

**Agenda**  
**Congregational Council**

**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
**November 19, 2019 | 7:00 p.m.**

Prayer - We begin our meeting centered in the presence of God. Silence, then opening prayer led by Mark Gleason.

1. Future Dates
  - a. Boards - Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Treats provided by Adult Ministry & Education at 6:45 p.m.  
Reminder: Please contact your board members prior to the meeting to remind them.
  - b. Council - Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 7:00 p.m.; Marilyn Calcutt, prayer.
2. Pastor's Report
3. Financial Report
4. Council Action Items & Updates
5. Consent Agenda Items
  - a. Nathan's sabbatical
6. Prayer - The president leads a prayer asking God's grace and help in our ministry.  
Lord's prayer: after the president's prayer is concluded, we finish the meeting praying the prayer Jesus taught us.
7. Adjournment follows.

**St. John's Stewardship Board Minutes**  
**November 12, 2019**

Attendance: Mary, Allene, Samuel, Duane, Kristy

October Minutes: Minutes distributed.

Report on October Council Meeting: Allene/Mary

Business: Fall Stewardship Campaign  
Status: Mailing went out 11/5

Temple talks

Nov. 10th - Congregation - Samuel. Thanks to Samuel for speaking on Sunday (11/10). The talk was very well received.

Nov. 17th - Earth/Environment - Katie/Ellie Hall Holt, David Legvold

Allene will check with Pr. Pam to verify that David Legvold plans to give the talk on Sunday.

Leah has assured that the materials are final. Materials are ready.

Board has little to do until the pledges arrive.

Thank you post cards - Insert the oak tree as a watermark on the postcards. Mary Hoff found text to be printed on the cards. Allene will work with Leah

The post cards will be signed by the Board, and the individual writing the note.

When? We will start at the December 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. We will meet at Mary Hoff's house that evening

Time: 6:30

Wine: Kristy/red & Duane/white

Grapes: Kristy

Cheese & Crackers: Allene

Labels from Leah?

Sunday School Prayers

Julie Brehmer delivered the photo of the 2nd Grade Sunday School class that Stewardship will be praying for this year. Kristy Harms is teaching the group this year. Mia and Will Becker assist with the class. Mary offered a prayer for the class.

January Thank You Event...set date & details

Check with Pr. Pam on possible dates for the Thank you event.

- January or February? Check with Pam to see what dates work best.
- Check with Julie to determine if there are special children's activities planned to coincide with the thank you event. (Needed to plan the quantity of cake to be ordered for the event.)

2020 priorities:

- Time & Talent survey. Think about how to roll out the survey. Tap into the things that people are passionate about.

Coming Dates:

Nov. 17 - Bulletin insert #3 - Earth and Environment

Temple talk – Katie Schroeer, Ellie Hall-Holt, David Legvold

Nov. 19 - Council Meeting

Nov. 24 - COMMITMENT SUNDAY

December 10- Board meeting

Other?

Next Board Meeting - December 10th - 6:45 P.M.

### **Worship and Arts Board Notes November 12, 2019**

Present: Carolyn Jennings, Ruth Legvold, Nathan Proctor, Nancy Ordahl Kmoch

Not Present: Scott Swanson, Jennifer Edwins

**One More Board Member** – we generated list of possible names to ask to replace Barb K (2 more years), still looking for someone to agree to board chair role. Not being sure who from our original list was approached the first time, we may have included the same names again. Nancy will forward list to Susan Immel who acted as our original search committee liaison.

Going off: Carolyn, Jennifer; Staying on: Ruth; re-upping for a new 3 year term: Scott, Nancy; new: Paul Beck, (full term) Donna Paulsen (2 years)

List includes: John Bade, Elizabeth Bade, Katherine Norrie, Kristi Wermanger, Jill Enestvedt, Jill Ewald, Sheryl Nau; Added thoughts from njok (with help from St. J Directory)- Deanne Weber, Carrie Melby, Carol James, Kristin Hummel, Carol Hollen, Joel Froehle, John Duba, Amy Boxrud, Doug Bratland, Frances Boehning

**Budget**- not likely to be any increase from last year. Will confer via email.

**Adapted Sanctuary seating** – starting in December the back row of chairs on one side (TBD) of the sanctuary will be pulled back to accommodate folks using walkers. Announcements will be made regarding this option, and ushers will be charged with observing generally how and where walkers are being used, parked, etc. in order to help make any decision about a more permanent accommodation.

**December meeting** – the Worship and Arts board will not be meeting in December. Our next and last meeting will be in January.

**Children's Ministry and Education Committee**  
**Minutes, November 12, 2019**

Members Present: Staff Members Julie Brehmer, Amy McBroom, Scott Boehning, Melissa Pelinen, and Erik Holleque

We met with the Youth Board to discuss a "Fun Raiser" (as opposed to a "Fund Raiser") for summer youth and children's activities. After discussion, it was decided to have a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning, Feb. 9, with additional fun, relational, and interactive events to be determined.

Our board then met to discuss the following:

Pray Ground: Julie will purchase a few cushions to replace the rug.

The Christmas Program on Dec. 15 as the second service. Christmas around the World is the theme.

