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# First St. John Journal

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**“The** Lord’s justice will dwell in the desert, his righteousness live in the fertile field. The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever. My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.”

-- Isaiah 32:16-18

It’s been a long winter! People predicting doomsday, judgment day. May 21, 2011 came, and it was a . . . beautiful day! So we learned that Jesus was right (Matthew 24: 36) and Harold was wrong. So, now *that’s* been put to rest, we can get ready to celebrate the gift of 150 years of ministry that God has entrusted to us. There will be many opportunities to celebrate not God’s wrath, but God’s goodness and faithfulness. Our Bishop, Rev. Dr. Marcus Lohrmann will join us in worship on June 26 when he will preach. There are many, many other events the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has set up – watch your bulletins. (And thank the committee for their incredible work!)

And also, please try to find some “peaceful dwelling places” and “undisturbed places of rest” for you, your friends, and loved ones during these summer days. My prayer for each of us is that these months can be days of *rest* and *celebration*, resting in the assurance of God’s peace and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and celebrating our past – and future life in Christ!

— Pastor Blohm

## CHURCH DIRECTORIES

After a very long wait, the First St. John directory is available for pick up in the church office. Anyone who had their picture taken for the directory receives one for free. If you did not get your picture taken but still would like to purchase one, they will be on sale in the church office for \$10.

## SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES



Summer worship begins June 5 and runs through September 4. We will have only one service at 9 AM and no Sunday School for the summer. We will alternate between traditional and celebration formats, with communion on both the first and last Sundays of the month. June 5th will start with the traditional format, June 12th the celebration format, etc. (Stay tuned to your bulletins and August newsletter because the worship format schedule will change a little toward the end of the summer.) See you in church!

**Summer Office Hours:** Beginning Monday, June 6 through Friday, September 2 the church office will be open from 9AM to 2PM each day.



## BIBLE STUDY AND BRUNCH

Everyone (men and women) is invited to a one-day summer Bible study and brunch on Saturday, July 23rd from 10:00 am to noon in our air-conditioned lounge. Hope to see you there!

## NOTES ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

Much like the fireworks in July, this newsletter contains many different colors to cheer your day. (Okay, so I just cleaned out all the single reams of colored paper I had on hand in order to save us a little cash this summer.) Hope it “works” for you!

Also, this newsletter contains items for both June AND July. When I was preparing a combination June/July newsletter last year, I noticed much of the information stayed the same in the summer months. So in order to save a little paper, we will continue the June/July combination each year. The next newsletter will be for August, which you will receive at the end of July. Thanks!

— Toni Wilbarger, Office Manager



## DAVID WINSLOW SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to Daniel Ackerman, Chelsea Bell, Cory Folk, Kevin Garverick and Ryan Nelson, recipients of this year's David Winslow Memorial Scholarship. Congratulations, and best of luck in your future studies.

### MEMBER UPDATES

#### Births

None of which we are aware.

#### Baptisms

5-15-11 *Makenna Leann Hugueley*, born October 29, 2010 to Ryan and Kate (Miller) Hugueley. Sponsors are Eric and Tamera Hugueley.

5-22-11 *Reese Noel Hugueley*, born December 7, 2010 to Eric and Tamera (Morse) Hugueley. Sponsors are Ryan and Kate Hugueley, Craig Morse, and Megan Horvath.

#### Marriages

5-21-11 Kelly Phillips and Brad Hickman

#### Deaths

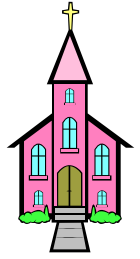
5-3-11 Doris Higley

**Transfers to St. John:** Irene Abbott and Diane Brown from Prince of Peace Lutheran in Oregon. (Council could not vote on the transfer because there was not a quorum.)

**Transfers from St. John:** Joan Bailey to St. Peter Lutheran in Martin, OH. (Council could not vote on the transfer because there was not a quorum.)

## ELDERS SCHEDULE

Please note we will have only one service at 9:00 am each Sunday in the summer.



