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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 5, 2024**

Call to Order by Chairman Craig Timm at 7:15 p.m. with 13 Council members plus Pastor Lorfeld.

Opening Devotion led by Pastor Lorfeld with the ongoing video study of "Autopsy of a Died or Dying" church. Discussion followed.

Consent Agenda: Motion made to accept the Consent Agenda by Doug Ross, second by Kaitlyn Federwitz, Motion carried.

Membership Changes: Randy and Beth Krey of DeForest, have asked for membership by way of Profession of Faith. Elders need to approve. Motion by Elder Jeff Zimmerman, and seconded by Elder Doug Ross to approved the membership of the Krey's. Motion carried. It was noted by Elder Chair Jeff Zimmerman that all Elders especially to be aware of new members and visitors.

Trustee Report: Recyclables will be accepted by the Town of Grant and need to be sorted. The "Bee problem" has been solved by hiring a firm to remove the hives in the masonry near the Office door. Water problem—Water was found in the Bible Study area and the Kitchen area. Serve Pro was hired to work on the clean-up, fans were also placed throughout the basement area. A Plumber has been contacted and Roto Rooter scoped the drain lines. It was noted that the elevator "pit" was dry. The problem solving continues.

Weekday School Registration is on Wednesday, September 11th and classes begin on September 18th. The students will present "Journey to Bethlehem" on Wednesday, December 11th, with a new "twist".

Wednesday Meals will begin September 11th serving from 5 to 6 p.m. before the evening service. All are welcome. A free-will offering is appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for dessert contributions. Pot Lucks will be each First Wednesday of each month.

September 11th—Hot Dogs & Brats.
September 18th—Pizza
September 25th Bar-B-Que and Chips
October 4th—Pot Luck

Greeter Training will be held after service on September 8th.

Bible Study: RE:Vitality Program focusing on Strategic Planning. Several separate groups will work on the plan.

Treasurer Back-up and Budget Helper is tabled as there have been no applicants. Elder Jeff Gellerman volunteered to serve. Contact Craig Timm if anyone is interested.

Financial/Payroll processing software is being investigated, as Quick Books, the current program, is changing their software program.

Compensation of individual employees will not be published in the Annual Budget. Information will be available to all Elders.

Neighborhood Table sponsorship was discussed. Motion made by Jeff Zimmerman to Budget \$300.00 for 2025., second by R.D. Manke. Motion carried. Judy Shepard will contact the organization to schedule a date for 2025. Suggested date is Thursday, August 8th, 2025.

2025 Tentative Budget: Elders are to set a date to work on the assignments. Other Boards/Committees are to send their individual requests to the Treasurer. Additional 2025 Budget Line items were suggested and will be given to the Treasurer. The Tentative 2025 Budget should be ready for the Council to review by the Council Meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2024.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 19, 2025.

Endowment Committee is to be formed by Council members along with the Council officers.

Coffee with Friends is scheduled for September 19th, October 17th and November 21. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The September Council Meeting closed with Prayer and the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Shepard

Congregational Secretary

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Elders Meeting Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Council Meeting Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Fall Harvest & Bake Sale: Saturday, October 26, 9 am to 2 pm
Your donations and participation in this church-wide event is greatly appreciated