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St. John's Messenger *May, June, July 2014*

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REFLECTION

FATHER, I WANTED A CAR, NOT A BIBLE

A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealers showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted. As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study, told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and how much he loved him. He handed him a beautifully wrapped gift box. Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible, with his name embossed in gold. Angrily, he raised his voice to his father and said, "With all your money you give me a Bible?" He stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible behind.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and wonderful family, but realized his father was very old. He thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. But before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to him. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things. When he arrived at his father's house, sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's important documents and saw the Bible, new, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. His father had carefully underlined a verse, *Matt 7:11, "And if ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father which is in Heaven, give to those who ask Him?"* As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealers name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words...**PAID IN FULL.**

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

Submitted by Lea Ette Peters

Your Cup

I took a sip—and then another. It was perfect! The flavor was as delicious as the aroma. I sat back and relaxed, enjoying the fullness of what was in my cup. Gazing around the room, I noticed that people were drinking from a wide variety of cups. They ranged from ceramic to stoneware; from insulated to extra tall. Some were unusual; even extravagant. I also saw cups that were very inexpensive—plain and ordinary, some had a chip or a crack. Regardless of the cup, however, I noticed that everyone was fully engaged, enjoying their indulgence!

And So It Is With Life

The beverage in our cup represents our life, and the quality of it. We hope that it is full of love, happiness, and an abundance of blessings. The cup represents everything else that sustains our journey through life; including our house, our job and our car. The cup does not define or change the quality of what's inside. It is not the expense or beauty of a cup that really matters, but rather, the enjoyment we receive, from what it holds.

And So It Is With Life

Happiness doesn't hinge on having the biggest, the best, or the most; it is a decision to live each day to the fullest, enjoying what we have, regardless of our cup. God has prepared a beverage especially for you. Embrace your life, and most of all remember.. ***"Life is not about your cup, but seriously – what's inside it."***

Submitted by Lea Ette Peters



Pastor's Notes

¹⁶ Therefore do not let what you know is good be spoken of as evil. ¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, ¹⁸ because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval. Romans 14:16-18
The Apostle Paul is reminding believers that when we stand for what is right and good and pure and pleasing to God that may not always be well received. But the irony of that is that when we do take that stand and live to please Christ above all else others are blessed. Recently I received this story that I trust will encourage you in your desire to live out the values of the kingdom of God.

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush to catch the plane home and with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly-missed boarding..... ALL BUT ONE!!! He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight.

Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor. He was glad he did. The 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her; no one stopping and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket. When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$50 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly." As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister...." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?"

He stopped in mid-stride and he wondered. He gently went back and said, "No, I am nothing like Jesus - He is good, kind, caring, loving, and would never have bumped into your display in the first place.

"The girl gently nodded: "I only asked because I prayed for Jesus to help me gather the apples. He sent you to help me, Thank you for hearing Jesus, Mister."

Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?" Do people mistake you for Jesus?

Pastor Bob

Council Meeting Minutes:

February 12, 2014

Council Members Present: Dave Swift, Joe Blackbird, Cory Garoutte, Brian Alsleben, Gene Konerza, Pam Martin, and Pastor Bob.

Dave called the meeting to order.

Posts for new council members were determined. Gene Konerza will be the Building Fund Coordinator, Pam Martin will be Secretary. Everyone else kept their current positions.

Pastor Bob opened with prayer and shared scripture from the book of 1st Peter.

Pastor's Report:

** Visited with Joyce Karl, Katherine Rannow, Eileen Moehring, Loretta Jungclaus, Dick & Bernetta Swift, Maynard Rannow, Irene Nemitz, Charlotte Hardel, Deb Schwanke, and Dawn & Zachary Huebert.

** I received a report that during communion we do not have enough cups with grape juice. (Discussion will be made at this meeting)

The secretary's minutes were approved as read.

Brian gave the treasurer's report which showed a beginning balance of \$22,737.78 and an ending balance of \$24,528.12. This report was approved as given.

- Designated Funds - \$5873.12
 - Benevolence - \$1,126.25
 - Building - \$300.00
 - Choir - \$632.87
 - Memorial - \$3,364.00
 - Pastoral - \$10.00
 - Sunday School/VBS - \$290.00
 - Youth Group - \$40.00
 - Cemetery Fund - \$110.00
- General Fund - \$18,655.00

Gene reported that the building fund had a beginning balance of \$22,757.58 to which a deposit for land rent was received of \$2,184.00 and \$400 paid to Dave Mackenthun for painting, leaving a balance of \$24,541.58. This report was also approved.

