

January 2023

# St. John's Lutheran Church Church Bell



From the Desk of Pastor Chris Ryan



## New Year, New You?

The New Year is upon us! This is of course an exciting time for many people, who look at the start of a new calendar and consider it a fresh start for them personally as well. This year is going to be different for you, right?! Of course, maybe you're reading this on January 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> and realizing that some of the same issues you faced in 2022 are still there haunting you in 2023. Maybe you're already looking forward to 2024 for another fresh start. The good news is, we have a God who is all about giving us fresh starts every day! So if you are in need of a fresh start already in 2023, take the time to receive just that! Ask God to forgive your sin and He will give you that fresh start that Jesus won for you on the cross. Ask Him to sustain that

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Technology: Ludovic Marquette

## 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 February newsletter is **Monday, January 16th.**

**Bulletin Deadline:** Every Tuesday at midnight

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fresh start through the power of His Holy Spirit and then stop dwelling on the past and look forward to what God will do through you. After all, we have a God who says, *“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”*  
Isaiah 43:18-19

God’s Blessings this New Year,  
Pastor Chris Ryan

(For further study on this topic spend time reflecting on 1 Corinthians 6:11 and Philippians 3:13-14)

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**HEALING  
PRAYER**

FIRST SATURDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH  
FOLLOWING  
OUR 5 PM SERVICE

**Saturday,  
January 7**

**Annual Voter’s Meeting**

**Sunday, January 22 at 9:15 AM  
in the Fellowship Hall**

*Reports are due January 9th*





## **ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST**

Starting in mid-January, we will be doing a “reset” on our weekly prayer list insert. If you would like to stay on our prayer list, or would like your friend or family member to remain on the list, please let us know. You can contact Beth in the office at 763-682-1883 or [blangland@stjohnsbuffalo.org](mailto:blangland@stjohnsbuffalo.org)

### **St. John's Wish List**

Ascension Stained Glass Spotlight	\$600.00
5 Rectangle Tables	\$500.00
Rolling Safety Ladder	\$600.00



- In Concert -

remedy  
drive



Sunday, February 5, 4 PM

National recording artist REMEDY DRIVE will be performing in concert on Sunday, February 5th at 4:00 pm at St John's Lutheran Church Family Life Center. Remedy Drive is an American Christian alternative rock band based in Nashville who have performed throughout the country. They also partner with The Exodus Road, an international organization working to prevent human trafficking.

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

Tickets: \$10

Purchase tickets at the church office, Setterberg Jewelers or on [i-tickets.com](http://i-tickets.com)



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**KRWC Broadcast Sponsorship**  
Reserve your dates now for 2023!  
Call the Church Office for details at  
763-682-1883.

# January

## Ushers

8:00 Greg Buttenhoff, Brad  
Hoseck, Brian Kenmir,  
Jed Larson, Dale  
Schmiegl

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  
Trent Johnson  
Dave & Cindy Korbel  
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

Lois Borner  
Deb Chapa  
Josiah Clark  
Penny Steele



## Welcome Center Attendants for January:

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

## 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 January 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.

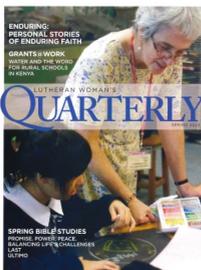
# LWML/WIM/St. John's Women



## 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 January: Transitional Housing with**

**Supportive Services to Abused Women and Their Children.** The Dwelling Place requests support for their high-quality and needed transitional housing, wrap-around supportive services, faith-based programming, and mentoring for women and their children fleeing from domestic violence. They help these women and children become self-sufficient, empowered, and committed to living a spiritually-centered healthy life. **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!**



Ladies! The winter edition of the Lutheran Women's Quarterly magazine is here for you to pick up! They are located by the office, in the Narthex, and back of the FLC.

## Serving Opportunities at St. John's



Looking for an easy way to sign up to volunteer at St. John's? Many of our teams are utilizing our Sign Up Genius tabs. Use the QR code to view and sign up for any of the listed opportunities!

