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St. John's Messenger *August, September, & October 2014*

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REFLECTION

Carl's Garden

Please take the time to read this. I wanted to hurry up and read it, but God slowed me down and I read the whole thing. Guess what, God does what God always does, he blessed me and now it is your turn to be blessed.

Carl was a quiet man.. He didn't talk much. He would always greet you with a big smile and a firm handshake.

Even after living in our neighborhood for over 50 years,
No one could really say they knew him very well.

Before his retirement, he took the bus to work each morning.
The lone sight of him walking down the street often worried us.

He had a slight limp from a bullet wound received in WWII.

Watching him, we worried that although he had survived WWII,
He may not make it through our changing uptown neighborhood with its ever-increasing random violence, gangs, and drug activity.

When he saw the flyer at our local church asking for volunteers for caring for the gardens behind the minister's residence, he responded in his characteristically unassuming manner. Without fanfare, he just signed up.

He was well into his 87th year when the very thing we had always feared finally happened..

He was just finishing his watering for the day when three gang members approached him.
Ignoring their attempt to intimidate him, he simply asked, "Would you like a drink from the hose?"

The tallest and toughest-looking of the three said, "Yeah, sure," with a malevolent little smile.

As Carl offered the hose to him, the other two grabbed Carl's arm, throwing him down.
As the hose snaked crazily over the ground, dousing everything in its way, Carl's assailants stole his retirement watch and his wallet, and then fled.

Carl tried to get himself up, but he had been thrown down on his bad leg.
He lay there trying to gather himself as the minister came running to help him.

Although the minister had witnessed the attack from his window, he couldn't get there fast enough to stop it.

"Carl, are you okay? Are you hurt?" the minister kept asking as he helped Carl to his feet.

Carl just passed a hand over his brow and sighed, shaking his head.

"Just some punk kids. I hope they'll wise-up someday."

His wet clothes clung to his slight frame as he bent to pick up the hose. He adjusted the nozzle again and started to water..

Confused and a little concerned, the minister asked, "Carl, what are you doing?" "I've got to finish my watering. It's been very dry lately," came the calm reply.

Satisfying himself that Carl really was all right, the minister could only marvel. Carl was a man from a different time and place.

A few weeks later the three returned.. Just as before their threat was unchallenged. Carl again offered them a drink from his hose.

This time they didn't rob him. They wrenched the hose from his hand and drenched him head to foot in the icy water.

When they had finished their humiliation of him, they sauntered off down the street, throwing catcalls and curses, falling over one another laughing at the hilarity of what they had just done.

Carl just watched them. Then he turned toward the warmth giving sun, picked up his hose, and went on with his watering.

The summer was quickly fading into fall Carl was doing some tilling when he was startled by the sudden approach of someone behind him. He stumbled and fell into some evergreen branches.

As he struggled to regain his footing, he turned to see the tall leader of his summer tormentors reaching down for him. He braced himself for the expected attack.

"Don't worry old man, I'm not gonna hurt you this time."

The young man spoke softly, still offering the tattooed and scarred hand to Carl. As he helped Carl get up, the man pulled a crumpled bag from his pocket and handed it to Carl.

"What's this?" Carl asked. "It's your stuff," the man explained. "It's your stuff back. Even the money in your wallet" "I don't understand," Carl said. "Why would you help me now?"

The man shifted his feet, seeming embarrassed and ill at ease. "I learned something from you," he said. "I ran with that gang and hurt people like you we picked you because you were old and we knew we could do it But every time we came and did something to you, instead of yelling and fighting back, you tried to give us a drink. You didn't hate us for hating you. You kept showing love against our hate."

He stopped for a moment. "I couldn't sleep after we stole your stuff, so here it is back."

He paused for another awkward moment, not knowing what more there was to say. "That bag's my way of saying thanks for straightening me out, I guess." And with that, he walked off down the street.

Carl looked down at the sack in his hands and gingerly opened it. He took out his retirement watch and put it back on his wrist. Opening his wallet, he checked for his wedding photo. He gazed for a moment at the young bride that still smiled back at him from all those years ago..

He died one cold day after Christmas that winter. Many people attended his funeral in spite of the weather.

In particular the minister noticed a tall young man that he didn't know sitting quietly in a distant corner of the church.

The minister spoke of Carl's garden as a lesson in life.

In a voice made thick with unshed tears, he said, "Do your best and make your garden as beautiful as you can. We will never forget Carl and his garden."

The following spring another flyer went up. It read: "Person needed to care for Carl's garden."

The flyer went unnoticed by the busy parishioners until one day when a knock was heard at the minister's office door.

Opening the door, the minister saw a pair of scarred and tattooed hands holding the flyer. "I believe this is my job, if you'll have me," the young man said.

The minister recognized him as the same young man who had returned the stolen watch and wallet to Carl.

