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# First St. John Journal

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**W**ill March come in as a “lion” or a “lamb?” One thing is for sure, March will usher in the beginning of the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is on March 9<sup>th</sup>, and we’ll have services that day at both noon and 7:00 pm. (Those times will remain the same all during our Lenten Wednesdays.) Our theme this year is entitled *Christ in the Strangest Places – Foreshadowed, Fulfilled and Forever*. The Old Testament is full of Lenten themes. This series will look at some of those themes and focus on them by means of a single word. Come join us!

Even though Mary Darling-Gilson and her husband Aaron have already departed, I wanted to thank them publicly for their time here at First St. John. I’m sure we all learned a lot from Mary’s presence among us. Thank you, Mary and Aaron, and God bless you as you begin a new phase of your life together.

When you see our new members Dennis and Christine Walenzak, Chris and Sara Oberhaus, Justin Pfouts, Alan and Melissa Collins, and Kyle and Sabrene St. Clair, remember to greet them and make them feel wanted and needed!

Keep looking as we continue to see events unfolding that celebrate First St. John’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Come, take part, and help us celebrate what God has done and continues to do among us! Keep encouraging those among us who work so hard to make this church a special place, and remember to keep them in your prayers every day!

— Pastor Blohm

## ***WHAT’S THIS ENVELOPE?***

If you wish to donate to our local benevolences, you may use the envelope in this newsletter and either mail it back to the church or place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY & LENTEN SERVICES**

Ash Wednesday begins March 9<sup>th</sup>. We will hold services at noon in our chapel and at 7:00 pm in the church sanctuary. Each Wednesday in Lent we will hold services at noon in the chapel and 7:00 pm in church. This year’s Wednesday theme is *Christ in the Strangest Places – Foreshadowed, Fulfilled and Forever*. Please join us as your schedule permits.

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>**



## **CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!**

We will move our clocks forward one hour (spring ahead!) on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 a.m. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **DAYSCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

First St. John Dayschool Open House for parents interested in enrolling their children is Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. If you know anyone who is looking for a quality school, please encourage them to see and experience the awesome program we offer. Many already have sent families our way, and we appreciate it. Word of mouth is always our best advertisement. We hope to see you on March 1<sup>st</sup>!

## **DAYSCHOOL ENROLLMENT**



Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, the general public is invited to enroll their children for the 2011/2012 school year. All children who will be age 3 by Sept. 30, 2011 are eligible to attend. First St. John members are encouraged to “check out” our school. If you’re interested or would like more information, call Barb Shellhammer at 419-691-6480.

## ELDER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

	<u>7:45 am</u>	<u>(Wed.)</u>	<u>10:15 am</u>
6th	Mike Winslow Bernie Erdmann		Jeff Smith Jim Swanson
9th		Bernie Erdmann Linda Kusian	
13th	Bill Nelson Darold Henninger		Lynn Folk Linda Kusian
16th		Eric Johnson Linda Erdmann	
20th	Eric Johnson Linda Kusian		Bernie Erdmann Linda Erdmann
23rd		Mike Winslow Dick Haar	
27th	Jeff Smith Jim Swanson		Mike Winslow Dick Haar
30th		Jeff Smith Jim Swanson	



### MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGES

	Marian Chaney	
	11504 Ardrey Crest Dr.	
	Charlotte, NC 28277	

	Joe & Marilyn Daly	
	2470 Luther Hills Circle	
	Oregon, OH 43616	

	<i>If your address has changed, fill out</i>	
	<i>the slip below and send it in!</i>	



### ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

To keep our records current, please notify us if your address or phone number changes by faxing (419-691-7220), mailing this form to 2471 Seaman St., Toledo, OH 43605, or emailing [office@firststjohn.com](mailto:office@firststjohn.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

## MEMBER UPDATES

### Births

None of which we are aware.

### Baptisms

None

### Marriages

None

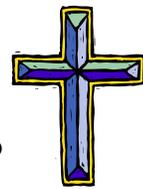
### Deaths

2-15-11 Fred Saelzler

### Transfers to/from First St. John

None

## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



The following people were received into membership at First St. John on Sunday, February 13th: Kyle & Sabrene Clair (their children are Brandon and Ethan), Alan & Melissa Collins (children Lucas and Lilly), Christopher and Sara Oberhaus (children Madisyn and Evan), Justin Pfouts, and Dennis and Christine Walenzak (children Alyson and Carter). Welcome!

