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Messenger

St. John's Lutheran Church, Gillett, WI

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September 23, 6:00 p.m.

We are asking that everyone be there so we can reconnect and finalize our plans for the rest of the year. We need at least one representative from your team if the entire team cannot be present. This meeting will include a presentation on general safety practices.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ON PAGE 5!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Serving God,
His Church,
His People...
Around the Clock!



Prayer List

Be sure to call the church office if you would like a pastoral visit.

Illness Members/Friends/Shut-ins

| | | |
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| Jean E. Ruege | Dale Coopman | Cynthy Bourgeois |
| Bill Pecha | Bob Schindel | Tony Tietzen |
| Bill Rusch | Marie Wussow | Gabe Delzer |
| Sally Ebenreiter | Lorraine Giese | Jean Frank |
| Carrie Olson | Jeff Winkler | Andrea Millis |
| Ken Butzin | Jean J. Ruege | Mike Eckes |
| Dorothy McDowell | Dorothy Melchior | Monty Cassellius |
| Carolyn Block | Gerri Hansen | |

To be put on the prayer list in the bulletin or newsletter, or to start the prayer chain, we need the consent of the person in need of prayer. If you know someone who could use prayer, a call, or a visit, please get their consent before letting the office know. Their name will not be put into our publications unless they agree to it. This is the same policy for pastoral calls & visits. **If someone on the list has had prayers answered, please let us know so we can take their name off of the list and give a praise report of the answered prayer!** Thank you.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday By Appointment

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Carole Neitzel-Schnur Interim Pastor

Rachel Block Office

WATCH OUR SERVICES ONLINE!

If you can't make it to church but still want to feel like you're there, you can watch the service LIVE each week. We broadcast live on Facebook (@clockchurch) at 9:30 a.m. and the service will be uploaded to YouTube by Noon. Just click the "MEDIA" tab at the top of the Church website, www.clockchurch.org. There you will find links to the current LIVE shows and links to the past shows. If you need help finding anything, please stop in or call the office.



Puzzle!

Search for words found in Romans 8.



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|-------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| Abba | elect | Jesus | adoption |
| family | justifies | angels | firstborn |
| Lord | bondage | flesh | love |
| called | freedom | peace | Christ |
| fruits | powers | condemnation | glorified |
| predestined | conquerors | good | purpose |
| creation | hardship | redemption | decay |
| died | intercedes | Spirit | heart |

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Wow—this month is coming to a close! Where does the time go?

We're coming into the time of another season—fall will be here soon. Another season here at St. John's is the possibility of a new pastor arriving. It looks promising. Please continue praying!

I have been so blessed being here. Gordon and I will keep all of you in our hearts and prayers.

Until next month,
Be blessed,
Pr. Carole

If you are interested in a possible Bible study on Tuesday or Thursday nights, please talk to Pastor Carole or the office.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, August 19, 2020 - 7 PM

Present: Joyce Anderson, Kurt Hicks, Lloyd Kirsch. Gary Lisowe, Helen Lisowe, Clara Luther, Tracy Ondik, Jan Ruege and Miles Winkler. Pastor Carole.

1. President Miles Winkler called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. Devotions: Jan Ruege.
3. Agenda approved with additions by Tracy, Kurt. M/S/C
4. Communications from attendees: Mel Reichwald discussed with the Council the membership letter that appeared in the July newsletter.
5. Secretary's Report; motion to approve by Clara, Lloyd. M/S/C
6. Treasurer's Report: motion to approve by Lloyd, Tracy. M/S/C
7. President's Report: Carillon has been tweaked and is working great. Received many compliments from Community and Church members.
8. Pastor's Report: Funeral report.
9. Team Reports: Tech team request to make some small purchases to enable burning DVDs to supply shut-ins with no internet access the Sunday sermons. Motion to approve Lloyd, Joyce. M/S/C
10. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Safety plan is being worked on.
 - B. Rangehood issue is not resolved.
11. New Business:
 - A. Reviewed and approved Letter of Call and salary for new pastor. Motion by Kurt, Tracy. M/S/C
 - B. Plans were made for Pastor Byar's visit.
12. Misc.
 - A. Employees will be paid by direct deposit whenever possible.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family of Dorothy Melchior, 95, who passed away on Wednesday, August 12. The funeral was held here at St. John's on Monday, August 18, 2020.



MEMORIAL LIST

Replace altar cloths
 Reblack parking lot: approx. \$85,000
 Upgrade network for computers: approx. \$9,000
 Banners for church, approx. \$100/each
 Storage building: approx. cost \$25,000 (approximate size = 24'x32'), \$6,300+ donated
 Safety & Security upgrades to facilities (doors, glass security film, etc.)
 L.A.C.E. Endowment Fund
 Carillon (new unit): \$6,5000-15,000

THANK YOU

- We would like to extend a big thank you to the **entire Call Team** for diligently working this past year to find a pastor for our congregation.
- Thanks to everyone who helps in the office, especially Marilyn Reichwald who covers my vacation! —Rachel Block



Which of the following sports does Paul use metaphorically to describe the Christian life?



