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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, February 1, 2024

Call to Order by Chairman Craig Timm at 7:03 p.m. with 16 Council members plus Pastor Lorfeld present

Call for Additional Agenda Items: Jerry Swen, Trustee; Chuck Bossingham, Vice-Chairman

Consent Agenda: Minutes of January 4, 2024 meeting

Treasurers Report: Printed reports

Membership Changes: Jeff Zimmerman, Head Elder for 2024 announced that there are several new membership applications approved by the elders including:

Justin & Emily Jinsky and, their daughters **Hannah** (adult), **Tyler** and **Ryan** transfer from St. Luke's, Wisconsin Rapids

Lew & Catie (Catherine) Porter and their son **Owen** from St. Luke's, Wisconsin Rapids

Rhonda Pawlitschek her granddaughter **Aubrie Anderson**, both to be Baptized in the near future

Bob & Joan Barton transfer from Trinity, Port Edwards

Pastor noted "Positive Growth/Good News"-- along with the growth of congregation numbers the overall attendance has increased

Old Business: Craig Timm stated that he had attended the North Wisconsin District meeting recently and there are “lots of good things happening”! Pastor Lorfeld has been elected to the Camp Luther Board

New Business: Pastor Lorfeld presented information on a program “**Direct Mail**”. This program offered suggestions on how to increase attendance. Names are provided by the local utilities and a mailing is sent via St. John to new persons in “the neighborhood”. The service cost is \$100.00 for set up and \$39.50 per month. Service can be discontinued at any time. More information is needed on this program.

Judy Monje offered sponsorship if this service is obtained.

Pastor also suggested “**Sports Camps**” at local Schools. More information to follow.

Scrip Program: Chuck Bossingham presented information on the program. There was no management of the Program. The Finance Board is now to oversee the Scrip Program and manage the income and reconcile the funds. Monies to purchase the Candy Bars will be taken from the profits and revenue from candy bar sales is designated to the Weekday School. Judy Monje (Judy Shepard, relief person),

Randy Manke are designated “Scrip Sellers”, and Office sales by Cassidy Martin.

Offering Envelopes: New supply is on order.

Air Conditioning: Trustee Jerry Swen asked the Council if he should contact the supplier and purchase and schedule the installation. Council agreed. Richard (Fred) and Barb Kronenberg stated that they would do “**Matching Funds**” up to \$5,000.00 for the Air Conditioning Fund.

Organ Update: Pastor Lorfeld stated that research indicates that to replace the Pipe Organ would be approximately \$1,000,000.00. Used Organs—you are inheriting old problems. Digital Organs cost approximately \$50,000.00 with three keyboards. Richard Kronenberg and the Organists along with others are doing research.

Adjournment

Closing with Prayer and the Benediction

Respectfully Submitted

Judith A. Shepard

Congregation Secretary