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Prairie du Sac, WI

July 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

You may have heard this term before: Proof Texting. It is the choosing of Biblical texts to prove the veracity of one's position on a theological question. Take for instance, "What role should women have in church leadership?"

If I were to take the position that women should not be allowed any significant leadership in the church, I could cite: 1 Corth 14:34 and following, "As in the churches of the saints, the women should keep silence in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be subordinate." Or in 1 Timothy 2:12 and following; "Let a woman learn in silence with all submissiveness. I permit no woman to teach or to have authority over men; she is to keep silent."

If I were to take the position that women should take an active role in church leadership, I could cite Exodus 15:20 (Miriam), Judges 4-5 (Deborah), 2 Chronicles 34 (Esther), Phoebe (Romans 16:1), Junia (Romans 16:7), Chloe, Nympha and Apphia. Not to mention Mary, the mother of Jesus, or sisters, Mary and Martha, or the many other women that Jesus looked to for leadership.

It is clear that the ELCA feels that women's leadership from the top down is critical in the life and mission of the church. Bishop Elizabeth Eaton is our churchwide bishop. Bishop Joy Mortensen-Weibe is our synod bishop. Sally Williams has served as a pastor here since June 2006. We have chosen to read all of scripture and come to a conscience that women's skills and gifts should be used

in all areas of church life, including staff members Linda Hines, Ruellene Seymour and Donna Nelson; PPC members Marian DeGiovanni, Patty Baritt, Megan Tarnutzer, Anne Klinkner, Gina Varley, Cathy Yanke, Nancy Kaufman and Janelle Hupp. I could add the lists of teachers, Sunday school superintendents, committee members and a host of other women leaders who do not have titles but lead non-the-less.

Proof texting can be a start to a conversation where parties have different points of view. They can be a way of beginning a dialogue. But before we go too far down the road of who is right and who is not, let us remember another text: Matthew 7: 1-5 "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make, you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye."

Shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

ANNOUNCEMENT

New Youth Director

We welcome Penny Johnson as St. John's Youth Director. Penny will join the staff in July and is an active member of St. John's, having most recently staffed the library with her daughter Samantha. We look forward to working with her in this new position.



Parish Planning Council Members:

Executive Director	Janelle Hupp	643-0653
Assistant Exec Director	Nancy Kaufman	963-0151
Secretary	Cathy Yanke	434-4869
Treasurer	Donna Nelson	393-4660
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Fellowship Board	Linda Michaels	643-8286
Lay Ministry Board	Gina Varley	544-5002
Member-at-Large	Roger Seymour	588-3198
Parish Education Board	James Newman	512-7623
Properties Board	Lon Kaderavek	434-2928
PR and Social Concerns	Patty Barritt	393-5218
Stewardship Board	Anne Klinkner	393-6453
Women of ELCA	Marian DeGiovanni	643-4514
Youth Board	Megan Tarnutzer	963-0396
Youth Member-at-Large	Jonah Richard	347-0488

The Staff:

Pastors: Fred Rilling fred@stjohnssaukprairie.org 963-4706

Sally Williams - on sabbatical June 6 – September 6

Director of Music: Ruellene Seymour

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Food Pantry Sunday is July 3. Food, paper products and cleaning supplies may be brought to the table in the gathering area. These items are distributed to many families in the Sauk Prairie community. The food pantry especially needs:

Kid's Cereals	Powdered Lemonade Mix
Canned Spaghetti	Individual Applesauce
Crackers	Stuffing Mix
Paper Towels	Napkins

Keep this list handy as you do your grocery shopping during the next few weeks.

Many parishioners find it easier to bring the items to the gathering area of the church at other times during the month. We appreciate the donations at any time.



Birthday Greetings

We hope you take a moment to send greetings to the following people who have birthdays in July. The day is in parentheses.

Haakon Carlson (7) 104 First Street Prairie du Sac, WI 53578	Bruce Pickens (15) 345 – 8 th Street Prairie du Sac, WI 53578
Bette Shively (22) 1050 Prairie St., Apt. 26 Prairie du Sac, WI 53578	Milt Risgaard (25) 507 Lake Wisconsin Drive Merrimac, WI 53561
Janice Carlson (29) 104 First Street Prairie du Sac, WI 53578	Gerry Westphal (30) E8715 State Hwy. 60 Sauk City, WI 53583

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the birthday cards. Made it a special day.
Roger Maynard

Women of the Church News (WELCA)

Reported by Ruth Dresser



By the time you read this, we will have already had our all-circles Summer Picnic on June 30th in Junge Park. There will be a report on this event in the next issue of the Visitor.

