



Cora Miller, 6th grade

Prairie du Sac, WI

July 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Well, it has started. I have begun cleaning my office. I say 'begun' because I wonder how long this process will take. I know that it took 25 years to bring things into my office. I also know that I have only 2.5 months to remove them. The math is not on my side.

Today (June 19) my 'cleaning' is focused on sorting my files. Mostly this looks more like recycling/shredding than sorting. I went through all my wedding and funeral folders. Each one reminding me of joy and sadness shared by a pastor and members. One of the funeral folders was for Verona Gruber.

Verona's funeral was Nov 12, 1998. She died at Maplewood Nursing Home. Verona was a long-time member of St. John's AND she had been the organist at St. John's for most of the time Eldor Fruehling was pastor.

The senior pastor, Don Wendt, was on vacation when the call came from the funeral home. Shortly after, I got a call from her son. He knew I had been at St. John's for barely three months. He asked if it might be possible for Eldor to conduct the service. After all, they had worked together for those many years. I told him I would speak to Eldor about it.

I knew that this was a problem. Eldor had retired and I was now Verona's pastor. Pastors are supposed to separate themselves from their congregation so that the new pastor can move into this

role. As I considered the family's request and my newness to the pastoral task, I asked Eldor if he would be open to conducting, preaching or even simply offering prayers during the service. His answer was short, 'No.' And it made all the difference in the world. "I will come as a member of the congregation, grieving her death and looking to hear the gospel message of resurrection hope," he said. I called the family to let them know of his decision.

The funeral happened – the gospel was declared – the Good News of Christ was announced. But something else happened at that funeral. I became a pastor to the people at St. John's. Eldor's gracious 'no' allowed me to fully embrace the role of pastor. I did not know Verona and everyone knew that. Yet my job that day was not to tell others about how much I knew about Verona, but rather to tell them about how God's grace and mercy was made fully known in the person of Jesus. Eldor made that possible. I will forever be grateful for his decision.

Shalom,



Ordination Anniversary

Sally Williams was ordained as an ELCA pastor June 24, 2006. This year marks 17 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. If you have not already done so, 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.





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

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| Kid's Cereals | Crackers |
| Canned Spaghetti | Individual Applesauce |
| Kid's Snacks | Paper Towels |

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



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.

Garry Bahe (1)
190 Pacific Road
Merrimac, WI 53561

Bruce Pickens (15)
345 – 8th Street
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Brian Williams (17)
530 – 6th Street
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 to all the members of St. John's that remembered me at the time of Tom's passing, with cards, greetings, memorials and food. To Dale Clason and the luncheon committee for delivering a tasty meal, to Linda for all the behind the scenes work and to the Pastors for their ongoing care and concern.

Blessings to all of you.

Audrey Luetscher

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|  | Women of the Church News |  |
| | Lydia Circle Thursday, July 13, at Darlene Holl's, 418 Lueders Rd., Apt. 9 | 1:00pm |
| | Martha Circle Thursday, July 6, at St. John's Library | 9:30am |
| | Ruth Circle Monday, July 10, at Jan Dobrzynski's, 50 Hemlock St, Unit 1, Sauk City | 9:00am |
| | Sarah/Mary Circle No meeting | |

SPECIAL NOTE: We traditionally take a little time off during July and August, but we still need one another's support and it is important to keep in contact. Lydia Circle will have a regular meeting with a study in July and is going out to eat in August. Martha Circle is meeting in July and will just visit and not have the Bible Study. They have not yet decided on what to do in August. Ruth Circle is having the Bible Study in July. Sarah/Mary Circle will not meet in July, but will meet to work on LWR kits in August.

By the time you read this, we will already have had our All-Circle Summer Picnic on June 22nd. There will be a report on this event in the next issue of the Visitor.