Old Business:

-- Discussion was made regarding an update to our current folding chairs. Dave presented options to the board. After seeing what was available and warranties that were on each, Joe motioned to purchase 70 chairs from Virco (M-167) made in USA with a riveted triple U brace at a cost of \$28 each. Gene seconded the motion and board approved. Funds will be taken from the Memorial fund. Dave will place the order. The old chairs will be sold to Jerry Block and Joe Blackbird.

-- To solve the issue about the security of the lock on the west door, Joe will purchase a protective plate as well as install it.

-- The board will be withdrawing the plan to change the nomination procedure in the constitution with reference to Roberts Rule.

New Business:

- ~ Gene brought up an idea of a secured mailbox. He will check into pricing and bring to the next meeting.
- ~ Kick-off of new committees:
 - 150th Anniversary Planning Committee (Brian/Michelle/Julie/Bob)
 - Building Investigation Committee (Doug/Jerry/Andrea/Dave) Feb. 26th
 - Youth Protection (Jodi/Robyn/Dave) Feb. 19th. (For insurance policy)
- ~ Toilet Repair and lockset needed in men's restroom – Joe & Brian will fix / install new wax ring.
- ~ Changes needed with communion trays – Dave ordered 3 new trays/rings. After we receive them, the council will decide on the order of wine vs. grape juice and inform the congregation.
- ~ Karen reported that her printer has died after 10 years and 189,000 copies. The council voted to purchase a new one equivalent to what she had along with one spare toner for around \$230. Bob will purchase another cartridge for it @ cartridge world as well.
- ~ The church has an opportunity to purchase a very nice used piano from Dale Boyum – our piano tuner - for \$4,000.00. The board made a proposal to purchase it and will post in the next bulletin and bring it to the congregation for a vote on March 2nd.

Task list for February:

- Update memorial book and plaque – Brian talked to LeaEtte and will discuss at next meeting
- Cleaned out files.

There were no suggestions in the box.

Because of Lent, the next meeting will be Thursday, March 13th with the following being April 10th.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Martin/Secretary

March 13, 2014

Council Members Present: Dave Swift, Joe Blackbird, Cory Garoutte, Brian Alsleben, Gene Konerza, Pam Martin, and Pastor Bob.

Dave called the meeting to order.

Pastor Bob opened with prayer and shared scripture from the book Psalm 13.

Pastor's Report:

- ** Visited with Joyce Karl, Katherine Rannow, Eileen Moehring, Loretta Jungclaus, Dick & Bernetta Swift, Maynard Rannow, Irene Nemitz, Wayne Alsleben, Charlotte Hardel, Randy & June Knick, Don & Marion Padrnos, Jean Taylor, and Gene Konerza.
- ** Our new address is: 5657 Radford Ave. N.E., Otsego, MN 55374. Our phone numbers remain the same.
- ** Charlotte Hardel has donated a picture entitled *The Prodigal* to the church.
- ** Received a check from a family friend, Avis Veselka, which can be used towards the piano if needed.
- ** Met with five individuals who would like to become members of St Johns.
- ** Jerry Block's daughter, Cheri Glesener, expressed interest in presenting our church with her experience she had on a recent mission trip that she took to Jamaica.

The secretary's minutes from the previous meeting as well as the special congregational meeting regarding the new piano were approved as read.

Brian gave the treasurer's report which showed a beginning balance of \$24,528.12 and an ending balance of \$24,999.22. This report was approved as given.

- Designated Funds - \$5120.67
 - Benevolence - \$1,454.25
 - Building - \$685.00
 - Choir - \$632.87
 - Memorial - \$1,591.55
 - Pastoral - \$40.00
 - Sunday School/VBS - \$347.00
 - Youth Group - \$90.00
 - Cemetery Fund - \$280.00
- General Fund - \$19,878.55

Gene reported that the building fund received interest in the amount of \$2.07 and \$1.88 which left a balance of \$24,545.53. This report was also approved.

