



## From the Desk of Pastor Clark

*For unto us **a child** is born,  
unto us **a Son** is given:  
and the government shall be upon **His** shoulder:  
and **His name shall be called**  
**Wonderful Counsellor,**  
**The mighty God,**  
**The everlasting Father,**  
**The Prince of Peace.***

*Isaiah 9:6*

I read a story a few years back about a 4 year-old boy named Bobby Tufts who was “elected” mayor of Dorset, Minnesota (population 22). Although, in a community that size, there aren’t that many responsibilities, when this preschool-aged mayor would be seen walking up and down the street with his parents, he would be greeted to calls of “Good morning, Mr. Mayor!” You could say that the government of this tiny community was upon his tiny shoulders!

In Isaiah 9, we have one of the most amazing prophecies of Jesus. “For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.” This was fulfilled 2000 years ago when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, sent here to earth to save us from our sins. Then the next line of Isaiah says, “and the government shall be upon His shoulder.” This child Jesus grew up, suffered, died, rose,

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Project Compassion: Sandi Baert

Decorating: Nicole Hills

Stewardship: Tim Vergin

Trustees: Scott Spadgenske

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 January newsletter is **Monday, December 12th.**

**Bulletin Deadline:** Every Tuesday at midnight

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and ascended up into Heaven. And He's coming back soon! When Jesus returns in glory, as it says in Revelation 19, "On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: king of kings and lord of lords." The Christ-child would become the King over all; and now the government is truly upon His shoulders!

As the world gets steadily worse and the governments continue to make unwise decisions, try not to fret. Continue to thank and praise God this Christmas. The child who was born for us, the Son who was given unto us is King over all for all eternity!

Merry Christmas,  
Pastor Clark

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**HEALING  
PRAYER**

FIRST SATURDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH  
FOLLOWING  
OUR 5 PM SERVICE

**Saturday,  
December 3**

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## **Christmas Lessons & Carols Service**

**Saturday, December 10th,  
5:00 PM in the Sanctuary**

Please join us on Saturday, December 10th at 5pm in the sanctuary! We will have a Lessons & Carols service featuring a few choral pieces, handbell pieces, and Advent/Christmas hymns. Make plans to join us to worship our Coming King!

*Register for your seat on our website: [stjohnsbuffalo.org](http://stjohnsbuffalo.org)*

# 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)



As previously approved by the congregation for 2022, our Christmas Eve & Christmas Day offerings will be distributed as follows:



**20% Love INC, 20% Noah's Ark, 20% Mayer Lutheran High,  
20% Christ Community-Watertown and 20% St. James  
School - Howard Lake.**

*Please keep all of these groups in your prayers.*



**Help us decorate the church for Christmas!**

**Thursday, December 1 starting at 4:30 PM**

**Join us anytime that evening!**





# HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

*at St. John's*

Dec 2 / 6:30pm - Family Gingerbread Bash

Dec 10 / 5PM - Lessons & Carols Service

Dec 18 / 10:30 am - Children's Christmas Program

## *Christmas Services*

Dec 24 / 3 & 5pm - Family Christmas Eve Services

Dec 24 / 7 & 9 pm - Traditional Christmas Eve Services

Dec 25 / 10 am - Christmas Morning Service

## *New Year's Services*

Dec 31 / 5 pm - New Year's Eve Worship Service

Jan 1 / 10 am - New Year's Day Worship Service

find out more at [stjohnsbuffalo.org](http://stjohnsbuffalo.org)



# December

## **Ushers**

8:00	Fred Bonk, Brad Hoseck, Jan Larson, John Prigge
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
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## **Contemporary Worship Team**

The Team	Josiah Clark Pastor Clark Lee Claseman Claire Erickson Aaron Kubasch LeAnn March Melissa Morris Paul Nelson
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## **Organists/Pianists**

The Team	Sandi Baert Lois Borner Deb Chapa Josiah Clark Penny Steele
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## **Welcome Center Attendants for December:**

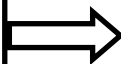
Holly Bode  
Doreen Claseman  
Nicole Hills  
Dan & Chris Husom  
Kathy Klemz  
Lynnette Smith

## **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 December 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.





