St. John's Lutheran Church

May 2022

Church Bell



From the Desk of Pastor Clark



²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? - Matthew 6

"April showers bring May flowers!" We've all heard that little rhyme, and it is true! We have had a bunch of rain this April. And, honestly, I have been frustrated with the rain and wind throughout April. It seems like every nice day temperaturewise seems to get ruined by rain or wind. Well, during those frustrating days, I've found it helpful to remember that the rains have a purpose. Farmers need the rain. My flowers,

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

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May Office Hours:

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

Newsletter Deadline:

Deadline for the June newsletter is **Monday, May 16th. Bulletin Deadline:** Every Tuesday at midnight

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grass, shrubs, and trees need the rain. And the end result of the rain will be beautiful colors appearing all over the earth.

God is a God of beauty, and I believe He loves looking at the flowers that spring up in response to rain. Therefore, He is intentional with His rain. And Jesus' point above is that if God is that intentional about taking care of the flowers that only beautify the earth for a short time, how much more intentional must He be in giving us what we need in our lives.

As the grass begins to green, as the trees begin to bud, and as the flowers begin to bloom, take a moment to thank God for the rain. And then thank Him for taking care of you!

God's Blessings, Pastor Ryan



Weekend Schedule

Saturday:

Healing Seminar (4 sessions) 9:00 AM-3:30 PM (FLC) 5:00 PM Healing Service

Sunday:

Paul Teske will preach at both of our 8:00 & 10:30 services



A Change in Worship Times on May 15th

Due to Confirmation Sunday, our worship times will be changing for just one Sunday.

This is our schedule for May 15:

8:00 AM—Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 AM—Worship with Holy Communion
11:00 AM—Confirmation Service (this service is reserved for confirmands and their families)
** There will be no Adult Bible Class offered on this day



Our newly formed group,
The Free Fliers has had their
first event and plans to
continue meeting up for various
activities about every month to
six weeks. If you are an empty
nester or facing that soon up to
the beginning of retirement, we
would love to have you join us.
Watch for another event soon!



Give blood. Help save lives.

Monday, June 6 1:00-7:00 PM Family Life Center

Appointment/Info call: 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org

Code: Buffalo MN

THE LOONEY LUTHERANS



Sunday, May 8, 4 PM

Performing their special brand of Lutheran humor!

Cheesecake & coffee will be served prior to the performance.

St. John's Lutheran Church Family Life Center 302 NE 2nd Street, Buffalo

\$10 in advance / \$15 at the door

Purchase tickets at the church office, Setterberg Jewelers or on i-tickets.com



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May

Ushers

8:00 Fred Bonk, Jan Larson,

John Prigge, Dave

Randel

Todd & Steve Jones. 10:30

> Beau Schmidt, Ben Schmidt, Jared Topp, Russ & Isaac Hill. Matt

& Tonya Russell

Technology

The Tim Berteau Sound Robbie Ferdig

&

Milt Hagen Dan Headley YouTube Harland Headley Team

> Trent Johnson Tom Kortisses Jill Marketon Ludovic Marquette

Bill Morris

Connor Spadgenske Bobbi Lindgren-Stevens

Contemporary Worship Team

The Josiah Clark Team Pastor Clark

Lee Claseman Aaron Kubasch LeAnn March Melissa Morris Paul Nelson

Organists/Pianists

The Lois Borner Team Deb Chapa

Josiah Clark Penny Steele



Welcome Center Attendants for May:

Diana Ashwill Holly Bode Doreen Claseman Elaine Fillmore Nicole Hills Dan & Chris Husom Kathy Klemz Lynnette Smith Marlis Thomsen Nancy Zumbusch

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 May we meet on the 3rd and the 17th 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.



Monday through Thursday, July 25-28 from 9:00 to 11:30 am

Kids from age 3 through 4th grade will have a great time singing, watching skits, creating crafts and playing games.

MONUMENTAL VBS is filled with incredible Bible learning experiences that kids see, hear, touch and even taste! Kids will love God like never before. Serve God like never before and have the time of their lives doing it!

But we can't take this adventure without your help! From donations, to registration, to teaching and crew leaders, there are many places for you to be a part of this adventure. Contact Kelly if you would like to help in any way. Go to our website to register or volunteer for VBS!



