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FROM PASTOR DAVE.....

Financial Update

I first of all want to say thank you to all of you who caught up in your giving, gave a little extra, or signed up to be regular contributors via our Simply Giving or Online Giving options. It was good to end the month of May on such a strong note!!! I want you to know that I noticed, your leadership noticed!!!

But with that said, it's also important to remember that such an effort cannot be for just one month – but must become an ongoing habit so that through our giving we can continue to provide the faithful ministry that makes a difference in our own lives, in the life of our community, and throughout our country and around the world!

Again, I would like to encourage you to consider signing up for Simply Giving, or making use of our Online Giving options. Here are what some of your friends here at St. John's have said about these options:

"I was just saying to Jay this past Sunday how I am so glad we have decided to take advantage of the Simply Giving option. We do not have to feel any guilt if we are not able to make it to church on a Sunday to give our offerings. For families that are on-the-go on the weekends, this is a particularly great option! We feel good knowing that St. John's can count on that amount from us each month. It is easier for us and also makes it convenient for the church. I often think of Pastor Dave talking one Sunday about how the offerings we give to our church should be one of the first checks we write out each month instead of the church getting our 'leftovers' each month. That stuck with me. Now with Simply Giving that amount automatically comes out of my account on the 1st of each month, so I no longer feel like giving to our church is just 'the leftovers.' I strongly encourage people to use this program as it is extremely easy and you never have to feel bad about missing a week of giving." - Jenny Klein

"We really appreciate the option of online giving. The website was very easy to navigate and we accessed it thru our personal computer. The online option really is wonderful. With the online billing and payment options being so common for us this was easy to incorporate into our busy lives. It also makes it less embarrassing during church when we would have to quickly write out a check and let us focus on being more present in the house of God. It is also less distracting for others than trying to 'oh so subtly' rip the check out of the checkbook. - Rachele and Tony Hoeft

Again, thank you for your faithful support of this ministry!!! Let's keep it going throughout the coming months!!! And if it would help you – please consider signing up for Simply Giving simply by calling the church office and speaking with Bonnie; or going to our website and using our online giving via credit or debit card.

MAP Update

Having received the results of our recent MAP

assessment, we have had a couple of follow-up meetings to discuss what we have learned from the assessment, and how we might use that information to move forward.

At our last meeting, the group decided that they would like to hold some "listening sessions" this coming fall (late September and early October) as a way of exploring and gaining greater clarity regarding our mission, and how we can grow our capacity to be a congregation where different opinions are welcomed. It is hoped that such "listening sessions" will be held in a variety of places – at the Church, in Member's Homes, Spilled Grain Brewhouse, etc. Led by trained facilitators, these "listening sessions" would be focused around some basic questions that would allow members and friends of St. John's the opportunity to share their opinions, to voice their ideas, and to offer their own insights within a supportive and listening environment. The MAP group also hopes that through this process, we can also provide all those who participate a clearer understanding of how decisions are made within our congregation, a clearer understanding of our current Mission Statement, and receive input on how we might "tweak" or "change" it so that it better captures our imaginations and brings clarity to what we believe God is calling us to do, and to be, together as a congregation.

This is all currently in the planning stage – but if you would be willing to participate in any way – (such as becoming one of the trained facilitators), please contact the Church Office. But above all, please keep this process in your prayers – for the goal is to bring greater clarity to the mission that we believe God has for us as a congregation as we move forward into God's preferred future.

SW MN Synod Assembly

We had a very good Synod Assembly. I am grateful for Sharon Hermanson and Diane Nelson for joining me as Voting Members from St. John's. A personal highlight for me was sharing an original song – which is the theme song of our synod's "Embracing God's Mission, Equipping God's People" funding initiative. Another highlight was being able to join the rest of the synod in honoring Pastor Tom and others who are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their Ordinations!

Other highlights, learning, etc. included:

- The Corporation of Lutheran Campus Ministry of Minnesota was dissolved. Synods in MN will now directly support those campus ministries that are within their synodical boundaries.
- River of Life Lutheran Church of Hutchinson was formally received as a congregation of the ELCA.
- Bishop Jon shared that since he began serving as our bishop (13 years ago) there has been a 41% decline in seminary enrollment. One-third of seminary graduates today have no seminary debt – thanks to financial support from their home congregations and/or

family. The other two-thirds graduate with an average educational debt load of \$43,000.

