



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

MONTGOMERY, MINNESOTA

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OCTOBER 2014

Dear People of St. John,

We've been blessed with glorious weather during the month of September, but as I look out my window this morning I realize that you just can't fool those migrating birds. Many different species of our fine feathered friends seem to be gathering together for training sessions about how to fly in formation and strengthen their wing muscles for their imminent flight to destinations with warmer climates. God has created these creatures with a built-in instinct to migrate and they even seem to know where they're going! And do you know what? God guides our lives as well! We don't always know how or when to spread our wings, and we don't always know where we're going, but God does, and God leads us. Praise and thanksgiving!

It was also a gloriously beautiful day on Sunday, September 21 for our open house. Thank you to all of you who made the trip to the northern suburbs of Northfield to see our home and to have fellowship with us and with each other. Maryann and I are so glad you came. We've both worked hard on that house and we just wanted you to see it.

Here are a few items for your calendar for the month of October:

On Wednesday, **October 8th** the youth will do our **ditch cleaning** routine right after school. Anyone who wants to help is welcome. There will be a snack when we get back to church followed by 9th grade confirmation class.

October 25th (Saturday) is the day when all **5th Graders** will join Amber and me at the church from 9:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. We will provide food, games and other fun activities. But the main thing for that day will be **preparation for First Communion**. We'll learn about the history of the Passover meal, the institution of the Lord's Supper, different ways in which the Sacrament is served, and much more. Then we will worship together at 5 p.m. to end the day. 5th Graders will receive their First Communion on November 9th.

October 26th is Confirmation Day at the 9 o'clock service for 12 of our young people. We had a wonderful retreat at Gustavus on September 13-14 talking about the importance of the vow in the service of Affirmation of Baptism. Our worship service will focus not only on the growing faith of these 12 young people, but on ours as well. The vow they make that day is one we can all make.

On **November 2nd** **new members** will be received into the worshiping community of St. John. There will be a reception during coffee hour. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming members of St. John, please let me know right away.

In His Service,
Pastor Bob Kaul

October Worship Helpers

Readers

October 5 Maridan Nesmo
 October 12 Kathy Peterson
 October 19 Marilyn Richter
 October 26 Haley Dietz

Head Usher

Maridan Nesmo

Ushers / Greeters

October 5 Daryl & Cindy Curtis
 Jesse & Gail Skluzacek
 October 12 Marc & Kathy Peterson
 Paul Vollmar
 Mark & Mary Brahs
 October 19 Doug & Karen Thompson
 Rich & Liz Vlasak
 October 26 Kathy Westerman
 Cindy Curtis
 Jim Blum

Communion Assistants

October 12 Ruth Kukacka
 Don Marcussen
 Mike Nesmo
 October 26 Steve Pan
 Tammie Pan
 Charles Richter

Acolyte

October 5 Tyler Nesmo
 Cody Studnicka
 October 12 Tyler Nesmo
 Cody Studnicka
 October 19 Abby Schleis
 Emily Krautkremer
 October 26 Tyler Nesmo
 Cody Studnicka

Altar Guild

Mary Brahs
 Cindy Curtis

*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...

Alexander Sticha, Patricia Morrill (Peggy Hentges' mother), Brenda Stenzel, Betty Braun, Greg Vlasak, Jeff and Peggy Schaak, Terri Pekarna (Robert & Glenda Larsen's daughter), Jeff Klone (Pat Boyle's brother), Nancy DeCoux (Cathy Stasney's mother), Bob Hauer, 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), Reuben Svoboda, Braden Flicek, Sandy Hajney, Mayme Jindra, Nancy Vollmar, Alvin Winterfeldt and Todd Trcka.

Remember those serving our country...

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



Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to the family of Lester Moen who passed away Wednesday, September 17.

We extend our sympathy to Shelly Roemhildt and family upon the death of her father, Mike Simon.

Memorials

Gift received in memory of Dave Washa for the music fund. Thank you.

Baptism

Macoy Donald Kopp was baptized Sunday, September 21. Macoy was born July 5, 2014 to Kody and Jean Kopp. His sponsors are Gail Skluzacek and Mason Grimm. God's blessings to Macoy and his family.

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.

