

July 2022

St. John's Lutheran Church Church Bell



From the Desk of Pastor Ryan



Most people in the world today are incapable of being in silence. From the moment people wake up until the moment they go to sleep they are surrounded by noise. Some people can't even sleep without a sound machine! We are addicted to noise as a society. The problem with this particular addiction is that we miss out on some incredible benefits of silence that are mentioned in Scripture.

Being in silence helps you to better hear God. The louder the noise of the world is around you the more difficult it can be to listen to God. It is in our stillness and silence that we get to know Him all the better (Psalm 46:10). Sometimes it is in a whisper that God speaks to us (1 Kings 19:11-13).

Being in silence also helps you to be like Jesus, something that Scripture certainly tells us we are to do (1 Corinthians 11:1). Jesus would often get away from the noise of the world to just spend time in silence with God (Luke 5:16).

As you go about your business this month, make sure to take some time each day to get away from the noise of this world and be in silence with God. May you be like Jesus and hear the voice of God all the better.

Blessings, Pastor Ryan

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Saturday 5:00 pm (contemporary)
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am (traditional)
KRWC 1360AM broadcast at 8:00 am

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June Office Hours:

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

Fri. 8:30 AM-12:00 PM

Newsletter Deadline:

Deadline for the August newsletter is **Monday, July 18th.**

Bulletin Deadline: Every Tuesday at midnight



Congratulations to Pastor Clark for 20 years of Ministry!

Pastor Clark was ordained at his home congregation, Christ the King, Spencer, Iowa after graduating from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis on June 9, 2002. He was installed on June 30, 2002 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin where he served his first call as Associate Pastor. Rev. Tim Wenger was a wonderful mentor in pastoral ministry. Pastor Clark was blessed to also be mentored by a group of pastors and their wives who shared their experience in the gifts of the Holy Spirit through a monthly small group gathering. Though it was only three and a half years, lifelong friends were made in Rapids.

In the spring of 2006, Pastor and the family moved to Walden, New York in the Hudson River Valley to serve at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. For the first year and half he served as the associate pastor and then became their senior pastor for eight and a half years. Trinity was a unique ministry not only in its more charismatic style but also its evangelistic passion. Pastor Clark was mentored by Pastor Ray Cummings, Pastor Bob Griffin, and evangelist Bruce Carlson and introduced to new ways to do ministry. The children grew up in New York and the family will always have ties there!

After a prophetic dream was shared with Katherine in November of 2015, the couple was not surprised to receive a phone call from St. John's in Buffalo in April of 2016. (Though they were a little surprised to receive a follow up call after the way the first phone call had ended! ;-). Thanks, Dave Haggerty!) Pastor Clark began his ministry here at St. John's in August of 2016. In his own words, "Working with the staff, elders, leadership and congregation has been a joy! Thank you for the opportunity and privilege to serve as your pastor."

Vacation Bible School at St. John's



**Monday through Thursday,
July 25-28**

from 9:00 to 11:30 am

**Kids from age 3 through 4th grade
will have a great time singing,
watching skits, creating crafts and playing games.**

**MONUMENTAL VBS is filled with incredible
Bible learning experiences that kids see, hear,
touch and even taste! Kids will love God like never
before. Serve God like never before and have the
time of their lives doing it!**

**But we can't take this adventure without your
help! From donations, to registration, to teaching and
crew leaders, there are many places for you to be a
part of this adventure. See other side for ways you can
help make our 2022 VBS a success!**



How can I help with VBS?

- **VBS Set Up—July 23:** Its all hands on deck this year as we set up for VBS. Join us **Saturday, July 23rd** at 11:30 AM as we prepare for VBS the next day! Kids and adults can all be apart. The more hands, the faster we are done! Contact Kelly to help.

- **Volunteer to be a Crew Leader or Station Leader:**

Students in 5th grade through adults are invited to join us for a week of fun at VBS in a hands-on way!

- **Crew Leader:** Throughout the week kids travel in small groups to stations with their crews and leader. Crew leaders are not teachers! They're simply part of the Crew family. They participate in all the activities and encourage kids to talk about and apply what they are learning. Love kids, but hate to teach? This is the place for you.