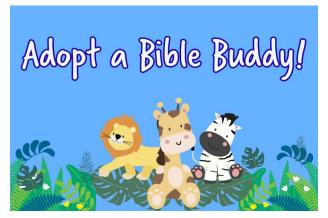
Operation Christmas Child Items for May:

For May, we will be

collecting small toys. This could include "Etch-a-Sketch," slinkies, finger puppets, balls, cars, tiny dolls, etc. Thank you for continuing to donate throughout the year so that we can fill our boxes for this wonderful mission outreach!

Children & Family





Calling all kids! Join us May 22nd as we kick off summer with our Adopt a Bible Buddy event!.

During this event kids will ...

- choose a furry fun stuffed animal to spend the summer with, complete a certificate, pick up a summer reading guide and more.
- Kids are encouraged to take their buddy on an adventure through God's Word and complete challenges with their buddy to earn prizes throughout the summer.

Wanna know more? Have questions? Contact Kelly kthole@stjohnsbuffalo.org

Our last day of Sunday School is on May 1st. We are SO thankful for our teachers and volunteers who made our year of Sunday School so special. Thanks for a great year and have an awesome summer!



Children & Family





Between Services on Mother's Day in the Coffee Commons!

Join us May 8th starting at 9:00am as we celebrate Mothers Day! Grab a muffin, morning treat and a cup of coffee while you take your picture with mom, pick up a special gift and celebrate how great moms are! Wanna know more or help out? Contact Kelly at: 763-682-1883.

Camp Omega Day

Families are invited to the Camp Omega
Day on June 11th. This free event offers an outdoor picnic, a chance to check out camp and try out tons of activities from archery, canoeing and more! Check out stjohnsbuffalo.org for information on camper scholarships.



RightNow Media for Kids!

Check out this FREE resource for families today! Just follow the instructions to sign up on our website at:

www.stjohnsbuffalo.org There

are tons of resources for kids and we are offering this for FREE. When you get to our website, go under the Children & Family tab and choose resources.



May Birthdays

Quinn Erickson	5/1	Easton Schlink	5/12
Jacob Kortisses	5/1	Claire Erickson	5/13
Ludovic Marquette	5/1	Zakariah Karels	5/13
Lorrie Teige	5/1	Emily Rachwitz	5/13
Vicky Endreson	5/2	Lana Topp	5/13
Donna Gatz	5/2	Sarah Klaers	5/14
Alex Johnson	5/2	Chelsey Potter	5/14
Sullivan Trattles	5/2	Mackenzie Potter	5/14
Raemi Anderson	5/3	Kathy Uecker	5/14
Jack Tokkesdal	5/3	Austin Kortisses	5/15
Liam Williams	5/3	Emmalynn Abbott	5/16
Michelle Mackenthun	5/4	Nick Ordorff	5/16
Jim Schleif	5/4	Seth Elmquist	5/18
Betty Schmalz	5/4	Alyssa Hane	5/18
Holly Williams	5/4	Robin Kohn	5/18
Bill Elletson	5/5	Kaleb Sohre	5/18
Kara Gerold	5/5	Michael Bertsch	5/19
Marlis Thomsen	5/5	Tobin Priebe	5/19
Lauri Hayes	5/6	Dakota Teske	5/19
Mason Marx	5/6	Richard Halbleib	5/20
Jordyn Lachermeier	5/7	Jack Headley	5/20
Keith Lemke	5/7	Morynn Marx	5/20
Arlene Marquette	5/7	Christian Murray	5/20
Easton Bode	5/8	Taylor Strege	5/20
Jeanne Schillinger	5/9	John Burns	5/21
Paul Bjork	5/10	Amy Rumsch	5/21
Julie Bruhn	5/10	Savana Sabraski	5/21
Sue Napper	5/10	Tyler Spadgenske	5/21
Maria Peterson	5/10	Jennifer Berg	5/22
Jill VanLith	5/10	Tia Chabot	5/22
Byron Bonk	5/11	Karen Ladda	5/22
Gabe Licht	5/11	Maya Lyver	5/22
Annie Loebertmann	5/11	Marlene Rudenick	5/22
David Baker	5/12	Gunnar VanLith	5/22
Ryan Bode	5/12	Ken Klatt	5/23
Jerry Bucher	5/12	Zoey Kuehl	5/23

Isaiah Stoppelman	5/23
Jakob Annis	5/24
Caylee Arnold	5/24
Kyle Bjork	5/24
Calleigh Forcier	5/24
Melissa Haggerty	5/24
Piper Botz	5/25
Joan Mueller	5/25
Kristin Loff	5/27
John Mastley	5/28
Tami Esty	5/29
Isaac Gerold	5/29
Bennett Glenz	5/29
Alex Hills	5/29
Christine Husom	5/29
Ryan Rutten	5/29
Blake Dokkebakken	5/30

