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## **St. John's Messenger**

### ***February, March, & April 2015***

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## REFLECTIONS

Written by a woman on her 90th birthday

This is something we could all read at least once. Make sure you read to the end.

Written by Regina Brett, 90 years old, of the Plain Dealer, Cleveland , Ohio.

"To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column I've ever written.

My odometer rolled over to 90 in August, so here is the column once more:

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will .Stay in touch.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone...It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry, God never blinks.
16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood, but the second one is up to you and no one else.

20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take "no" for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special!
22. Over-prepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words, "In five years will this matter?"
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive everyone everything.
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.
31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Don't take yourself so seriously-- No one else does!
33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
36. Growing old beats the alternative -- dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood.
38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
41. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
42. The best is yet to come...
43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
44. Yield.
45. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift."

Submitted by Karen

## Pastor's Notes



*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12:1*

To reach optimum health, you must pay attention to the spiritual dimensions of your life. You have a body, but you are far more than just a body. Every area of your life affects every other area. For instance, it's hard to be spiritually strong and mentally alert when you are emotionally stressed or physically fatigued. If you are spiritually and emotionally weak or ill, your body cannot perform at its peak. So your health starts with your relationship to God—the Creator who designed you, knows best how your body was made to operate, and has the power to help you make the changes that you want to see.

—Pastor Rick Warren

What New Year resolutions have you made for 2015? Have you ever resolved that God would have all of you, everyday, and in every way in your body, soul, mind and spirit. All too often our resolutions are far too superficial and not in the least way spiritual. This year and this day follow Paul's admonition in Romans chapter 12: *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

Pastor Bob

## **St John's Special Congregational Meeting**

### **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Following our regular church service, a special congregational meeting was called to order by President of the council, Dave Swift. Pastor Bob opened the meeting with prayer. This meeting was called to discuss the following topics:

***Investment Plan*** – Dave informed the congregation of the options that the council looked at for investing our building funds – local vs. national. The council proposed the option of going with Vanguard because of better flexibility for adding and removing funds, better yields, and lower fees. Discussion was made and questions answered. The council proposed transferring funds that are beyond our short term needs (\$35k) to Vanguard into two funds – 50% each. Jon Block made a motion to adopt the investment plan as proposed by the council. Jerry Block seconded, congregation approved.

***Personnel Policy Change*** – St. Johns currently has more than 25 people who have had background checks completed. Minor changes to this policy have been made by the council regarding handling of paperwork. There was one change that needed congregational approval – The form shall also ask: ***Have you ever been accused of, participated in, or been convicted of sexual misconduct?*** Julie Karl motioned to accept this change with a second by Gene Konerza. Congregation approved. This change will be in effect going forward. No one will need to redo.

***150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*** – Michelle Alsleben informed the congregation that the celebration will take place on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015. A polka service is planned with Chuck Thiel. A meal is being planned and there may be a small charge to help defray costs. They are also planning activities for that day as well as designing a commemorative coffee cup.

***Building Security*** – Dave informed the congregation that we have not received any news on the stolen safes, nor do we expect any. He explained that the east door was probably the culprit where they entered. It now has a commercial closer and a plate will be installed similar to the west door. Julie Karl made a suggestion that we also get an “auto-lock” on it as well, just like the west door which will be done. Dave had two security firms come to look at the church for possible security systems. It was decided that for our needs, it was too expensive and too much of a hassle with making sure we didn't set off false alarms with the number of different people that have key access.

Discussion was made for installing motion lights and/or a better security light along with “security stickers” on the doors. The council will discuss at their next meeting.

***Cancellation Procedure*** – Cancellation decisions are done 2.5–3 hours before activities. A reminder was given that: *Even if activities have not been cancelled, please make sure that YOU are comfortable to go out in the conditions and are safe.*

**Building Investigation Committee Update** – Dave informed the congregation that they have met with contractors and architects on two plans. They have also received input and have some ball park figures. However – You will need to come to the next congregational meeting on

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>** after church, to find out more details and to help set the direction of the next steps.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Martin - Secretary

### **Council Meeting- November 12, 2014**

**Council Members Present:** Dave Swift, Brian Alsleben, Cory Garoutte, Pam Martin and Pastor Bob.  
Absent were Joe Blackbird and Gene Konerza

Dave called the meeting to order.

