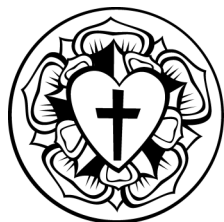


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St. John's Lutheran Church, Belleville, Pennsylvania

SUMMER 2023



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.*

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September through May

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Introducing Stina Schaeffer - new Synod Staff member (from the Synod website)

Rev. Stina Schaeffer, Assistant to the Bishop for Mobility and Transition

Pastor Stina Schaeffer is excited to serve as the new Assistant to the Bishop for Mobility and Transition. She will work with congregations and pastors, meeting with councils, call committees and rostered leaders to see what exciting new opportunities God has in store for us!

Since 2017, Stina has served alongside the wonderful folks at Salem, Selingsgrove as their pastor. She is a 2010 graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and a 2004 graduate of Susquehanna University with a M.A. in music-voice. Prior to serving at Salem, she served calls in Highland Lake, NY, and Huntingdon Valley, PA.

In addition to Salem and the synod, Stina serves as co-chair of the leadership support team, a summer camp chaplain at Camp Mt Luther and secretary of the Selingsgrove ministerium. She lives in Selingsgrove with her husband, Gary (Milton Lutheran Church, Milton), children Gabriel (15) and Ellie (12), and their English Springer Spaniel, Remi. In her spare time, Stina enjoys crafting, sewing stoles and reading. Together as a family, the Schaeffer's love to camp, cook and try new foods together!

Stina's church, Salem Lutheran Church in Selingsgrove, suffered a major fire on April 3. Yet Stina met with the St. Johns call committee and Council on June 14 to work with them to update the Ministry Site Profile. Part of this will include a report on the involvement with the Synod Listening and Discernment team and their recommendations. Council decided at our June 14 meeting to include the Listening Team Recommendation again in our newsletter with a report on progress being made forward so that all in the congregation can be informed and involved.

Stina Schaeffer
Synod Representative for Mobility and Transition



Review of Listening team recommendations & Possible actions for steps forward

Italics are quotes directly from Synod recommendations

HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS Training Events

Recommendation: *“Wide participation in Healthy Congregation training events or Lombard Mennonite trainings (emphasis on family systems in church leadership and congregations)”*

Specifics *“Both of these will teach skills for healthy communication, how to address anxiety in the congregation and how to address negative behaviors.”*

Actions - Synod

People and process forward

A zoom Lombard training “Facilitating Healthy Pastor-Congregation Relations” was attended by Pastor and four council members in March

A council retreat offered by the Synod Discernment team as two one hour sessions was attended by Pastor and some Council members and particularly addressed open honest communication.

Key points - The Synod may be able to tailor trainings on this topic to our needs

Time line

Training opportunities are open to all in the congregation at any time

DAY CARE and OFFICE

Recommendation: *“Intentionality in defining the relationship of the congregation with the Day Care, and the church secretary to the congregation”:*

Specifics

- #1 - *“To provide job descriptions and explanation of the mission of the Day Care,*
- #2 - *to create policies to define that relationship, as well as the duties of the Church Secretary in regard to the Day Care,*
- #3 - *and to define the duties of the Church Secretary in relation to her role with the congregation.*
- #4 - *And then to make sure the policies and job descriptions are communicated to the congregation and Daycare personnel and families.”*

Actions, People responsible and progress forward

Michelle will gather materials to address #1 above and communicate it to the congregations. Carol, and Jami will meet with Kelly to review and clarify job description including specifics of responsibilities with Day Care, Congregation, and as sexton, and approximate time and schedule for each.

Time line

People hope to be working on this summer and have a report to the council and congregation this fall.

MUTUAL MINISTRY

Recommendation: *“Creation of a Mutual Ministry committee that is trained in the true functioning of such a committee of the church”*

Specifics: “information at www.uss-elca.org under **support** drop down to **reconciliation**. “

Members of Synod support team will work with Mutual ministry team. Important to recognize this is primarily a confidential support team and liaison for both pastor and congregation. It is not just for conflict management. If the committee needs to address a difficult issue the Synod team will be there to work with them.

