

October 2022

St. John's Lutheran Church

Church Bell



From the Desk of Pastor Ryan



Summer is officially over, but that is not entirely a bad thing! It means that autumn is here. There are quite a few things that I enjoy about the fall season. I love the changing colors of the leaves, football, the cooler weather, caramel apples, campfires, and football. Sure, there are some things I will miss about summer, but what helps me enjoy autumn all the more is my focus on all of the positive things that come with the changing of the season.

There is actually an incredible amount of power when it comes to positive thinking. That is in part, is why God's Word says, "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,

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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

Office Hours:

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

Newsletter Deadline:

Deadline for the November newsletter is **Monday, October 17th.**

Bulletin Deadline: Every Tuesday at midnight

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whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things.” (Philippians 4:8)

Sure, your life is almost certainly not perfect, but God doesn’t want us to put our focus there. Focusing on such things can derail your day and make you less useful as you serve Jesus. Rather, focus on the many blessings that God has undoubtedly placed in your life. Then, praise Him for such things!

May you count your many blessings this autumn,
Pastor Ryan



**HEALING
PRAYER**

FIRST SATURDAY OF
EVERY MONTH
FOLLOWING
OUR 5 PM SERVICE

Saturday, October 1

Quarterly Voters Meeting

**October 23 - 9:15 AM
Fellowship Hall**

Quarterly reports are due October 10





Sunday, October 23 at 6 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church
Family Life Center

One of the premier Bluegrass Bands in the nation! MONROE CROSSING performs an electrifying blend of classic bluegrass, bluegrass gospel, and original bluegrass.

Tickets: \$10 in advance/ \$15 at the door
Available at the church office,
Setterberg Jewelers and iTickets.com



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MOSES

MEMBERS OFFERING SERVICE TO ELDERLY & SINGLES

Did you know St. John's has members who would love to help out when you have a need? Members have a wide array of strengths and are eager to use them to serve. Examples include: Seasonal yardwork, small house projects, errands, rides, tech help, etc

Contact Beth Husom (952-715-7281) or Kiley Schmidt (612-419-4377)



SERVING

Opportunities

@St. John's

- Fellowship Team—Contact Tonya Russell
- Greeters during the Sunday School hour this school year at Doors 4 & 7—Contact Todd Jones
- Coffee Servers/Drop off baked items
- Donations for Country Fair (canned items, crafts, etc.)—Contact Chris Husom
- Setup/Unloading for the Amazing Chemistry Show on Oct. 16—Contact Kelly Thole
- Help with Trick-or-Treat Outreach on October 29 at 2 PM

Are you interested in joining one of our choirs?

St. John's Worship Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM.

The Gospel Ringers rehearse 2 Tuesday evenings a month at 7 PM.

If interested, please call Penny Steele or the church office.



October

Ushers

8:00 Bill Elletson, Brian Jans,
Mark Ordorff, Ken Yager

10:30 Todd & Steve Jones,
Beau Schmidt, Ben
Schmidt, Jared Topp,
Matt & Tonya Russell

Technology

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

Contemporary Worship Team

The Team
Josiah Clark
Pastor Clark
Lee Claseman
Claire Erickson
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 October:

Diana Ashwill
Holly Bode
Doreen Claseman
Elaine Fillmore
Nicole Hills
Kathy Klemz
Lorrie Lepinski
Lynnette Smith
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 October we meet on the 4th and the 18th 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.



MEN'S GAME DAY EVENT!



**Minnesota Vikings
VS.
Chicago Bears**



OCTOBER 9TH 12 PM
IN THE YOUTH ROOM

*Following our
10:30 AM
Service*

*Pizza
& Drinks
provided*



Cheer on your favorite team!

Contact Tonya Russell with any questions!

**WHAT'S BETTER
THAN A PIZZA?**

Pizza with your
church friends!





First Sunday of the month
following the 10:30 service
starting in October!

Beginning on October 2nd, we will be offering a Pizza Lunch after our 10:30 service on the first Sunday of each month. We hope you will join us!

55th Annual

COUNTRY FAIR

for Mission Outreach



Handmade Quilts
Baked Goods
Country Fair Naturals
Hand-Crafted Items
Home-Canned Goods
Garden Produce
Holiday Ornaments & Decorations
Silent Auction
Knitted, Crocheted, and Sewn Items
Cookies & Sweets
Kids' Korner
Attic Treasures
And Much More...



