

Connections

April 2018

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We, the people of St. John's Lutheran Church, welcome everyone regardless of gender expression, sexual orientation, race, ability, languages spoken, ethnicity or economic status.

We value each person's uniqueness and diversity.



He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

We have celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day. And now we live in the promise of new life that his resurrection brings. Like the Spring around us, we look for new life and new hope every day.

Here at St. John's we are also looking for the new life that the Calling of a new pastor always brings. The profile is done. The Synod is considering and vetting candidates for us to interview. Soon the Call Committee can begin the next phase of their work and start to interview. Let us continue to pray for them as they carry out this next part of their task and choose a new pastor to recommend to us.

We pray that God will continue to bless us in our work of caring for each other, and caring for the world around us, as He has done for many years.

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Emergency Fund Director: Hasan Mohr Custodian: Now Hiring

Worship with Holy Communion is at 9:30 a.m.

Brunch follows the service at 10:45 a.m.

Youth Forum, Confirmation, and Adult Forum at 10:45 a.m. (fall thru spring)

Women's Bible Study

March Council Minutes

The Women's Bible Study is the first Thursday of the month at the Prairie Rose Café at Oakwood East

ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – COUNCIL MEETING – 20 MARCH 2018

Attendance: Dick Severson (chair), Alice Gould (treasurer), Teresa Wagner (secretary), Teena Wagner, Jim Johnson, Victor Forberger, Elsa Forberger, Carole Buchsteiner, and Pastor Rich Collier, and Doug Peterson

Devotions: Pastor Rich

Reminders

Minutes from the February Meeting: Approved

Financial Summary through February 2018

-----The third Sunday of each month we collect food items for area food pantries.

Total YTD Actual income: \$89,249

Budgeted YTD: \$48,433

2017 YTD: \$44,364

-----The third Sunday of each month we provide the evening meal for the homeless men's shelter at 7pm

Total YTD Actual Expenses: \$58,750

Budgeted YTD: \$65,807

2017 YTD \$61,912

-----Articles for the next month *Connections* are due by noon on the third Friday of the current month.

Offerings through February total \$84,841 compared to \$37,771 for the same period in 2017 and a budget of \$43,767. Envelope offerings include one donation of \$50,000- (without this donation, we would be about \$5,000 behind 2017 giving). Last year we received a similar donation gift in April.

Most expense categories are under budget. A few items to note: Telephone expenses are reduced by the annual payment of \$300 from Porch Light for Internet access. Insurance expenses this month include our semi-annual Multi-Peril premium. A defibrillator has been purchased and installed in the gathering space near the kitchen. Funding for this equipment was provided by a grant from St. John's Foundation.

Memorials

In Memory of Ron Caucutt

Winnie and Dick Severson
Adam and Laura Nielson
Treyton Caucutt
Aeson Caucutt
Delta Kappa Gamma

Our water usage still has days of excess usage. Victor is being notified by the utility of excess usage and is alerting people in the building to look for issues. The problem is still under investigation.

The balance in the building fund at the end of February is \$35,821. At the direction of the council, this money will be available to the Building Maintenance Committee for building repairs. The balance in the Community Ministry Fund is \$18,253. This amount will be transferred from the Checking account to the MIF – Reserve Savings account at the end of March where it will earn interest. This action will leave us with about \$73,000 to restart the Community Ministry Project in the future.

Reports and Updates,

Call: The call committee met on March 20th to go over interview questions.

Outreach Committee: Nothing to report

Personnel: Victor is getting feedback from employees about what they like and dislike or what general insights they might have with the current personnel policy. The next step is to setup a meeting with the personnel committee to review the feedback and make actual

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changes to the personnel policy. Once the policy is revised, the council will need to review those revisions and decide to pass, reject, or alter them. For our missing custodian, Pastor Rich will put out an ad for our custodian position. Possibilities include the Isthmus and DWD's Job Center of Wisconsin website.

Finance: Nothing to Report

Worship planning: The Easter giving message and envelopes will be sent out on Thursday. White paraments will be on alter on Easter day and formally dedicated on April 22. We may be ordering new, glass communion cups.

Building Maintenance: A defibrillator (AED) was installed by the kitchen in the gathering space, and there will be an adult forum after Easter about how to use the AED. We had someone inspect our stain glass windows. This inspection revealed that the stain glass windows in the sanctuary are generally in good shape. The outside window covering and wood frames, however, needs some repair and painting work. Moreover, one stain glass window in the store room in the back corner of the sanctuary is failing. The cost to rebuild that window is between \$9,000 to \$10,000. Options of replacing the stained glass with regular window glass or covered glass of some kind are possible as well. Dick Severson will explore options and estimates.

Senior Care Team: Nothing to report.

