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St. John's Messenger

May, June, July, 2017

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REFLECTIONS

A Child's View of Thunderstorms

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with lightning.

The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school. She also feared the electrical storm might harm her child. Full of concern, the mother got into her car and quickly drove along the route to her child's school. As she did, she saw her little girl walking along.

At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and smile. More lightning followed quickly and with each, the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile.

When the mother drew up beside the child, she lowered the window and called, "What are you doing?"

The child answered, "I am trying to look pretty because God keeps taking my picture."

May God bless you today and every day as you face the storms that come your way!

Submitted by LeaEtte Peters



Little Lucile Jean Barth is saying, "Mom can I sing in the choir soon???"

Pastor's Notes



⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.
Acts 2:42-47

This passage from Acts chapter 2, reminds us of the *shared nature* of the life that believers in the early church experienced. Their life centered on the word of God, taught and preached, on worship, on fellowship, on sharing with one another as anyone had need, and serving others together.

One of the examples of this kind of *shared life* at St. John's, is the Ice Cream Social. For years, I have stood amazed at how virtually everyone in the church is involved from the youngest to the oldest. Outwardly, this is a fundraising event which attracts some 400 people each year, but more than that it is an expression of who we are as the body of Christ here at St. John's: servants, working together for the glory of God!

In the next weeks, be on the alert as to how you can serve make this year's Ice Cream Social the best one ever. And it will be because you have taken part in this glorious life we share as members of Christ's body.

Pastor Bob

Council Minutes

February 8th, 2017

Council Members Present: All council members and Pastor Bob were present.

Dave Huebert called the meeting to order.

The council welcomed our two new council members, Glen Schaefer and Dave Sanken. Glen will be our new treasurer and Dave will be the council's vice president.

Pastor Bob opened the meeting with prayer and Gene Konerza shared a devotional with the board.

Pastor's Report:

- ** Visitation: Lillian Nemitz, Maynard Rannow, Jerry Mickolichuk, Loren Mielke, Dave and Laura Streeter, Don and Marian Patrnos, Joyce Karl, Les Zeigler, Albion Plath, Mylan Dolezal and Myra Martin.
- ** Recommended that Cole Cameron be accepted into membership at St. Johns.
- ** Has a request from Laura Schaefer and Troy Anderson to use the church for their wedding on June 10th, 2017.
- ** Service of installation for new council members: February 12th.
- ** Suggested a summer Bible Study on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. – 10 week study on the End Times.
- ** Action: Brian and Theresa Vacek would like their names removed from the membership list.
- ** February 26th will be the baptism of Lucile Barth.

The secretary's minutes were approved from the January 11th meeting.

Glen, with the help of Brenda, gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$14,933.07 with an ending balance of \$9,501.08 after a transfer of \$8,000 to the building fund. This report was approved as given.

- Designated Funds - \$6,694.17
 - Benevolence - \$1,013.15
 - Building - \$240.00
 - Choir - \$770.97
 - Memorial - \$3,484.04
 - Pastoral - \$0.00
 - Sunday School/VBS - \$126.01
 - Youth Group - \$30.00
 - Cemetery Fund - \$1030.00
 - Women's Guild Fund - \$0.00
- General Fund - \$2,806.91

Gene reported that the building fund has a balance of \$123,817.02. The building fund received a generous donation of \$10,000 plus the transfer from the general fund for \$8,000.00. This report was approved as given.

Old Business:

- Pam still working on organizing and updating the Policy Book.
- Update of the Church name where needed is in progress as well as updating new signature cards where needed.
- Update on new sound system: 1) We have gotten a bid but it does not include speakers in the overflow and for downstairs. 2) There have been a couple of generous donations that are earmarked in the building fund to be put towards this system. 3) St John's Church has obtained an amplifier and a desk from Christ the King Church in Hutchinson for free as they are updating their system. This will save us \$450.00. Pam will send a thank-you.

4) We would plan to do the wiring/installation as well to save money. 5) Still fine tuning what is needed and what the final cost would be.

-- The Youth Group will lead the Lenten Fair to be held following Church and a potluck on Feb. 26th.

-- The Church will be implementing a scholarship fund for anyone that is going to college to become a pastor. The council has discussed this with the Benevolence Committee as well and an amount of \$500 a year would be made not to exceed \$2,000.00. The Church's first recipient is Casey Blackbird who chose to change his career path and will make a great Pastor one day!! Congratulations Casey!

New Business:

- Talked to Glen Sladek about the water and septic filter. He will make sure that they are changed out as needed. Thanks Glen for all the handy-work you do for us!
- M/S/A to receive Cole Cameron into membership through reaffirmation of faith.
- M/S/A to accept the release of Brian and Theresa from membership.
- M/S/A for the use of the Church for the wedding of Laura Schaefer and Troy Anderson on June 10th.