Saturday, November 12th
8 AM to 1 PM

Quiche Brunch 8 AM
Chow Mein, Sloppy Joes
& Tacos 10:30 AM



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55th Annual Country Fair for Missions

Saturday, November 12th, from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. John's. Please jot it on your calendar. God has graciously blessed this large project year after year, enabling us to donate around \$10,000 annually to missions and other worthy projects. We invite you to join us setting up, staffing the shops, and donating items. It's a great way to meet members of our church family and community!

We'll have an informational meeting Wednesday, October 5th at 7 PM in the Narthex to learn more about this project, ask questions, and meet people on the committee. Please join us!

Here is a list of the shops and donation ideas:

Attic Treasures accepts a variety of items and collectibles, but **no furniture or clothing**, please.

Bake Shop needs breads, pies, cakes, bars, and candies, dried apples. Please mark what your items are, i.e., gluten free banana bread, but we will price the items.

Chow Mein Dinner needs help in the kitchen and the dining room.

Christmas Cookie Shop welcomes treats for holiday plates.

Coffee Shop serves rolls, juice, and coffee.

Country Fair Naturals welcomes handmade laundry, soaps, bath balms, and other personal care products from natural, eco-friendly ingredients.

Country Store needs pickles, jams, jellies, salsa, and garden produce.

Craft Shop is the place for handcrafted wood and metal items.

Gift Shop welcome quilts, knitted, crocheted, and sewn items, jewelry, note cards.

Holiday Shop needs a variety of ornaments and decorations.

Kid's Korner keeps children busy while you shop.

Mexican Shop serves both tacos and Sloppy Joes.

Quiche and Muffin Brunch needs donations of muffins and help in the dining room.

Silent Auction welcomes theme baskets and special items to bid on.

We will assemble homemade candy containers Thursday, Nov. 10th at 5:00 p.m. in the Church Kitchen. If you can make a batch, please bring it in that day. And if you can help put the containers together, even better. And **set up for the fair all day on Friday, November 11th, with a potluck lunch at noon.**

On November 12th, we'll need many hands before, during, and after.

We need your help, and we have fun, too! Contact us with any questions, suggestions, or comments: Clarine Meyer, 612-202-8810, Connie Boonstra, 763-682-6668, Chris Husom, 763-682-3997, Mary Bremmer, 763-258-4335, Lauri Hayes, 763-438-2426, Priscilla McKenzie, 763-567-0893, or Judy Lardy, 763-516-0336. Thank you!



October Birthdays

Grayson Politte	10/1	Sebastyn Ungaro	10/10
Elliot Anderson	10/2	Marcus DeWitte	10/11
Weston Marx	10/2	Kash Atkinson	10/12
Anthony Potter	10/2	Krista Lambert	10/12
Robert Seidenkranz	10/2	McKenna Lindsley	10/12
Levi Hewett	10/3	Rosie Bergemann	10/13
Blaine Stevens	10/3	Ashley Field	10/13
Connor Henning	10/4	Maynard Rolfes	10/13
Clarine Meyer	10/4	Jennifer Schick	10/13
Charlee Miller	10/4	Ashleigh Streng	10/13
Ivan Wachter	10/4	Lori Mussell	10/14
Blair Botz	10/5	Kena Lynn Dalchow	10/15
Gary Dudley	10/5	Ross Stodola	10/15
Chloe Erickson	10/5	Jared Topp	10/16
Lacey Johnson	10/5	Justin Bonk	10/17
Steve Schleif	10/5	Brad Danielson	10/17
Ron Uecker	10/5	Brooklyn Dixon	10/17
Scott Gearey	10/6	Zach Burns	10/18
Julie Larson	10/6	Mayah Dudley	10/18
Samantha Nuss	10/6	Mason Eikhoff	10/18
Max Pearsall	10/7	Stacie Hudek	10/18
Henry Sheppard	10/7	Susan Hudek	10/18
Stacy West	10/7	Gary Vergin	10/18
Luella Graham	10/8	Randi Vergin	10/18
Harland Headley	10/8	Jen Meyer	10/19
Trevor Kaufman	10/8	Julie Pearsall	10/19
Briella Ave-Lallemant	10/9	Joyce Hagen	10/20
David Berg	10/9	Eithan Warne	10/20
Russ Hill	10/9	Meera Lyver	10/21
Brice Bauer	10/10	Don Schwanke	10/21
Vivian Bauer	10/10	Kelli Miller	10/22
Roy Chabot	10/10	Melissa Morris	10/22
Phyllis DeBoer	10/10	Kaitlyn Bode	10/23
Jan Larson	10/10	Joslyn Anderson	10/24
Gavin Megaw	10/10	Sally Lemke	10/24

