



St. John Messenger

St. John Lutheran Church
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Berlin, WI 54923
May, 2022

I don't know about you but nothing gets me more frustrated than when the phone rings just as I'm about to get ready for supper. I know I'm in trouble when there's a few second delay between the time I say "hello" and the person on the line (who's obviously calling from a room filled with other telemarketers) butchers my name as he or she says, "Could I speak with Paul Mon-din-ger?" Now I know that they're just trying to make a living and I don't begrudge them that, but their work comes at the expense of my personal dinner time. I guess I really don't like to be interrupted from my schedule when I'm trying to enjoy dinner with Kelli.

Now I'm sure there are some interruptions that we might not mind too much. Who of us wouldn't mind the Publishers Clearing House van pulling up into our driveway during dinner time? I'm sure we'd have no problem stopping our meal to receive a \$10 million check, even if it's not from Ed McMahon anymore! None of us mind the dinner time phone call from our son or daughter (or grandson or granddaughter) telling us about the birth of a baby boy or baby girl. Some interruptions are just fine.

I read an article recently that said there are 23 instances in the Gospels where Jesus performs some type of miraculous healing. Of those 23 healings, 16 of them were done as a result of Jesus being interrupted! Even the others weren't planned but were a response to a situation. This much is for certain: there is not one record of a single miracle of Jesus performed by appointment!

I guess we shouldn't be too surprised that God delights in guiding us by means of interruptions. A college professor once said, "I always used to complain that my work was constantly interrupted until I slowly discovered that my interruptions were my work!"

No matter what our work happens to be, that observation can apply. It's as if we're given a beeper by God called "interruptions" and we're on call 24-7. It's as if He takes our calendars in our iPhone's and Android's and writes in them, "subject to change." What we call interruptions often end up being His appointments. Who of us can deny that those dreaded interruptions often times end up being opportunities for us to be of service to Him?

We read in the Gospel of St. Mark: ²² ***Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³ and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live."*** ²⁴ ***And he went with him.***

The interruption of what Jesus was doing became an opportunity to give help as only He could do. So perhaps the next time a telemarketer calls to give you a once in a lifetime opportunity to sign up for an extended car warranty, you could share with them an even better opportunity for eternal life that knows no end! After all, doesn't God work in mysterious ways?



Pastor Munding

Thank You!

We would like to thank the congregation for the support, sympathy, and prayers that we have received since the passing of our son Marcus. Many people have reached out to us during this most difficult time and we are forever grateful.

Richard and Leitha Kraus



Ervin Gallert
Died - April 27, 2022
Funeral - May 2, 2022



Memorials



IN MEMORY OF MARILYN SCHMUDLACH

For Human Care
From Family & Friends.....\$1,295.99

IN MEMORY OF ALFRED, ELDORA AND DONALD KRUEGER

For General Fund
From Merle Ann Bohn Family.....\$1,000.00

IN MEMORY OF MARCUS KRAUS

For Playground Equipment
From Kraus Family.....\$ 500.00

DONATIONS

For Playground Equipment
From Mike & Julie Hess.....\$ 100.00
Anonymous.....\$ 500.00

For Maintenance & Repair Fund
Anonymous.....\$4,500.00

+In Our Prayers

Doria Disterhaft

Joan Parsons

Mark Schubert

Orville Behm

Jaden Schubert

Minnie Blackmore

Tyler Schubert

Carolyn Schmudlach

Duane Schmudlach

Rena Pett

Donna Krause

The Family of Ben Deitz

The 55th Wedding Anniversary of Bob
and Karen Wendt

Deb Schubert

Hope Klemp

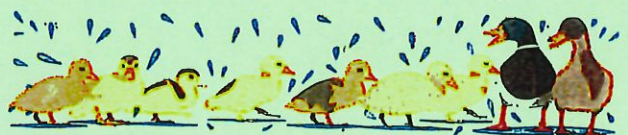
Our Shut-In and Homebound members



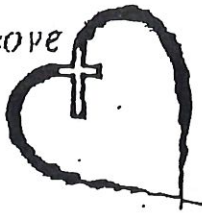
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Watson Lee Vergin

Son of Brad and Aimee Vergin



Divine Love



Human Care

The November 2021 issue of *National Geographic* reports that France now requires some products to be labeled with a "repairability" score. What's that? Let's look at some background.