- **Station Leader:** Instead of leading independent, isolated classes, Station Leaders see all the kids each day. There are seven different stations and kids will visit each one every day. Each station features a different Bible learning activity to meet the needs of different kinds of learners. Teachers will be in pairs for each station.



Sign up today or learn more:
stjohnsbuffalo.org/vbs
or contact Kelly at 763-682-1883 or
kthole@stjohnsbuffalo.org
Thank you for your help!



July

Ushers

- 8:00 Fred Bonk, Bill Cook,
Bill Elletson, Brian
Kenmir
- 10:30 Todd & Steve Jones,
Beau Schmidt, Ben
Schmidt, Jared Topp,
Russ & Isaac Hill, Matt
& Tonya Russell

Technology

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

Contemporary Worship Team

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

Organists/Pianists

- The Team
- Sandi Baert
Lois Borner
Deb Chapa
Josiah Clark
Penny Steele



Welcome Center Attendants for July:

- Diana Ashwill
Holly Bode
Doreen Claseman
Elaine Fillmore
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 July 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.



Free Fliers Event

Friday, July 15, 6 PM at the Langland's

Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. We will have a potluck picnic and yard games. RSVP by calling or emailing the church office or sign up on our website!

Sound Technicians Needed

We are looking to add additional Sound Technicians for our services.

If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Jill Marketon or the church office. Our need is

especially for the Saturday 5 PM service and the Sunday 10:30 AM service.

** There would be training provided and you would be on a monthly rotating schedule.



**HEALING
PRAYER**

FIRST SATURDAY OF
EVERY MONTH
FOLLOWING
OUR 5 PM SERVICE

Beginning Saturday, July 2

The eldership of St. John's will begin offering healing prayer following Saturday night service on the first Saturday of every month.

"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up."

James 5: 14-15

- Concert in the Park -
July 21, 7:00 PM
Featuring:
A Hard Day's Night
(A Beatles tribute band)



Mark your calendar to attend the City of Buffalo's Concert in Sturges Park on Thursday, July 21st. St. John's is hosting the evening featuring music by A Hard Day's Night (a Beatles tribute band). They will perform from 7:00-8:30 p.m. We will be serving a hot dog meal with chips and a beverage for \$5.00. Bring the family, and your lawn chairs; enjoy your dinner and the music. Hope to see you on Thursday evening, July 21st!



Church Picnic

St. John's Picnic & Service in the Park!

Sunday, July 24th, 10:00am-12:00pm
at Sturges Park— A Potluck Dinner
follows the Service

Chicken, beverages, and dinnerware will be Provided. Don't forget your lawn chair and a dish to pass. In case of inclement weather, the service and picnic will be at the Church.

**St. John's is invited to:
Installation & Ordination
for Aaron Beckman
Sunday, July 17, 3 PM**



St. Mark's Lutheran Church
500 Broadway Street
New Germany, MN 55367

Reception Dinner to follow. RSVP to:
www.wejoinin.com/sheets/jucts

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS GAME



August 2nd at 6:40 pm

Join us in cheering on the Twins as they take on the Detroit Tigers on Lutheran Night at Target Field! Enjoy the fellowship of your friends at St. John's on a stress-free evening as we're chauffeured on a charter bus. Everyone is welcome!

\$18 ticket & \$7 bus = \$25 per person!!

****Max of 56 for bus****

NAME _____

PHONE _____

OF TICKETS _____

HOW MANY RIDING BUS _____

Deadline: Sunday, July 10th by Noon.

