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FROM PASTOR DAVE.....

Quite the Experience

By now, many of you may have heard of the fact that I was privileged to co-officiate a wedding with Hoda Kotb of NBC's Today Show (Hoda and Kathie Lee). It's all pretty crazy. Here's how it all played out. A number of months ago I was contacted by Chris, a thirty-something year old man who had been a member of the congregation I served in Gaylord, and one of our neighbors. In fact, I had the privilege of baptizing and confirming him in the same year (and also baptizing his late mother and his younger sister). Chris had met a woman online and was engaged to get married, and wanted to know if I would be willing to officiate. One never knows the impact one has on people – sometimes, not until years later. I was honored to say “yes.” Little did I know, at the time, where all this would lead.

You see, in late September, I received an email from Chris saying that he was planning a surprise for his wife-to-be Misty and wanted to run the idea past me. After doing weddings for thirty-three years I couldn't imagine what this surprise might be – I think I've seen pretty much everything. But was I ever wrong! You see, Misty is a big fan of the Hoda and Kathie Lee Show. If she is home doing paper work for her job, she watches the show live. Otherwise, she tapes it, and watches it in the evening. Well, awhile back, Hoda had invited any fans who were celebrating “milestone events” in their lives to email them, and they would try to do a “shout out” on the show. Misty heard this, and told Chris that they should write in about their upcoming wedding. Chris didn't give much of a response, but later, unbeknownst to Misty, he emailed the Today Show and informed them of their upcoming wedding, how much Misty was a fan of the show (and of Hoda), and what a special person Misty was to many.

Well, long story short, the Today Show responded – not with a “shout out” – but rather with choosing to surprise Misty on her wedding day. Suddenly I was not just planning a ceremony with the bride and groom, but I was also consulting with a producer of the Today Show. Many phone calls and emails later, the day arrived. Chris convinced Misty that the film crew was something he had arranged through a friend who works with WCCO (they were actually a local film crew that works mainly for NBC's Dateline program, but occasionally helps out with other projects). The motel in the Cities got in on the surprise – donating lots of extra perks. NBC arranged Ben and Jerry's to create an ice cream just for the couple, they flew in a friend of Misty's from California to surprise her, they arranged for the “Goo Goo Dolls” (a band who were in the Cities that night for a concert) to come by and perform live for the couple's first dance, not to mention the gift of a honeymoon.

So, there were lots of surprises that day – but the biggest surprise was Hoda. I began the service, as planned, led in the prayers and the Scripture readings, and shared a message – but at the end of the message I shared with Misty that Chris had invited someone special to be part of their day – and out stepped Hoda (to the great delight of Misty). Hoda then, having been licensed to perform a wedding, led the couple in their vows and pronounced them husband and wife. It was an incredible day!

For me, it was so much fun to be part of Chris and Misty's day – and I would have felt that way even if there weren't all of the surprises. But to be able to be part of this special surprise, to observe the workings of a major television crew, producer and celebrity, and to have my own opportunities to meet and to be filmed with Hoda – was truly unbelievable! All of them were super nice people – and they truly made you feel at ease. Even when I first met Hoda, and we sat down to go over the service, and I “coached” her in how to lead in the vows – it was like you were talking with any other person (other than you had a camera in the room). I later texted the producer and thanked her for how genuine and enjoyable they all were to work with – and told her to tell Hoda that “if the TV gig doesn't work out... she could always do weddings.”

All of this – hours of filming – will be edited into a four minute segment that will appear sometime in the future on the Today Show. When I am informed of the date, I will try to let you know – so that you will be able to see a little of what Diane and I were privileged to experience in person!

Narrative Lectionary

I hope that you have been enjoying our move to the Narrative Lectionary – and our movement through the Old Testament story. Here's the upcoming schedule for November:

November 1 – David Anointed King – 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5
November 8 – The Kingdom Divided – 1 Kings 12:1-17; 25-29
November 15 – Elijah at Mt. Carmel – 1 Kings 18:20-39
November 22 – Hosea – Hosea 11:1-9
November 29th - Josiah's Reform – 2 Kings 22:1-10 [14-20]; 23:1-3

All Saints' Sunday

On Sunday, November 1st, we will gather for worship and remember with gratitude those members of St. John's who have died since last year's All Saints' celebration. We will also remember our own loved ones – who have touched our lives and left their “faith prints” on us. And

we will be reminded that, by God's grace, we are all numbered among the saints of God – eternally loved and fully forgiven! There will be opportunities, as in year's past, to light a candle that day in remembrance of those who have meant so much in your own life and faith journey. I hope that you will be able to join us.

