

April 2022

St. John's Lutheran Church

Church Bell



From the Desk of Pastor Ryan



We have arrived at April and that means it is one of my favorite times of the year: Spring! Not only is it great because we get to enjoy warmer weather after a long and cold winter, but we also get to enjoy flowers blooming and gardens growing. When we bought our first house, I could not wait to plant a flower garden and enjoy its beauty. I thought for sure I would love gardening! Turns out.. it's hard work. You have to water, weed, fertilize and more, often in the hot sun. I guess I don't enjoy gardening as much as simply looking at the flowers. Unfortunately, without that work things don't grow very well.

God's Word, which is truth, compares the life of a follower of Jesus to a garden. And when it comes to this garden, it is pretty straight forward how to make it grow. Isaiah 58:11 says, "The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a

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Worship Times:

Saturday 5:00 pm (contemporary)

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am (traditional)

KRWC 1360AM broadcast at 8:00 am

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Jan Larson

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Bill Elletson

Dave Haggerty

Russ Hill

Tom Kortisses

Jed Larson

Tom Merrick

Matt Russell

Lee Ryan

Tony Sabraski

Dave Teske

Board Chairs

Altar Guild: Dorothy Bowman

Education: Open

Outreach: Roger Strege

Fellowship: Open

Library: Cheryl Olsen/Shirley Elletson

Memorial Endowment/Investment:

Janice Marschel

Project Compassion: Sandi Baert

Decorating: Nicole Hills

Stewardship: Tim Vergin

Trustees: Scott Spadgenske

Women in Mission: Open

Office Hours:

Mon-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Newsletter Deadline:

Deadline for the May newsletter is **Monday, April 11th.**

Bulletin Deadline: Every Tuesday at midnight

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sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.”

The way for your life as a follower of Christ to have true beauty is to be connected to Jesus. As you remain connected to the Lord in prayer and meet Him in His Word, your life will be full of good fruit and beauty that will serve God and lead others to Him. As the Lord guides you, you will become like a well-watered garden. Through Him, you will grow. May you as the gardener remain connected to the Master Gardener that is Jesus this spring!

God’s Blessings,
Pastor Ryan



Quarterly Voter’s Meeting

**Sunday, April 24th at 9:15 AM
in the Fellowship Hall**

Reports are due by April 11th



LENTEN SCHEDULE



March 30 & April 6—

5 PM Supper, 6 PM Service

April 14—Maundy Thursday,

6 PM Maundy Thursday Worship

April 15—Good Friday,

12 PM Devotional Service

6 PM Good Friday Worship Service

April 16—Easter Saturday,

5 PM Easter Saturday Celebration Service

April 17—Easter Sunday,

6:30 AM Liturgical Easter Sunrise Service,

7-10 AM Easter Breakfast,

8 AM and 10:30 AM Resurrection
Celebration Worship Service



Lenten Suppers

Enjoy a good meal and good company!

Served Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00 pm



**** Free-Will Offering ****

We will need cookies, bars or any other treat that you might be able to donate for each supper. If you can help, please call Paul Nelson @ 402-910-6530 or the Church Office. Funds raised support the 2022 Youth Mission Trip.

Lenten Supper Menu and Schedule:

March 30 — Hotdish, Salad & Bread by Women in Mission

April 6—Potluck by Church Council

A graphic for Easter celebration. It features a dark blue background with a sunset or sunrise sky in shades of orange, pink, and purple. In the foreground, there are three crosses on a hill to the left and a large, dark, circular tomb entrance to the right, with a bright light emanating from inside. The text 'CELEBRATE' is in large, gold, serif capital letters at the top. Below it, 'The Resurrection' is in a gold, cursive script. To the right, 'at St. John's' is in a gold, serif font. At the bottom left, the dates and times are listed in gold, serif font.