Questions? Call Marti Ryan at 612-201-6012.
Please give forms and payment to Marti, or drop in the offering plate (clearly marked) or at the Church office. Checks payable to "St. John's Lutheran Church"



July Birthdays

Jonathan DeBoer	7/1	Daryl Buttenhoff	7/12
Marcus Russell	7/1	Wessen Cottrell	7/12
Clara Wachter	7/1	Katherine Hills	7/12
Barb Dilley	7/2	Tracey Anderson	7/13
Hoyt Lambert	7/2	Randy Streng	7/13
Abi Nelson	7/2	Jill Wedel	7/13
Ezra Engelman	7/3	Justice Hartman	7/14
Jenna Roster	7/3	Joann Prigge	7/14
Mikayla Schmidt	7/3	Willow Sawatzke	7/14
Pattie DeMars	7/4	Jodi Baumgard	7/15
Jamie DeWitte	7/4	Cody Bonk	7/15
Stephanie Graf	7/4	Trent Graf	7/15
Andrea Klatt	7/4	Berenice Jurgens	7/15
Bobbi Lindgren-Stevens	7/4	Amy Kortisses	7/15
Paul Thaemert	7/4	Rylee Kula	7/15
Herb Neske	7/5	Vicki Ebeling	7/17
Hailey Streng	7/5	Elijah Klatt	7/17
Hendrix Gatz	7/6	Bill Morris	7/17
Steve Gatz	7/6	Larry Holland	7/18
Jodi Lachermeier	7/6	Gerhard Ungaro	7/18
Arlis Block	7/7	Carol Anderson	7/19
Val Gabbert	7/7	Cory DeWitte	7/19
Dylan Gearey	7/7	Nila Ellis	7/19
Frank Graham	7/7	Owen Lommel	7/20
Hadley Arnold	7/8	Doug Etzel	7/21
Grayson Jochum	7/8	John Prigge	7/21
Sue Moore	7/8	Barbara Schmalz	7/21
Kelly Ebeling	7/9	August Anderson	7/22
Brandt Mastley	7/9	Sarah Cation	7/22
Pam Merrick	7/9	Olivia Roskowiak	7/22
Greg Buttenhoff	7/10	Maci Botz	7/24
Jill Marketon	7/10	Jake Carlson	7/24
Sandy Halsten	7/11	Marlin Cation	7/24
Ian Lommel	7/11	Diane Faue	7/25
Connor Novacek	7/11	Woodrow Klatt	7/25
Dorothy Bowman	7/12	Anders Hultgren	7/26

Wally Krienke	7/26	Robert Rumsch	7/30
Lew Boyko	7/27	Bennett Thole	7/30
Taylor Streng	7/27	Dani Topp	7/30
Dave Teske	7/27	Bonnie Enter	7/31
Justin Wilson	7/27	Helane Gentz	7/31
Barb Bohach	7/28	Kelsey Kenmir	7/31
Elaine Reese	7/28	Bethany VanLith	7/31
Rylan Nieskens	7/30		

Anniversaries



Jason & Nissa Munger	7/2	Daryl & Dorothy Buttenhoff	7/18
Dave & Margaret Randel	7/3	Dan & Teagen Lambert	7/19
Rod & Lora Holland	7/5	Gary & Jeanne Schillinger	7/20
Mike & Bailey Matzek	7/5	Andy & Holly Williams	7/20
Don & Ruth Schwanke	7/6	Erica & Jackson Lindquist	7/21
Derek & Kelly Annis	7/7	Chad & Meredith Huikko	7/22
Brad & Dawn Danielson	7/9	Kurt & Hanni Lommel	7/22
Chris & Catherine Ryan	7/9	Ryan & Stacy Rutten	7/22
Gerry & Laura Stoppelman	7/11	Jon & Connie Boonstra	7/24
Cory & Meera Lyver	7/12	Dick & Sue Martin	7/25
Cory & Jamie DeWitte	7/14	Gary & RaVae Megaw	7/25
Ross & Thea Stodola	7/15	Earl & Sue Moore	7/26
Jason & Sarah Cation	7/16	Jim & Deb Marty	7/28
Rod & Myrna Streng	7/17		



Congratulations to the Lambert family, as they have been named the 2022 Wright County Farm Family of the year by the University of Minnesota Extension.



Adopt a Bible Buddy!



Bible Buddy Bash!

On July 17 and August 14, Bible Buddies and their friends are invited to join us for **Bible Story Time** and fun on the lawn between services.