Financial Corner General Fund - August

	August	Year to Date
Receipt	\$ 13,552.50	\$107,732.96
Expenses	\$ 17,078.01	\$121,802.01
Cash Flow	\$ (3,525.51)	\$ (14,069.05)

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 24th of October for the November newsletter.

Church Council Meeting September 16, 2014 - 6:30pm

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

Absent: John Grimm (1/15), Maridan Nesmoie (1/16)

Opened with **devotion** by Pastor Kaul

Kathy Peterson moved, John Krautkremer seconded to **approve the August 2014 meeting minutes**. Motion carried.

Special Guest: Dale Ruhland, of Ruhland Electric, reported on options for lighting the sanctuary. It is time to re-lamp (change the bulbs) now. Last time they were re-lamped was 2009 for a cost of approximately \$500. He discussed a fluorescent option and an LED option. There were many positive reasons to go with the LED lights. The energy savings going from incandescent to LED would be 3300 watts down to 400 watts. It would be much better lighting and should last 40 years. These lights would have dimmers on them. We would have new recessed lights installed and replace the wiring on the current light fixtures. They would need to use scaffolding to accomplish this. When finished, the main lighting would be from the new recessed lights and the hanging fixtures would have fewer lights inside that would light them for looks. The fuse panels will also be reviewed and possibly replaced. Funds have been donated for this project and would cover these costs. Dan Hardel moved and John Krautkremer seconded the motion to accept bids as presented. Motion carried.

President's Report: None

Vice President's Report: None

Secretary Report: None

Treasurer Report: Jeanne Anderson moved, Dan Hardel seconded to **approve the Treasurer's Report** for August 2014. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- A. Head Ushers:** October: Maridan Nesmoie
November: Wendy Vargo
December: John Krautkremer
- B. Feed My Sheep:** Jeanne Anderson moved, John Krautkremer seconded to donate funds to two families in need. Motion carried.
- C. Constitution and Bylaws update:** Documents are at the Synod for approval. It is planned that they will be approved at the October council meeting with presentation to congregation in November.
- D. Audit Committee:** Initial meeting was held on August 20, 2014.
- E. Facility Improvement – Church Bathrooms.** Dan Hardel moved, John Helling seconded to approve up to \$6,000 for the new flooring, counters and toilets in the church bathrooms. Funds will be used from the Restoration Fund. Motion carried.
- F. Parsonage Rental:** Mold was discovered in the basement. It was cleaned, treated and painted. Bats have been detected and are being dealt with. There have been problems with the toilet not flushing properly.

New Business:

- A. Can Recycling:** Wendy Vargo moved, Kathy Peterson seconded a motion to designate the next can recycling money to Operation Christmas Child project. Motion carried.
- B. Nomination committee:** We need to activate this committee to seek members to run for open council positions. Wendy Vargo has agreed to serve on this committee. We need at least 3 members for this committee. If you are willing to serve, see Wendy.

Committee Reports:

- A. Stewardship Committee:** John Grimm - Absent
- B. Evangelism Committee:** Wendy Vargo
 - 1. New member Sunday will be November 2. A welcome social will be held in the social hall after the church service with cake and coffee being served.
 - 2. A box for donations for those serving in the military was set out in the social hall. Donations will be sorted into individual boxes and will be set out to those from our congregation around the middle of November.
- C. Education:** Pastor & Jeanne Anderson
 - 1. Rally Sunday was very successful and Sunday school has begun.
 - 2. 10th grade went to a confirmation retreat at Gustavus last weekend, Pastor commented on the fantastic group!
 - 3. The next education committee meeting will be held on October 12 at 11:00 a.m.

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D. Youth: Paige Nordling - Luther League Committee- Last planning meeting was September 3rd.

