



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

MONTGOMERY, MINNESOTA

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OCTOBER 2017

## THIS ISN'T A EULOGY!

*She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.*

Act 9:36

In the midst of the busyness of the church, we need to be mindful of the times that we need to stop and give thanks to the people who offer their time, gifts, and talents often behind the scenes. From our teachers and youth leaders, our musicians to our custodian, and, yes, our church secretary, we give thanks to God for you.

Kay Busch has served our congregation here at St. John Lutheran for over 12 years. During that time, she has been a very devoted worker in the life and ministry here. Her secretarial and bookkeeping tasks were just one portion of the way she has impacted the life of this congregation. We give thanks for the heart and compassion that she has shared here. A church secretary has her/his job description to ensure functionality, but they also have a wonderful knack hitting the pause button when someone is in need of care by taking the time to connect with the one who is on the other end of the phone line or who has just plopped themselves in the vacant seat across the desk from them.

As a pastor who has had the wonderful opportunity to work with four secretaries over my time of call, I recognize the gift of ministry that those called to serve in this position have to offer. Having had some transitions in pastors here at St. John over those 12 years, the members, councils, call committees, and pastors, myself included, appreciate your time and effort put in to the call process, transitions, and day to day life of this congregation.

Thank you, Kay for your devotion to the good works and ministry done here!

With Kay's retirement, Missy Gregor will be fully assuming the position of church secretary starting in October. Missy has been training with Kay over the past few weeks for the secretarial duties with the possibility of adding the bookkeeping areas in the future. Missy will continue to serve our congregation in her position as our youth director. Please continue to pray for Missy as she steps into this area of service to the church.

Now, why did I say that this isn't a eulogy?

If you have some time, read Acts 9:36-42 for yourself. Tabitha (Dorcas) who had been devoted to good works and acts of charity died. Peter and some of the apostles were called to come without delay by the request of Lydia. Peter comes. Tabitha's works are displayed for all to see and touch. Peter speaks to the lifeless body and says, "Tabitha, get up!" And, she does. She gets up and lives based on the power and the authority of Jesus Christ.

We are called back to life to live as those who are set free - continuing to share our time, gifts, and talent in Christ's name. During this period of transition, I have heard Kay say a number of times, "I'm not leaving the congregation!" But, just in case you need a jolt, you who are in transition, including Kay, "Get up and live!," because you still have a lot to share.

Blessings, peace, and life to you, Kay, in this new transition!

And, Peace of Christ to all of you,

*Pr. Jason*

## October Worship Helpers

### Readers

October 1	Kathy Westerman
October 8	Cindy Curtis
October 15	Carol Kiekow
October 22	Dianne DeWitte
October 29	Confirmand

### Head Usher

Greg Westerman

### Ushers / Greeters

October 1	Steve & Tammie Pan Steve & Anne Schroeder
October 8	Jesse & Gail Skluzacek Eric Schroeder Lynn Schuknecht
October 15	Gerry & Dianna Smith Berlyn & Garie Teig
October 22	David & Rhonda Solberg Phillip Solberg Myrna Terwedo
October 29	Rich & Liz Vlasak Paul Vollmar Cindy Westerhouse

### Communion Assistants

October 1	Candy Kadrlík Carol Kiekow Youth Volunteer
October 8	Erin Krautkremer Ruth Kukacka Youth Volunteer
October 15	Don Marcussen Maridan Nesmoe Youth Volunteer
October 22	Tammie Pan Brenda Peterson Youth Volunteer
October 29	Renee Pribyl Charles Richter Youth Volunteer

### Acolytes

October 1	Nicole Schweitzer
October 8	Tanner Smith
October 15	Timothy Tiede
October 22	Tanner Smith
October 29	Volunteer Needed

### Altar Guild

Volunteers Needed

*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...

Nancy Vollmar, Marcia (Koschade) Solberg, Gretchen Vlasak, Tom Trenda, Dale Benson, Heidi Huewe (friend of Renee Soreneson), Lisa (Bartyzal) Indhl, Greg Vlasak, Lois Schmidt (Megan Pratola's aunt), Rev. Bob and Ardyce Boda, Phyllis Swidorski, Amy Korthuis (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law) Nancy Creger and Kris Huhner (Kathy Peterson's sister).

