

# Agenda

## *Congregation Council*

St. John's Lutheran Church  
June 27, 2017 + 7:00 p.m.

### **Guest – Sandy Gerdes**

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

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

#### **2. Future dates**

- a. Boards – July 11, 2017 7:00pm (at chairs' discretion) Fellowship and treats at 6:45 pm, Children's Board to provide treats and Devotion. Meeting at 7:00 pm

Reminder: Please call or e-mail your board members prior to the meeting and remind them.

- b. Council – **July 25, 2017**, 7:00pm; Sue Brockman, prayer

#### **3. Pastor's Report**

#### **4. Council Action Items and Updates**

- a. Update: 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning. Sandy Gerdes
  - i. Fundraising Committee
  - ii. Announcement of identified Grant Recipients (Benevolence Board)
- b. Stewardship
  - i. Theme/emphasis for 2018
    - 1st. Parish Nurse function
    - 2nd. Other themes for 2018?
  - ii. 2017 theme success highlights
- c. Nominating Committee update
  - i. Stewardship Board - 1
  - ii. Adult Ed Board - 1
  - iii. Columbarium committee needs one more participant
- d. Personnel Committee update

#### **5. Consent Agenda Items for Council**

- a. Treasurer's Report, May 2017
- b. Minutes from the May 23, 2017 meeting

#### **6. Visioning**

- a. Parish Nurse update
- b. Little Foodshelf (based on concept of Little Library)

**7. 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 follows.**

## Appendix:

### 1. St. John's Foundation

#### Original Allocations

	%	Allocation	2017	BALANCE
St Johns Fund	67.18%	\$16,795	\$ -	\$16,795.00
World Mission Fund	0.69%	\$173	\$ -	\$172.50
Youth Fund	4.15%	\$1,038	\$ -	\$1,037.50
Music Fund	3.22%	\$805	\$ -	\$805.00
Blldg & Property Fund	6.17%	\$1,543	\$ -	\$1,542.50
Media Fund	3.74%	\$935	\$ -	\$935.00
Com/Social Fund	1.56%	\$390	\$ -	\$390.00
Soli Sem Fund	4.06%	\$1,015	\$ -	\$0.00
ELCA Scholarship Fund	9.23%	\$2,308	\$ -	\$2,307.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>

#### St. John's Council Allocation Tracking - 2017

2017 Budgeted Allocations		Balance	Date	
St. John's Fund	16,795.00	\$4,017.50		Budgeted Benevolence \$1,000 Habitat for Humanity \$1,000 Laura Baker \$1,000 Northfield Retirement Center \$1,000 Three Links \$2,500 Camping Membership \$5,000 Pajama Project \$1277.50 Seminarian Grants & College Scholarships
World Mission Fund	172.50			
Youth Fund	1,037.50			
Music Fund	805.00			
Building and Property Fund	1,542.50			
Media Fund	935.00	\$0	2/28/2017	
Community / Social Fund	390.00			
Soli Seminary Fund	1,015.00	\$0		Benevolence Seminarian Grants
ELCA Scholarship Fund	2,307.50	\$0		Benevolence College Scholarships
<b>Balance Total</b>	<b>\$7,965.00</b>			

#### Authorized 2017 Dispersals

2017 Approved Expenditure	Authorized \$ Amount	Council Approval Date	Designated Fund	Fund Balance
Update of St. John's website with new graphic identity	\$935.00	2/28/2017	Media Fund	\$0.00

## 2. Board Minutes/Notes from June 2017

### Adult Ministry and Education

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Adult Education & Ministry Board St. John's Lutheran Church

13 Jun 2017

Present: Alyssa Ness, Genevieve Quarberg, Jonathan Reid, Martin Thorsheim, Sandra Nyvall

Visiting: Pr. Davis

**Summer Suppers** The board has received a request to craft and send out a table prayer and at least five "ice breaker" questions for the upcoming first Summer Supper; board members are concerned that such structures may make the gatherings feel scripted, but recognize that the decision to use these tools will be left up to the individual hosts. Alyssa will send out some suggestions to the hosts via e-mail later this week. We have some questions about the August Supper, namely: how will it be promoted, and/or when should we start the sign-ups? Can we take down the display currently still out in the Commons, as it is in the way, and after an absence would stand out more for the display promoting the gathering in August? Alyssa will check in with Pr. Davis and Ms. Wellbaum and see if there are specific thoughts or plans in these regards.