## 2011 HOMEPLATE— ONLY THREE TICKETS LEFT

Join us Saturday, May 14th at Comerica Park as the Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals. The program begins at 12:30 pm. Members and coaches of the Detroit Tigers speak about their faith in Jesus Christ. Afterward, an on-the-field baseball clinic runs from 2:00 - 3:15 pm. Everyone gets a meal coupon for the concession areas, too. Then stay for the game that begins at 4:05. Tickets are \$27 per person. Call or email the church office soon to reserve your tickets.

## **The Way It Was!** (From the CHURCH MOUSE)

Now that I am enjoying the comforts of the Church building and have been promoted to CHURCH MOUSE, it is time to reflect and give thanks. While we were excited about our accomplishments, the outside world was changing also. Abraham Lincoln was elected to the office of President of the United States. Secession-minded states renounced their statehood over policy differences and formed the Confederate States of America with Jefferson Davis as provisional President at Montgomery, Alabama in 1861. The nation divided could not stand. A bloody war\* that pitted brother against brother and neighbor against neighbor ended in 1865.

The returning soldiers and the expanding economy continued to grow our community. The ever-expanding railroads from the south and east ended on the east side of the river for lack of a bridge. Downtown Toledo business interests were fearful of the competition from the east side. Marine shipping interests were also against a bridge because it would interrupt open navigation on the river. Toledo council passed a resolution indicating it would be “unwise and inexpedient and likely to produce a permanent injury to the commercial advantages of the city” to build a bridge to the east side. The first Cherry Street bridge opened in 1865. After that, industrial development on the east side and railroad developments made annexation of the east side attractive. A resolution of intent was filed in July, 1872, and the annexation of the east side as we know it was finalized on December 30, 1872. The St. John Church and Orphans Home now became part of Toledo, Ohio.

The membership\*\* continued to grow: 1867: 25 voting, 124 Souls. 1869: 36 voting, 160 Souls. 1871: 42 voting, 239 Souls. By 1874: 44 voting, 244 Souls.

The recently expanded 21' x 43' Chapel has reached its capacity! A 100' frontage x 200' depth lot adjacent to the west side of the first acre was donated by the Trustees of the Lutheran Orphan Asylum for \$1.00 on June 17, 1876.

Mr. Th. Becker, a Toledo architect, submitted plans for a 40' x 60' building without a basement but with a steeple and a 100-foot bell tower. Bids were: Becker/ Koch—\$4450.40; H.H. Samson—\$4148.40; and E.H. Kuhlmann—\$3538.00. The contract was awarded to Eberhardt Kuhlmann on May 8, 1876. Mr. Kuhlmann was also a carpenter. While working on the bell tower, he dropped his hammer and it found its way down between the inner and outer walls. (The hammer was not retrieved until the building was torn down in 1928.)

Seaman Street remained a dirt road and would not see improvements until 1916. The original chapel then was designated a Parochial Schoolhouse. The Schoolhouse at the street was moved back to enlarge the parsonage as some students stayed overnight.

We are thankful for our new and improved facilities but there is another event to celebrate: **The United States of America is 100 years old!**

I think I will mouse around Toledo and report back!

— *From the Church Mouse*

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PS: We are at a time in history when photography became commonplace for professionals, but it would be another 50 years before the average citizen enjoyed their “Brownie Cameras.” Old photos and documents will be displayed in the west alcove of the Narthex. Check them out before or after services.

\*2011. The “War of Aggression” or the “War of Rebellion,” now called the Civil War, deeply divided families and alliances that remain yet today in many minds and places. Let us pray that the nearly five years of events by the National Park Service marking the sesquicentennial of the war between the North and the South will celebrate lessons learned rather than stir up animosity and resentment.

\*\*Voting members were normally male. Souls = All family members, male, female, children (sometimes called baptized members).