You may remember the days when products seemed to last longer than similar items do today. In fact, planned obsolescence is an accepted idea in today's manufacturing and consumerist culture. What's more, many objects you bought a generation or two ago were easier to repair. You could take the radio or typewriter into a shop and have it repaired for a buck or two, for example.

France, in an effort to protect consumers, now requires a label on some products that gives the buyer a clue as to the ease or difficulty of repairing the object and how much the repairs might cost.

But move for a moment from *objects to salient, living human beings*. We know that somehow, somehow, came into the world. Theologians argue about just how this happened. But it is clear that the human race in many respects is broken.

What is its repairability number? Are humans easy to repair?

Can the arms of love comfort a human back into wholeness?

Can the balm of forgiveness heal broken hearts?

Can the justice of restoration and restitution reset the human condition?

God sent his Son to heal the broken relationship between the divine and the human.

Do you ever feel wounded, scarred, broken and falling apart? You, too, can be "repaired."

That's what Jesus is all about. As the gospel song puts it:

He's the healer of broken hearts,!

He'll mend your shattered dreams.

He'll pick up all the threads

Of your broken life

And weave them together again.

To your soul, He'll bring peace and joy

A friend in need He'll be

The healer of broken hearts

Is Jesus of Galilee

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for your healing and restoring touch. You restore my soul; You give peace to my heart. You heal me in all the broken places. Your faithfulness is beyond my understanding. Amen.



You're Invited!

The Ladies Aid Spring Luncheon

Thursday, May 5th

1:00 pm

Church Lower Level

**Everyone come and join us for
food and fellowship**

St. John Lutheran School



Mother's Day



PLANT SALE

Sunday, May 8, 2022

8:00 AM to Noon

St. John Lutheran School

We will be selling Flats of:

Tomatoes

Peppers

Petunias

Geraniums

Gerbera Daisies

Plus...Hanging Baskets



Confirmation Class

2022

St. John Lutheran Church

Taylor Beza

Adeline Boomgard

Ashley Dretske

Evion Lemke-Larson

Brookelynn McCormick

Blake Mertens

Conrad Van Ornum

Caleb Voigtlander

Maura Willis



Congratulations to the Day School Class of 2022

Adeline Boomgard
Evion Lemke-Larson
Makayla Trochinski



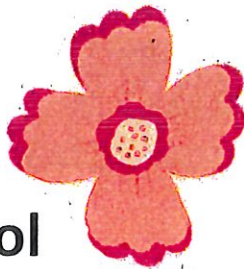
May 2, 1998 - Brian & Cindy Hartzke
May 3, 1986 - Mike & Julie Hess
May 3, 2003 - Kevin & Deb Koch
May 6, 1961 - Delbert & Barbara Krause
May 6, 1978 - Barry & Gloria Rodensal
May 8, 1993 - Todd & Dawn Henriksen
May 9, 2008 - Jonathon & Jennifer Schilder
May 11, 1991 - Dean & Karen Sales
May 14, 2011 - Joshua & Ashleigh Schubert
May 15, 1965 - Charles & Delores Clark
May 16, 1998 - David & Nancy Albright
May 16, 1992 - Mike & Deb Schrader
May 17, 1997 - Scott & Brenda Oppor
May 18, 1996 - Tedd & Ann Henriksen
May 18, 2017 - Keith & Maron Krause
May 18, 1991 - James & Stacey Polk
May 21, 1983 - Ken & JoAnn Fink
May 22, 1971 - Charles & Jeanne Huibregtse
May 22, 1971 - Wayne & JoAnn Kaufman
May 22, 1993 - Ralph & Tammy Wilson
May 25, 2008 - Gary & Sara Podoll
May 26, 1990 - Glenn & Kim Hameister
May 27, 1988 - Gerald & Donna Dutcher
May 27, 1972 - Jeff & Sophie Wasniak
May 29, 2004 - Jeremy & Candy Johnson
May 31, 2014 - David & Heidi Beardsey



New Members

Kyle Sperberg
Pine River, WI

From St. John Lutheran School



Happy May to all of you. We recently celebrated Easter and the joy that Christ has conquered sin, death and the devil. He is risen indeed, halleluia! It is marvelous to see the lawns green up and the trees budding. There are signs of new life all around. God has blessed us with a wonderful creation to care for and enjoy.