Pastoral reflection: Oakwood has its annual meeting on Thursday May 17th at the University Woods campus. Our representatives are Tom and Carol Rivers. Elections are coming up for a New bishop. The first ballot has no names and everyone will be a write-in. Ten individuals have already expressed interest in being added to the first ballot. Victor and Barb will vote for our congregation. Pastor Rich needs to arrange a supply pastor for May 6th, as he also will be attending the synod assembly..

New and outstanding business:

Website: Green table is going to refresh our website and logo to be more digitally friendly

Lutheran Social Services

Off the square club and LIRS (Lutheran Immigrant Refugee Services) are asking us for a rent reduction. For LIRS, a rent reduction is needed because national problems with refugee resettlement have led to sharp decline in the number of refugees being allowed into the United States. Off the Square Club needs a reduction in rent because funding sources have declined or been eliminated under a housing first initiative at the same time that the need safe spaces for the mentally ill has led to a doubling in the number of daily visitors. At present, LIRS is paying \$469 a month for rent, while Off the Square Club pays \$1,665 a month.

Prayer and Adjournment (next meeting on April 17th)

LIFE TOGETHER—News and Events

-----**St John's is in need of more ushers and women are welcome to join.** At this time we are short 5 people. If we fill these 5 spots it will give us 2 people per team, which is enough most of the time. Most teams usher once a month for just 1 hour and half. Ushering is fun, it is nice to talk to people when they come in. Please see **Jim Johnson**, if this something you would like to do.

-----**The Synod Assembly** is coming up the first weekend in May. The important business at this year's Assembly will be the election of a new Bishop for our Synod.

<https://scswbishopelection.org/> For those interested there will be a gathering on this Sunday, April 15 at Holy Wisdom Monastery, 4200 Hwy M, Middleton. The candidates will be making short presentations and answering questions. Everyone is welcome at this event.

-----**Our youth will be attending a service at Temple Beth El** on Friday of next week, They will be watching a video this Sunday to help them prepare for their visit.

Shalom Aleichem!

-----**Next week the Church Council will meet.** They will be making a decision on the rental contracts with Off the Square and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. Please share your thoughts with a Council member this week.

-----**Construction began on N. Hancock St.** on April 2nd to install new water mains, sanitary and storm sewers, sidewalk, curb and street paving and will continue through July 1st. N. Hancock will be closed to through traffic Monday through Saturday from 7am to 7pm and Sunday from 10am to 9pm. On-street parking will be allowed only when the contractors are not working. Access to driveways may be interrupted during this time, but we will receive at least, 48 hours notice of the interruption. and we will do our best to keep you informed of the times that access to our lot on N. Hancock will be prohibited.

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APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter	2	3	4	5	6	7
Easter Day	10am Emergency Assistance	10am Staff Meeting	10am Emergency Assistance	9:30am Women's Group	10am Emergency Assistance	8pm Men's Shelter
8:15am Choir Rehearses	12pm OA	12pm Alanon	11am OTSC Book Group	12pm OA	12pm Alanon	
9:30am Easter Festival Service	6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	8pm Men's Shelter	12pm Backyard Mosaic	8pm Men's Shelter	8pm Men's Shelter	
10:45am Adult Forum	8pm Men's Shelter		8pm Men's Shelter			
10:45am Brunch						
10:45am Youth Forum						
8pm Men's Shelter						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:15am Choir Rehearses	10am Emergency Assistance	12pm Alanon	9am Blanket Workshop	11:30am Tentative Building User Lunch	10am Emergency Assistance	8pm Men's Shelter
9:30am Worship	12pm OA	6:30pm Safe Space Restorative Circle	10am Emergency Assistance	12pm OA	11am Oakwood Communion Service	
10:45am Adult Forum	6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	8pm Men's Shelter	11am OTSC Book Group	8pm Men's Shelter	12pm Alanon	
10:45am Brunch	8pm Men's Shelter		12pm Backyard Mosaic		8pm Men's Shelter	
10:45am Youth Forum			8pm Men's Shelter			
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15	16 Tax Day (Taxes Due)	17	18	19	20	21
8:15am Choir Rehearses	Tax Day	10am Staff Meeting	10am Emergency Assistance	9:30am Synod Clergy Meeting	10am Emergency Assistance	8pm Men's Shelter
9am Food Collection for local food pantries	10am Emergency Assistance	12pm Alanon	11am OTSC Book Group	12pm OA	12pm Alanon	

