



The St. Johns Servant

St. Johns
Lutheran Church

Park Rapids, Minnesota

September, 2020

September During COVID 19...What's On and What's Not

September is usually the month when a lot of our activities at St. Johns start back up. The pandemic means **some modifications to our usual schedule. Here's a look at our plans for September assuming current COVID requirements don't change.**

Sunday School—Sunday School will begin with Rally Day on September 13. All teachers will be installed at the 8:00 a.m. service that day. Classes will run from 9:15—10:15 a.m. Teachers will be required to wear masks but students will not. We will have masks on hand for the students if needed. Music will be outside as long as weather permits.

Release Time—The school decided to cancel the program for this year due to schedule and bus concerns. **We're hoping to start up again next year.**

Confirmation—**Last year's 7th and 8th grade (this year's 8th and 9th grade) confirmation students will return for class on Wednesday, September 16 at 3:30 p.m. and pick up where they left off in March. The rite of confirmation for the ninth grade class is planned for Reformation Sunday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m. We're still considering options for this year's seventh grade class.**

Bible Studies

Sundays, 9:15 a.m. starting September 13 Pastor Neubauer will lead a class in the social hall. Pastor Newton will lead the youth group (grades 8-12) **in the youth room. Sarah Newton will lead a women's Bible Study in the library.**

Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. starting September 15 Pastor Neubauer will resume his class on the book of Luke. Check to see where the group is meeting when you arrive.

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. starting September 9 you can join Pastor Knaack for a study on how to get the most out of your Bible study time. Once again, check to see where the group will meet.

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., September 10 and 24 **Sarah Newton continues the women's online study of "Ladylike."**

Evening Guild will resume their monthly meetings on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the social hall.

Ladies Aid will meet Thursday, September 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the social hall.

Lutheran Laymen's League has decided to wait and see how things are going so no September steak fry!

Choir Practices are currently on hold. Sarah Kaufenberg will continue to arrange for special music. **One good thing about the pandemic is we've got to hear some wonderful musicians and singers we might not have otherwise.**

Wednesday Noon Communion Service will continue also.



Bringing Back the Book Club

Pastor Neubauer is starting up his Monday book club again with a classic— *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*. This group will meet on Mondays at noon starting September 28 both in person and online. If you would like to purchase a book (or possibly the whole series), please talk to Pastor Neubauer.



Youth are Invited to Biking, Mini Golf and Ice Cream



All youth in grades 5-12 are invited to bike to Dorset on Sunday, September 13. We will meet at Heartland Park at 1:00 p.m., bike to Dorset, play mini golf, enjoy ice cream, then head back to Heartland Park by 4:15 p.m. The Youth Board will pay for mini-golf. Bring money for ice cream. Any questions contact Pastor Newton or the church.

Main Street Living for September

“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 and archived on www.mainstreetliving.com (click on **“North (Fargo)”** under the picture). Depending on your cable provider you might be able to watch Main Street Living out of the Twin Cities instead. You can check this option out on their website, too.

Here’s the schedule for “North” for September:

September 6: Rev. Dan Voth, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, presents the message: “You Think of Sin But Lightly?” based on Matthew 18:1-20. This Is The Life program: “The Sin of Sue Bradley” - Misguided meddling leads to jealousy, threatening a loving relationship.

September 13: Rev. Thomas Puffe, St. John's Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, and Zion Lutheran Church, Warren, MN, presents the message: “Matthew 18:21-35” based on Matthew 18:21-35. This is The Life program: “Old Smiley” -For over 40 plus years, Charlie Grebs was certain that his “Happiness God” from the Orient brought him good luck. In less than one day, he fully realizes that things are not always what they seem to be.

September 20: Rev. Craig Fenske, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message: “Shocking Good News!” based on Matthew 20:1-16. This Is The Life program: “To Take a Life” -A devoted son's loving father is terminally ill, suffering severely and pleading to die.

September 27: Rev. Chris Rosebrough, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Warren, MN, presents the message: “By Whose Authority?” based on Matthew 21:23-27. This Is The Life program: “Sharing the Gospel” -Sharing the Gospel is neither swift nor easy, but truly rewarding in the end.