Things are hopping around the school as usual. We were invited to attend the dress rehearsal of the musical "Simon Says" at Christ Lutheran in West Bloomfield. It told the story of Simon Peter witnessing about the miracles of Jesus. We thank West Bloomfield for the invitation. It was fun to see what other schools do.

We had our accreditation validation team visit in April. We have been recommended for provisional accreditation. We have a few items to polish up at the team's suggestion. I would like to thank the Board of Education, the rest of the steering committee, the Trustees, and especially Mrs. Schrader for all their hard work in this involved process. It is always good to examine our efforts and how to improve the services that we offer. This reaccreditation will also allow us to continue in the Wisconsin School Choice program.

The new playground project was approved by the Voters' Assembly. We are continuing to do fund raisers and accept donations for this big project. Due to supply shortage and a full installation calendar for Burke (the company that is constructing and installing our equipment), it may take several months for it to arrive. We will be removing the old equipment and one foot of woodchips and soil over the summer. We will be manning the Brat Barn at Crossroads grocery store in Green Lake on July 9 to raise funds for the playground project. Watch for more announcements as the date gets closer.

The 7th and 8th grades will be taking their class trip on May 18-21. They will be traveling to the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum in northern Kentucky. We hope this experience will strengthen

their knowledge and ability to refute evolutionary ideas that they will be confronted with in high school. They are having a fundraiser on May 14 at Country Crossroads grocery store in Green Lake. Please think about dropping by for a freshly grilled brat.

Confirmation will be May 15.

If you ordered hanging baskets, they will be available for pick-up in the afternoon on Friday, May 6.

Sunday, May 8, we will be holding our yearly garden starter plant sale.

We are going to a Timber Rattler game on Sunday, May 22.

Kindergarten graduation will be Monday, June 1.

Our 8th grade graduation will be Thursday, June 2.

Over \$250 was sent to Lutheran Hour Ministries from our third quarter chapel donations from the students.

School office hours over the summer will be Monday – Thursday 8am – 1pm.

Mr. and Mrs. Snow and Mr. Krenke will be retiring at the end of this school year. The Board has selected Miss Linse to be the interim principal for the coming year. Mrs. Henke will be the 4K teacher in the mornings and kindergarten teacher in the afternoons (while Miss Linse has administrative time). Mrs. Jayne Kersten will be filling the 5th and 6th grade position for the coming year.

Our final day of the school year is Friday, June 3. We are planning to celebrate the day with an all-school trip to Wisconsin Dells.

Have a marvelous May as God sends us warmer weather and we start to wrap up another successful academic year. We have been truly blessed by Him.

I am yours in Christ's service.



He ascended into Heaven

FUNDS FOR FUN® NEWSLETTER

St. John Lutheran School

The St. John Lutheran School playground fund is growing day by day! As it grows, our excitement builds for the day our kids can play on the new, safe and fun playground! We want to give you an update on where the project is at and what we still have to accomplish. We also want to answer some frequently asked questions regarding our Funds for Fun playground project.

As many parents and supporters of St. John Lutheran School may already know, the funds needed for the new playground is \$90,000 for Phase 1 and an additional \$35,000 for Phase 2. Our Funds for Fun efforts to date have raised over \$47,000. That is a fantastic start, however, there is still a long way to go - and with everyone's help, we can meet our goal by August 1, 2022.

Why is so much money needed for a playground?

In addition to purchasing and installing new play equipment, a large amount of the funds will be used for the safety surfacing to keep our kids safe and the labor costs associated with site preparation and making sure our new playground is installed correctly. To ensure safety requirements are met and for insurance liability reasons, this must be done by a licensed installer.

Why should I donate to this project?

Your child - or one you know - will benefit directly from our new playground. It will provide a safe, fun, and educational playspace. This school year will likely begin without any play equipment as installation will be occurring during the first couple weeks of school. We want all of our students to have the opportunity to play on fun and safe playground equipment. The surrounding community will also have access to the play area during non-school hours.

