



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

MONTGOMERY, MINNESOTA

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Dear People of St. John,

Congratulations to Angela Kaderlik Mattson who has recently received her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. Angela supervises the psychiatric nurses at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Angela and her husband Nate were married on October 11th, so she was completing her degree and planning her wedding all at the same time. All of us are so proud of you!

This is a time of such mixed emotions for me. In one moment I feel so sad that I will no longer be commuting to Montgomery and being your pastor. In the next moment I am rejoicing about the freedom and the opportunities that lie ahead for Maryann and me. Above all I feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude that my last formal call in the ministry has been here at St. John Lutheran Church. While I am not leaving this place with a formal call to a new ministry in my hand, I am convinced that what lies ahead is also a calling. I am so grateful for you children and youth, for you parents and people in middle age, for those of you who are elderly. There have been challenges to be sure, but the joys, the sense of accomplishment and fulfillment outweigh everything else. Maryann and I thank God for all of you.

By the time you read this our farewell celebration on January 4th will be history. But I am writing this on December 20th, so I am still looking forward to that event as a time of embracing and thanksgiving. Please know that we will pray for you as you go through the transition process preparing to call your next pastor. Never doubt that the Lord works through each of you and through the congregation as a whole. Even though nobody knows it yet, God is even now preparing someone to come to this place and serve you and him. Trust the process. Be patient. Listen. Give thoughtful input. Pray. And the God who has blessed us together during these past four years will continue to bless us into all eternity.

Peace be with you!

Pastor Bob Kaul

January Worship Helpers

Readers

January 4 Cindy Curtis
 January 11 Taylor Crosby
 January 18 Kathy Derhaag
 January 25 Diane DeWitte

Head Usher

January 4 Kathy Peterson
 January 11 Dan Hardel
 January 18 John Helling
 January 25 Dan Hardel

Ushers / Greeters

January 4 David & Rhonda Solberg
 Phillip Solberg
 Eric Schroeder
 January 11 Berlyn & Garie Teig
 Lynn Schuknecht
 Myrna Terwedo
 January 18 Doug & Karen Thompson
 Rich & Liz Vlasak
 January 25 Greg & Jessica Westerman
 Cindy Westerhouse
 Paul Vollmar

Communion Assistants

January 11 Berlyn & Garie Teig
 Lynn Schuknecht
 Myrna Terwedo
 January 25 Gary & Jacque Hartwig
 Haley Dietz

Altar Guild

Connie Cihak

*If you are unable to help on the day assigned,
 please EXCHANGE with someone else
 and call the church office at 507-364-5002.*

Thank you for your help!

Groups & Organizations that meet at St. John!

*To ensure our calendar is correct and that we have
 the church open for your event, please inform
 Pastor Bob or Kay of your planned meeting dates.*

Thank you for your cooperation.

Have an announcement for the bulletin or newsletter?

Drop off or e-mail (stjohnelca@frontier.com)
 information to the church office by:

- ◆ Thursday for the bulletin.
- ◆ The 26th of January for the February newsletter.

Remember in your Prayers...

Tom Mariska, Blanche Sorensen, John Hiscox, Diane Notch, Betty Ann Heuer, Harold Walters (Betty Jindra and Virginia Horejsi's father), Charles Brooks (Rhonda Solberg's father), Oswald Schultz (Brenda Peterson's father), Jean Waugh, Alexander Sticha, Gabrick Rose, Patricia Morrill (Peggy Hentges' mother), Greg Vlasak, Brenda Stenzel, Terri Pekarna (Robert & Glenda Larsen's daughter), Jeff Klonne (Pat Boyle's brother), Nancy DeCoux (Cathy Stasney's mother), Bob Hauer, Chad Solheid (Michelle Trcka's brother), Opal Hartwig, Ethan Scheffert, Scott Collier, Adelle Shultz (Carol Kiekow's aunt), John Teig (Berlyn's brother), Reuben Svoboda, Braden Flicek, Mayme Jindra, Nancy Vollmar, Alvin Winterfeldt and Todd Treka.

Remember those serving our country...

Shane Morris, Damon Athey, Nathan Kubinski, Matthew Astorino, Adam Vlasak, and Matt Nelson.

Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Blanche David who passed away Sunday, December 14.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Marvin Denzer who passed away Friday, December 19.

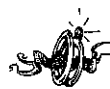
We extend our sympathy to Ralph and Doris Hendrickson and family upon the death of their daughter-in-law Patty.

Baptism

Noah Michael Lick was baptized along with his father Mat Lick, Saturday, December 6 in a private ceremony. Noah was born November 22, 2014 to Mat Lick and Abby Roemhildt. Noah's sponsors are Danielle Roemhildt and Nicholas Vien. God's blessings to Noah, Mat and their family.

Gabrick Allen Rose was baptized Sunday, December 7. Gabrick was born August 23, 2014 to Travis and Lucinda Rose. His sponsors are Jeff and Jackie Brockway, and Shawn and Christy D'Aloia. God's blessings to Gabrick and his family.

Wedding



Congratulations and best wishes to John and Lori (O'Keefe) Helling who were married here December 12.

Financial Corner General Fund - November

	November	Year to Date
Receipt	\$ 17,906.18	\$150,539.48
Expenses	\$ 14,738.89	\$167,099.07
Cash Flow	\$ 3,167.29	\$ (16,559.59)

Special Congregational Meeting

December 7, 2014, 10:00 am

Church Sanctuary

President Dan Hardel called the meeting to order.

Dan gave a review of the long process the revision of our Church Constitution and Bylaws have taken. A committee comprised of Pastor Kaul, Dan Hardel, John Grimm and Kathy Peterson was established to take the constitution and align it with the ELCA model provided. This draft was then sent to the Synod for approval. It took 2 drafts back and forth with the synod before we had an approved document. Following their approval, the document now needs congregational approval with a simple majority at this first meeting. If approved, without changes, we then will vote again (by a 2/3 majority) to adopt the amended constitution and bylaws without changes, at our Annual Congregational meeting on January 25, 2015.

