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Pastor's Notes

Looking Ahead...

First Communion, Pentecost and Membership.

My personal life has been enriched by teaching class on Wednesdays, and on May 20 three of these students will be confirmed: Rachel, Jared and Jeremy. In Judaism, confirmation is also practiced: Bar Mitzvah, meaning "Son of the Commandment." Jesus was Bar Mitzvah at age twelve (Luke 2:45), being found in the temple "*sitting with the rabbis, ...and they were amazed at his understanding and answers.*" Many times I feel like those old rabbis when I listen to the answers from my students! The credit goes to the Christian values they received in their homes, and our Sunday School Department, having provided them with a good foundation.



The Spring Cycle in the Church comes to an end with Pentecost (June 3). This is the Birthday of the Church, and the fulfillment of the Lord's Promise to empower the apostles for ministry. Also, when Christ left this world He assured us that we would not be left alone: "*I will not leave you comfortless, I will come unto you.*" Pentecost heralds the Holy Spirit, Whom Jesus called "Comforter."

Some of you have already expressed interest in joining St. John's. If others are interested in joining, please come speak to me. I will get back to all of you soon to schedule counseling sessions and New Member Sunday.

God Bless You,
Pastor Paul Gould

REFLECTIONS

Fathers

A father is someone
Precious and dear,
Whose faith in your efforts
Eliminates fear.

You earn his respect;
He's example and guide.
When the going gets rough,
He stands by your side

A father can help you
With everyday things.
He can teach you to whistle,
Build rubber-tire swings.

If you ask his opinion,
He'll give you the facts.
He can teach you construction
With a hammer and tacks.

A father knows problems
May not be what they seem.
He's a very good listener,
Believes in your dream.

He shows little interest
In fashion or wealth;
Has a good sense of humor
(He can laugh at himself).

A father is friendship
In faded blue jeans
He's a shoulder to cry on.
The man with the means

He has faith in tomorrow
And strength from above.
In words spoken plainly,
A father is love.



Happy Father's Day!!
June 17, 2001

MEETING NOTES

WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT:

- This year so far, the Women's Guild made up Valentine Cookie plates and 3 diabetic plates for twelve of the Church members.
- Irene Nemitz offered to crochet an afghan for the Ice Cream Social raffle. Dick Swift has made an oak children's rocker that he will donate to the raffle.
- Easter lilies were purchased for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.
- The Guild also purchased another electric roaster which was on sale at Shopko. We will now have 4 electric roasters and won't have to borrow any.
- Watch for dates to help work at the Brat Stand at Econo Foods this summer.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Sanken, Secretary

COUNCIL REPORT:

(summarized) for February, March and April.

Council members: Tom Senske, Mark Wigern, Celine, Swift, Randy Blake, Jerome Karl & Roxanne Sladek

Feb. 14, 2001

- All members present.
- Financial Secretary will be Randy Blake, and Building Fund will be Mark Wigern. All other council members will continue with their same roles.
- Membership visits. Pastor Paul did not send a Christmas letter to ask for attendance of members we do not see often. Pastor has done very few visits. He says he plans to do more visiting of shut-ins (and also non-active members) in the spring.
- The Peters family will replace the church carpeting in memory of Elmer and Inez Peters. Expenses for removal of the old carpet and installation of the new carpeting will be covered. We will need to have someone remove the pews and quarter rounds, etc. Sladek's would be willing to help with this when the time comes.
- Dave and Jodi Sanken have donated a CD player for Sunday School, VBS use, etc.
- Dick Swift has made some accessories for the pulpit to help Pastor Paul keep things organized.
- Organ maintenance. Mary Huebert has offered to see to it that the organ is maintained as needed.
- Guild has surveyed hearing impaired and at least 3 people have said they would use the personal sound systems. Approved ordering them.
- March and April Council meetings will be held on the first Tue instead of the first Wed due to the Lent services.

