

St. John's News

June, 2018

Message from Pastor James

Outreach is becoming a much more important part of what we do here at St. John's. We've been talking about it at Bible studies. We've had some members attend conferences. We're starting a number of initiatives to begin to take real action. All of that is exciting and wonderful! I cannot express how proud I am of this congregation. News about what is happening here is spreading, and people are starting to talk about us. I have had a few conversations that go something like, "I never knew Lutherans did outreach. Why is your church different?" or "It looks like there is a revival going on in your church. What are you doing there?"

Well the truth is our Lutheran roots, especially in America, were founded on outreach; on sharing the Gospel, the Good News, that Jesus is the only way to salvation. In recent years we as a denomination have not been doing that as well. It's not that we stopped doing it. I think we just stopped teaching it well, and we stopped adapting our outreach to the communities to whom we are speaking.

Our Christian traditions and our faithful doctrine are beautiful and wonderful things that anchor us firmly in the true faith. These are things we should never abandon. However we must be careful not make our man-made traditions equal to those given by God.

There is a term that is often used in theological writings. It is 'adiaphora' {ah-DEE-ah-for-ah}. *Adiaphora are things that God does not command nor does He forbid. In other words the Bible just doesn't say one way or the other. The problem is sometimes we lift adiaphora to equality with Scripture. When we do that we can get in trouble.*

Enough history, what about now?

What are we to do at St. John's right now to become better at sharing our faith, better at inviting people to our church, and better at welcoming visitors?

As a congregation we'll be using four things to achieve that goal over the next few months. Sermons, a Bible study on faith, a Bible reading challenge, and a Bible study on sharing faith.

Sermons: beginning on June 24 we'll have a series of 10 sermons on the basics of the Christian faith. We will learn what we believe, and why we believe it. If you are going to tell others what you believe then you need to believe it. These sermons will not be filled with rocket science or great theological platitudes with countless verses of Scripture to be memorized. The truth is for most of you they will be a review of things you already know, but it's always good to refresh our minds.

Bible study on faith: Along with those ten sermons we will have a ten session Bible study. We'll be taking a pause from "Stuff They Didn't Teach You in Sunday School." We'll use that time to bring the topics of the sermons to the Bible study after worship. There we will dig deeper into the weekly theme and provide more materials for you to use, and answer questions about what we believe and why we believe it.

Bible reading challenge: I have written a workbook called, "50 Things Every Christian Should Know." When I first wrote this workbook it was intended for my confirmation students. The point was to get them more familiar with key events in the Bible. Each page has a short reading from the (continued page 2)



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THE MISSION OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Through Jesus Christ, we
proclaim God's Word,
encourage one another in faith,
witness to God's love and
serve all people.



Message from Pastor James Continued

Bible and ten questions. I am going to make that workbook available to everyone with this challenge. I'd like you to do one page each week. Most readings are about one chapter, or 1-2 pages in you Bible. Write down your answers and we'll print the correct answers in the bulletin each week so you can see how well you do. *(Don't worry! I won't collect your papers.)*

Bible study on sharing faith: Then beginning in September we'll start a Bible study called, "Everyone His Witness." This will take everything we've learned over the Summer and bring it all together to something very deliberate and purposeful when it comes to reaching out into the community we serve. That will help you see how to share the saving faith, found in Jesus alone, with others in a very comfortable way. No memorized questions or speeches. No knocking on doors with "got'ch'ya" questions.

During these same months you will see a few initiative starting up. These are efforts members of the congregation are willing to try, to help us all share Jesus with others. If you see a place you can plug in, go for it! You don't have to commit to every week or every month meetings. You don't have to lock yourself into a year or more position. Just help out where and when you want and can. As we all work together we'll reach the lost and find joy in sharing the true joy of salvation.

We've got a lot ahead of us over then next few months, but I know that as a congregation you're ready for it. I know you want to see your church grow, and you want people to have the same peace and comfort you have in Jesus. May God bless all of our efforts here in Austin and prepare the hearts of those who don't know Him to hear and receive His Word of truth as He prepares us to share that truth in Jesus' name.