### 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 December: International Students:**

**Making Jesus Known Throughout the World.** Concordia University continues to accept and form highly-qualified international students who, after earning their advanced-level theological degrees, will assume in their home countries important roles in carrying out the Great Commission. However, they do not have enough resources to fund these students’ educations. The missions grant would help support these students’ education costs. **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: \$330.39. Thank you!**

God has once again richly blessed our annual Country Fair for Missions, enabling us to support many worthy missions and projects, as He has for 55 years. **Thanks to each and every one of you who helped in ANY way!** This

large event comes together because of your willingness to share your time and your talents. We raised approximately \$14,000. To God be all the glory!

A photograph of star-shaped cookies decorated with white icing, placed in a bowl. In the background, there are Christmas decorations including pine branches, pinecones, and small lights.

**PEP Group  
Christmas  
Potluck**

*December 20 at 9 am  
Bring a dish to share!*

## St. John's Volunteers

[Trick or Treat](#)
[Thanksgiving](#)
[Greeters](#)
[Welcome Center](#)
[Coffee](#)
[Nursery](#)


## 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! (If your group is interested in having a tab for sign ups, reach out to Katherine Clark!).

## Saturday SUPPER CLUB

*Join us on the 2nd Saturday of the month after Saturday night service for dinner and fellowship. Location will rotate.*



Our December Saturday Supper Club will be a **POTLUCK** after the **Lessons & Carols Concert** in the Fellowship Hall.

### **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
- **Caroling**—Contact Tonya Russell

# Fellowship



**WHAT'S BETTER  
THAN A PIZZA?**

**Pizza with your  
church friends!**



**First Sunday of the month  
following the 10:30 service**

**December 4**

**Save the date for caroling!**

**Saturday, December 17th at 1 PM  
Caroling in downtown Buffalo outside**

**Wednesday, December 21st at 6 PM  
Caroling in area nursing homes**





## December Birthdays

Diana Ashwill	12/1	Maren Karstens	12/8
Jeremiah Bergin	12/1	Aiden Roskowiak	12/8
Aubriella Bursch	12/1	Lori Winterfeldt	12/8
Torri Erickson	12/1	Mia Anderson	12/9
Harley Kuehl	12/1	Rebecca Runke	12/9
Austin Mehr	12/1	Reagan Russell	12/9
Gary Schillinger	12/1	Denise Saunders	12/9
Michelle Bremmer	12/2	Jerome Winterfeldt	12/9
Kora Lynn Dalchow	12/2	Thad Ashwill	12/10
Russ Elletson	12/2	Noah Johnson	12/10
Bruce Ostenson	12/2	Lacey Mader	12/10
Matt Dokkebakken	12/3	Ellie Madsen	12/10
Sherry Jakel	12/3	Phil Marx	12/10
Kelsey Johnson	12/3	Brooklyn Russell	12/11
Judy Lardy	12/3	Chloe Berg	12/12
Sophia Roskowiak	12/3	Tate DeBoer	12/12
Stacy Rutten	12/3	Char Torgerson	12/12
Betty Salonek	12/3	Tonia Hewett	12/13
Al Uecker	12/3	Darlene Woodhull	12/13
Marvel Korbel	12/4	Leo Bremmer	12/14
Amelya Riopelle	12/4	David Hamilton	12/14
Elsie Hultgren	12/5	Aubree Loebertmann	12/14
Lea Korbel	12/5	Reese Peter	12/14
Hanni Lommel	12/5	Ramie Bennett	12/16
Melissa Maas	12/5	Doug Korbel	12/16
Jean Kubu	12/6	Sarah Licht	12/16
Finley Stodola	12/6	Stan Meyer	12/16
Gerald Stoppelman	12/6	Ken Spike	12/16
Robert Forcier	12/7	Bill Triplett	12/16
Mark Saunders	12/7	Jon Chapa	12/17
Autumn Schlink	12/7	Dylan Erickson	12/17
Josiah Clark	12/8	Parker Jansson	12/17
Debbie Ebert	12/8	Maria Olasz	12/17
Gene Ebert	12/8	Tonya Russell	12/17
Christian Giles	12/8	Kelly Thole	12/17
Kristine Johnson	12/8	Ivrick Bondhus	12/18



