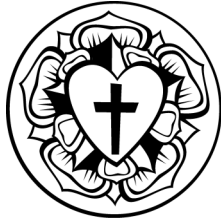


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St. John's Lutheran Church, Belleville, Pennsylvania

JULY/AUGUST 2022



Our Mission Statement

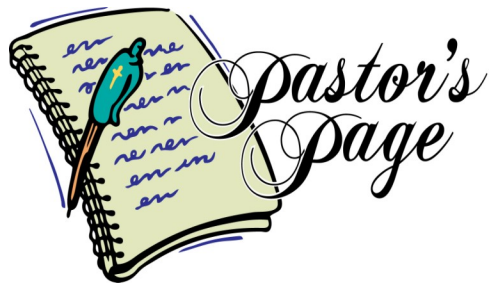
*We, the members of St. John's congregation,
promise to share the good news of Jesus Christ
and to love one another through worship and service
in our homes, church, community and the world.*

St. John's Lutheran Church
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9:30am Worship
10:45am Sunday School
September through May

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Visiting Pastors July 17 - Aug 7

Finding pastors to 'fill the pulpit' has become a major challenge to both the Presbyterian and Lutheran Churches. I am delighted that, through the work of the Holy Spirit, I have been able to arrange for three excellent speakers to visit St. John's and West Kish while I am away this summer. They will provide new perspectives, share experiences in mission and have inspiring stories to tell about their discipleship and work with the church around the world. These include a hospice chaplain and worker with the visually impaired; a Lutheran missionary working in Liberia; and a Ugandan pastor/musician introduced to us by Kate Silman, interim presbyter for Huntingdon Presbytery. Be sure to attend, welcome our guests and connect with our brothers and sisters in Christ in other denominations and worshipping environments around the world.

Rev. Randy Traxler will be our guest pastor on July 17 and 31st. Lewistown has been home to Randy, his wife, Amy and their boys most of their life. He has served as a Methodist minister for ten years and as a hospice chaplain. During the week his ministry also includes serving as a case worker for the visually impaired at NuVisions.

Pastor Richard Nyakaana of Uganda, and ELCA missionary Brian Palmer are introduced in the following commentaries from their visits to other churches. Brian will be at our churches on July 24 and Richard will be speaking and sharing worship music from Uganda on August 7. I am sure our visitors will be a blessing and inspiration to everyone. Thank you to lay readers and leaders who will welcome our guests and assist in leading worship and liturgy. God's grace and Christ's joy with you all.

Pastor Ela Robertson

Brian Palmer, ELCA Missionary to Liberia



Reverend Brian Palmer, ELCA pastor and missionary for the Lutheran Church in Liberia, has lived and served in Totota, Liberia since 2010. Liberia is not on the list of must-see destinations even for missionaries, nevertheless, Brian has not only served his initial four year call, but also signed up for two additional two year terms. He has no plans to leave Liberia; in his words, "I love the people in Liberia."

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Members of the World Outreach Committee hosted Brian for a Perkins (birthday) lunch in June 2018. Brian was in the States for his two year family and Synod visit. He spent most of his time preaching and meeting churches in the Upper Susquehanna Synod from whom he receives most of his support. We enjoyed his compelling stories of life in Liberia. He shared his warmth and passion as a teacher and preacher of theology to lay evangelists, deacons, and seminary students at the Louis T. Bowers Lay Leaders and Ministers in Training Center in Totota and the Gbargna School of Theology.

His experience as a nuclear engineer and his natural curiosity to solve problems have led him to become “Mr. Fix It” in the region. Until the recent arrival of a Danish missionary couple, Brian also served as the community medic. He is relieved to pass this role to a trained nurse, the fellow missionary and spouse of the couple.

Meet Brian and learn more about his call and commitment in Liberia:

Read his monthly newsletters to learn about day-to-day life with the people he has come to love:



Richard & Claire Nyakaana

The Presbyterian Church of Jersey Shore

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**(Re-)introducing international evangelist & Gospel singer
Pastor Richard Nyakaana of Uganda**

Post-pandemic, my friend **Pastor Richard Nyakaana** is again visiting from **Uganda**. Pastor Richard provides pastoral oversight for 11 churches in Uganda, 5 of which he founded, and is an international evangelist, trained at Billy Graham's Amsterdam '86 & 2000. He has done evangelistic rallies at high schools and colleges in Uganda and surrounding countries, and more recently at churches in the United States, for over 23 years. His ministry (New Song Churches, ISCEM) provides schooling support and resources for 65 orphans in Uganda, and built/staffed a school. They are also working to provide 5000 Bibles to his local tribe in their native tongue.