CELEBRATE
The Resurrection
at St. John's

Saturday, April 16: 5:00 PM
Sunday, April 17: 6:30 AM,
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM

April

Ushers

8:00 Bill Elletson, Brian Jans,
Kyle Kreuger, Zach Loff,
Mark Ordorff

10:30 Todd & Steve Jones,
Beau Schmidt, Ben
Schmidt, Earl Moore,
Russ, Jenny & Isaac Hill,
Matt & Tonya Russell

Technology

The Jakob Annis
Sound Tim Berteau
& Robbie Ferdig
YouTube Milt Hagen
Team Dan Headley
Harland Headley
Trent Johnson
Tom Kortisses
Jill Marketon
Ludovic Marquette
Bill Morris
Connor Spadgenske
Bobbi Lindgren-Stevens

Contemporary Worship Team

The Deb Chapa
Team Josiah Clark
Pastor Clark
Lee Claseman
Aaron Kubasch
LeAnn March
Melissa Morris
Paul Nelson

Organists/Pianists

The Lois Borner
Team Deb Chapa
Josiah Clark
Penny Steele



Welcome Center Attendants for April:

Diana Ashwill
Elaine Fillmore
Nicole Hills
Dan & Chris Husom
Kathy Klemz
Lorrie Lepinski
Marlis Thomsen
Nancy Zumbusch

PEP

Come join us!

Enjoy some relaxed fun with
**PEP (People Enjoying
People)**. PEP meets on the
first and third Tuesdays of
every month in Room 119
by the Fellowship Hall. We
begin with a brief Bible
study followed by a variety
of activities which may
include joke telling, cards
and games. **In April we meet
on the 5th and the 19th
from 9-11:30 am.**

Coffee is served; come
whenever you can; stay as
long as you want. There is
no regular commitment.
The more the merrier.

THE LOONEY LUTHERANS



Sunday, May 8, 4 PM

Performing their special brand
of Lutheran humor!

Cheesecake & coffee will be served
prior to the performance.

St. John's Lutheran Church Family Life Center
302 NE 2nd Street, Buffalo

\$10 in advance / \$15 at the door

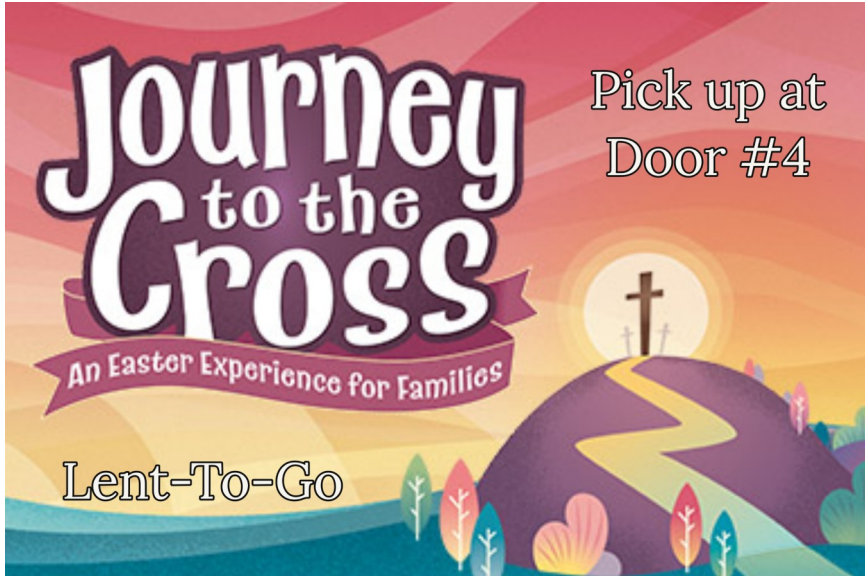
Purchase tickets at the church office,
Setterberg Jewelers or on
i-tickets.com



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Children & Family



As we get ready for Easter and try to understand God's great big love for us through his Son Jesus, the season of Lent can be hard for kids to understand. So we invite your family to pick up our Journey to the Cross Family Kit.

In each kit you will find...

- Family Devotions that are short and interactive!
- Crafts and activities for all ages!
- Fun new ways to pray and talk to God!
- Lots of fun extras!

Families can pick up a Journey to the Cross- Family Kit at Door#4.

**VBS Summer
2022**

July 25-28

**Mark your
calendars!**





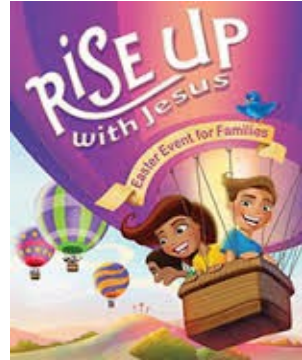
Easter Family Event

April 10th

9:00am-10:30am

Preschool– 4th grade

Join us for a morning of fun and activities all centered around the celebration of Easter. Kids and adults of all ages will get a chance to experience the Easter story in a hands on way.



