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## REFLECTION

A Nativity Scene was erected in a church yard.

During the night the folks came across this scene.

An abandoned dog was looking for a comfortable, protected place to sleep. He chose baby Jesus as his comfort. No one had the heart to send him away so he was there all night.



We should all have the good sense of this dog and curl up in Jesus' lap from time to time.

I received this from LeaEtte Peters at Christmas time and thought even if this special season is over, it could be a good reminder that we can do this anytime of the year. He isn't just there for us at Christmas!  
Submitted by Karen

### Woman and the Fork

*There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things 'in order,' she contacted her Pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes.*

*She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in.*

*Everything was in order and the Pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.*

*'There's one more thing,' she said excitedly..*

*'What's that?' came the Pastor's reply?*

*'This is very important,' the young woman continued. 'I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.'*

*The Pastor stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say.*

*That surprises you, doesn't it?' the young woman asked.*

*'Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request,' said the Pastor.*

*The young woman explained. 'My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!'*

*So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'What's with the fork?' Then I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork ..the best is yet to come.'*

*The Pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. She KNEW that something better was coming.*

*At the funeral people were walking by the young woman's casket and they saw the cloak she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the Pastor heard the question, 'What's with the fork?' And over and over he smiled.*

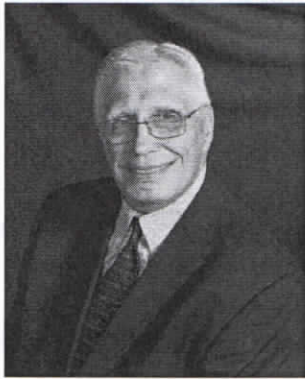
*During his message, the Pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either.*

*He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come. Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. Cherish the time you have, and the memories you share. Being friends with someone is not an opportunity, but a sweet responsibility. And just remember...keep your fork!*

*The BEST is yet to come!  
God Bless You*

*Submitted by Lea Ette Peters*

## Pastor's Notes



<sup>12</sup> Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ...<sup>14</sup> Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many...<sup>15</sup> Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.<sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.<sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?<sup>18</sup> But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. *I Corinthians 12*

The church, like the human body, is made up of many members. And each member is important to the proper functioning of the Body of Christ. Some members may seem less significant than others when in reality each member of the Body of Christ is important to its proper functioning.

Some may think that the pastor is the most important member of a local church. The pastor may be the most visible and may be charged with the important functions of preaching, teaching and leadership. But where would any church be without those men and women who teach the Sunday school classes, or serve on the church council, or play the organ, or sing in the choir, or compile and print the church bulletins and newsletters, or clean the church, or greet those who come to worship, or serve funeral lunches, or maintain the building and grounds, or provide leadership for the youth group, or provide care for younger children during the sermon time during worship. EVERY ONE is important and critical to proper functioning of every local church, and more specifically to the proper and healthy functioning of the Body of Christ at St. John's Church of Hassan Valley Township.

Let me give you just a couple of examples that stick in my mind as evidence that the Body of Christ at St. John's is healthy and functioning in a manner that is pleasing to the Head of the Church, Christ Jesus. A few weeks ago Casey Blackbird said he would like to teach a youth Bible study. Casey is a junior in high school. How often does something like that happen? Not very often. Praise God for Casey's initiative and willingness to provide a wonderful function in the life of our church. Another example involves the need for two new Council members. At times it's a real struggle to find men and women who are willing to serve. But this year we go into our Annual Meeting with several individuals who have volunteered to serve. Wow! Again, it is evidence to me that our body here at St. John's is functioning as a healthy body should. Praise God for the privilege of being associated with such a wonderful group of willing servants, every one!

Pastor Bob

## \ Council Meeting 11/13/2013

All council members and Pastor Bob were present.

### Pastor's Report:

Visitation: Joyce Karl, Katherine Rannow, Eileen Moehring, Loretta Jungclaus, Dick & Bernetta Swift, Maynard Rannow, Charlotte Hardel, Marge Block and Betty Benjamin.

I purchased communion cups and wafers this month. Several Sunday school teachers wondered where the Council was in our research on adding more space. The two concerns that were raised were safety issues involving possible fire code violations including the post high school class meeting in the kitchen and the adult class meeting in the entryway.

Dave called the meeting to order. Chandler Swift gave a tour of the fuel oil room.

Secretary's report was read by Randy and approved.

Treasurer's report was read by Brian and approved.

Building report was read by Doug and approved.

### Checking:

Beginning balance \$28,881.78/Ending balance \$29,790.70

General fund: \$12,642.70

Benevolence: \$3,963.00

Youth Group: \$3,060.00

Memorial fund: \$2,864.00

Building Fund: \$2,607.00

Cemetery: \$2,547.00

Choir: \$633.00

Sunday School/VBS: 1,354.00

Designated cash: \$17,148.00

Total Funds balance: \$29,790.70

Building fund: \$22,753.77

### Old Business:

- \*Review of church assessments is done.
- \*Committee for youth protection program per insurance company. Is being handled by Dave Swift.
- \*Brian A is working on tool hangers in the furnace room.
- \*Lockable mailbox was discussed and council made decision not to do anything about it at this time.
- \*Asian beetles were sprayed.
- \*Church cleaning is done.
- \*Motion made to have payment made from the building fund for cleaning the church in the amount of \$1,032.50.
- \*Ushers and cleaning people needed for 12-22-13 and 12-29-13.

