

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

### ***Aug., Sept., and Oct., 2022***

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## Pastor Bob & Mary's Farewell

June 12, 2022



*Joe Blackbird recognizing their years of wonderful service and presenting gift* Farewell  
continued:





**Farewell continues:**



*The children's message*



***Pastor Bob and Mary, thank you both for being a big part of St. John's family for 20 plus years!***

## **Council Minutes**

### **May 11, 2022**

**Council Members Present:** All council members and Pastor Bob were present with the exception of Elmer Baysinger.

Joe called the meeting to order. Pastor Bob opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional from Psalm 11.

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

\*\* Pastor Bob visited Betty Benjamin, Margie Block, Charlie Block, Jan Alsleben (planning her mother's funeral) and Maynard Rannow. (Received a call from Maynard's sister that Maynard has Covid).

\*\* Confirmation went well. Zachary is a great young man and Dawn & Mike are great parents. A card and gift from the Church were presented to him.

\*\* High school graduates will be recognized. Most years it's the second Sunday in June but would like Council approval as this is my last Sunday. (Council discussed. Pastor Bob will call the parents of the graduates and see which Sunday works best for most).

\*\* Informed the Council of the Study Guide he used for Confirmation classes.

\*\* I count it a privilege to have served St. John's Church as pastor. I also count it a privilege to have served with each of you on the Council...some multiple times. St. Johns will always have a special place in my, Mary's and Laylah's heart!

The secretary's minutes were approved from the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Karen gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$483,962.61 with an ending balance of \$492,049.92

- Designated Funds - \$11,537.68
  - Cemetery Spraying - \$0
  - Memorial - \$6,819.49
  - Benevolence - \$1579.15
  - Building – \$633.00
  - Choir - \$731.04
  - Cemetery Fund - \$1,448.00
  - Sunday School/VBS - \$94.00
  - Youth Group - \$8.00
  - Pastoral Fund - \$200.00
  - Casey Blackbird Fund - \$25.00
- General Fund Endowment - \$440,508.30
- General Fund - \$40,003.94

Brian gave the building fund report. After first half taxes were paid the Citizen's Bank balance is \$15,432.41 and the Vanguard account balance is \$45,747.42.

All financial reports were approved as given.

#### **Old Business:**

- Teacher recognition will be May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Joe met with Frank, the electrician, regarding the photo sensor light by the front door. Bid came in at around \$1,000.00 which includes 4 lights, new timer, a light for the steeple, and labor. M/S/C to go ahead with this project. LED lights for the basement are tabled.
- A huge thank you goes out to the women's guild who purchased two shelves for the book shelf that is in the front entrance! Also, a big thanks to Gene Konerza for his craftsmanship for making the two shelves into one and installing!!

#### **New Business:**

- Grounds assessment was done. Brian will call a couple of businesses to get bids on power washing the siding of the Church. Preferably before the IC Social. Cory will fill in dirt along foundation where it has washed away when he has time. The council will assess the parking lot next year. Usually gets resealed and striped every 3 years. Last done 7-16-20.

- Dave Swift is looking into fixing the problem that is making the floor “float” in the hallway to the Faith Center.
- Pastor Bob wanted some discussion on charging non members for Church use. He felt that the policy that is in place was to discourage just anybody coming off the street wanting to make use of the Church. A couple of events were recently done at our Church that involved faithful families that have been long time members. M/S/C to return the fee that was charged to have a shower at the Church. Council will look at re-wording the current policy at the next meeting.
- Cory is still looking into options for an automatic door opener for the front entrance.
- Joe will be meeting with IPM (Interim Pastor Ministries) next Thursday to discuss options for an Interim Pastor while the search committee continues to work on finding a full time Pastor. Barry Marchent has volunteered to be the Interim Pastor. Council will discuss after Joe’s meeting with IPM.
- Pay was also discussed for the Interim Pastor.

#### **Task list or May:**

- Clean out files (*June*)
- Update newspaper/website hours (*Karen/done automatically*)
- Change Sign (*Joe*)
- Honor Graduates (*Pastor Bob will see which Sunday works best*)
- Call cleaning service to schedule cleaning after IC Social (*Pam*)
- Clean septic filter (*Glen Sladek*)
- Faith Center thermostat to A/C
- Review usher/altar/custodian duty list (*Council will fill in where needed*)
- Test phone/elevator (*done*)

There was a suggestion in the box that toilet paper needs to be restocked. (*Done*)

Our next council meeting will be Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 due to the I/C Social on Thursday.

M/S/C to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Martin /Secretary

#### **June 7, 2022**

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

Joe called the meeting to order. Pastor Bob opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional from Proverbs Chapter 7.

#### **Pastor’s Report:**

**\*\*** Pastor Bob did not have a report tonight. Being it was his last meeting he again thanked the council for everything they do and appreciated all that St. John’s Church has done for him and his family.

