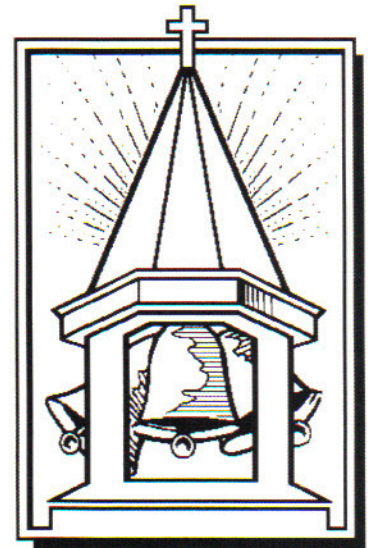


THE CHURCH BELL
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Greetings,

I have been thinking about prayer lately. I had someone tell me I thought about calling you because I was experiencing some things in my life and thought prayer would help but I decided to tough it out. My heart sank. Philippians 4:6 says, *"Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."*

Recently someone told me that every time they pray in earnest, that deep down heartfelt prayer, God answers. But when they just pray because it's the right thing to do they don't feel that God Hears.

God hears all of our prayers. Even the ones we pray just because we think we should. But when the chips are down, when we need help the most, when we truly share our thoughts and concerns with God, He reaches out to us. He wants us to communicate with Him. He wants us to share what is bothering us. He wants us to share the good times and the bad.

Jonathan Edwards said, "Prayer is as natural an expression of faith as breathing is of life." Christians have faith, Christians pray. As truthful as this statement is many Christians do not pray as they should or as often as they should. And we should always remember to praise God for what He has done in our lives. All too often we get in the habit of only praying for our wants and needs. We forget to thank Him for all He has done in our lives.

Jesus was the Son of God and throughout the gospels we read of Jesus going off by Himself and praying as well as praying with others, and praying for others. We need to follow His example.

"Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

May Peace be with you always,

Pastor John

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2014

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Infant/Child	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Baptisms	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Confirmations	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Weddings	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Funerals	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	6
Counseling Sessions	4	9	5	3	3	2	3	5	2	4	3	0	43
Transfer Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer In	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
Home Visits	8	5	6	8	6	8	11	9	6	13	7	0	87
Hospital Visits	2	5	2	5	7	6	2	0	3	6	6	0	44
Total Visits	10	10	8	13	13	14	13	9	9	19	13	0	131
Private Communion	18	22	25	18	32	38	42	43	37	39	32	0	346
PLEASE NOTE: LAST MONTH'S STATISTICS ARE TO DATE AS OF PRINTING TIME													
Release of Membership													
Restore to Membership					1								1

If you or a family member is in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Church office (361/277-8653) or Pastor John Boor at the parsonage (361/275-9895) or his cell (361/243-0373).

ST. JOHN CHURCH COUNCIL 2014

Pastor <i>John Boor</i>	275-9895 (Cell) 243-0373
Council President <i>John Swannack</i>	277-8674
Vice President <i>Obert Sagebiel</i>	275-5087
Secretary <i>Mitchell Jank</i>	572-9365
Treasurer <i>M'Liss Moore</i>	275-8069
Financial Secretary <i>Sandy Gohmert</i>	275-9117
Worship Team Leader <i>Johnny Jank</i>	575-6813
Parish Education Team Leader <i>Kathy Dunn</i>	277-9592
Mission & Evangelism Team Leader <i>Linda Ruschhaupt</i>	275-2059
Property Team Leader <i>Dickie Bettge</i>	277-3096
Finance Team Leader <i>Leon Dohmann</i>	(512) 216-2078
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Women of the Church Liaison <i>Cathie Bettge</i>	277-3096
Trustee <i>Vance Egg</i>	277-5937
Deacon <i>Don Wendel</i>	277-9862

Church Secretary/Bookkeeper *Heather Roeske*

956-655-1950



A NOTE FROM PR. JOHN:

Due to the privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify pastors when a member is admitted or treated. If you know of anyone being taken to the hospital (emergency or otherwise), or who is seriously ill please call me.

**NEW Office hours are:
Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.-
1p.m. Check the calendar
for any changes to the
schedule.**



From the Church Office



ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER/NAME CHANGES. Please notify the Church Office by leaving a recorded message at 277-8653 as soon as possible of any change in mailing addresses, and/or phone numbers, and/or name changes. Thank you!