The Picnic will take the place of our July Circle Meetings. Traditionally in August each Circle has been doing their “own thing”, such as going out to eat or whatever else they would like to do. We will resume our regular Circle meetings in September.

We won’t be entirely “on vacation” since this is the time each circle gets busy with the Lutheran World Relief Kits. Back-to-School special sales with some fantastic prices usually begin in late July and early August – so be watching the Sunday newspapers. Garage sales are good places to shop for cloth diapers, infant t-shirts, baby sweaters or sweatshirts with hoods, towels and wash cloths. (Watch elsewhere in this Visitor for a list of all the items needed for the different kits.) The deadline for all quilts and kits to be completed and packed is September 15.

There is also a Summer Bible Study series available from Gather magazine. Go to their website: gathermagazine.org and click on Bible Study.

The Women of the ELCA South Central one-day retreat is Saturday, September 24, 2022 at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Sun Prairie. We will donate all of our contributions from the Pennies for Poverty jar at this meeting. Our Pennies jar will be out on the name tag table if you would like to donate to the worthy cause of helping women and children as part of the ELCA’s synodical program.

Ruth Circle has been visiting Special Friends in June and July. Martha Circle will visit them in August and September.

Remember to look in this Visitor for a Prayer for Peace to be read on July 20th.

Since we won’t be holding Circle Meetings in July or August, we won’t have a Bible Study Leaders Meeting until Tuesday, August 30th.



Adult Education

Our weekly text study will meet on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30pm in the church library. All are welcome as we read the upcoming gospel lessons and learn more about the bible together. Contact Pastor Fred with any questions.

SPECIAL PRAYER

We invite you to pray for peace on the 20th day of each month. On July 20, please repeat the following prayer:

Dear God, We are in need of your peace and truth to soothe our hearts and spirits right now. When we find ourselves awake in the middle of the night, our pressing needs and worries can feel overwhelming. We need to be reminded of your constant love, healing, and grace. We ask for your Mighty Power to surround us in this troublesome world that we see all around us. Teach all people to search for peace in You, to love one another as You have loved us and to honor You all the days of our lives. Amen.



Mobile Meals Volunteers

We thank the following volunteers from St. John's for their help and support of the Mobile Meals program here in Sauk Prairie. They delivered meals during June.

Kris Frey	Rich Frey
Ellen Mast	John Mast
Marcia Howard	Bill Wardwell
Mary Halweg	Rita Amundson
Marian DeGiovanni	Tony DeGiovanni
Dede Egan	Bob Egan
Donna Knickmeyer	Marilyn Herschleb
Patty Barritt	Steve Barritt



Ordination Anniversary of Rev. Eldor Fruehling

Many of you know Rev. Eldor Fruehling. You may know him through his many years of service on the Prairie du Sac Village Board or from his periodic teaching and leading of worship here at St. John's. If you have been a member for more than 30 years, you also know he served as pastor to this congregation from 1957 until he retired in 1992. Prior to coming to St. John's, he also served Christ Lutheran Church in LaMars, IA from 1953-1957. He graduated from Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA, and was ordained on July 5, 1953. Please remember Eldor on his 69th ordination anniversary.

Eldor's mailing address is:

Rev. Eldor Fruehling
1425 Hemlock St., Apt. 107
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Ordination Anniversary

Sally Williams was ordained as an ELCA pastor June 24, 2006. This year marks 16 years of service as a pastor to both the ELCA and to St. John's Lutheran Church. As one of her colleagues, it has been my privilege to call her a partner in ministry. I also know you have been blessed to have her as your pastor. I invite you to take a moment and send her a card expressing your thanks for her ministry. We are very blessed to call Sally colleague, mentor, friend and pastor.

(written by Pastor Fred)

Ordination Dates for Graduates

Kathi Matthews-Risley, a long-time member of St. John's, has graduated from Wartburg Seminary and will be ordained on July 10. Kathi will continue to serve the people of St. John-St. Paul in Marxville, WI.