### SERVING Opportunities @St. John's

- Coffee Servers/Drop off baked items—Contact Tonya Russell
- Fellowship Team—Contact Tonya Russell
- Greeters —Contact Todd Jones
- Library Volunteers—Contact Shirley Elletson

### Save the Date....

Our Annual Family Tubing Event at Powder Ridge is scheduled for Saturday, February 4th from 11 AM-1 PM. Questions? Contact Paul Nelson!



## Fellowship



WHAT'S BETTER THAN A PIZZA?

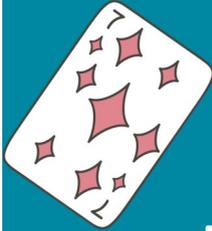
Pizza with your church friends!



First Sunday of the month following the 10:30 service

**January 8**

# Fellowship



Join us for

## CARD NIGHT



THURSDAYS IN JANUARY  
AT 5:30 PM BEGINNING  
JANUARY 12TH

This event is for  
the entire family!  
Any age welcome.



Begins January 12th! Need a ride? Contact Tonya Russell.

## ST. JOHN'S *Chili Supper*



*& Dessert Bars*

SATURDAY JANUARY 14TH AT 6:15PM

SIGN UP & RSVP WHAT YOU'RE BRINGING  
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## January Birthdays

Myrna Strenge	1/1	Matthew Schlink	1/17
Janet Zeidler	1/1	Rod Yonak	1/17
Isaiah Klatt	1/2	Lily Hoefling	1/18
Sandy Jeske	1/3	Linden Keyler	1/18
Alisa Korbel	1/5	Brody Lindsley	1/18
Richard Martin	1/5	Auggie Mussell	1/18
Everett Lindell	1/6	Nathan Ryan	1/18
Stephanie Peterson	1/6	Greg Graham	1/19
Lynnette Smith	1/6	Ayden Riopelle	1/19
Ayla Bertsch	1/7	Cora Botzek	1/20
Sunny Schmidt	1/7	Sheila Dudley	1/20
Kristin Clark	1/8	Lydia Wilson	1/20
Earl Graham	1/8	Doug Eiden	1/21
Rebecca Haggerty	1/9	Marley Henson	1/21
Jim Kaufman	1/9	Nicholas Hughes	1/21
Linda Ordorff	1/9	Kelly Ordorff	1/21
Rayna Sheppard	1/9	Harper Scheibel	1/21
AJ Wojciak	1/9	Blake Bertsch	1/22
Anya Clark	1/10	Lillian Kent	1/22
Sophia Moy	1/10	Myron Uecker	1/22
Kelcie Bode	1/11	Bria Kula	1/23
Diane Smith	1/11	Aryana Ordorff	1/23
Karen Spaude	1/12	Marlene Rau	1/23
Jeff Wheeler	1/12	Iona Whitney	1/23
Bailey Hill	1/13	Denny Biljan	1/24
Sandi Baert	1/15	Kenzie Novacek	1/24
Lillian Barlage	1/15	Derek Annis	1/25
Chris Groenke	1/16	Paisley Field	1/25
Allison Plocher	1/16	Mya Klaers	1/25
Ruth Schwanke	1/16	Willis Miller	1/25
Tami Berg	1/17	Cody Ryan	1/25
Brenda Moy	1/17	Halle Topp	1/25
Zach Potter	1/17	Julie DuBois	1/26

Matthew Henson	1/26	Kelly Jansson	1/28
Allie Marx	1/26	Doris Karie	1/28
Marlie Peter	1/26	Kari Benson	1/29
Dan Berg	1/27	David Glessing	1/29
Nikki Burns	1/27	Eva Murray	1/29
James Gravelle	1/27	Heidi Seidenkranz	1/29
RaVae Megaw	1/27	Jerdis Thornton	1/29
Becky Pemble	1/27	Hannah Nichol	1/31
Jon Boonstra	1/28	Cody Peterson	1/31

## Anniversaries



Doug & Kim Eiden	1/6
Aaron & Patty Kubasch	1/10
Rolly & Sandy Halsten	1/18
Ben & Megan Schmidt	1/22

## Buffalo Food Shelf Update

In November 2022, they served 210 families and distribution of 23,000 pounds of food. The Thanksgiving meal reached around 300 families. December brought the Christmas Dinner giveaway and “Kids’ Choice” during school break. They are seeking more volunteers to meet food insecurity needs within our community. The Buffalo Food Shelf thanks St. John’s for their volunteers and contributions for 2022.



