

NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

We have finally reached long sleeve weather as some places are already looking at the possibility of... Yes... Snow. My Puddytatt senses that things are changing as his time to go outside is getting shorter and shorter. Mom looks at the shorter days and longer nights and sighs, "Another winter." My brother Steve on his Facebook page is counting down the days until Christmas—and looking forward to the little white flakes to fall from the sky.

We in the church are looking at the end of another year—not on December 31st—but on November 22nd when we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. The following Sunday will bring the beginning of Advent—and the start of a new church year. On the 29th, we will begin our journey toward Bethlehem—and toward the manger where God touched the world through a newborn child to Mary and Joseph.

But let us not get too far ahead of myself. My sermon is not ready for this week. We have not yet given thanks for all the Saints. We have not listened to and pondered the hymn "Lift High The Cross". The turkey is not purchased for Thanksgiving along with all the trimmings (I hate to admit it, but last year, Mom and I had Asian food).

But while I am thinking ahead, I am thinking of encouraging each of us to help with the ELCA Good Gifts program which sends needed supplies and animals to where they are needed the most—beginning at only \$10 which sends either chickens or a citrus fruit sapling to people who need it the most. The options are varied from bees to piglets, from cows to goats—with a number of non-livestock options to choose from. Yes, you can simply donate—and we will see that your gift will be used in the best possible way. More information will be coming.

I hope that each of us has a blessed and healthy New Year—starting November 29th—or January 1st—you choose. God bless.

Pastor Mike

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PLEASE PRAY FOR: Mary Lou Harbaugh, Mick Pierce, Bill Tielbar, George Harbaugh, Bob & Carla Ferguson, Dave Pont, Brayton Kuhse, Donna Pont, Cecil Bahls, Joan Hinzman, Janet Moser, Loretta Cook, Ammi Hugo, Shelby Preston, Terry Meyer & Joyce Bakken

Guttenberg Care Center: (SJ) Letha Moser, Eunice Walke, Dave Pont, Una Bishop, George Harbaugh, Vonnie Bormann, Shirley Moore, Eunice Zearley, Janet Moser

(SP) Darlene Akers, Bonna Basler, Helene Lammers, Janice Bahls

Assisted Living: (SJ) Joyce Bakken, Arlene Tackman, Delos Sadewasser, Shirley Moser (SP) Karen Kriesler

St. Pt. Lutheran Home: Neil Morarend

Edgewood Convalescent Home: (SJ) Terry Krieg

Homebound: (SJ) Bob & Carla Ferguson, Gayle Kahle

Our condolences to the family of Duane Hagen who passed on October 21st. His memorial service was held at St. John's on October 29th.

ADOPT A DAY

How would you like to consider adopting a day(s) and paying for St. John's church utilities for that day(s)? This would be above your regular church giving and would be a huge financial plus for St. John's. You choose the day(s). Why not consider adopting a day for your birthday or that of a family member, or an anniversary of your baptism, wedding or all of them and more? If you would like to adopt a day, just write your information on a piece of paper and enclose it with your payment of \$38 per day.

- Oct. 23 In honor of Vera Ashman's 91st birthday by Troyce Vich
- Nov. 7 In honor of Beth Malecki's birthday by Rick & Mary Beth Allyn
- Nov. 18 In honor of Amelia Lewis' birthday by Craig & LeAnn Watson
- Nov. 23 In honor of Olivia Lewis' birthday by Craig & LeAnn Watson

ONLINE WORSHIP

Worship services & devotionals with Pastor Mike are now posted on our website. To access, go to www.stjohnsguttenberg.com, click on "MENU" and then click on "ONLINE WORSHIP".

NOVEMBER STEWARDS

During the week of Thanksgiving, Pastor will be on "staycation". Wait a minute. What exactly is a "staycation"? With the situation being what it is—and our pastor needing a break—Pastor will be on vacation during the week of November 22nd- butttttttt.... He is not leaving the area. He will still lead our worship on Thanksgiving Eve—and he can still be reached for emergencies---- he will probably have a nice long list of "honey-do"s including finding all Christmas decorations.