Leah Holloway-Nilsen, our most recent intern, has also graduated from Wartburg Seminary and will be ordained on August 5. Leah has been called to be the next Pastor at Calamus Lutheran Parish in Calamus, Iowa.

Congratulations and God's blessings to both of these new pastors!



With Sincere Sympathy

We offer our condolences to the following families this month:

Vicky and Mark Suchla and family on the death of Vicky's brother Randy Rothman. Randy was an uncle to Brett and Jessica Suchla, Brian and Alexi Suchla, Ashley and James Schulenburg and their families.

Rochelle and Josh Brunner and family on the death of Rochelle's grandmother, Marie Zajicek.

Ruellene and Roger Seymour and their family on the death of Ruellene's mother, Grace Reeser.



BAPTISM

We welcome this new sister into the family of Christ following her baptism during the month of June.

Rayne Wilma Kruchten, the daughter of Dennis Kruchten and Amanda Connelly was baptized on June 5, 2022. Rayne's sponsors are Sally Sutherland, Laurie Van Parys, Jenna Bletsch and Amy Schwenk. Her congregational sponsors are Charlie and Jessica Kruchten.



Baby Congratulations

Dani and Colin Myhro announce the birth of their daughter, Brinley Wilma Myhro. Brinley was born June 13, 2022. Her excited grandparents are Bob and Josie Fentress and her aunt, uncle and cousins are Megan Tarnutzer, Lucas, Cora and Sylvie Miller.



thank you

Dear St. John's Church and Staff,

Thank you for all you do to make our Red Cross Blood Drives a success! We appreciate the work you do to prepare the area, making everyone feel welcome!

See you in September!

Monica Barman, SPH Friends Board Director



Quilters

Honoring our Quilters

The quilt mission at St. John's began in 1971 by LaVera Page. All our quilts currently go to the Lutheran World Relief where we blanket the world with love. Our church is one of the largest suppliers of quilts for the South Central Synod. In the past 54 years, St. John's quilters have made 19,620 quilts with the largest record year in the year of 2006 when we completed 841 quilts in one year. Even with the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, we were able to make a total of 441 quilts.

When babies are baptized at St. John's, they are presented with a handmade quilt made by Carol Mallon and Betty Fisher.

Prior to the pandemic, we would have 15 or more people making quilts every week on Wednesday mornings. Today our numbers have dropped way off and we would love to have your help. We use queen size sheets mostly for the back of the quilts and various women sew the tops. The biggest contributors to making the tops for our quilts have been Elle Maynard and Dorothy Halverson. On Wednesday morning we assemble them, tie together with yarn and sew them. You do not need to have any sewing skills to help out. We appreciate your help and would love your companionship. Please feel free to drop in.



Sunday School News

Sunday School Teachers

We are looking forward to our Sunday School year, but we cannot do it without your help! Please consider if you would be willing to join the teaching team. Our goal is to have two teachers per classroom to share the responsibilities and give a little freedom in your weekend schedules. Please contact James Newman at jamesolivernewman@gmail.com or Pastor Fred at fred@stjohnssaukprairie.org or 608-643-2439. We are happy to answer any questions or concerns you might have. We would like to have our teacher training on Sunday, September 11th at 11:45am. Classes begin Sunday, September 25th. Thank you for prayerfully considering teaching our children about Jesus!

Middle and High School News

Worship Jobs – REMINDER!

Make sure you have signed up for your jobs for June through September! Incoming 7th graders are responsible for 2 jobs during this time. 8th and 9th graders are responsible for 3. The next round of sign-ups will be sent out upon Pastor Sally's return for sabbatical for October – January. Here is the current sign-up link: <https://signup.com/go/WMhjsPH> Use this link to check which date you signed up for also.



Stock the Schools

In cooperation with the Sauk Prairie community, St. John's is collecting items to be given to Sauk Prairie students in need. Each month we will have different items to collect that will help our local students. July's items are **Egg Noodles, Spaghetti, Shampoo, Hair Conditioner and Lotion**. Look for the red bin in the gathering area by the church office to drop off your donations. Thank you.

Serving in July

Ushers:

July 3

8:00 a.m.

