

May 2024

The “Good News” Letter

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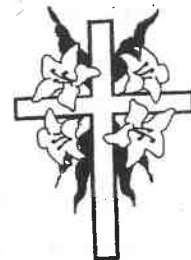
Worship 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

2024: The Year of Rest!

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We are the church

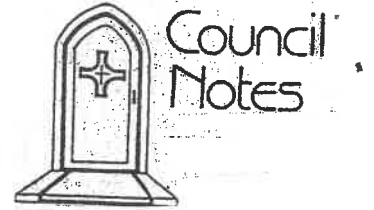
Jesus didn't come to start a church. He came to show God's love for the whole world. He came to heal and to teach and to save. And, as he did that, he gathered a crowd. They were changed by that encounter. And when Jesus said, "Hey, you want to come along and help?" they followed him. They were the church. Long before there were church buildings or seminaries to train pastors or even a book with the story of Jesus written down in it, *they were the church.*

The church is people. And, today, the church is us. We are the church when we get together to celebrate and to mourn, to worship and to learn and to serve. But we are also the church when we are at home, at work, at school, having coffee with the neighbor, doing our shopping, paying our taxes, marking the ballot. We are the church wherever we go. It is our job, in all those places, to share the good news of God's love in everything we say and everything we do.



Celebrate the joy of spring
and the blessings of the Risen Lord.
His mercy endures forever.
Let us rejoice and be glad!

St. John's Church Council Minutes
April 10, 2024



MEMBERS PRESENT: David Sharninghouse, Carol Cary, and Linda Ross.
Devotions led by Linda. David volunteered to have May 22 devotions.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Reviewed and discussed. David noted the checking account balance listed of \$1130.18 was wrong. That amount was the net income for February. Remainder of report was correct. Carol moved and David 2nd to accept this report. All agreed and motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reviewed and discussed. Linda moved and David 2nd to accept this report. All agreed and motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: 2024 Adult Vacation Bible School (AVBS) dates at St. John's are July 16, 17, 18 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) from 6 pm – 8 pm. We are in discussion with Robin Kershner for the Gideon's to provide the program. At this time, the plan is to continue as last year's evening schedule. Still working on the theme, possible Outreach.

- David notes no new progress with Synod in our search for a pastor. The Call Committee is continuing their contact effort.

- Carol reports the Easter Breakfast and Holy Week service donations totaled \$290, so she added \$110 from the Mile of Pennies Fund to make the amount needed to donate \$200 each to Lutheran Social Services and CHOPIN Hall.

- Carol notes our McComb EDO membership is due. Last year we sent \$150. Dave moved and Linda 2nd to continue this. All agreed and motion passed. She notes the McComb buildings downtown are continuing to be in the rehab process.

NEW BUSINESS: Pastor Elizabeth Hadler has accepted a pastoral position at a Findlay church and the April 14 church service will be her last one she will lead for us and St. Luke's. SAM Bob Fett will continue to lead our services on the Sundays he is available, April 21 & 28. Synod will be contacted for further pastoral assistance in leading our Sunday services.

- Carol reports she received the McComb Cookie Festival sponsorship notice which we did donate \$500 in 2023. This was discussed and decided it was a worthy community effort to support. David moved and Carol 2nd to donate \$500 to this effort. All agreed and motion passed.

(Council Meeting, cont'd.)

- April 20th is the Spring Gathering of Women of ELCA Central Conference at Trinity Lutheran Church, Findlay.

Carol moved and David 2nd to adjourn the meeting. All agreed and motion passed.

Meeting closed by all praying the Lord's Prayer,

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Ross, Secretary

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In Our Prayers: John Sharninghouse, Donnis Siferd, Garn Kern, Paul & Sue Maki, Betty Hornbeck, David Cary, LuAnn Beverly, Colene Shoop, Eva Goerge, Eric & Lisa Kreh, Chris & Arlene Heiny, Bob, Don Edler, Beth Edler, Ashley Edler, Pat Newell, Pat Moore, Bertha Carter, & Cali. Pray also for the victims of natural disasters, all who grieve, and all others with special needs.



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With Deepest Sympathy

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the friends and family of Gus Robles. Service for Gus was held April 19th, his 82nd birthday. May our Lord comfort those who mourn.



God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers.
~Jewish Proverb



Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has been meeting and has now completed the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which was approved by both church councils in late March. The document, along with several additional documents were uploaded to the ELCA website and approved by the Bishop. Now we wait.