Old Business:

- Committee Status: Building Investigation Committee--Will be meeting in March (February meeting snowed out); Youth Protection Committee--Have draft for personnel policy (will bring to next council meeting); 150th Anniversary Committee--Have not met yet.
- Chair status: 68 chairs purchased for \$1,794.54. Because of some damaged boxes and replacements, we now have 72 good chairs. Some of the older chairs were moved to the granary. Granary chairs sold for \$1.50 each to Joe Blackbird and Jerry Block. Labels identifying St. John's Church will be put on the chairs as well. Dave & Gene will clear an area under the steps in the chair closet and install a "back stop" for storing a double row of chairs.
- Men's stool has been leveled and lockset will be fixed.
- Printer for Karen was purchased and came in for less money than anticipated.
- Joe is fixing the west door lock problem.
- New piano was delivered on March 7th. Final cost \$4,040.00 (\$40 delivery fee). He will be out in a month or so to tune it. The lamp for it was included. A box will be set up in the back of church for members only to place their bids for the old piano. A deadline of April 10th will be given and bids opened at next meeting.
- Gene donated a new mailbox for the church.
- Communion trays were discussed. Glen Sladek polished a sample tray to improve cups from sticking. The board agreed that it was much better and will have him do the same to the others. There was discussion on using the inner two rings for juice but not always filling them as the number of cups has increased with the new rings. We will discuss with the Women's Guild to get their thoughts as well.

New Business:

- ~~ There seems to be a mouse problem in the church. Joe will call an exterminator he knows and get a quote as well as set up a meeting with himself and Dave to discuss options.
- ~~ The light/sunshine that comes through the front sanctuary windows is sometimes too bright. Dave will bring ideas to the next meeting what might be able to be done.
- ~~ Discussion was made on the supply cabinet/organization list. Joe will check with the women's guild on updating the list and will also add communion wafers and cups to that list as well.
- ~~ The board thought the stairway leading to downstairs might be a good place to hang *The Prodigal* picture that was donated to the church. We will also get the women's guild opinion.
- ~~ Gene made a motion, Joe seconded, and board approved to accept the following five new members: Randy & June Knick, Don & Marion Padrnos, and Jean Taylor.

- ~ The board made a proposal to order ten additional envelope boxes for this year and going forward.
- ~ Pastor Bob will email Cheri Glesener to set up a worship service time that will work for her.

Task list for March:

- o Still working on updating memorial book.
- o Adjusted clocks and steeple time.
- o Dave will have Celine update our visitor brochures with changes as needed.

There were no suggestions in the box.

Because of Lent, the next meeting will be Thursday, April 10th.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Martin/Secretary

April 10, 2014

Council Members Present: Dave Swift, Joe Blackbird, Cory Garoutte, Brian Alsleben, Gene Konerza, Pam Martin, and Pastor Bob.

Dave called the meeting to order.

Pastor's Report:

** Visited with Joyce Karl, Katherine Rannow, Eileen Moehring, Loretta Jungclaus, Dick & Bernetta Swift, Maynard Rannow, Irene Nemitz, Lillian Nemitz, Charlotte Hardel, Jerry Mickolichek, Joyce Johnson, Duane and Gloria Wigern.

** Loretta Jungclaus' funeral was held at the church on Saturday, March 30th.

** Mary thought it might be good to have a special box for the 150th Anniversary suggestions. She would be happy to make the box. Some of the suggestions she came up with: having an old fashioned craft fair that might include making ice cream, butter churning, etc.; an all church photo; a commemorative plate; instead of just having one 150th celebration, give other events that we normally do a 150th celebration emphasis.

The secretary's minutes were read and approved.

Brian gave the treasurer's report which showed a beginning balance of \$24,999.02 and an ending balance of \$26,538.78. This report was approved as given.

- Designated Funds - \$5,741.17
 - o Benevolence - \$1,769.25
 - o Building - \$912.50
 - o Choir - \$447.87
 - o Memorial - \$1,591.55
 - o Pastoral - \$50.00
 - o Sunday School/VBS - \$385.00
 - o Youth Group - \$120.00
 - o Cemetery Fund - \$465.00
- General Fund - \$20,797.61

Gene reported that the building fund received a check for land rent for \$10,200; a refund from our old insurance company for \$2.13; and interest of \$2.48 which left a balance of \$34,750. This report was also approved.

Old Business:

- Committee Status: Building Investigation Committee--had their 1st meeting – capturing needs, non-build options as well as build options; Youth Protection Committee-had their 2nd meeting. Working on the third draft of personnel policy--copy handed out to council for review/input; 150th Anniversary Committee-Have not met yet.
- Chair status: Done. Labels were put on chairs and storage is rearranged.
- Joe is changing both locksets to match and west door lock will be fixed.
- Piano bids – There were no bids in the box. Discussion made on what to do next. We will bring up options at next meeting.
- Communion tray feedback: Cups still seemed to stick. Joe and Susie will try the glass cups when they usher in May to see if they work better. Pastor Bob will mention the inner rings are juice in the bulletin as well as try to mention it before communion is served.
- Joe and Dave met with the exterminator. The quote came in higher than expected and it was decided that Dave will purchase bait boxes and traps for now. Joe offered to call him back to let him know of our decision.
- Dave brought in samples of blinds for the sanctuary windows. A motion was made and approved to have him purchase two blinds from a company called Bali at a total cost of about \$268.00. These are very similar to what we currently have on our other windows.
- Women's guild still to be contacted regarding supply cabinet organization/lists.

