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St. John's Messenger

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REFLECTIONS

Having four visiting family members, my wife was very busy, and I offered to go to the store to get some needed items, which included light bulbs, paper towels, trash bags, detergent and Clorox. So off I went.

I scurried around the store, gathered up my goodies and headed for the checkout counter, only to be blocked in the narrow aisle by a young man who appeared to be about sixteen-years-old. I was in a hurry, but I patiently waited for the boy to realize that I was there. This was when he waved his hands excitedly in the air and declared in a loud voice, "Mommy, I'm over here."

It was obvious now, he was mentally challenged and also startled as he turned and saw me standing so close to him, waiting to squeeze by. His eyes widened and surprise exploded on his face as I said, "Hey, Buddy, what's your name?"

"My name is Denny, and I'm shopping with my mother," he responded proudly.

"Wow," I said, "that's a cool name; I wish my name was Denny, but my name is Steve."

"Steve, like Stevarino?" he asked. "Yes," I answered. "How old are you Denny?"

"How old am I now, Mommy?" he asked his mother as she slowly came over from the next aisle.

"You're fifteen-years-old Denny; now be a good boy and let the man pass by." I acknowledged her and continued to talk to Denny for several more minutes about summer, bicycles and school. I watched his brown eyes dance with excitement, because he was the center of someone's attention. He then abruptly turned and headed toward the toy section.

Denny's mom had a puzzled look on her face and thanked me for taking the time to talk with her son. She told me that most people wouldn't even look at him, much less talk to him.

I told her that it was my pleasure and then I said something I have no idea where it came from, other than by the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

I told her that there are plenty of red, yellow, and pink roses in God's Garden; however, "Blue Roses" are very rare and should be appreciated for their beauty and distinctiveness.

You see, Denny is a Blue Rose and if someone doesn't stop and smell that rose with their heart and touch that rose with their kindness, then they've missed a blessing from God.

She was silent for a second, then with a tear in her eye she asked, "Who are you?"

Without thinking I said, "Oh, I'm probably just a dandelion, but I sure love living in God's garden."

She reached out, squeezed my hand and said, "God bless you!" and then I had tears in my eyes.

May I suggest, the next time you see a BLUE ROSE, don't turn your head and walk off. Take the time to smile and say Hello. Why?

Because by the grace of GOD, this mother or father could be you. This could be your child, grandchild, niece or nephew. What a difference a moment can mean to that person or their family.

From an old dandelion... Live simply; Love generously; Care deeply; Speak kindly; and, Leave the rest to Papa God.

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

**I received this from Sandy Wright and thought it had a GREAT story to tell us all.
Karen**

Holy Hotlines

Worry Hotline 1 Peter 5: 7
Fear Hotline Isaiah 41:10
Temptation Hotline 1 Corinthians 10:13
Doubt Hotline Romans 10:17
Sickness HotlineIsaiah 53:5
Depression Hotline Psalm 34:18
Loneliness Hotline Deuteronomy 31:8

Lines Are Open 24/7

Submitted by Bridget Block

****There is 150th Anniversary Celebration Question form enclosed in this newsletter. It's the last page, please detach it from the newsletter, fill it out and return it by August 30th, there will be a box in the back of the church for it or you can give it to June Knick or Dave Sanken. If you would prefer to have your memories transcribed please call June Knick at 320-296-1782. They wish to put the completed questionnaires in a book for others to see.**

Pastor's Notes



Even though we are now in the summer months, there is still a lot of excitement surrounding St. John's Church. On July 12th it will be our privilege to be led in worship by David Dawson and his family. The Dawson's have a worldwide ministry of calling America back to God. Please make it a priority to be part of our outdoor service on July 12th at 9:30 a.m.

We are also finalizing plans for our 150th Anniversary Celebration on September 13th. We already have available a commemorative cookbook available now at the church. The cost for the cookbook is \$10. We are also planning fun event day on August 2st featuring a fun walk and fun trap shooting competition, swimming, picnic lunch and possibly a family movie and more.

We have also recently unveiled renderings of a possible building expansion. On September 27th there will be a congregational meeting and vote on whether or not we are ready to move ahead now and which plan we should pursue. Being a small congregation in rural Minnesota we are greatly blessed to be part of a vibrant congregation with a future and a hope. How great is the God we worship and serve!

[Jeremiah 29:11](#): *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

Pastor Bob

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES;

May 13, 2015

Council Members Present: All were present along with Pastor Bob.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the council met @ 6:00 to access the church grounds and made several notes on various areas that need to be addressed.

Dave called the meeting to order.

Pastor Bob opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional.

Jerry Wright approached the council with ideas regarding absentee ballots for the voting on the expansion project. The council will discuss under new business.

Pastor's Report:

** Visited with Eileen Moehring, Maynard Rannow, Joyce Karl, Lillian Nemitz, Dick Swift, Marion & Don Padrnos, Sharon and Alan Mielke, Alan, Bonnie, & Warren Kaufmann, Jettie Smith and Jerry Mickolichuk and Doug and Rachel Meyer.

** Noah Eischens has indicated that he would like to be received into membership at St. Johns by profession of faith.

** Praise God that Marion Padrnos went home this past Friday!

** Saturday, May 16th, I will be officiating at the marriage of Jerry Mickolichuk and Jettie Smith here at St. Johns.

** Graduation recognition will be May 31st. Cards/gifts have been purchased as well as for the confirmation class.

** I would like to take off Sunday, August 23rd. Our son Keith is getting married that weekend and it will be a very busy weekend for all of us. Ron Stewart, retired 4 C's minister, is willing to preach that Sunday.

The secretary's minutes were approved from the March meeting.

Brian gave the treasurer's report which showed a beginning balance of \$23,566.35 and an ending balance of \$27,765.99. This report was approved as given.

- Designated Funds - \$12,040.75
 - Benevolence - \$1,392.15
 - Building - \$1,360.00
 - Choir - \$1,027.87
 - Memorial - \$3,245.86
 - Pastoral - \$45.00
 - Sunday School/VBS - \$240.50
 - Youth Group - \$80.00
 - Cemetery Fund - \$335.00
 - Women's Guild Fund - \$0.00
 - 150th Celebration - \$4,314.37
- General Fund - \$15,725.24

Gene reported that he paid the property taxes of \$910.00 and paid the architect \$1,250 for the drawings of both the north side and south side additions which left a balance in the building fund of \$62,644.12. This report was approved as given.

Old Business:

- Committee Status: *Building Investigation Committee* – Renderings are complete and will be picked up. Congregational meeting is set for May 17th to discuss whether or not to proceed and if so which way. *150th Anniversary Planning Committee* – Continuing to work on plans.
- Pam working on organization of policy book.
- All/most of the pews will be put in original configuration for the summer. Final rearranging will be done when choir begins.
- Batteries in the elevator are replaced and the phone is working as well.
- DVD player has been cleaned and is working again.

New Business:

- M/S/A to accept Noah Eischens into membership through profession of faith.
- M/S/A to transfer \$5,000.00 from the general fund to the building fund.
- West door bold guard is broke. Joe will install/replace for both doors.
- Discussion was made on the upcoming congregational meeting. It was decided at this time we would propose/present the options; include the packets in the next Newsletter along with pictures of both options; include a summary of discussions made at the meeting; and will take a straw vote to see what the feelings are of those who are present at the meeting. The council wanted everyone to be well informed on a big project such as this.
- There was a suggestion for additional bibles for overflow seating. Pastor Bob said he would purchase 12 more bibles.
- There are two Boy Scout Eagle candidates seeking project ideas. The council recommended that they work on re-doing the space in the women's rest room to make it more handicap accessible and to maybe have them head up some fundraising for the church.
- Outdoor services and Heatwole were discussed...making sure that we would have help setting up for these services.
- The granary tables/chairs will be used by the Youth Group for flower sales as well as by the Swifts for graduation on May 30th.