- A. Fishing
- B. Running a race
- C. Boxing
- D. Both B and C
- E. All of the above

Answer: D (See 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.)

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

Ship

The Christian church has long been symbolized by a ship. While the Old Testament tells of Noah's ark preserving righteous people during the flood, the New Testament recounts Jesus calming the storm that battered the disciples' fishing boat. St. Ambrose described the church as a ship with the cross as its mast, and others have compared salvation to being drawn out of the sea of death into the safety of the church (ship). Indeed, many large churches are constructed to represent a big boat, with the main worship space called the nave — Latin for ship.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Checking

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Beginning Balance (7/12/2020) | \$56,498.78 |
| Deposits | \$18,545.07 |
| Expenses | - \$33,425.11 |
| Ending Balance (8/16/2020) | \$41,618.74 |

- 13. Next meeting date: September 16, 2020
 - 14. Devotions: Lloyd.
 - 15. Motion to adjourn by Clara, Jan. M/S/C
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Helen Lisowe, sec.

The Care Share Food Pantry is in need of twist ties. Also, if anyone has a freezer (chest or standup), there is a need for that as well.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

**Special Congregation Meeting
August 23, 2020
To approve Letter of Call**

Meeting called to order at 10:38am by President Miles Winkler with a prayer.

Motion to approve Letter of Call to Pastor Chris Byars was made by Jon Simpson, seconded by Carl Asplund. M/S/C. Discussion followed. Motion to vote by Jerry Luther, seconded by Angel LaCrosse. M/S/C. Vote was unanimous to approve Letter of Call. 87 votes were cast. Motion by Jerry Linzmeyer, seconded by Jerry Winkler to destroy ballots. M/S/C. Motion to adjourn by Carl Asplund, seconded by Lois Reichwald. M/S/C.

Submitted by Helen Lisowe, sec.

*****UPDATE:**

Pastor Byars has accepted our call and hopes to be here by the beginning of October!

MISSION TEAM

No meeting in August.

Giving report for July

Mission of the month: \$430

Tartu (January-July): \$1,660

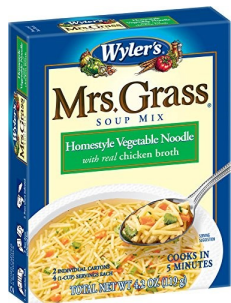
The Mission of the Month for September is our own coat drive here at St. John's. We have plenty of jackets for adults but could still use donations of snow pants, hats, mittens, and boots. We are always in need of all items for teens & children, including jackets.

There are many organizations that are helping those affected by the virus, and we would love to raise money for them, but we cannot have our normal fundraisers of special meals, gatherings, etc. If anyone has any ideas for non-traditional fundraising, please let us know! Thanks!

Share the Bounty will be up in the entrance of the church. Please feel free to share your extra garden bounty.

Next Meeting: September 9 | Time: 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by Sheri Wenzel



September's Items of the Month for the Care Share

Food Pantry:
soup (canned or box mixes)



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CALL TEAM!

Lisa Anderson
Gary Lisowe
Amy Myrick

Jon Simpson
Sheri Wenzel

Alternates:
Donna Winkler
Dan Wright

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

| | |
|----|---|
| 2 | Lenea Carlson, Brady Hicks |
| 3 | Shane Anderson, Grayson Frederick |
| 4 | Amanda Tolzman, Brandon Cadwallader |
| 5 | Martin Luther, Cathie Erdmann, Tami Schubert, Sharon Rhode, Amy Lemens, Kenton Tucker |
| 7 | Jackie Lemirande, Lisa Anderson, Arysta Koebach |
| 8 | Amber Weiss |
| 9 | Shirley Dittman, Gina Neumann, Erin Gast |
| 10 | Willy Pecha, Brandon Lemirande |
| 11 | Evan Petersen, Tegan Jenkins |
| 12 | Lorraine Radke, Gerri Friedman, McKenzie VanHaren |
| 14 | Rosalind Gilbertson, Randy Raatz, Morgan Lisowe |
| 15 | Molly Mead, Colton Schultz |
| 16 | Steven Block |
| 17 | Eileen Yahnke, Zachary Bierhals, Mason Genke |
| 18 | Joyce Anderson, Jon Simpson |
| 19 | Paula Young |
| 20 | Debi Schroeder, Chad Noack, Taylor Barke, Brett Milhans, Ryan Tucker |
| 21 | Norman Peterson, Eben Baumgartner |
| 22 | Ramona Genke, Linda Rademann, Kari Gandt |
| 24 | Lloyd Kirsch, Wayne Szymanski, Sydney Anderson |
| 26 | Jim Cornelius |
| 27 | Nancy Jaeger, Blair Hicks |
| 28 | Kathy Paitl, Brianna Lipp |
| 30 | Larry Krause, Amie Livangood |