New Business:

- ~ Vacuum cleaner – not working correctly. Dave took care of. There was a hole in the bag and a new one put on and that seemed to fix the problem. The new bags have now been moved to supply cabinet
- ~ Refrigerator outlet is not working. Dave will have Tom Senske check on it.
- ~ Suggestion was made to put a water bubbler in the entry way or in the back of Sunday school room. Council decided it may be more of a distraction for kids and will hold off on it for now.
- ~ Discussion was made on additional field tiling. Gene will check on and discussion will be made at next meeting.
- ~ Joe will be ordering communion wafers.

Task list for April:

- o Memorial book and plaque are updated.
- o Dave will get burning permit
- o Gene will pay 1st half taxes
- o Council will meet one hour early @ next meeting to assess church grounds.

There were three suggestions in the box.

- 1) It would be nice if we could remove the first pew by where the choir stands. Council will take a look at next meeting.
- 2) Please replace vacuum. For right now, we will see if replacing the bag in the old one will work better than it had been.
- 3) New members phone numbers and addresses should be in the bulletin on the Sunday that they are accepted into membership. Because of privacy issues, the council recommended to contact Karen Konerza for that information.

Better lighting in the back pews of church was discussed. It seems to be very dark when we have an evening service. The council will take a look at options to correct.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 14th, starting at 6:00 to assess the church grounds.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Martin/Secretary

*Situation
- Create new cabinet
- SHARPS
- TRAPS*

Sunday School Happenings

Hard to believe we are coming to the end of another Sunday School year. We would like to thank all of our teachers who volunteered, parents for making sure the children attended and last but not least the children themselves. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family. The following list is some dates you may want to get on your calendar.

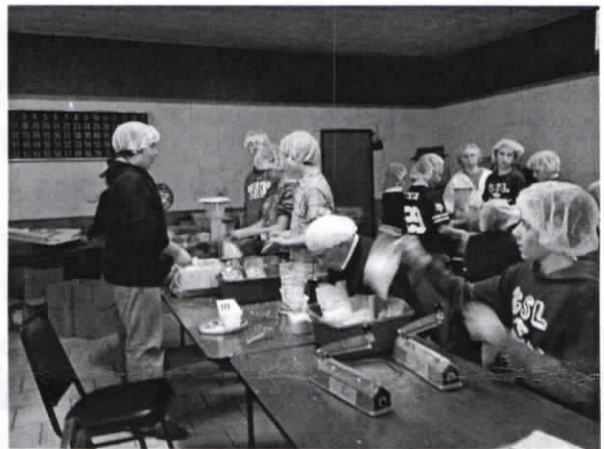
Vacation Bible School will be taking an adventure this summer into the Holy Land starting on the evening of Sunday, July 27- July 31, from 6:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m.. The program is called "Wilderness Escape"- where God Guides and Provides. We will join Moses as he and the Israelites escape Egypt and travel to parts unknown- trusting God all the while! The kids will celebrate with music, play games and make crafts within their "tribal" groups. Watch for a sign-up to register in the back of church soon. If you would like to help or share in the fun in any way- decorating, snacks, photography, tribe leader, costumes, crafts, music, games, etc. let Andrea, Mary T. or Jodi know.

- May 18th - Children sing in church
- May 18th - Last day of Sunday School
- July 27th-July 31-VBS 6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Youth Page

What we've been doing:

- Youth Bible Study Started in January! The Bible study is lead by Casey Blackbird and has been a wonderful time for our youth to learn about God's word being the truth and never changing. The Bible study has been well attended by about 10 youth each week.
- A small group of us also attended Centershot in Silver Lake. It was an 8 week Bible study with an archery session.
- Feeding Kids International - We packaged food for needy kids around the world. See Pictures.



- Progressive Dinner - We started at the Alsleben's home with games and appetizers. From there we went to Blackbird's for salad. Then to Field's for the main dish and ended at Swift's for dessert and an evening of ice skating.