If any elderly person, or youth, need rides to Church events or youth events, please notify the pastor so arrangements can be made to accommodate these needs

Have you seen St. John's website:

<http://stjohnmeyersville.org>. Please visit and let us know what you think of it. On the website, you will find weekly sermons, weekly announcements, the current calendar, newsletters, and much more.

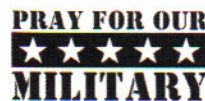
You can also communicate with the office via e-mail at: stjohnvlutheran@juno.com



If you have a request for the **Prayer Chain**, contact Evelyn Diebel. And please update your request at least once a month so the list can be kept current and up to date. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel (275-5979).

Nursing Homes : Ruth Moore

Homebound: Cleo Wendel, Janie Rangnow & Helen Mae Egg



Pray for our Military and their families, especially for: Nicholas Jacobs and Russell Copeland

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:



LOOK ON THE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD: for the sign-up sheet for ALTAR GUILD and/or COMMUNION ASSISTANTS. Both opportunities are a blessing to those who are prayerfully considering ways to serve in the life of St. John. Sign up NOW!

ATTENTION YOUTH: The sign-up sheet for 2015 Acolytes has been posted in the Narthex. Please sign up now.

Thank you to all of you who have already committed to a call. You are making a difference in our church through the service to which the Lord leads you.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the February 2015 Church Bell is **Thursday, January 22, 2015 by 9am.** Please have all your articles into the church office by then. You can e-mail your article(s) and photos to the office at stjohnvlutheran@juno.com. Thank you!

St. John's Mission for the Month:



Friends of Madagascar Mission began as the idea of David P. Leserth in 2009. He served as director of Global Mission support for the ELC in America for 12 years. After leaving this post in 2007 he began to reflect upon the diminishing resources and presence of missionaries around the globe and this organization was born of his need to respond to this crisis.

Friends of Madagascar have a unique approach to missions. They make sure all gifts go the missions as donors intend. 100% of your gift goes to projects, they ship nothing to Madagascar, they own no property or have a paid staff (everything is done with volunteers) and your gift goes quickly to the project. They have elected to support three main projects so money will go further:

Prison Ministry - The situation of the Malagasy prisoner is catastrophic, prisons are old, poorly kept, and overcrowded. The prisoners do not have sufficient food at meal times. Most prisoners rely on their families for food and necessity items. These families live in extreme poverty themselves and some rarely or never visit. FOMM visits seven prison sites each week, providing them with worship services, laying on of hands and prayer, confirmation and baptismal instruction, confirmation and baptismal services, sharing the Good News, as well as bringing rice and food supplies to the hungry prisoners.

Ejeda Hospital Nutrition Program – In Madagascar the family of the patient normally provides the food for those hospitalized. Many families are too poor or as a result of drought conditions are unable to provide the food for their loved ones. Without proper nutrition, the patients are not able to get well. The patients are provided with rice and meat, the main stays of their daily diet. In addition, as FOMM reaches out with the love of Jesus Christ with food, they also share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all who come to the hospital.

Bible Schools & Evangelists – The Bible schools are essential in the growth and nurture of the church in Madagascar. They train catechists and evangelists to serve little village churches and to bring the gospel to areas not evangelized. The Bible school students are younger men and women with limited schooling but who are eager to care for believers and share the message of Jesus Christ with those who have not yet heard the Good News. Each Bible school has from 18 to 25 enrolled in the two-year training program.

The evangelists are eager to begin their ministry in the small villages after completing their studies. Because of the poverty of the region and the fact that the evangelists are beginning their work in villages that have no believing community, funds are needed to support the evangelists and their families until there is a congregation formed and they are able to provide support.

Save the Date:

WOMEN OF FAITH AREA WIDE CONFERENCE

February 21, 2015

10:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church, Cuero
408 North Gonzales Street

Guest Speakers:

Bailey Heard

“The Power of Love”

Tara Koonce

Inspirational Comedy Entertainer

Music, Door Prizes and Lunch

All Proceeds to benefit:

BIBLES FOR PEOPLE

Tickets \$15.00 ea.

Contact Cathie Bettge if you would like to purchase a ticket for this event.

OFFICIAL NOTICE:

The Annual Meeting of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Meyersville, TX will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2015, immediately following Worship. Copies of the Annual Report and Agenda will be available on Sunday, January 18, 2015.