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Richard is also a Gospel singer, music instructor and songwriter, with several popular albums playing on local Christian radio in Kampala, Uganda's capital. He typically sings, plays his guitar, leads familiar praise songs (in English, the national language of Uganda), and often teaches Ugandan African songs with great enthusiasm before his preaching. He has started a school in Uganda to teach worship-leading and music for other church leaders and musicians, which provides all his personal income and some of the funding for his ministry.

Richard received Christ as his Savior during the terror-filled genocidal reign of Idi Amin in Uganda. He is no stranger to tragedy, having lost all of his 8 brothers and sisters, some to the AIDS epidemic in Africa, his first wife to a stroke, and his first son to an accident at age two. However his deep faith in Jesus enabled him to persevere in life and ministry, leading hundreds of people to Christ and becoming a church-planter. Today he is remarried, and his wife Claire and three children are a great support to his ministry. Richard radiates the joy of the Lord!

Grateful for the American missionaries who brought Christianity to Africa, Richard is fulfilling a calling to mission work in America, and does evangelistic rallies and mission conferences at churches in the United States for several months each year. After a revival message on repentance at Calvary Baptist Church in Eau Claire, WI, even some elders of the church came forward to repent with tears in their eyes at the time of commitment. Richard wants to help call America back to her spiritual roots and the American church to its first love of Jesus!

Richard is available to minister to any groups or churches that may be interested. He has sung and preached in our church in Jersey Shore with a great response, and we have helped support his missionary work. In July 2017 he preached a 5-day multi-church evangelistic crusade attended by about 500 each night. Donations to his mission or scholarships to support more orphans are always welcome. While he is in the U.S. (through August), Richard can be reached at 814-335-1396, or anytime email rwamuhokyarichard@gmail.com. Or contact me.

In Christ's love,

Charlie Winkelman

Charlie Winkelman,
Evangelistic Pastor Emeritus of Jersey Shore Presbyterian Church,
and past president of Jersey Shore Area Ministerium
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Pastor Richard, his wife Claire & their children leaving for an evangelistic service.

Excerpts from Bishop Barb Collins' Report to the Synod Assembly 2022

Dear Siblings in Christ,

It has been an honor to serve as the third bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod – to be present, to worship, and to walk this path of faith together – and I know that I have grown in so many ways over these years. I am grateful. . .

I will say that it has been an interesting journey together. We kicked off the years with such energy . . . And then, the pandemic changed all our lives and we quickly had to adapt in every aspect of our lives, including how to continue to be the church. The Gospel took precedence over the internet, especially on Sunday mornings as members and non-members alike tuned in to hear God's message of love and reconciliation . . . I believe we learned a great deal about ourselves over these years of adapting. Are we flexible or stubborn? Do we need buildings or just God and each other? Are we willing to step out in faith, or do we hesitate with a desire to hold onto what is comfortable? Are we seeking what God desires from us, or holding onto what we desire from God?

It would not be completely true for me to say that these past six years have been a total joy for me. But I think you know that. I have witnessed behaviors that are not of God in any way. I have experienced the church at its worst, in my mind. I do not understand that behavior. Numerous times I have said that it is quite simple to be the church of God. The tasks are summed up in the great commandment: *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself* (which includes one another). It is simple, but it isn't easy. I know that. And yet, it is frustrating to see brothers and sisters in Christ at odds with one another when there is a mission field in need of hearing about God's unconditional love. End rant!

I am still humbled to serve as your bishop, and I am grateful for the many relationships that have grown over the years. I pray that each and every one of you will hear God's call to mission, to BE the church in this place and time, and that you will be open to God's vision of the church. May God continue to lead this synod into something new for the sake of the gospel!

Unconditionally yours in Christ. Shalom
Bishop Barb Collins

New Bishop-elect for our Synod

After a tight race at the Synod assembly, Rev. Craig Miller was elected to be the new bishop for the Upper Susquehanna Synod beginning September 1. Craig has preached at St. John's, worked closely with us on updating our constitution, and holds Christ's first and second commandments as the source of new life for our church and Synod.