Sophia Hanson

Dale Haroldson

July 10

Lon Kaderavek

Dale Haroldson

Alyssa Himebauch

July 17

Lon Kaderavek

Dale Haroldson

Lee LaVigne

July 24

Caden Argall

Dale Haroldson

Dorothy Halverson

July 31

Lillian Ott

Lon Kaderavek

Dale Haroldson

9:30 a.m.

Caden Argall

John/Ellen Mast

Jason King

Gerry Westphal

Deb Westphal

Evelyn Bahe

Cannon Esser

Tyler Jorgenson

Ryan Jorgenson

Acolytes:

July 3

8:00 a.m.

Ella Stephan

Evelynn Brennan

July 10

Joslyn Schultz

July 17

Carter Kruchten

July 24

Noelle Small

July 31

9:30 a.m.

Kylie Hutchins

Sean Jager

Jason King

Sean Jager

Dylan Walker

Assisting Ministers:

July 3

8:00 a.m.

Donna Knickmeyer

July 10

Jordan Small

July 17

Connie Burton

June 24

Marv Hupp

July 31

Donna Knickmeyer

9:30 a.m.

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Jordan Small

Connie Burton

Marv Hupp

Donna Knickmeyer

Readers:

July 3

8:00 a.m.

Marilyn Herschleb

Nancy Kaufman

July 10

Gary Tomter

July 17

Carrie Richard

July 24

Crystal Lautenbach

July 31

9:30 a.m.

Jama Graves

Bob Nelson

Dale Haroldson

Okla Yanke

Kathy Lovell

Cantors:

July 3

8:00 a.m.

Becky Weittenhiller

Lisa Davis

July 10

Katie LaVigne

July 17

Melani Wheeler

July 24

Bill Burton

July 31

9:30 a.m.

Marian DeGiovanni

Marv/Janelle Hupp

Katie LaVigne

Melani Wheeler

Bill Burton

Communion Set Up/Clean Up 8:00 a.m.

July 3	Donna Knickmeyer
July 10	
July 17	
July 24	Alice/Joe Chenoweth
July 31	Alice/Joe Chenoweth

9:30 a.m.

Donna Knickmeyer
Deb/Gerry Westphal
Gwen Ringelstetter
Marsha Key

Communion Assistants: 8:00 a.m.

July 3	Jayne Carlson
	Roxanne Zick
July 10	Donna Knickmeyer
	Linda Hines
July 17	Janelle Hupp
	Alice Chenoweth
July 24	Alice Chenoweth
	Linda Hines
July 31	Patty Barritt
	Marian DeGiovanni

9:30 a.m.

Deb Westphal
Gerry Westphal
John Ballweg
Aletha Ballweg
Kim Larson
Dorothy Halverson
Doris Lohr
Dorothy Halverson
Kathy Lovell
Deb Westphal

Coffee Set Up/Clean Up

July 3	Linda Michaels
July 10	John Hines
July 17	Linda Yanke
July 24	Linda Michaels
July 31	Sheila Peak Dittberner

Sunday Stewards:

July 3	Marian DeGiovanni
July 10	Anne Klinkner
July 17	Roger Seymour
July 24	Sheila Dittberner
July 31	Patty Barritt

9:30 a.m.

Marian DeGiovanni
Anne Klinkner
Roger Seymour
Linda Michaels
James Newman

Greeters:

July 3 (Sanctuary)	Todd/Gina Wyttenbach
(Front doors)	Shirley Anding
July 10 (Sanctuary)	Roxanne Zick family
(Front doors)	Parker Pape
July 17 (Sanctuary)	Ella Stephan
(Front doors)	Evelynn Brennan
July 24 (Sanctuary)	
(Front doors)	Rich/Kris Frey
July 31 (Sanctuary)	Roxanne Zick family
(Front doors)	Don/Vi Bohler

9:30 a.m.

