

A Summer Message from your Pastor ...

For God so Loved the world, that he
John 3:16 gave his only begotten son,
that whosoever believeth
in him should not perish
but have everlasting life.

Summer has begun. Vacations are being enjoyed and the crops in the field are growing. We pray for seasonal rains and good weather as the crops grow and mature.

Our worship times remain the same: Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.



**Church
Picnic**

St. John's church picnic is July 14th at the Somonauk Park. Worship will be at 9:00 a.m. Bring your own lawn chair and food to share. Drinks and table service will be provided. There will be food and fun after the service. Join us!

On Monday, July 22nd Vacation Bible School begins. VBS will be from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday, July 25th. Sign up your child, talk to your sons & daughters and encourage them to sign up your grandchildren and encourage your friends and neighbors to sign up as well.

**Vacation
Bible
School**



FROM OUR
PASTOR

The lazy, hazy days of summer are more crazy than lazy; and yet it is a good time to be the church. Be safe this summer!

17 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:17 NRSV

God's Blessing & Peace,

Pastor Chris Schoon



Kathy Anderson	07/02
Dorinda Hartman	07/03
Heidi Eaton	07/05
Dick Andrews	07/05
Victoria Pyle	07/05
Brody Lindstrom	07/10
Maury Killey	07/12
Michael Hulon	07/13
Tom Anderson	07/14
Emerson Wold	07/14
Gary Gaffney	07/24
Darla Fraley	07/24
Kira Barnes	07/27
Linda Stahl	07/29
Christi Gibson	07/29
Ryan Johnson	07/29



Anita & Merlyn Milligan	07/01
Bruce & Diane Wold	07/13 50 Years!
Kyle & Jennifer Reuter	07/16
Jeffery & Monda Denault	07/17 10 Years!
Rhea & Richard Lumsden	07/20 61 Years!
Bob & Sharon Mueller	07/31 69 Years!
Scott & Julie Horsch	07/31



CHURCH PICNIC

JULY 14TH, 2024 ✕ SOMONAUK COMMUNITY PARK

9:00 WORSHIP ✕ 10:00 GAMES ✕ 11:00 TIME TO EAT!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS!



St. John's Lutheran Church Council minutes for June 6, 2024

Members present: Bob Fraley, Scott Horsch, Cindy Karp, Wayne Karp, Jeanette Pfeifer, Pastor Chris Schoon

Meeting was called to order at 6:30. Bob read devotions.

Cindy made the motion to accept the consent agenda, Jeanette seconded, motion carried. Scott pointed out that the snow removal payment was a bill for salt which was submitted late.

Treasurer's report – Scott reported we are up \$40,000 from where we were last year at this point. There were five transfers of money during the month of May.

Committee Reports

Fellowship/Hospitality – A church picnic is being planned for July 14th.

Outreach – Jeanette suggested sending a letter to families expressing the need for church during troubled times.

Finance – Wayne reported they will begin to get ready for next year's budget in September to be ready to present to the council in October.

Missions/Stewardship – See sheet.

Parish Education – VBS will be shared with Salem. Pastor John and two of their members will help. Jessica Ortega was asked to help coordinate music for the kids. It was agreed to pay her \$50/day.

Property – Copier contract ends the month of June. They will pick it up the end of July. Ward fixed the soffit at the parsonage.

Worship – None

Tech – None

Pastor's report – See report.

No new names have come forward for council consideration.

Isaac Ortega will have a recital at our church July 7th at 2:00.

No meeting in July.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

In God's service,

Bob Fraley

St John's Lutheran Church Quarterly Meeting
June 2, 2024

Wayne called meeting to order at 9:42.

Pastor Chris did Opening devotion.

Wayne mentioned to congregation Pastor & Steve will be out of town starting 6-13-24 and Ushers are needed for June 16th and June 23.

Scott gave financial report, reported we are still doing ok.

Nancy gave MOG report, reported things are up and down with the market but overall it has gained a little.

Mike gave Endowment report, reported many thing have been supported by St. John's.

Wayne asked congregation if there were any comments or questions; seeing none, the meeting adjourned at 9:47. Pastor Chris closed with prayer.