Task list for May:

- Update newspaper – summer hours
- Change sign
- Honor Grads
- Discuss cleaning for post Ice Cream Social

There were no suggestions in the box.

Due to setting up for the Ice Cream Social, our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 17th @ 7:00.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Martin/Secretary

St John's Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 17th, 2015

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 St. John's Building Addition Options.

Dave handed out a packet which contained the Building Investigation Committee's ideas that were put together along with the drawings from the architect of both the North and South addition options at the congregation's request from the November meeting.

The council and the committee (Dave S, Andrea W, Doug B, and Jerry W) have opted to put off a vote until fall for the following reasons: 1) Because of the importance of such a large decision, we want everyone to be informed and have a say. 2) Building is exciting but we need to bring the congregation together and not divide it. 3) If we have a largely split congregation we should let the project rest.

After Dave reviewed both plans with the congregation, he opened up the floor for discussion. Some of the concerns were as follows: **North Addition:** Having to move the septic system as well as may need to upsize on either addition if we proceed. (The county has not committed to letting us know one way or the other on this yet); Tree line – would have to remove 4 ash trees; Restrooms – would add two restrooms on the main floor; Additional space for people – 25 more upstairs and approximately 50% more downstairs; The outdoor A/C compressor units will need to be moved and indoor space may be needed for an additional A/C-furnace system. **South Addition:** No basement; Possible double door for funeral/caskets?

There were also some general overall questions asked: 1) What if we find that there's asbestos when removing the north wall on the sanctuary which will be additional costs? – Will need to check into. 2) Cleaning concerns for both options – additional duties/more time spent for members. 3) Consider a basement for the south side –would need to check additional cost. 4) Possibility of opening up the back of sanctuary if south side option is done for more seating. 5) We should contact other churches that have gone through expansions to get their ideas and concerns.

Dave conducted a straw poll by show of hands of who would be in favor of building – Majority of those present were in favor of building on. North Addition – 6 votes, South Addition – 27 votes, and 11 votes that didn't care which way it went.

The next steps will include the launching of a capital project fund raising committee, putting a summary of this meeting as well as the packet handed out in the next newsletter, and give notice of the fall meeting when a vote will take place.

Discussion was then made on our parking lot and the possibility to expand it. By expanding, we would eliminate a lot of cars parking on the road during bigger events/services and the potential of someone getting injured. The lot would use up about an acre of existing farm land; Trees – only one evergreen would probably need to be taken down; At this point, it would be a gravel lot until the funds were available to blacktop. One concern that was brought up was damaging the existing lot with bigger/heavy trucks during the construction of an addition. A straw vote was taken and 45 out of 51 members voted to expand as soon as possible.

A brief update was given on our upcoming 150th Anniversary.

M/S/A to adjourn the meeting – meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Martin/Secretary

June 17, 2015

Council Members Present: All members and Pastor Bob were present with the exception of Pam Martin.

Dave called the meeting to order.

Pastor Bob opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional from Oswald Chamber's book, *"My Upmost for His Highest"*.

Pastor's Report:

** Visited with Eileen Moehring, Maynard Rannow, Joyce Karl, Lillian Nemitz, Dick Swift, Jettie and Jerry Mickolich and Doug and Rachel Meyer - Tyler Martin and Aria Demer.

** May 16th Jerry Mickolich and Jettie Smith were united in marriage at the church.

** June 27th I will officiate at the wedding of Tyler Martin and Aria Demer at the Major Ave. Hunt Club.

** July 12th we will again meet outdoors for worship (weather permitting). I would like permission to have David Dawson, his wife Sharon, and their children lead us in worship that Sunday. The Dawson's have a worldwide ministry of calling America back to God. The Dawson's are residents of Hutchinson and have visited our church on several occasions.

** I did purchase 10 new pew Bibles but they are not exactly like the ones we currently have. I would like the Council's wisdom as to whether we should continue searching or keep the ones ordered.

The secretary's minutes were approved from the May meeting along with the minutes from the special congregational meeting held on Sunday, May 17, 2015.

Brian gave the treasurer's report which showed a beginning balance of \$27,765.99 and an ending balance of \$28,377.82. This report was approved as given.

- Designated Funds - \$14,806.50
 - Benevolence - \$2,362.15
 - Building - \$2,255.00
 - Choir - \$1,027.87
 - Memorial - \$3,245.86
 - Pastoral - \$45.00
 - Sunday School/VBS - \$291.25
 - Youth Group - \$140.00
 - Cemetery Fund - \$1,125.00
 - Women's Guild Fund - \$0.00
 - 150th Celebration - \$4,314.37
- General Fund - \$13,571.32

Gene reported that the Building Fund has a current balance of \$63,437.71. This report was approved as given.

Old Business:

-- Building Investigation Committee Report was given along with feedback from the May 17th congregational meeting. The next Congregational Meeting will be held on September 27, 2015 to vote on whether or not we should proceed and which plan we should pursue. Bids will be solicited for the cost of expanding the parking lot (excavated and gravel laid down). The parking lot expansion will also be considered at the Congregational Meeting on September 27th. We also discussed the possibility of creating more seating for worship by removing the partition that separates the sanctuary from the back of the church. Gene moved and Randy seconded the motion that we spend money from the building fund to have an engineer given us an estimate of the cost of removing that partition. The motion was approved.

- The choir area seating has been rearranged and the configuration of the pews changed to create more worship seating.
- Policy Book organization was discussed.
- The dead bolt guard installation has not been completed.
- The updating of the church sign has been done.
- Efforts will be made to get a complete set of matching glass communion cups. We have had a sticking problem with plastic cups in the communion trays.
- The fire extinguisher has been firmly attached to the wall in the kitchen.
- The air conditioning units outside have been leveled.

New Business:

- The July outdoor service was discussed. We are going to invite the Dawson's to lead the service. The Dawson's will receive loose offering from the plate, the supply pastor fee and the Benevolence committee will be consulted about a possible contribution to the Dawson's ministry.
- Pastor Bob moved and Brian seconded a motion to receive Isaac Swift and Adam Garoutte as members of St. John's Church by profession of faith. A time will be worked out with Adam and Isaac when we can receive them during morning worship.
- The suggestion box contained one suggestion concerning additional racks for hymnals for the last row of pews.
- Brenda moved and Brian seconded a motion to move Mavis Mielke's name to the list of those with approved background checks.
- July's Council Meeting will be held on Tues., July 7th and the August meeting will be on Tues., Aug. 11th.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Taylor / Acting Secretary

July 7, 2015

Council Members Present: All members and Pastor Bob were present.

Dave called the meeting to order.

Pastor Bob opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional.

Pastor's Report:

** Visited with Eileen Moehring, Maynard Rannow, Joyce Karl, Lillian Nemitz, Dick Swift, Jerry Mickolichuk, Doug and Rachel Meyer, Deb and Dennis Schwanke, Susan Cooley (Stephanie Mielke's mother) – Mavis and Loren Mielke and attended the funeral for Margie Block's sister – Bernice Raeth.

** On July 12th we are scheduled to meet outdoors for worship. The Dawsons will lead us in worship.

The secretary's minutes were approved from the June meeting.

Brian gave the treasurer's report which showed a beginning balance of \$28,377.82 and an ending balance of \$30,919.57. This report was approved as given.

- Designated Funds - \$15,783.50
 - Benevolence - \$2,732.15
 - Building - \$2,545.00
 - Choir - \$1,037.87
 - Memorial - \$3,245.86

- Pastoral - \$45.00
- Sunday School/VBS - \$428.25
- Youth Group - \$150.00
- Cemetery Fund - \$1,365.00
- Women's Guild Fund - \$20.00
- 150th Celebration - \$4,214.37
- General Fund - \$15,136.07

Gene reported that the Building Fund has a current balance of \$63,221.63. This report was approved as given.