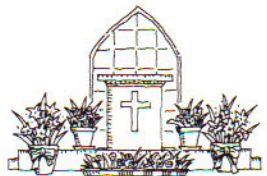
****Committee Reports should be given to the church office ASAP, and no later than Tuesday, January 13, 2015. Thank you!**



Kinley Rose Leist

Welcome to Our Family

Kinley was baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit on Sunday, December 28, 2014. She is the daughter of Trandon & Nicole Leist. Her baptismal sponsors were Todd & Kaci Leist and Callen Matejek.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The sign-up sheet for Altar Flowers has been posted in the Narthex. We have recently begun having flowers adorning the Altar on the first Sunday of each month (except during Advent & Lent). If you would like to donate the arrangements for a first Sunday, please sign up and someone will contact you with the rules regarding arrangement size. Flowers may be placed in honor or memory of a loved one. Questions can be directed to M'Liss Moore, Laurie Pkluda, or Margie Swannack. Thank you.



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Attention Upper Youth: We have a Sunday School class for YOU!! We are taking a small break but we will start again on January 4th with a new Bible study called "Dare to Dream, Creating a God-Sized Mission".

Dare to Dream is a startling and inspiring new program by popular author and pastor Mike Slaughter that draws on the Bible and a lifetime of ministry to help us discern God's dream for us and learn to live it out, prayerfully and enthusiastically. This study uses DVD clips and group study to engage its participants. We will meet each Sunday morning at 9 am in Pastor's old office.

Does 9 am seem early to you??? Don't worry, we've got you covered, we begin each morning with a **delicious breakfast** provided by one of the ladies of the church. That's one less thing you have to worry about before leaving the house!



Confirmation Classes will resume on Sunday, January 4, 2015.

WOMEN OF ST. JOHN 2015 HANDBOOK

The 2015 Women's Handbook is being printed. Please look for copies to be available in the Narthex soon.



Special dates this month:

- New Year's Day, January 1, 2015
- Epiphany, January 6, 2015
- Baptism of the Lord, January 11, 2015
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2015
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance, January 19, 2015


for•give
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to Love

- stop feeling angry or resentful toward (someone) for an offense, flaw or mistake.
- cancel (a debt)

We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.


—Martin Luther King Jr.



One Baptism

The "one" theme of Ephesians 4:4-6 assures us that we need to be baptized only once. Yet a relationship with God involves approaching him with a humble heart each day.

Directions: Inside the 1, fill in words using the spaces as a guide. Then unscramble the circled and boxed letters to reveal John's message about baptism in Mark 1:4.

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God	• • •		

Answers: body, Spirit, hope, Lord, baptism, God, Father, repentance, forgiveness

"ONE" PAINTING

Ephesians 4:4-6 talks a lot about *one*. Create one painting that says it all.



What you need:

- Foam letters or letter stickers
- White painting canvas
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrush or sponge
- Water

What you do:

1. Place letters on the canvas to spell out the "ones" in Ephesians 4:4-6 (one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God).
2. Paint over the letters, using various colors.
3. When the paint is dry, peel off the letters to reveal words that explain important Bible truths.
4. If desired, finish by painting some number 1's in any blank spots.

ST JOHN WOMEN CHURCH MINUTES

October 25, 2014

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE: Norrean Sager, Carol Ann Sagebiel, M'Liss Moore, Linda Ruschhaupt, Brenda Boor, Evelyn Diebel, Shirley Wendel, Laurie Pokluda, Kathy Dunn and Cathie Bettge

CORRESPONDENCE: graduation thank you cards and letter from Border missions. No action taken.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Current Balance \$3058.34. Refer to Treasurer's Report. Laurie moved to accept, Carol Ann seconded, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: The current volunteers are listed here. Please indicate if you are willing to continue, or volunteer for another project. We passed the list at the meeting and will ask for volunteers at church also to give other women this opportunity.

