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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, March 7, 2024

Call to Order by Chairman Craig Timm at 7:03 with 15 members in attendance. He extended a “Welcome” to all.

Additional Agenda Items: Trustees: Air Conditioner. Vice Chair: Scrip, upcoming Elections, Board of Education. Pastor: additional Items.

Devotion: Led by Pastor Lorfeld, following the printout titled: “From Slow Erosion to Hurricanes”.

Consent Agenda: Minutes from February 1, 2024. Treasurer: Printed Fund Balance Report.

Motion made by Darleene Swen, seconded by Doug Ross to accept the printed reports. Motion carried.

Pastor’s Report: 3 Baptisms: Rhonda Pawlitschek, Aubrey Anderson, on 2/21/24 and Lorenzo Torres on 3/2/24. **Review of additional recent new members:** Jinsky family, Porter family, and the Barton’s. Announcement of the recent **death of Kerry Ranum** (husband of Jean and son of Joyce). **Request from Kathy Powell to remove** her from the membership list.

Mailers sent to 277 “New Neighbors” of St. John—this being a “catch-up” from previous months. The number should be around 50 in the next mailings. To check the return on the notices, a Gift Card will be given if the “New Neighbor” brings in the flyer the first time they visit St. John.

Upward Sports for youth in the congregation and the neighborhood would include the “sport of the season”, Bible Study/Word of God/Devotions. There is a \$150 set-up fee, that may be covered by a Thrivent Grant. The sport fee would be covered by the parents. Looking for youth/teen members of the congregation to organize the event with help from Congregation members. Elders have approved.

Board of Trustees: Jerry Swen reported a revised cost for the Air Conditioner project to \$17,700.00, without the electrical cost of approximately \$200.00-300.00. Installation will begin on Monday!

Memorial Committee: No Report

Coffee with Friends on Thursday, March 21, 9 to 11 a.m.

Scrip: Vice Chairman Chuck Bossingham noted that there are now 6 sellers available. The Finance Board has assumed the financial tracking responsibilities—the deposit and related finance records. A Scrip Inventory is in progress.

Elections: Chuck Bossingham stated the Election will take place in May. If anyone would like more information on each Board’s duties and responsibilities or knows of someone who would like to serve on any of the Boards are asked to contact Chuck Bossingham or Craig Timm.

Board of Education: Candy Bars: Brenda Prange stated that this fund raiser has been available since 2016. The cost will now be taken out of the Scrip funds, previously was paid out of the General Fund.

The Board of Education is looking for another organization to take over the order/sales of the Candy Bars.

Palm Sunday Social: Gathering of Family and Friends to enjoy a Social (sweets, fruit, and juice/coffee) after the 9:30 service.

Pie Sale: March 9th and 10th. Sponsored by Lutheran Women in Mission.

Piano Tuning: The Piano has been tuned. Quote from the Tuner: “This piano is a very fine musical instrument and not a toy. Tuning should be again in about a year. The replacement value is somewhere over \$7,000.00.”. The Lutheran Women in Mission has paid for the Piano Tuning.

Greeters: The Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday Greeters Group is being reinstated. People would be at each door, 30 minutes before service, to greet visitors, new members as well as current members.

Greeter Sign-up Sheet is in the Narthex so you may choose the day which best suits your schedule.

Organ Repair/Purchase: Members have completed some of the repairs that were needed. Review of Digital Organs that could replace the current Pipe Organ is an on-going project.

Adjournment at 7:58 p.m. with the Closing Prayer.

Benediction by Pastor Lorfeld.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Shepard

Congregational Secretary

Next Elder's Meeting: Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

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Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Saturday Service at 6:30 p.m. (Note service time)

Easter Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.