



Natalie Nurkala, Fourth grade

Prairie du Sac, WI

June 2022

Dear Siblings in Christ,

In these past weeks St. John's has blessed both Linda Hines and myself with birthday wishes and cards as we both turned 65. Both of us have spoken and written of our thanks for your kindness.

On June 6, Pastor Sally will begin her sabbatical. (This also happens to be her birthday.) I know many of you have wished her a blessed time as she reads, studies and rests during her three months away.

Happy moments like birthdays and planned time away often bring to our attention the importance of others in our lives. They beckon us to express our support, our care and our appreciation. We recognize in these moments how important a person is to us and go out of our way to make sure this connection is noted and acknowledged.

Unfortunately, there are also painful moments that make clear to us how important people are. Funerals, divorce, job loss, health changes and a host of other times make clear that people are important to us.

I ask you to ponder with me how we might change patterns that have regularly failed to acknowledge how deeply we feel about others. For instance, I recall several people in our congregation who made it a mission to send out cards during the pandemic. They wrote to people they knew and to those they didn't. They sent notes of encouragement. They sent words that reminded others they were

not alone. They did a simple thing – and yet it meant the world to those who received their kindness.

During the pandemic Linda Hines started a simple thing. She called it “Happy Connections.” She sent out a list of members’ names and addresses. She invited us to ‘send warm wishes’ to those listed. I have to be honest and confess that I have not sent many cards to those listed. I wonder if you too may not have taken time to write/call those listed? I write today to say that I want to change that pattern.

It is June 2022 and I am wondering if you might join me in starting some new patterns of behavior. If you have not taken up Linda’s invitation to send notes to those listed, I wonder if you would join me, remind me (and others) to send a note/make a call to not only those names that Linda sends via email every week, but also to those names who are only known to you. Consider this both a request to help me reach out more and a challenge to you (if you need one) to also reach out more.

It has been a crazy couple of years. People have felt isolated and alone. Yet isn’t it true that this was the fact before the pandemic? Haven’t we always felt a bit disconnected from each other and at times, struggle to connect to those nearby and to those we love?

“I am doing a new thing,” says Isaiah 43:19. “Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen...” Isaiah 43: 18-20

Let us do a new thing. Let us reach out more. And in doing so, know that you are blessing those around you and in turn, will be blessed.

Shalom,



Worship Time and Location Change

We have changed to our summer worship schedule. Services will be at 8:00am and 9:30am from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

On June 12, July 10 and August 14, the 9:30am services will be in the parking lot (bring your own lawn chairs or blanket, no radio needed), followed by a fellowship time.

All services are available on Zoom.



Parish Planning Council Members:

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Food Pantry Sunday is June 5. 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:

Granola Bars	Mayo/Salad Dressing
Ketchup	Mustard
Mac 'N Cheese	Cookies

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 June. The day is in parentheses.

Roger Maynard (6)
7429 North Street
Sauk City, WI 53583

Maureen Patterson (6)
703 Phillips Street
Sauk City, WI 53583

Jan Floeter (7)
722 Risley Oak Court
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Ruth Tupper (16)
1050 Prairie Street
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Carol Ellingson (19)
2012 Taylor Trail #2
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Bob Nelson (21)
821 Hanksfield Place
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Caroline Morrow (24)
8387 Rimmel Court
Dane, WI 53529

Pam Pickens (25)
345 – 8th Street
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Thank You

Dear St. John's family,

Thank you for all the beautiful birthday cards you sent to me. Our church family is so very kind. You really made my day special.

Thank you all. Denise Baars



Women of the Church News

	<u>Lydia Circle</u> Thursday, June 9, at St. John's Library, Darlene Holl, Hostess	1:00pm
	<u>Martha Circle</u> Thursday, June 2, in St. John's Library	9:30am
	<u>Ruth Circle</u> Monday, June 13, at Marian DeGiovanni's, 295 Water St., Prairie du Sac	9:00am
	<u>Sarah/Mary Circle</u> Tuesday, June 7, in St. John's Fellowship Hall	9:30am

30 ladies attended Circle Meetings in May, with Dorothy Halverson, Marian DeGiovanni and Kathy Lester leading the Bible Study. In June, the Study will be led by Diane Elsing, Mary Weeks, Patty Barritt and Kathy Lester.

