

September 2022

# St. John's Lutheran Church Church Bell



From the Desk of Pastor Clark



What does your name mean? Does it fit you? Why did your parents give you that name? Did you know that God has many names in the Bible? Each one of those names He has for a reason. Each Bible reference is intentional. Each name highlights a specific aspect of who He is and what He does.

On the weekend of September 10-11, we are going to be starting a new sermon series entitled, "A Name for Every Need". We are going to look at each of God's Biblical names and ask ourselves the question, "What does God want us to understand about Him and His faithfulness to us through this name?" We hope you'll join us each week and get the word out to others. I think all of our faith is going to grow by leaps and bounds as we study this important topic!

God bless you,  
Pastor Clark

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## Worship Times:

Saturday 5:00 pm (contemporary)  
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am (traditional)  
KRWC 1360AM broadcast at 8:00 am

## Office Hours:

Mon-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

## Newsletter Deadline:

Deadline for the October newsletter is **Monday, September 19th.**

**Bulletin Deadline:** Every Tuesday at midnight



Have you been attending St. John's for a while and want to learn more about membership? Or did you recently transfer and would like to meet with a small group of others who have or are joining to ask questions of Pastor Clark and learn about ways to get involved? **Make plans to attend the fall New**

**Member class on Saturday, September 24th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** A delicious lunch will be provided by our

Women in Mission and childcare is available (RSVP is required). Call or email the church office to let us know that you plan to attend so that we will be prepared for you. We can't wait to get to know you!



**HEALING  
PRAYER**

FIRST SATURDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH  
FOLLOWING  
OUR 5 PM SERVICE

**Saturday, September 3**



#### AHEAD OF TIME

- \* Grocery Shop (Costco or Sam's?)
- \* Bag up lunches, Sat. Sept 10 @ 10am

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

- \* Light decorating, 9:15am
- \* Greeter (greeting and visiting with guests)
- \* Serve food or dessert @11:15am
- \* Popcorn station (make, bag, and pass out)
- \* Game attendant
- \* Face painting
- \* Clean up crew, Sunday @ 1pm

To volunteer, scan the QR code and sign up or call the church office.





Worship Choir rehearsals  
begin on September 14th  
at 6:00 PM.

We would love to have you  
join us. Do you say you don't  
sing? Everyone can sing! The  
voice is an instrument to be  
learned, and we can help with  
that. Come discover how to  
use the voice God  
gave you to praise Him.

The Gospel Ringers will begin  
rehearsals on

September 14th at 7:00 PM

We have a great group of  
ringers, but we have room for  
more. Come make a joyful  
noise with us!



St. John's replaced the cross on our building this past week.  
If you think of it, look up as you come to worship next time!



# September

## Ushers

8:00 Steve Schleif, Jim  
Marty, Gunnar VanLith

10:30 Todd & Steve Jones,  
Beau Schmidt, Ben  
Schmidt, Jared Topp,  
Matt & Tonya Russell

## Technology

The Sound  
& YouTube  
Team Dixie Abrams  
Tim Berteau  
Robbie Ferdig  
Milt Hagen  
Dan Headley  
Harland Headley  
Trent Johnson  
Tom Kortisses  
Jill Marketon  
Ludovic Marquette  
Bill & Melissa Morris  
Bobbi Lindgren-Stevens

## Contemporary Worship Team

The Team Josiah Clark  
Pastor Clark  
Lee Claseman  
Claire Erickson  
Aaron Kubasch  
LeAnn March  
Melissa Morris  
Paul Nelson

## Organists/Pianists

The Team Sandi Baert  
Lois Borner  
Josiah Clark  
Penny Steele



## Welcome Center Attendants for September:

Holly Bode  
Doreen Claseman  
Elaine Fillmore  
Nicole Hills  
Dan & Chris Husom  
Lorrie Lepinski

## PEP

### Come join us!

Enjoy some relaxed fun with  
**PEP (People Enjoying  
People)**. PEP meets on the  
first and third Tuesdays of  
every month in Room 119  
by the Fellowship Hall. We  
begin with a brief Bible  
study followed by a variety  
of activities which may  
include joke telling, cards  
and games. **In September  
we meet on the 6th and the  
20th from 9-11:30 am.**

Coffee is served; come  
whenever you can; stay as  
long as you want. There is  
no regular commitment.  
The more the merrier.