Everyone who joins us for these events will earn a bonus challenge prize! We hope you will join us for some fun in the sun and in God's Word.

Haven't adopted a buddy yet? No worries! Stop by the Bible Buddy Booth in the Narthex!



Operation Christmas Child Items for July:



We will be collecting **flip-flops**. Thank you for continuing to donate throughout the year so that we can fill our boxes for this wonderful mission outreach!



Noah's Ark Preschool



NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL

2022-23

NOW ENROLLING

Register now at: www.stjohnsbuffalo.org

SERVING *Opportunities* @St. John's

- Help Serve Concert in the Park meal on July 21st at 5:45 PM-Contact Katherine
- Greeter Ministry—Contact Todd Jones
- Vacation Bible School —See Pg. 5
- Community Breakfast on August 13th at 8:30 AM-
Contact Ryan Rutten

Join us for Missions Month in August!

Each Sunday in August a different mission will be highlighted.
More information coming soon about our missions schedule.

Our first mission in August:



Thank You Breakfast

Sunday, August 7th, 9:15 AM

As the first mission in our “Mission Month”, the youth would like to say THANK YOU to St. John’s for all your support and have the opportunity to share some pictures and testimonies from our trip to Rosebud Reservation. The breakfast is FREE and is our chance to say thank you to YOU!

Quarterly Voters Meeting

July 31 - 9:15 AM

Fellowship Hall

*Packets will be available in the Narthex
beginning July 23-24.*



Summer Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:30 am

Summer Sr. High Bible Study

We'll be looking at temptation and how the Devil works to draw us to sin by looking at sections of "The Screwtape Letters" on Wednesdays at 9:30 am at the Caribou Coffee located inside the Buffalo Coborn's. We will wrap up on Wednesday, August 17th.

July dates: July 6 and 20



Valleyfair Outing for Sr. High Youth

Enjoy rides, roller coasters, and water?

Join us for a youth group outing to Valleyfair on Thursday, July 21st. Cost is \$20. We'll be carpooling from church at 10 am and be back by 7 pm. Bring

some food to eat in the parking lot (we'll have coolers) or money to eat in the park as well as a towel and swim trunks if you'd like to go to the water park! **We do need adult chaperones** so please contact Paul Nelson at paul@stjohnsbuffalo.org if you're able to go ASAP!

Sign up by Tuesday, July 19th for the discounted rate here:

<https://bit.ly/3wUnP2Z>



Jr. High Camp Omega Servant Event

This year our Jr. High (incoming 6th-8th grade) youth are invited to go on a special trip to Camp Omega for fun camp activities, Bible study, and service projects around camp. This trip is meant to introduce youth to the idea of a mission trip and going somewhere to use our time and talents to serve God and our neighbors! Cost of the trip to student/family is \$50. Registration fee is due July 24th. Sign-up and more info can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3LboDnP>

Please reach out to Paul Nelson (402.910.6530/
paul@stjohnsbuffalo.org) with any questions.



Our Sr. High Youth are preparing to go to Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota July 9-16. Please keep them in prayer as they serve and share the Gospel with those in need!

The list of 2022 Mission Trip participants follows on the next page:

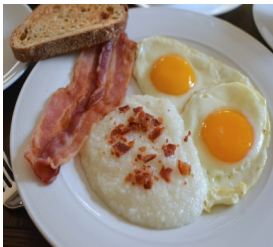


Mission Trip 2022 Participants:

Andy Baumgard, Kobe Brown, Joshua Clark,
Josiah Clark, Chloe Erickson, Claire Erickson,
Robbie Ferdig, Heather Gatz, Harland Headley,
Levi Hewett, Nick Johnson, Elijah Klatt,
Anthony Potter, Christian Murray, Cody Ryan,
Connor Spadgenske, Ashleigh Streng,
John Wedel, and Stacy West.

Adult Leaders:

Lisa Walters, Dan Headley,
Katherine Clark, and Paul Nelson.