From the Church Fathers

The Book of Concord is sometimes called "The Symbols of the Church." It is a collection of documents that explain why we believe what we believe about Holy Scripture. One of the documents is called the "Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord." A document that was written to bring and bind together the churches. The following is an excerpt from that document:

Now He [Jesus] has ascended to heaven, not merely as any other saint, but as the apostle [Paul] testifies (Ephesians 4:10), above all heavens. He also truly fills all things, being present everywhere, not only as God, but also as man. He rules from sea to sea and to the ends of the earth, as the Prophets predict (Psalm 8:1, 6; 93:1-4; Zechariah 9:10) and the Apostles testify (Mark 16:20).

He did this everywhere with them and confirmed their word with signs. This did not happen in an earthly way. As Dr. Luther explains, this happened according to the way things are done at God's right hand (Luther's Works 37:55-58 & 228).

"God's right hand" is no set place in heaven, as the Sacramentarians [those who began to deny Jesus physical presence in the Lord's Supper in the 1500's] assert without any ground in the Holy Scriptures. It is nothing other than God's almighty power, which fills heaven and earth. Christ is installed according to His humanity, in deed and truth, without confusing or equalizing the two natures [Jesus as God and Jesus as human] in their essence and essential properties. By this communicated Divine power, according to the words of His testament, He can be, and is truly, present with His body and



People of all ages need to be studying God's Word in addition to worship.

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St. John's Youth & Family page



Praise God for the baptism of the following children during May, 2018

Amelia Cole Auringer
 Abel Kipkosgei Kirui
 Allan Kiplating
 Quentin Michael Kewatt
 Dagito Sophis Kewatt
 Bontu Ijakoo Kewatt
 Arriana Nicole Pineda
 Alefandra Marie Pineda-Dowdeu
 Amelia Cole Auringer

(From the Church Fathers cont'd)

blood in the Holy Supper. He has pointed this out for us by His Word.

This is possible for no other man, because no man is united with the Divine nature the way Jesus, the Son of Mary, is. No man is installed in such Divine almighty majesty and power through and in the personal union of the two natures in Christ. For in Him the Divine and the human nature are personally united with each other. So in Christ "the whole fullness of Deity dwells bodily" (Colossians 2:9). In this personal union the two natures have such a grand, intimate, indescribable communion that even the angels are astonished by it. As St. Peter testifies, they have their delight and joy in looking into it (1 Peter 1:12).

—Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord - Section: VIII, Paragraphs: 27–30

Nathan & Jennifer Augustine Family Benefit – June 3, 2018

St John's Friends, could you donate an item of value or a "basket" of items of value for the planned Silent Auction? The items could be hand-made. Your donated items can be dropped off in Schleicher Hall on May 31, June 1 and June 2 (until 1 P.M. on Saturday.) Please call Carol Schleicher (507-396-8420 or 616-212-9714) with ANY questions for needed assistance and details. THANK YOU for your help? Your gifts are God's blessings!

Camp Omega Day

Join us on Saturday, June 9, for this Open House-event for all ages. Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude late afternoon. Come and enjoy in the beauty of God's creation swimming, pontoon boat and wagon rides, zip lining, archery, canoeing and a variety of other camp-led activities for the whole family, all with a **FREE** picnic-style noon barbeque included. RSVP is appreciated but not necessary. To RSVP, e-mail the camp office at info@campomega.org or call (507)-685-4266.

June Birthdays

2 Daniel Meier
 3 Connie Loudon
 5 Donna Peterson
 6 Lois Clark
 6 Jim Stough
 9 Steve Pfeifer
 9 Bray Plowe
 12 Leihla Wachlin
 13 Max Kramer
 13 Kristina Thorson
 16 Bruce Reistad
 17 Caleb Rickard
 18 Barbara Orth
 19 Marsha Jensen
 20 Bob Barclay
 25 Robert Bos
 25 Nick Downey
 27 Robert Bailey
 30 Sandy Grant

June Anniversaries

6 Eugene & Lois Auringer
 6 Kevin & Cyndi Johnson
 7 Steve & Debbie Binder
 8 Wayne & Cindi Marquardt
 9 Stan & Joanne Rasmussen
 11 Robert & Sara Kruse
 11 Dustin & Kelsey Thuman
 14 Erik & Shanon Barclay
 15 John & Dereen Ernst
 21 Donald & Rita Heller
 23 Dave & Sandy Grant
 23 Joel & Marsha Jensen
 24 Vance & Ruth Oelkers
 26 Harold & Virginia Rohne
 27 Jim & Jan Christiansen

Together in the Word

Sunday Adult Bible Class at 10:25 a.m. led by Pastor James "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School" is very interesting. Plan on coming.