He knew that Carl's kindness had turned this man's life around. As the minister handed him the keys to the garden shed, he said, "Yes, go take care of Carl's garden and honor him."

The man went to work and, over the next several years, he tended the flowers and vegetables just as Carl had done.

During that time, he went to college, got married, and became a prominent member of the community. But he never forgot his promise to Carl's memory and kept the garden as beautiful as he thought Carl would have kept it.

One day he approached the new minister and told him that he couldn't care for the garden any longer. He explained with a shy and happy smile, "My wife just had a baby boy last night, and she's bringing him home on Saturday."

"Well, congratulations!" said the minister, as he was handed the garden shed keys. "That's wonderful! What's the baby's name?" "Carl," he replied.

That's the whole gospel message simply stated.

Submitted by Lea Ette Peters

Pastor's Notes



Going the Extra Mile

If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Matthew 5:41

What makes a car *go* the extra mile of road? What makes the train *chug* along the extra mile of rail? The boat *plow* through the extra mile of waves? These, of course, are motivated by energy in various forms. What makes you *go*? Are you motivated by the praises of men (Matthew 23:5-7)? Or are you after money (1 Timothy 6:10), treasures or possessions (Luke 12:15)? Perhaps you are after power or control (Matthew 20:25-28)? Or are after pleasure (Luke 8:14; Titus 3:3; James 4:3)?

What makes a Christian go? What compels him/her? Paul tells us in II Corinthians chapter 5:14,15: For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Walking the second mile teaches us to think of others before ourselves. It teaches us to die to our personal desires and ambitions for the sake of Christ and others. Going the extra mile is doing more than is expected. Citizens of the kingdom of God go above and beyond the call of duty!

Every year when I consider the effort put forth by so many in our church to get ready for Vacation Bible School, I think of Jesus' teaching on *going the extra mile*. Vacation Bible School at St. John's could happen every year with a lot less effort but because of its importance in influencing young lives for Christ the men and women and youth of our church *go the extra mile* year after year. Praise God for those who are willing *to go the extra mile* in not only putting on Vacation Bible School year but also in so many other areas of the life of our church! To God be the glory!

Pastor Bob

Council Meeting Minutes:

May 14, 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 a reading related to Galatians 6 vs. 8.

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 Mickolich, Joyce Johnson, Diane Hess, Wayne Kenning (Roxanne Sladek's Dad) and Jeremy, Hannah and Harrison Martin.

** Jessica Alsleben and Oakley Streeter were confirmed on May 5th during the service of worship. I purchased a confirmation picture frame and card for Jessica and Oakley on behalf of the church.

** Harrison David Martin, born on April 26th, 2014 at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul, will be baptized on May 18th during our service of worship. Jeremy David Martin and Hannah Marie Martin are the parents.

The secretary's minutes were read by Pam and approved.

Brian gave the treasurer's report which showed a beginning balance of \$26,538.78 and an ending balance of \$31,641.95. This report was approved as given.

- Designated Funds - \$7,962.22
 - Benevolence - \$2,179.25
 - Building - \$1,067.55
 - Choir - \$1,002.87
 - Memorial - \$2,166.55
 - Pastoral - \$60.00
 - Sunday School/VBS - \$421.00
 - Youth Group - \$160.00
 - Cemetery Fund - \$905.00
- General Fund - \$23,679.73

Gene reported that he paid the 1st half property taxes from the building fund which were \$737 and that we received interest in the amount of \$2.86 leaving a balance of \$34,016.00. This report was also approved.

Old Business:

-- Committee Status: *Building Investigation Committee* – had 2nd meeting. Measured existing area sizes/capacities and projecting needs estimates. *Youth Protection Committee* – Council reviewed the draft and Dave wrote down questions that were brought up. They will re-evaluate and hope to have a final copy to be approved at the next council meeting with a copy given to members and adopted at a congregational meeting in June. This policy need to be in place by July 1st. *150th Anniversary Committee* – Will be meeting soon.

-- Joe finished the men's lockset and repair on west church door.

-- A motion was made by Gene and seconded by Pam to have Brian and Dave contact the interested parties for the piano. It will be sold for \$350 on a first come, first served basis. Council approved.

-- The glass cups were not used for communion in May. Joe will contact Elaine and Mavis to see if they would use them in June to see if it will eliminate the problem of the cups sticking in the trays.

-- Bait stations were purchased and installed.

-- Gene put up the new mailbox and he will get numbers to put on it.

- Blinds for the front sanctuary windows were purchased and installed.
- Dave will talk to the guild tonight regarding supply cabinet/organization list.
- Gene is still working on the tiling plan for our rented out property. Will probably be a fall project.

