



NOVEMBER 2023– ST. JOHN/S LUTHERAN CHURCH

As I sat down to write my final newsletter article, it gave me some time to reflect on my last six years servicing on council. So many words, thoughts and memories flooded my brain. Some happy, some sad, some frustrating but all of them rewarding. Our church has been thru so much in the last six years...pastors coming and going, covid, major renovations and smaller projects, new ways to worship, members stepping in and stepping up all working toward a common goal to find a new normal. Through all of this, we never missed a beat. While other churches were closing or reduce offerings without a main leader, ours found a way to work with individual leaders all willing to take things on for the betterment of everyone and sustainability of our church. We have a strong sense of community and a true love for our church, our faith and each other. It's so strong that others have taken notice and often asked how we continue to do it. I know things may not be exactly as we wish they were without a full-time pastor, however what we have accomplished, all of us, is nothing short of amazing. No matter how you fit into the St. John's family, your contributions, no matter how big or small, they are all appreciated and an incredible blessing. Thank you all for stepping in & stepping up, your volunteer hours, your prayers and well wishes for our church, community, and each other. Thank you for trusting your leadership through the changes and lending nothing but love and support. Thank you for the encouragement and strength...thank you for making St. John's what it is. It's finally time for me to say goodbye to this challenging yet rewarding chapter. I've enjoyed most every moment. I have grown as a person and in faith. I've made some friendships I may not have otherwise and learned so very much. Thank you all for trusting and believing in me to be a member of your council and more importantly part of your church family. I am truly blessed...we are all truly blessed, and I know we will continue to thrive!

Happy Thanksgiving & God's Blessings to all!
Kelly Trebus



President—Amy Bazile

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Pat Breitenfeldt

Mary Hoppe

Melissa Pfeiler

Linda Mielke

Brian Sawall

Shirl Tischauser

Kelly Trebus

Wanda Tucker

**Please contact the council
members for any concerns.**

Pause Ponder Pray

Thanks – BUT

Have you ever been conflicted over wants versus needs?

Our culture is geared with advertising luring us to buy designer clothing, jewelry, handbags, shoes, etc. We want these items. Do we need them?

Psalm 23 tells us the Lord is our Shepherd – we have all that we need.

The Lord renews our strength, guides us along the right paths. He walks with us even during our darkest days and we need not be afraid because He is close beside us. He protects us and comforts us. Our lives overflow with blessings.

His unfailing goodness and love are with us all our lives and we will ultimately live with Him forever.

Our needs are provided!

Unfortunately, our sinful selves seek out wants that if we lose control can distort our focus, our priorities, our finances, and our relationships.

We say thanks for providing our needs BUT we wanted (fill in the blank)!!

When we attain the wants are we satisfied? When we attain the wants are we happier?

Many years ago, I heard an exchange student from Africa that was attending seminary in the United States. He was asked to provide the message at a church service. The most revealing statement he made that I remember to this day was when he was asked what his impression was of the United States. I don't remember the word he used from his native language, but he translated it for us like this. People in his country describe Americans as people "running in circles". Always pursuing to the point of missing their lives!

Do we allow our pursuit of wants to overtake our lives as God intended for us?

You find out who you are when you don't get what you want.

You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending. C.S. Lewis

YEARS AGO...



If you recognize anyone in this picture. Please contact the church office so we can include the information in next month's newsletter. This picture was found in the Ladies Aid Yearbook from 1988-1989.



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This picture was in last month's newsletter. No one identified those in this picture. This is the Marion "B" Dartball Team from 1980-1981. Front L-R: Eugene Fischer, Frank Goetz, Captain Gary Krueger, Eldon Steege; Back L-R: Andrew Kriesel, Tom Passehl, Myron Kriesel, Mark Beyer, Arlyn Fischer, and Wayne Kroening.

Pictures like these can be found in our church library. There are also several new books, dvds, and cd's available to church members based on the honor system.

PUMPKIN APPLESAUCE MUFFINS

- 2/3 c. shortening
- 2 2/3 c. sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 c. applesauce
- 1 c. pumpkin
- 2/3 c. apple juice
- 3 1/2 c. flour
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. mace
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 c. chopped nuts

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease muffin tins or line with baking cups. Cream shortening and sugar, add eggs one at a time, stir in applesauce and pumpkin until well mixed. Add apple juice, flour, baking powder and baking soda. Don't over mix. Add spices and nuts. Fill cups 3/4 full. Bake 20 minutes or until inserted toothpick comes out clean.