### New Business:

- \*County assessor contacted Pastor Bob and Dave Sanken to assess church property.
  - \*Membership reviews: Jeremy Martin, Brandon Quast, Tyler Quast and Randy Blake will be contacted to visit with them regarding their membership.
  - \*Dawn Huebert will setup face book for the church.
  - \*Pastors contract is up and reviews will be sent out to members.
  - \*Thermostats are being played with again. Please do not touch these!!
  - \*Land contract has 1 more year left.
  - \*Church decorating is on 11-30-13 at 9am.
  - \*Advent candles will be purchased by Pastor Bob.
  - \*Clocks and steeple timers will be adjusted by Dave Swift.
- Nothing in Suggestion box.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00

Respectively submitted,  
Randy Rose Secretary

### **Council Meeting 12/11/2013**

All council members and Pastor Bob were present.

Pastor's Report:

Visitation: Joyce Karl- Katherine Rannow- Eileen Moehring- Loretta Jungclaus,  
Dick & Bernetta Swift- Maynard Rannow- Charlotte Hardel- Duane and Gloria Wiggern- Jerry and Sandy Wright-Irene and Lillian Nemitz.

Last month I reported that several Sunday School teachers wondered where the Council was in our research on adding space. The safety issues that were raised were addressed. Since last month several individuals have talked to me about the space issue. Mary Huebert recommended we begin

fund raising for such a project. Celine Swift thought it might be a good idea to look at building a new fellowship hall. I have done some research into steel buildings and received information from General Steel that I passed onto Dave Swift. They do have consultation services available. This may be an item that we should have on our annual meeting agenda to gauge the congregation interest in such a project. In advance of that meeting we could the congregation about their interest in such a project and what kind of space we might want to look at adding. That could be done via the bulletin and or email. The idea that I had begun exploring with General steel was a new fellowship hall that could seat 100 for a meal with kitchen and bathroom facilities. The current fellowship hall could be remodeled for increased classroom use and several classes could also meet in the new fellowship hall. I understand that tonight's agenda is a heavy one but it's an issue that we might want to raise at the annual meeting.

Dave called the meeting to order.  
Treasurer's report was read by Brian and approved.  
Secretary's report was read Randy and approved.  
Building report was read by Doug and approved.

Checking:

Beginning balance \$29,790.70/Ending balance \$33,209.08

- General fund: \$16,061.08
- Benevolence: \$4,290.00
- Youth Group: \$3,080.00
- Memorial fund: \$2,864.00
- Building Fund: \$1,909.00
- Cemetery: \$2,695.00
- Choir: \$633.00
- Sunday School/VBS: 1,595.00
- Pastoral: \$110.00
- Women's Guild: \$20.00
- Designated cash: \$17,148.00

Total Funds balance: \$33,209.08

Building fund: \$22,755.58

Old Business:

County assessor contacted Pastor Bob and Dave Sanken to assess church property.

\*Membership reviews

- Brandon & Tyler Quast requested to drop membership.
- Could not contact Randy Blake.
- Jeremy Martin has requested to continue membership.

\*No update on Chandler's eagle project.

\*Pastor's review/contract

- The reviews given were excellent performance overall.
- Council proposed a 5% salary increase for 2014.
- Council will address new contract at next meeting.

\*Brian is working on holders in the furnace room for the floor supplies.

\*Dawn Huebert will setup face book for the church.

\*Thermostats are being played with again. Please do not touch these!!

\*Land contract has 1 more year left.

\*Church decorating is on 11-30-13 at 9am.

\*Advent candles will be purchased by Pastor Bob.

\*Clocks and steeple timers will be adjusted by Dave Swift.

New Business:

\*150<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary

- Motion made and seconded to have a 5 person planning committee.
- Motion made and seconded for a \$5,000.00 budget for the anniversary celebration.

\*Annual meeting 1-19-14 following church worship service.

- Possible building expansion investigation committee.
- Use snow call list to notify members of the annual meeting.
- Insurance change driving policies and some improvement.
- Budget:
  - Add \$2,500.00 to building and grounds fund for snow plowing.
  - Dave Swift will contact clerical and organist regarding pay for 2014.

Suggestion box: Post family news on bulletin board.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

Respectively submitted,  
Randy Rose Secretary



## Council Meeting 1/09/2014

All council members and Pastor Bob were present.

### Pastor's Report:

Visitation: Joyce Karl- Katherine Rannow- Eileen Moehring- Loretta Jungclaus,  
Dick & Bernetta Swift- Maynard Rannow- Charlotte Hardel- Irene and Lillian Nemitz-Margie  
Block

The Gideon's would like to make a presentation on 1-12-14.