- For every dollar that is given via the offering here at St. John's – ten cents is shared EITHER with our synod and churchwide; or (for those who opted out after the 2009 vote) with our Matamba Mission and Lutheran World Relief. Of the 10 cents per dollar that is sent on to our SW MN Synod – about half of that stays within our synod and the other half is sent on to ELCA Churchwide. Together as the ELCA we began 62 new congregations in 2015; and have already begun 22 this year. We currently have 379 new ministries under development. We also are supporting 134 congregations that are in some stage of renewal. We provide support to 80 Companion Synods around the world. We have 73 Young Adults serving in Global Mission (11 of those are from our own synod). We together support 224 missionaries in 40 countries. Gifts from the ELCA's Fund for Leaders provided grants to 235 seminarians this past year.
- In addition to our regular Mission Support, 21.9 million dollars was given to the ELCA World Hunger program (our own synod last year donated \$1,035,000 towards World Hunger. A number of years ago congregations were challenged to give \$5.00 per member towards World Hunger. Beyond that, ELCA individuals and congregations also donated generously (I missed the total amount) to our ELCA Disaster Relief (our own synod donated over \$73,000 last year). We as the ELCA are known to be among the first to arrive, and the last to leave, after a disaster. In 2015 we were present in eight states and 23 countries. And in 2015 our ELCA met its goal of raising 15 million dollars to address Malaria. We focused our work in 14 countries in Africa. And while we met our goal, the work continues through our World Hunger Funds.
- This summer our ELCA will be meeting in Assembly in New Orleans (something that takes place now every THREE years). A couple of items that will be considered at this assembly: 1) adding to our current Ministry of Word and Sacrament, a rostered Ministry of Word and Service; and 2) a strategy for how we might accompany refugee minors. Our SW MN Synod unveiled a new three-year funding initiative entitled: "Embracing God's Mission. Equipping God's People". Our synod recently received a \$500,000 grant from the Lilly Foundation. \$250,000 of that grant are matching funds – so the goal is for us to raise at least \$250,000 over the next three years. Already, at the assembly, "silent gifts" of almost \$90,000 have already been given or pledged by synod staff, synod council, and other various individuals and groups within our synod – so we are off to a great start. There are THREE goals of this initiative – that the money raised will be used to:

Deepen Congregational Vitality
Enhance Local and Global Mission
Develop Servant Leaders

Included within this initiative is the building a Ministerial Excellence Fund that helps reduce burdensome educational debts of our future leaders. Do you know there was a time when the church PAID the tuition of all seminarians? This fund would also provide help when pastors meet difficult emergency medical expenses, and provided greater pension equity for those pastors who have served smaller congregations and who have not been paid adequate salaries.

Bishop Jon shared that this year we received 4 seminary graduates to serve within our synod (that is down from previous years), we currently have 23 from our synod that are in the Candidacy process; and this last year our synod birthed five new pastors and one Associate in Ministry (AIM). We continue to be a CONSUMER SYNOD when it comes to pastors! We need to call forth the gifts of God's people – and the best time to do that, to plant those seeds, is when kids are in 3rd to 5th grades.

Projection

Joe Bayer, in memory of Judy, has given a gift to cover the cost of new projectors for our sanctuary. These projectors have already been installed. The new projectors are laser projectors that produce 7000 lumens of light (3 to 4 times brighter than our old projectors). These new laser projectors are also maintenance free projectors (meaning no bulbs to change or filters to clean) and they should last us for 20,000 hours of use (approximately 20 years). We are SO GRATEFUL for this most generous gift! These projectors will not only provide greater clarity, but will enable us to be much more "creative". Again, we are SO GRATEFUL for this fitting memorial to Judy, who was an active member of our Tech Team.

Some Personal Anniversaries in July

July will mark some significant anniversaries in my life: I will not only begin the 35th year of ordained ministry (July 11), but I will also begin the 10th year serving as St. John's Lead Pastor (July 8th). I give thanks to God for BOTH of these milestones!!!!

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

HEALING PRAYERS We will once again offer "healing prayers" as part of our worship services on Sunday, July 31st. This is an opportunity for individuals to come forward and receive the laying on of hands and prayer. Please share the word!



From Pastor Tom's Desk...