	Ushers	Camera	Lector
Nov. 1	Michele VonHandorf Mary Streich	Sam Thein	Lynda Akers
Nov. 8	Michele VonHandorf Mary Streich	Lynda Schaefers	MJ Smith
Nov. 15	Michele VonHandorf Mary Streich	Sam Thein	Nancy Heitman
Nov. 22	Michele VonHandorf Mary Streich	Tim Puls	Joan Walke
Nov. 29	Michele VonHandorf Mary Streich	Lynda Akers	



Christmas... Already?

Yes. Your Church council is already looking at Christmas Eve considering the current conditions in our area. We have decided to offer two services: one at 1pm and the other at 8pm. **Regarding seating, we need to know which service you prefer to attend—and the number of people in your group—related family groups will be able to sit together.** We are also looking for people to step up to offer their voices as we will probably not have congregational singing. Pastor will also gear the 1pm service toward families with young children. Yes, we will offer communion at both services—with the closing being “Silent Night”.

Pastor will also attempt to post the early Christmas Eve service on the website by evening—he cannot give you a time frame—but he will try his best to work his magic with his computer.

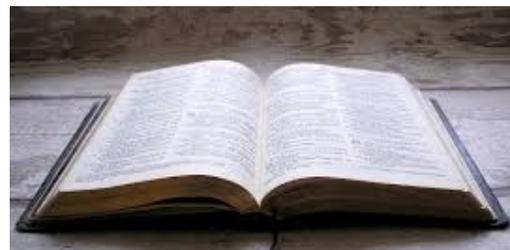
Please be patient—and willing to work with us to make this Christmas both a blessed and healthy holiday. Thank you.

Get the word out, we are looking for new members!! If you know of anyone who would like to become a member, just let us know. If you know someone who could use encouragement in their faith or their church membership, please give the pastor a call.

The Guttenberg Care Center is looking for Christmas donations. They especially would like body wash and body spray.



Saturday Evening worship is returning—starting on November 7th at 5:30. Attendees will be seated in the pews in the rear of the church. The worship service will be an abbreviated worship with communion—pastor will use a music stand to remain a safe distance. If you are interested in attending this service, please let us know so that we can prepare for bulletins and space. Many thanks to Al and Diane who will be assisting pastor with the return of this service. Also, please pass this information on to others who might be interested in this worship opportunity. Thanks!!!



Looking to the future....

Pastor has started to look to future possibilities of offering Bible Studies—with two options:

The first would be a course that would span the whole of the New Testament geared toward people who have not attended Bible studies in the past—or who would want a refresher course. This will not be an in-depth course—but a basic overview of the New Testament.

The second would be a course of Mark’s gospel which would give students an opportunity to dig really deep—and ask some tough questions. If you want drama, intrigue, suspense, betrayal.... This is the class for you.

Let pastor know if you would be interested in these Bible Studies.

Congratulations to Joe & Emily Finnegan on the birth their son, Brantley Joseph who was born on September 30. Grandparents are Dan & Julie Finnegan.



THANKSGIVING PLANS FROM OUTREACH -

Due to the recommendations provided during the pandemic, we have had to cancel this year's Community Thanksgiving Dinner. We do not want to jeopardize the health of our volunteers working in close proximity in the kitchen and preparing meals as well as those congregating to eat together. *This year, we are challenging the congregation to provide a meal to someone or a household in your neighborhood who will be alone for Thanksgiving or another day if you will be elsewhere on the Holiday.* We would appreciate feedback on the meals provided for the next newsletter.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord God, we gather around this table to humbly thank You for all that You have given us this past year – not just what is on this table, but who is sitting around this table. Thank you for life and laughter, for health and happiness, for relationships and memories. Thank You for Your comfort and Your presence, in light of good days and bad. Thank You for what we have now, for what we had yesterday, and for what You will continue to give tomorrow. Let us never take that for granted, but to always be grateful for every good and perfect gift that comes from You. May we have hearts full of thanksgiving not only today but every day of our lives. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Amen. - Cindy McMenamin

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Christmas shopping season will look different for many of us this year. Do not let covid hamper your gift giving and shopping needs this holiday season. Purchase scrip gift cards from St. John's and have your selection of over 700 vendors you can purchase from online or in store.