Monday morning Bible class at 9:30 a.m., led by Pastor James is studying the lessons that will be read in the services the following weekend. Come and join us! Bring a friend.



Tuesday - Women's Bible study at 1:00 p.m

Thursday - 7:30 p.m. Gray Matters meets at Perkins Restaurant. Join us in a free-flowing discussion.

PRAYER-MINISTRY IS INVITING YOU!

St. John's Sunday Prayer Ministry works like this:

- After each Sunday worship service, a pre-assigned Elder and scheduled Prayers sit in the chairs in the choir's area, by the organ, to be visible to any church person who desires individual prayers.
- Timeframe is 10:00--10:15 (possibly longer, if more than a couple of folks come up for prayer.) Getting to Bible Class is important, for sure!
- The Prayer-Starter asks each person for "sharing of prayer-needs."
- CONFIDENTIALITY IS VITAL; what is shared does not get shared with a spouse, family, or even within the group.
- Each in the group is welcome to pray-aloud. Elders in the New Testament were vital in the healings and spiritual interventions for New Testament believers. One of our St. John's Elders or retired pastors does pray with our group each Sunday.

So, this is your invitation: Would YOU prayerfully consider volunteering to be one of the "scheduled Prayers" with me? The Holy Spirit does the leading of the prayers; I have no agenda. I have no license in training to pray. None is needed, and if you're comfortable in praying aloud (or silently,) with us, you're qualified.

Will you consider joining in this *intentional prayer opportunity at St. John's*? Thank you for your prayerful consideration and willingness, as God blesses us! Please contact me with questions, or your answer to this request.

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TOM

Thought of the Month

Stewardship Thought of the Month

“There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse.” Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34).

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let me explain.

Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf, in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord’s Supper.

And so, He doesn’t just do it for us but gives it to us, makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that “it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God” (Matthew 19:24). “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance—a conversion of the heart—and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are, actually, to live — think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) — a new life in Him.

And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.

*By Rev. Jason Braaten
Immanuel Lutheran Church – Tuscola, Ill.*

2018 VBS Splash Canyon is just around the bend!

Life is full of thrills and spills; we may not know what's around the bend, but God does! This year's theme is Splash Canyon where kids discover that, on life's wild ride, Jesus is by our side. God saves us through Jesus and gives us life and hope every day and forever. To be successful we need volunteers to plunge into the task of teaching children that Jesus is our Savior and he will keep us afloat through the waters of Baptism. If you have a heart for children, come join us on June 25-29 from 9-noon, to share God's promise on life's wild ride! **Volunteers needed.** Contact Kerri Groleau at (320-280-0043), Joanne Rasmussen at (507-347-3815) or Gloria Dirksen (507-279-3217) for more information.

St. John's Lutheran Church's
2018 VBS
June 25-29
Registration begins May 27th 2018



Men's Bible Study

After having completed study of the New Testament book of James last Thursday it was decided not to begin a new topic this season. Instead, we will conclude this season by meeting on June 7th, at 5:30 at Torge's Live Sports Pub & Grill for a burger and beer.
Everyone is welcome. No matter whether you have been a "regular", an "irregular" or an "almost not at all", or even a "never made-it", you are welcome.

Mark you calendar for 5:30 PM on June 7th, at Torges. See you then.

Birthdays for Shut-ins June

06 Lois Clark Good Samaritan-Comfort Care, 1201 17th St. NE, Austin
18 Barbara Orth, 1016 8th St. SW, Austin, MN 55912
20 Bob Barclay, Sacred Heart #314 1200 12th St. SW, Austin, MN 55912

Our shut-ins would truly appreciate a card, phone call or visit during the month. A list of all the shut-ins is on the bulletin boards.



ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN WOMEN//LWML NEWS

Christian Women's News

Thanks to all who came and helped and enjoyed our Spring event on May 7. The meal was delicious and thanks to our veterans who came and to Pastor Bailey who told us about being a Navy Chaplain.