1. Little League (3rd – 5th grades)
 - a. Christina Dietz and Jessie Filter will remain as advisors.
 - b. There will be a waffle breakfast following Sunday School on Sunday, September 28th for Little Leaguers and their parents.
 - c. Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box packing will be on Sunday, November 16th, from 11 – 2. We will again be collecting items through Sunday school. Watch for details.
2. Junior League (6th – 8th grades)
 - a. We currently have no one serving as an advisor. Amber is contacting some people in hopes of finding someone to take over.
 - b. Hoping to do the Campout for Homelessness again on Saturday, November 1st.
3. Senior League (9th – 12th grades)
 - a. Missy Gregor and Jill Vargo are advisors for Senior League.
 - b. Looking to do a night at the Elko Drive-In Movies. Unsure when season ends.
 - c. Tentative date for a bowling event will be Sunday, December 7th.
 - d. Missy is looking to do a Bonfire out at Gregor's lake lot on Thursday, October 16 (MEA)
4. All Leagues:
 - a. Horseback riding at River Valley Horse Ranch in Jordan. Looking for more information from the ranch. Must have 20 to get group rate. Little Leaguers MUST have parent in attendance. Watch for details.
 - b. Roller Skating event Roller Garden in St. Louis Park. Probable winter activity.
 - c. Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 21st. Looking to invite the whole congregation instead of just youth. Watch for information.
5. We have no one in the position of Junior League advisor. As a league advisor, you meet with the entire Luther League committee 3 or 4 times a year and plan at least one activity per quarter for that league. You are also asked to help with All-League activities as they are planned. Please contact Amber or Paige if you are interested or know someone who might fit well in this position.
6. We held an All League event out at Gregor's lake lot. A good mix of older and younger kids were there. Had a great time!
7. ELCA Youth Gathering 2015 – Detroit, MI – July 15th-19th 2015 – We had an informational meeting for September 10th. Only 2 youth attended. If you are interested and missed the meeting, please contact Amber or Pastor Bob IMMEDIATELY – need commitments ASAP.
8. There will be an informational meeting regarding next summer's BWCA trip on Wednesday, October 1st at 7:30 at church. That trip will be set for August 2-8, 2015. Please come check it out if interested or contact either Paige or Amber if you are not available.
9. We will look into ordering a universal t-shirt for all kids in any of the leagues. We need to figure out how much interest there is before we order. Watch the bulletin / bulletin board for information and sign up if you would like one. If there is not enough interest, we will not order them.
10. The Youth Committee had playground equipment installed in the back yard on Thursday, Sept 4th. It was well received on Rally Sunday!
11. Treat bags will again be filled to hand out to the kids following the Sunday School program on Dec. 14th. The Advisory Board will work on facilitating this.
12. A number of kids attended Camp Omega this summer. Remember to turn in a copy of your registration to the office in order to get reimbursed any money from your child's account.
13. We are always looking for more youth involvement in the church services one Sunday a month.
14. Next planning meeting will be on Sunday, December 7th during Sunday School.
15. Next Advisory Meeting has yet to be set.

E. Facility Management: John Krautkremer

1. John is working with this committee to oversee the lighting and bathroom remodel projects.

F. Church and Society: Kathy Peterson

1. This committee is promoting the Christmas Child Shoebox project and Salvation Army bell ringing.

G. Communications: Dan Hardel

1. Giving site is live and promotional materials will be shared in bulletins, etc.

H. Fellowship: John Helling

1. Rally Sunday was very successful, about 170 people attended!

I. Worship & Music Committee: Maridan Nesmoe - Absent

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Pastors Report:

1. Amber Athey will be installed on Sunday, September 21, 2014. She will be working with the Youth.
2. The congregation is invited to Pastor and Maryann's new home on Sunday, September 21st - beginning at noon. A light lunch will be served.
3. Pastor presented to the council documents he and Cindy Westerhouse have developed for our church. They are: job descriptions and a personnel policy manual. Performance evaluations and job applications are in the works. Council members will review these for approval.

Next meeting: October 21, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. and closed with "The Lord's Prayer"

Submitted by Jeanne Anderson, Church Council Secretary

New Service begins!!!

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.

New Member Sunday

On Sunday, November 2 we will welcome new members to the congregation followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Bob as soon as possible.

Nomination Committee

The Church Council are seeking members to form a nominating committee for Church Council positions opening January, 2015. Anyone interested can contact any council member.