-Provided by Millie Schultz

Recipe is from the cookbook: *Cookin' with St. John's*
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Month End: **September 2023**
Year to Date

General Fund:

Revenue \$ 113,046
Expenses \$ 115,268

Financial Condition-

Balances as of September 30th

General Fund \$ 26,044
Building &
Church Improvements 105,914
Benevolence Fund 914
Special Funds 45,638
Check EFT 320
Total \$178,829



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BAPTISM



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Baptized on October 8th was Pierson Lee Matz, son of Malachi Matz and Alieha Stuebs. The sponsors are Natalie Yaklyvich and Chris Buss. Please welcome Pierson into our church family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS

Please check the bulletin boards when you pick up your student. There is important information regarding Sunday School and church happenings on those boards.

Prayers

- ◆ Becky Van Buren
- ◆ Bev Genskow
- ◆ Braeden Mielke
- ◆ Clarence Fenner (Peggy Hammond's dad)
- ◆ Corrine Kroening
- ◆ Darla Dieck
- ◆ Dave Krueger
- ◆ David Soik
- ◆ Dorothy Arndt
- ◆ Houston Burmeister
- ◆ Jaden Stuhr
- ◆ Jerry Zimdars
- ◆ Jim Johnson
- ◆ Judy Allen
- ◆ Karol Freeland
- ◆ Kay Moericke
- ◆ Laura Moericke
- ◆ Mary Mengert
- ◆ Nathan Nick
- ◆ Patty (Fournier) Beck
- ◆ Parker Wolff
- ◆ Rachel Fischer
- ◆ Will Wege



Prayer for Those In Assisted Living

- ◆ Karen Aschenbrenner
- ◆ Anne Erdman
- ◆ Gloria Krieser
- ◆ Lois Miller
- ◆ Arnold Kriesel

Prayer for the Friends and Family of:

- ◆ Lucille Netzel
- ◆ Beatrice Klitz
- ◆ Beverly Fischer

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All Saints Day, honoring the memory of all those who have died and now reside in eternity with our Lord will be held on Sunday, November 5th at both services as well as at the Wednesday November 8th service.

The names of those who died between October 1, 2022, and September 30, 2023 and were members of St John's or whose funeral was held at St John's will be read, and a candle of remembrance lit.

Additionally, all in attendance are invited to come forward and light a candle for those loved ones whose faith and life has been an influence in their own faith journey.

John C. Moericke

Arno D. Mielke

Douglas L. Jensen

James R. Schwan

Charles "Charlie" F. Schwan

Joyce L. Miller

Terri L. Mykisen

Jerry J. Siegel

Bob L. Fischer

John M. Bartelt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Camelot Worship**

Camelot Worship service is the first Wednesday of each month at the Camelot Apartments at 3:00p.m. The Camelot Service is a community outreach program. It is an opportunity to worship and receive Holy Communion.

- **Christmas Flower**

If you are interested in donating a Christmas Flower in memory or in honor of someone, please sign-up on the clipboard near the Sanctuary entry. Please drop flowers off on Thursday, December 22nd and pick up after the second service on December 24th. If you order through Larrabee Gardens, they will be dropped off at church on December 22nd. Thank you to all who help decorate our church to celebrate Christmas.

- **Offering Envelopes**

Any offerings for 2023 must be received by December 31st, 2023.

- ♦ **Wanted**

We are looking for Worship Leaders and Readers. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Confirmation Class of 2023

- ♦ Brianna Adkins
- ♦ Macey Westphal

Members of St. John's Lutheran Church, support these brothers and sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ.

Dear Lord, please help and guide us in supporting these Confirmands.



SOUL OPPORTUNITIES

- **Christmas Donations Needed**

Please consider donating to one of the following organizations for this Christmas Season. Goodfellows Clintonville/Marion or The Giving Tree – Tigerton. These organizations are assisting the less fortunate in these areas. They are looking for gift cards for high school students. Please purchase a \$20.00 gift card from one of the following merchants: Subway; A & W; McDonalds; Tiger Bucks in Tigerton; Culvers; Walmart. All cards should be in the church office by December 4th. Thank you and God's Blessing during this holiday season.

- ♦ **DKG Collecting For Veterans at King**

DKG members will be collecting the following items until November 5, 2023. If you would like to donate any of the following items to the Veterans at King, please bring them to St. John's Lutheran Church in Marion and place them in the bin in the Great Room, or the Marion Public Library. There will be a bin at each place to collect them. We have contacted the Activities Director at King for input as to the items the residents need the most. Please only new items as these will also be used for Christmas presents. Men's and women's comfortable clothing, including sweatshirts, sweatpants, and t-shirts, also pajama pants --- any size but some larger sizes would be appreciated. Toiletries such as body wash, alcohol free mouthwash, Puffs or another kind of Kleenex, women's face cream, and body lotions (men and women). Extra wide slippers with good soles.