Marian has reserved Junge Park for us for Thursday, June 30 at 10:00am for our Annual Picnic. Because of the pandemic, we haven't been able to do this since 2019....so we are looking forward to all our Circles getting together for this special event. Even if you are not a Circle Member, you are most cordially invited to attend. We will have plenty of food, coffee and juice and all the dishes and silverware will be furnished...you don't have to bring anything but yourselves. Marian has also arranged for Intern Samuel Christiansen to talk about his Faith Journey. Samuel is the intern (serving with Lodi) who has been living in St. John's parsonage. We would love to have a good attendance, so mark your calendars and plan to attend. Please come....and you are welcome to bring a guest. If the weather is bad, we will have the picnic at the church.

The picnic will take the place of our Circle Meetings for July. Traditionally in August each Circle has been "doing their own thing", such as going out to eat or whatever else you'd like to do. We will resume our regular Circle meetings in September.

We have to be doing some serious thinking about our various kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits are Personal Care, Baby, Fabric/Sewing and School Kits, plus the Quilts the dedicated Quilters have been working on all year. Back-to-School special sales with some fantastic prices usually begin in late July and early August, so we will need to remember to be watching the Sunday newspapers. Also, garage sales are good places to shop for some of the gently-used items in the various kits. (This includes bath towels, cloth diapers, infant t-shirts, baby sweaters or sweatshirts with hoods up to size 2, baby socks, and washcloths.)

The deadline for having all the quilts and kits ready for shipping this year is September 15.

Women of the ELCA of South-Central Synod's 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 on the table with the name tags again soon. The money collected goes to help women and children in need and is part of the Women of the ELCA's synodical program.

Lydia Circle has been visiting Special Friends in April and May. Ruth Circle will visit them in June and July.

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

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



Adult Education

If you are interested in being part of adult education this summer, contact Pastor Fred to get more information. fred@stjohnssaukprairie.org or through the church office at 608-643-2439.



New Members Received

Every year we are delighted to welcome new members to our congregation. The New Member Installation and Reception will take place on Sunday, June 19 at the 9:30am service. This summer we are welcoming: Benny and Charlene Stenner, Bette Shively and Yvonne Richard. May God bless your journey with us!



Baby Congratulation

We rejoice with Sabrina and Kolton Carpenter on the birth of their daughter, Lillian Marie on May 17, 2022. Lillian's grandpa is Steve Yanke and her great-grandmother is Eunice Yanke.



With Sincere Sympathy

We offer our condolences to the following families this month:

The family and friends of Christina Leaf.

Virgil and Debra Schulenburg, Rebecca Schulenburg, James and Ashley Schulenburg, Daniel and Willow Schulenburg and their families on the death of mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Thresa Schulenburg.

Please keep these families in your prayers.



thanks!

Since Glenn's passing in March, I want to thank you all for your prayers, kind words, cards and memorials. You are all so wonderful.

Thank you, Pastor Sally for making the service so special.

With my heartfelt thanks and in God's love,
Marilyn Herschleb



BAPTISM

We welcome this new sister and new brother into the family of Christ following their baptisms during the month of May.

Harper Lynn Karczewski, daughter of Peter and Tara (Jelle) Karczewski. Harper was baptized on May 21 and her sponsors are Travis and Libby Jelle, Robert and Jenna Karczewski and Lauren Bowyer. David and Laura Jelle are Harper's grandparents and her great-grandmother is Karen Bowyer.

William Gregory LaBerge, son of Robert and Brienne (Oehlke) LaBerge. William was baptized on May 22 and his sponsors are Miranda and Keith Ziembra and Andy and Tara LaBerge. His congregational sponsor is Kelly Ramirez.

Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their journey in faith.



Ordination Anniversary!

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 of this congregation for more than 30 years, you also know he served as pastor to St. John's 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 Warburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA, and was ordained on July 5, 1953. This year Eldor will celebrate his 69th ordination anniversary. Please send him a card thanking him for his service. His address is: Eldor Fruehling, 1425 Hemlock St., Apt. 107, Sauk City, WI 53583.