March 6, 2001

- Roxanne Sladek absent.
- Bathroom Project is nearing completion. Glen and Roxanne Sladek are donating the materials and labor for this project.
- Constitution has been recorded at the county.
- Council set up a Pastor's budget called Personal growth budget for retreats, books, and annual conferences, etc. Set the Pastors Personal Growth Budget at \$500 annually.
- May 20th is confirmation Sunday and 3 students will be confirmed.
- Council gave Pastor the OK to spend up to \$250 for his robe.
- Celine will reorder envelopes for next year.

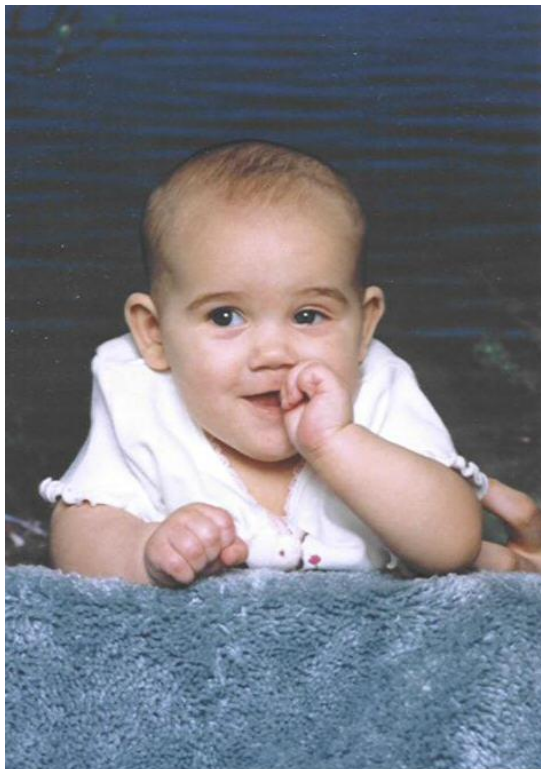
April 3, 2001

- All members present.
- Property value for 35 acres is 49,100.
- Mary, Elaine and Pastor Paul are working on the black altar clothes for Good Friday.
- Carmen Concert is coming up. Roxanne will be sure the youth knows about it. Pastor Paul and Holly will not be attending with the youth group as originally planned, but will go separately.
- Pastor Paul asked about the possibility of doing a new directory and including a birthday list. Council does not feel we need to do a new directory this soon due to cost, but Celine has offered to create a database and include birthdays. Roxanne has some of the membership cards and needs to contact members to complete and update the information.
- Pastor Paul will need the first week of May (1-6) off (maybe more) to attend the CCCC Spouse Retreat.
- Pastor Paul would like us to order Gospel Tracts (brochures covering various topics) for the visitor's table.
- Jerome and Tom have gotten bids on church exterior maintenance (fascia on narthex, soffit, check shingles, check valley tin, wrap double door). Tom will contact Tim Hahn Construction with our changes to the proposal and have the work done.
- Jim and Lynn Carrigan will be transferring to another church.

All meetings closed with the Lords Prayer.

Submitted by Roxanne Sladek

Meet The Babies



Shawnee Naomi Vaughn
Daughter of Troy & Sandi Vaughn
(Grandchild of Mavis & Loren Mielke)
Born September 22, 2000
7lb, 3oz, 19 ½ inches
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Kaitlyn Nicole Uecker
Daughter of Troy & Angela Uecker
Born October 30, 2000 at 11:27pm
9 lbs 4 oz, 21 ½ inches
Baptized at St. John's on December 10, 2000
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Isaac John Swift
Son of David & Celine Swift
Born February 3, 2001, 11:16p.m.
5 lbs 15 oz, 18 ½ inches
Baptized at St. John's on March 4, 2001
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**Celine & Isaac Swift, Angela & Kaitlyn Uecker, Korrine & Zachary Kowarsch, Kari & Noah Eischens, Brenda & Adam Garoutte
Palm Sunday, 2001**

WHAT IS A BABY?

What is a baby? Sweet as a rose,
With petal pink skin and a wee little nose,
With hair soft as snowflakes and wondering eyes
That seem to have captured the blue of the skies.
And fingers as fragile as butterfly wings-
A baby is all of these wonderful things!

