



The **St. Johns Servant**

St. Johns
Lutheran Church

Park Rapids, Minnesota

June, 2020

Test Run for Re-Opening Worship This Sunday

We have our plans in place for worship this Sunday. Attendance is capped at 80 and we've reached that number with registrations. You can go to our website and sign up to be on the waiting list or call and see if we've had cancellations and may have a spot or two open.

As mentioned in the special mailing, there will be some protocols to follow. If you're signed up, it's a good idea to get here early to allow plenty of time for check in, etc. We all know the old saying about "the best laid plans..." and expect that there may be a few snags along the way so please be patient (and you may want to bring an umbrella depending on the weather forecast). See page 14 for a reminder.

Also, Sunday morning Bible study will continue online but will be moved to 10:30 a.m. instead of 10:15 a.m. to allow the pastors extra time to finish worship and set up for the Bible study. The planned topic is the Psalms.

The Parish Planning Council is set to meet June 9 to discuss how things went, any changes to make things go smoother and possibly adding more services.

Most important, if you are in a high risk category or just don't feel comfortable about mingling with 80 other people even spread out, the best option is to continue to stay home.

We will still live stream and think we've worked out our sound issues. We're ordering a new camera but it probably won't be here for at least a couple months. You can also call and request DVDs of worship services. Dial-A-Devotion and online devotions will also continue.

What's Your Opinion?



We've had a great response to the worship survey on line and on paper. The responses have been very helpful as we've considered re-opening. If you haven't already responded, please consider doing so by either method. If you're using the paper method, you can mail your survey back or drop it by the church office. We really want to hear from you!

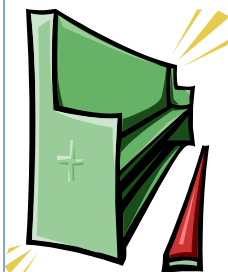
Bi-Annual Voters Meeting Moved to July 14

Our bi-annual Voters meeting is typically held the first Tuesday in June but the Parish Planning Council discussed having the meeting June 2 and decided that it would be better to postpone it for now. The Voters meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m. Watch for more info and updates as the date grows closer.





Ponderings from the Pew



My grandkids have ducks and chickens. It's a fowl party in their barn. (Eww, that was baaaaad) I was excited to get to hold one of the ducks as I've never experienced that before. They have a kiddie pool for the ducks outside the barn. When they filled it with water, the ducks began quacking excitedly, and splashing around so crazily in the pool, half the water washed over the side. It was the craziest thing I've seen in a while. So, I was thinking about those ducks acting as though their life was made complete by a simple pool of water. Their joy was quite visible and contagious.

Why can't people be like those ducks? Why can't we truly cherish our blessings with joyful gratitude. Our lives get so busy, we forget to recognize a lot of our every-day blessings: clothes, food, a bed, shower, coffee, breakfast, car, job, our families... And yes, a lake or pool of water on a hot day – aww – nothing like it. Although, I don't think I could zoom around like those crazy happy ducks. It really doesn't take much to make us happy if we appreciate what we have rather than what we don't have.



Psalm 147 tells us a portion of what God does for us, "The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the exiles of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit. The Lord sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp. He covers the sky with clouds; He supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. ... He strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your people within you. He grants peace to your borders and satisfies you with the finest of wheat. He sends his

command to the earth; His word runs swiftly. He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes. He hurls down His hail like pebbles. Who can withstand His icy blast? He sends His word and melts them; He stirs up His breezes, and the waters flow. ...Praise the Lord."

Shouldn't that make us crazy happy; like ducks in the water happy? God is so amazing. He provides everything we need. He sustains us. He redeems us. He gives us living water. Be like the ducks. Be joyfully grateful.

To God alone be the glory!

Renee' Anderson

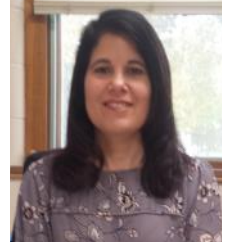




Saying Good-Bye to Staff

COVID 19 played a part in our saying good-by to two of our staff members.

Assistant Secretary, Julie Warmbold, resigned at the recommendation of her doctor due to health issues. We're sorry to see her go and are very thankful for her hard work and friendly smile while she was with us. We're waiting to get through the current pandemic situation to discuss hiring a replacement. (If you've noticed more typos in the newsletter recently, this is why. No one proofreading!)