Ryan Gilder	5/30
Delores Goerke	5/30
Audrey Marquette	5/30
Jissel Olaez	5/30
Jack Yerxa	5/30
Nancy Zumbusch	5/30
Cruz Rutten	5/31
DeLana Taylor	5/31



Anniversaries



Henry & Hope Matter	5/2	Rick & Nancy Schmitz	5/16
Gary & Cyndi Bonk	5/3	Jared & Dani Topp	5/16
Phil & Morynn Marx	5/3	Kyle & Stephanie Lindsley	5/19
Scott & Traci Heidebrink	5/5	Beau & Kiley Schmidt	5/19
Ken & Brenda Spike	5/5	Lee & Marti Ryan	5/20
Jason & Jill Wedel	5/5	Jacob & Bria Schmitz	5/21
Tom & Pauline Thaemert	5/7	John & Sue Fuller-Ward	5/23
Tim & Randi Vergin	5/9	Bruce & Sandra Ostenson	5/25
Mark & AJ Wojciak	5/11	Dan & Karen Spaude	5/25
Russ & Michelle Elletson	5/12	Don & Yvonne Streich	5/25
Curtis & Diane Smith	5/12	Fred & Monyean Bonk	5/29
Dave & Sheila Hamilton	5/13		



Noah's Ark Preschool



Now hiring: Preschool Director
Please contact Kelly Thole if you would like to learn more

riease contact kelly Thole if you would like to learn more about this position, or go to our website to apply:

www.stjohnsbuffalo.org

Noah's Ark Preschool Board Members Needed

Board members meet once per month to support the teachers, review any needs or updates and help build the bridge between the preschool, the church, and the families. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping be a small part of this growing mission field, we would love to visit with you. Please contact Kelly Thole if interested.

Announcements

Last day in the classroom: May 16 and May 17 Graduation Celebration: Wednesday, May 18th at 9:30 am

In the month of May, our time together will be about sharing the love of Jesus and the promise of Heaven.



Noah's Ark Preschool



NOW ENROLLING

Register now at: www.stjohnsbuffalo.org

May is the month of celebration at Noah's Ark Preschool! On Wednesday, May 18th at 9:30 am we celebrate with our preschoolers as they graduate and head off to kindergarten or move up at preschool.

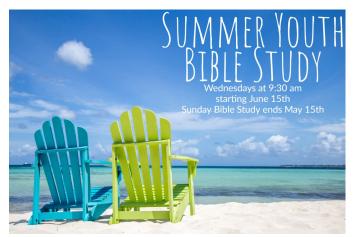




Youth







Jr. High Youth!
On August 8-10, we will be headed to
Camp Omega where we will do a service
event. This will be a great introduction to
what a mission trip would be like. More
information to follow!

Youth



Mission Trip Participants!

We will have three meetings on Wednesdays to prepare for our summer mission trip on May 18th, and 25th & June 1st from 6:30-8 pm. This is mandatory to help our group know each other, so if you can't make it for a date, please let Paul know



by emailing paul@stjohnsbuffalo.org or texting 402-9106-530.

PARENTS OF 2022 GRADUATES!

Do you have a senior that you would like included in our annual "Senior Sunday" where we celebrate our graduating seniors? We will be doing a slide show on June 5th and need a



picture of each of our graduates. We would also like to know the name of their high school and their future plans. Please email to the office at: info@stjohnsbuffalo.org or stop by to have a picture scanned.



Confirmation Lock-In May 6th, 7:00 PM—11:00 PM

All 8th graders are required to attend so that everyone is prepared for Confirmation Sunday. During this retreat our 8th graders will participate in devotions, games, and other recreational activities which will prepare them for their Confirmation Day. Students will also focus on what it truly means to confirm one's faith. For more information, contact Pastor Ryan at (612) 704-5255.



Be on the lookout mid-May for our Directories! They will be available in the narthex (or in the back of the Family Life Center on Saturday night) and will be labeled for each family. A digital copy of the directory will be available as a PDF. Please email or call the church office to receive the digital copy.



Short-Term Team Pawel, Uganda

Come serve with us at our Kids VBS in Uganda. We will be doing a full week of fun and learning the Word of God with our 56 children from the refugee camps along with the 230 community children in the school. Then on the last day we will invite all their families in to share a meal and the Gospel.