- ♦ **Food Pantry**

Food pantry needs for November are peanut butter and chicken noodle soup. Food pantry wants are Kleenex and hand soap.

St. John's Church Council Minutes – September 19, 2023

Council members present: Amy Bazile, Linda Mielke, Mary Hoppe, Melissa Pfeiler, Mandy Malueg, Ron Krueger, Shirl Tischauer, Wanda Tucker, Pat Breitenfeldt, Kelly Trebus, Brian Sawall. **Also present:** Sheri Fuhrman **Absent:** none

Meeting called to order by Amy Bazile at 6:45 p.m. Ron opened with devotions and prayer.

The mission statement was read together.

Member Comments: A member mentioned that the newsletter was wonderful along with the Camelot Service.

Secretary's Report: The meeting minutes for August 2023, were reviewed. A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Shirl, to approve the Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Shirl, to approve the August 2023 financial statements as presented. Motion carried.

Vital Statistics: Dehlila Rae Baylous was baptized on August 20, 2023; John Bartelt passed away on September 4, 2023, service was held on September 8, 2023.

Old Business: Items of Old Business considered were:

- SOUL T-Shirts Committee Update – A sample has been displayed at church. Thirteen shirts have been ordered at this point.

New Business: Items of New Business considered were:

- World Relief Quilt Delivery– October 5, 2023 trucks will be loaded to be delivered to Zion Lutheran Church on October 6, 2023. The quilts will be displayed on September 28 at church.
- Quarterly Benevolence – A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Linda to approve a \$2200 disbursement to the ELCA. Motion carried.
- Any Other New Business –
Funerals During Renovations – The Historical Society has capacity for 125 people, weather permitting. The Club room and yoga room are available for over flow seating. The menu may need to be altered. The funeral team will make it work for the family. A motion was made by Shirl, seconded by Linda to accommodate the size of funerals up to the dining room capacity of 350. Motion carried.

Action Team Reports: The following Action Team reports were provided:

- Worship and Music– Veteran's Park worship was very successful. It was suggested to put a sign up for additional notification in the future. All Saints Day is November 5, 2023. There will be a Thanksgiving Eve service on November 22, 2023.
- Property– Final measurements for gutter replacements were taken to submit a bid. A motion was made by Pat, seconded by Wanda to approve the gutter project out of the existing roof fund. Motion carried. September 28 Parish Hall renovations will begin. The Property committee will be meeting next week, hoping to complete the property portion of the budget.

Closed Session: none

The next meeting will be on October 17, 2023, at 6:45 pm.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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Fall Dinner

Buffet Style

All you care to eat

Menu: Broasted chicken, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, cranberries, glazed carrots, corn, green bean casserole, pie, coffee and milk.

\$12 age 13-adults; \$5 age 6-12; under 5 Free

Sunday, November 12, 2023
11 am—1:30 pm

Call the church office for
carry outs at 715-754-5201
by October 20th. Delivery
within Marion available.



CHURCH CALENDAR

Church Services

November 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th-6p.m. Worship

November 5th, 19th, 26th-8a.m. & 10:30a.m. Worship

November 12th-9:30a.m. Worship with Communion (Pastor Bob Wilkinson)

FALL DINNER

November 22nd-**THANKSGIVING EVE** 6p.m.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS-NOVEMBER 5TH, 2023

Quilting-Every Wednesday 12:30p.m.

Camelot Worship-Every first Wednesday of the month at 3p.m.

Confirmation Class-Every Wednesday at 6:45p.m.

Worship & Music-November 6th meet at 5p.m.

Yoga-November 6, 13, 20, 27th

Council Meeting-November 21st at 6:45p.m.

Office Closed

Thursday, November 23rd

Sunday School Christmas Program-December 17th at 10:30a.m.

NOISY CAN OFFERING-PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS SUNDAY SCHOOL'S SPONSORING COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL CHILD ISARU

Christmas Eve-Worship at 3:30 and 5:30p.m. (Pastor Lois Graper)

Lessons and Carols-December 31st 9:30a.m.

Quake

Quake is an event for our youth grades 6-12. Volunteers will be needed to chaperone and transport. If youth are interested in going, contact the church office. We will need to know by November 30th to receive the early bird registration rate.





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