## Christian Education Scholarships

St. John's Lutheran Church is committed to the Christian Education for all of our students. As part of a Mission Outreach, we continue to provide scholarships for those member families choosing to send their children to LCMS Christian Day Schools, High Schools, Colleges, Seminary, and Impact Christian Academy. Guidelines and applications for each level of schooling are available on the Church website. Contact Janice Marschel at 763-486-0670 with any further questions. It is the responsibility of the family to make application for the scholarship funds.



St. John's has just received our quarterly AmazonSmile donation in the amount of **\$53.49** as a thank you to customers shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). To date, AmazonSmile has donated a total of **\$1,234.55** to St. John's Lutheran

Church. If you are a regular shopper of Amazon, consider opening your account through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose St. John's as your charity. An automatic 5% percent of your order comes back to St. John's Lutheran! Questions, contact Janice Marschel at 763-486-0670.

## Sound Technicians Needed

We are looking to add additional Sound Technicians for our services. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Jill Marketon or the church office. Our need is

especially for the the Sunday 10:30 AM service.

\*\* There would be training provided and you would be on a monthly rotating schedule.



# MOSES

MEMBERS OFFERING SERVICE TO ELDERLY & SINGLES

Did you know St. John's has members who would love to help out when you have a need? Members have a wide array of strengths and are eager to use them to serve. Examples include: Seasonal yardwork, small house projects, errands, rides, tech help, etc

Contact Beth Husom (952-715-7281) or Kiley Schmidt (612-419-4377)



Recently, some members of our MOSES team went out to Janice Marschel's home and helped with a small cleanup and landscaping job. Janice said they did an amazing job and so appreciated their help. Below are some pictures from that day.





## MOSES Ministry

“Sure! Just let me know the time and place.” Since working with our MOSES project, the generous nature of members is clear. Projects differ in extent, time and help levels, but all are valuable. MOSES is normally meant for smaller tasks a person can’t complete on their own, usually one or two times. MOSES volunteers are all ages. Sometimes entire families help.

When calling on behalf of MOSES, I’ve never received a “no, I don’t feel like it.” One even offered to reschedule a personal dental appointment if I couldn’t find other help. To paraphrase Pastor Clark, he says he asks that God show him ways to be of service each day. Many members embody this. The most common MOSES interaction I’ve gotten is from potential volunteers wondering why I’m not calling them for service. So don’t hesitate to call.

Peoples’ caring nature has even brought me to tears. In a recent example, a member needed a ride to and from a 6 plus hour Minneapolis appointment. Due to the time, I determined a separate pick-up and drop-off may be best. I called a member who agreed immediately, but thought he should drive her to and from the hospital, and stay during the appointment. This had a profound effect. After our MOSES conversation, I had renewed proof of God’s power and greater hope. I just learned the first appointment was several hours longer than planned and there are several upcoming appointments to which the MOSES volunteer is driving her. This aids many, perhaps even people at the hospital. Because, the world sees what people are doing in the name of Jesus through projects like MOSES and other missions. I am confident this makes an impact, and can be one of the best things we can do for the world.

It also means asking for help can be a positive for more than just you. It gives our Christian brothers and sisters ways to be of service. It also gives the world a chance to see the light of a person working for Jesus. So like I stated earlier, do not hesitate to call.