New Business:

- ~ Tom Senske is working on updating our fuse box in the basement to bring into compliance. He will also take a look at the refrigerator outlet.
- ~ There will be a congregational meeting on June 22nd to approve the Personnel policy and to give an update on our building committee progress.
- ~ There was a problem with the elevator door. Dave figured out it was with the circuit board and has it fixed.

Task list for May:

- o Dave will get burning permit.
- o Board assessed church grounds and made notes of several items to be addressed or fixed.
- o The church sign and newspapers will be updated with our summer hours.
- o There are no graduates this year from our church.
- o Ice cream social follow-up cleaning – Dave will talk to the guild about options.

There was one suggestion in the box.

- 1) *How about putting the page number from the pew bible that the scripture verse is on.* Pastor Bob will put in the bulletin or announce the page number.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 4th because of the ice cream social set-up the following Wednesday.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Martin/Secretary

June 4, 2014

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

Dave called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Susie Blackbird and Robyn Field were at the meeting to propose starting a women's bible study group at the church on Thursday evenings along with Brenda Schaefer. This would be open to church members as well as non-church members. There was discussion made and Joe motioned to accept the request and Pam seconded. Board approved.

Chandler Swift was also at the meeting and showed the board his Eagle project for boy scouts. Chandler did a wonderful job of putting shelving in the room by the back steps as well as making room for the refrigerator.

Pastor Bob emailed Dave his Pastor's report as he injured his knee the previous day and was having surgery on Thursday.

Pastor's Report:

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

** Tentative wedding at the church on May 16th, 2015, for Jettie Smith and Jerry Mickolichek. They are asking permission to have the wedding at our church.

The secretary's minutes were reviewed and approved.

Brian gave the treasurer's report which showed a beginning balance of \$31,641.95 and an ending balance of \$36,954.61. This report was approved as given.

- Designated Funds - \$9,240.22
 - Benevolence - \$2,534.25
 - Building - \$1,417.55
 - Choir - \$1,002.87
 - Memorial - \$2,166.55
 - Pastoral - \$80.00
 - Sunday School/VBS - \$554.00
 - Youth Group - \$190.00
 - Cemetery Fund - \$1,295.00
- General Fund - \$27,714.39

With Gene's absence, the building fund report will be given at the next meeting.

Old Business:

-- Committee Status: *Building Investigation Committee* – had 3rd meeting. Examined exterior options and discussed the update for the congregation. *Youth Protection Committee* – Prepared draft for congregational meeting. *150th Anniversary Committee* – Discussions have been made and will be meeting soon.

-- Interested parties were notified about the piano but we have not heard anything back yet.

-- Supply cabinet organization/list is still being worked on with guild.

-- Tiling plan tabled until fall.

-- Congregation meeting will be June 22nd to approve personnel policy, update building committee progress and discuss seal coating of parking lot as bids have come in over \$3,000.00.

-- Cemetery committee is looking at a plan to extend the lawn to the tree drip line this fall.

New Business:

~~ Tom S. is working on updating and moving the fuse box.

~~ Need to complete new member transfer paperwork – Dave will talk to appropriate people.

~~ Determine plan for church cleaning – Dave and Pam have a list of cleaning needs and will see if the list would be a good format for obtaining bids by having their place of business cleaners take a look at. This list could be used to get yearly bids.

~~ Brian getting final estimates on seal coating the parking lot to present at congregational meeting.

~~ Leif Borg did a great job of cleaning up the yard and cemetery for a community service project. Thanks Leif!!

~~ Dave will coordinate what is needed for our outdoor church service this coming Sunday.

~~ Funds transfer/Investment plans – Brian made a motion to move \$15,000 from the general fund to the building fund, Joe seconded the motion and board approved. The board will discuss investment plans at our next meeting.

Task list for June:

- Have the burning permit.
- Updates are done for summer hours.
- Ice cream social

There were no suggestions in the box.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 9th @ 7:00.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Martin/Secretary

St John's Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 22nd, 2014

Following our regular church service, a special congregational meeting was called to order by President of the council, Dave Swift. Pastor Bob opened the meeting with prayer.

This meeting was called to discuss the following topics:

Personnel Policy - Committee members Dave Swift, Robyn Field, and Jody Sanken put together a personnel policy which was needed for insurance purposes that covered getting background checks for all employees and volunteers of our church. There can no longer be any one on one unless it is for counseling.

- Copies of the proposed policy were handed out for those that had not received a copy the previous two weeks in church.
- Meeting was opened for discussion. There were several "what if" questions asked and it was stated that we need to be aware of not getting into these situations. Example: If kids are getting picked up from church, the second to the last parent may be asked to stay until the final child gets picked up or a phone call may need to be made to have another person at the church. It was also brought up that we may have to start a volunteer sheet to help with avoiding any one on one situations.
- A signed release form will be needed to do the check. The release form itself will be held on site for five years per state law. The council will be reviewing the report results but they will not be kept at the church. The company doing the check will store them. Individuals may check a box on the release form if they would like a copy for themselves.
- Even if you are currently not an employee or volunteer, anyone is encouraged to get one.

