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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 2/4/24

WELCOME in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you worship with us this morning. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book at the church entrance.

Sermon: Pastor John Lukomski

St. Luke's, 8:30 a.m. P. 5 Hymns: 26; 276; 402; 53

St. John's, 10:00 a.m. LSB 184-202 Hymns: 797; 551 (tune 862); (631, 684, 731); 919

ATTENDANCE: (M) 58 Sunday School: 5 Adult Bible Class: Sunday: 4

REGULAR ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's this morning.

ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's next Sunday, February 11th, is for the Building Fund.

THE 2024 DIRECTORY will be updated soon. If you have any address change, phone number change or change to cell phone, please let LuAnn know.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: We express our sympathy to Nancy Renth for the loss of her sister and Dorothy Lange and Eunice Witte for the loss of their sister-in-law Carol Krueger who departed this life on Friday, January 26th. Funeral services were held at Trinity, Hoyleton, on Thursday, February 1st.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY: The next afternoon Bible Study will be Thursday, March 7th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Mueller will lead a study of a Lenten hymn and, as time allows, continue with the Book of Esther. We meet monthly and all are welcome.

A LIST OF DATES FOR BLOOD WORK SPECIALS is on the bulletin board.

St. JOHN'S LWML will have a meeting and dine out at Kretzer's on Monday, February 19th, at 11:00 a.m.

HE 2024 OFFERING SCHEDULE was included in the February "Herald." Extra copies are available in the bookcase in the narthex.

PHOTO SHOOT RESCHEDULED: Lee Rohlf, the photographer from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, has decided to reschedule his visit to St. John's for Sunday, February 11th. He plans to take pictures of Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and in worship at 10:00 a.m. He is doing a story about the charter members of Synod and how they are doing today.

A GIDEON'S REPRESENTATIVE will give a brief presentation after both services this morning.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF Feb 4th-10th, 2024

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Stephanie Mach—niece of Terry Lange—starting chemo

Lauren Aussieker-mother of one of our PreSchool students-taking chemo

Gloria Hictan—niece of Wayne Wessel—diagnosed with breast cancer

Mike Curry—friend of Charles Vogt—dealing with cancer

Albert Gallatin (C) recovering at home

Cathy Redeker slowly getting better; still lots of pain, awaiting physical therapy

Jane Weihe at St. Mary's, Centralia

Vickie Emery—wife of former teacher Glen Emery—had another surgery to remove more tissue, will undergo radiation

Sandy Martin taking radiation h

Larry Brinkmann ongoing medical needs

Lorna Kottmeyer (C) at home recuperating from neck surgery

Amanda Garrison—daughter-in-law of Rosalie Rice—has health issues

Danny Brinkmann on kidney dialysis

Tom Anderson—friend of the Hausler's—health issues

Sara Leinberger—friend of Judy Vogt—ongoing health problems

THOSE RECEIVING TREATMENTS/OTHER SERIOUS AILMENTS:

Stanley Renth undergoing chemotherapy

Bob Jack undergoing radiation

Rosemary Miller-sister of Howard Weihe-starting new experimental drug

Duane Miller—brother-in-law of Howard Weihe—diagnosed with pancreatic cancer—holding his own

Amie Evans--sister-in-law of Jesse Krawiecki—diagnosed with cancer. We give thanks that she received a good cat scan report.

Rev. G. Robert Heimgartner—retired in Texico, IL—chemotherapy

We Remember in our prayers:

Pastor Ron Rall--friend of the Hauslers—traveling this month to Papua New Guinea to assist our sister church there in building unity

MISSION PRAYERS:

- LCMS World Missions
- Ministry to inactive members.
- -Missionary Micah Wildauer & Family serving in Belize, our Sunday School Mission Project
- -Centralia Correctional Center
- -Pastors Timothy & Jacob Mueller serving in Uganda

We Remember:

-St. Salvator, Venedy, and Olive Branch are requesting a seminary graduate

TSJ: Pray that God would guide the Board of Christian Education as we seek a principal and a replacement for Mrs. Janice Lange (kindergarten teacher)

We Remember:

The People of Ukraine and Israel

The people suffering from the earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, fires, etc.