Old Business:

- Building Investigation Committee: Will be meeting next week.
- 150th Anniversary Planning Committee: Will be meeting after church on Sunday. Price per plate will be \$10 and kids 12 and under will be free. They are also planning on having a family fun day – Aug 2nd - details to follow. June Knick is working on historical information and welcomes any input from church members. Brian mentioned that the church photo proofs are ready and will be looked at.
- Congregational meeting being planned for 9-27 to discuss the following: Building addition vote; Parking lot addition vote; Constitution; and Financial policy.
- Pam will bring the policy book home after Pastor Bob returns it as he is looking at any changes needed in the by-laws.
- Dave still working on communion cups.
- Door bolt guards will be installed/replaced for both doors.
- Pastor Bob was not able to get an exact match for the additional Bibles. The new ones are now blue instead of black.

New Business:

- The steeple light is in need of repair. Dave checked with Quades and a new fixture and LED bulb would cost around \$60 – the council advised to proceed with the purchase.
- The Church sign also needs light repair. LED strips will be purchased to see if it will give off enough light instead of replacing the fluorescent bulbs.
The background check company is changing names from Single Source Services to ClearStar.
- Dave will be ordering towel dispensers for the restrooms from Hillyard. Brian Vacek said he would take the old ones back.
- Heatwole service is August 9th. Several council members volunteered to help with setup, maps/sign for on the church.
- M/S/A to transfer \$8,000.00 to the building fund from the general fund.

Task list for July:

- *Review bylaws* – Pastor Bob reviewing
- *Review and recognize any new memorials* – None
- *Review supply list* – Brenda working on a current list.

There were no suggestions in the box.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 11th @ 7:00.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Martin /Secretary

The Following Pages are very important to read!!!

Congregational Meeting Notice

St Johns will have a congregational meeting immediately following the service on September 27th, 2015. This is a very important meeting as we will have votes to approve an updated church constitution, changes to the financial policy and how to proceed with possible building additions.

The church constitution has only one change in content from the 2003 version other than changing the dates that the document was amended and adopted. The one change is to raise the quorum from 20% to 50% for changes to the constitution - as is required by state law. Other than that, the constitution is being updated at this time because we no longer have a signed copy, as the originals were stolen with our safes. You will find excerpts of the constitution showing the changes elsewhere in the newsletter. A complete copy of the proposed constitution will be posted on the bulletin board at church.

The Financial Policy of the church is also up for some proposed changes. They revolve around changing the Expense Limit from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and adding clarity to what is considered an extraordinary expense. You will find excerpts of the policy showing the changes elsewhere in the newsletter. A complete copy of the proposed Financial Policy will be posted on the bulletin board at church.

We intend to discuss the possible church addition a bit more and present some updated information before asking the congregation for a vote on if the project should proceed. If that vote is favorable, we will vote on which option should be pursued - the North or South addition. Finally, we will discuss expansion of our parking and take a vote to proceed with that expansion. The minutes from the last congregational meeting discussing the addition and the handout from that meeting (with an updated parking lot view) are in this newsletter.

Please review all of the materials so you can have your questions ready at the meeting and we can efficiently move through the agenda. In the mean time, please contact a Council member or Building Committee member if you have questions. Finally, remember that attendance for the meeting is critical for us to meet the majority of members needed to take the vote to update the constitution.

As always, thank you for your steadfast support.

Congregational Meeting to Discuss:
St. John's Building Addition Options

5/17/15

The Building Investigation Committee was given the direction in November at our last congregational meeting to proceed with getting architectural preliminary drawings of two possible building addition options - one to the North and one to the South. Those plans are included here and will be reviewed with you today.

A building project of this scope is a very big step for our congregation and has many implications. Both the committee and the council want to make sure that great care is taken to assure that thorough consideration is given and that all viewpoints are heard before decisions are made. We propose that with the plans presented today, the congregation deliberates over the summer on what makes the most sense going forward. Votes would be taken in the fall.

In our 150 years, St. John's has been blessed. It is that continued blessing that is driving our effort to expand. What a great problem to have, that we're bursting at the seams! We have a chance to give our youth classrooms conducive to learning, expanded fellowship areas for our functions and many more benefits. Both the North and South addition plans are designed to provide those benefits to our congregation.

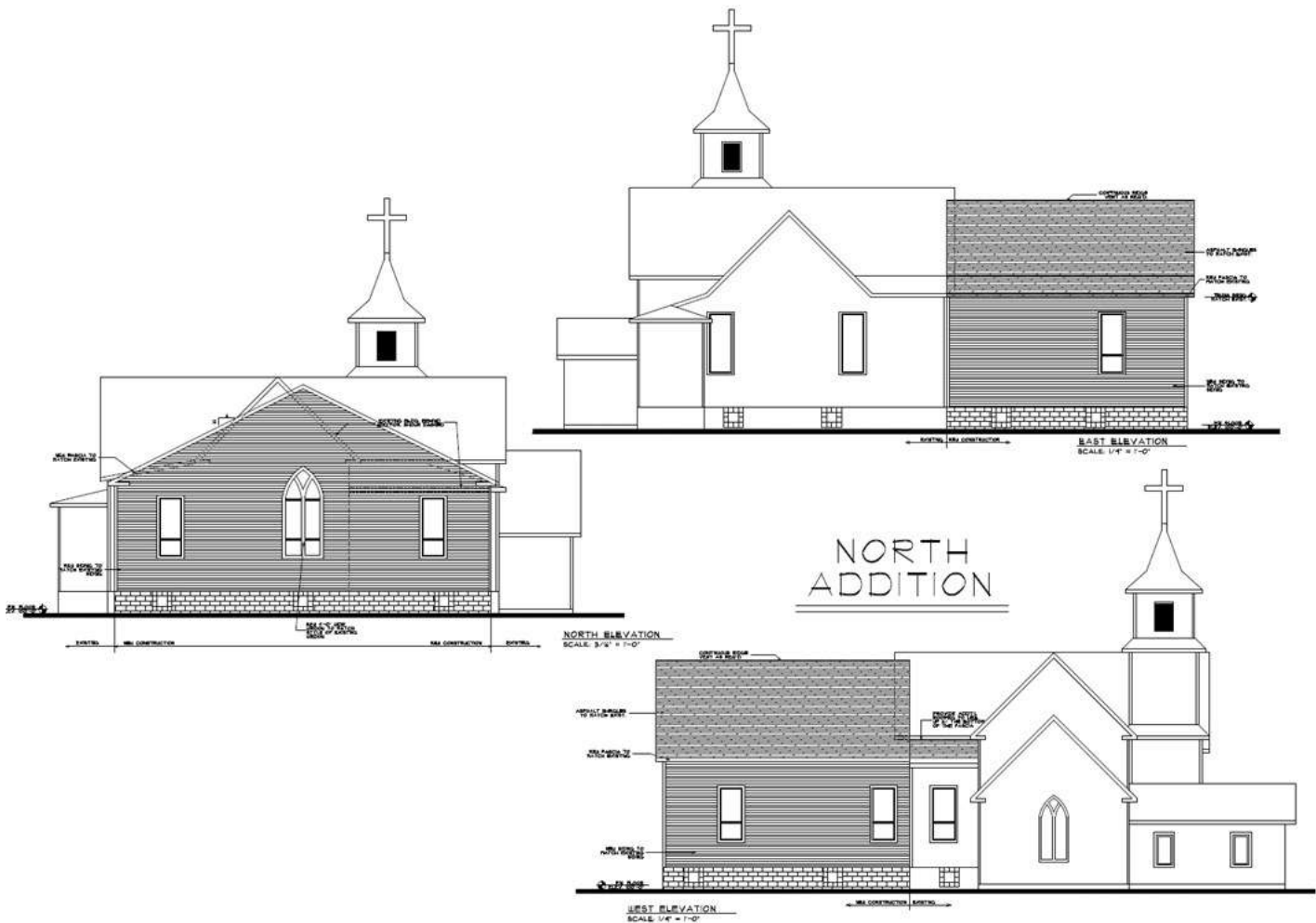
However, when we're presented with choices such as these, it *can* cause division among the membership. As we prepare for a vote in the fall, please try to focus on what will best benefit the congregation over the long term. One way to think about it is: In twenty years, what choice will my kids or grandkids be happy that I made? Will they care about the same things I'm concerned about now?