A motion was made by Julie Karl and seconded by Jon Block to accept/adopt this policy with any fine tuning as needed going forward. A voice vote was taken and motion approved.

Building Update - Committee members Jerry Wright, Andrea Wigern, and Dave Swift updated the congregation on their building investigation progress. Several options were presented along with the criteria they looked at when considering these options. There was a brochure handed out that showed these options along with a list of needs, objectives and functions considered. After discussion was made with questions from several church members, a motion was made by Roxanne Sladek and seconded by Randy Knick to have this committee move forward and continue with their investigation of options. Members approved with a voice vote. Anyone that has input/ideas was encouraged to contact one of the committee members.

Seal Coating of Parking Lot - Brian Alsleben presented the members present with several bids and options from various companies which were all over the amount of \$3,000 and needed member

approval. After discussing the different ways each company applied the seal coating, a motion was made by Dave Huebert and seconded by Warren Kauffman to have B & H out of Litchfield do the job for around \$3,066.00 (They are the company that did previous applications to our lot and seems to last very well) A voice vote was taken and motion approved.

Jon Block motioned the meeting be adjourned with a second by LeaEtte Peters. Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Pam Martin - Secretary

July 9, 2014

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

Dave called the meeting to order.

Pastor Bob opened with prayer and read a devotional from 1st Peter 5 vs. 2-3 pertaining to leadership.

Pastor's Report:

** Visited with Joyce Karl, Katherine Rannow, Eileen Moehring, Maynard Rannow, Irene Nemitz, Lillian Nemitz, Charlotte Hardel, Jerry Mickolichuk and Duane and Gloria Wigern.

** The funeral for Irene Nemitz was held at the church on Tuesday, July 1st. Irene was buried in her family plot in the church cemetery.

Pam recapped the minutes of the last meeting as well as the special meeting on June 22nd. Both were approved.

Brian gave the treasurer's report which showed a beginning balance of \$36,954.61 and an ending balance of \$22,324.27. This report was approved as given.

- Designated Funds - \$9,875.22
 - Benevolence - \$2,694.25
 - Building - \$1,512.55
 - Choir - \$1,002.87
 - Memorial - \$2,166.55
 - Pastoral - \$100.00
 - Sunday School/VBS - \$694.00
 - Youth Group - \$200.00
 - Cemetery Fund - \$1,455.00
 - Women's Guild Fund - \$50.00
- General Fund - \$12,449.05

Gene reported that the building fund had a beginning balance of \$34,016.00. A transfer from the general fund was received for \$15,000.00; parking lot seal coating invoice of \$3,066.00 and interest was paid for \$2.81 and \$3.42 for the previous months leaving a total of \$45,956.23. This report was approved as given.

Old Business:

- Committee Status: *Building Investigation Committee* – had 4th meeting. Began exploring designs for North & South addition options as well as contacted the county to explore any building issues. They will be meeting again in the next months. *Youth Protection Committee* – Policy approved. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Joe to set up an account with Single Source Service who will be handling the fees for background checks. Board approved. *150th Anniversary Committee* – Discussions have been made.
- There still has been no interest in the piano. Joe and Pam were going to post a picture of it and post on Facebook under the Glencoe and Hutchinson Garage Sale site.
- Joe will talk to the women's guild regarding the excess supplies from the ice cream social.
- Tom is continuing to work on updating the fuse box and has the fridge outlet working again. Thanks Tom!
- The council is working on a plan for church cleaning. Dave S. is making a detailed list of what cleaning is needed and whether or not all of it has to be done annually or semi-annually. More discussion will be made at our next meeting.
- Funds have been transferred to the building fund. Dave S. is comparing a couple of options to invest some of our funds in and will present at a congregational meeting in the future. (Tentative date: 9-21-14).

New Business:

- ~~ Dave Sanken volunteered to trim trees along cemetery line. He would like help so Dave will talk to him about a date and time and make an announcement in church.
- ~~ Dale Peters did lawn spraying. Thank you Dale!!
- ~~ Outdoor service will be 7-13 and Heatwole on 8-10. Dave will coordinate set up for both.
- ~~ The council was asked for input from the benevolence committee on a donation request. After discussion, the council approved recommending to the benevolence committee to decline donations to the Alliance Defending Freedom or any others because of its political implications.
- ~~ Dave and Brian will take a look at problems we have had with the elevator door.