Dave called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's report was read by Brian and approved.

Secretary's report was read Randy and approved.

Building report was read by Doug and approved.

### Checking:

Beginning balance \$33,209.08/Ending balance \$22,737.78

- General fund: \$18,465.78
- Benevolence: \$775.00
- Youth Group: \$0
- Memorial fund: \$2,864.00
- Building Fund: \$0
- Cemetery: \$0
- Choir: \$633.00
- Sunday School/VBS: \$0
- Pastoral: \$0
- Women's Guild: \$0

Designated cash: \$4,272.00

Total Funds balance: \$22,737.78

Building fund: \$22,757.58

Old Business:

\*Annual meeting is January 19<sup>th</sup> following worship service.

- Possible building expansion investigation committee.
- Use snow call list of annual meeting.
- Insurance change driving policies and some improvement.
- Budget:
  - Add \$2,500 to building and grounds fund for snow plowing
  - Dave Swift will contact clerical and organist regarding pay for 2014

\*150<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary:

- Motion made and seconded to have a 5 person planning committee
- Motion made and seconded for a \$5,000.00 budget for the anniversary celebration.
  
- Brian is finishing up tool holder in furnace room.

\*Membership review:

- Motion made and seconded to remove Randy Blake from membership. A letter will be sent.

\*Pastor's review/contract:

- Pastor's reviews were signed.
- Signing of 2014 contract will take place after annual meeting
  
- Getting pricing on 100 new chairs for church.

New Business:

- Concerns were made about the church door lock on the handicap door. The feeling is that it is not secure enough.
- Put Annual meeting agenda on the back of the bulletin
- Proposed budget for 2014 is \$59,428.00.
- 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee & building investigation committee will be brought to the annual meeting.
- Suggestion made to pay for the new chairs out of the memorial fund. To be discussed at next meeting on February 12, 2014.
- Confirmation date is to be 5-04-14.

Nothing in the suggestion box.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting Wednesday, February 12th at 7:00.

Respectively submitted,  
Randy Rose Secretary

## Annual Meeting 1-19-14

The meeting was called to order by Dave Swift. Pastor Bob opened with a prayer. All council members:

Dave Swift, Brian Alsleben, Doug Block, Cory Garoutte, Joe Blackbird and Randy Rose were present. Secretary report was read by Randy Rose. Motion made and seconded to approve the report. The treasurer report which included the general fund, memorial fund, and congregational direct giving fund was read by Brian Alsleben. The youth group and Sunday School report was read by Robyn Field. The Benevolence report was read by Julie Karl. The building fund report was read by Doug Block. The Women's Guild report was read by Mavis Mielke. The membership and attendance reports were given by Dave Swift. The financial review committee report was given by Jerry Block. There was a motion made and seconded to approve all reports given.

### Old Business:

The shingle project is completed. The storage shed was also done at the same time for \$400.00. Folding chairs replacement will get done before the ice cream social.

### New Business:

The budget was read by Brian Alsleben. Motion was made by Julie Karl to accept the budget as proposed and was seconded by Gene Konerza. Mary Huebert and Karen Konerza's salary will remain the same. Pastor Bob will receive a 5% increase in salary.

### Service Times for 2014:

Regular services	10:30
Lenten Services	7:00 (With lunch to follow except for Good Friday)
Easter	9:30
Confirmation	10:30 on 5-04-14
Summer Hours	9:30 Memorial Day weekend (5-25-14) to Labor Day (8-31-14)
Outdoor services	9:30 the second Sunday of the month (6-08-14 and 7-13-14)
Ice Cream Social	6-12-14
Heatwole	9:30 (8-10-14)
Thanksgiving	9:30 (11-27-14)
SS Christmas Program	10:30 (12-21-14)
Christmas Eve	5:00 (12-24-14)
Christmas	No Service

### Volunteer staff and elections:

Nominations were made by Dave Swift for two new council positions. Nominated were Pam Martin and Gene Konerza to take over Randy Rose and Doug Blocks position. Motion made by Elaine Carrigan to cease nominations and LeaEtte Peter's seconded it.

Volunteers for the 2014 Ice Cream Social committee are: Susie & Joe Blackbird, Jodi & Dave Sanken, and Stephanie Mielke.

Volunteers for Financial review committee: Jerry Block, Roger Trimbo and Celine Swift.

Volunteers for Benevolence committee: Julie Karl, Elaine Carrigan and Dave Sanken.

Volunteers for Nursery committee: Mary Taylor, Robyn ~~Field~~<sup>SWIFT</sup>, Ashley & Michelle Alsleben and Kathy Trimbo.

Celine Swift agreed to continue as the record keeper.

New insurance was purchased for several reasons. Our new insurance was purchased thru Insurance Planners agency with Guide 1 being the insurance company. To comply with the new rules with the insurance company we are required to update our fuse boxes which Tom Senske has agreed to do.

Jodi Sanken and Robyn Field will work with Dave Swift to compose a new policy regarding child protection and abuse program. Jerry Block brought up the liability coverage we have and Dave Swift will check out our coverage.