The secretary’s minutes were approved from the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Karen gave the treasurer’s report. The beginning balance was \$492,049.92 with an ending balance of \$496,671.76

- Designated Funds - \$12,892.68
  - Cemetery Spraying - \$100.00
  - Memorial - \$6,785.49
  - Benevolence - \$1915.15
  - Building – \$824.00
  - Choir - \$731.04
  - Cemetery Fund - \$1,654.00
  - Sunday School/VBS - \$100.00
  - Youth Group - \$8.00
  - Pastoral Fund - \$725.00
  - Casey Blackbird Fund - \$50.00
- General Fund Endowment - \$440,508.30

- General Fund - \$43,270.78

Brian gave the building fund report. The Citizen's Bank balance is \$15,435.17 and the Vanguard account balance is \$46,733.37.

All financial reports were approved as given.

#### **Old Business:**

- The photo sensor lights by the front doors are installed and look great!! Thanks, Joe, for all your work on getting these put in! We are still working on the timer and flood light for the steeple.
- High school graduates were recognized June 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Dave Swift working on getting the "floating" floor figured out in the hallway of the Faith Center.
- Cory is in the process of checking into a handicap button for the front door.
- Joe and Pam cleaned out a few things in the filing cabinet prior to the meeting.
- Pressure washing the church is tabled.

#### **New Business:**

- Zach Zeleke and Haily Martin were voted in as new members via text. Also voted into new membership were Braden and Makala Wigern and Kyle and Jayme Sparby. WELCOME!!
- While changing the service time on the outside sign, the plexiglass broke. Joe will see to it that it gets fixed.
- Pam has scheduled David Trimbo to come and clean the carpets on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Karen asked if we could purchase extra forever stamps as the price of stamps is going up soon. Council approved that purchase.
- **Task list for June:**
  - Ice Cream Social

There was a suggestion in the box that toilet paper needs to be restocked. *(Done)*

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M/S/C to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Martin /Secretary

#### **July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Council Members Present:** All council members were present.

Joe called the meeting to order and opened it with prayer. He also informed the council that Barry Marchant will be our Interim Pastor. Joe will be meeting with him to answer any questions Barry has.

The secretary's minutes were approved from the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Karen gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$496,671.76 with an ending balance of \$494,621.62

- Designated Funds - \$13,320.68
  - Cemetery Spraying - \$225.00
  - Memorial - \$6,835.49
  - Benevolence - \$2197.15
  - Building - \$941.00
  - Choir - \$731.04
  - Cemetery Fund - \$2,231.00
  - Sunday School/VBS - \$102.00
  - Youth Group - \$8.00
  - Pastoral Fund - \$25.00
  - Casey Blackbird Fund - \$25.00
- General Fund Endowment - \$440,508.30
- General Fund - \$40,792.64

Brian gave the building fund report. The Citizen's Bank balance is \$15,107.70 and the Vanguard account balance is \$45,197.05.

All financial reports were approved as given.

#### **Old Business:**

- Joe is still working on the timer and flood light for the steeple.
- Dave Swift working on getting the “floating” floor figured out in the hallway of the Faith Center.
- Cory is in the process of checking into a handicap button for the front door.
- The plexiglass for the outside sign is cracked. Cory volunteered to replace it.

#### **New Business:**

- Joe asked the council their opinion on having the Ice Cream Social again next year. It was unanimous that it should be held again provided that we have a committee that volunteers at the annual meeting.
- The council met with the search committee. Susie reported where the committee was at with their search process. The committee requested an updated membership list which Karen will provide to them. Wayne Alsleben is in the process of updating our “welcome” verbiage for the web site and visitor’s brochure. Chandler will make the updated changes along with current phone numbers on the website and new brochures will be printed. Also requested was an updated job description which Pam will work on and an updated Pastor contract.

#### **July Task List:**

- Review Constitution/Policies – *In process*
- Review supply list – *Elmer*
- Review who needs background check – *Council reviewed. None are up for renewal but some new members may need them.*
- Review Heatwole check list – *Brian will make sure everything is brought out and done according to list.*
- Change furnace filters – *Cory*
- Review usher/altar/custodian duty lists – *Council filled in where needed*
- Test elevator/phone - *Elmer*

There was a suggestion in the box: *Check into additional/repair of ear buds/amps. (Listening devices) Joe will talk with Dave Swift on his thoughts.*

Our next council meeting will be Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00.

M/S/C to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Martin /Secretary

## ***Sunday School Happenings:***

The Sunday School ended the year with a lesson about salvation, an Amazing Race and Root Beer floats...

"God's Surprises." This was a preview of Vacation Bible School.