Each Circle will be diligently working on gathering items for Lutheran World Relief kits. Back-to-School special sales with some fantastic prices usually begin during July and August, so we should be watching the Sunday newspapers and the internet for sales to start. Garage sales are good places to shop for baby clothes, towels, and personal care items. Look in the Visitor for lists of items needed for each kit. We are so happy to have help from Thrivent who will give \$250 grants to their members for purchasing some of the needed items. They encourage us to apply for these grants.

There will be a Triennial Convention in Phoenix, AZ, held September 19-22, 2023. We are also reminded to be thinking about attending the WELCA Biennial Convention for the South Central Synod of Wisconsin at Midvale Community Lutheran Church, 4329 Tokay Blvd., Madison on October 7th.

Look for the "Penny Jar" on the name tag table, which is for collecting money to help women and children in need. This is in connection with the Biennial Convention. We hope to be able to give a nice donation for this worthy cause and we hope you will remember to donate what you can.

Sarah/Mary Circle is visiting Special Friends during June and July.

No Bible Study Leaders' Meeting for August. We will resume our regular Circle Meetings in September.



70th Ordination Anniversary

Many of you know Rev. Eldor Fruehling. You may know him through his 26 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 35 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. Please remember Eldor on his 70th ordination anniversary.



Reception for Rev. Eldor Fruehling July 9th

Sunday, July 9th will be a special day at St. John's as we will be able to celebrate Eldor Fruehling. Rev. Eldor Fruehling was ordained 70 years ago on July 5, 1953. He became our pastor in 1957 where he served us for 35 years. Please join us at the 8 a.m. worship service, followed by a special social gathering, where it will give us the opportunity to thank him in person for his service to the church.

If you wish to send a card of thanks and congratulations prior to that Sunday, they can be sent to the church or directly to him at 1425 Hemlock Street, Apt. 107, Sauk City, WI 53583

In 1992 Eldor established the William and Rosa Fruehling Family Scholarship at Wartburg Seminary, and if you are wanting to give him a gift, we encourage you to make a donation to this scholarship. You may make a check out to St. John's with "Eldor's anniversary" on the memo line and we will mail one total check to Wartburg on Eldor's behalf.

Join us as we celebrate this once in a life-time event and say thank you to Rev. Eldor Fruehling.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who sent me early congratulations on my 70th Ordination Anniversary. Your gifts, cards and phone calls are greatly appreciated. Thank you so much.

Rev. Eldor Fruehling



Adult Education

All are welcome to join a 6-week study on A Study Curriculum on Civic Faith and Life on Thursdays at 2pm beginning July 6 in the church library. Participants are welcome to attend every week or whenever their schedules allow.

Here is more information on this study:

How are we as Lutheran Christians called to civic engagement, including in the arenas of government and political life? What is the proper relationship of the church with government, and what is not? What does religious liberty actually include? What are our scriptural and confessional resources for probing such questions about civic life? We invite you and your congregation to explore these questions and more by using "A Study Curriculum on Civic Life and Faith." This study curriculum has just been released by the ELCA Task Force for Studies on Civic Life and Faith. It includes six sessions and is a critical step on the way to the social statement called for by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly.

There is a response form after each session for participants to communicate with the task force itself on the material covered.

Pastor Sally looks forward to studying with you!

SPECIAL PRAYER

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

Almighty God, we bless you for our lives, we give you praise for your abundant mercy and grace that we receive. We thank you for your faithfulness even though we are not that faithful to you. Lord Jesus, we ask you to give us peace in our mind, body, soul and spirit.

Your love and faithfulness, along with Your goodness and mercy, surround us daily, so we will not fear whatever might come against us. Our trust is in You, God, and we give thanks to You for Your love and protection.

Let your unconditional love overflow in our hearts that we may also pour it on each other. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Matthew 5:16 says, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Well, some of our youth were busy doing just that. Each year the non-profit organization 6:8 takes a group of students and adults on a mission trip and included in this group were a number of our members.