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee volunteers are: Brian & Michelle Alsleben, Julie Karl and Pastor Bob. The council proposed a budget of \$5,000.00. It was decided to put in the newsletter to ask for more volunteers for the planning.

Building expansion investigation committee volunteers were: Dave Swift, Doug Block, Jerry ~~Block~~<sup>WRIGHT</sup> and Andrea Wigern. Andrea Wigern and Michelle Alsleben gave the concerns about the need for more space.

Motion made by Doug Block and seconded by Gene Konerza to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Randy Rose

## Sunday School Happenings

The Sunday School spent a lot of time during November and December practicing to tell the Christmas story to the congregation! We enjoyed singing, reciting, and acting to make Baby Jesus' birthday come alive! Now that we have settled into our routine, here is what each class is learning about:

### Preschoolers:

*The preschool class is learning about Jesus this year. They know He is God, powerful, can do anything and that He loves them. The children do lots of "hands on" activities. We've had a birthday party for Jesus, made a storm in a bottle and last week we went "magnet" fishing. It is exciting to see these 7 little ones making friends with each other and Jesus!*

### K, 1st, and 2nd graders:

Our curriculum is called JESUS, WHAT A SAVIOR and the focus is on redemption at a child's level. We talk about and show the greatness of God, His Son, and how together, is our only hope for us sinners. At the beginning of the year, we started with the creation, learned how sin started with Adam and Eve, that Jesus was born for us and He is the most special person! They also love playing a Bible card game, which helps us learn the Old Testament!

### 3rd-5th graders:

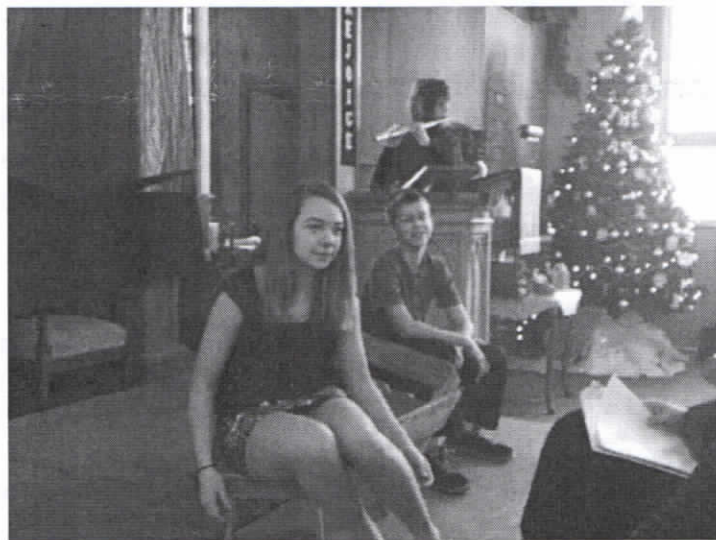
TO BE LIKE JESUS is the name of our God-centered curriculum, and I am amazed at the depth of understanding my students already have of this concept! So, this year we are digging even deeper and are beginning to realize that our faith, good deeds and good behavior aren't enough to earn our salvation. The children are learning about justification through Christ's sacrifice and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. They spend most of their time in class looking for answers in the Word of God – not their teacher! Thankfully, St. John's gives the children their very own bibles in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and so we are literally on the same page. This year's goal is that the Holy Spirit will bring about a life-changing faith in the hearts of the children.

### 6th-8th graders:

Quotes from the class: God has many different names.  
We are learning more about God and what his names mean.  
We can find books of the Bible faster.

Dates for the calendar: Sunday school singing- February 16, March 16, APRIL 13 (PALM SUNDAY)  
April 13 – No Sunday school because of Youth group breakfast