- PRAYER CHAIN: Evelyn Diebel
 - FUNERALS: Brenda Boor - we discussed that Terri Jank is purchasing the supplies to keep on hand
 - NURSING HOMES/SHUT INS: Carol Sagebiel – we discussed these individuals
 - HELPING HANDS: Mary Wagner
 - CHEERFUL HOUSE ORDERS: Marlene Rangnow
 - BANQUET/BUNCO PARTY: Shirley Wendel – All area churches are invited to the Bunco parties. Shirley and committee members have recommended that we not have a banquet due to small numbers. Shirley made this a motion, Laurie seconded, motion carried. On special occasions a banquet may be planned.
 - LWR QUILTS/PACKING/DISPLAY: Norrean Sager – the quilt litany is on Nov 23rd; set up on Nov 19th
 - LWR DELIVERY TO VICTORIA: Margie Swannack
 - FED-EX COOKIES: Dawn Otto
 - HEALTH KITS: Marjorie Ideus
 - LAYETTES: Cindy Egg
 - BAPTISMAL BANNERS/BOOKS FOR BEREAVED/CONFIRMATION CARD & GIFT: Cathie relayed that she has made two baptismal banners for Slade and Sealy Kethan and one for Kinley Leist. A new bereavement book for the Egg family was given. Five confirmation cards & gifts were sent.
 - CHRISTMAS CARD TO SHUT INS: Elaine Moritz
 - GRADUATION DEVOTIONAL: M'Liss Moore has sent eight.
 - TRACT DISPLAY: Ruth Peters
- NEW BUSINESS:

- CHRISTMAS FAMILIES: M'Liss moved and Kathy seconded that we give amount from today's offering to two families. (\$510 total)
- NOVEMBER 9, 2014 THANK OFFERING SERVICE: Laurie Pokluda will give the children's message, Brenda Boor and Laurie are organizing the sermon presentation, and Cathie Bettge is aligning the service.
- THANKOFFERING CORNUCOPIA: need volunteer(s) to oversee this. Norean, Linda and Cathie will take care of this. The Quilt Litany will be this day also and they will set up the quilts on Nov 19th.
- TODAY'S OFFERING DESIGNATION – the offering will be divided between two families. The offering given at the meeting was \$510.
- KITCHEN CLEAN UP SCHEDULE: Laurie moved to have a Volunteer sign-up sheet and have a different person each month to be in charge of checking on the kitchen weekly (stove, frig, sinks, etc). Norrean seconded, motion carried.
- WNALC offering designation? Brenda said the main thing they need money for is travel, and outreaching to groups that need money, connecting and sharing, using Facebook and website. We donated \$79 this past year. Shirley moved we not have a set offering to send to WNALC, but consider sending funds as needs arise and are brought to our attention. Linda seconded, motion carried.
- Brenda Boor report on WNALC convention in South Carolina this past July. Congratulations to her being elected chairman of the organization. The convention next year will be in Dallas, TX, so Brenda encouraged everyone to consider going when it is close. It is exciting to see what God has done through the NALC. See minutes from Brenda. The main job of WNALC is connecting and sharing what people are doing.

BUSINESS ACCOMPLISHED:

- Norrean Sager and Cathie Bettge attended an appreciation banquet at St. Mark's in Cuero to honor the LWR quilting ladies from surrounding churches
- Altar flowers are appreciated on the 1st Sunday of each month
- LBW ribbons have been replaced in LBW hymnals thanks to M'Liss Moore
- Women of Faith in Cuero will be having its annual lunch with motivational speaker in February. Tickets will be available closer to event.

FYI: Quilt Litany set for Nov. 23, 2014 service

Decorate for Mission Feast at 4 PM today- Terri Jank in charge. May bring deco if have some to share.

CLOSING PRAYER: The Lord's Prayer

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: 2nd Monday in May at 7 PM

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH MEETING

11-30-14

A brief meeting was held after church services today to discuss how to use our offering collected at the Thank Offering Service on November 9th, 2014. Laurie Pokluda moved and Norrean Sager seconded to give \$500 to NALC – Disaster Relief Fund, and \$200 to Ronald McDonald House. Motion carried. Margie Swannack, Treasurer, will mail these checks.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Dunn, Secretary

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 25, 2014

By Church Secretary, Mitchell Jank

Members present: Pastor John Boor, John Swannack, M'Liss Moore, Linda Ruschhaupt, Dickie Bettge, Cathie Bettge, Kathy Dunn, Mitchell Jank, Obert Sagebiel, and Johnny Jank.

CALL to ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President John Swannack at 7:00 PM.