News from St. John's Committees

STEWARDSHIP/MISSION MINUTES 5-29-24

As noted in previous minutes, the June Stewardship meeting was held a week earlier than normal as some members would not be in attendance on June 5th. The meeting was called to order at 8:52 a.m. with Pastor Chris Schoon, Mark Lee, Karol Grandgeorge, Mike Hamer, Lynn Skrzypiec, and Connie Hamer present. Our opening prayer reminded us that all we have received is from God and that we are called to be generous stewards of His abundance.

The 5-1-24 minutes were approved as read.

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Mark has the Meals-on-wheels drivers set up for June as follows:
Week 1 – Cheryl Hearn and Mark Lee (Mark will also fill in as needed)
Week 2 – Bob Fraley
Week 3 – Wayne Karp
Week 4 – Connie Hamer

Karol reported on LWR Baby Care Kits needs. Cindy needs 6-18 month socks; 18-24 month girl and boy jackets; and 12-24 month boys' pants.

Lynn Skrzypiec is our synod representative for the June 13th and 14th gathering.

Michael's current offering report only covers the first *three* weeks of May since we are meeting a week early. General Fund - \$12,607.91; Capital Fund - \$793.04; Good Samaritan Fund - \$783.00; and LWR Baby Care - \$879.00.

Connie will set up the display for our June emphasis which is Midwest Shelter for Homeless Vets (MSHV) this coming weekend. Karol will write the article for the July emphasis which is our Worship/Altar guild committee.

We are still in need of donors for the June 6th blood drive. We currently have 10 donors signed up with a possibility of 4-5 walk-ins. Lynn will work the 2:30-5:00 shift and Mark will cover the 5:00-7:00 shift.

There are 4 quilts going to the Lutherdale Quilt auction. They need to be there by July 15th. The quilts will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall for viewing probably in late June or July.

We will have Pastor Dennis Heaney with us on June 15th-16th and Pastor Tom Rogers on June 22nd and 23rd, and again on June 29th and 30th when Pastor Chris will be gone.

Our next scheduled meeting is on Wed., July 3rd at 8:45 a.m. We adjourned at 9:25 by praying The Lord's Prayer.

Community Vacation Bible School

St. John's Lutheran Church
235 S Green, Somonauk



**Come join us for Vacation Bible School!
July 22nd-25th, from 9AM to 1130AM.**

Bible Stories, Crafts, Fun and Games and Snack Time

Bible school is available for children 3 years old (must be potty trained)
and on up to those completing 5th grade.

Bible school is free to all who attend.

Registration forms are available from the church office.

Please contact the church office at 815-498-3667 for more information.

LWR Lutheran World Relief Work Days

July 16

**9:00 am to 3:00 pm and
7:00 pm to 9:00pm Bring a Lunch**

July 17

9:00am to 3:00 pm Bring a Lunch

On Saturday, June 29th and Sunday, June 30th and Saturday, July 6th and Sunday, July 7th, all the quilts going to Lutherdale for the Quilt Auction will be on display in the Fellowship Hall after worship services. We will also have a quilt set up for people to help tie. Come see the quilts and help tie one to be sent to LWR.

At work days in July we will be sorting donations, cutting. Blocks, tying quilts and sewing around the quilts. Remember we take used sheets and blankets for the centers of the quilts and we take donations for Baby Care Kits any time thorough out the year. We will also be having some time in the last part of July to start working on supplies for school back packs. Please watch the News and Notes for the exact date. Several people have been sewing school back packs throughout the year, but the supplies have to be readied. There are always many jobs to be done. Please come spend a few minutes to help those less fortunate!

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS!