Pastor Bob opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional.

#### **Pastor's Report:**

\*\* Visited with Eileen Moehring, Katherine Rannow, Maynard Rannow, Joyce Karl, Beverly Zeigler, Lillian Nemitz, Dick and Bernetta Swift and Jean Taylor.

The secretary's minutes were approved from the October meeting as well as the minutes from the special congregational meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Brian gave the treasurer's report which showed a beginning balance of \$30,321.71 and an ending balance of \$30,236.63. This report was approved as given.

- Designated Funds - \$13,229.39
  - Benevolence - \$3,742.15
  - Building - \$2,875.05
  - Choir - \$1,027.87
  - Memorial - \$1,628.32
  - Pastoral - \$150.00
  - Sunday School/VBS - \$1,011.00
  - Youth Group - \$350.00
  - Cemetery Fund - \$2,375.00
  - Women's Guild Fund - \$70.00
- General Fund - \$17,007.24

Gene called in and reported that the building fund had a beginning balance of \$45,230.93. After the insurance was paid for \$3,850.84 plus interest of \$3.68, we had an ending balance of \$41,383.77. This report was approved as given.

#### **Old Business:**

- Committee Status: *Building Investigation Committee* – The committee had a meeting on Sunday to prepare for the congregational meeting on 11/23. *150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee* – They have been researching on where to rent a tent. An idea came up that maybe Silver Lake had one that they use for their church bazaar and or town celebration. Pam will check on and get back to Brian before their next meeting on Wednesday.
- Discussed our plan to establish an account with Vanguard for our investments. A motion was made and approved to transfer \$10,000 from our general fund to the building fund.
- A new desktop PC was purchased and installed for Karen.
- Based on the congregational meeting, Dave is working on getting the East lockset replaced and will talk to Tom Senske about the wiring of motion lights on the South. Bob will check to see about getting security stickers made that look legitimate.
- Policy book was updated for Memorial, Funeral and Personnel policies.

#### **New Business:**

- The Women's Guild has selected dates for the Church Christmas decorating:
  - Decorating will take place on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.
  - Un-decorating will take place on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, right after church.
- The council approved a volunteer candidate.
- Pam volunteered to clean-up/organize the policy book
- Pastor Bob made a suggestion of emailing our newsletters to those that would prefer to get them that way. Pam will contact Karen for the current mailing list and make a list for people to choose their preference.

#### **Task list for November:**

- Pastor Contract and Review – Brian and Joe taking care of.
- Land rent bid – Dave will check with Dave Sanken if it is up this year and put in bulletin.
- Review membership list

There were no suggestions in the box.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Martin/Secretary

### **St John's Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

Following our regular church service, a special congregational meeting was called to order by President of the council, Dave Swift. Pastor Bob opened the meeting with prayer. This meeting was called to update some of the options that the Building Investigation Committee has come up with.

Those present at the meeting received drawings of what the North side and South side additions could look like. Dave informed the members that the committee contacted three different contractors and an architect. Cost ranges from \$300,000 - \$500,000. An architect estimates

\$150,000 more for the North than South side addition. Preliminary prints and color renderings for either addition could be done by the architect for \$2,500 each.

After Dave explained the North side addition which includes an upstairs and downstairs renovation discussion was made as follows:

- How many trees would need to come down as well as questions on windows and moving the current septic system.
- Physical appearance of the inside of the church with addition – example – ceiling, pews, etc

Dave then explained the South side addition which would be a new addition for a fellowship hall as well as a new kitchen, bathrooms, and pastor's study. The basement would be converted into classrooms. Questions were as follows:

- Would we need to bring appliances up to code?
- Would the basement be a complete remodel – bathrooms, etc. (*Note sure yet*)
- Did architect include relaying out the basement in his estimate?
- Visual appearance from the outside
- If expansion to the parking lot needs to be done, would we need to pave it right away?

There were also the following questions:

- Would we need to expand our heating/cooling?
- Would we be able to keep our stained glass?
- Is our septic system up to code? (*County has not committed yet*)
- If we lose the lighting from the windows by expanding to the north, church will need to look at other options.
- If the South side option is done, what problems would there be when there is a funeral and getting the casket to the cemetery?
- If this project isn't done for several years, would plans change? (*Not unless code changes*)
- What is the committee's opinion? (*It's split – two north and two south*)

The committee also handed out a sheet that had compared issues on both sides.

