg. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Norene Giese, Council Secretary