**Remaining Details for Youth Fundraiser/Quarberg Event (June 25th, 2-4:00pm)** Sandra has four 12-packs of root beer, and long-handled plastic spoons; Genevieve has ordered the ice cream; Martin, Jon, and Alyssa will be on hand to scoop ice cream. Genevieve will contact the people who signed up via e-mail to advise them to bring blankets/chairs, and let them know they can feel free to bring friends to this event as well. We can come around quarter to two and park in driveway or on street.

**Library** We discussed the current library and whether or not it is the best use of that space, given how little it appears to be used. What else would we use it for? Would we have to do away with the library entirely, or simply move the books off to the side? The board thinks that we could retain the library in that space, but that many of the adult books are likely outdated, dirty, or damaged, and many could be culled to enable us to move the bookshelves against the wall instead of sticking out from them; this would free up some space and open it up a bit more for Forum or other group presentations; various other activities.

Pr. Davis notes that this space is of interest to the Youth/Children's Ministry groups, who are seeking a place closer to the sanctuary in which parents and children could spend time if needed during the service. This would also position a family area in higher visibility, instead of "hiding" it in the basement. We want to invite Julie Brehmer to our next meeting to hear more about her visions for this space; following this, we'd like to check in and get the Council's feedback regarding current uses of space in the church, including the library, and alternative possibilities for lesser-used areas.

**Forums** We are seeking more clarity and direction on making decisions about Forum (i.e., do the pastors want us to form a committee, or are they taking this task on? What is our role in this restructuring?). Pr. Davis reports that he is currently working on getting representation from various boards in order to form a committee, and considering non-board types also; no action required from us at this time.

**NO COUNCIL ACTIONS AT THIS TIME.**

## Benevolence and Social Concerns

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B&SC Board

June 13, 2017

Present: Jo Franklin, John Gorder, Dave Neuger, Kathy Shea, Sue Sharrow, Jane Rinehart

Guest: Pr. Pam

### 1. Dispersements:

- \$200 to support Naomi Mandsager Bartley to attend a climate training conference in Seattle. She will present at St. J's afterwards. St. J's will help with publicity to the community for her presentation.
- \$500 to Northfield Operation Backpack for local children.
- Release the budgeted \$2500 to the Green Lake Bible Camp.

### 2. 150th Anniversary Grants:

- Dave Neuger will draft 2 letters, one to go to the 9 grant applicants that we did not fund; the other to go to the 4 applicants that we did fund. Pam and Jane will sign the letters.

- We will have a point person for each of the 4 funded grants:

- Dan Franklin for TORCH
- Dale Sahling for CAC
- Brent Norgaard for Habitat (he has not replied to the request)
- We will ask Sandi Gerdes who she recommends for the LBS grant
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3. LSS has asked for more supplies that are urgently needed for refugees. We agreed to do a collection over the next 4 weeks. Kathy Schuurman has agreed to lead this and do the announcements for it. John will make something to draw attention to the collection site in the Commons.

4. We didn't publicize the annual May appeal for donations to LWR, as we were preoccupied with the grant applications. As a result, much less was collected (\$2,890 vs the usual \$10,000). We will ask for more donations in September.

## Business Management

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Children's Ministry and Education Committee  
Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Present: Sue Brockman, Erik Holleque, Amy McBroom, Todd Menssen, Julie Brehmer (staff), Pastor Jonathan

Julie mentioned that she will be forming a committee soon to review and determine curriculum for the upcoming Sunday School year.

