



# St. John Messenger

St. John Lutheran Church  
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Berlin, WI 54923  
July, 2020

As I write this newsletter article, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is just about a week away. The whole concept of independence comes to all of our minds. After all, it's called Independence Day for a reason. The concept of independence is something we're all familiar with. It's something we seek from early on in life.

Children are a great example of that. From very early on little children seek to expand their independence. They want to try and solve that puzzle. They want to build the wall out of blocks. They want to ride their bikes without training wheels. They want to pick out their clothes in the morning. They want to have a say in what color their bedroom is painted. They want to walk to school by themselves. They want to be able to decide who they hang out with and what time they should be home. They want to have a car so that they have the independence that comes being able to go where they want, when they want. They want a job so they can afford to buy the things they want. They want to go away from home to college so that they can be independent of mom and dad and "spread their wings."

Now I have to admit that none of this is inherently wrong or problematic. It's perfectly normal and in fact healthy for children to want to become independent from mom and dad so that they can function as productive adults when they do move out on their own. In that sense independence is a good thing. In fact, the Independence Day we celebrate each year is also a good thing. Our nation had its beginning after a hard fought war so that we could gain our independence from British rule. We certainly enjoy that freedom today and none of us would have it any other way.

What troubles me about independence is when people (and nations) seek to have greater and greater independence from God. I fear we are quickly becoming a nation no longer "under God" as we say in our Pledge of Allegiance (if in fact, we are allowed to say that at all!) We are abandoning so many bedrock principles of our Biblical faith. The long held Biblical understanding of marriage is under attack today unlike at any other time in our

nation's history. It's in the process of being totally re-written under the guise of "marriage equality" and, in fact, gay marriage is now legal in every state.

Our nation has long ago abandoned the Biblical principles protecting the sanctity of human life. And as a result some 60 + million babies have been "terminated" under the guise of choice. The concept of a Biblical God has been removed from almost all public places of our nation so as not to offend anyone. What would our founding fathers have to say about all of this? Of the 250 or so people whom we regard as "founding fathers" the vast majority by their own admission were Christian. They confessed Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. They believed He died on the cross for their sins and the sins of all people. And they prayed and endured much persecution so that their dream of an independent nation "under God" would be a reality for years to come. They gave us a lasting heritage that we enjoy today.

Yet it seems independence from God and His will has not brought about many positive changes for the people of our country. To be sure, there are many people running around who say that all of these changes have been good for our country. It's about time, they say. It's only fair, they say. What right do we have to tell people what they can or cannot do, they ask? Independence from God allows us that freedom. It allows us to decide what's good, right, and salutary for our lives. And it always, always leads us down paths that lead away from God.

In spite of the independence that many in the world seek today, we Christians know we need to become even more dependent on Him. We need His help and guidance now, more than ever. Now is not the time to throw up our hands in defeat and say there's nothing we can do. Instead we need to do what our founding fathers would have done.

First of all, we need to pray. We need to get on our knees and ask God to help in this time of need. We can't seek independence from God and yet try and fix things on our own. Only by His power and



presence can things change. If we want to leave a godly heritage for our children and grandchildren, prayer has to be the place we start.

We need to seek with greater fervor a dependence on God and His will for our lives. Worship needs to become primary for all of us. Keeping our faith in Jesus strong and vibrant through His Word and Sacraments is absolutely necessary.

We also need to become aware of the political situation that we live in. If you don't like the course of the current direction of our city, state, or country, you need to exercise your right as a citizen and as a Christian and let your voice be heard. I don't care what your political persuasion may be, we need to have our Christian voices be heard loudly and clearly once again.

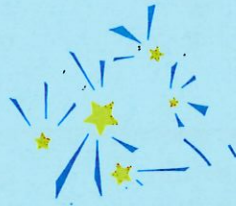
Ultimately, as believers, we have the unique perspective of knowing how the story ends. Even if things seem to be going in the wrong direction, we know that Jesus has already defeated sin and Satan when He died on the cross for our sins. We know there is a home prepared for us in heaven when the trials and tribulations of this life have ended (and they will end!) We certainly enjoy the independence from our sins that Jesus won for us on the cross. We are free! Let's use our independence to become more and more dependent on God. The more we understand and appreciate this spiritual freedom, the more we know we need Jesus in our lives! Have a blessed and joyous 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the freedom of Christ!

