

Agenda

Congregation Council

St. John's Lutheran Church
February 23, 2016 + 7:00 p.m.

1. Prayer – *We begin our meeting centered in the presence of God.*

Silence, then opening prayer led by Brent Nystrom. *A time of silence for prayer and for gathering our hearts and minds together will precede the prayer.*

2. Future dates

a. Boards – **Tuesday, March 8th**, Fellowship and Treats at 6:30 p.m., Executive Committee provides treats and Devotion. Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

b. Council – **Tuesday, March 15th**, (one week early) 7:00pm; prayer – Executive Committee

3. Consent Agenda Items for Council

- a. Treasurer's Report; January, 2016
- b. Minutes from the January 12th, 2016 meeting

4. Pastors' Reports

5. Congregational Mission Visioning Discussion

A generative discussion about our congregational mission, long term goals, and the role we serve. Topic for March is St. John's engaging with Lutheran Social Services (and others) to become a sponsor/mentor church congregation supporting refugees resettling in Minnesota. We will have a guest or guests from the committee formed and endorsed by the council to study this topic.

6. Council Action Items and Updates

- a. Pastors Housing Designation
- b. Thrivent Dollars Designation
- c. Refugee partnership recommendation
- d. Reconciling in Christ (RIC) update

7. Other business

- a. WELCA representative to Council
- b. Continuing dialogue between Council and Staff

8. Prayer – *The president leads a prayer asking God's grace and help on our ministry. Items could include specific congregation needs / issues / items for thanksgiving; specific ministry areas of the congregation needing to be lifted to God; and/or any individual needs or requests council members would like to share in prayer.*

Lord's Prayer: *After the president's prayer is concluded, we finish the meeting praying the prayer Jesus taught us.*

9. Adjournment

Appendix:

1. Refugee Resettlement Proposal
2. Board Minutes from 2/09/16

Refugee Resettlement

A proposal for St. John's Church to re-engage with refugee resettlement

To: St. John's Church Council

From: Bruce Benson, Robert and Sharon Flaten, Howard Thorsheim

Overview: We recommend that St. John's Church, in partnership with Christ Church Lutheran in south Minneapolis, enter a formal agreement with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of MN to become sponsor/mentor congregations supporting refugees resettling in Minnesota.

History: The on-going horrific plight of refugees fleeing Syria has raised concern among members of St. John's. That concern became an agenda item at a WELCA meeting, and the WELCA board brought the concern to the St. John's Council. The council directed Jane Rinehart to find someone to explore the issue; Jane found Bob Flaten; he found the rest of us, and here we are.

- Our group of four has interviewed Northfield clergy from other congregations to determine the level of interest in other congregations. That level is mostly high.
- We scheduled an interest and information session at St. John's, and on short notice, 25 people showed up. Interest is high.
- At that event, LSS representative, Cate Anderson, explained to us what refugee resettlement looks like in 2016. She informed us that
 1. LSS is resettling refugees only in the Twin Cities and St. Cloud, not Northfield.
 2. Whether that would change if the US decided to accept a large number of Syrian refugees is unknown. Currently, Syrian refugees are being resettled primarily in Michigan because of its resident Syrian-American population.
 3. The decision to welcome more refugees is made by the US State Department, not Lutheran Social Service (LSS) or Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS).
 4. Minnesota is still resettling refugees, primarily Somalis from Africa and Karen people from Southeast Asia. And sponsorships are needed.
 5. Lutheran Social Service (LSS) provides each refugee family with professional caseworkers to manage the critical first three months of resettlement.
 6. Because refugee resettlement happens in the Twin Cities, it could be helpful for St. John's to consider partnering with a Twin Cities congregation.
- Through a St. John's member (DeAne Lagerquist) who is also affiliated with Christ Church Lutheran in south Minneapolis, we explored a partnership with that congregation. We, along with Pastor Fickenscher, met with their pastoral staff in Minneapolis, and agreed the matter was worth pursuing through our respective church councils. Two representatives of LSS of Minnesota attended that meeting, encouraged us, thanked us, and provided us with the commitment form attached to this proposal. The Sr. Pastor at Christ Church is Kristine Carlson Wee who was briefly on the St. John's staff during the time her husband, Morrie, was an Associate Pastor here. The Associate Pastor at Christ Church is Erik Haaland who, during his internship at St. Olaf also spent time as a pastoral intern at St. John's.