9:30am Worship	12pm OA	2pm Pr. Rich at Synod Interim Mtg.	12pm Backyard Mosaic	8pm Men's Shelter	12pm Connections Articles Due
10:45am Adult Forum	6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	7pm Council	8pm Men's Shelter	8pm Men's Shelter	8pm Men's Shelter
10:45am Brunch	8pm Men's Shelter	8pm Men's Shelter			
10:45am Youth Forum					
5pm Serve Evening Meal at					
8pm Men's Shelter					
22 World Immunization Week/Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27 Arbor Day 28
8:15am Choir Rehearses	10am Emergency Assistance	12pm Alanon	Administrative Professionals Day	12pm OA	10am Emergency Assistance
9:30am Worship	12pm OA	8pm Men's Shelter	9am Blanket Workshop	8pm Men's Shelter	12pm Alanon
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10:45am Youth Forum			12pm Backyard Mosaic		
8pm Men's Shelter			8pm Men's Shelter		
29	30	Notes:			
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10:45am Brunch	8pm Men's Shelter				
10:45am Youth Forum					
8pm Men's Shelter					



April

04/01 Cory Miller
Gaben Donovan
04/02 Clarence Goldbin
Joe Pelletier
04/03 Jada Anderson
04/04 Elisabet Pietz
04/05 Nicole Bowden
Linda Bradley
Timothy Braund
04/07 Zackery Riddle
04/08 Gordie Herrington
Lindsay Nelson
04/09 Carol Ann Griffin
04/10 Teresa Halvorsen
Jennifer Fahey
Lee Holt
Jacob Femrite
04/11 Linda Scott
Erin Mount
04/12 Rodney Homburg
Barbara Bentz

04/12 Chris Gencheff
Thomas Siewert
Malina Schneider
Marissa Schneider
04/13 Lois Anacker
Brooke Hauge
04/14 William Borchartt
Kelly Nornberg
Andrew Steinhauer
04/15 Delia Lang
Sondra Abraham
Gerald Fitzgerald
Robert Scott
Kyle Dopkins
04/16 Mark Rolfsmeyer
Carrie Pettey
04/17 Arthur Garske
Brian Pease
Michael Stebnitz
Leanne Tessmann
04/18 Joy Urban-Piette
Tamara Hamilton
Kayla Miller
04/19 Keith Dary
Christopher Sprague
Kevin Knuteson

04/19 Danielle Greenlee
Samuel Rapacz
04/20 Donald Blom
Barbara Jull
Linda Puls
Jeff Peters
Keegan Trapino
04/21 Susan Heidenreich
David Knudtson
Dawn Knudtson
Bradley Borchers
04/23 Steve Eddy
04/26 Marty Micke
04/27 Sue Rosenbaum
Liz Payne
04/28 Carol Katz
Gary Steinhauer
Meg Bowden
Lillian Brimmer
04/29 Winnie Severson
Linnea Hubrick
04/30 Larry Taff
Lori Holt
Rene Dopkins

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	1-Apr-2018	8-Apr-2018	15-Apr-2018	22-Apr-2018	29-Apr-2018
Greeters	Ronda Collins	Pat Biba	Dee and Merle Zimmerman	Kevin Wagner	Charlene Caucutt
Acolytes	Micah Asplund	Anja Forberger	Kelsey Wagner	Caden Collins	Truman Rafferty
Assisting Minister	Dick Severson	Tom Hilger	David Vogel	Shari Stephenson	Dave Vogel
Lector	Jill Ness	Karl Gutknecht	Ken Groehler	Margit Gundlach	Miriam Mueller-Owens
Communion Assistants	Tom and Carol Rivers	Pat Biba and Elaine Mittlestadt	Dick and Winnie Severson	Dick Gundlach and Charlene Caucutt	Barb Meyer and Alice Gould
Ushers	Team #1 - Dick Paulson	Team #2 - Marcia and Marc Williamson	Team #3 - Jim Johnson	Team #4 - Asplund/Pietz Family	Team #5 - Teresa and Randy Halvorsen
Altar	Team #3 - Garmai and Esther Wolobah	Team #3 - Garmai and Esther Wolobah	Team #3 - Garmai and Esther Wolobah	Team #3 - Garmai and Esther Wolobah	Team #3 - Garmai and Esther Wolobah
Welcome Center	Carol Rivers	Ronda Collins	Elaine Mittelsteadt	Carol Rivers	Elaine Mittelsteadt
Brunch	Easter Brunch	Amy Nowak and Tom Hilger	Garmai Wolobah	Carole Buchsteiner	Lindsay and Marcus Nelson
Adult Forum	None Scheduled	AED Training	Call Committee Update - Call Committee	Chernobyl Mega Dome - Margit Gundlach	Quarterly Meeting of the Congregation

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-----**Upcoming Adult Forum Schedule:**

Here are the adult forums planned for April:

April 1 Easter Sunday - No Adult Forum

April 8 AED Training

April 15 Call Committee Update - Call Committee

April 22 Chernobyl Mega Dome - Margit Gundlach

April 29 Quarterly Meeting of the Congregation - Victor Forberger

-----**St. John's Photography Show is up!** Thank you to all the participants. **Susan Hunt**

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