Jackie Frosch
Jama Graves
outdoor service
outdoor service
Kate Wernsing
Joslyn Schultz
Jackie Frosch
Deb/Gerry Westphal
Ginny Nimmow
Kathy Lovell

<u>Technical Support:</u>	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
July 3	Liz Leith Amy Nelson	Eric Kaul Malcolm Leith
July 10	Ellen Jorgensen Roger Seymour	Jeff Sandberg Nicole Sandberg
July 17	Lisa Davis Amy Nelson	Eric Kaul Charlie Kruchten
July 24	Lisa Davis Amy Nelson	Liz Leith Malcolm Leith
July 31	Ellen Jorgensen Roger Seymour	Jeff Sandberg Nicole Sandberg

Congregational totals

	Attendance	Offering
May 29	132	\$ 3,077.00
June 5	167	\$ 6,989.10
June 12	154	\$ 8,329.90
June 19	148	\$ 8,937.10

Thank you for your continued support, Stewardship Board

Collecting to Help Others

St. John's has a long tradition of reaching out to help others. We do this in many ways, one of which is by collecting donations of items that can be shared with others. Here are some of the groups we help:

- Sauk Prairie Food Pantry
- Stock the Schools program of the Sauk Prairie Schools
- Dress for Success – clothing for jobs and interviews
- Sewing Machine Project of Madison
- Global Health Ministries Hospice and Newborn Kits
- Lutheran World Relief School Kits, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits and Fabric/Sewing Kits
- Lutheran World Relief Quilts
- Lion's Club – used/old Eye Glasses (to be re-distributed)
- Wounded Warrior Project – old cell phones
- Homeless Programs in Madison – plastic grocery bags for plarn-making. The plarn is crocheted into mats for the homeless to use as a barrier when sleeping or sitting outdoors.

Thank you for being so willingly to help!

DEADLINE FOR KITS IS SEPTEMBER 15, 2022



School Kit Supplies

We are asking for your help in gathering supplies for our School Kits again this year. The kits are sent to Lutheran World Relief each fall. LWR asks that we do not use items with a U.S. flag, military symbols, camouflage or religious symbols on them. Each kit needs:

- Four** 70-sheet notebooks
- One** 30 cm. ruler (or one with inches and cms.)
- One** pencil sharpener
- One** blunt scissors
- Five** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Five** black **or** blue ballpoint pens
- One** box of 16 **or** 24 crayons
- One** 2 ½ inch eraser

Bring items to the church office. Watch for sales and have fun shopping!

**pencil sharpeners and blunt scissors are especially needed



Personal care kit supplies

- One bath-size towel (not longer than 48" preferred)
- Two bath-size bars of wrapped soap
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original wrapping
or sealed in a business size envelope
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail clipper

***bath towels, soap and toothbrushes are especially needed



Baby care kit supplies

Two cotton/cotton-blend t-shirts

Two gowns or sleepers w/o feet

Two receiving blankets

Four cloth diapers

One hand towel, dark color

One sweater, sweatshirt, or

jacket with a hood, or include a baby cap

Two pairs of baby socks

Two bath-size bars of gentle soap

in its original wrapping

Two diaper pins or large safety pins

Sizes up to 24 months may be used. Consider varying the sizes of the clothing items so the layette will continue to be useful as the baby grows. Gently used, clean items may be substituted for new ones.

***cloth diapers are especially needed**



Fabric kit supplies

Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric, cut into pieces measuring:

2 ¼ yards of 60" wide, **OR**

3 yards of 44" wide, **OR**

4 yards of 36" wide fabric

Two spools of matching **OR**

neutral-colored general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each

“Ordinary items become extraordinary gifts when you send LWR Quilts and Kits around the world!”

PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES

DATE: June 7, 2022

Present: Janelle Hupp Donna Nelson Cathy Yanke Linda Michaels
Fred Rilling James Newman Marian DeGiovanni Megan Tarnutzer
Roger Seymour Gina Varley Patty Barritt Sheila Dittberner Anne
Klinkner

Absent: Sally Williams (on Sabbatical), Nancy Kaufman, Jonah
Richard, Lon Kaderavek

Call to Order/Opening Remarks:

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Janelle Hupp. Janelle asked for approval of the agenda. Motion to approve was made by Patty and seconded by Gina. Motion carried. A devotion/prayer was then given by Cathy.

Secretary Minutes:

The May minutes were submitted online by Cathy Yanke. A motion to approve minutes was made by Donna and seconded by Megan. Motion carried.

Treasurer report:

The committee reviewed and discussed the May 2022 Treasurer Report submitted by Donna Nelson.