July 28th-August 8th

International Messengers Link: https://app.managedmissions.com/OurTrips/6184 Email: jamie@im-usa.org Phone: 641-357-6700

Special Ministries & Life Groups



LIFE Groups Spring 2022				
Day/Time	Location	Facilitator	Topic	
Wednesdays 7:15 PM	Conf Rm 229	Jan & Lib Larson	Marriage - Communication [Begins Apr 20th]	
Thursdays 7:00 AM	Perkins	Jed Larson	Men's Study - Old Testament - Patriarchs, Prophets, & Kings	
Thursdays 6:30 PM	Youth Rm	Pastor Chris Ryan	Men's Study - <i>Acts</i>	
Thursdays 6:30 PM	Larson Home	Jed & Del Larson	Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table [April 21st- May 26th]	
2nd Saturday 6:15 PM	Culvers	Various Hosts	Saturday Supper Club - Dinner + Conversation!	
Sundays 9:15 AM	Room 121	Pastor Chris Ryan	Men's Class [Sundays: May 1 & May 8 + Serve Day TBA]	
Sundays 12:30 - 2pm	Conf Rm 229	Gary Nalavenko, Pastor Taylor, Bob Libsock, LeAnn Fremo	GriefShare - 13 week session (join any week - Ends June 12th)	

Women's Summer Study "Believing God"

Experience an explosion of faith!

Our morning study will be Thursdays from 9:15-10:45 beginning June 16th.

Register now to have a book on order for the first class by going



to our website: www.stjohnsbuffalo.org or call Katherine Clark. If there is enough interest, there will be an evening or online group (or both). Stay tuned for more info on meeting times/dates for that group. When registering, please check "interested in evening group" or "interested in online group."

** Childcare will be available at the morning class.



Grieving the Death of a Loved One?

Find support and healing at GriefShare. GriefShare is a video

seminar series that features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a Biblical perspective.



The group meets Sundays in Room 229 at 12:30 PM. Contact Gary Nalevanko or Pastor Taylor with any questions.

Women in Mission "Mites Sunday"

Our Women in Mission will have a "Mites Sunday" once per month to provide monies for the mission grants voted on at the LWML Minnesota South District Convention. 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! March/April = \$663.40. **Thank you!**



LWML/WIM/St. John's Women

Save the date for our <u>55th</u> Annual Country Fair for Missions, November 12, 2022. God had continued to richly bless this large mission project for over a half a century. We were able donate over \$16,000 to a long list of missions and worthy projects last year. Many thanks for your support!

Our Country Fair will run from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center, Fellowship Hall, and connecting hallway. We'd love your help and donations to fill the various shops with a wide variety of items. If you have a garden, consider planting an extra hill of cucumbers for pickles, or some tomato plants and peppers for salsa. Or other produce. They are always popular items.

Is there something you can make and/or donate to the mission project? Would you like to get a group together for an afternoon or evening to make some ornaments, or decorations, or something else? Do you have an idea to share? Please let us know; we welcome new ideas.

We have a dedicated group that sews beautiful quilts of different sizes, colors, and patterns. You are welcome to join them Tuesday afternoons in the church sewing room. The <u>Gift Shop</u> features the quilts, along with knitted, crocheted, and sewn items, dishcloths, embroidered dishtowels, painted items, baby things, and homemade jewelry. The <u>Country Store</u> has pickles, jams, jellies, salsa, and garden produce. The <u>Holiday Shop</u> has a variety of ornaments and decorations.

The <u>Craft Shop</u> has unique handcrafted items. <u>Country Fair Naturals</u> has laundry, bath, and personal care products. The <u>Silent Auction</u> has a variety of special items to bid on. <u>Attic Treasures</u> has a large number of them to choose from. The <u>Bake Shop</u> has breads, pies, cakes, bars, and candies. The <u>Christmas Cookie Shop</u> is the place to pick from large variety of treats. The <u>Kid's Korner</u> is a great place for children while you shop. The <u>Coffee Shop</u> serves rolls, juice, and coffee. There's also a Quiche and Muffin brunch at 8:00 a.m. The <u>Mexican Shop</u> has both tacos and Sloppy Joes. And the famous <u>Chow Mein</u> dinner is served in the <u>Chinese Dining Room</u>.

We will set up all day on Friday, November 11th with a potluck lunch at noon. Many hands make light the task! Contact us if you have questions, suggestions, or comments: 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.

