



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

MONTGOMERY, MINNESOTA

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MAY 2014

Dear People of St. John,

It seems like May is always a busy month. Here are just a few upcoming events:

The Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly is in Rochester on May 2-3.

Garrett Domine and Isaac Young will be confirmed on May 4th. The service is actually called Affirmation of Baptism. The next time you're sitting in the pew waiting for the service to begin turn to page 234 in the front of the hymnal and read through it. Are you willing to make or renew that vow?

Mother's Day is May 11th. Happy Mother's Day to all of our Moms and to all of those women in our lives who have given us guidance and encouragement along the way.

Maryann and I are departing late in the evening of May 11th on a flight to Anchorage, Alaska. We have a daughter and our two oldest grandsons living there. Isaac the eldest (18 years old and 6' 4" tall!) is graduating from high school and Nana and Papa have to be there! We'll return in the wee morning hours of May 20th. The temperatures there are pretty similar to ours right now, so I'm going to leave my parka at home! We hope to see Denali and other treasures of God's good creation while we are there.

The Mentor Dinner is on Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30. Our young people who will be confirmed in October are on the home stretch of the confirmation process. Thank you to parents, mentors, baptismal sponsors and all others who have helped to nurture these young people in the faith.

On May 25th a representative from the Gideons organization will make a brief presentation during the worship service.

May 26th is Memorial Day, a precious time to remember those men and women who have given their lives for our country. God's blessings to all of us as we remember our loved ones.

All of this plus graduations and other end-of-school-year festivities.

Look for information elsewhere in this newsletter about Vacation Bible School. It's happening on June 1-3.

By the time VBS happens the last vestiges of snow will be long gone and the final throes of winter will be a distant memory. It will be time to plant some grass in our bare (and muddy) yard. Just like you, we are looking forward to being outdoors in warmer weather.

May God's peace be with you!

In His Service,
Pastor Bob Kaul

May Worship Helpers

Readers

May 4 Jesse Skluzacek
 May 11 Garie Teig
 May 18 Patty Tiede
 May 25 Jean Waugh

Head Usher

John Grimm

Ushers / Greeters

May 4 Daryl & Cindy Curtis
 John Helling
 Lori O'Keefe
 May 11 Berlyn & Garie Teig
 Jim Heyda
 Dallas Horejsi
 May 18 Lynde & Deb Jelinek
 Roman Jindra
 Kay Busch
 May 25 Carol Kiekow
 John Krautkremer
 LaNette Kuelper
 Ruth Kukacka

Communion Assistants

May 11 Ruth Kukacka
 Don Marcussen
 Mike Nesmoe
 May 25 Charles Richter
 Steve & Tammie Pan

Acolyte

May 4 Cody Studnicka
 Chase Derhaag
 May 11 Volunteers Needed
 May 18 Cody Studnicka
 May 25 Volunteers Needed

Altar Guild

Cindy Zahratka

*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!

Remember in your Prayers...



Scott Petersen, Bob Hauer, Colleen Pavek, Louise Meyer, Harold Walters (Betty Jindra and Virginia Horejsi's father), Chad Solheid (Michelle Trcka's brother), Opal Hartwig, Ethan Scheffert, Scott Collier, Adelle Shultz (Carol Kiekow's aunt), John Teig (Berlyn's brother), Arlene Washa, Reuben Svoboda, Braden Flicek, Lester Moen, Sandy Hajney, Mayme Jindra, Nancy Vollmar, Leona Winterfeldt and Todd Trcka.

Remember those serving our country...

Kyle Eckstrom, Adam Minett, Kevin Baer, Jacqueline Sellner, Shane Morris, Damon Athey, Nathan Kubinski, Matthew Astorino, Adam Vlasak, Matt Nelson and Andy Moen.



Gift

Gift received in memory of Charles Lande. Thank you.

Baptisms

Ella Jo and Katie Elizabeth Krocak were baptized Sunday, April 6. Ella was born February 23, 2012 and Katie on January 23, 2014 to Martin and Sarah Krocak. Ella's sponsors are Mason and Maggie Grimm. Katie's sponsor are Maria Vignat and John Krocak. God's blessings to Ella, Katie and their family.

Austin Matthew Braasch was baptized Sunday, April 27. Austin was born February 15, 2014 to Matthew and Karen Braasch. Austin's sponsors are Molly Coen and Scott Lucas. God's blessings to Austin and his family.