*Pastor Munding*



May 29, 2020

**Peter Schrader and Jade Wilds**



## **+In Our Prayers**

Janet Ryerson

Kathy Wiese

Betty Freimark

Karen Schurk

Ramona Hrebik

Family of Jeannette Mitchelly

Marie Chellow

Dolly Doan

Orville Behm

Ken Schuett

Adeline Beardsley on the day of her  
Baptism

Family of Donna Krebs – sister of  
Dorothy Schrank

Peter Schrader and Jade Wilds -  
marriage

Wilfird Polk

Family of Ardene Prien

Family of Don Hertzberg

Don and Donna Dretske – 55<sup>th</sup> wedding  
anniversary



Wilfird Polk



## Church Picnic

**Sunday, July 12**

At Riverside Park

North Shelter House

**10:30 am CHURCH service**

**PICNIC to follow!**

Food & beverages will be provided. Please do not bring a dish.

*Freewill offering to offset costs*

*Bring your own lawn chairs if you'd like*

**See you there!!**

Please note: This is the ONLY church service on Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup>!



## BAPTISM

June 21, 2020

Adeline Rose Beardsley

Daughter of David & Heidi Beardsley



**Sunday Church Service Times**  
**Starting Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**2 services**

*Choose either service, no more assignments by alphabet*

**8:00 am**

**10:00 am**

*Thursday night remains at 6:30*

## Sending Our SYMPATHY

Ardené Prien

Mother of Karen Rowen

Died - June 2, 2020

Funeral - June 10, 2020

Donald Hertzberg

Husband of Linda Hertzberg

Died - June 6, 2020

Funeral - June 11, 2020

Jeanette Mitchelly

Mother of Cynthia Schuett

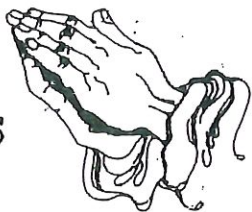
Died - June 15, 2020

Funeral - June 20, 2020





## Memorials



### IN MEMORY OF ELAINE HUMPHREY

#### For Human Care

From Family & Friends.....\$1,190.00

#### For Tuition Aid

From Family & Friends.....\$ 265.00

#### For Bell Tower

From Bob & Karen Wendt.....\$ 25.00

#### For General Fund

From Don & Donna Dretske...\$ 20.00

From Joyce Parsons.....\$ 25.00

From JJ Keller Associates.....\$ 100.00

### IN MEMORY OF ARDENE PRIEN

#### For Human Care

From Don & Donna Dretske...\$ 20.00

#### For Bell Tower

From Joyce Parsons.....\$ 20.00

#### For General Fund

From Alice Janes.....\$ 20.00

### IN MEMORY OF DON HERTZBERG

#### For Bell Tower

From Joyce Parsons.....\$ 20.00

#### For General Fund

From Alice Janes.....\$ 20.00

#### For St. John School

From Don & Donna Dretske...\$ 20.00

From Judy Mehn.....\$ 20.00

From Arden Patchett.....\$ 20.00

From Russ & Robin Henriksen \$ 25.00

### IN MEMORY OF JEANETTE MITCHELLY

#### For Human Care

From Russ & Ruth Young.....\$ 25.00

#### For General Fund

From Pat & Peggy Seaman.....\$ 50.00

From Dave & Deb Johanknecht\$ 20.00

From Mark & Bonnie Schumacher

.....\$ 20.00

### DONATIONS

#### For Communion Wine

From Delbert & Barbara Krause

.....\$ 71.96



July 5, 1986 - James & Mary Lou Yerk

July 13, 1996 - Josh & Amy Dament

July 18, 1981 - Mark & Bonnie Schumacher

July 21, 2018 - Steven & Melanie Brooks

July 22, 1994 - Gary & Mary Kracht

July 28, 1979 - Jeff & Cathy Herbst

July 30, 1994 - Doug & Kathy Wiese

WALK BY  
Faith  
NOT BY  
sight.



# From St. John Lutheran School



Happy July to all of you. We use this month to celebrate God's gift of a great nation. We have much to be thankful for even in these turbulent and uncertain times. We are worshipping together again. We have a God who sent His Son to redeem us. God has brought this country through difficult times in the past, and we pray that He will lead us through Covid, protests, riots, and the Presidential election ad season.