The best part about using St. John's Scrip, it costs you nothing extra and the church is able to make a percentage of your purchases. Those percentages range from 3-20% depending upon the vendor.

Scrip gift cards can be purchased after worship on Sundays in the narthex or by contacting the church office. Stewardship members are happy to help you select cards for your gift giving needs. Preordering cards is a convenient way to have your scrip cards on hand. Remember to use the gift of scrip purchased through St. John's.

**ST. JOHN'S
NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

Nov. 1	9:00 am (SP) Worship 9:30 am (SJ) Sunday School 10:15 am (SJ) Worship
Nov. 3	5:30 pm (SP) Council Mtg.
Nov. 4	2:00 pm Confirmation I (A) 4:30 pm Confirmation I (B)
Nov. 7	5:30 pm (SJ) Worship
Nov. 8	9:00 am (SP) Worship 9:30 am (SJ) Sunday School 10:15 am (SJ) Worship
Nov. 10	1:00 pm (SJ) Tuesday w/God
Nov. 11	2:00 pm Confirmation I (A) 4:30 pm Confirmation I (B)
Nov. 12	7:00 pm (SJ) Council Mtg.
Nov. 14	5:30 pm (SJ) Worship
Nov. 15	9:00 am (SP) Worship 9:30 am (SJ) Sunday School 10:15 am (SJ) Worship
Nov. 16	5:00 pm (SJ) Mobile Food Pantry
Nov. 18	2:00 pm Confirmation I (A) 4:30 pm Confirmation I (B)
Nov. 19	6:00 pm (SJ) Altar Guild
Nov. 21	5:30 pm (SJ) Worship
Nov. 22	9:00 am (SP) Worship 9:30 am (SJ) Sunday School 10:15 am (SJ) Worship
Nov. 24	1:00 pm (SJ) Tuesday w/God
Nov. 25	5:30 pm (SJ) Thanksgiving Eve Service
Nov. 28	5:30 pm (SJ) Worship
Nov. 29	9:00 am (SP) Worship 9:30 am (SJ) Sunday School 10:15 am (SJ) Worship

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE —

November is National Family Caregivers Month. This is a time to celebrate the contribution of those volunteer friends and family members who support a loved one with their health or managing a disability. We're thankful for the contributions of the more than 44 million Americans who care for a family member, friend, or neighbor.

Tips for family caregivers:

1. **Seek support from other caregivers.** You are not alone!
2. **Take care of your own health** so that you can be strong enough to take care of your loved one.
3. **Accept offers of help** and suggest specific things people can do to help you.
4. Learn how to **communicate effectively** with doctors.
5. Caregiving is hard work so **take respite breaks** often.
6. Watch out for **signs of depression** and don't delay getting professional help when you need it.
7. Be open to **new technologies** that can help you care for your loved one.
8. **Organize medical information** so it's up to date and easy to find.
9. Make sure **legal documents are in order.**
10. **Give yourself credit for doing the best you can in one of the toughest jobs there is!**

Since at least 2000, presidents have designated November as National Family Caregivers Month to honor the more than 40 million caregivers across the country who support aging parents, ill spouses or other loved ones with disabilities who remain at home. Adults of all ages are among the ranks of family caregivers, according to a 2015 study by AARP and the National Alliance for Caregiving. More than a third of caregivers were ages 50 to 64, about a quarter were 35 to 49, and another quarter were 18- to 34-year-olds. Perhaps most surprising as America's population ages: 7 percent of family caregivers were age 75 or older, a share that has gone up steadily in the past two decades. Often the recipient is a spouse with dementia or heart disease who needs a high level of care for 34 hours or more a week, and the caregiver has been providing that help for more than five years.

