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St. John's Messenger *November, December, January 2016*

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REFLECTIONS

TRUE STORY...

At the prodding of my friends I am writing this story. My name is Mildred Honor. I am a former elementary school music teacher from Des Moines, Iowa. I have always supplemented my income by teaching piano lessons... Something I have done for over 30 years. During those years, I found that children have many levels of musical ability, and even though I have never had the prodigy, I have taught some very talented students. However, I have also had my share of what I call "Musically Challenged Pupils".

One such pupil being Robby. Robby was 11 years old when his Mother (a Single Mom) dropped him off for his first piano lesson. I prefer that students (especially boys) begin at an earlier age, which I explained to Robby. But Robby said that it had always been his Mother's Dream to hear him play the piano, so I took him as a student.

At the end of each weekly lesson he would always say 'My Mom's going to hear me play someday.' But to me, it seemed hopeless, he just did not have any inborn ability. I only knew his Mother from a distance as she dropped Robby off or waited in her aged car to pick him up. She always waved and smiled, but never dropped in.

Then one day Robby stopped coming for his lessons. I thought about calling him, but assumed that because of his lack of ability he had decided to pursue something else. I was also glad that he had stopped coming. He was a bad advertisement for my teaching!

Several weeks later I mailed a flyer recital to the students' homes. To my surprise, Robby (who had received a flyer) asked if he could be in the Recital. I told him that the Recital was for current pupils and that because he had dropped out, he really did not qualify. He told me that his Mother had been sick and unable to take him to his piano lessons, but that he had been practicing. 'Please Miss Honor, I've just got to play,' he insisted. I don't know what led me to allow him to play in the Recital – perhaps it was his insistence or maybe something inside of me saying that it would be all right.

The night of the Recital came and the high school gymnasium was packed with parents, relatives and friends. I put Robby last in the program, just before I was to come up and thank all the students and play a finishing piece. I thought that any damage he might do would come at the end of the program and I could always salvage his poor performance through my 'Curtain Closer'.

Well, the Recital went off without a hitch, the students had been practicing and it showed. Then Robby came up on the stage. His clothes were wrinkled and his hair looked as though he had run an egg beater through it. 'Why wasn't he dressed up like the other students?' I thought. 'Why didn't his Mother at least make him comb his hair for this Special Night?' Robby pulled out the piano bench, and I was surprised when he announced that he had chosen to play Mozart's Concerto No.21 in C Major. I was not prepared for what I heard next. his fingers were light on the keys, they even danced nimbly on the ivories. He went from Pianissimo to Fortissimo, from Allegro to Virtuoso; his

suspended chords that Mozart demands were Magnificent! Never had I heard Mozart played so well by anyone his age.

After six and a half minutes, he ended in a Grand Crescendo, and everyone was on their feet in Wild Applause!! Overcome and in tears, I ran up on stage and put my arms around Robby in joy. "I have never heard you play like that Robby, how did you do it?" Through the microphone Robby explained: 'Well, Miss Honor, remember I told you that my Mom was sick? Well, she actually had cancer and passed away this morning. And well... she was born deaf, so tonight was the first time she had ever heard me play, and I wanted to make it Special.'

There wasn't a dry eye in the house that evening. As people from Social Services led Robby from the stage to be placed in to Foster Care, I noticed that even their eyes were red and puffy. I thought to myself then how much richer my life had been for taking Robby as my pupil.

No, I have never had a Prodigy, but that night I became a Prodigy... of Robby. He was the teacher and I was the pupil, for he had taught me the meaning of perseverance and love and believing in yourself, and may be even taking a chance on someone and you didn't know why.

Robby was killed years later in the Senseless Bombing of the Alfred P. Murray Federal Building in Oklahoma City in April, 1995.

So many seemingly trivial interactions between two people present us with a choice. Do we act with compassion or do we pass up that opportunity.

Thank you for reading this... !! May God Bless You Today, Tomorrow and Always. If God didn't have a Purpose for us, we wouldn't be here!

*Live Simply.
Love Generously.
Care Deeply.
Speak
Kindly.
Leave The Rest To God.*

I received this from a cousin and thought it was very special to share with all of you.