St. John's will be hosting the Community Breakfast at the Buffalo Community Center on **Saturday, August 13th**. Anyone is invited to the breakfast! We are specifically looking for help on that morning with setting up, serving and cleaning up. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve those in our community! If interested in helping, please contact Ryan Rutten. More information is coming soon.

Special Ministries & Life Groups

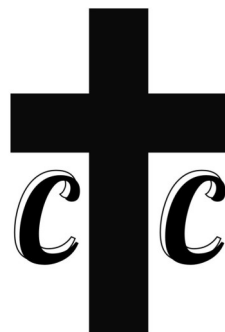


LIFE Groups Summer 2022

Day/Time	Location	Facilitator	Topic
Wednesdays 6:30 PM	Larson Home	Jed & Del Larson	Acts of the Apostles
Thursdays 7:00 AM	Perkins	Jed Larson	Men's Study - <i>Old Testament - Patriarchs, Prophets, & Kings</i>
Thursdays 9:15 AM	Classroom 228	Katherine Clark	Women - Believing God
Thursdays 6:30 PM	Youth Rm	Pastor Chris Ryan	Men's Study - <i>Acts</i>
2nd Saturday 6:15 PM	Culvers	Various Hosts	Saturday Supper Club - Dinner + Conversation!
Sundays 6:45 PM	Pastor & Catherine's home	Pastor Chris Ryan	College//Career [July 10 - Aug 14]

College & Career Life Group

From July 10-August 14, we will be doing a 6-week study together from 6:45-8:00 PM at Pastor Ryan's home. Contact Pastor Ryan with any questions.



LWML/WIM/St. John's Women

Hello St. John's Family

Lois Torkelson and I have become Co-Chairs of the Women in Mission Board. **We meet the first Tuesdays of each month at 1pm** in the Sewing Room. Membership at St. John's guarantees all women can be members of Women in Mission. But there are definite opportunities and benefits to joining the Women in Mission Board and/or actively participating in activities. So we are open to changing meeting times to better fit schedules if people want to join but can't make the meetings. We will be hosting events at differing times to hopefully fit a wide range of schedules.

We pray women of all ages, backgrounds and life situations get to know us as Christian sisters who can boost fellowship and friendship. Please share your needs, ideas for activities and interests. Later this summer, the Sewing Ladies will host a training for people want to learn to sew. In the Fall, canning gurus will teach tricks to preserving produce. We will soon begin regular community coffee hours.

Lutheran Women in Mission, or LWML, is a national organization in its 80th year. St. John's is part of the MN South District which has 8 conferences and about 3k members. Per their statement, "The LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions." They put your spare change to great use. The MN South District 2020-2022 Mites goal was \$265k and was reached. Two St. John's reps attended a recent conference, and they brought 80 bars of soap to help those in need, as well as items for some making a fresh start in a new place.

Another recent mission event were the baby items and money people gave between Mother's Day and Father's Day for Cornerstone-Options for Women in St. Michael. It goes a long way, and the organization is grateful for our support.

In God's Blessings, *Beth Husom, Co-Chair, WIM*

THANK YOU for your generous baby shower gifts for Cornerstone Options for Women! We collected over 5,000 wipes, 1,200 diapers, 50 pieces of clothes, 29 pairs of socks, 24 bibs, 17 receiving blankets, 16 washcloths, 11 pacifiers, 9 bottles, 5 quilts, 3 burp cloths, 2 towels, 2 swaddles, 1 tie blanket, 1 can formula, and \$150 in giftcards + just over \$700!!



LWML/WIM/St. John's Women

Our Heavenly Father has richly blessed our earthly offerings for over a half of a century, and we're grateful we've been able to donate hundreds of thousands of dollars to hundreds of missions, and other worthy projects in that time. And we're thankful for all the willing workers that have donated time, talents, and treasures. Some of you for all 55 years. Thank you!