Dear Congregation Members,

Bishop Collins was present at the beginning of our June council meeting, to speak with us and the Pastor concerning the meeting with the Listening team. She shared with us the results and their recommendations for our church. After some discussion, we agreed to go forward with their recommendations, which you will find in this newsletter. Per the Bishop's advice, we also agreed to keep the results in the Pastor's office. Anyone wishing to review them is asked to please contact her and set up a time to meet (in her office) and read over them. She will be present while they are being read and can answer questions.

We truly believe this is the second step in our goal to helping our church grow. We all need to work together, walk in Jesus' footsteps, and ask ourselves "How would God or Jesus handle this or any situation?" The answer is with patience, faith, understanding, a willingness to help and most of all LOVE one another!!! We will be planning our next steps in September, after the summer off from council meetings. One of those steps, which is already in motion, is a plan for council and the Pastor to hold a day retreat scheduled for October with an invited speaker or coach to move us forward in our process. More information will be forthcoming.

May God Bless each of you!!!

Thank you,
St. John's Lutheran Church Council

Recommendations from the Consultation Committee

Responding to concerns mentioned frequently, such as Communication, Daycare relations, Administration and office relations, and negative behaviors, the Consultation Committee offers these recommendations for the pastor, church council and congregation to act upon:

Wide participation by the congregation in **Healthy Congregations** training events [<https://www.healthycongregations.com>] and/or **Lombard Mennonite** training events [<https://lmpeacecenter.org>]. Both of these organizations will teach skills for healthy communication, how to deal with anxiety within the congregation, and how to address negative behaviors such as bullying.

Intentionality in defining the relationship of the congregation with the Daycare, the church secretary to the Daycare, and the church secretary to the congregation: To provide job descriptions and explanation of the mission of the Daycare, to create policies that define the relationship as well as the duties of the church secretary in regard to the Daycare, and to define the duties of the church secretary in relation to her role with the congregation. And then, to make sure those policies and job descriptions are communicated to the congregation and Daycare personnel and families.

Creation of a **Covenant of Commitment** to lift up a positive focus for how leadership and congregation members live with one another as the church. This would include how members relate to and communicate with one another, how the congregation addresses and responds to issues raised, and how the congregation is committed to answering God's call to mission.

Creation of a Mutual Ministry Committee that is trained in the true functioning of such a committee of the church. [Information about Mutual Ministry is available on the Synod's website: www.uss-elca.org under the heading **Support** to the drop-down menu for **Reconciliation**.

Finally, it is important that the inappropriate behavior of the unsanctioned surveys be addressed, as well as the self-identification of being a congregation that "gets rid of pastors" be part of the conversation toward becoming a healthier congregation.

May God grant you the courage and strength to move this congregation forward toward being a place of grace and forgiveness and one that reflects the love and mission of God.

St. John's Lutheran Church

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Phone 740-338-7123
Organist – Susie Yoo
Sextons – Calvin and Kelly Byler
Church Secretary – Kelly Byler
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St. John's Christian Daycare and Preschool

Valerie McTavish ~ Director
Phone 717-935-2959

St. John's Congregational Council

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Ed Bilich ~ Treasurer	end of 2024
Joy Byler ~ Secretary	end of 2022
Deb French	end of 2022
Carol Fultz ~ President	end of 2023
Nancy Penepacker	end of 2024
Jami Zook ~ Vice President	end of 2022

St. John's Financial Report

Checking account balance 6/28/2022
\$ 24,988.36

January 1 through June 28, 2022

Income \$ 92,795.10 Expense \$ 81,548.83
Net Income \$ 11,246.27

Daycare Financial Report

Checking account balance 6/28/2022
\$ 69,950.93

January 1 through June 28, 2022

Income \$ 178,166.55 Expense \$ 171,062.19
Net Income \$ 7,104.36

St. John's Safety Concerns/Actions ~ Effective Sunday, July 3

Council held a special meeting on Sunday, June 26 following worship to discuss concerns from several members, as the frequency of shootings and other forms of violence in churches, schools and public buildings continues to escalate.

After some discussion, it was decided that all doors of the church will now be locked once the service has begun. The coded doors will continue to remain locked, and the side door leading into the coatroom will now be locked as well. **All members are asked to either enter through the front doors of the church or use the code to enter in the back.** We will be asking the greeter(s) to remain in the narthex until 9:35am and be responsible to lock the front door before coming up to worship.

Following the service, you are asked to please exit through the coded doors or the single door by the coatroom, as they all lock behind you.