Emily Thole	10/24	Kiley Schmidt	10/28
Skylar Grosser	10/26	Matt Decker	10/29
Nick Kubu	10/26	Elsie Priebe	10/29
Eli Larson	10/26	Penny Welch	10/29
Jane Strandberg	10/26	Kurt Bergemann	10/30
Noah Gregorich	10/27	Pixie Elletson	10/30
Cannon VanLith	10/27	Lily Wren	10/31
Sandra Halbleib	10/28		

Anniversaries



Denny & Sarah Biljan	10/1	Richard & Marie Marquette	10/14
Gary & Sheila Dudley	10/2	Robert & Sue Kuhlmann	10/15
Adam & Stephanie Novacek	10/2	Zach & Kristin Loff	10/15
Mark & Denise Saunders	10/2	Steve & Char Torgerson	10/16
Justin & Maria Wilson	10/3	Joel & Nicolle Riopelle	10/18
Jeff & Kayla Erickson	10/4	Gabe & Sarah Licht	10/19
Roy & Tia Chabot	10/6	Dilque & April Zea	10/22
Trent & Stephanie Graf	10/8	Wayne & Lois Muelich	10/23
Trent & Kristine Johnson	10/8	Eric & Kelly Thole	10/23
Tom & Amy Kortisses	10/8	Bill & Kari Triplett	10/25
Ed & Lois Borner	10/9	Dave & Melissa Haggerty	10/28
Jeremy & Hannah Gatz	10/9	Andy & Erica Karels	10/28
Jake & Mackenzie Carlson	10/13	Tom & Pam Merrick	10/29
Craig & Chris Groenke	10/14		



Collection for  Love Foster Care
Christmas Gift
SHOPPING EVENT



Help the kids served at Wrapped in Love go "shopping" for their siblings and caregivers! Items needed: Christmas gift bags, tissue paper, gift tags. **Women/teens:** funs socks, lotions, wallets, jewelry, bath bombs, shower gels, perfume, tea/coffee, pj's, winter hats/mittens. **Men/teens:** fun socks, regular socks, wallets, shower gels, cologne, coffee & mugs, sweatpants, pj's, t-shirts. **Children:** books, coloring books, activity books, colored pencils, board games, small toys (not stuffed animals), hair accessories, hooded sweatshirts, winter hats/mittens



Noah's Ark Preschool

Preschool is off to an amazing start!

What a blessing to share our days and with such wonderful preschoolers. We spent the first couple of weeks learning about our friends, our classroom routines, the special jobs we do in the classroom, and we started our weekly alphabet exploration!

Chapel is every Wednesday and Thursday at 10:15am in the sanctuary – we look forward to meeting new friends (Ms. Kelly, Vicar Chris, Pastor Clark, Mr. Paul, & Katherine Clark) and enjoying special moments with Jesus.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NO SCHOOL

October 19-21 (Fall Break)



October 2022

During Jesus time, we are learning about the families of Abraham, Joseph, Moses, and David.

What is happening this month?

Jesus is our Super Hero Event will take place

October 27-28.



We will learn about how Jesus rescued the whole world, we will race through an obstacle course, and design super hero masks. Wear your favorite super hero shirt. No costumes, please.

Bible theme: How God blesses families!



3rd Grade Bible Basics Class

All third graders and their parents are invited to join us October 2, 9, and 16 during the Sunday School hour.



Students will receive their own Bibles and learn the basics of how to look up verses and so much more! On October 30th we will have a special Bible presentation during the 10:30 service.

THE AMAZING CHEMISTRY SHOW!

October 16, 4:00 PM in the Family Life Center

Have you ever had a large ball of fire safely ignited in your hand? Or used a banana to pound a nail into a wooden plank? Or been slimed by a puking plastic pumpkin? Families attending The Amazing Chemistry Show will be entertained by these experiments and more.

NO tickets required—just a free-will offering! All ages welcome to come for the show and stay for a frozen treat following the show. To find out more, visit stjohnsbuffalo.org or call 763-682-1883.