Dear Friends,

How is your soul? I'll bet that is a question you have not asked yourself for quite some time. Jesus warns about the dangers of an empty soul (Luke 11:24-26). Our souls need tending. The joy and hope of life depends on the tending of our soul. I can't think of a better time to do that than in the summer. Do it, and you will thank me for it. Let me offer some suggestions:

Memorize your favorite hymns – one per week.

Memorize a favorite Bible verse – one per week.

Spend time in prayer. Pick a special spot and just talk to God. You will discover that God answers.

Don't neglect worship. It is never hard to get to a cathedral! John Muir mused: "They built a chapel at Yosemite without realizing they were already in the most magnificent cathedral in the world." Here in Minnesota, we are constantly in the "cathedral." You can worship and praise God all the time. Don't neglect worship in your church! This church is your material response to the goodness of your heavenly Father.

Support causes that are important to you (be sure to think St. John's Lutheran Church here as well).

Active support puts you inside the force for good.

There will come a time when life seems to wander in a barren desert. In times like that, God can dip into the reservoir of your soul and draw out a hymn or Bible verse that you have memorized. I can tell you of the very special people I get to visit in the Care centers, and how much they would like to get back into the sanctuary, they have helped to build. They are so grateful for the times they have had there, and the chance to sing praises to their God with the rest of their church family. I cherish the time I get to spend with you at worship.

Remember to tend to your soul! Your soul is a reservoir that God will draw from to nurture you and make you whole.

Yours in Christ,

Pr. Tom
INDNJC



IK NEWS Thank you for your continued gifts to Invest in the Kingdom: Rooted in Faith, a Story to Tell! This three year capital campaign raises the money to pay the monthly mortgage payment on our church building. **Each and every month our mortgage payment of \$9,587 is deducted from this fund.**

Gifts given to this fund in May totaled \$11,024.00. Gifts given to the fund to-date on June 22nd for the month of June are currently \$6,150.00. Monthly gifts given to this fund were below the monthly mortgage need for the first four months of the 2016 calendar year. Your generous gifts given in May were substantial and much appreciated! We appreciate the support of the congregation to rally together to increase the current balance of this fund. Thank you for making the St. John's facilities a priority!

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP READINGS

For the summer we have moved back to the Common Lectionary. We will return to the Narrative Lectionary come September:

July 3 – Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10 – Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 17 – Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 24 – Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13

July 31 – Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

COMMUNION SERVICE AT ANNANDALE CARE CENTER

Due to the 4th of July weekend, and a shortage of help at the Care Center that weekend, our monthly service of Holy Communion will be July 15th at 1:30pm. While this worship service is intended for all St. John's members who are residents at the Care Center and Centennial Villa apartments, it is open to ALL (both residents and family and friends).



**The Church Office Will be Closed
on Monday, July 4th-
Have a safe and blessed 4th of
July Holiday!**

MANY THANKS

- To all those who have participated in our MAP Meetings
- To Cal Froehlich for making the Chili, and to all who helped serve the chili and represented St. John's as part of the Annandale Chamber of Commerce's Annual Chili Cook-off: Ken and Debbie Schumacher, Loretta Peterson, Phyllis Framstad, Mary Holmgren, Marilyn Hallstrom, and Nancy Berg.
- To all who are serving faithfully on this summer's lawn mowing teams.
- To Gary Geisinger, Cliff Franzen, Ray Lundeen, Ron Johnson, Stan Hillestad, Denny Harmoning, Samantha Duret and Pete Wadman for getting the White House ready for a new tenant.
- To Cliff Franzen, Gary Geisinger and Jeff Geisinger for putting the appliances and items back into the kitchen after the kitchen floor was redone.
- To all those who are serving as mentors for our upcoming Tenth Grade Confirmation students: Jennifer Kulm, Val Marohn, Tami Ramstad, Kurt Bruhn, Bryan Kulm, Jennifer Mealey, Kris Nelson, Tina Honsey, Sandy Jerpseth, and Jackie Bruhn.
- To Sharon Hermanson and Diane Nelson for serving as voting members at our recent SW MN Synod Assembly.
- To all who assisted in serving and assisting with the Judy Bayer funeral.
- To all who have donated pop or water for the Taco Booth.
- To all who have responded financially, or signed up for Simply Giving or Online Giving – your faithful stewardship has been noticed and is GREATLY appreciated!