"These everyday heroes, living quietly among us in families and communities across the country, are the major source of long-term care in America," President Bill Clinton said in his 2000 proclamation of National Family Caregivers Month. "By providing billions of dollars' worth of caregiving services each year, they dramatically reduce the demands on our Nation's health care system and make an extraordinary

contribution to the quality of life of their loved ones." The benefit to society also can be an individual burden, borne silently. Isolation issues. Although a majority of caregivers reported that they had a friend or relative available to confide in and have contact with socially, almost 1 in 10 said they had no one to talk to about private matters and 1 in 5 said they had no one to call for help. Lots of balls in the air. Most family caregivers must juggle their home lives with working a paid job and meeting the needs of the relatives or friends in their care. A labor of love. Almost half of family caregivers are adult children caring for their parents. About 1 in 5 are wives or husbands caring for their spouses. If you or someone you love has become a family caregiver, please offer a helping hand or possibly a listening ear. Encourage caregivers to be in touch with local health programs; contact the local VNA, the Family Resource Center, and your local health clinic for ideas and support. And remember to talk with your local pastor, church secretary or Parish Nurse for assistance. Family caregivers are important to our whole society as well as our families.

St. John's Outreach Committee chose the residents at the Guttenberg Care Center as their focus for the God's Work, Our Hands event this year. Because our friends at the Care Center are so isolated during this time, we wanted to let them know we care. Items collected included large piece puzzles, large print word search books, magazines, note cards, candy treats and personal care items. Thank you to all who donated items.





**Congratulation to our 2020 Confirmands —
 Stacie Ann Drewelow, Elizabeth Shalla Davis, Destiny Marie Barnhart,
 Kelby Joseph Severson, Addison Marie Stoerp**



Each confirmand made their own stole, selecting the symbols that reflected their faith.



TIPS TO STAY GROUNDED DURING A PANDEMIC

Pandemics are not something with which most of us are familiar. I remember being quarantined due to scarlet fever with daily home visits from our family doctor for injections of penicillin. My siblings hated taking their pills everyday and being stuck at home. My mother quarantined with me and fortunately my grandmother kept the household functioning. I was very ill so it didn't matter so much to me, but I know my whole family suffered silently.

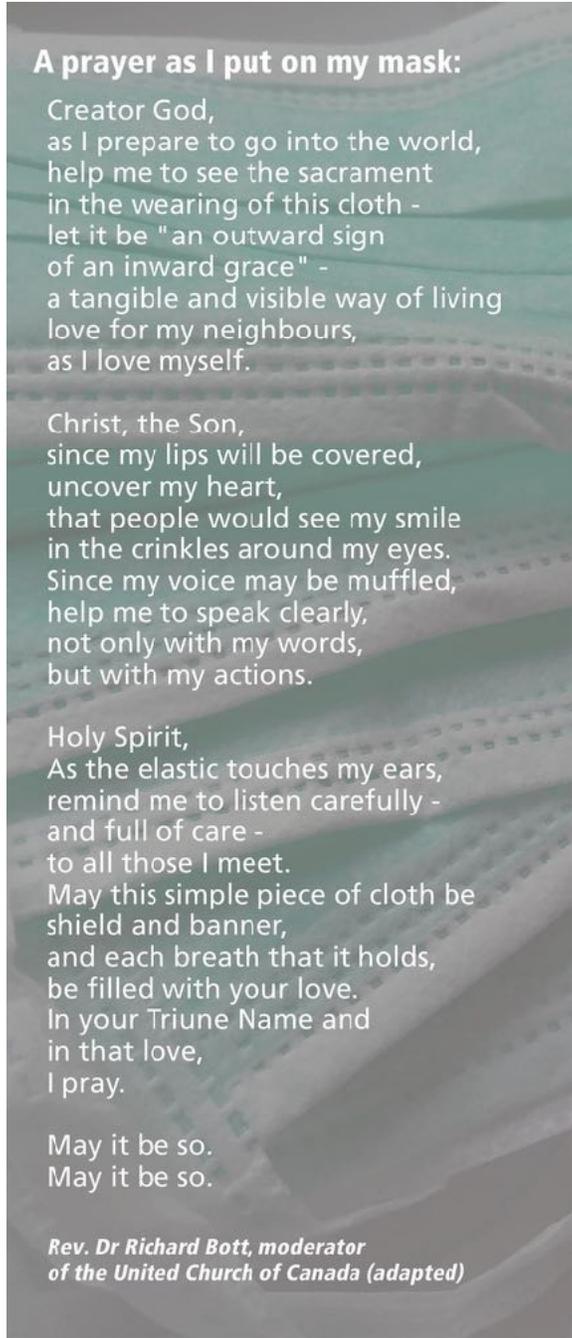
While it may feel like there is a lot we can't control amidst the "fear" of Covid-19, there are several ways we can take control of our personal situations. Whether we are called to self isolate at home, quarantine due to a positive test or just needing to limit exposure to outsiders consider becoming more aware of yourself and how to boost your own spiritual, mental and physical health.

