



The **St. Johns Servant**

**St. Johns
Lutheran Church**

Park Rapids, Minnesota

June, 2022

Bi-Annual Voters Meeting

Our bi-annual voters meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. All communicant members age 18 and over are eligible to be voting members. If you are a voting member and won't be able to attend, please call the office to be excused.



Noon Services Continue

Noon communion services are continuing every Wednesday through June. This is a shorter service (about half hour) with usually about 15 in attendance. The pastor serves communion to worshipers in the pew so you don't have to navigate the steps to the altar.

Noon Concerts Return

There's a great line up of performers for this year's noon concert series. Concerts run from 12:-12:45 p.m. All this month's concerts are at Calvary Lutheran Church. Here's what's scheduled for June.

June 9 Timothy Pinkerton, violin and Sarah Carlson, piano

June 16 Sarah Kaufenberg and Melody Bober, piano

June 30 North Wind Clarinets: Deane Johnson,
Beth Hahn, Vicki Magnuson, Peg Rickert,
& Sarah Sundeen



Retirement Open House



Minnesota North District President Emeritus (and St. Johns former pastor) Don Fondow's new motto is "goodbye tension, hello pension!" He will retire at the end of June. A retirement open house will be held on Friday, June 17 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the MN North District Office, 7264 Fairview Rd., Baxter, MN. Everyone is invited to join them to celebrate President Fondow's 42 years of ministry and 21 years of service to the MN North District and Angie Ringstrom's 16 years of service. Refreshments will be served.

Summer Hours

Our office hours will change slightly for the summer. We will be open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m. The church office will be closed on Fridays through the summer. We're always open on Sunday!

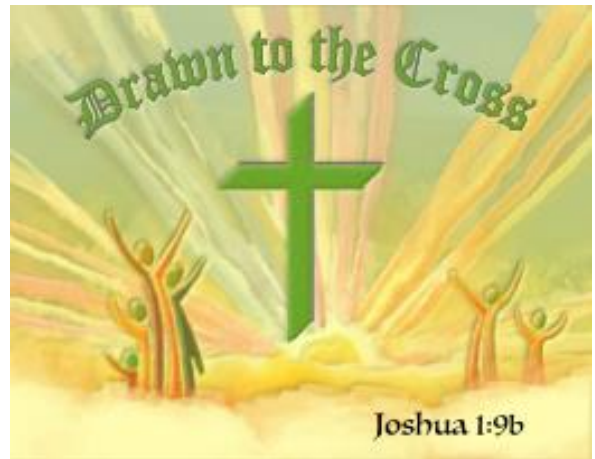




MN North LWML District Convention

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Minnesota North District will be gathering in Moorhead, MN, to hold its 30th Biennial District Convention on June 20, 21, and 22. The theme is "Drawn to the Cross" (Joshua 1:9b ESV).

Registration begins on Monday, June 20, 11:00 a.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott. The convention begins with a worship service at 7:30 p.m. Convention business will include electing officers, choosing mission grant recipients, adopting a new mission goal, and making bylaw changes. This past biennium of 2020-2022, LWML MN North women have given \$140,500 towards LWML MN North mission grants plus thousands towards LWML mission grants.



Keynote speaker will be Debbie Griffith from International Falls, MN. She is a speaker, writer, and radio girl. There will be a variety show for entertainment on Tuesday evening. The Bible study leader is Rev. Sam Pitsch of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Moorhead, MN. Michelle Jenks, Strategic Plan Facilitator, will be the LWML Representative in attendance.

Participants will have the opportunity to participate in the choir, "A closer walk with God" Mite Walk, breakout sessions, and servant events.

The women will be gathering items for local Moorhead agencies as well as doing servant events at the conference center. Ingathering items are posted on the District website: lwmlmnn.org.

Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the hall or visit the District website to download a copy.

Bring your family for the recreational activities in the Moorhead area while you attend the convention.



LWML Zone Banner will Stop Here on It's Way to the Convention

The Bemidji-Park Rapids LWML Banner for the MN North District LWML Convention in Moorhead June 20 – June 22 was made by Leanna Hasbargen from International Falls for the convention and is making the journey to be in all of the thirteenth churches in the Bemidji-Park Rapids Zone since March this year.

The banner will be at St Johns June 15 – June 19, it's last stop before the convention.



Health Care Directives—*Harder than We Thought*

We had a great turn out for our health care directive workshop on May 16. Nancy Hall and Jill Grimes presented a lot of information and answered questions. Did you know that health care directives done in one state may not be recognized by another state? That just because you have a “DNR” sign on your frig, emergency personnel may still be required to perform CPR and other life saving measures? You can have two witnesses sign your directive instead of a notary? One of the main things we learned is that you should really put some thought and planning into preparing a health care directive and you should talk to whoever you want to make decisions for you so they know your wishes. Jill mentioned that they have called people listed on health care directives and they weren’t even aware that the patient had appointed them as their health care agent. It’s also best to think about these things while you’re still of sound mind and body rather than trying to make decisions when a health crisis happens.