We will meet again in September for another meal and hopefully another program. New Christian service booklets will be available at the end of the summer.



Many thanks to all who help serve at funerals and other events. Many hands make light work.

Quilting is over for the summer but will start up again in the fall. What a fun way to get to know others and create something beautiful for someone else. We made about 70 quilts this last year.

Lawn mowing, planting gardens and pulling weeds; vacations, family visits, swimming, golfing and picnics-just like that summer will be behind us! Let's enjoy every moment as we count our blessings and the wonders of God's creation this summer.

In Christian love, Sandy Grant

A Gift for Our Children

Choose one earthly gift for your children. What would it be? For the LCMS' German Lutheran forefathers, it was the gift of Christian schools. They purchased this gift at the cost of homeland and security, but they considered it a small price to protect the faith of their dear children.

Throughout their remarkable 180-year history, our LCMS schools have suffered the devil's blatant attacks and subtle conning aimed at snatching Christ's children from His Church. Yet our Lord has graciously defended our schools. Still today through this earthly gift His dear children learn to love His heavenly gifts.

Looking to the future:

Today our LCMS schools face many questions: What role should technology play in education? How will school voucher programs assist or hinder Lutheran schools? Will enrollment declines and increasing costs force schools to close, or can our schools radically rethink how they operate in response to contemporary challenges? As we look to the future, our schools continue to find creative answers to these questions.

Regardless of the size or shape of Lutheran schools in the century to come, they will be blessed whenever and wherever they teach children the riches of God's Word. As they instill these enduring truths in young minds and hearts, they will prove to generations to come that faithful Lutheran Christian education remains now what it has always been: the greatest earthly gift we can give our children.

Taken from *The Lutheran Witness*, May 2018 issue.

**Thank you
to all of our
volunteers
who make
our worship
special.**



Volunteer Schedule

June Ushers

Head Usher: Randy Graff

Saturday evening: Clayton Petersen, Gene Pfeifer, Rocky Schammel

Sunday morning: Dick Heuton, Vance Oelkers, Ruth Oelkers, Dave Ruhnke

June Communion Assistants

03 Dick Heuton, Richard Kiehne, Dave Ruhnke

17 Dave Ruhnke, Nathan Wradislavsky, TBA

June Lectors

03 Dick Heuton

10 Gloria Dirksen

17 Donna Bailey

24 Larry Waters

We want to thank everyone for all your prayers and thinking of Dalvin, it is deeply appreciated.

The Augustine family.

All youth ages 5-18 are invited to the overnight Lock In on Wednesday June 6th. There will be more details in the church bulletin. Children can invite a friend to come to this fun event. Volunteers are needed to drive children to different activities, chaperone and provide food. Contact Kerri Groleau at 320-280-0043 or email her KerriGroleau@gmail.com

On June 10, we will be honoring 3 graduates from Austin High School. They include:

Courtney Kusick
Kristina Thorson
Tara Watkins

We wish them well in their future plans. Congratulations and God Bless!

Annual Memorial Day Weekend Work Retreat

Join others in Christ's fellowship while preparing Camp Omega for the arrival of over 1600 youth and adults for our summer camp programming. Entire families are welcome to join in the work, fun and recreational activities scheduled for this fulfilling weekend. Camp Omega staff will lead both the youth and adults in age-appropriate service projects. The weekend kicks off Friday evening and lasts through the Sunday noon meal. You may join us for any part or all of the weekend as your schedule allows. RSVP is appreciated but not necessary. To RSVP, e-mail camp at info@campomega.org or call (507)-685-4266 **THIS IS A FREE EVENT!**

**HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATES**

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING May 8, 2018

The May 8, 2018, meeting was called to order by President Vance Oelkers at 7:01 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor James Groleau, Vance Oelkers, Dave Ruhnke, Donna Bailey, Lori Siegfried, Dale Siegfried, Darrel Bahn, Curt Anderson, Pam Reistad

OPENING DEVOTION: Pastor Groleau

SECRETARY'S REPORT: M/S/P to accept the secretary's report for April 10, 2018, as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Net Operating Income: \$1,523.01. Net Increase in Designated Assets: \$3,496.91. M/S/P to accept the Treasurer's report, as written.