# Practice for Christmas program



## Christmas Program December 15th



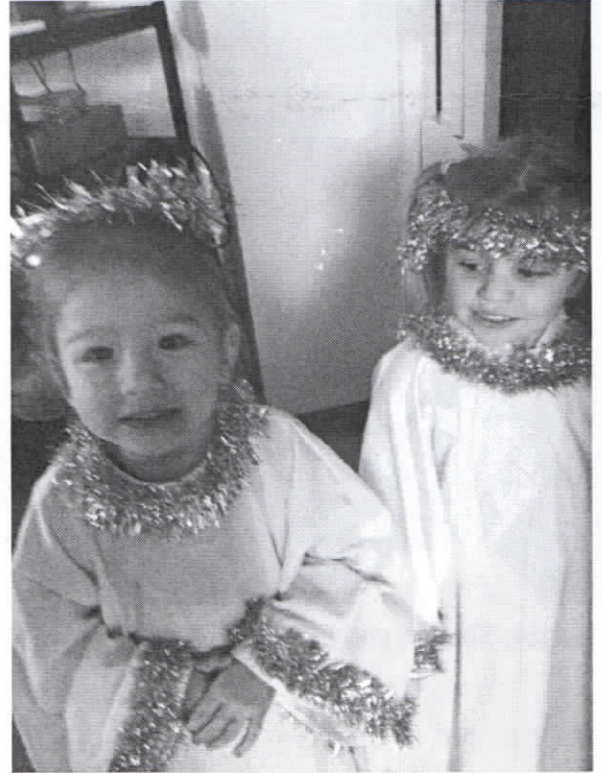
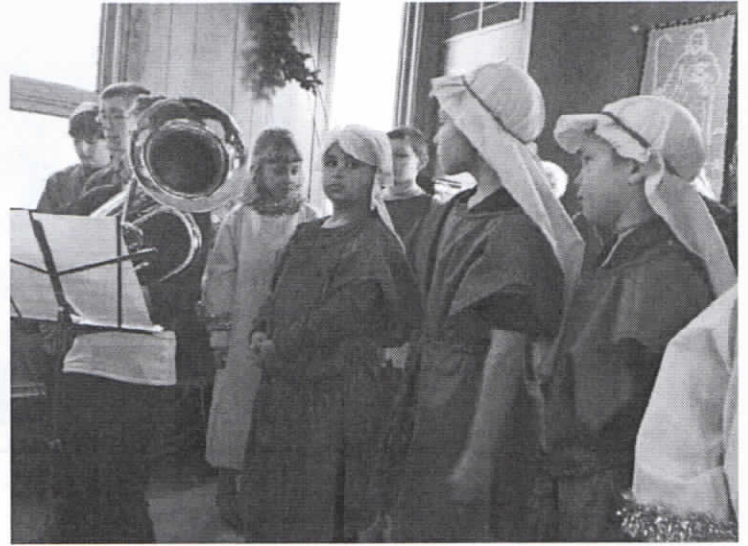
Mary; Grace Garoutte, "Jesus"; Connor Martin, and Joseph; Isaac Swift



Jessica, Shelby, and Eli



Jessica and Holden





## St. John's Youth Practicing Before Church



The Band accompanied during several hymns throughout the Christmas Season: Mary Huebert - Piano, Chase Blackbird - Guitar, Casey Blackbird - Bass Guitar, Adam Garoutte and Chandler Swift - Trumpet, Robin Swift - Baritone, Isaac Swift - Trombone, Adam Garoutte and Ashley Alsleben - Saxophone



## Youth Group

What we've been doing:

- \* On Halloween we meet at the church for a quick supper and then we went out to treat some of the local shut - ins with a small loaf of apple bread made by the youth. I think both youth and shut-ins enjoyed the evening! We even stopped and let the youth go trick or treating to a few houses!
- \* Our November meeting was spent packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. With the generous donation we received, we were able to fill 30 shoeboxes and had just about the right amount of money to give for shipping too! Thank you again! What a great congregation we belong too!
- \* In December we had fun filling Christmas bags for the children to take home after the Christmas Program. We also had a surprise party for Julie to thank her for all she has done for and with the youth group over the years. She will certainly be missed at our meetings, but we are very thankful she will continue to help when needed and with the flower sales! (Thank You Julie!!)
- \* At our January meeting Casey Blackbird talked to us about the bible study he will be starting January 15th for the youth. We are really excited and blessed to have Casey take this on. We also discussed upcoming events for the youth group.

Looking Ahead:

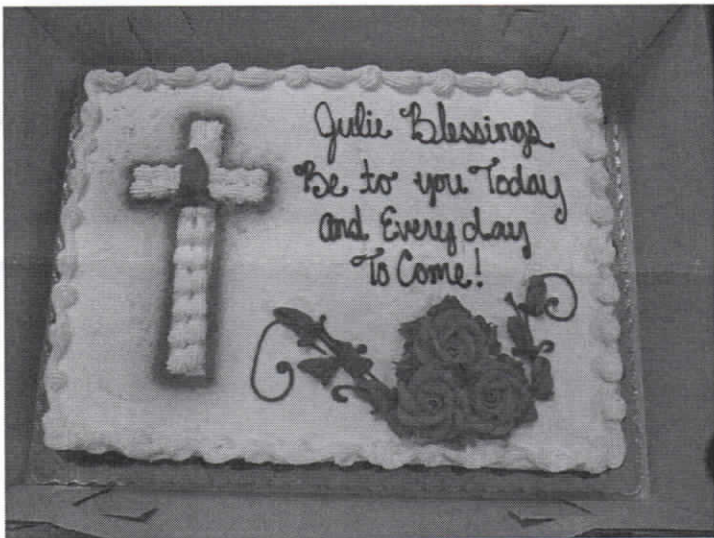
- \* Bible Study will be every Wednesday night from 7-8. All kids in Youth Group are welcome. The topic is "Your Word is Truth".
- \* Next youth group meeting is Feb 5th. We will be going to Stewart to pack food for Feeding Kids Internationally. We will be meeting at Cactus Jacks at 5:30 if you wish to eat before we start packing. We will start packing food at 6:00. There will be no confirmation this night.