SPECIAL PRAYER

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

Lord,
Lead us from death to life,
From falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope,
from fear to trust.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world and our universe.
Let us dream together, pray together and work together,
To build one world of peace and justice for all.

Thank you

Thank you to all of my wonderful church family! You made my milestone birthday so very special with your kindness, cards, well-wishes and gifts. I so enjoy sharing my time with you all. May God bless each and every one of you!

Linda Hines

Sunday School News

Sunday School Offering

Our students raised over \$800 to purchase animals through the ELCA Good Gift Catalog. Thank you for your generosity, students, as well as those who gave through Sunday offerings as well! If you're interested in learning more about this, check out <https://goodgifts.elca.org>.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Are you interested in working with children? Encouraging them in their faith through stories, lessons, arts and crafts, and music? We are looking for some more people to join our Sunday School team! Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to be a teacher, co-teacher, or helper. Contact James Newman, Parish Education Chair jamesolivernewman@gmail.com or Pastor Fred to learn more.

Sunday School Superintendent Needed

We are still in need of someone (or a few people) to be Sunday School Superintendent(s)! Please prayerfully consider this. This position is critical to a successful Sunday School program and we cannot do it without the help of many! If you are interested contact James Newman jamesolivernewman@gmail.com or Pastor Fred.



Stock the Schools

Working 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. Some of these items can be used in school and some at home. June's items are: **boxes of Cereal and Backpacks** (sizes for elementary, middle school and high school students). Look for the red bin in the gathering area by the church office to drop off your donations.

Middle and High School News



High School Graduates

The following students were recognized on May 22 for graduating from high school. Keep them in your prayers as they move forward in the new stages of their lives.

Quinn Baier

Eleri Fester

Jackson Gorsuch

Scott Graves

Colden Harter

Samantha Johnson

Emma Kinnamon

Meadow Liedtke

Drew Marshall

Malea Niesen

Ashley Pape

Alia Schlimgen

Jacob Schweitzer

Megan Small

Gavin Tompkin

Wyatt Urban

Young Adult Updates

Did you recently earn a degree from college or a tech school? Are you starting a new internship or job? Celebrations or prayer requests? Contact the pastors or Linda Hines in the church office and we will include it in our next Visitor! Below is a list of some of our Young Adult graduations:

Brendan Holl, Clarke University of Dubuque, with a major in Computer Information Systems and a minor in Business and Sports.

Tekla Nimmow, UW-LaCrosse, with a major in Education. She will start her teaching career in Lodi, WI.

Katie Yanke, UW-Platteville, with a BS in Agriculture Business with an emphasis in Marketing and Communications.

Drew Schlimgen, UW-Oshkosh

Keith Hines, UW-Madison, with a Master's degree in Business Analytics.

Have you or a family member recently graduated from a tech school or university? Let us know your name, your school and your degree or certificate of study so that we may offer up prayers of joy and celebration as you accomplish this milestone.

Thank You!

Thank you for your donations for the Hospice and Newborn Kits. With your help we were able to make 103 of each kit for Global Health Ministries.

Thank you again, Jayne and Laurie Carlson

Thank you

Dear Pastors Sally and Fred, and St. John's Members,

Thank you so much for your recent "Stock the Schools" donations. The students loved the organic applesauce, goldfish and dunk-a-roos! Thank you also for the shampoo, conditioner, lotion and clothing.

Thank you for always remembering others in need.

On behalf of the Sauk Prairie School children,

Sincerely, Susan Baumann-Duren

SPSD Social Worker



JUST BAKERY
A JustDane Initiative

Just Bakery

Thank you for your very generous giving during our Lenten season. We are able to send \$2,435.00 to Just Bakery for the continuation of their teaching and work program. Just Bakery helps those who have not had successful work experiences by teaching them the importance of showing up on time to your job, learning the skills it takes to do the job and having pride and confidence in yourself when doing productive work. Thank you for supporting Just Bakery.