Recommendation: We are now prepared to recommend that St. John's accept the responsibilities of being an LSS sponsoring congregation in partnership with Christ Church Lutheran. As you see, this involves several volunteer responsibilities. We already have preliminary agreements from St. John's members to take on some of these roles, but it is primarily to have volunteers *near at hand* that we (and LSS) recommend partnering with Christ Church Lutheran. There is also a financial commitment.

LSS needs asking Christ Church Lutheran to contribute whatever remainder is necessary. Finally, we are not in a position to know if this project affects liability insurance. We leave that to the council.

What about Syrians? We note that nothing in this recommendation serves the urgent need of Syrian refugees. We regret that, but affirm the importance of refugee resettlement regardless of the refugee's country of origin. Furthermore, our participation in this resettlement effort means that should the United States decide to welcome a significant number of Syrian refugees, and Minnesota become a destination, St. John's will be ready immediately to join the resettlement work. Meanwhile, we encourage continued offerings, prayers, and letters of support for Syrian refugees.



Faith/Community Group Commitment Form

Faith and community partners walk alongside resettled refugees as they adjust to a new home and a new life in the United States. These partners commit to support refugees as they seek to lead self-sufficient lives and integrate into their new communities.

LSS of MN Refugee Services	Community Group
2400 Park Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55404	Name: _____
Staff Contact 1: _____	Type: _____
Phone: _____	Address: _____
Email: _____	_____
Staff Contact 2: _____	Contact Person: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____

With which activities will the local faith/community group assist the agency? (At least 3):

Rental Assistance: Make a financial contribution to LSS Refugee Services to assist in paying for housing.

Supplies: Collect kitchen and household items, hygiene and cleaning items (new, not used)

Seasonal Clothing: Collect seasonal clothing and footwear for work and school to each member of the family along with diapers for infants and toddlers.

Stock the Pantry: Using a list provided by LSS Refugee Services, purchase culturally appropriate groceries for the family.

Arrival: Pick up the family from the MSP-International Airport and welcome them to their new home and community.

Mentorship: In a team of 2-4 individuals or families, meet with the family on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Sample activities include accompanying family members to medical appointments, practicing English language skills, working on budgeting, working on finding possible jobs, and more.

We enter into this work thoughtfully and prepared to perform the activities indicated above to the best of our ability. We understand that the local resettlement agency is ultimately responsible for the provision of all core resettlement services, and that this commitment form is not a legally binding agreement. We have been trained in our role and know whom to contact at the agency with questions or concerns.

Community Group Representative: _____ Date _____

LSS Refugee Services Representative: _____ Date _____

For Resettlement Office Use Only:

PA: _____ Nationality: _____

Case Number: _____ Case Size: _____

Community group has received in-person training on the resettlement and their responsibilities for activities indicated above. Training materials have been furnished post-training.

Details of Refugee Support

The following is a two-part illustration of some ways we at St. John's could participate as a LSS Sponsoring Congregation to support a refugee family during a six-month resettlement period. Partners would be the Lutheran Social Service, a refugee family, and teams from St. John's in Northfield, and Christ Church Lutheran in Minneapolis.

PART 1: LSS Staff Support during Resettlement Period

Below is a quick list of eight tasks that LSS staff will take care of during the family's resettlement period. The staff provides support beyond this list, but these illustrate some of the tasks that LSS staff members carry out:

1. Place the family in safe and financially sustainable housing.
2. Obtain social security card.
3. Obtain health care coverage.
4. Get family to Refugee Health Screen appointment.
5. Enroll kids in school.
6. Connect to eligible services: MFIP, WIC, SNAP, RCA.
7. Provide cultural orientation classes covering topics such as US laws, cultural practices, and available resources.
8. Connect to English Language classes and/or employment counselor.
9. Set up apartment furnishing appointment.

PART 2: St. John's Volunteers Needed During Resettlement Period

There are many ways to get involved with the family we would be sharing with Christ Church Lutheran in Minneapolis. Some tasks would be more easily accomplished by the Minneapolis church, and other teams could include members from both congregations.

Here are some illustrative ways to volunteer, which will include additional opportunities when more is known about the family and their needs. The idea of the final list is that St. John's men and women could pick and choose depending on which fit them best! Please note that the model speaks of "one family," which is a way for our joint partnership with Christ Lutheran Church to get started being a support. Possibilities could develop for more families if that was agreeable to LSS and the two church partners. Where one team is noted, in some cases the model could involve successive "tag teams" over the six months.