From games, stories, music, crafts and even service opportunities, there is something for everyone! Parents are invited to join their child's class as they travel from different stations through out the morning. **There is no cost**, but we encourage everyone to invite a friend and bring the family for this morning of fun.

** There will be NO Sunday School for Preschool-4th graders on this day.



Operation Christmas Child Items for April:

For April, we will be collecting **ACCESSORIES!** This could include sunglasses, hair clips and bows, watches, play jewelry, etc. Thank you for continuing to donate throughout the year so that we can fill our boxes for this wonderful mission outreach!





April Birthdays

Benjamin Bremmer	4/1	Mayella Yonak	4/12
Remington Russell	4/1	Dave Haggerty	4/13
Mila Stoppelman	4/1	Aaden Jurgens	4/13
Finnegan DeWitte	4/2	John Klatt	4/13
Helen Klemz	4/2	Darby Rutten	4/13
Laura Stoppelman	4/2	Robert Kuhlmann	4/14
Anna Hultgren	4/3	Elaine Ash	4/16
Alise Zachman	4/3	Isaac Hill	4/17
Todd Peter	4/4	April Zea	4/17
Kathryn Baker	4/5	Allen Glessing	4/18
Katy Bauernschmitt	4/5	Michelle Elletson	4/19
Jeremy Gatz	4/5	Earl Moore	4/19
Samuel Johnson	4/5	Etta Eiden	4/20
Nicole Potter	4/5	Anna Kubu	4/20
Christy Warne	4/5	Lorrie Lepinski	4/21
Marnie Glessing	4/6	Cory Lyver	4/21
Don Lardy	4/6	Liam Erkens	4/22
Dawson VanLith	4/6	Donna Marschel	4/22
Dylan Dokkebakken	4/7	Jackson Erickson	4/23
Kaylee Henson	4/7	Karie Giebenhain	4/23
Dave Randel	4/7	Noah Karels	4/23
Ella Beste	4/8	Troy Meidinger	4/23
Wayne Ruckle	4/8	Amanda Annen	4/24
Annabelle Anderson	4/10	Tasha Jurgens	4/24
Boe Gregorich	4/10	Ronald Bruhn	4/25
Libby Johnson	4/10	Dawson Gearey	4/25
Jordyn Brown	4/11	Milo Westrum	4/25
Ardys Buskey	4/11	Veronica Ferdig	4/26
Stephanie Lindsley	4/11	Jonnie Forcier	4/26
Jayden Megaw	4/11	Shane Loberg	4/26
Joshua Froberg	4/12	Hudson Bremmer	4/27
Nicole Hills	4/12	Jack Rachwitz	4/27
Danielle Moeller	4/12	Avery Robeck	4/27

Lorelei Whitney	4/27
Kenley Biljan	4/28
Scott Hommerding	4/28
Roger Kath	4/28
Jackson Lehmberg	4/28
Nissa Munger	4/28
Christian Padgett	4/28
Dean Roskowiak	4/28
Ty Holland	4/29
Bailee Matzek	4/29
Tim Rajewsky	4/29
Ed Borner	4/30
Lilyanna Fieldseth	4/30



Anniversaries



Lonnie & Jerdis Thornton	4/2
Jory & Susan Louisiana	4/8
Curt & Jill VanLith	4/16
Luke & Lea Korbel	4/17
Doug & Julie Larson	4/17
Matt & Joy Decker	4/19
Dale & Evelyn Schmieg	4/23
Tracey & Heather Anderson	4/24
Paul & Deb Henning	4/25
Brian & Terri Kenmir	4/25



"Giving Change to Make a Change"

You may notice the golden envelopes by the offering plate each week labeled "Giving Change to Make a Change." Donations received in these offerings go toward our Benevolence Fund. These funds are used to meet the needs of persons/families who reach out to St. John's under dire financial situations. We often have Cub Foods and Holiday gas cards available for immediate needs. Pastor Clark meets and prays with individuals who request our help. Please consider using one of these "Giving Change" envelopes to occasionally donate. Don't see the gold envelopes? Ask an usher.



