

Connections

February 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.



February 14

Ash Wednesday Service
Noon & 7:00 pm

February 21
February 28
March 7
March 14
March 21

Wednesdays in Lent

Soup Supper 6:00 pm
Soup Supper 6:00 pm
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Service 7:00 pm
Service 7:00 pm
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Holy Week

March 25
March 29
March 30

Palm Sunday Celebration
Maundy Thursday
Good Friday Services

9:30am
7:00 pm
1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Easter

April 1

Easter Festival Celebration

9:30 am

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Emergency Fund Director: Hasan Mohr Custodian: Brian McGinnis

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

November 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 - 16 JANUARY 2017

Attendance: Dick Severson (chair), Alice Gould (treasurer), Teresa Wagner (secretary), Barbara Meyer, Barbie Pietz, Teena Wagner, Jim Johnson, Marc Williamson and Pastor Rich Collier

Devotions: How the Children Became Stars Barbie Pietz

Minutes from the December Meeting: Approved

Reminders

Financial Summary through December 2017

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

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

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

Income:

Total YTD Actual income: \$334,771

Budgeted YTD: \$376,259

2016 YTD: \$369,726

Expenses:

Total YTD Actual Expenses: \$336,125

Budgeted YTD: \$376,259

2016 YTD: \$356,914

Offerings through December total \$258,514 compared to \$281,727 for the same period in 2016 and the budget of \$289,033. Restricted Contributions for the World Hunger Appeal were paid. Facility Usage is about \$1,000 less than budget and last year. The council approved suspending rent payments from LIRS (\$455/month) for 4 months. In December, we were able to transfer \$10,000 back to the reserve fund so for the year we have transferred \$45,000 from the reserve fund, \$10,000 less than we budgeted.

Memorials

No Memorials received in January

In 2016, our financial plan for the large bequests that we received in 2015 & 2016 included giving 10%, \$34,000 to the Outreach committee to be part of our outreach ministry. This money resides in the MIF – Reserve Savings account and we transfer \$1,313 to the general fund quarterly as we pay our benevolences. This shows up on the Transfer from Reserves – Outreach line. In 2017, Outreach used \$5,226 for added partnership giving over and above the 10% Outreach budget based on our prior year giving. In 2018, the total increases to \$6,000 per year or \$1,500 per quarter.

The fourth quarter benevolences were paid in December per the budget.

For the year, Total Building Expenses are \$74,226 compared to our budget of \$80,150 and 2016 expenses of \$73,085. Included are expenses for repairs, insurance, utilities, and cleaning.

The balance in the building fund at the end of December is \$33,003. From September 1 through December 29, the building fund received \$19,280 earning us the matching grant of \$15,000 from the foundation. On December 29, we made a payment of \$19,000 against principle bringing, our loan balance to \$13,248.

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Loan is officially paid off. We are having a party to burn our loan paper and cake to celebrate the big pay off the loan. Teena will be ordering the cake.

Celebration and Letter to go out to mailing list to continue to support the building maintained and thank your letters. Install the new council members on January 28th and our big celebration.

Reports and Updates

Call: Rapidly moving ahead we are a little behind in the schedule it usually takes 8 to 10 weeks is taking a little longer for us. They are still gathering information. They are hoping to have it ready by the next council meeting, so it can get approved. The call committee will submit it to the Senet. Tim has a call into Kottke to see when they could schedule a meeting with him after the council approves the minister profile. We are asking for 4 to 20 years of experience nothing lower than 4 and nothing over 20. Pastor Rick is going to look and see if they have strategy information and give it to the call committee. Alice is going to look for the strategic plan and give it to the committee.

Outreach Committee: This is what the outreach committee did with their leftover money. They gave \$200 to Beacon, \$167 to food pantries, \$200 to ELCA good gifts, and \$40.00 to ELCA good gifts that sends girls to school.

Personnel: We have a temporary replacement while Berhanu is on leave. We have hired Brian McGinis he started on Tuesday Jan 16th. He will be cleaning and minor repair and replacements and will do sidewalk shovel when we have snow.

Finance: Nothing to Report

Worship planning: Niki Wagner is the new chair and they are meeting was Thursday January 18th.

Building Fund: This was approved to move it building maintenance.

Building Maintenance: Harker came to figure out the heating issue. The broiler would be cut off, so they figured it was cause by MGE. We must manually reset when it gets too high or too low. Harker showed Pastor Rich on how to reset the broiler, so he will show Dick and Brian

Defibrillator: Victor will be working with Deb to get it ordered.

Senior Care Team: We have 2 people request to see Pastor Rich to come and visit them this month.

Community Ministry: Jill did a good job on Sunday presenting on what she is working on. Mosaic had a group visit from Workbird seminary.

Pastoral reflection: He just went over what he found out from Harker.

New Business: 2 reps are going to the Dells for the Youth Rep for Assembly. Victor and Barb M are going, and we are allowed up to 3 people. If any youth rep would like to go, please see Victor if you have any questions. This will be Saturday, May 5 and Sunday May 6.

