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# First St. John Journal

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**Y**es, the Lenten season is upon us. And Lent reminds us that Christ most certainly *was* on trial. Two thousand years have come and gone since Caiaphas and Pilate passed judgment on Jesus in Jerusalem. And although the verdict passed down at that trial was a miscarriage of justice, the result fulfilled God's purpose: to save the world by sacrificing his Son.

Christ most certainly *is* on trial. His saving act, His being in the world, and His radical teaching all demand a reaction. Every human being must wrestle with questions like: Who is this Christ? Is He who He claims to be? If so, what does He mean for me and my life? Christ demands a reply. Daily, Christ is on trial.

**As He is again this Lent.** Scriptural evidence is analyzed at each Lenten service, and eye witnesses share accounts of their encounters with Jesus:

We hear a **lawyer's** opening statement as to who this Jesus is, and who will be on the witness stand in the coming weeks.

**Matthew** speaks of Jesus' scandalous association with the seedier side of society.

**A former cripple** is herself evidence of Jesus' loose interpretation of Sabbath law.

"Jesus, Disturber of the Peace!" Is this true? Prominent Jewish leader **Nicodemus** weighs in.

Evidence that Jesus is a self-elected "Judge and Jury" is offered by a **woman caught in adultery**.

Are charges of cannibalism actually true? A young man named **John** is called to the stand.

During these Wednesdays in Lent **Christ On Trial** examines evidence that demands a verdict: Who is this Jesus . . . for you? Join us Wednesdays at 7:00 pm for this Lenten series.

— *Pastor Blohm*

## **TIME TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!**



We will change our clocks forward one hour (spring ahead!) on Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 a.m. So remember to set your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, March 7th.

## **DAYSCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

First St. John Dayschool Open House for parents interested in enrolling their children will be Tuesday, March 3rd beginning at 6:00 pm. If you know anyone who is looking for a quality school, please encourage them to come, see, and experience the awesome program we have to offer. Many have already sent families our way, and we appreciate it. Word of mouth has always been the best advertisement for the Dayschool. Thanks, and we hope to see you on March 3rd!



## **DAYSCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

Beginning March 2nd, the general public is invited to enroll their children for the 2009/2010 school year. All children who will be age 3 by September 30, 2009 are eligible to attend. First St. John members are also encouraged to call and "check out" our school. If you're interested and/or would like more information, please call Barb Shellhammer at 419-691-6480.

## **NOONTIME LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES**



We'll have noontime prayer services on Wednesdays during Lent in the chapel. These services continue on Wednesday, March 4th through April 1st. Please join us as your schedule permits.

## ***WHO'S WHO AT FIRST ST. JOHN***

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## ***Come Sway with the Palms!***

Celebrate Palm Sunday during Sunday School!

***April 5***  
***9:00—10:00***

***Bring a Friend!***

***Mystery Give-Aways!***

***All Ages Welcome!***



## **MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGES**

Joseph and Marilyn Daly  
2401 Luther Hills Circle  
Oregon, OH 43616

CPL Nick and Ashley Grady  
44-139 Bayview Haven Pl.  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

Mark and Susan Tilton  
445 Sky Way Dr.  
Oregon, OH 43616  
(Chase, Luke, Olivia, Ava)

## **MEMBER UPDATES**

### **Births**

2-12-09 *Kieran Jo Grames*, born to Ryan and Kimberly (Beavers) Grames.

2-23-09 *Wyatt Dean Schlegel*, born to Andrew and Nichole (Mullen) Schlegel.

### **Baptisms**

2-22-09 *Gavin Lee Minnick*, born October 21, 2008 to Tod and Amy (Helle) Minnick. Sponsor is Kristin Helle.

### **Marriages**

2-7-09 Shanna Henningsen and Keith King

### **Deaths**

2-9-09 Walt Young

### **Transfers to First St. John:**

None.

### **Transfers from First St. John:**

Robert Bostdorf, Sr. to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran in Stony Ridge, OH.

## ***NEWSLETTER DEADLINE***

***MARCH 21st***

## ***CONGRATULATIONS!***

Congratulations to Larry Lorenzen, recently elected to a 3-year term as Director of Lutheran Homes Society Housing, a subsidiary corporation of Lutheran Homes Society. Larry has been a member of First St. John for well over 30 years.