Boden Frosch
Gavin Goetsch
Landon Schultz
Kennedy Colby
Chase Urban
Jude Hanna (adult attendee)

This group headed to Joplin, MO to aid Bright Futures Joplin and helped them with a long list of projects. Cleaning, reorganizing, and building shelves were among this long list. They also did a lot of yardwork and painting at God's Resort, A Christ-Centered Transitional Housing Community. They also had an opportunity for worship, prayer, fellowship, and fun!

I am grateful for the servant hearts of our young people. I pray we continue to be inspired by the many ways they let their lights so shine!

When you see these people around, please thank them for serving God's people!

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally".



THANK YOU

I would like to give a big shout out to Stephanie Scallon for the graduation cookies that she made and donated for our high graduates last month. I am sure they enjoyed every bite and they looked so nice! Thank you so much Stephanie.

Linda Michaels and the Fellowship Board



With Sincere Sympathy

We offer our condolences to the following families this month:

Clint and Jill Schonenberger and family on the death of Clint's father, Ron Schonenberger.

Jason and Cassie Louis and family on the death of their daughter, Violet Joy.

Jay and Tracy Thompson and family on the death of brother-in-law, Darrel Meacham.



BAPTISM

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

Winnie Jo Gustafson, daughter of Michael Gustafson and Emily Blum. Winnie Jo was baptized on June 18 and her sponsors are Jeffery Blum and Ally Holm. Her congregational sponsors are Dale Haroldson, Alecia and Jordan Robertson.



Baby Congratulations

We celebrate with Kali and Ben Schreiber on the birth of Ivy Josephine on June 14. Ivy is welcomed home by her parents, big sisters Charlotte and Beatrix, grandmother Robyn Patterson and great-grandmother Maureen Patterson.



Wedding Congratulations

We celebrate with Evan and Kimberli Weeks who were married on June 10, 2023. Evan is the son of Brian and Mary Weeks and the grandson of Jim Weeks.

Sunday School News

Rally Day

Mark your calendars for Rally Day, Sunday, September 17. The first day of Sunday School will be Sunday, September 24.

Singspiration

Our desire is to bring back Singspiration as part of the Sunday School hour. We have one volunteer who is available to lead this once a month. Would you be willing to join the team?

Sunday School Teachers Needed

The majority of our teachers and helpers are returning for the 2023-2024 school year. Yeah! We are looking for 1-2 people to teach 4K as well as 2nd grade. Please contact our Superintendents at sundayschool@stjohnssaukprairie.org or Pastor Sally if you are interested!

THANKS

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,730.00 for the ELCA Good Gifts. Through your Good Gift we will be able to reach out and help many in need so that they might live abundant lives.

Rachel Wind, Executive for Development at ELCA

(This gift is the monies donated throughout the year by our Sunday School children and some congregational friends.)

Middle and High School News

Summer Youth Event

St. John's Youth in 6th to 12th grades are invited to spend some time having fun in Wisconsin Dells this summer! On July 24 all youth and their chaperones are invited to go on a Jet Boat ride in the upper Dells. We'll depart on a bus at 10am, from the St. John's parking lot. The cost is \$10 per student for the ride, and bring some lunch money as we'll stop at a local establishment after the boat ride. We'll plan to return to St. John's at 1:30pm. **You must register at <https://signup.com/go/YTRWdwb> before noon on July 10, 2023.** Bring a towel!

St. John's never wants cost to be a barrier for anyone who wants to participate. If the expense is a concern for you or your youth, please contact Penny at penny@stjohnssaukprairie.org or Pastor Sally.

Worship Jobs – REMINDER!

There are still 70 Worship Jobs that need to be filled summer! Each student fills 3-4 Worship Jobs during the “June thru Sept” season. This is a requisite part of the 2023-2024 confirmation program. If your student is entering Grades 7-9 this fall, sign-up for any of the available spots at <https://signup.com/go/HtCaUTB>. Contact Penny if you have any questions.