VBS is occurring this week. Theme is Hero Central. Attendance is down, last year 160 children attended, this year 106. The age range is mainly pre-school.

Next week we have 24-25 children attending Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Bible Camp.

Julie met with Alex Dell, who is considering painting the Sunday School classrooms as his Boy Scout Eagle Project.

Julie mentioned that Mike Skunes is looking at having a family ministry event of holding a Bon Fire in July. The committee suggested that August might be a better time.

Julie had sent out a Survey Monkey survey to the parents of the Sunday School children regarding their feelings and ideas about the Sunday School program and other events/activities. She received 16 responses, which was not enough to really determine any trends. It was suggested that the survey be distributed during Welcome Sunday in the fall. In fact, it was suggested that there be an informational session on that Sunday for parents to help set expectations, etc. for the parents.

The committee then spent the rest of the meeting talking about plans for offering the parents some type of gathering in-between services starting this fall. It was discussed with Pastor Jon that rather than Children's offering some formal education meetings with speakers (the committee had originally thought about offering this type of gathering once a month or once a quarter); that these types of educational offerings be coordinated with The Forum. Jonathan will be leading a group to plan the Forum soon. Amy McBroom volunteered to represent Children's on that Forum Planning Committee. The other ideas were to turn the Resource Room into a "parent lounge" with good coffee, and a host to make people feel invited and welcome, and comfortable to engage in conversations (directed?).

Children's is responsible for treats and devotions for July Boards.

## Evangelism and Communication

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Evangelism & Communications Board meeting minutes – June 13, 2017

Board members present: Andrea Hoff, Kristin Partlo, Daniel Edwins, Mark Gleason

Staff present: Leah Garlie

Website update: provided by Daniel Edwins. Feedback provided to call CCB “member access” or “member directory”. We would like a “landing page” that describes CCB/member access along with the log in info. This would help visitors to the site who are curious about what “member access” means. Consider adding a Worship/Music tab to toolbar. We discussed the possibility of embedding the “log in” information into the new page.

Monitor update: We have both monitors mounted. Daniel will work on configuring the boxes. Kristin will help Leah to develop the initial screens/images. Goal for active monitors is the weekend of June 23-25. Google calendar events need to have friendly title, helpful description and a location (if relevant). Ideas for monitor images/info throughout the summer are the following: 4-7 seconds per image.

Calendar (can we create a scrolling calendar?)

Welcome statement

Call to action – “Send us your photos”

Strawberry Sunday

Pub Theology

Manna & Mercy

Nashville mission trip

Hospitality sign-up

Night to Unite

Weekly Organ Recitals

Red, white and blue fruit Sunday (7/23)

Holden Village Trip

Idea to create a “standard St. John’s tag” linked to photos. Tagged photos would show up on monitor. This may work well for weddings. Also, good idea to send an email f/u after events to “Send us your photos!”.

RIC: Need for external presence of the RIC logo or rainbow. We discussed the two options and decided to design a banner with the RIC logo and “Welcome” to be used near each parking lot as an external sign of welcome. Daniel offered to design this banner. He will email his designs to the Board members. Also, timing for release of the news article is for very early September (as opposed to August) to capture more people and college students returning to campus. We also will have posters put up at both colleges welcoming students to St. John’s.

## Faith and Health

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### Faith and Health Board Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2017

**Present:** Guenther Moesler, Bonnie Peterson, Lynette Marks, Jennifer Edwins, Rob Quanbeck, Howard Thorsheim, Lynette Marks, Rob Quanbeck,

**Excused:** Leah Sand

1. Bonnie, Guenther, and Jennifer attended the Convenings session at St. Dominic on May 9. The session, moderated by MPR's Cathy Wurzer, was about life and death, and part of an initiative for end-of-life planning. We indicated St. John's would be interested in hosting some type of program dealing with end of life issues. If we have not heard from the organizing group by later this summer, we will contact them.
2. We reviewed a draft Parish Nurse job description. Jennifer made changes to the draft, and sent it to Board members to review. The job description will be sent to Pam next week.
3. Pastors Pam and Jonathan will host a dessert social time for members of the congregation who are suffering from a loss on July 19 at 6 pm. Invitations will be sent to people who have lost loved ones this past year. Mention of this event will also be in the Voice and the Bulletin. Faith and Health Board members are invited to attend. This is a time for fellowship, to make new friends, and to spend time with our pastors.