## **ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS**

To keep current information for our records, please notify us if your name, address or phone number changes by faxing (419-691-7220), or mailing (2471 Seaman St./ Toledo, OH 43605) this form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## ELDER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

	<u>7:45 am</u>	<u>(Wed.)</u>	<u>10:15 am</u>
1st	Dick Haar Joanne Henningsen		Darold Henninger Lynn Folk
4th		Bernie Erdmann Eric Johnson	
8th	Bernie Erdmann Eric Johnson		Jeff Smith Linda Kusian
11th		Mike Winslow LuAnn Schuffenecker	
15th	Mark Ackerman Janine Contat		Mike Winslow LuAnn Schuffenecker
18th		Mark Ackerman Janine Contat	
22nd	Darold Henninger Joanne Henningsen		Dick Haar Lynn Folk
25th		Dick Haar Lynn Folk	
29th	Jeff Smith Linda Kusian		Bernie Erdmann Eric Johnson

## FIRST ST. JOHN ALTAR GUILD EASTER FLOWER SALE



The Easter Flower Sale will begin soon. The price of the flowers is \$8.00 per plant. You can choose a lily, daffodil, hyacinth or tulip plant. Order forms will be in the bulletins on March 1st, 8th, and 15th, and someone will take orders in the Narthex on March 22nd.

Please complete the order blank below and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office: 2471 Seaman St., Toledo, OH 43605. Please make checks payable to: *First St. John Altar Guild*. Payment must accompany orders.

***The deadline for ordering is Thurs., March 26th.***

No. of plants @ \$8.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Type of plant: \_\_\_\_\_  
(*lily, daffodil, hyacinth, tulip*)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of (Deceased): \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor of (Living): \_\_\_\_\_

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### LIBRARY NEWS

Reviews of new books in the library:

**THE PRAYER CHEST** by August Gold is about a man who is a widowed father of two. This is a parable for people of all faiths. As Joseph struggles to cope, he finds the Three Secrets of Prayer that changes his life.

**90 MINUTES in HEAVEN** by Don Piper. This is a true story of death and life. Don's car was crushed by a semi; the medics said he died instantly. After 90 minutes he miraculously returned to life. This experience changed Don's life, and it may change yours, too.

*Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about what happens to you. 1 Peter 5:7*

— Marilyn Cashen

## MEMORIALS

### ALTAR GUILD

In memory of LaVerne Klawitter by Sue Moszkowicz.

In memory of Gene Zeadker on his birthday Feb. 2 by wife Dorothy and daughters Cyndi, Sandy, Kathy and Jodi and their families.

In memory of Joan La Course by Jean DeWitt.

In memory of Walter Young by Jean DeWitt, Terry & Jane Schuetz.

### AIR CONDITIONING FUND

In memory of Sue Garey by August Lofquist, M/M John Maiani.

In memory of Walter Young by August Lofquist, Linda & John Maiani, Keith & Adele Lofquist.

### QUILTERS

In memory of LaVerne Klawitter by Betty TenEyck, Jane & Chuck Neal.

In memory of Walter Young by Jerry & Ginny Nissen, Betty TenEyck, Olga Zimmerman.

### CHOIR FUND

In memory of Walter Young by Bert & Barbara Banks, Tom Chetister.

### BUILDING FUND

In memory of Walter Young by Gary & Penny DeWitt.

### DEBT RETIREMENT FUND

In memory of Walter Young by Sue Moszkowicz, Russ & Chris Hunsaker.

### ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Walter Young by Gene Hagedorn, Ruth & Gene Price.

### CEMETERY FUND

In memory of Walter Young by Pinky & Bill Fischhaber, Irene Abbott.

### CURRENT FUND

In memory of LaVerne Klawitter by Margie & Ivan Myers and family, Denise & Steve Zielinski.

In memory of Walter Young by Richard & Gayle Westphal, Ada Kreger, Ruth Ziethlow, Harvey Greene, Dorothy Laney, Chuck & Jane Neal, Don Crossen Family, Earl & Shirley Warnke, Dick & Sandy Zellner, Marvin & Carol Keller, Dean & Kristie Ackerman, Jim & Dianne Schumaker, Barbara Uhler, Kevin & Gail Browning and family, Hank & Joanne Schumaker, Don & Kris Sutphin, Pastor & Mrs. Gerald Labuhn, Roy & Barb Miller, Dorothy Zeadker and Gene Saunders, Martha Meyers, Barb & Frank Meyers, Marilyn & Frank Shirley, Glenn & Margaret Koester, John & Barb Wagner, Paul & Vivian Kuhlman, Robert & Jeanette Dotson, M/M William Nelson and family, Darlene & Larry Lorenzen, Marilyn Cashen, Esther Bell, Edith Schuffenecker, Kathleen Koehn, Jim & Joanne Harrell, Norman & Phyllis Schuffenecker.

### MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Walter Young by Ruth Cummerow and Jack Nissen.



### **WINSLOW SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

A scholarship has been instituted to help members of First St. John who will attend college for the 2009/2010 school year. Money from the proceeds of the David Winslow Memorial Golf outing fund this scholarship. (Watch your bulletins and newsletters in the spring for this year's date.) Also, anyone can donate to this fund.

Scholarship applications are in the church office. Applications must be completed and returned to the church office by May 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered.

### **ATTENTION: TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

There will be no Bible study on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will resume on March 10<sup>th</sup>.





## TOLEDO DAY NURSERY WISH LIST

The Toledo Day Nursery, which we've supported the last several years with hats, gloves, and mittens for very young children, is in need of other items. If you'd like to donate, we'll have collection boxes in the lounge and Narthex for the month of March. Below is a list of the items they need. You can also go on-line to [www.toledodaynursery.org](http://www.toledodaynursery.org) to find out how you can become more involved with children and families.

### WISH LIST

**Books for infants, toddlers, & preschoolers.** Books teach us so many things — letters and print, fantasy and pretend, the world around us, sitting patiently and listening, and that someone loves me because they take time to read to me!



**Gently used games or toys.** With budget constraints, there may not be many new toys added to our classrooms this year: baby dolls with bottles and blankets; cars and trucks to race around the room; blocks and building materials to stretch our creativity.



**Compact discs with all kinds of music.** Music is vitality, soft and soothing lullabies, excitement and physical growth with marching and dancing. Our children enjoy jazz, opera, rock and roll, musical games, stories shared on CD. Music opens up many new worlds to children.

Thank you in advance for your help.

### **WHAT'S THIS ENVELOPE IN MY NEWSLETTER?**



During Lent, which began on February 25th (and also at the beginning of Advent), we offer the opportunity for members to help fund our local benevolences by placing a special offering envelope in the newsletter. If you wish to participate, you may write a check, place it in the envelope, and either mail it back to the church or place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

## **MILITARY SERVICE NOTES**

In each newsletter we publish the names and addresses of members, family, and friends of First St. John who serve in the military. You can send cards or packages to these service people. And remember to pray for them, too! Make sure you have your family member's or friend's name and address turned in to Toni in the church office to be included in future newsletters.

*SSGT Kevin Fouty*  
2021 A Mustang Ct.  
Langley AFB, VA 23665

*CPL Nick Grady*  
44-139 Bayview Haven Pl.  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

*Cynthia Lynn Henderson*  
6088 B Flying Gator Run  
Jacksonville, FL 32212

*Chief Petty Officer Marc Le Duc*  
3105 Tullibee Circle P-1  
Silverdale, WA 98315

*SSGT Matthew Phillips*  
2611 10th Ave. S.  
Suite 2, Box 263  
Great Falls, MT 59405

*Captain Lindsey Rowland*  
CMR 418 Box 1155  
APO, AE 09058

Grant Rowland  
BP 493 Kaolack  
Senegal, W. Africa

GMSA SWANSON CHRISTOPHER  
1474 GILBERT ST.  
CEP 162  
PCD TRUXTON DDG103  
NORFOLK, VA 23511

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## **RENEW March Schedule**

Thanks to everyone who helped with the cooking, set-up, serving, and clean up of our annual Soup & Salad supper on Ash Wednesday.

**Wednesday, March 4:** Meet at Tony Packo's on Front Street at 5:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 11:** No meal.

**Thursday, March 12:** "Sound Off for Poverty" packet deadline. Teens, let Mary know if you are interested in participating in this event by today so you can pick up your packet and get started!