We also learned that one evening isn’t enough time to get your health care directive done, so we’ve scheduled two more sessions with Nancy and Jill on June 6 and June 20 at 5:30 p.m. They will be available to help attendees decide which form is best for them (there’s actually three different ones) and fill them out. You can attend these sessions even if you weren’t able to attend the first one.

Honoring Choices has a great website where you can download forms as well as information about various medical procedures/treatments. If you don’t have internet access, let us know and we can print forms for you.

What’s On The Lutheran Hour

- 06/05 "A Place in the Choir"
- 06/12 "God Comes with a Community"
- 06/19 "What's on Your Playlist?"
- 06/26 "TBD"

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.”

† Memorial Services

05/13 Robert Pillsbury

05/14 Marjorie Hawkins

*We mourn
with you*





“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 5: Lutheran Bible Translators will be presenting a special service. “This Is The Life” program: “A Will To Live” - A man leaves a large portion of his money to the church and hospital then has his will contested by relatives.

June 12: Rev. Toby Heller, Concordia Lutheran Church, Beulah, ND, presents the message: “Christ, The Wisdom of God,” based on Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31. This Is The Life” program: “Interlude”- A husband and wife are having marital issues.

June 19: Rev. Nathan Schieber, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Underwood, ND, and Trinity Lutheran Church, rural Hazen, ND, presents the message: “The Word of God is all you need,” based on Luke 16:19-31. “This Is The Life” program: “Man in the Middle” - Two men are left with a “secret” when one tells he has terminal cancer.

June 26: Rev. Matt Thompson, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: “Set Free in Christ,” based on Galatians 5:1, 13-25. “This Is The Life program: “Return Trip” - The modern day story of a prodigal daughter.

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.

A New High Chair for the Social Hall

Years ago Kip Lof made us some great booster seat high chairs that are still in use today. But high chairs with a tray are a better option for younger kids so the Ladies Aid purchased a new high chair for the social hall. Six month old Taliesin Tabb took it for a test drive and it looks like he loves it! Thank you to the Ladies Aid members for purchasing it!



Thank You for the Baseball Gloves



Lanny Kabua (rt) landowner for the Island of Eniburr, and R. Taidrik gratefully accepted baseball gloves donated by our members. The gloves will be used by island children as part of their community activities program. Eniburr, or Third Island, is a tiny island adjacent to Roi Namur, and 50 miles north of Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands. Thanks to all who made this donation possible.

- **Debbie Proudfoot**



Stewardship Review—April

Avg. Sunday Worship Attendance: **249**

Total Offerings: \$39,406	Total Offerings, April, 2021: \$43,128
Total Expenses: \$41,482	Total Expenses, April, 2021: \$37,944
Difference - \$2,076	Difference \$5,184

Avg. Weekly Offerings \$ 9,851	Budget/Week \$10,345
Avg. Weekly Expenses \$10,370	Budget/Month \$44,827
Difference - \$519	

CNB Checkbook Balance as of 04/30/22: \$88,300	Our Healthy Balance Goal \$74,000
Less Dedicated Accounts \$1,703	Raised so far \$56,974
Difference \$86,597	Still need \$17,026

Front Entry Payable: **\$43,532**

Considering Cleaning—Special Projects

You know how you have your regular household cleaning chores like vacuuming, mopping, etc. but sometimes you notice that things could use some deeper cleaning? That's the situation here at church. Maybe you've been here and noticed something, like how those ladybugs love to make the light covers their final resting place. There's a yellow notebook in the church office with pages marked for various areas around the church. If you see a cleaning project, please stop in and write it in the book or let us know.

Here's the other part of the project—are you interested in doing a special cleaning chore? You can take a look through the book and pick out areas and projects, then do them when it works for you. Once you're finished, check it off and bask in the glow of a job well done and the appreciation of your fellow members!



You Could Also Consider Coordinating



We're looking for someone who likes to arrange schedules and coordinate people to fill positions, specifically ushers and possibly power point and live stream. We will give you the tools and information to do the job.

If you have skills and talents in this area that you would like to use here at St. Johns, please talk to Jerry Grudem, one of the pastors or call the church office.

**Parish Planning Council Meeting Minutes—May 24, 2022**

PRESENT: Connie Fondow, Jerry Grudem, Rod Helm, Elayne Luiken, Pastor Neubauer, Pastor Newton, Mike Poole and Ginny Ranisate. Director Rod Helm called the meeting to order. Considered presentation by Bishop Peter as the devotion. Motion by Elayne, second Connie to approve minutes of the March 22, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Ginny Ranisate

Year	Income	Expense	Difference
2021	187,051	178,143	8,908
2022	194,046	192,885	1,161
Difference	6,995	14,742	--

We still have one more week of offerings and end of month payroll for this month.