## Properties and Grounds

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## Stewardship

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St. John's Stewardship Board June 13, 2017 Minutes

Present: Dan, David, Ralph, Sandi, Mark, with Pastor Pam joining us around 8:00.

The meeting began by addressing the need to begin thinking about our fall stewardship campaign, including assigning articles in the Voice, stewardship other than financial concerns, and a theme for the fall campaign. Ralph has an article ready to go about Thrivent and will get that into the church office. Areas of stewardship beyond finances include volunteer development and stewardship in daily life.

As we talked about a theme for the campaign, Sandi let us know that the Steering Committee for the Sesquicentennial has proposed launching the 150th campaign of \$500,000–600,00 at the same time as the fall stewardship drive. There will be a congregational meeting in September to approve the campaign.

The board had considerable discussion about this with questions about timeline, leadership, and the integrity and viability of the annual stewardship drive.

It was suggested that the stewardship drive work in concert with the Sesquicentennial campaign, acting as the “kick off” for the Sesquicentennial.—the annual stewardship emphasis running from October to December, and preparing the way for the Sesquicentennial emphasis that would begin in January.

It was suggested that a theme for the fall stewardship campaign might use the words “embracing” and “extending” from the St. John's Distinctiveness Platform—embracing the past, extending toward the future under the overarching theme of “Live Generously, Give Joyfully” for the third year.

Around 8:00 the board resumed writing thank you notes to members of the congregation for their support of St. John's. Some members of the board will come in during the week and write notes, and others expressed interest in an additional meeting to move forward with this.

Meeting concluded at 9:00. Submitted by Mark Rydberg

No meeting in June 2017.

**Youth and Family Ministry Board Meeting Minutes**  
**5/9/17**

Present: Mike Skunes, Jenny Nystrom, Oden Hoff, Sue Hagen, Sylvi Hanson, Terry Gilbertson (Dan Franklin in Benevolence Meeting) Absent: Rob Nutt, Beret Froehle

1. Reviewed Recent Events
  - a. Night of Awesomeness – Romans & Christians/Bowling/YMCA. Various churches participated – 90 kids. Big St. John’s group – 37.
  - b. Spirit Worship – Not well attended. Experience somewhat dependent on small group leader.
  - c. Easter Breakfast – Highly successful in attendance/\$. Collected \$1400 (prior years avg \$800-\$900) which will go towards camp/mission trip costs.
  - d. Augsburg Interfaith Retreat – Well attended – 15. Visited Islamic Center/Somali Mall. Learned about Islam which was talked about further in confirmation.
2. Updates
  - a. April Council Meeting recap –continuing to plan for 150 year celebration.
  - b. Association of Congregations Conference at Gustavus. Conference focused on the need to incorporate regular discussions of science in youth ministry. Message that science does not conflict with our faith but instead religion and faith equips youth to wrestle with questions of ethics in science. See [www.scienceym.org](http://www.scienceym.org) for details of a Lutheran Seminary research project focused on identifying the need for science in youth ministry and developing materials to assist in that goal. Also, Gustavus has an annual summer leadership program on this topic for nominated youth - Academy for Faith, Science and Ethics. See [www.gustavus.edu/chaplain/academy](http://www.gustavus.edu/chaplain/academy).
3. Upcoming Events & communication of events:
  - a. End of Year Canoe Trip – May 13 (always popular)
  - b. High School Senior Recognition Lunch – May 21
  - c. Green Lake Bible Camp - June 18-23, appx. 14 attending
  - d. Mission Trip June 10-18; 14 signed up including chaperones – great numbers
4. 2017-2018 Calendar Event Planning
  - a. Prior events that were successful - continue
    - i. Romans and Christians
    - ii. Night of Awesomeness
    - iii. Ski Trip
    - iv. Bowling
    - v. Interfaith Retreat
  - b. Prior events that need modifications
    - i. 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest – suggestion of doing similar service project coupled with fun event (e.g. Trip to Feed My Starving Children and Pinstripes bowling/bocce)
    - ii. Cupcake Wars – need better ‘advertising’ or may not have interest