**Wednesday, March 18:** Meet at Quizno's on Wheeling at 5:00 pm

**Friday, March 20, 7:00 pm—21, 5:00 pm: Sound Off for Poverty / Overnighter.** This program educates young people about poverty in America and empowers them to do something about it by raising awareness and funds to help people in need. By conducting a media fast (abstaining from electronic entertainment), young people tune out life's distractions and tune in to God's heart for the poor. We'll eat, play games, learn more about God, and participate in a service Saturday in the Toledo area. Teens will collect funds March 12 thru March 20. We're really excited to see what God will teach us during this time of fasting from the media world. If you'd like to help with this event by providing food, chaperoning, praying, or giving funds, please email Mary at [mdarling05@yahoo.com](mailto:mdarling05@yahoo.com)

**Wednesday, March 25th:** Meet at Pizza Hut on Navarre at 5:00 pm

**Sunday, March 29th: Youth Sunday.** We will be in charge of the 10:15 service!

If you have any questions, please ask Mary (740-358-6060)! Stay tuned for a youth worship band meeting.



*"I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me." — Matthew 25:45*

## **WELCA NEWS**

### **Annual Card Party**

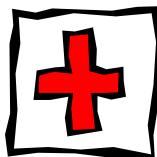
The 18th annual Card Party & Luncheon is Tuesday, April 28th at noon. We appreciate any door prize donations for the party. These can be something you've made or that you can convince a business to donate. We'll also need desserts.

### **Rummage and Bake Sale**

Our annual Rummage and Bake Sale will be May 7th and 8th. If you have items to donate, you can begin bringing them to church on Wednesday, April 29th. Part of the proceeds go to Haydom Hospital in Tanzania, Africa.

### **All Daughter Banquet**

The All Daughter Banquet will be Wednesday, May 13th at 6:00 pm.



### **HOSPITAL REMINDER**

If you or a family member goes to the hospital, please have someone call the church. Most local hospitals are not very good at calling us, so please have someone let us know. Thank you.

### **DO YOU HAVE EMAIL?**

Postage rates are going up again in May. If you have email, you can receive this newsletter by email and print it out at home. Email the church office to have yourself put on the list: [firststjohn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:firststjohn@sbcglobal.net)

### **MIRIAM CIRCLE NEWS**

On Wednesday, March 4th, the Miriam Circle will hold its monthly meeting at BJ's Steakhouse on Lallendorf Rd. at 11:00 am.

### **MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS**

Our next gathering is Saturday, March 7th at 8:00 am at Frisch's Big Boy on Navarre Ave. (Frisch's Big Boy is our permanent meeting place.) Come for breakfast, a short devotion and fellowship. Call Bob Haar at 419-360-7510 to RSVP so he can arrange for seating. Also let him know if you need transportation.





## DARTBALL DIARY



**Lutheran Men's Dartball Tournament—February 2, 2009: Trinity vs. St. John #1:** In the 3rd inning we got off to a 2-0 lead on doubles by Terry, Mike, & Eric. In the 4th, they tripled and sacrificed him home to make it 2-1. In our half of the 4th we made it 4-1 on homers by Chet & Bernie. In the 5th they homered to make it 4-2. In the 6th they went ahead 6-4 on a single, double, triple, and a homer. We tied it 6-6 in our half of the 6th on a double by Tom E. and a 2-run homer by Ted. Then we won it 7-6 in the 10th inning on a single by Frank and triple by Eric.

**St. John #1 vs. Messiah:** In the 1st inning we got off to a 2-0 lead on a double by Tom G. and a homer by Tom E. In the 3rd we made it 4-0 as Frank was safe on an error and Tom G. homered. In the 4th we got our final run on a homer by Bernie to make the final score 5-0.

**St. John #1 vs. St. Mark:** In the 1st inning we got off to a 4-0 lead on homers by Frank, Tom G., Tom E., and Darold. In the 7th Terry homered to make it a 5-0 final score, which put us in the finals.

**St. John #1 vs. Messiah:** Messiah got off to a 1-0 lead on a homer in the 1st. In the 4th we tied it 1-1 on a homer by Tom G. In their half of the 4th they homered to make it 2-1. We tied it in the 5th on a homer by Mike. In their half of the 5th they homered to make it 3-2. In the 6th they homered to make it a 4-2 final score.

**Messiah vs. St. John #1:** Messiah got off to a 3-0 lead in the 3rd on a single and two triples. In the 5th they got the final run of the game on 2 doubles to make the final score 4-0. Messiah got the 1st place trophy, and we got the 2nd place trophy.