Task list for June:

- o Reviewed bylaws – no changes
- o Reviewed memorials – none
- o Review supplies list – Joe working on
- o Heatwole checklist – Dave S. coordinating

There was one suggestion in the box: We should have a four square template on the parking lot. *The council discussed and Dave will see to it that the squares get painted as well as the lines for the basketball hoop.*

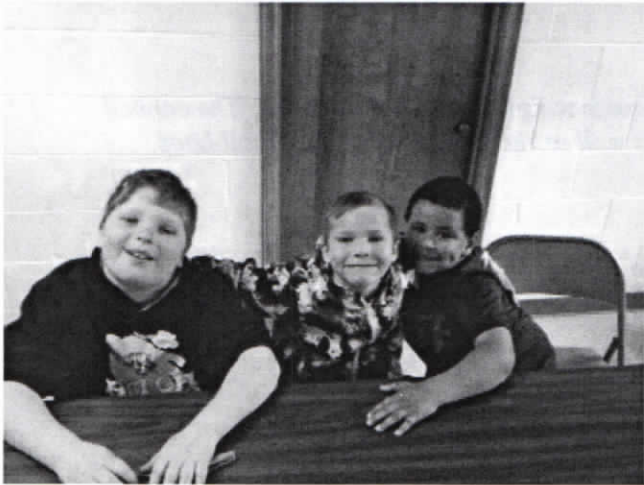
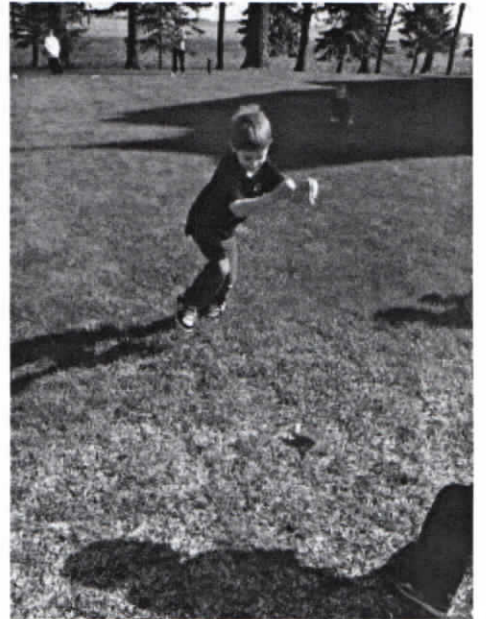
Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 13th @ 7:00.

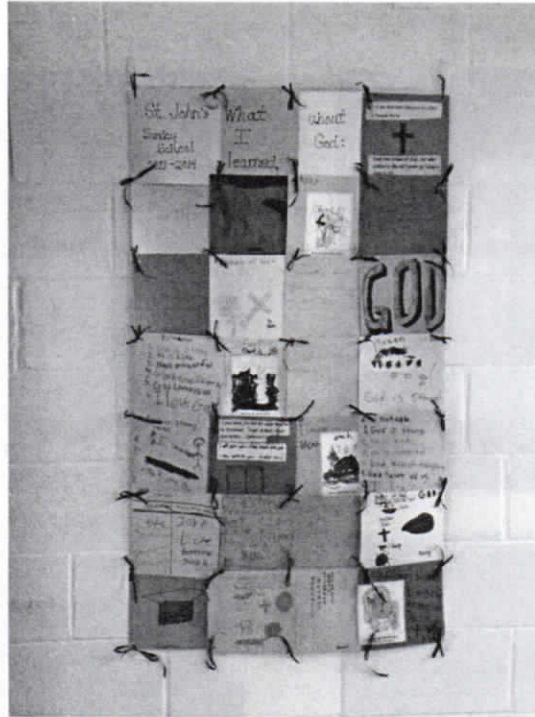
The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Martin/Secretary

Sunday School Happenings

Pictures from the last Sunday of Sunday School.





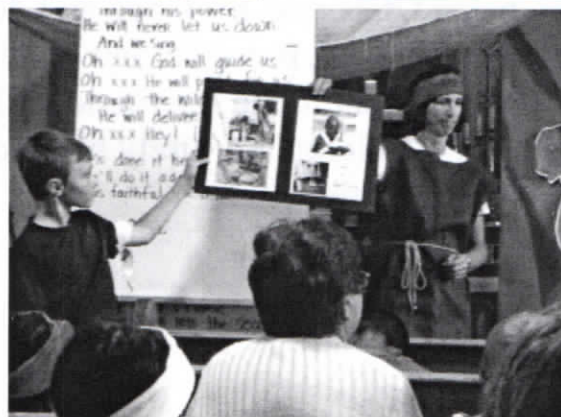
Quilt made by children on last day of Sunday School