Coborn's Cookout Fundraiser

St. John's Youth is partnering with Coborn's in Buffalo to raise funds for our 2023 mission trip! We will be serving a hot dog or a brat along with chips and pop for \$3. St. John's Youth will receive \$1.50 for each meal! **We will be serving on Saturday, October 8th from 11 am-6 pm (weather-pending).**

October Youth Group Dates:

Jr. High Youth Group:

October 1st and 30th, 5:00-6:30 PM

Sr. High Youth Group:

October 5th, 12th, and 26th, 6:30-8:00 PM





Mission Trip Informational Meeting

Haven't gone on a mission trip? Want to learn more about where we're going this next summer? Parents and youth are welcome to join us for an informational meeting about our **2023 Summer Mission Trip on Wednesday, October 26th at 6 pm before youth group.** Contact Paul with any questions!



Halloween Paintball

Team up with your friends in costumes and padding for some Halloween Paintball at Special Forces Paintball! **We'll meet at Special Forces Paintball on Saturday, October 29th at 10:30 am to gear up and hear**

instructions and then we'll play from 11 am-1 pm. A parent waiver is required for those under 18. Cost is \$15. Please sign up by Sunday, October 23rd!

Special Ministries & Life Groups



October 2nd at 6:30 PM at the Borner's Home

**New Life Group Beginning on Thursday,
October 6th at 6 PM in the Board Room.**

Facilitators: Leann Fremo & Dixie Abrams

Experience our status as adopted sons and daughters of God through the true-life story of 18 year old David, whose birth mother reaches out to him. Cameron's unique 5-session Bible study links scenes from the Lifemark movie with our own Biblical narrative, exploring how themes of adoption, love, and reconciliation define his situation—and ours.

Session Topics: Adoption Security in Christ, Security in Christ, Forgiveness and Reconciliation, The Image of God, and Voice of the Voiceless. Signup by contacting Katherine Clark, Leann Fremo or Dixie Abrams.



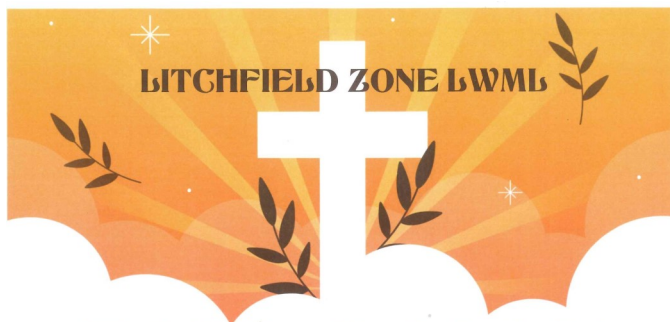
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If you have a passion for prayer, come to the Prayer Chapel (Room 210 next to the library) at 7:27am on Sundays to be a part of this new, vital ministry. All levels of pray-ers are welcome!

LIFE Groups Fall 2022			
Day/Time	Location	Facilitator	Topic
Sunday 7:27 AM	Prayer Chapel (Room 210)	Katherine Clark	Prayer covering for morning ministries - come when you are able
Sunday 9:15 AM	Trustee Conf Rm (Rm 119)	Pastor Ryan	Men - I Declare War, Levi Lusko
Sunday 9:15 AM	Preschool Room (121)	Stacy Rutten	Sunday School Moms Group: A Grown-Ups Guide to Kids' Wiring
1st Sun/mo 6:00 PM	Borner's Home	Ed & Lois Borner	Christian Movies - NEXT: Oct 2nd <i>Overcomer</i>
2nd/4th Tues 9:00 AM	The Glenn	Pastor Ryan	Varying Bible Study topics + games
2nd/4th Tues 5:30 PM	East Narthex	Katherine Clark	Women's Book Club: Forgiving What You Can't Forget
2nd/4th Wed 9:15 AM	Classroom 228	Katherine Clark	Women - Luke: Gathering the Goodness of God
Wednesdays 7:15 PM	Conference Room	Jan & Lib Larson	Couples Study: Crazy Love- Overwhelmed by a Relentless God
Thursdays 7:00 AM	Perkins	Jed Larson	Men's Study - <i>Old Testament - Patriarchs, Prophets, & Kings</i>
Thursdays 6:00 PM	Conference Room	LeAnn Fremo & Dixie Abrams	LifeMark (based on the brand new Kendricks Movie!) [Begins Oct 6th]
Thursdays 6:30 PM	Youth Rm	Pastor Ryan	Men's Study - <i>John</i>
Thursdays 6:30 PM	Jed & Del Larson home	Jed & Del Larson	Sharing Your Faith
2nd Saturday 6:15 PM	Varies! Location announced at service	Kubaschs & Yagers	Saturday Supper Club - Dinner + Conversation! ALL Welcome
For more information, visit stjohnsbuffalo.org/life-groups/ or talk to Katherine Clark (Katherine@stjohnsbuffalo.org)			