\* Feb 16th we will be doing a lock - in at the church. We will be doing a progressive dinner to start the evening out at 6:00. If any parents would like to volunteer as a host for any part of the meal please let Roxanne or Robyn know. Thank you!

\*March - We are looking into possibly going tubing at Powder Ridge!

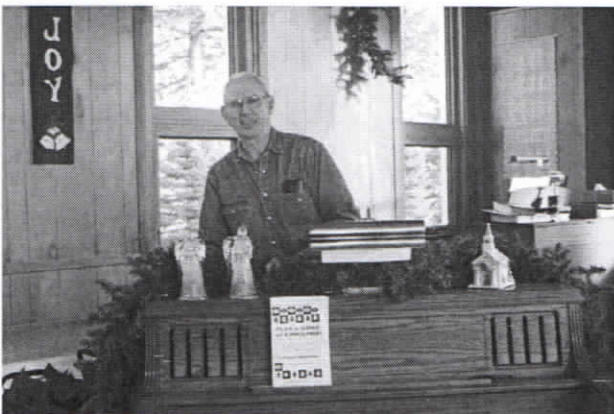
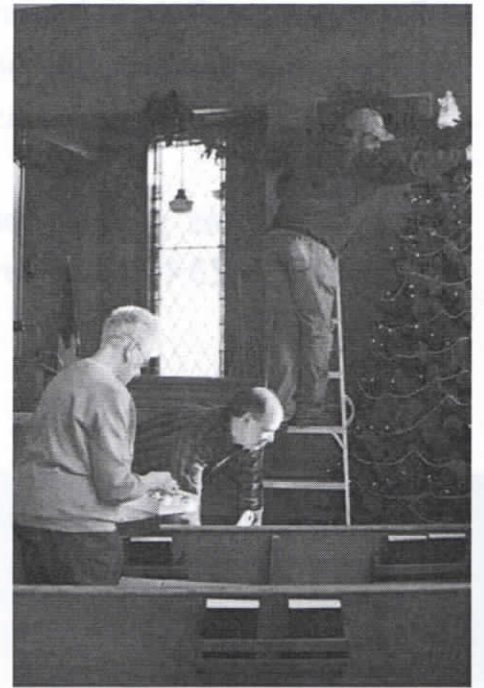
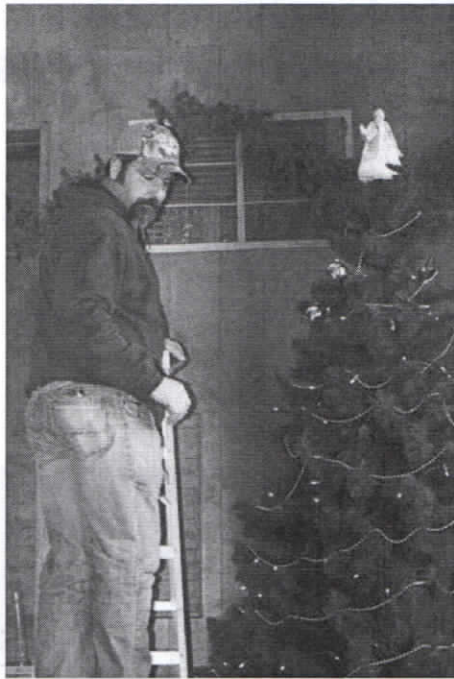
\* Palm Sunday Breakfast will be April 13th.

For questions please contact Roxanne Sladek 320-455-7218 or Robyn Field 320-234-6872 or 320-582-0356.