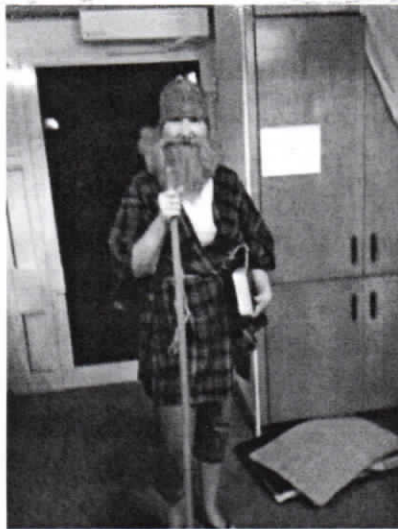
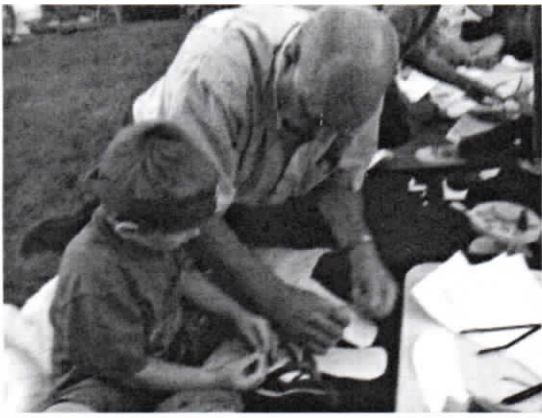
Sunday School finished the year by making a “quilt”. The kids wrote, drew, and decorated a quilt square about something they learned this past year in Sunday School. You can find the quilt hanging in the basement. We also played games and had a snack.

We will have just completed another amazing week of Vacation Bible School when you receive this newsletter. The children enjoyed being a part of the Israelite camps and hearing from Moses, making crafts, playing games, singing, having a hayride and of course fishing at the lake! We learned at WILDERNESS ESCAPE that God Guides and Provides!

We would like to thank everyone who helped make our Vacation Bible School, WILDERNESS ESCAPE, an “awesome” success! There were about 36 kids each night learning that God GUIDES AND PROVIDES! Thanks to everyone who taught and led, acted in skits, helped decorate, prepared and donated food, donated supplies, sewed, cut, took pictures, prayed, brought their children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors. Our mission went to the International Heifer Project to help provide filters for clean water. The children are surely blessed to be a part of THIS ENTHUSIASTIC church and their people!

Wilderness Escape





Dates to Remember:

August 10 – Sunday School meeting at church after Heatwole for anyone interested (about 12:30)

September 7 – RALLY DAY- Sunday School begins and 3rd graders receive their Bibles

September 21 – Kids sing and VBS slideshow

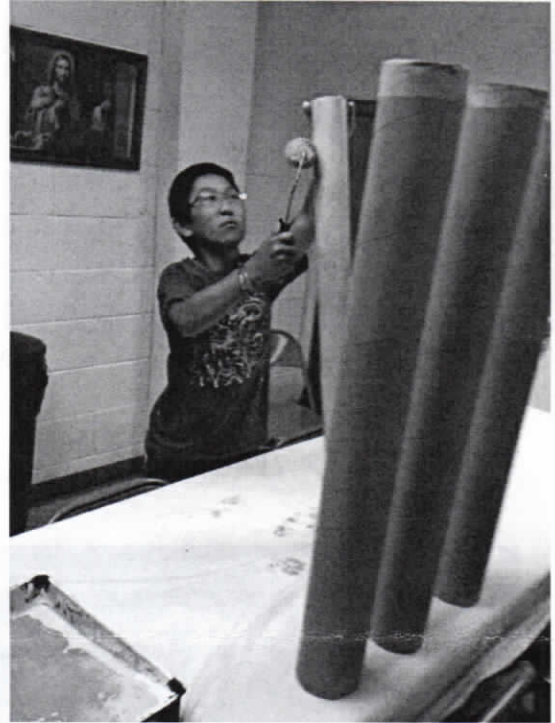
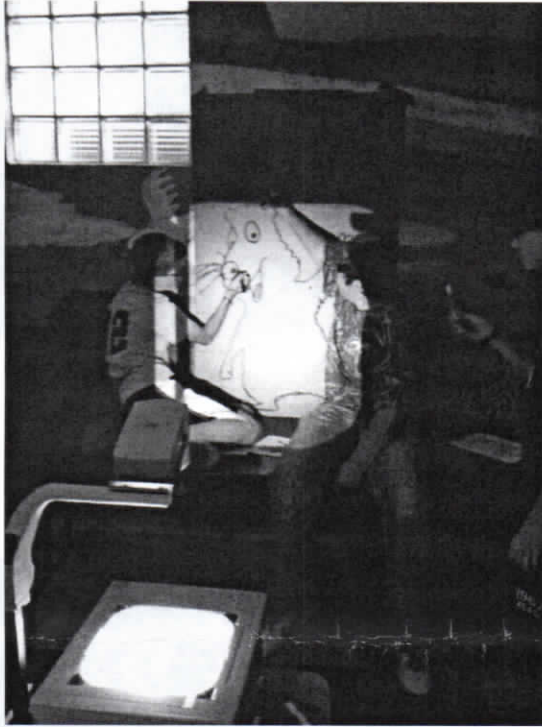
October 19- Kids sing during worship service

The list of the new year for Sunday school teachers will be listed in the bulletin after the August 10th meeting.