# Noah's Ark Preschool



## January 2023

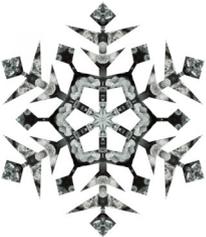
Our Bible theme this month is:  
"Jesus helps and heals"

During Jesus Time we will hear stories about Jesus as a little boy, Jesus' baptism, how He heals a blind man, a little girl, and ten lepers, and how He fed 5,000 people.



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## What is happening this month?



**Themes:**

Snow & Ice

Taking care of our bodies (healthy food, k moving, and visiting the doctor and dentist)

Exploring with our five senses

**Dramatic Play:**

For January: Doctor's Office and a Veterinary Clinic.

We will help and heal our friends and classroom animals!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

NO SCHOOL: January 2nd. See you back on the 3rd!





## FAMILY GAME NIGHT—BINGO!!

Friday, January 27th at 6 PM

Cabin fever? Need to get out of the house? Mark your calendars for a night of family fun. All ages are welcome to join us for snacks, bingo for all ages, and prizes. Want to help out or just learn more? Contact Kelly at 763-682-1883.



# Operation Christmas Child

## Operation Christmas Child Items for January:

For January, we will be collecting **TOOTH BRUSHES!** Thank you for continuing to donate throughout the year so that we can fill our boxes for this wonderful mission outreach!



## Sunday School Offering Project

During the months of **January & February** all the money collected in children's and Sunday school offering will go to feed kids through **Feed My Starving Children**.



Just follow these steps...

1. Students pick up a tube of mini M&M's
  2. Take the M&M's and eat them.
  3. Fill the tubes with Quarters.
  4. Bring back the tube back by February 26th.
- Need a Tube? Have Questions? 763-682-1883



The First Faith Steps Class will be taking a break for a while this winter and will return starting in March. We look forward to seeing you again soon!





## Save the Date! Recent Grads Brunch Tues. Jan. 3rd 10:30 am

Are you a recent high school graduate? Come and join us on Tuesday, January 3rd at 10:30 AM at Forget Me Not Café to connect with your friends from St. John's!



### Sr. High Youth Mission Trip Meeting

On Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the youth room, we will go over adult leader Applications for our 2023 Mission Trip and Luige's fundraiser!

We are switching from Heggie's to Luige's Pizza this winter! Youth will be collecting orders January 11<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> and they will be delivered on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Funds from each sale goes towards our 2023 Summer Mission Trip to Kentucky!



### **NEW PIZZA FUNDRAISER!**

Youth will be taking orders January 11<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>

Delivered  
February  
10<sup>th</sup>

# Youth



## Jr. High Youth to River City Extreme

Jr. High youth are welcome to meet at River City Extreme in Monticello **Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm** for unlimited bowling, arcade, and laser tag! **Cost is \$20** but bring extra money if you'd like to buy any food or drink. Please sign up all participants at this form: <https://bit.ly/3PtkCiB>



Save the date for our **Sr. High Lock-In from 7 pm-7 am on Friday, January 20th!** We'll have pizza, lots of games and tournaments, and a time of worship and Bible study. Please sign up so we can get an estimate for food by Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>! Cost is \$10. If youth are leaving early, they must have a signed note from a parent. Sign-Up here: <https://bit.ly/3uZK1qs>

**Sr. High Youth Group Dates for January:**  
January 4, 18, and 25

# Youth



## January Youth Events

### JR. HIGH

River City Extreme-Sunday, January 15th 5-7 pm \$20

Youth Group with ACT United-January 22nd

(Parents Welcome)

### RECENT GRADS

Brunch at Forget Me Not

January 3rd 10:30 am

### SR. HIGH

Youth Group with ACT United-January 11th

Mission Trip Meeting/Luige's Pizza Kick-Off-January 11th

Youth Group January 4th, 18th, and 25th

Sr. High Lock-In-Friday, January 20th 7 pm-7 am \$10

### National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month and St. John's youth will all have an opportunity to hear from Jessica Bartholomew from **A.C.T. United** to inform and also help youth prevent human trafficking from a Christian perspective.