CNB Checking Account as of 05/24/22	95,987
Less Dedicated Funds	<u>- 4,125</u>
Available Funds	91,862

CNB Dedicated Funds Savings as of 05/24/22 36,030

LCEF Current Fund as of 05/24/22	122,210
Less End. Fund Interest	- 1,440
Less Parsonage Proceeds	- 18,548
Less Healthy Balance (Goal is \$74,000)	- 56,975
Less T. Haberer Memorial/Interest	- 21,656
Less T. Haberer Trust	- 19,110
Less R. Haberer Memorial	<u>- 1,168</u>
Available Funds	3,313

Front Entry Payable 43,532

Motion by Mike, second Jerry to approve Treasurer's report. Motion carried. Discussion on funds for front entry furniture.

PASTORS' REPORTS

Pastor Neubauer – After finishing up the Easter season, we went into “funeral” season. Work is progressing as usual. No membership changes to report but we do have two pending.

Pastor Newton – Usual summer youth activities have been scheduled-biking, tubing, Evergreen Park. Planning to continue youth nights once a week from 5:00-7:00 p.m. This is usually a meal, probably lots of grilling for the summer, and games. The day hasn't been decided yet. He would like to recruit adult members to be a regular part of these.



President Friedrich from Concordia, St. Paul, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, September 11 as we begin the “year of the child.” Discussed where he would stay and honorarium, mileage, etc. Motion by Mike, with amendment and second by Jerry to pay him \$200 for honorarium and \$200 for mileage for a total of \$400. Motion carried.

Pastor Newton had a brochure from his home church about engaging children in worship that stays in the pews. He also talked about a family legacy program from Nebraska. His children received various gifts. There were note cards with parenting tips. We plan to make a similar brochure to have in the pews on September 11 and then promote it after that. Will also look into doing something like the legacy program.

Fundraising for the National Youth Gathering is going well. He thinks they will have enough funds to lower the cost each individual has to pay. Plan is to fly from Minneapolis July 8 and return July 13.

Both pastors reported they attended the Minnesota North District Convention and there was nothing that requires further action by us.

Rod mentioned the LCMS app and all it does. You can download it from your app store.

BOARD REPORTS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Our theme for VBS this year is Food Truck Party. It will be held August 7-11 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Help is needed.

CHURCH PROPERTIES – New air conditioning units have been ordered for the front of the sanctuary. Yard clean up was held May 11.

ELDERS – Jerry Grudem – Elders continue to assist pastors. They are hoping someone will offer to manage the scheduling of ushers. If anyone in the congregation is interested, please talk to Jerry. Ginny suggested having a worship coordinator who lines up ushers, live stream and power point people each week. A note will be put in the newsletter asking for a volunteer.

EVANGELISM – Connie Fondow – We are waiting to hear from LCMS Life Ministries about our grant application for “Bless A Mom” bags. She found a book, “My First Bible Stories” from CPH which was on sale and ordered 40 copies. Pastor Meyer from the district office has funds available to pay for half of them. These will be included in the bags along with an information sheet about teaching children how to pray and what prayers can be easily taught to them for everyday use. The board will focus on organizing “Breakfast in Bethlehem” in the coming months. Should we have a booth at the Hubbard County Fair and is there a person interested in organizing it? Connie will check with Sarah Kaufenberg. Discussed being inside the building. One of the main reasons we were outside last year is that the fair board requires booths inside to be manned the entire time the fair is open. Connie is looking for people to send cards of encouragement to one of our members. She would like 15 people who would send a card twice a year and seven people to send cards three times per year. She has a sign up sheet available.

(Continued on page 8)



(Continued from page 7)

PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Elayne Luiken – They served the confirmand exam meal on April 27. It was well attended. Everyone enjoyed the flowers passed out for Mothers Day. They have been talking to the pastors about having a service in the picnic shelter some time this summer with a potluck meal.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND STEWARDSHIP – nothing new to report.

YOUNG PEOPLE – covered under Pastor Newton's report.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- School – More discussion on starting a school. Will continue to research this.
- Motion by Connie, second Mike to ask the voters to provide mission support to Deaconess Rachel Krause, serving in Germany, in the amount of \$3,000 payable quarterly, renewable annually. It would be prorated to two quarters this year (\$1,500). We talked about having updates with her on Skype four times a year. We would also be put on a mailing list for news from Rachel. Motion carried.
- Connie reported on a project to take care of special cleaning needs over and above general cleaning. There is a notebook in the office with pages for various areas. People are encouraged to note any special cleaning needs they see that need to be done (e.g. cleaning registers, refrigerator, etc.). The original plan was to have a cleaning day but with busy schedules, decided people could look at the list and pick chores to do when it's convenient and sign off when they're done. Ginny will put a note in the newsletter about this.
- Most of the PPC attendees were at the presentation made by Bishop Peter Anibati Abia from South Sudan. He talked about the many challenges facing the people there and how the church is growing. We will take a special door offering this Sunday, May 29, for this ministry.