**1st St. John at Trinity—February 16, 2009:** Tonight we won 1 of 3 games. Our record is now 17-13.

In the 2nd inning of the 1st game we got off to a 1-0 lead on a homer by Tom E. In the 3rd Mike homered to make it 2-0. In the 4th Eric and Tom doubled, Ted singled, Bernie doubled, Mike doubled, and Joe homered for an 8-0 lead. In the 6th Darold homered for a 9-0 lead. In the 8th Bernie and Darold homered for an 11-0 lead. In the 9th Tom G., Ted, and Mike

homered, and Eric and Bernie doubled to give us a 16-0 lead. In their half of the 9th they doubled and homered to make the final score 16-2.

In the 1st inning of the 2nd game Trinity got off to a 1-0 lead on a single and a triple. In the 3rd inning they made it 4-0 on a single, triple, and a home run. In the 5th inning we made it 4-2 on doubles by Tom E., Bernie, and Darold. In the 7th they got the final runs of the game on a double and a home run to make the final score 6-2.

In the 3rd game they got off to a 1-0 lead on a single and a triple. In the 4th they got the final 2 runs of the game on a homer and 2 doubles to win it 3-0.

We had all of our hitting in the 1st game and it cost us. Hopefully, we can do better when we play at St. Lucas on March 2nd. See you then.

### ***First St. John Prayer Chain***

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#### **Chronic Prayer List (continued)**

*This is for those who need our prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer treatments, medical struggles and recovery and/or personal situations. Individuals will be moved off after 3 months unless one of the prayer chain contacts has been notified:*

**Jimmer Woods  
Bill Zeisler**

Please check the list and let any of the prayer chain contacts know if there are individuals who could be moved off.

#### **Prayer Chain Contacts**

Lynn Folk 419-691-3410 hpyhmker@sbcglobal.net  
Donna Koehn 419-693-5030  
Ada Kreger 419-693-1549  
Gloria Ross 419-836-7166

## **FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR**



With the condition of the economy, requests for food continue to rise. You can help! Please consider donating canned goods and non-perishable food items to the Feed Your Neighbor program. Place your donations in the bins in the Narthex (under the main bulletin board) and the lounge (near the double doors). Please do not bring any items in glass containers. Thank you.



## **First St. John Prayer Chain**

(As of February 25, 2009)

### **Crisis Prayer List**

*This is for those who need our prayers in an urgent matter such as upcoming surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Individuals will be moved to the chronic list after the first month unless one of the prayer chain contacts is notified:*

**Jim Ackerman  
Dewey Caldwell  
Mary Lou Hoeflinger  
Augie Lofquist  
Family of Warren Nenno  
Family of Ryan O'Shea  
Nancy Pass  
Lori Reetz  
Wyatt Schlegel  
Shirley Warnke  
Family of Walt Young  
Raetta Zeisler**

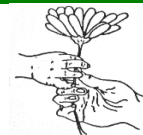
### **Chronic Prayer List**

*This is for those who need our prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer treatments, medical struggles and recovery and/or personal situations. Individuals will be moved off after 3 months unless one of the prayer chain contacts has been notified:*

**Kara Albrecht  
Janet Bain  
Virginia Brandeberry  
Kyle Cannon & Family  
Marjorie Counterman  
Linda Curran  
Jackie Curtis  
Ronald Curtis  
Tina Curtis  
George Davenport & Family  
Ed Ellis  
Family of Judy Cole Evanoff  
Walter Felder  
Marlene Fouty  
Rick Fouty  
Family of John "Jack" Franks  
Family of Suzanne Garey  
Eleanor Habegger  
Sally Winstead Hartzell  
Justin Heath  
Family of LaVerne Klawitter  
Laurie Madrazo  
Family of Sharon Monday  
Melissa Perry  
Bishop Sanchez  
Hank Schumaker  
Dennis Scott  
Diane Smith  
Leroy Smith  
John Spoerl  
Family of Austin Takacs  
Betty Timbrook  
Candy Webster**

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## **DAYSCHOOL NEWS**



Dear Friends,

Time flies when you are having fun! How fortunate we are to work in an environment that brings us so much pleasure! As this month begins, we start to realize that soon we'll need to say goodbye to the many children who have found a place in our hearts. We have truly enjoyed the children and hope to fill the remaining time with exciting and enriching experiences. The teachers have wonderful plans for the coming month, including an emphasis on Lent, our Savior, and His message of forgiveness. This message will be integrated throughout the curriculum. We'll talk about what it means to prepare our hearts for Jesus. We'll discuss how much God loves us, that we are His children, and that Jesus is our Savior. Through songs and fingerplays we will learn the story of His sacrifice and the Good News of His resurrection.