In Sympathy With:

The Family of Carol Krueger

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Bexley Parish 2-5; Haley Lister & Kelsey Brink 2-6; Robin Rhine 2-7; John Agnew, Jr., 2-9; Kendall Sprehe 2-10

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Gary & Lila Luttrell (C) 2-5

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 8, 2024, has been designated as the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Trinity-St. John Lutheran School. Rev. Dr. Jeffery Schrank has agreed to be the guest speaker for a Sunday morning joint service at Trinity, Nashville. TSJ officially began as "Washington County Lutheran School" on July 1, 1974. The first day of class was August 23, 1974. In 1976 the *Solemn Agreement* was officially adopted by Trinity and St. John's Congregations along with the name "Trinity-St. John Lutheran School." (This celebration will replace the annual joint service on the 4th Sunday of June.) If you would like to volunteer to be on a committee planning the celebration, please contact the School office or one of the pastors.

HOFFMAN TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL will be hosting the annual Valentine Pork Chop Dinner and Auction next Sunday February 11th, so get your Sweetheart and take them out for lunch, February 11th between 10:45 am -1:00 pm to get your yummy Smoked Pork Chop, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Cinnamon Applesauce, and a delicious dessert all for only \$14.00. That is a good price for such a tasty meal. Tickets for children 2-10 will be \$6.00. All checks should be made payable to Trinity PTL. We will also have carry-out dinners available for \$14.00.

THE ANNUAL AUCTION (TRINITY, HOFFMAN, FEBRUARY 11TH) will begin at 1 p.m. in the gym. Bidding for the silent auction will be during the mealtimes, however some may close early, so check back on your bids. If you wish to see what will be on the auction, please use the Facebook site https://fb.me/e/33QLgLxg4 or search for it on FB using "Trinity Lutheran Hoffman 2024 Pork Chop Dinner & Auction." All proceeds will go toward the PTL and will be used for the continued education of the students at the school, in the areas of technology, Physical Education, classroom materials, and school wide projects, just to name a few. If you would like to donate an item to the auction, please contact the school by January 30th. Perhaps giving a monetary gift is more of what you want to do, we would appreciate that too; just contact the school office at 618-495-2246. Thank you for your continued support! Trinity Lutheran Hoffman PTL

LENTEN WORSHIP: Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Our theme this year is "Boasting in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ," based on Galatians 6:14. In fact, we will be reading through the entire Book of Galatians (six rather short chapters) from Ash Wednesday through the Easter sunrise service, along with the Passion Account from St. Mark. Pastor Mueller plans to report on his trip to Uganda in these Lenten services. Wednesday evening services begin at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's.

JAMES BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study later this week on the Book of James. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

St. John Lutheran Church, New Minden Quarterly Voter's Meeting-January 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean Sprehe with 35 members present. The meeting began with an opening devotion from Luke 13 and a prayer. Minutes from the previous meetings were read and approved.

Special Prayer: Pastor Timothy Scharr led a prayer for Pastor Tim Mueller and Pastor Jacob Mueller. Pastor Mueller shared that they are going to be building on the work that was done 15 years ago by his brother Herb and Pastor Scharr. Pastor Scharr's prayer was followed by the Lord's Prayer.

New Members: None

Additions or Corrections to Agenda: Endowment fund, commitment for district and synod

Principal's Report: Mrs. Diett Schneider shared the following:

- · November was a busy month
- Family Reading Night was held on November 9th
- · Vision and hearing screening took place
- Meetings have taken place to discuss open positions
- Christmas service was held at Trinity on December 13th
- Students organized special dress-up days toward the end of the semester for Esther the Comfort Dog
- · After several interviews the recent call for principal was declined
- TSJ is gathering names for principal, kindergarten teacher, and cook
- Teachers and staff completing state-mandated trainings
- Fire alert system will be installed at school in church so that they will be connected with the new firehouse
- New drop-off system has been implemented and is going very smoothly
- Lady Titans won the regional championship; they lost their first game at state but are hoping to play at the Lutheran tournament in Chicago
- Preparing for Lutheran Schools Week in March

Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept Mrs. Schneider's report.