God bless you,  
Elizabeth Husom



## September Birthdays

Amira Leon	9/1	Kennedi Handt	9/16
Eliza Leon	9/1	Audrey Hilk	9/16
Alison Tokkesdal	9/1	Jackson Lindquist	9/16
Presley Field	9/2	Ken Pierce	9/16
Ethan Miller	9/2	John Wedel	9/16
Bria Schmitz	9/2	Sheila Dixon	9/17
Noah Engelman	9/3	Robert Fieldseth	9/17
Elijah Etzel	9/3	Neal Glessing	9/17
Judy Hanson	9/3	Kendal Lambert	9/17
Rosamae Jurgenson	9/3	Jamen Topp	9/17
Thomas Otten	9/3	Brenda Miller	9/18
Roger Strege	9/3	Thomas Munger	9/18
Kashton Bursch	9/5	Axel Kietzmann	9/19
Piper Stodola	9/5	Theresa Sabraski	9/19
Maurisa Wojciak	9/5	Amber Sedbrook	9/19
Odin Karstens	9/6	Lois Torkelson	9/19
Joseph Zeidler	9/6	Joan Uecker	9/19
Millicent Hommerding	9/7	Sam Hughes	9/20
Jory Louisiana	9/7	Andrew Husom	9/20
Margo Bonham	9/8	Isaiah Karels	9/20
Dic Danielson	9/8	Burke Lambert	9/20
Sue Wheeler	9/8	Jennifer Hill	9/22
Kelly Annis	9/9	Rowan Karstens	9/22
Beatrice Goerke	9/9	Curtis Smith	9/22
Steve Torgerson	9/9	Maria Wilson	9/22
Raina Streng	9/10	Tammy Bertsch	9/23
Austin Bonk	9/11	Jeff Groshens	9/23
Becky Johnson	9/11	Meredith Huikko	9/23
Arlette Rolfes	9/11	Emmit Lommel	9/23
Mitchell Hilk	9/12	Wilton Ludwig	9/23
Hannah Gatz	9/14	Connor Spadgenske	9/23
Dan Headley	9/14	Aaron Clark	9/25
Leah Yager	9/15	Bonnie Elfmann	9/25
Claire Beasley	9/16	Andrew Lambert	9/25
Taylor Graf	9/16	Richard Marquette	9/25

Carla Yonak	9/25	Kaitlin Berg	9/28
Lindsey Johnson	9/26	Rick Schmitz	9/28
Annalyse Jurgens	9/26	Audria Wald	9/28
Janice Marschel	9/26	Lee Ann Yager	9/28
Stella Nieskens	9/26	Henry Zea	9/28
Mary Olson	9/26	Mark Hulett	9/29
Tanner Schmidt	9/26	Priscilla McKenzie	9/29
Carmen Schroeder	9/26	Mason Valley	9/29
Derek Ellis	9/27	Christopher Ferdig	9/30
Tia Larson	9/27	Doug Hanson	9/30
Kim Spadgenske	9/27	Cole Lambert	9/30
Jacob Beckman	9/28		

## Anniversaries

Mark & Michaela Bremmer	9/1	Al & Kathy Uecker	9/13
Dan & Chris Husom	9/2	Jeff & Sue Wheeler	9/15
Lee & Michelle Dalchow	9/3	Ron & Sharon Bruhn	9/16
Carl & Dorothy Bowman	9/5	Andrew & Bryn Lambert	9/16
Doug & Wendy Etzel	9/5	Nick & Becky Roskowiak	9/17
Brent & Kristine Laine	9/5	Steve & Carol Schleif	9/17
Ryan & Kelly Ebeling	9/6	Byron & Mavis Bonk	9/19
Ron & Bonnie Enter	9/6	Eldon & Mary Peterson	9/20
Greg & Connie Kramber	9/6	Steve & Dawn Roster	9/20
Jason & Missy Schoen	9/6	Don & Judy Lardy	9/21
Thad & Diana Ashwill	9/8	Dale & Karen Jans	9/23
Dwayne & Dolores Puffer	9/8	Brian & Judy Loberg	9/23
Aaron & Elaine Reese	9/8	Lance & Brenda Moy	9/24
Seth & Nicole Elmquist	9/9	Nicholas & Melissa Ungaro	9/24
Gerry & Karie Giebenhain	9/9	Zach & Nicole Potter	9/25
Matt & Melanie Dokkebakken	9/10	Scott & Kim Spadgenske	9/25
Wally & Linda Krienke	9/10	Ken & Lee Ann Yager	9/25
Alan & Teresa Berg	9/11	Dave & Nancy Zumbusch	9/27
Travis & Annie Loebertmann	9/12	Scott & Leslie Gearey	9/30
Chris & Julie Pearsall	9/12		
Robin & Susan Kohn	9/13		



## Back to School Blessing!

We hope you will join us on **Sunday, September 4th at both services** For a special blessing for kids of all ages as they begin a new year of learning and growing. Join our church family as we celebrate this milestone in your children's life!