What else is a baby? Symbol of love,
Kissed by the angels and sent from above.
Made for a Mother to cherish and hold,
A treasure more precious than diamonds or gold.
Dear little baby – touched by a star,
Life's greatest miracle, that's what you are!

And what is a Mother? Well, that's hard to say.
She might have been anyone, until the day
A baby was laid in her arms to impart
A gentle new wisdom of mind and of heart.
God must have whispered the secret she knew
That this was His work she'd been chosen to do.

**Happy Mother's Day (May 13, 2001)
to all the Mothers at St. John's!**

(Poem submitted by LeaEtte Peters)

The Youth Page

January was our 3rd attempt to go bowling. Finally this time the weather cooperated and we were able to bowl "Thunder Alley" style at Hutch Bowl. We had a good time!

Feb/March again proved that we were having a difficult winter. We had to reschedule due to a blizzard, but made it to the Chaska Community Center on our second attempt. So for at least a few hours we were able to forget it was winter.

April On Palm Sunday we had the opportunity to attend "The Choice". It was a very impressive performance done by the Riverside Assembly of God church members. I have been told that they do an Easter and a Christmas performance each year. It is definitely worth going to if you have the chance.

Upcoming events / activities...

St. John's Church Youth Group Garage / Bake Sale

Fri. May 4th, 1:00 - 6:00, Sat. May 5th, 8:00 - 3:00

Please consider helping the youth group by donating items to be sold on garage sale and/or donating baked goods.

Garage sale items may be dropped off at Church anytime, or by contacting Warren or Bonnie Kaufmann (587-5676) between April 29th - May 2nd.

Baked goods may be dropped off at Church or at Kaufmann's Friday morning (May 4th)

*Any items that do not sell on the garage sale will be donated to an organization such as the Epilepsy Foundation.

Youth - **Please sign up** for a time that works for you to help with the garage sale, setup, or clean up. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board at church.

We are now beginning to think about our summer plans. Please let Roxanne or Kathy know what you would like to do this summer!

VBS 2001

July 29th – August 2nd



Are you ready to meet Jesus? Are you ready to learn from him and share his stories of faith with others? Then come! Come and hear! Come and eat! Come along on this Beach Trae! In Beach Trek you will explore stories of Jesus – his baptism in the Jordan River, his calming the storm, his lakeside telling of the parable of the sower, and his breakfast with the disciples on the beach.

Our Trek will be Sunday through Thursday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm on July 29 – August 2.



We need all kinds of help: teachers, craft ideas, supplies, kitchen people, food, and kids. Sign-up lists will be put up soon. If you have questions, talk to Jodi Sanken.

Joke Time

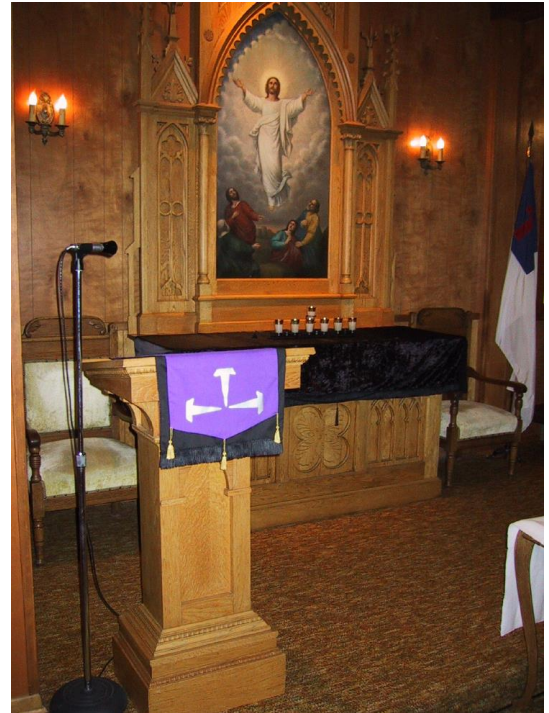
A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages. “Mom, look what I found,” the boy called out. “What have you got there, dear?” his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy’s voice, he answered: “I think it’s Adam’s suit!”

Recent Events Recorded on Film....