Karen

Pastor's Notes



Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;* ⁵ *one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*
Ephesians 4:3-5

A few weeks ago we had a congregational meeting to look at moving ahead with one of two possible building expansion options. Both the north option and the south option did a good job of addressing a number of needs that we have identified as a congregation. The architect had given us a ball park figure of around \$300,000-\$500,000 depending on which option we chose. Prior to the meeting we got more detailed building cost estimates from three contractors based on the preliminary plans developed by the architect. I think both the building coming and the church council were somewhat blown away by the cost projections ranging from slightly under \$400,000 to something less than \$700,000. In addition, the architect had projected the proposed south addition would be less costly than the north addition to build when in reality the south addition estimates were far more expensive than the north addition.

When we presented the cost estimates at the congregational meeting I think members of the congregation were also surprised and a bit confused when the numbers were presented. We had planned to take two votes by secret ballot: the first to move ahead or *not* move ahead on one or the other building options presented; the second vote to move ahead with the north addition *or* the south addition. I think all of us were somewhat overwhelmed by the cost of either option so the first vote was much closer than any of us on the council or building committed had expected. The majority had voted to move ahead but it was not an overwhelming vote of support to move ahead. And because of the closeness of the vote I was deeply concerned that moving ahead with either of the proposals might become a divisive issue for us as a congregation. And I didn't want that to happen so I moved that we table the whole issue to another meeting. I wanted us to *make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace* on this issue therefore my motion to table the project to another time.

Unity in a congregation can be a very fragile thing. The Lord has blessed us with a marvelous sense of unity here at St. John's and I didn't want us to risk losing that. No building program is worth losing that sense of unity. I do believe that we have some very real space needs that need to be addressed and I believe that at some point in the near future we can agree on how to meet those needs and do so with a near unanimous agreement on how to do it. And when that day comes we will be able to move ahead with great peace and assurance that God will bless our efforts and provide the financial means to implement those plans. Until that day we are content with expanding our parking lot and doing so in a very cost effective way. I love this congregation and I will do everything in my power as your Pastor to promote a spirit of peace and unity in our congregation as Paul urges us to do in Ephesians chapter 4!
In His Service and Yours, Pastor Bob

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES;

August 11, 2015

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

Dave called the meeting to order.

Pastor Bob opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional taken from John 6:33.

Chandler Swift was also at our meeting to propose that our church get a website for general information. He explained different options and prices with the council who will discuss later under new business.

Pastor's Report:

** Visited with Eileen Moehring, Maynard Rannow, Joyce Karl, Lillian Nemitz, Dick Swift, Jerry Mickolich, and Susan Cooley (Stephanie Mielke's mother).

** Attended all the VBS sessions.

** Ron Stewart, retired CCCC pastor, will fill in for me on August 23rd.

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

Brian gave the treasurer's report which showed a beginning balance of \$30,919.57 and an ending balance of \$21,434.81 after the transfer of \$8,000.00 from the general to the building fund. This report was approved as given.

- Designated Funds - \$15,623.78
 - Benevolence - \$2,682.15
 - Building - \$2,640.00
 - Choir - \$1,037.87
 - Memorial - \$3,245.86
 - Pastoral - \$45.00
 - Sunday School/VBS - \$468.25
 - Youth Group - \$160.00
 - Cemetery Fund - \$1,515.00
 - Women's Guild Fund - \$20.00
 - 150th Celebration - \$3,809.65
- General Fund - \$5,811.03

Gene called the church and reported that the Building Fund has a current balance of \$71,502.71 after the transfer of \$8,000 from the general fund. This report was approved as given.

Old Business:

-- Building Investigation Committee: Met with an engineer, discussed the absentee vote, reshaped the overflow parking and are getting quotes with and w/o gravel.

-- 150th Anniversary Planning Committee: Plans are going well. Doing ok with the history of the church; plans are to get a bounce house and inflatable obstacle course; will be selling ornaments as well as pictures; and program is being work on for that day.

-- Congregational meeting 9-27-15 to include: building addition vote, parking lot addition vote, constitution changes and financial policy change.

-- Pam has reviewed the policy book and is hoping to have it organized by the next meeting.

-- Dave has ordered samples of communion cups – both are different from what we have. He will keep looking into.

- Door bolt guard has been installed on the west door and the east door will be getting done soon.
- On 7-26-15 at a special meeting after the service, the council approved another volunteer candidate based on their background check.
- Dave still working on the steeple light and church sign repair.
- Towel dispensers for restrooms are pending.
- Pastor Bob reviewed the Bylaws and did not see any problems.