- *God's Not Dead!!!* The youth group along with a few adults from St. John's (25 of us in all) attended the movie *God's Not Dead*. We would recommend it if you have been considering seeing *God's Not Dead*!



- Once again Palm Sunday Breakfast was served by our youth group. Thanks for your support and giving us this opportunity to serve our church. Our profit was \$223.30. The food was great and the fellowship can't be beat!



Looking Ahead:

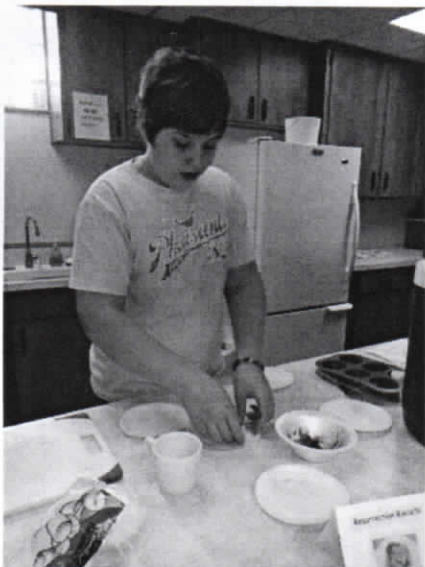
- Youth Bible Study continues. We are back to Wednesday evenings from 7-8PM. May 28th will be the last gathering this year for the Youth Bible study. Watch for it to start up again next fall.



- Flowers will be here soon! The youth sold \$5,375.50 in flowers, for a profit of \$1,371.50. On Wednesday, May 7th the youth group will gather at Swift's home at 6PM. We will have dinner and discuss a few ideas for the summer activities. At 7 PM we will conclude our meeting and load up our plants so we have time to deliver that evening.
- Friday, May 16th will be our Lock-In. Youth can arrive at church at 8PM and be picked up at 6AM May 17th. If any adults want to volunteer for a few hours let us know when you are available. It is really nice to have extra help.
- Other summer activities are not finalized at this time. Be sure we know how to contact you as we get dates figured out.

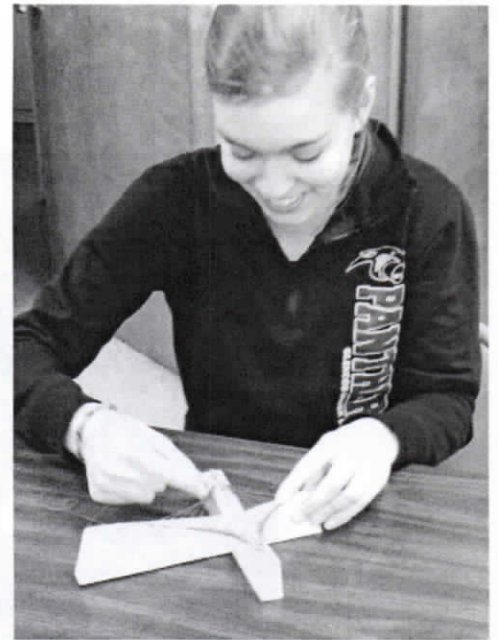
*For questions about the youth group contact Roxanne Sladek 320-455-7218 or Robyn Field 320-582-0356

Church Happenings
Lenten Fair
March 2, 2014



Lenten Fair Continued







The Men's Quartet; Brian Alsleben, Cory Garoutte, Dave Swift, and Jerry Wright. Anyone wishing to sing along as a fill in, please let one of the four know. It is a joy to see this happen.



Adult Bible Study is running out of room!! And we love it! Come join us at anytime.

Answer to a question asked at the Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Cemetery Board it was stated by President Block that it should be put in the newsletter what is done with cemetery donations and how they are used. First of all, donations and plot/burial purchases are used for lawn mowing expenses, or other things that relate to perpetual care. If we have sufficient funds in our checkbook, monies are put in our savings account so they are easily available (if needed). Our certificate of deposit is meant for cemetery care if St. John's should dissolve. We, as a board, are committed to keeping those dollars as safe as possible. If anyone has questions or concerns, please contact myself, Jon Block, or Curt Paulsen.