Noah's Ark Preschool



NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL

2022-23

NOW ENROLLING

What we offer:

- ✓ Christ-centered
- ✓ Classes for ages 3-5 with an extended day option
- ✓ Fully licensed and caring staff
- And so much more!

763-682-1883 or check out: www.stjohnsbuffalo.org

Announcements:

NO SCHOOL:
April 1-8 (Spring Break)

Graduation Celebration:
Wednesday, May 18th, 9:30 am

*** Now Hiring ***
Noah's Ark Preschool
is seeking a new
Director to join our
staff. For questions or
to learn more, contact
Kelly Thole or visit our
website.

Noah's Ark Preschool Board Members Needed

Board members meet once per month to support the teachers, review any needs or updates and help build the bridge between the preschool, the church, and the families. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping be a small part of this growing mission field, we would love to visit with you. Please contact Kelly Thole if interested.

To my Church Family:

Thank you for prayers, cards, and well wishes as I went through my leg surgery. All is going well and I praise God for His work through the doctor & nurses that I had. Love you all.

Peace & blessings, Kathy Klemz



St. John's Lutheran Church:

Thank you for being such a huge support for our family! Many of you have emailed, Facebooked, and even called us! These encouragements always come at the right time. Thank you for your love, prayers, and financial support! This is helping us to move forward where God wants us. Thank you for being beside us on this journey!

God bless, The Smiths—Josh, Whitney, Jordyn, Jayda and Jonah

Dear Members of St. John's:

You are all blessed to have Pastor Ryan Clark. His words of comfort were at our time of great sorrow. We thank Lynnette Smith and her great group of volunteers for serving funeral lunch and the organist, Penny—you are all angels.

God bless, The Jim Karie family—Doris, John, April, Alic, Sissy, and Jim's 4 year old nephew Lucas.

Jim is now fishing in the heavenly waters and free of pain.

Dear St. John's Family.

Words cannot express my gratitude for all the kindness and support provided prior to and after Kevin's passing. Especially to Pastor Clark, Penny Steele and Jill Marketon for doing his beautiful service. YouTube views are over 300; thanks to the Technology Team for your vision of the needs for St. John's. I am so blessed by my St. John's Family. Our God is a Gracious God.

Janice Marschel

Thank you to everyone at St. John's for your prayers, cards, and phone calls. Dale's open heart surgery went well and recovery is going great. We also thank you for your love and concern for us at the death of our daughter, Connie. She fought cancer for 14 years. God's blessings to you all,

Dale & Evelyn Schmieg

Youth



Youth Lenten Meals

Join us on **Wednesdays from 5-6 pm** for meals to support the youth mission trip (Free will donation). Youth are encouraged to help serve each meal, clean dishes, and other tasks. Sign up to help on the youth bulletin board.



3/30-LWML: Hotdish, salad, and bread

4/6-Church Council: Potluck



come support our youth summer mission trip!

St. John's Youth
EASTER BREAKFAST
Sunday, April 17th
7-10 am
Pancakes, eggs, sausages, pastries, and more!

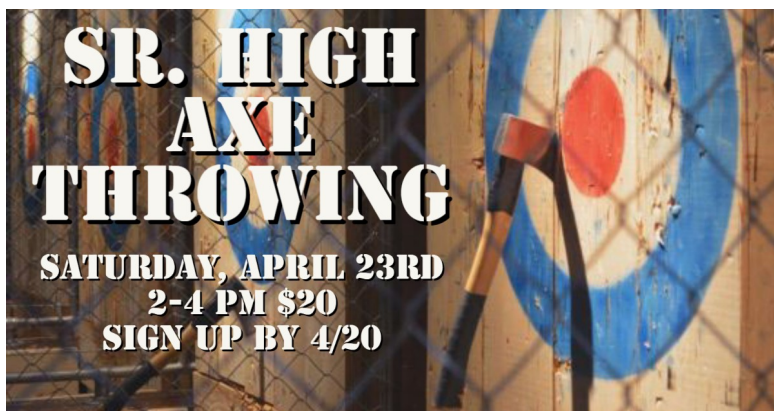
We are able to return to a normal Easter Breakfast and will be serving from 7-10 am! Youth will have two different shifts available to serve: 6:30-8 am and 8-10:30 am. You can sign-up here:

<https://bit.ly/3qagSAh>



Sr. High Youth Group Returns!