New Business:

- M/S/A to table the cleaning of the church until after the 150th Anniversary.
- Dave will check on using an extend-o-wand with a pressure washer to clean the windows on the exterior.
- M/S/A to have Chandler set up two domains for the church for approximately \$25 for both per year. The new website will be stjohnscccc.org and stjohnscccc.com. He volunteered to update as needed.
- The cemetery committee is considering the purchase of a small “shed” or storage container to put ornaments into that need to be removed for lawn mowing. It may be placed behind the granary.
- A quote will be gotten prior to the congregational meeting as to what additional lawn mowing charges would be if the additional parking lot is approved and would be planted into grass.

Task list for August:

- *Review investments* – No changes needed at this time.
- *Update newspaper for winter hours* – Karen
- *Update sign* – Dave

There were two suggestions in the box. 1) We would like to see church service stay at 9:30 and Sunday school at 10:30. It is very noisy and distracting prior to the church service while Sunday school is finishing up their singing. Church at 9:30 would eliminate it. Thank you. *The council discussed and did not take action. It may be something that may want to get brought up at the congregational meeting for discussion.* 2) On Sundays when there are apt to be extra guests due to something special going on besides Easter and Christmas, could we put in parenthesis (debts and debtors) to let the guests know that at St. Johns we say the Lord’s prayer using these words instead of trespassed and trespass. Guests would not be slightly embarrassed by saying it different that the rest. I am glad that we do it the way that we do. *Pastor Bob and the council agreed that we could just make it a part of the bulletin each week.*

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

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Martin /Secretary

September 8, 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 Mickolich, Kim Wigern and Dale Peters.

** I am grateful for Ron Stewart's filling in for me on Sunday, August 23rd. It was a privilege to officiate at the wedding of our son Keith and his fiancée Michelle on August 22nd in Ramsey.

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

Brian gave the treasurer's report which showed a beginning balance of \$21,434.81 and an ending balance of \$23,066.03. This report was approved as given.

- Designated Funds - \$15,767.66
 - Benevolence - \$3,027.15
 - Building - \$2,660.00
 - Choir - \$1,037.87
 - Memorial - \$3,245.86
 - Pastoral - \$65.00
 - Sunday School/VBS - \$594.50
 - Youth Group - \$160.00
 - Cemetery Fund - \$1,785.00
 - Women's Guild Fund - \$20.00
 - 150th Celebration - \$3,172.28
- General Fund - \$7,298.37

Gene reported that the Building Fund has a current balance of \$69,785.59. This report was approved as given.

Old Business:

- Building Investigation Committee: Getting quotes and preparing for the Congregational meeting.
- 150th Anniversary Planning Committee: All have been very busy getting ready for Sunday! Pictures and ornaments have arrived and are for sale. Council discussed various areas that need to be attended to that day and assigned people to them. Those that can make it will be at the church on Wednesday to help set up.
- Congregational meeting 9-27-15 to include: building addition vote, parking lot addition vote, constitution changes and financial policy change.
- Pam has organized most of the policy book but still has some updating to do to it.
- East door bolt guard remains to be done.
- Dave has the materials for lighting repairs for the steeple and church sign.
- Towel dispensers for restrooms are pending.
- Brenda and Glen Schaefer will be installing the towel dispensers in the restrooms prior to Sunday.
- A review of our investments was done and no changes were needed at this time.

New Business:

- Randy mentioned that pictures, etc. were still being accepted for the boards that June is putting together for the 150th.
- The board discussed seating arrangements and made assignments of people to take care of various jobs/areas for the 150th.
- Pastor Bob mentioned that there are several people that expressed interest in becoming members of our church in the near future.

Task list for September:

- *Pay 2nd half taxes* – Gene taking care of.
- *Snow removal bids* – Brian calling Curt Bussler

- *Spray for weeds/Japanese beetles* – The Peters have taken care of the weeds – thank you!! We will wait until crops are out to see if we need to spray for the beetles.

There were no suggestions in the box.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 14th @ 7:00.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Martin /Secretary

St John's Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, September 27th, 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 vote on the building and parking lot addition, and to discuss constitution and financial policy changes.