Why donate now?

The goal of our Funds for Fun efforts is to have the funds by June 3, 2022 to ensure installation for the 2022-2023 school year. Additionally, it is time for the kids to have new and safe equipment. Kids love to be outside and what a great addition to the school. Additional fundraising for Phase 2 may take place in the future.

What can I do to help?

If you would like to help, donate directly to the Funds for Fun playground campaign today. And remember, this is a tax-deductible donation. Also, many employers will match donations like this one; please check with your company officials to inquire if they will match a gift you make.

Where do I send my donation?

All donations may be sent to St. John Lutheran School, 146 Mound St. Berlin, WI 54923.

Your generous donation will make all the difference for this exciting project!

For more information contact please contact the school at 920-361-0555 or any School Board member.



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DID YOU KNOW.....



On May 2nd, 1968, a baby girl was born in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Her proud parents, Wayne and Beverly Simons, named her Lanette. Wayne was part owner of Simon's Seed Farms Inc. and Beverly, a Branch Manager at the Elkhorn State Bank. Lanette was welcomed into the family by her older sister Andrea. Later another girl, Kristi, completed the family. Lanette was Baptized at the First United Methodist Church in Elkhorn by Pastor Dean Hancock. When she started kindergarten, the Red Rabbit bus brought her in from the country. At Tibbets Elementary School, every first-grader had a train with their name on it up on the wall. Every time a student read a new book a car was added to their train. At the end of the year, Lanette had the longest train. "On the last day of 5th grade, my parents let me ride my bike to school with a girlfriend. We lived 1 ½ miles from the school and we thought we were really cool!!"

At Elkhorn Area Middle School, Lanette played volleyball and basketball, was on the dance team and played flute in the band. Her proudest accomplishment however was in Forensics where she did "Solo Humorous" Acting and won many awards. The summer she turned 13, her job was detasseling corn for her father's business. "It was a wet and dirty job but I thought it was cool that my Dad was the boss!"

At Elkhorn Area High School, she was again in Forensics, played volleyball and was a cheerleader for basketball. As a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, she placed first in a local proof-reading contest and went on to win 2nd place at state.

Lanette was also in band and pep band and attended Band Day at a UW-Madison Badger's football game. During the game, her group performed on the field with the UW Marching band which was quite a thrill. Lanette graduated in 1986.

For 8 years, Lanette was also a member of the Sugar Creek 4H Club where she learned to cook, sew, crochet and do photography. She was 1st runner-up in the Walworth County Fair Queen contest and together with the Queen attended many activities at the Fair. One of their jobs was to go in front of the grandstand at the nightly shows and announce the upcoming events for the next day. Backstage, she met the Statler Brothers and Johnny Cash and had her picture taken with Johnny for the local paper. "He was a very personable and genuine guy!" After High School, she studied for one semester at Gateway Technical college and then another semester at UW -Whitewater. At this point, Lanette decided to get a full-time job. She moved to Oshkosh to be closer to her favorite Aunt and took a job in the Purchasing Department at Oshkosh Truck.

On October 28th, 1989, while out with friends, she met Russell Pomplun at The Rail in Oshkosh. There was an instant attraction and within a week, he called her. On their first date they returned to The Rail for drinks and dancing. He proposed the following March and they were married on December 8th, 1990, by Pastor Mark Sundby at the United Methodist Church in Oshkosh.

In 1976, Russ's parents had purchased Marty's Blue Sky Nursery in Eureka and Russ worked for them. Lanette then attended

college at Concordia University-Mequon through their accelerated night program. She graduated in 1993 with an Associate Degree in Management and Communication. She and Russ had purchased the nursery from his parents in 1990. Russ then ran the nursery while Lanette continued working at Oshkosh Truck until their son, Jostun, was born in September of 1993. Wanting to be a stay-at-home mom while her children were young, she began working at the nursery. A second son, Bryce, was born in February of 1995 followed by Noah in December 1997.