## Sunday School Begins September 11th



Mark your calendar for **Rally Sunday on September 11**. Join us for music, Bible stories, activities, games and more. More details to follow in the coming weeks. Register your children (ages 3 yrs through 8th grade) for Sunday School beginning August 1st at [stjohnsbuffalo.org](http://stjohnsbuffalo.org).



**Operation Christmas Child Items for September:** For September, we will be collecting **small plastic reusable water bottles**. Thank you for continuing to donate throughout the year so that we can fill our boxes for this wonderful mission outreach!





We are looking for adults who would be interested in **teaching Sunday School** this fall. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Kelly Thole by calling the church office, or email: [kthole@stjohnsbuffalo.org](mailto:kthole@stjohnsbuffalo.org)



## St. Johns First Faith Steps Class



**Who:** Parents and children birth – 3 years old.

**When:** Starting in September

**Time:** During the Sunday school hour

**Where:** St. Johns Nursery

**What:** First Faith Steps is...

A parent & child Sunday school class designed for children from birth – age 3. Expecting parents and grandparents are welcome too!

Little ones will learn and hear new songs, play with instruments, hear and play out a Bible story and so much more. We hope through this class we can encourage and equip you as parents by...

- Networking you with others who share your same joys, questions and worries of being a parent.
  - Equipping you with music, bible stories and other resources.
- Giving you the tips and tools to help you create faith rituals and traditions in your home lives.

**For info. Contact Kelly @ 763-682-1883 or**  
[\*\*kthole@stjohnsbuffalo.org\*\*](mailto:kthole@stjohnsbuffalo.org)





# Noah's Ark Preschool

## Noah's Ark Orientation

**Wednesday, September 1st  
4:00-6:00 PM**



All our new students and their families are encouraged to come to orientation! Students will get the chance to meet their teachers, check out the classroom and get excited about a new year! Contact Ms. Kelly for more information.



## September 2022

**Classes begin September 8th and 9th!**

**Our Bible theme this month** is all about how "God Blesses Me & My World!" We will learn about the Bible and God's House and hear how God made ME!

### What is happening this month?

**Chapel** is every Wednesday and Thursday at 10:15am in the sanctuary – we look forward to meeting new friends (Ms. Kelly, Mr. Chris, Pastor Clark, Katherine Clark, and Mr. Paul) and enjoying special moments with Jesus.

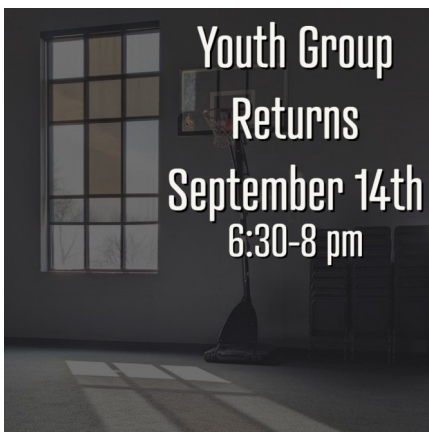
# Youth



## Family Bowling & Mini Golf Event @ Huikko's on September 25th. 1-4 PM

\$10.00 per person gets you...

- *Unlimited bowling*
  - *Unlimited Mini Golf*
  - *Free shoe rental*
- *and \$5.00 goes back to St. John's Youth Mission Trip!*  
Play a game of mini golf or go bowling or do both!  
For more information contact Paul Nelson.



Youth Group is Back! St. John's Youth Group gives youth a safe place to rest from the struggles of this world, have fun with other youth, and mature in their faith in God. Sr. High Youth Group returns on **Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** and will happen most Wednesdays from **6:30-8:00 pm!** Youth can count on snacks, games, and time in God's Word with others who love the Lord and others. Invite a friend and join us this fall.

The annual Walk for ALS  
will be held at  
10 AM on Saturday,  
September 17th at  
Silver Lake Park East in



**Rochester. Check-In Starts at 8:30 AM.** This walk raises funds for ALS, and is also in remembrance of Pastor Phil Meyer. As before, walking groups meet at the east side shelter house. If interested in joining us, contact Theresa Sabraski or Bob and Karen Meyer (763-242-5389). Following the walk you are invited to their home for visiting and lunch.