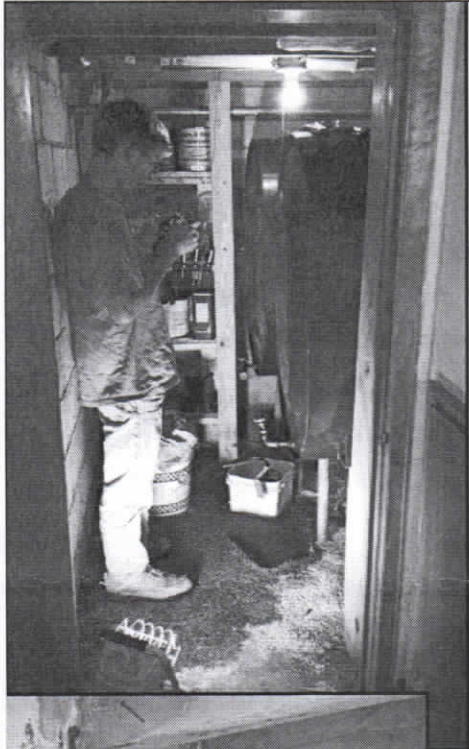
# Church Happenings

## Decorating for the Advent Season



# Chandler Swift Does Service Project at St. John's While Working Toward His Eagle Rank in Boy Scouts

1. The Oil Tank Room before"



2. Oil Tanks Removed from Church Basement



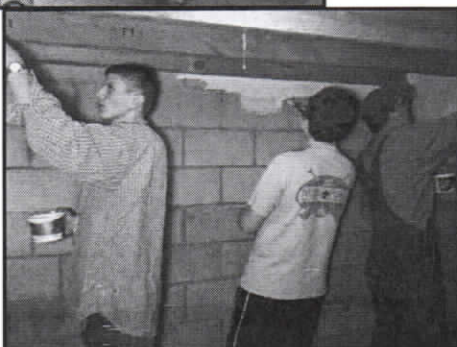
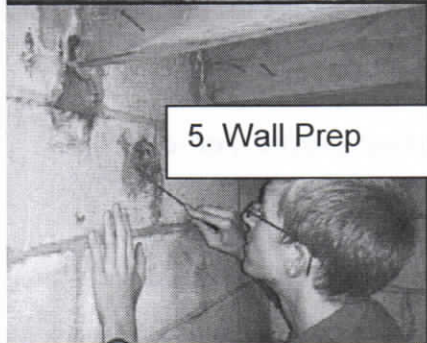
3. Tanks cleaned and prepped for recycling.



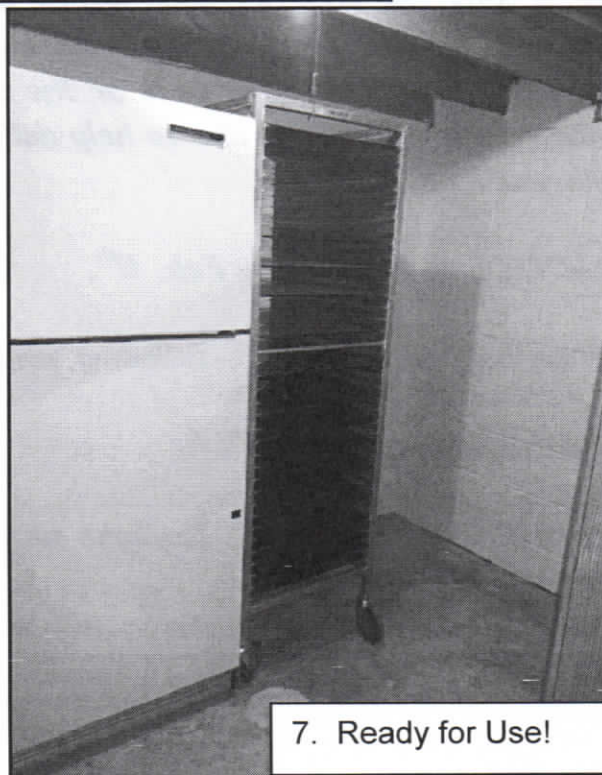
4. Dropping off tanks at Recycling Facility. This earned enough money to pay for the cleaning and painting supplies.



5. Wall Prep



6. Painting Party with help of other Boy Scouts



7. Ready for Use!

*St. John's Church*

*family would like to share*

*important events in your lives.*

*Were you mentioned in the newspaper?*

*Is there something you would like folks to know about?*

*Please post any news articles, pictures,  
or take a card and write about events or achievements.*

*Then add them to the family news bulletin board.*

### ***Mark your Calendars***

#### ***Lenten Fair coming up!!***

*Sunday, March 2nd is the date for the Lenten Fair at St. John's. It's a fun event for all ages. There will be a potluck after worship followed by the Fair. The Fair consists of a wide variety of activities for all ages, things to make and take home... all helping to prepare us to celebrate the Lenten season and Easter. You can participate in all activities or as many as you'd like. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Plan to attend and invite your friends*

*Mark your calendars:*

*A planning meeting for all those who have ideas or would like to help will be after church on February 2nd... This will be a short meeting. Please bring any ideas or samples that you have.*

*Newsflash: Please note the Women's Guild will be preparing Valentine plates for our shut-ins or other special members. Please bring 1 dozen cookies to share on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and place in the back of the church. Plates will be organized after the service. If anyone would like to help deliver these please contact a guild member. Thank you.*

*NO CHOIR PRACTICE on Wednesday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>.*

*Lenten Fair will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, following worship service.*

*Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.*

*Set your clocks AHEAD on March 9<sup>th</sup>, Daylight savings time begins.*

*The Sunday School children will be sing for worship service on Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.*

*The Youth Group will be serving Palm Sunday Breakfast on Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.*

*COMMON CUP MINISTRIES - If you have tiny bars of soap, shampoo & conditioner please place in the box in the front entry.*

*You may share these items through Feb. Thank you!*

*ATHC is in partnership with the Recycling Association of Minnesota to recycle Holiday lights. Working and non working lights are accepted. Recycling your old lights provides employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities at ATHC. The light bulbs will be removed from the wire strands and then the wire will be sold to a local recycler. Thank you for helping ATHC promote this new recycling effort. There is a box in the entrance that you can put the lights in. Any questions talk to Elaine Carrigan.*

*Looking for some great entertainment?????*

*There are some recent additions to the church library. Some wonderfully entertaining and inspirational DVD's have been donated to the library. These are appropriate for a variety of ages (young to senior citizens). If you are tired of the programs on TV, check these out.*

Anyone wishing to send a card or note to our shut ins;.