**Sr. High youth can hear Jessica on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8 pm while Jr. High youth and parents can hear her on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5-6:30 pm.** To finish off the month, we will have **Remedy Drive in concert on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.** Remedy Drive is a Christian rock band that fights human trafficking through their music, selling merchandise made by trafficking survivors to help those survivors, and by partnering with the Exodus Road in helping save victims of human trafficking. The cost will be \$10 per ticket. These are all great opportunities to hear about every person's value as a child of God and how God is working to fight this terrible problem.

ACT United Youth Groups-Sr. High on January 11<sup>th</sup> and Jr. High on January 22<sup>nd</sup>

# Special Ministries & Life Groups

## 7 TIPS TO BEAT THE WINTER BLUES



### 1. BRIGHTEN YOUR HOME

Vitamin D from natural light can help to improve your mood. Make it a daily routine to open your blinds and curtains.



### 2. ANTICIPATE AN EVENT

Anticipate an upcoming event, or create something to look forward to such as inviting your grandchildren or friend to visit. This can create positive feelings and excitement.



### 3. STICK TO A SCHEDULE

Avoid the temptation to alter your schedule to avoid activities and socialization. Stick to your every day schedule.



### 4. EAT A BALANCED DIET

Eating the right combination of proteins, carbohydrates, dairy, fruits and vegetables is a natural way to boost your mood and energy.



### 5. STAY ACTIVE

Exercise can be vital to lifting up your mood during the winter months. Stretching, walking and lifting light weights are a few ideas to get you started.



### 6. ACCOMPLISH A GOAL

Motivate yourself by adding a goal to your to-do list, big or small, and once it's finished, cross it off.



### 7. SOCIALIZE WITH OTHERS

Lift your spirits and shift your perspective by being around others. Attend a church service or volunteer in your community.

from [www.concordialm.org](http://www.concordialm.org)

## Some ways to get out and CONNECT with others this winter:

-> Join a LIFE Group! (The schedule is here in the newsletter.)

-> Come out to play cards on Thursdays at 5:30pm. (Rides available!)

-> Stick around after late service on January 8th for Pizza Fellowship

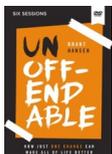
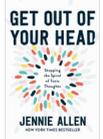
-> Stick around after Saturday service on January 14th to enjoy the Chili Supper

-> Come play BINGO on Friday, January 27th

-> Make plans to attend worship regularly and look for someone who could use a hello or a hug!

-> Sign Up to volunteer to serve others: Coffee Fellowship, Greet, Library Help, or in the Office.

**Get Out of Your Head:** *"This six-session study will guide you through the book of Philipians, challenging you to fight the enemies of the mind with the truth of God's promises and His goodness."* Join Katherine Clark on **Wednesday mornings or Thursday evenings** for this transformational study!



**Unoffendable:** *"In this six-session Bible study, Brant Hansen shares practical ways to live life with less stress and more care by becoming unoffendable. He seeks to lift the religious burdens from our backs and allow us to experience the joy of gratitude every day of our lives—flourishing the way God intended."*