Jerome Karl made a motion to spend \$5,000 to get preliminary drawings of both options. Joe Blackbird seconded the motion and congregation passed. This should help with visualizing and helping the congregation on what the next steps should be.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Martin - Secretary



## **Council Meeting-December 12, 2014**

**Council Members Present:** Dave Swift, Brian Alsleben, Cory Garoutte, Joe Blackbird, Gene Konerza and Pastor Bob. Pam Martin was excused for part of the meeting to join the Women's Guild Christmas party

Dave called the meeting to order.

Pastor Bob opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional.

### **Pastor's Report:**

**\*\* Visited with Eileen Moehring, Katherine Rannow, Maynard Rannow, Joyce Karl, Lillian Nemitz, Dick and Bernetta Swift and Jerry Mickolich.**

The secretary's minutes were approved from the November meeting as well as the minutes from the special congregational meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Brian gave the treasurer's report which showed a beginning balance of \$30,236.63 and an ending balance of \$24,281.59. This report was approved as given.

- Designated Funds - \$14,669.39
  - Benevolence - \$4,137.15
  - Building - \$3,120.05
  - Choir - \$1,027.87
  - Memorial - \$2,128.32
  - Pastoral - \$150.00
  - Sunday School/VBS - \$1,041.00
  - Youth Group - \$420.00
  - Cemetery Fund - \$2,575.00
  - Women's Guild Fund - \$70.00
- General Fund - \$9,612.20 (This balance reflects the \$10,000 transferred to building fund account)

Gene reported that the building fund had a beginning balance of \$41,383.77. A transfer of \$26,000 was made to Vanguard; a \$92.09 check written for Workmen's Comp audit; a \$16.94 check was written for check blanks, \$10,000 transfer received from the general fund and an interest payment of \$3.17 was received which left a balance of \$25,277.91. This report was approved as given.

### **Old Business:**

- Committee Status: *Building Investigation Committee* – Preliminary plans are underway. *150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee* – Caterer is booked as well as a band. An 80 x 40 tent is rented. A photographer will take a picture of the congregation either Easter or Confirmation Sunday.
- Progress has been made on the action items regarding church security.
- Land rent bids were reviewed. M/S/A to accept Dave Sanken's bid of \$275/acre for two years.
- We have one candidate to fill one of the council positions. We are still looking for one more.
- Policy book organization is still being worked on.
- Joe contacted four families for the pastor review.

## **New Business:**

- Received and accepted a donation request of a Shark Rotator vacuum from Joel & Barb Buckentin.
- Jerry Wright was granted permission to submit information about our church that will be presented on the US Farm Report on Sunday mornings from 6-7 a.m. in the “Country Churches” segment.
- M/S/A to accept membership requests from Ashley and Jessica Alsleben.
- Dave Swift will be out of town on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> of December. Gene and Joe will make any decisions if needed for the call list responsibilities and take appropriate action.
- Conducted and presented the pastor review for 2014.
- Began the first round of planning for the 2015 budget.

## **Task list for December:**

- Annual meeting preparation (1-18-15)
- Pastor review
- Alter, Usher and Cleaning schedules up
- Contact staff (clerical and organist) regarding pay

There were no suggestions in the box.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 to prepare for the annual meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Martin/Secretary

## **Council Meeting-January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Council Members Present:** Dave Swift, Brian Alsleben, Cory Garoutte, Gene Konerza, Pam Martin and Pastor Bob. Absent was Joe Blackbird.

Dave called the meeting to order.

Pastor Bob opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional.

### **Pastor’s Report:**

\*\* Visited with Eileen Moehring, Katherine Rannow, Maynard Rannow, Joyce Karl, Lillian Nemitz, Dick and Bernetta Swift, Jerry Mickolich, Gloria and Duane Wigern, Tyler Martin and fiancée Aria.

\*\* Katherine Rannow died December 24, 2014 at Harmony River Care Center

\*\* Katherine’s funeral was December 31, 2014 at the church. Cory Garoutte and Gene Konerza represented the council at the visitation and service.

\*\* The Rannow family asked if there was anything specific that they could donate money to in honor of Katherine. I also communicated that message to members of the Women’s Guild.

The secretary’s minutes were approved from the December meeting.