Actions, people and progress forward

Action 1: Find one more member for the team - this could be YOU!

This is important work in setting the climate for unity and working together in the work Christ calls us to as the church.

Nancy Penepacker and Brenda Boring are the current members of the team, Erica due to changes in her work schedule and assignments had to resign.

Information on Mutual ministry has been distributed to congregation, participation invited, one meeting held, Synod representatives who will support the committee have been established. They are Jim Bricker and Christina.

Time line - identify additional members as soon as possible. Synod team ready to go

Covenant of Commitment

Recommendation: *“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.”*

Specifics

“This would include how members relate to and communicate with one another, how the congregation addresses and responds to issues raised and how congregation is committed to answering God’s call to mission.”

Actions

Review Our Congregational constitution and identify guidance there that is perhaps not being followed and that we may simply need to pay more attention to.

Own your opinions openly i.e. - avoid anonymous petitions etc.

Identify the ‘we’ or ‘they’ , emphasize I versus ‘you’ or accusative language

People and progress forward

Council: A thorough review and revisions of constitution has been done in the last year and a half.

Climate is improving in several areas

Time line - Retreat leaders Jim and Christina suggested this ‘Covenant’ is contingent on progress in other recommendations above. Good to draft this soon and have in place for future ministry.

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

How have you experienced or not experienced progress with these Recommendations in the climate of the church?

In what ways could you contribute to moving this forward in a positive way?



At the request of Valley View residents from both churches, Communion was offered at Valley View on Monday evening June 19. This was a traditional bi-annual practice before Covid but it was the first time since then we could open it up to Terrace, Village and Haven residents. Pastor Ela sent out posters and invitations and to our surprise - 45 people were there! Thank you to Bill who at the last minute had to set up a sound system so all could hear! It was a beautiful gathering and service thanks to volunteers and Lisa Griffith's and Chris Wilhelm's music.

Lisa sang 'His Eye is on the Sparrow' tied to the scripture reading from Matthew 10: "*Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? ...do not be afraid you are of more value than many sparrows.*" She will be singing this again for our services on July 25. Chris, who attended St. John's as a child and is now the organist/pianist at the Lutheran

Churches in Reedsville and Yeagertown, offered music before and throughout the service and enjoyed seeing and talking with old friends.

During prayers of intercession on this Juneteenth holiday, residents shared their prayers for unity, peace, and safety. A time of fellowship followed the service. Thank you to Brenda Boring who brought punch and cookies for 10 and had to return home to "multiply the loaves" four fold! There was fortunately just exactly enough communion 'wine' to go around.

Our providing God, Savior and Holy Spirit was with us! This was a meaningful and heartfelt gathering at the Lord's Table for all. We hope to re-establish this quarterly or bi-annual tradition. - Pastor Ela Robertson



2023 SYNOD ASSEMBLY *Baptized into Christ: United, Supporting, Serving.*

Joe Kanagy, our congregational representative to the 2023 Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly, gave a report on the conference during Sunday service June 18.

The sound and vision of a beautiful continuously pouring bronzed bowled fountain kept the baptismal theme in our consciousness throughout the conference. The final worship and communion left us with a wonderful sense of joy and purpose. It was truly 'high church'. Bishop Miller with his over 6-foot stature plus his bishops hat - literally had to humble himself and bow down to just get through the door to the chapel!

Joe reported on the workshops he attended, the pastors he had the opportunity to talk with, and his experience in Bible studies and worship. Both Pastor Ela and Joe were inspired and enlightened -and enjoyed the good food! - and encourage all to take advantage of attending Assembly in the coming years. Pastor Ela will be weaving in aspects of what was shared and learned into her messages throughout the summer. Talk to Joe or Pastor if you would like to hear more about the conference.



Synod Assembly continued...