Elayne Luiken had planned to retire from her positions as ABC Preschool Aide at the end of this school year but when the preschool suspended classes in March, retirement came early. We thank her for her years of service and hope she enjoys her "early" retirement!

Thanks for Making the Church Grounds Look Great!

Several of our members have pitched in to make our church grounds look wonderful. When we put out the invite to help clean up outside Shelly and Rachel Ulvin came and knocked most of the items off the list in one afternoon, braving the chilly weather. Then Tim Huwe came and went over the whole lawn with a big mower/sweeper. Everett and Elayne Luiken cleaned up the plants around the little church and Bob Stelter painted it. What an improvement! Steve Jones filled the planters by each entrance with flowers and set up the automatic irrigation system so they'll stay vibrant for the summer. Thanks so much to everyone for all you've done!



What's On The Lutheran Hour

- 6/7 "An Undeserved Salute"
- 6/14 "What You're Getting Into"
- 6/21 "Powered by Touch"
- 6/28 "Practice Makes Perfect"

Listen to the Lutheran Hour every Sunday on KPRM 870 AM at 9:30 a.m. or KTIG 102.7 FM at 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. You can also listen on Sirius XM Family Talk Channel 131, Sundays at 9:00 a.m. or any time on SENTRadio at lhm.org/sentradio.

The Lutheran Laymen's League sponsors the program on KPRM each Sunday. If you would like to help sponsor the program your gift may be placed in the offering and earmarked "Local Lutheran Hour."

† Funerals

- 06/02 Darleen Evans
- 06/05 Mel Hooker



“Main Street Living North” for June

“MAIN STREET LIVING” is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30 minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30 minute Lutheran Hour program (normally “This Is the Life,” along with occasional church season specials). Programs are broadcast at 9:00 a.m. central time on FOX station KVRR Fargo-Moorhead Channel 15.1. Or you can watch archived episodes any time on their website at www.mainstreetliving.com (then click on “North (Fargo).”



Here’s the programs for June:

June 7: Rev. Jared Nies, St. John’s Lutheran Church – Corliss, MN, presents the message: “In the beginning, God...Who is That?” based on Genesis 1:1-2:4a. *This Is The Life*: “Give and Take.” A young Christian advertising agency representative navigates a situation with an overly attentive married man.

June 14: Rev. Craig Fenske, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message: “What Jesus Sees in Us,” based on Matthew 9:35–10:20. *This is The Life*: “No Tears for Bill.” A widow struggles with the past and her upcoming marriage.

June 21: Rev. Eli Voigt, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bagley, MN, presents the message: “God of Joy” based on Hebrews 12:2. *This Is The Life*: “Two Weeks to Eternity.”



June 28: Rev. Thomas Clark, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hankinson, ND & St. John’s Lutheran Church, Belford, ND, presents the message: “The Cost of Peace,” based on Matthew 10:34-42. *This Is The Life*: “The House of Sand.” This classic Fisher Family episode explores the difference between a moral and Christian life.

If your cable doesn’t have KVRR, you can watch a different version (different pastors, mainly from Minnesota South) on WFTC out of the Twin Cities, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

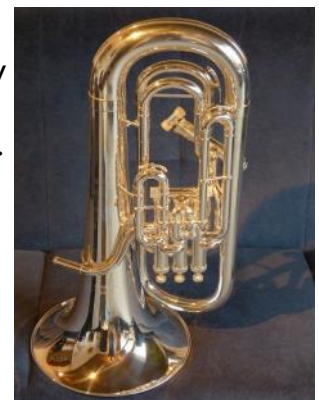
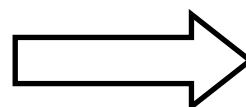
Park Rapids Noon Concerts Cancelled—Bemidji Series Going Virtual

As with many events planned for this summer, the decision was made to cancel the noon concert series here in Park Rapids.

The Bemidji Area Church Musicians decided to move to a video format, with new concerts each Wednesday, noon to 12:30 p.m. from June 3—August 26. You can access the concerts at Facebook:BACMusicians or YouTube channel:BemidjiACM.

Scheduled concerts will feature handbells, piano, organ, a brass quintet, flute, saxophone, violin, folk harp, euphonium, and singers so there’s lots of variety.

By the way, this is a euphonium in case you were wondering.