Brian gave the treasurer’s report which showed a beginning balance of \$24,281.59 and an ending balance of \$14,779.62 after the year end designated funds were paid out. This report was approved as given.

- Designated Funds - \$4,398.34

- Benevolence - \$742.15
- Building - \$0.00
- Choir - \$1,027.87
- Memorial - \$2,628.32
- Pastoral - \$0.00
- Sunday School/VBS - \$0.00
- Youth Group - \$0.00
- Cemetery Fund - \$0.00
- Women's Guild Fund - \$0.00
- General Fund - \$10,381.28

Gene reported that the building fund had a beginning balance of \$25,277.91. A transfer of \$3,455.05 from the year end designated funds was received along with an interest payment of \$3.89 which left a balance of \$28,736.85. This report was approved as given.

### **Old Business:**

- Committee Status: *Building Investigation Committee* – Awaiting draft plans from architect. *150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee* – Have not met since last meeting.
- Vanguard account is set up. Dave and Gene are working on setting up transfer method.
- Work in progress with church security tasks.
- Pam working on updating policy book.
- Gene will see to it that our new vacuum is assembled and find a location for it.
- Discussion made on possibilities to propose to the Rannow family for memorial ideas.

### **New Business:**

- Dave will make a copy of our Constitution and Bylaws to give to our lawyer for safe-keeping.
- Dave and Joe reviewed a background check. M/S/A to accept the member as a volunteer.
- M/S/A to give a gift to Chandler Swift for all of his expertise in finding a computer and setting up the software for Karen. Thank you Chandler!!
- M/S/A to increase pay for organist and church secretary. Amount to be determined by annual meeting.

### **Task list for January:**

- Annual Meeting – Reviewed agenda - work in progress
- Budget – Proposed budget accepted
- Review/Recognize memorials – Brian working on.
- Date for confirmation – Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

There were no suggestions in the box.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Martin/Secretary

**The 2015 Annual Meeting of St. John's Church  
was held on  
Sunday, January 18, 2015.**

The meeting was called to order by President David Swift. Pam Martin, Secretary was absent and the minutes were read by David Swift. Jon Block made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Jerry Block seconded the motion. All in favor.

The reports were given: General Fund, Memorial Fund, Congregational Direct Giving were given by Brian Alsleben, Youth Group and Sunday School were given by Robyn Field, Benevolence Fund was given by Julie Karl, Building Fund was given by Gene Konerza, Women's Guild was given by Mavis Mielke, and Membership and Attendance Record were given by Celine Swift, Financial Review report was given was given by Jerry Block. After no questions a motion was made by Dave Sanken to accept all reports as given, Brian Vacek seconded the motion. All in favor,

**New Business:**

\*Budget, including Staff wages, Brian Alsleben, Service times/dates by Dave Swift, Volunteers/Staff and Elections: Council, Joe Blackbird and Cory Garoutte's terms are up.

\*Nominations were opened: Cory nominated Brenda Schaefer and Randy Knick. Asked if there were any other nominations. No other nominations were suggested. Jerry Block made a motion to cease nominations and that the secretary cast unanimous ballot to elect Brenda Schaefer and Randy Knick for church council. Dave Sanken 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor. Brenda and Randy are the new members of the council.

\*The 2015 Ice Cream Social Committee members are: Susie Blackbird, Glen & Brenda Schaefer and Sandy Wright. If there are any others that would like to join the group let one of the other members know. Jerry Block will furnish the tents again this year. Ice Cream Social will be on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

\*Review Committee: Consists of Jerry Block, Roger Trimbo, and Celine Swift. All members will remain on this board.

\*Benevolence Committee: Dave Sanken said if anyone else was interested in taking on this job, he'd gladly step down., Jerry Block said he'd take a turn. So the Benevolence committee for 2015 will be Julie Karl, Elaine Carrigan, and Jerry Block.

\*Nursery Committee: Mary Taylor, Michelle Alsleben, Ashley Alsleben, Kathy Trimbo, Robin Swift.

\*Records Keeper: Celine Swift has been doing this job for a long time and wishes to be relieved of this job. Dave Swift asked Karen Konerza if she would be willing to take on the job. Karen accepted it.

\*150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee; Brian & Michelle Alsleben, Julie Karl and Pastor Bob Taylor. Historians working on this committee are Dave Sanken, June Knick and Lillian Nemitz.