The constitution vote was deferred as we needed one half of our membership present which is 65 and there were only 55 present.

Dave explained the following changes relating to the financial policy:

- 1) Proposing a \$5,000 expense limit instead of the current \$3,000 when congregational authorization is required. Insurance payments and the pastor's salary are approaching or hitting the \$3,000 limit.
- 2) Changing the number of people on the audit committee to be consistent to what has been working well.
- 3) Clarification of audit committee's responsibilities.
- 4) Rewording for clarity.
- 5) Adding verification of two signatures when expense limit is met.

Brenda Schaefer made a motion that St. Johns adopts the proposed changes to the financial policy as presented and Randy Knick seconded the motion. The congregation voted and motion was passed.

Discussion was made on the parking lot expansion. It was recommended that the expansion be grass only. With the three bids that came in costs with a gravel lot were \$14,400 to \$34,500. Without gravel they came in at \$2,900 to \$6,500. Costs included site preparation, seeding plus planting. The extra mowing cost would be \$50/mow. A question was asked regarding any additional tiling that would be needed. All the contractors thought there was enough slope and no additional tiling would be needed. A motion was made by Jon Block and seconded by Jerry Block to allow the Council to proceed with getting a 1 acre grass overflow lot made, selecting the most appropriate bids and not to exceed the cost of \$6,000. Congregation approved.

The congregation discussed various topics regarding the addition to St. Johns. The numbers came in around \$250k more for the south addition vs. the north. After a vote was taken and counted, there were 35 yes votes and 20 no votes. Pastor Bob suggested that we hold off on moving ahead until there is a more unanimous vote one way or the other. He did not want the church divided over this project. A motion was made and approved to table the consideration of the building plans until a later date. Discussion was made as to how to get more of the congregation to a meeting so that there would be more input. Absentee ballots are not allowed as per our constitution. The possibility of opening up the sanctuary back into the overflow area was also looked into. It was determined that this could be done but this would also be tabled until a later date. How to make room for Sunday school/Adult Bible study on Sunday mornings needs to be thought of.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Martin, Secretary

October 14, 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 Mickolich, Dale and LeaEtte Peters and Maxine Kennings (Roxanne's Mom)

** Confirmation got off the ground with 3 students this year: Eli, Shelby, and Grace

** Four people have expressed interest in church membership – (Will discuss in new business)

The secretary's minutes were approved from the September meeting as well as the minutes from the Congregational meeting on September 27th.

Brian gave the treasurer's report which showed a beginning balance of \$23,066.03 and an ending balance of \$21,860.73. This report was approved as given.

- Designated Funds - \$13,997.10
 - Benevolence - \$3,297.15
 - Building - \$2,920.00
 - Choir - \$1,037.87
 - Memorial - \$3,643.17
 - Pastoral - \$65.00
 - Sunday School/VBS - \$595.50
 - Youth Group - \$170.00
 - Cemetery Fund - \$1,875.00
 - Women's Guild Fund - \$20.00
 - 150th Celebration - \$373.41
- General Fund - \$7,863.63

Gene reported that after he paid the second half property taxes, the Building Fund has a current balance of \$65,069.71. This report was approved as given.

Old Business:

-- *Building Investigation Committee* – Worked on getting quotes for parking lot. Dave handed out a sheet showing comparisons from two service providers as well as an estimate if members were to provide the labor and purchase grass seed, etc. The council reviewed and a motion was made, seconded and approved to have Mike's Mow and Grow (our current lawn caretaker) drill in the seed and fertilize for a cost of \$1,643.00. Rocks will need to be removed beforehand and the youth group is open to helping if time allows it. The committee is also looking at other alternatives for making/adding additional room for classroom space.

-- *150th Anniversary Planning Committee* – The majority of bills are in and the celebration costs came in under budget. Hats off to everyone for a wonderful celebration!! Brian mentioned that there are still cookbooks and medallions for sale.

-- The council discussed results from the Congregational meeting on September 27th. Being there was not enough members to vote on Constitution changes suggestions were made to have a meeting after a holiday service, include a pot-luck, as well as have the council call their call list as reminders.

-- Pam made several updates to the policy book and should have completed by next meeting.

-- East door bolt guard remains to be done.

-- Lighting repair to the steeple is done but the sign remains.