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE NEWS We are grateful for each and every gift given to our St. John's Endowment Fund. Please know that any gift given to the Endowment, large or small, is a gift that will keep on giving! Such gifts allow us to support worthwhile ministries within and beyond our congregation! We hope that you will consider including the St. John's Endowment in your Estate Planning.

"WILLS AND PLANNED GIVING" WORKSHOPS

Our St. John's Endowment Committee is sponsoring a "Wills and Planned Giving Workshop" on August 11th at either 10am or 6pm. Sheldon or Matt Brown, both local attorneys, will be present to speak about the importance of a Will, Power of Attorney, and Health Directives; and Amy Bigot, who works in our synod with Planned Giving, will be present to outline the various opportunities that are available to us when it comes to planned giving – enabling us both to care for our families but also to support ministries and concerns that are near and dear to our hearts. These workshops are free, and will be held in the CYF Building (which is air-conditioned). We do ask that you sign-up ahead of time so that we can make necessary preparations. You can sign-up at our Welcome Desk – or by contacting the church office. These workshops are open to the public – so share the word.

DINGMANN FUNERAL CARE WORKSHOPS will be held on Thursday, August 4th, 2016 at 10am and 6pm in the CYF building at St. John's. Everyone who attends will receive a FREE Funeral & Cremation Planning Folder and free planning assistance, along with light refreshments. Featuring Local Experts: Pr. Dave Nelson - Biblical Beliefs on Life's Final Passage, Pat Zalusky - Medical Assistance, Brian Dingmann - Funeral & Cremation Options, and Mike Messina - Advance Funeral Planning. Please call Dingmann Funeral Care at (320)274-8811 to reserve your place.

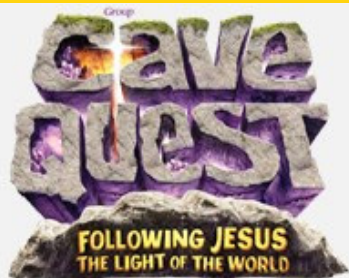
GRIEF GROUP-ALL ARE WELCOME If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you are invited to come to our grief support group, which is facilitated by Linda Hall, Bereavement Coordinator of Heartland Hospice. The next meeting will be held on July 14th at 3:00pm in the Library. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

MATAMBA NEWS Fr. Augustine Mbiche is from our partner congregation in Matamba Tanzania. He will be our guest preacher on Sunday, July 24th. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information.

SAVE THE DATE! on Saturday, September 17, 2016 St. John's will host the Crow River Conference Gathering. Featuring: Kevin Doely, Musical Ventriloquist. Watch for more information to come!



NEW BIBLE STUDY "Following Jesus With Luke" - Jesus Christ came and lived among us. He shares our heartaches and suffered for us. Bible study begins July 20th, Wed. 1pm, 9 sessions at Bev Sorensen's home. Please sign up at the Welcome Center; deadline to register is Sunday, July 10th. Please contact Bev with any questions - 274-8271.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! VBS CAVE QUEST-FOLLOWING JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
at St. John's on Sunday,
July 31st - Thursday, August 4th from
600-8:30pm

Register online at:

<http://www.stjohns-annandale.org>

There is a registration fee of \$5/child; you may pay in advance at the church office, online, or on the first evening of VBS. Please register your children and grandchildren for a fun-filled VBS!



SEPTUAFEST All women of St. John's are invited to our Septuafest program and brunch Thursday, July 21st, at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will feature Pastor Dan Bowman and his reflections on "The Bible's Message seen through Lefse for all God's Children (even if you aren't Norwegian)". This is a wonderful opportunity for a complimentary morning brunch, complete with laughs, reflections, food & fellowship; and especially to celebrate and honor those beautiful members 70 years and up!

FIRECRACKER 5K FUN RUN/WALK will be held Saturday, July 2, 2016, 9:00 am race start at St. John's. Register in person or online at stjohnsfirecracker5k.weebly.com through July 1 for \$20; \$30 day of race registration. Race packets and registration will also be available on Friday, July 1 from 5-7pm and Saturday morning at 7:30am in the St. John's Education Bldg. Registration forms can be found at the Welcome Center desk. All funds raised are used to help off set the costs to students attending mission trips and national youth gatherings through St. John's- Thank you for your support!



THANK YOU A huge THANK YOU to the Endowment committee for providing monies to purchase 6 fans for Sunset Ridge! They are so appreciative for all that St. John's has done for them.