Task list for February:

- Clean out files – done
- Update call list – done
- Enact Pastor contract
- Review ushering/guild lists

There were no suggestions in the box.

Because of Lenten services on Wednesdays, our next council meeting will be Tuesday, March 7th @ 7:00

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Martin /Secretary

March 7th, 2017

Council Members Present: All council members and Pastor Bob were present with the exception of Glen Schaefer. Brenda Schaefer came in his absence.

Dave Huebert called the meeting to order.

Pastor Bob opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional from Proverbs 14:26.

Pastor's Report:

** Visitation: Lillian Nemitz, Maynard Rannow, Jerry Mickolich, Loren Mielke, Dave Streeter, Joyce Karl, Albion Plath, Dick Swift, Wayne Kenning, Roxanne Sladek, Laura Schaefer & Troy Anderson.

** Baptism on February 26th for Lucille Jean Barth who was born 9-30-16. Parents are Annie and Anthony Barth.

** Conducted a funeral on March 1st for Roxanne Sladek's father, Wayne Kenning.

** Grant Karl is requesting a letter of transfer to St. John's Lutheran Church in Hutchinson.

The secretary's minutes were approved from the February 8th meeting.

Brenda gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$9,501.08 with an ending balance of \$13,523.94. This report was approved as given.

- Designated Funds - \$10,823.17
 - Benevolence - \$1,353.15
 - Building - \$3,640.00
 - Choir - \$770.97
 - Memorial - \$3,484.04
 - Pastoral - \$0.00
 - Sunday School/VBS - \$230.01
 - Youth Group - \$60.00
 - Cemetery Fund - \$1,285.00
 - Women's Guild Fund - \$0.00
- General Fund - \$2,700.77

Gene reported that the building fund has a balance of \$133,174.50 which includes the land rent money. This report was approved as given.

Old Business:

- Pam has completed updating the policy book.
- Lenten Fair was held on February 26th with a good turnout and was enjoyed by all!
- It was suggested that we have a scholarship policy written up. Dave H. will look into.

New Business:

- M/S/A to let Brenda Garoutte use the church basement for a wedding shower on April 22nd.
- An inspection of the elevator was done. Found that the phone wasn't working. Something was wrong outside and it has been fixed.
- Have two background checks to do for Robin and Cole.
- Dave Sanken will get tiling bids from contractors and bring to the next meeting
- M/S/A to accept Grant Karl's request for transfer. Karen will take care of the paper work needed.
- M/S/A to move forward with the installation of the new speaker system. Dave S. and Chandler will begin to do the wiring this week. Project should be completed in a couple of weeks!

Task list for March:

- Update memorial plaque/book – LeaEtte will take care of book.
- Update visitors brochure/website – Pam/Chandler
- Adjust clocks & steeple timer – Dave H. / Dave S.

There were no suggestions in the box.

Our next council meeting will be Wednesday, April 12th @ 7:00

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Martin /Secretary

April 12th, 2017

Council Members Present: All council members and Pastor Bob were present.

Dave Huebert called the meeting to order.

Pastor Bob opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional from Matthew 21:12.

Pastor's Report:

** Visitation: Lillian Nemitz, Maynard Rannow, Jerry Mickolichuk, Loren Mielke, Dave Streeter, Joyce Karl, Albion Plath, Mylan Dolezal, Denny & Deb Schwanke, Kari & Jason Eischens, Laura Schaefer & Troy Anderson.

** Eli Sladek will be examined and confirmed on May 7, 2017. I purchased a confirmation gift/card from the church.

** Recommendation that we receive Eli Sladek as a member of St. John's on the basis of confession of faith.

** We have three high school seniors who graduate this spring: Chase Blackbird, Austin Field, and Robin Swift. I will also purchase gifts/cards for the graduates on behalf of the church. Graduate recognition is scheduled for May 21st.

The secretary's minutes were approved from the March 7th meeting.

Glen gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$13,523.94 with an ending balance of \$15,916.23. This report was approved as given.

- Designated Funds - \$11,568.17
 - Benevolence - \$1,306.15
 - Building - \$3,985.00
 - Choir - \$770.97
 - Memorial - \$3,484.04
 - Pastoral - \$0.00
 - Sunday School/VBS - \$352.01
 - Youth Group - \$90.00
 - Cemetery Fund - \$1,580.00
 - Women's Guild Fund - \$0.00
- General Fund - \$4,348.06

Gene reported that the building fund has a balance of \$133,778.73. This report was approved as given.