Thank you,

Dave Sanken, Secretary/Treasurer

**** IMPORTANT ICE CREAM SOCIAL INFORMATION ****

***Ice Cream Social is coming soon! We are trying something new. Instead of assigning who is going to bring the pies, we are going to try a sign-up sheet. We have made suggestions of what kinds of pies to bring. If you are interested, sign up by May 4th for what kind of pie and how many you would like to bring. We usually have about 65 pies. Committee: Joe and Suzie Blackbird, Stephanie Mielke and Dave and Jodi Sanken*

***Ice Cream Social date , Thursday, June 12 and Wednesday, June 11- Ice Cream Social preparations. Watch for your job/donation slips in the near future. Please let one of the committee members know if you cannot fulfill your responsibilities. Committee members: Joe and Suzie Blackbird, Stephanie Mielke and Dave and Jodi Sanken*

A hearty "Thank You" to all the cheerful givers from St. John's that donated \$170.00 & seventy seven pounds of food during March to the McLeod Emergency Food shelf.

If you know of anyone that needs a bit of "SUNSHINE", contact Elaine Carrigan, our "Sunshine Lady" so she can send a card. Her phone number is 864-3330!

Anyone wishing to contribute some of their favorite recipes for 150th Anniversary cookbook can give the recipes to any guild member.

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.

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.

Congratulations to Dave and Pam Martin on the birth of their grandson, Harrison David Martin, Saturday, April 26th. The proud parents are Jeremy & Hannah Martin.

Mark your Calendars

May 4th Is Confirmation Sunday

May 18th Last Sunday of Sunday School until fall.
Sunday School children sing during Worship Service

May 25th Worship Service begins summer hours; 9:30 a.m.

June 11th Ice Cream Social preparation 6 p.m.

June 12th Ice Cream Social 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

July 27th-31st VBS from 6:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

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

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

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Lakeside Health Care Center Room #313B Birthday 6/10
439 William Ave. E., PO Box 383
Dassel, MN. 55325

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. 18th St.
Glencoe, MN. 55336

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

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WOMEN'S GUILD- 2013-2014

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Sunshine Chair: Elaine Carrigan.....864-3330

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Curt Paulsen587-4684
Dave Sanken328-4164

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Julie Karl.....587-7702
David Sanken.....328-4164
Elaine Carrigan864-3330

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & SUBSTITUTES

2013-2014

Preschool

Dawn Huebert & Mary Taylor

K-2nd grade

Jodi Sanken-Andrea Wigern

3rd-5th Grade

Bridget Block

6th-8th Grade

Robin Field & Susie Blackbird

Young Adults

Michelle Alsleben & Kathy Trimbo

Substitute List

Roxanne Sladek 320-455-7218
Celine Swift 320-864-6188

YOUTH GROUP LEADERS

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

CHURCH SECRETARIES

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Clerical: Karen Konerza.....864-4554

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

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
1st Sunday Blackbird
2nd Sunday Field
3rd Sunday
4th Sunday
January 2015 Sladek

Anyone interested in being on the 150th 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.

Randy and Melanie Bordelon

Different drug problem.....

Editor's note:

The following letter has appeared on the internet and was viewed by many readers. Many felt it would be appropriate for the readers of Avoyelles Parish.

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburrs out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood, and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

God bless the parents who drugged us.

Submitted by concerned citizen

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Joe B.	3 Bridget B.
4 Communion	5 Don P.	6 Sarah F. Kim M. Marilyn S.	7	8	9	10 Bonnie K.
11	12 Sue R.	13	14	15 Pastor Bob	16 Dave Sanken	17 Eli S.
18 Last Sunday Of Sunday School	19 Dennis S. Angela U.	20 Cody & Cory	21	22	23	24 Rachel M.
25 <u>Worship Service 9:30 a.m.</u> Jessica A. Marion P.	26	27	28 Mary Ann F. June K. Rachel S. Jean T.	29	30	31

June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2	3 Cory G.	4	5	6	7 Mary H. Nita V.
8 Cameron M.	9	10 Lillian N.	11 Alan K. <u>Preparing for Ice Cream Social</u>	12 <u>**Ice Cream Social</u>	13 Chandler Dave Swift	14
15	16	17 Oakley S.	18	19 Katherine R.	20	21 Gary F.
22	23 Ashley A.	24	25 Jon B.	26	27	28 Charlee B. Dave H. Alex S. Bernetta S. Danielle S.
29	30					

July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Kyle W.	4	5
6 Communion Laura S.	7.	8 Dawn H.	9	10	11	12 Connor M.
13	14	15	16	17	18 Alan M.	19
20	21 Jeremy F.	22 Eric R. Tom S.	23	24.	25	26
27 VBS from	28 6:00 p.m. -	29 Andy M. 8:15 p.m.	30 VBS	31 VBS		

The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, the safest place to be is in someone's prayers, and the very best place to be isin the hands of God.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Information for the next newsletter will be due July 25th . 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.

Karen Konerza