Joe Kanagy at synod assembly



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St. John's Congregational Council

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Ed Bilich ~ Treasurer	end of 2024
Jim Buchanan	end of 2025
Carol Fultz ~ President	end of 2023
Michele Harshbarger ~ Vice Pres.	end of 2025
Joe Kanagy	end of 2025
Nancy Penepacker ~ Secretary	end of 2024

St. John's Financial Report

Checking account balance 5/31/2023
\$ 56,754.95

January 1 through May 31, 2023

Income \$ 121,834.23* Expense \$ 74,339.39
Net Income \$ 47,494.84*

*(\$50,000.00 bequest from the Ev Young Estate is included in the income figure and was transferred to the Vanguard Wellington account in June.

Daycare Financial Report

Checking account balance 5/31/2023
\$ 32,596.99

January 1 through May 31, 2023

Income \$ 147,928.51 Expense \$ 150,661.12
Net Income \$ -2,732.61

*The daycare has a 3-pay month in June which will reflect a higher minus net income figure. It will eventually decrease, especially with the upcoming tuition increase the beginning of September.

Call Committee Update ~ The committee recently met with council and synod representative, Stina Schaeffer to discuss/review the ministry site profile. Council approved the document which has been sent to Stina to review and post online. The committee will meet as potential candidates become available.

Members are ~ Jim Buchanan, Joy Byler, Deb French, Carol Fultz, Joe Kanagy and Sue Lynch. They will be installed during the July 9 worship service.

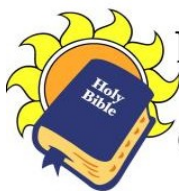
Council met on Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30pm. There are no meetings scheduled for July/August, unless necessary. They will resume again on Thursday, September 14.

If you have concerns, please contact any council member, those persons currently serving are listed above.

During July and August the pastor will be away at times, 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 bulletins.

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.



**Be faithful
to your
church**

**Enjoy the summer, worship where
you are, and remember to tithe.
The church does not take a vacation.**

Committee Reports

Daycare

Another school year has come to an end, and our graduation was held on Wednesday, May 31st, with 10 of the preschool children heading off to kindergarten in the fall. Some have been with us since they were infants. How quickly the years go by!!

The annual yard sale is being held Tuesday, August 1 from noon-7pm and Wednesday, August 2 from 8am to noon. Anything in clean usable condition, including furniture is needed. 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!

The Daycare board is asking anyone interested, to help provide healthy snacks for the children. With the cost of food continuing to increase, donations of the following items are always needed and welcomed ~

Bananas, grapes, apples, oranges (clementines), strawberries, blueberries, individual serving cups of peaches or pears whole milk, fruit juice, peanut butter, Nutella, Cheez-its, Ritz, Graham and other types of crackers, Go-gurt or other yogurt cups/tubes, pretzels, cheese balls/puffs, veggie straws, rice krispie treats and cereal bars. If you are really inspired, cookies, bar cookies or other homemade treats are always enjoyed.

Donations can be dropped off at the church office, taken to the basement kitchen or placed under the coat rack by the restrooms.



Christian Ed

The adult Sunday school class which meets in the blue room is taking a break during the summer months, and will resume again in September.

Please consider joining in the conversation and as they meet to study God's Word.

Knotters

The ladies are taking a well-deserved break over the summer, and will resume meeting again on Thursday, September 7. They can always use sheets in good, clean, useable condition. No stains, tears or holes. Sizes ~ full, queen and king. If you have any to donate, please place them in the blue room.

Social Ministry

The committee would like to thank everyone who helped/participated in the Memorial Day parade. Their float, which won third 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 4th. Approximately 35 people enjoyed this time of fellowship.

The committee is not planning to meet until fall, and will discuss a possible Thanksgiving meal, Christmas project and other ideas from members.



In Our Church and Community

Meals on Wheels

Due to a communication issue, we discovered St. John's had Meals on Wheel two weeks earlier than what was on the schedule. It was last minute, but we were able to continue providing meals to those who benefit from this mission. "Thank you" to everyone who helped in any way to make it possible.