Quarterly Meetings are Feb 11th, April 29th, July 22nd, November 11th and Annual meeting will be November 18th. **Announcements:** Barbie will set up a schedule for who going to do the announcements each week.

Prayer and Adjournment (next meeting, February 20)

LIFE TOGETHER—News and Events

-----**We did it!** From September 1 through December 29, the building fund received \$19,280 earning us the matching grant of \$15,000 from the foundation. On December 29, we made a payment of \$19,000 against principle bringing our loan balance to less than \$13,000. We will pay off the remaining balance when the grant is received from the foundation in January. Thanks to all of you who made this possible. **Alice Gould, Treasurer, St. John's Lutheran Church**

What a wonderful way to start the new year! Peace, Alice

-----**Update from the Call Committee**—Just to let you know that we are continuing to work on the Ministry Site Profile that contains detailed information about our congregation and qualities we are looking for in a new pastor. It is taking longer than we thought, but we have a rough draft now and will soon be completing all the details. It is sort of like writing a term paper by committee! When completed we will submit it to the Church Council for review at their February meeting, then submit it to the Synod and meet with **Rev. Steve Kottke. The Call Committee: Tim Asplund (chair), Bonnie Block (co-communicator), Ronda Collins (secretary), Miriam Mueller-Owens (spiritual guide), Winnie Severson (co-communicator), Dave Vogel. Alternates are Ken Groehler and Tom Hilger. Feel free to talk to any of us if you have questions or comments.**

-----**Ron Caucutt died on Sunday, January 21st.** His visitation and funeral was held here on Thursday, February 1st at 11:00am.

-----**The Worship Committee**—Niki Wagner has agreed to take over Chair Person responsibilities. Thank you Niki.

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

February 11	Quarterly Meeting of the Congregation	3	led by Victor Forberger
February 18	Discussion of the ELCA Social Statement on Women & Justice		led by Barb Meyer

FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Groundhog Day	3
				9:30am Women's Group	Groundhog Day	8pm Men's Shelter
				11am Ron Caucutt Funeral	10am Emergency Assistance	
				12pm OA	12pm Alanon	
				8pm Men's Shelter	8pm Men's Shelter	
4 Super Bowl	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:15am Choir Rehearses	10am Emergency Assistance	10am Staff Meeting	10am Emergency Assistance	12pm OA	10am Emergency Assistance	8pm Men's Shelter
9:30am Worship	11am OTSC Book Club	12pm Alanon	11am OTSC Book Group	8pm Men's Shelter	11am Oakwood Community Service	
10:45am Adult Forum	12pm OA	8pm Men's Shelter	12pm Backyard Mosaic		12pm Alanon	
10:45am Brunch	6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal		8pm Men's Shelter		8pm Men's Shelter	
10:45am Youth Forum	8pm Men's Shelter					
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11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
8:15am Choir Rehearses	Lincoln's Birthday	12pm Alanon	Valentine's Day	9:30am Synod Clergy Meeting	10am Emergency Assistance	8pm Men's Shelter
9:30am Worship	10am Emergency Assistance	6:30pm Safe Space Restorative Circle	9am Blanket Workshop	12pm OA	12pm Alanon	
10:45am Adult Forum	11am OTSC Book Club	8pm Men's Shelter	10am Emergency Assistance	8pm Men's Shelter	12pm Connections Articles Due	
10:45am Brunch	12pm OA		11am OTSC Book Group		8pm Men's Shelter	
10:45am Youth Forum	6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal		12pm Backyard Mosaic			
8pm Men's Shelter	8pm Men's Shelter		8pm Men's Shelter			

18	19 Presidents Day	20	21	22	23	24
8:15am Choir Rehearses	Presidents' Day	10am Staff Meeting	10am Emergency Assistance	12pm OA	10am Emergency Assistance	8pm Men's Shelter
9am Food Collection for local food pantries	10am Emergency Assistance	12pm Alanon	11am OTSC Book Group	8pm Men's Shelter	12pm Alanon	
9:30am Worship	11am OTSC Book Club	2pm Pr. Rich at Synod Interim Mtg.	12pm Backyard Mosaic		8pm Men's Shelter	
10:45am Adult Forum	12pm OA	7pm Council	8pm Men's Shelter			
10:45am Brunch	6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	8pm Men's Shelter				
10:45am Youth Forum	8pm Men's Shelter					
11:45am Brass rehearsal						
5pm Serve Evening Meal at Men's Shelter						
8pm Men's Shelter						
25	26	27	28	Notes :		
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February Birthdays



02/01 Diane Habich
Jared Ziegler
Alexis Basel
02/02 Barbara DiSalvo
02/03 Sharon Scallon
Marcus Buss
Rhiannon Stroede
02/04 Sandra Kosinski
Susan Krey
02/05 Linda Penn
Amy Jo Hauge
Stevie Riddle
02/06 Don McCarthy

