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# *St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*A Member Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*

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## **Council Meeting** **Thursday, August 3, 2023**

**Call to Order** by Chairman Craig Timm at 6:33 p.m. with 13 members present.

**Additional Agenda Items:** Treasurer, The Neighborhood Table, Junk-in-the-Trunk, Wednesday Meals, Board of Education update—Lending Library, Electronic Sign, Veteran’s Day Honor service.

**Consent Agenda:** Reviewed by those in attendance. Motion made by Doug Ross, seconded by Bill Coley to accept the Consent Agenda items as printed. Motion carried.

**Elder’s:** Bill Coley—No business at this time.

**Old Business: Junk-in-the-Trunk** is scheduled for Saturday, August 19th. South Park Road will be closed for preparation of the Parade, 80th Street will remain open. Bake Sale at the Church organized by Kaitlyn Federwitz and Bar BQ will be sold at the Corn Fest grounds.

**Wednesday Meals** will continue. Funding is at this time “self-paying” from donations. Board of Stewardship will fund an upcoming meal. Thrivent donations from members are welcome.

**Parking Lot repair:** Doug Ross noted that \$4,720 has been collected for the repair and sealing and should be finished by October.

**Memorial Committee:** No report.

**Generator Use Committee:** No Report

**Communion ware update:** It was reported Pastor Lorfeld is working on the purchase.

**Narthex Project:** Brenda Prange needed additional information to submit a request for a grant.

**Strategic Plan progress:** Craig Timm is working with Immanuel for plan guidelines.

**New Business: Treasurer’s Report:** The 2024 Working Budget will be available to the Boards and Committees by September 7th, and all changes must be returned to the Treasurer by September 30th. By October 5th a revised 2024 Budget for all Boards to review. Any changes must be submitted to the Treasurer by October 28th. The council will review and approve/disapprove at the November 2, 2023 Council Meeting.

Jerry Schimke, Treasurer, made suggested changes to the **Chart of Accounts for 2024**. Discussion was held and the Council decided to hold on making any changes at this time. Questions regarding the changes need to be discussed with the Treasurer.

**The Neighborhood Table.** Judy Shepard present a request from The Neighborhood Table to sponsor a meal. The item was not included in the 2023 Budget. Motion made by Jeff Zimmerman to Budget \$300 for the 2024 Meal, with donation baskets to be available after the first of the year. Motion seconded by Sue Helmuth. Motion carried.

**Veteran's Day service** to honor the Veteran of St. John to be held on Sunday, November 12, 2023, was presented by Bill Coley and Judy Shepard. The service has been a yearly celebration for many years. Plans for the event will be discussed with the Elders and Pastor.

**Board of Education:** Board of Education member, Brenda Prange stated that Weekday School begins the Fall term on September 13. Confirmation schedule to be announced. Sept 20th will be the "Back Pack blessing. September 27 will be the Hayride event, with details for all events forthcoming. The Free Lending Library (for children and adults) is completed. Two books have been approved at this time. Location to be determined.

**Electric lighted sign** to be repaired in the near future. Parts have been difficult to obtain.

**Convention News:** Craig Timm shared information and activities that took place at the recent Convention in Milwaukee. The gathering included some 1,000 representatives and delegates of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

**Retirement:** It was announced that Sharon Coley has submitted her intention to retire by the end of the year. A search for her replacement will begin in the future.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Jeff Zimmerman and seconded by Jeff Gellerman to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried.

The August 2024 Church Council closed with Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Judith A. Shepard*

Congregational Secretary

## *Upcoming Events*

**September Elders Meeting: Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

**September Council Meeting: Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Weekday School:**

**Classes begin Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m.,**

**following the Wednesday Meal served at 5:00 p.m.**

**Back Pack Blessing will take place on Wednesday, September 20.**

**Hayride and Social events will be held on Wednesday, September 27**

**"Coffee with Friends" is scheduled for Thursday, August 17 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

**Thursday, September 21 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

**All members are invited to attend!**

**Lutheran Women in Mission meeting , Thursday, August 24th at 1:00 p.m.**