Thank you

A special "Thank You" to the youth of St. John for those special Easter baskets sent to Lutheran Home in Belle Plaine. To Riley-Thank you for the special Easter card. *Nancy Vollmar*

We would like to thank everyone from St. John for all your support and especially the prayers that you have said for our mother and mother-in-law, Patricia Morrill over the last year. She is a direct result of the power of prayer. On July 1, 2013 she came home from the hospital under Hospice Care. Over the months she has steadily improved, much to our surprise, which led to the Hospice Care to be discontinued the end of February. Thanks to all of you, we are able to still be together and enjoy our time with her. Joyfully in Christ,

Myron and Peggy Hentges

Kathy Fellman

Lonnette Kelley

Thank you to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for their \$60 gift to be used towards the soldier packages project. Thank you to Paul Vollmar for his involvement in getting these funds.

Financial Corner General Fund - March

	March	Year to Date
Receipt	\$ 16,559.26	\$ 39,061.19
Expenses	\$ 16,277.58	\$ 47,310.22
Cash Flow	\$ 281.68	\$ (8,249.03)

Church Council Meeting

April 15, 2014 6:30pm

Present: John Grimm (1/15), Jeanne Anderson (1/15), John Krautkremer (1/16), Dan Hardel (1/17), Kathy Peterson (1/17), Wendy Vargo (1/17), and Pastor Robert Kaul

Absent: Paige Nordling (1/15), Maridan Nesmoe (1/16), John Helling (1/16)

Opened with **devotion** by Pastor Kaul

John Grimm moved, John Krautkremer seconded to **approve the March 2014 meeting minutes**. Motion carried.

President's Report: None

Vice President's Report: None

Secretary Report: None

Treasurer Report: Jeanne Anderson moved, Kathy Peterson seconded to **approve the Treasurer's Report** for March 2014. Motion carried.

It was noted that we will have another line item in the bulletin each week for "year to date" financial information.

Old Business:

A. Head Ushers

April: Dan Hardel

May: John Grimm

June: John Helling

B. Feed My Sheep

1. We have \$188.26 in this fund. No action at this time.

2. Pastor shared a thank you note from a family receiving a gift from this fund.

C. Parsonage Rental

1. A discussion took place concerning the potential rental of the parsonage. It was decided to check on where the property is being advertised, and to suggest cities to the north would be good places to target. It was also decided to wait one more month before considering a property rental reduction.

D. Constitution/Bylaws

1. The Synod has our revised document and we are awaiting their approval.

E. Audit Committee

1. John Grimm moved, Dan Hardel seconded to appoint the following to the audit committee: Dave Scheffert, Mark Wehe, Mark Brahs and Deb Jelinek. Dan will get them the needed documents and an initial meeting will be called. Motion carried.

F. Nominating Committee

We will appoint members for this committee (to seek members for the Council) beginning in September.

New Business:

A. Can Recycling: No action at this time.

B. Automated Giving

1. Kathy Peterson moved, Dan Hardel seconded a motion to direct Dan Hardel, John Grimm and Pastor to go ahead with exploring the company VANCO, an on-line giving program. Motion carried. This program offers many more options than our current "Simply Giving" program.

Committee Reports:

A. Stewardship Committee: John Grimm

1. John is continuing his \$1 a day challenge for increasing funds.

2. John is going to begin recording services on a CD, which will be available to members.

B. Evangelism Committee: Wendy Vargo

1. Bulletin boards in the fellowship hall were given a face lift. Pictures were added of the new members and graduate's pictures will be added in May.

2. A discussion was held on honoring graduates. Wendy will talk to Paige and Emily about this.

3. New members were added to the evangelism committee. They are: Cindy Zahratka, Renee Sorenson, Kathy Stasney, Pam and Larry Edel. Diane DeWitte wishes to stay on the committee.

C. Education: Pastor & Jeanne Anderson

1. The Education Committee met and reviewed and updated their goals for 2014-15.

2. Confirmation and Sunday School are going well. Space was mentioned as a problem for Sunday School.

It was noted that we may have to clean out areas for better usage of spaces.