Andrew Poole	12/18	Philip Marquette	12/25
Gregg Beckman	12/20	Josephine Stoppelman	12/25
Debra Henning	12/20	Chris Froberg	12/26
Amelia Minero	12/20	Ginny Meil	12/26
Cody Schmidt	12/20	Pat Norine	12/26
Eleanor Sheppard	12/20	Evelyn Lehmborg	12/27
Cooper Bonk	12/21	Lucas Wilson	12/27
Breah Dudley	12/21	Judy Johnson	12/28
Tracy Madsen	12/21	Curt Schmalz	12/28
Anna Marquette	12/21	Melissa Nelson	12/29
Cole Miller	12/21	Sophia Eikhoff	12/30
Frances Trattles	12/21	Rae Topp	12/30
Lonnie Thornton	12/22	Holly Bode	12/31
Annoe Corey	12/24	Boone Henson	12/31
Jason Munger	12/24	Amelia Robeck	12/31
Nancy Schmitz	12/24	Olivia Taylor	12/31

## Anniversaries



Neal & Marnie Glessing	12/12
Jim & Sharon Kaufman	12/17
Drew & Karly Holland	12/27
Talion & Sara Kubu	12/27
Kurt & Leah Yager	12/28
Kati & Wayne Bauernschmitt	12/29
Ben & Kaylee Henson	12/31



### Christmas Gifts for the Kids at God Will Provide Orphanage and Daycare

Did you have the chance to grab a gift tag for a kiddo and their Christmas clothing request/need? Clothing items must be *new with tags* to pass customs at the border. *Unwrapped* gifts should be noted with the child's name and returned to the

bin in the narthex by Sunday,

December 11th. They will be delivered by Mark & Paula Downes (who shared during Missions Month) later that week.



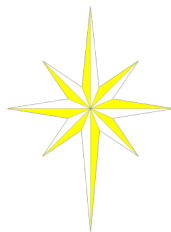
# Noah's Ark Preschool



## December 2022

Our Bible theme this month is "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" Our Bible verse for the month is:  
"Unto you is born... a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

During Jesus Time we will learn that our Savior is coming, hear about the angels and the shepherds, see that a star announced the Savior, and celebrate "He's here! He's here! Hip, hip, hooray!"



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## What is happening this month?



On display this month...  
**Noah's Ark preschool students!**

Come and get into the holiday spirit while you check out what our preschool has been working on during our creative time. Find out about our artists and get a glimpse into our wonderful preschool.  
(In the Coffee Commons area)

### Noah's Ark Christmas Program!

Wednesday, December 21st at 9:30 AM  
In the sanctuary.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NO SCHOOL: December 22-January 2 (Christmas break)

\*\* See you back on January 3 & 4



**Join us on December 2nd at 6:30pm for this year's Advent  
Kick off event ....Gingerbread Bash!**

This fun, hands-on Christmas event for kids and families is full of ways to kick off the season. During this event, families will build gingerbread nativities, hear the Christmas story from the Bible, sing songs, and discover what Christmas is all about! Reserve a table for your family today at:

[stjohnsbuffalo.org](http://stjohnsbuffalo.org)

## **Children's Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal**

**Saturday, December 17**

(all Sunday School children ages 3-4th Grade)

**9:30-11:30 AM** in the Family Life Center

The Christmas Program will be:

**Sunday, December 18th at 10:30 AM**

in the Family Life Center



**\*\* Please make sure to attend this important rehearsal!**



Join us for a **FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** on  
**December 24th at 3 PM & 5 PM**

This service is geared toward children of all ages and children at heart! It will be an interactive, simple celebration of our Savior's birth. Merry Christmas!

## St. John's First Faith Steps Class



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

**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.

**\*\* This class will be taking a break for the month of January and will return in February.**

REMINDER!

NO Sunday School classes on:  
December 25 and January 1



Operation  
Christmas  
Child

**Thank you, thank you, thank you!!**

Thanks to the generosity of our St. John's family, we were able to deliver MANY boxes to the distribution center to be sent to children all around the world. What a joy it is to be a part of this wonderful ministry! We couldn't have done this without your participation, time, and generosity.

## Youth



Reminder:

There will be NO Confirmation on  
December 14, 21, and 28.