### JUNE

- 5th Bill Nelson, Kevin Ruedy
- 12th Darold Henninger, Jim Swanson
- 19th Eric Johnson, Linda Kusian
- 26th Bernie & Linda Erdmann

### JULY

- 3rd Jeff Smith, Jim Swanson
- 10th Mike Winslow, Dick Haar
- 17th Darold Henninger, Kevin Ruedy
- 24th Bill Nelson, Kevin Ruedy
- 31st Bernie & Linda Erdmann



### VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO SEND GET WELL CARDS

After serving our congregation for many years, Mildred Hancock is resigning her post of sending cards to our hospitalized members. If you are interested in taking over this very worthwhile ministry or have any questions, please contact either Darlene Lorenzen at 419-666-5804 or Toni in the church office.

### AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

*JULY 25th*

### ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

## MEMORIALS

### ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of **Larry Lorenzen** by Carol Corl, Tom & Janet Eppard.

In memory of **Doris Higley** by Hilda Saelzler, Ada Kreger, Marilyn Cashen.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

In memory of **Larry Lorenzen** by Jim & Janet Fox.

In memory of **Betty LeBlanc** by Louise & Jim Sommers.

### MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Nina Miller** by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

In memory of **Marjorie McAvoy** by Jim Harrell.

In memory of **Doris Higley** by Ollie & Linda Goa, Evanka Dimitruff, Doris Lezon, Barbara Sass, Dan & Sarah Buehrer, Leona Arnold, M/M R. Sharlow, Rose Peterson, Bob & Rose Ruch, Carol Sykudlarek, Arnold & Nancy Starkey, Willie & Julie Moritz, Ralph & Ethel Mae Vogtsberger, Ray Spenser, Gail Shiple, Pastor & Mrs. G.H. Labuhn, Dustin & Jill Kirk; Dan, Joyce, Jean & Patrick Martin, Norm Schumaker, Tom, Sandy & Kevin Garverik, Jim & Herma Christensen, Floyd Koester, John & Cyndi Vargo, Donna Koester, Dave & Sue Kimmet, Norman & Phyllis Schuffenecker, William Meier, Fred Kohlman, Ned & Carolyn Sleek, Dorothy Zeadker, Ernie & Marge Bollinger, Vivian & Paul Kuhlman, Lois Sass, Charlie & Yvonne Bigley.

### 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FUND

In honor of 150 years of ministry by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

In memory of and in honor of – **George Jacob and Marie Joehlin** – their descendants and families.

**Henry and Dortha Helmke** – their descendants and families. **Christof and Marie Schrader** – their descendants and families by Irene Abbott.

### ALTAR GUILD

In memory of **Nina Miller** by the Altar Guild, Marty & Linda Gross, Louise & Jim Sommers, Tom & Cindy Cluckey.

In memory of **Patricia Fejes & Mary Farkas** by Karen Mainieri.

In memory of **Doris Higley** by Terry & Jane Schuetz.

### HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

In memory of **Doris Higley** by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

### AIR CONDITIONING FUND

In memory of **Kate Webb** by Ralph & Ethel Mae Vogtsberger.

In memory of **Warren Danekind** by Ralph & Ethel Mae Vogtsberger.

### CEMETERY FUND

In memory of **Doris Higley** by Ruth Cummerow, Ken & Joyce Villhauer.

### BETTY HYRE'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR

In memory of **Doris Higley** by Olga Zimmerman.

### CURRENT FUND

In memory of **Doris Higley** by Eleanor Symington.

### ***DAVID WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT***



This four-man scrambles will be held on Saturday, August 6th at 1PM at the Chippewa Golf Club. Cost is \$65 per person, which includes green fees, cart, and food (burgers & brats, cheese tray, coleslaw, macaroni salad, potato salad, watermelon tray, chips & dip, and lemonade & iced tea with a hotdog and drink at the turn). Prizes will be awarded for first place, longest drive and closest to the pin. Reservation and fees are due Monday, August 1st. *\*All proceeds go to First St. John.\**

If you'd like to register or sponsor a hole, call Mike Winslow at 419-691-8430 or 419-698-6507.

### **PICNIC & "OLD TIME" BASEBALL GAME**

Come out on Sunday, July 17 at noon as First St. John celebrates its anniversary at the Lutheran Home's annual picnic. Chicken dinners will be available for \$8.00 from noon to 2PM. Muddy and Muddonna will be there, and members of First St. John will play in the baseball game later in the afternoon. Hotdogs, chips, and soft drinks will be available at game time as well. See you there!

## WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

This year's walk has changed its time and location to Sun., Oct. 2 at the Lucas County Rec Center in Maumee. Registration: 12:30 pm, Walk: 2:30 pm. This is another way to celebrate our church anniversary and give back to our community. If you know a business owner or manager, perhaps they could give a special donation to our church team. The past 2 years our members and friends were very generous giving over \$1,800. For questions, call Janine Contat at 419-837-0013 or email [j9swancont@hotmail.com](mailto:j9swancont@hotmail.com).

## MEN'S MINISTRY

Our men's breakfast group next meets on Sat., June 4, at 8AM at the Bob Evans restaurant on Navarre Ave. In July, we'll meet on Sat., July 9 at 8AM at Bob Evans on Navarre. Please call Bob Haar 419-360-7510 if you will need a ride.

## CHURCH PICNIC'S GUESSING GAME WINNERS

Jelly Beans - Total amount was 504. The winner with a guess of 500 is Natalie Rice (no partiality, really!). The Big Jar - Total amount was 123. The winner with an exact guess is Emma Kalmbach from Dayschool and Church. Tootsie Roll - Total amount was 90. The winner with an exact guess is Jay Blazeovich from Dayschool and Church (no partiality—really!). We are also awarding the second place winner, Garret Anderson, who came in with a guess of 89. Congratulations, everyone!



## NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Our new members class is Sat., June 25 at noon in the lounge. Please register for this class by calling the office at 419-691-7222 or completing the form below and dropping it in the offering plate or mailing it to the church office.

*Yes! I/We will attend the New Members Class on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

## From the C.E. Director's Desk

It's been a very eventful month since I've started in my new position - one filled with so much joy and excitement. I want send a BIG THANK YOU out to all the individuals who helped make things run smoothly when the Dayschool sang as well as all who helped with our picnic. I'm truly blessed to work with such great people.

And let me give a special "Shout Out" to our youth! They did an excellent job coming up with games and crafts for the May picnic. We appreciate their creativity and their talents!

I will be busy working on our Vacation Bible School and planning for the next Jesus And Me (J.A.M.) year. I am also excited to work on projects for the shared ministry of our Church and Dayschool. One idea from this shared framework was to place a weekly Scripture on the doors of the Dayschool as well as our office doors. As I went to answer one of the doors, the dad of a kindergarten student pointed to each word as his daughter read the Scripture! It was a beautiful moment! Here is the Scripture she was reading: "But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs!" *Luke 18:16*

Our office team is blessed to see these seeds being planted. Take a look around and see if you can "plant the seeds" and spread God's word where you are. You'll be amazed how He can use you. God bless & have a wonderful summer.

## JOIN US AT THE MUD HENS!



On Sunday, June 26 everyone is invited to come see the Mud Hens take on the Louisville Bats. Game time is 6:00 pm (we've already got seats right behind home plate!). We also may be able to receive discounts on Hens' merchandise and get our group's picture taken with Muddy or Mudonna! Ticket prices are \$8.00 each. If you want to go, please RSVP by calling 419-691-7222 or emailing [cedir@firststjohn.com](mailto:cedir@firststjohn.com). Make sure you turn in your reservation and money to Jamie or Toni in the office NO LATER THAN JUNE 12th.



## The Mouse Report.

(From the Cemetery Mouse)

I saw some of you at the Memorial Day Cemetery Walk. Did you see me?

We prayed for a beautiful day to enhance our appreciation of our National Freedoms and 150 years in service to God's Kingdom. Many thanks to the Honor Guard from Christ Dunberger Post #537 of the American Legion for their support.

Did you hear our original church bell toll for each of the Veterans who gave their life while in uniform? We had no bell until the 1867/68 expansion of the first Church/Chapel. A new and larger bell purchased for the second building, (1876), cracked in 1889. The bell was sold back for scrap and the new bell with 1889 cast into it was removed from the second church at tear down in 1928. This is the bell we ring every Sunday to this day.

On February 20, 1894, God took our Pastor Beckel to Himself by a blessed death. He also served as director of the orphanage after Pastor Döerfler ended his connection to the orphanage. He attained the age of 59 years, 1 month and 27 days and served St. John from 1862 until 1894. He now slumbers in the same churchyard over which his paths so often led him.