Stewardship Review—July

Avg. Sunday Worship Attendance: 102

Total Offerings: \$38,678	Total Offerings, July, 2019: \$40,213	Total Offerings, year to date: \$254,429
Total Expenses: <u>\$34,867</u>	Total Expenses, July, 2019: <u>\$38,078</u>	Total Expenses, year to date: <u>\$263,025</u>
Difference \$3,811	Difference \$2,135	Difference - \$8,596

Avg. Weekly Offerings \$9,670	Budget/Week \$9,768	CNB Checkbook Balance: \$105,389
Avg. Weekly Expenses <u>\$8,717</u>	Budget/Month \$42,329	Less dedicated accounts <u>-\$574</u>
Difference \$953		Difference \$104,815

Our Healthy Balance Goal \$74,000	Kitchen Payable \$32,735
Raised so far <u>\$46,070</u>	
Still need \$27,930	

Prayer Shawls Can Provide Comfort

Anxiety, isolation, loneliness, fear. These are feelings many of us have been experiencing during the pandemic. A prayer shawl can provide comfort during these difficult and uncertain times. You can stop by **and pick one up for yourself or someone you know. Can't get to church? Let us know and we will get one to you.**

We could also use more prayer shawls. We have yarn and patterns available. You can provide comfort to someone just by knitting or crocheting!



What's On The Lutheran Hour

- 9/6 "Jesus in the House"
- 9/13 "Fireplace Spirituality"
- 9/20 "I Stand at the Door"
- 9/27 **"Room at the Table"**

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/sentradiio.

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."

† Baptisms

- 08/02 Nevaeh Lynn Koch
Caroline Koch
- 08/09 Emmit Leander Pfeifer
Brian Pfeifer & Delilah McNeely



Parish Planning Council July 28, 2020

CALL TO ORDER - Rod Helm

ATTENDANCE: Rod Helm, Ginny Ranisate, Connie Fondow, Lori Griess, Pastor Neubauer, Jerry Grudem, Elayne Luiken, Mike Poole, Brandi Backmann, Brad Dahn, Pam Heeren, Shirley Potter

OPENING PRAYER - Pastor Neubauer

APPROVAL OF THE PPC MINUTES of July 7, 2020 meeting --- approved as printed in newsletter

TREASURER'S REPORT - Ginny Ranisate

Income and Expenses:

	2019	2020	Difference
Income	249,771	253,891	4,120
Expenses	260,869	254,407	-6,462
	-11,098	-516	--

We did not meet in July last year so comparison for 2019 is to end of July. Income is up compared to last year. I am expecting that after payroll expenses for the end of July our expenses will be about the same as last year which would indicate a deficit between income and expenses.

CNB Checking Account as of 7/28/20 ----- 114,103
 Less Dedicated Funds----- 624
 Available Funds ----- \$113,479

CNB Dedicated Funds Savings as of 7/28/20----- \$71,855

LCEF Current Fund as of 7/28/20 ----- 111,372
 Less End. Fund Interest----- 1,753
 Less Parsonage Proceeds -----18,548
 Less R. Haberer Annuity ----- 1,164
 Less T. Haberer Memorial/Interest -----21,581
 Less T. Haberer Trust -----19,043
 Less Healthy Balance(Goal is \$74,000)-----46,056
 Available Funds ----- \$3,227

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

Approximate Kitchen Payable ----- \$32,735



PPP Loan

Received forgiveness application forms from Kathy Henry. At the time I talked to her the SBA was not yet accepting applications. At this time, I think we will be eligible to have entire \$60,000 forgiven.

PASTORS' REPORTS:

Pastor Neubauer – dealing with COVID and getting ready for VBS --- electronics updated regarding live streaming --waiting on camera but most of the other equipment is in and installed.

BOARD REPORTS

Evangelism – Connie Fondow

The Board of Evangelism has not formally met since 3/3/20 due to COVID 19. We have plans to meet on 8/4/20 to discuss the planning process for future projects and events. Some of these include a Trivia event, confirmation mentorship, possible recognition of area essential workers, Rally Day assistance, **Dawn's Room fund reallocation, and assisting the pastors in reconnecting with congregational members** after a lengthy time away from in person worship.

Christian Education – Lori Griess

VBS

Rainforest Theme. August 2-6th. Evening session will begin at 5:30. Suggested that children can bring a bag lunch if they wish at 5:00.

There will be prepackaged snack.

Tori Harju will be decorating.

Sarah Kaufenberg - Games

Melissa Koch – crafts

Trying registration online.

Pre-school

Enrollment currently is at 21. 13- four year olds and 8 – three year olds.

Trying to determine class sizes based on what is allowed.