The **2022 fair is set for Saturday, November 12th, from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center, Fellowship Hall, and connecting hallway. Please plan to be a part of this project, in any way you are able. We welcome your help and your donations to fill the various shops with a wide variety of items. We have a dedicated group that sews beautiful quilts of different sizes, colors, and patterns. They meet on Tuesday afternoons in the Quilting Room off the Fellowship Hall if you would like to join them. Perhaps you would like to get a group together for an afternoon or evening to make some ornaments, or decorations, or something else. Here is the list of Shops and some ideas of what may be in them. If you are able to make or donate something, it would be appreciated.

Gift Shop features beautiful quilts of different sizes, colors, and patterns along with knitted, crocheted, and sewn items, dishcloths, embroidered dishtowels, painted items, baby items, and jewelry.

Country Store has pickles, jams, jellies, salsa, and garden produce. If you can add a hill of cucumbers to your garden for pickles, or some tomato plants and peppers for salsa, those are always popular items.

Holiday Shop has a variety of ornaments and decorations.

Craft Shop has unique handcrafted items.

Country Fair Naturals has laundry, bath, and personal care products.

Silent Auction has special theme items to bid on.

Attic Treasures has a large number and variety of treasures.

Bake Shop has breads, pies, cakes, bars, and candies.

Christmas Cookie Shop is the place to pick from a variety of treats.

Kid's Korner is a great area for children while you shop.

Coffee Shop serves rolls, juice, and coffee.

Quiche and Muffin brunch at 8:00 a.m.

Mexican Shop has both tacos and Sloppy Joes.

Chow Mein dinner is served in the Fellowship Hall.

We will set up all day on Friday, November 11th, with a potluck lunch at noon. We need your help, and we have fun, too! Contact us if you have questions, suggestions, or comments: Clarine Meyer, Connie Boonstra, Chris Husom, Mary Bremmer, Lauri Hayes, Priscilla McKenzie, and Judy Lardy.

Board Meeting Minutes 5/17/2022

Call to Order: Jan Larson

Open with Prayer: Pastor Ryan

Review of Agenda: Approved as printed
Secretary's Report: Motion made to accept Secretary's Report by Janice Marschel & seconded by Ryan Rutten. Motion passed.

Pastor Clark's Report: Written Report Highlights: 8th Graders Confirmation on Sunday. Looking forward to their continued growth in faith. New Directories available for pick up. Thanks to all the help binding them. Pre-Marital Classes & visitations are both going well. Have had four Funerals—2 at the same time. Each Pastor did one. There are Baptisms as well. Looking forward to Pastor Teske's arrival & teaching us about healing. Pastor Teske will do an all day Saturday meeting. Conference on healing for anyone after the Saturday night service.

Pastor Ryan's Report: Written Report Highlights: Confirmation Retreat prior to Confirmation Sunday. SMP will be June 19th. Thursday Men's Group continues. Sunday Men's Group has ended. A College Summer Study is coming & also for Young Adults. Moses Ministry helped out at different sites. Men's Group is combining with Moses Ministry people to help. Preaching continues to go well. Have done a couple of funerals & has a second Baptism coming.

Youth Ministry: Written Report Highlights: Paul said last month was great. Jr. High had a grillout & kickball. Sr. High back for 4 weeks with a discussion on Easter & Prayer. 7 were in attendance. Sr High had an Axe Throwing Event on April 23rd. April Servant Event at Feed My Starving Children had 5 youth & 3 adults. Sr. High Sunday Bible Study ended May 15. Summer Bible Study will be on Wednesdays from June 15—August 17.

The study is C. S. Lewis' Screwtape Letters. Senior Graduation Celebration on June 5. All youth Servant Event is Wrapped in Love on June 23rd. Right now focus is getting ready for the Mission Trip to Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota (20 youth & 4 adults going on the trip). Pool Party at Ryan's on June 15th. Paul attended a lacrosse game, will attend a baseball game & Jr. High band concert. Camp Omega Jr. High Servant Event August 8th—10th. Women in Mission helping with expenses. Paul on vacation May 20-24, June 12 for nephew baptism, June 25-July 4 for cousin wedding in CA. No youth groups for the Summer.