During this time, an individual heard about our predicament and showed up at the community hall ready and willing to help with the food. The cook had her meal almost prepared, so one our drivers invited him to ride along. The gentleman did not wish to leave his wife who is dealing with health issues, alone for an extended period, so she accompanied them, and the three set out to make deliveries. It ended up blessing everyone, including the people they delivered to. This couple who also receives meals, were so thankful and enjoyed the opportunity to help others, that they requested to ride along again that following Thursday, and are looking forward to helping with deliveries when St. John's turn comes around again this fall.

God calls us to serve, and *He will provide a way* even we if feel we are not up to the task, or circumstances tell us we cannot...if we are willing. In this case it was done through another person. Our driver made it possible for this couple who in the midst of there own problems, found a way to give back. While serving God may require use of out talents, money and time, sometimes all it takes is to give someone a smile, a hug, a visit, a phone call or taking a moment to pray for them. In this instance it was something as mundane as riding along to deliver meals.

Several churches, much larger than ours have dropped out due to a lack of volunteers. While we are blessed to have regular cooks and drivers, there is a need for substitute drivers and persons willing to help provide desserts or other food donations. ***Please prayerfully*** consider volunteering in one of these ways. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact the church office or Sue Lynch (935-2013).

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:35-40 NIV

The Big Valley Thrift and Gift Store is in need of volunteers. You can serve as little as once a month or as often as you like.

If you have any questions about what is required, contact the store at 717-935-5233 or stop in.

Camp Mt. Luther ~ The church will once again be paying camp fees for any children who would like to attend this summer. Program and registration information can be found at www.campmountluther.org. Please contact the pastor or church office if interested in attending.



It is hard to believe, but Reba Harmon will be turning 90 on Monday, July 17. Brings to mind the phrase, "time stands still for no man", or woman in this case.

Let's help her celebrate this milestone with cards and well-wishes. They can be mailed to 12 Poe Street, Belleville.





BMS is accepting applications for the following positions:

Physical Education Teacher: This energetic individual will oversee elementary and secondary level gym class instruction as well as secondary health instruction. Applicants must have a strong Christian foundation, be able to create age-appropriate, engaging activities, and be able to differentiate instruction to meet student needs in the area of physical fitness and health. Teaching certification and prior related teaching experience is preferred.

Learning Support Teacher: This position will support secondary level student learning needs and occasionally some elementary level needs. This individual must possess skills rooted in addressing diverse learning needs, differentiating instruction, collaborating with teachers, communicating with parents, being flexible, adapting instruction, making accommodations, and developing service plans. An understanding of the importance of confidentiality and sensitivity inherent in this type of position is expected. This teacher will work in conjunction with our in-house TIU Act 89 support teachers as a team. Teaching certification is highly desired with an emphasis in special education, and prior learning support experience is preferred.

High School Science Teacher: Applicants must have a strong Christian foundation, communication skills, solid teaching ability, eagerness to differentiate instruction to meet diverse learning needs, and a willingness to team and collaborate with fellow colleagues. Secondary science teaching certification is desired. Specialization in the Sciences and prior teaching experience is required.

High School English Teacher: Applicants must possess strong skills in language arts instruction, writing and speaking, grammar, and be well versed in literature familiarity. Teaching certification is highly desired with a focus in secondary English. Prior related teaching experience is preferred.

Middle School Teacher: This position will include teaching various levels of middle school math and science and likely be part-time. There may be additional teaching, support, and coverage opportunities as needs are determined across the school which may bring this position closer to full-time. There will be discussion on this moving forward. Applicants must possess strong communication and collaboration skills and be able to differentiate learning to meet diverse student needs. This person should have a firm understanding of middle school level mathematics and science. Teaching certification is highly desired, and former teaching experience is highly preferred.

Kindergarten Assistant Teacher: This individual will be working alongside our head Kindergarten teacher and must possess strong communication and collaboration skills necessary for a successful and seamless co-teaching/team-teaching structure. This person must work well with younger students and be able to be flexible in helping young ones adjust to school routines and expectations in a nurturing way. This teacher will follow the lead of the head teacher and be able to lead portions of the class and occasionally the whole class. Teaching certification is highly desired, and former elementary and/or early childhood teaching experience is highly preferred.