Marc Peterson moved, Charles Richter seconded a motion to adopt the amended constitution and bylaws as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25 at 10:00 a.m. During our meeting, we will be voting on ratifying changes made to our Constitution and By-Laws. Copies of the Constitution are available on our church website or hardcopies are in the church office. The 2015 proposed budget will be available on our website and in the church office after the Church Council meeting on January 20.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the Operation Christmas Child project by donating gift filled shoeboxes to needy children around the world. 117 shoeboxes were collected and delivered to the processing center in Bloomington! We also donated \$262.20 for shipping from the aluminum can collection money and the "noisy" offering. A special thanks to those 20 individuals who volunteered their time at the processing center with me. Your continued support of this project, sponsored by the Board of Church in Society, is much appreciated!

Mary Brahs



Salvation Army Kettle Campaign

Thank you to all who rang the bell for the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. The campaign raised \$1,125 which will help those in Le Sueur County.



Mitten Tree

Thank you to everyone who donated to the mitten tree. We were able to take 16 scarves, 17 headbands, 11 sets, 56 hats, and 86 mittens to the Le Sueur County Santa Anonymous for distribution.



WOTC Fundraiser

The Women of the Church will be serving soup on Ash Wednesday, February 18. More details to come soon.



Newsletters!!

Would you like to receive your newsletter via e-mail. You can receive your newsletter in an easy to open PDF format. E-mailing saves money for the church by reducing the amount of paper we use, reduces the wear and tear on the copy machine and reduces the cost of postage. If interested, just notify the church office at stjohnelca@frontier.com.

Online Giving Option!!!

We are excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up one time giving or automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Just visit our website at www.montgomerymnelcalutherans.org and click on donate button, then follow onscreen instructions.



Cell Phone Fundraiser

Please donate your old phone to the Luther Leagues. We send in the old phones to a recycling program and receive money in return. These funds help keep the events held at St. John Lutheran inexpensive and available to everyone. A basket for donations can be found on top of the coat racks near the church office.



Dear People of St. John,

What a special day it was today. Maryann and I were so moved. Thank you to the Congregation Council for putting on the program and for the wonderful meal! Thank you to Kathy Heyda and the women's choir for the beautiful song. And thank you to all the Sunday School children for the great song and the really cool card.

We have opened your gifts and read all of your beautiful cards this afternoon and we realize more than ever how richly blessed we have been to serve the Lord by serving all of you at St. John. But please know that you have served us as well. We have felt supported, encouraged, affirmed and graciously blessed throughout these years with you.

May God continue to bless all of us richly. We will pray for you as you go through the hard work of the transition process. God has good things in store for you. Even now there is a pastor somewhere who is being prepared by the Spirit to serve at St. John.

We are yet in His service,

Pastor Bob and Maryann

Thank You

A very special thank you to the Montgomery Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of a wheel chair to be used at our church. If you are in need of this chair to get someone in and out of the church, you can find it by the downstairs women's restroom. This chair is only to be used here at the church. Please do not remove from the property.

January Music Notes

January 25 Bells of St. John will ring "My Life Flows on in Endless Song"



SNOW POLICY

In case of inclement weather the church closure policy will be as follows:

The Pastor and Church Council President or Vice President will make the decision if a church service will be cancelled. Notifications will be posted on the front door, KCHK Radio-1350 AM, and there will be a message put on voicemail at church.

ST. JOHN YOUTH

Pizza Party

Senior league (grades 9-12) pizza party Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Pizzeria 201. Cost: Free



Ski Trip to Mount Kato

Junior/Senior League (Grades 6-12) ski trip on Sunday, January 18. Meet at church at 1:00 p.m. to carpool. We can ski from 2-9:00 p.m. that day. Ski lift ticket is \$20. The lift ticket will be covered by Luther League Committee for member in Junior and Senior leagues. Friends are invited to come with, but will be responsible for this cost. Ski rental is \$19. You can bring your own skis/snow board or pay for rental. This cost is NOT covered by Luther League. You can bring snacks or bring extra money to purchase food at the cafeteria. YOU MUST SIGN UP ON THE BOARD AT CHURCH OR CONTACT PAIGE NORDLING THROUGH FACEBOOK NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JANUARY 16. If you contact Paige after this day, you may be responsible for your own transportation. If you are bringing a friend, please be sure their name is on the sign up sheet as well. We will need to have \$ before we leave church. We need to pay one check for everyone when we register.



Snow Tubing

Little League members (grades 3-5) We will be snow tubing at Camp Omega on Sunday, January 25th from 2-4:00 p.m. We will meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. and leave at 1:15 SHARP. We should return to the church around 4:30. Make sure you sign up on the board. We will also need parent volunteers to drive. If you have any questions please talk to Jessie Filter (507-269-3069) or Christina Dietz (612-616-3661).

Coffee Sales

We will continue to sell ground and whole bean coffee from the European Roasterie. They are available at \$9 per bag. If you are interested in purchasing, please find Amber Athey during coffee hour. Our current flavors on hand include Maple Almond Scone, Apple Cinnamon Streusel, Spiced Butter Rum, Maple Pecan Streusel, Caramelized Pralines, Golden Maple Syrup, Oatmeal Cookie, Autumn Swirls and Pumpkin Cheesecake. Other flavors include: Church Ladies, Breakfast Brew and Jamaican Me Crazy.



Pop Tab Collection

We will be collecting pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House charities. Containers will be available to deposit your pop tabs in the Youth Room, Sunday School office, and church office.