ELDERS' REPORT: New Elder assignments were made for serving communion and prayer Elders for the Sunday morning Prayer Ministry. Saturday services will be replaced with Thursday services for the summer beginning May 24th, at 6:30 p.m. Elders approved new communion guidelines presented by Pastor that will be placed in the hymnals by June 3rd. With previous permission from the Council, the Boy Scouts will be parking their trailer beside our shed during the summer. It is agreed that all liability is theirs. In recognition of our charter with them and the result of their appreciation, they will recognize St. John's by having our name lettered onto the sides of their trailer. Nathan and Sarah Wradislavsky are continuing their efforts to organize a fellowship group of families with children as a way to build relationships among our member families as well as a form of outreach to other families in the community.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: No report.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Pastor James is running off free children's weekly bulletins for the busy bags. A few adjustments were made. May 20 is the last day of Sunday School for the children. Pastor James will be making master copies of the Sunday School curriculum that he has written for next year. VBS curriculum is CPH "Splash Canyon". Joanne Rasmussen will be working with Kerri Groleau on VBS. We will encourage children to come to CASE which will start up again soon after VBS. Pastor and Kerri will be planning summer events for the children. Instead of 4:30-5:30, after VBS it will be 4:30-6:30 p.m. They need a few people each week to help prepare supper. A Lock-in is being planned on June 6. The Youth and Family will also be working on this. Gloria Dirksen and Eric Zoske will be joining the Board of Education this coming year. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 5 at 4:30 at the church.

STEWARDSHIP BOARD: The board met on April 30. Dale Siegfried attended also to request that the Stewardship Board assume the responsibility of keeping the scrip gift card program's sales ledger/card inventory. The purpose is to lighten the load of the treasurer's job. Stan Rasmussen volunteered to do so. The scrip gift card sales schedule is set for May. The T-O-M (Thought of the month) stewardship message for the monthly newsletter continues.

YOUTH & FAMILY BOARD: They have not met yet this month. They will be helping Kerri with the lock-in.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: No report.

EVANGELISM: We have changed our meeting date to the first Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Pastor James shared a list of outreach ideas that will help our church to connect with families and the community in general. We will help with as many of the ideas as possible in conjunction with other boards and committees. We will discuss with the VBS committee ways that we can help to promote VBS. Ideas include to canvas the neighborhoods around the church with information on VBS, sending invitation postcards to those who attended last year and putting up posters at various community locations. We will check with Trustees or FROGS group about putting up the indoor restroom signs. We will also check on options for new entrance rugs. We will check with Trustees on adding signs at the parking lot entrance to help visitors to know where to park and which entrance to use.

PASTOR'S REPORT: *Shut-in calls:* 9 by Pastor Groleau and 17 by Pastor Bailey; *Classes Taught:* Sunday mornings – Stuff They Didn't Teach in Sunday School; Monday mornings – Lectionary Readings; Wednesdays – CASE & Confirmation; Thursday evenings – Grey Matters. *Worship Services:* Saturday & Sunday, *Funerals:* None; *Other:* Meetings continue concerning Holy Cross discussing mission ministry opportunities; Started a Worship Committee to explore ways to improve/add to worship; Continue to explore opportunities/ideas from Best Practices for Ministry; Two groups to Leadership Conference – Hinges Survey.

OLD BUSINESS: Pastor James will be checking to make sure that background checks are done on those who work alone with the children and youth at church. Pastor James showed us the cards about our communion practices that will be placed in all hymnals in the church.

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NEW BUSINESS: We received a letter from Rachel's Hope thanking the church for their continued support. Dale will check to see if our church had agreed to donate to them again this year. Pastor and Kerri are possibly interested in purchasing the parsonage since it was an option in the call document that was issued to Pastor James. An appraisal would need to be done on the parsonage. If they would decide to purchase the parsonage, the church would give Pastor James a housing allowance of \$15,600 annually, as laid out by the district guidelines, which would take the place of supplying a parsonage and paying the utilities.

This is in place of the housing allowance that is added to his income currently for him to live in the parsonage.

ADJOURNMENT: M/S/P to adjourn @ 7:57 p.m.