- Donna will be out of town June 20 through July 5. All chairpersons should please check mailboxes and have all bills in my mailbox by Sunday morning 8 am, Father's Day, June 19.
- Money was transferred from savings to checking in the amount of \$18,500 to have sufficient funds to make a deposit on the roof work and fund Sally's sabbatical.
- YTD, our income for budgeted expenses is about \$30K less than the expenses have been.

A motion to approve the financial report was made Marion and seconded by Roger. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Evangelism: Sheila Dittberner reported:

- Pet Blessing scheduled October 9, 2022.
- New member scheduled June 19, 2022, at 9:30 am.
- Review committee rooster and responsibility confirmed.

Fellowship: Linda Michaels reported:

- Continuing to gather personal information about our Faithfull Service members
- Working on featuring our quilters in upcoming publications
- Will be recruiting people for our social time between services
- Working on plans for the Fellowship Board hosting the fellowship time after late service on June 12th
- New Member reception for June 19th
- Recruiting two people or a team to oversee funeral luncheons

Lay Ministry: Gina Varley reported:

- Discussed outdoor services
- Traditional communion began again on May 29th. Self-serve packets will also be offered
- Geranium sales for Pentecost on 5/15 and 5/22 in between services
- Online sign up has been offered for greeters and communion assistants.
- Still need communion assistant organizer
- Simplified music budget

Parish Education: James Newman reported:

- No current month report received.

Properties: Lon Kaderavek reported:

- No report received

PR & Social Concerns: Patty Barritt reported:

- July 10th Outdoor service - "Just Bakery" speaker
- Cookies from Just Bakery, lemonade, & coffee will be served between services.
- A table featuring SERVV /Free Trade items (coffee, tea, almonds, chocolate etc.) and information about these organizations will be set up.
- Information about Lawn Signs will be presented

Stewardship Board: Anne Klinkner reported:

- She will send out past budgets for committees to review, compare, and check for accuracy. Suggest using 2019 budget numbers. Please return to Anne by July 4.
- Proposed budgets will be discussed in July's stewardship meeting and will be presented at the August PPC meeting.

Women of ELCA: Marian DeGiovanni reported:

- Join us Thursday June 30th 10 AM Junge Park in Sauk City to enjoy outdoor picnic and speaker Intern Samuel Christiansen sharing his faith journey. Coffee, juice, food & tableware all provided so just bring yourself and a friend! In case of inclement weather, we will meet in Fellowship Hall.
- Regular Circle meetings will resume in September. Check the Visitor for dates & times.
- Check the Visitor for items needed for all the LWR (Lutheran World Relief) kits—Personal Care. Baby, Fabric/Sewing & School Kits. The deadline is Sept. 15 to have all the kits ready for shipping so think of all the items when you hit the garage sales and Back-to-School specials. It does take a village!

Youth Committee: Megan Tarnutzer reported:

- Discussing dates for upcoming events such as Wiffleball, water park, corn maze, winter activities and long term- spring lock in.
- Brainstorming ideas for service projects and team building

Member at Large: Roger Seymour reported:

- No report received

Youth member at Large: Jonah Richard reported:

- Last day of school for the high school is June 7. The rest of the schools have a half day on June 8th.
- Many of the spring sports teams have done well this year. Track and field had one team member go to the state finals. The golf team had one member advance to the sectional. Baseball made it to the regional finals. My lacrosse team is playing in the quarter finals and the girls soccer team won the regional championship and are advancing in the playoffs.
- I leave for the 6:8 Mission trip to Joplin, MO, on Saturday, June 11, and return June 18. I really appreciate St. John's support. I look forward to sharing more about it next month.

Executive Comments – Director:

- The County Covid transmission levels for Sauk, Columbia, and Dane Counties all remain in the yellow (moderate) risk zones, which means we can continue with our current protocols. Communities in the yellow zone are advised to encourage people who are high risk for severe illness to wear a mask when indoors in public places and, as in all levels, stay up to date on vaccinations, stay home if sick, and get tested if symptomatic.
- Pastor Sally shared an email with me and others that outlines the arrangements that she has made to cover her various job

responsibilities while she's away on sabbatical. This is a very comprehensive plan and I appreciate that she has taken great care in coordinating coverage to ensure that things will go smoothly through the summer and that fall programming will be ready to go upon her return in September. Thank you to Pastor Fred and Linda Hines for assuming additional responsibilities during Sally's absence.