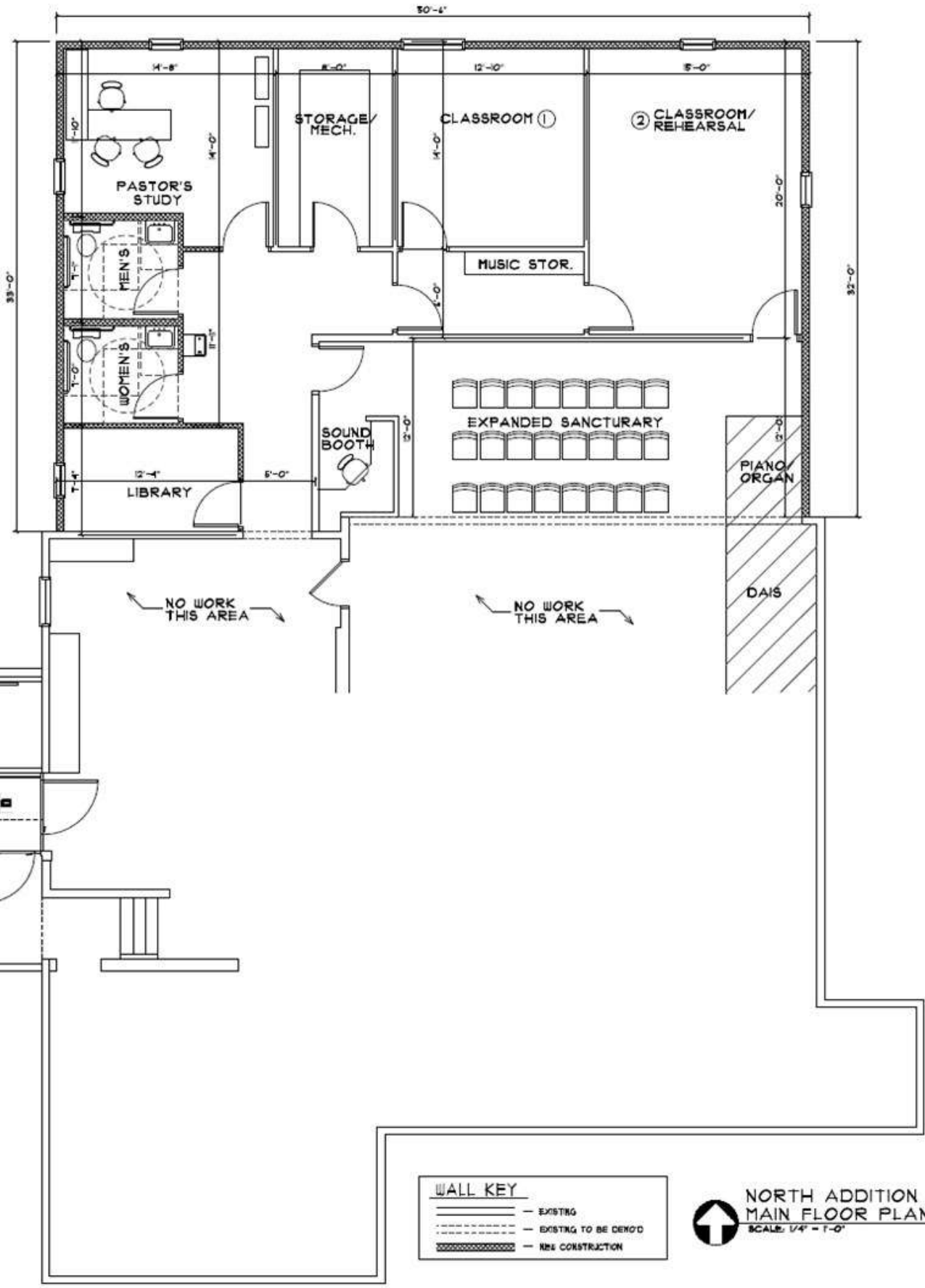
Certainly, neither the North nor the South addition is a perfect solution; each has many compromises to make it work. However, both solutions are workable and provide great benefits for us in the future. So, as a final decision is made, whether or not it is the option you vote for, we all need to come together behind the decision.

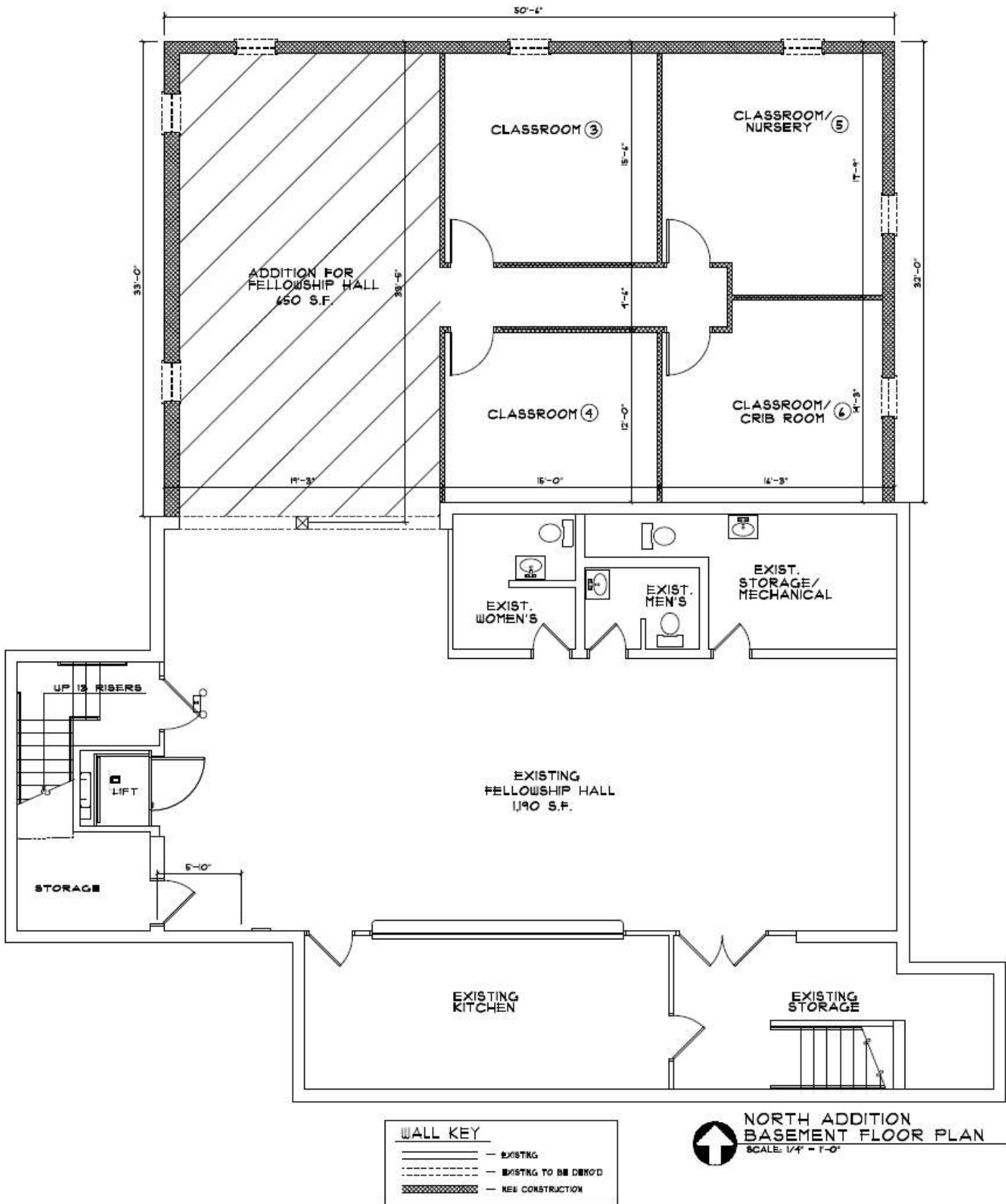
As Paul said in his first letter to the Corinthians, "I appeal to you, brothers... that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought." It is when our congregation is united and with God's help that great things can be accomplished. Please prayerfully consider how our church should proceed.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - NORTH ADDITION
BISCAY, MN