Motion to adjourn by Mike, second Elayne. Motion carried. Closed with prayer by Pastor Newton and the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Ranisate



"Stop focusing on what you can't do in the church, and start focusing on what you can do. You'll find that a shorter list is much more manageable."



"Next Sunday, if an usher asks if we would like a free upgrade to first class say no."



High School Get Togethers Every Thursday This Summer

The High School Youth Group will meet Thursday nights in June, July, and August from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for supper, games, and bonfires. This year's confirmands and high school graduates are welcome. We're also looking for some adults to join the group every Wednesday. Talk to Pastor Newton if you're interested.



Youth are Invited to Biking, Mini Golf and Ice Cream

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



Put These Other Youth Events on Your Calendar



⇒ Tuesday, July 26, 1:00-5:30 p.m., tubing the Crow Wing - \$10

⇒ Tuesday, August 30, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Evergreen Park - \$10

Checking Out Concordia University, St. Paul

Pastor Newton arranged a trip for some of our youth to visit Concordia University in St. Paul. They got to tour the campus and sit in on some classes. He's planning future trips to other schools in the Concordia system in the future. Anyone interested in a road trip to Seward, Nebraska?



← Checking out the dorms

→ Every LCMS college should have a Martin Luther statue





Sunday School Page

Perfect Attendance--May

PK3	Fletcher Eidsmoe
PK4	Natalley Hall
Kdg	Kellan Eidsmoe
1st	Thatcher Eidsmoe
2nd	Hunter Schroeder
3rd	Sawyer Eidsmoe, Rozaley Hall
4th	Sophia Neubauer
6th	Mellaney Hall
7th	Sawyer Harvey, Austin Lee

Great job!



Happy Birthday!

6/01	Eli Maves
6/07	Knox LeGrand
6/16	George Newton
6/20	Hadley Branstrom
6/27	Kellan Eidsmoe
6/27	Madelyn May

Baptismal Birthdays

6/03	Olivia Maier
6/26	Layla Arndt
6/26	Camdyn Quinn
6/26	Cecilia Quinn
6/28	Bria McMahon
6/29	Natalie Tretbar



A powerful CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

	□	○	△
✝	R	H	L
☎	S	P	W
👑	O	A	I
🌀	T	N	E



"But you will receive _____ when the
 Holy _____ comes on you; and you
 will be my _____ in Jerusalem,
 and in all Judea and Samaria,
 and to the ends of the _____."
 ACTS 1:8, NIV

Our offerings for the year were
\$500.00!

Thanks to all our students for
 their generosity!



ABC Preschool Wraps Up A “Bee-utiful” Year

ABC Preschool wrapped a up “Bee-utiful” year this month. They even got to go on field trips to Forest and Floral and Itasca Park. Now’s the time to enroll for next year—our three year old class is almost full. If you or someone you know is interested in preschool, please call the church.



Vacation Bible School Planned for August

This year VBS will be held Sunday-Thursday, August 7-11. We’ll start at 5:30 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 Food Truck Party 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.



**St. Johns
Lutheran Church**

803 West First Street
Park Rapids, MN 56470

Phone: 218-732-9783

Fax: 218-237-9785

Website: www.stjohnspr.org

Pastor James Neubauer

Pastor Joel Newton



The Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod

Nonprofit Organization
U.S. Postage
Park Rapids, Minnesota
Permit No. 6

Address Service Requested

Inside this issue:

<i>Bi-Annual Voters Meeting June 7</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Noon Services Continue</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Noon Concerts Return</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Retirement Open House</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Summer Hours</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>MN North District LWML Convention</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>LWML Zone Banner Stopping Here</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Health Care Directives-Harder Than We Thought</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>What's on the Lutheran Hour</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Memorial Services</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Main Street Living for June</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>A New High Chair for the Social Hall</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Thank You for Baseball Gloves</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Stewardship Review</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Consider Cleaning</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>You Could Also Consider Coordinating</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Parish Planning Council Meeting Minutes</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>High School Get Togethers Every Thursday</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Biking and Mini Golf</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Put These Other Events on Your Calendar</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Checking Out Concordia University, St. Paul</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Sunday School Page</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>ABC Preschool Wraps Up A "Bee-utiful" Year</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Vacation Bible School Planned for August</i>	<i>11</i>