After the Rev. Gideon Rausch assumed the pastorate, a balcony was added for additional seating and a partial basement was dug so that a central heat furnace could be installed. The furnace cost under \$300 dollars. The Mouse will be warm now!

Rev. Rausch left in early 1900 and was succeeded by Rev. William Wacke. Our oldest members can still tell tales of spirited engagements while being schooled by him.

A new brick parsonage was constructed in 1904, but inside plumbing and electricity were yet to come. Seaman Street was a river of mud in the spring, but an enlarged outhouse with one end for males and the other end for the fairer sex was the talk of the community.

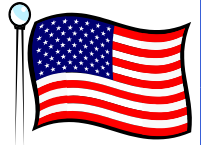
By 1910 improvements began. Some of the horse barns and hitching rails were removed. After a

general cleanup, October 15th 1911 was celebrated as the 50th anniversary of St. John Congregation.

The Mouse is warm in winter and enjoying the latest at St. John. Photography has become more affordable so enjoy some of the old photographs on display this sesquicentennial year.

This Mouse is approaching half of our history story. Is there a modern "Mouseketeer" out there to do the "Modern History?" See Toni in the church office if you are interested.

### ***MILITARY ADDRESSES***



Here are the 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!

*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*  
44425 Scobee  
California, MD 20619

*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*  
4924 Soaring Springs Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89131

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



At PandaMania VBS, kids will explore a bamboo forest full of fun-loving pandas! And Psalm 139 comes to life as kids learn that they are God's most precious creation. In return, kids will learn to give thanks to God for all He does.

Don't miss this opportunity - register now to be a part of this PandaMania VBS!

**Sunday, July 10 - Thursday, July 14**  
**6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

Each day kids will enjoy cool **crafts** and exciting **games**, experience thrilling **Bible stories**, sample tasty **snacks**, and hear unforgettable **music**.

We want kids to bring their friends, and plan to make new ones!

Everyone can come! Kids 3 years old through kids entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade this fall are invited to participate! Teens entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade this fall through adults are welcomed to run a station, lead a crew or just help out.

To register, mail or drop off a registration form to the church office (forms can be found in the back of the Narthex, the lounge, or in the church office), or online at [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com) and click on the VBS Registration tab or contact Jamie Blazeovich at 419 691-7222 or [cedir@firststjohn.com](mailto:cedir@firststjohn.com)

### Volunteers Needed

Vacation bible school cannot take place without **YOUR** help! If you are interested in helping (no matter how large or small) please register at online at [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com) and click on the VBS Registration tab (yep volunteers can register online) or contact Jamie Blazeovich at 419 691-7222 or [cedir@firststjohn.com](mailto:cedir@firststjohn.com)

### Supplies Needed

Supplies are always needed to help make vacation bible school a huge success. If you would like to contribute to our success please refer to the weekly bulletin board (located at the back of the church) regarding what supplies are needed.



# Vacation Bible School

July 10 – July 14

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Registration Made simple:

Register online at [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com)  
and click on the VBS Registration tab

(One form per child please)

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

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade this fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact:

Mother (name and alt. phone #): \_\_\_\_\_

Father (name and alt. phone #): \_\_\_\_\_

Other (name, relationship to child, & phone #): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies (especially food allergies) or other medical conditions:

Please check if you are interested in helping \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail or drop off to the church office or give to Jamie Blazeovich*

## PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES

(As of May 25, 2011)

### Crisis Prayer List

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

**Gail Chaffee  
John & Jerry Gears  
Family of Doris Higley  
Wayne Rode  
Edith Schuffenecker  
Family of David Wells**

### Chronic Prayer List

*This is for those who need prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer treatments, ongoing 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 contacted about special/continuing circumstances:*

**Sharon Arnold  
Jordyn Beckhusen  
Dorothy Blausey  
Bill Ehsam  
Bernie Erdmann  
Daria Heben  
Adam Howell  
Family of Larry Lorenzen  
George "Skip" McCullough  
Julie Nowacki  
Charlie Ohlson  
Libby Reed  
Family of Fred Saelzler  
Hilda Saelzler  
Bishop Sanchez  
Mark Shepard  
Family of Jeremy Tate  
Family of Norbert & Nancy Thiel  
George & Lee Wagner  
Bob Webb  
Candy Webster  
Terry Willaims  
Raetta Zeisler**

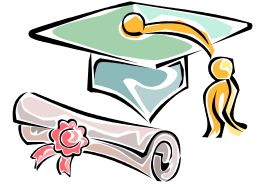
Please let any of the prayer chain contacts know if any of these individuals could be moved off the list.