By listening to our body and emotions we can better handle the added stress and anxiety that creep up on us during a pandemic due to the known and unknown aspects of the disease all over the world. While it's important to listen to the news and be aware of the CDC guidelines and updates, too much of the news can have a sobering effect.

There are many ways we can take control of our lives to promote our overall health. (1) Regular exercise has been shown to counteract stress and reduce inflammation due to stress hormones in the body. Walking around your home or neighborhood, if it is safe for you, marching in place, any regular exercises you are accustomed to do, and making sure to just get up and move around every hour or so to improve circulation. Exercise has also been proven to improve mental outlook. (2) Meditation, Prayer, reading your Bible lead to positive, structural, and functional changes in the brain. Challenge yourself to set aside time to read your Bible and prayer. Start with 15 minutes and lengthen the time as you begin to grow in your understanding of God. Praying about everything in your life helps to maintain an even mental outlook. (3) Social connections when you are feeling alone or sad can also improve your outlook. Phone calls to friends or family you cannot actually visit, as well as computer programs that bring us face to face on a screen, are a good way to keep up with others and realize we are all facing similar challenges. Remember, Pastor Mike has made it possible to join in our worship services on the church website and receive a mid week devotion.

Embrace best health practices as much as possible. Always have a mask handy and wear it when away from home and other people may be present. Be sure to wash your hands before meal preparation, eating, and when returning to your home, as well as when your hands are in need of a good cleansing. Maintaining a healthy diet of lean protein, lots of fruit and vegetables while limiting excess sugar, fats and alcohol, helps our body to stay healthy and strong. Check with your health care provider to consider other immunizations and possible vitamins such as Vitamins C and D, and perhaps Zinc to promote your overall health and keep your immune system healthy.

Many of you may have faced similar issues in years past and we will look back on this time as a challenge we overcame together. We will always have viruses around, but our health care community is always developing new methods to prevent and cure illness. Keep contact with others and reach out when you need someone to listen. Call our church office at 252-2355 to make a connection with a Stephen Minister or Pastor Mike. We have many trained individuals in our community that are ready to help us sort out our challenges and listen to our concerns.





**St. John's American Evangelical Lutheran Church
Semi-Annual Meeting. Sunday, September 27, 2020.**

Call to Order: President Craig Tuecke called the meeting to order on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020, at 10:59 a.m.

Quorum: A count was made as members entered the church to make sure that we met the requirement of the quorum of 54 members in good standing for voting. The quorum was met with 64 voting members present.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report of the Annual Meeting, Jan. 26, 2020, stands approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Craig explained the treasurer's report. The Treasurer's Report of the stands approved as published.

President's Report: Craig shared that he had no formal report to give at this time. He did report that this has been a challenging year for everybody including the church council. We had an interim pastor; we went through the calling process to call Pastor Mike; and we were closed due to COVID for three months. Things are all going very well now. the council is discussing the return of [Sunday School](#). We continue to look for opportunities to provide services to our shut ins and those unable to attend church at this time.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: There was no new business.

Vote Counters: Joe Moser and Frank Davis volunteered to count the ballots. Council member, Jim Solomon volunteered to oversee the count.

Adjournment: Craig pronounced the meeting adjourned at 11:09 am.

Election Results: The vote was unanimous with 64 ballots submitted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Puls

Election results

Council Positions: President - Brian Rodenberg; VicePresident - Michele VonHandorf; Secretary - Judy Puls; Education - Stephanie Thomas; Music & Worship - Mary Streich

Committee Members: Fellowship - Lynda Akers; Stewardship - Cindy Niehaus, Diane Schilling; Children & Youth - Tara Augustyn; Public Relations - Craig Tuecke; Outreach Ministries - Karilyn McArthur & Joni Talsma; Property - Todd Strader; Worship & Music - Mary Beth Allyn, Vicki Rosenberg; Endowment Fund - Craig Tuecke, Lynda Akers & Carolyn Hoffmann

A group of volunteers from St. John's prepacked dry goods delivered from the Northeast Iowa Food Bank in preparation for the drive through event in October. Because of a shortage of volunteers at the Waterloo facility, they are no longer able to have all products prepacked for the drive through events.