Sources: St. John records Nineteenth Century Lutherans in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan, (Wolf); East Side Bridge unwise, (Michaels); Toledo City Journal; Toledo Blade; Boats, Bridges and Trains In Early Toledo, Snavelly



## WOMEN'S WELLNESS EVENT

Join us on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 am. One of our featured speakers is First St. John's own Laurie Madrazo who will talk about "The Habits of Healthful Living" – how women can stay healthy. We also will have a speaker on the topic of "How to Relieve Stress Through Yoga." All women are invited. Stay tuned to upcoming bulletins for more information.

### **WINSLOW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE**

This scholarship helps members of First St. John attending college for the 2011/2012 school year. Scholarship applications are in the church office. Applications must be completed and returned to the church office by Wed., March 30<sup>th</sup> to be considered.

### **"PINT-SIZE" HEROES BLOOD DRIVE**

A blood drive will be held Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 8:00 pm in the gym at First St. John. Stay tuned to the bulletins and April newsletter for more information as it becomes available.



### **RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS FOR ALL FIRST ST. JOHN MEMBERS**

On Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm please join us for a very special renewal of vows ceremony. This event is open to all members of First St. John, even if you weren't married here. After the ceremony, everyone is welcome to a reception of light refreshments in the lounge. Bring your families and join us for this wonderful event. In order to help the planners, please sign the RSVP below and either put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Or you can call the church office at 419-691-7222 or email: [office@firststjohn.com](mailto:office@firststjohn.com)

*Yes! We will attend the Renewal of Vows Ceremony on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.*

Name of couple renewing their vows:

Number of additional guests: \_\_\_\_\_

## **FIRST ST. JOHN ALTAR GUILD EASTER FLOWER SALE**



It's time to buy flowers that will decorate the church at Easter. The price is \$8.00 per plant. You can choose a lily, daffodil, hyacinth or tulip plant. An order form will be in the bulletin for the entire month of March, and someone will take orders in the Narthex on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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 Mon., April 4th.***

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

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

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

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

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

In Loving Memory of (Deceased):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# MEMORIALS

## DAYSCHOOL LIBRARY

In memory of Donald & Margaret Hosley by Denny & Skippy Koop, the Verlene & Edward Schweizer Family.

## CURRENT FUND

In memory of Kate Webb by Ruth Ziethlow, George & Elaine Ackerman, Bill & Ginny Wegman, Gary & Joanne Henningsen, Ada Kreger, Rebecca Circle, Kim Kendrek, George & Marge Eidson, Reed & Dianne Reamsnyder, Pauline Solarski, David & Vicky Kirsch, Harold & Sally Broderick, Dr. Paul & Pat Bell, Tony & Mary Ann Catros, Esther Petersen, Paul & Vivian Kuhlman, Louise & Jim Sommers, Donna Cedoz, Martha Hecklinger, Mike & Judy Kulakowski, Rev & Mrs. Tom Wilson, Jean DeWitt, Larry & Darlene Lorenzen, Pastor Gerald & Ilean Labuhn, Thelma & Ken Brown, Bruce Kontak, Chuck & Jane Neal, Curt Rieff, Carol Rieff, Ken & Gail Howell, Marilyn Cashen, Jim & Jan Hammond, Cheryl Schmidt, Karl & Dianne Busson, Esther Bell, Robert & Mary Ann Peyton, Lois MacGeorge, Rex & Susan Reinink.  
In memory of Ray Zimmerman by Ada Kreger, Chuck & Betty Hyre, Louise & Jim Sommers.  
In memory of Warren Danekind by Chuck & Betty Hyre.

## ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Kate Webb by Gene Hagedorn.  
In memory of Kate Webb by Fred & Hilda Saelzler.

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

In memory of Ray Zimmerman by Bob & Sherrie Haar.  
In memory of Kate Webb by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

## CHILDRENS CHOIR

In memory of Ray Zimmerman by Randy Zimmerman, Olga Zimmerman.  
In memory of Kate Webb by Olga Zimmerman.

## CHOIR

In memory of Ray Zimmerman by George & Elaine Ackerman, Helen, Paul & Betty Kerschner, Christine & George Veronie, Chuck & Jane Neal.