It is my sad duty to inform you that Mrs. GeRue has received a Call to teach at Trinity Lutheran School in Menasha. After prayerful consideration, she has accepted that Call. We thank her for her five years of faithful service here at St. John. She will be missed. We pray God's blessings on her as she starts this new phase of her life.

This will add an extra item on the Board of Education's "to do" list. We will be gathering a list of names and setting up interviews as we search for the teacher God has in store for us.

The Board has also scheduled a workday to update our school personnel policy manual. We will also be very busy meeting to develop plans for what school will look like in the fall. New guidelines are being developed on a regular basis from DPI, CDC, South Wisconsin District, and Green Lake County. I have been Zooming with Dr. Cartwright of Berlin area school, Mrs. Dahms of All Saints, all of the South Wisconsin Lutheran principals, and all administrators of public and parochial

schools in Green Lake county. There is a great variety of ways people are anticipating reentering school. The Board will be keeping our families informed as plans develop. We have our work cut out for us.

The trustees have been busy moving furniture around so the floors can be stripped and waxed. They are getting bids to replace the secretary's windows. We thank these wonderful volunteers who give of their time and talents to maintain and improve our church and school facilities.

I hope you and yours are finding ways to recharge over the summer. Have a happy 4<sup>th</sup>. God bless America, and God bless the St. John family.

I am yours in Christ's service.

**Kids**  
aren't the church  
of the future;  
they're the  
church  
of  
today!





## Did You Know...



Cindy Schuett believes in making the best of any situation, so when the pandemic forced her into a stay-at-home self-quarantine she decided to focus her attention on a hobby she enjoyed. Her granddaughters Paige, Lily and Emilee all have Barbie and American girl dolls and Cindy sews doll clothes for them. One day, she asked Eleanor Gallup at the Second Time Around store if they needed any Barbie Doll clothes. "I knew they wouldn't sell naked dolls!" Eleanor answered with a very enthusiastic "YES!" Cindy started bringing home bags of naked dolls that needed clothes: Barbie and Ken, baby dolls, Disney and porcelain dolls. Sometimes she had to make her own patterns before she could sew an appropriate outfit and she also taught herself how to comb doll's hair.

Taking her hobby another step forward, she learned how to use Pinterest for patterns and techniques. Through Facebook, she found other doll enthusiasts to learn how they were dressing their dolls and created her own Facebook page "Designing Dolls" to display her doll clothes and staging conversations between the dolls. Her goal now is to learn how to make doll shoes and eventually, when this pandemic is over, she would like to participate in some craft shows.

Cindy was born October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1954 at Berlin Hospital. Her father, Arnold Kretzman sold insurance and her mother Jeannette founded the 2<sup>nd</sup> Time Around in her grandmother's house across the street from St John School. Cindy was baptized by our Pastor Baker and raised with 2 brothers, Alan and David and 2 Sisters Marcia and Sharon.

After kindergarten at Washington School, Cindy attended school at St John where she developed a great love for music, sang in the choir and was also a cheerleader. She began taking piano lessons from Adeline Able in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade and continued with organ lessons from Mr. Roerig while in High School. In 1968 she was confirmed by Pastor Arthur Schedler. She attended BHS, sang in the choir and was a Madrigal Singer. She graduated in 1972.

Cindy's 1<sup>st</sup> job was working as a Library Page at the Berlin Library while in high school. She also bowled on the St John Bowling League with her high school classmates. She attended Concordia, Milwaukee, then Concordia, River

Forest where she was on the pom-pom squad, Cindy graduated with a major in Secondary Coral Music Education and a math minor.

Cindy was married at St John by Pastor David Meyer and has 2 sons: Dan and Jim. Dan works for Corporate State Farm Insurance in Bloomington, Illinois and Jim installed sound systems all over Illinois. He recently relocated to Ft Wayne, Indiana and is studying for the ministry. In addition to her three granddaughters, she also has 1 grandson named Joey.

After college Cindy taught school in Iowa and Indiana. She was a stay at home mom for 10 years, then sewed gloves for Safeguard in Berlin. She was the Music Director at Bethesda Lutheran Home and Activity Director at Cabool Nursing Home. She retired in 2019 after working the last 10 years as a Residential Aide for Diverse Options.