Welcome Team(s)

This team is the group of people who plan to meet the family at the airport. They can make welcome signs and bring a warm welcome to MSP Airport for the arriving family. Arrivals happen at all times of day from 10 AM to 10 PM, so members of these teams will need to be flexible and ready for a mini adventure. This team will have direct contact with the family on their first day in the United States and then will hand over the reins to the Core Mentor Team. A great opportunity to someone who isn't able to commit to the full six months of mentoring.

Core Mentor Team(s)

(3-4 individuals or families)

This team is the group of people who have direct contact with the family throughout the six-month cosponsoring period. They meet with the family to provide support and provide a ministry of presence for the family:

- Basic survival skills.
- Practicing English.
- Thinking of ways to have fun.
- Other ways to support will arise from the congregations as more is known.

Nesting Team(s)

The Nesting Team won't personally meet the family, but they play a crucial role in making the family feel welcomed and safe as they start their lives in Minnesota.

This team helps to “nest” up the apartment where the family will be living; for one example, they can help to arrange and set up beds and furniture in the apartment. The furniture is supplied by Bridging, Inc. and is generally delivered during the morning or day sometimes with tight turn-around times for when the family arrives. Daytime availability is key for members of the Nesting Team.

Supplies Teams(s)

These teams put together (and monitor ongoing need) for three housing kits, as well as keeps track of “Extras” needed that arise for the family, figures out what is needed, and thinks about how to meet the need:

- Cleaning kit,
- Toiletry kits
- School supply kits
- Extras list

Study Team(s)

These teams would help plan ways for our congregations to think more deeply about the family we are cosponsoring. One option is to use LSS of Minnesota's “My Neighbor is Muslim,” which is a 6-week study to learn more about Islam and its relationship with the Christian faith tradition. Other options include book studies on the history of Burma/Myanmar or Somalia along with books about the refugee experience in the United States (for example, “The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down” by Anne Fadiman).

Meal Celebration Team(s):

Once the family has been in Minnesota a while, this team would invite family members to plan and cook a traditional meal together. This is a great opportunity for congregation members to feel connected with the family and for us to learn more about their culture through food. It's also a beautiful way for the family to give a gift back to the sponsoring church communities. This model has proved very popular and successful in the Sophia Congregation in Leipzig, Germany where Helge Voight is pastor, and where the model has expanded to what sounds like the successful St. John's Christmas Day Community Dinner. Perhaps such a meal could evolve to involve community members as well as St. John's and Christ Church Lutheran members.

Spreading the Word Team(s)

This team would think of ways of sharing the story of the partnership project.

2. Board Minutes

Faith and Health Minutes

February 09, 2016

Members present: Laryena Iqbar, Melissa Berthelson, Naomi Bartley, Jennifer Edwins, Lynette Marks

Members excused: Howard Thorsheim

Following introductions of board members and with much laughter and comradery we discussed the following goals/tasks for the upcoming year.

- Labyrinth. Continue our education regarding the labyrinth.
 - Forum topic this fall.
 - Schedule walks during the church year.
 - Multigenerational?
 - In correlation with grief coalition?
 - Outreach to the CAC?
- St. John's Caring Ministries Wheel
 - Board commented on the positive change in the appearance of The Voice
 - Envision "the wheel" as a compliment to The Voice.
 - Need to add verbiage/content/contact to each ministry on wheel
 - Pamphlets?
 - Website?
- "Friendly Visitors"
 - Contacted Joe Shaw with early beginnings of this ministry, history provided to board.
 - How do we begin to know where to start?
 - Clear line between Stephen Ministry and Visitation Ministry
 - Discussion with John Q, Pam and Jonathan on possible/logical starting point
 - Possible questionnaire to congregation on individuals need for visitation and individuals desire to provide role of visitor
 - Understand that this could be the role/coordination of a Parish Nurse.
- Brainstorming on Youth Fundraiser
 - Tabled for next month with board members thinking of creative options.