## ELEVATOR FUND

In memory of Annabell Szabo by the families of Bonnie Varga, Robert Varga Jr., Jeanie & Bill Free, William Rodrigues, Mary Ann & Ernest Rodrigues.  
In memory of Annabell & Alfred Szabo by the family of Verlene and Edward Schweizer.

## DAY SCHOOL

In memory of Annabell Szabo by M/M Forrest Ulrich and family.

## YOUTH

In memory of Annabell Szabo by Roger & Cindy Cedoz, Andrew Varga, M/M Roger Grogg, M/M Dick Hodulik, The family of Mark & Suzie (Szabo) Wixsom.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

In memory of Annabell Szabo by Tim & Linda Yenrick.  
In memory of Annabell & Alfred Szabo by Maria Edith Cserhalmi.  
In memory of Kate Webb by Barb & Frank Meyers.

## ALTAR GUILD

In memory of Annabell Szabo by M/M Jan Young, Irene Dusseau, Cliff & Madonna Bury, Steve, Donna, Jennifer & Tracy Varga, Steve and Amanda Varga, Lou & Marilyn Kozma, Grant & Sharon Gose, Dunn Chevrolet-Buick, Nancy Diefenthaler.  
In memory of Kate Webb by Gary & Penny DeWitt.

## QUILTERS

In memory of Kate Webb by Sue Moszkowicz.

## PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS

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### Prayer Chain Contacts

Please check the list and let any prayer chain contact listed below know if individuals can be moved off the Prayer Chain.

Carol Abbey 419-351-9795 or cabbey@jcrinc.com

Lynn Folk	419-691-3410
Donna Koehn	419-693-5030
Ada Kreger	419-693-1549
Gloria Ross	419-836-7166

## FROM ONE OF OUR YOUNG ADULTS—

### A WAY TO HELP MERCY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN TOLEDO:

#### **B.G.S.U. Dance Marathon & Bike for Tikes**

Dear Friends and Family of First St. John,

Every year, Bowling Green State University holds a huge philanthropic event called Dance Marathon, which helps raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. BG's Dance Marathon is responsible for raising money that goes to the Mercy Children's Hospital in Toledo. Over the past 16 years, BG's Dance Marathon has raised 2.2 million dollars that has gone directly to helping children and the Mercy Children's Hospital and their families. In addition to dancing, many students choose to ride their bikes from Cincinnati to Bowling Green as a way to help raise money while Dance Marathon is going on back in BG. So, this year (my freshman year) I have decided to take on the bike trip and do my part to help raise money for the kids in need.

If you are able to make a donation, it will go toward helping children overcome life altering and terminal disease as well as educating the families and friends of these children so they may better understand and handle their child's unfortunate situation. If you choose to make a donation you may do so either online or by sending a donation through the mail. *(Donation directions are on the back of this page if you receive the newsletter via "snail mail" or in a separate document if you receive the newsletter by email).*

If you have any questions about Dance Marathon, the Bike for Tikes ride or how to donate, please feel free to contact me at **[cfolk@bgsu.edu](mailto:cfolk@bgsu.edu)** or **419.309.8409**. BGSU, the Children's Miracle Network and I all appreciate donations of any size.

For the Kids!

Chelsea Folk



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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A motion is needed to use the funds for this person, and then a motion is needed to look for someone to fulfill requirements that have been brought forth. A motion was made by Gary Henningsen to accept the job description with additional language and it was seconded by Linda Kusian. The motion passed. Gary DeWitt made a motion to put this out in a special mailing for people to apply for this position; the motion was seconded by Linda Erdmann. The motion passed. The information for this position can also be found on First St. John's website.

Gary DeWitt and Bernie Erdmann motioned to adjourn the meeting, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Habegger,  
Recording Secretary

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP**

Our next gathering is Saturday, March 5th at 8:00 am at the American Table Restaurant on Wheeling near Navarre. 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.