Stewardship Review—May

Avg. Sunday Worship Attendance: **10**

Total Offerings: \$37,211	Total Offerings, May, 2019: \$30,009
Total Expenses: \$39,760	Total Expenses, May, 2019: \$36,762
Difference - \$2,549	Difference - \$6,753

Avg. Weekly Offerings \$9,303	Budget/Week \$9,768
Avg. Weekly Expenses \$9,940	Budget/Month \$42,329
Difference - \$637	

CNB Checkbook Balance as of 05/31/20: \$101,330	Our Healthy Balance Goal \$74,000
Less Dedicated Accounts - \$745	Raised so far \$44,032
Difference \$100,585	Still need \$29,968

Kitchen Payable: **\$34,273**

Considering Options for the Car Port

Church Properties Board Director, Brad Dahn, has been making progress on researching options for repairing or replacing the car port which was damaged in March. He's working on forming a committee and has set up meetings with some contractors to get ideas and prices to repair or replace the car port and the bell tower. A few years back we talked to an architect about expanding the front lobby but decided not to proceed with the project. This seems like a good time to revisit that idea again. Once we get estimates, they will be submitted for review to the insurance company handling the claim. We're hoping to get the project going and completed yet this summer. Watch for updates!



Vacation Bible School Still Planned for August



We're still planning to have VBS! This year we're moving to an evening VBS, Sunday-Thursday, August 2-6. We'll start at 5:00 p.m. and wrap up each evening around 8:00 p.m. You can register online by going to www.stjohnspr.org, and clicking the Rainforest Explorers VBS tab or stop by the church to pick up a form. VBS is open to 4 year olds through 6th grade (just completed). There is a \$5 registration fee per student with a \$10 cap per family.

Help of all kinds is needed—leaders, helpers, crafters, games, and more. If you're interested in being a part of VBS, please talk to Sarah Kaufenberg at 651-260-3350.



Parish Planning Council Meeting—April 28, 2020

Present via Google meet – Connie Fondow, Elayne Luiken, Jerry Grudem, Brad Dahn, Lori Griess, Pastor Newton, Pastor Neubauer, Brandi Backmann, Mike Poole, Rod Helm, Ginny Ranisate, Shirley Potter.
Absent Pam Heeren.

Call to order Rod Helm. Pastor Neubauer – opened with devotions.

Reading of Minutes from April 14th meeting -- approved as read.

Pastors Reports

Pastors Neubauer - has been calling a few members to check in on them --- they have appreciated the call
Bible studies going well –live streamed today's bible study
There was a bit of a hiccup on Sunday's live stream —not sure what happened
Will ask stewardship board to Budget for better video system

Pastor Newton --- doing morning and family evening devotions FB and Website. Planning to contact Youth to organize a disc golfing activity. Working on his Master Theology program and Germany class.

Question was asked -- when we do get to resume communion, rather than go to the communion rail, is it possible to form a line, similar to when we receive the ashes on Ash Wednesday, to help in the social distancing issue. Pastor stated that when we did do the small group communion at the beginning of this pandemic, it was held in the social hall and the pastor went to the members that were spaced safely apart. The idea will be considered once we know the restrictions.

Board Reports

Elders - Jerry-no report

Parish Fellowship - Elayne Luiken– no report --- but was curious about confirmation and what will it look like as they always prepare the dinner for the confirmands? --- Pastor Neubauer stated that at this time they need to complete at least 6 weeks of classes in the fall. Confirmation dinner is on the calendar for October 21st with the confirmation service October 25th in conjunction with Reformation.

Youth --Brandi Backmann--no report – but was wondering since there will be no senior Sunday this year --- maybe try to reschedule a special Sunday later– there are 9 graduates. There has been correspondence with families of the class of 2020 from the High School administration --- they plan to have a graduation ceremony – just unsure what it will look like

Board of Education – Lori Griess no report. She will need to set up a virtual meeting with her board regarding VBS planning soon.

Board of Evangelism - Connie Fondow– no report – Pastor Neubauer asked if she had checked out having an online trivia event? --- Connie will investigate the idea.

Church Properties - Brad Dahn----received email from engineer –he was asking for blueprint of the



canopy. He is working on a plan for church clean up ---- list of small projects --- outside work. Rod Helm mentioned that Paul Hannemann is an architect and had helped with the balcony project. He is willing to give some advice on the structural of the bell tower and canopy.