We will be working on trying to find a better way to deal with this, but for the time being we are asking for your patience and cooperation. Our first concern is the safety of our members and guests. If you have any suggestions on how this situation could be handled differently, please contact a council member.



During July and August the pastor will be away for a few weeks, and the church office "may" be closed occasionally for a day or two. Any changes/closings will be posted on the door and included in the bulletin.

Church office hours are ~ Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00am – 1:00pm, and normally closed on Wednesday.

The Pastor is at St. John's Mondays and Wednesdays 10:00am – 1:00pm. Can be subject to change to accommodate meetings and other pastoral duties.

IN the CHURCH and COMMUNITY

Daycare

The annual yard sale is being held on Tuesday, August 9 and Wednesday, August 10. We are still looking for donations of anything you have in clean usable condition, including furniture. Please feel free to place your items on/in front of the stage or outside the Fellowship Hall doors.

REMEMBER ~ NO CLOTHING OR TELEVISIONS PLEASE!

We pleased to report that Valerie McTavish has agreed to stay on as the daycare director. The daycare board, our families, staff and the children are happy to have her back with us again.

Social Ministry

The committee would like to thank everyone who helped/participated in the Memorial Day parade. Their float, which won first place, honored this beloved tradition in our town by giving glory to Our Lord, Jesus Christ and paid tribute to the brave men and women, who courageously gave their lives.

Thank you to everyone who donated/prepared food for the Mother/Father Brunch on Sunday, June 5. Approximately 35 people enjoyed this time of food and fellowship.

**The committee continues to collect a variety of needed items for the Liberia cargo container.
Donation boxes can be found in the narthex and coatroom area.**

Deodorant, Shampoo, Bar soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes for adults and children

Multivitamins, Band-Aids, gauze, tape, cotton swabs, anti-bacterial ointment, digital thermometers, eye drops, and tweezers, alcohol wipes, or you can purchase a readymade First Aid kit

Socks, underwear and flip flops for adults and children

Pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, backpacks, black composition books

Non perishable food items ~ pasta, powdered milk, canned meat, cereals, oatmeal, canned fruits and vegetables, rice, etc.
(please be sure the food purchased is **not** close to the expiration date)

Big Valley Thrift & Gift is currently receiving applications for the Store Manager position.

This position requires experience in an active retail business environment, computer and public relations skills and managing a large group of volunteers. Must be able to lift, bend and be on your feet much of the day. Should be able to work independently and/or as part of a team and be available on occasional evenings or weekends.

An application and full job description may be picked up at the store located at 4287 E. Main Street, Belleville, PA 17004, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Saturday. The application deadline is 7/30/2022.

In order to help keep communication flowing within the church, committees are requested to please inform the office of any meetings, so they can be included in the bulletin. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who recently helped with Meals on Wheels by donating desserts, preparing the meals or delivering them.

We currently have a need for **substitute** drivers, who are willing to help with the meal delivery when the regularly scheduled drivers are not available.

If you have any questions or can help in this way, please contact Sue Lynch (935-2013).
Thank you!



St. John's is providing the opportunity for children to attend Camp Mt. Luther at no cost this year. In July, Gabriel Clark (son of Erica Hargenrader) and Easton Peachey (grandson of Jay and Joy Byler) will be attending the 3-day Mini Junior Base Camp. An invitation has also been extended to the daycare children and their families.

Attending camp has transformed the lives of many, by allowing them to form lasting relationships, make memories and have fun, while learning about and experiencing God's boundless love.

Anne Harshbarger loved her time at camp so much, that she joined the summer staff in 2016. Since then, she has helped to ensure the children receive the same enriching, joyful and Christ-centered experience she did.

If you would like to support Camp Mt. Luther, you may send a donation to the address listed below or include it with your weekly offering and notate "CML" on your check or envelope.



Anne Harshbarger on Camp Mount Luther Staff!

Camp Mount Luther is pleased to announce that Anne Harshbarger is part of our Summer Ministry Team this year. We invite members of St. John, Belleville, to keep our ministry in your prayers, especially the work of Anne. You can send mail to Anne Harshbarger at Camp Mount Luther, 355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844 until August 6. Each year, Camp Mount Luther calls about 20 high school and college-aged young adults to serve on our Summer Staff. They are trained to deliver the camp program. Members of this team need not be Lutheran in faith, but must possess a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, a desire to work in the outdoors and a sound sense of responsibility.