### **FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT!**

Join us Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Bay Center Recreation on Navarre Ave. (across from Kroger). EVERYONE is invited for fun, food, and fellowship! Even if you can't bowl, come out to say hello, hang out, and have some fun. Cost is \$5 per person. Please fill out the slip below by March 2<sup>nd</sup> and either mail it or drop it in the offering plate so we know how many lanes to reserve and how much food to have. You can also call the church at 419-691-7222 or email: [office@firststjohn.com](mailto:office@firststjohn.com)

*Yes! I/we will attend the Bowling Night on March 6<sup>th</sup>.*

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

### **MILITARY SERVICE NOTES**

Here are the names and addresses of members, family, & friends of First St. John who serve in the military. You can send cards or packages, and remember to pray for them, too!

*TSgt Kevin Fouty*  
2412 1st Ave. N.  
Great Falls, MT 59401

*SGT Nick Grady*  
2711B Chow Circle  
Kailua, HI 96734

*Chief Petty Officer Cynthia Henderson*  
521 Pine Forest Trail  
Orange Park, FL 32073

*Chief Petty Officer Marc Le Duc*  
78382 Dukewood Trail  
Yula, FL 32097

*2LT Michael R. Pavley*  
104th Transportation Co.  
Shindand AB  
APO AE 09382

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

*Captain Lindsey Rowland*  
237 Bartlett Dr.  
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

### **ATTENTION: FAMILY MEMBERS OF THOSE IN THE MILITARY**



Don't forget to notify Toni in the church office whenever your military family member's address changes. We publish these in the newsletter so members can send cards, so we definitely want to make sure the addresses are correct. If you have a military family member who currently is not on the list and you would like to add them, please contact Toni in the church office: 419-691-7222 or email it to [office@firststjohn.com](mailto:office@firststjohn.com)

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

### **Crisis Prayer List**

*For those individuals who need our prayers in urgent matters such as upcoming surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Individuals will be moved to the chronic list after one month unless a prayer chain contact is notified:*

**Hunter Bell  
Dorothy Blausey  
Daria Heben  
Family of Fred Saelzler**

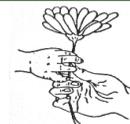
### **Chronic Prayer List**

*For those individuals 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 three months unless a prayer chain contact has been notified:*

**Jordyn Beckhusen  
Chris Bloomfield  
Richard & Marjorie Counterman  
Allison Deckleman  
Bill Ehrsam  
Sheena Fox  
Family of Clayton Groll  
Susan Schumaker Gunter  
Zach Harrell  
Sally Hartzell  
Michelle Hoyng  
Kay Johnson  
Cindy Knavel  
Robin Kovesdi  
Paul Kuhlman  
George "Skip" McCullough  
Bill Meyers  
Julie Kutchenriter Nowicki  
Charlie Ohlson  
Richard Rohloff  
Hilda Saelzler  
Larry Sanders  
Lindsey Steele  
Ian Vargo  
Jane (Folk) Vargo  
Phyllis Wagner  
Family of Kate Webb  
Candy Webster  
Family of Seybert Williams III  
Terry Williams  
Raetta Zeisler  
Ruth Zeithlow**

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## **DAYSCHOOL NEWS**



Dear Friends,

The teachers have wonderful plans for March with an emphasis on Lent, our Savior, and His message of forgiveness. We will talk about what it means to prepare our hearts for Jesus. We will discuss how much God loves us, we are His children, and Jesus is our Savior. We will talk about what it means to be saved and why God wants to save us. Through songs and fingerplays we will learn the story of His sacrifice and the Good News of His resurrection.

An Open House for the community to see our school and all we have to offer will be Tues., Mar. 1 from 6-8:00 pm. Registrations from both children already enrolled and of the congregation are coming in steadily. Help us spread the word about our school and the registration process. My prayer is we have a strong enrollment by June. If you can hang a flier at your workplace similar to the one at the entrances of the educational building, please let me know. Also, if you know anyone looking for a quality Christian school, encourage them to come, see, and experience our awesome program. Many have already sent families our way and we appreciate it. Word of mouth is always the best advertisement for the Dayschool.

Lutheran Schools Week is March 6 -12. To celebrate, we'll have spirit week where the children can do and wear things that aren't normally done or worn at school. We'll also create a "graffiti" wall for both families and the congregation titled *We Are All Friends with Jesus*. This lets everyone involved with our school express how they are friends of Jesus.. The walls will be on both the office and basement floors of the educational building. Feel free to add handprints, messages, pictures, or anything that tells people how you feel about being a friend of Jesus.