St. John's will take a break from ordering Just Bakery products over the summer. BUT you can still get your favorite treats by ordering from their website or calling 608-598-0042. (Just enter Just Bakery Madison in your browser and the site comes up.) Just Bakery is also at the Hilldale Farmer's Market on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8am to 1pm.

Serving in June

Ushers:

June 5

8:00 a.m.

Steve Kindschi
Dale Haroldson
Lee LaVigne

9:30 a.m.

Ian Quayle

June 12

Lon Kaderavek
Dale Haroldson
Alyssa Himebauch

Gerry Westphal
Deb Westphal
Jenna Shimpach

June 19

Lon Kaderavek
Dale Haroldson

Lillyann Nurkala

June 26

John Hines
Dale Haroldson
Lee LaVigne

Ian Quayle

Acolytes:

June 5

8:00 a.m.

Parker Pape

9:30 a.m.

Elio Piccinelli

June 12

Elio Piccinelli

Kylie Hutchins

June 19

Bryce Ballweg

Liam Hart

June 26

Noelle Small

Ella Stephan

Assisting Ministers: 8:00 a.m.

June 5

9:30 a.m.

June 12

Marv Hupp

Marv Hupp

June 19

Jordan Small

Jordan Small

June 26

Noelle Small

Noelle Small

Readers:

June 5

8:00 a.m.

Mary Halweg

9:30 a.m.

Doris Lohr

June 12

Patty Barritt

Lynn Esser

June 19

Evelyn/Alysia Bahe

Dale Haroldson

June 26

Judy Hanna

Carol Benson

Cantors:

June 5

8:00 a.m.

Melani Wheeler

9:30 a.m.

Melani Wheeler

June 12

Connie Burton

Connie Burton

June 19

Bill Burton

Bill Burton

June 26

Becky Weittenhiller

Becky Weittenhiller

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

June 5

Dorothy Halverson

9:30 a.m.

Deb/Gerry Westphal

June 12

Donna Knickmeyer

Barb Salveson

June 19

Jayne Carlson

Cathy Yanke

June 26

Tracy Pape

Dede/Bob Egan

Communion Assistants: 8:00 a.m.

June 5 Jayne Carlson
Roxanne Zick
June 12 Donna Knickmeyer
Patty Barritt
June 19 Kathy Lovell
Marilyn Herschleb
June 26 Patty Barritt
Linda Hines

9:30 a.m.

Deb Westphal
Gerry Westphal
Doris Lohr
Ginny Nimmow
Cathy Yanke
Doris Lohr
Dede Egan

Sunday Stewards: 8:00 a.m.

June 5 Janelle Hupp
June 12 Patty Barritt
June 19 Lon Kaderavek
June 26 Lon Kaderavek

9:30 a.m.

Patty Barritt
Gina Varley
Cathy Yanke
Sheila Peak Dittberner

Greeters:**8:00 a.m.****9:30 a.m.**

June 5 (Sanctuary)	Steve/Holly Kindschi	Gerry/Deb Westphal
(Front doors)	Todd/Gina Wyttenbach	Steve/Patty Barritt
June 12 (Sanctuary)	Steve/Patty Barritt	Tom/Gina Varley
(Front doors)	Donna Knickmeyer	Jackie Frosch
June 19 (Sanctuary)	Noelle Small	Bryce Ballweg
(Front doors)	Liam Hart	Cathy Yanke
(Side doors)	Roxanne Zick	Austin Urban
June 26 (Sanctuary)	Nancy/Jerry Kaufman	Doris Lohr
(Front doors)	Patty/Steve Barritt	Bob/Josie Fentress

Technical Support: 8:00 a.m.

June 5 Ellen Jorgensen
June 12 Liz Leith
Malcolm Lieth
June 19 Lisa Davis
Charlie Kruchten
June 26 Ellen Jorgensen
Amy Nelson

9:30 a.m.