There will be NO Youth Sunday School on  
Sunday, December 25.

There will be NO Sr. High Youth Group on  
December 21 and 28.



**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 to connect with your friends from St. John's!



## Christmas Parties

You won't want to miss these youth Christmas parties!

**Jr. High will celebrate on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30 pm while Sr. High will be on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8 pm.** Pizza will be provided for both parties. Remember to bring a white elephant gift and bringing snacks/desserts are encouraged!

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The holidays are a great time to help those in need and St. John's Youth is continuing our partnership with **Wrapped in Love in downtown Buffalo.** We will **meet at Wrapped in Love on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1-3 pm.** We will likely be sorting and folding clothes but may get to help wrap presents for kids in need. Please sign up to help by Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> since we will have limited space to help!

## Christmas Movie Night

It's cold. It's festive. Let's stay inside and enjoy a Christmas movie along with some snacks and hot drinks on **Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm!** Youth can help choose the movie by filling out the survey on our sign-up link on the website or our Instagram.





## Special Ministries & Life Groups

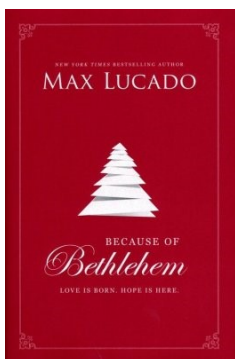
### MOVIE: "I Heard the Bells"

**Sunday, December 4 at 4 PM**

Join the group going to Emagine Theater in Monticello on December 4th to watch "I Heard the Bells" at the 4 PM showing!

It is an inspiring true story behind the beloved Christmas carol and its author, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

[Purchase your ticket](#) (we will be in rows C, D, & E if possible) and meet the group there!



### "Because of Bethlehem" Women's Advent ON-LINE Study

There will be an introduction to Max Lucado's "Because of Bethlehem" during the Women's **Holiday Porch Pot event**.

Make plans to join me for the next 3 sessions **ONLINE** from the comfort of your home!

**December 5, 12, & 19 at 7 PM.**

**Register Online!**

*Max Lucado loves Christmas. The carols and cookies, the decoration and generosity of the season. But most of all, he loves it because it's during this time of year that people will wonder and inquire about the baby in the manger. This little baby became the King on the cross. Christmas proclaims the truth of Easter to come. Join Max in this lively, heartwarming celebration of all things Christmas. Because of Bethlehem features stories both insightful and whimsical. On every page, Max's words will encourage, captivate and inspire you, but more importantly, they'll point you towards the One worth celebrating.*

# Quarterly Voter's Meeting Minutes 10/23/2022

9:15 a.m. Call to Order: Jan Larson

Opening Prayer: Pastor Clark opened with prayer.

Secretary's Report: The Annual Secretary's Report was approved on motion of Dave Haggerty & second of Nicole Hills.

Pastor's Ryan Clark's Report: Highlighted items on his printed report. Excited about continuation of Healing Prayer Services on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month offering prayers for anyone who desires them. He requests testimonies from individuals who have experienced healing to be shared with other members. Continues with sermon series "A Name for Every Need". We are so blessed by all of the activities and participation of members. Happy to have Tonya Russell as our Fellowship Chair.

Pastor Chris Ryan (report given by Pastor Clark) Second son, Cooper Benjamin has joined our St. John's family as of this week. Continues with SMP program; he has one year to go in his studies. Enjoys helping with doing Shut In Visits and House Calls. Holds services at Havenwood each month. Hold several life groups, Men's Group, Sunday Men's, College Group, Nursing Home Life Group at The Glenn and PEP. Planning on new Life group: Young Newlyweds

Family Ministry- Kelly Thole: Kelly provided a detailed activity report. Deep into Fall activities. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible presentation soon, giving thanks during November by adding our wishes to the Tree, Operation

Christmas Child kick of November 13-21<sup>st</sup>. Will host an Advent Kickoff/Family Event with a Gingerbread Bash.

Noah's Ark- Kelly Thole: Enjoying a full house of students with a lot of energy. Students will be featuring their art in the Library Commons area in December. Noah's Ark Christmas Program December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Youth Ministry- Paul Nelson: 12 Jr High Members went to Camp Omega in August. 70 members attended the Mini Golf & Bowling Event at Huikkos. Have formed a Youth Leadership council with 6 students. Will begin meeting in November. Planning for the Youth Gathering in 2025.