Monumental Vacation Bible School started on July 31. We had about 25 participants celebrating God's Greatness. The lessons were about Joseph and his adventures, Jesus' death and resurrection. Each night the kids experienced engaging music, the Bible lesson adventure, imagination station, games (hayride) and Oasis Tasty treats. Thanks to Grace Bible Church for donating many of the decorations!

Upcoming dates: August 3- Last night of VBS

August 10 at 6:00- Sunday School planning meeting

September 11- Sunday School starts

September 25- VBS slideshow and kids sing during church

**We continue to look for volunteers to teach Sunday school. We can be flexible with part-time or subbing!!!**



*Palm Sunday*



*Last Sunday of Sunday School:*



*Last Sunday of Sunday School*





*VBS here we come! Grace Bible Church Silver Lake to St. John's rural Hutchinson!*



## *Youth Group Happenings:*

### *Flower Sale Pickup at the Swift's*



### *Youth Group happenings:*



## Attention Youth Group!

Join us for another amazing St. Johns Youth Lock -In on Aug. 12-13!

Mark your calendars and invite a friend!

Fun activities, great food and friendship begins at 6 p.m. on August 12 until 6 a.m. on August 13 at St. Johns.

Bring your sleeping bag and pillow.

Please R.S.V.P to either Dawn or Andrea by August 8 at [dawn-norrbom@gmail.com](mailto:dawn-norrbom@gmail.com) or [andreawigern@gmail.com](mailto:andreawigern@gmail.com)

## Church Happenings:

*Veteran's Honored with quilts , May 29<sup>th</sup>*



**James Peters, Jeff Brandel, Mike Martin and Gene Konerza**  
**Missing was Andy Mielke**

*Ice Cream Social June 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Night before-set up and getting food prepared!!*





## Ice Cream Social, night of social



**Pastor Bob offering the prayer**



***Now for the FOOD!!!***



***Casey Blackbird doing the worship service for us on July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Thank you Casey, you'll be a wonderful minister!***

### **Common Cup Corner**

\* It's that time of year again... Time to think Back-to-School. Common Cup Ministry is accepting donations of school supplies. There is a collection box by the Common Cup Corner table at church. St. John's Church has been challenged specifically to collect backpacks and #2 Ticonderoga pencils (preferably pre-sharpened), but there is a longer list of needed items at the church if you'd prefer to donate something else. Cash donations are appreciated as well.

\* Common Cup will be distributing school supplies on August 17th (Hutchinson) and August 18th (Glencoe). If you know of anyone in need of supplies, there are forms on the Common Cup table in the back of the church to sign up for the school supply distribution. Sign up deadline is 8/5/22.

\* The next warm coat distribution will be coming up late September or early October. We already collected coats earlier this spring, so there won't be a formal collection this fall. But if you have any warm winter coats/boots/snowpants, get them to Celine Swift and she will get them delivered.

\* Questions about anything above? Contact Celine Swift.

### **Mark your Calendars:**

**July 31<sup>st</sup>-Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> VBS 6 p.m.—8:15 p.m.**

**Aug. 12-13 Youth Lock-in 12<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. to. 13<sup>th</sup> 6 a.m.**

**Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> Heatwole Worship**

**\*\*\*\*Sept. 11th Fall Hours begin Sunday School 9:15 a.m.\_**

**Worship Service 10:30 a.m.**

**Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> VBS slide show during worship service and children singing**

**Remember these members in prayer or with a card or note**

**Joel Buckentin Birthday 12/23  
235 Grant St.  
Glencoe, MN. 55336**

**Kari Eischens Birthday 4/11  
P.O. Box 36  
Silver Lake, MN. 55381**

**Gary Frahm Birthday 6/21  
Mary Ann Frahm Birthday 5/28  
430 Front St.  
Glencoe, MN. 55336**

**Randy Knick Birthday 11/28  
1388 Braford St.  
Hutchinson, MN. 55350**

**Maynard Rannow Birthday 11/5  
1401 Main St. W.  
Silver Lake, MN. 55381**

**Dick Swift Birthday 11/01  
1420 Prairie Ave. #119  
Glencoe, MN. 55336**

**Paul Volker Birthday 9/07  
(Brenda Garoutte's Dad)  
313 4<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Apt. 109  
Sleepy Eye, MN. 56085**

