

FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN



Please join us!
SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00 AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:00 AM

WORKING
+
TO SHARE
GOD'S LOVE

OUR MISSION

Evangelism:

Making Christ's love known to all people

Service:

Using our God given talents to serve other people

Fellowship:

Meeting together and encouraging one another

Spiritual Growth:

Becoming more like Christ

Worship:

Honoring and Praising God in and through our lives

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A W o r d f r o m O u r P a s t o r

This year Ash Wednesday happens to fall on February 14th Valentine's Day. On an ELCA Clergy forum on Facebook I read one Pastor who said her church was trying to find a different day to have Ash Wednesday. I am pretty sure it was a joke, but it got me thinking. How often do we let the things of the world take over our relationship with God? It happens without us even realizing it. The school has mandatory practices the night before a game or you can't start, so church activities get pushed to the side. You have a meeting that falls on the same night as a church activity and the meeting wins out. There are so many different things that are happening in our lives where church is being pushed aside. It happens to me too. I am going to have to figure out how to keep Ryan in Baseball this spring and do evening meetings. It isn't easy. There are a lot of things out there that we have to figure out so that God doesn't get pushed aside.

I am beginning to realize that there has to be a balance in our lives. God knows that we have family obligations that jobs sometimes require that we work on Sunday and that sports practices sometimes fall on church nights. But when it becomes more than just a once and awhile issues that is when we need to figure something out. There is a way to work with the needs of our life and God's need to have our undivided attention.

One thing we can do is to question our Sports coaches and school when there are requirements that take our students out of games to attend church activities. In the past Schools use to be willing to work with the church and set aside one night a week where no practices or games happened. That is no longer the case and it will never be again unless we question why Sports are requiring children to practice in order to play or that there are even practices on church night at all. Unless we question what is happening it will never change.

Another thing we need to do is to be fully present when we are at church. Don't come to church and have your mind elsewhere. When you are worshipping God put your body and soul into it. That will make your time with God special and it will help your relationship with the Lord grow.

Finally pick and choose what you are involved in. There is so much that you and your children can do, but what should take priority. Don't overextend yourself so that you will have time for God. Say "NO" to some of the things that take you away from church and say YES to God. Does that mean your children can't be in sports or that you can't go out with your friends? Absolutely not! But take time to pick and choose what you do so that your relationship with God grows.

So let's get back to the issue of Ash Wednesday falling on Valentine's Day. Coming to Ash Wednesday service should not keep you from having a romantic evening out with your special someone. You don't have to go out on Valentine's Day you could pick another night to do something special. And if you think about it, Ash Wednesday is about God's love for us, a love that brought Jesus Christ into our lives. So I hope I see you all on Ash Wednesday February 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Catherine



ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Lenten Journey begins on Ash Wednesday February 14th at 6:30 p.m. Come and receive Ashes "Remember you are dust and to dust you will return" and Holy Communion.

MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES: "THE SIGNS OF LENT"

Our Lenten series this year will be focusing on the signs of Lent are all around us. By looking at ROAD SIGNS like "Stop", "U-Turn", "Merge", "Yield" and others we will learn more about Season of Lent. We hope you will join us for Worship and for Soup and Fellowship before.

Soup is on at 5:30

Service begins at 6:30

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those willing to donate Soup. We hope that you will join us for "The Signs of Lent".

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SYNOD ASSEMBLY

We need two voting members for the 2018 Synod Assembly May 31 - June 2 at Fort Wayne, IN.

If we cannot find a couple we can ask to send two of the same gender. Please talk to Pastor Catherine if you are interested.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

to Jim Eck, Jim Schiller, and Larry Zehr for the great job done cleaning off the church parking lot after our last two snow storms.