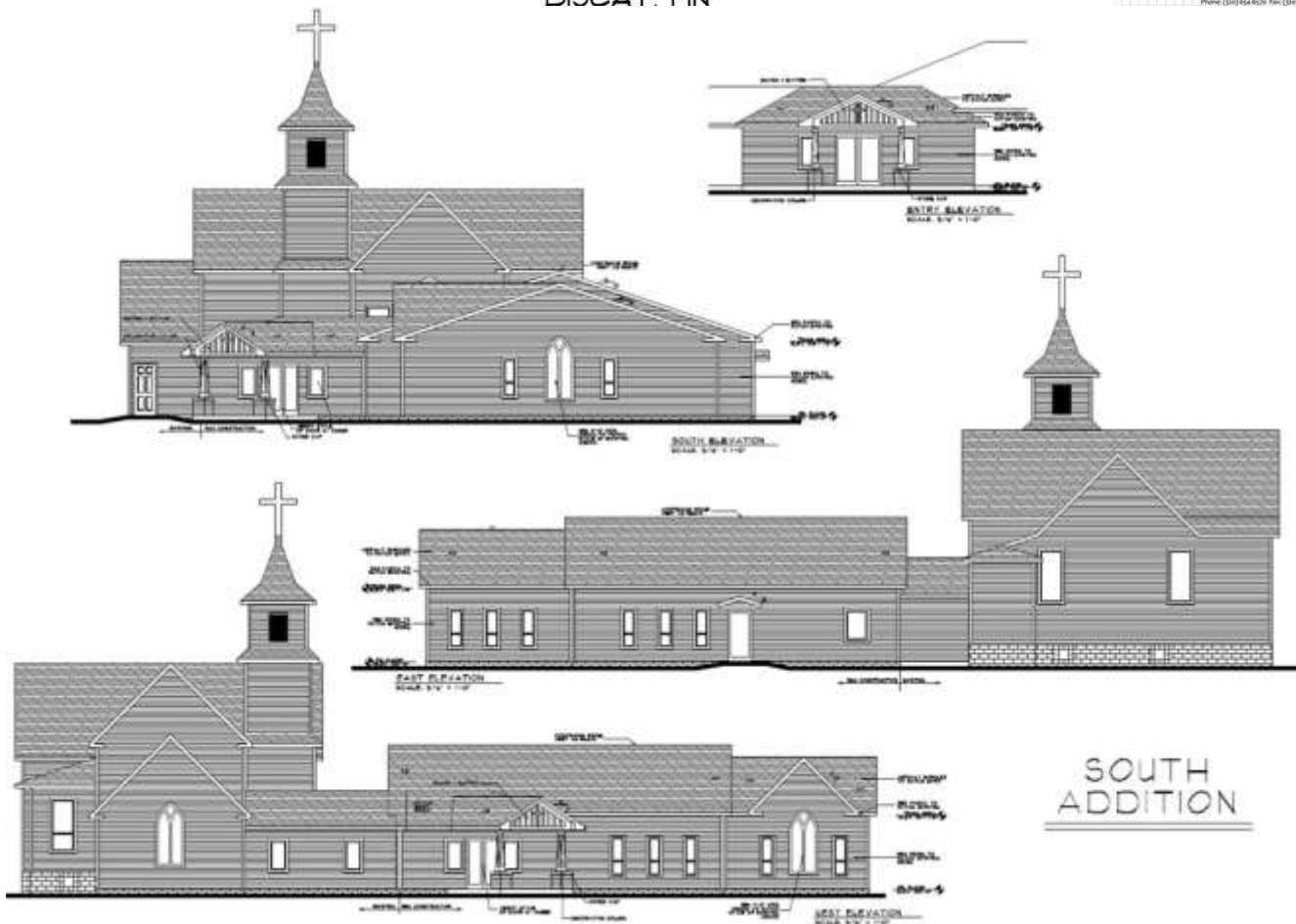






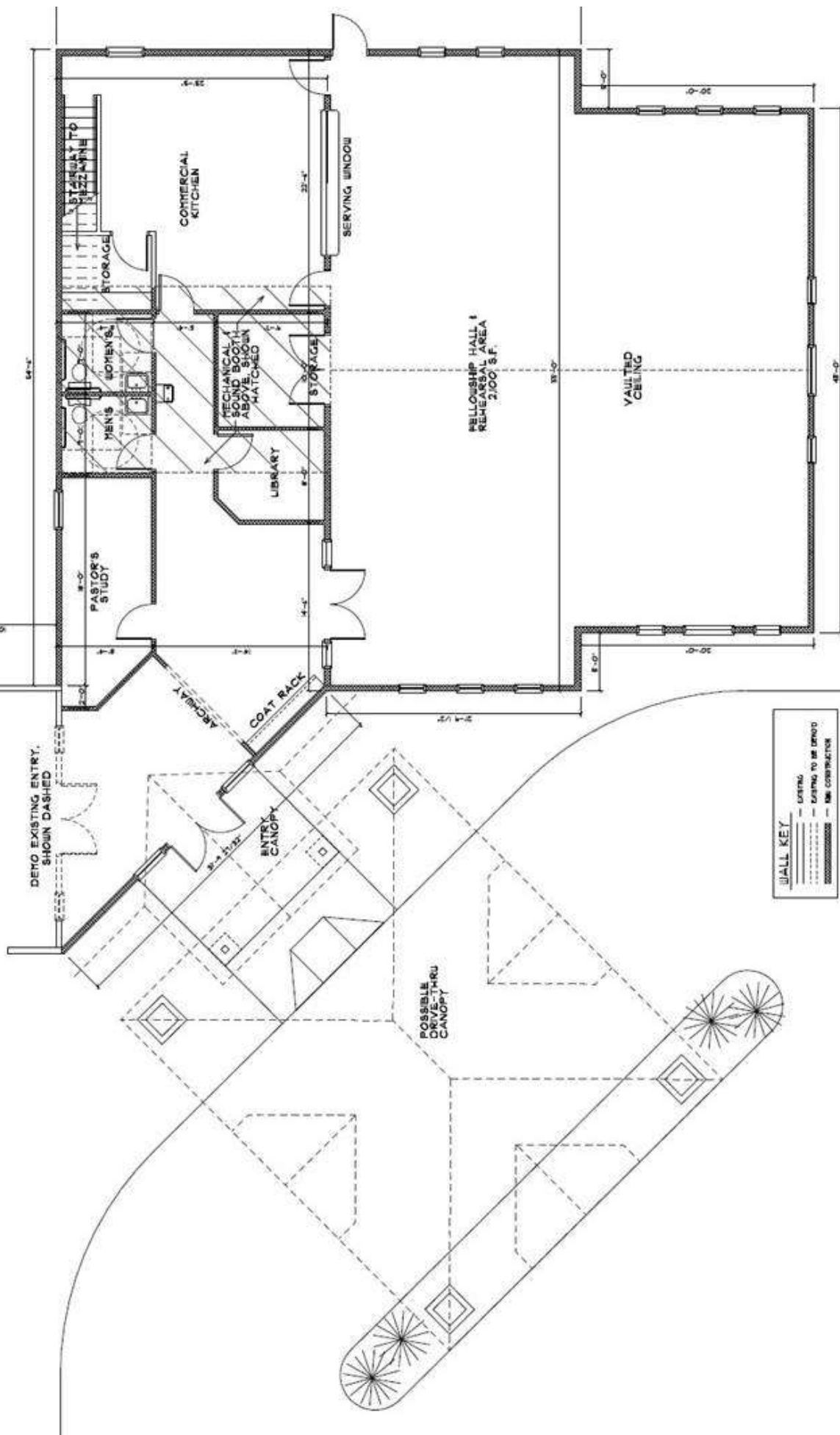


ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - SOUTH ADDITION
BISCAY, MN



SOUTH
ADDITION

Existing Entry



SOUTH ADDITION
MAIN FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

North versus South Building Options – Issues Compared

5/17/15

North Side Addition	South Side Addition
Two levels totaling ~ 3,300 Sq. Ft.	Single level totaling ~ 3,500 Sq. Ft
Keep existing kitchen	Move (larger) kitchen to main floor fellowship area
Maintain existing restrooms (with some mods) and add a restrooms on the main floor	Add main floor handicap accessible restrooms
Will need to move septic lines/tanks & heat pumps	Will need to add onto parking lot
Smaller foot print gives more functionality	No basement access needed for most functions/people
Allows increase of ~35 for sanctuary seating	Allows increase of ~10 for sanctuary seating
Very disruptive to church use during construction - expect 8-10 weeks without sanctuary*	Some disruption during construction, but useable
Has potential to keep church "look"	Allows for a optional drive-through covered entry
Keeps open view to cemetery	Can view cemetery while seated in fellowship hall
Largely a single phase build	Build can be done in two phases
Mix of new and old in sanctuary expansion may be difficult to finish in an aesthetically pleasing way*	VBS and Christmas programs can be in the fellowship hall instead of the sanctuary if desired
Less doors and low windows minimize security risk	Reduces entry congestion issues
	Allows building of a new sanctuary at a later date

*Architect comments



Amended Constitution
and
Articles of Incorporation
of
St. John's Church
Located in
Hassan Valley Township, McLeod County, MN
Amended as of the **14th Day of October, 2015**

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ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

2. Previous known versions of this document were adopted on September 14, 1951, January 16, 1972, January 21, 2001, **and October 5, 2003.**

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That a special meeting was duly called to review the proposed, revised amended Constitution and Articles of Incorporation of St. John's Church, located in Hassan Valley Township, County of McLeod, State of Minnesota. The meeting was held on **September 27, 2015.**

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That a quorum of **fifty** percent (**50%**) of the members assembled at the church for purposes of approving the above revised amendments, Constitution, and Articles of Incorporation.

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**For purposes of this document, the "Expense Limit" is set at \$5,000.00.**

- A) Extraordinary expenses over **the Expense Limit** ~~\$3,000.00 (hereafter "extraordinary expense limit")~~ are to be authorized by congregational vote with the exception of emergency situations that can be acted on immediately without congregational approval or multiple bids. An emergency situation is any situation that without immediate action, significant church property or personal loss would occur. The **Expense Limit** ~~extraordinary expense limit~~ applies to the total amount of the extraordinary expense regardless of the actual payment breakdown. **Expenses not to be included as "Extraordinary" would be ordinary expenses or already approved expenses, such as: insurance premiums, salaries, transfers between church funds, and fund raiser transactions, like the Ice Cream Social, Flower Sales, et cetera.**
- B) Multiple bids are required for building and maintenance projects that exceed the ~~extraordinary~~ Expense Limit. Selection of the winning bid will be by congregational vote, which may also be considered authorization for the extraordinary expense.
- C) Dual signatures are required on all checks exceeding the **Expense Limit** ~~extraordinary expense limit~~.

## Help is Needed from “Our Church Family”!!

Hello there Pastor Bob,

I hope this finds you well. You are such a delight to our whole family. You have reached out to us in amazing ways. God placed you in our lives for a reason! I just want you to know that first off! :)

\*\*\*I have written this to our church ladies (see bold print below), and was wondering if anyone in the Biscay church would be interested in donating any homemade baked goods as well to help with the bake sale portion of the benefit for Clint Glesener???

I also will have bulletin inserts coming and wondering if it would be possible to include them in your church bulletin when they become available? The flyers are done and I need to get some from Cody's mom, would it be possible to put one up at the church?