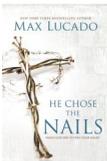
# Special Ministries & Life Groups

## LIFE Groups January 2023

Day/Time	Location	Facilitator	Topic
Sunday 7:27 AM	Prayer Chapel (Room 210)	Katherine Clark	Prayer covering for morning ministries - join when you are able
Sunday 9:15 AM	Preschool Room (121)	Stacy Rutten	TBD - Begins Jan 15th
Sundays 6:00 PM	Borner's Home	Ed & Lois Borner	The Chosen Season 3 - Begins Jan 8th
2nd/4th Tues 9:30 AM	The Glenn	Pastor Ryan	Varying Bible Study topics + games
Wednesdays 9:15 AM	Classroom 228	Katherine Clark	Women's study - Jennie Allen's <i>Get Out of Your Head (Philippians)</i> - begins Jan 11th
Wednesdays 7:15 PM	Conference Room	Various	He Chose the Nails - Begins Jan 4th
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 Ryan	Men's Study - <i>Judges</i>
Thursdays 6:30 PM	Conference Room	Katherine Clark	Women's study - Jennie Allen's <i>Get Out of Your Head (Philippians)</i> - begins Jan 12th
Thursdays 6:30 PM	Jed & Del Larson home	Jed & Del Larson	<i>Unoffendable (by Brant Hansen)</i> Starts Jan 5th
2nd Saturday 6:15 PM	Potluck in Fellowship Hall	potluck	Saturday Supper Club - Jan - Chili Supper - ALL Welcome

For more information, visit [stjohnsbuffalo.org/life-groups/](http://stjohnsbuffalo.org/life-groups/) or  
talk to Katherine Clark (Katherine@stjohnsbuffalo.org)

**The Chosen:** "The theme of Season 3 is 'Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.'" Join Ed & Lois Borner at their home on **Sunday evenings at 6pm** to watch Season 3 of The Chosen.



**He Chose the Nails:** "Go ahead and linger on the hill of Calvary and see just how much God did to win your heart. Max Lucado invites you to examine the cross, contemplate its purpose, and celebrate its significance in He Chose the Nails."

This Wednesday night LIFE Group meets upstairs at 7:15 pm

# Board Meeting Minutes 11/15/2022

Call to Order: Jan Larson

Open with Prayer: Pastor Clark

Review Agenda: Under Special Ministries change New Devotionals with Outreach to New Devotionals to Wrapped in Love. New Business: YouTube video for those who are visiting. Approved.

Secretary's Report: Motion Approved

by Dave Haggerty and Tonya Russell

Pastor Clark's Report: Sermon Series coming to an end. Several Baptisms. A few funerals are coming: Mayella

Yonak Funeral. Both Pastors are doing visitations. Upcoming Dates:

November 20: Operation Christmas Child Blessing, November 23: Thanksgiving Eve Service, November 27: Erin Bode Concert, December 10:

Christmas Lessons and Carols

Concert, December 18: Children's

Christmas Program. Pastor Clark to

finish with teaching Confirmation for Pastor Ryan.

Pastor Ryan's Report: SMP classes are coming to a close. College. Life Group at the Glenn has a change in time:

from 9 AM to 9:30 AM. Continues to do PEP alternating with Pastor Clark. Also does alternating with devotions at the Glenn. Visiting about 95% of those on the visitation board.

Youth Ministry: Paul reported Jr. High going strong and Sr. High is going good. Mission Trip Meeting was

packed with youth and parents. Top choices for the trip are Mexico (God will Provide Orphanage), looking into Alaska & Hong Kong. Butter Braids will be delivered the first week in

December. Jr. High Christmas Party December 11<sup>th</sup>. Sr. Youth reading the Screwtape Letters and having discussions about them. Sr. High Christmas Party December 14<sup>th</sup> &

Christmas Movie Night December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Wrapped in Love Servant Event TBD.

Paul will be gone the weekend of November 18-20 for Iowa District West Youth Gathering. Paul & Abi are expecting their first child in May. Chaperones for the trip will be determined at a later date.

Children & Family Ministry: Kelly

reported the 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders received their Bibles on October 31<sup>st</sup>. In November the children had the opportunity to write down things they are thankful for & put them on the Blessing Tree.