Some new faces will for sure be in the line up. There are 2 for sure, Brenda Garoutte, and June Knick.

Youth Page

Youth group painting decorations for VBS.





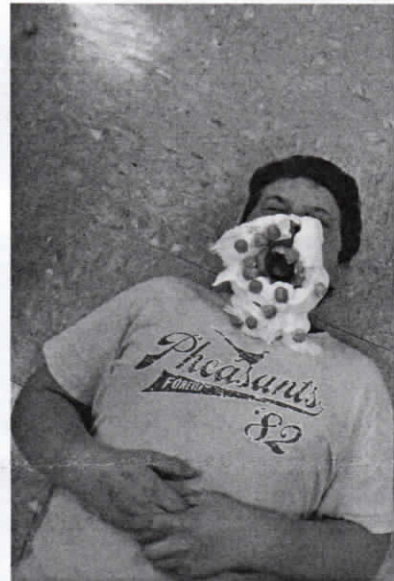
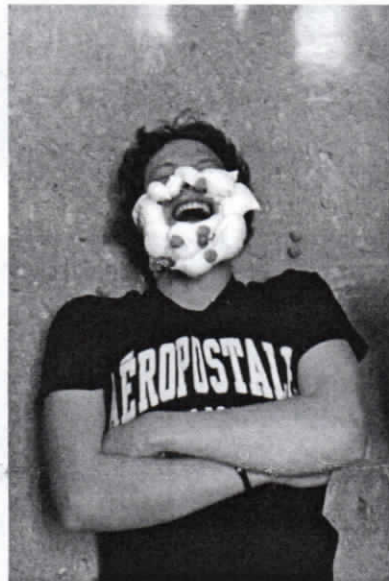
Painting!!

Lock-in pics



What we've been doing:

- Flower Sales were completed in May and hopefully are growing nicely for all who ordered.
- Lock-in at church. Lots of memories that evening! Check out the pictures.



- VBS painting and decorating was another fun activity the youth helped with this summer. Following that we had pizza and spent the afternoon swimming at Swifts pond! Thanks again for hosting us Celine!

- A trip to the Sladek's cabin was also fun. The weather didn't allow for some of the activities we had hoped to do but if you check out the pictures I think you will agree that our youth group is a group of great kids that just enjoy spending time together no matter what they do!



Looking Ahead:

- August 6th we are going to the Paint Factory. We will each paint an eagle on canvas that we can take home. We have scheduled a private session and have plenty of room. Anyone from St John's or friends is welcome. If you would like to join us please let Robyn or Roxanne know so the Paint Factory can be set up and ready for us when we get there. Starts at 6:30.
- September 3rd we will resume our regular monthly meetings at church from 7 to 8.
- Youth Bible Study is also taking a break for the summer months. Look for it to resume September 10th.

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

Church Happenings

A special "Thank You" to everyone that helped with the 2014 Ice Cream Social Raffle. Advance ticket sellers you did a great job! We are grateful and thankful for the members that made and/or donated the many beautiful and unique items for the raffle. You truly make the raffle a success. Tickets sales for 2013 were \$871.00 and 2014 were \$886.

Quilt	David Huebert	Little Wooden Cart	Samantha Johanson
Afghan	Veronica Nowak	Wooden Cross	Linda Smedstad
Table Topper	Kerry Reid	Lg. Wishing Well	Kim Karels
Large Wooden Bench	Marvanc Kettner	Sm. Wishing Well	Lloyd Schmidt
Wooden Spoon	Julie Karl	Wooden Picture Frame	Cory Garoutte
Stamp Holder	Sandy Decker	" " "	Zach Zeleke
Napkin Holder	Eunice Schuette	Wooden Cart	Wanda Lietzau
Cooling Rack	Ava Schwan	Wooden chair	Amy Brede
Little Bench	Joelle Woetzel	Cord Holder	David Swift
Saw Horses	Marlys Kurtzweg	Playing Card Holders	Summer Senske
Coat Rack	Kim Konerza	2 Step Stool	Diane Hess
Lg. Shoe/Boot Rack	Jackie Bumber	1 Step Stool	Summer Senske
Saw Horses	David Huebert	Little Chair	David Carrigan
Wooden Lawn Chair	Roger Trimbo	Margarine Holder	Dawn Huebert
Saw Horses	Sara Padrnos	Crisco Holder	Marie Schneider
Little Wooden Chair	Summer Senske	Misc. Home Made Cards	Sharon Mielke

First outdoor service this summer



Chandler at the keyboard!



What a wonderful day and crowd!



The congregation enjoying God's beautiful day!