- I'm working on organizing a meeting with the PPC Executive Committee and Pastor Fred later this month to finalize the 2023 Administrative Budget.

Pastor Reports

Fred's Report:

- Will meet with PPC Exec Committee in the next few weeks to finalize the Administrative section of the 2023 Budget.
- We have received an application for our Youth Director position. Janelle is working to firm up an interview date. That should take place in the next few weeks.
- Samuel (intern currently living in our parsonage) will be out of the parsonage by the end of June. We are grateful to have been able to help Common Ground Church (formally First Lutheran in Lodi) with housing their intern. Our intern committee will be working on the transition for our intern (John Evans) who will be arriving mid-late Aug.
- We have new members joining St. John's on June 19 at the 9:30 service. It would be great to have our PPC members at that service so as to introduce yourselves after worship.
- I am grateful for our committees planning events/food/fellowship for our three outdoor services this summer. As you know, the dates are the 2nd Sunday of June (12th), July (10th) and Aug (14th). I hope our PPC members can come and support these fellowship opportunities.
- I am grateful for the support I have received as Sally is on sabbatical. We have a large congregation and we are not fully staffed. I also ask that you continue to be supportive of Linda, John and Ruellene as they take on some of the responsibilities that Sally covered. Lots of things happen behind the scenes in any organization. The same is true at St. John's.
- I am grateful for the PPC exec board in their work with finalizing the administrative budget and upcoming interview, and in particular for Janelle's work at managing the many 'spinning plates' that are currently spinning: covid procedures, staff search, ac/heating unit process and her overall care for our congregation. Thank you to all

of our leaders who make St. John's a place people seek out for spiritual nurture and care.

- This coming weekend I will be at my mother-in-law's funeral. Kathi Matthews-Risley has graciously agreed to be lead worship in my absence. Kathi graduated from Wartburg on May 15th and is in the process of being placed in a congregation to serve as their pastor. Plans are in process for her upcoming ordination service. Look for more information on where/when.
- A special thank you goes out to Lon for his continue stewarding of our AC/heating units and roof work. Look to his report for more details on the status of the overall process.

Sally's Report:· On sabbatical

Old Business:

- Youth Director applicant received. Interview will be completed soon. Sunday School Superintendent recruitment was successful, and positions will be filled by Joanna Jones and Miranda Jager.
- Update on AC unit installation. The removal of the AC units has left holes where rain can come in. The first unit designed for the fellowship hall will be put in place mid-June. The second unit for the sanctuary is not yet available.
- Administrative 2023 Budget is in the works. The Executive PPC will meeting on Monday, June 27.

New Business:

- KinderPrep Decision. Unanimous approval of members in attendance. School district will pay \$4900 for the school year as rent, beginning this fall. If the church is needed for events like funerals, the kids will be kept in Sunday School area.
- Former Executive Director, Jon Sandeman, will chair the nominating committee to replace Janelle, James, Marion, and Patty.

Next meeting is Tuesday, July 5, at 6:30 pm. Devotion will be given by Patty Barritt. Donna made a motion to adjourn our meeting, and the motion was seconded by Megan. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:24 pm. with The Lord's Prayer lead by Janelle Hupp.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Yanke.



Happy July Birthday!

The day is in parenthesis

Our Youngest:

Bennett Steinmetz (15) Addison Breunig (23)

Our Sunday School Students:

Kenley Burke (2)	Jaelyn Sorg (2)
Beckett Stoffels (3)	Ethan Anderson (4)
Vivian Coy (6)	Haylee Williams (11)
Paige Williams (11)	Brock Esser (14)
Clark Kelter (15)	Pria Steinmetz (17)
Ted Ederer (20)	Amy Weittenhiller (21)
Cameron Johnson (22)	Will Sandberg (24)
Gabbi Argall (27)	Aubree Deuman (28)
Jace Schultz (30)	Mylee Schultz (30)
Avery Jorgenson (31)	

Our Youth:

Jaxson Dunn (1)	Kennedy Colby (18)
Lillyann Nurkala (18)	Anna Bruckert (19)
Dylan Sawyer (25)	

College and Career-age Young People:

Emma Kinnamon (7)	Chloe Wernsing (12)
Eleri Fester (16)	Anna Francour (16)
Jordan Chao (28)	