Children & Family Ministry: Kelly reported a BIG THANK YOU TO ALL TEACHERS & VOLUNTEERS who made this year a great one. Sunday School ended for the Summer. Muffins for Mother's Day was fun & everyone had a good time. Summer School to Go is Adopt a Bible Buddy (stuffed animal) on May 22 & 29. The children go through an adoption process. A game board can be picked up & filled out. However they want to do it. As the challenges get completed, an award can be given. The children need to come to church to get their prizes. Thank you to Trivent for their help with the Bible Buddies. VBS: An Arizonian look with the decorating called MONUMENTAL. Volunteers are needed to help: one day in June, one in July. Registration is open & the dates are: JULY 25-28.

Noah's Ark: Graduation Day is May 18th. Looking for different ways to Promote Noah's Ark. Yard signs that say "I'm a Noah's Ark Graduate". Kare.com gets calls about Noah's Ark & the Buffalo Area. They are asking about a fee to do this. Ms Jen the teacher's aid will be leaving. Ms Jodi will be returning to take her place. Noah's Ark is still looking for a Director.

Special Ministries: The Directory is completed. New Member Class in September or October. Organ update: The work is behind schedule by 2-3 weeks. When done we are hoping for an awesome instrument in July. Still need \$10,000 for the organ payment. Outreach starting up a greeter's group. On April 28th Outreach provided hospitality to Al-Anon. "New Movers" program welcoming new comers to Buffalo will send out postcards inviting them to St John's. St. John's will sponsor Concert in the Park on July 21st. MOSES workday volunteers were joined by Pastor Ryan's Sunday Men's group & worked at 3 different homes. Contact Beau & Kiley Schmidt or Beth Husom about MOSES & their work. Women's Summer Bible Study begins on June 16th.

Financial Secretary & Treasurer Reports: Jim Chapa reported a phenomenal month. April & May were good. The General Fund Actuals for April: Contributions: \$87,387; Expenses: \$75,667; Net Income: \$11,720; Missions: \$8,227; Checking: \$112,298; Savings: \$587,823. Motion by Scott Spadgenske & seconded by Nicole Hills. Motion Approved. We will be carried through the Summer.

New Business: The Building Use Request Form is needing an update. Establish a church policy & purpose statement that will legally protect & ensure our ministry can continue effectively: Use church doctrine as a guideline for acceptable activities, groups or persons requesting church use must affirm their beliefs & practices are consistent with our church as outlined in LCMS constitution & bylaws. Forms are presented, filled out, & turned in to the Trustees. Nothing for profit. Worded so all who want to use the church have that opportunity.

Old Business: None at this time.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS, written & oral

Elders: Written Report Highlights: Confirmation Sunday plans & Pastor

Teske's visit with focus on healing those who are in need. Breakfast in August: will talk about this in July. April membership changes: Removed by death: Cheryl Olsen, Caroline Laugtug, & Delores Goerke. Received by baptism: Myles Robert Carlson & James Ryan Gravelle. Serving/reading schedule continues.

Trustees: Bell in tower is HEAVY & no inspection at this time. Annual Spring Cleanup set for June 18, 2022 from 8-11am. Cross on top of church is 65 years old & began rotting. Replacing it would cost \$12,000-\$13,000. Boy Scout project in giving the church front a new fresh look sometime in June.

Outreach: Janice Marschel reported a greeter program would begin again. Those interested are to gather in the Coffee Commons area for a brief meeting.

Stewardship: None at this time.

Fellowship: Looking for New Leaders for Concert Committee.

Women in Mission: None at this time.

Library: Getting the computer updated. Ludovic is working on this.

Technology: Working to be able to access computer information from home.

Project Compassion: Janice reported getting the recordable crosses into the hands of our Shut-in members.

Decorating: Nicole Hills reported leaving up the Red Paraments. Planting needs to be done around the church.

Other Business: Jon Chapa & Dylan Meyer are Seminary students who have their tuition paid. They need to pay for room & board. Looking for congregational support to help. Scholarships are available through application. Care Packages are always accepted. Synodical Convention to be held next year 2023.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Clark

Adjourned at 7:56pm with 12 in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Klemz

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