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Reflections

Friendship at St. John's 2 oldest members at 98 years "young"



Dick turned 98 11/01/22 Margie turned 98 4/14-23 Members of St. John's are so very glad you're both here with us! Pastor Notes;

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Beginning April 26th at 7PM and continuing monthly thereafter on dates to be established there will be a Prayer Meeting which combines music and prayer. Usually we will have 5 pieces of music - many through music videos, some with organ/piano leadership later on. The music (usually about 5 minutes) will be followed by prayer focused upon a given topic.

The prayer will occur in assembled small groups of 5 to a dozen people. The prayer leader will begin the prayer topic for that prayer segment. Others within their small group who want to pray aloud may do so. It is assumed that many will choose to pray silently within their small group. After about 5 minutes of prayer we will regather to sing with the second video/music. The lyrics for all the videos will be projected on the screen. After that song we will again gather for more prayer focused on the second general prayer topic. The small group prayer leader will begin praying out loud; the others in the group may pray aloud or silently.

Most Prayer Meetings will have 5 songs which will last about 5 minutes, with the prayer topic lasting about 5 minutes each. It is expected that many people who come will be praying silently while some will pray aloud. The Prayer Meeting will conclude with brief remarks by the Pastor.

Corporate prayer has always been a central element for gathered Christians. Indeed the first church in Jerusalem focused its worship life, according to Acts 2:42, around "devotion to the Apostles teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers".

Praying churches are generally healthy churches. The Lord wants to hear our prayers be they long or short, loud or quiet, focused or general. Our individual and collective obedience is in part fulfilled by our individual and corporate prayers.

Come, let us pray together.

Pastor Marchant

Council Reports

February 15th, 2023

Council Members Present: Joe Blackbird, Brian Alsleben, Pam Martin, Elmer Baysinger, Barb Buckentin, and Dawn Norrbom as well as Pastor Barry. Karen Konerza was also present to assist Dawn with the treasurer duties.

Joe called the meeting to order and Pastor Barry opened it with prayer and a devotional. Pastor Barry informed the council that he would like to have an informal prayer/song time maybe once a month. He is in contact with Mary Huebert and will set a goal of maybe staring it the Wednesday before Good Friday. (April 5th).

The secretary's minutes were approved from the January 11th meeting.

Dawn gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$502,124.13 with an ending balance of \$493,104.62.

- Designated Funds \$9,093.68
 - Cemetery Spraying \$0
 - Memorial \$6,835.49
 - o Benevolence \$922.15
 - \circ Building \$145.00
 - Choir \$731.04
 - Cemetery Fund \$350.00
 - o Casey Blackbird Fund \$25.00
 - o Sunday School/VBS \$60.00
 - Youth Group \$0
 - Pastoral Fund \$25.00
- General Fund Endowment \$440,508.30
- General Fund \$43,502.64

M/S/C to move \$20,000 to the Building Fund to be put in the Vanguard account.

Brian gave the building fund report. The Citizen's Bank balance is \$9,828.62 and the Vanguard balance is \$71,807.43.

All financial reports were approved as given.

Joe led the council in prayer and thanked Dawn and Barb for being new council members.

Old Business:

-- Joe working on finding a new file cabinet

-- Handicap button tabled until spring. Brian volunteered to get 2 more bids.

-- The youth ushered and greeted on February 12th. Dawn and the council agreed that it went well and they will continue to do this the 3rd Sunday of each month.

-- Joe handed out copies of the division of roles (responsibilities) to the council.

New Business:

- Dawn, who represents the council on the search committee, had questions on how the salary and benefits of a new pastor were arrived at. It was explained that Pastor Bob's salary was taken into consideration along with an additional amount to arrive at the salary/benefits.
- The search committee needs at least 30 members to fill out a survey to see what the "health" of our church is. Pastor Barry suggested to do it after church on March 5th and will announce it at the services prior to that date. If someone would like to fill it out and can't be there on the 5th, they are to talk to Barry about meeting with him to complete it. No surveys will be allowed to go home with members.
- Joe emailed the council, prior to the meeting, a copy of the proposed "Gift Acceptance Policy" and "St. John's Endowment Fund Policy".

M/S/C to approve the Endowment Policy for presentation to the congregation.