Board Meeting Minutes 3/15/2022

Call to Order: Dave Haggerty Open with Prayer: Pastor Clark Review of Agenda: Approved as written Secretary's Report: A correction to Outreach/ Evangelism: It should read Al Anon will be served coffee & treats on April 28 by Outreach. Motion made to approve by Janice Marschel and seconded by Nicole Hills. Pastor Clark's Report: Highlights from printed report: Services continue live on YouTube & KRWC. Sermon Series "Thy Word is Truth" continues through the school year. Confirmation resumes after Easter with 8th grade getting ready for Confirmation Day. 7th grade is done. New Member Class added 20 to the church family. There is a June Wedding with two more scheduled after this. Sunday Bible Class currently studying Worldview Material. Both Pastors continue making shut-in calls. Pastor Clark & family are on vacation the end of March. There have been 4 funerals this year & 9 baptisms so far. Both Pastors alternately lead PEP with Bible Study on "Difficult Passages in the Bible". Pastor Clark shared with the board about having Pastor Paul Teske, an LCMS minister, join us in May to teach us about healing & do a healing service for our congregation. Pastor Teske would preach at both services & offer a healing service during the weekend. Airfare & hotel expenses would be the responsibility of the congregation. The cost of this ministry for Pastor Teske would be \$2,000 plus the airfare & lodging. A motion was made to have Pastor Teske come by Janice Marschel and seconded by Jim Chapa. The motion was passed. Preaching on the topic of healing. Pastor Ryan's Report: Highlights from printed report: The SMP work continues with an Old Testament Overview Course. Bible Studies are Thursday Men's Group. Sunday Men's Group wrapped up their "Spiritual Disciplines" topic. College Life Group studying "Spiritual Disciplines" on Sunday Night has had good attendance. Pastor Ryan had his first Funeral and his first Baptism. He has the opportunity of doing Maundy Thursday Service this year. Shut-in list remains the same as numbers haven't changed. Both Pastors have services at Havenwood alternating once a month. Youth Ministry: Highlights from printed report: Paul shared it was a busy month. Jr. High did Feed My Starving Children with 25 attending (14 youth & 11 adults). Sr. High did Escape Room/Whirlyball with 6 attending, Lenten meals kick-off with free will donations has

done well. Youth Group helped serve the meals on Wednesdays before the Service, Upcoming fundraisers are: Ham Radio Show Concessions Stand, Youth serving Easter Breakfast on April 17. April Servant Events are Sr. High doing Feed My Starving Children on the 30th from 8am-1pm & Jr. High doing Wrapped in Love the 30th from 1-3 pm. Planning on making this an every other month event. Checking to see if another fund in the Financial Report can be added specifically for the Youth Trip. 19 youth are signed up to go to Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota & deciding on the adults. An activity for the Sr. High Group is Axe Throwing on Saturday, April 23rd. Paul was asked to be emcee at the Iowa District West Youth Gathering in November. There are no conflicts with St. John's or the Minnesota South District. Checking to see if MN. South District is planning on having a Youth Gathering. Children & Family Ministry: Highlights from printed report: Kelly shared that the "Lent to Go" bags that were previously made are already gone. There's a Family Event called "Rise Up with Jesus" for Preschool-4th Grade on Palm Sunday, April 10 from 9am-10:30am. The first "Teach Me to Pray" class was done with one more to go. VBS Registration opens. on April 24th with the theme for this Summer being MONUMENTAL the last week in July. Last Day of Sunday School is May 1st . Summer Sunday School to go will be doing "Make Waves".

Noah's Ark Preschool: 25 students are enrolled so far for the 2022-2023 year. This year was 39 students. Looking for new opportunities to advertise in the community. Preschool Board is looking for additional members. Meet once a month to support the teachers, review needs or updates, & help build bridges between preschool & church & families. If you know of someone, please contact Kelly for more information. The month of March was all things animal. Play Centers were set up with a farm & zoo. Eggs were hatched, a goat came to visit, & virtual visits from the Como Park Zoo. A Teddy Bear Picnic with Grandparents to top off the month. Spring Break is April 1st-8th. Last day of school for the Summer is May 18th with a graduation. Special Ministries: Highlights from printed report: Katherine shared many families had their picture taken for the New Directory. The directories are planned for completion late March or early April. 17 individuals/families came for make up photos with Abi Nelson, Also