Next Board meeting scheduled for March 8th, at 7:00p

Minutes of Adult Ministry & Education Board St. John's Lutheran Church 9 February 2016
 Present: Alyssa Ness (chair), Sandra Nyvall Staff: Pr. Jonathan Davis
 Alyssa Ness has replaced Keith Homstad as board chair, and Sandra Nyvall has joined the board as its newest member. In spite of having less than three members of the board present, Alyssa, Sandra, and Pr. Davis remained, as it was Sandra's first board meeting and she had questions to ask as an incoming member. Sandra asked what the board is responsible for in the St. John's community; Pr. Davis and Alyssa provided brief explanations of the recent soul-searching

that the board has done in trying to better ascertain its role and duties in the church. Pr. Davis provided copies of the Adult Ministry and Education section of the church constitution to show what was envisioned for our responsibilities here. Examining the list, we further discussed the following as it pertained to the duties listed in the constitution:

- “Oversee and promote the hospitality ministry of the congregation...including kitchen maintenance and volunteers”: in future, we want to consider inviting Christy Hall-Holt and/or Kristy Harms to a board meeting for us to assess how we can better support or assist in the shared ministry and/or kitchen ministry at the church.
- “Oversee...small group ministry program of the congregation”: prior to this point, there has been a more robust small group ministry that has quieted down a bit. Pr. Davis says that he detects a desire for more small group activity in members of the congregation.
 - o Sandra spoke enthusiastically about the recent ArtCrawl that was arranged on an afternoon last week. It was a well-organized, well-attended event, and she hopes to see more activities of that sort in future.
 - Forum: Alyssa inquired about the current situation of the year’s forums; Pr. Davis said that all of the forums have been planned for this year, though there was some difficulty during the planning. Pr. Davis expressed that the current structure for planning the forums could be improved upon, perhaps by whittling down the committee. He hopes to discuss some ideas with the current committee members to find out how forums have been planned in previous times, and what might be done to make the planning of the forums a better experience for all.
 - o Sandra expressed interest in seeing forums very close and personal to the church (ie., having Nathan Proctor do a presentation some Sunday about how the music for the services is chosen, how the day’s reading affect the music choices, what goes into the music ministry at St. John’s, etc.); Pr. Davis said that it might be cool to have regular (monthly?) forum-like presentations in which a member of the congregation shares his/her/their faith story. Both ideas present ways in which we could use the forum to both enlighten and connect congregants to the church in a more personal way.
- Children’s ministry: there are a few points in the constitution which refer to our board working cooperatively with the Children’s Ministry & Education board to plan intergenerational events; Pr. Davis & Alyssa stated that there have been recent intergenerational events, but as far as we are aware, there was no working between the boards to accomplish these events. Members present also discussed upcoming meetings and events for the board in the next couple of months:
 - Alyssa plans to send out agendas to the board members the day before board meetings, as a reminder of the meetings as well as to give an idea of what will be discussed.
 - Our board is assigned to provide treats at the April 12 board meeting. We will discuss this further at the next meeting to organize this.
 - Our board is assigned to serve and otherwise assist with Lenten soup supper on March 16. Kristy Harms has the details, but there is a need for some people to arrive around 4:00 to help set up the dining room and the meal beforehand (heating the soup, etc.), as well as people needed to serve the meal and clean up afterwards. Both Sandra and Alyssa confirmed they can be present for this night. Pr. Davis offered the thought that if our board does continue to be responsible for the items in the constitution as currently assigned, it would perhaps be worthwhile to assign members of the board to individual contacts in the areas we oversee; that way we can report any needs or concerns of our assigned ministry/group/individual to the board at the board meetings and have a better grasp of what is going on in these areas and what might need to be better supported or examined, and the various contacts in our ministries will know they have a specific individual to contact when they have questions or issues to broach. Pr. Davis brought up the possibility of requesting a council action for this board: what does the Council want to see from us that we aren’t currently doing? Are all of the things listed in the constitution realistic expectations of this board going forward, or does

the constitution need to be changed to reflect the changing needs/culture of the church and the changing structures of the various groups and ministries with which our board is currently charged? Alyssa will be absent at this month's council meeting, but Pr. Davis says he will speak for our board if we wish to bring up this matter now. At this time, we will wait to bring up this item until after the next board meeting, to better solidify what other board members feel about the ideas mentioned. Alyssa has the new materials for the board members who were absent at this initial meeting, and will distribute them at the next meeting(s). Sandra Nyvall notes that she will be absent at the next meeting. NO items for Council action at this time

Properties and Grounds – Board Minutes Discussion 7:00pm
Submitted by Bill Malecha – Chair

February 9, 2016

Members present: Bill, Char, Leif,
Staff present: Tim

Members absent: Basil, David, Pat

Discussion Topics:

- **Active Projects List**
 - Solar Project – will be revisiting this in the summer/fall (Where should this be on our priority list?) Discussion: Char updated us; we are still doing more research to find out how urgent this is to get done. (Tax credits, rebates, etc., expiring?)
 - Maintenance Shed – do we need power added to this structure? (Priority list?)
Discussion: Tim is getting bid from electrician.
- **Board Topics**
 - Budget and long term maintenance planning –We will partner with Business Management Board to continue to give feedback on list and priorities. We will be responsible for updating the list and recommending priorities. Business Management will have responsibility for the budgeting and final recommendations. We will get feedback from St. John’s staff. Property and grounds board: we need to update and prioritize the old ABC list and plan for the next couple of years ahead. Discussion: board members all took an old ABC list to look at and start thinking about what we need to change/add, and start to prioritize items, we will be looking at this at next month’s meeting.
 - Snow Removal – parking lots and help around sidewalks and stairs? Site was created in CCB. Char was going to follow-up with Christy, do we have enough help? Do we need to advertise more? Discussion: Char followed up, it is listed in the St. Johns CCB and in the Voice. We are still short on help, we’ll need to try and advertise more heavily for next year, in the late fall before winter.
- **Discussion Topics for Properties Board**
 - 3 new board members are joining the team. Welcome David Legvold, Pat Fick, and Leif Knecht.
- **Topics from Facilities Manager**
 - 3 lights that were out have been removed from St. John’s hall, Tim ordered and Bill can help when they come in. Discussion: Lights have not arrived yet
 - Electrical changes in Kitchen? Need to install breakers in the panel and switch out outlets to 110 outlets – Tim will work with electrician to order and install. Tim, update? Discussion: Will probably get combined with other electrical items that the insurance audit came up with.
 - Dimmer Switches for Sanctuary Lighting? Waiting on Bid from Electrician and compatible Lutron dimmer switches and remote control. Tim received bid. Tim, update? Discussion: Tim is still waiting for a bid; it sounds like it will be funded by a donation.
 - Woodwork maintenance recommendation – This is in Budget for 2016 – this has been approved. (Tim, do we know when this is going to begin?) Will look at work and review after 6 months and determine if this is something we want to continue. Discussion: Work is planned to be started February 22, 2016. They will start in the sanctuary with the pews and baseboards.
 - Insurance Audit is complete. Tim, update? Discussion: Need to add emergency lighting in theater. Need to get rid of extension cords in balcony, they want floor outlets instead.

Heaved and cracked sections of sidewalk along Third Street need to be replaced. They also are encouraging us to ground the bell tower in case of a lightning strike. (Thompson Lightning Protection is going to give us a bid for grounding the bell tower.)

- Insurance Co for Vault or Security System for Bells –The board decided on the security system. When/how soon should this be taken care of? Discussion; This will be added to the security system soon.
- Drain check valve is recommended to prevent flooding of courtyard stairs – this will be pursued this spring and is estimated at \$1250. Tim will discuss with Bernie – considered maintenance. Tim, update? Discussion; this is planned to be taken care of early spring. (maintenance item)

Parking Lot:

- A/C units for Upper offices, Choir room, and Theatre – bid was received by Tim and shared with Board – We will hold decision until spring. Discussion; Tim is getting a bid for one unit that will do the whole upstairs.
- Kitchen faucet plumbing – Council decided to table the approval and wait for priorities to be determined before spending additional funds. Discussion; this project was completed it was funded by a donation.
- Adopt a corner of the Church Property – Sign-up for the care and keeping of our grounds. Sign-up sheet and a rules sheet went to the Ministry fair last fall. A few spots are signed up for and being taken care of. Need to advertise more and have table in commons a few Sundays in Fall/Spring. Information needs to be posted in the March or April edition of The Voice. Board discussed using mulch from Knecht’s nursery only (it is all the same.) What is the best way to handle this? Discussion; we will have a table set up in the commons the Sunday after Easter advertising this. We need new clarification of chemicals and fertilizers we can use for weed control and fertilization on church grounds.
- Fence along parking/Otterness property – Fence is removed on fall clean-up day and need to visit with Knecht’s Nursery about shrub row this spring. Discussion; Leif Knecht, and Tim will look at this and recommend what will be best for this.
- Tim obtained a bid for a large ceiling fan in St. Johns hall – we will add this to the capital improvements list. (Priority?) Discussion; this is still in the works.