School Board: Clint Dunn shared that Trinity has a new call committee chairman, and they will resume those meetings next week to get more interviews scheduled. They have conducted one interview with a potential kindergarten teacher and have another interview scheduled. There is also a candidate for a new cook. Some wording in the tuition language has been edited to make it more clear and to update the tuition increase. This averages out to a 10% increase in tuition for families which will help with expenses. Since St. Ann's has announced their closure, several families have reached out with interest in TSJ. Some faculty and staff from St. Ann's have reached out about TSJ's open positions as well.

<u>School Treasurer's Report:</u> In the absence of Martha Polczynski, Clint Dunn reported that T-SJ had a balance of \$24,485 at the end of the year (December 31, 2023). Motion made, seconded and approved to accept the School Treasurer's report.

<u>Election of Officers</u> The ballot was approved as presented by Chairman Sprehe with no nominations from the floor. The Ballot Counting Team of Betty Sachtleben, Terri Witte, and Nancy Sprehe was approved. Elected Officers for 2024 are:

Finance Board: Christine Bevil, Becky Brinkmann, Marla Hempen, John Kroeger

Elder: Charles Vogt

School Board: Craig Finke **Trustee:** Tim Brinkmann

Cemetery Committee: Jim McQuaid, Gene Schuette

Kitchen Committee: Trudy Windler

Secretary: Sandy Martin

Installation of Officers TBD.

Finance Board: Nothing to report outside of treasurer's report.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Andi Hoffman first presented the 2023 numbers. Collections were met for the year by the end of December. The general account ended up with \$36,000. She did this year's budget using the same logic as last year. She shared the 2024 budget. The new collection number is \$291,636. The difference is from the property insurance, the increase in financial support for TSJ, and salary increases. Treasurer's report approved.

Andi mentioned that two benefits for Pastor need to be updated. These are the cafeteria plan and the housing allowance. Both are benefits for Pastor that don't cost the church anything. These need to be updated and signed to renew. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

After approving the updates to Pastor's, secretary's, and organist's salaries, motion made, seconded, and approved to accept the 2024 budget.

Elders Report:

• Pastor shared that Eric, Lydia, and Rollan Hemminghaus requested to be transferred to Trinity, Hoffman. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Pastor discussed the mission projects for 2024. Motion to approve the mission projects was made,

seconded, and approved.

- Pastor shared that some organ experts looked over the pianos at the school house. Christ Our Song
 paid for the evaluation of the pianos. The one in the basement cannot be tuned. The piano upstairs
 west could be tuned flat. The piano on the east side could also be tuned flat. We could get rid of
 those three and potentially get a new one at little cost.
- Terry Lange shared that the elders recommend a 3.5% raise in Pastor's salary. Motion made,

seconded, and approved.

• Terry Lange shared that the elders recommend \$14 per hour for the secretary's salary. Motion

made, seconded, and approved.

- Terry Lange shared that the elders do not have a recommendation for the organist. It is currently at \$40 per service. Trinity pays \$50+ mileage. There was a suggestion for \$50 per service. Motion made, seconded, and approved to increase the organist salary to \$50 per service.
- Terry Lange shared that there was no recommendation regarding the commitment to the district and synod. Pastor shared a sheet that highlights where the money comes from and where it goes.
 Motion made, seconded, and approved to keep the district and synod commitment as is.

Pastor's Report: Pastor shared the following:

- No one is happy about the news of St. Ann's closing, but TSJ will welcome any families who want to attend. He wanted to share that the teachings of the Bible will remain true to what we teach in the small catechism.
- He thanked the members again for the support of his trip to Uganda. He shared a letter written by Jacob Mueller. They received three times the requested amount for Bibles to take.