Eric Kaul
Jeff Sandberg
Nicole Sandberg
Eric Kaul
Roger Seymour
Jeff Sandberg
Nicole Sandberg

Congregational totals

	Attendance	Offering
May 1	177	\$ 7,858.77
May 8	182	\$ 4,770.28
May 15	154	\$10,809.85
May 22	205	\$ 8,382.00

Thank you for your continued support, Stewardship Board



We have some Volunteer positions open:

Funeral Luncheons

For several years Dianne Effinger and Ginny Nimmow have blessed us with their time and talents in organizing funeral lunches for our congregation. These two ladies have decided to relinquish this role. On behalf of the Fellowship Board and the entire congregation, we would like to thank them for the years that they were able to provide this service.

We look forward to the time that we can provide this service again and are looking for two, or a team of people, to replace them. Please contact me if you are able to help us with this. Please feel free to call me and ask me more questions about these services as Dianne and Ginny have provided a detailed list of the requirements.

Thank you!

Linda Michaels tmichaels8286@charter.net

608-643-8286 or 608-575-5589

Ushers Needed

As we continue to welcome people into the building for worship, we are in need of Ushers to help out at our worship services each Sunday. We would like to have 2 adults, along with our confirmation student volunteer at each service. Sign-up on the kiosk for those days that you are available.

Communion Assistants Coordinator

As we return to traditional communion practices, we will need volunteers to assist with communion each Sunday. We are looking for someone to join the Lay ministry Board as Communion Assistant Coordinator. If you are interested, contact Gina Varley at glv1205@gmail.com or calling 608-963-0325. We thank Crystal Lautenbach for her years of service in this capacity.

WELCA Circle Leader

Hannah Circle is looking for a new leader/organizer. Hannah Circle meets in the evenings to offer those working during the day the ability to attend a Bible Study. Please talk with Marian DeGiovanni for more details.



Summer Celebration – Time to say Thank You.

Hurrah we get to gather and celebrate! The Fellowship Board is hosting our first summer celebration where all are welcome to come and celebrate.

We want to say thank you to all our wonderful volunteers. It has never been more obvious how much we rely on our volunteers as it has been during this pandemic. People had to step up and create new ideas and extend themselves in areas where it has not been needed before. Now that we are coming out of the pandemic (let's hope and pray), we will be returning to functions where we will be stepping back into our traditional services.

We want to say thank you to everyone for their dedication to St. John's by attendance and support. For coming to church; for being on zoom; by sending a card; by making a phone call; by saying a prayer.

How can we thank you, you ask? We will be providing refreshments following the 9:30 parking lot service on June 12th. **All are welcome.** The more the merrier. Bring your lawn chairs and celebrate with us. Please be sure to pass this information along so that we have a large group to celebrate with.

PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES

DATE: May 3, 2022

Present: Janelle Hupp, Donna Nelson—phone, Nancy Kaufman, Fred Rilling, Sally Williams, Lon Kaderavek, Roger Seymour, Cathy Yanke, James Newman, Sheila Dittberner, Anne Klinkner

Absent: Patty Barritt, Linda Michaels, Marian DeGiovanni, Jonah Richard, Megan Tarnutzer, Gina Varley

Call to Order/Opening Remarks:

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Janelle Hupp. Janelle asked for approval of the agenda. Motion to approve was made by Nancy and seconded by Anne. Motion carried. A devotion/prayer was then given by Roger.

Secretary Minutes:

The April minutes were submitted online by Cathy Yanke. A motion to approve minutes was made by Nancy and seconded by Lon. Motion carried.

Treasurer report:

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

- Our offerings for Ash Wed and Lent added up to \$2435.00 and that is being donated to Just Bakery.
- We are continuing to raise money for the furnace/AC units and the total needed is now less than 7K.
- April was the third month that expenses exceeded income, but the bigger blow was to the stock portfolio which lost over 10%.
- When planning your budgets remember the church income can be affected by the current economic situations and we need to be good stewards of the funds we are responsible for.