Car Wash Summary

St. John’s Youth held another successful fundraiser to help support local non-profits in our Sauk Prairie community. On Sunday, June 4, we had fun with soap and hoses while working hard to clean cars for 3 hours, in order to raise funds for those in need. 4 Sunday School students, 8 Confirmation Students, 3 Teens and a handful of adults pitched-in for this amazing effort to serve others. We raised \$716 and the youth’s hearts are so generous that they couldn’t choose just one recipient so the donations will be shared with 6:8, Sauk Prairie Food Pantry and the Good Neighbor Clinic. Students will visit the organizations and deliver the funds later in June. Thank you to the Youth Board for organizing this event and to all who contributed to our success!

Special thanks to:

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| Steve Barrett | Cora Miller |
| Joe Frosch | Parker Pape |
| John Hines | Tracy Pape |
| Lee LaVigne | Will Pickett |
| Katie LaVigne | Violet Richard |
| Nadia LaVigne | Megan Tarnutzer |
| Carson Lohr | Jennifer Urban |
| Charlie Lueck | Chase Urban |
| Milo Lueck | Austin Urban |
| Ken Lueck | Penny Johnson |



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.

Young Adult News

This is the time of year when our young adults often mark milestones in their lives such as graduation from college, transition into careers, or moving to new locations. These folks, who we watched grow-up in our midst, are now inviting us to celebrate with the successes in their adult lives.

Jordan Small

Jordan completed her on-campus studies at UW Platteville, for teaching, and will begin her student teaching this fall in Lodi. She is currently working at By Leaps and Bounds, in Sauk Prairie, as a teacher. This is her 4th summer there! Additionally, Jordan auditioned for the summer theater guild musical and got a part in the ensemble. Jordan is excited to be back in theatre as she had been missing acting quite a bit.

Kyle King

After graduation, Kyle ventured into the modern world of online entrepreneurship for about a year. Getting the itch to expand his wings, Kyle has ventured out to Eau Claire, where he now lives and is pursuing a degree in financial management.

Madison Marshall

Madison graduated from the UW Madison in 2022 with a double major in Political Science and Spanish. She spent this past year, her "gap year" working and exploring in the California Bay Area. In July she'll be moving to Tucson, where she will begin her law school journey at the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law. She aims to focus her studies on immigration law and child/family advocacy.

Mariah Chao

Mariah is furthering her academic and legal career by beginning a new position as a Practice Assistant at Norton Rose Fulbright LLP! As a Practice Assistant, she will be supporting the firm's talented attorneys in delivering top-notch legal services to clients across various industries. Mariah is eager to leverage her skills and knowledge in this role, providing invaluable assistance in research, document preparation, case management, and client communication.

As a congregation, we continue to delight in celebrating their joys and achievements. If you have an update on your young adult, please contact Penny at penny@stjohnssaukprairie.org. We hope that you will continue to offer prayers for our young adults as they continue to grow into adulthood.



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.

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| Kris Frey | Rich Frey |
| Ellen Mast | John Mast |
| Mary Halweg | Rita Amundson |
| Marian DeGiovanni | Tony DeGiovanni |
| Dede Egan | Bob Egan |
| Kim Langer | Mike Langer |
| Marilyn Herschleb | |

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!

Serving in July

Ushers:

July 2

8:00 a.m.

Lon Kaderavek
Butch Passehl
Nancy Passehl
Kendra Frey

9:30 a.m.

Steve Kindschi
Holly Kindschi
Aubree Deuman

July 9

Lon Kaderavek
John Herbst
Charlie Lueck

Tom Varley
Gina Varley

July 16

Lon Kaderavek
Dale Haroldson
Lee LaVigne

Bob Egan
Dede Egan

July 23

Gina Wytttenbach
Todd Wytttenbach

Roger Seymour
Bill Burton
Liam Hart

July 30

Lon Kaderavek
Nancy McCauley
Violet Richard

Roger Seymour
Gerry Westphal

Acolytes:

July 2

8:00 a.m.

Ella Stephan

9:30 a.m.