Children's Sermon



Pastor Bob trying to blow a bubble with bubble gum!!

On July 20th Members of St. John's along with a few friends had our first cycle ride together. It was a great afternoon drive with the leaders being Jerry and Sandy Wright. They gave us a beautiful ride and we're hoping to do it again. Hopefully maybe this fall. All those that missed out, watch the bulletin for any future dates! The ones that went were, Jerry, Sandy, Glen, Brenda, Robin, Dave, Gene, Karen, and friends Don and Sarah.



Seeing this would speak louder than what I can say!! The old saying "you wouldn't believe what I saw" is true!! We all know Glen will never get a ticket for speeding with his pickup, because he enjoys the sites he see and going slow makes it worth it all! Well I saw something one Sunday morning on my way home from church. It was something I wouldn't have believed if "I hadn't seen it with my own eyes"!! We met Glen on his Honda cycle, and he was GOING FAST!! He was really moving and with a BIG SMILE on his face His "SPECIAL HAT" on, and a "BIG WAVE" to us.! It was worth a smile to me to see the enjoyment on his face. I know you read the newsletter from front to back Glen and I wanted you to know I was amazed at the "speed' you were going! Enjoy your rides. And thanks for the "MEMORY"! Bet this made you smile Glen!!

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.

Mark your Calendars

Women's Bible Study, every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Sunday August 10th, Heatwole Service 9:30 a.m. Come early and enjoy the good breakfast!

***There will be a Sunday school meeting on Sunday, August 10th at about 12:30 following the Heatwole service back at the church. If you are unable to attend, but are interested in teaching or helping, let Mary T., Andrea or Jodi know.*

Women's Guild Wednesday, Aug. 13th at 7:00 p.m. Elaine Carrigan and Nita VonWold will serve. Prepare for Lesson 5 in *Having a Mary Spirit* book. Guests are always welcome.

Fall Hours begins, Sunday, Sept. 7th, Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Rally Sunday and the 3rd graders receive their Bibles

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 21st, Sunday School children sing during worship and VBS slide show

Sunday, Oct. 19th, Sunday School sing during worship service

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

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Maynard Rannow
GRHC Long Term Care #611 birthday
11/5
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Kay Hahn-Sellers birthday 5/27
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2013-2014

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Jodi Sanken-Andrea Wigern

3rd-5th Grade

Bridget Block

6th-8th Grade

Robyn Field & Susie Blackbird

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Michelle Alsleben & Kathy Trimbo

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Custodians

January Sladek
 February Swift
 March Rose/Trimbo
 April Wright
 May Blackbird
 June Mavis /Elaine
 July Peters
 August Alsleben/Sanken
 September Blocks
 October Garoutte
 Nov Knick
 Dec
 7th
 14th
 21st
 28th Wright
 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
 7th
 14th
 21st
 28th
 January 2015 Sladek

Ushers

January Sladek
 February Swift
 Mah Rose/Trimbo
 April Wright
 May Schaefer
 June Konerza
 July Peters
 August Konerza
 September Blocks
 October Garoutte
 November Vacek/Huebert
 December
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 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.

August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Brenda G.
3 Communion	4 Chase B.	5	6	7 Women's Bible Study 7:00p.m.	8	9
10 Heatwole Service Sunday School mtg. 12:30 p.m.	11 Annie S.	12	13 Women's Guild 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. 7:00p.m.	14 Women's Bible Study 7:00p.m.	15	16
17	18	19	20 Taylor M.	21 Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	22 Elaine C.	23
24	25 Evan K.	26	27	28 Mavis M. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	29	30 Andrea W.
31 Stephaine M.						

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Noah E. Gene K. Alyssa M.	2	3	4 Women's Bible Study 7:00p.m.	5	6
7 <u>Fall Hours Begin</u> Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Communion Kyle F.	8	9	10 Women's Guild 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. 7:00p.m.	11 Women's Bible Study 7:00p.m.	12 Deb S.	13 Carly E.
14	15	16	17	18 Women's Bible Study 7:00p.m.	19 Jerome K.	20
21 Grant K. Kids sing during worship & VBS slide show	22	23	24 Holden M.	25 Women's Bible Study 7:00p.m.	26	27
28	29 Adam G.	30				

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Women's Bible Study 7:00p.m.	3 Hailey M Pam M.	4 Grace G. Hannah S.
5 Communion	6	7	8 Sandi S. Dylan W. Women's Guild 7:00P.M. Council Mtg. 7:00p.m.	9 Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	10	11
12	13 Brian V.	14	15 Alice K. Doug M.	16 Zachery Z. Women's Bible Study 7:00p.m.	17 Curt P.	18
19 Children sing during Worship	20	21	22	23 Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	24 Casey B.	25
26	27 Braden W.	28	29	30 Robyn F. Duane W. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	31	

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 October 26th** . 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