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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, September 7, 2023

Call to Order by Chairman Craig Timm at 6:34 p. m. with 18 members present.

Additional Agenda Items: Old Business—Board Training. New Business—Confirmation.

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Chuck Peters, seconded by R.D. Manke to accept the Consent Agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Opening Devotion: The Lord's Prayer shared by all in attendance.

Veteran's Day Celebration: Bill Coley reported that the event to honor all who served in the US military, would be held on Sunday, November 12, 2023, following a shorten worship service. A Door Collection will be taken during the preceding weekends and proceeds would be given to the Veteran's Home in King, WI and to the American Hero's Café in Wisconsin Rapids. Noted that there is a \$500 Budget item included in the 2023 Budget. Mr. Coley also noted the American Heroes' meeting place will be moved to the Crossview Church later in the year.

Old Business: Pastor Lorfeld noted that a **Training for Board members** is offered by the District, including a Strategic Plan session. Pastor Lorfeld will be attending a gathering for **new church workers** at Camp Luther (He is "new" to the District).

Junk-in-the Trunk: Scott Federwitz reported although the event was not technically "successful" due to the Parade and the Corn Fest. The event may be moved to June in 2024. Donations were received from a private donor as well as the Lutheran Women in Mission group. The ladies group also paid the rental fee for the "porta-potti".

Wednesday Meals are reportedly going well. A big "Thank You" to Kaitlyn Federwitz.

Board of Trustees: Jerry Swen stated there is an issue with the day-lilies plated at the cemetery. They are obstructing the coverage of the lawn sprinklers. He asked for volunteers to help re-plant them. The noise in the air conditioning system was service by Guelzow for \$500.00 plus a \$100 service call. Jerry asked for a quote to replace the 25 year old unit. Arrow Precision will be doing the seal coating and repair of the parking lot soon! Mr. Swen also noted that the pump at the Cemetery had lost its prime and had been repaired.

Membership changes: None.

Narthex Project Update: Brenda Prange submitted the grant application and should hear by end of Sept.

New Business: Pastor Lorfeld stated that **First Communion** would be held for 5th graders on Maundy Thursday in the Spring, unless it conflicts with Spring Break. Pastor also announced that **Confirmation** would be held in the Fall. The Confirmands will continue with classes through the end of the 8th grade school year.

Adults in the congregation will have the option to view lessons on "The Chosen" Bible Study during the Wednesday sessions.

Weekday School Registration will be held on September 13th. **Student Blessing** will take place on Wednesday September 20th.

A **Trail Life Group** designed for young boys is being organized at St. John. Pastor Lorfeld will be the leader. An Open House is scheduled for September 19th at 6 p.m. for persons interested in learning about the organization. All boys and men are invited to attend. T

he Elders are encouraged to attend. This group is an alternative to Boy Scouts.

Pastor asked if the assembled knew of someone to care for his children on the evenings he had meetings and his wife is scheduled to work. Contact Pastor.

Chairman Timm shared information on the "**Labor of Love**" program to raise monies to assist Pastors and churches with their debt.

Office Secretarial position: A Job Description is available on the web site. Resume' may be sent to Chuck Bossingham or Pastor Lorfeld.

Holiday Service schedules:

Sunday, Christmas Eve, December 24--9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Monday, Christmas Day, December 25—9:30 a.m. (No Saturday evening service)

Sunday, New Year's Eve, December 31—9:30 a.m.

Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday, January 21, 2024 following the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Adjournment: Motion made by Jeff Zimmerman, seconded by Chuck Peters to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

The September 2023 Council Meeting Closed with Prayer and the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Shepard

Congregational Secretary

Upcoming Events

***Weekday School Classes** begin, Wednesday, September 13th following the Wednesday Meal served at 5:00 p.m.

***Weekday Student Blessing** will be held Wednesday, September 20th.

***"Coffee with Friends"** is scheduled for Thursday, September 21 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Thursday, October 19 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

***Fall Harvest & Bake Sale**—Saturday, October 28 at 9 a.m.

Luncheon available.

***Elders Meeting**, Thursday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m.

***Council Meeting**, Thursday, October 5th at 6:30 p.m.