July 9

Ella Stephan

Clay Hutchins

July 16

Joslyn Schultz

Elio Piccinelli

July 23

July 30

Michael Jolicoeur

Michael Jolicoeur

Assisting Ministers:

8:00 a.m.

July 16

Donna Knickmeyer

9:30 a.m.

Donna Knickmeyer

Readers:

July 2

8:00 a.m.

Nancy Kaufman

9:30 a.m.

Kathy Lovell

July 9

John Hines

Marian DeGiovanni

July 16

Donna Knickmeyer

Donna Knickmeyer

July 23

Gary Tomter

Crystal Lautenbach

July 30

Patty Barritt

Bob Nelson

Cantors:

July 2

8:00 a.m.

Melani Wheeler

9:30 a.m.

Melani Wheeler

July 9

Chris Stephan

Chris Stephan

July 16

Connie Burton

Connie Burton

July 23

Katie LaVigne

Katie LaVigne

July 30

Megan Tarnutzer

Doris Lohr

Communion

July 2

July 9

July 16

July 23

July 30

Set-Up

Marilyn Herschleb

Linda Hines

Jayne Carlson

Rich/Jane Calenzo

Clean-Up

Gwen Ringelstetter

Dale Clason

Audrey Luetscher

Aubree Deuman

Deb/Gerry Westphal

Ginny Nimmow

Communion Assistants: 8:00 a.m.

July 2

July 9

July 16

July 23

July 30

Patty Barritt

Kris Frey

Carden Argall

Jayne Carlson

Dorothy Halverson

9:30 a.m.

Kathy Lovell

Gina Varley

Aubree Deuman

Carden Argall

Mary Weeks

Coffee Servers

July 2

July 9

July 16

July 23

July 30

Josie Fentress, Cora and Sylvie Miller

John Hines

Larry and Cathy McAlexander

Derek, Rebecca, Teddy Rosenstiel

Dorothy Halverson, Lynell Pettibone

Sunday Stewards:

July 2

July 9

July 16

July 23

July 30

8:00 a.m.

Ellen Jorgensen

Cathy Yanke

Lon Kaderavek

Nancy Passehl

Megan Tarnutzer

9:30 a.m.

Roger Seymour

Gina Varley

Sheila Peak Dittberner

Linda Michaels

Ellen Jorgensen

Greeters:

July 2 (Front Door)

(Sanctuary)

July 9 (Front Door)

(Sanctuary)

July 16 (Front Door)

(Sanctuary)

July 23 (Front Door)

(Sanctuary)

July 30 (Front Door)

(Sanctuary)

8:00 a.m.

Steve/Patty Barritt

Todd/Gina Wyttenbach

Rich/Kris Frey

Doug/Donna Nelson

Dylan Walker

Sophia Hanson

John/Linda Hines

Todd/Gina Wyttenbach

Rich/Kris Frey

9:30 a.m.

Steve/Holly Kindschi

Tom/Gina Varley

Chesney Braund

Brooke Braund

Jackie Frosch

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| <u>Technical Support:</u> | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> | <u>9:30 a.m.</u> |
| July 2 | Lisa Davis | Roger Seymour |
| July 9 | Charlie Kruchten | |
| July 16 | | Sean Jager |
| | | Roger Seymour |
| July 23 | Alyssa Himebauch | Audrey, Jeff, Nicole |
| | Ellen Jorgensen | Sandberg |
| July 31 | Eric Kaul | Jeff, Nicole, Audrey |
| | Lisa Davis | Sandberg |

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| <u>Weekly totals</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Offering</u> |
| May 28 | 143 | \$10,583 |
| June 4 | 220 | \$11,932 |
| June 11 | 159 | \$ 5,799 |
| June 18 | 205 | \$ 9,164 |
| June 25 | | |

Thank you for your continued support, Stewardship Board

 thank you

Dear St. John's Members,

I was honored to be the recipient of the St. John's Lutheran Church Scholarship this year. I am deeply appreciative of your generosity and support. I plan to attend Marquette University this fall to major in Psychology and Criminal Justice. I hope to be able to "pay it forward" someday and help others the way you helped me. Thank you so much!