Pre-K Counts Assistant Teacher: This individual will be working half days alongside our head Pre-K Counts teacher, assisting classroom needs and helping to facilitate instruction. Applicants must meet one of the following criteria: (1) Completion of at least 2 years of full-time postsecondary study or the equivalent. (2) Possession of an associate's degree or higher. (3) Ability to meet a rigorous standard of quality and demonstration of knowledge through a formal state or local academic assessment or possession by the teacher aide of a Child Development Associate's (CDA) certificate.

Applications are available online at www.bmsprek12.org or at the school office (717-935-2184).

Clearances will be required upon hiring.



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2023 BUILD in STRODES MILLS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MIFFLIN COUNTY

We are reaching out to the churches in our community to provide assistance in the 2023 Build. We appreciate your past assistance whether it was financial, labor, meals, prayer, or a combination of each. The community is needed to come together to partner with Habitat for Humanity of Mifflin County in a common goal to provide a hand up by building a decent, affordable home for a local, deserving family. We have the family and are seeking the community.

To complete this build, we will need volunteers as well as financial support. We always have a great need for workers for various on-site jobs to keep the process on schedule. Volunteers can be skilled, semi-skilled or just willing to give a helping hand as laborers for clean-up, moving items and much more. The crew is at the site Monday through Friday from 8- about 4. Saturdays are the best for groups to come. There are many opportunities for offsite jobs such as obtaining or providing meals or helping with fundraisers.

Construction has started and the hope is to complete it before September.

The enclosed building schedule provides a rough idea of when certain things are to be done. You can share with members of your congregation to give you an idea of the variety of volunteers needed throughout the building process. We ask each congregation to select dates to actively participate in the 2023 construction. We'll work diligently to reserve the date you have requested and it may take some compromising to "nail down" (no pun intended!) a schedule. Even though all skill levels are needed, any congregation member with special construction skills is asked to speak up as soon as possible.

Our goal is to serve God by serving others and by the fellowship of working together.

Please "line up and sign up".

Yours truly,
Cathy Rhymer
Development and Marketing
Volunteer Coordinator

HFHMC 2023 BUILDING SCHEDULE

55 REDWOOD
DRIVE LEWISTOWN

STRODES MILLS

HFH MIFFLIN COUNTY

START DATE IS APRIL 8TH
PROJECTED FINISH DATE IS SEPTEMBER 2023
CONTACT JEFF BELL AT 717-348-5161 OR MIKE SPAHR AT 717-242-2027

PROJECT PHASE	STARTING	ENDING	DETAILS
LOT PREPARATION	COMPLETE	COMPLETE	PA 1 CALL, SET BATTENS, MARK SET BACKS, MARK UNDER GROUND UTILITIES, MEET WITH EXCAVATORS
FOUNDATION	COMPLETE	COMPLETE	SET FOUNDATION, ROUGH-IN PLUMBING, CONCRETE BASEMENT FLOOR, CONSTRUCT 1 ST FLOOR DECK
FRAME - A LOT OF THIS IS COMPLETE BUT MUCH REMAINING	MAY 18	JUNE 15	CONSTRUCT FRAME, INSTALL ROOF, EXTERIOR WALLS, PLACE WINDOWS, WRAP HOUSE, SIDING, CONCRETE PORCH AND PATIOS, DECK
UTILITY ROUGH-IN	MAY 22	JUNE 30	ROUGH-IN PLUMBING & ELECTRIC, HEATING, HARDWOOD FLOORS
FINISH INTERIOR WALLS	JULY 1	JULY 30	INSTALL DRYWALL, FINISH STEPS, INSTALL TRIM ON WINDOWS, FINISH CLOSETS
INTERIOR FINISHING	AUG 1	AUG 15	INSTALL KITCHEN CABNETS, HANG INTERIOR DOORS AND TRIM, FINISH BATH PLUMBING, FINISH ELECTRICAL
FINISH INTERIOR	AUG 16	AUG 30	FINE TUNE PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL, INSTALL CARPET AND FINISH HARDWOOD FLOORS
COMPLETE OUTSIDE	AUG 15	AUG 30	INSTALL SIDEWALKS, SEED YARD, GRAVEL PARKING LOT, CALL FOR INSPECTION