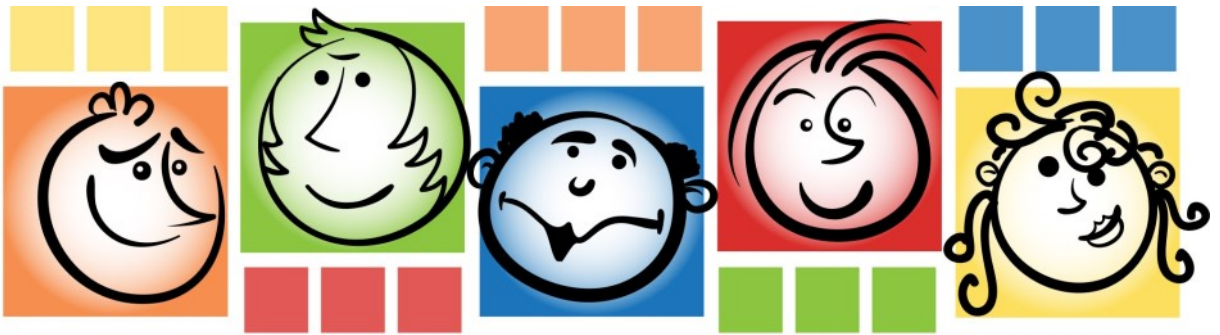
Special offering for July

It was decided at a recent Stewardship Committee meeting to make the special offering for July go to the Worship/Altar Guild committee. The Altar Guild does not have a budget, so everything must come from the Worship budget.

The Worship committee budget pays for the wine, wafers and cups used for Holy Communion, the copyright grants to print music and liturgy, the organists and pianists and any special music. If the altar guild has expenses for decorating the inside or outside of the church, that also comes from the Worship committee budget. In recent years members of the Altar Guild have purchased things to be used for decoration themselves. While no one is complaining about this, it may not always be the case that someone is able to do that. It would be nice for the members to know there is money available to purchase things.

Because of the recent financial crisis and the smaller amount of money available to budget, the Stewardship committee felt that the Worship/ Altar Guild budget could use some help. We all enjoy worshipping in pleasant surroundings!





MEETING

Stewardship Committee

8:45am Wednesday, July 3



MOG Committee

6:30 pm Tuesday, July 2

Property Committee

10am Wednesday, July 3



Worship Committee

10:30am Wednesday, July 10

Fellowship & Hospitality

10:30am Wednesday, July 17



ISAAC ORTEGA

Class of 2024



**RECITAL - JULY 7TH AT ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH - 2:00 PM
VOCAL AND PIANO PERFORMANCE**

EVANGEL UNIVERSITY | MUSIC PRODUCTION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p>July</p> <p>2024</p>	1	2 6:30pm MOG mtg.	3 8:45am Stewardship Mtg. 10:00am Property Mtg.	
<p>7 9:00am Worship</p> <p>2:00pm Isaac Ortega Recital</p>	8	9	10 10:30am Worship Committee	
<p>14 9:00am Worship @ Somonauk Park with picnic to follow</p>	15	16 <i>LWR Workday</i> 9am-3pm 7pm-9pm	17 10:30am Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting <i>LWR Workday</i> 9am-3pm	
<p>21 9:00am Worship</p>	22	23	24	
	Vacation Bible School			
<p>28 9:00am Worship</p>	29	30	31	

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	4	5	6 5:00pm Worship
	11	12	13 5:00pm Worship
	18	19	20 5:00pm Worship
9:00-11:30am	25	26	27 5:00pm Worship



The Parents Corner

My first experience as a Girl Scout leader was with a group of twelve or so seven-year-olds whose troop was sponsored by their elementary school. We met once a week in the gymnasium. We had lots of space...no chairs, no tables, and gym equipment was off-limits.

We could protect the floor with plastic for craft projects and make sit-upons for our Brownie circle, but there was project that would take more time. A physical education teacher has a shiny loud whistle to get attention. A Girl Scout has a quiet sign. We started playing games. "Simon Says" was familiar and led into our "Listening Challenge". A girl was to perform a series of actions in sequence while the other girls circle, listen and judge if she was correct. If so, she got to choose the person to be in the middle next. Our troop members did well, and we had fun.

Listening is a good skill to cultivate. Many of us would rather talk. When we pray to God, we praise and petition. That is talking to God. Then we listen. That is talking with God. Unless we take some time to do that, we may become like the little boy who closes his eyes when he doesn't want to hear what a parent is saying.