We didn't have Youth Group during Lent so if you haven't been to youth group in awhile, come join us April 20th and 27th from 6:30-8 pm!



Sr. High youth are invited to test their axe skills when we meet at MN Axe in Monticello on **Saturday, April 23rd from 2-4 pm!** Cost is \$20 and friends are welcome! Please sign up by Wednesday, April 20th here: <https://bit.ly/3lgnZEm>

April Servant Events



Sr. High
4/30 8 am-1 pm

Sr. High youth is taking their turn packing meals for kids around the world on **Saturday, April 30th**. We'll **carpool from church at 8 am and get back around 1 pm**. Youth cannot drive themselves to this event without a parent. Parents are welcome to join but must include themselves in registration! Please sign up no later than Wednesday, April 27th. You can sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3q70h5i>



Jr. High
4/30 9-11 am

Wrapped in Love is a non-profit in downtown Buffalo that provides clothing to families and children in need! Our **Jr. High youth** will be going there on **Saturday, April 30th from 9-11 am** to sort clothes and help at the store. There is not a lot of space in the store so we only can take 6 youth. Please sign up by Wednesday, April 27th by going here: <https://bit.ly/3waiXqA>

Jr. High Youth Group: April 10 and 24 at 5 PM.

* On April 10 we will be doing Stations of the Cross.

FREE FLIERS

A new fellowship group for those with an empty nest or facing an empty nest soon

**JOIN THE FUN
MEET NEW FRIENDS!
EMPTY NEST UP TO RETIREMENT AGE**

First event starting in April!
Contact Verdeen or Beth Langland
if interested!

Are you “empty-nesters” or facing an empty nest soon? A new group is forming at St. John’s called the FREE FLIERS. This group runs from the Empty Nest phase up to the start of retirement age. We will be offering social events through the spring/summer months, but are also hoping to expand into other possibilities in the future: mission work, Life Group studies—many options for growth! We will host the first time at church, with the hopes of doing events off-site after this.

Join us for our first event:

Friday, April 22 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Come and learn the game of BUNKO!

This dice game is a great mixer, doesn’t involve much talent, and includes prizes! **Please bring a snack to share.**

Sign up by April 20th by calling or emailing the church office, or you can sign up online: www.stjohnsbuffalo.org
If you have questions, please contact Verdeen or Beth Langland.

Would you like to get to know other women better?

Maybe you enjoyed the table discussions at our Chasing Vines Retreat or maybe you missed out on those conversations and would like a chance to have them. We have a free resource to help you get connected and conversing! IF: Table. Invite a few women to join you for conversation and we can provide the conversation cards with questions. You could meet at your home, a restaurant, coffee shop, or at church.

Reach out to Katherine Clark or go to iftable.com.



Special Ministries & Life Groups

LIFE Groups April 2022

Day/Time	Location	Facilitator	Topic
2nd/4th Tuesdays 9:15 AM	Church Rm 228	Katherine Clark	Women - <i>Jeremiah: Daring to Hope in an Unstable World</i> [ends April 12th]
Wednesdays 7:15 PM	Church Rm 229	Jan & Lib Larson	Marriage - Communication [Begins April 20th]
Thursdays 7:00 AM	Perkins	Jed Larson	Men's Study - <i>Old Testament - Patriarchs, Prophets, and Kings</i>
Thursdays 6:30 PM	Youth Rm	Pastor Chris Ryan	Men's Study - <i>Acts</i>
Thursdays 6:30 PM	Larson Home	Jed & Del Larson	Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table [Begins April 21st]
2nd Saturday 6:15 PM	Culvers	Various Hosts	Saturday Supper Club - Dinner + Conversation!
Sundays 9:15 AM	Room 121	Pastor Chris Ryan	Men's Class [Begins Sun, April 24th]
Sundays 12:30 - 2pm	Conference Rm 229	Gary Nalavenko, Pastor Taylor, Bob Libsock, LeAnn Fremo	GriefShare - 13 week session (join any week during session - Ends June 5th)



Were you unable to attend our Women's Retreat?

Here is an opportunity for a VIRTUAL women's conference you can participate in on your own timetable! Go to their website and look for the Virtual 2022 menu for more information!



Grieving the Death of a Loved One?

Find support and healing at GriefShare. GriefShare is a video seminar series that features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a Biblical perspective.



