

The Friendly Visitor

May 2017

St. John's Lutheran Church

*God has called us to
Care, Share, Teach and Love
as Jesus has loved us.*



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The Reverend Roger Facione, Pastor
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Church Council Meeting

Monday, March 27, 2017



Members Present: Pastor Roger Facione, President Melissa Westrick, Paul Meteyer, Joe Tinson Sr., Kim Dennis, Kathi Bokano and Alison

White

Member Absent: Chris Snooks

Guests: Jamie Inman and Margaret Larsen

Agenda Items

1. Call to order: 7:07 p.m.
2. Prayer: Pastor Facione began with an opening prayer.
3. Approval of Minutes from Feb., 28, 2017
Motion: Kathi Bokano
Second: Joe Tinson Sr.
4. Primary Stated Supply Report: See attached notes from Pastor Facione in addition to Pastor Facione's report he also shared the following:
 - a. Good Friday- nothing is planned with joining other local churches.

- b. Meeting with Nathan Greenfielder to plan his wedding.
 - c. Pastor Jan is leading the 4th Sunday in April. Heritage Day will be taking place on this day which is April 23.
 - d. Pastor Facione will begin his next 4 week book study. The dates are April 27, May 4, May 11 and May 18.
 - e. Pastor Facione would like to ask Enoch Carelton if he would like to be involved with ministry at St. John's.
Motion: Alison White
Second: Joe Tinson Sr.
5. Financial Report:
- a. Kim Dennis stated that we are not behind in current expenses.
 - b. Review Constitution to see who should be on checking account.
 - c. Motion: Paul Meteyer
Second: Joe Tinson Sr.
6. New Business:
- a. Worship Committee Report- Jamie Inman. See attached report.
 - b. Service and Outreach Report- Joe Tinson Sr. See attached report.
 - c. Facilities Committee is working on church sign.
 - d. MCREST- Paul Meteyer. See attached report. In addition Paul shared that everything is looking good for the week of MCREST. Will contact Bishop Chris to see if he can do the healing service.
 - e. Stewardship Committee- Packets not picked up were mailed out. Would also like to purchase Tiger Tickets for a Friday Night game.
Motion: Kathi Bokano
Second: Paul Meteyer
7. New Business:
- a. Synod Assembly- We are in need of a male and female vote. Pastor Facione will go to the Synod Assembly and Kathi Bokano has also expressed interest.

- b. Heritage Day-April 23- What are church memories that we would like to share over the past 60 years? Melissa Westrick will organize the potluck and Joe Tinson Sr. will bring pulled pork.

8. Old Business:

- a. Memorial and Financial Report presented by Kathi Bokano. See attached report.
Kathi was also able to answer questions about different accounts from council members. One question asked was “After a period of time can Memorial Fund be placed into General Fund or Endowment Account”? A decision was made that there needs to be a committee to discuss policies in regards to Memorial Funds. Kathi, Kim and Pastor Facione are going to discuss putting together a committee.
- b. New Computer Proposal- Melissa is going to look into quotes from three different companies for a new computer. Pat Burn’s Memorial will be put towards a new computer.
Motion: Paul Meteyer
Second: Alison White

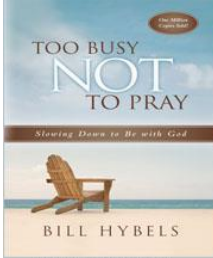
9. Correspondence: n/a

10. Adjournment at 9:26 p.m.
Motion: Alison White
Second: Joe Tinson Sr.

Thank you

I would like to thank the Sunday School staff and children for the card and Easter candy.

Clarence Huwe



Too Busy Not To Pray
by Bill Hybels

Book Study led by Pr. Roger Facione in the church parlor

Week 1: Thursday, April 27
Week 2: Thursday, May 4
Week 3: Thursday, May 11
Week 4: Thursday, May 18

6:00 - 6:30 pm Brown Bag Meal
6:30 - 7:30 pm Book Study

coffee, tea, juice and water provided

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(Image used from iypress.com)
The cost of the book is \$10. You may purchase it on your own or contact Alison White 586-909-2207, or the church office 586-725-6801 and a book will be ordered for you.