Old Business:

- Pam will be updating the policy book with several new forms since the last update.
- The sound system has been installed and is completed. Total cost of this project was \$5,880.64. Kudos to all that helped get this accomplished!! A couple of the old speakers will be offered to anyone that would like them.
- The phone in the elevator still had some issues. Dave S. and Dave H. had someone check on it and also replaced the batteries for the door's opener/closure.
- Dave H. and Randy installed a new light in the kitchen. Thank you!
- Will be fixing the weather stripping on the front door jam.
- Still waiting for the two background check information to come back.
- Pam updating visitor brochure. She will contact Chandler to update the website as well.

New Business:

- Celine helped the Council by writing a policy for scholarships.
- Information on Access Lift for the elevator will be added to the policy book.

- Dave Sanken obtained bids from a couple of contractors regarding the tiling. A motion was made and accepted to award the bid to Glen Farenbaugh at a cost of \$5,000.00. He will be able to start and complete this project in a couple of weeks.
- Pam to make a wording change to the Usher/Greeter duties to make sure to turn on/off the amplifier located in the back of the church.
- M/S/A to accept Eli Sladek into membership through confession of faith.
- M/S/A to accept the policy on scholarships as written. Pam will update policy book.
- M/S/A to transfer \$5,000.00 from general fund to building fund.
- M/S/A to move \$20,000.00 from the Citizens Bank building fund to the Van Guard building fund.

Task list for April:

- Church/grounds assessment – Will be doing before our next meeting
- Get burning permit – Dave H. taking care of.
- Pay 1st half taxes – Gene already took care of.
- Change furnace filters – Will get done.

There was one suggestion in the box. *It would be nice if we could come up with a way to identify those that are on our 150th Anniversary Picture for future reference.* Dave H. will talk to LeaEtte to see if she has any suggestions on how to do that.

The cemetery board let us know that we will be using the same lawn service as last year.

Our next council meeting will be starting @ 6:30 on Wednesday, May 10th to assess the church/grounds.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Martin /Secretary

Sunday School Happenings

Last Sunday of Sunday School is May 21st!

Send your kids on an imaginative, impacting adventure at Vacation Bible School- "MAKER FUN FACTORY", Created by GOD, Built for a Purpose! We will experience amazing experiments, creative games, lip-smacking snacks, surprising adventures and incredible music. The fun begins on Sunday, July 9 and ends on Wednesday, July 12 from 6:00-8:15. We will have signs up on the back bulletin board for registration, teachers, helpers, decorations and snack donations! If you have any other questions or ideas, see Jodi Sanken. The excitement is building!

We are in need of 2 part time teachers for the upcoming Sunday school year.

St. John's Youth Page



Trapshooting at the Blackbirds



What we've been doing:

- February 11th we had a trap shooting day at Blackbirds house. The weather was perfect and we all had a great time!!!
- February 26th was the Lenten Fair was brought back by the youth group. There was a pot lunch following church then many craft activities enjoyed by members of all ages.
- April 9th the youth group served 73 people at Palm Sunday breakfast.

Looking Ahead:

- May 3rd will be flower delivery day. We will meet at Swifts at 6PM. We will eat dinner and then help sort and load flowers as needed. We should be done at 8 so you can take the flowers you sold and deliver them. We will also recognize our graduates Austin Field, Chase Blackbird, and Robin Swift.
- May 17th from 7-8 Jessica will lead our last Bible study for this school year.
- May 24th we will package food for Feed the Children. We will go to Bethlehem U M Church in Hutchinson from 4:30 to 7:30. Members of the congregation are invited to participate with us. A light lunch will be served.
- Additional summer activities to be scheduled. Group texts will be sent.

For more information about the youth group contact: Andrea Wigern at 320-234-6454 or Roxanne Sladek at 320-455-7218.

Church Happenings...



Some of the many talented people of our church family,
Jessica, Adam, Isaac, Robin, Ashley, and Grace

Lenten Fair



Lenten Fair continued;



Palm Sunday Breakfast; from the young to the "young old" helping each other!!



Palm Sunday Worship Service



Palm Sunday- the youth band



St. John's quartet sings on Good Friday "Stepping on a Cloud"

Palm Sunday Service continued



Palm Sunday-Sunday School singing



"Pastor Bob models a few winter accessory item's from St. John's lost and found to help illustrate a spiritual truth during his Children's Sermon.... Jesus is on a Lost and Found mission for those who walked away from God."

News Flash:

Lea Ette would like to share a plate with a photo of St. John's church when it was known as St. John's Evangelical & Reformed Church. She has 3 of them.

The Adult Training & Habilitation Ctr. has discontinued taking used Christmas Lights.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

*Confirmation is Sunday, May 7th during worship service. Eli Sladek is being confirmed and also has asked to become a member the same day.
Welcome to St. John's Family Eli.*

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be on May 21st. Graduates are: Chase Blackbird, Austin Field, Robin Swift.

Summer Hours begin Sunday May 28th!!! 9:30 a.m.

Ice Cream Social, is coming up on June 8th!! Need all the help we can get.