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3. Last Sunday School will be held on May 18th. We will recognize teachers and superintendent with a gift card and mention during the service. Root Beer floats for the kids!
 4. Adult Education numbers are falling off, may reorganize by theme, or month.
 5. Mission Trip is scheduled for July 13th. 11 going, 6 youth.
 6. VBS is scheduled for June 1-3, "Splash into the Bible" – Jessica Westerman is leading with a committee.
 7. Next meeting will be Sunday, June 22nd.
 8. Pastor is in the process of scheduling the 2014-2015 calendar for confirmation and youth classes.
- D. Youth:** Paige Nordling Luther League Committee- Last planning meeting was April 6th
1. Little League: Planning a May Day Event – Thursday, May 1st after school – 6:00 p.m. – will package May Day baskets for resident at Park Manor and deliver them and sing for them during the dinner hour.
 2. Junior League: Had a service event at the Food Shelf on Saturday, March 29th. Only had about 3 attend.
 3. Senior League: Planning an outdoor movie/campfire night from 8 – midnight on Saturday, June 21 at church.
 4. On Palm Sunday, April 13th, all leagues put together 15 baskets for our shut-in's. There was an Easter Egg hunt for the younger kids as well.
 5. Mission trip set for July 12 – 19th. This group served a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Lions on April 13th.
 6. There are a couple more fundraisers for the Mission trip participants. They will be doing concessions during the week of the dance recital. Also, flower sales will happen the weekend of May 2nd & 3rd, and noisy offering on April 27th, May 25th, and June 29th – the sending service for the mission trip group will be Sunday, June 29th
 7. We will be cleaning out at Pioneer Power on Wednesday, April 16th. This is for some of our older youth who need community service hours or they can also earn money towards summer trips.
 8. We are planning an all league activity out at Gregor's lake lot again this summer. It will be on Monday, July 28th 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 9. Boundary Waters Trip – August 2nd-8th. Deposits are being gathered and registration forms completed. Another meeting will be held on Sunday, June 29th at 6:00 p.m.
 10. Pastor has been hosting a youth gathering time every other Sunday during coffee hour in the youth room. Invitations were sent via mail last week. Up-coming dates are April 27th and May 11th. We are looking for more youth involvement in the church services one Sunday a month. They can read, usher and do the Children's Minute. Emily would work with anyone interested in doing special music as well. Looking for volunteers!
 11. The Advisory Board has purchased an iPad as a financial, document management, communication and picture taking resource. Yolinda has been working to get our financial records on it.
 12. We are seeking more volunteers for all aspects of the Luther League Committee: Advisory Board, League Advisors or just those willing to help with events! We will take as much or as little help as you are willing to offer! Please contact Emily or Paige if you are interested! Youth Board Informational Meeting to gather more volunteers – Sunday, May 18th 10:00 a.m.
 13. Next Advisory meeting date is not yet set.
 14. Next Events Planning Meeting will likely be in August.
 15. Community Service Ditch Cleaning – moved to Wednesday, May 21st 3:30-5:30 p.m. – adult volunteers to drive/supervise would be appreciated.
 16. 9th Graders Mentor Dinner – Wednesday, May 21st 6:30 p.m. – served by Youth Board volunteers.
 17. ELCA Youth Gathering 2015 – Detroit, MI – July 15th-19th 2015 – need to set an informational meeting for early summer – need commitments by September/October.
 18. Will be switching the ages of the leagues in the middle of the summer. New league group ages – Little League = 3rd and 4th, Junior League = 5th-8th, Senior League = 9th-12th
 19. Thank you to John Krautkremer for hanging the locked mailbox in the hallway – it will be used as a secure place to deposit fundraiser money/forms, private health forms, etc.
- E. Facility Management** – John Krautkremer
1. Mark Richter is finishing painting projects. It looks great!
 2. John Krautkremer moved, Dan Hardel seconded to give the contract for all snow removal and lawn care to the B & D Lawn Care Company. This was the lowest bid. Motion carried.
 3. Dan Hardel moved, Jeanne Anderson seconded a motion to increase Roman Jindra's hours by one hour per week to work on special projects. Motion carried.

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F. Church and Society: Kathy Peterson

1. March was Food Share month. \$1,461 was collected along with 235 pounds of food. All was donated to the local food shelf.
2. 14 individuals donated and \$31 was collected in loose offering, for the Malaria Campaign.

G. Communications: Dan Hardel

1. Dan will work up promotional information concerning the automated giving project.

H. Fellowship: John Helling - No report

I. Worship & Music Committee: Maridan Nesmoie - No report

Pastors Report:

Pastor has been visiting shut ins.

Pastor will attend the Synod Assembly on May 2.

Pastor will invite the Eagan TEAC committee to attend our service and meet with council members concerning education in our congregation. They are collecting data.

Pastor will be attending his grandson's graduation in Alaska from late May 11 until early May 20th. John Grimm will lead the weekend services on May 17-18.

Next meeting: May 20, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 and closed with "The Lord's Prayer"

Submitted by Jeanne Anderson, Church Council Secretary

May Music Notes

May 11

N/P/K will sing "God's Way"

Grades 1 - 4 will sing "Train Me"

Rock'n the Church will sing "POWER" and "It's a Great Day to Praise the Lord"

Bells of St. John will ring "Down By The Riverside"



Thank You

Thank you to the members involved in "Watch the Lamb" on Good Friday.