A motion to approve the financial report was made by Lon and seconded by Nancy. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Evangelism: Sheila Dittberner reported:

- Awaiting info for the new members

Fellowship: Linda Michaels reported:

- No meeting or update

Lay Ministry: Gina Varley reported:

- Lay Ministry board met on Tuesday April 4th
- Discussed set up of Easter flowers
- Geraniums for Pentecost will be sold between services on May 15th and 22nd
- Discussed summer worship schedule and the possibility of having some outdoor services
- We're trying out some online sign-up for volunteers (greeters and communion assistants) in hopes to eventually move all jobs to online sign up

Parish Education: James Newman reported:

Vacation Bible School

- Too costly to go through a camp program. Want to keep it free. Looking for other ideas and volunteers to lead. Would like to have a 4-5-day VBS program 9am-12pm ish

- If nobody comes forward, the parish ed board will take on planning a picnic or afternoon event like last year

Sunday School

- May 15th last Sunday. Thank you to be delivered that day. Gifts are being considered and other treats
- Date for Bring your Banks for Sunday School offering to ELCA Good Gifts program. They were collected from the April 24 – May 8
- Checking on returning teachers, recruiting new teachers, and a new superintendent(s)
- Asking Fred and Sally if they want a temple talk or for bulletin or both describing the superintendent position, and Sunday school teacher position

Confirmation

- Affirmation of baptism April 24th and Graduation Sunday May 22nd
- Confirmation orientation in May for our current 6th graders
- How to function without a staffer for the 2022/23 school year. Essential tasks: Approving and ordering curriculum, ordering supplies, communication via email to Sunday School families, other computerized database related projects

Properties improvement- get prices on

- 10 rooms white boards. Roughly 3'x4' and mounted
- Bulletin board tracks
- Painting
- One room tables and chairs plus maybe tables in the library/
- Ruellene looking into costs of whiteboards and bulletin board tracks

Upcoming Months

- May agenda, a preliminary Budget
- End of August, call Terry Slotty about hayride

Properties: Lon Kaderavek reported:

- No new information

PR & Social Concerns: Patty Barritt reported:

- Just Bakery: Last order for Just Bakery will be delivered Sunday, May 29th (Memorial weekend). Orders to be placed by May 22. Orders will not be placed over the summer months
- St. John's Mobile Meals volunteers needed for weeks of June 6th and June 13th
- Advertising: Connie Henry looking into welcoming yard signs for St. John's "Join us for Worship"
- Look into options for new outdoor sign for St. Johns, possibly new location. Check into city regulations for outdoor signs

Stewardship Board: Anne Klinkner reported:

- No meeting or update

Women of ELCA: Marian DeGiovanni reported:

- Please check Visitor for Circle times/places
- 6 of our members joined 41 others to enjoy the Baraboo Conference Gathering at St. Peter's Loganville on April 9. The Executive Director of Sugar Creek Bible Camp and Conference Center, Jesse Klosterboer, shared stories and footage from his drone camera of the beautiful 660 acres near Ferryville, WI. It is a space dedicated to their mission statement that "all generations encounter Christ, experience God's grace and are empowered by the Holy Spirit to go forth in faith."

Youth Committee: Megan Tarnutzer reported:

- No report

Member at Large: Roger Seymour reported:

- No report

Youth member at Large:

Jonah Richard reported:

- Prom is May 7th
- Graduation will be held on June 3th
- Last day of school is June 8th

Executive Comments – Director:

- Per county level data from CDC, Covid community levels continue to be low (green zone) in Sauk County, although have increased slightly in Columbia and Dane Counties and these counties are now in the moderate range (yellow zone). 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
- Beginning May 29, 2022, we will resume traditional communion practices, offering and fellowship hour between services. This date was pushed to the end of the month so that we have time to recruit volunteers to help (ushers, communion assistants, folks to prep for fellowship hour)
- PPC will review the long-range planning for repairs/replacements/improvements projected to be needed between now and 2032. This list was prepared by our Properties Committee after surveying the Pastors and other church leaders

Pastor/Intern Reports

Fred's Report:

- Will meet with PPC Exec Committee to begin the process for the administrative section for the 2023 budget.
- No applications for our Youth Director position. I am working on finding someone to take on some of the confirmation administrative/worship aspects of this job.
- I will be attending a zoom meeting on May 16-17 for Interns and Supervisors conducted by Wartburg Seminary.
- This is Sally's last PPC meeting prior to her sabbatical. I wish her a restful and renewing time away.
- I am teaching a new member class. Last week we had 3 individuals at class. We will meet again on May 8 and maybe May 15 between services.
- Wartburg Seminary graduation will be on May 15. Member, Kathi Matthews-Risley and past Intern Leah Holloway-Nilsen will be graduating this year. I plan on attending this event.
- I am working to gather a group to plan three outdoor services this summer followed by some kind of congregational fellowship time. The dates will be the 2nd Sunday of June (12th), July (10th) and Aug (14th). I am hoping our PPC committees along with others will be part of this venture.