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

Kari Eischens Birthday 4/11

P.O. Box 36

Silver lake, MN. 55381

Joyce Karl Birthday 11/15

Harmony River Living Center -Room 229 Phone # 320-552-2171

1555 Sherwood St. S.E.

Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Jerry Micholichek Birthday 8/27

448 California St. N.W. #49

Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Maynard Rannow Birthday 11/5

Cedar Crest of Silver Lake #114

1401 Main St. W.

Silver Lake, MN. 55381

David Streeter Birthday 2/01

14508 Pheasant Rd.

Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Jean Taylor Birthday 5/28

5657 Radford Ave.

Otsego, MN. 55374

CHURCH LEADERS FOR 2017

PASTOR

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Cell: 612-644-0628

COUNCIL

President: David Huebert864-4724
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Fin. Sec. Randy Knick..... 320-296-5649
Bldg.Fund Gene Konerza 320-510-2180

WOMEN'S GUILD 2017

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Vice Pres Lea Ette Peters864-3282
Sec. Susie Blackbird.....583-1025
Treasurer Brenda Schaefer864-6745
Sunshine Chairman: Elaine Carrigan 864-3330

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Jeremy Field 320-582-0319
Jerome Karl 320-587-7702
Warren Kaufmann 320-587-5676

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

Julie Karl587-7702
Jon Block..... 320-296-4417
Elaine Carrigan.....864-3330

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & SUBSTITUTES 2017

Preschool-1st

Dawn Huebert, Brenda Garoutte

K-2nd grade

Jodi Sanken, Andrea Wigern

3rd-5th

Bridget Block, June Knick

6th-8th grade

Susie Blackbird

Young Adult Class

Michelle Alsleben, Kathy Trimbo

Substitute List

Roxanne Sladek 320-455-7218
Celine Swift 320-864-6188

YOUTH GROUP LEADERS

Roxanne Sladek..... 320-455-7218
Andrea Wigern 320-234-6454

CHURCH SECRETARY & RECORDS UPKEEP

Records Upkeep: Karen Konerza864-4554

Job Sign-ups 2017

CUSTODIANS

January.....Sladeks
February..... Swift
March..... Knick.
April.....Schaefer
May.....Alsleben
JuneMavis & Elaine
July.....Sanken
August..... Senske
September Block
OctoberGaroutte
November Wright
December 3rd.....Trimbo
10th Trimbo
17th
24thChristmas Eve
JANUARY 2018Sladek

USHERS

January.....Sladek
February..... Swift
March..... Blackbird
April.....Schaefer
May.....Alsleben
June Konerza
July Konerza
August..... Huebert
September Block
OctoberGaroutte
November Wright
December 3rd Trimbo
10th Trimbo
17th
24th Christmas Eve.....
January 2018 Sladek

ALTAR GUILD

January..... Sladek
February..... Swift
MarchBlackbird
April
May..... Alsleben
June.....Lea Ette.
JulySanken
AugustAlice K.
SeptemberBlock
October Garoutte
November Rose
December 3rd Trimbo
10th Trimbo
17th.....
24th Christmas Eve.....
JANUARY 2018..... Sladek

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Summer hours begin on the 28th!!!	1	2 Joe B.	3 Bridget B.	4	5 Don P.	6 Sarah F. Kim M. Mariyah S.
11 Communion Confirmation	8	9	10 Bonnie K.	11	12 Sue R.	13
14	15 Pastor Bob	16 Dave Sanken	17 Eli S.	18	19 Dennis S. Angela U.	20 Cody & Cory R.
21 Graduate Recognition : Chase B. Austin F. Robin S.	22	23	24 Rachel M. Marion P.	25 Jessica A.	26	27
28 9:30 Worship Mary Ann F. June K. Rachel S. Jean T.	29	30	31			

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Cory G.
4 Communion	5	6	7 Mary H. Nita V.	8 Ice Cream Social Cameron M.	9	10 Lillian N.
11 Alan K.	12	13 Chandler S. David Swift	14	15	16	17 Oakley S.
18	19	20	21 Gary F.	22	23 Ashley A.	24
25 Jon B.	26	27	28 Charlee B. Dave Huebert Alex S. Danielle S.	29	30	

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Communion	3 Kyle W.	4	5	6 Laura Streeter	7	8 Dawn N.
9 VBS←-----	10 VBS-----	11 VBS-----	12 VBS-----→ Connor M.	13 Owen R.	14	15
16	17	18 Alan M.	19	20	21 Jeremy F.	22 Eric R. Tom S.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Andy M.
30	31					

***“Opportunity may knock once,
but temptation bangs on the front door forever!”***

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Information for the next newsletter will be due July 25th, you can bring your input to me at the church, or mail it to me (821 Baxter Ave, Glencoe) or email me or chubbers67@gmail.com *Karen Konerza*