JULY SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 2

Elevator: Randy Harshbarger

Greeters: Bob and Susan Keller

Lay Reader: John Chester

Money Counters: John and Denise Chester

Sound System: Ed Bilich

July 9

Elevator: Joe Kanagy

Greeters: Erica Hargenrader and Nancy Penepacker

Lay Reader: Erica Hargenrader

Money Counters: Sue Lynch and Carol Fultz

Sound System: Joe Kanagy

July 16

Elevator: Randy Harshbarger

Greeters: **VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED**

Lay Reader: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Money Counters: Jay and Joy Byler

Sound System: Jay Byler

July 23

Elevator: Joe Kanagy

Greeter: Joe Kanagy

Lay Reader: Joe Kanagy

Money Counters: Joe Kanagy and Randy Harshbarger

Sound System: Jay Byler

July 30

Elevator: Randy Harshbarger

Greeter: Jami Zook

Lay Reader: Jami Zook

Money Counters: Mike Boring and Jami Zook

Sound System: Ed Bilich

Altar Care ~ Carol Fultz

Altar Flower Delivery ~ Carol Fultz

Bulletin Delivery ~ Randy Harshbarger

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 6

Elevator: Joe Kanagy

Greeter: Chelsea Reed

Lay Reader: Chelsea Reed

Money Counters: John and Denise Chester

Sound System: Ed Bilich

August 13

Elevator: Randy Harshbarger

Greeters: Don and Rosalie Smith

Lay Reader: Jim Buchanan

Money Counters: Sue Lynch and Carol Fultz

Sound System: Joe Kanagy

August 20

Elevator: Joe Kanagy

Greeters: Jim and Georgianna Buchanan

Lay Reader: Jim Buchanan

Money Counters: Jay and Joy Byler

Sound System: Jay Byler

August 27

Elevator: Randy Harshbarger

Greeter: Ed Bilich

Lay Reader: Ed Bilich

Money Counters: Joe Kanagy and Randy Harshbarger

Sound System: Jay Byler

Altar Care ~ Susan Keller

Altar Flower Delivery ~ Deb French

Bulletin Delivery ~ Randy Harshbarger

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St. John's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

April 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Fultz. Joe Kanagy led devotions.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with corrections. Ed Bilich made a motion to accept the minutes and Michele Harshbarger seconded it, motion carried.

Ed Bilich presented St. John's Financial report. A motion was made by Joe Kanagy to accept and seconded by Michele Harshbarger. Motion carried. Ed then presented St. John's day care Financial report. A motion to accept was made by Michele and seconded by Joe. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Cemetery - nothing

Day Care - 2 new hires, snack donations would be appreciated.

Long Range - nothing

Mutual Ministry - nothing

Safety - nothing

Missions - Ed Bilich made a motion to take the \$1000 In Faith Grant and give it to missions. Joe Kanagy seconded it, motion carried.

Christian Ed and Youth - nothing

Finance - nothing

Music/Worship - Pastor Ela asked if we could give the trombonist an extra \$25.00 since he played on a holiday. We all agreed.

Property - a loose wire in the furnace was fixed

Social Ministry - Michele brought up having something between Mother's Day and Father's Day. A brunch on June 4th was decided on.

Web Site - Nothing

Call Committee - they have not met yet because of some complications with Synod and members of the committee.

Pastor's Report - discussion was held about certain wording about Pastor Ela's contract

Holy Week services went well. We need a representative for the Synod Assembly on June 16 and 17. Pastor Ela will be taking off the end of June and mid July. She asked if anyone would be willing to lead services.

New Business -

Discussion was held about giving the Ambulance Club a donation to be put towards their new ambulance. An amount of \$250.00 was decided upon. This is in addition to the \$180.00 membership.

The worship service cd's have only 1 copy mdd. If anyone wants a copy they need to contact a sound system person.