CLOSING PRAYER: The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted: Pamela Reistad, Council Secretary-

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL SPRING VOTERS' MEETING OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
HELD AT AUSTIN MINNESOTA ON SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018 AT 12:30 PM
PURSUANT TO THE BY-LAWS**

The annual Spring Voters' meeting of St. John's Lutheran Church was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by President Vance Oelkers, preceded by a pot luck meal. Forty voting members were present.

OPENING DEVOTION: Given by Pastor James Groleau.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion was made to accept the secretary's report from October 1, 2017, as written. M/S/P.

TREASURER'S REPORT: End of April, 2018, Net Operating Income is \$1,523.01 and Net Increase in Designated Assets is \$3,496.91. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report, as written. M/S/P.

BOARD REPORTS: Members present were given written reports from the boards of Elders, Education, Evangelism, Social Ministry, Stewardship, Trustees and Youth and Family. Additionally, reports were submitted from the Radio Ministry. Reports included goals and accomplishments to date. The floor was opened for questions of the boards. No questions or discussions were communicated.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Written report submitted and attached.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL: Dale Siegfried, Chair

- (1) The list of nominations for officers and boards at St. John's Church for 2018-2019 was filled with the exception of the following two positions:
 - Pam Waters volunteered to be on the Social Ministry Board
 - One position on the Board of Education
- (2) Donna Bailey will be taking over the Treasurer position with some duties being delegated to several others who have yet to be determined. Gloria Dirksen volunteered to help. Deb Thorson will meet with the Donna and the committee to train them.
- (3) It was brought up about the need for Tellers dual control of weekly counting of donations.
- (4) M/S/P to accept a unanimous vote for the ballot of candidates
- (5) Per the constitution, these positions will take effect August 1, 2018.
- (6) Dale communicated thanks and appreciation to all those who have volunteered to serve on boards and also to those who served and are leaving offices and Boards, including Deb Thorson, who has continued to serve as treasurer for 19 years.

OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) Storage shed need was discussed and decided that by cleaning up the different storage areas and making use of current space it is not necessary at this time to add an additional storage shed. M/S/P to drop additional storage

shed. M/S/P to drop additional storage from church business.

- (2) Four different fellowship hall chair options on display were discussed. M/S/P to table discussion on chairs and set up a committee to do additional research on chairs and have the church council make the final decision.
- (3) Blinds for the north windows of the church sanctuary were discussed. M/S/P to table discussion until a committee gets more information on shades, lighting and possible different projectors.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

CLOSING: Lord's Prayer

ADJOURNMENT: M/S/P to adjourn at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pamela Reistad, Council Secretary

St. John's Lutheran Church Financial Recap
January 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018

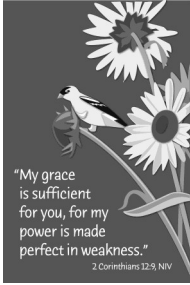
<u>Undesignated Assets</u>	<u>Balance 1/1/18</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Balance 4/30/18</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Cash	\$215,476.91	\$5,119.45	\$220,596.36	
Prepays/Other Assets	15,487.93	-3,643.25	11,844.68	
Buildings & Land	3,015,781.00	0.00	3,015,781.00	
Liabilities	-4,640.42	<u>-197.78</u>	-4,838.20	
Net Operating Income		<u>\$1,278.42</u>		
<u>Designated Assets</u>				Designated Assets represent all of the various funds that can be contributed to for the designated purpose.
Building Fund	\$101,059.30	\$2,999.44	\$104,058.74	
Needy Family Fund	2,067.08	100.00	2,167.08	
Women's Ministry Fund	2,060.87	0.00	2,060.87	
Rachel's Hope Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Musical Equipment Fund	283.68	0.00	283.68	
Library Books Fund	513.38	-200.49	312.89	
Choir Robes Fund	3,111.00	0.00	3,111.00	
Sunday School Fund	70.00	-20.00	50.00	
Memorial Fund	15,303.80	480.00	15,783.80	
Praise Band Fund	3,135.40	0.00	3,135.40	
Youth Fund	11,225.81	-180.11	11,045.70	
Multimedia Fund	700.00	0.00	700.00	
Scrip Fund	10,298.06	639.25	10,937.31	
Sumner School Fund	12,173.92	-321.18	11,852.74	
Endowment Fund	43,883.12	<u>0.00</u>	43,883.12	
Increase in Designated Assets		<u>\$3,496.91</u>		



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