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Food distribution will be held on the third Monday of each month at St. John's. The next event will be from 5-6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 16th.

If you are able to help, please call the church office at 252-2355, and we will add your name to our volunteer list. We will call if we need your assistance.

**Council Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2020**

Members Present: Craig Tuecke, Mary Streich, Judy Puls, Jim Solomon, Nancy Heitman, Stephanie Thomas, Forest Brown, Chuck Hemann, Michele VonHandorf, Lorna Moser, Pastor Ashman, and Diane Schilling
Members Absent: Pat Jones and Don Schmelzer

Call to Order: President Craig Tuecke called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Devotions and Prayers: Pastor Ashman read the 33rd chapter of Exodus. This is the story of Moses on Mt. Sinai talking to God. He explained how the Jewish people only spoke of God one time a year during their celebration Yom Kippur. God's name was so sacred it was used only one time a year. Moses wanted to see the glory of God. He saw God's back as he passed by. We only catch a glimpse of God's glory and that is enough. God gives us all we need in this life.

Secretary's Report: The council reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the September 10, 2020 meeting stand approved as published.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund:	\$9,753.45
Benevolence:	\$14,342.81
Improvement:	\$5,232.44
Memorial Savings:	\$48,421.51
Benevolence Savings:	\$15,756.39
Sunday School:	\$3,735.79
Organ Fund:	\$4,062.86
Scrip:	\$6,658.43
Luther League:	\$4,679.59

The Treasurer's Report stands approved as published.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ashman submitted a written report for the previous month to keep the Council updated on his activities. The report includes home visits, office visits, phone calls, calls to hospital patients, attending Clayton Ridge athletic events, working on website, preparing and presenting confirmation classes, meetings, baptisms, and funeral.

Outreach Ministries: Nancy Heitman had nothing new to report.

Educational Ministries: Stephanie Thomas had nothing new to report.

Children and Youth Ministries: Forest Brown reported that he had met with Pastor Mike and got a lot of great ideas that will be pursued when it is safe to meet. Forest

raised the question as to when we think it is going to be safe to meet. The discussion included responses such as after we have a vaccine, next year at the earliest, like school - do something with precautions in place, and look at possibilities after Sunday School has been going for a while. Forest shared that Pastor Mike is a great resource and has a great background of working with youth.

Public Relations Ministries: Chuck Hemann had nothing new to report.

Stewardship Ministries: Michele VonHandorf had nothing new to report.

Worship and Music Ministries: Pat Jones was absent.

Property Ministries: Don Schmelzer was absent. Craig shared that a list of things needed to be done at the parsonage has been made. Carpet in Pastor's bedroom needs to be replaced. There are electrical outlets and the vent/light in the bathroom that need to be replaced. The wall heater in the upstairs bathroom needs to be replaced; and the range hood for the stove needs to be replaced.

Parish Fellowship: Lorna Moser had nothing new to share.

Vice President: Mary Streich had nothing new to report.

Old Business:

Broadcasting Services: Chuck reported about his communication with the A & H Video technician. They walked through a possible configuration for a new broadcasting system. This was a preliminary configuration and it will be revised. This first configuration included a two camera system, keyboard joystick controller, a recording deck, a laptop, and cables. The estimate is \$9,500.00. We discussed revising to one camera, the manpower needed; acoustical tiles, the age of the speaker and if it will tie into the system, and having it permanently mounted in the balcony. It was suggested we use the Sophia Smith CD to help cover the costs.

Sunday School: Stephanie Thomas presented the Return to Sunday School Plan. The plan is to start Sunday School on November 1, 2020 from 9:30 am to 10:00 am. All teachers and students will wear a face covering. Parents will be asked to complete a health screening prior to bringing their children to church. Students will enter using the east entrance by the office. A hand sanitizer station will be set up at the bottom of the steps. Hand sanitizer and cleaner will be available in each

Sunday School room. There will be no singing or snacks due to health concerns and shortened time.