Someone will be designated to be responsible for making sure lights are turned off after special services.

Discussion was held about having a Float in the Memorial Day Parade.

A motion to adjourn was made by Michele Harshbarger and seconded by Joe Kanagy motion carried.

meeting was adjourned with prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Penepacker

Secretary

St. John's Lutheran Church Council Meeting
May 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Michele Harshbarger. Jim Buchanan led the devotions.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Ed Bilich made a motion to accept and Joe Kanagy seconded it. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report - Communion will be held on Pentecost. There will be a brunch after services on June 4. Joe Kanagy has agreed to be our representative at Synod Assembly. Pastor Ela is going to request more detailed wording in her contract concerning termination from Synod. The Gideons will be here to speak on July 2.

Financial Reports - Ed Bilich presented St. John's financial report. A motion to accept was made by Jim Buchanan and seconded by Joe Kanagy. Motion carried. Ed then presented St. John's Day Care Financial Report. A motion to accept was made by Nancy Penepacker and seconded by Joe Kanagy motion carried. Ed made a motion to take \$5,000 from the Thrivent account and put it in current checking, Jim seconded it. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Cemetery - nothing

Day Care - Ed suggested that the Day Care have dedicated circuits installed, that run to each air conditioner.

Long Range - nothing

Mutual Ministry - nothing

Safety - nothing

Missions - Nancy made a motion to donate \$500 to the Lumina Center, Joe seconded and the motion carried

Christian Ed and Youth - a program for children after ball is over was discussed.

Finance - Nothing

music/Worship - none

Property - mini splits have been installed

Social Ministry - nothing

Website - nothing

Old Business - Call Committee has finished the Site Profile. The Float for the Memorial Day Parade was discussed.

New Business - The Mutual Ministry Committee was discussed.

A motion was made to adjourn by Ed Bilich and seconded by Michele Harshbarger. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy L. Penepacker

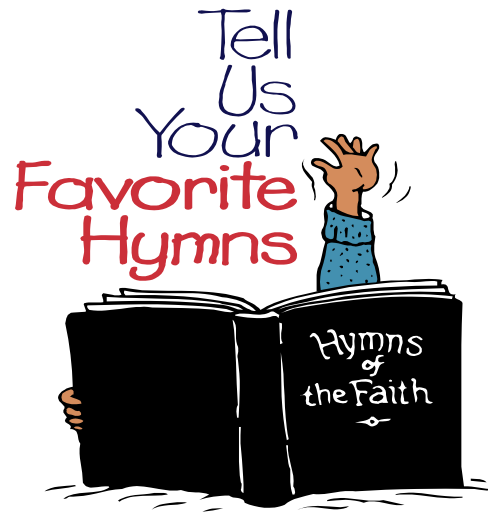
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Title or first line of hymn ~

A list of hymns will be compiled and included in our worship services during the summer. Please place in the offering plate or drop off at the church office.

St. John's Lutheran Church

July




2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Pastor on vacation through July 4 Al Imler speaker from the Gideon's	3	4  <i>Happy 4th of July</i> DC and Office Closed	5	6	7	1 8
9 Holy Communion Call Committee installation	10	11	12	13 No Council meetings until September	14	15 
16 Pastor away Speaker Richard Nyakaana from Uganda	17 6:30pm Property Committee	18 	19	20	21	22
23 Holy Communion	24	25	26 Yard sale set-up in fellowship hall begins	27	28	29
30	31					9:30am Worship Sunday school resumes in September

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August

2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>9:30am Worship Sunday school resumes in September</p>		<p>1 Daycare Yard Sale Noon to 7pm</p>	<p>2 Daycare Yard Sale 8am to Noon</p>	3	4	5
						
6 Holy Communion	7	8	9	10 No Council Meetings Until September	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
						
20 Holy Communion	21 6:30pm Property Committee	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 School Begins 	31 Looking Ahead Monday, September 4 ~ Labor Day Daycare and Office Closed Thursday, September 7 ~ Knotting resumes Thursday, September 14 ~ Council Mtg		