- iii. Spirit Worship – not an annual event, but maybe every few years
- c. New Events
  - i. Passing of Torch Event for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders
    - 1. Plan for Aug. Romans & Christians welcoming event with 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> graders
  - ii. Wednesday Night Post-confirmation
    - 1. Wednesdays after dinner for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders
    - 2. Watch contemporary TV show and talk about the show/life/events
    - 3. Once/month meet with mentors (optional to have mentor)
- 5. Next Meeting – **June 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**
  - \*\*Youth Board is not in Charge of Treats (received updated schedule – we're on for August)**
  - a. Assignment –If you weren't able to make it to May meeting, no problem, be prepared to weigh in on calendar event planning at June meeting.

NO ACTION ITEMS FOR COUNCIL

## Youth and Family Ministry Board Meeting Minutes 6/1317

Present: Jenny Nystrom, Rob Nutt, Beret Froehle, Sue Hagen, Sylvi Hanson, Dan Franklin  
Absent: Mike Skunes, Oden Hoff, Terry Gilbertson

1. Reviewed Recent Events
  - a. End of Year Canoe Trip May 13 –Well attended
  - b. High School Senior Recognition Lunch May 21 – appeared to go well
  - c. Adopt a Highway June 8<sup>th</sup> – need details but consistent difficulty with attendance in past.
    - i. Question of whether this should be a Youth event
    - ii. Discussion of promoting this as a challenge between boards
  
2. Upcoming Events & communication of events:
  - a. Mission Trip June 10-18; In process – Facebook pictures great
  - b. Green Lake Bible Camp - June 18-23, appx. 14 attending
  - c. Fall Welcoming Event for 6<sup>th</sup> graders – Romans and Christians
  - d. Magical Mystery Tour – multiple summer dates
  
3. 2017-2018 Calendar Event Planning – Addition to May Discussion
  - a. Additional thoughts/input adding to previous discussion
    - i. Post-secondary planning event with Dan Franklin
      1. Open up to kids from other churches
      2. 1 event for Seniors; 1 event for Juniors/Sophomores
      3. 1 hour in September
      4. Parents can attend, but focus on students
      5. Provide some type of food for event (e.g. Ice cream or Pizza)
    - ii. Dan gave summary of grant proposal work.
  - b. Update on 150 year celebration
    - i. Members asked to identify someone who can represent youth & families on 150 year celebration committee;
    - ii. Dan gave summary of grant proposal work.
  - c. Discussed possibilities for Teens Together summer events
    - i. Red Barn Pizza night
    - ii. Peggy Hanson's if she's available and interested
    - iii. Ultimate Frisbee
    - iv. Estenson's farm for an outdoor moving night/smores (discussion this could be all youth)
  
4. Next Meeting – **August 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**\*\*Youth Board in Charge of Treats in August (will send details closer to date)**
  - a. Assignments –
    - i. All: Identify someone interested in Youth events for 150 year celebration planning committee.
    - ii. Jenny: follow-up on Teens Together summer event
    - iii. Next meeting topics: will review Youth Ministry info on St. John's website; will discuss how to obtain feedback from Youth & Parents

FOR COUNCIL – NO ACTION ITEMS  
YOUTH BOARD NOT MEETING IN JULY