Things set up so far for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are: Date: 9/13/15

Cater is Hahn's from Winthrop. Band is Chuck Thiel and we will have a Polka Service that Sunday. Tent is in the works.

More information will be coming soon.

\*Building Committee: Members are Jerry Wright, Dave Swift, Andrea Wignern, and Doug Block. All will remain on the committee. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, contact one of the board members.

Jerry Block moved to accept the Budget Report, with the one addition, that the \$5,000.00 set aside for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary be included in the Operating Budget in a separate line. Jerome Karl seconded the motion. This was approved.

Gene Konerza made a motion to accept all reports, was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Carrigan. All approved.

Questions asked were can any member sell items at the Ice Cream Social. It was decided they could as long it's just members.

All background check have been done and accepted.

Question about security items since the church was broken into. They have done everything and are working on a few more items yet to be completed.

No more business was brought up. Doug Block made a motion to adjourn, Jon Block 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Pastor Bob said a closing prayer and grace.

Submitted by Karen Konerza, Acting Secretary

# Sunday School Happenings

The Preschool class has been busy studying and learning how Jesus is gloried in the raising of Lazarus, turning water into wine, Jesus calms the storm, Jesus heals a blind man. It is such a wonderful feeling as a teacher to hear these little ones repeat what they have learned during story time. God is Good.

Mark your calendars;

February 15- Kids sing

March 15- Kids sing

March 29- Palm Sunday- No Sunday school- It is still tradition that ALL children are invited to walk through waving palm branches during the first hymn.

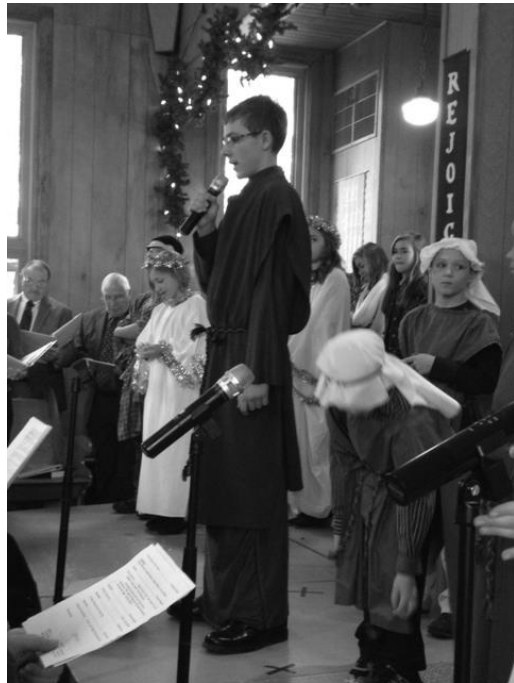
April 5- Easter- No Sunday school

April 19- Kids sing

Another great Christmas Program from our children here at St John's. Isn't it exciting to watch the love and joy that these kids have for the Lord as they told us that they have good news, Jesus is born!









# Youth Page

## What we've been doing:

- November we packaged shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.
- December we made gifts for our shut-ins and packaged Sunday School treat bags for the Christmas program.
- Our January meeting was canceled due to severe cold weather.
- Jan 23, 24 we went to St Cloud Holiday Inn. Volleyball, swimming, table tennis, etc kept us busy all evening. In the morning most of enjoyed relaxing in the hot tub and some swimming. From the hotel we went to Air Maxx where we bounced off the walls, jumped and played dodge ball on trampolines for over an hour. We all went to Old Country Buffet before coming home. I think I can say a good time was had by all 10 youth and the 4 adults who were there.



## Looking Ahead:

- February 4<sup>th</sup> we will package food for Kids Against Hunger. We will meet at 5:00 at Cactus Jacks II in Stewart for dinner and then work from 6-8PM. Any members of the church who would like to join us are welcome to participate.
- February 21<sup>st</sup> we will go tubing at Powder Ridge. Details are still being worked out for this activity.
- There will be no regular youth group meetings or youth group Bible study from February 18, Ash Wednesday until after Easter.
- March 28<sup>th</sup> we will prep for the Palm Sunday breakfast.
- March 29<sup>th</sup> will be the Palm Sunday breakfast served by the youth group from 9-10AM. We hope to see you all there!
- April 8<sup>th</sup> youth group Bible Study will start up again.
- We will be having our Flower sale again this year. The truck will arrive May 5<sup>th</sup> (we will be sorting and organizing plants on this day) and flowers will be ready to be picked up and delivered May 6<sup>th</sup> (before Mother's day).