October Music Notes

October 12 N, P, K will sing "1, 2, 3 Jesus Loves Me"
Grades 1 - 4 will sing "The Wise Man and the Foolish Man"

October 19 Rock'n the Church will sing "Get Together"

October 26 (Reformation & Confirmation) Bells of St. John will ring "Blessed Jesus, We Are Here"

Kathy Heyda
Music Director



ST. JOHN YOUTH

Horseback Riding

Horseback riding at River Valley Ranch in Jordan will take place on Sunday, Oct. 5th. All youth leagues are invited, however, little league youth (3rd-5th) need to have a parent along. Price is \$25.00 a person for a group of 20, \$30.00 for less than 20 people. A sign up is located on the youth board along with a parent consent form for those junior and senior league youth whose parents are not attending. We'll meet at the church at noon and ride over to Jordan together for a 1:00 trail ride.



Senior League Event

Thursday, Oct. 16th there will be a bonfire at Gregor's lake lot from 7pm to 10pm. Please sign up and note if you need a ride from the church to Gregor's. Plan to meet at the church at 6:45 pm if you need a ride. Sign up is located on the youth board. Contact Missy Gregor for more information.



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.

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.

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 Breakfast Brew, Jamaican Me Crazy, and Church Basement Ladies.



Operation Christmas Child

Girls and boys in more than 150 counties have experienced the joy of Christmas and heard the good news of Jesus Christ thanks to caring people who have packed over 100 million shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child since 1993. These simple shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and candy bring smiling faces to God's precious children. Help spread joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide by taking part in this special Christmas project sponsored by the Board of Church in Society. Complete details are outlined in the Operation Christmas Child brochures available at church beginning October 19th. Please bring your gift-filled shoebox to church on or before Sunday, November 23 (shoebox dedication Sunday). Last year we collected 127 shoeboxes. Let's try to beat that record this year! For more information contact Mary Brahs at 364-8058.



Operation Christmas Child Twin Cities Processing Center

A group of adults and youth (9th through 12th grade) will be volunteering at the Operation Christmas Child Twin Cities Processing Center on Wednesday, December 3, from 6 - 9:30 p.m. There will be a sign up sheet on the youth bulletin board beginning October 19. Anyone under 18 must obtain a consent form from church. We will leave from the church at 4 p.m. and stop to eat on our way up to the cities before our work shift.

Soldier Packages

The Evangelism Committee is now collecting items for the Soldiers' Christmas Packages that will be sent in November. There's a box placed in Fellowship Hall for non-perishable items. Soldier addresses are needed. Please drop off or call the church office with the address of your soldier.



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.

Women of the Church

Fall Fundraiser

- WHO:** Women of the Church (WOTC) - All women members of St. John Lutheran Church are members of WOTC and are asked to participate in 2 fundraisers a year.
- WHAT:** WOTC Fall Fundraiser - Egg Bake Breakfast, Bake Sale, Craft Sale.
- WHEN:** Sunday, November 16, 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
- WHERE:** St. John Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
- WHY:** WOTC raise funds each year through 2 fundraisers and money from our Sunday coffee hour. These funds are used to pay for the kitchen expenses, replenish the coffee supply, commercially clean carpet in Fellowship Hall, buy supplies for Lutheran World Relief layette sets, personal care kits and sewing kits, quilting supplies (quilts are given to Lutheran World Relief, Peace Center, other as needed), and other charitable gifts.
- HOW:**
1. We have decided to purchase ingredients for the egg bakes but need to have women bring fruit and rolls/pastries.
 2. We need baked goods and crafts for the sale. Please have baked goods labeled because some breads and pies are hard to distinguish what kind they are. Homemade pies and breads are the best sellers. If you are bringing crafts, please have them priced.
 3. Workers are needed for 3 different shifts.
 - Saturday 12 noon - 4:00 p.m. (approximately)
 - Set up Fellowship Hall for craft and bake sale items.
 - Price baked goods.
 - Make egg bakes.
 - Sunday: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
 - 9:30 a.m. - clean up
 4. Or give \$20.

Please have baked goods and crafts to the church by noon on Saturday, November 15.
Please complete form below and return to the church office by Wednesday, October 15.

Thank you for making our fundraiser a success.

I will bring: _____ Baked Goods
_____ Crafts
_____ Fruit
_____ Rolls/pastries for breakfast

I will work _____ Saturday - Noon - 4:00 p.m.
_____ Sunday - 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.
_____ Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Clean Up
_____ Can't work and entire shift but will work _____

_____ Sorry I can't help but will donate \$20.