Camp Mount Luther located five miles west of Mifflinburg, just off Route 45, runs year-round outdoor ministry programming, including an eight-week summer camp. The camp is affiliated with the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The camp serves children, youth, and young adults in the Central Pennsylvania area. For more information on any of Camp Mount Luther's programs call the camp at (570) 922-1587 or visit www.campmountluther.org.

JULY SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 3

Elevator: Joe Kanagy

Greeter: Deb French

Lay Reader: Deb French

Money Counters: John and Denise Chester

Sound System: Ed Bilich

July 10

Elevator: Randy Harshbarger

Greeters: Bob and Susan Keller

Lay Reader: Ken Wyland

Money Counters: Sue Lynch and Carol Fultz

Sound System: Joe Kanagy

July 17

Elevator: Carolyn Conner

Greeters: Ken and Nancy Wyland

Lay Reader: Ken Wyland

Money Counters: Jay and Joy Byler

Sound System: Jay Byler

July 24

Elevator: Joe Kanagy

Greeter: Edna Chester

Lay Reader: John Chester

Money Counters: Joe Kanagy and Randy Harshbarger

Sound System: Jay Byler

July 31

Elevator: Randy Harshbarger

Greeter: Carol Fultz

Lay Reader: Ed Bilich

Money Counters: Mike Boring and Jami Zook

Sound System: Ed Bilich

Altar Care ~ Brenda Boring and Carolyn Conner

Altar Flower Delivery ~ Sue Lynch

Bulletin Delivery ~ John and Brenda Boring

Please remember:

If you are unable to be present
on your scheduled day,
it is your responsibility,
to find a replacement.

AUGUST SERVICE SCHEDULE

August 7

Elevator: Carolyn Conner

Greeters: Mike and Michele Harshbarger

Lay Reader: Mike Harshbarger

Money Counters: John and Denise Chester

Sound System: Ed Bilich

August 14

Elevator: Joe Kanagy

Greeters: John and Brenda Boring

Lay Reader: John Boring

Money Counters: Sue Lynch and Carol Fultz

Sound System: Joe Kanagy

August 21

Elevator: Randy Harshbarger

Greeters: Jim and Georgianna Buchanan

Lay Reader: Jim Buchanan

Money Counters: Jay and Joy Byler

Sound System: Jay Byler

August 28

Elevator: Carolyn Conner

Greeters: Nancy Penepacker and Gabriel Clark

Lay Reader: Erica Hargenrader

Money Counters: Joe Kanagy and Randy Harshbarger

Sound System: Jay Byler

Altar Care ~ Joy Byler

Altar Flower Delivery ~ Carolyn Conner and Jane Fultz

Bulletin Delivery ~ Nancy Penepacker




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St. John's Lutheran Church

July



2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:30am Worship					1	2
3 Holy Communion	4  Office and DC Closed	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 No Council Meeting until September	15	16
17 Holy Communion Guest speaker Pastor Randy Traxler	18 6:30pm Property Committee Meeting	19	20	21	22	23
Pastor Ela away July 17 thru August 7						
24 Guest speaker Pr. Brian Palmer from Liberia	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Guest speaker Pr Randy Traxler					 Enjoy summer... worship wherever you are!	

St. John's Lutheran Church

August

2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:30am Worship	1	2	3	4	5	6
Pastor Ela away thru August 7						
7 Holy Communion Guest speaker Rev. Richard Nyakaana from Uganda	8	9 Daycare Yard Sale Noon to 7pm	10 Daycare Yard Sale 8am to Noon	11 No Council Meeting until September	12	13
14 	15 6:30pm Property Committee Meeting	16	17	18	19	20
21 Holy Communion	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Looking Ahead Monday, September 5 ~ Labor Day Daycare and Office Closed Thursday, September 22 ~ Autumn Begins		

St. John's Lutheran Church
Minutes of the May 11, 2022 meeting

Mission Statement: We, the members of the St. John's congregation, promise to share the good news of Jesus Christ and love one another through worship and service in our homes, church, community and the world.

Vision Statement: To be welcoming people who encourage God's love in our community through our prayers, devotion, benevolence, and deeds.

The monthly meeting of St. John's Lutheran Church council was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the blue room.

Present: Pastor Ela Robertson, President Carol Fultz, Ed Bilich, Joy Byler, and Deb French. Nancy Penepacker and Jami Zook were excused.