The committee, along with the Church Council Presidents, met with Call Committee facilitators Paul Brooks and Tom Ritter on April 18th for an orientation about conducting an interview. We learned how this is a “call” not a typical hiring of an employee. The committee has set dates in May to meet to discuss the questions we will ask of a candidate as well as discuss possible questions a candidate may want to ask us.

The important part of this process is confidentiality with regard to possible candidates. Please know that the committee is bound to this confidentiality for a number of reasons so we will **not** be able to discuss who we may be meeting with or any particulars of the interview. When the committee finds a candidate that we feel will be a good fit for our congregations we will share that with the councils. They may also interview or meet the candidate and if everyone, including the candidate, agrees that this is a good match, a vote will be asked of the congregations. At that time we will be able to share the candidate with the congregations. You have entrusted us with this task and we are taking our role in finding a new pastor seriously. The Holy Spirit is guiding us in our work.



Banking Summary - Month To Date
4/1/2024 through 4/25/2024

Category	4/1/2024- 4/25/2024
INCOME	
Direct Deposit	400.00
Envelopes	1,250.00
Memorial Money	120.00
Mile Of Pennies	30.00
Plate	18.00
Thrivent Choice Fund	223.00
TOTAL INCOME	2,041.00
EXPENSES	
Bulletin Covers	50.17
Outreach	650.00
Chopin Hall	200.00
Lutheran Social Services	200.00
TOTAL Outreach	1,050.00
Service Fee Simply Giving	6.31
Telephone & Internet	309.96
Utilities	
Water & Sewage	95.24
TOTAL Utilities	95.24
Electric	257.30
Gas	130.00
TOTAL Utilities	387.30
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,398.98
OVERALL TOTAL	142.02



May Birthdays

2 – John Sharninghouse

17 – Holly Hankin

29 – Rylee Johns

God's Helpers for May

Readers:

May 5 – David Sharninghouse

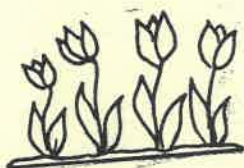
May 12 – Lori McDaniel

May 19 – Carol Cary

May 26 – Linda Ross

Altar Care:

Sharon Kreh



Food Pantry

Thank You again for your generous donations of peanut butter and jelly!!

Request for May are bar soap and shampoo... you may drop them off in that box at the back of the church.

Celebrate Pentecost!

The Day of Pentecost is the birthday of the church, remembering the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' disciples fifty days after Easter. It marks the conclusion of our seven-week Easter celebration, and worship that day will include Jesus' "feast of victory,"

The liturgical color for the day is red, the color of fire. It is one of the few days of the year that our altar, pulpit, and lectern get to wear red. You can add to the festivities of the day by also *wearing red* on Sunday, May 19.

Remember: Wear red on Pentecost!

May Anniversaries

May 3 – Ken & Jeanne Kreh

May 7 – Matt & Alycia Johns

Calendar of Events

May 3 – National Day of Prayer

May 12 -HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

May 19 – Day of PENTECOST

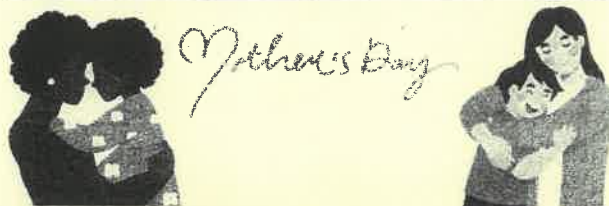
May 22 – Church Council Mtg

May 24 – Newsletter Deadline

May 27 – MEMORIAL DAY



Happy Mother's Day



As Mother's Day approaches, it's an opportunity to honor the incredible women who have nurtured and guided us with love, strength, and faith. For Christian families, Mother's Day holds a special significance as it's a time to reflect on the biblical teachings about motherhood and the invaluable role mothers play in shaping our lives. In Proverbs 31:26-28, we find a beautiful depiction of a godly woman: "She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her."

This passage encapsulates the essence of motherhood—a woman who embodies wisdom, diligence, and devotion to her family. On Mother's Day, we have the opportunity to express our gratitude to these remarkable women who reflect the nurturing nature of God Himself.

Let us take this day to honor our mothers with love, appreciation, and prayer. Let us thank God for blessing us with mothers who exemplify His love and grace. May we cherish every moment with them and continually seek to emulate their faithfulness and love in our own lives.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers who inspire us with their unwavering faith and unconditional love.