Wednesday Programming: the kids will enjoy making ornaments for the Sharing Tree.

January: Two "no school" days. Bowling is scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup>. We will consider a movie event also for families.

Advent Fair: on December 4.

Budget: Julie will work on this and present her numbers at our December 10 meeting.

Board meeting in Dec. We will meet at Erik's house at 7pm. 1501 Waters Edge Circle.

Submitted by,  
Erik Holleque

**Benevolence and Social Concerns**

**November 12, 2019**

**Kathy Shea, Chair Notes**

Members present: Jo Franklin, Sue Sharrow, Gretchen Hardgrove, Carolyn Nitz and Kathy Shea

World Hunger - The appeal for World Hunger at St. John's is in November. We have announcements in the Voice, the email news blast and the weekly church bulletin. We talked about trying to put up posters to make people more aware of it, but we don't have posters. We will ask Leah about downloading something from the website to put on the TV screens.

Adult Forums on Creation Care

We have had three speakers this fall who spoke on climate change, energy use and water use. Next we will have a talk on agriculture on Jan 19 with farmer David Legvold. We still need to find a speaker on social justice – Jo will talk with Kathy Schuurman. WELCA has invited Rev. Jim Bear to talk on March 5 about indigenous justice. We hope to find a similar speaker for the Forum on Feb. 16. Jo Franklin will look into this.

## Budget-

The St John's Church Council approved our request to the St. John's Foundation for \$1000 for

Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem and \$1000 for the Border Servant Corp through SE MN Global Missions. Augusta Victoria recently received additional funds for an addition for care of the elderly through United Nations funding (UNHWR) and other Muslim funds.

We still have about \$600 left in discretionary funds for 2019. We expect to talk about budget planning for 2020 at our next (December) meeting.

## Missions

We discussed Pastor Pam's suggestion of inviting the director of Lutheran Mideast Development, an organization with deep roots on the Turkish/Syrian border with ministry with the Kurds, to speak at St. John's. He will be in MN from Feb 21-March 10. We would like to ask him to present at a Sunday Forum.

We also discussed posting information about Rev. Mark Rich and Rev. Cynthia Holder Rich who are missionaries we help support in Tanzania. They have written a Lenten devotional, with a focus on women, that will be available in January. Their web site is MandCinTZ.com. The global missions bulletin board has been moved and is in need of current information.

The next meeting is December 10, 2019.

## Ministry with Youth & Families Board Minutes

November 12, 2019

Present: Jenny Nystrom, Rob Nutt, Barry Becker, Dan Franklin Staff: Angie Gehring, Emmanuel Kaghondi; Absent: Sue Hagen, Johan Schroeer

- FUN-Raiser
  - Met jointly with children's board
  - Focus of event is on raising up Youth and relational opportunities
    - Funds previously raised during event are now built in budget
  - If money is raised, it can further offset costs of mission trips and percentage can be donated outside of St. John's
    - Allow MS/HS to pick 3 possible non-profits to donate to
    - Allow Children's to vote amongst 3 options
  - Pancake Breakfast
    - Barry will apply for Thrivent Funds to pay cost of breakfast
      - No longer request items from parents (felt like spending money to raise money for your kid)
  - Keep it simple
    - Want to avoid necessity of hours of work/prep by staff

- Advertise as Children’s and Youth FUN-Raiser and Breakfast
    - Can add games (pie in face), bake sale and/or relational silent auction if we have time to organize, but not committed to adding those elements at this point
    - If have relational silent auction, consensus that we don’t need to spend a lot of time actively recruiting and can instead just have a few things to bid on depending on interest
  - Specifics
    - February 9<sup>th</sup> (right before Valentine’s Day)
    - Between services
    - Youth volunteer to serve breakfast
    - Cost – as affordable as possible to encourage participation: \$5/person; \$20/family suggested donation
- Budget
  - Corrections to reflect changes made to last year’s Budget
  - Discussed various items, but agreed to requesting same budget as last year
- Pay it Forward
  - Angie will check with Family Fare on date – December 7<sup>th</sup>
    - Anticipate 10- 1
  - Received some Foundation Funds for event
  - Promote as Intergenerational
    - Will advertise event between services – Jenny will organize table and other Board members can join if available
- High School Lock in
  - Decision to make all of HS – 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>
  - HS youth can invite up to 2 friends; No cost
  - Food
    - Pizza
    - continental breakfast (fruit/donuts/granola bars) provided
    - Popcorn for movie/Gummi Bears
      - Angie will pick up/arrange for food
  - Communication – E-Vite
    - Barry will try a draft or if unable to (due to internet issues) Jenny will follow up with Emmanuel to draft
  - Tentative schedule
    - 8 Welcome
    - 8:30 – 10:30 Activities/games
    - 10:30 Pizza
    - 11 – 12 More Activities/games
    - 12 to 2 or 3 Movies
    - 2 or 3 to 7 sleep