Thank you

THANK YOU

I wish to thank all those who remembered me for the many days I was in the hospital recovering from surgery. Thank you for all the cards, visits, and phone calls. Thank you to Pastor Catherine for visiting and her prayers. All these brightened my days there. May God show his blessings on you. *Janice Meyer*

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the Congregation & Council for being a Blessing to me while I served on the Council over the last 3 years. I learned so much about myself and the church as a whole. God has blessed me so much as we just celebrated 125 years of Worship here at St. John's. God is going to keep on blessing the Congregation of St. John's. Thanks again each and every one of you. *Carol S. Zehr*

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MOVIE EVENT

On these cold winter days watching a movie with friends is always fun. On February 9th the new "Peter Rabbit" movie is coming out and the church would like to invite our children to attend for free. We don't know yet if it will be in Jasper on Sunday February 11th, but if it is we would like to meet at the theater for the late afternoon showing around the 4 p.m. hour. The church will pay for the ticket. Parents and treats need to be paid for by the family. After the movie we can go out to pizza at Villa Pizzeria. The cost of pizza will be shared with all those who attend. ALL ARE WELCOMED. If "Peter Rabbit" is not in town we will choose another appropriate film. (*We may choose to go to the Spaghetti Bash instead.*)



PRAYERS

Please continue to lift up the following people in your prayers:

Anna Marie Meyer

Melvin Meyer

Linda Mann

Jay Harker

Pam Weishiet-Hart

Rich Sendelweck

Gary Chanley

Kim Burnette

Amy Poehlein

Christians and all individuals who suffer from persecution

We thank everyone who has brought us prayer requests and we encourage you to continue to bring in names of members, family and friends that could use our prayers.

In an effort to keep our growing list of prayer concerns as timely and as relevant as possible, we will remove petitions from the list after one month, unless we are made aware of a continued need. Thanks for helping us keep things up-to-date.

CONFIRMATION UPDATE

Confirmation will meet at the regular time on February 7th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. There will be no confirmation on Ash Wednesday, February 14th but the class is required to attend the 6:30 p.m. worship. On February 21st and 28th students should attend Lenten Meal and Service and then class will be held from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar in regards to these changes in the schedule.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Christ Lutheran church in Haysville is hosting a Confirmation retreat February 23 – 24th. This will be a joint church effort with the Lutheran churches in Dubois County.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 2, 2018 at Precious Blood Catholic Church.

Please call 812-482-4461 by February 1st to RSVP. Informational meeting February 12th at 6:30 p.m. at Precious



ALTAR CARE

The Altar care provider for the month of February is Janice Meyer. Please contact her at 812-482-7216 if you want to place flowers by the altar for a special occasion. Thank you.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ACOLYTES

FEBRUARY 4 – TESS WEISHEIT
FEBRUARY 11 – ISAAC FAIR
FEBRUARY 14 (Ash Wednesday) – ZANE GEHLHAUSEN
FEBRUARY 18 – JULIAN BONNER
FEBRUARY 25 – KATHRYN BRUMFIELD

USHERS

FEBRUARY 4 – EMILY & MALLORY LENTS
FEBRUARY 11 – MARY KATE HOPF & RHEGANN WEISHEIT
FEBRUARY 14 (Ash Wednesday) – ZACH BROEKER & KASSIDY SENDELWECK
FEBRUARY 18 – CHRISTIAN MEHNE & KYLEE WEISHEIT
FEBRUARY 25 – ZACH BROEKER & KYLIE PATTERSON

READERS

FEBRUARY 4 – TERESA LENTS
FEBRUARY 11 – KAY HALL
FEBRUARY 14 (Ash Wednesday) – CAROL ZEHR
FEBRUARY 18 – CHERYL STEMLE
FEBRUARY 25 – DIANN ZEHR

GREETERS

FEBRUARY 4
DENNY & JEANETTE SPRINGSTON
FEBRUARY 11
TERRY & CHERYL STEMLE
FEBRUARY 14 (Ash Wednesday)
EMILY & MALLORY LENTS
FEBRUARY 18
JEREMY & JANEL VERKAMP
FEBRUARY 25
GLEN & BARB VOELKEL

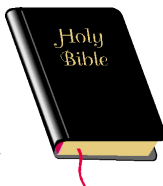
COOKIES FOR DUBOIS COUNTY COMMUNITY MEAL

Reminder to those who have agreed to donate cookies, brownies or other sweets, please place your donation in the kitchen or on the pew outside the Conference Room by February 4th. *Thank you.*



WOMEN OF THE ELCA BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible study will be held on Thursday, February 15th at 1:00 p.m. We will be studying the February Gather Magazine.



TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday night Bible study will continue to meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

We are still working on our study of the Greatest Story Ever Told-The Bible and we hope you will come and take part in our study.



