



Connections

March 2014

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Council Secretary: Victor Forberger Treasurer: Marcia Williamson

Parish Secretary: Dick Gundlach Parish Bookkeeper: Debra Cook

Director of Music: Kristie Halverson Emergency Fund Director: Hasan Mohr

Custodian: Chuck Waskow

Worship with Holy Communion is at 9:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday Learning Place and Confirmation, Adult Forum (fall thru spring)

and Brunch follow the service at 10:45am.



Women's Circle

The Women's Circle is meeting on March 4 at

7:00pm at the home of Dee Zimmerman.

Reminders

-----The second Friday is the Oakwood East service at 11 a.m.

-----The third Sunday of each month we collect food items for area food pantries.

-----The third Sunday of each month we provide the evening meal for the homeless men's shelter at 7pm

-----Articles for the April *Connections* are due by noon, Friday, March 21st.

Council Minutes

St. John's Lutheran Church — Council Meeting — 18 February 2014

ATTENDANCE: Marcus Nelson (chair), Marcia Williamson (treasurer), Victor Forberger (secretary), Alice Gould, Jim Johnson, Matt Rolfsmeyer, Chuck Tranberg, and Pastor Ken Smith

DEVOTIONS: Chuck

MINUTES FROM JANUARY MEETING: Approved

FINANCIAL SUMMARY THROUGH JANUARY 2014

Total YTD Actual income:	\$13,353.00
Budgeted YTD:	\$24,434.67
Total YTD Actual Expenses	\$33,917.81
Budgeted YTD:	\$29,886.74

While 2013 ended with a positive note financially, January is below anticipated monthly income. This decline is probably from the usual after-Christmas slump magnified by bad weather that kept attendance down. Last year a \$21,500 United Way gift was received in January. We received a similar gift this year, but that amount is not reflected in the regular giving report as this donation has been placed temporarily in the Mission Investment Fund. When the gift is transferred to the regular account as needed it will be reflected in the monthly reports.

Expenses are higher largely because of the cold weather, which has led to increased utilities, snow plow costs, and some minor repairs to keep heat fully functioning. Workers compensation coverage has also doubled from what was paid last January 2013: \$3281 vs. \$1597.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Outreach: Adult forums on other faiths continue and discussions have begun on how St. John's might reach out to other congregations in regard to our Reconciling in Christ membership as well as support for MOSES (Madison Organizing in Strength, Equality, and Solidarity).

Personnel: No issues to report.

Worship Planning: Lenten and Holy week worship plans are underway.

Building Fund: Nothing to report.

Maintenance (was Building Vision): Small repairs have been done because of the extreme cold the past several weeks. For the shelter in the basement, the dishwasher, washer, and dryer have all broken down and need replacement, which Lutheran Social Services is handling.

Senior Care Team: Report will be added for future council meetings.

Pastoral Reflection

Pastor Ken is attending a Wisconsin Council of Church's forum on prayer 21-2 February and a workshop on Hebrew scriptures the following weekend.

NEW AND OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

For the basement, the dishwasher is already being replaced. After a motion, second, and a vote for approval, the council resolved to send a \$500 congregational donation to the Off the Square Club appliance fund. This donation will be drawn from available sources or from additional monies/donations that become available for this purpose.

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Individual, Committee and Group News

----- If anyone is interested in attending the synod's **LEAD event (Leadership Training Event)** coming up on **March 8th**, the final deadline is March 4th. **Sierra Mueller-Owens and Elisabet Pietz** are scheduled to lead a Lutherans Against Bullying (LAB) workshop at the event with **Cindy Crane**, and there are other topics of interest to our congregation, including the keynote speaker on the "Millennial Reformation", workshops on Welcoming and Affirming congregations, Lutheran Disaster Relief, storytelling for children, engagement with scripture for adults, advocacy work with LOPP, care for creation, etc, and another opportunity to meet the new bishop.

-----**160th Anniversary conversation 2016 will be our 160th** anniversary as a congregation, a special moment in our life together. A preliminary conversation of the anniversary and its possibilities is scheduled for **March 16**. Join us for the conversation.

-----**High School Youth:** Please note the meeting on **March 30** after church to talk about the **national youth gathering in Detroit in July, 2015**, and join us to talk about the possibilities.