We are classified as a daycare not a school, which has a difference in requirements and restrictions.

There should be a decision from the state by July 27th.

If we have smaller class sizes the plan is for 1 teacher and 1 aide.

Requirements will be temperatures upon arrival, handwashing, spacing of students, etc.

We had a \$885 donation that covered the cost of the learning packets that we sent to the children when school was closed.

Sunday School

Curriculum will continue using what we had from last year.

Discipleship cards were delivered to all Sunday school students as a way to keep them engaged.

There will be an ice cream social on July 15th at 6:00 and encourage the kids to bring their cards.

Sara is leading a bible study for teachers and it is open to all women of the congregation.

Youth – Brandi Backmann –no report

Elders - Jerry Grudem

The Elders handled the ushering during the return to worship with the COVID 19 restrictions for June and July



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Parish Fellowship - Elayne Luiken— no report

Stewardship - Pam Hereen — no report

Church Properties — Brad Dahn

The cabinet is completed in the fellowship hall from the kitchen remodel. Jerry Eischens did a great job!

The committee for the car canopy and bell tower has been working on getting prices for repairing or replacing the canopy for the insurance company. We have talked to four contractors about getting estimates and it has proved to be very difficult, due to the time that it takes to do the estimates and the type of job that it is. They are all very busy and are not really wanting a project like this very badly. We are currently working with Haataja contractors and an architect on the canopy and possible entry addition. Also, a stucco person and a metal company for the bell tower. Having estimates put together and working to get this done this fall.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Feedback on hosting blood drive, Nov. 2 & 3--Elayne wants input from Parish Planning Council.

Concerned on the waiting area. No food is homemade --- prepackaged cookies and crackers, water, juice. Plastic lawn chairs to sit and wait. Schedule spaced farther apart so not much waiting. Metal folding chairs and sanitize. Any objections on hosting the drive. Enter and exit was brought up.

Canopy Update — see properties report

Brad asked for a motion to approve funds to hire engineer for work on canopy bell tower and possible addition to entry. Discussion. Jerry Grudem -- Motion to spend up to \$2000 for Eric Smith and a structural engineer to be hired to provide drawings for construction of canopy and entryway expansion - second Mike Poole. Motion carried.

Voters Meeting - Ginny asked if there are additions to agenda that was emailed to Parish Planning Council. No additions to printed agenda. Voters meet August 18th at 7:00 pm in the church sanctuary.

Change COVID Requirements for Worship Services

Pastor Neubauer requested that we drop taking temperatures when entering the building for church services --no objections.

One person must be designated to write down the names of who is attending — the pen is not to be shared.

Assigning seats or have them sign up online --- at the 8:00 am service it seems people are confused where to sit -- ushers need to assist congregation in finding a seat.

Closed with doxology.

Respectfully,
Shirley Potter



Voter's Meeting - Minutes August 18, 2020

Call to Order: Rod Helm

Opening Devotion: Pastor Neubauer

Roll Call of Voting Members: 33 voters in attendance – meeting was livestreamed on Facebook

Receiving of New Voting Members—none

Signing of the Constitution and Bylaws by New Voting Members: n/a

Approval of the Minutes of the November 24, 2019 Voters Meeting. Motion by Lori Griess to approve minutes as printed in the newsletter, second – motion carried

Treasurer's Report – Ginny Ranisate

	2019 through August 31	2020 through August 18	Difference
Income	284,293	283,048	- 1,244
Expenses	297,487	287,835	- 9,652
	- 13,194	- 4,787	--

Income and Expenses: This comparison shows income/expense to end of August 2019 and through August 18, 2020. It is not an exact comparison as we will still have some payroll/month end expenses for this month and two more Sundays for offerings. Overall, income should be up slightly from last year and expenses should be about the same.

CNB Checking Account as of 8/18/20 \$110,650
 Less Dedicated Funds-----1,334
 Available Funds----- \$109,316

CNB Dedicated Funds Savings as of 8/18/20 68,948

LCEF Current Fund as of 8/18/20 ----- \$111,960
 Less Endowment Fund Interest -----1,757
 Less Parsonage Proceeds----- 18,548
 Less R. Haberer Annuity -----1,165
 Less T. Haberer Memorial/Interest ----- 21,587
 Less T. Haberer Trust ----- 19,049
 Less Healthy Balance (Goal is \$74,000) -- 46,620
 Available Funds----- 3,234

LCEF Endowment Fund ----- \$22,200
 Approximate Kitchen Payable----- \$32,220



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PPP Loan

We applied for and received a \$60,000 loan from the Payroll Protection Plan. This amount is not reflected in the above figures. Figuring how to keep track of the loan and expenditures has been **interesting since it is a “loan” but also most likely a “grant” and can only be used for certain expenses.** We have received forgiveness application forms but not sure if the SBA is accepting them yet. Current deadline to submit is December 30. At this time, it looks like we will be eligible to have entire \$60,000 forgiven.