Election Day

I hope that you will become informed about the referendum that will be coming before us, the voters within the Annandale School District on November 3rd, and that you will get out and vote!

Nominating Process

Our Nominating Committee has begun the process of calling forth the gifts of leadership that will be needed as we move forward into another year of ministry and mission. I hope that you will keep this very important process in your prayers, and that, if asked, you will prayerfully take the time needed to consider the call to leadership within our congregation. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact one of this year's Nominating Committee members: Mary Holmgren, Mark Nelson, Jen Kulm, Gloria Warner, Kurt Bruhn and Vicki Greene.

National Caregivers Month

November is a month set aside to recognize and thank all those people who serve as caregivers to parents, spouses, family members, friends, etc. You all play such an important role – and yet, you are often forgotten – as the focus seems to fall on those in need! But I want to take this opportunity to thank ALL OF YOU who have been, or who are serving as, care givers to someone in need – you are Christ's hands and feet for that person, and what you DO makes all the difference in the world! Thanks!

Special Congregational Meeting

For those of you who were unable to attend, the congregation voted to support the Property Team's recommendation that we keep the White House and complete the necessary repairs in the spring. That means we will need to make arrangements to pump the existing septic system (which is failing) on a monthly basis. Thanks to all who attended, who asked good questions, and to Matt Treichler for chairing the meeting as the Council Vice President.

Thanksgiving

May you all enjoy a very blessed Thanksgiving! And if you are traveling, may your ways be safe! If you are alone this Thanksgiving, please note that the United Methodist Church in town is again offering a Thanksgiving Dinner – open to all!

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

From Pastor Tom's Desk...

Dear Friends,

Are you like me? I look for success in all that I do. The church however is committed to sharing in the brokenness of the world. The ELCA is determined to addressing the root causes of poverty and hunger. When I read what you are doing around the world through the ELCA, I just want to jump on the table (the high ones in the gathering area) and shout "hip hip hooray!" You are feeding people in over 60 countries around the world!

Fleeing torture, persecution and human trafficking, many take long, courageous journeys to our shores seeking safety and freedom. Too often migrants and refugees find not welcome, but incarceration. Someone from the ELCA, representing you, visited a mother and her children detained in Dilley, Texas, and the Port Isabel Detention Center. "What can I do to help you," they asked. In this dark and hopeless time of her life, this mother pleaded for a Bible in her language. Hebrews reminds us to "Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them..." (Hebrews 13:3).

At this time of the year when we ask you to consider your giving to the church in 2016, look at the faces in the church who hear the gospel because of your generosity. Look also for the faces around the world who owe their very lives because of your goodness.

This work of God...the privilege to participate in His redeeming work...what a thrill!

Pr. Tom
INDNJC

WELCA HOLIDAY FAIR: Saturday, December 5th from 9am-1pm! In order to have a successful fair, we need your help:



Bakery: please plan to bake some of your specialties such as: krumkaka, rosettes, spritz, pies & breads; fresh lefse will be made and sold. **Crafts:** please price your items & list your name/phone number on them; jewelry, wood working & quilts are popular items (unsold items will be returned). **Collectibles:** Home décor, small furniture, glassware, vintage/antique items are welcome—we ask that items be in like new condition—no clothing. **Luncheon:** sign up sheets for food donations for the lunch will be posted in the gathering area, as well as sign-up sheets to volunteer to help with set-up and the sale itself. Menu includes: sloppy joes, sweet rolls, pie, coffee & milk. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information—all proceeds go to charity!