While working at Bethesda she met fellow employee Ken Schuett who liked to come into the Chapel and listen to her play the organ. Their first date was to Watertown's Riverfest festival and on December 5<sup>th</sup> 1992 they were married at St John, Watertown.

Today Cindy likes to cook, enjoys gardening and of course sewing is at the top of her list. At St John she is very active in the LWML, served on the Directory Committee, plays the organ, directs the choir, teaches Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. She enjoyed 2 trips to Europe while in college, has visited many states in the US and lived in 7 of them. Right now, she would just like to go to the lake cottage for a week of relaxation. I'm sure a lot of us feel the same way!





## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

**Ally Wendt** has participated in a variety of activities throughout high school. The music department was a favorite spot of hers and she was often seen rehearsing for musicals, show choir, and Encore. This year Ally was awarded Mrs. Utecht's Director's award. Ally was also heavily involved in clubs. These included Key Club, LINC Crew, National Honor Society, KIND Committee, Mock Trial, Forensics, Student Council, and Yearbook Committee where she was Editor for two years. Ally had many accomplishments through school but there are two that she is especially proud of. She was chosen as BHS's Good Citizen by the Daughters of the American Revolution organization. This award is for a student who displays strong qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Secondly, Ally is extremely proud of her academics throughout her school career. Because of her hard work and dedication, Ally ended the year 3rd in her class. This fall Ally will be attending UW-Eau Claire to major in math education and minor in Spanish. She hopes to return to Berlin to teach at BHS and help in the community.

**Abi Dretske** was involved in many activities in high school like cross country, LINC Crew, National Honor Society and golf. She has been on the superior honor roll all four years of high school. Abi has received the Evans Scholarship and will be attending UW Madison in the fall.

**Joshua Piechowski**: In high school, I was on the superior honor roll every trimester. I was a member of the National Honor Society. I was also nominated as one of the May Students of the month by my teachers. In addition, I was the salutatorian of my class. For sports, I played Soccer and ran Track all four years. I was also involved in several clubs and extracurricular activities. I was involved in Robotics (for 6 years), Ski Club, Spanish Club, LINC Crew, Academic Bowl, and many music related groups. The musical groups I participated in were Jazz Band, the Musical, Encore, Show Choir, and AcaVox (our pop A capella group). This fall, I will be attending UW-La Crosse and will be majoring in Biology.

**Luke Piechowski**: I was involved in a variety of activities throughout high school. I was part of LINC Crew, VEX Robotics Club, Ski Club, and the National Honor Society, among other things. I was also an avid musician. I was involved in every instrumental and choral group at Berlin High School, including the Jazz Band, Acavox (the contemporary pop a cappella group), Encore! (the madrigal group), and Soundwave (the show choir). Additionally, I went to multiple conference, state, and regional honors bands and choirs during my high school career. and participated in the fall musical all four years. I was on the superior honor roll throughout high school and was the valedictorian of my class. This fall, I will be attending UW-Madison. My major is undeclared, but I will be pursuing something related to language, especially involving Spanish.

**Karisa Wiese**: Throughout my high school career I was part of National Honor Society, Key Club, Pure Mentor Group & a Linc Crew Leader. I participated in volleyball & softball all throughout high school, up until my senior year I played basketball and decided to join the dance team instead. I'm going to Ripon College this fall to major in Biology & Education. After college I hope to go to med school and work towards becoming a pediatric surgeon. Whatever life has in store for me I know that I want to be able to help kids.

**Martha Maas**: During my time at St. John's I did many things. I joined the cheer squad, played basketball for a year and even led my teams into winning the dance portion of the school pride week almost every year. Now I have moved on and in high school I enjoy clubs like Wordsmiths of Berlin where I can express my writing talent. I joined Manga Club where I could fangirl about manga and anime I liked with no judgement. I even got sponsored by the Rotary Club to go to the World Affairs Seminar who promote Peace through Understanding each year through seminars and fun activities. Now I leave all that to you high school students and St. John students alike. Live your life as best you can and as advantageous as you can. My final advice as one of you is to live like you will not have tomorrow, live life's many pleasures that are only presented to the young, and be safe while you are living your life so you don't regret your choices later in life like some. Just a piece of advice from your number 2 student at the end of her St. John's career.

Megan Marks will be attending Marion University this fall to pursue a degree in nursing.