Treasurer's report – Ginny Ranisate

Total Offerings:	\$36,415
Total Expenses:	\$37,748
Difference:	\$1,333

Total Offerings: April 2019:	\$46,323
Total Expenses: April 2019:	\$40,711
Difference:	\$5,612

CNB Checkbook Balance as of 04/27/20:	\$43,642
Less Dedicated Accounts	- \$882
Difference:	\$42,760

Our Healthy Balance Goal:	\$74,000
Raised so far:	\$44,006
Still need:	\$29,994

Kitchen Payable: \$36,967

PPP Eligible Expenses:

Payroll	\$20,583
Health/Ret/Dis.	\$6,891
Utilities (Gas, Electric, Phone)	\$1,822
Total April Expenses	\$29,296

Planning to draw \$30,000 from loan proceeds on Thursday for these expenses. The loan is set up as a line of credit. Once we draw the funds, interest begins to accrue.

In the past two weeks, giving activity has dropped off sharply through all avenues--mail, drop off and online.

Connie Fondow asked if there was a plan on how to let members know when services resume. Pastor Neubauer said once a decision is made to reopen, members could be contacted through another round of phone calls, website and email.

No date was set for the next meeting but will meet prior to when regular services resume.

Pastor Newton closed with prayer

Respectfully submitted

Shirley Potter, Secretary



Parish Planning Special Council Meeting Minutes—May 12, 2020

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Re-open Plan.

Present --- Present via Google meet – Pam Heeren, Connie Fondow, Elayne Luiken, Jerry Grudem, Brad Dahn, Lori Griess, Pastor Newton, Pastor Neubauer, Brandi Backmann, Mike Poole, Rod Helm, Ginny Ranisate, Shirley Potter. Call to order: Rod Helm, Executive Director. Open devotions – Pastor Neubauer. Minutes from April 28th meeting --- approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Ginny Ranisate

Offering Comparison:

May 3, 2020	12,738	May 5, 2019	8,606
May 10, 2020	<u>13,573</u>	May 12, 2019	<u>8,023</u>
Total	26,311		16,629

Offerings are up for the month compared to last year, but I think the remaining Sundays in May will be less. Many people are mailing in offerings for the whole month. I did not include expenses since not much has been paid out yet.

CNB Checkbook Balance as of 05/12/20:	\$121,629
Less Dedicated Accounts	- \$19,447
Difference	\$102,182

The amount for dedicated accounts is mainly \$16,931 from the car port insurance settlement. I will move it to the dedicated saving account by the end of the month.

Healthy Balance \$44,033 (in LCEF Current Fund)
Kitchen Loan Principal \$35,348

PPP Loan Update

The CNB checking account balance includes all the loan proceeds (\$60,000). I transferred \$30,000 into the account on April 30 as mentioned at the April 28 PPC meeting. On May 1, Kathy called and said requirements had changed and we needed to take the entire loan amount within 7 days instead of two months, so I transferred the remaining \$30,000 that day. A question was asked about setting up a separate account for the funds. I checked with Kathy about that. It is not a problem to open an account. The issue comes with documenting who is authorized to withdraw the funds. Typically, they require official minutes stating who is this is. Since the money was already in the checking account and would have to be moved there eventually it did not seem worthwhile to do this.

Here is where we are at so far in using the funds:

PPP Eligible Expenses:

Payroll	\$20,721
Health/Ret/Dis.	\$6,786
Utilities (Gas, Electric, Phone)	<u>\$1,568</u>
Total Expenses	\$29,075 (60,000-29,075=30,925 remaining)



You may notice that these figures do not match the April 28 report. As I did more research some expenses I thought were eligible were not.

I've also talked to Kathy about requirements for loan forgiveness/repayment and she said they don't have any solid information – "...this has been a crash course with all of us and sometimes having only an hour to make changes. We do not have the document yet from SBA to figure debt forgiveness. There are lots of samples out there. Some use number of employees, some use dollars spent on employees and some use both. I think on the small businesses we will only see random checks from SBA."

It is possible that we may have to pay back some of the loan. I'm not sure that payroll expenses will be as much as they were for April (less services after Easter so less pay to organists is one reason). It's probable that we will not meet the criteria for maintaining the same number of employees which would also result in a reduction in the amount forgiven. We will have to wait and see what the SBA finally decides for requirements.