An Open House giving the community an opportunity to see our school and all we have to offer will be Tuesday, March 3 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Registrations from children already enrolled and the children of the congregation have been coming in steadily. Please help us spread the word about our school and the registration process that has begun. My personal prayer is that we have a strong enrollment by June. If anyone is able to hang a flier at their workplace similar to the one hanging at the back and front entrances of the educational building, please let me know. Also, if you know of anyone who is looking for a quality school, please encourage them to come, see, and experience the awesome program we have to offer. Many of you have already sent families our way, and we appreciate it. Word of mouth has always been the best advertisement for the Dayschool.

For those of you who enjoy the Club Choice products, we are again selling them to raise funds. Order forms are available in the Dayschool or Church office. Thanks in advance for help with this. All funds go to enhance classroom materials.

May God continue to guide and bless us all.

In Him,  
Barb Shellhammer

**FIRST ST. JOHN LUTHERN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES—February 17, 2009**

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Meeting brought to order by President Bill Caldwell. Devotions were given by Janine Contat. Roll call was taken by the secretary.

Minutes from the last the meeting were read. No corrections or additions. A motion was made from Dave Warnke and Gary Henningsen to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

**Treasurers** Lisa Anderson explained the new accounting system for all designated funds. Motion was made for approval by Gary Henningsen and seconded by Bernie Erdmann. Motion passed.

**Board of Ed.** They are working on a plan for Palm Sunday to try a mini rotation of the new curriculum. Invites are going out to get more children to come.

**Elders** The sound system and recording on CDs was discussed. Mike Winslow said scholarship fund time is coming up and applications need to be in by May 1. Any senior can apply. Maundy Thursday service is covered, Good Friday service is covered.

**Property Mgmt** Wires connected to the church are being repaired by Toledo Edison. Boilers are still working but need repairs. A few pews need to be repaired as well. Camera for back door of church will be installed and the light will be on permanently to be able to identify incoming person(s).

**Finance Committee** Duane Hubaker has audited books this past month. All is in order. A second credit card for the youth director for recurring regular expenses was asked for. A motion was made by Gary Henningsen and Tom Gaskins seconded. No discussion ensued. Motion passed.

**Youth** Mary Darling reported the spaghetti dinner went very well. 15 students helped out and raised over \$600 for a concert at Kings Island. Family movie night was fun; 13 people attended. Souper Bowl of Caring went well too. Wed. service had about 10 students. She is still looking for people to hang out with the youth and also for the beginnings of a youth band. They will attend a concert of a local band on Friday. The youth will serve soup and salad at 5:30 pm before the Ash Wednesday service. Mary is going to a convention about youth in Columbus,

OH. In March she is planning an overnighter for youth. Sound Off for Poverty is a program where the youth will be off electronic devices for a period of time. Mary will have an informational table at the Dayschool's Open House on March 3 that will tell more about the activities at our church.

**Pastor's Report** Dayschool will have its open house on March 3 from 6-8 pm. Pastor encouraged us to tell people that we have this school in our church. Transfer out of First St. John is Robert Botsdorf Sr. to St. John Lutheran in Stony Ridge. Motion for transfer made by Dave Warnke, seconded by Gary Henningsen. Motion passed. Synod Assembly is May 16 in BG. Delegates are needed to represent our church.

**New Business** Chris Hunsaker spoke for the women of the church. The women voted to check on replacing air conditioners in the lounge. Jim Schumaker was asked to give them a price quote for 2 new air conditioners. The quote was \$5,000-\$6,000. Women would split this cost with church. Air-conditioners would be energy efficient and some work would be done on the block walls. Lisa reported we have sufficient funds from either improvement or air-conditioner funds to pay half of the cost. President Bill Caldwell wants the property management committee to discuss the possibilities of getting this done. After discussion of the issue, funds would come from designated funds. Women will pick up the rest of the cost, approximately the same. Linda Kusian made a motion to take money from designated funds and Janine Contat seconded it. Motion passed.

Parking lot repair was discussed. Along with that, the drains will be replaced. This project will hopefully begin in spring. Cost must be approved by the congregation because of the projected amount.

The president asked for a motion to adjourn. LuAnn Schuffenecker made the motion, seconded by Bernie Erdmann; motion passed. Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by  
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