Carly Coy

(St. John's donates to the Dollars for Scholars program at Sauk Prairie High School)

thanks

Dear St. John's Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your recent donations for Stock the Schools. We still use food to help families throughout the summer months. Thank you so much for always thinking of our Sauk Prairie students!

Sincerely, Susan Baumann-Duren, SPSD SW

DEADLINE FOR KITS IS SEPTEMBER 13, 2023



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 6, 2023

Present: Donna Nelson, Nancy Kaufman, Fred Rilling, Sally Williams, Lon Kaderavek, Megan Tarnutzer, Roger Seymour, Gina Varley, Jonah Richard, Ellen Jorgensen, Sheila Dittberner, Anne Klinkner

Absent: Cathy Yanke, Eunice Yanke, Linda Michaels, Nancy Passehl.

Call to Order/Opening Remarks:

Meeting was called to order at 5:58 p.m. by Nancy Kaufman. Nancy K asked for approval of the agenda after an item for Inactive Members was added to Old Business. Motion to approve was made by Donna Nelson and seconded by Sheila Dittberner. Motion carried. A devotion/prayer was then given by Gina Varley.

Secretary Minutes:

The May 2, 2023 minutes were submitted online by Cathy Yanke. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Gina Varley and seconded by Megan Tarnutzer. Motion carried.

Treasurer report:

The committee reviewed and discussed the May, 2023, Treasurer's Report submitted by Donna Nelson. Year-to-date income exceeds year-to-date expenses by \$5,700. We are over budget by \$3,000 due to the unplanned purchase of a new lawn mower for \$8,500 this month.

Quickbooks, which is our financial program for Accounting, is being updated and the current version we have is no longer supported. Donna Nelson met an accountant and was advised to purchase the Quickbooks online version. Donna will discuss this with the Stewardship Committee at their meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 to get final approval. The new version of the program will have minor changes to the format of our current reports. There are some efficiencies we can gain from the new program as well.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Evangelism: Sheila Dittberner reported:

- Update Entry Bulletin Board (Add new member family).
- Guest Book Update: issue reading name, Gwen handling and reimbursement for postage completed.
- Post Cards reorder or have stock remaining
- PPC members pictures post July/August 2023 then update new October 2023.
- Encourage group to participate with services duties: communion setup, readers, usher, greeters....
- Discussion of Evangelism Board Chairperson options (target August/September 2023).

Fellowship: Linda Michaels reported:

- No meeting or update to report

Lay Ministry: Gina Varley reported:

- Signup.com links have been put on the St. John's website page
- We emailed volunteer information to the new members
- Eighty-eight people contributed to the geranium altar display for Pentecost Sunday

Parish Education:

- Included with Sally's report

Properties: Lon Kaderavek reported:

- The air conditioning unit for the Fellowship Hall is currently not working but parts are being obtained to fix it. The unit is under warranty.

PR & Social Concerns: Ellen Jorgensen reported:

- Yard sign campaign has started! Thank you to those who have signed up. Would you like to host a yard sign? Look for the sign-up sheet on the kiosk.
- Discussed use of the parsonage.
- Thank you to the Mobile Meal volunteers for sharing your time and kindness with our neighbors. Without you, this program would not be possible.

Stewardship Board: Anne Klinkner reported:

- Budgets will be sent to the committee chairs soon so we can finalize them at our July, 2023 Stewardship

- Board Meeting. A note will be sent along letting them know to budget conservatively since giving is down. Budgeted and actual amounts will be provided for 2019 to 2023 through 4/30/2023.
- The Procedure Manual is nearly complete.