MANY THANKS

- Ardis Nelson for assisting with the First Friday Communion Service at the Care Center
- Nichole Abernathy for her faithful service as our St. John's Wedding Coordinator
- Larry and Loretta Peterson for sharing Sunday goodies in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary
- The Outreach Team for hosting the two New Member gatherings
- All who served, and are serving, as New Member sponsors
- The Holy Spirit in calling and gathering our New Members to St. John's
- Those who shared as part of our fall Stewardship Emphasis: Marge Lundeen, Mary Iverson, Steve Wiltermuth, and Tina Honsey
- The Ninth Graders for serving the 10th Grade Confirmation Banquet under the guidance of Jill Wrobbel and their D-Way mentors
- The 5th-8th Graders for collecting food for the Annandale Food Shelf
- Those who participated in the special meeting of the Congregation, and to the Property Team and Council members who collected the necessary information to make a good decision regarding the White House
- The Nominating Team as they begin the process of calling forth the gifts of leadership within our congregation
- Ryan Wang for installing the new outdoor light over the main entrance

CROW RIVER CONFERENCE PASTOR'S MEETING

The pastors of our Crow River Conference will be having their monthly meeting at St. John's on November 10th. Each month during the school year, we, as pastors, gather together for a meal, for worship, for mutual support, and for learning.

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE AND PIE POTLUCK**

We will join in a service of Thanksgiving on Wednesday evening, November 25th, at 7pm. Following the service, the Chancel Choir will again sponsor a "Pie Potluck". Individuals are invited to bring a pie to share. We hope that you will

make every effort to join us in a service of gratitude for all of God's blessings, and to share in a time of fellowship following!

EVENING BIBLE STUDY There has been some interest expressed in beginning an evening Bible Study. Please let us know if you are interested in participating – this study would be open to single adults, married couples, young adults, etc. Let us know if you would like to see a weekly study, or a monthly study; whether you would like to study the upcoming Bible Story that will be used in worship, or some other topic; and whether you would like to see this study led by a pastor, or be a self-led study group, or led by a member of the congregation. You can email your responses to Pastor Dave at dnelson@stjohns-annandale.org.



REMEMBER to "fall back" one hour before you go to sleep on Saturday night, October 31st as we go off daylight savings time. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT/HEALING PRAYERS

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 29th. Being that it is the fifth Sunday of the month, we will be again offering an opportunity for prayers of healing during our two worship services. We Recognize that for those who have experienced a death, or a significant loss, in their lives – the holiday season can be a tough time. We hope that by offering these prayers of healing that all, but especially those who are grieving, might receive comfort and peace during this holiday season, and the assurance that they are not alone! For during the holiday season we celebrate the coming of Emmanuel – God with us!

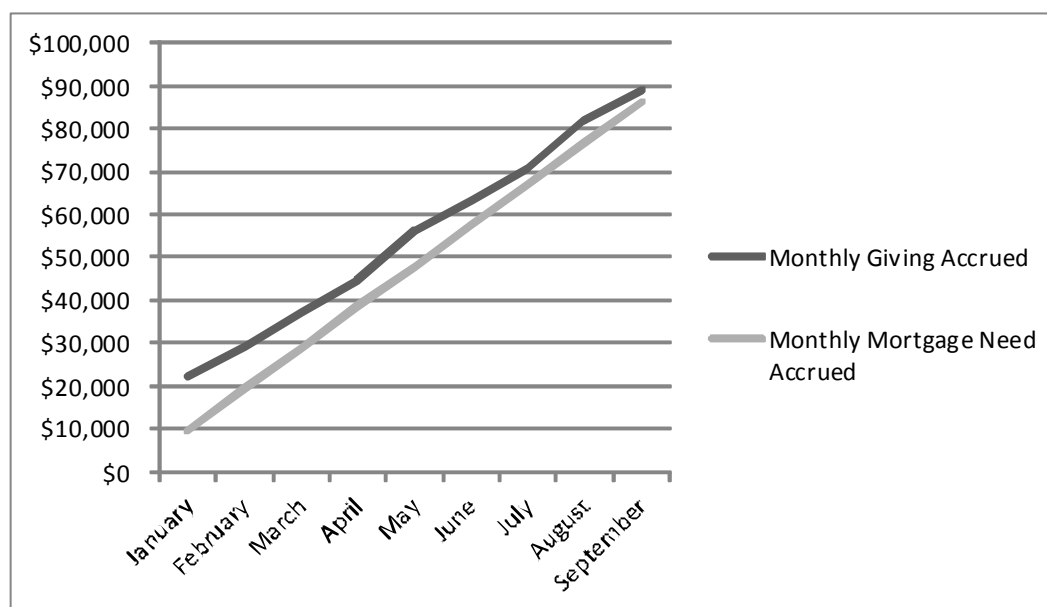
FIRST COMMUNION

We welcome the following young people to the Lord's Table:
Allison Benjamin, Aundrea Birr, Claire Lampi, Jamison Marsh, Brooke Peterson, Clara Peterson, Charlie Peterson, Bree Seagraves, Clara Wall, Connor Wall, Emery Wirth and Salvador Wirth. God Bless you all!