Green Day at St. John's

It is time to clean up and rejuvenate the gardens around the church and educational building. The garden committee of St. John's plans to begin work at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 3. Please plan to join us with your shovels, rakes, garden gloves and lots of energy to help once again make the gardens look lovely. If you would like more information about this project please contact Gayle LeClair, 586-716-4420, Paul Meteyer, 586-615-8294, or Charlene Barrett at 586-206-1901. Thanks and sure hope to see you there. Donuts, coffee, and juice will be served. We will be accepting donations to help pay for the materials needed for our gardening day. Donations may be placed in the offering and labeled *Gardening Day*.



Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

Many of our older and disabled neighbors are isolated and looking for a special friend who can drop by every week or two to chat, read mail, go out for coffee, or just let them know that someone cares. We especially need drivers who are available during daytime business hours—mornings and afternoons. If you have just a few hours each month that you can give to someone who has no one, you can make a real difference. For more information, call the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 586-757-5551.

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers is hosting a free seminar on **Depression in Older Adults** on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at King of Kings Lutheran Church, 47500 Schoenherr Rd., Shelby Twp. Please RSVP to above phone number to ensure enough seating.



Join us every third Saturday of the month for a

Euchre Tournament May 20, 2017

Register: 4:00 pm
Play: 4:30 pm
\$10 per person
snack, food, drinks provided



SPAGHETTI DINNER



Saturday, May 13 4:00 - 7:00 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church Education Bldg.

All proceeds to benefit the St. John's Good Samaritan Fund



Donations Needed

The Lutheran World Relief quilters need:
fabric yard goods, sheets,
tablecloths, drapery,
or whatever.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

St. John's Website

Check out our website at:
www.stjohns-nb.org



Geocaching: High tech scavenger hunt

Update on the geocache at St. John's!

Have you tried geocaching?

This is a fun, family treasure-hunting activity!

You use a smartphone or GPS to find each cache, sign the visitors log, take a prize out, and leave a prize for the next person. Geocaches can be found just about anywhere, and hunting for them is a great way to break up a long road trip.

Our church has had a geocache on-site since September 2015! This geocache is owned and maintained by Owen and Evan Westrick.

It has been visited by 25 people since it was first set-up! If you are interested in more information, check out the official geocaching website: www.geocaching.com.

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you very much to everyone who donated eggs and candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt took place on Easter morning in between services. The children had a great time and walked away with lots and lots of Easter Eggs!!





Newsletter

If you or someone you know would like to receive the monthly newsletter by regular mail or email, please fill out the slip below and place in the offering plate or call the church office, 725-6801.

Please add the following name to the newsletter mailing list:

Name

Street address or email address

From the Editor

Articles for the May newsletter are due no later than May 29. Full page flyers should be submitted by May 29. Articles past the due date will be saved for the following newsletter. Please submit your articles in the Editor's mailbox or by emailing them to walter_steffens@sbcglobal.net

Also if there's something that you would enjoy seeing inserted into the newsletter please e-mail or contact me by phone.

Thank-you for all your support.

Tim Steffens
Editor in Chief

Don't compare your life to others.

You have no idea what their journey is all about.

Vacation Bible School

Plans are in the works for this summer's Vacation Bible School. Once again, First Congregational Church and St. John's Lutheran Church will be joining forces to provide a week of fun-filled Christian Education for the children. VBS will take place the week of July 31 – August 4. Please mark your calendars. If you would like to volunteer to help, please let Charlene Barrett know.



St. John's Prayer Circle

Do you have someone or something that you would like many people praying for?

There is **Power in Prayer** and those prayers are as close as a phone call away.



To start a Prayer Circle, please call:

Kathi Bokano 586-725-7981
Gayle LeClair 586-943-8040

Be sure to include all the information needed in order to make the prayer request meaningful. Your prayer request will be e-mailed to all members of the circle so that help, in the form of prayer, can begin immediately.

So many times people would like to know how the person they are praying for is doing. Please be sure to call either Kathi or Gayle so that information can be shared with members of the prayer circle.

We hope you will take advantage of the Prayer Circle whenever you feel the need.

Thank you,
Gayle LeClair