-- Towel dispensers for restrooms are installed. Thanks Glen and Brenda!!

-- Snow removal bid was received and will remain the same as last year.

New Business:

- M/S/A to receive the following into membership subject to completing the necessary steps – Casey Blackbird, Austin Field, Laura Schaefer, and Holly Wigern.
- Brian will see to it that memorial documentation is updated.
- The statement of faith is not the same in all the hymnals. Celine will see to it that all are the same and coordinate with the Youth Group to help update.
- The CCCC survey will be updated with our website and contact information.

Task list for October:

- *Accept snow removal bid* – done.
- *Check bait stations*
- *Change furnace filter*
- *Adjust clocks & steeple timer* – Needs to be done 11-1-15

There was one suggestion in the box regarding the choir and how they should be placed now that they sing in the front of church. *The council believes that since the first week of singing they are now standing as suggested.*

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 11th @ 7:00.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Martin /Secretary

Sunday School Happenings

VBS July 26-30th



Sunday School continues; We begin our new year of Sunday School on Sept.20th!
Sunday School will begin at 9:00 a.m. starting Nov. 8th, to start preparing for the Christmas program.



St John's Youth Page

What we've been doing:

- Many of our youth helped with VBS again this summer. It's fun to see them helping the younger kids learn about God!



- In August we had several activities. We went canoeing, kayaking, and wake boarding on the river. We had a picnic in the park and then went to Below Zero.



We spent another afternoon swimming at Swifts pond followed by dinner at Fields house. The campfire and hay ride that was planned turned into games and activities in the basement due to rain. Our last summer activity was a gathering at church to recognize and say farewell to our seniors as they head off to college.



- In September we brainstormed ideas for the upcoming year. We also helped with set up for the 150th anniversary party.
- At our October meeting we decorated new activity bags for the kids to use during church. We also helped with set up for the 150th anniversary party.

Looking Ahead :

- November 4th is our next meeting. We will be packaging shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. We hope to do about 30 boxes again this year. If you would like to help out by donating \$ for shipping cost or supplies that would be great! Other items that are needed are toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, washcloths, individually wrapped candies and gum (no chocolate).
- November 6-8th some of our youth will attend Trout Lake Bible Camp.
- November 11th the Youth Bible Study led by Casey Blackbird will start up again for the year.
- December 2nd we will prepare treats for the shut-ins. Later in December we will fill bags for the Sunday School Christmas Program.
- December 12 (tentative date) we will go to Cash Wise for Operation Shopping Blessings. This will be a time for youth to develop their own relationship with Jesus while spreading the word that God is with us always.
- January 6th regular monthly meeting.

For more information about the youth group contact: Robyn Field at 320-582-0356 or Roxanne Sladek at 320-455-7218. For information about Youth Bible Study you can talk to Casey Blackbird.

Church Happenings...

150th Anniversary Family Fun Day at the Swift's Sunday, August 2nd







*150th Church Anniversary
Worship Service
Sept. 13, 2015*



Chuck Thiel & the Jolly Ramblers led the worship music





Meal and visiting begins!!



The music and the food and visiting continued on!





The “oldest” Dick Swift, 90 (will be 91 on Nov. 1st) and the “youngest” Harrison David Martin,(4-26-2014), son of Jeremy & Hannah Martin and grandson of Pam & Dave Martin.

Other oldest in our congregation; Eileen Moerhing, 90 (2-23-25) and Margie Block, 90 (4-14-25)

Longest Married: Don & Marion Padrnos 3-11-1953 (62)
other ones: Gary & MaryAnn Frahm 5-6-1961 (54)
Duane & Gloria Wigern 12-14-1963 (52)
Dale & Lea Ette Peters 11-25-1966 (49)
Pastor Bob & Mary Taylor 8-7-1967 (48)
Alan & Sharon Mielke 10-12-1968 (47)
Loren & Mavis Mielke 10-19-1968 (47)



Eileen Moehring & son and daughter –in-law

History of the church



Entertainment for the young at heart!



Members watching slides from VBS during church service! It seems quite entertaining!! Thanks Celine



Reminder: November is Food Shelf month. Grocery items or monetary gifts are much appreciated for those in need. A table is provide in the front entry. Thank you. (Put this in each Sunday in Nov. & also newsletter.)