02/06 Richard Wagner
02/07 Jennifer Stroede
Ashley Miller
02/08 Carole Buchsteiner
02/09 Dennis Replinger
Andy Bradley
Alayna Cramblit
02/10 Kristin Kepke
02/11 Georgi Braun
Rese Burbach
Scot Latek
Eric Nelson
02/12 Michelle Zitlow
Heather Wilde
02/13 Mike Rowin
Leroy Diederich
02/14 Phillip Bultman
Spencer Grover
02/15 Erna Stephenson

02/15 Gregg Severson
02/16 Thomas Loftus
Meredith Steinhauer
02/17 Dave Vogel
02/18 Paulette Schwengel
02/20 Robin Hunter
02/21 Karen Taff
Maddie Zwank
02/22 Don Helfrecht
Richard Schwenn
02/23 Robert Bowen
Daniel Hyslop
Damien Bakken
02/25 Maria Hansen
Maranda Knudtson
Sydney Latek
02/28 Roger Boss
Jesse Taff

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	4-Feb-2018	11-Feb-2018	18-Feb-2018	25-Feb-2018	4-Mar-2018
Greeters	Charlene Caucutt	Pat Biba	Kevin Wagner	Ronda Collins	Dee and Merle Zimmerman
Acolytes	Caden Collins	Truman Rafferty	Micah Asplund	Annika Mueller-Owens	Kelsey Wagner
Assisting Minister	Dick Severson	Gary Stebnitz	Tim Asplund	Dave Vogel	Tom Hilger
Lector	Elsa Forberger	Dave Vogel	Barbie Pietz	Dee Zimmerman	Dick Gundlach
Communion Assistants	Bob and Bonnie Block	Dick and Winnie Severson	Tom and Carol Rivers	Gary Stebnitz and Karl Gutknecht	Charlene Caucutt and Dave Vogel
Ushers	Team #1 - Dick Paulson	Team # 2 - Marcia and Marc Williamson	Team # 3 Jim Johnson	Team # 4 - Asplund/Pietz Family	Team #1 - Dick Paulson
Altar	Team # 6 - Anja and Victor Forberger	Team # 6 - Anja and Victor Forberger	Team # 6 - Anja and Victor Forberger	Team # 6 - Anja and Victor Forberger	Team # 1 - Niki and Kelsey Wagner
Welcome Center	Elaine Mittelsteadt	Marcia Williamson	Ronda Collins	Pat Biba	Ronda Collins
Brunch	Lindsay and Marcus Nelson	Pat Biba	Phyllis and Marty Micke	Winnie and Dick Severson	Barb Jull and Matt Rolfsmeyer
Adult Forum	Discussion of the ELCA Social Statement on Women & Justice/ Barb Meyer	Quarterly Meeting of the Congregation - Victor Forberger	Discussion of the ELCA Social Statement on Women & Justice/Barb Meyer	Discussion of the ELCA Social Statement on Women & Justice/Barb Meyer	none scheduled

Orders for **Lilies or Tulips** to decorate our sanctuary on Easter are now being taken. Forms must be received by **SUNDAY, MARCH 25th** for inclusion in the Easter Bulletin. Cost is \$15.00 per plant. Tulips can be ordered in red, yellow or white. Please use the form below to order your flowers, and place in the offering plate, mail, or bring to the church office. **Payments need to be received with the order form.**

Given by: _____

In memory / honor of (please circle one): _____

Total # of plants ordered: _____ # White Lilies _____ # Red Tulips _____ # Yellow Tulips _____ # Pink Tulips _____

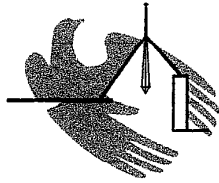
Total Amount @ \$15.00 each: _____ **Please make checks payable for exact amount to St. John's Lutheran Church.**

EMERGENCY FUND DONATIONS are a fitting way to share the joy of Easter. Please use the form below and place in the offering plate, mail, or bring to the church office. **Forms must be in the office by SUNDAY MARCH 25TH for inclusion in the Easter bulletin. Payments need to be received with this form.**

Given by: _____

In memory / honor of (choose one): _____

Amount of gift to Emergency Fund: _____ **Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church**



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Submission Form | St John's Photography Show

Photographers are invited to submit up to three favorite pieces of their work for a spring exhibit in St John's Gallery. Photos will be featured March & April. A committee will choose up to three images per person as space allows. Enlargements are encouraged and work can be in color or black and white.

Please fill out the form & leave it at the Church Welcome Center by Sunday, February 11 or send the information to Susan Hunt, kyddkc@gmail.com.

I am interested in showing my photographs in the St John's Gallery.

PLEASE NOTE: Items will need to be either matted or framed.



1. Title: _____

Measurements: ____ in. x ____ in. What do you especially like about this piece?

2. Title: _____

Measurements: ____ in. x ____ in. What do you especially like about this piece?

3. Title: _____

Measurements: ____ in. x ____ in. What do you especially like about this piece?

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

I understand St. John's Lutheran Church and show organizers are not responsible for theft, loss or damage of photos submitted

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