LWML/WIM/St. John's Women



FALL RALLY

I Love To Tell the Story:
Mission work in Ghana and South Africa



WITH MISSIONARY
CORAL ROSE
NW Suburban Zone President

*GIFTS FROM THE HEART: Children's Bibles and Bible story books
(preferably from cph.org when possible) to be donated to Lutheran
schools, preschools, and daycares within Litchfield Zone*

St. James Lutheran Church

1000 7th Avenue
Howard Lake, MN 55349
Registration: \$5.00

OCT 22, 2022

Coffee at 9 AM
Program at 9:30 AM,
with lunch to follow

Please RSVP to Barb Schmieg: (320) 543-2010
or mwoodshop@hotmail.com by October 15



Women in Mission "Mites"

Our Women in Mission will offer a "Mites Sunday" once per month to provide monies for the mission grants voted on at the LWML Minnesota South District Convention. **For October: Minnesota South District Student Aid Scholarship.** The Minnesota South District offers scholarships to LCMS students studying at one of the Concordia University System universities preparing for professional church work and for rostered workers advancing their education. **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 we received: \$296.31. Thank you!**

LWML/WIM/St. John's Women

St. John's welcomes all our new members. If you aren't familiar with Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML), here's some info about the global Missouri Synod Women's organization: St. John's is part of the MN South District. All LCMS women are automatically members of Lutheran Women in Mission. Most churches, including St. John's, have Women in Mission boards. There are several focuses, but the main focus is missions and service. Women in Mission groups raise money in several ways. Each church is different, but mites are a main donation avenue.



What are mites? Mites are spare change donations from members. The title is based on the Biblical story about the widow's offering/mites, where Jesus watched a crowd putting money into the temple treasury. Rich people threw in large amounts, but a poor widow added two very small copper coins, worth a few cents. "Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.'"

Matthew 12: 43-44. If you'd like a reminder and container to hold your spare change, St. John's has little purple and white cardboard mite boxes at the back of the narthex and in the Women in Mission display in the Fellowship hall by the kitchen. When it's full, bring it back to church. If you don't want to use a mite box, just add spare change to a baggie and label it.

Women in Mission ladies host a Mites Sunday each month, where they serve coffee and snacks during Bible study, and have a basket for mites. At the last convention, attendees found out that St. John's had the biggest mites donations in our District. Our Mites bring in approx. \$300-\$400 per month for designated Mission Grants. People may feel like giving small bills, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies don't make a difference. However, bring it in! The ladies welcome counting your change because it adds up fast. Millions of small donations make a huge difference. In fact, LWML has been able to donate over \$100 million to missions since its inception in 1942.

God's Blessings,
Elizabeth Husom

Board Meeting Minutes 8/16/2022

Call to Order: Jan Larson

Open with Prayer: Pastor Ryan

Review Agenda: Approved as printed

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept made by Janice Marschel & seconded by Dave Haggerty. Motion passed.

Pastor Clark's Report: August is Mission Month with different missions coming in for Sunday Bible Class between services. Gearing up for Sermon Series "A Name for every Need" starting in Sept. Confirmation Orientation is on Sept. 14. New Member Class on Sept. 24. PEP's new study will look at the "I AM" statements of Jesus in Sept. Lots of Baptisms & one wedding to go. Healing services are going well. Both Pastor Ryan & Pastor Clark will be serving on the "Spiritual Advisory Committee" for the Impact Christian Academy school opening this Fall. Upcoming Events: Sept. 9 Noah's Ark Preschool starts, Sept. 11 Family Fun Fest.

Pastor Ryan's Report: SMP update is one course completed Aug. 15th & one to go starting soon. Confirmation resumes Sept. 14 with first Class on Sept. 21st. Doing several Bible Studies: Thursday Men's Group, College Life Group, PEP, & upcoming Life Group at the Glenn meeting on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month. "Thy Word is Truth" sermon series is completed. Another series starting in the Fall. Sunday Men's group doing a service day with the Moses Group at the end of August. Sunday Men's Group currently not meeting. Shut-in visits are going well.