-----**Upcoming Adult Forum Plans**

March

- 2 Caring Ministry in Other Faith Traditions: Srinivas Gadi, Caring for Others in the Hindu tradition
- 9 The Earth-keeping Liturgy Rehearsal for Wednesdays in Lent
- 16 Preliminary Conversation on our 160th Anniversary in 2016.
- 23 Recent Advances in Cancer Treatments Ken Groehler
- 30 Inter-Age Meeting on the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering

IN OUR CONGREGATION

-----**Viola Reiner died** on Tuesday, February 18, 2014. On February 20, she would have been 109 years old on February 20th. Her funeral service was held at Oakwood Prairie Ridge on February 23rd. **Pastor Ken** is presided, and **Kristie Halverson** led the music.

-----One of our own, **Pastor Cindy Crane**, has been named the new **director of the Lutheran Office for Public Policy** here in **Wisconsin**. Congratulations Cindy.

-----**Klaren Nottestad** is now at Middleton Village.

Memorials

Incomplete lists of contributors were printed in last month's issue. I apologize and have reprinted corrected lists in this issue. If anyone was missed in this list, please let me know.

In Memory of Maxine Clevon

Barb Jull
Tom Loftus
Nancy Nelson
Ed Burke
Shirley Sundquist
Rev Allen & Gretchen Wall
Elaine Mittelsteadt
Ken & Corrine Groehler
Mavis Conrad
Jerry & Kathy Folk
Karen Reiner
Don & Bonnie McCarthy
Gary & Jen Herold
Dick & Rita Paulson
Margit & Dick Gundlach
Marie Reinhardt
Lawrence Hipenbecker
Don Helfrecht
Charlene Caucutt
Ronda, Craig & Caden Collins
DuWayne & Joan Gilbertson
Audrey Simonson
David & Sonja Keesey-Berg
Marc & Marcia Williamson
Marty & Phyllis Micke
Gary & Georgianna Stebnitz
Pat Biba

Bob & Pam Winkler
Karl Gutknecht & Susan Hunt
Dick & Winnie Severson
Bob & Mary Johnson
Dave & Pat Vogel
Doug & Shirley Mullen
Jon & Mary Schumacher & kids
Richard Wagner
Bob & Bonnie Block
Gordie Herrington & Linda Penn
Marcia Buss
Tom & Carol Rivers
Pr. Carl & Marlene Peters
Merle & Dee Zimmerman
Harry Kuehn
Joyce Gausman & T Prost
Russ & Mary Schuman
Helen B. Stone
Chuck & Martha Romstad
MaryAnn Aaroen
Roland Paul
Lonnie & Gloria Hayne
Barb Meyer
Carole Buchsteiner
Anthony Schumacher
Barb Meyer
Shirley Hyer
Nancy Nilsen
Rev. Al & Gretchen Wahl

In Memory of Kennith Smith, Sr.

Paul Milner & Carol Becker
Emily Smith & Roy Gesiakowski
Marc & Marcia Williamson
Merle & Dee Zimmerman
Doug & Shirley Mullen
Bob & Bonnie Block
Gordie Herrington
Mike & Linda Puls
Deb Cook
Dick & Winnie Severson
Marc & Marcia Williamson
Gary & Georgianna Stebnitz
Karen Reiner
Rodney & Beverly Homburg
Tom & Tammy Knickmeier
Barb Meyer
Jean Kalscheur
Ed Burke
Rev. Mark & Karla Jensen
Patricia Harvei
Tom & Carol Rivers
Phyllis & Marty Micke
Larry Hipenbecker
Elaine Mittelsteadt
Chuck & Martha Romstad
Dave & Pat Vogel

In Memory of Irven Napstad

Marc & Marcia Williamson
Greg & Janice Tipple
Mary Georgan Brink
Randy & Beth Brining
Charlene Caucutt
L.M Laurenzi & K.A Jensen
Eric Knudtson
Mary Ackerman
Dan & Michelle Kirch
Larry Hipenbecker
Dolores Beckman
Gary Brink
**In Memory of
Margaret Krohn**
Shirley Sundquist