COOKBOOKS: There are a number of cookbooks left. Cost is \$10.00. They would make excellent gifts for Christmas or other special occasions.

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

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

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

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

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

Mark your calendar!

Turn back your clocks, Nov. 1st Daylight Savings time end!!

Sunday School will begin practicing for the Christmas program on Nov. 8th at 9:00 a.m.

The Youth Group is collecting items for the Christmas Shoe Box. Items needed are wash cloths, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks, hard candy, small toys for boys and girls. They usually do around 30-40 boxes. If you wish to donate cash that would be great too, to help ship the boxes. Cost is \$7.00 a box. Needed by Nov. 8th.

Sunday, Nov. 15th, St. John's Fall Harvest Celebration will be. We will have a potluck following our regular worship service with the celebration starting after the potluck. We are looking forward to a variety of talent based on the gifts of all ages within our congregation. It will be a great time of celebrating our love for God and this beautiful season of life!! Contact Julie if you are interested in taking part in the program. Please invite your family and friends to join us.

Thanksgiving Worship is Thursday, Nov. 26th at 9:30 a.m.

Decorate the church for Christmas is Saturday, Nov. 28th 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School Christmas Program is Sunday, Dec. 20th 10:30 a.m. during the worship service time.

Christmas Eve. Service is at 5:00 p.m.

Undecorating the church will be Sunday, January 10th following worship service.

Annual Meeting is Sunday, January, 17th following worship service with potluck following.

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.****

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WOMEN'S GUILD 2014-2015

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Sunshine Chairman: Elaine Carrigan.....864-333

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Curt Paulsen 587-4684
Jeremy Field.....582-0319

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

Julie Karl.....587-7702
Jerry Block234-6872
Elaine Carrigan864-3330

Job Sign-ups 201

CUSTODIANS

January.....Sladeks
February..... Swift
March.....Alsleben
April..... Wright
May..... Trimbo
JuneElaine & Mavis
July.....Alice Kaufmanns
August..... Sanken
SeptemberBlocks
OctoberGaroutte
November Knick/Padrnos
December 6th..... Peters
13th Field
20th Sanken
27th Wright
January 2015.....Sladek

USHERS

January..... Sladek
February..... Swift
March..... Kaufmann/Karl
April..... Wright
May..... Schaefer
June..... Konerza
July Konerza-Swift
August..... Konerza
SeptemberBlocks
October Garoutte
November Vacek/Huebert
December 6th..... Peters
13th Field
20th Sanken
27th Wright
JANUARY 2015..... Sladek

ALTAR GUILD

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & SUBSTITUTES

2015-2016

Preschool-1st

Dawn Huebert, Brenda Garoutte

K-2nd grade

Jodi Sanken, Andrea Wigern

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November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 TURN CLOCKS BACK!!! Communion Dick S.	2 Nic Rose	3	4	5 Maynard R.	6 Michelle A.	7
8	9 Carter R.	10	11	12	13	14
15 Jason E. Joyce K. Fall Harvest Fest Following worship With Potluck & program	16	17 Orrie B. Kevin F.	18 Warren K.	19	20	21 Carol B.
22 Melisa F. Mandy G.	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Service 9:30 a.m.	27	28 Decorate the church 9 a.m. Ethan B. Randy K.
29 1 st Sunday of Advent	30					

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Michael S.	5
6 Communion	7	8	9 Roger T.	10	11 Dave M.	12
13 Summer B.	14 Betty B.	15	16 Julie K.	17	18	19
20 Sunday School Christmas Program 10:30 a.m.	21	22	23 Joel B.	24 Christmas Eve Service 5 p.m.	25	26
27	28	29 Mary T.	30	31		

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Dale P.	2
3 Communion	12	5 Susie B.	6 James P. Jerry W.	7	8	9
10 Undecorate the church following worship	11	12 Barb B.	13	14	15 Theresa V.	16
17 Doug B. Annual Meeting	18	19 Loren M.	20	21	22 Brian A.	23
24	25	26	27 Glen S.	28	29	30
31 Myla F.						

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Information for the next newsletter will be due January 25th, you can bring your input to me at the church, or mail it to me (821 Baxter Ave, Glencoe) or email me at secretary@stjohnscccc.org

Karen Konerza

**People are Funny!!
They want the front of the bus,
The middle of the road,
And the back of the church!**