As their sons became school age, Lanette and Russ decided they wanted the boys to become more educated in their Christian Faith. They decided to switch from Methodist to Lutheran and began taking classes to become members at Grace Lutheran in Omro. Lanette was confirmed at Grace and became very active there, teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Their sons attended our School for 4 years before moving to public schools. Lanette also ran in the Mrs. Wisconsin Pageant representing Eureka. "I didn't win, but I learned how to be more confident in myself and had a fun day meeting all the other ladies in the pageant."

"We joined St John three years ago and we like it here. We know so many of the members and our sons have fond memories

of their school years here. We have been involved with some of the landscaping projects here at church". Lanette and Russ like to spend their winters in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. They enjoy playing golf and volleyball and also like to read, play cards, and are busy learning the Texas Two-Step. Visiting every state in the USA is on Lanette's Bucket List. She has 8 states to go!! "We would like to thank everyone for making us feel so welcome here at St John."

Marty's Blue Sky Nursery in Eureka offers all the materials needed for your landscape projects. They sell trees, fruit trees, shrubs and perennials. Also, hardwood shredded bark, red and chocolate-brown mulch, colored stone, cobblestones, and fertilizer products are available. Because they are unable to find reliable help, they no longer do landscaping but have maintained the nursery aspect of their business and will recommend contractors who can help with your planting projects. They will offer advice on planting and plant care specific to your area and assistance with the selection of the proper plants for the area you want to landscape. Their biggest seller is composted top soil for flower boxes, low areas in your yard or freshening up the soil in your garden. "Anywhere you want some good topsoil, it will do the job! Check out our website www.martysbluesky.com for more details on hours or contact information."



*"Surely the
LORD is in
this place."*

Genesis 28:16

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 the undeniable existence of our Creator.

Aye-Ayes Unusual Characteristics

Scientists use animal classification systems based on old evolutionary assumptions. The result is that many times an animal does not fit any evolutionary model. An excellent example of this is a species of long-fingered, nocturnal lemurs found only in Madagascar called aye-ayes.



Aye-ayes have many unusual characteristics giving them a name that comes from a local phrase meaning something like "I don't know." Here are a few of the aye-aye's traits:

1. They have large round eyes, which aid in night vision.
2. They use their continually growing incisor teeth to tear a hole in trees to reach grubs. Their teeth are so strong they can chew through cement blocks.
3. Their long middle finger is skeletal and has a ball-and-socket joint used to hook onto wood-boring grubs.
4. Their big toe is opposable to enable them to hang from tree branches.
5. They have fur with guard hairs they can raise to appear to double their size.
6. They use a unique system of foraging by percussive tapping on wood. They sense the echo with their bat-like ears to detect hollow areas where grubs are.
7. They build elaborate spherical nests made of leaves and branches.

Because of their teeth, nesting behavior, and long tail, your first guess might be that they are rodents. Despite the face of a possum, the teeth of a mouse, and the ear of a bat, they are classified as primates.

This lemur is so unusual it has its own taxonomic family.

Aye-ayes have many unusual characteristics that point out weaknesses in the evolutionary taxonomic system. From an apologetics standpoint, it seems clear that God has created a variety of animals and given them characteristics to fill various ecological niches. Aye-ayes seem to be a special creation for a unique environment.

Thanks from the Seminary!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,800.00 to Concordia Seminary! Your donation in support of our Savior's mission will be used with careful Christian stewardship to help prepare the shepherds who will boldly proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!

While devoted to their studies, our seminarians are eager to move from the classroom to church service, where they will apply the Christ-centered, confessional Lutheran learning and ministry preparation that led them to the Seminary. It is your partnership, prayers and gifts that sustain our students during this formational time. I cannot overstate how grateful we are for your caring commitment to God's work.

Thank you again for your wonderful support of Concordia Seminary, and may the Lord continue to bless you!

Most cordially yours,

Vicki Biggs

Sr. Vice President-Seminary Advancement
Chief Communications Officer

Dear Saints at St. John Lutheran,

Thank you so much for your incredible generosity! My name is Eric Souer and I am a 4th year at CTSFW, preparing to take a Call. My wife Rebecca and I have been so wonderfully blessed by your gift and the gifts of others as we travel this journey together. Words cannot truly express our gratitude.

God Bless,
Eric Souer

Thanks from the Seminary!



I am filled with joy and thanksgiving for all the support and encouragement that I have received! Thank you for your support! Praise the Lord for all the good that we've seen!