## Special Ministries & Life Groups

Get connected and growing in a LIFE Group at St. John's! Men's or women's groups or as a couple, there is something for *everyone*. Don't see the time that works for you? A few more groups are still in formation (watch the bulletin) or I will happily help you start another! To register or for more information, visit [stjohnsbuffalo.org/life-groups](http://stjohnsbuffalo.org/life-groups) or reach out to Katherine Clark.

LIFE Groups Fall 2022			
Day/Time	Location	Facilitator	Topic
Sunday 7:27 AM	Prayer Chapel (Room 210)	Katherine Clark	Prayer covering for morning ministries
Sunday 9:15 AM	Noah's Ark (Rm 121)	Pastor Chris Ryan	Men - I Declare War, Levi Lusko
2nd/4th Wed 9:15 AM	Classroom 228	Katherine Clark	Women - Luke: Gathering the Goodness of God [Begins Sept 14th]
Wednesdays 7:15 PM	Conference Room	Jan & Lib Larson	Couples Study: Crazy Love- Overwhelmed by a Relentless God [Begins Sept 14th]
Thursdays 7:00 AM	Perkins	Jed Larson	Men's Study - <i>Old Testament - Patriarchs, Prophets, &amp; Kings</i>
Thursdays 6:30 PM	Youth Rm	Pastor Chris Ryan	Men's Study - <i>John</i>
Thursdays 6:30 PM	Jed & Del Larson home	Jed & Del Larson	Sharing Your Faith [Begins Sept 15th]
2nd Saturday 6:15 PM	Culvers	Various Hosts	Saturday Supper Club - Dinner + Conversation!

## Special Ministries & Life Groups



### Do you enjoy watching Christian movies?

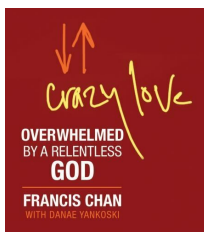
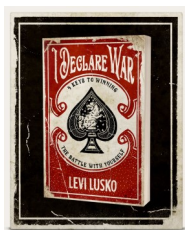
We'd like to start a movie-watching group this year. (Movies will be provided!) Would you be willing to host the group, either at church or at home? Contact Katherine Clark (845.258.8205) to talk more.



So much happens every Sunday morning at St. John's. In addition to the ministry staff we have at least 10 volunteers assisting with worship services and another dozen helping facilitate Sunday School and Bible classes. That's a lot of moving parts!

**Starting Sunday, September 11th, we will have a team covering all these parts of ministry in prayer from 7:27-7:47 am.**

**If you have a passion for prayer, come to the Prayer Chapel (Room 210 next to the library) at 7:27am to be a part of this new, vital ministry. All levels of pray-ers are welcome! There will be written prayers available, as well as time for personal prayers to be spoken. You don't have to come every week. Come as you are able. Want to find out more? Reach out to Katherine Clark or just try it out at 7:27am any Sunday, starting September 11th.**



## LWML/WIM/St. John's Women

Have you wanted the opportunity to learn how to can? Women in Mission is offering to help those that want to learn a new skill! On **Saturday, September 24 at 9 AM**, you are invited to come to the kitchen next to Fellowship Hall.



Bring your tomatoes or produce along and any jars/lids and supplies you might need. This should be right around the time that tomatoes and produce are plentiful, so we can also share what is brought in. You could also freeze your produce if harvesting earlier than Sept. 24th.

*\* If you have canning supplies or extra produce that you are not using, please contact Beth Husom, and Women in Mission could use this to sell at Country Fair.*



### Women in Mission "Mites"

Our Women in Mission will offers a "Mites Sunday" once per month to provide monies for the mission grants voted on at the LWML Minnesota South District Convention. **For September: International Outreach—**

**Hope Lutheran School, Winona.** The school has started an international program complete with housing for four years, resident directors, house supervisors, and programming. Their goal is to share the gospel with students and their families from all over the world who do not know Christ our Savior. **Please consider giving an offering in our Mites Offering box as you leave worship or take home a box of your own and turn back in! Last month we received:**  
**\$425.66**