Women of ELCA: Eunice Yanke reported:

- 32 members and 1 guest attended Circle meetings in May
- June 22 is the date of the WELCA Combined Circles Picnic Brunch. Meeting begins at 10am in fellowship hall. Pastor Sally will lead the Bible Study and Ginny Nimmow will be our guest speaker, speaking on Thrivent funds available for purchasing items for LWR kits.
- Regular Circle meetings will begin again in September.
- 8 women attended the Baraboo Spring Conference in Rio on April 22. Very informative speaker from Hope House of Baraboo.
- Thank you to our congregation for all the donations we were able to take for Hope House on April 22.

Youth Committee: Megan Tarnutzer reported:

- Congratulations on your graduation, Jonah! It was a nice ceremony Friday and we wish you all the best in your future adventures! Best wishes!
- The youth held a car wash this past Sunday and have so far raised over \$600. Donations will be split and taken to 6:8, the food pantry and the Good Neighbor Clinic.
- Last month some of the youth handed out water at the Stepping Up for Mental Health Walk-a-thon.
- We have a Dells boat tour planned for next month, date TBA as well as a Devils Lake event in August.
- The National Youth Gathering is set for July 16-20th 2024. After a meeting in the next month or so, we will get more information out and set an informative meeting for August.

Member at Large: Roger Seymour reported:

- No report received

Youth member at Large: Jonah Richard reported:

- This will be my last report as I leave for Air Force Basic Training in Texas later this month. I would like to thank everyone for this opportunity. I have definitely learned a lot and would encourage other high school students to consider being the youth member at large. I would also like to say thank you to the members of the parish that have sent cards to the graduates. It is really nice to know members of our faith community are supporting us.

- Graduation was June 2. It was a memorable event. Superintendent Jeff Wright reminded all of us that we were Freshmen when COVID happened and each year of our high school careers were impacted and how much has changed in those 4 years. I am grateful we had a traditional ceremony on the stadium field which was not even there when I started high school.
- Our sports teams have been very successful. 5 members of the track team made it to state, some in multiple events. The baseball team is still in the playoffs working their way to state. The girls' soccer team is advancing in the playoffs.
- Last day of school for the rest of the grades is June 7th.

Pastors Reports

Fred's Report:

- I was invited to join the synod's candidacy committee as the chairperson. I am looking into the time commitment. I had been on the committee for 14 years back shortly after I started at St. John's.
- I finished my last week of volunteering at the Middle school for the 22-23 school year. I serve as a tutor and in other various capacities as the administration needs. I have been doing this since I arrived in 1998. I know others in our congregation volunteer reading at Grand Ave School and in other ways throughout the district. I encourage those with the interest and time to contact a school and see how you might share your time.
- I attended the Synod Assembly with Pastor Sally, Doug and Donna Nelson and Nancy Kaufman. This one-day event is the annual meeting for our synod. It was held at Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mt. Horeb.
- June 6 is Sally's birthday. I am grateful that she has spent 17 years of her life here at St. John's.
- I was invited by the bishop's office to be part of a six seven-person "Listening Session" panel at a congregation dealing with conflict. It was a reminder of how grateful I am for how St. John's has dealt with conflict over the years.
- The PPC Executive Committee will be meeting on June 12 to prepare the annual administrative budget for the calendar year 2024.
- I will be conducting a wedding for Rick and Arianna Kruetzmann in Minneapolis on July 14.
- Pastor Fred will be retiring and his last day with St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church will be September 3, 2023.

Sally's Report: (including Parish Ed)

- May was a busy month with the end of Sunday School, Adult Education, and Graduation Sunday. Thank you to Nancy Kaufman for speaking during Adult Ed about the Good Neighbor Clinic and to Rev. Peter Heide for teaching his series. I am looking at a number of ideas for next year's Adult Ed themes.
- An email survey will go out tomorrow to our regular adult ed attendees to gauge interest in summer learning. I have already heard from some that they are interested in something.
- Parish Ed Board did not meet in May, but will meet in June to discuss potential activities for students and families this summer.
- Our teaching staff for Sunday School and Confirmation is looking fantastic! We have a great crew of dedicated volunteers and have very few empty spots. Miranda Jager and Joanna Jones are continuing to serve as our Superintendents. Thank you, Miranda and Joanna!
- We received word that the Living Lutheran magazine is coming to an end soon. We have paid for congregational members to have a copy for years and it will be missed by many. This will reduce the Parish Ed budget by about \$3000.
- I have been in touch with Pastor Brenda Lovick who is willing to come speak to our PPC about Reconciling in Christ. She is looking at her calendar for dates.
- Thank you to Linda Hines for baking the delicious angel food cake for Sunday's fellowship time in honor of my birthday and for all of the kind birthday wishes from the congregation. That really meant a lot!