I have very exciting news to share with you!

My lovely fiancée and I have begun to arrange our wedding, and we thought that you would like to hear about it.

I took Katie out to dinner at the same place that we first met. It's called Chicago's. It's pretty fancy and they have really good food and a great atmosphere. We sat at a half booth half chair table. We were almost the only ones in the restaurant, which was certainly helpful for me. I waited until we were ready to go and told her that I had a question for her. I asked if she would stand up for it and I backed up a bit. I got the box out of my jacket pocket as she was getting up. Then I got down on my knee and postulated about the time that we've been graced with together and asked her if she would marry me. She said yes! And then our waitress came over to congratulate us and said that they had a picture for us if we wanted it. It turns out that the staff and a few customers had gathered to watch and were very excited.

We are planning on having the ceremony at my home congregation, Rivercliff Lutheran Church in Sandy Springs, on June 11, 2022. This great happiness is a gift that we intend to share with whoever would like to hear.

"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love

Him, because He first loved us." (1 John 4:16-19)

I continue to be amazed at the joy that I've known while walking this path toward ministry. Despite the challenges of last semester, I have seen no greater love and support. You and my home congregation continue to be very supportive. I am taking great delight in leading most of the worship services at my Field Work Church, Emmaus Lutheran Church in Dorsey, IL. Homiletics (preaching) and Synoptic Gospels (Luke) are now my favorite courses. The depth of the knowledge and riches of God's grace continue to astound and inspire me.

Thank you for investing the time of reading these words. I hope and pray that all I say and do may bring glory to God. May these words be a special comfort and support for your faith. To God be all the glory forever!

Your servant in Jesus Christ,
Matthew Wilson

We remember

More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.





So many of us can relate when a friend talks of poor sleep. "It takes FOREVER to fall asleep" or "I wake up in the middle of the night (or early morning) and then cannot get back to sleep." "I feel exhausted even before my day starts." It seems that for some of us, as soon as our eyelids close, our brain turns ON to all the problems and worries we have.

If only we could have slumber as written in Matthew 8:24. **"Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping."**

A recent Special Report in the Mayo Clinic Health Letter (May 2022) talks of the growing number of people suffering from sleep disturbance but also a growing understanding of the importance of good sleep.

Bottom line is that many people are suffering the ill effects of poor sleep—increased incidence of diabetes, heart disease, obesity, and depression. "Virtually every critical structure in your body is worked on while you doze, from the heart to the immune system--and, especially the brain."

Most adults need SEVEN hours of sleep every night. Children and older adults need more sleep. How about your own sleep schedule? Are you consistently living on too little sleep?

The good thing is that there are several ways you can improve the amount and quality of your nighttime rest. Experts recommend the following tips.

- ❖ **Keep a regular sleep schedule.** As much as possible, go to sleep and wake at the same time, weekends included. Use a bedtime ritual to prepare for sleep. Start winding down an hour before "bedtime"--lowering the lights, quiet activities, a warm bath for example.
- ❖ **Keep your sleeping space dark, quiet and at a comfortable temperature.** Limit the amount of light in this space even if you are a shift worker, sleeping during the day.
- ❖ **Move electronic devices out of the bedroom.** (Think: phone, computer, TV, and such).
- ❖ **Avoid eating large meals and drinking caffeine late in the day or evening.** Remember that alcohol too can disturb the body's ability to keep good sleep patterns.
- ❖ **Get enough physical activity during the day.** Limit physical activity close to bedtime. This can help you feel more tired when it is bedtime.
- ❖ **Limit daytime naps to 15-20 minutes** so they do not interfere with nighttime sleep. Longer naps can disrupt sleep patterns because you may enter a deeper stage of sleep which is disruptive to normal sleep patterns.
- ❖ **USE EVENING PRAYER TO HELP CALM YOUR WORRIES BEFORE BEDTIME.**

Some medical conditions such as Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA), restless leg syndrome and Overactive Bladder can contribute to sleep disturbance and may be treatable. Ask your doctor if you think these conditions are a problem for you.

Feel free to contact me in person or through parishnurse@stjohnnberlin.org for more information to help you sleep.