MARCH 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 <i>Mardi Gras</i>	5 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	6	7	8
8:15am Celebration Singers Rehearsal	10am Emergency Assistance 12pm OA	12pm Alanon 7pm Martha Circle	10am Emergency Assistance 12pm Alanon	12pm OA 5pm NA	10am Emergency Assistance 11am Transport Shelter Linens	8pm Men's Shelter
9:30am Worship	5pm NA	8pm Men's Shelter	12pm Ash Wednesday Service	7pm SAA	12pm Alanon	
10:45am Brunch	6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm NA		1pm Women's Mo-saic 7pm NA	8pm Men's Shelter	8pm Men's Shelter	
10:45am Confirmation	8pm Men's Shelter		7pm Ash Wednesday Service 8pm Men's Shelter			
10:45am SLP						
8pm Men's Shelter						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:15am Celebration Singers Rehearsal	10am Emergency Assistance 12pm OA	12pm Alanon 8pm Men's Shelter	9am Blanket Workshop 10am Emergency Assistance	12pm OA 5pm NA	10am Emergency Assistance 11am Oakwood East Communion Service	8pm Men's Shelter
9:30am Worship	5pm NA		12pm Alanon	7pm SAA	11am Transport Shelter Linens	
10:45am SLP	6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm NA		1pm Women's Mo-saic 5pm Soup Supper	8pm Men's Shelter	12pm Alanon	
10:45am Confirmation	8pm Men's Shelter		6:30pm Table Reflection 7pm NA		8pm Men's Shelter	
10:45am Brunch			7pm Worship 8pm Men's Shelter			
8pm Men's Shelter						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:15am Celebration Singers Rehearsal	Saint Patrick's Day	12pm Alanon	10am Emergency Assistance 12pm Alanon	12pm OA	10am Emergency Assistance 11am Transport Shelter Linens	8pm Men's Shelter
9am Food Collection for local food pan-	10am Emergency Assistance	7pm Council	12pm Alanon	5pm NA		

9:30am Worship	12pm OA	8pm Men's Shelter	1pm Women's Mo- saic	7pm SAA	12pm Connections Articles Due
10:45am Brunch	5pm NA		5:30pm Soup Supper	8pm Men's Shelter	12pm Alanon
10:45am Confirmation	6:30pm Bell Choir Re- hearsal		6:30pm Table Reflec- tion		8pm Men's Shelter
10:45am SLP	7pm NA		7pm NA		
5pm Serve Evening Meal at Men's Shel- ter	8pm Men's Shelter		7pm Worship		
8pm Men's Shelter			8pm Men's Shelter		
23	24	25	26	27	28
8:15am Celebration Singers Rehearsal	10am Emergency As- sistance	12pm Alanon	9am Blanket Work- shop	12pm OA	10am Emergency As- sistance
9:30am Worship	12pm OA	8pm Men's Shelter	10am Emergency As- sistance	5pm NA	11am Transport Shel- ter Linens
10:45am SLP	5pm NA		12pm Alanon	7pm SAA	12pm Alanon
10:45am Confirmation	6:30pm Bell Choir Re- hearsal		1pm Women's Mo- saic	8pm Men's Shelter	8pm Men's Shelter
10:45am Brunch	7pm NA		5:30pm Soup Supper		
8pm Men's Shelter	8pm Men's Shelter		6:30pm Table Reflec- tion		
			7pm NA		
			7pm Worship		
			8pm Men's Shelter		
30	31	Notes:			
8:15am Celebration Singers Rehearsal	10am Emergency As- sistance				
9:30am Worship	12pm OA				
10:45am Confirmation	5pm NA				
10:45am Brunch	6:30pm Bell Choir Re- hearsal				
10:45am ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting	7pm NA				
10:45am SLP	8pm Men's Shelter				
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					8pm Men's Shelter

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Tentative plans were made to schedule a council retreat for Saturday, May 10th. And, there was general discussion about changes next year in liability coverage regarding dishonesty or embezzlement (i.e., separate coverage will be needed). In any case, St. John's has procedures already in place so that multiple persons view bank statements on a regular basis.

PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

Empty space for prayer and adjournment.

Orders for **EASTER LILIES** to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Day are now being taken. All orders must be in **no later than noon, FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH**; Cost is \$14.00 for each lily plant with foil and bow.