had many digital pictures submitted. Women's Retreat "Chasing Vines" had 44 women attend. Thank you to the Ladies who helped with the organizing of the event. It was well received. YouTube has been asked to sign up attendance with a Connect Card. Access the bulletin for the QR code. Website is LIVE now. An Easter "Landing Page" has been added with Holy Week & Easter schedules. GriefShare began a new cycle March 6th with an attendance of 5 the first week & 7 the second week. One of those 7 was a St. John's member. Katherine's "Jeremiah" study will conclude on April 12th. The journey through Jeremiah had 10-12 women attending. Holy Week/Easter postcards will be sent out later this week. Later in the month the postcards will go in to the bulletins & ask people to share them with a neighbor or friend. There is at least 1 person going on the Mission Trip to Mexico. Financial Secretary & Treasurer Reports: The monthly overview showed General Fund Actuals for Feb: Contributions: \$82,007; Expenses: \$75,869; Net Ordinary Income: \$6,138; Missions: \$3,720; Checking: \$98,531; Savings: \$566,538. Noah's Ark wish list is mostly completed. Life Insurance Policy from Donald Oswald Estate will be used to prepay Debentures and help clean up last year's wish list. All staff computers have been purchased. A motion to accept this report was made by Scott Spadgenske and seconded by Nicole Hills. Old Business: Reminder about Soup for Lenten Supper on April 6.

New Business: None at this time.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS, written & oral Elders: Highlights from printed report: Ryan Rutten reported Lenten Skits had enthusiasm & teaching effectiveness. The Elders would help with Good Friday Services. In May Communion will be at the rail again. Serving/reading schedule is being set up. Distant watching groups -a member mentioned this & check to see if he's willing to set it up. Impact Christian Academy has a church member going there & is looking for others to attend. A healing service was discussed. Elder Binders were assembled by Beth for contacting members. February membership changes: Removed by death: Virginia Buttenhoff, transferred out: Mike. Stephanie, Andy, Sam Shaffer. Received by baptism: Annie Marie Burns, William Otto Dahl, Aubree Janee, Maria Mae, Hailey Marie, Tiffany Mae, Zander William, Addelyn Mae Loebertmann; New Members to Church are David & Katye Baker, Jake Carlson, Pattie DeMars, Kelly Ebeling, Tom & Kara Gerold, Judy Johnson, Verdeen Langland, Austin Mehr, Jenna Koosman, Melissa Nelson, Paul & Abi Nelson,

Cody & Maggie Schmidt, Carmen Schroeder, Jane Strandberg, Rod & Carla Yonak. Trustees: Highlights form printed report: Scott Spadgenske reported about the broken cross. There are broken areas of the Cross due to the fall. An adjuster will be coming. The siding is also coming off on a spot of the Family Life Center. The adjuster may be coming next week. Checking for leaks that occur due to the Winter Snow Melt. There are tiles that need to be replaced. Some holes in the rubber by the handicapped parking. New tiles put up in places around the Church for the leaking spots. Outreach/Missions: Looking for a couple of counters to make Welcome Center more permanent. One for upstairs & one for downstairs. Thoughts were to use the budgeted money of \$1.040. One member for the Mexico Mission Trip so far. Hosting treats for Al Anon. Kyle Biork made Crosses with recordability to make it personal for the recipient.

Stewardship: No Report.

<u>Fellowship:</u> The Elders have been praying for God to lead them to someone who would be willing to chair this committee. They would be doing Service in the Park, Concert in the Park, getting cake for special events.

<u>Women in Mission:</u> There is a new member from last Fall & another member joined the Sewing Ladies.

<u>Library:</u> Keep Cheryl in our prayers. There are a couple of people interested in helping since Cheryl isn't doing well. Potential upgrade with the computer in the Library.

<u>Technology:</u> Ludovic moved TV around & placed one in Noah's Ark. Disc Players were thrown & new ones purchased. Auggie Mussell is working with sound.

<u>Project Compassion:</u> Will be signing Easter Cards.

<u>Decorating:</u> Nicole Hills reported a new banner for Easter is up. Everything will be down for Good Friday. Easter Saturday will be a decorating day for Easter Sunday. Nicole is wondering about decorating a Cross with flowers for Easter Sunday. Put announcement for help with Easter decorating in the Sanctuary & Family Life Center.

Other Business: On Saturday, March 19, at 9AM there will be training on the Sound System.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Ryan Adjourned at 7:54 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Klemz