*Charlotte Hardel Phone # 651-528-3549  
401 W. Baker St. P.O. Box 386 Birthday 3/01  
Arlington, MN. 55307*

*Loretta Jungclaus  
%The Pines birthday: 9/06  
1015 Century Avenue S.W.  
Hutchinson, MN. 55350*

*Joyce Karl Phone # 320-552-2171  
Valley Creek Room 229  
Harmony River birthday 11/15  
1555 Sherwood St. S.E.  
Hutchinson, MN. 55350*

*Eileen Moehring birthday 2/23  
Elim Home of Watertown  
409 Jefferson Ave. S.W.  
Watertown, MN. 55388*

*Irene Nemitz  
Prairie Senior Cottages birthday 3/25  
1310 Bradford St. S.E.  
Hutchinson, MN. 55350*

*Katherine Rannow Phone # 320-327-2343  
127 Park Ave. S.W. birthday 6/19  
Silver Lake, MN. 55381*

*Maynard Rannow  
GRHC Long Term Care #611 birthday 11/5  
705 E. 18<sup>th</sup> St.  
Glencoe, MN. 55336*

*Kay Hahn-Sellers birthday 5/27  
2322 Dundee Pl.  
Carrolton, TX 75007*



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2013-2014

**Preschool**

Dawn Huebert & Mary Taylor

**K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade**

Jodi Sanken-Andrea Wigern

**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Bridget Block

**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Robin Field & Susie Blackbird

**Young Adults**

Michelle Alsleben & Kathy Trimbo

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Roxanne Sladek 320-455-7218  
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**YOUTH GROUP LEADERS**

Roxanne Sladek ..... 320-455-7218  
Robyn Field..... 320-234-6872

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Rev. Daniel Peterson..... 651-436-6021  
Conf. Minister: Stephen Gammon 651-739-1474

**Remember to set your clocks ahead  
on March 9th!**

**Custodians**

January ..... Sladek  
February .....Swift  
March ..... Rose/Trimbo  
April ..... Wright  
May .....Blackbird  
June ..... Mavis /Elaine  
July .....Peters  
August ..... Alsleben  
September ..... Blocks  
October..... Garoutte  
Nov.....  
Dec. ....  
January 2015 ..... Sladek

**Altar Guild**

January ..... Sladek  
February .....Swift  
March ..... Rose  
April .....  
May .....  
June ..... Mavis/Elaine  
July .....Peters  
August ..... Alice Kaufmann  
September ..... Blocks  
October..... Garoutte  
Nov..... Trimbo  
December .....  
January 2015 ..... Sladek

**Ushers**

January ..... Sladek  
February .....Swift  
Mah ..... Rose/Trimbo  
April ..... Wright  
May ..... Schaefer  
June .....Konerza  
July .....Peters  
August .....  
September ..... Blocks  
October..... Garoutte  
November..... Vacek/Huebert  
December .....  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday .....Blackbird  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday ..... Field  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday .....  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday .....  
January 2015 ..... Sladek

*Anyone interested in being on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee can contact Brian & Michelle Alsleben, Julie Karl or Pastor Bob. If you just have some memories of the past or helpful ideas to offer they'd love to have them and any other help.*

## February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Dave Streeter
2 Communion Meeting for Lenten Fair	3 Isaac S.	4	5 NO choir practice	6	7 Austin F.	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Evelyn P.
16	17	18 Desiree S.	19	20	21	22 Roxanne S.
23 Eileen M.	24	25 Gloria W. Mark W.	26	27	28	

## March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Charlotte H. Mary G.
2 Communion Lenten Fair Hannah W.	3	4 Sharon M.	5 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.	6	7	8
9 Set your clocks ahead!!	10	11	12 Lenten Service 7:00 p.m. Robin S.	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Lenten Service 7:00p.m. Angela K.	20	21	22
23 Kelsey F.	24	25 Irene N.	26 Lenten Service 7:00 p.m. Randy R.	27	28 Morgan S.	29 Jerry B.
30	31					

## *April 2014*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Lenten Service 7:00p.m.	3	4 Brenda S.	5 Lea Ette P.
6 Communion Celine S.	7 Sandy W.	8	9 Lenten Service 7:00p.m.	10 Marley S.	11 Kari E. Tyler M.	12 Jenna T.
13 Palm Sunday Breakfast 9:00 a.m. S.S. children sing for Worship Serv.	14 Jeremy M. Margie B.	15	16	17	18 Good Friday Serv. 7:30 p.m.	19
20 Easter No Sunday School Glen Schaefer Jodi S.	21	22 McKenna S.	23	24 Mike M.	25	26
27 Laura S.	28 Mason M.	29	30 Kathy T.			

**Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?" ~ Robert Browning**

### **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

Information for the next newsletter will be due April 24<sup>th</sup>. You can bring your input to me at the church, or mail it to me (821 Baxter Ave, Glencoe) or email me at [chubbers67@gmail.com](mailto:chubbers67@gmail.com).

*Karen Konerza*