# Creation Corner

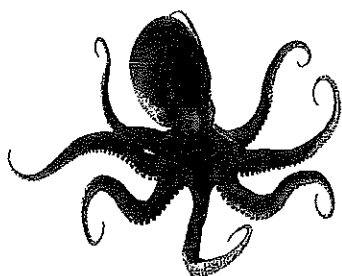
From the Bi-Monthly Journal

*"Does God Exist?"*

A regular feature of the journal *"Does God Exist?"* is a section entitled *"Dandy Designs."* Here are various examples from God's creation pointing to

## Intelligent Alien

Science fiction writers and UFO proponents like to propose strange looking aliens that can do incredible feats. The common octopus is a beautifully designed and incredibly intelligent animal that could compare to any alien of science fiction.



The octopus has no bones in its body, in fact, the only hard part of an octopus is its beak. That means that the octopus can take any shape and fit through almost any

opening. One famous example is an octopus that escaped from an aquarium in New Zealand. That animal picked apart the lid on its aquarium, crawled out, went across the room and down through a drain hole that led to the sea and has never been seen again.

Octopus arms are muscular, boneless, and lined with suckers that are covered with chemoreceptors similar to our own taste buds. An octopus can taste everything it touches. They live in oceans around the world from equatorial waters to Antarctica and the Gulf of Alaska and from deep-water trenches to shallow reefs.

The arms are also filled with neurons, so the brain cells of an octopus are in its arms and not its dome. The octopus has sacs of pigments which are controlled by the muscles. It can release this "ink" as a defense mechanism. Its arms also have cells that reflect and scatter light. That means an octopus can control what it looks like. It can resemble a sea snake, a fish, anemones, jellyfish, sand or seaweed. It is a master of disguise. In addition to the right color and form some octopus species copy the movements of whatever animal they imitate. The

camouflage does not seem to be accidental but is controlled by the octopus itself.

For a soft-bodied animal to survive in the ocean, some unique characteristics must be designed into its DNA. We think the number of features the octopus has is astounding. To have one unique characteristic might be possible—produced by a mutation and supported by natural selection. To have all of the abilities of an octopus would not happen by one mutation. Octopuses resemble an intelligent alien, and they certainly make E.T. look like nothing special. They give evidence of the Designer of life.

Source: *Discover* magazine, July/August 2018, page 56.

*Divine Love*



*Human Care*

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## From the correct perspective

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A child sat at his grandmother's feet as she embroidered. Looking up, he saw a mishmash of threads and ugly knots but no discernible picture or words. "Nana," he said with concern, "that's not very pretty."

"Come up here," Grandma invited, "and look at it from this side. You have to see it from my perspective."

"Oh!" the boy exclaimed then. "It's beautiful!"

Seeing the world from our human, earthly viewpoint, we can't grasp the masterpiece that God is completing. But when we finally see it from his perspective, we'll discover that the threads and knots all contribute to a beautiful work of art. That work won't be finished until Jesus returns, but in the meantime, may God grant us an occasional glimpse of the work in progress — from God's side!







Josepha Hartzke	7/01	Gerald Dutcher	7/15
Carol Kosterman	7/01	Carol Gelhar	7/15
Gloria Rodensal	7/01	Kathy Anderson-Kemnitz	7/17
Allison Wendt	7/01	Gary Boehlke	7/17
Phillip Marschall	7/05	Nathaniel Nighbor	7/18
Brenna Mosier	7/05	McKenna Berzyk	7/18
Belva Rux	7/05	Michelle Techlow	7/18
Dean Sales	7/05	Cavin Oppor	7/18
Sydney Radke	7/06	Nancy Albright	7/19
Jennifer Billington	7/06	Kathy Wiese	7/20
Renee Van Ornum	7/06	Maren Krause	7/24
Brenda Achterberg	7/07	Ryan Wendt	7/24
Jane Mittelstaedt	7/07	Sara Chier	7/25
Arnold Kirst	7/08	Cheryl Hoffman	7/25
Melissa Linse	7/08	Thomas Hopp	7/25
Pat Siegmund	7/08	Mia Schubert	7/25
Clinton Drover	7/09	Robert Young	7/25
Tara Schubert	7/09	Ricki Schubert	7/26
Tammy Bertzyk	7/10	Eileen Boehlke	7/27
Jennifer Wollert	7/12	Russ Henriksen	7/28
Mary Becker	7/14	Pat Metzler	7/28
Ken Mittelstaedt	7/14	Kathleen Nechkash	7/29
Bonnie Simson	7/14	Cody Juedes	7/31
Connie Simson	7/14	Presley Wollert	7/31
Sonia Wasniak-Bohn	7/14		