Mary Iverson & Sunset Ridge Residents/Staff



PRECIOUS GIFTS PRESCHOOL The preschool still has openings for fall of 2016! Check out the website for information about the school including registration forms. Your child's experience will be top notch learning and a lot of fun! Our curriculum is child centered, theme based, and prepares them well for their elementary career success! All members of St John's receive a 20% discount on tuition. Come join us. www.stjohns-annandale.org/preciousgifts

JULY MEALS ON WHEELS: St. John's is in charge of July Meals on Wheels deliveries. The signup sheet will be kept at the Welcome Center. **THANK YOU** to all our volunteers for signing up to make these important meal deliveries!



COMING IN AUGUST!

The WELCA Garden Salad & Hotdish Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, August 24th from 11a-1p at St. John's. Watch for more information on this delicious fundraiser in upcoming bulletins, and bring a friend or neighbor to join us for lunch!

TACO BOOTH TIME!

St. John's Taco Booth opened on June 30th and will run through Monday, July 4th. Please stop in and see us, and have a delicious taco and a beverage! Proceeds benefit our youth programs and preschool; many shifts are available—please sign up in the gathering area or using sign-up genius:

<http://tinyurl.com/z3rhe9b>

Booth hours:

Thursday, 6/30: 4-10p,
Friday, 7/1: Noon-10p,
Saturday, 7/2: Noon-10p,
Sunday, 7/3: Noon-10p,
Monday, 7/4: Noon-10p.



Also, we are requesting **pop donations** — please place them under the coat rack to the left of the Fellowship Hall doors—Thank you!

Monthly Income**Monthly Expense****General Fund Balance****Page 6****General Fund****(1)****May 2016**

\$43,586.94

\$36,407.46

\$7,370.27

**2015
Monthly
Average**

\$33,801.72

\$34,810.34

Building Fund**(2)****Monthly Mortgage****Building Balance**

\$10,828.37

\$9,587.00

\$7,189.43

Precious Gifts**Preschool****(3)****PG Expense****PG Balance**

\$195.00

\$1,856.11

\$5,916.23

Notes:

1. For May, 2016 the General Fund had \$7,179.48 **more in income than expenses**. May, 2016 was a **good month**, although it was a 5-Sunday month. Congregation approved budgeted expenditures for 2016 total approximately \$453,000. To fund this budget, we need an average \$37,750 in monthly income (about \$8,725 per Sunday).
2. We still maintain a positive balance; our next mortgage payment in June will be \$9,587.00.
3. Precious Gifts Preschool balance is strong: \$5,916.23. Good position - let's keep this up!

Remember our mission at St. John's is supported by your talents and generous gifts.**THANK YOU!****IN NEED OF PRAYER?**

People at St. John's are ready to pray for and with you -- in times of joy, and in times of need. To activate this prayer ministry please contact the church office. Only the information you choose to share will be passed on to the Prayer Ministry participants. But please understand that if you are calling on behalf of another person, in order to respect the right of privacy, and for the sake of confidentiality, you must have that individual's permission before we can activate the prayer ministry and pray for them by name.

Also, please know that our prayer ministry is ALWAYS open to additional participants. If you would like to be included in either the Prayer Chain (where you would receive a telephone contact) or the email prayer group -- please contact the church office.

PASTORAL VISITS

Please call the church office and let us know if you desire a pastoral visit -- especially if you are going to be hospitalized. If it is an emergency feel free to call Pastor Dave at home.

VIA DE CRISTO

Adults interested in a weekend experience that is sure to bring a new added depth to your faith are encouraged to consider attend one of the upcoming Via de Cristo weekends. For upcoming weekend dates and places, and additional information concerning Via de Cristo weekends, please check out the website at www.mnviadecristo.org or talk with Ardis Nelson or Pastor Dave.

EMAIL If you would like to receive the newsletter and/or weekly bulletin and announcements as an e-mail just let the office know at ldietrich-blocker@stjohns-annandale.org. It works great and is very cost-effective!

CHANGING ADDRESS: MOVING AWAY??

For every piece of returned mail or updated address we are charged a .57 fee from the post office. In addition, for those who will be moving and are leaving the area permanently, please notify the office at 274-8827. Thank you.

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE AT ANNANDALE CARE CENTER

Our monthly service of Holy Communion will be **July 15th at 1:30pm**. While this worship service is intended for all St. John's members who are residents at the Care Center and Centennial Villa apartments, it is open to ALL (both residents and family and friends).