Thanks in advance for your consideration regarding all of this.

Love and blessings,

Cheri Glesener (Cheri is-Jerry Block's daughter)

Comment: the family reference is Cheri's husband Cody's brother and his family

### Young parents both battle blood cancers

July 9, 2015

This story starts with a typical family of four, fondly referred to as “The Gleseners”. This model family unit is made up of a working father and mother in their 30's, an active son of 13, Tristan and a sweet playful daughter of 16, Talea. Both parents have stable careers, him as an auto body technician at the local Ford dealership and her as an administrative assistant at a local community and technical college. The family has a collection of well-loved pets; a golden retriever, two cats and a gerbil. They live modestly in their rural home outside of Hutchinson, Minnesota. The household is well run and life is good.

Prior to Thanksgiving of 2008 the mother, Nicole Glesener, becomes ill and it progressively worsens and within a mere few weeks she is sent to a Twin Cities hospital suffering from complete renal (kidney) failure.

How could this possibly happen to someone who otherwise was healthy? After getting her heart stabilized and started on dialysis, she went through a battery of tests to identify what caused both kidneys to stop functioning. After a kidney biopsy revealed intense damage and inflammation, the



The Gleseners  
April 2015

Left to Right-Tristan, 13; Talea 16; Clint and Nicole

nephrologist knew this was characteristic of a cancer of the plasma cells called multiple myeloma. Nicole was next seen by a team of oncologists and told, although it is rare that a 33-year old Caucasian female would be plagued by this cancer, as it is most commonly seen in African American men over the age of 60, they prepared her for the possible diagnosis. Through a bone marrow biopsy, Nicole received the news she was diagnosed with the rare cancer, multiple myeloma. This was a hard pill to swallow, because there is no cure for this disease. Taking the advice of her oncologist, the best treatment to prolong her life was several months of an induction chemo to get the disease under control and then to move forward with a stem cell transplant. She completed the difficult and often times dreadful procedure while maintaining a rigorous dialysis schedule. Numerous times Nicole became ill and had to be hospitalized for many days and weeks at a time. During all this, with fragile health, she did her mothering from a hospital bed many miles away or from home with barely energy to spare. The family adapted, making adjustments in their life-style during her absences. It was hard on all of them, but the Glesener's overcame their obstacles and figured out a new 'normal' family and life-style. Six years has passed. She is still under the watchful eye of her oncologist, receiving treatments for thrombocytopenia, anemia and is on home hemodialysis to maintain life without functioning kidneys. Nicole knows she has been given the greatest gift of all, a second chance at life, and wants to use her experiences with these awful diseases to help lift up others facing challenges she has. To help her achieve this goal, Nicole is working towards her bachelor's degree in nursing, as her health allows, in hopes to one day work in some capacity to help other cancer and kidney patients.

In the spring of 2014, the father, Clint, began having excruciating pain in his joints, swelling, even disfigurement at times. The pain became so bad it prevented him from doing common tasks and interfered with his work as an auto body technician. Even though Clint pursued numerous doctors and specialists, he wasn't getting any answers and had become dependent on prescription steroids for some pain relief. Like a bad dream from the past, during the 2014 Thanksgiving holiday, Clint learned he had acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a cancer of the white blood cells. He was quickly admitted to a hospital 60 miles away and began an aggressive series of chemo treatments. The treatment extended out 5 months, in which Clint was hospitalized for several weeks at a time for each round of chemo. Following the advice of his oncologist, Clint opted to move forward with a stem cell transplant and on May 7, 2015, Clint received the gift of life from his brother Cody, as Cody's stem cells were infused into him. Clint's treatment also included a series of full-body radiation and additional chemo treatments. Clint is battling to recover from all his body has taken and is currently 60 days post-transplant. It isn't over yet for Clint, as he is to go for additional concentrated radiation treatments for a mass in his chest. Time will tell what plays out for Clint's recovery.