Old Business:

--Childcare Update

- Pastor Fred and others will meet with Sandra Briesath the week of June 12-16, 2023.

--PPC Retreat Follow-up

- Meeting and greeting work continues.
- LGBTQ update Synod Reconciling In Christ
- We will have Pastor Sally Williams' contact come to a future meeting.

New Business:

--Nominating Committee

- Nancy Passehl and Gina Varley agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. A formal vote will be held at the July 5, 2023 PPC meeting. Committees needing replacement chairpersons

are Fellowship, Evangelism, Parish Education and Youth Member-At-Large.

--Synod Assembly Update

· Pastor Fred Rilling, Pastor Sally Williams, Donna Nelson, Doug Nelson, Nancy Kaufman and Derek Rosenstiel attended the Synod Assembly on Saturday, May 20, 2023.

· We will be investigating ways to implement Resolution 1 and Resolution 3 at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

-Parsonage Usage

· The Sauk Prairie School District needs housing for a teacher from Thailand from September, 2023 through June, 2024. They will present multiple options to the incoming teacher. Per our zoning agreement with the Village of Prairie du Sac, the person living in the parsonage has to be working at the church. That can include giving presentations to Adult Education and Confirmation students and doing outside work. The tenant will pay the utility bills. The Internship Committee approved the timing of this too since we will not have an intern during this time period.

The next meeting is Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Devotion will be given by Roger. Gina Varley made a motion to adjourn our meeting. The motion was 2nd by Lon Kaderavek. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. with The Lord's Prayer lead by Nancy Kaufman.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Klinkner

*Many
Thanks!*

Dear St. John's Members,

Thank you so much for donating funds to help our student with severe dental issues. Treatment will help with the student's pain greatly. The parents are very thankful for your help as they could not afford to pay for all the services needed.

Sincerely, Susan Baumann-Duren SPSP

(Funds were shared from our Community Benevolence Fund)



Happy July Birthday!

The day is in parenthesis

Our Youngest:

Gibson Sweeney (6) Addison Breunig (23)
Lennon Stuetzgen (27) Cole Haffemann (30)

Our Sunday School Students:

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| Claire Ryan (1) | Kenley Burke (2) |
| Jaelyn Sorg (2) | Briggs Ludowitz (4) |
| Vivian Coy (6) | Haylee Williams (11) |
| Paige Williams (11) | Beau Keller (14) |
| Bennett Steinmetz (15) | Clark Kelter (15) |
| Marla Robarge (17) | Pria Steinmetz (17) |
| Ted Ederer (20) | Amy Weittenhiller (21) |
| Cameron Johnson (22) | Will Sandberg (24) |
| Gabbi Argall (27) | Jace Schultz (30) |
| Mylee Schultz (30) | Avery Jorgenson (31) |

Our Youth:

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| Jaret Buckles (1) | Beckett Stoffels (3) |
| Ethan Anderson (4) | Isabelle Kolnik (6) |
| Madyn Ludowitz (6) | Emelynn Miller (9) |
| Brock Esser (14) | Kennedy Colby (18) |
| Lillyann Nurkala (18) | Anna Bruckert (19) |
| Dylan Sawyer (25) | Aubree Deuman (28) |

College and Career-age Young People:

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| Jaxson Dunn (1) | Emma Kinnamon (7) |
| Chloe Wernsing (12) | Jordan Chao (28) |