Special Ministries -Katherine Clark: Greeter Ministry led by Todd Jones going well. Always need more members to participate. Program leaders for the MOSES ministry are Beth Husom, Beau & Kiley Schmidt and Dani Topp. Contact them for assistance in small home projects. Currently have approximately 140 members attending a variety of Life Groups meeting in and about the Church. 16 New Members joined St. John's on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Minutes from the July 31, 2022 Quarterly Meeting were presented and approved.

Financial Secretary & Treasurer's Report: Reports presented by Jim Chapa via Zoom & for Amy Klemz. Both reports were compared and reconciled. General Fund through September 30, 2022, Quarter: Contributions: \$206,308; Expenses: \$232,056; Net Decrease: \$25,746. Current Balances:

General Fund \$102,785; General Savings: \$569,004. Missions for the Quarter were \$15,160. Report approved on motion by Dave Haggerty and second of Chris Husom. The 2023 Budget was presented for a total of \$1,048,278. The budget was approved on motion of Bill Cook and second by Tracey Anderson.

#### **REPORTS:**

**Elders:** Ryan Rutten reported that we have a new Fellowship Chair, Tonya Russell. Elders continue to assist in Healing Services. Held a lot of discussion about Christian Impact Academy. Pastor Clark and Pastor Ryan will serve on the Spiritual Advisory Board. The following membership changes were approved upon motion of Tracey Anderson and seconded by Matt Russell: Received Members by Baptism: Brooklyn Elise Lambert, Sadie Kelly Schmidt, Annabelle Kay Aamodt; Received Members: Patty Ernst, Ryan, Keylie & Kaden Sullivan, Steve & Kathleen Orbin, Members removed: Aaron & Nicole Beckman, Leah Mussell, Joel, Emily & Jack Rachwitz.

**Committee Reports:** All committees had submitted written reports as part of the meeting packet.

**Trustees/Scott Spadgenski:** Printed report highlight many completed projects as part of the ongoing maintenance of our campus. Steeple Cross has been repaired, parking lot resealed, new cement slab on East side of building. Presented the new, revised Church Facility Reservation Agreement dated October 23, 2022. Congregation approved on motion of Matt Russell and second of Ryan

Rutten.

**Memorials:** As Listed..

**Gift & Estate:** Thrivent Balance: \$30,850. (includes \$11,793 Vera Hinz Music)

**Building & Finance:** LCMS Loan Balance has been paid in full by Member Debentures. Debenture Balance 9-30-22 \$1,275,000.00

**Missions:** 2023 Mission projects were approved on motion of Penny Steele. Christian Impact Academy will be added to Education area for 2023.

**Women In Mission** Dress kits are available to be picked up and sewn to be included in the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Working on projects for Country Fair. Continue to host monthly coffee hour for Mites collections.

**Project Compassion.** Discussing handouts on needs as we age, suicide awareness and other timely topics.

**Technology:** Printed report.

**Other Business:** Scott Spadgenske has accepted the Head Trustee position for another year. Ryan Rutten has accepted the Head Elder position for another year.

**Meeting adjourned** at 10:20 a.m. We closed by singing the Doxology.

Report submitted by Janice Marschel on behalf of Kathy Klemz, Secretary.



# Board Meeting Minutes 10/18/2022

Call to Order: Jan Larson

Open with Prayer: Pastor Clark

Review Agenda: Add to new business Impact Christian Academy discussion. Approved.

Secretary's Report: Approved by motion of Nicole Hills & Jim Chapa.

Pastor Clark's Report: Sermon Series "A Name for Every Need" continues. Confirmation studying the 10 Commandments. New Member Class has 16 new members with the next class in February. Several baptisms are scheduled. PEP is studying "I AM" statements of Jesus. Both Pastors are doing Havenwood services every month. Healing Services are well attended every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month. Upcoming events are: Oct 23 Monroe Crossing, Nov 27 Erin Bode Concert, Nov 12 Country Fair, Nov 23 Thanksgiving Eve Service, Dec 10 Christmas Lessons & Carols Concert, Dec 18 Children's Christmas Program, Dec 24 & 25 Christmas Services.