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS: ALUMINUM CANS/

POINTS: There is a collection area for bagged aluminum cans (no used aluminum foil please) in the outdoor garbage area. We also collect COBORNS/CASH WISE points throughout the year--there is a collection bucket located outside of the office.

COMING UP...

- Vacation Bible School -- July 31st- August 4th
- Dingmann Seminars -- August 4th at 10am and 6pm
- Care Center Communion Service -- August 5th at 1:30pm
- ELCA Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans begins -- August 8th
- "Will and Planned Giving" Workshops -- August 11th at 10am and 6pm
- Pastor Tom to lead worship at the Care Center -- Sunday, August 14th
- Musician Tim Brinkman will be back at St. John's and sharing some musical selections at both of our worship services on Sunday, August 28th.
- D-Way Guide Training and Parents' Orientation -- September 7th
- God's Work, Our Hands Sunday -- September 11th
- First Session of D-Way -- September 14th
- Rally Sunday -- September 18th
- New Member Sunday -- September 25th
- MN. Teen Challenge Choir at St. John's -- October 2nd

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Present: Pastor Dave Nelson, Denny Abernathy, Peggy Bodell, Penny Hogberg, Nancy Berg, Matt Honsey, Matt Treichler, Celeste Froehlich, Kris Nelson . Absent: Shelly Mikel, Bill Berry, Dave Hadler, Ed Mader

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Faith Talk :	Nancy Berg	N/A
Scripture and Prayer:	Pastor Dave	N/A
Approval of Agenda	Motion: Approve June Council Agenda	M/S/P Exec./ Denny
Secretary's Report	Motion: Approval of May Council Minutes	M/S/P Exec./ Kris
Treasurer's Report	Motion: Approval of May Treasurer Report	M/S/P Exec./ Denny
Executive Committee Actions:	None	N/A
Pastor Dave's Report	<p><u>Financial Update:</u> Giving in May was strong. Emails/letters were sent giving thanks to those on-line and Simply giving participants; all were encouraged to give via Simply giving or on-line giving. "Giving talks" were initiated at offering time highlighting specific ways offerings are used, and Pastor Dave is exploring a Stewardship resource that might prove to be vital.</p> <p><u>Memorial Gift:</u> The congregation has been blessed with a generous gift from Joe Bayer in memory of Judy. Joe has given funds to purchase new projectors for the sanctuary with an expected installation of the week of June 27th. These are top line laser projectors with a life expectancy of 20 years.</p> <p><u>Lighting:</u> The outside and parking lot lights have been replaced with LED bulbs, work is now completed.</p>	N/A
Unfinished Business:	<p><u>MAP:</u> A follow up meeting was held on June 14th. Two areas from the findings will be focused on first, "How we allow for differences of opinions in our church to be welcomed" and "How to better clarify our mission." We will be looking to facilitate some "listening sessions". The next meeting to work out some of the details is tentatively planned for late July.</p> <p><u>White House Rental:</u> Bullseye Property has secured a renter beginning in July. The property committee has identified some minor repairs that they will take care of. Ed Mader is getting the council some additional information of the cost/options regarding issues around the sewer, water, and wall repair.</p>	N/A
New Business	<p><u>Wireless Microphones:</u> We have only one cordless "over the ear" microphone that is in working order. Cost for a replacement ranged from \$295-\$365. Motion made to purchase the \$365 unit with the replaceable cord. Funds to be taken from the technology fund.</p> <p><u>Mt. Herman/Crow River Conversations:</u> Pastor Marianne Zitzewitz, who serves Mt. Hermon church, reached out to Pastor Dave inviting St. John's to be a part of conversations around how congregations (specifically Mt. Hermon, Crow River, Cokato Evangelical, and Stockholm) might support each other and work together more effectively. No agenda, but rather an opportunity for discussions.</p> <p><u>Pastor Tom's 50th Ordination Anniversary:</u> A celebration will be planned for the fall. Ideas discussed and a planning committee will be formed.</p> <p><u>Tim Brinkman:</u> Tim will be playing at the August 28th services with a free will offering.</p> <p><u>Janitorial Position:</u> Performance review completed, excellent work being done.</p>	M/S/P Denny/ Peggy N/A N/A N/A N/A
Ministry Updates	Updates provided to council members by the Property Team Committee and the Out Reach Committee.	N/A
Council Reminders	Faith Talk July: Penny Offering Duties: All council members please sign up	N/A
Adjournment	Motion to Adjourn	M/S/P Kris/ Nancy

Council members contact your Missions – What are you currently working on. Is there anything else you would like to share with the board. Please let your mission know to send minutes of each meeting to Bonnie as soon as possible after the meeting.