The group meets Sundays in Room 229 at 12:30 PM. Contact Gary Nalevanko or Pastor Taylor with any questions.

Ladies! The spring edition of the Lutheran Women's Quarterly magazine is here for you to pick up! They are located by the office, in the Narthex, and back of the FLC.



Women in Mission "Mites Sunday"

Our Women in Mission will have a "Mites Sunday" once per month to provide monies for the mission grants voted on at the LWML Minnesota South District Convention. Please consider giving an offering in our Mites Offering box as you leave worship or take home a box of your own and turn back in! Last month = \$329.51 **Thank you!**



**2022 Minnesota
FoodShare Campaign
Monday, Feb. 28—Sunday, April 17**

Minnesota FoodShare Campaign is the largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state and bring together community organizations, businesses, and faith communities to help stock nearly 300 food shelves state-wide.



If you would like to support our local food shelf, food donations may be brought to church and we will deliver them.

Monetary donations are accepted and appreciated!

By mail: P.O. Box 222, Buffalo, MN 55313

Online: buffalofoodshelf.com and click “donate now.”

Through the PayPal Giving Fund:

www.paypal.com/fundraiser/hub—enter “Buffalo Food Shelf”, select “Minnesota” for the state—make your donation.

Gold Envelopes: These envelopes are located next to the offering plate at the back of the Sanctuary.

The more food and dollars donated to the Buffalo Food Shelf during the March campaign, the more “Food Fund” dollars they will receive from Minnesota FoodShare.



Board Meeting Minutes 2/15/2022

Call to Order: Jan Larson

Open with Prayer: Pastor Ryan

Review of Agenda: Approved as written

Secretary's Report: Motion made to approve by Pastor Clark and seconded by Amy Klemz

Pastor Clark's Report: Written report with highlights as follows: 7th grade

Confirmation is done for the year. 8th grade will return after Easter Sunday & prepare for Confirmation Day. New Member Class had 19 present & they will be received in church on Sunday, February 20. Visitation Board: List is full. Pastor & Katherine will be out for the weekend of Feb. 26-27. 3 more weddings in June. Baptisms: 2 last weekend with 6 coming this weekend (all one family). Pastor Ryan's first baptism coming in a couple of weeks. Pastor Clark is so thankful for the church staff. Stacy Rutten had a Staff Retreat focusing on the Gifts & Talents that each one has. God Himself put the Staff Members together. Basketball Fellowship starts on Sunday, February 20. Ash Wednesday is March 2nd.

Pastor Ryan's Report: Written report with highlights as follows: Confirmation Class is paused with Lent starting. SMP work is completed. Enjoying the 2 Men's Bible Study groups. The Sermon Series "Thy Word Is Truth" had 2 sermons in a row. Pastor thanks everyone who attended his Ordination & showed their support. Shut-in Board is full. Bible Class Life Group with young adults 18-25 years old. This group is older than the youth & want to fit in needing a place to be. The topic is Spiritual Disciplines.

Youth Ministry: Written report with highlights as follows: Paul has been here for 3 months. Heggie's Pizza raised \$2,000 and will deliver on Sunday. Jr. High at River City Extreme had 45 youth & friends in attendance. Sr. High youth are doing Winter Olympics Events. Jr. High sledding went well. 12 people were there. Jr. High will be at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) on February 19. Mission Trip meeting on Feb. 23rd for the youth that plan to go. Electronics Show Concession Stand Fund-

raiser with Ham Radio. Lenten Meals this year with youth helping serve as follows: March 2: Youth Board: Spaghetti; March 9: Chili Cook-Off; March 16: PEP/Choir: Taco Salad; March 23: Elders Potluck; March 30: LWML: Hotdish; April 6: Church Council: Potluck. Paul has attended Basketball games & a Band Concert.

Children & Family Ministry: Written report with highlights as follows: Bingo went well. 60 people of all ages. "My Church" class for PreSchool & Kindergarten & Parents learned about the place we gather to praise & worship God. A "sanctuary crawl" gave the children a chance to be in church & stand behind the lectern, behind the altar, & other spots you'd find the pastor. Since Christmas Noah's Ark has had 3 teachers out. Ruttens came to the rescue. If subs are needed, please let Kelly know due to COVID. Parents & 1st Graders can attend "Teach me to Pray". A milestone class on March 13 & 20. Lent to Go—Journey to the Cross—Devotions & Activities you can do at home.