Motion **to approve treasurer’s report** – Ken Schroeder, second, Tim Huwe, motion carried

Pastor Neubauer Report

On March 15 we offered our first livestream service.

By March 22 only the “production team” was in church – livestreamed only --It remained this way through June 7th--Decided to livestream to give that sense of gathering together at a certain time. The plan is to continue the livestream after the pandemic. Our equipment is still backorderd.

Technology

- Lots of PowerPoint time for liturgy and hymns
- Phone lists and callers to make sure every member was contacted --- for assistance where necessary – two more rounds of calls were made.
- Video devotions for Preschool/Sunday School
- Pastor Newton started devotions – and evening video family
- Dial-a-devotion was brought back but has since discontinued.
- Sunday School Packets sent out and there as an Ice cream social
- Survey of the congregation – google forms --- approximately 110 responded
- Developed the reopening plan --- this took a lot of time ---read as much I could from CDC

Parish Planning Council

- Met at least every 2 weeks through June --- very thankful
 - **Decided to pay staff as if things were “normal”**
 - Applied for and received a Paycheck Protection Program loan for \$60,000 --- lengthy process
 - Developed Reopening Plan --- lengthy process
 - Formed a committee for the Bell Tower and Carport/Canopy and potential entryway extension
- Motion to approved Pastor Neubauer report – second – carried.

Board Reports:

Elders - Jerry Grudem

Elders have been assisting with communion since we resumed indoor worship as required and have **managed ushering duties with changes made to comply with the governor’s mandates.**



Evangelism - Connie Fondow

The Board of Evangelism met this month to make decisions concerning the following:

- Plans will be made to schedule a Trivia event in 2021 when teams can participate with little or no social distancing and enjoy food and beverages. Current plans include using the funds from this event to assist with reducing the kitchen renovation debt.
- Securing mentors for a new 7th grade confirmation class has been placed on hold until the pastors inform the board as to when a new session of confirmation will begin. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to be a mentor for one of these confirmands. We plan on assisting mentors by offering suggestions on how to have contact with your confirmand without being concerned about the virus.
- The board decided that recognition of area essential workers would be appropriate at this time. We will deliver Subway sandwiches to the Park Rapids City Police this Friday. A card of gratitude will be **included with our congregation's thanks and acknowledgment for the Police Department's work and efforts** during these unusual times. Acknowledging more groups at a later date.
- **The designated fund for Dawn's Room has accrued to the amount of \$2,736.25. This fund was** originally meant to maintain a room at the Intervention Center in Park Rapids. The facility is no longer open and operating. The Family Safety Network is now an organization in Park Rapids giving assistance to women and families in crisis. Kathy Henry, a member of The Family Safety Network **board, will present them with a check for the total amount of St. Johns Dawn's Room fund. We have** the assurance that these monies will be used in a valued and wise manner to help women and their families in desperate situations.
- Doug Kingsley delivered a box of Recovery Bibles to the county jail. The board hopes to make this a yearly commitment.
- The Board of Evangelism has a few other ideas for events. We will need to pause with setting dates and wait until COVID is under control and gatherings can occur safely.