DEVOTION: Led by M'Liss Moore

MINUTES: Minutes were reviewed and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Reviewed and approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Two baptisms scheduled for November and one for December.
- Erin Cornett has approached Pastor John about performing her marriage ceremony and the use of our church. Dickie moved and Kathy seconded that we allow the use of our church. Motion passed.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Old Business

- Employee Handbook – Dickie moved and Johnny seconded that we approve the sample handbook that was handed out at the previous meeting and make it effective 01/01/2015. Motion passed.

Finance Team Report

- Proposed budget was reviewed. Johnny moved and Mitchell seconded to accept the budget and present to the congregation for approval.
- Wells Fargo Credit card – Dickie moved and Kathy seconded to remove Diane Chavez from the credit card account. Motion passed.

Mission/Evangelism Team report

Members: Pastor John, John Swannack, Cheryl Bramlette, Pam Haun, Candice Cowley, Lloyd and Karon Copeland and Linda Ruschhaupt, Team Leader.

- St. John's Mission for the Month of November – **Christmas Families.**

80 year old woman - She lives with her daughter, granddaughter and great granddaughter. The only one able to work is the granddaughter. She has a low paying job, they all share one vehicle (the one that works takes it every

day) the great granddaughter is in high school.

Fire Victims in Victoria County - Guadalupe and Jose Vasquez lost their home in a fire on Halloween night. They have five children ages one through twelve. They lost everything. The Red Cross in Victoria has provided them with clothes and is trying to get an oil company to donate a used mobile home. They will still need to get all household items (furniture, bedding, kitchen equipment, etc...) Right now they are living with relatives.

We will need all monies donated to this mission by Dec. 21, 2014 to give us time to deliver the gift before Christmas. The monies given to this month's mission will be split evenly with the two families above.

Parish Life Committee Report

- Committee did not meet in November

Parish Education report

Team met October 19, 2014 after Church. Members present were Kathy Dunn, Wanda Hays, Diane Chavez and Johnny Jank.

No volunteers for the Christmas Eve program, so Wanda Hays and I will coordinate this. I have sent letters to parents, with practice dates. We will use "What God Wants" program that we did 5 or 6 yrs. ago. Virginia Jank is reviewing the music.

- Advent Curriculum: We have received this material and plan to start using on Nov 30th. We will probably just use the current video equipment or borrow a TV, since this is a DVD based curriculum. The property committee is making long range plans and it will take a while to get any new video equipment process.
- Youth group: they are planning a Service Project for elderly families in the community – decorating for Christmas or other jobs.
- The Sunday school is in need of more co-teachers, not because we have so many children, but because we don't want to put all the age groups together.

The Property Team

Maintenance Schedule for Sept.

- Inventory of furniture and equipment & report to Church Council. Dickie. Nov.
- Check parish hall classrooms for burned out lights, etc. Glenn.

Items Complete

- Water lines at cemetery were installed and holes dug for tree planting.
- Bathroom & Kitchen Supplies were purchased and storage areas checked. Marv.
- Termite check. A check of the buildings revealed no termites present now.
- A/C return air moisture problem and annual inspection of heater. Gohmert A/C added Freon to one of the A/C units which should prevent condensation and inspected the heaters in the parsonage.

The lights in front of church were adjusted.

Old Business

The church sign committee is making progress.

New Business:

Permission to convert one wall in the basement into a chalkboard using chalkboard paint. Glenn will work with the Sunday school teacher to determine what is needed.

Incident at the cemetery where a group gathered around a grave and played loud music and was having a party. Pastor confronted them and they left. Clay will check other cemeteries to determine if signage is in place and possible verbiage to close the cemetery at night.

I spoke with Merton and he indicated that their last month for cleaning the church will be December 2014.