For questions or information regarding the youth group please contact Roxanne Sladek at 320-455-7218 or Robyn Field at 320-582-0356. For questions about the youth group Bible Study contact Casey Blackbird at 320-552-1398

# Church Happenings...



On November 16<sup>th</sup> we had our Fall Family Harvest festival. After the potluck we were entertained by The "Stoney Point Group", leading the group is Pastor Brian Brosz We had some very nice talent from our church family members that performed for us. Very wonderful program.

## Caroling on December 14<sup>th</sup>



Caroling at Lillian's

## Church Happenings Continued; Caroling





**Practicing before service. What a talented group we have!**



## **Guild's" Ugly Sweater" Christmas Party**



**Julie Karl, Brenda Schaefer, Bonnie Kaufmann,  
Lea Ette Peters ,Elaine Carrigan, Charlee Block  
Alice Kaufmann, Margie Block, Nita vonWald,  
and Mavis Mielke**



**Pam Martin, Brenda Garoutte, Bridget Block, and Jodi Sanken**

Let's remember these members with a card or note;

Lillian Nemitz                      Birthday 6/10  
1015 Century Ave. S.W. Apt. 121    Phone # 320-587-8748  
Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Joyce Karl              Birthday 11/15  
Harmony River Living Center -Room 229    Phone # 320-552-2171  
1555 Sherwood St. S.E.  
Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Eileen Moehring              Birthday 2/23  
Elim Home  
409 Jefferson Ave. S.W.  
Watertown, MN. 55388

Maynard Rannow              Birthday 11/5  
GRHC Long Term Care -Room 611  
705 18<sup>th</sup> St. E.  
Glencoe, MN. 55336

Kay Hahn-Sellers              Birthday 5/27  
2322 Dundee PL.  
Carr9olton, TX. 75007

### **Mark your calendar!**

*Lent begins on Wednesday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, Service is at 7:00 p.m. with lunch to follow service.*

*Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> Service is at 7:00 p.m.*

*Easter, April 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.*

*Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>*

### **Sunday School important dates!!**

**February 15- Kids sing**

**March 15- Kids sing**

**March 29- Palm Sunday- No Sunday school- It is still tradition that ALL children are invited to walk through waving palm branches during the first hymn.**

**April 5- Easter- No Sunday school**

**April 19- Kids sing**

### **Announcements**

**Volunteers needed!** A sign-up sheet will be posted on the back bulletin board for luncheon servers after our Lent worship services.

The Women's Guild will again prepare Valentine Plates for shut-ins on Sunday,, February 8th after church. A donation of 1 dozen cookies would be appreciated. Please drop off in the back of the church. If anyone is interested in delivering some plates, please contact Julie Karl.

ATHC is in partnership with the Recycling Association of Minnesota to recycle Holiday lights. Working and non working lights are accepted. Recycling your old lights provides employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities at ATHC. The light bulbs will be removed from the wire strands and then the wire will be sold to a local recycler. Thank you for helping ATHC promote this new recycling effort. There is a box in the entrance that you can put the lights in. Any questions talk to Elaine Carrigan.

### **Good Clean Fun**

Are you interested in having some good, clean fun? There is a group of ladies who get together periodically to make laundry soap. We also make bars of hand soap from time to time. The soap is wonderful and the fun and fellowship are the best! We would love to have others join us. If you are interested, contact Mary Huebert



**\*\*ANYONE WISHING TO RECEIVE THEIR NEWSLETTER BY E--MAIL PLEASE NOTIFY A COUNCILPERSON OR KAREN WITH EMAIL ADDRESS.\*\***