Education - Lori Griess

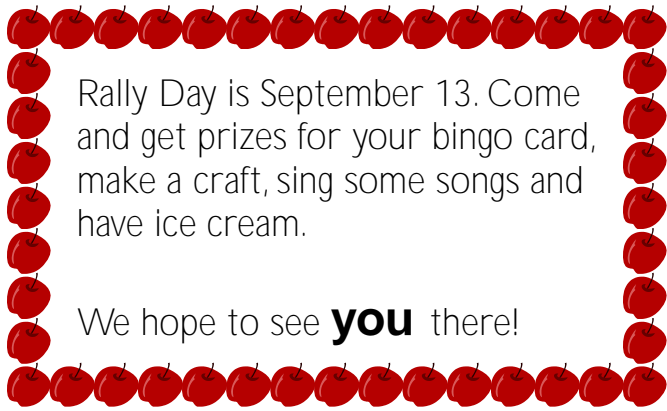
VBS

- Rainforest Theme. August 2-6th. Evening session began at 5:30.
- Games—Sarah Kaufenberg
- Music -Matt, Sarah, Laura, & Leo Kaufenberg, Sarah Newton, Jillian Neubauer, Vivian Harju
- Decorations—Tori Harju
- Crafts – Kathy Brown and Kim Neubauer, Melissa Koch
- Kids were overall helpers – Matthew Neubauer, Olivia Kimball, Hailey Kimball, Jack Moses
- Teachers – Russ Brown, Ruth Knack, Shelley Lof
- Pastor Newton – Bible Challenge and stories
- Snacks – Vickie Helm
- Pastor Neubauer – Opening, closing, offering
- Set Up – Rod Helm and Tim Ranisate
- Attendance averaged 24. Thank you to Sarah, the Pastors, and all the teachers and children who helped with the program. I apologize if I missed anyone. Thursday and Friday were full. Hosting outside works wonderfully.

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Sunday School News



Rally Day is September 13. Come and get prizes for your bingo card, make a craft, sing some songs and have ice cream.

We hope to see **you** there!




Happy Birthday!

- 9/2 Colton Nilson
- 9/11 Henli Maier
- 9/9 Elsie Trandem
- 9/12 Sophia Neubauer
- 9/16 Cecilia Quinn
- 9/22 Kiften Luther
- 9/30 Cort Cook

Baptismal Birthdays

- 9/14 Gavin Etter
- 9/14 Brielle Knutson
- 9/14 Brock Knutson
- 9/20 Brooke Kimball
- 9/25 Hadley Branstrom
- 9/27 Aiden May
- 9/27 Emma Mayer





WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

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Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.

	school	_____
	paper	_____
	wisdom	_____
	read	_____
	play	_____
	learn	_____
	grow	_____
	pencils	_____
	pray	_____
	art	_____
	student	_____
	kids	_____
	apple	_____

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Lessons this month:

- 9/20 *Handmade*
(Adam and Eve)
- 9/27 *A Sign and a Promise*
(God's Covenant with Abraham)



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Pre-school

- Enrollment for this year is current at 24. Fifteen - 4 year old and nine – 3 year old positions are filled. Registration will be this Thursday. Kim is still receiving phone calls from parents who are interested in the program.
- We are classified as a Daycare not a school, which has different requirements and restrictions.
- Classes will begin the first Tuesday after Labor Day
- Mary Harvala has been hired as the aide to replace Elayne Luiken who retired last spring.
- Requirements will be temperatures upon arrival, handwashing, spacing of students, masks, etc.
- We had an \$885.00 donation that covered the cost of the learning packets that we sent to the children when school was closed last spring.

Sunday School

- Curriculum – Ginny needs to order the fall subscription since the remainder of the spring lessons had been sent home to the children.
- Discipleship cards were delivered to all Sunday school students as a way to keep them engaged.
- There was an ice cream social on July 15th at 6:00.
- Sarah Newton is leading a Bible study for Sunday School teachers and it is open to all women of the congregation.
- Classes are scheduled to begin on September 13, 2020.
- We are still in need of subs for Sunday School Teachers.
- Teachers will be wearing masks, children not required.
- Offering will continue to go to Lutheran Island Camp for items needed. Ginny will be asked to order those items that had been selected last fall.
- Ginny will be asked to order masks for the Sunday School Kids to have on hand.
- Post cards will be sent to remind families of the Start of Sunday School.
- Rally Day will be awarding prizes for the Discipleship Cards, craft, and ice cream.
- Music will be outside as long as weather permits.

Release Time is cancelled for the year, per the school.

Confirmation – Possibly in fellowship hall. Large 8th grade class.

Bible classes for adults and older children will be announced after decisions are made by the Pastors.

Children's Christmas Service will be held December 20th at the 10:30 service.

Young People - Brandi Backmann

Have not met since December.

December: Advent Meal, Luminaries, Sky Zone

January: no events

February: Tubing at Detroit Mountain

March – June: no events due to COVID-19

July: Ice cream social - July 15th, Campfire

August: Evergreen Park - Tuesday, August 25th

Theme for 2022 Youth Gathering - In All Things

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Church Properties - Brad Dahn

Spent a lot of time on information gathering from many different contractors. Cut down a few large broken branches from storm but fared well considering some places were hit harder in the area. Spring cleanup went well with much help from the Ulvin family and Tim Huwe. Had to do some work on the church bus gas tank as it was leaking. Thanks to Larry Hetrick for staying on top of this issue. Another piece of the kitchen remodel was done by Jerry Eischens and Mike Poole who donated their time and materials for the cabinet in the social hall.