CYF News

July 2016



It's Taco Booth Time!

June 30 - July 4th

Who benefits from the taco booth??

EVERYONE!! The money goes directly

back to the youth in our congregation! It goes to help offset costs for camp, mission trips, youth gatherings and the occasional t-shirt. Over \$3000 was given back to our kids this year alone! Our goal is to continue to increase that number.

It not only serves as a fundraiser for the CYF program, it serves mostly as a mission of our congregation. St. John's Lutheran is known for the Taco Booth - we even had someone on facebook send us a message to make sure that the taco booth was going to be open this year. This tradition is a part of who we are in this wonderful community of Annandale. Our 'spot' is saved each year as the list of other food vendors that want 'in' on this celebration, increases each year. It is a privilege to offer the taco booth each year - but it wouldn't be possible without the help of the ENTIRE congregation.

So, I ask you, how are you helping this mission?

Can you give your time, energy and smiles to the taco booth?

VBS 2016



July 31-Aug 4 6-8:30pm

Donations Table in the
gathering area

Registration is
open!



Are you interested in being apart of this week long adventure? Have you always wanted to help little kids know and understand the love that Jesus has for us? You're encouraged to sign up to be a volunteer! If you have questions, please contact Michelle Wang or Jenny.

Visit www.stjohns-annandale.org to register



CYF News

July 2016



The week at camp was great! We had a rocky start with the weather but ended up having the perfect week! We learned about how God is on the loose through out the entire world and how he astounds us with his love for everyone!



Below is the new CYF calendar that you can cut out and put on your fridge as a reminder of the month's events!



July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Taco Booth 12-10	2 Firecracker 5K Taco Booth 12-10
3 Taco Booth 12-10	4 Happy 4th!! Taco Booth 12-10	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	Mission Trip—Fairmount, IL	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 VBS starts!!						

JULY	Greeters/ Wel- come Center	Readers	Acolytes	Coffee/Treats Servers	Audio/Video Techs
July 3 8:30		Sharon Herman- son	Nels Burd Elizabeth O'Brien	Matt & Christine Treichler Family	A: Jim Hallstrom V: Steve Niklaus
July 3 10:00	Drew & Donna Ja- cobson	Peggy Bodell	Max Schimelpfenig Gavin Polston	Dan & Nikki Seaberg Family	A: V: Arthur Kjaer
July 10 8:30	Arnie & Ruth Gruys	Loretta Peter- son	Lacey Weber Elizabeth Hoeft	Duane & Cindy Spra- gue	A: Jim Framstad V: Phyllis Framstad
July 10 10:00	Todd & Step ha- nie Nilson Family	DJ Welteroth	Caleb Treichler Alex Klatt	Todd & Hope Sykora Family	A: Diane Nelson V:
July 17 8:30	Jim & Marilyn Hall- strom	Bev Sorensen	Jack Howard	Terri Weber Family Melody Mengelkoch Family	A: Diane Nelson V: Jim Peterson
July 17 10:00	John & Shelly Mikel		Jillian Kulm	Ryan & Michelle Wang Family	A: Shelly Mikel V: Luke Mikel
July 24 8:30	Denny & Sam Har- moning	Diane Barkley	Calli Hadler Alyssa Hadler	Steve & Diane Wiltermuth	A: Mike Miller V: Jim Peterson
July 24 10:00	Maynard & Betty Nilson	Peggy Bodell	Lauren Campbell Connor Wall	Barry & Denise Schultz	A: Diane Nelson V: Ethan Nilson
July 31 8:30	Caleb Bedner	Diane Barkley	Ezra Smith	Jim & Roxanne Wee- ge Family	A: Jim Framstad V: Phyllis Framstad
July 31 10:00	Anton & Andrea Welter Family	Mary Iverson	Faith Mader	Kris & Trish Town- send Family	A: V: Michelle Wang