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety. Psalm 4:8 (NIV)

Blessings and prayers for good health

Maren Krause RN, BSN

Parish Nurse

Special Voters Meeting

April 10, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 10:25 am by Chairman Rich Wallner. Pastor Mundinger opened with prayer. 39 voting members were present.

Topic #1, School Playground Equipment. Tina Markowski, member of the Board of Education presented the re-design and quote for new playground equipment. Phase 1 of the project will cost \$80,000 including equipment, installation and matting under the area of the swings. At the end of March \$37,500 has been raised for the project with an additional pledge of \$5,000 from the school's Athletic Fund. Request for approval to move forward is being brought before the voters today to avoid additional cost increases from the manufacturer. Estimated time of installation would be 10 weeks, with a down payment expected at signing of the quote.

While more than one-half of the funds needed to begin Phase 1 have been collected, the board will continue to explore additional fund-raising efforts. It was suggested that the board also consider using money from the Children's Account to fund the project, which is currently well positioned to do so. Other sources could include current undesignated funds and retiring HRA account funds.

Additional costs associated with the project include removal and disposal of existing equipment, wood chips and surrounding fence. New fencing made of stronger materials for long-lasting durability, quoted to be approximately \$8,000 will need to part of the overall project.

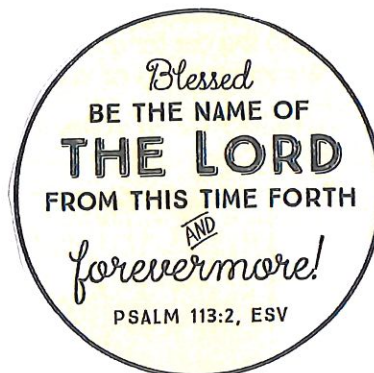
Concerns about liability and potential vandalism were raised. Additional security cameras will likely be installed, quotes were not available at the time of the meeting. The project is not expected to reflect any change in premiums or coverage of insurance.

A MOTION was made by Adam Ewald, seconded by Curt Snow to approve Phase 1 quote of \$80,000 and surrounding fencing (approximate cost \$8,000) with the understanding that there will be additional fund-raising events, commitment by the Board of Education to consider funds from the Children's account and other outside sources as well as the congregation. Motion was approved.

Topic #2, Replacement of HVAC Compressor at the school. Keith Krause, chairman of the Trustees explained the HVAC system was installed in 1994 and needs to be completely overhauled or replaced. Given the age of the equipment it is difficult to secure appropriate parts. MOTION by Bill Brooks, seconded by Melissa Linse to approve the replacement of the compressor at a cost of \$6,550. EANS Funds can be used to cover the cost of labor to install, quoted at \$1,210. Motion was approved.

MOTION to adjourn made by Tina Markowski, seconded by Curt Snow. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am, closed with The Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,
Amy Radliff, Secretary*



St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Date: April 19, 2022

The April meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Rich Wallner, Rich opened with prayer.

Present: Rich Wallner, Debbie Thiel, , Bob Radliff, Amy Radliff, Keith Krause, Curt Snow and Kevin Koch.

Absent: Adam Ewald and Pastor Munding

Secretary's Report by Amy Radliff

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

Financial Secretary's Report by Bob Radliff

	<u>March 2022</u>	<u>March 2021</u>
General Fund	\$61,046.31	\$54,657.19
Children's Fund	\$ 8,246.74	\$ 2,828.20
Elderly Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$.00
Memorials	\$ 9,763.95	\$ 2,186.59
Attendance	249 per week	203 per week

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

Treasurer's Report by Debra Thiel

Square Account March 2022:

Beginning Balance:	\$1,493.37	Income:	\$.00
Expenses:	\$.00	Ending Balance:	\$1,493.37

Hot Lunch Account March 2022:

Beginning Balance:	\$7,522.28	Income:	\$3,133.77
Expenses:	\$2,058.44	Ending Balance:	\$8,597.61

Elderly Fund March 2022:

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

Children's Fund March 2022:

Beginning Balance:	\$122,053.01	Income:	\$ 8,246.74
Expenses:	\$ 1,739.58	Ending Balance:	\$128,560.17

Motion by A Radliff/Koch to accept Treasurer's report. Motion approved.