Stewardship - Pam Heeren – no report --- have not had a meeting since November 2019

Parish Fellowship - Elayne Luiken

- Sponsored the new member welcome on Sunday, November 24 between services. That same day we served a potluck lunch after second service before the semi-annual voters meeting.
- Served the Wednesday night meal during Advent on December 11.
- Fellowship board was in charge of decorating the church for Christmas on December 2.
- Cookies and Carols was held on Sunday, December 15 between services. Plates of cookies were put together and delivered to our shut-ins and other elderly members.
- Christmas decorations were taken down on Monday, January 6.
- Fellowship served the evening meal during Lent on Wednesday, March 6.
- Our board served root beer floats between services on Sunday, March 15 while Pastor Newton showed the video of the polar plunge.
- No plans for upcoming events until we can gather for meals.

Public Relations – no report

Old/New Business

Canopy and Bell Tower Project --- Brad Dahn

Committee includes: Brad Dahn, Rod Helm, Mike Poole, Randy Griess, Jerry Grudem, Tim Huwe, Virg Eskola, Jeff Hilgemann, Connie Fondow

Several contractors have been here to look at canopy and bell tower

Bell Tower

- Slight pyramid shape allows water to soak in behind the brick face.
- Brick facing is breaking off.
- Cracks have developed along the brick
- **To far gone for a “pointing” repair (that was a couple of years ago)**
- Contacted Jack Ellefson
- Works with fiberglass and stucco coatings
- Wrap the bell tower in a two-toned shell
- Seal the top



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Recommendation-To hire Jack Ellefson to repair the bell tower with a fiberglass wrap and a two-tone stucco finish. The project includes two raised crosses and 4 raised corners at a cost of \$17,600 which includes a 10% contingency. Funding for the project:

Mel Noeske memorial	10,800
Building Fund	2,185
LCEF Current Account Surplus	3,233
Ted Haberer Memorial (overages)	<u>1,382</u>
	\$17,600

Liability Insurance will be purchased with the funds approved.

Motion by Jerry Grudem to hire Jack Ellefson to repair the bell tower with a fiberglass wrap and a two-tone stucco finish. The project includes two raised crosses and 4 raised corners at a cost of \$17,600 which includes a 10% contingency. Funding for the project: will be from dollars listed above. Second Larry Hetrick. Discussion – Motion carried

Carport/Canopy

- In the spring the canopy was backed into by a truck.
- **Vitalant's insurance paid us about \$17,000.**
- The structural engineer declared that it needs to be replaced.
- Temporary bracing is in place.
- Liability and snow concerns

The building committee recommends that we remove the canopy this fall and make temporary repairs to the edge of the roof.

- This also frees up the bell tower for repair.
- Looking at replacing it as part of a potential entryway expansion. Preliminary ideas only
- Eric Haataja --- needs a design to prepare bid for new carport/canopy –
- Hired Eric Smith, design consultant to get designs –
- should be getting bids from Haataja in about two weeks.
- **Pictures of Smith's designs were presented at the voters' meeting.**

Motion Larry Hetrick to approve removing the canopy, Mike Poole – second, discussion, motion carried.

Thank you Brad Dahn for all your hard work on getting this project underway.

Motion to adjourn – Larry Hetrick, second Tim Huwe. Carried

Respectfully submitted

Shirley Potter, Secretary



We Had A Great Time at Rainforest Explorers VBS!



Hanging out in Noah's ark.

Luckily we had perfect weather with no rain.

How cool is that waterfall in the background?

Moving to the music.

Everyone got to personalize their own t-shirt.

Aren't they bright and colorful?



Checking out animals in the **“field camera.”**

Wonder what rain forest animal she saw?



Sewing skills were needed for this craft project.

We also worked on gluing and painting.

One project used burned matches but Melissa Koch took care of that job before VBS.

What a generous, giving bunch of kids!

Our VBS offerings totaled over \$340 which was sent to Concordia Gospel Outreach to send Bible story books to kids in Papua New Guinea.



Working together to carry a water balloon.

This was just one of the fun games we played.

A Huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make VBS a success!

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