## Remember those serving our country...

Travis Ferguson, Colin Hulke, Shane Morris, Matthew Astorino, and Adam Vlasak.

### *Sympathy*

*We extend our sympathy to David and Jeanne Anderson and family upon the death of Dave's mother Ardeen Anderson.*

*We extend our sympathy to the family of Glenda Larson who passed on Monday, September 25th. Her funeral will be at Ballard Sunder funeral home in Jordan on Saturday October 14th at 11:00 AM, visitation 9:30-11:00 AM.*

### *Gifts Received*

A gift was received in memory of Ardee Anderson for the Feed My Sheep program.

### *Baptism*

Brody Lewis Kent Kadel was baptized on Sunday, September 24. Brody was born on October 21, 2016 to Nic and Amber Kadel.

### *Confirmation Service*

Sunday, October 29th is Confirmation Day at the 9:00 AM service. Being confirmed are Madison Gilbertson, Ariana Krautkremer, Nicholas Novotny, Gretchen Vlasak, Madelyn Wehe

**Operation Christmas Child  
Kickoff Sunday, October 22nd  
Collection of Boxes Sunday, November 19th**

## 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 25th of October for the November 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 Jason or Missy of your planned meeting dates.*

# St. John Church Council Minutes

September 17, 2017

Eric called the meeting to order at 11:05.

Present: Eric Schroeder (2018), Liz Vlasak (2018), Connie Cihak (2018), Carol Kiekow (2018), Kathy Peterson (2020), Steve Schroeder (2020), Renee Sorenson (2019).

Absent: Greg Westerman (2019), Wendy Vargo (2020).

Pastor led devotion on forgiveness and conflicts; our task to really listen, communicate, hear, learn and believe for ourselves. He went through his report on recent and upcoming activities.

Motion to approve Secretary's amended report by Carol, seconded by Kathy; motion carried.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Renee, seconded by Carol; motion carried.

Greg Westerman will be head usher in October; Steve Schroeder in November.

Feed My Sheep has a \$270.00 balance; no recipients noted.

Last can recycling monies will go to Confirmation Retreat. Next recycling will go towards Confirmation Suppers.

Motion to approve Melissa Gregor as Church Secretary made by Carol, seconded by Renee; motion carries.

## Committee reports:

**Stewardship** – seeking opportunity to help out fire & flooded areas

**Evangelism** – New Member Sunday 11-12-2017; doing soldier boxes

**Worship & Music** – went through upcoming schedules, bells have begun with full membership!

Aging Services will be doing events for the Seniors October through December using St John Fellowship Hall.

Next meeting October 22, 2017 at 11:00

Motion to adjourn at 12:30 by Steve, seconded by Renee, motion carried. Closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Cihak

## We Need Help!!!

The Facilities committee decided that it is too difficult to get a big crowd together. So we are having a few people put together a list of jobs that need to be done - both inside and out. It will be posted in the fellowship hall. There is a large list of chores so any help will be greatly appreciated, whether you are available for just an hour or a whole weekend!!

Please check out this list and put your name by the chores you can tackle. Please consider helping out so we can keep St John looking sharp and welcoming.

If you have any specific questions, please see Paul Busch, Berlyn Tieg, Dave Scheffert or a council member.

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others,  
so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

*Matthew 5:16*



## **NEW TO YOU & REFRESHER ADULT CATECHISM**

If you haven't had an opportunity to learn about Luther's Small Catechism or if you are interested in a refresher, we are going to be offering a class for you starting this October. The sessions will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays in October and November & the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in December at St. John Lutheran Church from 6:30-7:30 PM. The sessions will be as follows: **Ten Commandments Oct 9<sup>th</sup>**, **The Apostles' Creed Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>**, **The Lord's Prayer Nov 13<sup>th</sup>**, **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism & The Sacrament of Holy Communion Nov 27<sup>th</sup>**, and **The Marks of the Church Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in participating, you may contact Pr. Jason by phone (Office) 507-364-5002 / (Cell) 406-665-5320 or e-mail at [prjasonpollington@gmail.com](mailto:prjasonpollington@gmail.com).