M/S/C to approve the Gift Acceptance Policy contingent of the congregation's approval of the Endowment Policy. He also mentioned that 4 investment managers were sent letters.

- > The Youth Group will be serving breakfast on Palm Sunday from 9 to 10 a.m.
- Discussion was made on the Ice Cream Social. To date, Elmer, Marcie, and Pastor Barry are the only volunteers on the committee. If no one else volunteers we may need to cancel it. Pastor Barry will make an announcement in church as well as put it in the bulletins to see if we can get 3-4 more volunteers.

- ▶ June Knick asked to use the Church basement either April 30th or May 7th. Council approved.
- Elmer asked if he could give a service dog explanation to the Sunday School students. He would like to explain why Riley is at church with him so that they don't approach him the wrong way and startle him. Dawn will arrange with the teachers for a Sunday coming up.
- M/S/C to purchase a microphone headset for Pastor Barry at a cost of \$350.00 out of the building fund. Brian will take care of.
- ▶ Lent starts next Wednesday, February 22nd.

February Task List:

- Snow call list for new council. Barb updated and handed out new sheets.
- Enact Pastor contract N/A
- Volunteer-override thermostats for special Lenten/meetings/service time-Council member will do.
- Review usher/altar/custodian duty lists *Will be good through March*.
- Test elevator/phone *Elmer*.

There were no suggestions in the box.

Our next council meeting will be Tuesday, March 14th @ 6:00.

M/S/C to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Martin /Secretary

March 14th, 2023

Council Members Present: All council members were present as well as Pastor Barry.

Joe called the meeting to order and Pastor Barry opened it with prayer and a devotional. He also informed the council that he sent off 57 surveys to Ray DeLaurier from the CCCC to be analyzed. He is still working on setting up a prayer/song time where some contemporary music would be introduced. Eventually this music would be part of our Sunday services.

Discussion was made on not having communion on the first Sunday of April but to have it on Good Friday. M/S/C to have communion on Good Friday but not the 1st Sunday in April. This will be announced in Church as well as be put in the bulletins prior to April 2nd.

The secretary's minutes were approved from the February 15th meeting.

Dawn gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$493,104.62 with an ending balance of \$497,395.29.

- Designated Funds \$10,128.75
 - Cemetery Spraying \$0
 - Memorial \$6,835.49
 - Benevolence \$1,197.15
 - o Building \$285.00
 - Choir \$731.04
 - Cemetery Fund \$720.00
 - Casey Blackbird Fund \$25.00
 - o Sunday School/VBS \$230.07
 - Youth Group \$25.00
 - Pastoral Fund \$80.00
- General Fund Endowment \$440,508.30
- General Fund \$46,758.24

Brian gave the building fund report. The Citizen's Bank balance is \$18,080.13. This amount includes the land rent check. The Vanguard balance is \$69,992.82.

All financial reports were approved as given.

Old Business:

-- Barb and Joel Buckentin donated a file cabinet which Joe put in the copier room. Thanks Barb & Joel!!

-- Brian presented a couple more bids on the handicap button. Discussion is still being made.

-- \$20,000 will be transferred from the General Fund to the Building Fund this week.

-- Joe mentioned that someone from the council will need to be on the Endowment Committee when that time comes. He just wanted all of us to keep that in mind.

-- Dave Swift and Sonya Borg volunteered to be on the I/C Social committee. Thank you!! Elmer thought that their first meeting would be April 16th after church. The I/C Social is set for June 8th!

-- Dawn confirmed that the Palm Sunday breakfast would be served from 9 to 10 a.m. Any volunteers to help would be appreciated. Also happening at that time will be an Easter Egg hunt put on by the Youth Group.

- -- Pastor Barry has been using the new headset microphone which sounds great!
- -- A reminder that the Easter service will be @ 9:30 a.m.

New Business:

- The council approved a request by Gene Konerza to router an envelope slot in the wooden desk for putting memorials into for funerals.
- Dawn shared some information on various licenses that are needed to legally stream our worship services. She will do some further checking and report back to the council. It was unanimous that we need to be in compliance and the cost of the license is minimal.
- Joe asked for recommendations on an indoor spray to use for getting rid of the Asian beetles in church. No one knew of any so he will check with the Co-Op/Cenex to see what they would recommend.