**Juanita von Wold Birthday 6/07  
1096 Sherwood St. S.E.  
Hutchinson, MN. 55350**

**Duane Wigern Birthday 10/30  
Gloria Wigern Birthday 2/25  
425 Grant St.  
Glencoe, MN. 55336**

**Rev. Ronald Ziemer Birthday 4/28  
1468 Michigan Ave.  
Detroit Lakes, MN. 56501**

## ***CHURCH LEADERS FOR 2022***

### **PASTOR**

Interim: Barry Marchant 952-210-2633

Email barryjmarchant@cfs.com

### **COUNCIL**

President: Joe Blackbird 325-583-1026

V. Pres. Pam Martin ..... 320-510-0493

Treas. Karen Konerza.....864-4554

Sec. Elmer Baysinger ... 320-583-3713

Fin. Sec. Cory Garoutte 320-583-1475

Bldg. Fund: Brian Alsleben... 864-6745

### **WOMEN'S GUILD 2021**

President Lea Ette Peters.... 864-3282

Vice Pres. Juile Karl.....587-7702

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

Treasurer Brenda Schaefer...864-6745

Sunshine Chr: Elaine Carrigan 864-3330

Children's Church

Totes ..... Mary Taylor

### **CEMETERY BOARD**

Dave Huebert..... 320-864-4724

Warren Kaufmann ..... 320-587-5676

David Swift..... 320-864-6188

### **BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE**

Elaine Carrigan... .....864-3330

Mavis Mielke .....320-328-5339

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & SUBSTITUTES 2021-2022**

**Preschool- Kindergarten** Leslie Smith

**Grade 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>**

Dawn Norrbom, Jodi Sanken

**5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

June Knick-Andrea Wigern

**Young Adult Class**

Michelle Alsleben – Joe Blackbird

### **Substitute List:**

Ashley Alsleben

Brenda Garoutte

Joe & Susie Blackbird

### **YOUTH GROUP LEADERS**

Andrea Wigern andreawigern@gmail.com

Dawn Norrbom dawnnorrbom@gmail.com

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

Karen Konerza..... 320-864-4554

cell 320-510-4859

## **Job Sign-Ups 2022**

### **COMMUNION & ALTAR PREP**

January ..... Bob & Mary  
February .....Swift  
March .....Blackbird  
April..... Alsleben  
May 1<sup>st</sup> ...Lea Ette & Doug  
    8<sup>th</sup> .....  
    15<sup>th</sup> .....  
    22<sup>nd</sup> .....  
    29<sup>th</sup> .....  
June ..... Elaine& Alice  
July ..... Konerza  
August ..... Lea Ette & Nita  
September.....  
October ..... Garoutte  
November .....  
December .....  
**24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve .....**  
January 2023 .....

### **CUSTODIAN**

January .....Bob & Mary  
February .....Swift  
March..... Blackbird  
April..... Alsleben  
May 1<sup>st</sup> .....  
    8<sup>th</sup> ..... Glen Sladek  
    15<sup>th</sup> .....  
    22<sup>nd</sup> .....  
    29<sup>th</sup> ..... Knick  
June .....Smith  
July .....Julie Karl  
August..... Sanken  
September .....Smith  
October ..... Garoutte  
November .....  
December.....  
**24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve.....**  
January 2023.....

### **USHER/GREETER**

January .....Bob & Mary  
February ..... Swift  
March..... Blackbird  
April .....Alsleben  
May ..... Lea Ette & Doug  
    8<sup>th</sup> ..... Glen Sladek  
    15<sup>th</sup> .....Elmer & Marcie  
    22<sup>nd</sup> .....Elmer & Marcie  
    29<sup>th</sup> .....  
June ..... Konerza  
July ..... Konerza  
August.....  
September .....  
October..... Garoutte  
November.....  
December .....  
**24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve.....**  
January 2023 .....



## August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
VBS 6 P.M.- 8:15 P.M.	1 VBS	2 Maggie B. Brenda G. VBS	3 VBS	4 Chase B.	5	6
7 Communion	8	9	10	11 Annie B. Raelyn S.	12 YOUTH LOCK-IN 6 P.M.	13 LOCK-IN TO 6 A.M.
14 Heatwole Service 9:30 a.m.	15	16	17	18	19	20 Taylor M.
21	22 Elaine C.	23	25 Evan K.	25	26	28 Glen B. Mavis M.
29	30 Andrea W.	31 Stephaine M.				

## September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Noah E. Gene K. Alyssa M.	1	2	3
4 LAST Summer Hours Communion	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 <u>Fall hours</u> <u>S.S. 9:15 a.m.</u> <u>Worship 10:30</u> <u>a.m.</u>	12 Deb S.	13 Carly E.	14	15	16	17
18	19 Jerome K.	20	21	22	23	24 Holden M. Jayden S.
25 VBS slide show in church & Children sing.	26	27	28	29 Adam G.	30 Lucile B.	

## *October 2022*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Hailey S.
2 Communion	3 Hailey M. Pam M.	4 Grace G.	5	6	7	8 Sandi S. Dylan W.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Alice K. Doug M.
16 Zach Z.	17 Curt P.	18	19	20 Dean F.	21	22
23	24	25	26 Alex K.	27 Leah S. Braden W.	28	29
30 Duane W.	31					

### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Information for the next Newsletter will be needed by Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, you can give it to me at church or email it to me at [chubbers67@gmail.com](mailto:chubbers67@gmail.com).