FOOD BANK SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 11TH

Items that the Food Bank can use are: Peaches, fruit cocktail, pears, instant pudding, Jello, corn, peas, Spaghettios/Ravioli, carrots, canned potatoes, tuna, rice, flour, Hamburger Helper, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, cereal, macaroni-n-cheese, Ramen noodles, cake mix, chicken noodle soup, cream of mushroom soup, cream of chicken soup, canned chicken, vegetable oil, sugar, toilet paper, diapers size 3,4,or 5, toothpaste, razors, soap, shampoo, liquid laundry soap, feminine products, Kleenex, paper towels, dish soap, coffee, stuffing mix. Monetary donations are also accepted.

SPAGHETTI BASH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

Join us for some fun, fellowship, and frivolity prior to Lent as we celebrate Fat Tuesday (on a Sunday) with Spaghetti Bash on Sunday February 11th at 6:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haysville. The youth attending the National Youth Gathering this next summer will be preparing and serving a spaghetti dinner for the members and friends of the Lutheran Churches of Dubois County. This is both a fun fellowship opportunity for everyone as well as a fund raiser to support youth attending the gathering. A freewill donation will be taken for the dinner and participants are encouraged to bring a decadent dessert for a Dessert Auction. (Something like a pie or plate of cookies, plate of brownies, small cake, etc) We also hope to have a lot of fun and frivolity with a Variety/talent show (or Open Mike night, if you want to call it that). Please consider stepping out to do something fun (sing a song, play an instrument, do a skit, tell a joke or two, etc.) as we enjoy our meal fellowship with each other. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for those attending the dinner (so we can give St Paul's a rough count of numbers). This is a Cooperative Ministry event.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 2 – Emma Reutepohler

February 3 – Steve Hopf

Adam Mann

February 5 – Evan Wilson

February 7 – Barb Voelkel

February 9 – Melinda Hopf

February 12 – Mary Mann

February 14 – David Fuhrman

February 15 – Andy Bonner

February 16 – Norma Mehne

Devin Meyer

Chad Schnarr

February 17 – Curt Reutepohler

February 23 – Tonya Schepers

February 24 – Rhegann Weisheit

February 25 – John Mann

February 26 – Janice Meyer

February 27 – Ryan Harder

Antony Hoffman

February 28 – Barb Weisman

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

February 3

Dan & Earlene Hoffman

February 13

Steve & Sharon Haas

February 21

Tim & Norma Mehne

Melvin & Anna Marie Meyer

February 28

Glen & Barb Voelkel

**★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!**

*Happy
Anniversary*

If you or a loved one's information is incorrect or omitted please let us know.

Annual Meeting 1-21-18

The annual meeting of St. John's Lutheran Church was called to order by Vice-President Jason Sendelweck on Sunday, January 21st, 2018, following the Sunday morning worship service. A quorum of voting members was present.

Pastor Catherine opened with meeting with prayer.

The secretary's report from the October Quarterly meeting was printed in the annual report and the congregation was asked for any questions on the report as printed. Being no additions or corrections a motion to accept was made by Dana Weisheit and seconded by Jean Hoffman. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was also printed in the annual report. Treasurer Paul Mann was available for any questions. Being none, Jim Schiller made a motion to accept. Kay Hall seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The Facilities team has received several quotes to repair the AC units. They have included \$6,000 in the 2018 budget for the repair to be done. The Facilities team will review the quotes and have the repair done. No updates on Team meetings at this time. Team meeting date will be scheduling soon.

New Business:

Vice President Jason Sendelweck announced that the Mutual Ministry Team and the Church Council is recommending a 2% pay increase for Pastor Catherine. The Council also approved staying with the same level as before, platinum insurance coverage for the Pastor for 2018. A motion was made by Kay Hall to accept the recommendation. Seconded by Dana Weisheit. Vice President Jason Sendelweck then asked if we need a paper ballot. Being none, a voice vote was taken and motion approved.

Vice President Jason Sendelweck stated that the proposed budget for 2018 was printed in the annual report. It was pointed out that the budget is similar to 2017's budget except the additional allowance for the AC units repair. A motion to accept the 2018 budget as presented by Brenda DeMotte and seconded by Cheryl Stemle. The motion carried.