March Task List:

Update memorial plaque/book - Lea Ette/Dawn

- Update brochure/website *Pam/Chandler (done)*
- Adjust clocks for daylight savings time Done thanks Brian!!
- Review usher/altar/custodian duty lists Usher/Greeters needed for April
- Test elevator/phone *Elmer (done)*

There were no suggestions in the box.

Our next council meeting will be Wednesday, April 12th @ 7:00 p.m. M/S/C to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Martin /Secretary

April 12th, 2023

Council Members Present: All council members were present as well as Pastor Barry.

Joe called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer. Pastor Barry joined the meeting after his outing with the Confirmation group. Pastor Barry shared a devotional regarding the importance of prayer.

The secretary's minutes were approved from the March 14th meeting.

Dawn gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$497,395.29 with an ending balance of \$481,738.85.

- Designated Funds \$11,329.75
 - Cemetery Spraying \$0
 - Memorial \$6,835.49
 - Benevolence \$1,507.15
 - \circ Building \$420.00
 - Choir \$731.04
 - Cemetery Fund \$1,325.00
 - Casey Blackbird Fund \$25.00
 - o Sunday School/VBS \$316.07
 - Youth Group \$35.00
 - Pastoral Fund \$135.00
- General Fund Endowment \$440,508.30
- General Fund \$29,900.80

Brian gave the building fund report. The Citizen's Bank balance is \$17,500.13. The Vanguard balance is \$92,415.48. This amount includes the transfer of \$20,000 from the general fund.

All financial reports were approved as given.

Old Business:

-- Discussion was made on the salary of a new pastor. Dawn did some research and came back with some numbers that the Search Committee found. The council took a look at our budget and gave her what we thought the maximum could be. She will go back to the committee and bring their thoughts to our next meeting.

-- Brian said that he got a notice that our Workmen's Comp company wants to do an audit. Michelle is working with them and getting our records together.

-- Dawn will get information on what we need to legally record our Church services and bring to our May meeting.

-- Brian received another bid for our handicap button. Discussion was made regarding if we really needed it installed on both doors at this time. After much discussion, M/S/C to have Stanley Doors install a handicap button on the West door at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00.

-- Joe said that there was a minor change to the Endowment Fund Policy in regards to the restrictions of investing the funds. M/S/C upon member approval to change the verbiage on page 3, restriction c to be 5% instead of 2%. -- M/S/C upon member approval to have James Peters be the Investment Manager.

 M/S/C upon member approval to have statics receipted in investment runninger.
M/S/C upon member approval to have the following volunteers be on the Endowment Fund Committee: Dave Swift, Glen Schaefer, and Elmer Baysinger.

Dawn will get further instruction on updating of the memorial book and plaque.

New Business:

- Adam Smith suggested that our Church get an AED. (Automated External Defibrillator). The council thought it was a great idea. He will check into pricing and get back to the Council.
- Dave Swift fixed the broken blind in the Faith Center at a cost of \$66.00. In the future if blinds break, they will be replaced with new ones room by room.
- > Council approved Joe's request to train his dogs on the Church's grass parking lot.
- ➢ Joe will be spraying for Asian beetles.
- Elmer was wondering if the Church would be able to donate any funds to the family of Sam Schuman. He is a 12-year-old from Hutchinson that is now in the hospital waiting for a heart transplant. He will talk to the Benevolence committee and the Women's Guild.
- Pastor Barry informed the Council that he has a date of April 26th @ 7:00 set up for a prayer meeting with contemporary music.

April Task List:

- Church/grounds assessment/trees *Will be done prior to our May meeting*
- Pay 1^{st} half taxes *Brian*
- Change furnace filters/set up dehumidifier Joe volunteered
- Call Foster Mechanical to check air conditioner Pam volunteered
- Sunday School teach recognition Sunday, May 21^{st} .
- Parking lot reseal (last done 7/16/20) Brian will call
- o Review usher/altar/custodian duty lists
- Test elevator/phone *Elmer (done)*

There were no suggestions in the box.

Our next council meeting will be Wednesday, May 10th @ 6:30 p.m.