Sunday School Children Sing
on Palm Sunday, April 8, 2001



New Good Friday Altar Cloths



Pastor Paul's Installation Ceremony, Feb 4



< < < Pastor Paul

with wife Holli > > >

and friend Rev. Duane Juve.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Pastor Paul will be on vacation for 1 week beginning Monday April 30th. There will be no confirmation class on May 2. Pastor Vern Damm will be guest pastor for Sunday, May 6. Please contact a council member if pastoral care is needed mid week.
- The Ice Cream Social will be on June 14th this year. The committee is: Julie Karl, Kathy Trimbo, Sandi Senske, Brenda Garoutte, and Roxanne Sladek. We will be getting together soon to start planning and assign jobs. Talk to a committee member if you have specific job requests for this year.
- Confirmation will be May 20. Rachel Senske, Jared Brecht, and Jeremy Martin will be confirmed.
- May 20th is the last day of Sunday School when they will have their end of the year celebration. The kids will also be singing during the service.
- VBS is July 29-August 2. See VBS page for details.
- CCCC annual meeting is July 30 – August 2 in Spokane Washington. A brochure is posted on the bulletin board for anyone who is interested.
- Youth group garage sale on May 4th and 5th. See Youth page for details.
- Mark's Economart (formerly Lee's Supervalu in Glencoe) has selected our church for Community Dollars program from 4/1-6/30. Please deposit store receipts at the front of the store. A portion of the receipt totals will be given to the Women's Guild.

A WORD OF THANKS

- Thanks to all who donated food items to McLeod County Food Shelf this March. We collected 102 pounds of food and \$86.01.
- How does the church sound these days? Thanks to Dave Swift for coordinating all the sound system improvements over the past few months. The new listening devices have received good reviews from those who have tried them. Please make use of them if they will help you, and provide feedback (both good and bad) to the council. The council is willing to buy more if they are needed.
- What about the new bathrooms?!! Thanks to Glen and Roxanne Sladek for donating the materials and doing the labor for that project. Wow. It looks great!

- For those of you who were able to attend the Good Friday service, you couldn't help but notice the beautiful new altar cloths and candles. Thanks to Mary Garoutte and Elaine Carrigan for sewing the altar cloths, and to Glen Sladek for welding the candelabra and to Pastor Paul for envisioning the whole setting.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- New carpeting will be installed in the church the week of June 25th in memory of Elmer & Inez Peters. Dale, LeaEtte, John, & James are donating the new carpet & installation and removal of the old carpet. The new carpet is a multi-colored design and was selected with help from the council. The work will be done in sections and volunteers will be needed beginning Sunday, June 24th, after church, moving the pews. Additional help will be needed during the week to put things back in place before the next Sunday service. Also needed, are a couple of pick-ups or a truck with a hoist to haul away the old carpet. Please contact Roxanne, if you would like to help

RECENT EVENTS

- Pastor Paul's installation ceremony was held Sunday evening, February 4th, followed by a small reception in the basement. People were late and cars were stuck in ditches due to the weather, and the choir had to fill in for the soloist who couldn't make it because his son decided to be born a month early, but everyone commented on how lovely the service and fellowship were. Thanks to everyone who pulled together to make it such a nice evening.
- Please notice the new Usher/Greeter duties list posted on bulletin board. It outlines what is expected of ushers: (to be at church 30 minutes before service starts to greet visitors, give them our new brochures and offer the hearing assistance devices; to find replacement if you can't make it, etc.). Ushers please read the list and ask a council member if you have any questions.

POINTS TO PONDER

Quarterly income.