Submitted by Lois Spizzirri

Church Staff

A. Administration

- i. Office Secretary: Julie Horsch

b. Business

- i. Financial Recorder: Mike Hamer
- ii. Treasurer: Scott Horsch

c. Facilities

- i. Building Superintendent: Diane Wold

d. Worship

- i. Accompanists: Jessica Ortega, Toni Lundeen, Becky Stephens, Margaret Page

Church Council

President: Wayne Karp
Vice-President:
Secretary: Bob Fraley

Congregation Council

Andrew (Drew) Hallman
Michael Hamer
Connie Hamer
Cindy Karp
Jeanette Pfeifer

Lutherdale Bible Camp Representatives-2024

Karol Grandgeorge, Nancy Miller

Synod Assembly Representatives-2024

Pastor, Lynn Skrzypiec

Cemetery Ministry Team

Bob Fraley, Glen Reuter, Doug Stahl

Endowment Ministry Team

Mike Hamer, Wendy Merkel, Jeanette Pfeifer, Dale Robinson

Finance Ministry Team

Chuck Hoepe,

Bob Mueller, Joanne Robinson

Memorial and Other Gifts Fund Team

Kathy Anderson, Connie Hamer,

Nancy Miller, Lynn Skrzypiec

Church Ministries & Organizations Contacts

Altar Guild

CROP Walk: Mark Lee & Mike Hamer

Growing Hope: Jerry & Toni Lundeen

Global Missions: *In need of leadership*

Habitat for Humanity: Karol Grandgeorge

Hearts & Hands: Stella Gardner

House of the Little Ones: Linda Johnson

LSSI Christmas Hope Chest: Karol Grandgeorge & Julie Horsch

LWR Projects (Mission Quilts, Baby Care Kits, School Kits,

Personal Care Kits, Sewing Kits): Karol Grandgeorge

Meals on Wheels: Mark Lee

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans: *In need of leadership*

Our Sharing Pantry: Chuck Lee

Partners In Mission - Uganda, Africa: *In need of leadership*

Prayer Chain: Karol Grandgeorge,

Parish Education

Confirmation

- a. Primary Instructor—Pastor Chris & Scott Horsch
- b. St. John's Congregational Council

3N1: 7—12 gr. Youth Ministry:

Coordinators: Jason & Kim Boczko

from Salem Lutheran Church, Sandwich

Youth Ministry Connection from St. John's—Julie Horsch

Esther Circle: Jeanette Pfeifer

Rebekah Circle: Connie Hamer

Sunday School Coordinator: Nancy Miller

Chairpersons/Ministry Summaries

(Listed alphabetically by ministry)

Cemetery Ministry: Doug Stahl

Oversees the care of the church cemetery, maintenance and improvements.

Communications Ministry: Bob Fraley

Seeks to improve communication with members and the community.

Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry

Plans activities and recreational outings to promote friendship and fellowship in our congregation and community.

Finance Ministry: Scott Horsch

Proposes the budget and administers incoming and outgoing funds.

Outreach Ministry: Jeanette Pfeifer

Reach out to the community by welcoming new neighbors with bread, hosting/participating in community events, following up with visitors, and bringing God's love to St John's 'special members' from cradle roll through the homebound.

Parish Education Ministry:

Oversees Sunday School Program, Summer Bible Day Camp, and youth related activities.

Property Ministry: Drew Hallman

Oversees the care of the church facilities and grounds, maintenance and improvements.

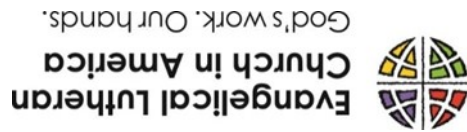
Stewardship /Missions Ministry: Lynn Skrzypiec

Provides opportunities for members of our congregation to use their gifts and resources, which includes raising funds for special projects. Provides a variety of opportunities to do God's Work with Our Hands. Organizes activities, publicize events and coordinate participation. Please join us in any way that works for you.

Worship Ministry: Cindy Karp

Striving to provide Spirit filled worship opportunities in an atmosphere of hospitality.

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