Funds for Camera

We could pay for the camera from various dedicated accounts-undesignated memorials, Thrivent Choice, etc. We also just received a bequest that was over \$10,000. The only restriction was that it not be used for "budget relief" so that would also be an option.

Pastors Report

Pastor Neubauer reviewed a Re-Opening plan that he and Pastor Newton had put together to be implemented when we can re-open. Plan attached. The PPC commended both pastors for their great work on this detailed plan. Conversation and input from PPC members. Some items discussed but not limited to, sanitizing team, use SignUp Genius for registering for attending a church service as numbers will be limited, taking temperatures, communion distribution options.

Voter's meeting is still scheduled for June 2nd – but subject to change if Governor's Executive Order on limiting the large group meetings has not changed.

Church Properties – Canopy and Bell Tower repair

Brad Dahn reported on the status of the carport canopy. The engineer's report recommendation to replace the canopy. But said that it could be repaired –not recommended. The insurance wants a price for both repair and replace. The engineer also looked at the bell tower and was concerned of the safety – bricks are loose and there cracks throughout. Recommended it needs repair sooner than later. Brad stated that we have known that the structural integrity of the bell tower has been getting worse for some time and says we can't wait any longer. We need to do something with it in the next few months --- not next year. Engineer recommended putting a barrier around it to keep people from getting too close. He also recommended installing a cable to support the carport in case of strong winds. Both the cable and barrier are in place.

Rod Helm contacted an architect out of Perham today. (BHH Architects) Rod asked the PPC for permission to get BHH to inspect the tower and give us a bid for repair. We do not want to repair the canopy until the tower is fixed as the two are connected. Connie Fondow made a motion to approved getting the bid on the belltower. Lori Griess second. Motion carried.

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Sunday School Page

ROAD TRIP TREAT

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



What you need:

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn

What you do:

1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.

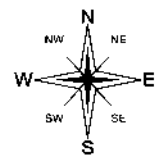
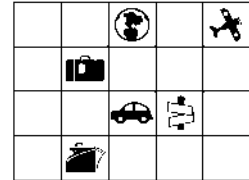


PUZZLE

Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.



Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N _ _ _

Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE _ _

Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E _ _ | |

Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W _ | | _

Start at the CAR.

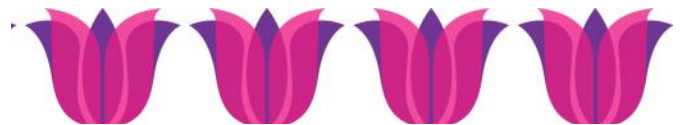
Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW _ _ _ _

Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW _ _ _ _ _ _

The _ ORD will watch ove_ your comi_g and go_gg both no_ and for_ vermoe. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV



Happy Birthday!

Baptismal Birthdays

- 6/01 Eli Maves
- 6/07 Aiden May
- 6/18 Grace Etter
- 6/27 Kellan Eidsmoe

- 6/26 Layla Arndt
- 6/28 Bria McMahon
- 6/29 Natalie Tretbar





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Other business

Ascension Service will be recorded and posted on Facebook and St. John's Website – Thursday, May 21st. Pastors Davis, Neubauer and Newton will record a devotional type service.

Depending on what the governor says this week regarding stay at home order and increasing the number for gatherings we may need to meet again next week.

Pastor Neubauer and Connie Fondow did some research on the idea of a Trivia online event and decided it would not be as good as a live event. Decision was made not to do the event.

Graduation – honoring class of 2020 graduates. Plans are in the works to get the grads to send pictures and, a video of themselves to be made into a graduation celebration video montage adding this video to the end of online service the weekend of graduation.

Sunday School students will be receiving a packet soon. Included in the packet will be activities and a BINGO card to fill out and return in September for Rally Day. Prizes will be awarded. It was suggested to create a Zoom Sunday School meeting. Since the kids are all using zoom for school they all know how to access a meeting.

Purchase of camera and equipment – Pastor Neubauer has been researching the purchase and cost of a new camera for videoing services. The stewardship board has approved \$3500, however it may be more. Pastor will continue to look for good quality equipment and best price.

A survey was sent out to congregation to gain information on how they feel in regard to re-opening relating to the pandemic.