Project List:

1. Volley ball poles and crosses have been sand blasted and primed. Glenn will work with Wendel Sandblasting to get them painted.
2. New light fixtures at church entrance.
3. Meeting with Surface Burial concerning cemetery issues. Dickie and Pastor will meet with Surface Burial to discuss and determine what is expected to maintain our cemetery. The grave lines were staked and Dickie will schedule a date to meet.
4. Revision of cemetery rules. We discussed downloading cemetery rules used by the Catholic Churches as a guide to revising our rules. Dickie will download.
5. Parsonage rodent problem. Pastor will build covers out of hardware cloth to insert into the access holes to prevent animals from entering. Hardware cloth will be installed in the ground to prevent rodent access.
- A. Cemetery graves needing attention:
Willie Mae and Erwin Brandt.
Alfred and Bertha Albrecht. Dickie made another contact with Ray Albrecht concerning the graves. Surface Burial will fix the Albrecht graves when they do the work on the Ralph Egg grave. Surface Burial also noted that they will fix the Hartman grave at that time.
- B. Eagle Scout Project, Dylan Ohrt. They would like to use the creek project for Dylan's Eagle Scout Project. They asked if there is funding for things like fire pits, volleyball pits and the like. The property team recommends a site visit by all parties to access what can be done. All expenditures must be approved by council. They also asked if the troop could have an adult supervised overnight campout to do work on the site. Our insurance provider said that we are adequately covered for this. We inquired about insurance coverage that the scouts have, but have not heard back. The property team recommends that we permit Dylan Ohrt permission to use the creek area

for his Eagle Scout project. This project was approved by council and Jason Ohrt was notified by email. We are waiting for a response back concerning site review.

- C. Church renovation: Rawley McCoy & Associates have provided a proposal for us to sign and return. They propose charging an hourly rate for measurement of the existing facilities, project design, and preliminary plans. Once the scope is defined, they will quote us an additional fixed fee to complete design development, bidding and construction documents and to provide construction administration services through construction. The property team recommends that we use these Rawley McCoy & Associates. The church council approved starting the measurement and preliminary plans.
- D. PSI has provided a proposal for a limited asbestos renovation/demolition survey. Property team recommends using PSI at a cost of \$5475. Council approved, but congregational approval is needed. We found the prior report done on the ceiling and this has been given to the Architect. Patrick Ohrt is researching the best option for asbestos surveys.
5. Check AT&T easement area for vegetation. Contact AT&T as needed. Telephone message left and emailed on 11/3/14. The call was returned and they will process a work order to get the job done. Dickie.
6. Proposed rental fees for the parish hall, sanctuary, and basement for weddings. Pastor
7. Visual projection equipment for Sunday school. Glenn will discuss with Sunday school leaders and research the best equipment to purchase.
8. Two sills under the stage could provide a pathway for termites. These sills may need to be removed or modified.
9. Rekey locks when secretary changes as per policy. Marv.
10. Check into finding the combination for the office safe. The combination was found.
11. Dan Dentler Memorial.
Cost Estimate:
Form and pour slab (bid from Britton)
\$1950.00
Two table and bench sets (T977)
636.00
Two Bench Tops (T977)
53.00
Three Curved Benches (T-983)
246.00
4 Name plates
300.00
Delivery and cost to setup (Delivery only \$120.00)
250.00.
Total Cost
\$ 3435.00
Money in fund

\$ 3952.00
 Money in fund (updated by finance team on
 8/12/14)
 Bequeath from Dan Dentler
 \$ 3952.04
 Ms. Metting's memorials
 \$ 245.00
 Dan's memorials
\$ 985.00
 Total
 \$ 5182.04

We decided to order the furniture and have it delivered.

12. Tree planting in cemetery.

Items for Council approval

1. Deep cleaning of the church, basement, and parish hall. JoAnn Martinez submitted a proposal to deep clean our facilities for \$850. The property team proposes this for council approval. Johnny moved and Cathy seconded to accept this proposal. Motion passed. Property team will research if Ms. Martinez has her own Workers Comp. coverage.
2. Brush control of church pasture. Keith Corporon is clearing brush for Arlen Mueller with skid loaders and shears. His rate is \$65.00 per hour plus diesel and chemicals for spraying the stumps. The property team proposes hiring him to control our brush. Council approval requested. Kathy moved and M'Liss seconded that we hire Mr. Corporon. Motion passed.

Women of the Church report.

Submitted by Cathie Bettge

- a. Nov. 9th Women's Thank Offering Service was a blessing to all who participated and hopefully to all who attended
- b. At a called meeting on Nov. 16, 2014 women voted to donate to the Ronald McDonald House for children with cancer and to the NALC Disaster Fund toward Christmas gifts for children affected by a natural disaster here in the United States with some of the offering money received at the Nov. 9th Thank Offering Service
- c. Purchased poinsettias, red bows, ribbon, and chenille pipe cleaners to decorate church on Nov. 23rd at 3 PM

Worship Team

Worship team members Beverly Bodden, Johnny P Jank, Virginia Jank, Noreen Sager, and Bruce Weise, along with council President John Swannack and Pastor John Boor met after church on Sunday 23rd November 2014.