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

The St. John's Cemetery Committee would like to extend a big thank you to Joe Bayer for his donation of a door for our shed, and to Dan Lindquist for installing our new flag light and motion lights at the cemetery. We welcome your interest and donations for our beautiful cemetery. Thank you - Ron Remington & the Cemetery Committee.

2015 Comparison of Gifts Given to Invest in the Kingdom: Rooted in Faith, a Story to Tell by Month versus the Monthly Mortgage Need by Month



November 1st marks the halfway point of our current capital campaign, Invest in the Kingdom: Rooted in Faith, a Story to Tell. The above chart compares the gifts given by month to the monthly mortgage need, offered as a review of where we are at with our 2015 giving. All values are shown as accrued values to give us a better view of the whole picture from January thru September.

The light colored line reflects our accrued monthly mortgage need. You will notice this line is strong and steady, just like our monthly mortgage need of \$9,587.00 which is needed each and every month. The dark colored line reflects gifts given to the fund. You will notice that this line has a strong start in January, due to the plentiful cash balance of the fund on December 31, 2014 of \$15,641.30. However, with the exception of the months of May and August, this line has become closer and closer to the light colored line each month, indicating the depletion of the cash balance of the fund that we have noticed throughout this year. In fact, the months of the May and August are the only month's to-date that giving for the month has surpassed the mortgage need of \$9,587.00. Thank you for your strong and generous giving during those months.

As of October 19, 2015, the current cash balance of the fund is \$7,643.68. Please note that this is the current balance in the fund BEFORE the November mortgage payment of \$9,587.00 is deducted. Generous gifts in the upcoming months will be needed to continue making our monthly mortgage payment.

Please join us in worship on Sunday, November 22, 2015 to celebrate the halfway point of our current campaign, to reflect upon and celebrate the gifts given to this campaign over the last 18 months. We look forward to celebrating with you!

THANKSGIVING BASKETS The Outreach Team will be collecting cash donations for the annual Thanksgiving baskets that the Annandale Food Shelf puts together for those in need. The cost of one of these baskets, complete with all that is needed to make a Thanksgiving dinner for a family of 4, is just **\$20**. The food shelf is able to buy food items at reduced cost and we have the opportunity to assist them and feed more families! Donations will be collected after both services Sunday November 1st & 8th. Please join us in providing a Thanksgiving meal for those in need in the Annandale area. Questions can be directed to Kris Nelson.

PRAYER SHAWLS ALWAYS AVAILABLE Two bins in the church library closet are full of shawls ready to be given to members and friends of St. John's. Shawls are meant to comfort, encourage, and remind the recipients of the love and prayers of those who care about them. The shawls are important during times of illness or grief, but they are also meaningful at times of farewell and new beginnings. Thanks to WELCA funds, the shawls are free for you to take to share the love of Christ.

J.O.L.T. (JOY OF LEARNING TOGETHER) Our Adult Education classes meet in the Library from 9:30am to 10:15am. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



During the month of November, beginning on All Saints' Sunday, we are going to look at the lives of some "Hazardous Saints: Christians Risking All, Changing Everything."

Through this video series we will consider the following "Hazardous Saints":

November 1 – Barnabas: The Subversive Bridgebuilder

November 8 – Francis of Assisi: The Lovable Rebel

November 15 – Sojourner Truth: The Persevering Prophet

November 22 – Dorothy Day: The Idealistic Realist

November 29 – Oscar Romero: The People's Voice

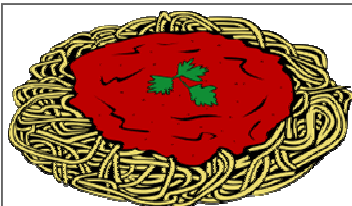
As the writer of this series puts it: "I should immediately add, WARNING... because following Jesus – really following Jesus – is not a journey for the faint of heart! Jesus himself told the first wave of would-be-followers to consider carefully what they claimed they were ready to do... It is far easier to give lip service to the idea, go to church once a week, and not allow what we say we believe to penetrate our very being and transform all that we say and do and even think. To be serious about it, to truly follow Jesus is indeed an adventure, and a risky one at that." The Rev. C.K. Robertson, Ph.D.