Adjourned. Closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shirley Potter

Considering George Floyd

Over the past few weeks, we've watched with horror and disbelief the death of George Floyd followed by the riots and violence taking place here in our home state. Living up here in the heartland, where it's relatively peaceful, we forget that not everyone is living a "Lake Wobegone" life. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who mourn his loss, for those dealing with the aftermath of the looting and fires and for those working to put things back together and restore peace and calm. We pray that God would provide peace, understanding and reconciliation for all in the coming days.





Parish Planning Council Minutes May 26, 2020

Call to Order – Rod Helm, Executive Director. Present --- Present via Google meet – Pam Heeren, Connie Fondow, Elayne Luiken, Jerry Grudem, Brad Dahn, Lori Griess, Pastor Newton, Pastor Neubauer, Brandi Backmann, Mike Poole, Rod Helm, Ginny Ranisate, Shirley Potter, Sam Pike, Emil Burgau, Marty Steffel, Roger Just, Larry Hetrick, Jerry Eischens, Roger Just.

Opened with devotion – Pastor Neubauer – Luke Chapter 12, 25 and 26 – Anxious and worried.

Review opening of Church Services Plans.

Pastor Neubauer asked who saw the survey – about 65% are thinking to return as soon as we reopen. Some comments from the survey follow.

- No shaking of hands –
- no close contact ---
- avoid crowded hallways.
- Looking forward to attend live
- Sound online is an issue.
- Urge elderly to stay away.

Pastor Neubauer asked each Parish Planning Council member and Elder to give comments on their opinion of opening on June 7 with communion and also a Wednesday evening service. A few of the comments listed below.

- Would we have enough people if limited to under 65?
- Question whether separate services by age group.
- Ushered in and out.
- Take Temperatures –
- Soft opening – Practice run –
- Sunday should be the day – not Wednesday
- Does not agree with the mask requirement
- Do Pastors know if other churches be opening? And what safety precautions are they taking
- Open doors 10 minutes prior to service to prohibit congregating in small areas – possible
- Why segregate the age population with separate services
- Reopen for mental and spiritual well-being especially for the elderly
- Use abundance of caution --- social distancing and if you do not feel well – don't come.

Motion made Lori Griess--- Open church to service June 7th with 80 capacity — sign up the week prior. Jerry Grudem second – carried.

The following info was agreed on regarding change to the initial re-open plan

- Ushers will direct traffic
- No socializing before and after service in the building-
- Suggest socializing on front lawn before or after service
- Elders will meet regarding the logistics.
- Calls will be made to members regarding the opening
- Mask required until you are seated and when you leave
- No Wednesday – only Sunday service at 9:00 am – this will be lived streamed as well



Reserve your pew -- Sign up Genius on line or call the church
 Signs displayed to tell everyone expectations of safety
 Temperatures will be taken upon entering the church
 Communion --- communion at the end of service while exiting the sanctuary.
 Singing will be allowed.

Treasurer's Report for Parish Planning Council Meeting

	2019	2020	Difference
Income	175,933	180,540	4,607
Expenses	178,312	184,767	6,455
	-2,379	-4,227	- -

It looks like both income and expenses are up compared to last year. Thanks to online giving and members mailing and bringing in offerings our income has remained rather steady. Two of the main reasons for the increased expenses are that we have used about \$5,000 more of the budget for ABC Preschool since there was no school/tuition and \$2,500 for the kitchen loan. There are other areas where we have not spent as much which is why the difference does not equal \$7,500.

CNB Checking Account as of 5/26/20 ----- 110,879
 Less Dedicated Funds -----781
 Available Funds \$110,098 (21,636 PPP proceeds remaining)

CNB Dedicated Funds Savings as of 5/26/20 --- \$71,412

LCEF Current Fund as of 5/26/20 ----- 109,153
 Less Endowment Fund Interest-----1,635
 Less Parsonage Proceeds ----- 18,548
 Less R. Haberer Annuity-----1,164
 Less T. Haberer Memorial/Interest----- 21,556
 Less T. Haberer Trust----- 19,020
 Less Healthy Balance (Goal is \$74,000)----- 44,032
 Available Funds ----- \$3,198

LCEF Endowment Fund ----- \$22,200

PPP Loan--So far, we have spent approximately \$38,364 of the \$60,000 PPP proceeds. Estimating payroll and eligible expenses, it looks like we will use \$54,420 for payroll expenses and \$2,662 for other eligible expenses for a total of \$57,082. This means that we will probably have to pay back \$2,918.