Board of Trustees Report by Keith Krause

- Air Compressor has been ordered for the school. Estimated lead time is 16 weeks.
- Signed contract for security fencing around school playground. A 5 week advance notice is required.
- Summer projects are being discussed; a list of projects will be finalized at the May meeting.

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

Board of Elders Report & Pastor's Report

- Weekly attendance has been increasing.

Motion by B Radliff/Krause to accept Elder's report. Motion approved

Official Acts:

Affirmation of Faith – Brad and Aimee Vergin and children Finnley and Watson.

Transfer In – Luke Frauenhoff, from Mt. Olive Lutheran, Madison, WI.

Communicant Members 475

Baptized Members 567

Church Families 295

Board of Education Report by Curt Snow and Kevin Koch

- ARP EANS funds, approximately \$6,000 has been spent of \$40,475.00 available.
- Board of Education has requested to use \$7,000 from School Endowment Fund, \$4,000 through Fund Raisers and \$5,000 from the Athletic funds toward the playground replacement project. Contract has been signed; no money required at this time. One-half of cost due when materials have been shipped, balance paid upon completion of project.
- Accreditation audit will be conducted April 21st and 22nd.
- School families were surveyed about fundraising opportunities, feedback is being reviewed.
- Some classrooms have moved to eating together in the lunchroom since Covid guidelines have eased.
- Brienne Hess will be appointed at the next voters meeting to the vacant position on the Board of Education.
- Teacher Appreciation week is May 1-8.
- Mrs. Anna Cargin will be recognized for her 5 years of teaching service.
- Retirement reception for Curt and Julie Snow and Keith Krenke will be held Sunday, June 5th.
- 7th and 8th grade class trip is scheduled for May 18th – 21st.

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

Old Business:

- Preliminary budgets have been provided to the various boards.

New Business:

- Question was brought up regarding removal and disposal of current playground equipment when new materials have been installed. This discussion has been tabled for now.

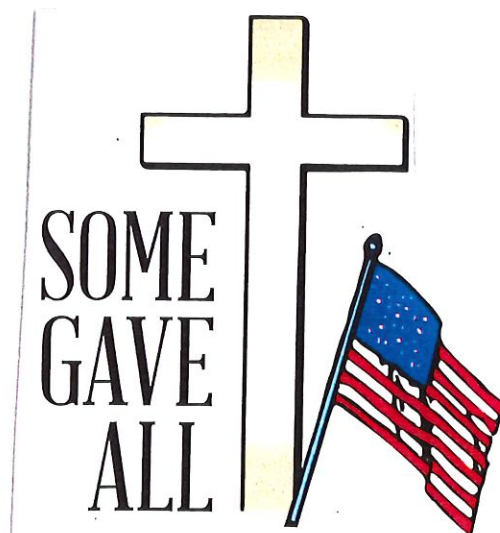
Meetings next month: Trustees – Monday May 9th – 6:30 pm. Board of Education – Tuesday May 10th - 6pm.
Elders – Wednesday May 11th - 6pm. Council – Tuesday, May 17th – 6 pm.

Quarterly Voters Meeting – Sunday, May 22nd (following worship service)

Motion by Snow/A Radliff to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 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.*





May 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Worship/HC 10:15 SS/BC	2	3 6 pm Adult Catechism Class	4 3:45 Public Confirm	5 1:00 pm Ladies Aid Spring Luncheon 6:30 Worship/HC	6	7
8 Mother's Day 9:00 Worship/HC 10:15 SS/BC Plant Sale @ school	9	10 6:00 pm Adult Catechism Class 6:00 pm Bd of Ed.	11 3:45 Public Confirm 6:00 Bd. of Elders	12 6:30 Worship/HC	13	14
15 CONFIRMATION 9:00 Worship/HC Sunday School & Bible Class in recess till Fall	16	17 11 am Prayer Group 6 pm Council Mtg. 7 pm Altar Guild	18	19 6:30 Worship/HC	20	21
22 9:00 Worship/HC 10:30 Voters Mtg.	23	24	25	26 Ascension Day 6:30 Worship/HC	27 Last day of 4K	28
29 9:00 Worship/HC	30 Memorial Day 	31				