## **CHURCH LEADERS FOR 2015**

### **PASTOR**

Rev. Bob Taylor..... 763-420-6800

### **COUNCIL**

President: David Swift .....864-6188

V. Pres. Brenda Schaefer .....328-4201

Secretary: Pam Martin ..... 320-510-0493

Treas. Brian Alsleben.....864-6745

Fin. Sec. Randy Knick..... 320-296-5649

Bldg.Fund Cord. Gene Konerza... 320-510-2180

### **WOMEN'S GUILD 2014-2015**

President Julie Karl .....587-7702

Vice Pres. Lea Ette Peters .....864-3282

Sec. Susie Blackbird .....583-1025

Treasurer: Mavis Mielke.....587-8722

Sunshine Chairman: Elaine Carrigan....864-3330

### **CEMETERY BOARD**

Jon Block ..... 320-296-4417

Curt Paulsen ..... 587-4684

Jeremy Field.....582-0319

### **BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE**

Julie Karl .....587-7702

Jerry Block.....234-6872

Elaine Carrigan .....864-3330

## **Job Sign-ups 2015**

### **CUSTODIANS**

January.....Sladeks

February..... Swift

March.....Alsleben

April..... Wright

May.....Trimbo

June .....Elaine & Mavis

July.....Alice Kaufmanns

August..... Sanken

September .....Blocks

October .....Garoutte

November ..... Knick/Padrnos

December 6th..... Peters

13<sup>th</sup> .....Field

20<sup>th</sup> .....Sanken

27<sup>th</sup> .....Wright

January 2015.....Sladek

### **USHERS**

January..... Sladek

February..... Swift

March..... Kaufmann/Karl

April..... Wright

May.....Trimbo

June .....Konerza

July .....

August.....

September .....Blocks

October .....Garoutte

November ..... Vacek/Huebert

December 6th..... Peters

13<sup>th</sup> .....Field

20<sup>th</sup> .....Sankebn

27<sup>th</sup> .....Wright

JANUARY 2015.....Sladek

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & SUBSTITUTES**

#### **2014-2015**

#### **Preschool-1st**

Dawn Huebert, Brenda Garoutte

#### **K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade**

Jodi Sanken, Andrea Wigern

#### **3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>**

Bridget Block, June Knick

#### **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade**

Robyn Field, Susie Blackbird

#### **Young Adult Class**

Michelle Alsleben, Kathy Trimbo

#### **Substitute List:**

Roxanne Sladek ..... 320-864-4993

Celine Swift ..... 320-864-6188

### **YOUTH GROUP LEADERS**

Roxanne Sladek .....320-455-7218

Robyn Field .....320-234-6872

### **CHURCH SECRETARY & RECORDS UPKEEP**

Records Upkeep: Karen Konerza ..... 864-4554

### **ALTAR GUILD**

January..... Sladek

February..... Swift

March .....

April .....

May..... Trimbo

June..... Elaine & Mavis

July .....Alice Kaufmann

August .....

September ..... Dale & LeaEtte Peters

October ..... Garoutte

November ..... Rose

December 6th ..... Rose

13<sup>th</sup>..... Rose

20<sup>th</sup>..... Rose

27<sup>th</sup>..... Rose

JANUARY 2015 .....Sladek

## February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Communion</b> Dave Streeter	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Isaac S.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Austin F.
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Evelyn P.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Desiree S Ash Wednesday Service 7:00p.m..	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Roxanne S.	<b>23</b> Eileen M.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Gloria W. Mark W. Lenten Serv. 7:00 p.m.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

## March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Communion</b> Mary G.	<b>2</b> Hannah W.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Sharon M. Lenten Serv. 7:00 p.m.	<b>5</b> Robin S.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Lenten Serv. 7:00 p.m.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Lenten Serv. 7:00 p.m.	<b>19</b> Angela K.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Kelsey F.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Lenten Serv. 7:00 p.m.	<b>26</b> Randy R.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Morgan S.
<b>29</b> Jerry B.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

## April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Good Friday Serv. 7:00 p.m.	4 Brenda S.
5 EASTER No Sunday School <u>Worship 9:30a.m.</u> Lea Ette P.	6 Celine S.	7 Sandy W.	8	9	10 Marley S.	11 Kari E. Tyler M.
12 Jenna T.	13	14 Jeremy M. Margie B.	15	16	17	18
19	20 Glen Schaefer Jodi S.	21	22 McKenna S.	23	24 Mike M.	25
26 Harrison M.	27 Laura Senske	28 Mason M.	29	30 Kathy T.		

### **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

Information for the next newsletter will be due April 25<sup>th</sup> you can bring your input to me at the church, or mail it to me (821 Baxter Ave, Glencoe) or email me at [chubbers67@gmail.com](mailto:chubbers67@gmail.com).

*Karen Konerza*