## Continued History of St John Lutheran Church

On September 25<sup>th</sup> 2002, a call was extended to **Pastor Bryan Lundquist** (2002-2016) from Park Falls, Wisconsin. He accepted and moved to Berlin with his wife Shay and two children, Anastasia and Andrew. On Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> 2002 he was installed as St John's 16<sup>th</sup> Pastor.

Soon after, St John developed a web site: [sjlcb Berlin.com](http://sjlcb Berlin.com) with links to the City of Berlin site. To keep up with the computer age, the school's computer lab was updated. Two more memorial gifts from the Leonard Jones Estate and the Bill and Alice Seeliger Estate, plus the faithful and generous giving to the new church fund by our members, reduced the balance and the last loan for the new church was paid off in 2016.

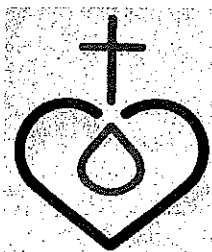
At the Quarterly Voters meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 Pastor Lundquist requested a peaceful release to serve two sister congregations in Michigan's Upper Peninsula: St Paul, Laurium and

St John, Hubbell. He was granted a release with regret by the voters.

A call was extended to **Pastor Paul Munding** who became the 17<sup>th</sup> pastor to serve St. John.

Today, our school is a NSLA Accredited school with smart boards and computers in each classroom, a well stocked library and a 21-station computer lab. Our synodically trained, state licensed teaching staff consists of: Curt Snow Principal/5/6<sup>th</sup> grade, Melissa Linse 3K and Kindergarten. Julie Snow 4K, Charlotte Fritsch 1/2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Candice Schram 3/4<sup>th</sup> grade, Keith Krenke 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade and Valeria GeRue 7/8<sup>th</sup>.

Recently, the school exterior was painted, flooring in the 1<sup>st</sup> level was updated, new flooring also beautifies the Kindergarten room, plumbing updates were done, the entire school was re-lit, and a new boiler installed. The mission statement of our school is: "St. John Lutheran School exists to provide Christ-centered education focusing on spiritual, emotional, academic, social and physical growth. We assist parents in preparing students for an active Christian life and eternal salvation"



### LWML NEWS

The LWML met on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at church. Our Spring Rally and District Convention both had to be canceled, but plans are in place for the Fall Retreat and Fall Rally. We will be asking for

ingathering items for both in the coming months, please watch the newsletters and bulletins for opportunities to support the efforts of the LWML. Thanks in advance for your help. Our next meeting won't be until Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30, we always welcome guests and new members. Thanks to Karen Vergin-Krause for making the stoles for the confirmands, they looked great.





## St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Date: June 15, 2020

The June meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Bob Young. Pastor Mundinger opened with prayer.

Present: Bob Young, Rich Wallner, Kevin Koch, Bob Radliff, Debra Thiel, Amy Radliff, Pastor Mundinger and Bill Brooks.

Absent: Curt Snow

### Secretary's Report submitted by Amy Radliff

Motion by B Radliff/Koch to accept May minutes. Motion approved.

### Financial Secretary's Report by Bob Radliff

	May 2020	May 2019
General Fund	\$100,691.72	\$78,656.95
Children's Fund	\$ 2,023.71	\$ 4,056.56
Elderly Fund	\$ .00	\$ .00
Memorials	\$ 1,001.61	\$ 5,943.64

Attendance 61 per week 217 per week

- May income and attendance low due to Covid-19 social restrictions.

Motion by A Radliff/Brooks to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Motion approved.

### Treasurer's Report by Debra Thiel

#### Square Account May 2020:

Beginning Balance:	\$1,276.46	Income:	\$ .00
Expenses:	\$ .00	Ending Balance:	\$1,276.46

#### Hot Lunch Account May 2020:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 3,648.69	Income:	\$35,202.51
Expenses:	\$35,498.06	Ending Balance:	\$ 3,353.14

#### Elderly Fund May 2020:

Beginning Balance:	\$6,702.28	Income:	\$1,000.00
Expenses:	\$ .00	Ending Balance:	\$7,702.28

#### Children's Fund May 2020:

Beginning Balance:	\$74,135.56	Income:	\$ 2,102.71
Expenses:	\$ .00	Ending Balance:	\$76,238.27

Motion by B Radliff/Brooks to accept Treasurer's report. Motion approved.