D-WAY

- November 4 – Kingdom Divided 1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29
- November 11- Elijah at Mt. Carmel 1 Kings 18:20-39
- November 18 – Hosea Hosea 11:1-9
- November 25 – No Class – Thanksgiving Eve

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes will be held on: Nov. 1st, Nov. 8th, Nov. 15th and Nov. 22nd.
(There will be NO Sunday School on Nov. 29th)



You are invited to a Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, November 15, 2015

11:30am – 2:00pm

Fellowship Hall of St. John's Lutheran Church

Includes spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread, deserts, coffee and juice

Proceeds go to Precious Gifts Preschool

Requested donation: \$8.00 / 12 – Adult

\$4.00 / 4 - 11 years

Kids 3 and under Free

Can't make it to the Spaghetti Dinner, we welcome support via food donations.

We are in need of: Spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce jars, lettuce, bread, and hamburger. Sign-up sheet is in the gathering area of the church (Narthex).

Thank you to those who supported Precious Gifts through Schwan's!
Precious Gifts Preschool students attend play of *Snow White* at Paramount Theater in St. Cloud.
Great experience to see live!

THANK YOU! To all the members of St. John's..... Sunset Ridge thanks you, for all you've done for them. Your kindness has been overwhelming! God Bless You All! Mary Iverson and the gentlemen and staff at Sunset Ridge.

ANNANDALE CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB invites you to "A Salute to Women Veterans" program on November 12th at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall featuring Gail Wake of Annandale, who will share a history of women in the military. Speaker Peggy Hill of Andover will present "A Different Kind of Party", and musical entertainment will be a surprise! RSVP to Dawn at 612-723-3905 or lilred.schramm@gmail.com.

ST. JOHN'S ENDOWMENT

We are truly grateful for each and every gift that we receive towards our Endowment – be they memorial gifts, or simply special gifts. Thanks to those gifts, we are able to support important ministries within our congregation, community, and beyond. Please know that each and every donor will be included in our Remembrance Book. Please remember that any gift given to the Endowment, large or small, is a gift that will keep on giving! We especially hope that you will consider the St. John's Endowment in your Estate Planning. Simply include the following in your will or estate plan: *"I/We bequeath ___ % of my/our estate to the St. John's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund held by the InFaith Community Foundation, located at 331 West Harrison Street, Annandale, Minnesota."*

		<u>Monthly Income</u>	<u>Monthly Expense</u>	<u>General Fund Balance</u>	Page 6
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>September 2015</u>	\$28,698.15	\$34,057.14	\$12,245.85	
	<u>2015 Monthly Average</u>	\$32,548.51	\$34,702.45		
<u>Building Fund</u>			<u>Monthly Mortgage</u>	<u>Building Balance</u>	
		\$7,093.00	\$9,587.00	\$2,791.37	
<u>Precious Gifts</u>			<u>PG Expense</u>	<u>PG Balance</u>	
<u>Preschool</u>		\$3,549.00	\$1,586.93	\$1,183.55	
Notes: 1. September General Fund had \$5,358.99 less income than expense. 2. September Building Fund receipts were below mortgage by almost \$2,500. 3. PG has a positive balance of \$1,183.55. Enrollment is currently 14!					
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS!					

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 or Pastor Tom at home.

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS: ALUMINUM CANS/POINTS: There is a collection area for bagged aluminum cans (no trash or 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.

TEC WEEKENDS Youth interested in attending a Teens Encounter Christ weekend, or serving on a TEC Team, are encouraged to check out the Metro TEC website at: www.mmltec.org or talk to Pastor Dave or Jenny.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE AT

ANNANDALE CARE CENTER Our monthly service of Holy Communion will be Friday, November 6th 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). Pr. Dave will also be leading Sunday worship at the Care Center on Sunday, Nov. 1st, All Saints' Sunday.

COMING UP...