	1999	2000	2001
Jan	\$2721.84	\$3394.16	\$3159.46
Feb	\$2055.59	\$2404.93	\$3088.00
Mar	\$2537.26	\$2362.34	\$2131.75
Quarter	\$7314.69	\$8161.43	\$8379.21

Our Church Leaders for 2001

PASTOR:

Rev. Paul Gould 328-5330

COUNCIL

President: Tom Senske 864-5924
 Vice President: Jerome Karl 587-7702
 Secretary: Roxanne Sladek 587-7394
 Treasurer: Celine Swift 864-6188
 Randy Blake 587-5472
 Mark Wigern 864-5336

WOMEN'S GUILD

President: LeaEtte Peters 864-3282
 Vice President: Lillian Nemitz 587-8748
 Secretary: Betty Sanken 587-4956
 Treasurer: Mavis Mielke 328-5339
 Sunshine Chairman: Elaine Carrigan ... 864-3330

CHURCH SECRETARIES

Records Upkeep: Mavis Mielke 328-5339
 Clerical: Celine Swift 864-6188

CEMETERY BOARD

Mary Paulsen 587-4684
 David Sanken 328-4164
 David Swift 864-6188

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

Julie Karl 587-7702
 David Swift 864-6188
 Dennis Schwanke 864-4597

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Preschool – 1st grade: Julie Karl & Annie Senske
 2nd-4th grade: Sandy Senske & Brenda Garoutte
 5th-6th grade: Genise Quast & Jodie Sanken
 7th-8th grade: Mary Garoutte

CCCC

Area Rep.: Ron Stewart 320-356-9001
 Conf. Minister: Cliff Christenson .651-739-1474

Job Sign-ups for 2001

ALTAR GUILD

January Trimbo
 February Sladek
 March Blake's
 April ... Sue Rose & Betty Benjamin
 May Dale & LeaEtte Peters
 June Elaine, Mavis
 July ... Carol, Doug, & Marge Block
 August Sanken
 September Peters
 October Swift
 November Mary & Jim Garoutte
 December Cory Garrouette
 Jan 2002 Dick & Bernetta Swift

CUSTODIANS

January Wigern
 February Sladek
 March Blake's and Trimbo's
 April Dale & LeaEtte Peters
 May ... Sue Rose & Betty Benjamin
 June Mavis, Elaine
 July ... Carol, Doug, & Marge Block
 August Sanken
 September Senske
 October Swift
 November Mary & Jim Garoutte
 December
 1st week .. Mary & Jim Garoutte
 2nd week . David & Celine Swift
 3rd week Sanken
 4th week Cory Garoutte
 Jan 2002 Cory Garoutte

USHERS

January D. Wigern & C. Paulsen
 February ... Glen & Roxanne Sladek
 March Roger & Kathy Trimbo
 April . Randy Blake & Curt Paulsen
 May Dale & LeaEtte Peters
 June Cory & Brenda Garoutte
 July W. Kaufmann & D. Block
 August Troy & Angela Uecker
 September Senske's
 October Swift's
 November Jerome & Julie Karl
 December David & Jodi Sanken
 Jan 2002 Duane & Mark Wigern

May 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
USHERS: Peters CUSTODIANS Rose/Benj. ALTAR: Peters		1	2 Women's Guild 7pm Council 7pm	3	4 Youth Garage Sale 1-6pm	5 Youth Garage Sale 8am-3pm
	Pastor Paul on vacation →					
6 (No Communion) Guest Pastor Vern Damm CCCC Conference Sunday → Pastor Paul vaca.	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Confirmation Sunday with Communion Last day of Sunday School, Kids Sing	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

June 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
USHERS: C Garoutte CUSTOD: Mavis/Elaine ALTAR: Mavis/Elaine					1	2
3 Communion Sunday	4	5	6 Women's Guild 7pm Council 7pm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Ice Cream Social	15	16
17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Carpet Installation →						

July 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday	2	3	4 Women's Guild 7pm Council 7pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 → VBS →	30	31			USHERS: Block/Kauf. CUSTOD.: Block ALTAR: Block.	

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. Sunday
 Worship Hour: 10:30 a.m. Sunday
 Confirmation class: 5 p.m. Wednesday
 Choir Practice: 6 p.m. Wednesday (until June 3, then break for Summer)
 Women's Guild: 7 p.m. 1st Wednesday of the month
 Council: 7 p.m. 1st Wednesday of the month

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

- Next newsletter reports are due to Celine Swift by July 15th. You may bring them to the church, or mail them to me (13902 125th St., Glencoe, 55336) or email to swift@hutchtel.net. Thanks for all the input we've received to date!