The Glesener family unit is once again devastated with both parents fighting their own cancer battles. The emotional and financial set-back seems too overwhelming to comprehend. Words like "unbelievable" and "unimaginable" don't even come close to describing this family's degree of hardship. The fate of the Glesener family unit is uncertain.

A charitable fund has been set up to cover medical and living expenses for the Glesener family at Wells Fargo Bank under the *Clint Glesener Benefit* Account. In addition, a benefit is being planned for Clint and his family on August 16 at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Hutchinson, MN.

Want to make contact with Clint and Nicole Glesener to learn more of their story? Email [clintnicoleglesener@hotmail.com](mailto:clintnicoleglesener@hotmail.com).

## NEWS FLASH !!!

*Start Checking your TV for National RFD station!! Our "Humble Little Church" is going to be featured on that channel during the US Farm Report program. It will be on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> or Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:45 a.m. They usually have the markets, farms news and then special church news. You can also view it on your computers at US Farm Report.*

*Everyone is invited to participate in a 150th Anniversary Family Fun Day planned for Sunday, August 2nd at Dave and Celine Swift's. Possible activities will be a fun walk and run event, a trap shooting contest, swimming, games and more. Every family is encouraged to bring their own picnic lunch.*

*St John's motorcycle riders are you ready for another fun Sunday afternoon ride? Our leader, Jerry has set up another fun trip for us on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, with a "rain date" of August 30<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Menards parking lot (south end) at 12:30 p.m. If you have a friend or friends that would like to join us they are welcome. This is not a "church sponsored ride", just members enjoying a ride together. Last year was a wonderful time for all, so let's do it again. Jerry would like to know who's coming even up to the night before. You can let him know at church or give him a call at 320-587-9459.*

### Ice Cream Social notes!

|          |                   |                |          |
|----------|-------------------|----------------|----------|
| Income   | \$4,084.82        | Raffle Sales   | \$896.00 |
| Expenses | <u>\$1,729.00</u> | Cookbook Sales | \$680.00 |
| Profit   | \$2,355.82        |                |          |



# Sunday School Happenings

## *Last Sunday of Sunday School*







## Preparing for VBS 7-19-2015



## Preparing for VBS



We have decided to start Sunday school on September 20<sup>th</sup>. We will also have the kids sing a VBS song and show pictures from VBS during Worship Service.

# Youth Page

## What we've been doing:

- In May the youth group had another successful flower sale. Thanks to all who helped sell, deliver and all of you who bought those beautiful flowers and plants.



- Our last bible study for the year was combined with a party honoring our high school graduates.

## Looking Ahead:

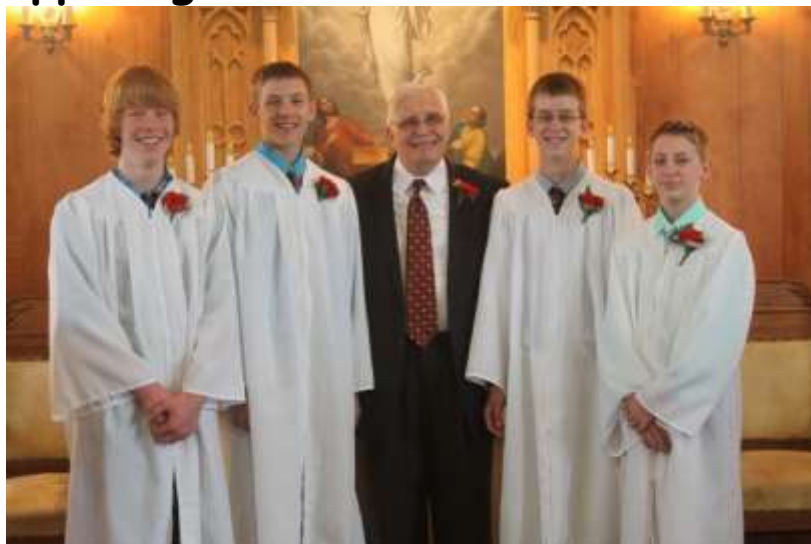
Summer is always busy and is flying by quickly. We do hope to get together a few times. Watch for Remind notices or texts so you will be informed about what the youth group is doing as we get things scheduled.

Youth Group will be going to Unhinged Pizza in Glencoe and over to the Gaylord Pool on Monday August 3rd. We are also planning to do an outing to the river in Hutchinson where we can rent paddleboards, canoes, or kayaks. There is a bonfire with supper and hayride being planned as a going away for our college students before they leave to start the next chapter in life! All dates and times are yet to be determined. Please watch for group texts from Roxanne once we get details finalized. Hope you are all having a great summer, it seems to be going by way too fast!

For questions or information regarding the youth group please contact Roxanne Sladek at 320-455-7218 or Robyn Field at 320-582-0356. For questions about the youth group Bible Study contact Casey Blackbird at 320-552-1398.



## Church Happenings...



**Confirmation class with Pastor Bob;  
Austin Field, Adam Garoutte, Isaac Swift, and Noah Eischens**



**The confirmands test their knowledge with a game of Confirmation Jeopardy.**



**Sword Drills - Parents Win!!**



***Pastor Bob's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday !!***



***Honoring Graduates 5-31-15  
Chandler Swift, Alex Schutz, Cody & Cory  
Rosales, Ashley Alsleben***

***Another Reminder!!***

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**Join us for St. John's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**September 13, 2015, after the morning service**

**Food by Hahn's Catering**

**Menu includes:**

**Chicken, beef, mashed potatoes and gravy,**

**Green beans, coleslaw and dinner rolls**

**Adults \$10/person**

**Kids 12 and under are free**

**Name**

\_\_\_\_\_ **# of Adults**

\_\_\_\_\_ **# of kids 12 and under**

**Deadline for sign-up is September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**(There will be a box in the back of the church, or you can give the form and money to any of the committee members.)**

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Julie Karl, Pastor Bob, Brian & Michelle Alsleben**

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**St. John's will be hosting an all day woman's conference on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-3:00. The theme is "Get on Track" and will be presented by Best Life Ministries. There will be a main session titled "Get on Track" along with 3 break out sessions which are "Letting Go of Fear and Worry", "Don't Agonize! Organize and Prioritize", and "Celebrating God Through Psalms 119". You can choose 2 sessions to attend along with the main session. Tickets are \$35 and include lunch. Tickets will be available online or you can purchase them at church from Susie Blackbird or Robyn Field. Tickets will also be available at the door. There will be more information coming along with flyers that will be hung up at church. If you have questions please ask Susie or Robyn. We are very excited about having Best Life Ministries at our church and pray you will please consider coming.**

**Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> Heatwole Service at 9:30 a.m. If you've never been to it, come try it, you might really enjoy it!**

**September 13<sup>th</sup> is "OUR BIG DAY" to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY!! Can you believe we are here that long and still celebrating our lives through our belief in our Lord and Savior! Come join us in this wonderful day of our lives.**

Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>    Adult Class 9:00a.m.  
Children at 9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> following worship service. It is very important that everyone attend!