M/S/C to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Martin /Secretary

Ice Cream Social information

St John's Ice Cream Social is coming up fast! This is a great opportunity to serve our church through community outreach and for bonding within our church. Watch for your job slip that will be at the back of the sanctuary for pickup soon. Please take note of the date and time of your assignment so you can arrange your schedule (work/travel/etc) so you can participate. We need all who can participate to do so in order to limit the burden on others. If for some reason you cannot work the date and time assigned, please contact a committee member ASAP so they can try to adjust your assignment or find a replacement. Thank you!

Update from the Pastor Search Committee

The members of the Paster Search Committee are Julie Karl and Gene Konerza (Co-chairs), Doug Block (Prayer Advisor), Dawn Norrbom (Council Rep.), and Celine Swift (Secretary). Pastor Barry Marchant is the committee's adjunct advisor. First, the committee would like to thank all those who took time to participate in the surveys. It will help the future Pastor and it will help our search group. We also request that you keep praying for our search committee and for our future pastor. We have met numerous times (about every 2 weeks) and finished filling out the application for prospective pastors to look at. We hope to post it online soon. We will be meeting again to review our church constitution. We don't know how long it will take to find our pastor but our group is dedicated to this search. Thank you again, and please continue to keep us in prayer.

Common Cup Information

Before you put away your winter coats for the season... Common Cup is collecting items for the Coat Giveaway that will happen next fall. They are looking for *GENTLY* used warm winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens. A collection tub is located by the Common Cup information table, and the collection goes through the end of May. Questions? Talk to Celine Swift.

Flower orders information

The Gertens Flower Fundraiser Sale is closed. Orders totaled over \$7,000 in sales, with a profit of around \$2,200. Thank you to everyone who sold! Remember that order pickup is at the Swift's home (13902 125th St) on Tuesday, May 9, from 6 to 8pm. If you won't be available to pick up your order at that time, please contact Celine Swift in advance to make other arrangements. Thank you!

Sunday School Happenings

The Sunday School and VIP guests enjoyed their time together in February for the "Jesus ♥ You Snow Much" event. This winter was perfect for sledding on our massive snow hills. Valentines were also made and hot cocoa was served.

Palm Sunday brought us together once again for marching with Palm branches and singing with the adult choir.

Dates to Remember:

May 14- Mother's Day skit and handing out flowers. Bring your moms to church! ♥ May 21- Last day of Sunday School - "Launching forward into VBS" and singing in church July 30-August 2- Vacation Bible School- STELLAR ¥

Get ready to launch your kids into adventure with STELLAR- VBS- "Shine Jesus' Light" on Sunday, July 30 through Wednesday, August 2. Kids will discover what it means to shine Jesus' light in everyday life. STELLAR is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences, Sciencefun, games, songs and tasty treats every evening. Watch for a sign up soon at church or find a link through Face

book.

"Jesus ♥ You Sn*****w Much".



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Leah let Gene put her boots on!!!

Sisters helping each other!!





Puppet Show





Palm Sunday



Youth Group Happenings: Lock-in











Lock-in



Palm Sunday Breakfast:



Mom's know how!!!!

Palm Sunday Breakfast













Church Happenings:

Good Friday Service



Special music from Barry's grandson, Andy playing his violin

Special music for Palm Sunday



Back Row: Zach & Adam Front Row: Jessica, Dylan, & Ashley

Special music for Palm Sunday



Sunday School and choir together



Front Row: Elaine, Sharon, Michelle, Jan Back Row: Leslie. Susie, Cyndi, Diane, Lea Ette, Brenda & Marcie

Mark your Calendars:

Confirmation will be on Sunday May 7th

Mother's Day Sunday May 14th

Last Sunday of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 2

<u>Starting on May 28th will be going to SUMMER Hours with services at 9:30 a.m.</u> <u>through Sept. 3^{rd,}</u>

ICE CREAM SOCIAL THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH

Remember these friends in Christ with a prayer, card, or a call

Betty Benjamin Birthday 12/14 1015 Century Ave. #115 Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Margie Block Birthday 4/14 1015 Century Ave. # 213 Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Joel Buckentin Birthday 12/23 Blackbird Trail S.W. Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Kari Eichens Birthday 4/11 Box 36 Silver Lake, MN. 55381