| Date | Years |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 1 Ed & Carol Stanek | 41 |
| 2 Rick & Yvette DuCane | 14 |
| 3 Donald & Ramona Genke | 60 |
| 4 Willy & Deb Pecha | 49 |
| 4 Andy & Heidi Smaney | 10 |
| 5 Jay & Barb Patzer | 33 |
| 7 Bob & Heidi Schindel | 41 |
| 8 Richard & Barb Magee | 36 |
| 8 Matt & Stef Wendt | 8 |
| 9 Harvey & Doreen Jeffers | 53 |
| 11 Daniel & Julainne Schmidt | 16 |
| 13 Noel & Wanda Nienstedt | 51 |
| 14 Darrell & Jan Ruege | 46 |
| 14 Matt & Christine Reinke | 13 |
| 15 Rick & Maureen Wollin | 41 |
| 15 Joe & Tami Peterson | 36 |
| 19 Melvin & Lois Reichwald | 56 |
| 22 Tom & Kim Herzog | 36 |
| 24 Bob & Dorothy McDowell | 65 |
| 24 Corey & Heather Ondik | 15 |
| 26 Dustin & Allena Muth | 3 |
| 30 Jon & Sharon Simpson | 59 |

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

If your team is scheduled on a Communion Sunday, please be sure to clean up after communion. If you are unsure of how to do this, please ask!

If you cannot fulfill your duties on the day you are scheduled, please find someone to take your place if possible. Thank you to all our worship assistants, readers, and servers for your continued service, especially in the current situation!

- Worship Team

Sep 6 **9:30 a.m.**
 Usher/Greet Jon & Sharon Simpson
 Read Laurie Penkivich
 Communion Laurie Penkivich, Jon Simpson, Jim Wicker

Sep 13 **9:30 a.m.**
 Usher/Greet Al & Pearl Czechan
 Read Mel Reichwald

Sep 20 **9:30 a.m.**
 Usher/Greet Wayne & Sheri Wenzel
 Read Sheri Wenzel
 Communion Sheri Wenzel, Jim Wicker

Sep 27 **9:30 a.m.**
 Usher/Greet Jerry & Karen Winkler, Jerry & Val Wendt,
 Vern & Annette Dahlstrom
 Read Elaine Hertwig

WORSHIP TEAM

August 18 | 6:00 p.m.

Present: Pastor Carole Neitzel-Schnur, Rachel Block, Joyce Anderson, Jan Ruege, special guests: Tracy Ondik & Kurt Hicks

We will order fresh flowers for Pastor Byar's visit.

Worship assistants will receive a schedule and letter every 2 months to keep them informed of any changes/new information.

Joint meeting with safety team:

Will start implementing a general safety plan at the All-Team Gathering on September 23. We will begin with simple steps to help our congregation be aware of our facility's safety features: locations of fire extinguishers, exits, etc. Rachel will prepare a map of the facility.

Next Meeting: September 9 | Time: 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by Jan Ruege

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH TEAM

August 4 | 6:00 p.m.

Present: Sharon Raatz, Jane Frederick, Sheri Wenzel, and Helen Lisowe

Meeting was called to order by Sharon Raatz.

Sec. report was read and accepted.

Tres. report was not available.

Old Business:

A. Fabric for Baptism Napkins has been purchased.

New Business:

A. Orphan Grain Train packing is scheduled for Monday August 31st at 9:00am. Lunch will be provided if packing continues into the afternoon.

B. Annual Bazaar was discussed with possible changes due to current conditions. A drive thru Booyah Sale is being considered.

Motion to adjourn.

Next Meeting: September 1 | Time: 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Helen Lisowe, sec.

SEPTEMBER 2020

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|---|---|--------|-------------------------------------|
| | | 1 REGULAR OFFICE HOURS WILL RESUME 5:00p Stewardship/ Evangelism Team Mtg 6:00p Women of the Church Team Mtg | 2 11:00a Bulletin Deadline 6:00p Christian Education Team Mtg | 3 5:30p Girl Scouts | 4 | 5 |
| 6 8:30a Bible Study/ Fellowship 9:30a Worship Service with Holy Communion | 7 LABOR DAY: OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED | 8 | 9 8:30a Property & Cemetery Team Mtg 9:00a Mission Team Mtg 11:00a Bulletin Deadline 1:00p Worship Team Mtg | 10 | 11 | 12 8:00a Ruby's Pantry at GHS |
| 13 8:30a Bible Study/ Fellowship 9:30a Worship Service | 14 COUNCIL AGENDA DEADLINE | 15 9:00a Mission Quilting | 16 9:00a Food Pantry Prep 10:00a Food Pantry Distribution 11:00a Bulletin Deadline 7:00p Council Mtg | 17 5:30p Girl Scouts | 18 | 19 |
| 20 8:30a Bible Study/ Fellowship 9:30a Worship Service with Holy Communion | 21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 22 | 23 11:00a Bulletin Deadline 6:00p ALL-TEAM GATHERING | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 8:30a Bible Study/ Fellowship 9:30a Worship Service 6:00p Boy Scouts | 28 | 29 | 30 11:00a Bulletin Deadline | SPECIAL DATES - Labor Day, September 7 - National Grandparents Day, September 13 - Patriot Day, September 11 - Hispanic Heritage Month: Sept. 15 – Oct. 15 - First day of autumn, September 22 | | |