### Upcoming Events in our LWML Zone:

**September 24—Bethlehem Lutheran, Fall Bazaar, 9 AM-1 PM**

**October 1—Zion Lutheran, Annandale, Fall Bazaar, 9 AM-1PM**

**October 2—Atwater Community Center, October Feast, 4:30-7:30 PM**

**October 16—St. James, Howard Lake, Chicken Dinner, 11 AM-1 PM**

**\*\* All are welcome to attend any of these events!**



# LWML/WIM/St. John's Women

Our **55<sup>th</sup> Annual Country Fair for Missions** will be here before you know it. What an awesome tradition for all these years! It's set for **Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 8 AM to 1 PM** in the Family Life Center, Fellowship Hall, and connecting hallway.

We welcome your gifts of time and donations to fill the shops with a wide variety of items. A dedicated group meets on Tuesday afternoons in the Sewing room, off the Fellowship Hall, to sew beautiful quilts and other items. You are invited to join them any time.

You might wonder what Country Fair all about is. We're having an informational get together Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Narthex and hope you can be there. Bring your questions, suggestions, and comments. We'd also like to have a craft day and/or night if you have ideas for that. You can help make this another special year.

Here are some ideas of things people look to purchase at the fair: The **Gift Shop** features beautiful quilts of different sizes, colors, and patterns along with knitted, crocheted, and sewn items, dishcloths, embroidered dishtowels, painted items, baby things, and jewelry.

**Country Store** has pickles, jams, jellies, salsa, and garden produce.

**Holiday Shop** has a variety of ornaments and decorations.

**Craft Shop** has unique handcrafted items.

**Country Fair Naturals** has laundry, bath, and personal care products.

**Silent Auction** has special theme items to bid on.

**Attic Treasures** has a large number of things and variety of treasures. No clothing or furniture, though.

**Bake Shop** has breads, pies, cakes, bars, and candies.

**Christmas Cookie Shop** is the place to pick from a variety of treats.

**Kid's Korner** is a great area for children while you shop.

**Coffee Shop** serves rolls, juice, and coffee.

**Quiche and Muffin** brunch at 8:00 AM

**Mexican Shop** has both Tacos and Sloppy Joes.

**Chow Mein** dinner is served in the Fellowship Hall.

We will **set up all day on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**, with a potluck lunch at noon. We welcome your help, and we have fun, too! Contact us with questions or anything you'd like to share: Clarine Meyer, 612-202-8810, Connie Boonstra, 763-682-6668, Chris Husom, 763-682-3997, Mary Bremmer, 763-258-4335, Lauri Hayes, 763-438-2426, Priscilla McKenzie, 763-567-0893, or Judy Lardy, 763-516-0336. Thank you!

# Board Meeting Minutes 7/19/2022

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Dave Haggerty

Open with Prayer: Pastor Clark

Review of Agenda: Motion to approve by Nicole Hills & seconded by Beth Husom. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: A typo in report. Change to Amy Klemz not Amy Written Report Highlights: the Klemz. Motion made by Beth Husom & seconded by Nicole Hills. Motion passed.

Pastor Clark's Report: "Thy Word is Truth" series will end on July 24<sup>th</sup> with the last "C", Continuation. New series beginning in September. New Member Class will be in the Fall either late September or early October. Sunday Bible Study has been looking at 1 Corinthians 14 & the Gifts of the Spirit. PEP has both Pastors leading discussions. New topic beginning in September will be somewhat similar to the Sermon Series. So far 2 healing services have gone well. Upcoming Events: July 21 is Concert in the Park, July 24 is Worship in the Park, July 25 is VBS, Aug 2 is Twins Game.

Pastor Ryan's Report: SMP program has 1 year left & it will be completed. Meeting with College age in a Life Group Pastor is leading. Sermon Series ending & getting back to the Lectionary. Hoping to start a Life Group with those who live at the Glenn. Young newlyweds group getting together for fellowship & some Bible Study.