Sally's Report:

- Thank you all for your support and encouragement as I recovered from surgery and covid. Your prayers and encouragement are a great gift to me! I am still dealing with some fatigue and brain fog but am happy to be back at work again.
- We confirmed 17 9th graders on April 24th. I anticipate our incoming class to be about 10 students. May 4th is the orientation for incoming students.
- PPC will need to discuss and decide if we will still have class maximum caps (for Conf and SS) and Wednesday night meals again as that impacts our planning, need for teachers and volunteers, materials, etc.
- Staff will receive a document in early May detailing the plan for my absence this summer. I am happy to share it with the PPC as well. If anyone has any specific questions or concerns, please let me know.
- I have been nominated for a seat on Synod Council to be voted on during our Synod Assembly May 6-7. Meetings are typically held every other month on a Saturday morning via Zoom. I am currently the only person nominated for the clergy-female position.

· Adult Education on May 22 will be focused on the details of my sabbatical, giving the congregation an opportunity to hear more about it and ask any questions they may have. All are welcome!

Old Business:

- Recruits for Youth Director (no applicants) and back-up staffing for Office Coordinator (Jackie Frosch).
- Review long-range planning from Properties Committee. This list will be archived to be available for periodic review. Are waiting on the other heating unit. With inflation, cost of supplies for roof fix around the units has increased \$4100.

New Business:

- Summer worship plans/opportunity for outdoor worship. Linda, Megan, and Marian have offered assistance. May consider have a different committee each do one Sunday. Suggestion of one event to honor the 50 years of quilters contributions.
- Reminder that 'normal' services with Sunday service hours of 8 and 9:30 am, coffee/donuts, regular communion, etc., will begin 5/29.
- Executive Committee to begin meeting with Pastor Fred to discuss Admin budget for 2023
- Next congregational meeting is October 2022. Before then, the nominating committee will need to meet for those on the PPC that will need to be replaced. Those to be replaced include Janelle.
- Sally's sabbatical fund of \$3500 will be paid to her as income rather than itemizing for expenses.
- Future discussion items (August) will include class size limits and resuming Wed evening meals.

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 7, at 6:30 pm. Devotion will be given by Cathy. Nancy made a motion to adjourn our meeting, and the motion was seconded by Lon. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm. with The Lord's Prayer lead by Janelle Hupp.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Yanke.

St. John's Mission Statement: Christ, our strength and refuge, calling us to serve.



Happy June Birthday!

The day is in parenthesis

Our Youngest:

Jesse Paque (13)
Jessica Bradley (20)

Kolt Steinmetz (16)

Our Sunday School Students:

Eleanor Muehrer (3)
Samuel Krueger (8)
Allie Lochner (8)
Harper Kirk (15)
Alyssa Himebauch (16)
Roman Koenig (16)
Carson Lohr (24)
Cameron Ederer (28)

Emma Kraus (4)
Collin Lins (8)
Liam Hart (9)
Mason Ramirez (15)
Michael Jolicoeur (16)
Reese Bletsch (21)
Charlie Lueck (24)
Lee LaVigne (30)

Our Youth:

Sara Francour (4)
Jacob Lins (6)
Natalie Ballweg (12)
Ava Shimpach (19)
Wesley Himebauch (29)
Olivia Wiese (30)

Gavin Goetsch (4)
Jenna Shimpach (9)
Dylan Quayle (16)
Brody Ballweg (22)
Jenna Pistono (29)

College and Career-age Young People:

Cora Dunnum (7)
Zach Guentherman (16)

Cole Douglas (8)
Alia Schlimgen (20)