Please use the form below to order your Lilies, and place in the offering plate, mail, or bring to the church office. **Payments need to be received with the order form.**

Given by: _____

In memory / honor of (*please circle one*): _____

of plants ordered: _____

Total Amount @ \$14.00 each: _____

**Please make checks payable for exact amount to:
St. John's Lutheran Church**

EMERGENCY FUND DONATIONS are a fitting way to celebrate Easter at St. John's. Please use the form below and place in the offering plate, mail, or bring to the church office. **Forms must be in the office by December 17th for inclusion in the Easter bulletin.**

Given by : _____

In memory / honor of (choose one): _____

Amount of gift to Emergency Fund: _____ **Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church**

March



03/02 Peter Rafferty
 03/03 Duane Steinweg
 Jessica Ferwerda
 Christopher Myrold
 03/04 Pat Vogel
 Tim Abraham
 Christine Klitz
 Jake Wittwer
 Whitney Brimmer
 Brian Steinhauer
 03/05 Sandra Braund
 Nathan Palan
 03/06 John Harrison
 Sheri Rector
 03/07 Steven Krey
 03/09 Bjorn Bradley
 03/10 Paul Schwengel
 Anthony Green

03/10 John DiSalvo
 Ashley Sayles
 03/11 Don Clevon
 03/13 Dottie Brandt
 Anthon Schumacher
 Betty Bracey
 Gretchen Zimmerman
 03/14 Daniel Kosinski
 Cory Flatman
 03/16 Marc Williamson
 03/17 Jamie Oelke
 Tad Nelson
 03/19 Linda Brener
 Brenda Greehling
 Steve Block
 David Keleher
 Amanda Ferwerda
 03/21 Lynn Hassett
 Ryan Dean
 03/22 Jo Fitzgerald
 03/23 Janet Aulik
 Jon Mueller

03/25 Norma Merriam
 Melissa Lawrence
 Michael Mount
 Kirk Severson
 Benjamin Marx
 Alyssa Phelps
 03/26 Mary Otte
 Janet Sabatke
 Heidi Scalissi
 Derek DiPietro
 03/27 Stephanie Folk
 Caleb Phelps
 03/28 Jeffrey Riley
 03/29 Donna Hipenbecker
 03/30 Michael Scott
 Benjamin Osborne
 Amanda Williamson
 03/31 Shirley Schwenk
 Heather Ackerman

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
Greeters	Dee and Merle Zimmerman	Pat Biba	Ronda Collins	Charlene Caucutt	Lindsay and Marcus Nelson
Acolytes	Esther Wolobah	Micah Asplund	Kelsey Wagner	Chandler Rolfsmeyer	Annika Mueller Owens
Assisting Minister	Gary Stebnitz	Tim Asplund	Shari Stephenson	Elisabet Pietz	Karl Gutknecht
Lectors	Jill Ness	Barbie Pietz	Charlene Caucutt	Dick Gundlach	Elsa Forberger
Comm. Assistants	Marty Micke and Shari Stephenson	Elisabet Pietz and Sierra Mueller-Owens	Tom and Carol Rivers	Bob and Bonnie Block	Barb Meyer and Dick Gundlach
Ushers	Team # 1 - Dick Paulson	Team # 2 - Marcia and Marc Williamson	Team # 3 - Jim Johnson	Team #4 - Lindsay and Marcus Nelson	Team #5 - Halvorsen Family
Altar	Team #1 Niki and Sheila Wagner	Team #1 Niki and Sheila Wagner	Team #1 Niki and Sheila Wagner	Team #1 Niki and Sheila Wagner	Team #1 Niki and Sheila Wagner
Welcome Center	Ronda Collins	Carol Rivers	Elaine Mittelstadt	Marcia Williamson	Pat Biba
Brunch	Carol and Tom Rivers	Elaine Mittelstadt and Dee Zimmerman	Charlene Caucutt	Dory and Bob Germann	Lindsay and Marcus Nelson
Adult Forum	The Earthkeeping Liturgy Rehearsal for Wednesdays in Lent (tentative)	none planned	Inter-Age Activity on Welcoming Guests into Sunday Assembly	Recent Advances in Cancer Treatments Ken Groehle	Inter-Age Meeting on the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering

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