Noah's Ark Preschool: Written report with highlights as follows: There are 20 students registered for next year. An open house is scheduled for February 24th from 4-6 PM & is open to the community. Celebrating "I Love to Read" for February. The class brings in valentines for each other.

Special Ministries: Written report with highlights as follows: New Members will be received on February 20 with reception following the early service. Website Soft-launched in time for Preschool Registration. Working to update things that were pulled from the old website. Planning on launching the new Look of the Website at the end of March. Directory is doing well. Many people still have the opportunity to have pics taken. The hope is to have directories in hand by the end of March. A Women's Retreat/

Conference to be held on March 11 & 12. Free Fliers is a group starting with participants who are Empty Nesters. The first event will be April 22 with a Bunco Night led by Beth & Verdeen Langland. (We are working on a team to lead the group and rotate planning events). Saturday Supper Club is a hit with 25 people in the last 2 gatherings. GriefShare will be starting a new cycle in March. Email issues: If anyone is having trouble with sending or receiving Email or Gmail please call or text the church a call.

Financial Secretary & Treasurer Reports:

Jim Chapa presented the Monthly Financial Overview along with the Monthly Summary of Income & Expenses for January. General Fund Actuals for Jan: Contributions 83,954 Expenses 80,127 Net Ordinary Income 3,827 Missions 4,233 Checking 141,974 Savings 516,791(half is general fund money) Thank you to Jim & Amy for all they do.

New Business: Serving for Lenten Supper: Church Board duty is April 6 Potluck. Sign up sheet is being passed around.

Old Business: None at this time.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Elders: Pastors are getting aspects of liturgical service elements added to each service. People are responding to it well. Holy Spirit guiding the decisions & re-evaluating in 3-6 months. Need to fill Fellowship Club Position as Marti Ryan stepped down. There is praying about it. Elder Binders were made for all members & their advocate groups. All Elders are willing to read during services- Bill Elletson is bowing out. There may be some Youth Group or Confirmation Kids willing to read. Elder Board is serving Lenten Supper on March 23rd with a Potluck. January membership changes: Removed by death were Richard Haas & Joyce Uecker, moved to Texas are Bill & Reann Brown.

Trustees: RPZ(automatic sprinkling system) No work on it at this time. Snow removal: If anyone gets to church early & sees that shoveling needs to be done, go ahead & do some. NO DRINKS ALLOWED in the Sanctuary & Family Life Center.

Stains from liquid spills doesn't come out of the carpet very well. Jim Marty worked on lighting in the choir room, electrical

connections in youth room, & around the kitchenette. Thank you. A boy scout (Eagle Scout) in the congregation wants to do some work. The suggestion was to replace the overgrown trees by the front doors. The current trees have been there for about 40 years & pruning them is a bit dangerous. Purchasing new scrubs will cost \$2,000-3,000. The Board has given this 16 year-old Eagle Scout a "YES" to go ahead with this project. He is a congregation member. He will figure out how to raise the money & have help working on the new look. The Cross on the Roof is missing. The thought is that it may be on the Sanctuary Roof. Don't know for sure. The Chimney needs to have work done- there are cracks in a few places. The building is getting a face-lift.

Outreach/Evangelism: Al Anon is beginning again on April 28th. Bible Tracts to be coming at Easter Time. Welcome Center stand to be replaced with a permanent one with the cost of \$800-1,400. Also looking for a portable but sturdy one in the Noah's Ark area. Out of logo items for the gift bags. They will need to be refreshed. Missions have \$1,040 in misc. Impact Christian Academy Scholarship Association is meeting on Feb. 23rd at 6:30 pm. CCLS principal to come & talk to the congregation about Lutheran School Education. Fellowship: New Member reception on Feb. 20th.

Women in Mission: No report.

Library: 2 volunteers are working at cataloging books.

Technology: August Mussell is training on YouTube. Sounds are much better.

Stewardship: No report

Project Compassion: In the last meeting Valentine cards were signed & visiting continues as we help the pastors/elders.

Missions: Still on task

Decorating: Getting ready for Easter.

Other Business: Organ Pipes are a go ahead. If things take longer than 5 or 6 months, a loner organ will be provided. The Debenture Stand will be taken down.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Clark Submitted by: Kathy Klemz

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