MSC to approve the Return to Sunday School Plan as presented by Stephanie Thomas.

Christmas Worship: Pastor Mike presented his plan to have two Christmas Eve services at St. John's. The first at 1:00 pm and the second at the normal 8:00 pm time. He is looking at soloists to provide music. Having the choir in the balcony was also discussed. With the popularity of these services, reservations will be taken.

Sunday Morning Services: There are many single worshipers attending church. We discussed revising the seating so two single worshipers could sit in the same pew - one near the center and one at the edge of the pew. We discussed using the front pews to increase the number of possible seats and taking reservations for Sunday services.

New Business:

Bible Study Group: A request was made by a Bible Study group of about ten ladies to use the church for their Tuesday Bible Study. Most are members of St. John's. They have been meeting in the park. With the change in weather, they need another place to meet. We discussed them meeting in the Fellowship Hall like Council and confirmation does. We also discussed LSI resuming the use of the Club Room to meet with parents, police officers, etc. They usually only meet one to two times a month. MSC to allow the Bible Study group and LSI to meet at the church and to consider other groups after the beginning of the year per safe protocols.

Benevolence Endowment: Those elected to the Endowment Committee at the Semi-Annual meeting will dispense the Endowment Fund in January after they are installed. The funds will be dispensed to ministries outside of the church.

Chalice/Paten: Pastor Mike explained how nasty the chalice is. The sheen is gone and is not appetizing to drink wine from. There is no matching paten. A plate is being used in place of a paten. The cost of a new set ranges from \$300.00 to \$500.00. Diane shared there is a member looking to donate to a special project. She will check with this person to see if this is a project the individual wants to donate to. MSC to purchase a chalice and paten for up to \$500.00 letting a willing

parishioner give as much as the individual wants and take the remainder out of memorial funds.

2020 Confirmands: Pastor Mike shared that Confirmation will be October 25th. He recommended the following be confirmed: Destiny Barnhart, Elizabeth Davis, Kayla Drewelow, Kelby Severson, and Addison Stoerp. MSC to accept the recommendation of 2020 confirmands.

Employee Insurance: Craig reported that Portico, the benefit program, has informed us that their base rate is going up 3.5%. This is the smallest increase in seven years. We will get the actual figures at the end of October.

Saturday Worship Service: Pastor Mike announced we will be starting Saturday night services on November 7, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Al will usher. Diane will do the music. Members will sit in a designated area to help with having to clean only a small area, and Pastor will go to where the people are at. Letters will be sent to Saturday night regular attendees.

FYI: We have applied for an ELCA Daily Bread Matching Fund Grant. If approved, we would have a matching grant of \$500.00 to help with the drive through food pantry.

Question: The question was raised about how we are serving our members residing at the Care Center. Currently the YouTube presentation of our Sunday morning services are being downloaded from our website and shared with members at the Care Center. Pastor is sending communion with Lorna Moser to those members. The Outreach Committee continues to send letters and notes. We are doing all that we can do at this time.

Sharing: Craig shared his joy with Pastor's ministry since he came to St. John's in August. He thanked the Call Committee for doing so well.

Adjournment: Craig declared the meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Regular Council Meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Puls



All Women of St. John's. www.womenoftheelca.org

2020 St. John's Women of the Board

President: Lynda Akers -- Vice President: Carolyn Hoffmann -- Treasurer: Tonya Randall -- Secretary: Pat Meyer
At Large: Lynda Schaefer, Cindy Niehaus Sarah Circle Representative: Judy Puls

Mission: To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Purpose: As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.



ST. JOHN'S SEWING LADIES

Information on donations needed or helping with piecing tops, tying or binding contact Carol Tomkins.

Quilt tops for LWR need to measure 60" x 80".



2021 St. John's WELCA Board & Budget

On 10/18/20 the 2021 Budget was approved and 2021 Board members elected.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 22 – Thankoffering & Installation of Officers

TUESDAYS at NOON

Church wide WELCA has initiated a call to prayer in this time of pandemic. This is a call to prayer, to be practiced every Tuesday at noon, in your time zone.