### **Prayer Chain Contacts**

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

## **GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2011**



We will publicly acknowledge all our graduates from high school and college at our worship services on Sunday, June 19th. Please plan on having your graduate attend this service since all graduates will be recognized.

If you know of a graduate, please complete this form and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office by Monday, June 13th.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF GRADUATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
GRADUATED FROM

\_\_\_\_\_  
DEGREE EARNED

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

FUTURE PLANS (SCHOOL, WORK, ETC.)

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8 YES, WE PLAN TO BE AT THE SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_



## **FIRST ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES—MAY 17, 2011**

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The meeting was opened by President Bill Caldwell. Pastor Blohm did the devotion for the meeting. Bill asked for attendance to be taken. Bill then introduced Pastor Philabaum from Zoar Lutheran Church in Perrysburg. He came to speak on behalf of the Northwest Ohio Synod. He spoke of the ministries of the ELCA and also described what the Synod is all about. He also spoke of the amount of giving from First St. John to the different mission supports of the ELCA.

The minutes were then read from the last meeting. Bill asked for any changes or corrections. He asked for approval of the last few minutes. Dick Haar made a motion and Gary DeWitt seconded and the motion passed.

**Board of Ed Report**-Last date of Sunday School is May 22. The teachers will get together for a celebration of the year.

**Elders Report**-Wedding is covered for the weekend. They will be working to make sure people on Sunday will be taken care of. Some extra people will be coming to the service on May 29 from the East Toledo / Oregon Memorial Association.

**Property Management Report**-The group cleaned up the cemetery. They pulled a freezer from downstairs and it was sold at the rummage sale. They fixed a portion of the ceiling in the kitchen. Commercial Floors has been contacted to fix the back steps in the Ed. Building. Supposedly there is a leak in the Altar Guild room that will be looked into.

**Finance Report**-Lisa Anderson gave the report. Through the first 4 months we are ahead by \$3000 in the current fund, hopefully to continue through the summer months. Lawn care has begun and will be another expense like snow removal. A motion was made by Bernie Erdmann to approve the report and the past 3 months' reports. Linda Erdmann seconded it and the motion passed.

**Christian Ed Director Report**-Jamie Blazeovich has met with Abbie Skorupa about Vacation Bible School. She has passed out information about the time and place. She has also made plans with the youth to help with games for the upcoming May 22<sup>nd</sup> service. She has attended two seminars to help her

with her job. She updated the logo for the church. She organized people for the Oregon Fest Parade. The adult Sunday School group also is planning something to do for the summer. On Sunday the Kindergarten graduates will be honored.

**Dayschool Report**-Barb Shellhammer gave the Dayschool report. She has all the areas covered for this service on May 22. On the 25<sup>th</sup> is the Kindergarten graduation. She needs a soundboard person for this graduation. The August service is the beginning of a new year, and Barb would like to start a Guardian Angel program for them. Families in our congregation would "adopt" a Kindergarten student; after the school year the student would meet his or her guardian angel and know that they have been thought of throughout their school year. Enrollment looks good for next year with 31 registered for Kindergarten. Summer program is heavily populated with 60 kids enrolled.

**Pastor Report**-No report

**Old Business**-Bill talked about the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Bill talked about the Oregon Parade and felt it was successful despite the weather. He also talked about the May 30<sup>th</sup> memorial service in the cemetery for the servicemen. The service event will run from 8-11am. June 12<sup>th</sup> the REWIND group from St. Mark's will be here to do our service. The church will also participate in the Curtice Kids Day parade. Bishop Lohrmann will preach on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The July 17<sup>th</sup> service will be outside. Pastor Michaels will be here to preach. There will be a barbeque and old time softball game that day. The Maumee Concert band is scheduled for September. November has the chicken and ham dinner and also a possible choir concert. In December, the Toledo Symphony will be here.

**New Business**-none

Bill asked for an adjournment. Gary DeWitt made a motion to adjourn and Karen Holmes seconded it. Meeting was adjourned and the Lord's Prayer recited.

Respectfully submitted,  
9 Diane Habegger