Vice President Jason Sendelweck announced the council currently has four names to put before the congregation. Gary Eck, Joann Schnarr, and Cheryl Stemle to serve as 2018 Council members and Jim Schiller to complete the term of a 2017 placement. Bill Hoffman made a motion, it was seconded by Don Eck. Vice President Jason Sendelweck then asked if we need a paper ballot. Being none, a voice vote was taken and motion approved.

Pastor Catherine installed current and new members to the 2018 St John's Lutheran Church Council.

Vice President Jason Sendelweck thanked the new and current council members and the congregation for attending the annual meeting. Pastor Catherine closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Kent Weisheit and seconded by Bud Mann. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Janelle Durholz
2017 Church Council Secretary.

Unapproved minutes, printed for informational purposes only
St John's Lutheran Church Council Meeting, January 22, 2018

Present – Jason Sendelweck, Jim Schiller, Gary Eck, Pastor Catherine Burnette, Cheryl Stemle, Joann Schnarr, Michelle Bonner, Paul Mann and Janelle Durcholz. Helen Kendall was teleconferenced into the meeting.

Jason Sendelweck called the meeting to order and welcomed the new members. Pastor Catherine read a devotion. Sign-up sheets were passed around for devotion months, communion servers and contact information.

Secretary's Report – The report had been distributed by electronic means prior to the meeting. A motion was made to approve the report by Paul Mann, seconded by Michelle Bonner. The motion carried.

Treasure's Report – The report was presented at the annual meeting. It was approved and passed at that time on January 21, 2018.

Pastor's report – The Pastor reported that she did 11 home/nursing home visit; 5 hospital visits and 1 retreat at St Meinrad. The Joint Church meeting is planning a Spaghetti Bash Fat Sunday at St Paul's Feb 11. Confirmation Lock-In will be at Christ Church on Feb 23-24. Tuesday evening Bible Study will continue till we finish the GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD Bible study. Due to snow and cancelation, Confirmation will be caught up in the next few weeks. Pastor Catherine inquired how to handle evening activities when we have snow. We discussed having a policy regarding church activities during school snow days. Helen Kendall made a motion to cancel Church activities if Greater Jasper Consolidated School is cancelled for the day. Joann Schnarr seconded, and the motion carried. February 9th late afternoon around 4:00 pm, a Movie Event is being planned. We would like to see "Peter Rabbit". If it is not playing that day, another appropriate film will be chosen. The church will pay for the children ticket but ALL ARE WELCOME. After the movie, we will go out for pizza at Villa Pizzeria. Cost of the pizza will be shared by all who attend. Pastor Catherine is asking for the Education team to work on the "Youth Group". What ages are we wanting to pursue. As children activities, Pastor would like to see more quarterly family type events to encourage the younger children to feel important in our Church. Midweek Lent services will be focusing on the signs of Lent are all around us. Fellowship and soup will be available at 5:30. Service will begin at 6:30. There is a signup sheet in the narthex for those willing to donate soup. A "THANK YOU" to Jim Eck, Jim Schiller and Larry Zehr for a great job done cleaning off the church parking lot after our last two snows.

Officers were selected: Jason Sendelweck - President, Joann Schnarr - Vice President, Janelle Durcholz - Secretary, Paul Mann - Treasurer. The council voted unanimously for all executive positions. Team structure for council members to serve as liaisons are Outreach – Cheryl Stemle, Parish Life – Helen Kendall, Facilities – Jim Schiller, Education – Michelle Bonner, Worship – Gary Eck.

It was noted that Kevin Olinger, Brush Cutting & Excavating, LLC, did brush & tree trimming for St John's at no charge. He requested us to make a donation to a needy family in the local area.

Paul Mann noted the facility team will be making a decision on who will repair the A/C units. He is also still working on the utility tax exempt form. Pastor Catherine is following up with Don Eck and Linus Schnarr on a dedication date for the history cabinet.

New Business:

As the council starts the New Year, we would like to set a 2018 goal of 5 new family members, either 5 new members or current members becoming more active in the Church.

Next meeting will be February 12th, 6:30 pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joann Schnarr, seconded by Janelle Durcholz. The motion carried. The meeting ended with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Janelle Durcholz
2018 Church Council Secretary