Close meeting in prayer

Benevolence and Social Concerns Board, Feb. 9, 2016

Present: Jo Franklin, John Gorder, Chuck Jacobson, Dave Neuger, Kathy Shea, Jane Rinehart

Visitors: Ruthie Neuger, Pastor Pam

1. Overview of St. John's benevolence budget for 2016. Review of how the \$5000 discretionary was spent in 2015.
2. We will again write monthly articles for the Voice, based on current benevolence and social concerns we are addressing as a congregation, and also on the synod Mission Interpreter Calendar. We discussed topics to address this year and who would write the articles. Jane will write the March article on the Food Shelf donations.
3. Pastor Pam updated us on a meeting the Refugee Sponsorship Committee had at Christ Church Lutheran in Minneapolis. It is likely that St. John's will partner with Christ Church in sponsoring a family.
4. Pastor Pam noted that St. John's will be celebrating it's 150th anniversary in 2019. She suggested it would be good to start thinking about benevolence ideas for 2019. We should look at what we have been as a congregation, and what we want to be in the future.
5. Our board signed up to help with the soup supper on 2/24. We have the clean-up shift from 5:30- finish.
6. We talked about the April youth fund raiser.
7. Gordon updated us on his medical missionary friends, Dr. Ken and Jocelyn Elliott, who were kidnapped by al-Quida in Burkina Faso. Jocelyn has been safely released, Ken is still held captive.

Evangelism & Communications Board meeting minutes 2/9/16:

Members present: Andrea Hoff (Chair), Alan Marks, Erik Lindell, Daniel Edwins, Kristin Partlo, Dave Zdenek

We convened after large group orientation to bring up to speed the new members of the E & C Board to projects we are in the midst of. Most of these projects relate to the rollout of the Distinctiveness Platform. Items discussed included an updated on the logo that included time for gathering feedback from the new members. We discussed work being done in the Commons in consultation with Arts & Environment and Pepe Kryzda (SMSQ architects) to improve the sense of welcome and communicate who St. John's is.

Using the Communication Planning Tool provided by Neuger Communications, we identified a couple items that we can begin work on prior to the logo being completed, including pursuing placement of a monitor in the Commons and taking steps that will assist in developing editorial guidelines for the varied communication channels in use at St. John's.

Given the large scope of the Communication Planning Tool we agreed it is important to prioritize 3-5 of the items and insure that we complete them this year. TBD at our next meeting.

Our next meeting is 2/29/16 to accommodate schedules.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Hoff

Minutes – Stewardship Board, February 9, 2016

Present: Dan Van Tassel (Chair), Patty Lindell, Ralph Yernberg, Mark Rydberg, Sandi Gerdes, David Kelvie, Christy Hall-Holt. Pastor Pam visited our Board discussion.

Dan called the meeting to order after the Board Orientation at about 7:10 pm. He suggested we use ideas proposed on the Board Orientation agenda as a guide for our meeting. The first question was, “What was accomplished by the Board in the Last Year”. It is well laid out in the Annual Report.

Voice Newsletter Articles

- Due by 15th of the month
- Need a theme for the year to help focus the article
- Ralph Yernberg suggested using the new Distinctiveness Platform wording "Embrace and Extend God's Beauty in the World" and will submit an article to Leah for the Voice by February 15.
- Ralph will also look through the Distinctiveness Platform wording and identify monthly topics for Voice articles for future months.

Spotlight on Ministry/Temple Talks - Pastor Pam suggested 6 spread throughout the year. A faith story. 2-3 minutes long is a good goal. An example: Andy Westerback could talk about how the Called to Care ministry made a difference in his life by providing meals after he returned from the hospital. Staff can suggest people who have unique stories of how ministries of St. John's are making a difference

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The Stewardship Timeline Checklist

- Please go over this for our next meeting.
- This should be a tool that serves us, not the other way round.

Wanted: a Minutes-taker for the Stewardship Board

Once approved by Dan, Christy will ask to have the following included in the Newsblast: “Do you know how to type? Would you be interested in learning about what it is like to be on a Board at St. John’s? We are looking for a person who would serve as a ‘Scribe’—a once a month volunteer who would take notes during the Stewardship Board meeting (scheduled for 7 to 8 on the evening of the second Tuesday of the month). Please contact Dan Van Tassel or Christy Hall-Holt if this interests you.” We are each requested to ask someone we know if he or she would be willing to be a scribe.

The newsblast is the only St. John’s publication Ralph reads regularly because it's easy to scroll through on a phone. He just looks at what is important to him.

Dan closed us in prayer. Meeting adjourned at about 8 p.m.