Pastor Neubauer -- Status of the camera --- not ordered – may temporarily use the current video camera but need adaptor --- and the camera we want is out of stock for at least 60 days

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Everything You Need to Know to Attend Worship—A Reminder

General Worship Information:

- The worship time will stay at 9:00 a.m. Live streaming will continue.
- After the live stream is ended, we will hold the communion service for those present.
- Seating is limited to 80 people. Everyone must sit in their assigned pew.
- We plan to sing. There is quite a bit of dispute over the “science” of singing and virus transmission, so we will be cautious about our singing.
- Hand sanitizers, disposable masks and tissues are available for your use.

So you want to come to church:

- First, consider if it’s a good idea. If you are in a high risk group, we encourage you to continue to shelter in place and not risk exposure. If you are not feeling well or have a temperature, please stay home. If you think you may have been exposed or have been tested and are waiting for results, please stay home. If you don’t have any issues that require staying home, that’s great! Move to the next step.
- Sign up. To make sure we don’t go over our 80 person limit, you must sign up. You can call the church office and we will sign you up. You can also go to our website and click the link to sign up online. This will take you to a new page. Scroll down to choose an open pew. Click the “sign up” box. Scroll down to the “Submit and Sign Up” box. Enter your name. You can enter your email address if you would like an email confirmation but it’s not required. Check how many people will be attending (1 or 2). If there are more than two people in your family, sign up for two and note how many will be attending in the comment section. We know some families will take more space and plan to adjust seating assignments to accommodate them. If you attend worship one Sunday, please wait until the next Friday morning to see about signing up again so everyone has an opportunity to attend.
- Now you’re set until Sunday morning.
- On Sunday morning before you head to church, make sure that you (and any other family members) are feeling well and meet the previous criteria. Allow plenty of time to get here and get checked in before the service starts at 9:00 a.m.
- You can park in the front or back lot.
- You are strongly encouraged to wear a mask as you enter the building until you are seated in the sanctuary.
- If there is a line, please remember to stay six feet away from others. Doors will be propped open and an usher will greet you.
- Your name will be checked off on the sign up list.
- Your temperature will be checked with a no-touch forehead thermometer. If it’s over 100 degrees, you (and any other family members) will have to go home.
- You will be directed to enter the sanctuary, and someone will help you find your seat.



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.



- If you are dropped off at the front door, you will be asked to enter the sanctuary and wait for your partner in your seat.
- A secure place will be provided to deposit an offering on your way to the sanctuary.
- Bulletins and orders of service will be placed in the pews. These should be taken home or recycled. There will be a box available for recycling. Hymnals will not be used.
- Time to worship!
- After the service, the live stream will stop and we will continue with communion. The pastors will wear masks and thoroughly disinfect their hands before distribution.
- Communion will be done pew by pew. Disposable cups will be used. There will be a basket available to dispose of your cup.
- Once you receive communion, please exit the building.
- If you do not wish to receive communion, you can leave the building when your pew is dismissed.
- Anyone who wants to visit should consider the front or back parking lot and remember to practice social distancing.

Other Matters:

- Restrooms
 - * Limit of two people in a bathroom at a time.
 - * Follow the posted signs for proper hand washing.
 - * Use your paper towel to open the door on your way out.
- Drinking fountains will be covered with a “do not use” sign.
- Rooms that are not being used will be locked.



**Remember Vetah and Zetah?
We might be seeing them
again soon!**

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Brad – Canopy project is moving slowly...has talked to engineers and contractors but no one is able to get to us. until July at the earliest. We need estimates for the insurance company before moving forward. Jerry Grudem asked should we be concerned with the safety of the canopy structure --- Brad – no concerns for safety ---it has been braced --- and protection has been placed around the bell tower. Need to form a committee within a month. **Motion Jerry Grudem – Brad will create a committee and then the Parish Planning Council will review and vote to approve at our next meeting. Lori Griess – second – carried**

Voters meeting is set for July 14. Board meetings -- should be scheduled prior to voters meeting by the director – no joint meeting of boards due to size. Parish Planning Council meeting - June 9 – via google meet.

Pastor Newton closed with prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
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Colossians 3:14



And **over all**
these virtues put on
LOVE, which binds
them all together
in **perfect unity**.