- The old church building is going great.
- A joint service is planned for September 8, 2024 at Trinity, Nashville to celebrate 50 years of TSJ. Rev. Dr. Jeffery Schrank has agreed to be the guest speaker.
- He shared a new opportunity to have field workers from the seminary. Previously, St. John's was too far away. But now the students are allowed to travel farther. The field worker would assist with worship, preach, teach Bible class, and help in a variety of other ways. The only cost would be for their mileage. It would add up to about \$3,000 for a school year.

As of December 31, 2023, St. John's had 355 baptized members and 290 communicant members. For the year the church attendance was around 90. One hundred sixty-nine members communed at least once.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept Pastor's report.

Trustees: Nothing to report.

<u>Cemetery Committee:</u> Barb Maschhoff shared that the total balance is \$442,187.53. Motion made, seconded, and approved the report. Jim McQuaid shared that the cemetery committee is looking at some fencing for the north side of the cemetery. They would like to put in 320 feet of fencing. They would like to go with the 4-foot chain length for \$8,000. It was shared that there is an unmarked boundary on that end, and it would also make it look nicer and add privacy. Motion made, seconded, and approved to not go through with the fence.

Scholarship Committee: Barb Maschhoff shared that there is a current total balance of \$19,385.45 between the account and the CD. Motion made, seconded, and approved the report.

<u>Old Business:</u> Andi Hoffman shared that we ended up making a net benefit of \$5,238.78 through the fall festival. Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept the report.

<u>New Business:</u> Andi Hoffman nominated Julie Karmeier to organize the chicken dinner. Julie accepted with the condition that the same helpers as last year came to help. It will be held March 10 in the evening. Motion made, seconded, and approved to hold the chicken dinner.

Julie Karmeier shared the annual report on the endowment fund. The year-end balance was \$54,586.98. Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept the report.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to adjourn. The meeting closed with a prayer.

Jessica Spenner, Acting Secretary

5th Sunday after the Epiphany + February 4, 2024 + 10:00 a.m. St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois *Lutheran Service Book*—Divine Service, Setting Three

THE LORD'S SUPPER IS CELEBRATED today at St. John's in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but also His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of St. John's and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament here, are asked first to speak with the Pastor. (See Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.)

For the proper accounting of souls, we ask all communicants to sign the Communion Register.

HYMN: "Praise the Almighty"

LSB 797

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION LSB 184-185

PSALM: Psalm 147 spoken responsively LSB 147

KYRIE LSB 186

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS LSB 187-189

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: (Sing:) And with thy spir it.
- P: Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: (Sing:) A - men. [LSB 189]

P: Do you not know? Do you not hear?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name,
by the greatness of his might,
and because he is strong in power not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;

his understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the faint,

and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

TRIPLE ALLELUIA (Sung by all:)

Allelu - ia. Allelu - ia. Allelu - - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: (Sing:) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁹ And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹ And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not

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permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷ and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸ And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (Sing:) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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HYMN: "When to Our World the Savior Came"

LSB 551

We sing to the more familiar tune of LSB 862.

SERMON

OFFERTORY (Sung by all)

LSB 192-193

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB 194-202

During the Distribution, we will sing the following hymns, as time allows:

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"	LSB 631
"Come unto Me, Ye Weary"	LSB 684
"O God, Forsake Me Not"	LSB 731

CLOSING HYMN: "Abide, O Dearest Jesus" LSB 919

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This Week: Feb 4th-11th, 2024

Today

8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM

Presentation by Gideons 12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUO

Monday

NO GriefShare

Tuesday

NO Bible Study

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Weekday Religion

7:00 p.m. BOCE

Saturday

NO Worship Svc

Pastor Returns Home

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship at St. Luke's w/HC

9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class

9:00 a.m. St. John's Bible Study on WNSV 104.7

10:00 a.m. Worship at NM

10:30 a.m. "Worship Anew" on DIRECT TV 377

and Channel 18 on Cable TV Lee Rolf Takes Pictures