Youth Ministry: Past Events were: Wrapped in Love Servant Event & Mission Trip to Rosebud Reservation. Information went out for thoughts on next year's mission trip. There were a couple of thoughts: to Kentucky or

Michigan. This year went really well. Have youth participate in the weekend services after they come home from Rosebud Reservation. Summer Bible Study doing well. Not a big group but hoping for a larger one after the mission trip. Upcoming Events: Valleyfair Outing July 21, Mission Trip Thank You Breakfast Aug 7, Jr High Camp Omega Aug 8-10 with registration closing on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, Community Breakfast Aug 13, a Haggerty Lake Day Aug 21. Children & Family Ministry: VBS is quickly coming. Setting up this week. Picking up items on Thursday & setting up on Saturday. Summer Reading Program going really well. Bible Buddy Bash doing great. Everyone had a good time. One more in Aug. to end the program. Donuts for Dads was good. Kelly will be out the 1<sup>st</sup> week in Aug.

Noah's Ark: Attendance for 2022-2023 is at 34 students so far. Registration continues in August. Funds for scholarships are available. Special Ministries: Katherine had a great time on the Youth Mission Trip. Connect Card success filling them out & passing them in. Family Fun Fest coming with planning meeting July 26<sup>th</sup>, Greeters have begun welcoming people at the services, New Movers program is sending postcards to people who are new to the community, Concert in the Park July 21. St John's sponsoring the meal with proceeds going to Noah's Ark. Saturday Supper Club had 27 people on July 9th. Looking to start prayer groups. Katherine has feelers out for new groups getting started. August is Missions month.

### Financial Secretary & Treasurer

Reports: In Jim's absence Dave reported General Fund Actuals for June: Contributions: \$57,638; Expenses: \$73,400; Net Income: \$15,762 (deficit); Missions: \$6,304; Checking: \$101,283; Savings: \$579,642.

Figures down due to 4 week month & no Noah's Ark in the Summer. Motion made by Beth Husom & seconded by Nicole Hills. Motion passed.

New Business: None at this time.

Old Business: Tuition Assistance for school. Impact Christian Academy is a school that will be opening this Fall. We had a lengthy discussion about adding Impact Christian Academy to our list of churches we support with tuition help. We financially support a few schools that are LCMS affiliated. Do we support non LCMS schools? A Principal from Impact Christian Academy (ICA) met with Pastors Clark & Ryan & the teaching is doctrinally sound. Also there should be a statement of faith on file. Scholarship forms need to be turned in by a certain date. Hoping to decide if we want to support Impact Christian Academy so it can be brought to the Quarterly Voter's Meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup>. The motion: "We recommend that St. John's add Impact Christian Academy to the list of schools we will financially support with student scholarships for members". Motion made to support LCMS schools with scholarships by Ryan Rutten & seconded by Scott Spadgenske. Motion passed. Also Jan Larson & Scott Spadgenske met together discussing an LCMS building use agreements. They have a proposal for Pastor Clark to look at sometime this month.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS, written & oral:

Elders: Services are doctrinally sound with discussion with healing prayers.

Work continues with serving/reading schedules. Membership changes for June are received: Adelyn Elaine Zimny (baptism), Bruce Loeffler (transfer from Zion Lutheran - Hopkins).

Trustees: Scott said the Air Conditioner in the Nursery was repaired. Looking for approval for having money available for repairs. Things needing the repairs are Chimney repair, Concrete sidewalk around the perimeter, siding & windows need to be replaced, & a few other things.

Outreach: Refer to Special Ministries section by Katherine.

Stewardship: None at this time.

Fellowship: Praying for a chairman.

Women in Mission: Come learn to sew on Tuesday, Aug. 16. Helping with other projects. A "canning day" is scheduled for Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. Tomatoes will be canned. Produce available to use for Country Fair. Oct. will do a different project.

Library: None at this time.

Technology: Looking into a smaller soundboard to use with services in the Park. Still having difficulty with the mics working on Sundays. It seems to be the communion rails in the front. Trying to solve the problem- removing the center rails on non communion Sundays.

Project Compassion: Continue to meet & visit members who are in assisted living, nursing homes, and hospitals. Talked about LCMS doing videos on various topics.

Other Business: Update on the Organ: It's in the final test & getting ready for shipment. Remember the Community Breakfast on Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>.

Close with Prayer: Pastor Ryan  
Adjourned at 8:02pm with 13 in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Klemz



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