November 14<sup>th</sup> was kick-off for Operation Christmas Child. Collecting items all year. Filled 150 shoeboxes during the Sunday School Hour. Up-

coming Events are: November 27 take

home Advent Kits, December 2: Ginger-

bread Bash Event, December 17:

Children's Christmas Program Practice,

December 18: Sunday School

Christmas Program, December 24:

Family Service at 3:00pm & 5:00pm.

Noah's Ark: Students are "Decking the Halls" with art work they've done. You can see it in the Coffee Commons Area during December. Noah's Ark will have their Christmas Program on

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30

am. No School December 23<sup>rd</sup>-January

2<sup>nd</sup>. The preschool board continues to

pray & plan for a new director for the

coming school year. Licensing

Inspector came & all went well.

Special Ministries: Outreach provided special placements for the

Thanksgiving Meal. A goodie bag was

handed out with a Thanksgiving tract.

For the podcast Pastor & Katherine are

working on putting a "reel" or Gospel

clip from the message to get the

Gospel message beyond church walls.

Volunteers can go to SignUp Genius on

line to help out. Katherine Clark, Beth Langland, Kelly Thole are organizing a Women's Holiday Porch Pot Event on Nov. 28 & also "Because of Bethlehem Advent Study" will kick off that same night. Advent Reading Bookmarks will be at the service on Nov. 27. of Life Groups up and running.

Financial Secretary & Treasurer Reports: Reports for the month of October include Contributions: \$89,059; Expenses: \$77,799; Net Income: \$11,260; Missions: \$4,706; Checking: \$110,539; Savings: \$564,680 (1/2 of the Savings is General Fund Money). This month was a 5 week month. Approved by motion of Dave Haggerty & Tonya Russell.

New Business: YouTube is another way to view our church services. Kelly Thole and Paul Nelson put together a short video about the safety information for the church: AED access, knowing where to get wheelchairs & walkers, first aid kit, Sensory Bags for any one to use during the service, bathroom locations, & Lutheran bags for the youngsters.

Elders: Membership changes: Removed: Joel, Emily (Chapa), Jack Rachwitz to St. John's Lutheran in Austin, MN. Received: By Baptism: Annabelle Kay Aamodt, Leo Alan Bremmer, Peyton Elizabeth Rose, Harlow Andora Bremmer, Henry Clarence Wren, Alyza Lynn Eiden. New Members: Justin, Priscilla, Noah, Isaac, Ezra Engelman, Darwin, Mary Lou Koecher, Bruce Loeffler, Ginny Meil, Elaine Morrow, Paul, Heidi, Isaac, Hannah, Micah Nichol, Becky Pemble, Ryan, Keylie, Kaden Sullivan, Preston, Jess, Adelyn Zimny.

Trustees: New LED lights installed around outside of church building. Fall clean-up held on Oct. 29. Pews were moved from the choir room to other areas around church. Final payment was made for cross/roof/tower repair. All

people are asked to keep snow off the sidewalks around church as per policy when there is only an inch or less. A few Sundays ago the sanctuary seemed to be chilly & that was due to the boiler malfunction. Also asking if it's possible to move the Board Meeting time to 6pm instead of 6:30pm.

Outreach: Refer to Katherine Clark's Special Ministries Section. Christmas Caroling will be Saturday, Dec. 17 at 1 PM going downtown Buffalo & Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 6 PM going to the area nursing homes.

Stewardship: No report.

Fellowship: Pizza was served after 10:30am service on Nov. 6. Still looking for volunteers to help. Thanksgiving Dinner sign-up is going well. Prize for the best pie & there will be an auction for the pies.

Women in Mission: Evangelism & Missions are combined with Outreach. Library: Looking for volunteers to help with the Library.

Technology: No report.

Project Compassion: Packing Christmas Bags to take out to the shut-ins.

Decorating: Poinsettias are being ordered and will be put into place the week before Christmas. Trustees moved their meeting to Nov. 29 so they were able to help Nicole pull everything out of the attic. Nov. 27 is the first Sunday in Advent. Dec. 1 (Thursday) for decorating the Church for Christmas.

Other Business: None at this time.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Ryan Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Klemz



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