Randy Knick Birthday 11/28 1388 Bradford St. Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Michelle (Rowan) Moyer Birthday 3/27 736 Maple St. N.E. Hutchinson, MN. 55350 Maynard Rannow Birthday 11/5 1401 Main St. W. Apt. 119 Silver Lake, MN. 55381

Glen Schaefer Birthday 4/20 18548 100th St. Brownton, MN. 55312

Dick Swift Birthday 11/01 1420 Prairie Ave. #119 Glencoe, MN. 55336

Paul Volker Birthday 9/07 313 4th Ave. S. Apt. 109 Sleepy Eye, MN. 56085

Juanita von Wold Birthday 6/07 1096 Sherwood St. S.E. Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Duane Wigern Birthday 10/30 Gloria Wigern Birthday 2/25 425 Grant St. Glencoe, MN. 55336

CHURCH LEADERS FOR 2023

PASTOR

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COUNCIL

President Joe Blackbird..320-583-1026 V.Pres.Elmer Baysinger 320-583-3713 Sec. Pam Martin...... 320-510-0493 Treas. Dawn Norrbom..952-484-1326 Fin Sec. Barb Buckentin320-510-4130 Bldg.Fund:Brian Alsleben... 864-6745

WOMEN'S GUILD 2023

Children's Church

Totes Michelle Alsleben

CEMETERY BOARD

David Huebert	320-864-4724
David Sanken	320-583-7777
David Swift	320-864-6188

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & SUB-</u> <u>STITUTES</u> 2022-2023

<u>Preschool- 2nd</u> Dawn Norrbom -Leslie Smith <u>Grade 3rd - 5th</u> Jodi Sanken <u>Grade 6th-8th</u> June Knick-Andrea Wigern <u>Young Adult Class</u> Michelle Alsleben – Joe Blackbird

Substitute List:

Ashley Alsleben Brenda Garoutte Joe & Susie Blackbird

YOUTH GROUP LEADERS

Andrea Wigern andreawigern@gmail.com Dawn Norrbom dawnnorrbom@gmail.com

<u>CHURCH SECRETARY & RECORDS UP-</u> KEEP

Karen Konerza...... 320-864-4554 cell 320-510-4859

Job Sign-Ups 2023

<u>COMMUNION & ALAR</u> <u>PREP</u>

CUSTIODIAN

USHER/GREETER

January
February Swift
March Blackbird
April
May
JuneLeaEtte & Nita
JulyElaine & Mavis
August
SeptemberAlsleben
October Garoutte
November
December

January 2024

January Smith
January Smith
FebruarySwift
MarchSmith
ApriKnick
May Lea Ette
June Gene & Karen
JulyJulie K.
August
September Alsleben
October Garoutte
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January 2024

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FebruarySwift
MarchBlackbird
April
May Lea Ette
June Gene & Karen
July
August
September Alsleben
OctoberGaroutte
November Hueberts
December
3 rd
10^{th}
17 th
24 th 10:30am
24 th 5pm
31 st

January 2024.....

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Joe B. Bridget B.	3	4	5 Don P.	6 Kim M. Mariyah S.
7 Communion & Confirmation	8	9	10 Bonnie K.	11	12 Sue R.	13
14	15 Pastor Bob	16 Dave Sanken	17 Eli S.	18	19 Dennis S. Angela B.	20
21 Last Sunday Of Sunday School	22	23	24 Rachel M.	25 Jessica A.	26	27
28 Mary Ann F. June K. Rachel S. SUMMER HOURS BEGIN	29	30	31	SUMMER HOURS: 9:30 a.m.		

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Cory G.
4 communion	5	6	7 Mary H. Nita vW.	8 ICE CREAM SOCIAL	9	10
11	12	13 Chandler S. Dave Swift	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Jeff B.	22	23 Ashley A.	24
25 Jon B.	26	27	28 Charlee B. Dave H. Danielle M	29	30	

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Chase K.
2 Communion	3 Kyle W.	4.	5.	6 Laura S.	7	8 Dawn N.
9	10	11.	12 Connor M.	13 Owen R.	14	15
16	17	18. Alan M.	19	20	21 Kyle S.	22 Tom. S.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Starts	31 Goes thru VBS	Aug. 1 st VBS	Aug 2 nd VBS			

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Information for the next Newsletter will be needed by July 25th give it to me in church or email at chubbers67@gmail.com.