Father (Simon of Cyrene) - Eric Schroeder

2 sons (Alexander & Rufus) - Isaac and Ethan Schroeder

Jesus - Trey Krautkremer

First Criminal (Dismas) - Garrett Domine

Second Criminal (Gestas) - Chase Derhaag

Roman Soldier - Jayden Stasney

Clean Up Day

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, May 17 starting at 8:30 a.m. to help spruce up the cemetery before Memorial Day. Bring gloves, rakes, hoes, shovels, etc. to help get the job done. (Weather Permitting)

Worship Service CD's

Worship services are now being audio recorded. If you would like to listen to a service, CD's are available in box outside church office. Take home to listen to and then return.

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 23rd of May for the June newsletter.

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.

ST. JOHN YOUTH

Easter Lily Sales

Thank you to everyone who purchased Easter Lilies. They made Easter Sunday both beautiful and fragrant!



Volunteers Needed

We are seeking youth in grades 7-12 to assist with worship service throughout the school year. Youth can read the lessons for the day, contribute special music, share a children's sermon, or greet and usher. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Emily Hoefs.

Mission Trip 2014

We are seeking donations towards the upcoming West Virginia Mission Trip. The transportation costs for this trip are rather high and we are hoping that with the help of our generous congregation we can help reduce the cost for each volunteer that is going on the trip. The trip will cost close to \$1000 per person and we have not yet met our fundraising goals. If you feel moved to help out with a financial contribution, please fill one of the donation envelopes that can be found in the fellowship hall. Thank you for helping make this mission trip a huge success.

Vacation Bible School

This summers VBS "Splash into the Bible" will be held beginning Sunday, June 1. All children are welcome! A registration form is available in this newsletter. Please return by May 18.



Luther League Informational Meeting

The Luther League Committee will be holding an Informational Meeting on Sunday, May 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. We are seeking additional volunteers to help with the Luther League Events and Fundraisers. If you are interested in learning more about what we do and possible joining our group, please attend this brief gathering.

Sunday School Memory Work

The Sunday School teachers have been working with their classes on the new memory work program. On the last day of Sunday School, May 18, the children will be collectively reciting their memory work during the 9:00 a.m. morning church service.

Nursery and Preschool - Jesus Love Me and the Lord's Prayer

Kindergarten - The Lord's Prayer and John 3:16

1st and 2nd Grade - The Books of the Bible

3rd and 4th Grade - The Ten Commandments

5th and 6th Grade - Apostles Creed

7th, 8th and 9th Grade - Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Following the church service and a shortened Sunday School class time, the children will meet in Fellowship Hall for an End of the Year treat.

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 Emily Hoefs during coffee hour. Our current flavors on hand include Breakfast Brew, Jamaican Me Crazy, and Church Basement Ladies.

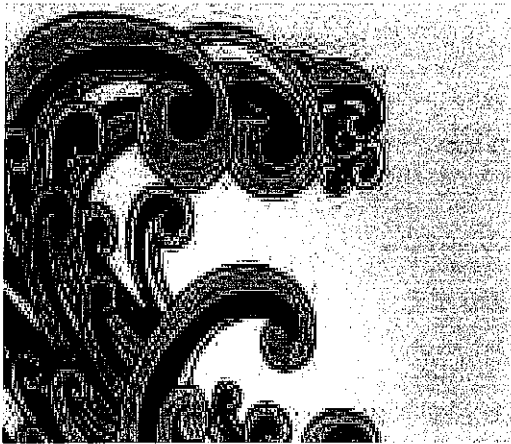


Cell Phone Fundraiser

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.

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.



Splash into the Bible

St John Lutheran Church
Vacation Bible School

Held at
St. John Lutheran Church
105 Spruce Ave. NW, Montgomery MN

Sunday June 1st 3:00 – 7:00pm
Monday June 2nd 6:00 – 8:00pm
Tuesday June 3rd 6:00 – 8:00pm

Wednesday June 4th Only Open Swim at Montgomery Pool for VBS attendees and their family!
Either 1:30 – 4:30 pm or 6:00 – 8:00 pm

All Children Welcome! Invite Your Friends! Scholarships Available call 507-364-5002
*Parents please plan on attending if child is not potty trained!

VBS Registration Form 2014

Child's Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Fathers Name: _____

Best Contact Number _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Person & Phone # _____

Known Allergies: _____ Medical Restrictions _____

Other Concerns _____

Parent Signature & Date

Willing to Volunteer *Best Contact Number _____

\$10 per child or \$25 for a family
Checks payable to St. John Lutheran notate VBS in Memo Line
Please Return By May 18, 2014

****Your child(ren) will get wet from the games we will play- please send a towel and have another for the car ride home ☺!**