Let's remember these members with a card or note;

Lillian Nemitz                      Birthday 6/10  
1015 Century Ave. S.W. Apt. 121    Phone # 320-587-8748  
Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Joyce Karl      Birthday 11/15  
Harmony River Living Center -Room 229    Phone # 320-552-2171  
1555 Sherwood St. S.E.  
Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Jerry Micholichuk  
448 California St. N.W.    #49  
Hutchinson, MN. 55350

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

Marion Padrnos    Birthday 5/25  
1181 Oakwood Ct. N.W.  
Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Maynard Rannow      Birthday 11/5  
Cedar Crest of Silver Lake    #114  
1401 Main St. W.  
Silver Lake, MN. 55381

Kay Hahn-Sellers    Birthday 5/27  
2322 Dundee PL.  
Carrolton, TX. 75007

**Mark your calendar!**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>, following worship at the Swifts for fun, games and food!**

**August 9<sup>th</sup>, Heatwole Service at 9:30 a.m.**

**August 16<sup>th</sup> Come for a cycle ride with members of the church. Meet at Menards parking lot at 12:30 p.m. Guests welcome too. Let Jerry Wright know if you are going to join us by August 15<sup>th</sup>, phone number is 320-587-9459. In case of rain we'll go the 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**September 13<sup>th</sup> we go back to Fall hours: No Sunday School, because of 150<sup>th</sup> celebration.**

**Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.**

**Celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

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**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.**

### **Good Clean Fun**

**Are you interested in having some good, clean fun? There is a group of ladies who get together periodically to make laundry soap. We also make bars of hand soap from time to time. *The soap is wonderful and the fun and fellowship are the best! We would love to have others join us. If you are interested, contact Mary Huebert.***



**\*\*ANYONE WISHING TO RECEIVE THEIR NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL PLEASE NOTIFY A COUNCILPERSON OR KAREN WITH EMAIL ADDRESS.\*\***  
**CHURCH LEADERS FOR 2015**

### **PASTOR**

Rev. Bob Taylor..... 763-420-COUNCIL  
 President: David Swift .....864-6188  
 V. Pres. Brenda Schaefer .....328-4201  
 Secretary: Pam Martin ..... 320-510-0493  
 Treas. Brian Alsleben.....864-6745  
 Fin. Sec. Randy Knick..... 320-296-5649  
 Bldg.Fund Cord. Gene Konerza... 320-510-2180

### **WOMEN'S GUILD 2014-2015**

President Julie Karl.....587-7702  
 Vice Pres. Lea Ette Peters .....864-3282  
 Sec. Susie Blackbird .....583-1025  
 Treasurer: Mavis Mielke.....587-8722  
 Sunshine Chairman: Elaine Carrigan.....864-333

### **CEMETERY BOARD**

Jon Block ..... 320-296-4417  
 Curt Paulsen ..... 587-4684  
 Jeremy Field.....582-0319

### **BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE**

Julie Karl.....587-7702  
 Jerry Block.....234-6872  
 Elaine Carrigan .....864-3330

### **Job Sign-ups 201**

#### **CUSTODIANS**

January.....Sladeks  
 February..... Swift  
 March.....Alsleben  
 April..... Wright  
 May..... Trimbo  
 June .....Elaine & Mavis  
 July.....Alice Kaufmanns  
 August..... Sanken  
 September .....Blocks  
 October .....Garoutte  
 November ..... Knick/Padrnos  
 December 6th..... Peters  
 13<sup>th</sup> .....Field  
 20<sup>th</sup> ..... Sanken  
 27<sup>th</sup> ..... Wright  
 January 2015.....Sladek

#### **USHERS**

January..... Sladek  
 February..... Swift  
 March..... Kaufmann/Karl  
 April..... Wright  
 May..... Schaefer  
 June ..... Konerza  
 July ..... Konerza-Swift  
 August..... Konerza  
 September .....Blocks  
 October ..... Garoutte  
 November ..... Vacek/Huebert  
 December 6th..... Peters  
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 20<sup>th</sup> ..... Sankebn  
 27<sup>th</sup> ..... Wright  
 JANUARY 2015..... Sladek

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & SUBSTITUTES** **2014-2015**

#### **Preschool-1st**

Dawn Huebert, Brenda Garoutte

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

Jodi Sanken, Andrea Wigern

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

Bridget Block, June Knick

#### **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade**

Susie Blackbird

#### **Young Adult Class**

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 SECRETARY & RECORDS UPKEEP**

Records Upkeep: Karen Konerza ..... 864-4554

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

January..... Sladek  
 February..... Swift  
 March .....  
 April .....  
 May..... Trimbo  
 June..... Elaine & Mavis  
 July .....Alice Kaufmann  
 August ..... Swift-Schaefer  
 September ..... Dale & LeaEtte Peters  
 October ..... Garoutte  
 November ..... Rose  
 December 6th ..... Rose  
 13<sup>th</sup> ..... Rose  
 20<sup>th</sup> ..... Rose  
 27<sup>th</sup> ..... Rose  
 JANUARY 2015 ..... Sladek

## August 2015

| Sun                                                                       | Mon                | Tue         | Wed | Thu             | Fri         | Sat             |
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|                                                                           |                    |             |     |                 |             | 1               |
| 2 Communion<br>Fun Day at Swifts<br>following<br>Worship<br><br>Brenda G. | 3                  | 4 Chase B.  | 5   | 6               | 7           | 8               |
| 9 Heatwole Service<br>9:30 a.m.                                           | 10                 | 11 Annie S. | 12  | 13              | 14          | 15              |
| 16 Gleasner<br>Fund Raiser<br><br>Cycle Ride                              | 17                 | 18          | 19  | 20<br>Taylor M. | 21          | 22<br>Elaine C. |
| 23                                                                        | 24                 | 25 Evan K.  | 26  | 27 Jerry M.     | 28 Mavis M. | 29              |
| 30 Andrea W.                                                              | 31<br>Stephaine M. |             |     |                 |             |                 |

## September 2015

| Sun                                                                                      | Mon         | Tue                               | Wed | Thu             | Fri | Sat             |
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|                                                                                          |             | 1 Noah E.<br>Gene K.<br>Alyssa M. | 2   | 3               | 4   | 5               |
| 6 Communion                                                                              | 7 Kyle F.   | 8                                 | 9   | 10              | 11  | 12 Deb S.       |
| 13 <u>Fall Hours</u><br><u>Begin</u><br>Carly E.<br>150 <sup>th</sup> Birthday<br>party! | 14          | 15                                | 16  | 17              | 18  | 19<br>Jerome K. |
| 20 Sunday School<br>begins<br>Kids sing during<br>worship                                | 21 Grant K. | 22                                | 23  | 24<br>Holden M. | 25  | 26              |
| 27 Special<br>Congregational<br>Meeting following<br>worship                             | 28          | 29 Adam G.                        | 30  |                 |     |                 |

## October 2015

| Sun                                  | Mon | Tue          | Wed | Thu                    | Fri                     | Sat                   |
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|                                      |     |              |     | 1                      | 2                       | 3 Hailey M.<br>Pam M. |
| 4 Communion<br>Grace G.<br>Hannah S. | 5   | 6            | 7   | 8 Sandi S.<br>Dylan W. | 9                       | 10                    |
| 11                                   | 12  | 13 Brian V.  | 14  | 15 Alice K.<br>Doug M. | 16 Zachary Z.           | 17 Curt P.            |
| 18                                   | 19  | 20           | 21  | 22                     | 23                      | 24 Casey B.           |
| 25                                   | 26  | 27 Braden W. | 28  | 29                     | 30 Robyn F.<br>Duane W. | 31                    |

### **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

Information for the next newsletter will be due October 25<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.

*Karen Konerza*

**Please fill out the following page for our committee to get ready for our Big Celebration of our 150 years and return it.**

**Also don't forget to fill out the meal form that is included in the newsletter for the meal on that special day.**



## **150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION QUESTIONS**

Name (maiden):

Time frame of your St. John's membership:

Did/do you hold any office?

Were/are you a Sunday School teacher?

Were/are you a Women's Guild member?

Were/are you a Youth Group member?

Were/are you in Adult Bible Study?

Were/are you in Choir?

Others?

Please describe a special memory or memories you may have while a member of St. John's Church(feel free to use additional paper if wanted):

Describe events that have been done in the past that no longer happen:

Please include any copies of pictures you may have from your time at St. John's Church and identify the people in the picture.