- December 5th -- Our own Chase Knickerbocker, who plays for UM-Crookston will be playing against our own Matt Reimer's coached UM-St. Cloud Basketball Team in St. Cloud.
- December 6th -- J.O.L.T. will be on Legacy Planning, and we will have with us Amy Bigot who serves our synod as a regional gift planner.
- December 6th -- We are hoping to have a brass quartet with us for our worship services that Sunday. A freewill offering will be received on their behalf.
- December 6th -- Kiwanis "Share Your Christmas" Breakfast at St. Ignatius
- December 13th -- Christmas Fest -- the Chancel Choir will be sharing extra anthems as part of our worship services that morning.
- December 16th -- Caroling Night
- December 17th -- Preschool Christmas Program
- December 17th -- Kiwanis Club will be meeting at St. John's. The Encore Choir will be sharing some holiday tunes. The public is invited. The cost of the catered meal is \$8.00. Please RSVP to Southbrook by December 13th.
- December 20th -- Christmas Family Event
- December 20th -- Blue Christmas Service at Zion United Methodist Church in South Haven at 7pm
- December 24th -- Christmas Eve Worship at 3pm, 5pm and 10pm
- December 25th -- Christmas Day Worship at 10am
- December 27th - St. John's leads Worship Service at the Annandale Care Center at 1:30pm.

UPCOMING
EVENTS

COUNCIL: Pastor Dave Nelson, Nancy Berg, Penny Hogberg, Matt Honsey, Jason Koets, Matt Treichler, Kris Nelson, Lisa Borders, Denny Abernathy, Bill Berry, Dave Hadler **Absent:** Madeleine Duret, Kris Townsend

Topic	Discussion	Action
Devotions:	Bill Berry	N/A
Scripture and Prayer	Pastor Dave	N/A
Approval of Agenda	Motion: Approve October Council Agenda as it reads.	MSP: Kris Nelson/ Lisa
Secretary's Report	Motion: Approval of September Council Minutes	MSP: Exec/Penny
Treasurer's Report	Motion: Approval of Treasurer Mark Nelson's Report Discussion on low funds in the building fund for next month's mortgage-Motion made to recommend borrowing from the general fund if needed.	MSP:Exec/Jason MSP: Kris Nelson/ Bill
Executive Committee Actions:	Approval of expenditure not to exceed \$3500 for the replacement of the boiler in the White's House. Council member Dave Hadler looked at the basement walls in White's house-repairs are needed but will monitor over the winter-Different options for repair will be looked at in the spring.	
Unfinished Business:	Lighting Updates-lighting to be done by the end of October. Thank you to Ryan Wang for the installation of exterior light at the entrance. The cost of the exterior lighting was less than expected. Auditor Needed – 3 year term- still contacting people Treasurer needed for next year- still contacting people Updates on the hiring of Nursery Attendants- 4 high school students are hired and will work on a rotation for Sunday services and Wednesday D-Way.	
New Business	<u>Motion:</u> Support Property Committee in the recommendation to keep White's House and complete necessary repairs in the spring with the septic tank being pumped on a monthly basis. <u>Motion:</u> Approval of the Gold Plus Health Insurance Plan for Pastor Dave for 2016. This is a continuation of the plan that was provided in 2015 with a 7% increase. Sign up for Offering-council members need to go to sign up on genius to fill the services in November and December.	MSP: Exec/Matt Treichler MSP: Exec/Penny
Ministry Updates	Outreach will be doing the Thanksgiving Drive the same as last year.	N/A
Council Reminders:	October Offering: Early- Late- Share/Treat: Bill Berry November Offering: Early- Late- Share/Treat: Matt Honsey	N/A
Pastor Dave's Report:	Nominating Committee to meet and start collecting names of people to consider for Council and /or Nominating Committee for next year. Invest in the Kingdom Team is planning a celebration to mark the Half Way Point of the current 3 year campaign on Sunday, November 22nd	N/A
Adjournment	Motion for 15 more minutes to continue meeting. Meeting adjourned.	MSP:Matt T./ Dave MSP:Kris Nelson/ Nancy
Announcements/ Prayer	Pastor Dave	

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.

NOVEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 8:15am Traditional Worship w/ Communion 9:30am JOLT!/ Sunday School 10:30am Contemporary Worship w/ Communion 1:30pm Care Center Service 3:00pm Cub Scouts-Ed. Bldg.	2 NO Precious Gifts Preschool 6:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Sarah Circle	3 Election Day-Referendum Vote 8:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Women's Bible Study	4 8:00am Endowment Mtg. 8:30am Precious Gifts Preschool 10:30am Staff Meeting 1:30pm Mary Circle 5:00pm D-Way Meal 5:20pm 5th-6th D-Way 6:00pm 7th-9th D-Way 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm AA Meeting- Ed. Bldg.	5 9:15am Annandale Improvement Club 6:00pm Girls Scouts- Ed. Bldg.	6 8:30am Precious Gifts Preschool 1:30pm Communion Service at Annandale Care Center	7
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29 1st Sunday in Advent Healing Prayers 8:15am Traditional Worship 9:30am JOLT! NO Sunday School 10:30am Contemporary Worship 12:15pm Hazel Strand 90th Birthday Party	30 8:30am Precious Gifts Preschool	Coming Up... December 5th – Our own Chase Knickerbocker, who plays for UM-Crookston will be playing against our own Matt Reimer's coached UM-St. Cloud Basketball Team in St. Cloud; December 6th – J.O.L.T. will be on Legacy Planning, and we will have with us Amy Bigot who serves our synod as a regional gift planner; December 6th – We are hoping to have a brass quartet with us for our worship services that Sunday. A freewill offering will be received on their behalf; December 6th – Kiwanis "Share Your Christmas" Breakfast at St. Ignatius; December 13th – Christmas Fest – the Chancel Choir will be sharing extra anthems as part of our worship services that morning; December 16th – Caroling Night; December 17th – Preschool Christmas Program; December 17th – Kiwanis Club will be meeting at St. John's. The Encore Choir will be sharing some holiday tunes. The public is invited. The cost of the catered meal is \$8.00. Please RSVP to Southbrook by Dec. 13th; December 20th – Christmas Family Event; December 20th – Blue Christmas Service at Zion United Methodist Church in South Haven at 7pm; December 24th – Christmas Eve Worship at 3pm, 5pm and 10pm; December 25th – Christmas Day Worship at 10am; December 27th - St. John's leads Worship Service at the Annandale Care Center at 1:30pm.				

NOVEMBER	Greeters/ Welcome Cen- ter	Readers	Acolytes	Coffee/Treats Servers	Audio/Video Tech s
November 1 8:15	Pat & Lonnie Baack	Caleb Bedner	Jake Mader Faith Mader	Ed & Jenifer Mader Family	A: Mike Miller V: Jim Peterson
November 1 10:30	Steve & Angela Hagstrom Family	Peggy Bodell	Kayla Wold Eva McClelland	Todd & Kelley Knickerbocker	A: Caleb Treichler V: Julie Hahn
November 8 8:15	Derrick & Amy Bianchi Family	Jo Heyd	Arthur Kjaer Elizabeth O'Brien	Tim & Beth Iverson	A: Lisa DB V: Denise Schultz
November 8 10:30	Larry & Vicki Greene	DJ Welteroth	Olivia Honsey Nels Burd	Tony & Michelle Gates Family	A: Diane Nelson V: Arthur Kjaer
November 15 8:15	Dave & Toni Boie	Kara Lampi	Caleb Bianchi	Steve & Sandy Niklaus	A: Jim Framstad V: Phyllis Framstad
November 15 10:30	Cal & Denise Froehlich Family		Brianna O'Brien	Steve & Sandy Niklaus	A: Shelly Mikel V: Luke Mikel
November 22 8:15	Bryan & Lucy Ekholm Family	LaDonna Howell	Abigail Molldrem Lauren Campbell	Dave & Mary Holmgren	A: Joe Bayer V: Diane Nelson
November 22 10:30	Mike & Kris Nel- son		Garrett Lindquist, Lacey Weber	Dave & Sue Hadler Family	A: Cole Koets V: Michelle Wang
November 25 7:00pm	THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE		Joslyn Marquette, Carter Ottenstroer	Pie Potluck served after worship service by Chancel Choir	A: V:
November 29 8:15	Tony & Rachelle Hoeft Family	Bev Sorensen	Justin Lampi	Myron & Laurie Morris	A: Jim Hallstrom V: Jim Peterson
November 29 10:30		DJ Welteroth	Riley Niedzielski	Matt & Tracy Reimer Family	A: Shelly Mikel V: Luke Mikel

Ushers

8:15 Service

Myron & Laurie Morris
Steve & Sandy Niklaus
Gary & Beryl Geisinger

10:30 Service

Larry Greene
Dan & Ruth Mohwinkel
Cory & Val Nelson

Altar Guild

Shelly Mikel
Janelle Nilson

WELCA Circles:

Sarah Circle: Monday, November 9th at
7:00pm

Hostess: Ardis Nelson

Bible Study Leader: Diane Nelson

Lydia/Naomi Circle: Wednesday, November
11th at 9:30 am

Hostess: Ruth Gruys

Bible Study Leader: Jo Heyd

Mary Circle: Wednesday, November 4th -
1:30pm

Bible Study Leader: Frieda Gunderson

Hostess: Lorraine Johnson

Ruth Circle: Monday, November 9th at 2pm

Hostess: Opal Fisher

CYF News

November 2015

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn. We thank you for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy, for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist, for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches, for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls, for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children, for the fall harvest that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land, for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life. God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit. Amen

Grace & Peace- Jenny

*Confirm their faith, guide their lives,
empower them in their service to
you and give them patience as they
continue on their faith journey!*

**God's Blessings to all 20
Confirmands as they made public
affirmation of their Baptism
on Sunday Oct. 25th.**

Cort Carlson, Samuel Fleischacker, Sabrina Gartner, Grace Hagstrom, Alexis Kemp, Elizabeth Kemp, Ayden Lesnau, Jay Lewison, Gabrielle Lindquist, Katie Merchant, Abby Mikel, Olivia Munson, Nicole Nelson, Matthew Nolan, Kayleigh O'Brien, Trenton Peterson, Bree Seagraves, Zachary Sykora, Claire Tikkanen, and Walker Weege.



YOUTH GROUP

All 8th-12th graders
are welcome!
Questions? See Jenny
or 612.840.7311

November 8th —6pm— Dinner, Devo's
and Fun! Bring a side to share
November 22nd —6pm— Service, TBD

Are you in need of something done at your house?
Contact Jenny

Teen Serve 2016

(Summer Mission Trip)

Why a Mission trip? We will serving the Lord by helping others who are in need. It will bring us closer together, it will broaden our perspectives, it challenges our comfort zones, it empowers all people involved!!

When: July 8th-16th

Where: Fairmount, Illinois
Registration forms due ASAP

Fun activity scheduled before hand—Six Flags!
Interested in chaperoning? Contact Jenny

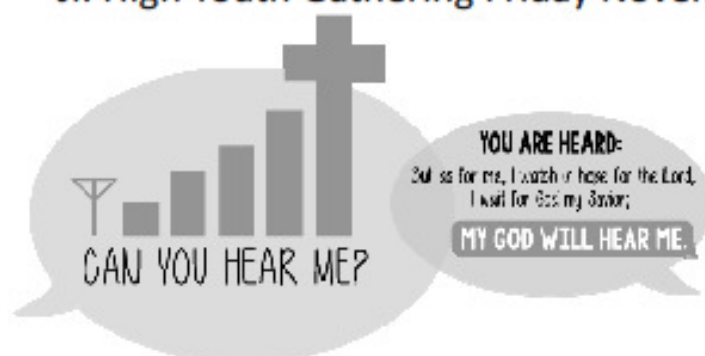
**You can make a difference and it will
matter to that family!!**

CYF News

November 2015

Jr. High Youth Gathering Friday November 20th - Saturday November 21st

20 amazing 7th and 8th graders are getting ready to attend the Jr. High Youth Gathering!



NEW this year:

We are attending the Friday/Saturday time frame.
A new and different experience for all of us!

More details to come, but those who are registered—we will be leaving from the church no later than 4:00pm.

We are still in need of a female chaperone! Are you interested?
Responsibilities: drive kids to Willmar, sing some songs, listen to an amazing speaker, and interact with others who all love Jesus!!
Contact Jenny if you are interested

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS
SUNDAY,
DECEMBER
20TH
2-5PM**



**Step back in time to Bethlehem and explore
Jesus' miraculous birth and love in an
interactive marketplace!!**

This is for all ages—families, grandparents, aunts, uncles,
cousins, friends—EVERYONE!
Look for more details in the next couple of weeks!

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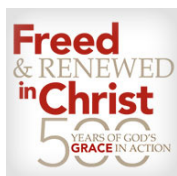
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Office Hours:
Monday—Friday,
8:00 am—4:00 pm

Sunday Worship:
8:15 am Traditional
10:30 am Contemporary

Christian Education/JOLT:
9:30 am Sunday



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