- 7 Continental breakfast
    - 8 pick up
  - Events
    - Possible Activities: Making Slime; GaGa ball; Wii/Video game; Sardines/Romans & Christians; Board Games; Bean Bags; spike ball
      - Jenny bring: Slime ingredients; Bean Bags; Spike Ball
      - Barry bring: Spike Ball, Wii, Just Dance
      - Robb bring: Mario Cart
    - Movies
      - Pastor Jonathan to ask HS Youth Group to pick 2 movies
      - Barry can pick up movies
  - ‘Sleeping’ Arrangements
    - Fellowship hall
    - Bring sleeping bags/pillows/toiletries/comfortable clothes
  - Volunteers:
    - 2 Shifts: 8-2; 2-8
    - 1 male/1 female Board member for each shift
    - Add at least 1 male/1 female volunteer
      - Will need to ensure volunteers have background checks
  - Follow up
    - Board will meet 11/20 5:30 – 6:30 to finalize plans
    - RSVP’s expected by 11/20
- December In Home HS Christmas Event
  - Determined due to number of events organizing, will not be able to put this together in December
- Post – Grad/Young Adult Reunion Event
  - Jenny with check with Emily about brainstorming ideas for this
- Recent Events
  - 10/12 Confirmation Breakfast/10/13 Confirmation
  - 10/25 Mill City Haunted House following Silent Movie
    - Small number; kids enjoyed it; too short – next time couple with Culvers or some other fellowship activity
  - 10/25 – 10/27/19 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Capstone Event
  - 11/6 College Care packages
    - 14 kids came to assemble – great turn out
    - Pizza was key part
  - 11/8 Romans and Christians w/Potluck
    - Lots of positive parental involvement
    - Kids seem to enjoy St Johns only R & C as a regular/annual event (in addition to combined event w/other churches)

- Table Items
  - Follow up on volunteer lists
  - Youth Involvement on Board

Next Meeting: **12/10/2019 – 7:00 (6:45 to partake in treats)**

**Evangelism and Communications Committee  
Minutes for November 12, 2019  
Noon, St. John's Hall**

1. ECC reviewed Church Council discussions of October 29.
2. The ECC meeting focused on the Council request that ECC undertake an inventory and assessment of all St. John's communications platforms and related communications. ECC (Kristin Partlo and Daniel Edwins) is developing an inventory list, comprising categories such as print, web, and video, as well as ad hoc communications sent by individual boards, committees, and programs. Regarding the schedule of the review, ECC will provide inventory by January and then begin an assessment of the primary communications platforms, concluding the effort in May 2020.
3. ECC will continue to conduct oral histories as follow up to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. ; lining up fall interviews
4. The Board discussed use thus far of the big screen tv, finding that the purchase is meeting expectations. We discussed also replacing old tube tv's with inexpensive panel ones.
5. Hearing Loop and related technology, update: ECC is developing new signage, since the current signage is not highly visible. ECC will also continue to implement a pilot project re. software installation for closed captioning, pilot
6. Gleason and Zdenek have completed the installation of digital video recording equipment. Initial results are positive, but there will be several issues to resolve, including making of analog dvd's of digital recordings.

**Faith & Health  
November 8, 2019**

Faith and Health met during Health Fair setup 11-8-19.

- 1) Faith and Health has been asked to support 150\$ for yarn for prayer shawl ministry. Bonnie will check at Council if this money can be from Foundation Funds.
- 2) We are at 138 pints for 150 years. The following are opportunities to donate for our drive:
  - November 23, Imminent Brewing 12-5pm
  - November 27, Community Resource Bank 9-3pm
  - November 30, 50 North 8-12noon
  - December 9, Culver's 1-6pm
  - December 11, Anytime Fitness 11-5pm.
3. Health Fair Sunday, 11-10-19, was a success. There was much activity and information exchanged. Respectfully, Bonnie



**Adult Ministry and Education Board**  
**Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

Members present: Marilyn Calcutt, Andy Nelson, Rob Quanbeck, Kathleen Hanson, Genevieve Quarberg and Anita Hellie

The Board reviewed the 2020 Budget Worksheet and will continue discussions on the 2020 budget at the December Board meeting.

**Senior Ministry**

Kathleen took advantage of the Health Fair to discuss issues of Senior Ministry with St. John's members who were attending. These discussions will aid in the planning for the Senior Ministry Forum which will be held the First Sunday in January. Possible topics: When the End is Near – Choices May/Will be Limited, What Do I Say.

**Alzheimer's Presentation**

The Saturday morning coffee and rolls and presentation on Alzheimer's will be held on February 15. This will be co-sponsored by the Northfield Retired Educators. Plans are to serve coffee and rolls at 9:30 a.m. and have the presentation at 10 a.m. with time for questions following the presentation.

**Men's Group**

Rob and Andy are planning to gather a group in January to move forward with organizing a Men's Group. Date is yet to be determined.

**Writing a Psalm**

Genevieve is planning to meet with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders on November 3 to encourage them to write a Psalm. Hopefully this will encourage other St. John's members to work on writing their own Psalm.

**Read/Talk/Pray**

The last two weeks in January and first two weeks in February have been chosen as the tentative dates for a small group who will meet between services to read Bible text, talk about this specific text and pray together. The Board is looking for a leader(s) for these sessions; any suggestions can be forwarded to a Board Member.