

September 2024

The "Good News" Letter

St. John's Lutheran Church

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

2024: The Year of Rest!



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Peace, not quiet

In Christian worship, we exchange the peace, reaching out to one another and engaging in this act of reconciliation as we prepare to be guests at the table Jesus prepares for us. This serves as a model for how we are called to live. I believe that if we as Christians are going to get to a place of true reconciliation, according to God's standards, we need to be sure that the peace we share, the peace we offer others, isn't just quiet. Peace and quiet are not the same thing.

In a March 1956 sermon, "When Peace Becomes Obnoxious," the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. noted that peace is not merely the absence of tension, but also the presence of justice. King said that a peace that is boiled down to a stagnant complacency, deadening passivity, is simply obnoxious.

King also said that peace is "the presence of positive good." This is the kind of peace Jesus stood for, lived out and called us to in our communities – a peace rooted in justice, goodwill, fellowship and a radical love for all.

Being Lutheran is about following Jesus.

A Lutheran's primary identity is in Jesus who has claimed you as His own, given you new life through the waters of Baptism, and invited you to come follow Him.

—A. Trevor Sutton

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
August 14, 2024



MEMBERS PRESENT: David Sharninghouse, Carol Cary, Michele Robles and Linda Ross. Devotions led by Carol on the need for water. Michele agreed to lead the September devotions.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Reviewed and discussed. Michele moved and Carol seconded to accept this report. All agreed and motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The June and July reports were reviewed and discussed. Michele moved and Linda seconded to accept this report. All agreed and motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: David shares the Call Committee did meet with a person interested in our pastor position. He reported the meeting seemed to go well and the committee was very hopeful, but he did decline the position. The Call Committee will meet again next week to discuss the options in advertising on our own for interested individuals.

-We also discussed returning to our previous manner of sharing the peace by shaking hands and greeting "Peace be with you" in September. If the COVID cases increase we can opt to go back to the peace sign.

NEW BUSINESS: Pastoral leaders for September: Sept 1 – Pastor Bill Schultz; September 8 – Susan Kronback -retired Methodist minister; September 15, 22, 29- Sam Bob Fett.

- Rally Day is September 8 and Sunday School classes will return to our church.
- September 8 is also God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. Our project will be baking cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministry on Saturday, September 7 in our kitchen at 9 AM. Linda will ask St Luke's if they want to join us in this effort as we had done before at their church.

- Our annual Gideon donation was discussed and it was decided to give \$200 this year since they were generous in providing speakers for our Adult Vacation Bible School Program. Linda moved and Michele seconded to send \$200 to the Gideons. All agreed and motion passed.

- Michele raised discussion on the length of our church's sustainability and if a plan is in place to how to close it. She had been involved in a church closing in her past experience. We acknowledged many of us have had these thoughts, but as long as we are able to stay financially stable and continue fulfilling our mission We will be here.

Council Meeting Minutes cont'd.

Discussion on our Legacy and the disposition of our assets was held and options available. No decisions were made.

Looking forward, we will be visiting the 2025 Budget and planning the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Carol moved and Michele seconded to adjourn the meeting. All agreed and motion passed.

Meeting closed by all praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Ross, Secretary



In Our Prayers: John Sharninghouse, Gary Kern, Paul & Sue Maki, Betty Hornbeck, David Cary, LuAnn Beverly, Colene Shoop, Eva George, Eric & Lisa Kreh, Bob, Don Edler, Ashley Edler, Pat Newell. Pray also for the victims of natural disasters, all who grieve, and all others with special needs.



ROBERT SMITH

Our condolences go out to the Robert Smith Family. Bob was a big part of our community. He served on council from 1968 to 1975 and was a member of the McComb Rotary for 65 years. He was also chairman on the Mayor's Industrial Board when the Cookie Factory was first built. Mr. Smith started a scholarship in 2017 with the Hancock Community Foundation for graduating McComb students that want to pursue a four-year degree. He was a pillar of the community and his contributions to the Village were immeasurable.



Christian Condolences to the family and friends of Dan Waisanen, who passed away on August 14th. A Celebration of Life gathering is planned for Dan on October 12, 2-4 pm, in our Parish Hall. May our Lord comfort those who mourn.

THANK YOU.....

Dear St. John's Members,

Thank you for allowing our family to have Dad's services in the church. That meant so much to us and I know Dad would have been pleased.

Your church has been important to Dad, most especially during his years of retirement. I look forward to visiting, reminiscing and catching up with you the next time we are here.

God's Blessings to you all.

Nancy Briley, Paula McKibben, Sally Smith-Black, Rob Smith

Dear Sponsor.

Through the generosity of your giving, the 2024 McComb Cookie Festival provided a memorable event for all ages in the McComb community and surrounding area. Activities paid through sponsorship dollars included a climbing wall, arcade truck, petting zoo, three inflatables, a caricature artist, train rides and more! Without your sponsorship, these activities undoubtedly would not have happened. We understand that there are many options for charitable giving and we appreciate you choosing to support locally.

Our many thanks, Sarah Kryling, President, McComb Community Partnership.

THIS 'N THAT

Cookies for Kairos: We will be baking cookies at 9 AM on Saturday, September 7th at the church for Robin Kershner's Prison Ministry gathering.

Return to Sunday Worship

Answer the call to serve

Love one another

Love all god's children

Yes to rally 'round Jesus

DAY is Sunday, September 8th.



QUILTS FOR LWR.... We will be tie-knotting quilts at 9 am, Wednesday, September 18, in preparation for delivery on October 12th. Come join us! Please bring along a large-eye needle and scissors.....

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC will be at Dave Sharninghouse's home Sunday, September 22 at 12:30. Come join us for great food and fellowship, more information can be found in the Sunday bulletins.

September Birthdays

4 – Jeanne Kreh
6 – Eva George
18- Donnis Siferd
28 – Tessa (Hankin)

September Anniversary

13 – Kaylee & Deryk Sammet

God's Helpers for September

Readers

September 1 – Dave Sharninghouse
September 8 – Lori McDaniel
September 15 – Carol Cary
September 22 – Linda Ross
September 29 – Landon Yeager

Worship Leaders:

September 1 – Pastor Bill Schultz
September 8 – Susan Kronback
September 15 - (SAM) Bob Fett
September 22 – (SAM) Bob Fett
September 29 – (SAM) Bob Fett

Altar Care

Lorene Raney

Calendar of Events

Sept 2 – Labor Day
Sept 7 – Cooky Bake, 9 am, at church
Sept 8 – Rally Day
Sept 10 – Lions Dinner, 6:30 pm
Sept 11 - Church Council Mtg
Sept 18 – Quilt Day, 9 am, at church
Sept 22 – First Day of Autumn
Sept 22 – Church Picnic at Dave's

FOOD PANTRY...Requests for
September and October....bar soap,
body wash and shampoo. THANKS!!

October Birthdays

17 – Alison Reardon

October Anniversary

13 – Dan & Colene Shoop

God's Helpers for October

Readers

October 6 – Dave Sharninghouse
October 13 – Lori McDaniel
October 20 – Carol Cary
October 27 – Linda Ross

Worship Leaders:

Not available, check the Sunday
bulletins

Altar Care

Lori McDaniel

Calendar of Events

Oct. 8 – Lions Dinner
Oct. 9 – Church Council Mtg.
Oct. 12 – WELCA Fall Gathering. 9-1
at St. Paul, Jenera.
Oct. 12 – Celebration of Life
gathering for Dan Waisanen, 2-4
Oct. 27 – REFORMATION
SUNDAY.....wear red!
Oct. 31 – Newsletter Deadline