### Board of Trustees Report by Bill Brooks

- Summer Project List was updated. Repair/replace window and wall area near school entrance. Projects already completed include stretching and adding clips to school playground fence and paint touch-ups.
- Applications are being accepted for position of St. John janitor with a 6-hour schedule during the school year.
- There was a question about the weekly cleaning in the Church between services and during special services such as a funeral. Currently Elders and assigned individuals are handling the regular services. Trustees will establish a point of contact for special services and work with Cathy in the church office.

Motion by Koch/Thiel to accept Trustee's report. Motion approved.

### Board of Elders Report & Pastor's Report

**Official Acts:** Wedding – Peter Schrader and Jade Wilds. Deaths – Elaine Humphrey.

**Communicant Members 472**

**Baptized Members 552**

**Church Families 291**

- Church Picnic is planned for July 12<sup>th</sup> at Riverside Park, the non-communion service will begin at 10:30.
- Pastor has been in contact with the Green Lake County Health Department in regards to possible increases to the current recommended persons per service guidelines.

Motion by Brooks/A Radliff to accept Elder's and Pastor's report. Motion approved.



## Board of Education Report by Kevin Koch

- List of summer maintenance projects discussed including repair/replacement of secretary's window that was broken, fence, Kindergarten loft, floors, fraying carpet, scoreboard lights and playground weeds/wood chips.
- A meeting is scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup> to review/update the policies handbook.
- 2020-2021 School calendar was approved. Working with the public school for coordinated return to class procedure.
- Approved cleaning, use of thermometer and hand sanitizer for students and staff. A commercial hand sanitizer dispenser was donated to the school and will be placed at the entrance.
- Teacher recognition for years of service for Mrs. GeRue-20 years, Mrs. Fritsch-30 years, Mrs. Schram 35 years. Gifts and certificates were presented during the Confirmation/Graduation service.
- There will be no change to the tuition fees for the upcoming school year.
- School yearbooks were not completed due to Safer at Home closing. Mrs. Mehn offered to put the books together. Families of Koch, Brooks and Billington donated to cover the cost of the books for the students.

Motion by Wallner/B Radliff to accept the Board of Education report. Motion approved.

**Old Business:** (none)

### **New Business:**

- Church Picnic will be held July 12<sup>th</sup> at Riverside Park Shelter House. Lunch details are being worked on.
- Budget Proposal: Paycheck Protection Loan, at the time of the budget- use or repayment of those funds is not included in the budget proposal for 2020-2021. Rich Wallner proposed bonus pay in the gross amount of \$800 to each teacher for their extra efforts to continue to educate our students during the Covid-19 school closure. The budget proposal includes the bonus. Also included is wage increases to bring the overall pay level to 70% of the district guidelines. The increase varies by teacher based on years of service and level of education. Motion by Brooks/Koch to approve bonuses and pay increase. Motion approved.

**Meetings next month:** Trustees – Monday, July 13th. Board of Education – Tuesday, July 14th.

Elders – Tuesday, July 14th. **Council – Wednesday July 22nd– 6pm.**

**Quarterly Voter's Meeting – Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> following the late service**

Motion by Koch/B Radliff to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer

*Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Radliff, Secretary*

*\*\*Note: These minutes have not yet been reviewed by the Council and are subject to revision and correction at the next meeting.*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 6:30 Worship/HC	3	4
5 8:00 Worship/HC 10:00 Worship/HC	6	7	8	9 6:30 Worship/HC	10	11
12 Worship in the Park 10:30 service at Riverside Park w/ Catered Picnic after	13 7 pm Trustees	14 6:00 Bd. of Ed. 6:00 Bd. of Elders	15	16 6:30 Worship/HC	17	18
19 8:00 Worship/HC 10:00 Worship/HC	20	21	22 6 pm Council Mtg.	23 6:30 Worship/HC	24	25
26 8:00 Worship/HC 10:00 Worship/HC	27	28	29	30 6:30 Worship/HC	31	