Old Business

- Usher program was discussed. Working on revising the deacon responsibilities.
- Organ repair was discussed and the current state of

the organ as relayed by Mr. Price. Our organ is unique and it is old. It still uses a lot of mechanical parts; contacts under each key, connected to old wires, which connect to a relay bow to operate the air to flow in the tube to make a note. Each time Bruce touches the keyboard for each note that all has to work, any part of that doesn't and that note doesn't play. It's all working currently but it could begin to fail. The organ was built in 1947 and had a major overhaul in 1967 and again in 1989. That was about every 20 years, so if we go by that past history we are about 5 years overdue. If something major fails it may need to be reworked because very little now is completely mechanical and most are electronically controlled which would require a total rework. We are not there yet but it could happen.

That being said the team agreed it would be wise to continue the repairs. The tremulant unit replacement, at a cost of \$1,575.00, was already approved by council but when Mr. Price did not complete that repair during his fall maintenance visit and found other needed repairs we did not proceed with that repair. After some discussion, a motion by Noreen Sager was made and seconded by Beverly Bodden, to add the tremulant replacement to the budget for 2015. Motion passed unanimously. Council action will be made with the approval of the 2015 budget.

New Business –

· **Advent Services-** Candle lighting & singing one verse of 630 WOV was discussed and agreed to use during this Advent season. This song is the one sung by the choir during Advent services last year.

· **Calendar -** A calendar of St John services for 2015 was reviewed. The team will use this to try and do a better job of assigning "special" services to those times in the church calendar that are not as "busy" as others. This will help minimize occasions like September 2014, when we had Rally, Polka and Contemporary services all in one month.

· **Next Meeting –** Due to the late date of our November meeting and the close proximity to regularly scheduled December meeting, we agreed to dispense with the December meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6th January 2015.

· Chose hymns for Advent and Christmas Sundays and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Council New Business

- Adoption of Church usage fees was discussed. Johnny moved and Dickie seconded a motion that we charge a fee of \$125 for use of the church. Motion passed. The grounds committee will come up with a fee schedule for other buildings and A/C to be approved by council.

Meeting was adjourned and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

January 4

- Greeters - Dickie & Cathie Bettge
Acolyte - Mason Nagel

January 11

- Greeters - Marvin & Norrean Sager
Acolyte - Caden & Cason Jander

January 18

- Greeters - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt
Acolyte -

January 25

- Greeters - Kernell & Elaine Moritz
Acolyte -

January Communion Assistant

Dickie Bettge

January Altar Guild

May Dell Jacob & Brenda Boor

January Nursing Home Visitors

Norrean Sager

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February 1

- Greeters - John & Margie Swannack
Acolyte -

February Communion Assistant

Pam Haun

February Altar Guild

Pam Haun & Nikki Nagel

February Nursing Home Visitors

Laurie Pokluda

Greeters: Please give visitors any current newsletters that may be on the table in the narthex.

Volunteers: If you are down for a service, you are responsible for getting a substitute if you cannot make it. Please let the church office know if you switch so the correct names can be in the bulletin.



Happy Birthday to:

- 2 - Rose Mueller
5 - Merti Joy Giles
6 - Hayden Leist
7 - Craton Mac Rains
Joan Wendel
10 - Virgie Gohmert
12 - Brandon Blain
Travis Reinecke
13 - Elroy Peters
Meagan Oehlke
Patrick Oehlke
14 - Toi Rangnow
15 - Ryan Diebel
18 - Dianna Hoy
21 - Julienne Stiles
22 - Terri Jank
23 - Alana Baros
Joy Hoy
24 - Colton Wayne Eckhardt
28 - Ron Dreier
30 - Brooke Haun
Stanley Fuchs

Anniversary Greetings to:

- 2 - Darren & Dawn Otto
Kerry & Merti Giles
3 - Joel & Cindy Egg
12 - David & Martha Diebel
17 - Mitchell & Terri Jank
20 - Doug & Wendy Bishop
22 - Richard & Missy Randle
Terry & Pam Haun
29 - Ernest & Carla Metting

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