We are again selling Club Choice products to raise funds. The sale begins Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> – Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> with product delivery on Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>. An order form will be in the Dayschool & church offices. Board members Bill Hamilton, Diane Habegger, Laurie Madrazo, and Laura DeWitt also can help you. Thanks for your help. All funds will provide resources and equipment to enhance our classrooms.

May God continue to guide and bless us all.

In Him,  
Barb Shellhammer

**FIRST ST. JOHN LUTHERN CHURCH**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES—February 15, 2011**

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Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. President Bill Caldwell asked for approval of the minutes for the last 3 months of meetings. Gary DeWitt and Bernie Erdmann made motions to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**-Lisa reported we had a shortfall of \$3200 for January. An insurance bill, real estate taxes and snow removal were the large expenses for the month. The second report was the Giving by Fund account which shows specifically where the money goes. Using the new computer program, monies are easily accounted for in the funds. The insurance is being paid quarterly instead of all at once. It was discussed to spread it out at a cost of about \$3.00 per quarter so that a large sum wouldn't be paid all at once. A motion was made by Gary Henningsen and seconded by Larry Paul to accept the treasurer's report, and it passed.

**Board of Education**-On March 1<sup>st</sup> the Sunday School board will attend Dayschool open house. On March 6<sup>th</sup> they will have a family bowling night. They have ordered VBS materials. No date has been set for VBS. There will be a blood drive April 5<sup>th</sup>. The Red Cross will come to talk to the Dayschool and Sunday School about their parents donating blood. May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the end-of-year Dayschool church service for Dayschool and JAM students. They will honor the graduating kindergarten students. An ice cream social will follow. This past Sunday the JAM students hand-delivered valentines to the Lutheran Home Assisted Living.

**Dayschool Report**-Barb reported they are now enrolling students for next year. Open house is March 1 for anyone who wants to see the school. The school will be celebrating Lutheran Schools Week beginning March 6. The Dayschool will sing in the church on May 1.

**Elders**-Bernie Erdmann reported another wedding has been added to their schedule. They are still looking for another person to add to their roster.

**Property Mgmt**- The projector is on its way back to be hung again. A new door was installed at the outside elevator entrance. There is a leak in the

lounge which has now dried out. Snow was melting and running down the elevator shaft. It will be taken care of.

**Finance**-Jim Sommers reported they have moved to electronic banking by getting statements online. It was announced that Fred Saelzler passed away today. Bill spoke briefly about how Fred was very good at the treasurer's job. Fred put the special funds accounts together in 1983, which created accounts the congregation uses to support special needs in the church. He will be greatly missed.

**Pastor Report**-Pastor announced the people who joined our church on Sunday: Kyle and Sabrene Clair and their children Brandon and Ethan, Alan and Melissa Collins and their children Lucas and Lilly, Christopher and Sara Oberhaus and their children Madisyn and Evan, Justin Pfouts, and Dennis and Christine Walendzak and their children Alyson and Carter. Synod meeting is May 20-21. Barb will teach Catechism for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade until the end of the catechism year. Gary DeWitt and Gary Henningsen motioned to accept the new members, and it passed. Lent begins on March 9.

**Old Business**- Bill gave a recap of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee's work. In March there will be a Renewal of Wedding Vows on the 20<sup>th</sup>. In April a guest pastor will preach, and Confirmation will be April 3<sup>rd</sup>. In May there will be an ice cream social, Oregon Fest (we will have a float), the Dayschool sings on May 1, and the Home Plate Tigers game is on May 14<sup>th</sup>. In June the Bishop will be here for the church dedication on the 26<sup>th</sup>. In July we will work with the Lutheran Home for an outdoor service and a baseball game. Many activities are being planned for the rest of the year.

**New Business**-The SS department talked about a new position to take the place of the youth director. A plan was discussed, and a particular job description has been created. The position would be called Director of Christian Education. This would be a full-time job touching base with both the little children and the youth. The current budget has the monies in it for this position.