Read: Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Dear God I pray (follow each petition by naming specific individuals or needs; add additional petitions as needed)

- For those who are ill
 - For those with little access to healthcare
 - For healthcare workers
 - For those who feel isolated
 - For those who are in unsafe places
 - For those who are anxious or worried
 - For leaders facing difficult decisions
 - For those who continue to work in challenging settings
 - For those driven by greed or careless disregard
- Amen

Reflect: Reflect on these questions. Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:39).
How are you loving yourself **today**? What is your self-care strategy? How are you loving your neighbor

The only budget change was for Dec. ministry funeral money. It was approved to change it from 2/3 Ladies Aid and Sarah to 1/3 Sarah Circle as Ladies' Aid disbanded in 2020.

2021 Board Members are:

President: Lynda Akers
Vice President: Carolyn Hoffmann
Secretary: Pat Meyer
Treasurer: Cindy Niehaus
At Large: Lynda Schaefer and Jan Solomon
Sarah Circle Representative: Judy Puls (volunteered)



Nov 21 & 22 Thankoffering- "Love is..."

The women of St. John's strive to embody our Mission Statement. Every year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Thankofferings are collected to support the ministries of the Women of the ELCA. Originally started in the 1800's, women would set aside offerings throughout the year in thanksgiving for blessings received and once a year come together joining their offerings to support ministries. As was known then and also today – Together we can do more than we could ever do apart! Thankoffering envelopes will be mailed to each household to bring on Nov. 21 or 22, or any other time or mailed. Thank you so much. WELCA Board



NOVEMBER BAPTISMS

Nov. 1
Renae Kraus
Julie Schmelzer
Mickie Strader

Nov. 2
Joan Sadewassser

Nov. 4
Madelyn Troester

Nov. 5
Julie Zittergruen

Nov. 6
Ellie Davis
Lennox Moser

Nov. 7
Julie Finnegan
Carolyn Hoffmann

Nov. 9
Emily Kraus

Nov. 10
John Anderegg

Nov. 11
Joe Moser

Nov. 12
Sandy Lightfoot

Nov. 15
Kohle Helle
Susan Horstman
Todd Johnson
Amber Meyer
Abby Schmelzer
Steve VonHandorf

Nov. 16
Shirley Moore

Nov. 17
Erica Armstrong

Nov. 19
Alex Tielbar

Nov. 22
Paul Kraus
Jerry Niehaus
Joanne Peters

Nov. 24
Brayden Reth
Pete Sakas

Nov. 25
Vernon Moser

Nov. 26
Bristol Allyn
Myrna Backes

Nov. 27
Zach Hoffmann

Nov. 28
Jagger Allyn
Marshall Birch
Joyce Horstman

Nov. 29
Ethan Backes
Steve Sheppard

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 3
Edward Tuecke

Nov. 4
Marshall Birch

Nov. 6
Destiny Barnhart
Jan Solomon

Nov. 7
Lincoln Franzen
Dawn Herrmann

Nov. 8
Delaney Brown

Nov. 10
Eleanora Preston

Nov. 11
Tyler Kraus
Kendra Moser

Nov. 12
Erica Armstrong
Lynda Schaefers

Nov. 13
Neil Morarend
Alan Moser

Nov. 14
Tara Augustyn
Madilyn Thomas

Nov. 15
Delos Weseman

Nov. 17
Scott Fischer
Caden Strader

Nov. 18
Mickie Strader

Nov. 21
Merlin Moser
Ronald Rosacker
Roland Troester

Nov. 22
Matt Witham
Eunice Zearley

Nov. 24
Brenda Tackman

Nov. 25
Carol Moser
Grace Noack

Nov. 26
Levi Chase
Michele VonHandorf

Nov. 28
Cruz Reimer
Jean Ruegnitz
Bill Tielbar

Nov. 29
M.J. Smith

Nov. 30
Mackenzie Marovets
Layla Johnson

NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 15
Merlin & Judith Moser

Nov. 16
Andy & Kim Heitman

Nov. 20
Russ & Juanita Loven

Nov. 23
Gary & Sue Meyer

Nov. 26
Gene & Jean Ruegnitz
Danny & Zoe Walke