Ushers

8:30 Service
Howard Rotsolk
Steve Miller
Tim Hable

10:00 Service
Dave and Penny Hogberg
Ryan and Gavin Wang
Drew & Donna Jacobson

Altar Guild

Krista Grossinger
Donna Jacobson

WELCA Circles:

Sarah Circle: Monday, July __ at
7:00pm

Hostess:

Bible Study Leader:

Rachel Circle: Wednesday, July 13th,
9:30am

Hostess: Phyllis Looft

Bible Study Leader: JoAnn Heyd

Mary Circle: Wednesday, July 6th - 1:30pm

Hostess: Lajla Hood

Bible Study Leader: Frieda
Gunderson

Ruth Circle: Monday, July 11th at 2pm

Hostess: Verna Dahnke

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Taco Booth Noon-10pm 2:00pm Annandale Ambassadors Interviews	2 9am Start-Firecracker 5K Taco Booth Noon-10pm
3 8:30am Traditional Worship w/ Communion 10:00am Contemporary Worship w/ Communion Taco Booth Noon – 10pm 3:00pm Cub Scouts-	4th of July Holiday Church Office Closed Taco Booth Noon – 10pm	5 8:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Women's Bible Study	6 10:30am Staff Meeting 1:30pm Mary Circle 7:30pm AA Meeting-Ed. Bldg.	7 9:15am Annandale Improvement Club 6:00pm Girl Scouts-Ed. Bldg.	8 Youth Mission Trip departs	9 Youth Mission Trip
10 Youth Mission Trip 8:30am Traditional Worship w/ Communion 10:00am Contemporary Worship w/ Communion	11 Youth Mission Trip 9:30am Hands for Hope 2:00pm Ruth Circle 6:00pm Boy Scouts 8:00pm Boy Scouts- Venture	12 Youth Mission Trip 8:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Property Team Meeting 6:30pm Ministry of Support & Stewardship 6:30pm Ministry of Worship & Music 7:30pm Executive Committee Mtg.	13 Youth Mission Trip 8:00am Endowment Meeting 9:30am Rachel Circle 10:30am Staff Meeting 7:30pm AA Meeting-Ed. Bldg.	14 Youth Mission Trip 9:30am Annandale Christian Women's Club 3:00pm Grief Group- Linda Hall	15 Youth Mission Trip 1:30pm Communion Service at Annandale Care Center	16 Youth Mission Trip returns
17 Heart of the Lakes Triathlon 8:30am Traditional Worship 10:00am Contemporary Worship	18 6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm Ministry of Outreach 7:00pm Church Council 8:00pm Boy	19 8:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Ministry of CYF Meeting	20 10:30am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Set-up for Septuafest 7:30pm AA Meeting-Ed. Bldg.	21 9:30am Annandale Christian Women Exec Board Mtg. 10:00a Septuafest 10:00am Newsletter Deadline	22	23
24 8:30am Traditional Worship w/ Communion 10:00am Contemporary Worship w/ Communion	25 9:30am Hands for Hope	26 8:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Women's Bible Study	27 10:30am Staff Meeting 7:30pm AA Meeting-Ed. Bldg.	28 1:00pm Writing Memories Group	29	30 VBS Setup Today
31 VBS Sunday Healing Prayers 8:30am Traditional Worship 10:00am Contemporary Worship Vacation Bible School 6:00 – 8:30 pm						

Coming up... Vacation Bible School – July 31st- August 4th; Dingmann Seminars – August 4th at 10am and 6pm; Care Center Communion Service – August 5th at 1:30pm; ELCA Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans begins – August 8th; “Will and Planned Giving” Workshops – August 11th at 10am and 6pm; Pastor Tom to lead worship at the Care Center – Sunday, August 14th; Musician Tim Brinkman will be back at St. John’s and sharing some musical selections at both of our worship services on Sunday, August 28th; D-Way Guide Training and Parents’ Orientation – September 7th; God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday – September 11th; First Session of D-Way – September 14th; Rally Sunday – September 18th; New Member Sunday – September 25th; MN. Teen Challenge Choir at St. John’s – October 2nd

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**8:30 am Traditional
10:00 am Contemporary**



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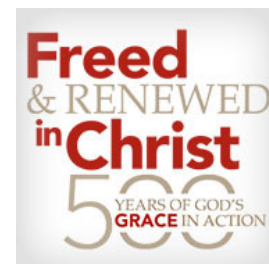
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