Pastor Ryan's Report: Absent due to birth of son today.

Youth Ministry: Paul reported Jr. Youth at Huikko's on Sept. 25 and first youth group meeting on Oct 2. A fundraiser was done at Coborn's with a Cook out on Oct 8 that went very well. Youth met & talked about God's Promises. Sunday School with 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade is going well. Sr. Youth continues discussing "The Screwtape Letters". Youth Leadership Council (YLC) members are: Freshman Marcus Russell & Mackenzie Novacek, Sophomore

Levi Hewett, Junior Allie Marx & Claire Erickson, Senior Cody Ryan. First meeting is Nov 6. Leadership meeting every other month with Leadership Conference coming. Mission Trip meeting on Oct 26 at 6pm. Sr High game night Nov 13 Noon-4pm. Chaperones needed for Sr. High Paintball on Sat, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. Paul out to IDW Youth Gathering on Nov 18<sup>th</sup>-20 the theme is "Be Prepared". "Meet me at the Pole" occurs annually in October.

Children & Family Ministry: October 2, 9, and 16 is the Bible Basics class for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and their parents. October 16 is the "Amazing Chemistry Show" in the FLC. On October 31<sup>st</sup> the Third Graders will be receiving their Bibles during the 10:30am service. Noah's Ark: September 30<sup>th</sup> the 4 & 5 class went on a fieldtrip to Fall Harvest Orchard. On October 11<sup>th</sup> Kelly and staff met with the health consultant nurse. Fall break: October 19-21.

Special Ministries: New Devotionals with Outreach. Christmas Offerings will be split 5 ways for the schools we support. Volunteers can sign up through the QR code from the bulletin. Click on the tab "Sign up Genius" for the volunteer opportunities. Life Groups continue with more people joining the small groups. Mission Projects were reviewed. A recommendation to the congregation that Impact Christian Academy be added to the Christmas offering along with the others schools. Love INC would

move up to share \$1,000 each from the Holy Week offerings collected for LCMS Armed Forces, Campus Min, Missionaries, & Noah's Ark Preschool. Wrapped in Love collections through Oct for the shopping event of the kids for their siblings & caregivers.

Financial Secretary & Treasurer

Reports: Jim reported the month review of September Contributions: \$66,395; Expenses: \$85,524; Net Income: \$19,130(short fall); Missions: \$4,922; Checking: \$102,785; Savings: \$569,004. IRA donations are done once a year & that can change from year to year. Amy says that next year envelopes are here & is working at getting them ready to pick up. Approved by motion of Scott Spadgenske & Janice Marschel.

New Business: Penny Steele proposed that building space can be better served if the handbells are moved to the choir room. Remove the pews from the choir room & use chairs for proper singing practice of the choir. Move the handbell tables to the room off the altar area by the piano for easy access when needing to move them. Can the balcony be used for added participation?

Old Business: Scholarship Funds with attending schools would need a Statement of Faith as long as we are in fellowship with them. They would have to have an LCMS affiliation.

Elders: The Elders continue to help with Communion & Healing Services. Election time for a chairman.

Trustees: Election time for a chairman also thinking it would be

easier on a year at a time basis. Scott reported the concrete by Door 3 is complete. Thank you to the Schmidt Bros. for the repair. Thank you to the guys who got the cross back up on the bell tower. Quote for a new stain glass window spotlight is still ongoing. Organ pipes are still waiting a delivery time along with the cabinets. Looking for quote on the speaker covers. Building exterior repair & painting still need to be done.

Outreach: Refer to Special Ministries by Katherine.

Stewardship: No report.

Fellowship: A pie contest is taking place at the Thanksgiving Dinner. The Pizza Lunch fellowship on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month is going well. The next one is on Nov 6. Thanksgiving planning is going well.

Women in Mission: No report

Library: no report.

Technology: Cameras are to be installed soon. Would like more volunteers to help.

Project Compassion: Working on Christmas Goody Bags & Thanksgiving Cards for the Shut-in members.

Decorating: Nicole reported the busy season is coming. The Altar Flowers have been great.

Closing Prayer: "The Lord's Prayer" said in unison.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Klemz



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