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## **OCTOBER CONFIRMATION EVENTS**

### **Confirmation Retreat with the 10<sup>th</sup> Graders At Gustavus College**

### **Oct. 14 & 15 (Saturday-Sunday)**

### **10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation will be held on 10/29**

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### **Opportunities to Help:**

**Looking for an Adult Male and Adult Female  
to Serve as Chaperones for the Confirmation Retreat**  
(1 PM Saturday Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> until Approximately 2 PM Sunday Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>)

**Altar Guild**

**Communion Assistants (Confirmation-Adults)**

**Providing a Meal for Wednesday Evening Confirmation (Approx. 20-22)**

**Helping with a Confirmation Class (High School and Adults)**

**Contact Pastor Jason or the church office if you can help.**

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

We are seeking feedback from those interested in participating in adult Christian educational opportunities at St. John Lutheran. We are intentionally planning on various opportunities throughout the year, but we are exploring more large group and small group options. Some of the areas of feedback we are looking for are: Topic/Book of the Bible; Day of the Week, Time, Frequency, and Location Suggestions; & Participation Level – Participant or Facilitator.

Please contact Pastor Jason (Cell 406-665-5320 or e-mail at [prjasonpollington@gmail.com](mailto:prjasonpollington@gmail.com)), Kathy Westerman Committee Chair, Liz Vlasak Committee Council Rep., or talk with anyone on the Education Committee. We would appreciate hearing from you.

**Bible Talk  
Study Group**



## **Aging Mastery Program**

Catholic Charities of Southern MN in partnership with the Aging Services for Communities is pleased to announce that the Aging Mastery Program will be offered in Montgomery starting October 18th! The informational meeting will be held 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 11th at St. John Lutheran Church. A light lunch will be provided.

The Aging Mastery Program encourages mastery-developing behaviors across many dimensions that will lead to improved health, stronger financial security, and overall well-being.

Topics to be covered by local guest speakers will include:

Navigating Longer Lives	Medication Management
Exercise and You	Advanced Planning
Sleep	Healthy Relationships
Healthy Eating & Hydration	Fall Prevention
Financial Fitness	Community Engagement

Limited spots available. Sign up now!

To register or request additional information contact Michael Maas at 507 450-1518 or email at [mmaas@ccsommn.org](mailto:mmaas@ccsommn.org)

### **9th grade students and their Mentors**

Preston Anderson.....	Denise Krautkremer
Caleb Cihak.....	Connie Cihak
Derrick Horejsi.....	Dallas Horejsi
Dustin Horejsi.....	Dallas Horejsi
Natalee Korbitz.....	Cathy Stasney
Wyley Peterson.....	Dawn Anderson
Abigail Schulte.....	Susan Martinson
Nicole Schweitzer.....	Kathy Heyda
Tanner Smith.....	Kathy Westerman
Timothy Tiede.....	Jill Kalina

### ***Thank You***

Thank you to the Lucky 4-H Club members for helping to put all 60 bags together for school girls in Africa's orphanages. All the 4-H'ers were wonderful and made a every big job easier. God bless each of them.

*Doris Hendrickson*

Thank you for your aluminum cans! Our last drop off amounted to \$130!

Thank you Paul Busch for delivering aluminum cans to Mankato.

Thank you to the American Legion for \$200 for our Sunday School program.

**The Church Council is inviting** all members of St John and the community to join us in honoring Kay Busch as she retires from her job as church secretary. Kay has served the congregation with patience, devotion and commitment since March of 2005. There will be a reception for Kay following the service on October 1<sup>st</sup> approximately 10 am, in the fellowship hall. Please join us as we thank her for her years of service and wish her well on the next chapter of her life.

# Music Notes

Choir rehearsals have begun. I have been working on new music with the Bells of St. John and Rock'n the Church Choir. We are a huge family that loves to sing and ring songs to glorify God.