The meeting was called to order by Carol Fultz.

Devotions: Carol Fultz led devotions since Nancy Penepacker was absent. The devotion schedule for 2022 is:

June – Joy Byler
July & August – no meetings
September – Joy Byler
October – Deb French
November – Jami Zook
December – Carol Fultz

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the April 6, 2022 meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Ed Bilich and seconded by Deb French. Motion carried.

Financial Reports:

The financial reports were presented by Ed Bilich.

St. John's – A motion to accept the church financial report was made by Deb French and seconded by Joy Byler. Motion carried.

St. John's Daycare – A motion to accept the daycare financial report was made by Deb French and seconded by Joy Byler. Motion carried.

Pastor's report:

Upcoming dates:

Sunday, May 22

Thursday, May 26 – Ascension Day

Sunday, May 29 – Memorial Day Sunday service at St. John's....with refreshments

before and after worship. Firefighters, law enforcement and EMS will also be recognized.

Sharon Wyland will be contacted to see if she would be available to sing. The loose offering will go to the VFW Post 5935.

Sunday, June 5 – Pentecost Sunday – Mother/Father/family brunch following worship in the fellowship hall.

Sunday, June 12 – Honoring graduates and teachers (including daycare teachers)

Sunday, June 19 – Father's Day

Worship Outreach – Valley View communion is offered regularly. Pastor Ela is working on a project with Annie Harshbarger for the daycare.

Pastoral Care – Re-evaluating congregational needs and ways to serve. No recent funerals. Helping families in coping with tragedies and medical concerns.

Meetings – Synod Assembly needs a representative to attend at Susquehanna University on June 17-18. Contact Pastor Ela if interested.

Self-care, vacation and Time off: It is getting very difficult to find pulpit supply for the Pastor's time off. Pastor Ela will be off from July 17 – August 3.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery - Nancy Penepacker – nothing to report

Long Range - Ed Bilich – nothing to report

Property – Ed Bilich – Working on getting drains cleaned out downstairs. Ready to install fiber to the internet. Ed received an estimate from Glick Electric for the installation of two new electrical panels, one outside of the church office and one in the furnace room. The estimate is \$3,267. A motion to accept the estimate from Glick Electric was made by Joy Byler and seconded by Deb French. Motion carried.

Music & Worship – Jami Zook – There was a special offering taken on Easter Sunday for the fire victims in Lewistown. A total of \$740 will be sent to the victims.

Social Ministry – Carol Fultz – There will be a Mother/Father/family brunch following worship on Sunday, June 5th. All members are invited. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for people willing to bring casseroles. There will be a float in the parade again this year.

Day Care – Deb French – Two new benches have arrived and need to be assembled. New air conditioners are needed for the daycare. This will be looked in to. The 2023 day care closing dates are as follows: January 2, April 7, May 29, July 4, September 4, November 23&24, December 25, January 1, 2024. There will also be a date to be announced early to mid-spring for Staff Professional Development Day. A motion to approve these dates was made by Ed Bilich and seconded by Deb French. Motion carried.

Finance – Joy Byler – nothing to report

Safety – Carol Fultz – nothing to report

Staff Support – Carol Fultz – nothing to report

Christian Ed – Nancy Penepacker – nothing to report

Old Business:

Listening Team: Pastor Ela will be contacted to go over the recommendations the listening team came up with, then the Bishop will make the council aware of the next step.

Jami and Carol made up the duties list through the end of the year.

New Business:

Communion will return to kneeling at the benches and using bread. It was decided to pre-fill the communion cups as we have been doing and the communion helper wear gloves and hand one to each member communing.

Snedeker's have been charging a fee of \$150 annually to check our propane tanks. It was decided to continue to let them do that.

Carol will ask Kelly to look into a copyright license, since we do copy hymns to print them in the bulletin occasionally.

Gabriel Clark (Erica Hargenrader's son) and Kaden Peachey (Joy's grandson) will be attending Camp Mount Luther in July. A motion to pay for their tuition in full was made by Ed Bilich and seconded by Deb French. Motion carried.

Global Mission – The synod needs to know if Joe Kanagy will be going to Liberia, as they have monies aside for this. If he chooses not to, they need to know where we would like to direct these funds.

Information for the June newsletter is needed no later than Tuesday, May 24th.

With there being no further discussion, the meeting was properly adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Byler, Secretary