Youth Ministry: Paul is hoping to get a once-a-month get together with the Jr. High next summer. Valleyfair Outing & Thank You Breakfast were

both well attended. Upcoming Events: Haggerty Lake Day on Aug. 21st, Youth Group resumes on Sept. 14th, Huikko's Minigolf & bowling on Sunday, Sept. 25th from 1-4 pm with the cost of \$10.

Children & Family Ministry: Kelly sends a THANK YOU to all the VBS helpers she had. Teachers & helpers are still needed for Sunday School. Lauri Hayes is doing First Faith Steps again this year for the children zero-two years old & getting families connected.

Noah's Ark: Between 32-37 students are signed up with a target of 45. Open House changed to September 1, Teacher Orientation on August 29 & 30, First Day of School on September 8 & 9.

Special Ministries: Fall Events Postcards mailed. Family Fun Fest getting organized with a sheet in the bulletin for volunteer sign-up. New Fellowship Board Chairman is Tonya Russell. Organ is ready for installation but the pipes are delayed due to manufacturing/supply issues. Everything should be installed by Rally Day (September 11). Fall Groups planned: Christian Movie Group, Sunday AM prayer group "7:27" prior to the service starting on Sept. 11.

Financial Secretary & Treasurer's Report: Jim reported July was a 5 week month. General Fund Actuals for July: Contributions: \$73,614; Expenses: \$ 73,249; Net Income: \$365; Missions: \$5,485 (year-to-date actual \$31,891; Checking: \$111,004; Savings: \$584,328; Surplus for the year: \$20,594. A suggestion for some of the surplus was to do debentures again. Medical Insurance for Staff up 9%. Synod to

vote on plan choice for the coming year. Deadline for this is mid September. Amy wants to use Rally Sunday to get more people to help with the Sunday Offering Count. Will check to see if there are more people wanting envelopes or would want to do an ACH giving making it easy to go on-line. Motion made by Amy Klemz & seconded by Scott Spadgenske. Motion passed.

New/Old Business: Church Facility Reservation Request and Agreement Form (the Church Policy): A discussion took place on the available use of the church for non-Christian groups to have meetings in church as well as Christian groups. No maintenance staff or custodians. Council asked to read the Policy & any questions can be asked at the next meeting. Congregation to vote on it at the Oct. Quarterly Meeting.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS,
written & oral

Elders: August Community Breakfast went well. Healing prayers had 3 elders present to do the praying. Family Fun Fest preparation, new Fellowship Board Chair is Tonya Russell. Impact Christian Academy(ICA a new school opening this Fall) is looking for tuition help for their students. A discussion took place & the Board agreed to help LCMS Christian students with the tuition. A motion was made that St. John's would give \$1,500 per student to help with tuition for those who are LCMS church members regardless of which approved school they attend (K-8). Potential Scholarships are available. Motion made by Dave Haggerty & seconded by Amy Klemz. Motion passed. Membership changes for July: Removed are Aaron & Nicole Beckman (transfer to St. Mark Lutheran Church, New Germany, MN.) Received are Patty

Ernst (transfer from Trinity Lutheran Church, Waconia) & Ryan, Keylie, & Kaden Sullivan (transfer from St. John's Lutheran Church, Kimball). Trustees: Steeple replaced mostly covered by insurance & chimney repair of \$9,000. There is approximately \$9,900 in usable funds & \$37,000 in undesignated funds. Sidewalk at door #3 needs repair. Sealcoating done, Eagle Scout Dawson & the Trustees got the shrubbery in the church front replaced on Aug. 6. This year a change to Calcium Carbonate for using salt in the Winter. A motion was made to allocate funds as cited for repairs needed by Dave Haggerty & seconded by Janice Marschel. Motion passed.

Outreach: Focus is on Family Fun Fest & Missions Month.

Stewardship: None at this time.

Fellowship: Winter months: January to do a weekly card night asking volunteers to do driving for those who don't drive in the Winter, monthly pizza lunch, Single Mingle, Sweet Points can be given for Youth who are willing to babysit so parents can have a night out, Guys' Viking Game Day on October 9th.

Women in Mission: None at this time.

Library: Shirley would like books purchased. Katherine Clark helping with ordering.

Technology: None at this time.

Project Compassion: Continuing with our visitations.

Decorating: Family Fun Fest.

Other Business: Looking at tracking our budgets or ideas you're thinking about let Jim Chapa know.

Closing with Prayer: Pastor Clark Adjourned at 8:12pm with 14 in attendance

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Klemz



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