When we sing in church:

1. We obey God's command. We're doing what God asks of us.
2. We dig deep roots in the Word. We are promised that the Word of Christ will dwell in us richly – which is what we should crave as believers!
3. We build up others. When we sing together as a church family, we are hearing testimonies of faith all around us.
4. We make war against Satan. A heart that sings and makes melody to the Lord will not easily give in to temptation or sin.
5. We are spiritually strengthened for trial. Singing strengthens us. Even in suffering, we should SING!
6. We walk a God-designed pathway to joy. Joy and singing are bound together. If you struggle for joy – SING. If you are joyful, SING. Sing like it's your birthday every day and you want everyone to know. We bring our heart, soul, mind and strength together to focus entirely and completely on God to glorify Him.

Kathy Heyda  
Music Director



## Special Music for October

October 8 – N/P/K and Grades 1-4 sing

October 15 – Rock'n the Church sings

October 29 (Reformation/Confirmation) – Bells of St. John ring

### **Pastor Jason's Office Hours**

Beginning the week of September 10,  
Pastor will be in the office Monday,  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday,  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 1:00-5:00 p.m..  
His day off will be Thursdays.

### **Soldier Packages**

We will soon be collection items for the soldier packages.  
Packages will be sent out before the end of November so  
they can be received by Christmas. If you have an address of  
a soldier, please submit it to the church office before  
November 1.

### **Missy's Office Hours**

Tuesday-9:00 AM -5:00 PM  
Wednesday-5:15PM -7:15 PM  
Thursday- 9:30 AM-2:30 PM  
Friday- 11:30 AM-2:30 PM

Butter Braid delivery will be on  
Thursday, October 12th

### **Women of the Church Fall Fundraiser**

Sunday, November 12th  
7:30 AM– 12:00 PM  
A meeting will be held on Thursday,  
October 12th at 6:30 PM to discuss the  
fundraiser

### **Quilting**

The St John Quilters will  
meet the 2nd and 4th  
Mondays during October &  
November. No special  
skills necessary. We work  
from 9 AM– 2 PM so bring  
a lunch and join us for  
some fellowship & fun!

### **Men of the Church Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, October 8th  
8:00 AM– 12:00 PM  
Proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund



## **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 12, 7:30 - 12:00 p.m.**
- 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, sausage and fruit but need to have women bring rolls/pastries to be served with breakfast.
  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 9:00 a.m. - Noon (approximately)
      - Set up Fellowship Hall for craft and bake sale items.
      - Price baked goods.
      - Make egg bakes.
    - Sunday: 6:30 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 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 11.  
Please complete form below and return to the church office by Sunday, November 5th.**

**Thank you for making our fundraiser a success.**

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I will bring: \_\_\_\_\_ Baked Goods  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ Crafts  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ Rolls/pastries for breakfast

I will work \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - Noon  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday - 6:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Clean Up  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ Can't work an entire shift but will work \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will donate \$20.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# ST. JOHN YOUTH

October 1st

Mission Trip presentation  
during church

**\$10**

**T-shirts for Sale!**  
**Youth sizes M & L**  
**Adult sizes XS-XL**  
**Pick up in church office**

Pumpkin Decorating party

October 28 10 AM-Noon

Pumpkin Decorating, crafts & snacks!

Little League (grades 3 & 4) kids under 3rd grade can attend with a parent. **BYOP** (bring your own pumpkin):)



*Help Support the  
Scholarship fund by attending  
the  
Men of the Church Breakfast  
Sunday, October 8th.  
8AM-Noon*

## **Fall Flavors are here!**

\$9 for a 12 ounce bag. You can purchase during coffee hour or at the church office during the week. Breakfast Brew, Smore's, Toasted Marshmallow, Autumn Delight, Swirls of Autumn, Apple Cinnamon Strudel & Pumpkin Spice!  
We take orders!

See Missy or check out the European Roasterie website for a list of flavors. All flavors can be order in ground or whole bean. All proceeds go to the youth league.



## FALL YOUTH RETREATS

November 3-4 Fall Youth Blast grades 3-5 @  
Good Earth Village

November 10-11 Fall Youth Blast grades 6-8 @  
Good Earth Village

November 17-19 Fall Retreat Senior League  
grades 9-12 @ Trinity in Owatonna

Please RSVP to Missy

**Junior & Senior League Youth** needed to help with offering child care for our adult education classes, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays in October and November & the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in December at St. John Lutheran Church from 6:30-7:30 PM  
Talk to Pastor Jason or Missy if interested, fun way to earn community service hours



## **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.